

Recall that the data set at hand is composed of pairs $(X_1, Y_1), \dots, (X_n, Y_n)$ independent and identically distributed, with the same distribution as the generic pair (X, Y) . Recall that a local averaging estimate is an estimate of the form

$$\hat{r}_n(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{i=1}^n W_{ni}(\mathbf{x}) Y_i, \quad \text{for all } \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^d,$$

where $(W_{n1}(\mathbf{x}), \dots, W_{nn}(\mathbf{x}))$ is a weight vector and each $W_{ni}(\mathbf{x})$ is a Borel measurable function of \mathbf{x} and $\mathbf{X}_1, \dots, \mathbf{X}_n$ (not Y_1, \dots, Y_n). Stone's theorem (1977) offers general necessary and sufficient conditions on the weights in order to guarantee universal L^p -consistency of local averaging estimates.

Theorem 1. *Consider the following five conditions:*

1. *There is constant C such that, for every Borel measurable function $g : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ with $\mathbb{E}|g(\mathbf{X})| < \infty$,*

$$\mathbb{E} \left[\sum_{i=1}^n |W_{ni}(\mathbf{X})| |g(\mathbf{X}_i)| \right] \leq C \mathbb{E}|g(\mathbf{X})|, \quad \text{for all } n \geq 1.$$

2. *There is a constant $D \geq 1$ such that, for all $n \geq 1$,*

$$\sum_{i=1}^n |W_{ni}(\mathbf{X})| \leq D \quad \text{almost surely.}$$

3. *For all $a > 0$,*

$$\sum_{i=1}^n |W_{ni}(\mathbf{X})| \mathbf{1}_{\|\mathbf{X}_i - \mathbf{X}\| > a} \rightarrow 0, \quad \text{in probability.}$$

4. *One has*

$$\sum_{i=1}^n W_{ni}(\mathbf{X}) \rightarrow 1, \quad \text{in probability.}$$

5. *One has*

$$\max_{1 \leq i \leq n} |W_{ni}(\mathbf{X})| \rightarrow 0, \quad \text{in probability.}$$

If (i)–(v) are satisfied for any distribution of \mathbf{X} , then the corresponding regression function estimate r_n is universally L^p -consistent ($p \geq 1$), that is,

$$\mathbb{E}|r_n(\mathbf{X}) - r(\mathbf{X})|^p \rightarrow 0,$$

for all distribution of (\mathbf{X}, Y) with $\mathbb{E}|Y|^p < \infty, p \geq 1$.