

# Monte-Carlo SURE: A Black-Box Optimization of Regularization Parameters for General Denoising Algorithms - Supplementary Material

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This material supplements some sections of the paper entitled “Monte-Carlo SURE: A Black-Box Optimization of Regularization Parameters for General Denoising Algorithms”. Here, we elaborate on the solution to the differentiability issue associated with the Monte-Carlo divergence estimation proposed (in Theorem 2) in the paper. Firstly, we verify the validity of the Taylor expansion-based argumentation of Theorem 2 for algorithms like total-variation denoising (TVD). Following that, we give a proof of the second part of Theorem 2 which deals with a weaker hypothesis (using tempered distributions) of the problem.

## I. TOTAL-VARIATION DENOISING: VERIFICATION OF TAYLOR EXPANSION-BASED HYPOTHESIS

In the paper, we considered the discrete-domain formulation for total-variation denoising (TVD) where we minimize the cost

$$\mathcal{J}_{\text{TV}}(\mathbf{u}) = \|\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{u}\|^2 + \lambda \text{TV}\{\mathbf{u}\}, \quad (1)$$

where  $\text{TV}\{\mathbf{u}\} = \sum_k \sqrt{(\mathbf{D}_h \mathbf{u})[k]^2 + (\mathbf{D}_v \mathbf{u})[k]^2}$  is the discrete 2D total variation norm and  $\mathbf{D}_h$  and  $\mathbf{D}_v$  are matrices corresponding to the first order finite difference in the horizontal and vertical directions, respectively. We will concentrate only on the bounded-optimization (half-quadratic) algorithm developed in [1]. However, since a typical implementation of TVD will always involve finite differences in place of continuous domain derivatives the analysis can be easily extended to other algorithms including the variant in [1] and those based on Euler-Lagrange equations. We show that the bounded-optimization algorithm for TVD admits first and second order derivatives with respect to the data  $\mathbf{y}$  and therefore satisfies the stronger hypothesis (Taylor expansion-based) of Theorem 2.

The TVD algorithm is described by the following recursive equation [1]: the signal estimate at iteration  $k + 1$  denoted by the  $N \times 1$  vector  $\mathbf{f}_\lambda^{k+1}$  is obtained by solving the linear system

$$\mathbf{M}^k \mathbf{f}_\lambda^{k+1} = \mathbf{y}, \quad (2)$$

where  $\mathbf{M}^k$  is the  $N \times N$  system matrix at iteration  $k$  given by

$$\mathbf{M}^k = \mathbf{I} + \mathbf{D}_h^T \Lambda^k \mathbf{D}_h + \mathbf{D}_v^T \Lambda^k \mathbf{D}_v, \quad (3)$$

and  $\Lambda^k = \text{diag}\{w_i^k; i = 1, 2, \dots, N\}$ , with

$$w_i^k = \frac{\lambda}{2\sqrt{(\mathbf{D}_h \mathbf{f}_\lambda^k)_i^2 + (\mathbf{D}_v \mathbf{f}_\lambda^k)_i^2 + \kappa}}, \quad (4)$$

where  $(\mathbf{D}_* \mathbf{f}_\lambda^k)_i$  is the  $i^{\text{th}}$  element of the vector  $\mathbf{D}_* \mathbf{f}_\lambda^k$  and  $\kappa > 0$  is a small constant that prevents the denominator of  $w_i^k$  going to zero (or else the algorithm  $\mathbf{f}_\lambda$  itself may become numerically unstable).

Differentiating (2) with respect to  $\mathbf{y}$ , we obtain

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{M}^k}{\partial \mathbf{y}} \mathbf{f}_\lambda^{k+1} + \mathbf{M}^k \underbrace{\frac{\partial \mathbf{f}_\lambda^{k+1}}{\partial \mathbf{y}}}_{\mathbf{J}_{\mathbf{f}_\lambda}^{k+1}} = \mathbf{I}, \quad (5)$$

where  $\mathbf{J}_{\mathbf{f}_\lambda}^{k+1}$  is the Jacobian matrix of  $\mathbf{f}_\lambda^{k+1}$  at iteration  $k+1$ . If  $M_{mn}^k$  represents the  $mn^{\text{th}}$  element of  $\mathbf{M}^k$  and  $y_m$  and  $f_m^k$  represent the  $m^{\text{th}}$  elements of  $\mathbf{y}$  and  $\mathbf{f}_\lambda^k$ , respectively, then using Einstein's summation notation (repeated indices will be summed over unless they appear on both sides of an equation) (5) can be written as

$$\frac{\partial M_{mn}^k}{\partial y_p} f_n^{k+1} + M_{mn}^k \frac{\partial f_n^{k+1}}{\partial y_p} = \delta_{mp}, \quad (6)$$

where, for example, the index  $n$  is summer over in both the terms on the L.H.S of the above equation.

Differentiating (6) a second time, we obtain

$$\frac{\partial^2 M_{mn}^k}{\partial y_l \partial y_p} f_n^{k+1} + \frac{\partial M_{mn}^k}{\partial y_p} \frac{\partial f_n^{k+1}}{\partial y_l} + \frac{\partial M_{mn}^k}{\partial y_l} \frac{\partial f_n^{k+1}}{\partial y_p} + M_{mn}^k \frac{\partial^2 f_n^{k+1}}{\partial y_l \partial y_p} = 0. \quad (7)$$

It is clear that the  $N \times N \times N$  tensor  $\mathbf{r} = \left\{ \frac{\partial^2 f_n^{k+1}}{\partial y_l \partial y_p} \right\}_{n,l,p=1}^N$  is the desired second derivative in the Taylor expansion in Theorem 2. We will show that for a given  $(l, p)$ , all the terms in (7) are well-defined, so that the  $N \times 1$  vector  $\mathbf{r}_{lp} = \frac{\partial^2 \mathbf{f}_\lambda^{k+1}}{\partial y_l \partial y_p}$  can be obtained by solving a linear system.

Firstly, we analyze  $\frac{\partial M_{mn}^k}{\partial y_p}$  which is given by

$$\frac{\partial M_{mn}^k}{\partial y_p} = (D_{h_{qm}} D_{h_{qn}} + D_{v_{qm}} D_{v_{qn}}) \frac{\partial w_q^k}{\partial y_p}, \quad (8)$$

with

$$\frac{\partial w_q^k}{\partial y_p} = - \left( \frac{2}{\lambda} \right)^2 (w_q^k)^3 \left( (\mathbf{D}_h \mathbf{f}_\lambda^k)_q D_{h_{qi}} + (\mathbf{D}_v \mathbf{f}_\lambda^k)_q D_{v_{qi}} \right) \frac{\partial f_i^k}{\partial y_p}, \quad (9)$$

where the index  $q$  is not summed over on the R.H.S of the above equation.

Similarly,

$$\frac{\partial^2 M_{mn}^k}{\partial y_l \partial y_p} = (D_{h_{qm}} D_{h_{qn}} + D_{v_{qm}} D_{v_{qn}}) \frac{\partial^2 w_q^k}{\partial y_l \partial y_p}, \quad (10)$$

where

$$\frac{\partial^2 w_q^k}{\partial y_l \partial y_p} = - \left( \frac{2}{\lambda} \right)^2 (w_q^k)^3 \left[ \begin{array}{l} \frac{1}{3} \left( \frac{2}{\lambda} \right)^2 (w_q^k)^{-4} \frac{\partial w_q^k}{\partial y_l} \frac{\partial w_q^k}{\partial y_p} \\ - ((\mathbf{D}_h \mathbf{f}_\lambda^k)_q D_{h_{qi}} D_{h_{qj}} + (\mathbf{D}_v \mathbf{f}_\lambda^k)_q D_{v_{qi}} D_{v_{qj}}) \frac{\partial f_i^k}{\partial y_l} \frac{\partial f_j^k}{\partial y_p} \\ - ((\mathbf{D}_h \mathbf{f}_\lambda^k)_q D_{h_{qi}} + (\mathbf{D}_v \mathbf{f}_\lambda^k)_q D_{v_{qi}}) \frac{\partial^2 f_i^k}{\partial y_l \partial y_p} \end{array} \right]. \quad (11)$$

The analysis is then simply as follows:

- 1) In principle, if we start with a well-defined initial estimate  $\mathbf{f}_\lambda^0$ , the algorithm described by equations (2)-(4) is designed so that  $\mathbf{M}^k$  and  $\mathbf{f}_\lambda^{k+1}$  are well-defined for all  $k \geq 1$ . Moreover,  $\mathbf{M}^k$  is a full-rank matrix and therefore has a stable inverse  $(\mathbf{M}^k)^{-1}$ .
- 2) It should be noted all the elements of  $\mathbf{M}^k$  are differentiable because (4) is a true function of  $\mathbf{y}$ . Thus, all the derivatives involved in this analysis are in the true sense of differentiation and not in the weak sense of distributions.
- 3) Then, (8) and (9) ensure that  $\frac{\partial M_{mn}^k}{\partial y_p}$  is well-defined  $\forall m, n, p = 1, 2, \dots, N$ , provided  $\Lambda^k$  is well-conditioned which is the case as long as  $w_q^k < +\infty, \forall q = 1, 2, \dots, N$ , and  $k \geq 1$ . This

can be ensured numerically. Therefore, for a fixed  $p$ , a well-defined  $N \times 1$  vector  $\frac{\partial \mathbf{f}_\lambda^{k+1}}{\partial y_p}$  is obtained from (6) as

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{f}_\lambda^{k+1}}{\partial y_p} = (\mathbf{M}^k)^{-1}(\mathbf{e}_p - \mathbf{S}_p^k \mathbf{f}_\lambda^{k+1}), \quad (12)$$

where  $\mathbf{S}_p^k$  is a  $N \times N$  matrix such that  $(\mathbf{S}_p^k)_{mn} = \frac{\partial M_{mn}^k}{\partial y_p}$ ,  $\mathbf{e}_p$  is a  $N \times 1$  column vector whose elements are all zeros except the  $p^{\text{th}}$  one which is unity.

- 4) While (10) and (11) ensure that  $\frac{\partial^2 M_{mn}^k}{\partial y_l \partial y_p}$  is well-defined  $\forall m, n, l, p = 1, 2, \dots, N$ , equations (8) and (12) ensure that the second and third terms in the L.H.S of (7) are well-defined. Thus, we see that for a given  $(l, p)$  a well-defined  $N \times 1$  vector  $\frac{\partial \mathbf{f}_\lambda^{k+1}}{\partial y_l \partial y_p}$  is obtained from (7) as

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{f}_\lambda^{k+1}}{\partial y_l \partial y_p} = -(\mathbf{M}^k)^{-1} \left( \mathbf{P}_{lp}^k \mathbf{f}_\lambda^{k+1} + \mathbf{S}_p^k \frac{\partial \mathbf{f}_\lambda^{k+1}}{\partial y_p} + \mathbf{S}_l^k \frac{\partial \mathbf{f}_\lambda^{k+1}}{\partial y_p} \right), \quad (13)$$

where  $\mathbf{P}_{lp}^k$  is a  $N \times N$  matrix such that  $(\mathbf{P}_{lp}^k)_{mn} = \frac{\partial^2 M_{mn}^k}{\partial y_l \partial y_p}$ . ■

## II. MONTE-CARLO DIVERGENCE ESTIMATION UNDER A WEAKER HYPOTHESIS

Here, we restate the second part of Theorem 2 which deals with the Monte-Carlo divergence estimation under the weaker hypothesis of tempered distributions and then give a formal proof of this result.

*Theorem 2:* Let  $\mathbf{b}'$  be a zero-mean unit variance i.i.d random vector. Assume that  $\exists n_0 > 1$  and  $C_0 > 0$  such that

$$\|\mathbf{f}_\lambda(\mathbf{y})\| \leq C_0(1 + \|\mathbf{y}\|^{n_0}), \quad (14)$$

that is,  $\mathbf{f}_\lambda$  is tempered. Then

$$\text{div}_{\mathbf{y}}\{\mathbf{f}_\lambda(\mathbf{y})\} = \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} E_{\mathbf{b}'} \left\{ \mathbf{b}'^T \left( \frac{\mathbf{f}_\lambda(\mathbf{y} + \varepsilon \mathbf{b}') - \mathbf{f}_\lambda(\mathbf{y})}{\varepsilon} \right) \right\} \quad (15)$$

in the weak-sense of tempered distributions.

*Proof:* Let  $\psi \in \mathcal{S}$  be a rapidly decaying (test) function that is infinitely differentiable. We have to show that

$$\langle \text{div}\{\mathbf{f}_\lambda(\mathbf{y})\}, \psi(\mathbf{y}) \rangle = \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \left\langle E_{\mathbf{b}'} \left\{ \mathbf{b}'^T \left( \frac{\mathbf{f}_\lambda(\mathbf{y} + \varepsilon \mathbf{b}') - \mathbf{f}_\lambda(\mathbf{y})}{\varepsilon} \right) \right\}, \psi(\mathbf{y}) \right\rangle. \quad (16)$$

We note that the L.H.S of (16) can be expressed as (from theory of distributions)

$$\langle \text{div}\{\mathbf{f}_\lambda(\mathbf{y})\}, \psi(\mathbf{y}) \rangle = -\langle \mathbf{f}_\lambda(\mathbf{y}), \nabla \psi(\mathbf{y}) \rangle. \quad (17)$$

The R.H.S of (16) involves the double integration

$$I_1(\varepsilon) = \int_{\mathbf{y}} d\mathbf{y} \psi(\mathbf{y}) \int_{\mathbf{b}'} \mathbf{b}'^T \left( \frac{\mathbf{f}_\lambda(\mathbf{y} + \varepsilon \mathbf{b}') - \mathbf{f}_\lambda(\mathbf{y})}{\varepsilon} \right) q(\mathbf{b}') d\mathbf{b}', \quad (18)$$

where  $q(\mathbf{b}')$  represents the probability density function of  $\mathbf{b}'$ . The order of the integration can be swapped as soon as (Fubini's Theorem)

$$I_2(\varepsilon) = \int_{\mathbf{y}} \int_{\mathbf{b}'} |\psi(\mathbf{y})| \left| \mathbf{b}'^T \left( \frac{\mathbf{f}_\lambda(\mathbf{y} + \varepsilon \mathbf{b}') - \mathbf{f}_\lambda(\mathbf{y})}{\varepsilon} \right) \right| q(\mathbf{b}') d\mathbf{b}' d\mathbf{y} < +\infty. \quad (19)$$

Using Triangle inequality, we bound  $I_2(\varepsilon)$  as

$$I_2(\varepsilon) \leq \frac{J(\varepsilon) + J(0)}{\varepsilon}, \quad (20)$$

where

$$J(\varepsilon) = \int_{\mathbf{y}} \int_{\mathbf{b}'} |\psi(\mathbf{y})| |\mathbf{b}'^T \mathbf{f}_\lambda(\mathbf{y} + \varepsilon \mathbf{b}')| q(\mathbf{b}') d\mathbf{b}' d\mathbf{y}. \quad (21)$$

Using Cauchy-Schwarz inequality and the fact that  $\mathbf{f}_\lambda$  is tempered (cf. (14)), we get

$$J(\varepsilon) \leq \int_{\mathbf{y}} \int_{\mathbf{b}'} |\psi(\mathbf{y})| \|\mathbf{b}'\| C_0(1 + \|\mathbf{y} + \varepsilon \mathbf{b}'\|^{n_0}) q(\mathbf{b}') d\mathbf{b}' d\mathbf{y}. \quad (22)$$

Using the convexity property of the function  $(\cdot)^{n_0}$  for  $n_0 > 1$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} J(\varepsilon) &\leq \int_{\mathbf{y}} \int_{\mathbf{b}'} |\psi(\mathbf{y})| \|\mathbf{b}'\| C_0(1 + 2^{n_0-1} \|\mathbf{y}\|^{n_0} + 2^{n_0-1} \|\varepsilon \mathbf{b}'\|^{n_0}) q(\mathbf{b}') d\mathbf{b}' d\mathbf{y} \\ &= C_0 \left( \int_{\mathbf{y}} |\psi(\mathbf{y})| d\mathbf{y} \right) \left( \int_{\mathbf{b}'} \|\mathbf{b}'\| q(\mathbf{b}') d\mathbf{b}' \right) \\ &\quad + C_0 2^{n_0-1} \left( \int_{\mathbf{y}} |\psi(\mathbf{y})| \|\mathbf{y}\|^{n_0} d\mathbf{y} \right) \left( \int_{\mathbf{b}'} \|\mathbf{b}'\| q(\mathbf{b}') d\mathbf{b}' \right) \\ &\quad + C_0 2^{n_0-1} \varepsilon^{n_0} \left( \int_{\mathbf{y}} |\psi(\mathbf{y})| d\mathbf{y} \right) \left( \int_{\mathbf{b}'} \|\mathbf{b}'\|^{n_0+1} q(\mathbf{b}') d\mathbf{b}' \right) \\ &< +\infty, \end{aligned} \quad (23)$$

under the hypothesis that  $E_{\mathbf{b}'}\{\|\mathbf{b}'\|^{n_0}\} < +\infty, \forall n_0 \geq 1$ . The ones involving  $\psi$  are also finite because  $\psi$  is a rapidly decaying function with finite support. Thus,  $J(\varepsilon) < \infty, \forall \varepsilon \geq 0$ . Hence, we interchange the integrals (with appropriate change of variables) to get

$$\begin{aligned} I_1(\varepsilon) &= \int_{\mathbf{b}'} q(\mathbf{b}') d\mathbf{b}' \int_{\mathbf{y}} \psi(\mathbf{y}) \mathbf{b}'^T \left( \frac{\mathbf{f}_\lambda(\mathbf{y} + \varepsilon \mathbf{b}') - \mathbf{f}_\lambda(\mathbf{y})}{\varepsilon} \right) d\mathbf{y} \\ &= \int_{\mathbf{b}'} q(\mathbf{b}') d\mathbf{b}' \int_{\mathbf{y}} \mathbf{b}'^T \mathbf{f}_\lambda(\mathbf{y}) \left( \frac{\psi(\mathbf{y} - \varepsilon \mathbf{b}') - \psi(\mathbf{y})}{\varepsilon} \right) d\mathbf{y}. \end{aligned} \quad (24)$$

Since  $\psi$  is infinitely differentiable, we apply Taylor's theorem [2] to  $\psi(\mathbf{y} - \varepsilon \mathbf{b}')$  and obtain

$$\frac{\psi(\mathbf{y} - \varepsilon \mathbf{b}') - \psi(\mathbf{y})}{\varepsilon} = - \int_0^1 \mathbf{b}'^T \nabla \psi(\mathbf{y} - t \varepsilon \mathbf{b}') dt. \quad (25)$$

Therefore,

$$I_1(\varepsilon) = - \int_{\mathbf{b}'} q(\mathbf{b}') d\mathbf{b}' \int_{\mathbf{y}} \mathbf{b}'^T \mathbf{f}_\lambda(\mathbf{y}) \int_0^1 \mathbf{b}'^T \nabla \psi(\mathbf{y} - t \varepsilon \mathbf{b}') dt d\mathbf{y}. \quad (26)$$

We want to let  $\varepsilon$  tend to 0 in the above expression. This is accomplished by the application of Lebesgue's dominated convergence theorem. But firstly, we must bound the integrand

$$z(\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{b}', t, \varepsilon) = -q(\mathbf{b}') \mathbf{b}'^T \mathbf{f}_\lambda(\mathbf{y}) \mathbf{b}'^T \nabla \psi(\mathbf{y} - t \varepsilon \mathbf{b}') \beta^0(t), \quad (27)$$

by an integrable function  $g(\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{b}', t)$ , where

$$\beta^0(t) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } t \in (0, 1) \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}. \quad (28)$$

To do that, we start with  $|z(\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{b}', t, \varepsilon)|$  and apply Cauchy-Schwarz inequality to obtain

$$0 \leq |z(\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{b}', t, \varepsilon)| \leq \underbrace{q(\mathbf{b}') \|\mathbf{b}'\|^2 \|\nabla \psi(\mathbf{y} - t \varepsilon \mathbf{b}')\| \beta^0(t)}_{\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} g_0(\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{b}', t, \varepsilon)} \|\mathbf{f}_\lambda(\mathbf{y})\|. \quad (29)$$

Now, by using convexity of  $(\cdot)^{n_1}$  for  $n_1 \geq 1$ , we have

$$1 + \|\mathbf{y}\|^{n_1} = 1 + \|\mathbf{y} - \varepsilon t \mathbf{b}' + \varepsilon t \mathbf{b}'\|^{n_1} \leq 1 + 2^{n_1-1} \|\mathbf{y} - \varepsilon t \mathbf{b}'\|^{n_1} + 2^{n_1-1} \|\varepsilon t \mathbf{b}'\|^{n_1}. \quad (30)$$

Then, for  $\varepsilon \leq 1$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} (1 + \|\mathbf{y}\|^{n_1}) g_0(\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{b}', t, \varepsilon) &\leq (1 + 2^{n_1-1} \|\mathbf{y} - \varepsilon t \mathbf{b}'\|^{n_1}) \|\nabla \psi(\mathbf{y} - t \varepsilon \mathbf{b}')\| q(\mathbf{b}') \|\mathbf{b}'\|^2 \beta^0(t) \\ &\quad + 2^{n_1-1} \|\nabla \psi(\mathbf{y} - t \varepsilon \mathbf{b}')\| q(\mathbf{b}') \|\mathbf{b}'\|^{n_1+2} t^{n_1} \beta^0(t) \\ &\leq \underbrace{C_{\psi,1} q(\mathbf{b}') \|\mathbf{b}'\|^2 \beta^0(t) + C_{\psi,2} q(\mathbf{b}') \|\mathbf{b}'\|^{n_1+2} t^{n_1} \beta^0(t)}_{\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} g_1(\mathbf{b}', t)}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $C_{\psi,1} = \sup_{\mathbf{y}} \{(1 + 2^{n_1-1} \|\mathbf{y}\|^{n_1}) \|\nabla \psi(\mathbf{y})\|\}$  and  $C_{\psi,2} = 2^{n_1-1} \sup_{\mathbf{y}} \{\|\nabla \psi(\mathbf{y})\|\}$ .

Since  $E_{\mathbf{b}'}\{\|\mathbf{b}'\|^{n_1+2}\} < +\infty$ , it is clear that

$$\int_{\mathbf{b}'} \int_t g_1(\mathbf{b}', t) d\mathbf{b}' dt < +\infty. \quad (31)$$

Therefore, choosing  $n_1 > n_0 + N$ , where  $N$  is the dimension of  $\mathbf{y}$ , and  $\forall \varepsilon \leq 1$  we see that

$$\begin{aligned} |z(\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{b}', t, \varepsilon)| \leq g_0(\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{b}', t, \varepsilon) \|\mathbf{f}_\lambda(\mathbf{y})\| &\leq g_1(\mathbf{b}', t) \frac{\|\mathbf{f}_\lambda(\mathbf{y})\|}{1 + \|\mathbf{y}\|^{n_1}} \\ &\leq \underbrace{C_0 g_1(\mathbf{b}', t) \frac{1 + \|\mathbf{y}\|^{n_0}}{1 + \|\mathbf{y}\|^{n_1}}}_{\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} g(\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{b}', t)}. \end{aligned} \quad (32)$$

Then, we notice that

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\mathbf{y}} \frac{1 + \|\mathbf{y}\|^{n_0}}{1 + \|\mathbf{y}\|^{n_1}} d\mathbf{y} &= \sum_{\mathbf{k} \in \mathbb{Z}^N} \int_{[0, 1)^N} \frac{1 + \|\mathbf{y} + \mathbf{k}\|^{n_0}}{1 + \|\mathbf{y} + \mathbf{k}\|^{n_1}} d\mathbf{y} = \int_{[0, 1)^N} \left( \sum_{\mathbf{k} \in \mathbb{Z}^N} \frac{1 + \|\mathbf{y} + \mathbf{k}\|^{n_0}}{1 + \|\mathbf{y} + \mathbf{k}\|^{n_1}} \right) d\mathbf{y} \quad (\text{Fubini}) \\ &\leq \sum_{\mathbf{k} \in \mathbb{Z}^N} \frac{1 + \|\mathbf{1} + \mathbf{k}\|^{n_0}}{1 + \|\mathbf{k}\|^{n_1}} \quad (\mathbf{1} \text{ is a column vector of 1s}) \\ &\leq \sum_{\mathbf{k} \in \mathbb{Z}^N} \frac{1 + 2^{n_0-1} N^{\frac{n_0}{2}} + 2^{n_0-1} \|\mathbf{k}\|^{n_0}}{1 + \|\mathbf{k}\|^{n_1}} \quad (\text{using convexity of } (\cdot)^{n_0}) \\ &\leq (1 + 2^{n_0-1} N^{\frac{n_0}{2}}) \left( 1 + \underbrace{\sum_{\mathbf{k} \in \mathbb{Z}^N \setminus \{\mathbf{0}\}} \frac{1}{\|\mathbf{k}\|^{n_1}}}_{< +\infty} \right) + 2^{n_0-1} \underbrace{\sum_{\mathbf{k} \in \mathbb{Z}^N \setminus \{\mathbf{0}\}} \frac{1}{\|\mathbf{k}\|^{n_1-n_0}}}_{< +\infty} \\ &< +\infty, \end{aligned} \quad (33)$$

whenever  $n_1 > n_0 + N$ .

Because of (31) and (33), we find

$$\int_{\mathbf{y}} \int_{\mathbf{b}'} \int_t g(\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{b}', t) d\mathbf{y} d\mathbf{b}' dt = \left( \int_{\mathbf{b}'} \int_t g(\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{b}', t) d\mathbf{b}' dt \right) \left( \int_{\mathbf{y}} \frac{1 + \|\mathbf{y}\|^{n_0}}{1 + \|\mathbf{y}\|^{n_1}} d\mathbf{y} \right) < +\infty. \quad (34)$$

Therefore,  $z$  qualifies for both Fubini's and Lebesgue's Dominant Convergence Theorems (cf. (32))

and (34)). Hence, applying the limit with appropriate change of integrals, we get the desired result:

$$\begin{aligned}
\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} I_1(\varepsilon) &= - \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \int_{\mathbf{b}'} q(\mathbf{b}') d\mathbf{b}' \int_{\mathbf{y}} \mathbf{b}'^T \mathbf{f}_\lambda(\mathbf{y}) \int_0^1 \mathbf{b}'^T \nabla \psi(\mathbf{y} - t \varepsilon \mathbf{b}') dt d\mathbf{y} \\
&= - \int_{\mathbf{b}'} q(\mathbf{b}') d\mathbf{b}' \int_{\mathbf{y}} \mathbf{b}'^T \mathbf{f}_\lambda(\mathbf{y}) \int_0^1 \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \mathbf{b}'^T \nabla \psi(\mathbf{y} - t \varepsilon \mathbf{b}') dt d\mathbf{y} \\
&= - \int_{\mathbf{y}} \mathbf{f}_\lambda^T(\mathbf{y}) \underbrace{\left( \int_{\mathbf{b}'} q(\mathbf{b}') \mathbf{b}' \mathbf{b}'^T d\mathbf{b}' \right)}_{=I} \nabla \psi(\mathbf{y}) d\mathbf{y} \\
&= - \langle \mathbf{f}_\lambda(\mathbf{y}), \nabla \psi(\mathbf{y}) \rangle = \langle \operatorname{div}\{\mathbf{f}_\lambda(\mathbf{y})\}, \psi(\mathbf{y}) \rangle \quad (\text{from (17)}) . \quad \blacksquare
\end{aligned}$$

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