

**ASYMPTOTIC NORMALITY OF NONPARAMETRIC  $M$ -ESTIMATORS  
WITH APPLICATIONS TO HYPOTHESIS TESTING  
FOR PANEL COUNT DATA**

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**Supplementary Material**

PROOFS OF THEOREMS

**S1 Proof of Theorem 2.1**

By assumptions A4 and A5 with A2, we have

$$-\sqrt{n}\dot{G}_{\Lambda_0}(\hat{\Lambda}_n - \Lambda_0)[h] = -\sqrt{n}G(\hat{\Lambda}_n)[h] + o_p(1). \quad (\text{S1.1})$$

By assumptions A1 and A2, we have

$$-\sqrt{n}G(\hat{\Lambda}_n)[h] = \sqrt{n}(G_n - G)(\Lambda_0)[h] + o_p(1). \quad (\text{S1.2})$$

Thus, it follows from (S1.1) and (S1.2) that

$$-\sqrt{n}\dot{G}_{\Lambda_0}(\hat{\Lambda}_n - \Lambda_0)[h] = \sqrt{n}(G_n - G)(\Lambda_0)[h] + o_p(1),$$

which completes the proof of the theorem.

## S2 Proof of Theorem 3.1

To prove Theorem 3.1, we need to show the following lemma first.

**Lemma 1.** Define  $\psi_{ps}(\Lambda; \mathbf{X})[h] = \sum_{j=1}^K \left\{ \frac{N(T_{K,j})}{\Lambda(T_{K,j})} - 1 \right\} h(T_{K,j})$  and

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathcal{G}_n(\delta)[h] \\ &= \left\{ \psi_{ps}(\Lambda; \mathbf{X})[h] - \psi_{ps}(\Lambda_0; \mathbf{X})[h] : \begin{array}{l} d_1(\Lambda, \Lambda_0) < \delta, \\ \sup_{\tau_0 \leq t \leq \tau} |\Lambda(t) - \Lambda_0(t)| < \delta_0, \Lambda \in \Psi_n \end{array} \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

Let  $\|\cdot\|_{P,B}$  be the ‘‘Bernstein norm’’ defined as  $\|f\|_{P,B} = \{2P(e^{|f|} - 1 - |f|)\}^{1/2}$  by van der Vaart and Wellner (1996). Then the  $\varepsilon$ -bracketing number associated with  $\|\cdot\|_{P,B}$  for  $\mathcal{G}_n(\delta)[h]$ , denoted by  $N_{[]}(\varepsilon, \mathcal{G}_n(\delta)[h], \|\cdot\|_{P,B})$ , is bounded by  $(\delta/\varepsilon)^{c q_n}$ , that is,

$$N_{[]}(\varepsilon, \mathcal{G}_n(\delta)[h], \|\cdot\|_{P,B}) \lesssim (\delta/\varepsilon)^{c q_n}$$

for a constant  $c$  independent of  $h$ , where the symbol  $\lesssim$  denotes that the left-hand side is bounded above by a constant times the right-hand side.

**Proof.** For  $\Lambda$  with  $\sup_{\tau_0 \leq t \leq \tau} |\Lambda(t) - \Lambda_0(t)| < \delta_0$ , we obtain that  $M_1 \leq \Lambda(t) \leq M_2$  over  $t \in [\tau_0, \tau]$  where  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  are positive constants. Denote the ceiling of  $x$  by  $\lceil x \rceil$ . By the calculation in Shen and Wong (1994, page 597), for any  $\varepsilon < \delta$ , there exists a set of brackets  $\{[\Lambda_i^L, \Lambda_i^U] : i = 1, \dots, (\delta/\varepsilon)^{c q_n}\}$  such that for any  $\Lambda \in \Psi_n$ ,  $\Lambda_i^L(t) \leq \Lambda(t) \leq \Lambda_i^U(t)$  over  $t \in [\tau_0, \tau]$  for some

$1 \leq i \leq (\delta/\varepsilon)^{c_1 q_n}$ , where  $\|\Lambda_i^U - \Lambda_i^L\|_\infty \leq \varepsilon$ , and  $c$  is a constant. Define

$$m_i^L(\mathbf{X})[h] = \sum_{j=1}^K N(T_{K,j}) \left[ \left\{ \frac{I(h(T_{K,j}) \geq 0)}{\max(\Lambda_i^U(T_{K,j}), M_2)} + \frac{I(h(T_{K,j}) < 0)}{\max(\Lambda_i^L(T_{K,j}), M_1)} \right\} - \frac{1}{\Lambda_0(T_{K,j})} \right] h(T_{K,j})$$

and

$$m_i^U(\mathbf{X})[h] = \sum_{j=1}^K N(T_{K,j}) \left[ \left\{ \frac{I(h(T_{K,j}) \geq 0)}{\max(\Lambda_i^L(T_{K,j}), M_1)} + \frac{I(h(T_{K,j}) < 0)}{\max(\Lambda_i^U(T_{K,j}), M_2)} \right\} - \frac{1}{\Lambda_0(T_{K,j})} \right] h(T_{K,j}).$$

After some calculations, we have  $\|m_i^U(\mathbf{X})[h] - m_i^L(\mathbf{X})[h]\|_{P,B}^2 \lesssim \varepsilon^2$  and for any  $m(\Lambda; \mathbf{X})[h] \in \mathcal{G}_n(\delta)[h]$ , there exist some  $i$  such that  $m(\Lambda, \mathbf{X})[h] \in [m_i^L(\mathbf{X})[h], m_i^U(\mathbf{X})[h]]$ . Therefore, we have

$$N_{[\cdot]}(\varepsilon, \mathcal{G}_n(\delta)[h], \|\cdot\|_{P,B}) \lesssim (\delta/\varepsilon)^{c q_n}$$

for a universal constant  $c$ , which completes the proof of the lemma.

*Proof of Theorem 3.1.* To derive the asymptotic normality of the estimators, we need to verify conditions A1-A5 stated in Theorem 2.1.

To prove part (i), we define a sequence of maps  $S_n^{ps}$  mapping a neighborhood of  $\Lambda_0$ , denoted by  $\mathcal{U}$ , in the parameter space for  $\Lambda$  into  $l^\infty(\mathcal{H}_r)$

as

$$\begin{aligned}
S_n^{ps}(\Lambda)[h] &= n^{-1} \frac{d}{d\varepsilon} l_n^{ps}(\Lambda + \varepsilon h) \Big|_{\varepsilon=0} \\
&= n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^{K_i} \left\{ \frac{N_i(T_{K_i,j})}{\Lambda(T_{K_i,j})} - 1 \right\} h(T_{K_i,j}) \\
&= \mathbb{P}_n \psi_{ps}(\Lambda; \mathbf{X})[h].
\end{aligned}$$

Correspondingly, we define the limit map  $S^{ps} : \mathcal{U} \rightarrow l^\infty(\mathcal{H}_r)$  as

$$S^{ps}(\Lambda)[h] = P \left[ \sum_{j=1}^K \left\{ \frac{N(T_{K,j})}{\Lambda(T_{K,j})} - 1 \right\} h(T_{K,j}) \right].$$

We will show (A1) by applying Lemma 1. For  $h \in \mathcal{H}_r$ , let the class  $\mathcal{G}_n(\delta)[h]$  be as defined in Lemma 1 for some  $\delta > 0$ . Then by Lemma 1, we have

$$N_{[]}(\varepsilon, \mathcal{G}_n(\delta)[h], \|\cdot\|_{P,B}) \lesssim (\delta/\varepsilon)^{cq_n}$$

uniformly in  $h$ , and

$$J_{[]}(\varepsilon, \mathcal{G}_n(\delta)[h], \|\cdot\|_{P,B}) = \int_0^\delta \sqrt{1 + \log N_{[]}(\varepsilon, \mathcal{G}_n(\delta)[h], \|\cdot\|_{P,B})} d\varepsilon \lesssim q_n^{1/2} \delta.$$

Lu, Zhang and Huang (2007) showed that  $d_1(\hat{\Lambda}_n^{ps}, \Lambda_0) \rightarrow 0$  almost surely and hence that the uniform consistency of  $\hat{\Lambda}^{ps}$  can be shown by using arguments similar to Proposition 5 of Schick and Yu (2000) under conditions C2-C6; that is,

$$\sup_{\tau_0 \leq t \leq \tau} |\hat{\Lambda}_n^{ps}(t) - \Lambda_0(t)| \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{almost surely.}$$

By Theorem 2 of Lu, Zhang and Huang (2007),  $n^{r/(1+2r)}d_1(\hat{\Lambda}_n^{ps}, \Lambda_0) = O_p(1)$  with  $r > 1$ . Thus we have  $\psi_{ps}(\hat{\Lambda}_n^{ps}; \mathbf{X})[h] - \psi_{ps}(\Lambda_0; \mathbf{X})[h] \in \mathcal{G}_n(\delta)[h]$  with  $\delta = \delta_n = O(n^{-r/(1+2r)})$ . Furthermore, for any  $\psi_{ps}(\Lambda; \mathbf{X})[h] - \psi_{ps}(\Lambda_0; \mathbf{X})[h] \in \mathcal{G}_n(\delta_n)[h]$ , we have

$$\sup_{h \in \mathcal{H}_r} \|\psi_{ps}(\Lambda; \mathbf{X})[h] - \psi_{ps}(\Lambda_0; \mathbf{X})[h]\|_{P,B}^2 \lesssim d_1^2(\Lambda, \Lambda_0).$$

Hence, using the maximal inequality in Lemma 3.4.3 of van der Vaart and Wellner (1996), we obtain that

$$\begin{aligned} E_P \|n^{1/2}(P_n - P)\|_{\mathcal{G}_n(\delta_n)[h]} &\lesssim J_{[]}(\delta_n, \mathcal{G}_n(\delta_n)[h], \|\cdot\|_{P,B}) \\ &\quad \times \left\{ 1 + c \frac{J_{[]}(\delta_n, \mathcal{G}_n(\delta_n)[h], \|\cdot\|_{P,B})}{\delta_n^2 \sqrt{n}} \right\} \\ &\lesssim q_n^{1/2} \delta_n + q_n n^{-1/2} \\ &= O(n^{1/(2(1+2r)) - r/(1+2r)}) + O(n^{1/(1+2r) - 1/2}) \\ &= O(n^{(1-2r)/(2(1+2r))}) + O(n^{(1-2r)/(2(1+2r))}) \\ &= o(1), \end{aligned}$$

where  $c$  is a positive constant. Therefore, employing the Markov inequality, we have

$$\sqrt{n}(P_n - P)(\psi_{ps}(\hat{\Lambda}_n^{ps}; \mathbf{X})[h] - \psi_{ps}(\Lambda_0; \mathbf{X})[h]) = o_p(1)$$

uniformly in  $h$ . Thus, (A1) holds.

For (A2), clearly  $S^{ps}(\Lambda_0)[h] = 0$  for  $h \in \mathcal{H}_r$ , and we need to show that

$S_n^{ps}(\hat{\Lambda}_n^{ps})[h] = o(n^{-1/2})$  for  $h \in \mathcal{H}_r$ . Note that  $\hat{\Lambda}_n^{ps} = \sum_{\ell=1}^{q_n} \hat{\alpha}_{\ell n}^{ps} B_\ell$  satisfies the following score equation

$$n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^{K_i} \left\{ \frac{N_i(T_{K_i,j})}{\hat{\Lambda}_n^{ps}(T_{K_i,j})} - 1 \right\} B_\ell(T_{K_i,j}) = 0, \quad \ell = 1, \dots, q_n.$$

Thus, for any  $h = \sum_{\ell=1}^{q_n} \alpha_\ell B_\ell \in \Phi_n$ , we have

$$n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^{K_i} \left\{ \frac{N_i(T_{K_i,j})}{\hat{\Lambda}_n^{ps}(T_{K_i,j})} - 1 \right\} h(T_{K_i,j}) = 0,$$

that is,  $S_n^{ps}(\hat{\Lambda}_n^{ps})[h] = 0$  for any  $h \in \Phi_n$ .

For any  $h \in \mathcal{H}_r$ , there exists  $h_n \in \Phi_n$  such that  $\|h_n - h\|_\infty = O(n^{-rv})$ .

Next we need to show that

$$S_n^{ps}(\hat{\Lambda}_n^{ps})[h - h_n] = o(n^{-1/2}).$$

For this, we write

$$\begin{aligned} S_n^{ps}(\hat{\Lambda}_n^{ps})[h - h_n] &= \{S_n^{ps}(\hat{\Lambda}_n^{ps})[h - h_n] - S_n^{ps}(\Lambda_0)[h - h_n]\} + S_n^{ps}(\Lambda_0)[h - h_n] \\ &\equiv I_{1n} + I_{2n}. \end{aligned}$$

Since

$$\begin{aligned} P|I_{1n}| &= n^{-1} \left| \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^{K_i} N_i(T_{K_i,j}) \right. \\ &\quad \times \left. \left\{ \frac{1}{\hat{\Lambda}_n^{ps}(T_{K_i,j})} - \frac{1}{\Lambda_0(T_{K_i,j})} \right\} \{h(T_{K_i,j}) - h_n(T_{K_i,j})\} \right| \\ &\lesssim d_1(\hat{\Lambda}_n^{ps}, \Lambda_0) \|h - h_n\|_\infty \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} PI_{2n}^2 &= n^{-1}P \left[ \sum_{j=1}^K \left\{ \frac{N(T_{K,j})}{\Lambda_0(T_{K,j})} - 1 \right\} \{h(T_{K,j}) - h_n(T_{K,j})\} \right]^2 \\ &\lesssim n^{-1} \|h - h_n\|_\infty^2, \end{aligned}$$

then it follows that  $I_{1n} = o_p(n^{-1/2})$  and  $I_{2n} = o_p(n^{-1/2})$ , which implies (A2).

Condition (A3) holds because  $\mathcal{H}_r$  is a Donsker class and the functional  $S_n^{ps}$  is a bounded Lipschitz function with respect to  $\mathcal{H}_r$ .

For (A4), by the smoothness of  $S^{ps}(\Lambda)$ , the Fréchet differentiability holds and the derivative of  $S^{ps}(\Lambda)$  at  $\Lambda_0$ , denoted by  $\dot{S}_{\Lambda_0}^{ps}$ , is a map from the space  $\{(\Lambda - \Lambda_0) : \Lambda \in \mathcal{U}\}$  to  $l^\infty(\mathcal{H}_r)$  and

$$\begin{aligned} &\dot{S}_{\Lambda_0}^{ps}(\Lambda - \Lambda_0)[h] \\ &= \frac{d}{d\varepsilon} \{S^{ps}(\Lambda_0 + \varepsilon(\Lambda - \Lambda_0))[h]\} \Big|_{\varepsilon=0} \\ &= -P \left[ \sum_{j=1}^K h(T_{K,j}) \left\{ \frac{\Lambda(T_{K,j}) - \Lambda_0(T_{K,j})}{\Lambda_0(T_{K,j})} \right\} \right]. \end{aligned} \tag{S2.1}$$

Thus, by condition C8, we have

$$-\dot{S}_{\Lambda_0}^{ps}(\Lambda - \Lambda_0)[h] = \int (\Lambda(t) - \Lambda_0(t)) dQ^{ps}(h)(t) \tag{S2.2}$$

where

$$Q^{ps}(h)(t) = P \left[ \sum_{j=1}^K I(T_{K,j} \leq t) \frac{h(T_{K,j})}{\Lambda_0(T_{K,j})} \right].$$

Next we show that (A5) holds. Note that

$$\begin{aligned}
& S^{ps}(\hat{\Lambda}_n^{ps})[h] - S_{\Lambda_0}^{ps}[h] - \dot{S}_{\Lambda_0}^{ps}(\hat{\Lambda}_n^{ps} - \Lambda_0)[h] \\
&= P \left[ \sum_{j=1}^K \left\{ \frac{N(T_{K,j})}{\hat{\Lambda}_n^{ps}(T_{K,j})} - 1 \right\} h(T_{K,j}) \right] \\
&\quad + P \left[ \sum_{j=1}^K h(T_{K,j}) \left\{ \frac{\hat{\Lambda}_n^{ps}(T_{K,j}) - \Lambda_0(T_{K,j})}{\Lambda_0(T_{K,j})} \right\} \right] \\
&= P \left[ \sum_{j=1}^K \frac{h(T_{K,j})}{\Lambda_0(T_{K,j}) \hat{\Lambda}_n^{ps}(T_{K,j})} \left\{ \hat{\Lambda}_n^{ps}(T_{K,j}) - \Lambda_0(T_{K,j}) \right\}^2 \right] \\
&= O_p(d_1^2(\hat{\Lambda}_n^{ps}, \Lambda_0)).
\end{aligned}$$

By Theorem 2 of Lu, Zhang and Huang (2007),

$$d_1^2(\hat{\Lambda}_n^{ps}, \Lambda_0) = O_p(n^{-2r/(1+2r)}) = o_p(n^{-1/2}),$$

and thus (A5) holds.

It follows from Theorem 2.1 that

$$\sqrt{n} \int \{\hat{\Lambda}_n^{ps}(t) - \Lambda_0(t)\} dQ^{ps}(h)(t) = \sqrt{n}(S_n^{ps} - S^{ps})(\Lambda_0)[h] + o_p(1). \quad (\text{S2.3})$$

Next, we show that  $Q^{ps}$  is one-to-one, that is, for  $h \in \mathcal{H}_r$ , if  $Q^{ps}(h) = 0$ , then  $h = 0$ .

Suppose that  $Q^{ps}(h) = 0$ . Then  $\dot{S}_{\Lambda_0}^{ps}(\Lambda - \Lambda_0)[h] = 0$  for any  $\Lambda$  in the neighborhood  $\mathcal{U}$ . In particular, we take  $\Lambda = \Lambda_0 + \epsilon h$  for a small constant  $\epsilon$ .



Thus we have

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \dot{S}_{\Lambda_0}^{ps}(\Lambda - \Lambda_0)[h] \\ &= -\epsilon P \left[ \sum_{j=1}^K \Lambda_0(T_{K,j}) \left\{ \frac{h(T_{K,j})}{\Lambda_0(T_{K,j})} \right\}^2 \right], \end{aligned}$$

which yields

$$h(T_{K,j}) = 0, \quad j = 1, \dots, K, \quad a.s.$$

and so  $h = 0$  by condition C10.

For each  $h \in \mathcal{H}_r$ , since  $Q^{ps}$  is invertible, there exists  $h^{ps} \in \mathcal{H}_r$  such that  $Q^{ps}(h^{ps}) = h$ . Therefore, we have

$$\sqrt{n} \int \{ \hat{\Lambda}_n^{ps}(t) - \Lambda_0(t) \} dh(t) = \sqrt{n} (S_n^{ps} - S^{ps})(\Lambda_0)[h^{ps}] + o_p(1) \rightarrow_d N(0, \sigma_{ps}^2),$$

where

$$\sigma_{ps}^2 = E\{\psi_{ps}^2(\Lambda_0; \mathbf{X})[h^{ps}]\}. \quad (\text{S2.4})$$

To prove part (ii), we define a sequence of maps  $S_n$  mapping a neighborhood of  $\Lambda_0$ ,  $\mathcal{U}$ , in the parameter space for  $\Lambda$  into  $l^\infty(\mathcal{H}_r)$  as:

$$S_n(\Lambda)[h] = n^{-1} \frac{d}{d\varepsilon} l_n(\Lambda + \varepsilon h) \Big|_{\varepsilon=0}.$$

Write  $\Delta N_i(T_{K_i,j}) = N_i(T_{K_i,j}) - N_i(T_{K_i,j-1})$ ,  $\Delta \Lambda(T_{K_i,j}) = \Lambda(T_{K_i,j}) - \Lambda(T_{K_i,j-1})$ ,

and  $\Delta h(T_{K_i,j}) = h(T_{K_i,j}) - h(T_{K_i,j-1})$ . Then, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & S_n(\Lambda)[h] \\ &= n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^{K_i} \left[ \left\{ \frac{\Delta N_i(T_{K_i,j})}{\Delta \Lambda(T_{K_i,j})} - 1 \right\} \Delta h(T_{K_i,j}) \right] \\ &\equiv \mathbb{P}_n \psi(\Lambda; \mathbf{X})[h]. \end{aligned}$$

Correspondingly, we define the limit map  $S : \mathcal{U} \rightarrow l^\infty(\mathcal{H}_r)$  as

$$S(\Lambda)[h] = P \left[ \sum_{j=1}^K \left\{ \frac{\Delta N(T_{K,j})}{\Delta \Lambda(T_{K,j})} - 1 \right\} \Delta h(T_{K,j}) \right].$$

Furthermore, the derivative of  $S(\Lambda)$  at  $\Lambda_0$ , denoted by  $\dot{S}_{\Lambda_0}$ , is a map from the space  $\{(\Lambda - \Lambda_0) : \Lambda \in \mathcal{U}\}$  to  $l^\infty(\mathcal{H}_r)$  and

$$\begin{aligned} & \dot{S}_{\Lambda_0}(\Lambda - \Lambda_0)[h] \\ &= -P \sum_{j=1}^K \Delta h(T_{K,j}) \left\{ \frac{\Delta \Lambda(T_{K,j}) - \Delta \Lambda_0(T_{K,j})}{\Delta \Lambda_0(T_{K,j})} \right\} \quad (\text{S2.5}) \\ &= - \int \{\Lambda(t) - \Lambda_0(t)\} dQ(h)(t) \end{aligned}$$

where

$$Q(h)(t) = P \left[ \sum_{j=1}^K \{I(T_{K,j} \leq t) - I(T_{K,j-1} \leq t)\} \frac{\Delta h(T_{K,j})}{\Delta \Lambda_0(T_{K,j})} \right].$$

Similarly, we can show that  $\sqrt{n}(S_n - S)(\hat{\Lambda}_n)[h] - \sqrt{n}(S_n - S)(\Lambda_0)[h] = o_p(1)$ ,  $S(\Lambda_0)[h] = 0$ ,  $S_n(\hat{\Lambda}_n)[h] = o_p(n^{-1/2})$ , and

$$S(\hat{\Lambda}_n)[h] - S(\Lambda_0)[h] - \dot{S}_{\Lambda_0}(\hat{\Lambda}_n - \Lambda_0)[h] = O_p(d_2^2(\hat{\Lambda}_n, \Lambda_0)).$$

By Theorem 2 of Lu, Zhang and Huang (2007), we have  $d_2(\hat{\Lambda}_n, \Lambda_0) = O_p(n^{-r/(1+2r)})$ , and so

$$S(\hat{\Lambda}_n)[h] - S(\Lambda_0)[h] - \dot{S}_{\Lambda_0}(\hat{\Lambda}_n - \Lambda_0)[h] = o_p(n^{-1/2}).$$

Thus it follows from Theorem 2.1 that

$$\sqrt{n} \int \{\hat{\Lambda}_n(t) - \Lambda_0(t)\} dQ(h)(t) = \sqrt{n}(S_n - S)(\Lambda_0)[h] + o_p(1). \quad (\text{S2.6})$$

Next, we show that  $Q$  is one-to-one, that is, for  $h \in \mathcal{H}_r$ , if  $Q(h) = 0$ , then  $h = 0$

Suppose that  $Q(h) = 0$ . Then  $\dot{S}_{\Lambda_0}(\Lambda - \Lambda_0)[h] = 0$  for any  $\Lambda$  in the neighborhood  $\mathcal{U}$ . In particular, we take  $\Lambda = \Lambda_0 + \epsilon h$  for a small constant  $\epsilon$ .

Thus we have

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \dot{S}_{\Lambda_0}(\Lambda - \Lambda_0)[h] \\ &= -\epsilon P \left[ \sum_{j=1}^K \Delta \Lambda_0(T_{K,j}) \left\{ \frac{\Delta h(T_{K,j})}{\Delta \Lambda_0(T_{K,j})} \right\}^2 \right], \end{aligned}$$

which yields

$$\Delta h(T_{K,j}) = 0, \quad j = 1, \dots, K, \quad a.s.$$

Thus,

$$h(T_{K,j}) = 0, \quad j = 1, \dots, K, \quad a.s.$$

and so  $h = 0$  by condition C10.

For each  $h \in \mathcal{H}_r$ , since  $Q$  is invertible, there exists unique  $h^* \in \mathcal{H}_r$  such that  $Q(h^*) = h$ . Thus, we have

$$\sqrt{n} \int \{\hat{\Lambda}_n(t) - \Lambda_0(t)\} dh(t) = \sqrt{n}(S_n - S)(\Lambda_0)[h^*] + o_p(1) \rightarrow_d N(0, \sigma^2),$$

where

$$\sigma^2 = E\{\psi^2(\Lambda_0; \mathbf{X})[h^*]\}. \quad (\text{S2.7})$$

*Proof of Corollary 3.1.* (i) Note that

$$P \left[ \sum_{j=1}^K h(T_{K,j}) \left\{ \frac{\hat{\Lambda}_n^{ps}(T_{K,j}) - \Lambda_0(T_{K,j})}{\Lambda_0(T_{K,j})} \right\} \right] = \int h(t) \frac{\hat{\Lambda}_n^{ps}(t) - \Lambda_0(t)}{\Lambda_0(t)} d\mu_1(t).$$

Thus it follows from (S2.1)-(S2.3) that

$$\sqrt{n} \int h(t) \frac{\hat{\Lambda}_n^{ps}(t) - \Lambda_0(t)}{\Lambda_0(t)} d\mu_1(t) = \sqrt{n}(S_n^{ps} - S^{ps})(\Lambda_0)[h] + o_p(1),$$

which completes the proof of (i).

Similarly, the result in part (ii) follows from (S2.5) and (S2.6).

### S3 Proof of Theorem 4.1

(i) Note that

$$\begin{aligned}
U_n^{(ps)} &= \sqrt{n}\mathbb{P}_n \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^K h_n(T_{K,j}) \frac{\hat{\Lambda}_1^{ps}(T_{K,j}) - \hat{\Lambda}_2^{ps}(T_{K,j})}{\hat{\Lambda}_0^{ps}(T_{K,j})} \right\} \\
&= \sqrt{n}\mathbb{P}_n \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^K h_n(T_{K,j}) \frac{\hat{\Lambda}_1^{ps}(T_{K,j}) - \Lambda_0(T_{K,j})}{\hat{\Lambda}_0^{ps}(T_{K,j})} \right\} \\
&\quad - \sqrt{n}\mathbb{P}_n \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^K h_n(T_{K,j}) \frac{\hat{\Lambda}_2^{ps}(T_{K,j}) - \Lambda_0(T_{K,j})}{\hat{\Lambda}_0^{ps}(T_{K,j})} \right\},
\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
&\sqrt{n}\mathbb{P}_n \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^K h_n(T_{K,j}) \frac{\hat{\Lambda}_1^{ps}(T_{K,j}) - \Lambda_0(T_{K,j})}{\hat{\Lambda}_0^{ps}(T_{K,j})} \right\} \\
&= U_{1n}^{ps} + U_{2n}^{ps} + U_{3n}^{ps} + U_{4n}^{ps}
\end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
U_{1n}^{ps} &= \sqrt{n}(\mathbb{P}_n - P) \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^K h_n(T_{K,j}) \frac{\hat{\Lambda}_1^{ps}(T_{K,j}) - \Lambda_0(T_{K,j})}{\hat{\Lambda}_0^{ps}(T_{K,j})} \right\}, \\
U_{2n}^{ps} &= \sqrt{n}P \left[ \sum_{j=1}^K \{h_n(T_{K,j}) - h(T_{K,j})\} \frac{\hat{\Lambda}_1^{ps}(T_{K,j}) - \Lambda_0(T_{K,j})}{\hat{\Lambda}_0^{ps}(T_{K,j})} \right], \\
U_{3n}^{ps} &= \sqrt{n}P \left[ \sum_{j=1}^K h(T_{K,j}) \{ \hat{\Lambda}_1^{ps}(T_{K,j}) - \Lambda_0(T_{K,j}) \} \left\{ \frac{1}{\hat{\Lambda}_0^{ps}(T_{K,j})} - \frac{1}{\Lambda_0(T_{K,j})} \right\} \right], \\
U_{4n}^{ps} &= \sqrt{n}P \left[ \sum_{j=1}^K h(T_{K,j}) \frac{\hat{\Lambda}_1^{ps}(T_{K,j}) - \Lambda_0(T_{K,j})}{\Lambda_0(T_{K,j})} \right].
\end{aligned}$$

By the arguments similar to those used in the proof of Theorem 3.1 of

Balakrishnan and Zhao (2009), we can show that  $U_{1n}^{ps} = o_p(1)$ ,  $U_{2n}^{ps} =$

$o_p(1)$ , and  $U_{3n}^{ps} = o_p(1)$ .

From (S2.1)-(S2.3), we have

$$U_{4n}^{ps} = \sqrt{n}(\mathbb{P}_{n_1} - P)\psi_{ps}(\Lambda_0; \mathbf{X})[h] + o_p(1),$$

where  $\mathbb{P}_{n_1}$  is the empirical measure based on group 1. Similarly, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \sqrt{n}\mathbb{P}_n \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^K h_n(T_{K,j}) \frac{\hat{\Lambda}_2^{ps}(T_{K,j}) - \Lambda_0(T_{K,j})}{\hat{\Lambda}_0^{ps}(T_{K,j})} \right\} \\ &= \sqrt{n}(\mathbb{P}_{n_2} - P)\psi_{ps}(\Lambda_0; \mathbf{X})[h] + o_p(1), \end{aligned}$$

where  $\mathbb{P}_{n_2}$  is the empirical measure based on group 2. Hence, we have

$$\begin{aligned} U_n^{ps} &= \sqrt{\frac{n}{n_1}}\sqrt{n_1}(\mathbb{P}_{n_1} - P)\psi_{ps}(\Lambda_0; \mathbf{X})[h] \\ &\quad - \sqrt{\frac{n}{n_2}}\sqrt{n_2}(\mathbb{P}_{n_2} - P)\psi_{ps}(\Lambda_0; \mathbf{X})[h] + o_p(1). \end{aligned}$$

Here  $\mathbb{P}_{n_1}$  and  $\mathbb{P}_{n_2}$  are independent. Thus it follows that  $U_n^{ps}$  converges in distribution to  $N(0, \sigma_{ps}^2)$ .

(ii) Using the arguments similar to the proof of (i), we can obtain

$$\begin{aligned} U_n &= \sqrt{\frac{n}{n_1}}\sqrt{n_1}(\mathbb{P}_{n_1} - P)\psi(\Lambda_0; \mathbf{X})[h] \\ &\quad - \sqrt{\frac{n}{n_2}}\sqrt{n_2}(\mathbb{P}_{n_2} - P)\psi(\Lambda_0; \mathbf{X})[h] + o_p(1), \end{aligned}$$

which yields the asymptotic normal distribution  $N(0, \sigma^2)$ .

(iii) The proof of this part is omitted since it is similar to those used in the proof of Theorem 3.1 (iii) of Balakrishnan and Zhao (2009).

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