

A Proofs of results in Section 3

A.1 Proof of Theorem 1

Here, we present the full proof of Theorem 1, with the precise bound spelled out. To present the theorem, recall the definition of $\tilde{\mathfrak{R}}_{U,m}(\mathcal{H})$ in (5): let m, n be two positive integers, and let $U = (z_1, z_2, \dots, z_{m+n}) \in \mathcal{Z}^{m+n}$ be a sample set. Then we define a notion of Rademacher complexity $\tilde{\mathfrak{R}}_{U,m}(\mathcal{H})$ as follows: if σ is a vector of $(m+n)$ independent random variables taking value $\frac{m+n}{n}$ with probability $\frac{n}{m+n}$ and value $-\frac{m+n}{m}$ with probability $\frac{m}{m+n}$, then

$$\tilde{\mathfrak{R}}_{U,m}(\mathcal{H}) := \frac{1}{m+n} \mathbb{E} \left[\sup_{h \in \mathcal{H}} \left| \sum_{i=1}^{m+n} \sigma_i L(h, z_i) \right| \right]$$

Furthermore, define $\tilde{\mathfrak{R}}_{m,n} = \mathbb{E}_U[\tilde{\mathfrak{R}}_{U,m}(\mathcal{H})]$.

The bound of Theorem 1 as stated in Section 3 is for the special case $m = n$, and is stated in terms of the standard Rademacher complexity $\mathfrak{R}_{2m}(\mathcal{H})$. This follows from the following bound:

Lemma 8. *If $m = n$, then $\tilde{\mathfrak{R}}_{U,m}(\mathcal{H}) \leq 4\mathfrak{R}_U(\mathcal{H})$.*

Proof. Since $m = n$, σ is a vector of $2m$ variables taking values in $\{-2, 2\}$ uniformly at random.

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\mathfrak{R}}_{U,m}(\mathcal{H}) &= \frac{1}{2m} \mathbb{E} \left[\sup_{h \in \mathcal{H}} \left| \sum_{i=1}^{2m} \sigma_i L(h, z_i) \right| \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2m} \mathbb{E} \left[\sup_{\substack{h \in \mathcal{H} \\ s \in \{-1, +1\}}} s \sum_{i=1}^{2m} \sigma_i L(h, z_i) \right] \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2m} \mathbb{E} \left[\sup_{h \in \mathcal{H}} \sum_{i=1}^{2m} \sigma_i L(h, z_i) \right] + \frac{1}{2m} \mathbb{E} \left[\sup_{h \in \mathcal{H}} \sum_{i=1}^{2m} -\sigma_i L(h, z_i) \right] \\ &= 4\mathfrak{R}_U(\mathcal{H}). \end{aligned}$$

□

Theorem 1. *Let $P_S \in \Delta(\mathcal{H})$ be a prior over \mathcal{H} determined by the choice of $S \in \mathcal{Z}^m$, and let n be a positive integer. Then, for any $\delta > 0$, with probability at least $1 - \delta$ over the draw of the sample $S \sim \mathcal{D}^m$, the following inequality holds for all $Q \in \Delta(\mathcal{H})$, if $D := \max\{D(Q\|P_S), 2\}$,*

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}_{\substack{h \sim Q \\ z \sim \mathcal{D}}} [L(h, z)] &\leq \mathbb{E}_{\substack{h \sim Q \\ z \sim S}} [L(h, z)] + \inf_{\alpha \geq 0} \sqrt{2(2D + \alpha + \log \mathcal{N}(\alpha, m, n, D_\infty)) \left(\frac{1}{m} + \frac{1}{n}\right)^3 mn} \\ &\quad + 3\sqrt{\left(\frac{1}{m} + \frac{1}{n}\right) \log\left(\frac{4D}{\delta}\right)} + 2\sqrt{\left(\frac{1}{m} + \frac{1}{n}\right)^3 mn \log\left(\frac{8eD}{\delta}\right)}. \end{aligned} \tag{10}$$

Similarly, for any $\delta > 0$, with probability at least $1 - \delta$ over the draw of the sample $S \sim \mathcal{D}^m$, the following inequality holds for all $Q \in \Delta(\mathcal{H})$:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}_{\substack{h \sim Q \\ z \sim \mathcal{D}}} [L(h, z)] &\leq \mathbb{E}_{\substack{h \sim Q \\ z \sim S}} [L(h, z)] + \inf_{\alpha \geq 0} 2(2\sqrt{D} + \alpha) \tilde{\mathfrak{R}}_{m,n}(\mathcal{H}) + \sqrt{2 \log(\mathcal{N}(\alpha, m, n, \ell_1)) \left(\frac{1}{m} + \frac{1}{n}\right)^3 mn} \\ &\quad + 3\sqrt{\left(\frac{1}{m} + \frac{1}{n}\right) \log\left(\frac{4D}{\delta}\right)} + 2\sqrt{\left(\frac{1}{m} + \frac{1}{n}\right)^3 mn \log\left(\frac{8eD}{\delta}\right)}. \end{aligned} \tag{11}$$

Proof. Fix $\mu > 0$ and define the sample-dependent hypothesis set as

$$\Omega_{S,\mu} = \{Q \in \Delta(\mathcal{H}) : D(Q\|P_S) \leq \mu\},$$

where $\Delta(\mathcal{H})$ is the family of all distributions defined over \mathcal{H} . We define the loss of $Q \in \Delta(\mathcal{H})$ over the labeled sample $z = (x, y) \in \mathcal{Z}$ as $\ell(Q, z) = \langle Q, L_z \rangle$. Thus, the expected loss of Q is

$$\mathbb{E}_{z \sim \mathcal{D}} [\ell(Q, z)] = \mathbb{E}_{\substack{h \sim Q \\ z \sim \mathcal{D}}} [L(h, z)].$$

We also define the sample-indexed family of sample-dependent hypothesis sets $\mathcal{Q}_{m,\mu} = (\mathcal{Q}_{S,\mu})_{S \in \mathcal{Z}^m}$ and the U -restricted union of sample-dependent hypothesis sets $\bar{\mathcal{Q}}_{U,m,\mu} = \bigcup_{\substack{S \in \mathcal{Z}^m \\ S \subseteq U}} \mathcal{Q}_{S,\mu}$.

In view of that, by Theorem 2, for any $\delta > 0$, with probability $1 - \delta$ over the draw of a sample $S \sim \mathcal{D}^m$, the following holds for any $Q \in \mathcal{H}_{S,\mu}$:

$$\mathbb{E}_{\substack{h \sim Q \\ z \sim \mathcal{D}}} [L(h, z)] \leq \mathbb{E}_{\substack{h \sim Q \\ z \sim \mathcal{D}}} [L(h, z)] + 2 \max_{U \in \mathcal{Z}^{m+n}} \widehat{\mathfrak{R}}_{U,m}^\circ(\mathcal{Q}_{m,\mu}) + 3\sqrt{\left(\frac{1}{m} + \frac{1}{n}\right) \log\left(\frac{2}{\delta}\right)} + 2\sqrt{\left(\frac{1}{m} + \frac{1}{n}\right)^3 mn},$$

where $\widehat{\mathfrak{R}}_{U,m}^\circ(\mathcal{Q}_{m,\mu})$ is defined for any $U = (z_1, \dots, z_{m+n}) \in \mathcal{Z}^{m+n}$ as follows: if σ is a vector of $(m+n)$ independent random variables taking value $\frac{m+n}{n}$ with probability $\frac{n}{m+n}$ and value $-\frac{m+n}{m}$ with probability $\frac{m}{m+n}$, then

$$\widehat{\mathfrak{R}}_{U,m}^\circ(\mathcal{Q}_{m,\mu}) = \mathbb{E}_\sigma \left[\sup_{Q \in \bar{\mathcal{Q}}_{U,m,\mu}} \frac{1}{m+n} \sum_{i=1}^{m+n} \sigma_i \langle Q, L_{z_i} \rangle \right].$$

Via covering number arguments for D_∞ (Lemma 1) and ℓ_1 (Lemma 2) we derive bounds on $\widehat{\mathfrak{R}}_{U,m}^\circ(\mathcal{Q}_{m,\mu})$. The bounds in the theorem then follow by applying Lemma 3. \square

A.2 Proof of Lemma 1

Lemma 1. *For any $\alpha \geq 0$, we have*

$$\widehat{\mathfrak{R}}_{U,m}^\circ(\mathcal{Q}_{m,\mu}) \leq \sqrt{\left(\frac{\mu + \alpha + \log \mathcal{N}(\alpha, U, D_\infty)}{2} \right) \left(\frac{1}{m} + \frac{1}{n} \right)^3 mn}.$$

Proof. Let C be a covering for U under D_∞ at scale α of size $\mathcal{N}(\alpha, U, D_\infty)$. Define $\mathcal{G}_{U,m,\mu+\alpha}$ as

$$\mathcal{G}_{U,m,\mu+\alpha} := \{Q \in \Delta(\mathcal{H}) : \exists P \in C \text{ s.t. } D(Q\|P) \leq \mu + \alpha\}.$$

Now, let $Q \in \bar{\mathcal{H}}_{U,m,\mu}$. Then there exists a some subset S of U of size m , such that $D(Q\|P_S) \leq \mu$. Since C is a covering for U under D_∞ at scale α , there exists a distribution $P' \in C$ such that $D_\infty(P\|P') \leq \alpha$. We have $D(Q\|P') \leq D(Q\|P) + D_\infty(P\|P') \leq \mu + \alpha$. Thus, $Q \in \mathcal{G}_{U,m,\mu+\alpha}$. This implies that $\bar{\mathcal{H}}_{U,m,\mu} \subseteq \mathcal{G}_{U,m,\mu+\alpha}$.

In the following derivation, we will use the shorthand $u_\sigma(h) = \sum_{i=1}^{m+n} \sigma_i L(h, z_i)$, so that $\sum_{i=1}^{m+n} \sigma_i \langle Q, L_{z_i} \rangle = \langle Q, u_\sigma \rangle$. For any $P \in C$ and $Q \in \Delta(\mathcal{H})$, define $\Psi_P(Q)$ by $\Psi_P(Q) = D(Q\|P_S)$ if $D(Q\|P_S) \leq \mu + \alpha$ and $+\infty$ otherwise. It is known that the conjugate function Ψ_P^* of Ψ_P is given by $\Psi_P^*(u) = \log(\mathbb{E}_{h \in P}[e^{u(h)}])$, for all $u \in \mathbb{R}^{\mathcal{H}}$ (see for example [Mohri et al., 2018, Lemma B.37]). We now upper bound the transductive Rademacher complexity term as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \widehat{\mathfrak{R}}_{U,m}^\circ(\mathcal{Q}_{m,\mu}) &= \frac{1}{m+n} \mathbb{E}_\sigma \left[\sup_{Q \in \bar{\mathcal{H}}_{U,m,\mu}} \langle Q, u_\sigma \rangle \right] && \text{(definition of } u_\sigma) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{m+n} \mathbb{E}_\sigma \left[\sup_{Q \in \mathcal{G}_{U,m,\mu+\alpha}} \langle Q, u_\sigma \rangle \right] && (\bar{\mathcal{H}}_{U,m,\mu} \subseteq \mathcal{G}_{U,m,\mu+\alpha}) \\ &= \frac{1}{(m+n)t} \mathbb{E}_\sigma \left[\sup_{Q \in \mathcal{G}_{U,m,\mu+\alpha}} \langle Q, tu_\sigma \rangle \right] && (t > 0) \\ &= \frac{1}{(m+n)t} \mathbb{E}_\sigma \left[\sup_{P \in C} \sup_{Q: D(Q\|P) \leq \mu+\alpha} \langle Q, tu_\sigma \rangle \right] && \text{(iterated sup)} \\ &\leq \frac{1}{(m+n)t} \mathbb{E}_\sigma \left[\sup_{P \in C} \sup_{Q: D(Q\|P) \leq \mu+\alpha} [\Psi_P(Q) + \Psi_P^*(tu_\sigma)] \right] && \text{(Fenchel inequality)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\leq \frac{1}{(m+n)t} \mathbb{E}_{\sigma} \left[\sup_{P \in \mathcal{C}} [\mu + \alpha + \Psi_S^*(tu_{\sigma})] \right] && \text{(definition of } \Psi_P(Q)) \\
&= \frac{\mu + \alpha}{(m+n)t} + \frac{1}{(m+n)t} \mathbb{E}_{\sigma} \left[\sup_{P \in \mathcal{C}} \Psi_P^*(tu_{\sigma}) \right] && \text{(distribute)} \\
&= \frac{\mu + \alpha}{(m+n)t} + \frac{1}{(m+n)t} \mathbb{E}_{\sigma} \left[\sup_{P \in \mathcal{C}} \log \left(\mathbb{E}_{h \sim P} [e^{tu_{\sigma}(h)}] \right) \right] && \text{(definition of } \Psi_P^*)
\end{aligned}$$

We now upper bound $\mathbb{E}_{\sigma} \left[\sup_{P \in \mathcal{C}} \log \left(\mathbb{E}_{h \sim P} [e^{tu_{\sigma}(h)}] \right) \right]$ as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbb{E}_{\sigma} \left[\sup_{P \in \mathcal{C}} \log \left(\mathbb{E}_{h \sim P} [e^{tu_{\sigma}(h)}] \right) \right] &= \mathbb{E}_{\sigma} \left[\log \left(\sup_{P \in \mathcal{C}} \mathbb{E}_{h \sim P} [e^{tu_{\sigma}(h)}] \right) \right] && \text{(log is mon. incr.)} \\
&\leq \log \left[\mathbb{E}_{\sigma} \left(\sup_{P \in \mathcal{C}} \mathbb{E}_{h \sim P} [e^{tu_{\sigma}(h)}] \right) \right] && \text{(Jensen's inequality)} \\
&\leq \log \left[\mathbb{E}_{\sigma} \left(\sum_{P \in \mathcal{C}} \mathbb{E}_{h \sim P} [e^{tu_{\sigma}(h)}] \right) \right] && \text{(nonnegative terms)} \\
&= \log \left[\sum_{P \in \mathcal{C}} \mathbb{E}_{h \sim P} \mathbb{E}_{\sigma} [e^{tu_{\sigma}(h)}] \right] && \text{(lin. of expectation; } h, \sigma \text{ indep.)} \\
&= \log \left[\sum_{P \in \mathcal{C}} \mathbb{E}_{h \sim P} \mathbb{E}_{\sigma} \left[e^{t \sum_{i=1}^{m+n} \sigma_i L(h, z_i^U)} \right] \right] && \text{(def. of } u_{\sigma}(h)) \\
&= \log \left[\sum_{P \in \mathcal{C}} \mathbb{E}_{h \sim P} \left[\prod_{i=1}^{m+n} \mathbb{E}_{\sigma_i} e^{t \sigma_i L(h, z_i^U)} \right] \right] && \text{(indep. entries of } \sigma) \\
&\leq \log \left[\sum_{P \in \mathcal{C}} \mathbb{E}_{h \sim P} \left[e^{\frac{t^2(m+n)^5}{8(mn)^2}} \right] \right] && \text{(Hoeffding's lemma)} \\
&= \log \left[\sum_{P \in \mathcal{C}} e^{\frac{t^2(m+n)^5}{8(mn)^2}} \right] && \text{(no dep. on } h) \\
&= \log \left[|C| \cdot e^{\frac{t^2(m+n)^5}{8(mn)^2}} \right] && \text{(all terms equal)} \\
&= \log |C| + \frac{t^2(m+n)^5}{8(mn)^2}.
\end{aligned}$$

Plugging this back in, we get:

$$\begin{aligned}
\widehat{\mathfrak{R}}_{U,m}^{\circ}(\mathcal{Q}_{m,\mu}) &\leq \frac{\mu + \alpha}{(m+n)t} + \frac{1}{(m+n)t} \left[\log |C| + \frac{t^2(m+n)^5}{8(mn)^2} \right] \\
&= \frac{\mu + \alpha + \log |C|}{(m+n)t} + \frac{t(m+n)^4}{8(mn)^2}.
\end{aligned}$$

We find that $t = \sqrt{\frac{8(mn)^2(\mu + \alpha + \log |C|)}{(m+n)^5}}$ minimizes the bound.

Plugging this optimal t back in, we obtain:

$$\widehat{\mathfrak{R}}_{U,m}^{\circ}(\mathcal{Q}_{m,\mu}) \leq \sqrt{\frac{(\mu + \alpha + \log |C|)(m+n)^3}{2(mn)^2}} = \sqrt{\left(\frac{\mu + \alpha + \log |C|}{2} \right) \left(\frac{1}{m} + \frac{1}{n} \right)^3 mn}.$$

□

A.3 Proof of Lemma 2

Lemma 2. For any $\alpha \geq 0$, we have

$$\widehat{\mathfrak{R}}_{U,m}^{\circ}(\mathcal{Q}_{m,\mu}) \leq (\sqrt{2\mu} + \alpha) \tilde{\mathfrak{R}}_{U,m}(\mathcal{H}) + \sqrt{\frac{\log \mathcal{N}(\alpha, U, \ell_1)}{2} \left(\frac{1}{m} + \frac{1}{n} \right)^3 mn}.$$

Proof. Let C be a covering for U under ℓ_1 at scale α of size $\mathcal{N}(\alpha, U, \ell_1)$. Let $\mathcal{G}_{U, m, \sqrt{2\mu} + \alpha}$ be the union of all the ℓ_1 balls of radius $\sqrt{2\mu} + \alpha$ around distributions in C , i.e.

$$\mathcal{G}_{U, m, \sqrt{2\mu}} = \{Q \in \Delta(\mathcal{H}) : \exists P \in C \text{ s.t. } \|Q - P\|_1 \leq \sqrt{2\mu} + \alpha\}.$$

Now, let $Q \in \overline{\mathcal{H}}_{U, m, \mu}$. By Pinsker's inequality, for some subset S of U of size m , we have $\|Q - P_S\|_1 \leq \sqrt{2\mu}$. Since C is a covering for U under ℓ_1 at scale α , there exists a distribution $P \in C$ such that $\|P_S - P\|_1 \leq \alpha$. This implies that $\|Q - P\|_1 \leq \sqrt{2\mu} + \alpha$, so $Q \in \mathcal{G}_{U, m, \sqrt{2\mu} + \alpha}$. Hence $\overline{\mathcal{H}}_{U, m, \mu} \subseteq \mathcal{G}_{U, m, \sqrt{2\mu} + \alpha}$. In the following derivation, we will use the shorthand $u_\sigma(h) = \sum_{i=1}^{m+n} \sigma_i L(h, z_i)$, so that $\sum_{i=1}^{m+n} \sigma_i \langle Q, L_{z_i} \rangle = \langle Q, u_\sigma \rangle$. We can now proceed to bound the Rademacher complexity as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \widehat{\mathfrak{R}}_{U, m}^\circ(\mathcal{Q}_{m, \mu}) &= \frac{1}{m+n} \mathbb{E}_\sigma \left[\sup_{Q \in \overline{\mathcal{H}}_{U, m, \mu}} \langle Q, u_\sigma \rangle \right] \\ &\leq \frac{1}{m+n} \mathbb{E}_\sigma \left[\sup_{Q \in \mathcal{G}_{U, m, \sqrt{2\mu} + \alpha}} \langle Q, u_\sigma \rangle \right] \\ &\leq \frac{1}{m+n} \mathbb{E}_\sigma \left[\sup_{P \in C} \langle P, u_\sigma \rangle \right] + (\sqrt{2\mu} + \alpha) \tilde{\mathfrak{R}}_{U, m}(\mathcal{H}). \end{aligned}$$

The last inequality follows since for any $Q \in \mathcal{G}_{U, m, \sqrt{2\mu} + \alpha}$ there exists a distribution $P \in C$ such that $\|Q - P\|_1 \leq \sqrt{2\mu} + \alpha$, and so we have

$$\mathbb{E}_\sigma [|\langle Q - P, u_\sigma \rangle|] \leq \mathbb{E}_\sigma [\|Q - P\|_1 \|u_\sigma\|_\infty] \leq (\sqrt{2\mu} + \alpha) \mathbb{E}_\sigma [\|u_\sigma\|_\infty] = (\sqrt{2\mu} + \alpha)(m+n) \tilde{\mathfrak{R}}_{U, m}(\mathcal{H}).$$

Now, define $v : \Delta(\mathcal{H}) \rightarrow [0, 1]^{m+n}$ as $v(P)_i = \mathbb{E}_{h \sim P}[L(h, z_i)]$. Note that $\langle P, u_\sigma \rangle = \langle \sigma, v(P) \rangle$, and so

$$\mathbb{E}_\sigma \left[\sup_{P \in C} \langle P, u_\sigma \rangle \right] = \mathbb{E}_\sigma \left[\sup_{P \in C} \langle \sigma, v(P) \rangle \right].$$

We can now bound $\mathbb{E}_\sigma [\sup_{P \in C} \langle \sigma, v(P) \rangle]$ by a version of Massart's lemma which applies to non-Rademacher (but still zero mean) random variables σ , as follows: let $t > 0$ to be chosen momentarily. We have

$$\begin{aligned} \exp \left(t \mathbb{E}_\sigma \left[\sup_{P \in C} \langle \sigma, v(P) \rangle \right] \right) &\leq \mathbb{E}_\sigma \left[\exp \left(t \sup_{P \in C} \langle \sigma, v(P) \rangle \right) \right] && \text{(Jensen's inequality)} \\ &\leq \mathbb{E}_\sigma \left[\sum_{P \in C} \exp(\langle \sigma, tv(P) \rangle) \right] \\ &= \mathbb{E}_\sigma \left[\sum_{P \in C} \prod_{i=1}^m \exp(tv(P)_i \sigma_i) \right] \\ &= \sum_{P \in C} \prod_{i=1}^{m+n} \mathbb{E}_{\sigma_i} [\exp(tv(P)_i \sigma_i)] \\ &\leq |C| \exp \left(\frac{t^2 (m+n)^5}{8(mn)^2} \right) && \text{(Hoeffding's lemma)}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} \widehat{\mathfrak{R}}_{U, m}^\circ(\mathcal{Q}_{m, \mu}) &\leq \frac{1}{m+n} \mathbb{E}_\sigma \left[\sup_{P \in C} \langle \sigma, v(P) \rangle \right] + (\sqrt{2\mu} + \alpha) \tilde{\mathfrak{R}}_{U, m}(\mathcal{H}) \\ &\leq \frac{\log |C|}{t(m+n)} + \frac{t(m+n)^4}{8(mn)^2} + 2(\sqrt{2\mu} + \alpha) \tilde{R}_{U, m}(\mathcal{H}). \end{aligned}$$

Setting $t = \sqrt{\frac{8(mn)^2 (\log |C|)}{(m+n)^5}}$ to minimize the bound, we obtain:

$$\widehat{\mathfrak{R}}_{U, m}^\circ(\mathcal{Q}_{m, \mu}) \leq \sqrt{\frac{(m+n)^3 \log |C|}{2(mn)^2}} + (\sqrt{2\mu} + \alpha) \tilde{\mathfrak{R}}_{U, m}(\mathcal{H}).$$

□

A.4 Proof of Lemma 3

Lemma 3. Suppose the following bound holds with probability at least $1 - \delta$ over the choice of S : for all $Q \in \mathcal{Q}_{S, \mu}$,

$$\mathbb{E}_{\substack{h \sim Q \\ z \sim \mathcal{D}}} [L(h, z)] \leq \mathbb{E}_{\substack{h \sim Q \\ z \sim S}} [L(h, z)] + f(\mu) + g(\delta),$$

where f is an increasing function of μ and g is a decreasing function of δ . Then, the following holds with probability at least $1 - \delta$ for all $Q \in \Delta(\mathcal{H})$:

$$\mathbb{E}_{\substack{h \sim Q \\ z \sim \mathcal{D}}} [L(h, z)] \leq \mathbb{E}_{\substack{h \sim Q \\ z \sim S}} [L(h, z)] + f(2 \max\{D(Q\|P_S), 2\}) + g\left(\frac{\delta}{\max\{D(Q\|P_S), 2\}}\right).$$

Proof. The proof follows [Kakade et al., 2008][Corollary 8]. First, define the sequences $(\mu_j)_{j=0}^\infty$ and $(\delta_j)_{j=0}^\infty$. Let $a = 4$, $\mu_j := a2^j$ and $\delta_j := 2^{-(j+1)}\delta$, so that $\sum_{j=0}^\infty \delta_j = \delta$.

By the union bound, we thus have that with probability at least $1 - \delta$ over the draw of a sample $S \sim \mathcal{D}^m$, for all $Q \in \Delta(\mathcal{H})$:

$$\mathbb{E}_{\substack{h \sim Q \\ z \sim \mathcal{D}}} [L(h, z)] \leq \mathbb{E}_{\substack{h \sim Q \\ z \sim S}} [L(h, z)] + f(\mu_j) + g(\delta_j) \quad (12)$$

where μ_j is the smallest element of $(\mu_j)_{j=0}^\infty$ such that $D(Q\|P_S) \leq \mu_j$ (i.e., since we have a sequence of bounds holding for increasing values of μ_j , we choose the tightest applicable bound for each Q).

We now plug in the values of μ_j, δ_j :

$$\mathbb{E}_{\substack{h \sim Q \\ z \sim \mathcal{D}}} [L(h, z)] \leq \mathbb{E}_{\substack{h \sim Q \\ z \sim S}} [L(h, z)] + f(a2^j) + g(2^{-(j+1)}\delta) \quad (13)$$

and try to upper bound the RHS in terms of $D(Q\|P_S)$, eliminating any appearances of j (i.e., we want a single bound that captures the sequence of bounds).

Upper bound μ_j : By the assumption that μ_j is the smallest element of $(\mu_j)_{j=0}^\infty$ such that $D(Q\|P_S) \leq \mu_j$, we necessarily have $D(Q\|P_S) > \mu_{j-1}$ for $j \geq 1$. (For $j = 0$, this simply yields $D(Q\|P_S) \geq 0$, which will not help, so we need to handle $j = 0$ separately.)

For $j \geq 1$, we thus have $D(Q\|P_S) > \mu_{j-1} = a2^{j-1}$, so $2D(Q\|P_S) > a2^j$.

For $j = 0$, $a2^j = a$.

This yields:

$$a2^j \leq \max\{2D(Q\|P_S), a\} = 2 \max\{D(Q\|P_S), 2\}.$$

Lower bound δ_j : Since $\delta_j = 2^{-(j+1)}\delta$, we use the same assumption as above to obtain $4D(Q\|P_S) > a2^{j+1}$ and then use the definition of δ_j to obtain the lower bound: $\delta_j > \frac{a\delta}{4D(Q\|P_S)}$ for $j \geq 1$. For $j = 0$, we simply have $\delta_j = \delta/2$ by definition. This yields:

$$\delta_j \geq \min\left\{\frac{a\delta}{4D(Q\|P_S)}, \delta/2\right\} = \frac{\delta}{\max\{D(Q\|P_S), 2\}}.$$

The stated bound follows from the monotonicities of f and g . □

B Proofs of results in Section 4

B.1 Proof of Theorem 3

We prove Theorem 3, with the exact bound explicitly spelled out:

Theorem 3. *Suppose $\mathcal{Q}_m = (\mathcal{Q}_S)_{S \in \mathcal{Z}^m}$ is β -uniformly stable. Then, for any $\delta > 0$, with probability at least $1 - \delta$ over the draw of the sample $S \sim \mathcal{D}^m$, the following holds for all $Q \in \mathcal{Q}_S$:*

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}_{\substack{h \sim Q \\ z \sim \mathcal{D}}} [L(h, z)] &\leq \mathbb{E}_{h \sim Q} \left[\frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m L(h, z_i) \right] \\ &\quad + 2\mathfrak{R}_m^\circ(\mathcal{Q}_m) + \left(2\beta \left(2\mathfrak{R}_m(\mathcal{H}) + \sqrt{\frac{\log(4m^{1.5}/\delta)}{2m}} \right) + \frac{1}{m} \right) \sqrt{8m \log\left(\frac{4}{\delta}\right)}. \end{aligned}$$

Proof. The proof is along the lines of the proof of Theorem 2 in [Foster et al., 2019] with a tighter analysis coming from the special structure in our setting. Specifically, for two samples $S, S' \in \mathcal{Z}^m$, define the function $\Psi(S, S')$ as follows:

$$\Psi(S, S') = \sup_{Q \in \mathcal{Q}_S} \langle Q, \ell \rangle - \langle Q, \hat{\ell}_{S'} \rangle,$$

where $\ell, \hat{\ell}_{S'} \in \mathfrak{R}^{\mathcal{H}}$ defined as $\ell(h) = \mathbb{E}_{z \sim \mathcal{D}} [L(h, z)]$ and $\hat{\ell}_{S'}(h) = \mathbb{E}_{z \sim S'} [L(h, z)]$, where $z \sim S'$ indicates uniform sampling from S' . The proof of the bound consists of applying McDiarmid's inequality to $\Psi(S, S')$. To do this, we need to analyze the sensitivity of this function, i.e. compute a bound on $|\Psi(S, S) - \Psi(S', S')|$ where S' is a sample differing from S in exactly one point. As in [Foster et al., 2019], we first observe that $\Psi(S, S) - \Psi(S, S') \leq \frac{1}{m}$, so now we turn to

$$\Psi(S, S') - \Psi(S', S') = \sup_{Q \in \mathcal{Q}_S} \langle Q, \ell \rangle - \langle Q, \hat{\ell}_{S'} \rangle - \sup_{Q \in \mathcal{Q}_{S'}} \langle Q, \ell \rangle - \langle Q, \hat{\ell}_{S'} \rangle.$$

By definition of the supremum, for any $\epsilon > 0$ there exists a $Q_\epsilon \in \mathcal{Q}_S$ such that

$$\sup_{Q \in \mathcal{Q}_S} \langle Q, \ell \rangle - \langle Q, \hat{\ell}_{S'} \rangle - \epsilon \leq \sup_{Q \in \mathcal{Q}_S} \langle Q_\epsilon, \ell \rangle - \langle Q_\epsilon, \hat{\ell}_{S'} \rangle.$$

Using the β -stability of $\mathcal{Q}_m = (\mathcal{Q}_S)_{S \in \mathcal{Z}^m}$, there exists a $Q'_\epsilon \in \mathcal{Q}_{S'}$ such that $\|Q_\epsilon - Q'_\epsilon\|_1 \leq 2\beta$. Thus, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \Psi(S, S') - \Psi(S', S') &\leq \langle Q_\epsilon, \ell \rangle - \langle Q_\epsilon, \hat{\ell}_{S'} \rangle + \epsilon - \langle Q'_\epsilon, \ell \rangle - \langle Q'_\epsilon, \hat{\ell}_{S'} \rangle + \epsilon \\ &= \langle Q_\epsilon - Q'_\epsilon, \ell - \hat{\ell}_{S'} \rangle + \epsilon \\ &\leq \|Q_\epsilon - Q'_\epsilon\|_1 \|\ell - \hat{\ell}_{S'}\|_\infty + \epsilon \\ &\leq 2\beta \sup_h |\ell(h) - \hat{\ell}_{S'}(h)| + \epsilon. \end{aligned}$$

Since this bound holds for any $\epsilon > 0$, we conclude that $\Psi(S, S') - \Psi(S', S') \leq 2\beta \sup_h |\ell(h) - \hat{\ell}_{S'}(h)|$, which implies that

$$\Psi(S, S) - \Psi(S', S') \leq 2\beta \sup_h |\ell(h) - \hat{\ell}_{S'}(h)| + \frac{1}{m} \leq 2\beta + \frac{1}{m}.$$

Now, via standard Rademacher complexity bounds Mohri et al. [2018], with probability at least $1 - \delta$ over the choice of S' , we have

$$\sup_h |\ell(h) - \hat{\ell}_{S'}(h)| \leq 2\mathfrak{R}_m(\mathcal{H}) + \sqrt{\frac{\log(2/\delta)}{2m}}.$$

Thus, with probability at least $1 - \delta'$ over the choice of S' , we have

$$\Psi(S, S) - \Psi(S', S') \leq 2\beta \left(2\mathfrak{R}_m(\mathcal{H}) + \sqrt{\frac{\log(2/\delta')}{2m}} \right) + \frac{1}{m}.$$

Define $B := 2\beta \left(2\mathfrak{R}_m(\mathcal{H}) + \sqrt{\frac{\log(2/\delta')}{2m}} \right) + \frac{1}{m}$ for notational convenience. Now we can apply a variant of McDiarmid's inequality that allow almost-everywhere stability [Kutin and Niyogi, 2002] (using the explicit form in Theorem 5.2 in [Rakhlin et al., 2005] with $M = 2\beta + \frac{1}{m}$, $\beta_n = B$, and $\delta_n = \delta'$) to conclude that for any $t > 0$,

$$\mathbb{P}[|\Psi(S, S) - \mathbb{E} \Psi(S, S)| \geq t] \leq 2 \exp\left(\frac{-t^2}{8nB^2}\right) + \frac{2(2\beta + \frac{1}{m})m\delta'}{B} \leq 2 \exp\left(\frac{-t^2}{8nB^2}\right) + 2m^{1.5}\delta'.$$

Now, set $\delta' = \frac{\delta}{2m^{1.5}}$ and $t = B\sqrt{8m \log(\frac{4}{\delta})}$ so that $\mathbb{P}[|\Psi(S, S) - \mathbb{E} \Psi(S, S)| \geq t] \leq \delta$. Finally, exactly as in [Foster et al., 2019], we have $\mathbb{E}_{S \sim \mathcal{D}^m} [\Psi(S, S)] \leq 2\mathfrak{R}_m^\circ(\mathcal{Q}_m)$. \square

B.2 Explicit bound of Theorem 4

Theorem 4. *Suppose the family of sample-dependent priors $(P_S)_{S \in \mathcal{Z}^m}$ has \mathcal{D}_∞ sensitivity ϵ . Also assume that for some $\eta > 0$, we have $P_S(h) \geq \eta$ for all $h \in \mathcal{H}$, and all $S \in \mathcal{Z}^m$. Then, for any $\delta > 0$, with probability at least $1 - \delta$ over the draw of the sample $S \sim \mathcal{D}^m$, the following inequality holds for all $Q \in \Delta(\mathcal{H})$: if $D = \max\{D(Q \| P_S), 2\}$,*

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}_{\substack{h \sim Q \\ z \sim \mathcal{D}}} [L(h, z)] &\leq \mathbb{E}_{h \sim Q} \left[\frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m L(h, z_i) \right] + 2\sqrt{\frac{4D}{m} + 2\epsilon^2 + 2\epsilon\sqrt{\frac{\log(2m^2/\eta)}{m}}} + \sqrt{\frac{8}{m} + \frac{2}{m}} \\ &\quad + \left(4\epsilon \left(2\mathfrak{R}_m(\mathcal{H}) + \sqrt{\frac{\log(4m^{1.5}D/\delta)}{2m}} \right) + \frac{1}{m} \right) \sqrt{8m \log\left(\frac{4D}{\delta}\right)}. \end{aligned}$$

B.3 Lemma 9 & Proof

Lemma 9 (Extension of Lemma 3.17 in [Dwork and Roth, 2014]). *Let \mathcal{P} be a distribution on (S, T, h) s.t. $\mathcal{D}_\infty^\gamma(\mathcal{P} \| \mathcal{D}^{2m} \otimes \mathcal{P}) \leq \kappa$, where \mathcal{D}^{2m} is the marginal distribution of (S, T) induced by \mathcal{P} and \mathcal{P} is the marginal distribution of h induced by \mathcal{P} . Then \exists a distribution \mathcal{P}' on (S, T, h) s.t. $\|\mathcal{P} - \mathcal{P}'\|_{\text{TV}} \leq \gamma$ and $\mathcal{D}_\infty(\mathcal{P}' \| \mathcal{D}^{2m} \otimes \mathcal{P}) \leq \kappa$ (following Lemma 3.17) and, further, \mathcal{P} and \mathcal{P}' induce the same marginal distributions on (S, T) - i.e., the marginal distribution of (S, T) induced by \mathcal{P}' is also \mathcal{D}^{2m} .*

Proof. We construct \mathcal{P}' s.t. $\mathcal{P}'_{S,T} = \mathcal{D}^{2m}$ (i.e., the marginal distribution of (S, T) matches that of \mathcal{P} by design) and then, for any fixed (S, T) , we define the conditional distribution $\mathcal{P}'_{h|(S,T)}$ in terms of $\mathcal{P}_{h|(S,T)}$ as follows (as is done in Lemma 3.17):

Let $\mathcal{S}_{S,T} := \{h : \mathcal{P}_{h|(S,T)}(h) > e^\kappa \cdot \mathcal{P}(h)\}$ and $\mathcal{T}_{S,T} := \{h : \mathcal{P}_{h|(S,T)}(h) < \mathcal{P}(h)\}$. (For the moment, κ can be thought of as any positive constant; its connection to our assumption will only come into play at the end, with γ .)

We want to remove the following total probability from $\mathcal{S}_{S,T}$:

$$\sum_{h \in \mathcal{S}_{S,T}} [\mathcal{P}_{h|(S,T)}(h) - e^\kappa \cdot \mathcal{P}(h)] = \mathcal{P}_{h|(S,T)}(\mathcal{S}_{S,T}) - e^\kappa \cdot \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{S}_{S,T})$$

And we have the following additional capacity in $\mathcal{T}_{S,T}$:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{h \in \mathcal{T}_{S,T}} [\mathcal{P}(h) - \mathcal{P}_{h|(S,T)}(h)] &= \sum_{h \notin \mathcal{T}_{S,T}} [\mathcal{P}_{h|(S,T)}(h) - \mathcal{P}(h)] \\ &\geq \sum_{h \in \mathcal{S}_{S,T}} [\mathcal{P}_{h|(S,T)}(h) - \mathcal{P}(h)] \\ &\geq \sum_{h \in \mathcal{S}_{S,T}} [\mathcal{P}_{h|(S,T)}(h) - e^\kappa \cdot \mathcal{P}(h)], \end{aligned}$$

which exceeds the mass we want to remove from $\mathcal{S}_{S,T}$.

Therefore, just as in Lemma 3.17, we can lower the probabilities for $h \in \mathcal{S}_{S,T}$ and raise the probabilities for $h \in \mathcal{T}_{S,T}$ to construct $\mathcal{P}'_{h|(S,T)}$. We obtain:

1. $\forall h \in \mathcal{S}_{S,T}, \mathcal{P}'_{h|(S,T)}(h) = e^\kappa \cdot \mathcal{P}(h) < \mathcal{P}_{h|(S,T)}(h)$.
2. $\forall h \in \mathcal{T}_{S,T}, \mathcal{P}_{h|(S,T)}(h) \leq \mathcal{P}'_{h|(S,T)}(h) \leq \mathcal{P}(h)$.
3. $\forall h \notin \mathcal{S}_{S,T} \cup \mathcal{T}_{S,T}, \mathcal{P}'_{h|(S,T)}(h) = \mathcal{P}_{h|(S,T)}(h) \leq e^\kappa \cdot \mathcal{P}(h)$.

We thus have $D_\infty(\mathcal{P}'_{h|(S,T)} \parallel \mathcal{P}) \leq \kappa$ and consequently $D_\infty(\mathcal{P}' \parallel \mathcal{D}^{2m} \otimes \mathcal{P}) \leq \kappa$, due to the equivalent marginal distributions on (S, T) .

Formally, our original assumption $D_\infty^\gamma(\mathcal{P} \parallel \mathcal{D}^{2m} \otimes \mathcal{P}) \leq \kappa$ means that for all events E :

$$\mathcal{P}(E) - e^\kappa \cdot (\mathcal{D}^{2m} \otimes \mathcal{P})(E) \leq \gamma.$$

Let $E := \{(S, T, h) \in \mathcal{D}^{2m} \times \mathcal{H} : \mathcal{P}_{h|(S,T)}(h) > e^\kappa \cdot \mathcal{P}(h)\}$. We then have:

$$\begin{aligned} \|\mathcal{P}' - \mathcal{P}\|_{\text{TV}} &= \mathbb{E}_{(S,T) \sim \mathcal{D}^{2m}} \left[\|\mathcal{P}'_{h|(S,T)} - \mathcal{P}_{h|(S,T)}\|_{\text{TV}} \right] \\ &= \mathbb{E}_{(S,T) \sim \mathcal{D}^{2m}} \left[\mathcal{P}_{h|(S,T)}(S_{S,T}) - \mathcal{P}'_{h|(S,T)}(S_{S,T}) \right] \\ &= \mathbb{E}_{(S,T) \sim \mathcal{D}^{2m}} \left[\mathcal{P}_{h|(S,T)}(S_{S,T}) - e^\kappa \cdot \mathcal{P}(S_{S,T}) \right] \\ &= \mathbb{E}_{(S,T) \sim \mathcal{D}^{2m}} \left[\mathcal{P}(E|S, T) - e^\kappa \cdot (\mathcal{D}^{2m} \otimes \mathcal{P})(E|S, T) \right] \\ &= \mathcal{P}(E) - e^\kappa \cdot (\mathcal{D}^{2m} \otimes \mathcal{P})(E) \\ &\leq \gamma. \end{aligned}$$

We have thus shown that $\|\mathcal{P}' - \mathcal{P}\|_{\text{TV}} \leq \gamma$ and $D_\infty(\mathcal{P}' \parallel \mathcal{D}^{2m} \otimes \mathcal{P}) \leq \kappa$ for a \mathcal{P}' whose marginal distribution on (S, T) matches that of \mathcal{P} . \square

B.4 Proof of Theorem 5

We prove Theorem 5, with the exact bound explicitly spelled out:

Theorem 5. *Suppose the family of sample-dependent priors $(P_S)_{S \in \mathcal{Z}^m}$ has D_∞ sensitivity ϵ . Then, for any $\delta > 0$, with probability at least $1 - \delta$ over the draw of the sample $S \sim \mathcal{D}^m$, the following inequality holds for all $Q \in \Delta(\mathcal{H})$: if $D = \max\{D(Q \parallel P_S), 2\}$,*

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}_{\substack{h \sim Q \\ z \sim \mathcal{D}}} [L(h, z)] &\leq \mathbb{E}_{h \sim Q} \left[\frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m L(h, z_i) \right] \\ &+ \max \left\{ 4 \sqrt{\frac{4D + 4 \log(2)}{m} + 2\epsilon^2 + 2\epsilon \sqrt{\frac{\log(2)}{m}}}, 8\epsilon^{2/3} \mathfrak{R}_m(\mathcal{H})^{1/3}, 8\epsilon^{4/5} \right\} \\ &+ \frac{2}{\sqrt{m}} + \left(4\epsilon \left(2\mathfrak{R}_m(\mathcal{H}) + \sqrt{\frac{\log(4m^{1.5}D/\delta)}{2m}} \right) + \frac{1}{m} \right) \sqrt{8m \log\left(\frac{4D}{\delta}\right)}. \end{aligned}$$

Proof. Define a sample-dependent family of distributions $\mathcal{Q}_m = (\mathcal{Q}_S)_{S \in \mathcal{Z}^m}$ where $\mathcal{Q}_S = \{Q : D_\infty(Q \parallel P_S) \leq \mu\}$ for some parameter μ . We now apply the bound in Theorem 3, using the bound on the Rademacher complexity from Lemma 10, and the bound $\beta \leq 2\epsilon$ from Lemma 6. Finally, a uniform bound over all values of μ follows by an application of Lemma 3. \square

Lemma 10. *If $D_\infty(P_S \parallel P_{S'}) \leq \epsilon$ for all $S, S' \in \mathcal{Z}^m$ differing by exactly one point, then*

$$\mathfrak{R}_m^\circ(\mathcal{Q}_{m,\mu}) \leq \max \left\{ 2 \sqrt{\frac{2\mu + 4 \log(2)}{m} + 2\epsilon^2 + 2\epsilon \sqrt{\frac{\log(2)}{m}}}, 4\epsilon^{2/3} \mathfrak{R}_m(\mathcal{H})^{1/3}, 4\epsilon^{4/5} \right\} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{m}}.$$

Proof. Assume $D_\infty(P_S \parallel P_{S'}) \leq \epsilon$ for all $S, S' \in \mathcal{Z}^m$ differing by exactly one point.

Now, we fix the value of $\sigma \in \{-1, 1\}^m$ and introduce the following two distributions on \mathcal{H} :

(1) Let \mathcal{P}_σ be a joint distribution on (S, T, h) induced by sampling $S, T \sim \mathcal{D}^m$, and then, conditioned on the values of S and T , sampling $h \sim P_{S_T^\sigma}$, using the notation $P_{S_T^\sigma}$ introduced for Equation 8.

(2) Let \mathcal{P} be the marginal distribution of h induced by \mathcal{P}_σ . We have dropped σ from the notation because - since all elements of S and T are sampled i.i.d. - we have:

$$\mathbb{E}_{S, T \sim \mathcal{D}^m} [P_{S_T^\sigma}(h)] = \mathbb{E}_{S \sim \mathcal{D}^m} [P_S(h)],$$

i.e., the marginal distribution of h is independent of σ .

We first invoke several differential privacy results to show that, for the distributions \mathcal{P}_σ and \mathcal{P} as defined above, and $\kappa := \epsilon^2 m + \epsilon \sqrt{m \log(2/\gamma)}$, we have:

$$D_\infty^\gamma(\mathcal{P}_\sigma \parallel \mathcal{D}^{2m} \otimes \mathcal{P}) \leq \kappa. \quad (14)$$

Specifically, consider $U = (S, T)$ and $U' = (S', T')$ for $S, T, S', T' \in \mathcal{Z}^m$ such that U and U' differ by only *one* of their $2m$ elements. Then S_T^σ and $S_{T'}^\sigma$ can only differ by at most one element, so by our main assumption: $D_\infty(P_{S_T^\sigma} \parallel P_{S_{T'}^\sigma}) \leq \epsilon$. Crucially, another way of saying this is: the algorithm \mathcal{A} taking $U = (S, T)$ as input and outputting $h \sim P_{S_T^\sigma}$ is an ϵ -differentially private algorithm, so we can apply Theorem 20 in [Dwork et al., 2015], with an input of size $2m$, and obtain (14).

We now use Lemma 3.17 (Part 1) in [Dwork and Roth, 2014] to convert (14) into a result concerning D_∞ vs. D_∞^γ , so we can more easily use it below. Specifically, by Lemma 3.17 (Part 1), there exists a distribution \mathcal{P}'_σ on (S, T, h) such that $\|\mathcal{P}_\sigma - \mathcal{P}'_\sigma\|_{\text{TV}} \leq \gamma$ and $D_\infty(\mathcal{P}'_\sigma \parallel \mathcal{D}^{2m} \otimes \mathcal{P}) \leq \kappa$.

Finally, we upper bound $\mathfrak{R}_m^\diamond(\mathcal{Q}_{m, \mu})$ as follows. For convenience, we use a variable $t > 0$ and the function $\Psi_P(Q)$, which is defined as $D(Q \parallel P)$ if $D(Q \parallel P) \leq \mu$ and $+\infty$ otherwise; thus, its conjugate function is $\Psi_P^*(u) = \log(\mathbb{E}_{h \in P}[e^{u(h)}])$, for all $u \in \mathbb{R}^{\mathcal{H}}$ [Mohri et al., 2018, Lemma B.37]. We use the shorthand $u_\sigma(h) = \sum_{i=1}^m \sigma_i L(h, z_i)$, where z_i is element i of sample T , so that $\sum_{i=1}^m \sigma_i \langle Q, L_{z_i} \rangle = \langle Q, u_\sigma \rangle$.

$$\begin{aligned} \mathfrak{R}_m^\diamond(\mathcal{Q}_{m, \mu}) &= \frac{1}{mt} \mathbb{E}_\sigma \mathbb{E}_{(S, T)} \left[\sup_{D(Q \parallel P_{S_T^\sigma}) \leq \mu} \langle Q, tu_\sigma \rangle \right] \\ &\leq \frac{1}{mt} \mathbb{E}_\sigma \mathbb{E}_{(S, T)} \left[\sup_{\Psi_{P_{S_T^\sigma}}(Q) \leq \mu} \Psi_{P_{S_T^\sigma}}(Q) + \Psi_{P_{S_T^\sigma}}^*(tu_\sigma) \right] \quad (\text{Fenchel inequality}) \\ &\leq \frac{\mu}{mt} + \frac{1}{mt} \mathbb{E}_\sigma \mathbb{E}_{(S, T)} [\Psi_{P_{S_T^\sigma}}^*(tu_\sigma)] \\ &= \frac{\mu}{mt} + \frac{1}{mt} \mathbb{E}_\sigma \mathbb{E}_{(S, T)} \left[\log \left(\mathbb{E}_{h \sim P_{S_T^\sigma}} [e^{tu_\sigma(h)}] \right) \right] \quad (\text{definition of } \Psi^*) \\ &\leq \frac{\mu}{mt} + \frac{1}{mt} \mathbb{E}_\sigma \log \left(\mathbb{E}_{(S, T, h) \sim \mathcal{P}_\sigma} [e^{tu_\sigma(h)}] \right) \quad (\text{Jensen's inequality}) \end{aligned} \quad (15)$$

In the following, to make the dependence of u_σ on the set T explicit, we now denote it as $u_{\sigma, T}$. For any sample T , define $\Psi(T)$ by $\Psi(T) = \frac{1}{m} \sup_{h \in \mathcal{H}} (u_{\sigma, T}(h) - \mathbb{E}_{T' \sim \mathcal{D}^m} [u_{\sigma, T'}(h)])$. Changing one point in T affects $\Psi(T)$ by at most $1/m$, since the loss is bounded by one. Thus, by McDiarmid's inequality, for any fixed σ and for any $\delta > 0$, we have

$$\mathbb{P}_{T \sim \mathcal{D}^m} \left[\Psi(T) \leq \mathbb{E}_{T \sim \mathcal{D}^m} [\Psi(T)] + \sqrt{\frac{2 \log(\frac{1}{\delta})}{m}} \right] \geq 1 - \delta.$$

Now, $\mathbb{E}_{T \sim \mathcal{D}^m} [\Psi(T)]$ can be bounded in terms of the Rademacher complexity as in the standard analyses:

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbb{E}_{T \sim \mathcal{D}^m} [\Psi(T)] &= \frac{1}{m} \mathbb{E}_{T \sim \mathcal{D}^m} \left[\sup_{h \in \mathcal{H}} \mathbb{E}_{T' \sim \mathcal{D}^m} [u_{\sigma, T}(h) - u_{\sigma, T'}(h)] \right] \\
&\leq \frac{1}{m} \mathbb{E}_{T, T' \sim \mathcal{D}^m} \left[\sup_{h \in \mathcal{H}} u_{\sigma, T}(h) - u_{\sigma, T'}(h) \right] \quad (\text{sub-additivity of sup}) \\
&\leq \frac{1}{m} \mathbb{E}_{T, T' \sim \mathcal{D}^m} \left[\sup_{h \in \mathcal{H}} \sum_{i=1}^m (\sigma_i L(h, z_i^T) - \sigma_i L(h, z_i^{T'})) \right] \\
&\leq \frac{1}{m} \mathbb{E}_{T, T' \sim \mathcal{D}^m, \beta} \left[\sup_{h \in \mathcal{H}} \sum_{i=1}^m \beta_i (\sigma_i L(h, z_i^T) - \sigma_i L(h, z_i^{T'})) \right] \quad (\text{Rademacher variables } \beta_i) \\
&\leq \frac{2}{m} \mathbb{E}_{T \sim \mathcal{D}^m, \beta} \left[\sup_{h \in \mathcal{H}} \sum_{i=1}^m \beta_i (\sigma_i L(h, z_i^T)) \right] \\
&= \frac{2}{m} \mathbb{E}_{T \sim \mathcal{D}^m, \beta} \left[\sup_{h \in \mathcal{H}} \sum_{i=1}^m \beta_i L(h, z_i^T) \right] \\
&= 2\mathfrak{R}_m(\mathcal{H}).
\end{aligned}$$

Thus, for any fixed σ and for any $\delta > 0$, we have

$$\mathbb{P}_{T \sim \mathcal{D}^m} \left[\sup_h \left(u_{\sigma, T}(h) - \mathbb{E}_{T' \sim \mathcal{D}^m} [u_{\sigma, T'}(h)] \right) \leq 2m\mathfrak{R}_m(\mathcal{H}) + \sqrt{2m \log(1/\delta)} \right] \geq 1 - \delta. \quad (16)$$

Note that for any h , we have $\mathbb{E}_{T' \sim \mathcal{D}^m} [u_{\sigma, T'}(h)] = \sum_{i=1}^m \sigma_i \mathbb{E}_{z \sim D} [L(h, z)]$, and hence $|\mathbb{E}_{T' \sim \mathcal{D}^m} [u_{\sigma, T'}(h)]| \leq \sum_{i=1}^m \sigma_i$. Hence, we conclude that

$$\mathbb{P}_{T \sim \mathcal{D}^m} \left[\sup_h u_{\sigma, T}(h) \leq \left| \sum_{i=1}^m \sigma_i \right| + 2m\mathfrak{R}_m(\mathcal{H}) + \sqrt{2m \log(1/\delta)} \right] \geq 1 - \delta. \quad (17)$$

For notational convenience, define

$$B_\sigma := \left| \sum_{i=1}^m \sigma_i \right| + 2m\mathfrak{R}_m(\mathcal{H}) + \sqrt{2m \log(1/\delta)}.$$

Now, let $\delta := e^{-tm}$, and let $G \subseteq \mathcal{Z}^m$ be the set of m -element samples T such that

$$G := \left\{ T \in \mathcal{Z}^m : \sup_h u_{\sigma, T}(h) \leq B_\sigma \right\}.$$

By (16), we have $\mathbb{P}_{T \sim \mathcal{D}^m} [G] \geq 1 - \delta$. Hence, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbb{E}_{(S, T, h) \sim \mathcal{P}_\sigma} \left[e^{tu_{\sigma, T}(h)} \right] &\leq \mathbb{E}_{(S, T, h) \sim \mathcal{P}'_\sigma} \left[e^{tu_{\sigma, T}(h)} \right] + \left(\sup_{T \in G} \sup_h e^{tu_{\sigma, T}(h)} \right) \cdot \left(\left| \frac{\mathbb{P}_\sigma [T \in G]}{\mathbb{P}'_\sigma [T \in G]} - 1 \right| \right) \\
&\quad + e^{tm} \cdot \mathbb{P}_{\mathcal{P}_\sigma} [T \notin G] \\
&\leq \mathbb{E}_{(S, T, h) \sim \mathcal{P}'_\sigma} \left[e^{tu_{\sigma, T}(h)} \right] + \gamma e^{tB_\sigma} + e^{tm} \delta \\
&= \mathbb{E}_{(S, T, h) \sim \mathcal{P}'_\sigma} \left[e^{tu_{\sigma, T}(h)} \right] + \gamma e^{tB_\sigma} + 1 \\
&\leq \left(\mathbb{E}_{(S, T, h) \sim \mathcal{P}'_\sigma} \left[e^{tu_{\sigma, T}(h)} \right] + 1 \right) \cdot \left(\gamma e^{tB_\sigma} + 1 \right).
\end{aligned}$$

Using this bound in (15), we get

$$\mathfrak{R}_m^\circ(\mathcal{Q}_{m, \mu}) \leq \frac{\mu}{mt} + \frac{1}{mt} \mathbb{E}_\sigma \left[\log \left(\mathbb{E}_{(S, T, h) \sim \mathcal{P}'_\sigma} \left[e^{tu_{\sigma, T}(h)} \right] + 1 \right) + \log \left(\gamma e^{tB_\sigma} + 1 \right) \right]. \quad (18)$$

We bound the two terms involving the logarithm in (18) separately. First, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& \mathbb{E}_\sigma \log \left(\mathbb{E}_{(S,T,h) \sim \mathcal{P}'_\sigma} \left[e^{tu_\sigma(h)} \right] + 1 \right) \\
& \leq \mathbb{E}_\sigma \log \left(\mathbb{E}_{(S,T,h) \sim \mathcal{D}^{2m} \otimes \mathcal{P}} \left[e^\kappa e^{tu_\sigma(h)} \right] + 1 \right) \quad (\text{since } D_\infty(\mathcal{P}'_\sigma \| \mathcal{D}^{2m} \otimes \mathcal{P}) \leq \kappa) \\
& \leq \log \left(\mathbb{E}_{(S,T,h) \sim \mathcal{D}^{2m} \otimes \mathcal{P}} \mathbb{E}_\sigma \left[e^\kappa e^{tu_\sigma(h)} \right] + 1 \right) \quad (\text{Jensen's inequality}) \\
& \leq \log \left(\mathbb{E}_{(S,T,h) \sim \mathcal{D}^{2m} \otimes \mathcal{P}} e^{\kappa+mt^2/2} + 1 \right) \quad (\text{Hoeffding's lemma}) \\
& \leq \log \left(2e^{\kappa+mt^2/2} \right) \quad (e^{\kappa+mt^2/2} \geq 1) \\
& \leq \kappa + \frac{mt^2}{2} + \log(2). \tag{19}
\end{aligned}$$

As for the second term, setting $\gamma = e^{-(2mt\mathfrak{R}_m(\mathcal{H}) + \sqrt{2mt^3/2})}$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& \mathbb{E}_\sigma \log \left(\gamma e^{tB_\sigma} + 1 \right) = \mathbb{E}_\sigma \log \left(\gamma e^{t(|\sum_{i=1}^m \sigma_i| + 2m\mathfrak{R}_m(\mathcal{H}) + \sqrt{2m \log(1/\delta)})} + 1 \right) \quad (\text{definition of } B_\sigma) \\
& = \mathbb{E}_\sigma \log \left(e^{t|\sum_{i=1}^m \sigma_i|} + 1 \right) \quad (\text{using } \gamma = e^{-(2mt\mathfrak{R}_m(\mathcal{H}) + \sqrt{2mt^3/2})}) \\
& \leq \mathbb{E}_\sigma \log \left(2e^{t|\sum_{i=1}^m \sigma_i|} \right) \\
& = \mathbb{E}_\sigma \left[t \left| \sum_{i=1}^m \sigma_i \right| \right] + \log(2) \\
& = t \mathbb{E}_\sigma \left[\sqrt{(\sum_{i=1}^m \sigma_i)^2} \right] + \log(2) \\
& \leq t \sqrt{\mathbb{E}_\sigma \left[(\sum_{i=1}^m \sigma_i)^2 \right]} + \log(2) \quad (\text{Jensen's inequality}) \\
& = \sqrt{mt} + \log(2) \tag{20}
\end{aligned}$$

Using bounds (19), (20), and the bound on k in (18) we get

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathfrak{R}_m^\circ(\mathcal{Q}_{m,\mu}) & \leq \frac{1}{mt} \left(\mu + \kappa + \frac{mt^2}{2} + \sqrt{mt} + 2\log(2) \right) \\
& \leq \frac{1}{mt} \left(\mu + \epsilon^2 m + \epsilon \sqrt{m(2mt\mathfrak{R}_m(\mathcal{H}) + \sqrt{2mt^3/2})} + m \log(2) + \frac{mt^2}{2} + \sqrt{mt} + 2\log(2) \right) \\
& \leq \max \left\{ 2\sqrt{\frac{2\mu + 4\log(2)}{m} + 2\epsilon^2 + 2\epsilon\sqrt{\frac{\log(2)}{m}}}, 4\epsilon^{2/3}\mathfrak{R}_m(\mathcal{H})^{1/3}, 4\epsilon^{4/5} \right\} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{m}},
\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{setting } t = \max \left\{ \sqrt{\frac{2\mu + 4\log(2)}{m} + 2\epsilon^2 + 2\epsilon\sqrt{\frac{\log(2)}{m}}}, 2\epsilon^{2/3}\mathfrak{R}_m(\mathcal{H})^{1/3}, 2\epsilon^{4/5} \right\}. \quad \square$$

B.5 Proof of Theorem 6

The requirement in Theorem 5 that the family of sample-dependent priors $(P_S)_{S \in \mathcal{Z}^m}$ has D_∞ sensitivity ϵ is equivalent to saying that the priors define an ϵ -differentially private mechanism. Here, we give an extension to Theorem 5 which makes the weaker assumption that the priors define an (ϵ, δ) -differentially private mechanism, for some $\delta > 0$. The extension relies on the following theorem of Rogers et al. [2016]. The statement given below is an adaptation of Theorem 3.1 in [Rogers et al., 2016] that is implicit in their proof. We need this more nuanced statement for our analysis.

Theorem 7 (Theorem 3.1 in [Rogers et al., 2016]). *Let $\mathcal{A} : \mathcal{X}^m \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$ be an (ϵ, δ) -differentially private algorithm for $\epsilon \in (0, \frac{1}{2}]$ and $\delta \in (0, \epsilon)$. Let \mathcal{D} be any distribution on \mathcal{X} and let $S \in \mathcal{X}^m$ be a dataset with elements sampled i.i.d. from \mathcal{D} . Let \mathcal{P} be the joint distribution of $(S, \mathcal{A}(S))$, and \mathcal{P} be the marginal distribution of $\mathcal{A}(S)$. Then there is a constant $c > 0$ such that for any $\gamma \in (0, 1]$ we have*

$$D_\infty^{\delta+c\sqrt{\frac{\delta}{\epsilon}}m}(\mathcal{P} \| \mathcal{D}^m \otimes \mathcal{P}) \leq 72\epsilon^2 m + 6\epsilon\sqrt{2m \log(1/\gamma)} + c\sqrt{\frac{\delta}{\epsilon}}m.$$

With this theorem, we can now prove the following theorem which is analogous to Theorem 5 but assumes only the priors define an (ϵ, δ) -differentially private mechanism.

Theorem 6. Assume that $\epsilon \geq 0$ and $\delta \in [0, \frac{e^{-16m}}{4c^2m^2}\epsilon]$, where c is the constant from Theorem 7. Suppose the family of sample-dependent priors $(P_S)_{S \in \mathcal{Z}^m}$ satisfy the property that $D_\infty^\delta(P_S \| P_{S'}) \leq \epsilon$ for all $S, S' \in \mathcal{Z}^m$ differing in exactly one point. Then, for any $\nu > 0$, with probability at least $1 - \nu$ over the draw of the sample $S \sim \mathcal{D}^m$, the following inequality holds for all $Q \in \Delta(\mathcal{H})$: if $D = \max\{D(Q \| P_S), 2\}$,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}_{\substack{h \sim Q \\ z \sim \mathcal{D}}} [L(h, z)] &\leq \mathbb{E}_{h \sim Q} \left[\frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m L(h, z_i) \right] \\ &+ \max \left\{ 4\sqrt{\frac{4D + 6 \log(2)}{m}} + 300\epsilon^2, 30\epsilon^{2/3} \mathfrak{R}_m(\mathcal{H})^{1/3}, 30\epsilon^{4/5} \right\} \\ &+ \frac{2}{\sqrt{m}} + \frac{c\sqrt{\delta}}{4\epsilon^{3/2}} + \left(4\epsilon \left(2\mathfrak{R}_m(\mathcal{H}) + \sqrt{\frac{\log(4m^{1.5}D/\nu)}{2m}} \right) + \frac{1}{m} \right) \sqrt{8m \log\left(\frac{4D}{\nu}\right)}. \end{aligned}$$

Proof. Define a sample-dependent family of distributions $\mathcal{Q}_m = (\mathcal{Q}_S)_{S \in \mathcal{Z}^m}$ where $\mathcal{Q}_S = \{Q: D_\infty(Q \| P_S) \leq \mu\}$ for some parameter μ . We now apply the bound in Theorem 3, using the bound on the Rademacher complexity from Lemma 11, and the bound $\beta \leq 2\epsilon$ from Lemma 6. Finally, a uniform bound over all values of μ follows by an application of Lemma 3. \square

Lemma 11. Assume that $\epsilon \geq 0$ and $\delta \in [0, \frac{e^{-16m}}{4c^2m^2}\epsilon]$, where c is the constant from Theorem 7. Suppose that $D_\infty^\delta(P_S \| P_{S'}) \leq \epsilon$ for all $S, S' \in \mathcal{Z}^m$ differing in exactly one point. Then,

$$\mathfrak{R}_m^\circ(\mathcal{Q}_{m,\mu}) \leq \max \left\{ 2\sqrt{\frac{2\mu + 6 \log(2)}{m}} + 300\epsilon^2, 15\epsilon^{2/3} \mathfrak{R}_m(\mathcal{H})^{1/3}, 15\epsilon^{4/5} \right\} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{m}} + \frac{c\sqrt{\delta}}{8\epsilon^{3/2}}.$$

Proof. The proof is exactly along the lines of the proof of Lemma 10. Instead of using Theorem 20 in [Dwork et al., 2015], we use Theorem 7 above. Using this theorem, the proof of Lemma 11 follows with

$$\kappa = 144\epsilon^2 m + 12\epsilon\sqrt{m \log(1/\gamma)} + 2c\sqrt{\frac{\delta}{\epsilon}} m$$

and γ replaced by $\gamma + 2c\sqrt{\frac{\delta}{\epsilon}} m$. The bound (20) changes as follows: setting $\gamma = e^{-(2mt\mathfrak{R}_m(\mathcal{H}) + \sqrt{2}mt^{3/2})}$ exactly as in the proof of Lemma 10, and assuming that we choose $t \leq 2$ ($t > 2$ leads to a trivial bound), we note that $\gamma + 2c\sqrt{\frac{\delta}{\epsilon}} m \leq 2\gamma$ since we assumed that $\delta \leq \frac{e^{-16m}}{4c^2m^2}\epsilon$, and hence

$$\mathbb{E}_\sigma \log \left((\gamma + 2c\sqrt{\frac{\delta}{\epsilon}} m) e^{tB\sigma} + 1 \right) \leq \mathbb{E}_\sigma \log \left(2\gamma e^{tB\sigma} + 1 \right) \leq \sqrt{mt} + \log(4).$$

Finally, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathfrak{R}_m^\circ(\mathcal{Q}_{m,\mu}) &\leq \frac{1}{mt} \left(\mu + \kappa + \frac{mt^2}{2} + \sqrt{mt} + 3 \log(2) \right) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{mt} \left(\mu + 144\epsilon^2 m + 12\epsilon\sqrt{m(2mt\mathfrak{R}_m(\mathcal{H}) + \sqrt{2}mt^{3/2})} + 2c\sqrt{\frac{\delta}{\epsilon}} m + \frac{mt^2}{2} + \sqrt{mt} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + 3 \log(2) \right) \\ &\leq \max \left\{ 2\sqrt{\frac{2\mu + 6 \log(2)}{m}} + 300\epsilon^2, 15\epsilon^{2/3} \mathfrak{R}_m(\mathcal{H})^{1/3}, 15\epsilon^{4/5} \right\} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{m}} + \frac{c\sqrt{\delta}}{8\epsilon^{3/2}}, \end{aligned}$$

setting $t = \min \left\{ \max \left\{ \sqrt{\frac{2\mu + 6 \log(2)}{m}} + 300\epsilon^2, 15\epsilon^{2/3} \mathfrak{R}_m(\mathcal{H})^{1/3}, 15\epsilon^{4/5} \right\}, 2 \right\}$ and using the bound

$$\frac{2c}{t} \sqrt{\frac{\delta}{\epsilon}} \leq \frac{2c}{\sqrt{300\epsilon^2}} \sqrt{\frac{\delta}{\epsilon}} \leq \frac{c\sqrt{\delta}}{8\epsilon^{3/2}}. \quad \square$$

Remark. The stipulation that $\delta \leq \frac{e^{-16m}}{4c^2m^2}\epsilon$ in the statement of Lemma 11 is made simply to yield a clean statement. It should be evident from the proof that other values of δ also yield analogous bounds on the Rademacher complexity. For example, we can allow δ to be as large as $\frac{e^{-(4mt^3\mathfrak{R}_m(\beta t)+2\sqrt{2}mt^{3/2})}}{4c^2m^2}\epsilon$ for the value of t in the proof above and retain the exact same bound.

B.6 Proof of Lemma 5

Lemma 5. Suppose $\|P_S - P_{S'}\|_1 \leq \epsilon$ for all $S, S' \in \mathcal{Z}^m$ differing by exactly one point. For some $\mu \geq 0$, define the sample-dependent set of distributions as $\mathcal{Q}_{S,\mu} := \{Q: D(Q\|P_S) \leq \mu\}$, and the corresponding family to be $\mathcal{Q}_{m,\mu} = (\mathcal{Q}_{S,\mu})_{S \in \mathcal{Z}^m}$. Then $\mathcal{Q}_{m,\mu}$ is β -stable for $\beta = \min\left\{\frac{\epsilon d_\infty}{\sqrt{2\mu}}, \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon d_\infty}{2}}\right\}$, where $d_\infty := \sup_{S,S',Q \in \mathcal{Q}_{S,\mu}} \left\| \frac{Q}{P_{S'}} \right\|_\infty$.

Proof. Consider an arbitrary $Q \in \mathcal{Q}_{S,\mu}$.

Case (1): $D(Q\|P_{S'}) \leq \mu$.

In this case, $Q \in \mathcal{Q}_{S',\mu}$, so we choose $Q' = Q$, and thus $\|Q' - Q\|_{\text{TV}} = 0$.

Case (2): $D(Q\|P_{S'}) > \mu$.

We consider $Q' = \lambda Q + (1 - \lambda)P_{S'}$, for $\lambda = \frac{D(Q\|P_S)}{D(Q\|P_{S'})} < 1$. We show that $Q' \in \mathcal{Q}_{S',\mu}$ as follows:

$$D(Q'\|P_{S'}) = D(\lambda Q + (1 - \lambda)P_{S'}\|P_{S'}) \leq \lambda D(Q\|P_{S'}) + (1 - \lambda)D(P_{S'}\|P_{S'}) = D(Q\|P_S) \leq \mu,$$

where the inequality is by the convexity of relative entropy.

We can upper bound $\|Q' - Q\|_{\text{TV}}$ in two different ways.

One way is to directly upper bound the TV distance as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \|Q' - Q\|_{\text{TV}} &= \|\lambda Q + (1 - \lambda)P_{S'} - Q\|_{\text{TV}} \\ &= (1 - \lambda)\|Q - P_{S'}\|_{\text{TV}} \\ &= \left[1 - \frac{D(Q\|P_S)}{D(Q\|P_{S'})}\right]\|Q - P_{S'}\|_{\text{TV}} \\ &= [D(Q\|P_{S'}) - D(Q\|P_S)] \frac{\|Q - P_{S'}\|_{\text{TV}}}{D(Q\|P_{S'})} \\ &\leq \frac{D(Q\|P_{S'}) - D(Q\|P_S)}{\sqrt{2D(Q\|P_{S'})}} \quad \text{(Pinsker's inequality).} \end{aligned}$$

Alternatively, we can upper bound the TV distance by upper bounding the KL divergence as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} D(Q\|Q') &= D(Q\|\lambda Q + (1 - \lambda)P_{S'}) \\ &\leq (1 - \lambda)D(Q\|P_{S'}) \quad \text{(convexity of relative entropy)} \\ &= \left[1 - \frac{D(Q\|P_S)}{D(Q\|P_{S'})}\right]D(Q\|P_{S'}) \\ &= D(Q\|P_{S'}) - D(Q\|P_S) \\ \implies \|Q' - Q\|_{\text{TV}} &\leq \sqrt{\frac{D(Q\|P_{S'}) - D(Q\|P_S)}{2}} \quad \text{(Pinsker's inequality).} \end{aligned}$$

We upper bound the common term $D(Q \parallel P_{S'}) - D(Q \parallel P_S)$ as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
D(Q \parallel P_{S'}) - D(Q \parallel P_S) &= \mathbb{E}_{h \sim Q} \left[\log \frac{Q(h)}{P_{S'}(h)} \right] - \mathbb{E}_{h \sim Q} \left[\log \frac{Q(h)}{P_S(h)} \right] \quad (\text{def. of relative entropy}) \\
&= \mathbb{E}_{h \sim Q} \left[\log \frac{P_S(h)}{P_{S'}(h)} \right] \\
&\leq \mathbb{E}_{h \sim Q} \left[\frac{P_S(h)}{P_{S'}(h)} - 1 \right] \quad (\log x \leq x - 1) \\
&= \sum_{h \in \mathcal{H}} Q(h) \left[\frac{P_S(h)}{P_{S'}(h)} - 1 \right] \\
&= \sum_{h \in \mathcal{H}} \frac{Q(h)}{P_{S'}(h)} [P_S(h) - P_{S'}(h)] \\
&\leq \left\| \frac{Q}{P_{S'}} \right\|_{\infty} \|P_S - P_{S'}\|_1 \quad (\text{Hölder's inequality}) \\
&\leq \epsilon d_{\infty} \left(\frac{Q}{P_{S'}} \right),
\end{aligned}$$

where $d_{\infty}(f) := \|f\|_{\infty}$.

Putting this together, we obtain:

$$\begin{aligned}
\|Q' - Q\|_{\text{TV}} &\leq \min \left\{ \frac{D(Q \parallel P_{S'}) - D(Q \parallel P_S)}{\sqrt{2D(Q \parallel P_{S'})}}, \sqrt{\frac{D(Q \parallel P_{S'}) - D(Q \parallel P_S)}{2}} \right\} \\
&\leq \min \left\{ \frac{\epsilon}{\sqrt{2\mu}} d_{\infty} \left(\frac{Q}{P_{S'}} \right), \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon}{2}} d_{\infty} \left(\frac{Q}{P_{S'}} \right) \right\}.
\end{aligned}$$

For convenience, define $d_{\infty} := \sup_{S, S', Q \in \mathcal{Q}_{S, \mu}} d_{\infty} \left(\frac{Q}{P_{S'}} \right)$.

Thus, if we define $\beta := \min \left\{ \frac{\epsilon}{\sqrt{2\mu}} d_{\infty}, \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon}{2}} d_{\infty} \right\}$, then the family $\mathcal{Q}_{m, \mu}$ is β -uniformly stable. \square

B.7 Proof of Lemma 6

Lemma 6. *Suppose $D_{\infty}(P_S \parallel P_{S'}) \leq \epsilon$ for all $S, S' \in \mathcal{Z}^m$ differing by exactly one point. For some $\mu \geq 0$, define the sample-dependent set of distributions as $\mathcal{Q}_{S, \mu} := \{Q: D(Q \parallel P_S) \leq \mu\}$, and the corresponding family to be $\mathcal{Q}_{m, \mu} = (\mathcal{Q}_{S, \mu})_{S \in \mathcal{Z}^m}$. Then $\mathcal{Q}_{m, \mu}$ is β -stable for $\beta = \min \left\{ 2\epsilon, \frac{\epsilon}{\sqrt{2\mu}}, \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon}{2}} \right\}$.*

Proof. This follows from Lemmas 12 and 13. \square

Lemma 12. *If $D_{\infty}(P_S \parallel P_{S'}) \leq \epsilon$ for all $S, S' \in \mathcal{Z}^m$ differing by exactly one point, then $\mathcal{Q}_{m, \mu}$ is β -uniformly stable with $\beta = \min \left\{ \frac{\epsilon}{\sqrt{2\mu}}, \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon}{2}} \right\}$.*

Proof. Consider an arbitrary $Q \in \mathcal{Q}_{S, \mu}$.

Case (1): $D(Q \parallel P_{S'}) \leq \mu$.

In this case, $Q \in \mathcal{Q}_{S', \mu}$, so we choose $Q' = Q$, and thus $\|Q' - Q\|_{\text{TV}} = 0$.

Case (2): $D(Q \parallel P_{S'}) > \mu$.

We consider $Q' = \lambda Q + (1 - \lambda)P_{S'}$, for $\lambda = \frac{D(Q \parallel P_S)}{D(Q \parallel P_{S'})} < 1$. We show that $Q' \in \mathcal{Q}_{S', \mu}$ as follows:

$$D(Q' \parallel P_{S'}) = D(\lambda Q + (1 - \lambda)P_{S'} \parallel P_{S'}) \leq \lambda D(Q \parallel P_{S'}) + (1 - \lambda)D(P_{S'} \parallel P_{S'}) = D(Q \parallel P_S) \leq \mu,$$

where the inequality is by the convexity of relative entropy.

We can upper bound $\|Q' - Q\|_{\text{TV}}$ in two different ways. One way is to directly upper bound the TV distance as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
\|Q' - Q\|_{\text{TV}} &= \|\lambda Q + (1 - \lambda)P_{S'} - Q\|_{\text{TV}} \\
&= (1 - \lambda)\|Q - P_{S'}\|_{\text{TV}} \\
&= \left[1 - \frac{D(Q \| P_S)}{D(Q \| P_{S'})}\right] \|Q - P_{S'}\|_{\text{TV}} \\
&= [D(Q \| P_{S'}) - D(Q \| P_S)] \frac{\|Q - P_{S'}\|_{\text{TV}}}{D(Q \| P_{S'})} \\
&\leq \frac{D(Q \| P_{S'}) - D(Q \| P_S)}{\sqrt{2D(Q \| P_{S'})}} \quad (\text{ Pinsker's inequality}).
\end{aligned}$$

Alternatively, we can upper bound the TV distance by upper bounding the KL divergence as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
D(Q \| Q') &= D(Q \| \lambda Q + (1 - \lambda)P_{S'}) \\
&\leq (1 - \lambda)D(Q \| P_{S'}) \quad (\text{convexity of relative entropy}) \\
&= \left[1 - \frac{D(Q \| P_S)}{D(Q \| P_{S'})}\right] D(Q \| P_{S'}) \\
&= D(Q \| P_{S'}) - D(Q \| P_S) \\
\implies \|Q' - Q\|_{\text{TV}} &\leq \sqrt{\frac{D(Q \| P_{S'}) - D(Q \| P_S)}{2}} \quad (\text{ Pinsker's inequality}).
\end{aligned}$$

We upper bound the common term $D(Q \| P_{S'}) - D(Q \| P_S)$ as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
D(Q \| P_{S'}) - D(Q \| P_S) &= \mathbb{E}_{h \sim Q} \left[\log \frac{Q(h)}{P_{S'}(h)} \right] - \mathbb{E}_{h \sim Q} \left[\log \frac{Q(h)}{P_S(h)} \right] \quad (\text{def. of relative entropy}) \\
&= \mathbb{E}_{h \sim Q} \left[\log \frac{P_S(h)}{P_{S'}(h)} \right] \\
&\leq D_\infty(P_S \| P_{S'}).
\end{aligned}$$

Putting this together, we obtain:

$$\|Q' - Q\|_{\text{TV}} \leq \frac{D(Q \| P_{S'}) - D(Q \| P_S)}{\sqrt{2D(Q \| P_{S'})}} < \frac{D_\infty(P_S \| P_{S'})}{\sqrt{2\mu}} \leq \frac{\epsilon}{\sqrt{2\mu}}.$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\|Q' - Q\|_{\text{TV}} &\leq \min \left\{ \frac{D(Q \| P_{S'}) - D(Q \| P_S)}{\sqrt{2D(Q \| P_{S'})}}, \sqrt{\frac{D(Q \| P_{S'}) - D(Q \| P_S)}{2}} \right\} \\
&\leq \min \left\{ \frac{D_\infty(P_S \| P_{S'})}{\sqrt{2\mu}}, \sqrt{\frac{D_\infty(P_S \| P_{S'})}{2}} \right\} \\
&\leq \min \left\{ \frac{\epsilon}{\sqrt{2\mu}}, \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon}{2}} \right\}.
\end{aligned}$$

So if we define $\beta := \min \left\{ \frac{\epsilon}{\sqrt{2\mu}}, \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon}{2}} \right\}$, then the family $\mathcal{Q}_{m,\mu}$ is β -uniformly stable. \square

Lemma 13. *If $D_\infty(P_S \| P_{S'}) \leq \epsilon$ for all $S, S' \in \mathcal{Z}^m$ differing by exactly one point, then $\mathcal{Q}_{m,\mu}$ is β -uniformly stable with $\beta = 2\epsilon$.*

Proof. For convenience, we measure stability using the total variation distance rather than ℓ_1 , and then present the final bound in terms of ℓ_1 stability.

Consider an arbitrary $Q \in \mathcal{Q}_{S,\mu}$.

Case (1): $D(Q \parallel P_{S'}) \leq D(Q \parallel P_S)$.

In this case, $Q \in \mathcal{Q}_{S',\mu}$, so we choose $Q' = Q$, and thus $\|Q' - Q\|_{\text{TV}} = 0$.

Case (2): $D(Q \parallel P_{S'}) > D(Q \parallel P_S)$.

We consider $Q' = \lambda Q + (1 - \lambda)P_{S'}$, for $\lambda = \frac{D(Q \parallel P_S)}{D(Q \parallel P_{S'})} < 1$. We show that $Q' \in \mathcal{Q}_{S',\mu}$ as follows:

$$D(Q' \parallel P_{S'}) = D(\lambda Q + (1 - \lambda)P_{S'} \parallel P_{S'}) \leq \lambda D(Q \parallel P_{S'}) + (1 - \lambda)D(P_{S'} \parallel P_{S'}) = D(Q \parallel P_S) \leq \mu,$$

where the inequality is by the convexity of relative entropy.

Next we will upper bound $D(Q' \parallel P_S)$. For this we will use the fact that $D(P_S \parallel P_{S'}) \leq 2\epsilon^2$. This fact is from [Popescu et al.] and we provide an alternate proof in Lemma 14 below. Given the lemma we have

$$\begin{aligned} D(Q \parallel P_{S'}) - D(Q \parallel P_S) &= \mathbb{E}_{h \sim Q} \left[\log \frac{P_S(h)}{P_{S'}(h)} \right] \\ &= \mathbb{E}_{h \sim P} \left[\log \frac{P_S(h)}{P_{S'}(h)} \right] + \left(\mathbb{E}_{h \sim Q} - \mathbb{E}_{h \sim P} \right) \left[\log \frac{P_S(h)}{P_{S'}(h)} \right] \\ &\leq D(P_S, P_{S'}) + \epsilon \|Q - P\|_{\text{TV}} \\ &\leq 2\epsilon^2 + \epsilon \|Q - P_S\|_{\text{TV}} \\ &\leq 2\epsilon^2 + \epsilon \sqrt{\frac{D(Q \parallel P_S)}{2}}. \quad (\text{Pinsker's inequality}) \end{aligned} \quad (21)$$

Next we show that Q and Q' are close in total variation distance. We consider two cases:

Case a: $D(Q \parallel P_S) \leq 2\epsilon^2$. Using convexity of $D(Q \parallel \cdot)$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} D(Q \parallel Q') &\leq (1 - \lambda)D(Q \parallel P_{S'}) \\ &= D(Q \parallel P_{S'}) - D(Q \parallel P_S) \\ &\leq 2\epsilon^2 + \epsilon \sqrt{\frac{D(Q \parallel P_S)}{2}} \quad [\text{from (21)}] \\ &\leq 3\epsilon^2. \end{aligned}$$

Using Pinsker's inequality we can conclude that $\|Q - Q'\|_{\text{TV}} \leq 2\epsilon$.

Case b: $D(Q \parallel P_S) > 2\epsilon^2$. We have

$$\begin{aligned} \|Q - Q'\|_{\text{TV}} &= (1 - \lambda)\|Q - P_{S'}\|_{\text{TV}} \\ &= (D(Q \parallel P_{S'}) - D(Q \parallel P_S)) \frac{\|Q - P_{S'}\|_{\text{TV}}}{D(Q \parallel P_{S'})} \\ &\leq (D(Q \parallel P_{S'}) - D(Q \parallel P_S)) \frac{1}{\sqrt{2D(Q \parallel P_{S'})}} \\ &[\text{from Pinsker's inequality and the fact that } D(Q \parallel P_{S'}) > D(Q \parallel P_S)] \\ &\leq \frac{2\epsilon^2}{\sqrt{2D(Q \parallel P_{S'})}} + \frac{\epsilon}{2} \quad [\text{from (21)}] \\ &\leq 2\epsilon \quad [\text{since } D(Q \parallel P_S) > 2\epsilon^2]. \end{aligned}$$

□

Lemma 14. *If $D_\infty(P_S, P_{S'}) \leq \epsilon$ for all $S, S' \in \mathcal{Z}^m$ differing by exactly one point, then $D(P_S \parallel P_{S'}) \leq 2\epsilon^2$.*

Proof. Suppose $D_\infty(P_S, P_{S'}) \leq \epsilon$ and $D_\infty(P_{S'}, P_S) \leq \epsilon$. Then,

$$\begin{aligned}
D(P_S \parallel P_{S'}) + D(P_{S'} \parallel P_S) &= \mathbb{E}_{x \sim P_S} \left[\log \frac{P_S(x)}{P_{S'}(x)} \right] + \mathbb{E}_{x \sim P_{S'}} \left[\log \frac{P_{S'}(x)}{P_S(x)} \right] \\
&= \mathbb{E}_{x \sim P_S} \left[\log \frac{P_S(x)}{P_{S'}(x)} + \log \frac{P_{S'}(x)}{P_S(x)} \right] + \mathbb{E}_{x \sim P_{S'} - P_S} \left[\log \frac{P_{S'}(x)}{P_S(x)} \right] \\
&= \epsilon \sum_x |P_{S'}(x) - P_S(x)| \quad (\text{since } D_\infty(P_S, P_{S'}), D_\infty(P_{S'}, P_S) \leq \epsilon) \\
&= \epsilon \sum_{P_S(x) > 0} P_S(x) \left| \frac{P_{S'}(x)}{P_S(x)} - 1 \right|. \quad (P_S(x) = 0 \text{ implies } P_{S'}(x) = 0)
\end{aligned}$$

Next, since both $D_\infty(P_{S'}, P_S)$ and $D_\infty(P_S, P_{S'})$ are bounded by ϵ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\left| \frac{P_{S'}(x)}{P_S(x)} - 1 \right| &\leq \max(e^\epsilon - 1, 1 - e^{-\epsilon}) \\
&\leq e^\epsilon - 1.
\end{aligned}$$

Hence we can conclude that

$$\begin{aligned}
D(P_S \parallel P_{S'}) + D(P_{S'} \parallel P_S) &\leq \epsilon(e^\epsilon - 1) \sum_{P_S(x) > 0} P_S(x) \\
&\leq \epsilon(e^\epsilon - 1) \\
&\leq 2\epsilon^2.
\end{aligned}$$

□

B.8 Proof of Lemma 7

Lemma 7. Suppose $\|P_S - P_{S'}\|_1 \leq \epsilon$ for all $S, S' \in \mathcal{Z}^m$ differing by exactly one point. For some $\mu \geq 0$, define the sample-dependent set of distributions as $\mathcal{Q}_{S, \mu} := \{Q: \|Q - P_S\|_1 \leq \mu\}$, and the corresponding family to be $\mathcal{Q}_{m, \mu} = (\mathcal{Q}_{S, \mu})_{S \in \mathcal{Z}^m}$. Then $\mathcal{Q}_{m, \mu}$ is β -stable for $\beta = \frac{\epsilon}{2}$.

Proof. For convenience, we do the computations using the total variation distance rather than ℓ_1 .

Since $\|P_S - P_{S'}\|_{\text{TV}} \leq \frac{\epsilon}{2}$, there exists a coupling C_1 of P_S and $P_{S'}$ such that if $(X, X') \sim C_1$, we have $\mathbb{P}[X \neq X'] \leq \frac{\epsilon}{2}$. Similarly, since $\|P_S - Q\|_{\text{TV}} \leq \frac{\mu}{2}$, there exists a coupling C_2 of P_S and Q such that if $(X, Y) \sim C_2$, we have $\mathbb{P}[X \neq Y] \leq \frac{\mu}{2}$. Now construct a coupling C_3 as follows. First, sample $X \sim P_S$. Then, sample $X' \sim C_1$ conditioned on X , and independently, sample $Y \sim C_2$ conditioned on X . Set

$$Y' = \begin{cases} X' & \text{if } X = Y \\ Y & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Let Q' be the distribution of Y' . Note that $\mathbb{P}[X = Y] \geq 1 - \frac{\mu}{2}$, so $\mathbb{P}[Y' = X'] \geq 1 - \frac{\mu}{2}$, which implies that $\|P_{S'} - Q'\|_{\text{TV}} \leq \frac{\mu}{2}$. Furthermore, by a union bound, we have

$$\mathbb{P}[Y' = Y] = \frac{\mu}{2} + \mathbb{P}[X' = X = Y] \geq \frac{\mu}{2} + 1 - (\mathbb{P}[X \neq Y] + \mathbb{P}[X \neq X']) \geq \frac{\mu}{2} + 1 - \left(\frac{\mu}{2} + \frac{\epsilon}{2}\right) = 1 - \frac{\epsilon}{2}.$$

So, $\|Q - Q'\|_{\text{TV}} \leq \frac{\epsilon}{2}$. □