

POPULATION EMPIRICAL LIKELIHOOD FOR NONPARAMETRIC INFERENCE IN SURVEY SAMPLING

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Supplementary Material

In this supplement material, we provided proofs for Theorems in the paper.

S1 Proof of Theorem 1

We first prove the consistency of $(\hat{\theta}, \hat{\lambda})$. Let

$$\hat{Q}_1(\theta, \lambda) = \frac{1}{n_B} \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{I_i \pi_i^{-1} f_N U_i(\theta)}{1 + \lambda' \Psi_i}, \quad \hat{Q}_2(\theta, \lambda) = \frac{1}{n_B} \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{\Psi_i}{1 + \lambda' \Psi_i}, \quad (\text{S1.1})$$

where $f_N = n_B/N$, $\Psi_i = f_N ((I_i \pi_i^{-1} - 1), I_i \pi_i^{-1} (h'_i - \bar{h}'_N))'$. Let $\hat{\lambda} = \rho \delta$, where $\|\delta\| = 1$, so according to (S1.1), we have

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \left\| n_B^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{\Psi_i}{1 + \hat{\lambda}' \Psi_i} \right\| \geq \left| n_B^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{\delta' \Psi_i}{1 + \rho \delta' \Psi_i} \right| \\ &= \left| n_B^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{\delta' \Psi_i (1 + \rho \delta' \Psi_i - \rho \delta' \Psi_i)}{1 + \rho \delta' \Psi_i} \right| \\ &= \left| n_B^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^N \delta' \Psi_i - n_B^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{\rho \delta' \Psi_i \Psi_i' \delta}{1 + \rho \delta' \Psi_i} \right| \\ &\geq \left| \left| n_B^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^N \delta' \Psi_i \right| - \left| n_B^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{\rho \delta' \Psi_i \Psi_i' \delta}{1 + \rho \delta' \Psi_i} \right| \right|. \end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \frac{1}{n_B} \sum_{i=1}^N \delta' \Psi_i \right| &= \left| \frac{1}{n_B} \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{\rho \delta' \Psi_i \Psi_i' \delta}{1 + \rho \delta' \Psi_i} \right| \\ &\geq \left| \delta' \frac{1}{n_B} \sum_{i=1}^N \Psi_i \Psi_i' \delta \right| \frac{|\rho|}{1 + |\rho| u^*}, \end{aligned} \quad (\text{S1.2})$$

where $u^* = \max_{i \in A} \|\Psi_i\|$.

Under assumption (C3), we have $n_B^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^N \Psi_i \Psi_i' = \Sigma_\Psi + o_p(1)$, and Σ_Ψ is a positive definite matrix. Let λ_p be the smallest eigenvalue of Σ_Ψ , then $\lambda_p > 0$. So, the following holds

$$|\delta' n_B^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^N \Psi_i \Psi_i' \delta| \geq \lambda_p + o_p(1). \quad (\text{S1.3})$$

In addition, according to Assumption (C3),

$$\frac{1}{n_B} \sum_{i=1}^N \delta' \Psi_i = O_p(n_B^{-1/2}). \quad (\text{S1.4})$$

By (S1.2), (S1.3), (S1.4) and assumptions (C5), (C6),

$$\lambda_p |\rho| = O_p(n_B^{-1/2}) + o_p(|\rho|).$$

Thus, we have $|\rho| = O_p(n_B^{-1/2})$, which means $\|\hat{\lambda}\| = O_p(n_B^{-1/2})$.

Because $\max_{i \in A} |\hat{\lambda}' \Psi_i| = O_p(n_B^{-1/2}) o_p(n_B) = o_p(1)$ and assumption (C4), we can apply Taylor expansion and get

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \frac{1}{n_B} \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{f_N I_i \pi_i^{-1} U_i(\hat{\theta})}{1 + \hat{\lambda}' \Psi_i} \\ &= \frac{1}{n_B} \sum_{i=1}^N f_N I_i \pi_i^{-1} U_i(\hat{\theta}) - \left\{ \frac{1}{n_B} \sum_{i=1}^N f_N I_i \pi_i^{-1} U_i(\hat{\theta}) \Psi_i' \right\} \hat{\lambda} \\ &+ O_p(n_B^{-1}). \end{aligned} \quad (\text{S1.5})$$

By assumption (C4), it can be shown that

$$n_B^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^N f_N I_i \pi_i^{-1} U_i(\hat{\theta}) \Psi_i' = O_p(1), \quad (\text{S1.6})$$

and

$$\sup_{\theta \in \Theta} \left\| \frac{1}{n_B} \sum_{i=1}^N f_N I_i \pi_i^{-1} U_i(\theta) - \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N U_i(\theta) \right\| \rightarrow^p 0, \quad (\text{S1.7})$$

so according to (S1.5), (S1.6) and (S1.7),

$$\begin{aligned}
0 &= p \lim \left| \frac{1}{n_B} \sum_{i=1}^N f_N I_i \pi_i^{-1} U_i(\hat{\theta}) \right| \\
&= p \lim \left| \frac{1}{n_B} \sum_{i=1}^N f_N I_i \pi_i^{-1} U_i(\hat{\theta}) - \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N U_i(\hat{\theta}) + \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N U_i(\hat{\theta}) \right| \\
&\geq p \lim \left| \left| \frac{1}{n_B} \sum_{i=1}^N f_N I_i \pi_i^{-1} U_i(\hat{\theta}) - \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N U_i(\hat{\theta}) \right| - \left| \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N U_i(\hat{\theta}) \right| \right| \\
&= \left| \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N U_i(\hat{\theta}) \right|. \tag{S1.8}
\end{aligned}$$

By (S1.8), assumptions (C1) and (C2), we have $\hat{\theta} \rightarrow^p \theta_0$. Hence,

$$(\hat{\theta}_{POEL}, \hat{\lambda}) \rightarrow^p (\theta_0, 0). \tag{S1.9}$$

According to (S1.9), assumptions (C2) and (C4), we can apply the standard arguments using Taylor expansion to get

$$0 = \hat{Q}_1(\hat{\theta}, \hat{\lambda}) = \hat{Q}_1(\theta_0, 0) + \frac{\partial \hat{Q}_1(\theta_0, 0)}{\partial \theta'} (\hat{\theta} - \theta_0) + \frac{\partial \hat{Q}_1(\theta_0, 0)}{\partial \lambda'} (\hat{\lambda} - 0) + o_p(\delta_n),$$

and

$$0 = \hat{Q}_2(\hat{\theta}, \hat{\lambda}) = \hat{Q}_2(\theta_0, 0) + \frac{\partial \hat{Q}_2(\theta_0, 0)}{\partial \theta'} (\hat{\theta} - \theta_0) + \frac{\partial \hat{Q}_2(\theta_0, 0)}{\partial \lambda'} (\hat{\lambda} - 0) + o_p(\delta_n),$$

with $\delta_n = \|\hat{\theta} - \theta_0\| + \|\hat{\lambda}\|$. Let

$$S_n = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial \hat{Q}_1(\theta_0, 0)}{\partial \lambda} & \frac{\partial \hat{Q}_1(\theta_0, 0)}{\partial \theta} \\ \frac{\partial \hat{Q}_2(\theta_0, 0)}{\partial \lambda} & \frac{\partial \hat{Q}_2(\theta_0, 0)}{\partial \theta} \end{pmatrix}.$$

Under the existence of moments, we can obtain

$$S_n \rightarrow^p \begin{pmatrix} S_{11}^* & S_{12}^* \\ S_{21}^* & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

and

$$\|S_{11}^* - S_{11}\| = o_p(1), \quad \|S_{12}^* - S_{12}\| = o_p(1), \quad \|S_{21}^* - S_{21}\| = o_p(1), \tag{S1.10}$$

where

$$S_{11} = -\left(\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N f_N \left(\frac{1}{\pi_i} - 1 \right) U_i, \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N f_N \frac{1}{\pi_i} U_i (h_i - \bar{h}_N)' \right), \quad S_{12} = N^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{\partial U_i(\theta_0)}{\partial \theta}, \tag{S1.11}$$

and

$$S_{21} = - \begin{pmatrix} N^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^N f_N(\pi_i^{-1} - 1) & N^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^N f_N(\pi_i^{-1} - 1)(h_i - \bar{h}_N)' \\ N^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^N f_N(\pi_i^{-1} - 1)(h_i - \bar{h}_N) & N^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^N f_N \pi_i^{-1} (h_i - \bar{h}_N)^{\otimes 2} \end{pmatrix}. \quad (\text{S1.12})$$

According to assumption (C3),

$$\hat{Q}_1(\theta_0, 0) = N^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^N I_i \pi_i^{-1} U_i(\theta_0) = O_p(n_B^{-1/2}), \quad \hat{Q}_2(\theta_0, 0) = N^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^N \Psi_i(\theta_0, 0) = O_p(n_B^{-1/2}),$$

so we have $\delta_n = O_p(n_B^{-1/2})$. Also, according to (S1.10), (S1.11) and (S1.12), after some algebra,

$$\hat{\lambda} = -S_{21}^{-1} \hat{Q}_2(\theta_0, 0) + o_p(n_B^{-1/2}), \quad (\text{S1.13})$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\theta} - \theta_0 &= -S_{12}^{-1} \left\{ \hat{Q}_1(\theta_0, 0) - S_{11} S_{21}^{-1} \hat{Q}_2(\theta_0, 0) \right\} + o_p(n_B^{-1/2}) \\ &= -\tau \left\{ \hat{Q}_1(\theta_0, 0) - B^* \hat{Q}_2(\theta_0, 0) \right\} + o_p(n_B^{-1/2}), \end{aligned} \quad (\text{S1.14})$$

where $\tau = S_{12}$, $B^* = \Omega_1 \Omega_2^{-1}$, $\Omega_1 = -(N\alpha_N)^{-1} S_{11}$ and $\Omega_2 = -(N\alpha_N)^{-1} S_{21}$. Hence, (3.7) in Theorem 1 is proved. Result (3.10) can be obtained by (S1.14) and assumptions (C3), (C4).

S2 Proof of Theorem 2

Maximizing (3.1) subject to

$$\sum_{i=1}^N \omega_i = 1, \quad \sum_{i=1}^N \omega_i f_N\left(\frac{I_i}{\pi_i} - 1\right) = 0, \quad \sum_{i=1}^N \omega_i \frac{I_i}{\pi_i} f_N(h_i - \bar{h}_N) = 0,$$

leads, after some algebra, to

$$l(\hat{\theta}) = \sum_{i=1}^N \log(\omega_i(\hat{\theta})) = -N \log(N) - \sum_{i=1}^N \log(1 + \hat{\lambda}' \Psi_{i1}),$$

where $\Psi_{i1} = (f_N(I_i \pi_i^{-1} - 1), I_i \pi_i^{-1} f_N(h_i - \bar{h}_N)')'$. Similarly, consider maximizing (3.1) subject to

$$\sum_{i=1}^N \omega_i = 1, \quad \sum_{i=1}^N \omega_i f_N\left(\frac{I_i}{\pi_i} - 1\right) = 0, \quad \sum_{i=1}^N \omega_i \frac{I_i}{\pi_i} f_N(h_i - \bar{h}_N) = 0,$$

and

$$\sum_{i=1}^N \omega_i f_N r_i = 0,$$

with $r_i = I_i \pi_i^{-1} U_i(\theta_0) - B_1^* (I_i \pi_i^{-1} - 1) - B_2^* I_i \pi_i^{-1} (h_i - \bar{h}_N)$ and $B^* = (B_1^*, B_2^*) = S_{11} S_{21}^{-1}$, where S_{11}, S_{21} are defined in (S1.11) and (S1.12) of the proof of Theorem 1. After some algebra,

$$l(\theta_0) = \sum_{i=1}^N \log(\omega_i(\theta_0)) = -N \log(N) - \sum_{i=1}^N \log(1 + \lambda'_0 \Psi_{i2}),$$

where $\Psi_{i2} = (f_N(I_i \pi_i^{-1} - 1), I_i \pi_i^{-1} f_N(h_i - \bar{h}_N)', f_N r_i)'$. So, we can write

$$R_n(\theta_0) = 2 \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^N \log(1 + \lambda'_0 \Psi_{i2}) - \sum_{i=1}^N \log(1 + \hat{\lambda}' \Psi_{i1}) \right\}, \quad (\text{S2.1})$$

and λ_0 is the solution of $\hat{Q}_3(\theta_0, \lambda) = 0$ with

$$\hat{Q}_3(\theta_0, \lambda) = \frac{1}{n_B} \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{\Psi_{i2}(\theta_0)}{1 + \lambda' \Psi_{i2}(\theta_0)}.$$

By the same argument for (S1.9), we have $\lambda_0 \rightarrow^p 0$. We can apply a Taylor expansion to get

$$0 = \hat{Q}_3(\theta_0, \lambda_0) = \hat{Q}_3(\theta_0, 0) + \frac{\partial \hat{Q}_3(\theta_0, 0)}{\partial \lambda} \lambda_0 + o_p(\|\lambda_0\|).$$

According to assumption (C3), $\hat{Q}_3(\theta_0, 0) = n_B^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^N \Psi_{i2}(\theta_0, 0) = O_p(n_B^{-1/2})$, hence $\|\lambda_0\| = O_p(n_B^{-1/2})$, so

$$\lambda_0 = -S^{-1} \hat{Q}_3(\theta_0, 0) + o_p(n_B^{-1/2}), \quad (\text{S2.2})$$

with

$$S = \begin{pmatrix} S_{21} & 0 \\ 0 & S_r \end{pmatrix}, \quad (\text{S2.3})$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} S_r &= f_N \left\{ -N V_{poi}(\bar{r}_N) - N^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^N U_i^{\otimes 2} - B_2^* N^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^N (h_i - \bar{h}_N)^{\otimes 2} B_2^{*'} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + N^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^N U_i (h_i - \bar{h}_N)' B_2^{*'} + B_2^* N^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^N (h_i - \bar{h}_N) U_i' \right\}, \end{aligned} \quad (\text{S2.4})$$

and $\bar{r}_N = N^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^N r_i$, S_{21} is defined in (S1.12) in the proof of Theorem 1 and V_{poi} is the variance under Poisson sampling.

According to assumption (C6), $n_B/N = o(1)$ and (S2.4), it can be shown that

$$\|S_r + f_N N V_{poi}(\bar{r}_N)\| = o(1). \quad (\text{S2.5})$$

Similarly, by a Taylor expansion with respect to $\lambda_0 = 0$,

$$2 \sum_{i=1}^N \log(1 + \lambda'_0 \Psi_{i2}) = 2 \sum_{i=1}^N \lambda'_0 \Psi_{i2} - \sum_{i=1}^N \lambda'_0 \Psi_{i2} \Psi'_{i2} \lambda_0 + o_p(1). \quad (\text{S2.6})$$

According to (S2.2), we have

$$\partial \hat{Q}_3(\theta_0, 0) / \partial \lambda = -n_B^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^N \Psi_{i2}(\theta_0) \Psi'_{i2}(\theta_0) \rightarrow^p S. \quad (\text{S2.7})$$

By plugging (S2.2) into (S2.6) and according to (S2.7), we have

$$2 \sum_{i=1}^N \log(1 + \lambda'_0 \Psi_{i2}(\theta_0)) = -n_B \hat{Q}'_3(\theta_0, 0) S^{-1} \hat{Q}_3(\theta_0, 0) + o_p(1). \quad (\text{S2.8})$$

Similarly, according to (S1.13) and by using a Taylor expansion around $\hat{\lambda} = 0$,

$$2 \sum_{i=1}^N \log(1 + \hat{\lambda}' \Psi_{i1}(\hat{\theta})) = -n_B \hat{Q}'_2(\theta_0, 0) S_{21}^{-1} \hat{Q}_2(\theta_0, 0) + o_p(1). \quad (\text{S2.9})$$

By assumption (C3) and (C4), we can apply the central limit theorem to get

$$V_{poi}^{-1/2}(\bar{r}_N) \bar{r}_N \rightarrow^d N(0, I). \quad (\text{S2.10})$$

Therefore, plugging (S2.8) and (S2.9) into (S2.1) and by (S2.3), we have

$$\begin{aligned} R_n(\theta_0) &= -n_B \hat{Q}'_3(\theta_0, 0) S^{-1} \hat{Q}_3(\theta_0, 0) + n_B \hat{Q}'_2(\theta_0, 0) S_{21}^{-1} \hat{Q}_2(\theta_0, 0) + o_p(1) \\ &= \bar{r}_N (-n_B^{-1} S_r)^{-1} (\bar{r}_N)' + o_p(1). \end{aligned} \quad (\text{S2.11})$$

According to (S2.5), (S2.11) and (S2.10),

$$R_n(\theta_0) = \bar{r}_N \{V_{poi}(\bar{r}_N)\}^{-1} (\bar{r}_N)' + o_p(1) \rightarrow^d \chi_p^2,$$

where $\bar{r}_N = N^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^N r_i$, and p is the dimension of θ_0 .

S3 Proof of Theorem 3

Similar as the proof of Theorem 1, $\hat{\theta}$ can be obtained by solving $\hat{Q}_1(\theta, \lambda) = 0$ and $\hat{Q}_2(\theta, \lambda) = 0$, where $\hat{Q}_1(\theta, \lambda)$ and $\hat{Q}_2(\theta, \lambda)$ are defined in (S1.1) with π_i, Ψ_i replaced by p_i, Ψ_i^* , and $\Psi_i^* = (f_N(I_i p_i^{-1} - 1) z_i^*, f_N I_i p_i^{-1} (h'_i - \bar{h}'_N))'$, with $z_i^* = (1, z'_i)'$. Without loss of generality, we assume $\bar{z}_N = 0$ and $n_B N^{-2} \sum_{i=1}^N (1 - p_i) p_i^{-1} z_i^2 = 1$. Hence, according to assumption (C9) and (C10) in Section 4,

$$\begin{aligned} \pi_i &= Pr(i \in s | \hat{Q}_{p,n} \leq \gamma^2) = \frac{Pr(\hat{Q}_{p,n} \leq \gamma^2 | i \in s) Pr(i \in s)}{Pr(\hat{Q}_{p,n} \leq \gamma^2)} \\ &= p_i \{1 + C_\gamma \eta_i + o_p(n_B^{-1})\}, \end{aligned} \quad (\text{S3.1})$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}\pi_{ij} &= Pr(i, j \in s | \hat{Q}_{p,n} \leq \gamma^2) = \frac{Pr(\hat{Q}_{p,n} \leq \gamma^2 | i, j \in s) Pr(i, j \in s)}{Pr(\hat{Q}_{p,n} \leq \gamma^2)} \\ &= p_{ij} \{1 + C_\gamma(\eta_i + \eta_j) + o_p(n_B^{-1})\},\end{aligned}\quad (\text{S3.2})$$

with $C_\gamma = g_{1N}(\gamma^2)G_N^{-1}(\gamma^2)$.

According to (S3.1), (S3.2) and by using a similar argument as the proof of Theorem 1, it can be shown that $(\hat{\theta}, \hat{\lambda}) \rightarrow^p (\theta_0, 0)$. After some algebra,

$$\hat{\theta} - \theta_0 = -S_{12}^{-1} \left\{ \hat{Q}_1(\theta_0, 0) - S_{11} S_{21}^{-1} \hat{Q}_2(\theta_0, 0) \right\} + o_p(n_B^{-1/2}), \quad (\text{S3.3})$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}S_{11} &= -(N^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^N f_N(\pi_i p_i^{-2} - \pi_i p_i^{-1}) U_i z_i^{*'}, N^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^N f_N \pi_i p_i^{-2} U_i (h_i - \bar{h}_N)'), \\ S_{12} &= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{\pi_i}{p_i} \frac{\partial U_i(\theta_0)}{\partial \theta}\end{aligned}$$

and

$$S_{21} = -N^{-1} \left(\begin{array}{cc} \sum_{i=1}^N f_N(\pi_i p_i^{-2} - 2\pi_i p_i^{-1} + 1) z_i^* z_i^{*'} & \sum_{i=1}^N f_N(\pi_i p_i^2 - \pi_i p_i^{-1}) z_i^* (h_i - \bar{h}_N)' \\ \sum_{i=1}^N f_N(\pi_i p_i^2 - \pi_i p_i^{-1}) (h_i - \bar{h}_N) z_i^{*'} & \sum_{i=1}^N f_N \pi_i p_i^{-2} (h_i - \bar{h}_N)^{\otimes 2} \end{array} \right).$$

By (S3.1) and (S3.2),

$$\left\| \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{I_i}{p_i} U_i(\theta_0) - \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{I_i}{\pi_i} U_i(\theta_0) \right\| = o_p(n_B^{-1/2}).$$

Hence,

$$\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{I_i}{p_i} U_i(\theta_0) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{I_i}{\pi_i} U_i(\theta_0) + o_p(n_B^{-1/2}). \quad (\text{S3.4})$$

Similarly, it can be shown that

$$\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \left(\frac{I_i}{p_i} - 1 \right) z_i^* = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \left(\frac{I_i}{\pi_i} - 1 \right) z_i^* + o_p(n_B^{-1/2}), \quad (\text{S3.5})$$

$$\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{I_i}{p_i} (h_i - \bar{h}_N) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{I_i}{\pi_i} (h_i - \bar{h}_N) + o_p(n_B^{-1/2}), \quad (\text{S3.6})$$

$$\|S_{12} - S_{12}^*\| = o_p(1), \quad \|S_{11} - S_{11}^*\| = o_p(1), \quad \|S_{21} - S_{21}^*\| = o_p(1),$$

where

$$S_{11}^* = -\left(N^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^N f_N(\pi_i^{-1} - 1) U_i z_i^*, N^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^N f_N \pi_i^{-1} U_i (h_i - \bar{h}_N)'\right),$$

$$S_{12}^* = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{\partial U_i(\theta_0)}{\partial \theta}$$

and

$$S_{21}^* = - \begin{pmatrix} N^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^N f_N(\pi_i^{-1} - 1) z_i^* z_i^{*'} & N^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^N f_N(\pi_i^{-1} - 1) z_i^* (h_i - \bar{h}_N)' \\ N^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^N f_N(\pi_i^{-1} - 1) (h_i - \bar{h}_N) z_i^{*'} & N^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^N f_N \pi_i^{-1} (h_i - \bar{h}_N)^{\otimes 2} \end{pmatrix}.$$

Hence according to previous derivations and (S3.3),

$$\hat{\theta} - \theta_0 = -\tau \left\{ \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{I_i}{\pi_i} U_i(\theta_0) - B \left(\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{I_i}{\pi_i} \eta_i - \bar{\eta}_N \right) \right\} + o_p(n_B^{-1/2}) \quad (\text{S3.7})$$

with $\tau = S_{12}^*$, $\eta = (z_i^*, (h_i - \bar{h}_N)')'$, $B = \Omega_1 \Omega_2^{-1}$, $\Omega_1 = -(N f_N)^{-1} S_{11}^*$, $\Omega_2 = -(N f_N)^{-1} S_{21}^*$. Thus, (4.9) in Theorem 3 is proved.

Let $e_i = U_i - B \eta_i$ and $\hat{e}_p = N^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^N I_i p_i^{-1} e_i$. Next we want to prove

$$\|V_{rej}(\hat{e}_p) - V_{poi}(\hat{e}_p)\| = o_p(n_B^{-1}), \quad (\text{S3.8})$$

where V_{rej} and V_{poi} denote the variances under rejective Poisson sampling and Poisson sampling, respectively. According to (S3.1) and (S3.2),

$$\begin{aligned} V_{rej}(\hat{e}_p) &= \frac{1}{N^2} \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^N \frac{\pi_{ij} - \pi_i \pi_j}{p_i p_j} e_i e_j' \\ &= \frac{1}{N^2} \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{\pi_i - \pi_i^2}{p_i^2} e_i^{\otimes 2} + \frac{1}{N^2} \sum_{i \neq j} \frac{\pi_{ij} - \pi_i \pi_j}{p_i p_j} e_i e_j' \\ &= \frac{1}{N^2} \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{1 - p_i}{p_i} e_i^{\otimes 2} + \frac{1}{N^2} \sum_{i=1}^N (1 - p_i) p_i^{-2} n_B N^{-2} z_i^2 e_i^{\otimes 2} \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{N^2} \sum_{i \neq j} p_i^{-1} p_j^{-1} o_p\left(\frac{n_B}{N^2}\right) e_i e_j' + o_p(n_B^{-1}) \\ &= \frac{1}{N^2} \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{1 - p_i}{p_i} e_i^{\otimes 2} + o_p(n_B^{-1}) = V_{poi}(\hat{e}_p) + o_p(n_B^{-1}). \end{aligned}$$

So, (S3.8) is proved. Together with (S3.4), (S3.5) and (S3.6),

$$\|V_{rej}(\hat{e}_{HT}) - V_{poi}(\hat{e}_p)\| = o_p(n_B^{-1}), \quad (\text{S3.9})$$

where $\hat{e}_{HT} = N^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^N I_i \pi_i^{-1} e_i$.

Hence, result (4.12) in Theorem 3 can be obtained by (S3.7), (S3.9) and assumptions (C3), (C4).

S4 Proof of Theorem 4

By using the argument similar to the proof of Theorem 2, it can be shown that

$$R_n(\theta_0) = \bar{r}_N \{V_{poi}(\bar{r}_N)\}^{-1} (\bar{r}_N)' + o_p(1), \quad (\text{S4.1})$$

where $\bar{r}_N = \hat{Q}_1(\theta_0, 0) - S_{11}S_{21}^{-1}\hat{Q}_2(\theta_0, 0)$, and $\hat{Q}_1(\theta_0, 0), \hat{Q}_2(\theta_0, 0), S_{11}, S_{21}$ are defined in (S3.3) of the proof for Theorem 3. $\bar{r}_N = N^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^N r_i$, and p is the dimension of θ_0 . According to (S3.8) in the proof of Theorem 3 and (S4.1), we have $R_n(\theta_0) \rightarrow^d \chi_p^2$.