# Supplemental Appendix for "Inference for Two-Stage Extremum Estimators"

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#### **Abstract**

This supplemental appendix includes additional results and technical details omitted from the main text. Section S.1 discusses primitive conditions of some high-level assumptions introduced in the paper. Section S.2 provides technical details regarding our simulation study, including a description of how we approximate the asymptotic distributions. Section S.3 presents detailed results of our empirical application with network data.

### S.1 Online Appendix-Proofs

## S.1.1 Consistency of Plug-in Estimators

We impose lower-level assumptions that result in a consistent plug-in estimator. For notational ease, we omit  $\mathbf{y}_n$  and  $\mathbf{X}_n$  in  $Q_n(\boldsymbol{\theta},\ \mathbf{y}_n,\ \mathbf{X}_n,\ \mathbf{B})$  and we simply write  $Q_n(\boldsymbol{\theta},\ \mathbf{B})$ . We also write  $q_i(\boldsymbol{\theta},\ \boldsymbol{\beta}_i)$  instead of  $q(\boldsymbol{\theta},\ y_i,\ \boldsymbol{x}_i,\ \boldsymbol{\beta}_i)$ . For any  $\boldsymbol{\theta} \in \boldsymbol{\Theta}$  and  $a, \tau > 0$ , we define

$$\mathcal{H}_i(a,\tau) = \sup_{\|\boldsymbol{\beta}_i - \boldsymbol{\beta}_{0,i}\| < \tau} \frac{|q_i(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \, \boldsymbol{\beta}_i) - q_i(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \, \boldsymbol{\beta}_{0,i})|}{\|\boldsymbol{\beta}_i - \boldsymbol{\beta}_{0,i}\|^a},$$

where  $\|.\|$  is the  $\ell^2$ -norm.

**Assumption S.1** (Primitive Conditions for Assumption 2.3).

- (i)  $\Theta$  is a compact subset and  $\theta_0$  is an interior point of  $\Theta$ .
- (ii) The function  $Q_n(\theta, \mathbf{B}_0)$  converges uniformly in probability (across  $\theta \in \Theta$ ) to a nonstochastic function

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 $Q_0(\boldsymbol{\theta})$  that is maximized only at  $\boldsymbol{\theta}_0$ .

- (iii) For any  $\theta \in \Theta$ , there exists constants  $a(\theta)$ ,  $\tau(\theta) > 0$ , such that,  $\max_i \mathcal{H}_i(a(\theta), \tau(\theta)) = O_p(1)$ .
- (iv) There exists a sequence of neighborhoods  $\mathcal{O}(\beta_{0,1}), \ldots, \mathcal{O}(\beta_{0,n})$ , such that  $\partial_{\theta}q_i(\theta, \beta_i)$  is  $O_p(1)$ , uniformly across  $\theta \in \Theta$ ,  $\beta_i \in \mathcal{O}(\beta_{0,i})$  and i, that is,  $\max_{\theta \in \Theta, \beta_i \in \mathcal{O}(\beta_{0,i}), i \leqslant n} \|\partial_{\theta}q_i(\theta, \beta_i)\| = O_p(1)$ .

The compactness restriction in Condition (i) allows for the plug-in estimator to converge in its support. Condition (ii) is a classical identification condition also required for a standard M-estimator. Importantly, this condition does not involve the estimator  $\hat{\mathbf{B}}_n$ . It is an identification condition that is set at the true  $\mathbf{B}_0$ . Condition (iii) implies that  $|q_i(\theta, \beta_i) - q_i(\theta, \beta_{0,i})| \leq \|\beta_i - \beta_{0,i}\|^{a(\theta)} O_p(1)$  for all i and  $\|\beta_i - \beta_{0,i}\| < \tau(\theta)$ . A similar assumption is also imposed by Cattaneo et al. (2019) and requires  $q_i(\theta, \beta_i)$  to be smooth in  $\beta_i$ . We use this condition and the uniform convergence of  $\hat{\beta}_{n,i}$  (Assumption 2.1) to show that  $Q_n(\theta, \hat{\mathbf{B}}_n) - Q_n(\theta, \mathbf{B}_0)$  converges in probability to 0 for each  $\theta$ . Condition (iv) allows us to generalize this point-wise convergence to a uniform convergence.

**Proposition S.1.** Under Assumptions 2.1, 2.2, and S.1, the estimator  $\hat{\theta}_n$  converges in probability to  $\theta_0$ .

*Proof.* The proof is performed in two steps.

**Step 1**: We show that  $Q_n(\theta, \hat{\mathbf{B}}_n)$  converges uniformly in probability to  $Q_0(\theta)$ .

For any  $\theta$ , we have  $|Q_n(\theta, \hat{\mathbf{B}}_n) - Q_0(\theta)| \leq |Q_n(\theta, \hat{\mathbf{B}}_n) - Q_n(\theta, \mathbf{B}_0)| + |Q_n(\theta, \mathbf{B}_0) - Q_0(\theta)|$ . Since  $Q_n(\theta, \mathbf{B}_0) - Q_0(\theta)$  converges uniformly in probability in  $\theta$  to 0 (Condition (ii) of Assumption S.1), it is sufficient to show that  $Q_n(\theta, \hat{\mathbf{B}}_n) - Q_n(\theta, \mathbf{B}_0)$  also converges uniformly in probability in  $\theta$  to 0.

By Assumption 2.1, for n large enough,  $\max_{i} \|\hat{\beta}_{n,i} - \beta_{0,i}\| < \tau(\theta)$  with probability approaching one. Thus, by Condition (iii) of Assumption S.1,

$$|q_i(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \, \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_{n,i}) - q_i(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \, \boldsymbol{\beta}_{0,i})| \leq ||\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_{n,i} - \boldsymbol{\beta}_{0,i}||^{a(\boldsymbol{\theta})} \max_{i} \mathcal{H}_i(a(\boldsymbol{\theta}), \tau(\boldsymbol{\theta})) \quad \text{for all } i$$

with probability approaching one. As  $|Q_n(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \hat{\mathbf{B}}_n) - Q_n(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{B}_0)| \leq \max_i |q_i(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_{n,i}) - q_i(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \boldsymbol{\beta}_{0,i})|$ , this implies that

$$|Q_n(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \hat{\mathbf{B}}_n) - Q_n(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{B}_0)| \le \max_i ||\boldsymbol{\beta}_i - \boldsymbol{\beta}_{0,i}||^{a(\boldsymbol{\theta})} \max_i \mathcal{H}_i(a(\boldsymbol{\theta}), \tau(\boldsymbol{\theta}))$$

with probability approaching one. As a result  $Q_n(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \hat{\mathbf{B}}_n) - Q_n(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{B}_0)$  converges in probability to zero because  $\max_i \|\boldsymbol{\beta}_i - \boldsymbol{\beta}_{0,i}\|^{a(\boldsymbol{\theta})} = o_p(1)$  and  $\max_i \mathcal{H}_i(a(\boldsymbol{\theta}), \tau(\boldsymbol{\theta})) = O_p(1)$ .

To show that the convergence is uniform, we apply the mean value theorem to  $Q_n(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \hat{\mathbf{B}}_n) - Q_n(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{B}_0)$  with respect to  $\boldsymbol{\theta}$ . For any  $\tilde{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \in \boldsymbol{\Theta}$ , we have

$$Q_n(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \, \hat{\mathbf{B}}_n) - Q_n(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \, \mathbf{B}_0) - \left(Q_n(\tilde{\boldsymbol{\theta}}, \, \hat{\mathbf{B}}_n) - Q_n(\tilde{\boldsymbol{\theta}}, \, \mathbf{B}_0)\right) = (\boldsymbol{\theta} - \tilde{\boldsymbol{\theta}})' \hat{\boldsymbol{Q}}_n,$$

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Note that  $\partial_{\theta}q_i(\theta, \beta_i)$  is be bounded in probability for each i as it must have finite moments. Consequently, one can find a neighborhood  $\mathcal{O}(\beta_{0,i})$  such  $\max_{\theta \in \Theta, \ \beta_i \in \mathcal{O}(\beta_{0,i})} \|\partial_{\theta}q_i(\theta, \ \beta_i)\|$  is bounded in probability. The additional requirement of Condition (iv) is that the bound is uniform across i as n grows to infinity.

where  $\hat{\boldsymbol{Q}}_n = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \partial_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \left( q_i(\boldsymbol{\theta}_n^+, \, \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_{n,i}) - q_i(\boldsymbol{\theta}_n^+, \, \boldsymbol{\beta}_{0,i}) \right)$ , for some  $\boldsymbol{\theta}_n^+$  that lies between  $\boldsymbol{\theta}$  and  $\tilde{\boldsymbol{\theta}}$ . Thus,  $|Q_n(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \, \hat{\mathbf{B}}_n) - Q_n(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \, \hat{\mathbf{B}}_n) - Q_n(\tilde{\boldsymbol{\theta}}, \, \hat{\mathbf{B}}_n) - Q_n(\tilde{\boldsymbol{\theta}}, \, \hat{\mathbf{B}}_n) \right)| \leq \|\hat{\boldsymbol{Q}}_n\| \|\boldsymbol{\theta} - \tilde{\boldsymbol{\theta}}\|.$ 

As  $\hat{Q}_n = O_p(1)$  (Condition (iv) of Assumption S.1) and  $\Theta$  is compact, it follows from Lemma 2.9 of Newey and McFadden (1994) that  $Q_n(\theta, \hat{\mathbf{B}}_n) - Q_n(\theta, \mathbf{B}_0)$  converges uniformly in probability to 0.

**Step 2:** We establish the consistency of the estimator  $\hat{\theta}_n$ .

Let  $\mathcal{O}(\boldsymbol{\theta}_0)^c$  be the complement of  $\mathcal{O}(\boldsymbol{\theta}_0)$  in  $\boldsymbol{\Theta}$ . Note that  $\mathcal{O}(\boldsymbol{\theta}_0)^c$  is nonempty and compact and  $\max_{\boldsymbol{\theta} \in \mathcal{O}(\boldsymbol{\theta}_0)^c} Q_0(\boldsymbol{\theta})$  exists. Let  $\delta = Q_0(\boldsymbol{\theta}_0) - \max_{\boldsymbol{\theta} \in \mathcal{O}(\boldsymbol{\theta}_0)^c} Q_0(\boldsymbol{\theta})$  and  $J_n = \{|Q_n(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \hat{\mathbf{B}}_n) - Q_0(\boldsymbol{\theta})| < \delta/2$ , for all  $\boldsymbol{\theta}$ . We know that  $Q_0(\boldsymbol{\theta})$  is uniquely maximized at  $\boldsymbol{\theta}_0$  and that  $\boldsymbol{\theta}_0 \notin \mathcal{O}(\boldsymbol{\theta}_0)^c$ . Thus  $\delta > 0$ . Moreover, since  $Q_n(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \hat{\mathbf{B}}_n)$  converges uniformly in probability to  $Q_0(\boldsymbol{\theta})$ , we have  $\lim \mathbb{P}(J_n) = 1$ .

$$J_n \implies \left\{ Q_0(\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_n) > Q_n(\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_n, \hat{\mathbf{B}}_n) - \delta/2 \right\} \cap \left\{ Q_n(\boldsymbol{\theta}_0, \hat{\mathbf{B}}_n) > Q_0(\boldsymbol{\theta}_0) - \delta/2 \right\} \tag{S.1}$$

As  $\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_n = \operatorname{argmax}_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} Q_n(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \, \hat{\mathbf{B}}_n)$ , we also have  $Q_n(\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_n, \, \hat{\mathbf{B}}_n) \geqslant Q_n(\boldsymbol{\theta}_0, \, \hat{\mathbf{B}}_n)$ . Thus,  $\left\{Q_0(\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_n) > Q_n(\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_n, \hat{\mathbf{B}}_n) - \delta/2\right\}$  implies  $\left\{Q_0(\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_n) > Q_n(\boldsymbol{\theta}_0, \hat{\mathbf{B}}_n) - \delta/2\right\}$ . It follows from (S.1) that

$$J_n \implies \left\{ Q_0(\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_n) > Q_n(\boldsymbol{\theta}_0, \hat{\mathbf{B}}_n) - \delta/2 \right\} \cap \left\{ Q_n(\boldsymbol{\theta}_0, \hat{\mathbf{B}}_n) > Q_0(\boldsymbol{\theta}_0) - \delta/2 \right\},$$

$$J_n \implies \left\{ Q_0(\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_n) > Q_0(\boldsymbol{\theta}_0) - \delta \right\}. \tag{S.2}$$

As  $\delta = Q_0(\theta_0) - \max_{\theta \in \mathcal{O}(\theta_0)^c} Q_0(\theta)$ , it turns out from (S.2) that

$$J_n \implies \left\{ Q_0(\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_n) > \max_{\boldsymbol{\theta} \in \mathcal{O}(\boldsymbol{\theta}_0)^c} Q_0(\boldsymbol{\theta}) \right\},$$

$$J_n \implies \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_n \in \mathcal{O}(\boldsymbol{\theta}_0). \tag{S.3}$$

As  $\lim \mathbb{P}(J_n) = 1$ , then (S.3) implies that  $\lim \mathbb{P}(\hat{\theta}_n \in \mathcal{O}(\theta_0)) = 1$ . This is true for any open subset  $\mathcal{O}(\theta_0)$  that contains  $\theta_0$ . As a result,  $\hat{\theta}_n$  converges in probability to  $\theta_0$ .

# **S.1.2** Primitive Conditions for Assumption 4.2

For notational ease, let  $\ddot{q}_i(\boldsymbol{\theta},\ \boldsymbol{\beta}_i) = \partial_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}\partial_{\boldsymbol{\theta}'}q(\boldsymbol{\theta},\ y_i,\ \boldsymbol{x}_i,\ \boldsymbol{\beta}_i)$ . For any  $\boldsymbol{\theta} \in \boldsymbol{\Theta}$  and  $a, \tau > 0$ , we define

$$\ddot{\mathcal{H}}_i(a,\tau) = \sup_{\left(\|\boldsymbol{\theta} - \boldsymbol{\theta}_0\| + \|\boldsymbol{\beta}_i - \boldsymbol{\beta}_{0,i}\|\right)^a < \tau} \frac{\|\ddot{q}_i(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \, \boldsymbol{\beta}_i) - \ddot{q}_i(\boldsymbol{\theta}_0, \, \boldsymbol{\beta}_{0,i})\|}{\left(\|\boldsymbol{\theta} - \boldsymbol{\theta}_0\| + \|\boldsymbol{\beta}_i - \boldsymbol{\beta}_{0,i}\|\right)^a}.$$

We impose lower-level conditions that imply Assumption 4.2.

Assumption S.2 (Primitive Conditions for Assumption 4.2).

- (i) The matrix  $\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \ddot{q}_{i}(\boldsymbol{\theta}_{0}, \boldsymbol{\beta}_{0,i})$  converges in probability to a finite nonsingular matrix  $\mathbf{A}_{0}$  defined by  $\lim \mathbb{E}(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \ddot{q}_{i}(\boldsymbol{\theta}_{0}, \boldsymbol{\beta}_{0,i}))$ .
- (ii) There exists constants  $a^*$ ,  $\tau^* > 0$  such that  $\max_i \ddot{\mathcal{H}}_i(a^*, \tau^*) = O_p(1)$ .

Condition (i) imposes that  $\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \ddot{q}_{i}(\boldsymbol{\theta}_{0}, \boldsymbol{\beta}_{0,i})$  converges in to  $\lim \mathbb{E}\left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \ddot{q}_{i}(\boldsymbol{\theta}_{0}, \boldsymbol{\beta}_{0,i})\right)$ . This condition is classical as in the case of a single-step estimator. It does not involve any estimator and can be implied by the weak law of large numbers (WLLN). For  $\ddot{q}_{i}(\boldsymbol{\theta}_{0}, \boldsymbol{\beta}_{0,i})$ 's dependent across i, WLLN for

dependent processes can be used. Condition (ii) is similar to Condition (iii) of Assumption S.1. It requires  $\ddot{q}_i(\theta, \beta_i)$  to be smooth in both  $\beta_i$  and  $\theta$ , uniformly in i.

**Proposition S.2.** Under Assumptions 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, S.1 and S.2, the Hessian of the objective function evaluated at any consistent estimator  $\boldsymbol{\theta}_n^+$ , given by  $\frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^n\ddot{q}_i(\boldsymbol{\theta}_n^+,\,\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_{n,i})$ , converges in probability to a finite nonsingular matrix  $\mathbf{A}_0 = \lim \mathbb{E}\left(\frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^n\ddot{q}_i(\boldsymbol{\theta}_0,\,\boldsymbol{\beta}_{0,i})\right)$ .

*Proof.* By Assumption 2.1, for n large enough,  $\|\boldsymbol{\theta}_n^+ - \boldsymbol{\theta}_0\| + \max_i \|\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_{n,i} - \boldsymbol{\beta}_{0,i}\| < \tau^*$  with probability approaching one. Thus,  $\|\ddot{q}_i(\boldsymbol{\theta}_n^+, \, \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_{n,i}) - \ddot{q}_i(\boldsymbol{\theta}_0, \, \boldsymbol{\beta}_{0,i})\| \leq (\|\boldsymbol{\theta}_n^+ - \boldsymbol{\theta}_0\| + \|\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_{n,i} - \boldsymbol{\beta}_{0,i}\|)^{a^*} \max_i \ddot{\mathcal{H}}_i(a^*, \tau^*)$ , for all i, with probability approaching one.

As  $\|\frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^n\ddot{q}_i(\boldsymbol{\theta}_n^+,\ \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_{n,i}) - \frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^n\ddot{q}_i(\boldsymbol{\theta}_0,\ \boldsymbol{\beta}_{0,i})\| \leqslant \max_i \|\ddot{q}_i(\boldsymbol{\theta}_n^+,\ \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_{n,i}) - \ddot{q}_i(\boldsymbol{\theta}_0,\ \boldsymbol{\beta}_{0,i})\|$ , it follows that  $\|\frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^n\ddot{q}_i(\boldsymbol{\theta}_n^+,\ \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_{n,i}) - \frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^n\ddot{q}_i(\boldsymbol{\theta}_0,\ \boldsymbol{\beta}_{0,i})\| \leqslant (\|\boldsymbol{\theta}_n^+ - \boldsymbol{\theta}_0\| + \max_i \|\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_{n,i} - \boldsymbol{\beta}_{0,i}\|)^{a^*} \max_i \ddot{\mathcal{H}}_i(a^*,\tau^*)$  with probability approaching one, where  $\|\boldsymbol{\theta}_n^+ - \boldsymbol{\theta}_0\| + \max_i \|\boldsymbol{\beta}_i - \boldsymbol{\beta}_{0,i}\|^{a(\boldsymbol{\theta})} = o_p(1)$  and  $\max_i \ddot{\mathcal{H}}_i(a^*,\tau^*) = O_p(1)$ . As a result,  $\frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^n\ddot{q}_i(\boldsymbol{\theta}_n^+,\ \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_{n,i}) - \frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^n\ddot{q}_i(\boldsymbol{\theta}_0,\ \boldsymbol{\beta}_{0,i}) = o_p(1)$ . Given that  $\frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^n\ddot{q}_i(\boldsymbol{\theta}_0,\ \boldsymbol{\beta}_{0,i})$  converges in probability to a finite nonsingular matrix  $\mathbf{A}_0$ , the result follows.

### S.2 Supplementary Materials on the Simulation Study

This section provides a detailed explanation of the method used to estimate the asymptotic variance and the asymptotic cumulative distribution function (CDF) of the plug-in estimators in the simulation study. Our replication code available at <a href="https://github.com/ahoundetoungan/InferenceTSE">https://github.com/ahoundetoungan/InferenceTSE</a> implements this method. We also present the estimates of the asymptotic CDF of the debiased estimators.

## S.2.1 Asymptotic Variance and Asymptotic CDF

#### DGPs A and B

DGP A is a treatment effect model with endogeneity. The model is defined as follows:

$$y_i = \theta_0 d_i + \varepsilon_i$$
,  $d_i = \mathbb{1}\{z_i > 0.5(\varepsilon_i + 1.2)\}$ ,  $z_i \sim \text{Uniform}[0, 1]$ ,  $\varepsilon_i \sim \text{Uniform}[-1, 1]$ ,

where  $d_i$  is a treatment status indicator,  $z_i$  is an instrument for the treatment and  $\theta_0 = 1$ . In the first stage, we perform two OLS regressions: a regression of  $y_i$  on  $z_i = (1, z_i)'$  and another regression of  $d_i$  on  $z_i$ . For DGP B, the vector of regressors in the first stage is  $z_i = (1, z_{1,i}, \ldots, z_{k_n,i})'$ .

Let  $\hat{\gamma}_n^{(y)}$  and  $\hat{\gamma}_n^{(d)}$  be the respective OLS estimators and let  $\hat{\gamma}_n = (\hat{\gamma}_n^{(y)\prime}, \; \hat{\gamma}_n^{(d)\prime})'$  be the joint first-stage estimator. Let also  $\hat{\nu}_i^{(y)}$  and  $\hat{\nu}_i^{(d)}$  be the residuals of the regressions; that is,  $\hat{\nu}_i^{(y)} = y_i - z_i' \hat{\gamma}_n^{(y)}$  and  $\hat{\nu}_i^{(d)} = d_i - z_i' \hat{\gamma}_n^{(d)}$ . We define  $z_i^{(\nu)} = (\hat{\nu}_i^{(y)} z_i', \; \hat{\nu}_i^{(d)} z_i')'$ . The estimator of the asymptotic distribution of  $\hat{\gamma}_n$  is a normal distribution with mean  $\hat{\gamma}_n$  and covariance matrix  $\hat{\mathbb{V}}(\hat{\gamma}_n) = \frac{1}{n} \hat{\mathbf{H}}_n^{-1} \hat{\mathbf{J}}_n \hat{\mathbf{H}}_n^{-1}$ , where

$$\hat{\mathbf{H}}_n = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \operatorname{diag}(\sum_{i=1}^n z_i z_i', \sum_{i=1}^n z_i z_i')$$
 and  $\hat{\mathbf{J}}_n = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n z_i^{(\nu)} z_i^{(\nu)'}$ .

The notation diag stands for the bloc diagonal matrix operator. In the second stage, the objective function to be maximized is  $Q_n(\theta, \mathbf{y}_n, \hat{\mathbf{B}}_n) = -\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (z_i' \hat{\boldsymbol{\gamma}}_n^{(y)} - \theta z_i' \hat{\boldsymbol{\gamma}}_n^{(d)})^2$ , where  $\hat{\mathbf{B}}_n = (\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_{n,1}, \ldots, \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_{n,n})'$  and  $\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_{n,i} = (z_i' \hat{\boldsymbol{\gamma}}_n^{(y)}, z_i' \hat{\boldsymbol{\gamma}}_n^{(d)})'$ . This implies that  $\dot{\boldsymbol{q}}_n(\mathbf{y}_n, \hat{\mathbf{B}}_n) = \frac{2}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n z_i' \hat{\boldsymbol{\gamma}}_n^{(d)}(z_i' \hat{\boldsymbol{\gamma}}_n^{(y)} - \theta_0 z_i' \hat{\boldsymbol{\gamma}}_n^{(d)})$ . We define the following expressions:

$$\hat{A}_n = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (z_i' \hat{\gamma}_n^{(d)})^2$$
 and  $\hat{\mathcal{E}}_{n,s} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n z_i' \hat{\gamma}_n^{(d,s)} (z_i' \hat{\gamma}_n^{(y,s)} - \hat{\theta}_n z_i' \hat{\gamma}_n^{(d,s)}),$ 

where  $(\hat{\gamma}_n^{(y,1)\prime},\ \hat{\gamma}_n^{(d,1)\prime})',\ \dots,\ (\hat{\gamma}_n^{(y,\kappa)\prime},\ \hat{\gamma}_n^{(d,\kappa)\prime})' \overset{i.i.d}{\sim} N(\hat{\gamma}_n,\ \hat{\mathbb{V}}(\hat{\gamma}_n))$ . Let  $\hat{\psi}_{n,s} = \frac{\hat{\mathcal{E}}_{n,s}}{\hat{A}_n}$ . The asymptotic CDF of  $\sqrt{n}(\hat{\theta}_n - \theta_0)$  can be estimated by the empirical CDF of the sample:  $\{\hat{\psi}_{n,s},\ s=1,\ \dots,\ \kappa\}$ . The estimator of the asymptotic variance of  $\hat{\theta}_n$  is

$$\hat{\mathbb{V}}(\hat{\theta}_n) = \frac{\sum_{s=1}^{\kappa} (\hat{\mathcal{E}}_{n,s} - \hat{\mathbb{E}}(\mathcal{E}_n))^2}{n(\kappa - 1)\hat{A}_n^2},$$

where  $\hat{\mathbb{E}}(\mathcal{E}_n) = \frac{1}{\kappa} \sum_{s=1}^{\kappa} \hat{\mathcal{E}}_{n,s}$ . The debiased estimator is given by

$$\theta_{n,\kappa}^* = \hat{\theta}_n - \hat{\mathbb{E}}(\mathcal{E}_n) / (\sqrt{n}\hat{A}_n).$$

Let  $\hat{\psi}_{n,s}^* = \frac{\hat{\mathcal{E}}_{n,s}^* - \hat{\mathbb{E}}(\mathcal{E}_n^*)}{\hat{A}_n^*}$ , where  $\hat{A}_n^*$ ,  $\hat{\mathcal{E}}_{n,s}^*$ , and  $\hat{\mathbb{E}}(\mathcal{E}_n^*)$  are defined as  $\hat{A}_n$ ,  $\hat{\mathcal{E}}_{n,s}$ , and  $\hat{\mathbb{E}}(\mathcal{E}_n)$ , respectively, with the difference that they are computed using  $\theta_{n,\kappa}^*$  and not  $\hat{\theta}_n$ . We can estimate the asymptotic CDF of  $\sqrt{n}(\theta_{n,\kappa}^* - \theta_0)$  by the empirical CDF of the sample:  $\{\hat{\psi}_{n,s}^*, \ s = 1, \dots, \ \kappa\}$ .

#### **DGPC**

DGP C is a Poisson model with a latent covariate that is defined as:

 $y_i \sim \operatorname{Poisson}(\exp(\theta_{0,1} + \theta_{0,2}p_i)), \quad p_i = \sin^2(\pi z_i), \quad z_i \sim \operatorname{Uniform}[0,\ 10], \quad d_i \sim \operatorname{Bernoulli}(p_i),$  where  $p_i$  is an unobserved probability and  $\theta_0 = (\theta_{0,1},\ \theta_{0,2})' = (0.5,\ 2)'.$  The practitioner observes the pairs  $(y_i,\ z_i)$  for all i but only observes  $d_i$  for a representative subsample of size  $n^* \leqslant n$ . In the first stage,  $p_i = \mathbb{E}(d_i|z_i)$  is estimated using a generalized additive model (GAM) of  $d_i$  on  $z_i$  in the subsample of size  $n^*$  where  $d_i$  is observed. The GAM involves approximating  $p_i$  by piecewise polynomial functions of  $z_i$ . We consider cubic polynomial functions on the intervals  $[0,\ 0.5],\ \dots,\ [9.5,\ 10]$ . This approach can thus be regarded as an OLS regression of  $d_i$  on numerous explanatory variables called bases, which are computed from  $z_i$ . We can write  $\hat{p}_i = h(z_i,\ \hat{\gamma}_n)$ , where h is a piecewise cubic polynomial function and  $\hat{\gamma}_n$  is the OLS estimator. The regression results can be used to compute  $\hat{p}_i$  for any i in the full sample because we observe  $z_i$  of all i. The estimator of the asymptotic distribution of  $\hat{\gamma}_n$  is a normal distribution with mean  $\hat{\gamma}_n$  and the standard OLS variance denoted  $\hat{\mathbb{V}}(\hat{\theta}_n)$ .

In the second stage, we perform a maximum likelihood (ML) estimation by assuming that  $y_i$  follows a Poisson distribution with mean  $\exp(\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}'_{n,i}\boldsymbol{\theta})$ , where  $\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_{n,i}=(1,\ \hat{p}_i)$ . The objective function is thus given by  $Q_n(\theta_0,\ \mathbf{y}_n,\ \hat{\mathbf{B}}_n)=\frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^n\left(y_i\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}'_{n,i}\boldsymbol{\theta}-\exp(\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}'_{n,i}\boldsymbol{\theta})\right)$  and  $\dot{\boldsymbol{q}}_n(\mathbf{y}_n,\ \hat{\mathbf{B}}_n)=\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}\sum_{i=1}^n\left(y_i-\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}'_{n,i}\boldsymbol{\theta}\right)$ 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>See HASTIE, T. J. (2017): "Generalized additive models," in *Statistical models in S*, Routledge, 249–307.

 $\exp(\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}'_{n,i}\boldsymbol{\theta}_0))\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_{n,i}$ . Therefore,

$$\hat{\mathbf{A}}_{n} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \exp \left( \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_{n,i}' \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_{n} \right) \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_{n,i} \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_{n,i}', \quad \hat{\mathbf{V}}_{n} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \exp \left( \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_{n,i}' \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_{n} \right) \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_{n,i} \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_{n,i}', \quad \text{and} \quad \hat{\boldsymbol{\mathcal{E}}}_{n,s} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \left( \exp \left( \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_{n,i}^{(s)'} \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_{n} \right) - \exp \left( \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_{n,i}^{(s)'} \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_{n} \right) \right) \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_{n,i}^{(s)},$$

where 
$$\hat{\beta}_{n,i}^{(s)} = h(z_i, \hat{\gamma}_n^{(s)})$$
, for  $s = 1, \ldots, \kappa$ , and  $\hat{\gamma}_n^{(1)}, \ldots, \hat{\gamma}_n^{(\kappa)} \stackrel{i.i.d}{\sim} N(\hat{\gamma}_n, \hat{\mathbb{V}}(\hat{\gamma}_n))$ .

Let  $\hat{\psi}_{n,s} = \hat{\mathbf{A}}_n^{-1} \hat{\mathbf{V}}_n^{1/2} \boldsymbol{\zeta}_s + \hat{\mathbf{A}}_n^{-1} \hat{\mathcal{E}}_{n,s}$ , where  $\boldsymbol{\zeta}_1, \ldots, \boldsymbol{\zeta}_{\kappa} \stackrel{i.i.d}{\sim} N(0, \boldsymbol{I}_{K_{\theta}})$ . The asymptotic CDF of  $\sqrt{n}(\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_n - \boldsymbol{\theta}_0)$  can be estimated by the empirical CDF of the sample:  $\{\hat{\psi}_{n,s}, s = 1, \ldots, \kappa\}$ . The asymptotic variance of  $\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_n$  is estimated by

$$\hat{\mathbb{V}}(\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_n) = \frac{\hat{\mathbf{A}}_n^{-1} \hat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_n^{\kappa} \hat{\mathbf{A}}_n^{-1}}{n},$$

where  $\hat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_{n}^{\kappa} = \hat{\mathbf{V}}_{n} + \frac{1}{\kappa-1} \sum_{s=1}^{\kappa} (\hat{\mathcal{E}}_{n,s} - \hat{\boldsymbol{\Omega}}_{n}^{\kappa})(\hat{\mathcal{E}}_{n,s} - \hat{\boldsymbol{\Omega}}_{n}^{\kappa})'$  and  $\hat{\boldsymbol{\Omega}}_{n}^{\kappa} = \frac{1}{\kappa} \sum_{s=1}^{\kappa} \hat{\mathcal{E}}_{n,s}$ . The debiased estimator is given by

$$\boldsymbol{\theta}_{n,\kappa}^* = \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_n - \hat{\mathbf{A}}_n^{-1} \hat{\boldsymbol{\Omega}}_n^{\kappa} / \sqrt{n}.$$

Let  $\hat{\psi}_{n,s}^* = (\hat{\mathbf{A}}_n^*)^{-1} (\hat{\mathbf{V}}_n^*)^{1/2} \boldsymbol{\zeta}_s + (\hat{\mathbf{A}}_n^*)^{-1} (\hat{\mathcal{E}}_{n,s}^* - \hat{\boldsymbol{\Omega}}_n^{*\kappa})$ , where  $\hat{\mathbf{A}}_n^*$ ,  $\hat{\mathbf{V}}_n^*$ ,  $\hat{\mathcal{E}}_{n,s}^*$ , and  $\hat{\boldsymbol{\Omega}}_n^{*\kappa}$  are respectively defined as  $\hat{\mathbf{A}}_n$ ,  $\hat{\mathbf{V}}_n$ ,  $\hat{\mathcal{E}}_{n,s}$ , and  $\hat{\boldsymbol{\Omega}}_n^{\kappa}$ , with the difference that they are computed using  $\boldsymbol{\theta}_{n,\kappa}^*$  and not  $\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_n$ . We can estimate the asymptotic CDF of  $\sqrt{n}(\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_n^* - \boldsymbol{\theta}_0)$  by the empirical CDF of the sample:  $\{\hat{\boldsymbol{\psi}}_{n,s}^*, s = 1, \ldots, \kappa\}$ .

#### DGP D

DGP D is a copula-based multivariate time-series model. We consider  $k_n$  returns  $y_{1,i}, \ldots, y_{k_n,i}$ , where i is time and  $k_n \ge 2$ . Each  $y_{p,i}$ , for  $p = 2, \ldots, k_n$ , follows an AR(1)-GARCH(1, 1) model, such that

$$y_{p,i} = \phi_{p,0} + \phi_{p,1}y_{p,i-1} + \sigma_{p,i}\varepsilon_{p,i}, \quad \sigma_{p,i}^2 = \beta_{p,0} + \beta_{p,1}\sigma_{p,i-1}^2\varepsilon_{p,i-1}^2 + \beta_{p,2}\sigma_{p,i-1}^2,$$

where  $\phi_{p,0}=0$ ,  $\phi_{p,i-1}=0.4$ ,  $\beta_{p,0}=0.05$ ,  $\beta_{p,1}=0.05$ ,  $\beta_{p,2}=0.9$ , and  $\varepsilon_{p,i}$  follows a standardized Student distribution of degree-of-freedom  $\nu_p=6$ . We account for the correlation between the returns using the Clayton copula. The joint density function of  $y_i=(y_{1,i},\ldots,y_{p,i})'$  conditional on  $\mathcal{F}^{i-1}$  is given by  $c_i(G_{1,i}(\boldsymbol{\beta}_{0,1}),\ldots,G_{k_n,i}(\boldsymbol{\beta}_{0,k_n}),\theta_0)$ , where  $\boldsymbol{\beta}_{0,p}=(\phi_{p,0},\phi_{p,1},\beta_{p,0},\beta_{p,1},\beta_{p,2},\nu_p)'$ ,  $G_{p,i}(\boldsymbol{\beta}_{0,p})$  is the CDF of  $y_{p,i}$  conditional on  $\mathcal{F}^{i-1}$ , and  $c_i$  is the probability density function (PDF) of  $k_n$ -dimensional Clayton copula of parameter  $\theta_0=4$ . A multi-stage estimation strategy can be used to estimate  $\theta_0$ . In the first  $k_n$  stages, we separately estimate each  $\boldsymbol{\beta}_{0,p}$  by applying an AR(1)-GARCH(1, 1) model to the sample  $y_{p,1},\ldots,y_{p,n}$ .

$$\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_{n,p} = \arg \max_{\boldsymbol{\beta}_p} \ell_p := \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \underbrace{\log g_{p,i}(\boldsymbol{\beta}_p)}_{\ell_{p,i}}, \text{ for } p = 1, \dots, k_n,$$

where  $g_{p,i}(\beta_{0,p})$  is the PDF of  $y_{p,i}$  conditional on  $\mathcal{F}^{i-1}$ . Let  $\hat{\beta}_n$  be the estimator  $\beta_0 := (\beta'_{0,1}, \ldots, \beta'_{0,k_n})'$ . The estimator of the asymptotic distribution of  $\hat{\beta}_n$  is a normal distribution with mean  $\hat{\beta}_n$  and variance

given by  $\hat{\mathbb{V}}(\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_n) = \frac{1}{n}\hat{\mathbf{H}}_n^{-1}\hat{\mathbf{J}}_n\hat{\mathbf{H}}_n^{-1}$ , where

$$\hat{\mathbf{H}}_n = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \operatorname{diag}(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial \boldsymbol{\beta}' \partial \boldsymbol{\beta}} \ell_{1,i}, \dots, \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \boldsymbol{\beta}' \partial \boldsymbol{\beta}} \ell_{k_n,i}) \quad \text{and} \quad \hat{\mathbf{J}}_n = \mathbb{V}_{\text{HAC}}(\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n (\hat{c}_{\boldsymbol{\beta}'} \ell_{1,i}, \dots, \hat{c}_{\boldsymbol{\beta}'} \ell_{k_n,i})').$$

The notation  $V_{HAC}$  is the heteroskedasticity and autocorrelation consistent (HAC) covariance matrix to account for the serial correlation.<sup>3</sup> In the HAC approach, we use the quadratic spectral kernel and set the bandwidth to  $\frac{3}{4}n^{1/3}$ . The gradient and the Hessian of the likelihood  $\ell_{p,i}$  do not have a closed form. Fortunately, they can be approximated numerically in most statistical software.

In the last stage, we estimate  $\theta_0$  by ML after replacing  $\boldsymbol{\beta}_0$  in the density function of  $y_i$  with  $\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_n$ . Let  $q_{n,i}(\theta,\,\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_n) = \log\left(c_i(G_{1,i}(\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_{n,1}),\,\ldots,\,G_{k_n,i}(\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_{n,k_n}),\,\theta)\right)$ , where  $\log c_i(u_1,\,\ldots,\,u_{k_n},\theta) = \sum_{p=1}^{k_n-1}\log(p\theta+1) - (\theta+1)\sum_{p=1}^{k_n}\log u_p - (k_n+\frac{1}{\theta})\log(\sum_{p=1}^{k_n}u_p^{-\theta}-k_n+1)$ . The objective function is  $Q_n(\theta,\,\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_n) = \frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^n q_{n,i}(\theta,\,\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_n)$ . To compute  $\hat{c}_\theta q_{n,i}(\theta_0,\,\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_n)$  and  $\frac{\hat{c}^2}{\hat{c}\theta^2}q_{n,i}(\theta_0,\,\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_n)$ , we need the first and second derivatives of  $\log c_i(u_1,\,\ldots,\,u_{k_n},\theta)$  that can be expressed as follows:

$$\hat{\partial}_{\theta} \log c_{i}(u_{1}, \dots, u_{k_{n}}, \theta) = \sum_{p=1}^{k_{n}-1} \frac{p}{p\theta+1} - \sum_{p=1}^{k_{n}} \log u_{p} + \frac{\log(\sum_{p=1}^{k_{n}} u_{p}^{-\theta} - k_{n} + 1)}{\theta^{2}} + \frac{(k_{n} + \frac{1}{\theta}) \sum_{p=1}^{k_{n}} u_{p}^{-\theta} \log u_{p}}{\sum_{p=1}^{k_{n}} u_{p}^{-\theta} - k_{n} + 1} + \frac{\partial^{2}}{(k_{n} + \frac{1}{\theta}) (\sum_{p=1}^{k_{n}} u_{p}^{-\theta} - k_{n} + 1)}{(\sum_{p=1}^{k_{n}} u_{p}^{-\theta} - k_{n} + 1)^{2}} - \frac{(k_{n} + \frac{1}{\theta}) \sum_{p=1}^{k_{n}} u_{p}^{-\theta} (\log u_{p})^{2}}{\sum_{p=1}^{k_{n}} u_{p}^{-\theta} - k_{n} + 1} - \sum_{p=1}^{k_{n}} \left(\frac{p}{p\theta+1}\right)^{2} - \frac{2\sum_{p=1}^{k_{n}} u_{p}^{-\theta} - \log u_{p}}{\theta^{2} (\sum_{p=1}^{k_{n}} u_{p}^{-\theta} - k_{n} + 1)} - \frac{2\log(\sum_{p=1}^{k_{n}} u_{p}^{-\theta} - k_{n} + 1)}{\theta^{3}}.$$

We define the following expressions:  $\hat{A}_n = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\hat{\sigma}^2}{\hat{\sigma}\theta} q_{n,i}(\hat{\theta}_n, \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_n)$ ,  $\hat{V}_n = \mathbb{V}_{\text{HAC}}(\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n \hat{\sigma}_\theta q_{n,i}(\hat{\theta}_n, \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_n))$ , and  $\hat{\mathcal{E}}_{n,s} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n \hat{\sigma}_\theta q_{n,i}(\hat{\theta}_n, \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_n^{(s)})$ , where  $\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_n^{(1)}, \ldots, \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_n^{(\kappa)} \stackrel{i.i.d}{\sim} N(\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_n, \hat{\mathbb{V}}(\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_n))$ . Let  $\hat{\psi}_{n,s} = \frac{\sqrt{\hat{V}_n} \zeta_s + \hat{\mathcal{E}}_{n,s}}{\hat{A}_n}$ , where  $\zeta_1, \ldots, \zeta_\kappa$  are independent variables from N(0,1). The asymptotic CDF of  $\sqrt{n}(\hat{\theta}_n - \theta_0)$  can be estimated by the empirical CDF of the sample:  $\{\hat{\psi}_{n,s}, s = 1, \ldots, \kappa\}$ . The estimator of the asymptotic variance of  $\hat{\theta}_n$  is

$$\hat{\mathbb{V}}(\hat{\theta}_n) = \frac{1}{n\hat{A}_n^2} (\hat{V}_n + \frac{1}{\kappa - 1} \sum_{s=1}^{\kappa} (\hat{\mathcal{E}}_{n,s} - \hat{\mathbb{E}}(\mathcal{E}_n))^2),$$

where  $\hat{\mathbb{E}}(\mathcal{E}_n)=\frac{1}{\kappa}\sum_{s=1}^{\kappa}\hat{\mathcal{E}}_{n,s}.$  The debiased estimator is given by

$$\theta_{n,\kappa}^* = \hat{\theta}_n - \hat{\mathbb{E}}(\mathcal{E}_n)/(\sqrt{n}\hat{A}_n).$$

Let  $\hat{\psi}_{n,s}^* = \frac{\sqrt{\hat{V}_n^*}\zeta_s + \hat{\mathcal{E}}_{n,s}^* - \hat{\mathbb{E}}(\mathcal{E}_n^*)}{\hat{A}_n^*}$ , where  $\hat{A}_n^*$ ,  $\hat{V}_n^*$ ,  $\hat{\mathcal{E}}_{n,s}^*$ , and  $\hat{\mathbb{E}}(\mathcal{E}_n^*)$  are defined as  $\hat{A}_n$ ,  $\hat{V}_n$ ,  $\hat{\mathcal{E}}_{n,s}$ , and  $\hat{\mathbb{E}}(\mathcal{E}_n)$ , respectively, with the difference that they are computed using  $\theta_{n,\kappa}^*$  and not  $\hat{\theta}_n$ . We can estimate the asymptotic CDF of  $\sqrt{n}(\theta_{n,\kappa}^* - \theta_0)$  by the empirical CDF of the sample:  $\{\hat{\psi}_{n,s}, \ s = 1, \dots, \kappa\}$ .

### S.2.2 Estimates of the Asymptotic Distribution of the Debiased Estimators

This section presents the estimates of the asymptotic CDF of  $\Delta_{n,\kappa}^* := \sqrt{n}(\theta_{n,\kappa}^* - \theta_0)$ , where  $\theta_{n,\kappa}^*$  is the debiased estimator. In contrast to the case of the classical plug-in estimator, the true sampling CDFs are asymptotically centered at zero because  $\mathbb{E}(\Delta_{n,\kappa}^*)$  converges to zero asymptotically. Overall, the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>See ANDREWS, D. W. (1991): "Heteroskedasticity and autocorrelation consistent covariance matrix estimation," *Econometrica: Journal of the Econometric Society*, 59, 817–858.

results demonstrate that the estimator of the CDF of  $\Delta_{n,\kappa}^*$ , as outlined in Theorem 4.3, performs well.

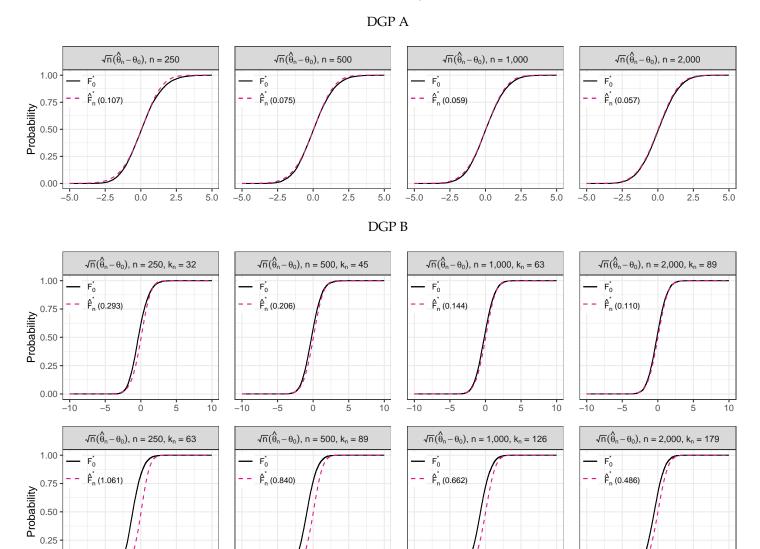


Figure S.5: Monte Carlo Simulations: Estimates of asymptotic CDFs (DGPs A and B)

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This figure displays average estimates of the asymptotic CDF of  $\sqrt{n}(\boldsymbol{\theta}_{n,\kappa}^* - \theta_0)$  for DGPs A and B.  $F_0^*$  represents the true sampling CDF whereas  $\hat{F}_n^*$  corresponds to the average estimate of the CDF using our simulation approach. The  $L_1$ -Wasserstein distance between each estimated CDF and  $F_0^*$  is enclosed in parentheses.

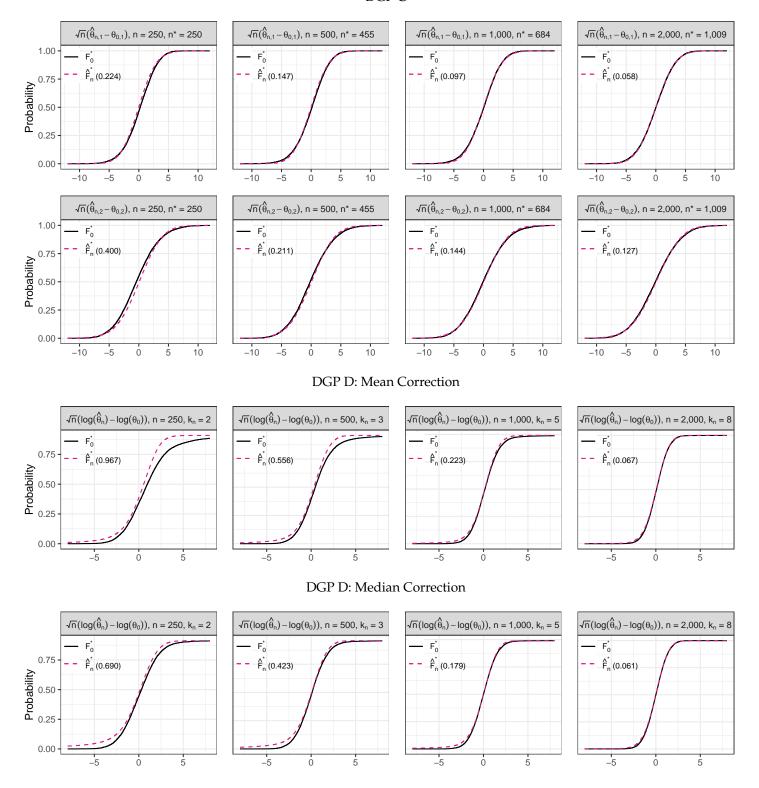


Figure S.6: Monte Carlo Simulations: Estimates of asymptotic CDFs (DGPs C and D)

This figure displays average estimates of the asymptotic CDF of  $\sqrt{n}(\boldsymbol{\theta}_{n,\kappa}^* - \theta_0)$  for DGPs A and B.  $F_0^*$  represents the true sampling CDF whereas  $\hat{F}_n^*$  corresponds to the average estimate of the CDF using our simulation approach. The  $L_1$ -Wasserstein distance between each estimated CDF and  $F_0^*$  is enclosed in parentheses.

### S.3 Supplementary Materials on the Application

# S.3.1 Data Summary

Our dependent variable is the weekly fast-food consumption frequency, measured by the reported frequency (in days) of fast-food restaurant visits in the past week. We control for 25 observable characteristics in  $\mathbf{X}_r$  such as students' gender, grade, race, weekly allowance, and parent's education and occupation. On average, students report consuming fast food 2.35 days per week. (see Table S.1).

Table S.1: Data Summary

Statistic	Mean	St. Dev.	Min	Max
Fast food consumption	2.353	1.762	0	7
Female	0.501	0.500	0	1
Age	16.628	1.554	12	21
Hispanic	0.200	0.400	0	1
Grade 7–8	0.100	0.300	0	1
Grade 9-10	0.230	0.421	0	1
Grade 11–12	0.533	0.499	0	1
Race (White)				
Black	0.142	0.349	0	1
Asian	0.138	0.345	0	1
Other	0.117	0.321	0	1
With parents	0.675	0.468	0	1
Allowance per week	7.893	11.609	0	95
Mother Education (High school)				
< High school	0.146	0.353	0	1
> High school and not graduated	0.173	0.378	0	1
> High school and graduated	0.226	0.418	0	1
Missing	0.124	0.330	0	1
Father Education (High school)				
< High school	0.124	0.329	0	1
> High school and not graduated	0.137	0.344	0	1
> High school and graduated	0.202	0.402	0	1
Missing	0.284	0.451	0	1
Mother Job (None)				
Professional	0.157	0.364	0	1
Other	0.623	0.485	0	1
Missing	0.088	0.283	0	1
Father Job (None)				
Professional	0.053	0.223	0	1
Other	0.663	0.473	0	1
Missing	0.240	0.427	0	1

This table presents the mean, standard deviation (St. Dev.), minimum, and maximum of the variables used in the empirical application. For the categorical explanatory variables, the level in parentheses is set as the reference level. "With parents" is a dummy variable taking 1 if the student lives with their mother and father.

### S.3.2 Estimation and Inference

The following table displays the full results of estimations of the peer effect model.

Table S.2: Estimation Results: OLS approach

Fixed Effects	N	Jo	Yes		
	Coef	Sd. Err	Coef Sd. Err		
Peer effects: $\theta_{0,1}$	0.192	0.031	0.150	0.032	
Individual characteristics: $\theta_{0,2}$					
Female	-0.158	0.075	-0.161	0.074	
Age	0.109	0.040	0.083	0.040	
Hispanic	0.289	0.130	0.103	0.147	
Grade 7–8	-0.033	0.257	0.102	0.260	
Grade 9-10	0.020	0.168	0.020	0.169	
Grade 11-12	0.258	0.116	0.205	0.117	
Race (White)					
Black	0.075	0.145	-0.085	0.167	
Asian	0.302	0.144	0.134	0.167	
Other	-0.118	0.138	-0.145	0.139	
With parents	-0.001	0.134	0.002	0.134	
Allowance per week	0.001	0.003	0.002	0.003	
Mother Education (High ashool)	0.008	0.003	0.000	0.005	
Mother Education (High school)	0.101	0.110	0.004	0.110	
< High school	0.101	0.119	0.084	0.119	
> High school and non graduated	0.054	0.100	0.023	0.100	
> High school and graduated	0.132	0.106	0.086	0.106	
Missing	-0.035	0.191	-0.103	0.190	
Father Education (High school)					
< High school	-0.251	0.128	-0.244	0.127	
> High school and non graduated	-0.100	0.112	-0.112	0.112	
> High school and graduated	-0.005	0.109	-0.038	0.110	
Missing	0.016	0.186	-0.024	0.186	
Mother Job (None)					
Professional	0.015	0.133	-0.007	0.133	
Other	0.065	0.101	0.061	0.101	
Missing	0.376	0.227	0.441	0.226	
Father Job (None)	0.010	0.221	0.111	0.220	
Professional	-0.247	0.224	-0.281	0.223	
Other	-0.247 $-0.230$	0.224 $0.165$	-0.231 $-0.234$	0.223 $0.164$	
	-0.250 $-0.252$	0.103 $0.250$	-0.234 $-0.228$	0.104 $0.250$	
Missing	-0.202	0.200	-0.220	0.200	
Contextual peer effects: $\theta_{0,3}$					
Female	0.044	0.120	-0.001	0.121	
Age	-0.030	0.022	-0.008	0.023	
Hispanic	-0.091	0.195	-0.189	0.203	
Grade 7–8	-0.268	0.274	-0.281	0.277	
Grade 9–10	-0.189	0.209	-0.107	0.209	
Grade 11–12	-0.028	0.189	0.028	0.188	
Race (White)	0.020	0.100	0.020	0.100	
Black	0.165	0.198	0.129	0.206	
Asian	-0.118	0.187	-0.123	0.196	
Other	-0.511	0.228	-0.470	0.228	
With parents	-0.199	0.216	-0.230	0.218	
Allowance per week	0.006	0.005	0.003	0.005	
Mother Education (High school)					
< High school	0.417	0.196	0.359	0.196	
> High school and non graduated	-0.163	0.170	-0.226	0.171	
> High school and graduated	-0.065	0.178	-0.189	0.180	
Missing	-0.288	0.373	-0.386	0.372	
Father Education (High school)					
< High school	-0.090	0.216	-0.111	0.217	
> High school and non graduated	0.140	0.176	0.084	0.179	
> High school and graduated	0.093	0.177	0.052	0.182	
Missing	0.289	0.324	0.278	0.324	
Mother Job (None)	0.200	0.921	0.210	J.021	
Professional	-0.217	0.223	-0.246	0.224	
Other	-0.249	0.171	-0.272	0.172	
M:!	-0.193	0.427	-0.105	0.428	
Missing	0.100				
Father Job (None)		0.5==			
Father Job (None) Professional	0.484	0.370	0.111	0.376	
Father Job (None)		$0.370 \\ 0.268 \\ 0.424$	0.111 $0.238$ $-0.116$	0.376 $0.274$ $0.430$	

For the categorical variables, the level in parentheses is set as the reference level.

Table S.3: Estimation Results: Classical and Optimal GMM approaches

Model Fixed Effects	CIV No		CIV Yes		OIV No		OIV Yes	
Tracu Effects	Coef	Sd. Err	Coef	Sd. Err	Coef	Sd. Err	Coef	Sd. Err
Peer effects: $\theta_{0,1}$	0.149	0.160	0.081	0.169	-0.065	0.287	0.016	0.208
Individual characteristics: $oldsymbol{ heta}_{0,2}$								
Female	-0.156	0.075	-0.158	0.075	-0.145	0.077	-0.154	0.075
Age	0.111	0.040	0.085	0.040	0.121	0.042	0.087	0.041
Hispanic	0.288	0.130	0.095	0.148	0.284	0.132	0.088	0.149
Grade 7–8 Grade 9–10	-0.033 $0.019$	$0.258 \\ 0.168$	$0.105 \\ 0.018$	$0.260 \\ 0.169$	$-0.035 \\ 0.017$	$0.261 \\ 0.171$	$0.108 \\ 0.016$	$0.261 \\ 0.169$
Grade 11–12	0.258	0.116	0.203	0.117	0.261	0.111	0.201	0.117
Race (White)	0.200	0.220	0.200		0.202	0	0.202	
Black	0.073	0.145	-0.091	0.168	0.066	0.147	-0.097	0.168
Asian	0.305	0.144	0.133	0.167	0.318	0.147	0.132	0.167
Other	-0.123	0.139	-0.153	0.141	-0.144	0.142	-0.160	0.142
With parents	-0.008	0.136	-0.006	0.135	-0.042	0.143	-0.015	0.137
Allowance per week Mother Education (High school)	0.008	0.003	0.006	0.003	0.008	0.003	0.006	0.003
< High school	0.102	0.120	0.085	0.119	0.110	0.121	0.087	0.119
> High school and not graduated	0.057	0.100	0.025	0.100	0.070	0.103	0.026	0.101
> High school and graduated	0.131	0.106	0.082	0.107	0.128	0.108	0.079	0.107
Missing	-0.045	0.194	-0.121	0.195	-0.094	0.204	-0.138	0.198
Father Education (High school)								
< High school	-0.252	0.128	-0.246	0.127	-0.260	0.130	-0.247	0.128
> High school and not graduated	-0.100	0.112	-0.113	0.112	-0.101	0.113	-0.114	0.112
> High school and graduated	-0.006 $0.019$	0.109	-0.040	0.111	-0.011	0.111	-0.042	0.111
Missing Mother Job (None)	0.019	0.187	-0.020	0.186	0.037	0.190	-0.017	0.186
Professional	0.011	0.134	-0.014	0.134	-0.009	0.137	-0.021	0.135
Other	0.066	0.101	0.061	0.101	0.069	0.103	0.061	0.102
Missing	0.381	0.228	0.452	0.228	0.404	0.232	0.463	0.229
Father Job (None)								
Professional	-0.242	0.224	-0.278	0.224	-0.219	0.228	-0.274	0.224
Other Missing	$-0.225 \\ -0.255$	$0.165 \\ 0.251$	-0.228 $-0.230$	$0.165 \\ 0.250$	-0.203 $-0.267$	$0.169 \\ 0.254$	-0.222 $-0.231$	$0.166 \\ 0.251$
Contextual peer effects: $\theta_{0.3}$								
Female	0.037	0.123	-0.013	0.124	0.003	0.130	-0.024	0.126
Age	-0.025	0.029	0.001	0.031	0.000	0.040	0.009	0.034
Hispanic	-0.075	0.203	-0.169	0.209	0.002	0.222	-0.150	0.213
Grade 7–8	-0.264	0.274	-0.273	0.278	-0.246	0.278	-0.266	0.279
Grade 9–10 Grade 11–12	-0.186 $-0.011$	$0.209 \\ 0.199$	-0.099 $0.056$	$0.210 \\ 0.201$	$-0.174 \\ 0.073$	$0.212 \\ 0.222$	-0.092 $0.083$	$0.211 \\ 0.207$
Race (White)	-0.011	0.199	0.056	0.201	0.073	0.222	0.065	0.207
Black	0.172	0.199	0.141	0.208	0.205	0.205	0.153	0.209
Asian	-0.106	0.192	-0.101	0.202	-0.047	0.205	-0.082	0.206
Other	-0.519	0.230	-0.483	0.230	-0.560	0.237	-0.495	0.232
With parents	-0.212	0.221	-0.247	0.222	-0.276	0.235	-0.264	0.224
Allowance per week	0.007	0.006	0.004	0.005	0.009	0.006	0.004	0.006
Mother Education (High school)	0.400	0.107	0.950	0.106	0.490	0.000	0.950	0.107
< High school > High school and not graduated	$0.420 \\ -0.159$	$0.197 \\ 0.170$	$0.359 \\ -0.223$	$0.196 \\ 0.172$	$0.438 \\ -0.139$	$0.200 \\ 0.174$	$0.359 \\ -0.220$	$0.197 \\ 0.172$
> High school and graduated	-0.159 -0.053	0.170	-0.223 -0.178	0.172	0.010	0.174 $0.199$	-0.220 $-0.168$	0.172
Missing	-0.264	0.383	-0.351	0.382	-0.146	0.409	-0.319	0.387
Father Education (High school)								
< High school	-0.112	0.231	-0.144	0.231	-0.223	0.264	-0.175	0.239
> High school and not graduated	0.124	0.186	0.054	0.193	0.043	0.209	0.025	0.201
> High school and graduated	0.082	0.181	0.035	0.186	0.029	0.192	0.020	0.189
Missing	0.282	0.325	0.265	0.326	0.251	0.331	0.254	0.327
Mother Job (None) Professional	-0.225	0.225	-0.262	0.227	-0.265	0.232	-0.276	0.229
Other	-0.225 -0.245	$0.225 \\ 0.172$	-0.262 $-0.268$	0.227 $0.173$	-0.203 -0.227	0.232 $0.175$	-0.276 $-0.265$	0.229 $0.173$
Missing	-0.209	0.431	-0.125	0.431	-0.286	0.445	-0.144	0.433
Father Job (None)		-	-	-		-		
Professional	0.501	0.375	0.119	0.377	0.587	0.392	0.125	0.378
Other	0.382	0.273	0.256	0.277	0.452	0.287	0.273	0.280
Missing	0.061	0.429	-0.091	0.434	0.146	0.444	-0.067	0.438

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Table S.4: Estimation Results: Many Instrument Approaches

Model Fixed Effects		IV-MI No		IV-MI Yes		DIV-MI No		DIV-MI Yes	
rixed Effects	Coef	Sd. Err							
Peer effects: $\theta_{0,1}$	0.276	0.063	0.208	0.067	0.300	0.063	0.218	0.067	
Individual characteristics: $ heta_{0,2}$									
Female	-0.162	0.072	-0.164	0.070	-0.163	0.072	-0.165	0.070	
Age	0.105	0.038	0.082	0.038	0.104	0.038	0.082	0.038	
Hispanic Grade 7–8	$0.290 \\ -0.032$	$0.126 \\ 0.252$	$0.109 \\ 0.100$	$0.135 \\ 0.241$	$0.290 \\ -0.030$	$0.126 \\ 0.252$	$0.110 \\ 0.102$	$0.135 \\ 0.241$	
Grade 9–10	0.032	0.252 $0.157$	0.100 $0.021$	0.241 $0.154$	0.020	0.252 $0.157$	0.102	0.241 $0.154$	
Grade 11–12	0.257	0.118	0.207	0.119	0.255	0.118	0.209	0.119	
Race (White)									
Black	0.078	0.147	-0.080	0.158	0.080	0.147	-0.078	0.158	
Asian	0.297	0.134	0.135	0.151	0.296	0.134	0.136	0.151	
Other	-0.110	0.129	-0.138	0.128	-0.108	0.129	-0.135	0.128	
With parents	0.012	0.128	0.010	0.127	0.016	0.129	0.011	0.128	
Allowance per week Mother Education (High school)	0.008	0.003	0.006	0.003	0.008	0.003	0.006	0.003	
< High school	0.098	0.113	0.082	0.114	0.097	0.114	0.082	0.114	
> High school and not graduated	0.048	0.093	0.022	0.093	0.047	0.094	0.021	0.093	
> High school and graduated	0.133	0.095	0.089	0.094	0.134	0.095	0.089	0.094	
Missing	-0.015	0.179	-0.088	0.178	-0.008	0.179	-0.085	0.178	
Father Education (High school)									
< High school	-0.248	0.114	-0.243	0.112	-0.247	0.114	-0.244	0.112	
> High school and not graduated	-0.100	0.102	-0.111	0.102	-0.100	0.102	-0.111	0.102	
> High school and graduated	-0.003	$0.103 \\ 0.180$	-0.036 $-0.027$	0.105	-0.004	$0.103 \\ 0.180$	-0.035	$0.105 \\ 0.179$	
Missing Mother Job (None)	0.009	0.160	-0.027	0.179	0.007	0.100	-0.025	0.179	
Professional	0.023	0.122	-0.001	0.124	0.024	0.122	0.002	0.124	
Other	0.064	0.093	0.060	0.095	0.063	0.093	0.062	0.095	
Missing	0.366	0.216	0.432	0.213	0.362	0.216	0.429	0.213	
Father Job (None)									
Professional	-0.256	0.192	-0.284	0.196	-0.261	0.192	-0.286	0.196	
Other Missing	-0.238 $-0.248$	$0.136 \\ 0.230$	-0.239 $-0.227$	$0.139 \\ 0.231$	-0.241 $-0.246$	$0.137 \\ 0.230$	-0.239 $-0.226$	$0.139 \\ 0.231$	
Contextual peer effects: $\theta_{0.3}$									
Female	0.058	0.111	0.010	0.112	0.062	0.111	0.013	0.112	
Age	-0.040	0.020	-0.015	0.021	-0.043	0.020	-0.016	0.021	
Hispanic	-0.121	0.167	-0.206	0.180	-0.129	0.167	-0.210	0.180	
Grade 7–8	-0.275	0.241	-0.287	0.241	-0.279	0.241	-0.286	0.242	
Grade 9–10 Grade 11–12	-0.194 $-0.061$	$0.179 \\ 0.171$	-0.114 $0.003$	$0.180 \\ 0.173$	-0.193 $-0.067$	$0.179 \\ 0.172$	-0.112 $0.003$	$0.180 \\ 0.173$	
Race (White)	-0.001	0.171	0.003	0.175	-0.007	0.172	0.003	0.175	
Black	0.152	0.190	0.119	0.197	0.147	0.190	0.113	0.197	
Asian	-0.141	0.173	-0.139	0.181	-0.149	0.173	-0.145	0.181	
Other	-0.495	0.177	-0.459	0.180	-0.489	0.177	-0.456	0.180	
With parents	-0.174	0.194	-0.215	0.198	-0.165	0.194	-0.215	0.198	
Allowance per week	0.005	0.005	0.003	0.005	0.005	0.005	0.003	0.005	
Mother Education (High school)	0.410	0.190	0.250	0.177	0.400	0.100	0.261	0.177	
< High school > High school and not graduated	$0.410 \\ -0.171$	$0.180 \\ 0.147$	$0.359 \\ -0.229$	$0.177 \\ 0.146$	$0.409 \\ -0.173$	$0.180 \\ 0.147$	$0.361 \\ -0.228$	$0.177 \\ 0.146$	
> High school and graduated	-0.171 -0.090	0.147 $0.161$	-0.229 -0.199	0.146	-0.173 -0.096	0.147 $0.162$	-0.228 $-0.199$	0.140 $0.167$	
Missing	-0.335	0.351	-0.415	0.354	-0.345	0.352	-0.419	0.354	
Father Education (High school)									
< High school	-0.046	0.182	-0.083	0.180	-0.031	0.183	-0.082	0.180	
> High school and not graduated	0.172	0.155	0.110	0.158	0.184	0.156	0.115	0.158	
> High school and graduated	0.113	0.157	0.065	0.163	0.122	0.158	0.065	0.163	
Missing Mother Job (None)	0.301	0.241	0.288	0.243	0.308	0.241	0.289	0.242	
Professional	-0.202	0.200	-0.233	0.201	-0.196	0.200	-0.231	0.201	
Other	-0.252 -0.256	0.200 $0.150$	-0.233 -0.276	$0.201 \\ 0.153$	-0.190 -0.254	0.250 $0.150$	-0.231 -0.275	0.201 $0.153$	
Missing	-0.163	0.385	-0.088	0.384	-0.150	0.386	-0.082	0.384	
Father Job (None)									
Professional	0.450	0.289	0.105	0.298	0.438	0.289	0.106	0.298	
Other	$0.341 \\ 0.010$	$0.187 \\ 0.322$	$0.223 \\ -0.137$	$0.199 \\ 0.332$	$0.332 \\ 0.000$	$0.187 \\ 0.322$	$0.219 \\ -0.142$	$0.198 \\ 0.331$	
Missing									

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