

Supplementary Material for “Multiplicative Distortion Measurement Errors Linear Models with General Moment Identifiability Condition”¹

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1. CONDITIONS

We now list the assumptions needed in the proof of the following theorems.

- (C1) The distortion functions $\phi(u) > 0$ and $\psi_r(u) > 0$, $r = 1, \dots, q$, for all $u \in [\mathcal{U}_L, \mathcal{U}_R]$, where $[\mathcal{U}_L, \mathcal{U}_R]$ denotes the compact support of U . Moreover, the distortion functions $\phi(u)$, $\psi_r(u)$'s, have three continuous derivatives. The density function $f_U(u)$ of the random variable U is bounded away from 0 and satisfies the Lipschitz condition of order 1 on $[\mathcal{U}_L, \mathcal{U}_R]$.
- (C2) For some $s \geq 4$, $E(|Y|^{\max\{s\rho, s\}}) < \infty$, $E(|X_r|^{\max\{s\rho, s\}}) < \infty$, $r = 1, \dots, q$. The matrices Σ defined in Theorem 1 is a positive-definite matrix.
- (C3) The kernel function $K(\cdot)$ is a symmetric bounded density function supported on $[-A, A]$ satisfying a Lipschitz condition. $K(\cdot)$ also has second-order continuous bounded derivatives, satisfying $K^{(j)}(\pm A) = 0$, $K^{(j)}(s) = \frac{d^j K(s)}{ds^j}$ and $\int_{-A}^A s^2 K(s) ds \neq 0$.
- (C4) As $n \rightarrow \infty$, the bandwidth h satisfies $h^3 \log n \rightarrow 0$, $\frac{\log^2 n}{nh^2} \rightarrow 0$ and $nh^4 \rightarrow 0$.

2. A TECHNICAL LEMMA

Lemma 1 Suppose $E(T|U = u) = m(u)$ and its derivatives up to second order are bounded for all $u \in [a_1, a_2]$. $E|T|^3$ exists and $\sup_u \int |t|^s f(u, t) dt < \infty$, where $f(u, t)$ is the joint density of $(U, T)^\tau$. Suppose (U_i, T_i) , $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ are independent and identically distributed (i.i.d.) samples from (U, T) . If condition (C3) holds true for kernel function $K(u)$, and $n^{2\epsilon-1}h \rightarrow \infty$ for $\epsilon < 1 - s^{-1}$, we have

$$\sup_{u \in [a_1, a_2]} \left| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n K_h(U_i - u) T_i - f_U(u) m(u) - \frac{1}{2} [f_U(u) m(u)]'' \mu_2 h^2 \right| = O(\tau_{n,h}), a.s.$$

where $\mu_2 = \int K(u) u^2 du$, and $\tau_{n,h} = h^3 + \sqrt{\log n / (nh)}$.

Proof Lemma 1 can be immediately proved from the result obtained by Mack and Silverman (1982).

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3. PROOF OF THEOREM 1

Proof Using Lemma 1, we have

$$\hat{f}_U(u) = \frac{1}{nh} \sum_{i=1}^n K\left(\frac{U_i - u}{h}\right) = f_U(u) + \frac{\mu_2 h^2}{2} f_U''(u) + O_P(\tau_{n,h}). \quad (\text{A.1})$$

Define that $m_{|\tilde{Y}|,\rho}(u) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} E(|\tilde{Y}^\rho| | U = u) = \phi^\rho(u) E(|Y^\rho|)$, using (A.1) and Lemma 1, it is noted that

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{m}_{|\tilde{Y}|,\rho}(u) - m_{|\tilde{Y}|,\rho}(u) &= \frac{1}{nh f_U(u)} \sum_{i=1}^n K\left(\frac{U_i - u}{h}\right) \left(|\tilde{Y}_i^\rho| - m_{|\tilde{Y}|,\rho}(U_i)\right) \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{nh f_U(u)} \sum_{i=1}^n K\left(\frac{U_i - u}{h}\right) \left(m_{|\tilde{Y}|,\rho}(U_i) - m_{|\tilde{Y}|,\rho}(u)\right) \\ &\quad + O_P\left(h^2 \sqrt{\frac{\log n}{nh}} + h^4 + \tau_{n,h}^2\right). \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A.2})$$

From (A.2) and $\hat{\phi}(u) = \left(\frac{\hat{m}_{|\tilde{Y}|,\rho}(u)}{|\tilde{Y}^\rho|}\right)^{1/\rho}$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\phi}^\rho(u) - \phi^\rho(u) &= \frac{\hat{m}_{|\tilde{Y}|,\rho}(u) - \phi^\rho(u) \overline{|\tilde{Y}^\rho|}}{\overline{|\tilde{Y}^\rho|}} \\ &= \frac{\hat{m}_{|\tilde{Y}|,\rho}(u) - m_{|\tilde{Y}|,\rho}(u)}{E|Y^\rho|} - \phi^\rho(u) \frac{\overline{|\tilde{Y}^\rho|} - E(|Y^\rho|)}{E(|Y^\rho|)} \\ &\quad + O_P(n^{-1} + n^{-1/2} h^2 + n^{-1/2} \tau_{n,h}) \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A.3})$$

According to (A.3) and Taylor expansion, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\phi}(u) - \phi(u) &= \frac{\phi^{1-\rho}(u)}{\rho} \left(\hat{\phi}^\rho(u) - \phi^\rho(u)\right) + O_P\left(|\hat{\phi}^\rho(u) - \phi^\rho(u)|^2\right) \\ &= \phi^{1-\rho}(u) \frac{\hat{m}_{|\tilde{Y}|,\rho}(u) - m_{|\tilde{Y}|,\rho}(u)}{\rho E|Y^\rho|} - \phi(u) \frac{\overline{|\tilde{Y}^\rho|} - E(|Y^\rho|)}{\rho E(|Y^\rho|)} \\ &\quad + O_P(n^{-1} + n^{-1/2} h^2 + n^{-1/2} \tau_{n,h}) \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A.4})$$

Similar to the proof of Lemma B.2 in Zhang et al. (2012), together with (A.4) and (A.2), we have

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\hat{Y}_i - Y_i\right) M(\mathbf{W}_i) \\ &= -\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{Y_i M(\mathbf{W}_i)}{\phi(U_i)} \left(\hat{\phi}(U_i) - \phi(U_i)\right) + o_P(n^{-1/2}) \\ &= -\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{Y_i M(\mathbf{W}_i)}{\phi^\rho(U_i) \rho E|Y^\rho|} \left(\hat{m}_{|\tilde{Y}|,\rho}(U_i) - m_{|\tilde{Y}|,\rho}(U_i)\right) \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{Y_i M(\mathbf{W}_i)}{\rho E|Y^\rho|} \left(\overline{|\tilde{Y}^\rho|} - E(|Y^\rho|)\right) + o_P(n^{-1/2}) \\ &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathcal{A}_{n1} + \mathcal{A}_{n2}. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A.5})$$

Recalling that $\overline{|\tilde{Y}^\rho|} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n |\tilde{Y}_i^\rho|$, we have

$$\mathcal{A}_{n2} = \frac{E[YM(\mathbf{W})]}{\rho E|Y^\rho|} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \left(|\tilde{Y}_i^\rho| - E|Y^\rho| \right) + o_P(n^{-1/2}). \quad (\text{A.6})$$

For $\mathcal{A}_{n1}$, using asymptotic expression (A.2), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{A}_{n1} &= -\frac{1}{\rho E|Y^\rho| n^2 h} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{Y_i M(\mathbf{W}_i)}{\phi^\rho(U_i) f_U(U_i)} K\left(\frac{U_i - U_j}{h}\right) \left(|\tilde{Y}_j^\rho| - m_{|\tilde{Y}|, \rho}(U_j) \right) \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{\rho E|Y^\rho| n^2 h} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{Y_i M(\mathbf{W}_i)}{\phi^\rho(U_i) f_U(U_i)} K\left(\frac{U_i - U_j}{h}\right) \left(m_{|\tilde{Y}|, \rho}(U_j) - m_{|\tilde{Y}|, \rho}(U_i) \right) \\ &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathcal{A}_{n1}[1] + \mathcal{A}_{n1}[2]. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A.7})$$

For $\mathcal{A}_{n1}[1]$, as $nh^4 \rightarrow 0$, the projection of U -statistic (Serfling; 1980) entails that

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{A}_{n1}[1] &= -\frac{E[YM(\mathbf{W})]}{\rho E|Y^\rho| n} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{|\tilde{Y}_i^\rho| - m_{|\tilde{Y}|, \rho}(U_i)}{\phi^\rho(U_i)} + O_P(h^2) \\ &= -\frac{E[YM(\mathbf{W})]}{\rho E|Y^\rho|} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (|Y_i^\rho| - E|Y^\rho|) + o_P(n^{-1/2}). \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A.8})$$

Similar to (A.8), the the projection of U -statistic (Serfling; 1980) entails $\mathcal{A}_{n1}[2] = O_P(h^2) = o_P(n^{-1/2})$ as $nh^4 \rightarrow 0$. Together with (A.5)-(A.8), we have

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\hat{Y}_i - Y_i \right) M(\mathbf{W}_i) \\ &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \left(|\tilde{Y}_i^\rho| - |Y_i^\rho| \right) \frac{E[YM(\mathbf{W})]}{\rho E|Y^\rho|} + o_P(n^{-1/2}) \\ &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{|Y_i^\rho|}{\rho E|Y^\rho|} [\phi^\rho(U_i) - 1] E[YM(\mathbf{W})] + o_P(n^{-1/2}). \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A.9})$$

4. PROOF OF THEOREM 2

Define that $m_{|\tilde{X}_r|, \rho}(u) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} E(|\tilde{X}_r^\rho| | U = u) = \psi_r^\rho(u) E(|X_r^\rho|)$. Similar to (A.2)-(A.4), for $s = 1, \dots, p$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{m}_{|\tilde{X}_r|, \rho}(u) - m_{|\tilde{X}_r|, \rho}(u) &= \frac{1}{nh f_U(u)} \sum_{i=1}^n K\left(\frac{U_i - u}{h}\right) \left(|\tilde{X}_{ri}^\rho| - m_{|\tilde{X}_r|, \rho}(U_i) \right) \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{nh f_U(u)} \sum_{i=1}^n K\left(\frac{U_i - u}{h}\right) \left(m_{|\tilde{X}_r|, \rho}(U_i) - m_{|\tilde{X}_r|, \rho}(u) \right) \\ &\quad + O_P\left(h^2 \sqrt{\frac{\log n}{nh}} + h^4 + \tau_{n,h}^2 \right), \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A.10})$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
& \hat{\psi}_r(u) - \psi_r(u) \\
&= \psi_r^{1-\rho}(u) \frac{\hat{m}_{|\tilde{X}_r|, \rho}(u) - m_{|\tilde{X}_r|, \rho}(u)}{\rho E|X_r^\rho|} - \psi_r(u) \frac{\overline{|\tilde{X}_r^\rho|} - E(|X_r^\rho|)}{\rho E(|X_r^\rho|)} \\
&+ O_P(n^{-1} + n^{-1/2}h^2 + n^{-1/2}\tau_{n,h}).
\end{aligned} \tag{A.11}$$

Using (A.4) and (A.11), as $nh^8 \rightarrow 0$ and $\frac{\log^2 n}{nh^2} \rightarrow 0$, we have

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (\hat{X}_{ri} - X_{ri})(\hat{X}_{si} - X_{si}) = O_P((n^{-1/2} + h^2 + \tau_{n,h})^2) = o_P(n^{-1/2}), \tag{A.12}$$

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (\hat{X}_{ri} - X_{ri})(\hat{Y}_i - Y_i) = O_P((n^{-1/2} + h^2 + \tau_{n,h})^2) = o_P(n^{-1/2}). \tag{A.13}$$

Using (A.11)-(A.12) and Theorem 1, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbf{B}_n &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n [(1, \hat{\mathbf{X}}_i^T)^T]^{\otimes 2} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n [(1, \mathbf{X}_i^T)^T]^{\otimes 2} \\
&+ \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (0, \hat{\mathbf{X}}_i^T - \mathbf{X}_i^T)^T (1, \mathbf{X}_i^T) + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (1, \mathbf{X}_i^T)^T (0, \hat{\mathbf{X}}_i^T - \mathbf{X}_i^T) \\
&+ O_P((n^{-1/2} + h^2 + \tau_{n,h})^2) \\
&= \mathbf{\Sigma} + o_P(1).
\end{aligned} \tag{A.14}$$

Using Theorem 1, $\varepsilon_i = Y_i - \mathbf{X}_i^T \beta_0$ and $E(\varepsilon|\mathbf{X}) = 0$,

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \varepsilon_i (\hat{X}_{ri} - X_{ri}) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (Y_i - \mathbf{X}_i^T \beta_0) (\hat{X}_{ri} - X_{ri}) \\
&= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (|\tilde{X}_{ri}^\rho| - |X_{ri}^\rho|) \frac{E[X_r(Y - \mathbf{X}^T \beta_0)]}{\rho E(|X_r^\rho|)} + o_P(n^{-1/2}) \\
&= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (|\tilde{X}_{ri}^\rho| - |X_{ri}^\rho|) \frac{E[X_r \varepsilon]}{\rho E(|X_r^\rho|)} + o_P(n^{-1/2}) = o_P(n^{-1/2}).
\end{aligned} \tag{A.15}$$

It is easily seen that

$$\begin{aligned}
\begin{pmatrix} \hat{\alpha} \\ \hat{\beta} \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_0 \\ \beta_0 \end{pmatrix} &= \mathbf{B}_n^{-1} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (1, \hat{\mathbf{X}}_i^T)^T \left\{ \hat{Y}_i - \alpha_0 - \beta_0^T \hat{\mathbf{X}}_i \right\} \\
&= T_{n,1} + T_{n,2} - T_{n,3}.
\end{aligned} \tag{A.16}$$

Here, using (A.12)-(A.15), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
T_{n,1} &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathbf{B}_n^{-1} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (1, \mathbf{X}_i^T)^T \varepsilon_i + \mathbf{B}_n^{-1} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (0, \hat{\mathbf{X}}_i^T - \mathbf{X}_i^T)^T \varepsilon_i \\
&= \mathbf{\Sigma}^{-1} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (1, \mathbf{X}_i^T)^T \varepsilon_i + o_P(n^{-1/2}).
\end{aligned} \tag{A.17}$$

Then, using (A.13), Theorem 1 and $E[(1, \mathbf{X}^T)^T Y] = \boldsymbol{\Sigma}(\alpha_0, \boldsymbol{\beta}_0^T)^T$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
T_{n,2} &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathbf{B}_n^{-1} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (1, \hat{\mathbf{X}}_i^T)^T \{\hat{Y}_i - Y_i\} \\
&= \mathbf{B}_n^{-1} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (1, \mathbf{X}_i^T)^T \{\hat{Y}_i - Y_i\} + o_P(n^{-1/2}) \\
&= \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (|\tilde{Y}_i^\rho| - |Y_i^\rho|) \frac{E[(1, \mathbf{X}^T)^T Y]}{\rho E(|Y^\rho|)} + o_P(n^{-1/2}) \\
&= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{|\tilde{Y}_i^\rho| - |Y_i^\rho|}{\rho E(|Y^\rho|)} (\alpha_0, \boldsymbol{\beta}_0^T)^T + o_P(n^{-1/2}) \\
&= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (\phi^\rho(U_i) - 1) \frac{|Y_i^\rho|}{\rho E(|Y^\rho|)} (\alpha_0, \boldsymbol{\beta}_0^T)^T + o_P(n^{-1/2}).
\end{aligned} \tag{A.18}$$

Moreover, e_{s+1} is a $(p+1)$ -dimensional vector with 1 in the $s+1$ -th position and 0's elsewhere, $s = 1, \dots, p$,

$$\begin{aligned}
T_{n,3} &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathbf{B}_n^{-1} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (1, \hat{\mathbf{X}}_i^T)^T (\hat{\mathbf{X}}_i - \mathbf{X}_i)^T \boldsymbol{\beta}_0 \\
&= \mathbf{B}_n^{-1} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (1, \mathbf{X}_i^T)^T (\hat{\mathbf{X}}_i - \mathbf{X}_i)^T \boldsymbol{\beta}_0 + o_P(n^{-1/2}) \\
&= \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{s=1}^p (|\tilde{X}_{si}^\rho| - |X_{si}^\rho|) \frac{E[(1, \mathbf{X}^T)^T X_s] \beta_{0s}}{\rho E(|X_s^\rho|)} + o_P(n^{-1/2}) \\
&= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{s=1}^p \frac{(|\tilde{X}_{si}^\rho| - |X_{si}^\rho|)}{\rho E(|X_s^\rho|)} e_{s+1} e_{s+1}^T (\alpha_0, \boldsymbol{\beta}_0^T)^T + o_P(n^{-1/2}) \\
&= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \text{diag} \left(0, (\psi_1^\rho(U_i) - 1) \frac{|X_{1i}^\rho|}{E(\rho |X_1^\rho|)}, \dots, (\psi_p^\rho(U_i) - 1) \frac{|X_{pi}^\rho|}{\rho E(|X_p^\rho|)} \right) (\alpha_0, \boldsymbol{\beta}_0^T)^T \\
&\quad + o_P(n^{-1/2}).
\end{aligned} \tag{A.19}$$

From (A.16)-(A.19), it is easily seen that

$$\begin{aligned}
&\sqrt{n} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} \hat{\alpha} \\ \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_0 \\ \boldsymbol{\beta}_0 \end{pmatrix} \right\} \\
&= \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n \left\{ \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \mathbf{X}_i \end{pmatrix} \varepsilon_i + \frac{(\phi^\rho(U_i) - 1) |Y_i^\rho|}{\rho E(|Y^\rho|)} \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_0 \\ \boldsymbol{\beta}_0 \end{pmatrix} \right\} \\
&\quad - \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n \text{diag} \left(0, \frac{(\psi_1^\rho(U_i) - 1) |X_{1i}^\rho|}{\rho E(|X_1^\rho|)}, \dots, \frac{(\psi_p^\rho(U_i) - 1) |X_{pi}^\rho|}{\rho E(|X_p^\rho|)} \right) \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_0 \\ \boldsymbol{\beta}_0 \end{pmatrix} \\
&\quad + o_P(1).
\end{aligned} \tag{A.20}$$

According to the asymptotic expression (A.20), we have completed the proof of Theorem 2.

5. PROOF OF THEOREM 3

For $1 \leq s \leq q$, let $\hat{\phi}_{n,i}^{[s]}(\beta_0)$ be the s -component of $\hat{\phi}_{n,i}(\beta_0)$. We decompose $\hat{\phi}_{n,i}^{[s]}(\beta_0)$ into following terms:

$$\hat{\phi}_{n,i}^{[s]}(\beta_0) = (Y_i - \alpha_0 - \mathbf{X}_i^T \beta_0) X_{si} + \sum_{t=1}^7 Q_{n,it}^{[s]},$$

where,

$$\begin{aligned} Q_{n,i1}^{[s]} &= (\hat{Y}_i - Y_i) X_{si}, & Q_{n,i2}^{[s]} &= (\alpha_0 - \hat{\alpha}) X_{si}, \\ Q_{n,i3}^{[s]} &= (Y_i - \alpha_0 - \mathbf{X}_i^T \beta_0) (\hat{X}_{si} - X_{si}), \\ Q_{n,i4}^{[s]} &= \beta_0^T (\hat{\mathbf{X}}_i - \mathbf{X}_i) X_{si}, & Q_{n,i5}^{[s]} &= (\alpha_0 - \hat{\alpha}) (\hat{X}_{si} - X_{si}) \\ Q_{n,i6}^{[s]} &= (\hat{Y}_i - Y_i) (\hat{X}_{si} - X_{si}), \\ Q_{n,i7}^{[s]} &= \beta_0^T (\hat{\mathbf{X}}_i - \mathbf{X}_i) (\hat{X}_{si} - X_{si}). \end{aligned}$$

To prove Theorem 3, we need to show that

$$\max_{1 \leq i \leq n} |\hat{\phi}_{n,it}^{[s]}| = o_P(n^{1/2}), \quad t = 1, \dots, 7.$$

It is noted that for any sequence of *i.i.d* random $\{V_i, 1 \leq i \leq n\}$ and $E[V^2] \leq \infty$, we have

$$\max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \frac{|V_i|}{\sqrt{n}} \rightarrow 0, \text{ a.s.. Then,}$$

$$\max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \left| (Y_i - \alpha_0 - \mathbf{X}_i^T \beta_0) X_{si} \right| = o_P(n^{1/2}).$$

Next, for $Q_{n,i1}^{[s]}$, directly using (A.2) and (A.4), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} |Q_{n,i1}^{[s]}| &\leq \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \left| \phi(U_i) - \hat{\phi}_M(U_i) \right| \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \left| \frac{Y_i X_{si}}{\phi(U_i)} \right| \\ &\quad + O_P \left(h^4 + \frac{\log n}{nh} \right) O_P(n^{1/2}) = o_P(n^{1/2}). \end{aligned}$$

Using Theorem 2, we have $(\alpha_0 - \hat{\alpha}) = O_P(n^{-1/2})$, thus,

$$\max_{1 \leq i \leq n} |Q_{n,i2}^{[s]}| = |\alpha_0 - \hat{\alpha}| \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} |X_{si}| = o_P(n^{1/2}).$$

Similar to the proofs of $|Q_{n,i1}^{[s]}(\beta_0)|$ and $|Q_{n,i2}^{[s]}(\beta_0)|$, we have $\max_{1 \leq i \leq n} |Q_{n,ij}^{[s]}(\beta_0)| = o_P(n^{1/2})$ for $j = 3, \dots, 7$. Followed the same argument in the proof (2.14) in Owen (1991), we have $\hat{\lambda} = O_P(n^{1/2})$. Thus, $\max_{1 \leq i \leq n} |\hat{\lambda}^T \hat{\phi}_{n,i}(\beta_0)| = o_P(1)$. Using $\log(1+t) \approx t - \frac{1}{2}t^2$ for t sufficiently small, we have

$$\hat{l}(\beta_0) = 2 \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\hat{\lambda}^T \hat{\phi}_{n,i}(\beta_0) - \frac{1}{2} \{ \hat{\lambda}^T \hat{\phi}_{n,i}(\beta_0) \}^2 \right) + o_P(1). \quad (\text{A.21})$$

Note that $\hat{\lambda}$ satisfies the following equation,

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\hat{\phi}_{n,i}(\beta_0)}{1 + \hat{\lambda}^T \hat{\phi}_{n,i}(\beta_0)} = \mathbf{0}.$$

Moreover,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{0} &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\hat{\phi}_{n,i}(\beta_0)}{1 + \hat{\lambda}^T \hat{\phi}_{n,i}(\beta_0)} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \hat{\phi}_{n,i}(\beta_0) - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \hat{\phi}_{n,i}(\beta_0) \hat{\phi}_{n,i}(\beta_0)^T \hat{\lambda} \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\hat{\phi}_{n,i}(\beta_0) \{\hat{\lambda}^T \hat{\phi}_{n,i}(\beta_0)\}^2}{1 + \hat{\lambda}^T \hat{\phi}_{n,i}(\beta_0)}. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A.22})$$

The equation (A.22) and $\max_{1 \leq i \leq n} |\hat{\lambda}^T \hat{\phi}_{n,i}(\beta_0)| = o_P(1)$ entail that

$$\hat{\lambda} = \left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \hat{\phi}_{n,i}(\beta_0) \hat{\phi}_{n,i}(\beta_0)^T \right)^{-1} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \hat{\phi}_{n,i}(\beta_0) + o_P(n^{-1/2}). \quad (\text{A.23})$$

Plugging the asymptotic expression (A.23) to (A.21), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{l}(\beta_0) &= n \left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \hat{\phi}_{n,i}(\beta_0) \right)^T \left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \hat{\phi}_{n,i}(\beta_0) \hat{\phi}_{n,i}(\beta_0)^T \right)^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \hat{\phi}_{n,i}(\beta_0) \right) \\ &\quad + o_P(1). \end{aligned}$$

We obtain that

$$\hat{l}(\beta_0) = n \left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \kappa_{n,i}(\beta_0) \right)^T \left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \kappa_{n,i}(\beta_0) \kappa_{n,i}(\beta_0)^T \right)^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \kappa_{n,i}(\beta_0) \right) + o_P(1),$$

where $\kappa_{n,i}(\beta_0) = (Y_i - \alpha_0 - \mathbf{X}_i^T \beta_0) \mathbf{X}_i$ is independent and identically distributed p -dimensional random vector with zero mean.

6. PROOF OF THEOREM 4

The proof of Theorem 4 is similar to the proof of Theorem 2 in Zhang et al. (2013). We present the main step in the following. Let $K_{h,ij} = K_h(U_i - U_j)$, $\beta_{00}(U_i) = \alpha_0(U_i)$, $\tilde{X}_{0i} \equiv 1$, $i, j = 1, \dots, n$. Define

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma(U_i) &= (\beta_{00}(U_i), \beta_{01}(U_i), \dots, \beta_{0p}(U_i))^T, \\ G_{n,i} &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n \left[(1, \tilde{\mathbf{X}}_j^T)^T \right]^{\otimes 2} K_{h,ij}, \\ G_{\tilde{\mathbf{X}}}(u) &= E \left\{ \left[(1, \tilde{\mathbf{X}}^T)^T \right]^{\otimes 2} | U = u \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

Using Lemma 1, we have

$$G_{n,i} = G_{\tilde{\mathbf{X}}}(U_i) f_U(U_i) + \frac{h^2 [G_{\tilde{\mathbf{X}}}(U_i) f_U(U_i)]'' \mu_2}{2} + O_P(\tau_{n,h}), \quad (\text{A.24})$$

where $[G_{\tilde{\mathbf{X}}}(u) f_U(u)]''$ is a $(p+1) \times (p+1)$ matrix, and its (s, t) -th position element is defined as $\frac{d^2 \{e_s^T G_{\tilde{\mathbf{X}}}(u) e_t f_U(u)\}}{du^2}$. Recalling that for $i, j = 1, \dots, n$, we have

$$\tilde{Y}_j = [1, \tilde{\mathbf{X}}_j^T] (\gamma(U_j) - \gamma(U_i)) + [1, \tilde{\mathbf{X}}_j^T] \gamma(U_i) + \epsilon(U_j).$$

For $r = 0, 1, \dots, p$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& e_{r+1}^T G_{n,i}^{-1} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n (1, \widetilde{\mathbf{X}}_j^T)^T \widetilde{Y}_j K_{h,ij} \\
&= e_{r+1}^T \gamma(U_i) + e_{r+1}^T G_{n,i}^{-1} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n [(1, \widetilde{\mathbf{X}}_j^T)^T]^{\otimes 2} K_{h,ij} (\gamma(U_j) - \gamma(U_i)) \\
&\quad + e_{r+1}^T G_{n,i}^{-1} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n (1, \widetilde{\mathbf{X}}_j^T)^T K_{h,ij} \phi(U_j) \epsilon_j \\
&= e_{r+1}^T \gamma(U_i) + \mathcal{V}_{n,i,r}[1] + \mathcal{V}_{n,i,r}[2].
\end{aligned} \tag{A.25}$$

Using Lemma 1, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{V}_{n,i,r}[1] &= \frac{h^2 \mu_2}{2} e_{r+1}^T \left[\gamma''(U_i) + 2G'_{\widetilde{\mathbf{X}}}(U_i) \gamma'(U_i) f_U(U_i) + 2G_{\widetilde{\mathbf{X}}}(U_i) \gamma'(U_i) f'_U(U_i) \right] \\
&\quad + O_P(h^4 + h^2 \tau_{n,h}),
\end{aligned} \tag{A.26}$$

$$\mathcal{V}_{n,i,r}[2] = e_{r+1}^T f_U^{-1}(U_i) G_{\widetilde{\mathbf{X}}}^{-1}(U_i) \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n (1, \widetilde{\mathbf{X}}_j^T)^T K_{h,ij} \phi(U_j) \epsilon_j + O_P(h^2 \tau_{n,h}). \tag{A.27}$$

Using (A.26)-(A.27), as $nh^8 \rightarrow 0$, $\frac{\log n}{nh^2} \rightarrow 0$, Taylor expansion entails that

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{1}{n |\widetilde{X}_r^\rho|} \sum_{i=1}^n |\widetilde{X}_{ri}^\rho| \left[e_{r+1}^T G_{n,i}^{-1} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n (1, \widetilde{\mathbf{X}}_j^T)^T \widetilde{Y}_j K_{h,ij} \right]^\rho \\
&= \frac{1}{n |\widetilde{X}_r^\rho|} \sum_{i=1}^n |\widetilde{X}_{ri}^\rho| [e_{r+1}^T \gamma(U_i) + \mathcal{V}_{n,i,r}[1] + \mathcal{V}_{n,i,r}[2]]^\rho \\
&= \frac{1}{n |\widetilde{X}_r^\rho|} \sum_{i=1}^n |\widetilde{X}_{ri}^\rho| [e_{r+1}^T \gamma(U_i)]^\rho + \frac{\rho}{n |\widetilde{X}_r^\rho|} \sum_{i=1}^n |\widetilde{X}_{ri}^\rho| [e_{r+1}^T \gamma(U_i)]^{\rho-1} \mathcal{V}_{n,i,r}[1] \\
&\quad + \frac{\rho}{n |\widetilde{X}_r^\rho|} \sum_{i=1}^n |\widetilde{X}_{ri}^\rho| [e_{r+1}^T \gamma(U_i)]^{\rho-1} \mathcal{V}_{n,i,r}[2] + o_P(n^{-1/2}) \\
&\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathcal{S}_{n1,r} + \mathcal{S}_{n2,r} + \mathcal{S}_{n3,r}.
\end{aligned} \tag{A.28}$$

For $r = 0$, recalling that $\widetilde{X}_{0i} \equiv 1$ and $e_1^T \gamma(U_i) = \alpha_0 \phi(U_i)$, as $nh^4 \rightarrow 0$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& \hat{\alpha}_{Vc}^\rho - \alpha_0^\rho = \mathcal{S}_{n1,0} + \mathcal{S}_{n2,0} + \mathcal{S}_{n3,0} - \alpha_0^\rho \\
&= \alpha_0^\rho \left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \phi^\rho(U_i) - 1 \right) + \frac{\rho \alpha_0^{\rho-1} \mu_2 h^2}{2n} \sum_{i=1}^n \phi^{\rho-1}(U_i) \phi''(U_i) \\
&\quad + \frac{\rho \alpha_0^{\rho-1} \mu_2 h^2}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \phi^{\rho-1}(U_i) e_1^T \left[G'_{\widetilde{\mathbf{X}}}(U_i) \gamma'(U_i) f_U(U_i) + G_{\widetilde{\mathbf{X}}}(U_i) \gamma'(U_i) f'_U(U_i) \right] \\
&\quad + \frac{\rho \alpha_0^{\rho-1}}{n^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{\phi^{\rho-1}(U_i)}{f_U(U_i)} e_1^T G_{\widetilde{\mathbf{X}}}^{-1}(U_i) (1, \widetilde{\mathbf{X}}_j^T)^T K_{h,ij} \phi(U_j) \epsilon_j \\
&\quad + O_P(h^4 + (\log n)/(nh)) \\
&= \alpha_0^\rho \left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \phi^\rho(U_i) - 1 \right) + \frac{\rho \alpha_0^{\rho-1}}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \phi^\rho(U_i) e_1^T G_{\widetilde{\mathbf{X}}}^{-1}(U_i) (1, \widetilde{\mathbf{X}}_i^T)^T \epsilon_i + o_P(n^{-1/2}).
\end{aligned} \tag{A.29}$$

For $r \geq 1$, we choose $r = 1$ as an illustration. Note that $\tilde{X}_{1i} = \psi_1(U_i)X_{1i}$ and $e_2^T \gamma(U_i) = \beta_{01}(U_i) = \beta_{01} \frac{\phi(U_i)}{\psi_1(U_i)}$, as $nh^4 \rightarrow 0$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{S}_{n1,1} &= \frac{1}{n|\tilde{X}_1^\rho|} \sum_{i=1}^n |\tilde{X}_{1i}^\rho| [e_2^T \gamma(U_i)]^\rho = \frac{\beta_{01}^\rho}{n|\tilde{X}_1^\rho|} \sum_{i=1}^n |X_{1i}^\rho| \phi^\rho(U_i) \\ &= \frac{\beta_{01}^\rho}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{|X_{1i}^\rho|}{E|X_1^\rho|} \phi^\rho(U_i) - \frac{\beta_{01}^\rho}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{|\tilde{X}_{1i}^\rho|}{E|X_1^\rho|} - 1 \right) + o_P(n^{-1/2}) \\ &= \frac{\beta_{01}^\rho}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{|X_{1i}^\rho|}{E|X_1^\rho|} [\phi^\rho(U_i) - \psi_1^\rho(U_i)] + \beta_{01}^\rho + o_P(n^{-1/2}). \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A.30})$$

Similar to the analysis of (A.29), we have $\mathcal{S}_{n1,2} = O_P(h^2) = o_P(n^{-1/2})$ as $nh^4 \rightarrow 0$. For the term $\mathcal{S}_{n1,3}$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{S}_{n1,3} &= \frac{\rho}{n|\tilde{X}_1^\rho|} \sum_{i=1}^n |\tilde{X}_{1i}^\rho| [e_2^T \gamma(U_i)]^{\rho-1} \mathcal{V}_{n,i,1}[2] \\ &= \frac{\rho\beta_{01}^{\rho-1}}{n^2|\tilde{X}_1^\rho|} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n |X_{1i}^\rho| \psi_1(U_i) \frac{\phi^{\rho-1}(U_i)}{f_U(U_i)} e_2^T G_{\tilde{\mathbf{X}}}^{-1}(U_i) (1, \tilde{\mathbf{X}}_j^T)^T K_{h,ij} \phi(U_j) \epsilon_j \\ &\quad + o_P(n^{-1/2}) \\ &= \frac{\rho\beta_{01}^{\rho-1}}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \psi_1(U_i) \phi^\rho(U_i) e_2^T G_{\tilde{\mathbf{X}}}^{-1}(U_i) (1, \tilde{\mathbf{X}}_i^T)^T \epsilon_i + o_P(n^{-1/2}). \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A.31})$$

According to (A.30)-(A.31), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\beta}_{Vc,1}^\rho - \beta_{01}^\rho &= \frac{\beta_{01}^\rho}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{|X_{1i}^\rho|}{E|X_1^\rho|} [\phi^\rho(U_i) - \psi_1^\rho(U_i)] \\ &\quad + \frac{\rho\beta_{01}^{\rho-1}}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \psi_1(U_i) \phi^\rho(U_i) e_2^T G_{\tilde{\mathbf{X}}}^{-1}(U_i) (1, \tilde{\mathbf{X}}_i^T)^T \epsilon_i + o_P(n^{-1/2}). \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A.32})$$

Using Taylor expansion and Delta theorem, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\alpha}_{Vc} - \alpha_0 &= \frac{\alpha_0^{1-\rho}}{\rho} (\hat{\alpha}_{Vc}^\rho - \alpha_0^\rho) + o_P(n^{-1/2}) \\ &= \frac{\alpha_0}{\rho} \left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \phi^\rho(U_i) - 1 \right) + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \phi^\rho(U_i) e_1^T G_{\tilde{\mathbf{X}}}^{-1}(U_i) (1, \tilde{\mathbf{X}}_i^T)^T \epsilon_i + o_P(n^{-1/2}), \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A.33})$$

and similarly,

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\beta}_{Vc,1} - \beta_{01} &= \frac{\beta_{01}^{1-\rho}}{\rho} (\hat{\beta}_{Vc,1}^\rho - \beta_{01}^\rho) + o_P(n^{-1/2}) \\ &= \frac{\beta_{01}}{\rho} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{|X_{1i}^\rho|}{E|X_1^\rho|} [\phi^\rho(U_i) - \psi_1^\rho(U_i)] \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \psi_1(U_i) \phi^\rho(U_i) e_2^T G_{\tilde{\mathbf{X}}}^{-1}(U_i) (1, \tilde{\mathbf{X}}_i^T)^T \epsilon_i + o_P(n^{-1/2}) \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A.34})$$

Recalling that $G_{\tilde{\mathbf{X}}}(u) = \check{\boldsymbol{\psi}}(u)\boldsymbol{\Sigma}\check{\boldsymbol{\psi}}(u)$, where $\check{\boldsymbol{\psi}}(u) = \text{diag}(1, \psi_1(u), \dots, \psi_p(u))$, together with (A.33)-(A.34), we have $G_{\tilde{\mathbf{X}}}^{-1}(u) = \check{\boldsymbol{\psi}}^{-1}(u)\boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1}\check{\boldsymbol{\psi}}^{-1}(u)$ and

$$\begin{aligned} & \begin{pmatrix} \hat{\alpha}_{\text{Vc}} - \alpha_0 \\ \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_{\text{Vc}} - \boldsymbol{\beta}_0 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n [\phi^\rho(U_i) - 1] \text{diag} \left(\frac{1}{\rho}, \frac{|X_{1i}^\rho|}{\rho E|X_1^\rho|}, \dots, \frac{|X_{pi}^\rho|}{\rho E|X_p^\rho|} \right) \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_0 \\ \boldsymbol{\beta}_0 \end{pmatrix} \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \left(0, \frac{[\psi_1^\rho(U_i) - 1]|X_{1i}^\rho|}{\rho E|X_1^\rho|}, \dots, \frac{[\psi_p^\rho(U_i) - 1]|X_{pi}^\rho|}{\rho E|X_p^\rho|} \right) \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_0 \\ \boldsymbol{\beta}_0 \end{pmatrix} \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \phi^\rho(U_i) \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \mathbf{X}_i \end{pmatrix} \epsilon_i + o_P(n^{-1/2}). \end{aligned} \tag{A.35}$$

The asymptotic normality of Theorem 4 is obtained from (A.35).

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