

## USING A BIMODAL KERNEL FOR A NONPARAMETRIC REGRESSION SPECIFICATION TEST

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*Abstract:* For a nonparametric regression model with a fixed design, we consider the model specification test based on a kernel. We find that a bimodal kernel is useful for the model specification test with a correlated error, whereas a conventional unimodal kernel is useful only for an iid error. Another finding is that the model specification test suffers from a convergence rate change depending on whether the errors are correlated or not. These results are verified by deriving an asymptotic null distribution and asymptotic (local) power, and by performing a simulation. The validity of the bimodal kernel for testing is demonstrated with the “drum roller” data (see Laslett (1994) and Altman (1994)).

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### 1. Introduction

Suppose that we are concerned with the nonparametric regression function specification test given

$$Y_i = m(x_i) + \eta_i \quad (i = 1, \dots, n), \quad (1.1)$$

where  $m$  is a smooth function defined on  $[0,1]$ ,  $x_i = i/n$ , and  $\{\eta_i\}$  is a zero-mean, covariance stationary process. Here, the design points grow closer as the sample size increases; while, the error process remains the same. Refer to Kim et al. (2009) and references therein for detailed discussions about this model. The testing problem under consideration is whether  $m(x)$  belongs to a specific parametric family. This can be described as

$$H_0 : m(x) = g(x, \gamma_0) \text{ for all } x \in [0, 1] \text{ with some } \gamma_0 \in \mathcal{B} \subset R^q$$

versus

$$H_1 : m(x) \neq g(x, \gamma) \text{ for some } x \in [0, 1] \text{ with all } \gamma \in \mathcal{B} \subset R^q.$$

For testing  $H_0$  nonparametrically, we consider a kernel-based test statistic

$$T_n = (n^2 h)^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1, j \neq i}^n K\left(\frac{x_i - x_j}{h}\right) \hat{\epsilon}_i \hat{\epsilon}_j, \quad (1.2)$$

where  $K$  is a kernel satisfying (C1) below,  $\epsilon_i = Y_i - g(x_i, \gamma)$  and  $\hat{\epsilon}_i = Y_i - g(x_i, \hat{\gamma})$ , with a consistent estimator  $\hat{\gamma}$  of  $\gamma_0$ . Here,  $T_n$  is based on the average squared error

$$d_A(\hat{m}, m) = n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (\hat{m}(x_i) - m(x_i))^2, \quad (1.3)$$

where  $\hat{m}(x) = (nh)^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n K((x - x_i)/h)Y_i$ . In recent years, much research has been performed on applying  $T_n$  to the model specification test for a random design regression model. See, for example, Fan and Li (1999) Zheng (1996), Luo, Kim, and Song (2011), and Khmaladze and Koul (2004). For the model specification test for the fixed design regression model, not many results are available. See, e.g., Eubank and Spiegelman (1990) or the monograph by Hart (1997), which studies nonparametric lack-of-fit test with iid errors. We study  $T_n$  as a nonparametric regression specification test for the fixed design regression model, particularly when errors are correlated. The major strengths of  $T_n$  is its consistency, since the existing parametric tests fail to be consistent against all deviations from the null.

It is well known that when a nonparametric method such as  $\hat{m}$  is used to recover  $m$ , correlated errors cause trouble. See Opsomer, Wang, and Yang (2001) for a detailed discussion of this. We demonstrate that an analogous size distortion problem arises for a nonparametric specification test when errors are correlated. As a possible solution, we recommend the use of bimodal kernel  $K$  with  $K(0) = 0$ . In addition, we find that  $T_n$  shows a power rate change, that yields a continuous but non-monotonic power function over the hypothesis domain. We proceed as follows. Section 2 proposes the specification test with bimodal kernel and demonstrates its usefulness with the ‘‘drum roller’’ data (Laslett (1994) and Altman (1994)). Section 3 discusses the power rate change of  $T_n$  and its impact. Some other tests are discussed there. Section 4 reports on simulations that check our theoretical results. All proofs are deferred to the Appendix.

## 2. Size Distortion and Bimodal Kernel

We need the following assumptions.

- (C1)  $K$  is a square integrable symmetric probability density function with support  $[-\kappa, \kappa]$  for some  $\kappa > 0$ , and  $K$  is Lipschitz continuous.
- (C2) Errors are a geometrically strong mixing sequence with mean zero and  $E|\eta_i|^r < \infty$  for some  $r > 4$ .
- (C3)  $nh^{3/2} \rightarrow \infty$  and  $h \rightarrow 0$ .
- (C4) (i)  $g^{(1)}(x, \cdot)$  and  $g^{(2)}(x, \cdot)$  are continuous in  $x \in [0, 1]$  and dominated by a bounded function  $M_g(x)$ , where  $g^{(1)}(x, \cdot)$  and  $g^{(2)}(x, \cdot)$  are the first and

second partial derivatives with respect to  $\gamma$ , respectively. (ii)  $|g^{(1)}(x, \gamma)|^2 \neq 0$  for  $\gamma$  in a neighborhood of  $\gamma_* = \lim_p \hat{\gamma}$ .

(C5) The mean function  $m$  supported on the interval  $[0,1]$ , and has a uniformly continuous and square integrable second derivative  $m''(x)$  on the interval  $(0,1)$ .

Here, (C1) is a standard assumption on the kernel. If, in addition,  $K(0) = 0$ , the kernel is bimodal. For iid error,  $r = 4$  suffices for (C2). If  $\mathcal{M}_a^b$  be the  $\sigma$ -field generated by  $\{\xi(t) : a \leq t \leq b\}$ , then  $\{\xi(t) : t \in R\}$  is strong mixing if

$$\alpha(\tau) = \sup\{|P(A \cap B) - P(A)P(B)| : A \in \mathcal{M}_{-\infty}^0 \text{ and } B \in \mathcal{M}_\tau^\infty\} = O(\rho^\tau)$$

for some  $0 < \rho < 1$  when  $\tau \rightarrow \infty$ . If (C4) is a standard assumption adopted in non-linear regression models: If  $\gamma_* = \operatorname{argmin}_{\gamma \in \mathcal{B}} E(Y_i - g(x_i, \gamma))^2$  and  $\hat{\gamma} = \operatorname{argmin}_{\gamma \in \mathcal{B}} \sum_{i=1}^n (Y_i - g(x_i, \gamma))^2$ , then under  $H_0$ ,  $\gamma_* = \gamma_0$ . And, under (C4),  $\gamma_* = \lim_p \hat{\gamma}$  and  $\hat{\gamma} - \gamma_* = O_p(n^{-1/2})$  under both  $H_0$  and  $H_1$ . One may refer to Fan and Li (1999) for these results. (C5) is needed when  $H_1$  holds.

**Theorem 1.** *Let (C1)–(C4) and  $H_0$  hold. If  $K$  is a bimodal kernel with  $K(0) = 0$ , then*

$$\frac{nh^{1/2}T_n}{\hat{\sigma}_0} \rightarrow N(0, 1) \quad (2.1)$$

*in distribution, where  $\hat{\sigma}_0^2$  is a consistent estimator of*

$$\sigma_0^2 = \int K^2(u) du \left[ (E(\epsilon))^2 + \left( \sum_{j=-\infty}^{\infty} E(\epsilon_0 \epsilon_j) \right)^2 \right]. \quad (2.2)$$

**Remark 1.** Theorem 1 suggests an asymptotic one-sided test for  $H_0$  versus  $H_1$ : Reject  $H_0$  at the significance level  $\alpha$  if  $nh^{1/2}T_n/\hat{\sigma}_0 > z_\alpha$ , where  $z_\alpha$  is the upper  $\alpha$ -percentile of the standard normal distribution. Because

$$\operatorname{Var}\left(\sum_{i=1}^n \epsilon_i\right) = n(E\epsilon_0^2 + 2 \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} E(\epsilon_0 \epsilon_j)) + o(n),$$

one possible estimator of  $\sigma_0^2$  is to use the block bootstrap variance estimator of  $V_n = \sum_{i=1}^n \hat{\epsilon}_i$ , or  $\operatorname{Var}^*(V_n)$ , where  $\hat{\epsilon}_i = Y_i - \hat{g}(x_i, \hat{\gamma})$ :

$$\hat{\sigma}_0^2 = \int K^2(u) du \left[ \left( \operatorname{Var}^* \frac{V_n}{n} \right)^2 + \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\hat{\epsilon}_i^2}{n} \right)^2 \right]. \quad (2.3)$$

Table 1. Testing results for drum roller data.

	$T_{230}^u$	$T_{230}^b$	$T_{1150}^u$	$T_{1150}^b$
p-value	0.088	0.988	0	0.55
Z score	1.34	-2.26	25.7792	-0.126

**Remark 2.** Correlated error causes size distortion to  $T_n$  when a unimodal kernel is employed and a bimodal kernel can correct it. Indeed, we can show that

$$P[nh^{1/2}T_n/\hat{\sigma}_0 > z_\alpha] = P\left(Z \geq z_\alpha - 2h^{-1/2}K(0) \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \frac{E\epsilon_0\epsilon_i}{\hat{\sigma}_0}\right) + o(1), \quad (2.4)$$

where  $Z$  is  $N(0, 1)$ . Verification of (2.4) is given in the Appendix. It indicates that the size inflated (deflated) by  $\sum_{i=1}^{n-1} E\epsilon_0\epsilon_i > 0 (< 0)$  leads to a frequent (infrequent) rejection of  $H_0$  unless a bimodal kernel with  $K(0) = 0$  is used, and that when a unimodal kernel is used, the size distortion problem may be avoided by over-smoothing (large  $h$ ). For iid error, Theorem 1 holds trivially for a unimodal kernel because  $E(\eta_0\eta_i) = 0$  for any  $i \neq 0$ .

In order to demonstrate the usefulness of a bimodal kernel for  $T_n$ , the ‘‘drum roller’’ data analyzed by Laslett (1994) and Altman (1994) are considered (the data are available on *Statlib*). As noted there, the data appear to exhibit a significant short-range positive correlation; so testing using a bimodal kernel is warranted. Figure 1 shows two fits to the two datasets using cubic B spline basis functions of order 5, where  $n = 1,150$  represents the full dataset and  $n = 230$  uses every fifth observation. We took the fit with  $n = 230$  as  $\hat{g}_{230}(x)$  for  $x \in [0, 1]$ , and then, use it as  $g_0(x, \gamma) = \sum_{j=1}^5 \gamma_j B_j(x) = \hat{g}_{230}(x)$ , where  $B_j(x)$  is the  $j$ -th cubic B-spline basis function. Testing  $H_0 : m(x) = g_0(x, \gamma)$  for  $x \in [0, 1]$  with  $n = 230$  or  $n = 1,150$ , we employed  $T_n^u$  with the unimodal kernel and  $T_n^b$  with the bimodal kernel. The testing results are summarized in Table 1. Table 1 shows that  $T_n^u$  rejects  $H_0$  and  $T_n^b$  accepts it regardless of size  $n$ , and that the effect of a bimodal kernel is much more significant for  $n = 1,150$  than for  $n = 230$ , indicating that the size distortion is more severe for a large  $n$  in our case.

### 3. Power Rate Change

We show that we reveal that  $T_n$  has different convergence rates under  $H_1$ , and that such rate change complicates power under the local alternatives near  $H_0$ .

**Theorem 2.** Let (C1)–(C5) and  $H_1$  hold. If  $K$  is a bimodal kernel with  $K(0) = 0$ , then

$$\frac{n^{1/2}(T_n - \mu)}{2^{1/2}\sigma_1} \rightarrow N(0, 1) \quad (3.1)$$

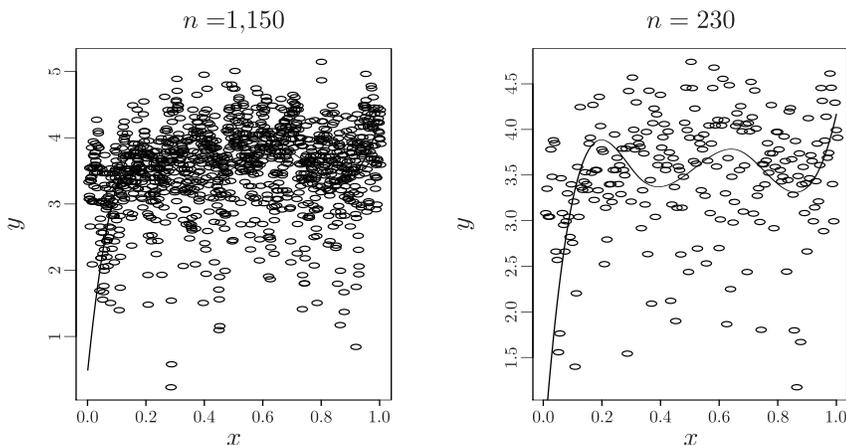


Figure 1. Scatterplots of drum roller data with fitted lines based on five bases of cubic B-splines for  $n=1,150$  (left) and  $n=230$  (right).

in distribution, where  $\mu = \int (m(x) - g(x, \tilde{\gamma}))^2 dx$  and

$$\sigma_1^2 = \sum_{i=-\infty}^{\infty} Cov[(Y_0 - m(x_0))(g(x_0, \tilde{\gamma}) - m(x_0)), (Y_i - m(x_i))(g(x_i, \tilde{\gamma}) - m(x_i))].$$

Theorems 1 and 2 have the test convergence rate at  $nh^{1/2}$  under  $H_0$ , and  $n^{1/2}$  under  $H_1$ . From Theorem 2, the test is consistent with rate  $n^{1/2}$ , not  $nh^{1/2}$ , as suggested by Theorem 1. As  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $P(Z \geq n^{1/2}(2^{1/2}\sigma_1)^{-1}(z_\alpha \hat{\sigma}_0(nh^{1/2})^{-1} - \mu)) \rightarrow 1$ . This is related to the fact that  $T_n$  is a good approximation to  $d_A(\hat{m}, m)$ . Since  $d_A$  is decomposed as bias and variance components, and bias part goes to zero under  $H_0$  but remains as a constant under  $H_1$ , the constant dominating  $d_A$  (and hence  $T_n$ ) under  $H_1$  forces the rate change.

We investigate the power rate change issue at a finer level of the local alternatives. Assume a sequence of local alternatives  $H_{1n} : m(x_t) = g(x_t, \gamma_0) + \delta_n l(x_t)$ , where the known function  $l(\cdot)$  is continuously differentiable and bounded by an integrable function  $M(\cdot)$ . We have  $\sigma_1 \sim \delta_n$  under  $H_{1n}$ .

**Theorem 3.** Let (C1)–(C5) and  $H_{1n}$  hold. If  $K$  is a bimodal kernel with  $K(0) = 0$ , then

- (i) If  $nh\delta_n^2 \rightarrow 0$ ,  $(nh^{1/2})(T_n - \delta_n^2\mu_1)/\sigma_0 \rightarrow N(0, 1)$ , where  $\mu_1 = \int l^2(x)dx$ .
- (ii) If  $nh\delta_n^2 \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $n^{1/2}\delta_n^{-1}(T_n - \delta_n^2\mu_1)/(2^{1/2}\sigma_2) \rightarrow N(0, 1)$ , where  $\sigma_2^2 = \sum_{i=-\infty}^{\infty} Cov[(Y_0 - m(x_0))l(x_0), (Y_i - m(x_i))l(x_i)]$ .
- (iii) If  $nh\delta_n^2 \rightarrow \lambda > 0$ ,  $nh^{1/2}(T_n - \lambda(nh)^{-1}\mu_1)/(\sigma_0^2 + 2\sigma_2^2/\lambda)^{1/2} \rightarrow N(0, 1)$ .

**Remark 3.** From Theorem 3, when the local alternative  $\delta_n$  is of the rate  $n^{-1/2}h^{-1/4}$ , the test starts to have (local) power. The power function or rate, say

$s_n$ , is a continuous, but not monotonic, function of  $\delta_n$ . This indicates that no particular asymptotic discontinuity is caused by the power rate change. Verification of these facts is given in the Appendix.

**Remark 4.** Hart (1997) considered an analogy to  $T_n$  with iid error and established a result corresponding to our Theorem 1. He also verified that when local alternative  $\delta_n$  is of the rate  $n^{-1/2}h^{-1/4}$ , the test starts to have (local) power, but did not address the rate change and size distortion due to dependence. According to Hart (1997) (see Section 6.2.1 there), if one employs the sup norm, it would be possible to consider the test statistic

$$R_n = \sup_{x \in [0,1]} \left| (nh\hat{\sigma}_r^2)^{-1/2} \sum_{i=1}^n K\left(\frac{x-x_i}{h}\right) \hat{\epsilon}_i \right|, \quad (3.2)$$

where  $\hat{\sigma}_r^2$  is an estimator of  $\sigma_r^2 = \int K^2(u)du \sum_{-\infty}^{\infty} E(\epsilon_0\epsilon_j)$ , but  $R_n$  would suffer from the inflated size distortion when errors are correlated. Glesser and Moore (1983) mentioned that tests based on empiric distribution function are subject to size distortion due to positive dependence, for example. Some numerical work on this point is given in Table 5 of Section 4.

**Remark 5.** Following the approach of Khmaladze and Koul (2004), it would be possible to consider a goodness-of-fit test for our problem,

$$\xi_n(y) = n^{-1/2} \sum_{i=1}^n I(x_i \in B) [I\{\hat{\epsilon}_i \leq y\} - F_\epsilon(y)],$$

where  $B \subset [0, 1]$  and  $F_\epsilon$  is the distribution function of  $\epsilon$  if the underlying distribution of  $F_\epsilon$ . They show that  $\xi_n$  is an asymptotic distribution-free goodness-of-fit test and derive Brownian motion as its asymptotic distribution under iid conditions. If one replaces the indicator  $I$  by the kernel  $K$  in  $\xi_n(y)$  above, then we have

$$W_n(y) = (nh)^{-1/2} \sum_{i=1}^n K\left(\frac{x-x_i}{h}\right) \left[ L\left(\frac{y-\hat{\epsilon}_i}{h}\right) - F_\epsilon(y) \right],$$

where  $L(y) = \int_{-\infty}^y K(x)dx$ . If the sup norm is applied to  $W_n(y)$  for obtaining goodness-of-fit test under positive dependence, the test would again suffer from size distortion.

#### 4. Simulation

In this section, we show through simulations that the size and power of  $T_n$  are affected by correlated error and furthermore, that such distortions of  $T_n$  might be effectively handled by a bimodal kernel. We recommend the use of such a kernel

for a nonparametric regression specification test. As before,  $T_n^u$  and  $T_n^b$  denote the test statistic  $T_n$  with a unimodal kernel and a bimodal kernel, respectively.

The simulated regression setting was concerned with testing

$$\begin{aligned} H_0 : m(x) &= 300x^3(1-x)^3 \text{ for all } x \in [0, 1] \text{ versus,} \\ H_1 : m(x) &\neq \gamma x^3(1-x)^3 \text{ for some } x \in [0, 1] \text{ with all } \gamma \in R. \end{aligned}$$

The regression errors for the model  $Y_j = m(x_j) + \epsilon_j$  for  $j = 1, \dots, n$  were produced by an  $AR(1)$  process  $\epsilon_j = \phi\epsilon_{j-1} + \sqrt{1-\phi^2}Z_j$ , where  $x_j = j/n$  with  $n = 100, 400, 800$ ,  $Z_j$ 's was pseudo iid normal random variables  $N(0, 1)$ , and  $\epsilon_1$  was  $N(0, 1)$ . The  $AR(1)$  parameters  $\phi = -0.95, -0.9, -0.8, \dots, 0, \dots, 0.8, 0.9, 0.95$ . Here  $\phi = -0.095$  and  $0.95$  were added in order to consider severely correlated errors. The kernel functions used were  $K(x) = 630(4x^2 - 1)^2x^4I(-1/2 \leq x \leq 1/2)$  as a bimodal kernel for  $T_n^b$ , and  $K(x) = (15/16)(1-x^2)^2I(-1 \leq x \leq 1)$  as a unimodal kernel for  $T_n^u$ . In addition, block bootstrap estimate  $\hat{\sigma}_0^2$  with block length  $n^{1/3}$  (refer to (2.3)) was employed. Thus, our test rejected  $H_0$  if  $nh^{1/2}T_n/\hat{\sigma}_0 > z_\alpha$ . Table 2 provides the simulation results regarding the size distortion and its correction by a bimodal kernel. Tables 3 and 4 provide simulation results regarding how the power of  $T_n$  is affected by correlated errors when  $m(x) = 300x^3(1-x)^3 + 0.5$  or  $m(x) = 300x^3(1-x)^3 + 1$ .

Table 2 calculates the size of  $T_n^u$  and  $T_n^b$  for various values of  $\phi$  when  $H_0$  is true. Indeed, we generated data from  $Y_j = \gamma x_j^3(1-x_j)^3 + \epsilon_j$  for  $j = 1, \dots, n$ , where  $\gamma = 300$  and  $\gamma$  is estimated via least squares, assuming  $m(x) = \gamma x^3(1-x)^3$ . From Table 2, one sees that  $T_n^u$  accepts  $H_0$  almost always when the errors are correlated negatively (i.e.,  $\phi < 0$ ), whereas it rejects  $H_0$  too often when  $\phi > 0.3$ . Further, the size distortion of  $T_n^u$  becomes more severe as the errors becomes more severely correlated. This verifies the size distortion of  $T_n^u$  due to the correlated errors. Table 2 also confirms that  $T_n^b$  corrects the size distortion reasonably well when the errors are positively correlated ( $\phi > 0.3$ ), as suggested by Theorem 1 and (2.4). When errors are negatively correlated or severely positively correlated at small  $n$ ,  $T_n^b$  does not provide a sufficient correction to the size distortion. In addition, there is not so much difference between  $T_n^u$  and  $T_n^b$  in simulated size for iid errors or  $\phi = 0$ .

Table 3 calculates the powers of  $T_n^u$  and  $T_n^b$  for various values of  $\phi$  when  $H_1$  is true or when  $m(x) = 300x^3(1-x)^3 + 0.5$ . From Table 3, one may observe that  $T_n^u$  rejects  $H_0 : m(x) = 300x^3(1-x)^3$  less frequently and  $T_n^b$  improves it when  $\phi \leq -0.7$  at  $n = 100$ . Such improvements disappear as  $n$  increases or  $\phi$  increases to zero. When  $\phi$  is positive,  $T_n^u$  outdoes  $T_n^b$  significantly in power, which suggests that  $T_n^b$  corrects the inflated power of  $T_n^u$  at the cost of the reduced power. One sees that such ineludible adjustments of  $T_n^b$  remain strong across  $n$  as  $\phi$  gets close to 1. Table 4 calculates the powers of  $T_n^u$  and  $T_n^b$  by considering a more distant

Table 2. Simulated size (%) for  $T_n^u$  with a unimodal kernel and  $T_n^b$  with a bimodal kernel at size  $\alpha = 0.05$  when  $m(x) = 300x^3(1 - x)^3$  for  $x \in [0, 1]$  and  $h = n^{-1/5}$ .

$\phi$	$T_{100}^u$	$T_{100}^b$	$T_{200}^u$	$T_{200}^b$	$T_{400}^u$	$T_{400}^b$	$T_{800}^u$	$T_{800}^b$
-0.95	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
-0.9	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
-0.8	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
-0.7	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
-0.6	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
-0.5	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.001	0.000	0.000
-0.4	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
-0.3	0.001	0.001	0.000	0.005	0.000	0.003	0.000	0.000
-0.2	0.002	0.002	0.004	0.002	0.003	0.001	0.002	0.002
-0.1	0.004	0.011	0.010	0.008	0.005	0.007	0.007	0.007
0.0	0.017	0.022	0.019	0.009	0.015	0.013	0.022	0.022
0.1	0.042	0.026	0.047	0.034	0.051	0.040	0.068	0.037
0.2	0.077	0.040	0.083	0.057	0.088	0.037	0.120	0.064
0.3	0.121	0.072	0.132	0.072	0.170	0.103	0.202	0.092
0.4	0.215	0.088	0.242	0.120	0.250	0.125	0.306	0.135
0.5	0.307	0.138	0.373	0.166	0.372	0.149	0.467	0.174
0.6	0.460	0.181	0.476	0.188	0.531	0.190	0.598	0.232
0.7	0.606	0.216	0.658	0.222	0.713	0.253	0.769	0.268
0.8	0.785	0.301	0.817	0.282	0.848	0.280	0.905	0.342
0.9	0.928	0.494	0.941	0.429	0.957	0.360	0.982	0.342
0.95	0.974	0.734	0.995	0.691	0.997	0.513	0.995	0.412

Table 3. Simulated power (%) for  $T_n^u$  with a unimodal kernel and  $T_n^b$  with a bimodal kernel at size  $\alpha = 0.05$  when  $m(x) = 300x^3(1 - x)^3 + 0.5$  for  $x \in [0, 1]$  and  $h = n^{-1/5}$ .

$\phi$	$T_{100}^u$	$T_{100}^b$	$T_{200}^u$	$T_{200}^b$	$T_{400}^u$	$T_{400}^b$	$T_{800}^u$	$T_{800}^b$
-0.95	0.458	0.553	0.928	0.969	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
-0.9	0.409	0.563	0.966	0.992	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
-0.8	0.368	0.491	0.981	0.994	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
-0.7	0.363	0.433	0.991	0.992	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
-0.6	0.426	0.426	0.985	0.984	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
-0.5	0.403	0.425	0.970	0.961	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
-0.4	0.457	0.393	0.968	0.948	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
-0.3	0.484	0.373	0.952	0.891	1.000	0.999	1.000	1.000
-0.2	0.536	0.363	0.937	0.875	0.999	0.999	1.000	1.000
-0.1	0.495	0.358	0.933	0.829	0.999	0.996	1.000	1.000
0.0	0.566	0.366	0.928	0.796	1.000	0.994	1.000	1.000
0.1	0.573	0.367	0.928	0.737	1.000	0.976	1.000	1.000
0.2	0.578	0.348	0.913	0.707	0.995	0.960	1.000	0.999
0.3	0.662	0.352	0.895	0.660	0.991	0.946	1.000	1.000
0.4	0.641	0.351	0.891	0.597	0.993	0.888	1.000	0.995
0.5	0.684	0.352	0.889	0.559	0.992	0.850	1.000	0.980
0.6	0.722	0.375	0.907	0.545	0.986	0.798	0.999	0.944
0.7	0.785	0.371	0.896	0.495	0.976	0.711	0.999	0.906
0.8	0.856	0.447	0.925	0.487	0.977	0.649	0.998	0.802
0.9	0.953	0.624	0.968	0.548	0.983	0.557	0.997	0.672
0.95	0.982	0.798	0.995	0.731	0.999	0.658	0.999	0.590

Table 4. Simulated power (%) for  $T_n^u$  with a unimodal kernel and  $T_n^b$  with a bimodal kernel at size  $\alpha = 0.05$  when  $m(x) = 300x^3(1-x)^3 + 1$  for  $x \in [0, 1]$  and  $h = n^{-1/5}$ .

$\phi$	$T_{100}^u$	$T_{100}^b$	$T_{200}^u$	$T_{200}^b$	$T_{400}^u$	$T_{400}^b$	$T_{800}^u$	$T_{800}^b$
-0.95	0.995	0.994	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
-0.9	0.998	0.998	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
-0.8	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
-0.7	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
-0.6	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
-0.5	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
-0.4	0.999	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
-0.3	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
-0.2	1.000	0.994	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
-0.1	0.999	0.992	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
0.0	0.999	0.980	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
0.1	0.998	0.972	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
0.2	0.995	0.938	1.000	0.999	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
0.3	0.986	0.895	1.000	0.997	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
0.4	0.986	0.864	1.000	0.992	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
0.5	0.979	0.802	1.000	0.977	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
0.6	0.976	0.780	1.000	0.951	1.000	0.997	1.000	1.000
0.7	0.972	0.708	0.997	0.893	1.000	0.991	1.000	0.999
0.8	0.962	0.699	0.995	0.841	1.000	0.962	1.000	0.998
0.9	0.984	0.764	0.997	0.829	0.999	0.854	1.000	0.967
0.95	0.990	0.884	0.998	0.868	0.998	0.870	1.000	0.899

Table 5. Simulated mean and standard deviation for  $R_n = \max_{j=1, \dots, n} |(nh\hat{\sigma}_r^2)^{-1/2} \sum_{i=1}^n K((x_j - x_i)/h)\hat{\epsilon}_i|$  with a unimodal kernel when  $m(x) = 300x^3(1-x)^3$  for  $x \in [0, 1]$  and  $h = n^{-1/5}$ .

$\phi$	$n = 100$		$n = 200$		$n = 400$		$n = 800$	
	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	Mean	SD
-0.95	40.90	18.81	41.77	17.24	43.30	17.93	46.06	17.55
-0.9	14.43	6.32	14.83	6.54	15.74	6.22	16.82	6.37
-0.8	5.22	2.31	5.60	2.33	5.93	2.44	6.31	2.51
-0.7	3.07	1.39	3.22	1.39	3.59	1.42	3.74	1.43
-0.6	2.15	0.98	2.29	1.02	2.53	1.05	2.67	1.05
-0.5	1.71	0.77	1.83	0.79	1.90	0.78	2.10	0.81
-0.4	1.44	0.68	1.57	0.67	1.69	0.69	1.74	0.69
-0.3	1.27	0.59	1.37	0.59	1.45	0.61	1.58	0.62
-0.2	1.17	0.53	1.28	0.56	1.35	0.55	1.45	0.56
-0.1	1.11	0.51	1.18	0.53	1.31	0.55	1.39	0.54
0.0	1.10	0.51	1.19	0.52	1.29	0.54	1.36	0.52
0.1	1.09	0.53	1.23	0.53	1.30	0.54	1.35	0.52
0.2	1.18	0.54	1.25	0.56	1.34	0.56	1.47	0.59
0.3	1.27	0.60	1.33	0.58	1.50	0.62	1.55	0.61
0.4	1.40	0.63	1.54	0.66	1.65	0.69	1.79	0.67
0.5	1.71	0.79	1.77	0.80	1.94	0.81	2.07	0.80
0.6	2.13	0.99	2.31	0.98	2.43	1.00	2.68	1.05
0.7	2.94	1.32	3.19	1.41	3.45	1.40	3.70	1.46
0.8	4.78	2.26	5.33	2.33	5.88	2.39	6.25	2.44
0.9	11.02	5.33	13.17	5.93	15.03	6.42	16.13	6.40
0.95	23.64	11.81	31.43	15.23	38.30	17.12	43.67	17.27

$m(x) = 300x^3(1-x)^3 + 1$  as  $H_1$ . From Table 4, the overall adjustments made by  $T_n^b$  tend to disappear as  $n$  increases. From Tables 3 and 4, one can infer that, as we have more distant  $m$  and large  $n$ ,  $T_n^u$  and  $T_n^b$  achieve similar powers whether the errors are correlated or not. Conclusively, our simulation recommends the use of  $T_n^b$  because it corrects the size distortion due to correlated error reasonably well, and performs similarly to  $T_n^u$  for distant  $H_1$  and large  $n$ , irrespective of error correlatedness.

Table 5 presents the mean and standard deviation of

$$R_n = \max_{j=1, \dots, n} \left| (nh\hat{\sigma}_r^2)^{-1/2} \sum_{i=1}^n K\left(\frac{x_j - x_i}{h}\right) \hat{\epsilon}_i \right|$$

for various values of  $\phi$  and  $n = 100, 200, 400$ , and  $800$  when  $H_0$  is true or  $m(x) = 300x^3(1-x)^3$ . There, as  $|\phi|$  increases from 0 to 0.95 (or dependence gets strong), both mean and standard deviation of  $R_n$  clearly increase. This shows strong effect of dependency on  $R_n$  and hence likely size distortion, as discussed in Remark 4. Also as  $n$  increases, the mean and standard deviation of  $R_n$  tend to grow.

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### Appendix

Verification of (2.4). Assume that  $H_0$  is true and let

$$T_{1n} = (n^2h)^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1, j \neq i}^n K_{ij} \epsilon_i \epsilon_j,$$

where  $i, j = 1, \dots, n$ ,  $K_{ij} = K((i-j)/nh)$ ; then, from the proof of Theorem 1 below, it suffices to check that (2.4) holds for  $T_{1n}$ . By using (C1)–(C3) and Lemma A.1 below

$$\begin{aligned} T_{1n} &= (n^2h)^{-1} \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1, j \neq i}^n K_{ij} [\epsilon_i \epsilon_j - E\epsilon_i \epsilon_j] + \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1, j \neq i}^n K_{ij} E\epsilon_i \epsilon_j \right\} \\ &= (n^2h)^{-1} \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1, j \neq i}^n K_{ij} [\epsilon_i \epsilon_j - E\epsilon_i \epsilon_j] + K(0) \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1, j \neq i}^n E\epsilon_i \epsilon_j \right\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & + \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1, j \neq i}^n [K_{ij} - K(0)] E\epsilon_i \epsilon_j \} \\
 = & (n^2 h)^{-1} \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1, j \neq i}^n K_{ij} [\epsilon_i \epsilon_j - E\epsilon_i \epsilon_j] + K(0) \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1, j \neq i}^n E\epsilon_i \epsilon_j \right\} \\
 & + O\left( (n^3 h^2)^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1, j \neq i}^n |i - j| E\epsilon_i \epsilon_j \right) \\
 = & (n^2 h)^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1, j \neq i}^n K_{ij} [\epsilon_i \epsilon_j - E\epsilon_i \epsilon_j] + 2(nh)^{-1} K(0) \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} E\epsilon_0 \epsilon_i + O((n^2 h^2)^{-1}) \\
 = & (n^2 h)^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1, j \neq i}^n K_{ij} [\epsilon_i \epsilon_j - E\epsilon_i \epsilon_j] + 2(nh)^{-1} K(0) \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} E\epsilon_0 \epsilon_i + o((nh^{1/2})^{-1}) \\
 = & U_{1n} + 2(nh)^{-1} K(0) \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} E\epsilon_0 \epsilon_i + o((nh^{1/2})^{-1}).
 \end{aligned}$$

Since  $U_{n1}$  can be shown to converges to  $Z$  in distribution (see the proof of Theorem 1), we have

$$P\left[ \frac{nh^{1/2} T_n}{\hat{\sigma}_0} > z_\alpha \right] = P\left( Z \geq z_\alpha - 2h^{-1/2} K(0) \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \frac{E\epsilon_0 \epsilon_i}{\hat{\sigma}_0} \right) + o(1).$$

Verification of Remark 3. If  $\delta_n = (n^{-1/2} h^{-1/4})^\epsilon$  for some  $\epsilon$ , then by (i) of Theorem 3 we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 p_{n0} & = P\left[ \frac{nh^{1/2} T_n}{\hat{\sigma}_0} > z_\alpha \right] = P\left( Z \geq z_\alpha - \frac{nh^{1/2} \delta_n^2 \mu_1}{\hat{\sigma}_0} \right) \\
 & = P\left( Z \geq z_\alpha - \frac{(nh^{1/2})^{(1-\epsilon)} \mu_1}{\hat{\sigma}_0} \right) \rightarrow \begin{cases} 1, & \epsilon_0 < \epsilon < 1, \\ P\left( Z \geq z_\alpha - \frac{\mu_1}{\sigma_0} \right), & \epsilon = 1, \\ P(Z \geq z_\alpha), & \epsilon > 1, \end{cases} \quad (A.1)
 \end{aligned}$$

where  $0 < \epsilon_0 = (1 - \eta)/(1 - \eta/2)$  if  $h = n^{-\eta}$  for some  $0 < \eta < 1$ . Note that  $nh\delta_n^2 \rightarrow \lambda > 0$  when  $\epsilon = \epsilon_0$  and that  $nh\delta_n^2 \rightarrow \infty$  when  $0 < \epsilon < \epsilon_0$ . Thus, (A.1) indicates that if the local alternative is of a rate slower than  $n^{-1/2} h^{-1/4}$  (or  $\epsilon_0 < \epsilon < 1$ ), the test or  $p_{n0}$  has asymptotic power 1 with rate  $s_n = (nh^{1/2})^{1-\epsilon}$ . If the local alternative is of a rate faster than  $n^{-1/2} h^{-1/4}$  (or  $1 < \epsilon$ ), the test has trivial power.

In order to prove that the power rate  $s_n$  is a continuous, but a nonmonotonic function of  $\delta_n$ , we observe that if  $0 < \epsilon < \epsilon_0$ , then by (ii) of Theorem 3, we have

$$p_{n0} = P\left[ \frac{nh^{1/2} T_n}{\hat{\sigma}_0} > z_\alpha \right] = P\left( Z \geq (2^{1/2} \sigma_2)^{-1} (z_\alpha \hat{\sigma}_0 (n^{1/2} h^{1/2} \delta_n)^{-1} - n^{1/2} \delta_n \mu_1) \right)$$

$$= P\left(Z \geq (2^{1/2}\sigma_2)^{-1}(z_\alpha\hat{\sigma}_0(n^{1/2}h^{1/4})^{(1-\epsilon)}h^{1/4} - n^{(1-\epsilon)/2}h^{-\epsilon/4}\mu_1)\right) \rightarrow 1. \tag{A.2}$$

If  $\epsilon = \epsilon_0$ , then by (iii) of Theorem 3, we have

$$p_{n0} = P\left[\frac{nh^{1/2}T_n}{\hat{\sigma}_0} > z_\alpha\right] = P\left(Z \geq \left(\frac{2\sigma_2^2}{\lambda} + \sigma_0^2\right)^{-1/2}(z_\alpha\hat{\sigma}_0 - \lambda h^{-1/2}\mu_1)\right) \rightarrow 1. \tag{A.3}$$

Here  $p_{n0}$  has power rate  $s_n = h^{-1/2}$  under the local alternative rate of  $\delta_n$  with  $\epsilon = \epsilon_0$  and, in addition, it has power rate  $s_n = n^{1/2}(nh)^{-\epsilon/2}$  under the local alternative rate  $\delta_n$  with  $0 < \epsilon < 1$ . Thus, (A.1)–(A.3) may be summarized in terms of power rate  $s_n$  as follows;

$$s_n = \begin{cases} 0 & \epsilon \geq 1; \\ (nh^{1/2})^{(1-\epsilon)} = n^{(1-\eta/2)(1-\epsilon)}, & \epsilon_0 = \frac{1-\eta}{1-\eta/2} < \epsilon < 1; \\ h^{-1/2} = n^{-\eta/2}, & \epsilon = \epsilon_0; \\ n^{(1-\epsilon)/2}h^{-\epsilon/4} = n^{1/2-(1-\eta/2)\epsilon/2} & 0 < \epsilon < \epsilon_0; \\ n^{1/2} & \epsilon = 0. \end{cases} \tag{A.4}$$

From (A.4), as  $\epsilon$  decreases to  $\epsilon_0$  (or the rate of the local alternative slows down), the power rate  $s_n$  slows down to  $h^{-1/2}$  (or  $\epsilon = \epsilon_0$ ) and then increases to  $n^{1/2}$ .

**Proof of Theorem 1.** Under  $H_0$ ,  $\hat{\epsilon}_i = \epsilon_i - [g(x_i, \hat{\gamma}) - g(x_i, \gamma_0)]$ , and we can rewrite  $T_n$  as

$$\begin{aligned} T_n &= \frac{1}{n^2h} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1, j \neq i}^n \epsilon_i \epsilon_j K_{ij} - \frac{2}{n^2h} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1, j \neq i}^n [g(x_i, \hat{\gamma}) - g(x_i, \gamma_0)] \epsilon_j K_{ij} \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{n^2h} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1, j \neq i}^n [g(x_i, \hat{\gamma}) - g(x_i, \gamma_0)][g(x_j, \hat{\gamma}) - g(x_j, \gamma_0)] K_{ij} \\ &= T_{1n} - 2T_{2n} + T_{3n}, \end{aligned} \tag{A.5}$$

where  $K_{ij} = K\left(\frac{i-j}{nh}\right)$ . We prove Theorem by showing that (i)  $nh^{1/2}T_{1n} \rightarrow N(0, \sigma_0^2)$  in distribution; (ii)  $T_{2n} = o_p((nh^{1/2})^{-1})$ ; (iii)  $T_{3n} = O_p(n^{-1})$ .

**Proof of (i).** First note that

$$\begin{aligned} T_{1n} &= (n^2h)^{-1} \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1, j \neq i}^n K_{ij} [\epsilon_i \epsilon_j - E\epsilon_i \epsilon_j] + \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1, j \neq i}^n K_{ij} E\epsilon_i \epsilon_j \right\} \\ &= (n^2h)^{-1} \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1, j \neq i}^n K_{ij} [\epsilon_i \epsilon_j - E\epsilon_i \epsilon_j] + \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1, j \neq i}^n [K_{ij} - K(0)] E\epsilon_i \epsilon_j \right\} \\ &= (n^2h)^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1, j \neq i}^n K_{ij} [\epsilon_i \epsilon_j - E\epsilon_i \epsilon_j] + O((n^3h^2)^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1, j \neq i}^n |i-j| E\epsilon_i \epsilon_j) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= (n^2h)^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1, j \neq i}^n K_{ij}[\epsilon_i \epsilon_j - E\epsilon_i \epsilon_j] + O((n^2h^2)^{-1}) \\
 &= (n^2h)^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1, j \neq i}^n K_{ij}[\epsilon_i \epsilon_j - E\epsilon_i \epsilon_j] + o((nh^{1/2})^{-1}). \tag{A.6}
 \end{aligned}$$

We have used  $K(0) = 0$ , (A.1)–(A.3), and Lemma A.1. Let

$$U_{1n} = (n^2h)^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1, j \neq i}^n K_{ij} \epsilon_i \epsilon_j.$$

Then the proof of (i) is complete if one shows

$$(n^2h)^{1/2}[U_{1n} - EU_{1n}] \rightarrow N(0, \sigma_0^2). \tag{A.7}$$

We sketch the proof because its details are established by following the proof of Theorem 2 of Kim et al. (2014) which is a CLT for reduced  $U$  statistics under dependence. Here  $U_{1n}$  is basically a reduced degenerate  $U$  statistics in its structure because  $K$  is compactly supported by (A.1) and  $K(0) = 0$ . The reduced  $U$  statistics is defined as

$$U_{nr} = \frac{\sum_{1 \leq |i-j| \leq \kappa_n} \Psi(Z_i, Z_j)}{N(\kappa_n)}, \tag{A.8}$$

where  $\Psi$  is a symmetric function,  $N(\kappa_n)$  is the number of distinct pairs satisfying  $1 \leq |i - j| \leq \kappa_n$  and  $1 \leq \kappa_n \leq n$ . Following the verification of (15) of Lemma 1 of Kim et al. (2014), we can obtain the variance of  $n^2hU_{1n}$  as follows.

$$\begin{aligned}
 &Var\left(\sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1, j \neq i}^n K_{ij} \epsilon_i \epsilon_j\right) \\
 &= \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1, j \neq i}^n K_{ij}^2 E(\epsilon_0^2) E(\epsilon_1^2) + \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1, j \neq i}^n \sum_{k=1, k \neq i, j}^n K_{ij} K_{ik} E(\epsilon_0^2) E(\epsilon_j \epsilon_k) \\
 &+ \sum_{\text{all different indices } i, j, k, l} K_{ij} K_{kl} E(\epsilon_i \epsilon_k) E(\epsilon_j \epsilon_l).
 \end{aligned}$$

Refer to  $\sigma_3^2$  of (2) of Kim et al. (2014). Using

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1, j \neq i}^n K_{ij}^2 E(\epsilon_0^2) E(\epsilon_1^2) = 2n^2h \int K^2 [E(\epsilon_0^2)]^2 + o(n^2h), \\
 &\sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1, j \neq i}^n \sum_{k=1, k \neq i, j}^n K_{ij} K_{ik} E(\epsilon_0^2) E(\epsilon_j \epsilon_k)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= 4n^2h \int K^2 E(\epsilon_0^2) \sum_j E(\epsilon_0 \epsilon_j) + o(n^2h), \\
 &\quad \sum_{\text{all different indices } i,j,k,l} K_{ij}K_{kl}E(\epsilon_i \epsilon_k)E(\epsilon_j \epsilon_l) \\
 &= 8n^2h \int K^2 \sum_i E(\epsilon_0 \epsilon_i) \sum_j E(\epsilon_0 \epsilon_j) + o(n^2h),
 \end{aligned}$$

we have

$$\text{Var}\left(\sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1, j \neq i}^n K_{ij} \epsilon_i \epsilon_j\right) = n^2h \int K^2(u)du \left[ (E(\epsilon)^2)^2 + \left(\sum_{j=-\infty}^{\infty} E(\epsilon_0 \epsilon_j)\right)^2 + o(n^2h) \right].$$

For establishing a CLT for  $nh^{1/2}T_{1n}$ , one can follow the proof of Theorem 2 of Kim et al. (2014). Indeed, since

$$E\left(\sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1, j \neq i}^n K_{ij} \epsilon_i \epsilon_j\right)^r = \sum_{i_1} \sum_{i_2} \cdots \sum_{i_{2r}} K_{i_1 i_2} \cdots K_{i_{2r-1} i_{2r}} E(\epsilon_{i_1} \epsilon_{i_2} \cdots \epsilon_{i_{2r-1}} \epsilon_{i_{2r}}),$$

the proof of Theorem 2 of Kim et al. (2014) applies in a straightforward fashion, and the proof of (i) is complete.

**Proof of (ii).** Using  $g(x_t, \hat{\gamma}) - g(x_t, \gamma_0) = g^{(1)}(x_t, \gamma_0)(\hat{\gamma} - \gamma_0) + 1/2g^{(2)}(x_t, \tilde{\gamma})(\hat{\gamma} - \gamma_0)^2$ , where  $\tilde{\gamma}$  is between  $\hat{\gamma}$  and  $\gamma_0$ , we get

$$T_{2n} = \frac{1}{n^2h} \left( (\hat{\gamma} - \gamma_0) \sum_{t \neq s} \sum \epsilon_s g^{(1)}(x_t, \gamma_0) K_{ts} + (\hat{\gamma} - \gamma_0)^2 \sum_{t \neq s} \sum \epsilon_s g^{(2)}(x_t, \tilde{\gamma}) \frac{K_{ts}}{2} \right).$$

Then it is not hard to check that, under the conditions of the Theorem,

$$\sum_{t \neq s} \sum \epsilon_s g^{(1)}(x_t, \gamma_0) K_{ts} = O_p(n^{3/2}h) \text{ and } \sum_{t \neq s} \sum \epsilon_s g^{(2)}(x_t, \tilde{\gamma}) K_{ts} = O_p(n^{3/2}h). \tag{A.9}$$

Also refer to Theorem 2 of Kim, Luo, and Ha (2012). Thus

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\frac{1}{n^2h} (\hat{\gamma} - \gamma_0) \sum_{t \neq s} \sum \epsilon_s g^{(1)}(x_t, \gamma_0) K_{ts} = O_p(n^{-1}) = o_p((nh^{1/2})^{-1}) \\
 &\frac{1}{n^2h} (\hat{\gamma} - \gamma_0)^2 \sum_{t \neq s} \sum \epsilon_s g^{(2)}(x_t, \tilde{\gamma}) K_{ts} = O_p(n^{-1}) = o_p((nh^{1/2})^{-1}).
 \end{aligned}$$

We have also used  $(\hat{\gamma} - \gamma_0) = O_p(n^{-1/2})$  and  $H_0$ . This completes the proof of (ii).

**Proof of (iii).** This follows from the Mean Value Theorem, (A4)(i), and the fact that  $\hat{\gamma} - \gamma_0 = O_p(n^{-1/2})$ . It is trivial to check that  $\sum \sum_{s \neq t} M_g(x_t)M_g(x_s)K_{st} = O(n^2h)$ . This completes the proof of (iii).

**Proof of Theorem 2.** Since, under  $H_1$ ,  $\hat{\epsilon}_i = \theta_i - [g(x_i, \hat{\gamma}) - g(x_i, \gamma_*)]$  where  $\theta_i = Y_i - g(x_i, \gamma_*) = \eta_i + m(x_i) - g(x_i, \gamma_*)$ , we can rewrite  $T_n$  as

$$\begin{aligned} T_n &= \frac{1}{n^2h} \sum \sum_{i \neq j} \theta_i \theta_j K_{ij} - \frac{2}{n^2h} \sum \sum_{i \neq j} [g(x_i, \hat{\gamma}) - g(x_i, \gamma_*)] \theta_i K_{ij} \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{n^2h} \sum \sum_{i \neq j} [g(x_i, \hat{\gamma}) - g(x_i, \gamma_*)][g(x_j, \hat{\gamma}) - g(x_j, \gamma_*)] K_{ij} \\ &= T_{1n} - 2T_{2n} + T_{3n}. \end{aligned} \tag{A.10}$$

Now,  $T_{1n}$  may be rewritten as  $T_{1n} = T_{11n} + 2T_{12n} + T_{13n}$  where

$$\begin{aligned} T_{11n} &= \frac{1}{n^2h} \sum \sum_{i \neq j} K_{ij}(\theta_i - E\theta_i)(\theta_j - E\theta_j), \\ T_{12n} &= \frac{1}{n^2h} \sum \sum_{i \neq j} K_{ij}(\theta_i - E\theta_i)E\theta_j, \\ T_{13n} &= \frac{1}{n^2h} \sum \sum_{i \neq j} K_{ij}E\theta_iE\theta_j, \end{aligned}$$

and  $E\theta_i = m(x_i) - g(x_i, \gamma_*)$ . Now one can show that under the conditions of the Theorem

$$T_{11n} = O_p(n^{-1}h^{-1/2}) = o_p(n^{-1/2}), \tag{A.11}$$

$$T_{12n} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_i \eta_i(m(x_i) - g(x_i, \gamma_*)) + o_p(n^{-1/2}), \tag{A.12}$$

$$T_{13n} = \int [m(x) - g(x, \gamma_*)]^2 dx + o(1), \tag{A.13}$$

by using Theorem 2 of Kim, Luo, and Ha (2012). Application of the CLT for triangular array of random variables (see Lemma A.2 of Kim et al. (2014)) yields

$$n^{1/2}(\sigma_1)^{-1}T_{12n} \rightarrow N(0, 1) \tag{A.14}$$

in distribution where

$$\sigma_1^2 = \sum_{i=-\infty}^{\infty} Cov[(Y_0 - m(x_0))(g(x_0, \tilde{\gamma}) - m(x_0)), (Y_i - m(x_i))(g(x_i, \tilde{\gamma}) - m(x_i))].$$

From the above results we have  $n^{1/2}(2\sigma_1)^{-1}T_{1n} \rightarrow N(\mu, 1)$  where  $\mu = \int [m(x) - g(x, \gamma_*)]^2 dx$ . Using  $\hat{\gamma} - \gamma_* = o_p(1)$  under  $H_1$ , it is easy to see that  $T_{2n} =$

$o_p(n^{-1/2})$  and  $T_{3n} = o_p(n^{-1/2})$ , which proves  $n^{1/2}(2\sigma_1)^{-1}T_n \rightarrow N(\mu, 1)$  where  $\mu = \int [m(x) - g(x, \gamma_*)]^2 dx$ .

**Proof of Theorem 3.** (i) If  $nh\delta_n^2 \rightarrow 0$ , then  $nh^{1/2}T_{12n} = O_p(n^{1/2}h^{1/2}\delta_n) = o_p(1)$  and

$$nh^{1/2}T_{13n} = nh^{1/2} \int [m(x) - g(x, \gamma_*)]^2 dx + o(1) = nh^{1/2}\delta_n^2\mu_1 + o(1).$$

Application of Theorem 2 of Kim, Luo, and Ha (2012) yields  $nh^{1/2}T_{11n} \rightarrow N(0, \sigma_0^2)$ . Thus under  $H_{1n}$  we have  $nh^{1/2}(T_n - \delta_n^2\mu_1) \rightarrow N(0, \sigma_0^2)$  in distribution.

(ii) If  $nh\delta_n^2 \rightarrow \infty$ , then  $n^{1/2}\delta_n^{-1}T_{11n} = o_p(1)$  since  $T_{11n} = O_p(n^{-1}h^{-1/2})$ . Application of CLT for triangular array of random variables (see Lemma A.2 of Kim et al. (2014)) to  $T_{12n}$  yields  $n^{1/2}\delta_n^{-1}T_{12n} \rightarrow N(0, \sigma_2^2)$  where

$$\sigma_2^2 = \sum_{i=-\infty}^{\infty} Cov[(Y_0 - m(x_0))l(x_0), (Y_i - m(x_i))l(x_i)].$$

Then since

$$n^{1/2}\delta_n^{-1}T_{13n} = n^{1/2}\delta_n^{-1} \left[ \int [m(x) - g(x, \gamma_*)]^2 dx + o(1) \right],$$

under  $H_{1n}$  we have  $n^{1/2}\delta_n^{-1}(T_n - \delta_n^2\mu_1) \rightarrow N(0, 2\sigma_2^2)$  in distribution.

(iii) If  $nh\delta_n^2 \rightarrow \lambda > 0$ , then  $nh^{1/2}T_{11n} \rightarrow N(0, \sigma_0^2)$  and  $nh^{1/2}T_{12n} \rightarrow N(0, \sigma_2^2/\lambda)$ . It is then easy to check that, under the conditions of Theorem,  $nh^{1/2}T_{13n} = \lambda h^{-1/2}[\mu_1 + o(1)]$ . Thus under  $H_{1n}$  we have  $nh^{1/2}(T_n - \lambda(nh)^{-1}\mu_1) \rightarrow N(0, \sigma_0^2 + 2\sigma_2^2/\lambda)$  in distribution. This can be proved by Cramer-Wold device, as in Lemma 6 of Kim, Luo, and Kim (2011).

**Lemma A.1.** Let  $\zeta_i \in \mathcal{M}_{s_i}^{t_i}$  be  $\alpha$ -mixing random variables, where  $s_1 < t_1 < s_2 < t_2 < \dots < t_m$  and  $s_{i+1} - t_i \geq \tau$  for all  $i$ . Assume that, for a positive integer  $\ell$ ,  $\|\zeta_i\|_{p_i} = (E|\eta_i|^{p_i})^{1/p_i} < \infty$ , for some  $p_i > 1$  with  $q = \sum_{i=1}^m p_i^{-1} < 1$ . Then

$$\left| E \prod_{i=1}^m \zeta_i - \prod_{i=1}^m E \zeta_i \right| \leq 10(m-1)\alpha(\tau)^{1-q} \prod_{i=1}^m \|\zeta_i\|_{p_i}.$$

For complex valued random variables, it holds that

$$\left| E \prod_{i=1}^m \zeta_i - \prod_{i=1}^m E \zeta_i \right| \leq 40(m-1)\alpha(\tau)^{1-q} \prod_{i=1}^m \|\zeta_i\|_{p_i}.$$

**Proof of Lemma A.1.** The proof can be found at Theorem 7.4 of Roussas and Ioannides (1987).

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