

**Time series models for realized covariance matrices  
based on the matrix-F distribution**

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**Supplementary Material**

This supplement provides four appendices for the paper. Appendix S1 gives the proofs of Theorem 2.1. Appendix S2 gives the proofs for Theorems 3.1-5.6. Appendix S3 provides the proofs of lemmas used in Appendices S1 and S2. Appendix S4 lists some useful derivatives and stocks used in Application 2.

**S1 Proofs of Theorem 2.1**

This appendix contains the proof of Theorem 2.1. To facilitate the proof, we recall some results in Boussama et al. (2011).

**Theorem S1.1.** *Let there be a multivariate semi-polynomial Markov Chain, which is of the form  $X_{t+1} = \mathcal{E}(X_t, \delta_t)$ , where  $X_t$  is of dimension  $m_1$ ,  $\delta_t$  is i.i.d. sequence of dimension  $m_2$ , and  $\mathcal{E}$  is a  $\mathcal{C}^1$  continuous map. Let*

$V \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{m_1}$  be an algebraic variety and  $U$  be an open subset of  $\mathbb{R}^{m_1}$ .

Suppose there exist  $\mathcal{C}^1$  continuous maps  $\mathcal{L}$  and  $v$  to satisfy the decomposition  $\mathcal{E}(z, y) = \mathcal{L}(z, v(z, y))$  and the regularity conditions in Section 3 of Boussama et al. (2011) hold.

Then if the following assumptions (S1)-(S4) hold, there exists a unique strict stationary solution to  $X_t$  which is Harris-recurrent and geometrically  $\beta$ -mixing.

(S1)  $\delta_t$  is i.i.d. with distribution  $\Gamma$  which is absolutely continuous with respect to Lebesgue measure on  $\mathbb{R}^{m_2}$ .

(S2) Define for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}^* \setminus \{1\}$ , the function  $\mathcal{E}^k(z, \delta_1, \dots, \delta_k) := \mathcal{E}(\mathcal{E}^{k-1}(z, \delta_1, \dots, \delta_{k-1}), \delta_k)$  for  $z \in U$ ,  $\delta_1, \dots, \delta_k \in \mathbb{R}^{m_2}$ . Then for any  $z \in V \cap U$  we can define an orbit:

$$S_z := \bigcup_{k \in \mathbb{N}^*} \{\mathcal{E}^k(z, y_1, \dots, y_k) : y_1, \dots, y_k \in E\} = \bigcup_{k \in \mathbb{N}^*} \mathcal{E}^k(z, E^k),$$

where  $E$  denotes the support of  $\Gamma$ . There exist a point  $a_0 \in \text{int}(E)$  and a point  $\Lambda \in W \cap U$ , where  $W := \overline{{}^{\mathbb{Z}}S_\Lambda}$  as the Zariski closure of the orbit  $S_\Lambda$ , such that for all  $z \in W \cap U$  the sequence  $\{X_t^z : X_t^z = F(X_{t-1}^z, a_0), X_0^z = z\}$  converges to the point  $\Lambda$ .

(S3) The strict stationary solution of the Markov chain  $X_t = \mathcal{E}(X_{t-1}, \delta_t)$  takes its values in the algebraic variety  $W \cap U$ .

(S4) The Forster-Lyapunov (FL) condition hold, i.e., there exist a function  $V : U \rightarrow [1, \infty]$  and positive constants  $\alpha < 1$ ,  $b < \infty$  as well as a Borel set  $\mathcal{K}$  in  $W \cap U$  such that the (FL) condition hold, i.e.

$$PV(x) \leq \alpha V(x) + b \cdot 1_{\mathcal{K}}(x), \quad \forall x \in W \cap U.$$

PROOF OF THEOREM 2.1. Applying  $vec(\cdot)$  operation to both sides of model (2.3), we have  $\sigma_t = \lambda + \sum_{i=1}^M (A_i^* y_{t-i} + B_i^* \sigma_{t-i})$ , where  $\sigma_t = vec(\Sigma_t)$ ,  $y_t = vec(Y_t)$ , and  $\lambda = vec(\Omega)$ . Define process  $X_t$  as

$$X_t = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_t \\ \vdots \\ \sigma_{t-M+1} \\ y_t \\ \vdots \\ y_{t-M+1} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda + \sum_{i=1}^M (A_i^* y_{t-i} + B_i^* \sigma_{t-i}) \\ \vdots \\ \sigma_{t-M+1} \\ y_t \\ \vdots \\ y_{t-M+1} \end{pmatrix}. \quad (\text{S1.1})$$

Then, by (S1)-(S4), there exist some maps  $\mathcal{E}$ ,  $\mathcal{L}$  and  $v$  such that

$$X_t = \mathcal{E}(X_{t-1}, \delta_t) = \mathcal{L}(X_{t-1}, y_t) = \mathcal{L}(X_{t-1}, v(X_{t-1}, \delta_t)),$$

where  $y_t = v(X_{t-1}, \delta_t)$  and  $\delta_t = vec(\Delta_t)$ . Since  $\mathcal{E}$ ,  $\mathcal{L}$ ,  $v$  are  $\mathcal{C}^1$  continuous by lemma 4.1 of Boussama et al. (2011), it is obvious that the CBF model has stationary solution if and only if (S1.1) has stationary solution, which is the case by (S1)-(S4) according to Theorem S1.1. Hence, the proof is completed

if (S1)-(S4) hold. Notice (S1) automatically holds by (H1). Then, it suffices to check (S2)-(S4) by Lemmas S1.1-S1.3 below, respectively.  $\square$

**Lemma S1.1.** *Suppose that (H1)-(H3) hold. For the constructed markov chain  $Z_t$ , (S2) holds by choosing  $a_0 = \text{vec}(I_n)$  and  $\Lambda$  defined via the following equation:  $\Lambda = (\gamma', 0, \dots, 0)' + \Psi\Lambda$ , where  $\Psi =$*

$$\Psi = \begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{B} + \mathcal{A} & 0 \\ 0 & \mathcal{B} + \mathcal{A} \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{2Mn^2 \times 2Mn^2} \text{ with}$$

$$\mathcal{A} = \begin{pmatrix} A_1^* & A_2^* & \dots & A_{M-1}^* & A_M^* \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \ddots & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \in \mathcal{R}^{Mn^2 \times Mn^2},$$

$$\mathcal{B} = \begin{pmatrix} B_1^* & B_2^* & \dots & B_{M-1}^* & B_M^* \\ I_{n^2} & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \ddots & I_{n^2} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & I_{n^2} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \in \mathcal{R}^{Mn^2 \times Mn^2}.$$

**Lemma S1.2.** *Suppose that (H1)-(H3) hold. Then, (S3) holds, i.e., the strict stationary solution of  $X_t$  takes value in  $W \cap U$ .*

**Lemma S1.3.** *Suppose that (H1)-(H3) hold. Then, the (FL) condition in*

(S4) holds.

The proofs of Lemmas S1.1-S1.3 can be found in the Appendix S3.

## S2 Proofs of Theorems 3.1-5.6

In this appendix, we only give the proofs of Theorems 5.1-5.6. The proofs of Theorems 3.1-3.2 and 4.1 are essentially similar and less complicated, and hence they are omitted. To facilitate the proofs, we define

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{Y}_t &= (\text{vec}(Y_t)', \dots, \text{vec}(Y_{t-M})')' \in \mathcal{R}^{Mn^2 \times 1}, \\ \mathcal{H}_t(\delta) &= (\text{vec}(\Sigma_{vt}(\delta))', \dots, \text{vec}(\Sigma_{vt-M}(\delta))')' \in \mathcal{R}^{Mn^2 \times 1}, \\ \widehat{\mathcal{H}}_t(\delta) &= (\text{vec}(\widehat{\Sigma}_{vt}(\delta))', \dots, \text{vec}(\widehat{\Sigma}_{vt-M}(\delta))')' \in \mathcal{R}^{Mn^2 \times 1}, \\ r(\delta) &= \left( s' \left[ I_{n^2} - \sum_{i=1}^M (A_i^* + B_i^*) \right]', 0_{1 \times (M-1)n^2} \right)' \in \mathcal{R}^{Mn^2 \times 1}. \end{aligned}$$

Then, the recursion (5.17) can be rewritten as

$$\widehat{\mathcal{H}}_t(\delta) = r(\delta) + \mathcal{A}(u)\mathcal{Y}_{t-1} + \mathcal{B}(u)\widehat{\mathcal{H}}_{t-1}(\delta), \quad (\text{S2.2})$$

where  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $\mathcal{B}$  defined as in Lemma S1.1 are functions of  $u$ ,  $\mathcal{Y}_0 = \mathcal{Y}_0^*$  and  $\widehat{\mathcal{H}}_0(\delta) = \widehat{\mathcal{H}}_0^*$  are calculated based on the sequence of given initial constant matrices  $h$ . Similarly, the recursion (5.19) can be rewritten as

$$\mathcal{H}_t(\delta) = r(\delta) + \mathcal{A}(u)\mathcal{Y}_{t-1} + \mathcal{B}(u)\mathcal{H}_{t-1}(\delta). \quad (\text{S2.3})$$

It is worth noting that when  $E\|Y_t\| < \infty$ , by Theorem 2.1 and a similar argument as for (B.15) in Pedersen and Rahbek (2014), there exists  $0 < \phi < 1$ , such that for any integer  $i \geq 0$ ,

$$\sup_{u \in \Theta_u} \|\mathcal{B}^i(u)\| \leq U\phi^i, \quad (\text{S2.4})$$

where  $U > 0$  is a generic constant in the sequel.

Moreover, we give five technical lemmas. Lemma S2.1 provides a list of useful results in matrix algebra. Lemma S2.2 presents some moment conditions related to  $\Sigma_t(\delta)$ . Lemma S2.3 ensures that the effect of the first-step estimation and the initial values is negligible for the second-step estimation. Lemma S2.4 is standard to prove the strong consistency of  $\widehat{\theta}_v$ . Lemma S2.5 is needed for the identifiability of  $\widehat{\theta}_v$ . The proofs of Lemmas S2.1-S2.5 can be found in the Appendix S3.

**Lemma S2.1.** *Suppose that  $A, B, C$  and  $D$  are  $n \times n$  square matrices.*

*Then,*

- (i)  $tr(ABCD) = vec(D)'(C' \otimes A)vec(B) = (vec(D))'(A \otimes C')vec(B)$ ;
- (ii)  $tr(A \otimes B) = tr(A)tr(B)$ ;
- (iii)  $\|tr(AB)\| \leq \|A\| \|B\|$ ;
- (iv)  $\|A\|_{spec} \leq \|A\| \leq \sqrt{n} \|A\|_{spec}$ ;
- (v)  $\|AB\| \leq \|A\|_{spec} \|B\|$  and  $\|A + B\|_{spec} \leq \|A\|_{spec} + \|B\|_{spec}$ ;
- (vi) For  $A > 0$ ,  $\|A\| \leq tr(A)$  and  $\|(I + A)^{-1}\| \leq \sqrt{n}$ ;

- (vii) For  $A > 0$ ,  $\log |A| \leq \text{tr}(A)$ ,  $\log |A| \leq n \log \|A\|_{\text{spec}}$ , and  $\|\log |A|\| \leq \text{tr}(A) + \text{tr}(A^{-1})$ ;
- (viii) For  $A > 0$ ,  $|A + B| \geq |B|$ ;
- (ix) For  $A \geq 0$  and  $B > 0$ ,  $0 < \text{tr}[(A + B)^{-1}] \leq \text{tr}(B^{-1})$ ;
- (x) For  $A > 0$  and  $B > 0$ ,  $\|\log |AB^{-1}|\| \leq n\|A - B\| (\|B^{-1}\| + \|A^{-1}\|)$ .

**Lemma S2.2.** *Let  $\delta_i$  be the  $i$ -th entry of  $\delta$ . Suppose that Assumption 3.1 holds. Then,*

- (i)  $\sup_{\delta \in \Theta_\delta} \|\Sigma_{vt}^{-1}(\delta)\| \leq U$ ;
- (ii)  $\sup_{\delta \in \Theta_\delta} \|\widehat{\Sigma}_{vt}^{-1}(\delta)\| \leq U$ ;
- (iii) If  $E\|Y_t\|^k < \infty$ ,  $E \left[ \left( \sup_{\delta \in \Theta_\delta} \|\Sigma_{vt}(\delta)\| \right)^k \right] < \infty$  for some  $k \geq 1$ ;
- (iv) If  $E\|Y_t\|^k < \infty$ ,  $E \left[ \left( \sup_{\delta \in \Theta_\delta} \left\| \frac{\partial \Sigma_{vt}(\delta)}{\partial \delta_i} \right\| \right)^k \right] < \infty$  for some  $k \geq 1$  and each  $i = 1, 2, \dots, \tau_2$ ;
- (v) If  $E\|Y_t\|^k < \infty$ ,  $E \left[ \left( \sup_{\delta \in \Theta_\delta} \left\| \frac{\partial^2 \Sigma_{vt}(\delta)}{\partial \delta_i \partial \delta_j} \right\| \right)^k \right] < \infty$  for some  $k \geq 1$  and each  $i, j = 1, 2, \dots, \tau_2$ .

**Lemma S2.3.** *Suppose that Assumptions 3.1 and 3.2 hold and  $E\|Y_t\| < \infty$ . Then,*

$$\sup_{(u, \nu) \in \Theta_u \times \Theta_\nu} \left\| L_v(s_0, u, \nu) - \widehat{L}_v(\widehat{s}_v, u, \nu) \right\| \xrightarrow{a.s.} 0 \quad \text{as } T \rightarrow \infty.$$

**Lemma S2.4.** *Suppose that Assumptions 3.1 and 3.2 hold and  $E\|Y_t\| < \infty$ . Then,*

- (i)  $E \left[ \sup_{\theta_v \in \Theta_v} \|l_{vt}(\theta_v)\| \right] < \infty$ ;  
(ii)  $\sup_{\theta_v \in \Theta_v} \|L_v(\theta_v) - E[l_{vt}(\theta_v)]\| \xrightarrow{a.s.} 0$  as  $T \rightarrow \infty$ .

**Lemma S2.5.** For any  $(u_0, \nu_0) \neq (u, \nu)$ ,  $E[l_{vt}(s_0, u_0, \nu_0)] < E[l_{vt}(s_0, u, \nu)]$ .

PROOF OF THEOREM 5.1. First, by the ergodic theorem, we have

$$\widehat{s}_v \xrightarrow{a.s.} s_0 \quad \text{as } T \rightarrow \infty.$$

Second, we can show that when  $T$  is large, for any  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} E[l_{vt}(s_0, \widehat{u}_v, \widehat{\nu}_v)] &< L_v(s_0, \widehat{u}_v, \widehat{\nu}_v) + \frac{\varepsilon}{5} \quad \text{by Lemma S2.4(ii);} \\ L_v(s_0, \widehat{u}_v, \widehat{\nu}_v) &< \widehat{L}_v(\widehat{s}_v, \widehat{u}_v, \widehat{\nu}_v) + \frac{\varepsilon}{5} \quad \text{by Lemma S2.3;} \\ \widehat{L}_v(\widehat{s}_v, \widehat{u}_v, \widehat{\nu}_v) &< \widehat{L}_v(\widehat{s}_v, u_0, \nu_0) + \frac{\varepsilon}{5} \quad \text{by definition of } \widehat{\mu}_v, \widehat{\nu}_v; \\ \widehat{L}_v(\widehat{s}_v, u_0, \nu_0) &< L_v(s_0, u_0, \nu_0) + \frac{\varepsilon}{5} \quad \text{by Lemma S2.2;} \\ L_v(s_0, u_0, \nu_0) &< E[l_{vt}(s_0, u_0, \nu_0)] + \frac{\varepsilon}{5} \quad \text{by Lemma S2.4(ii).} \end{aligned}$$

Thus, when  $T$  is large, for any  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,  $E[l_{vt}(s_0, \widehat{u}_v, \widehat{\nu}_v)] < E[l_{vt}(s_0, u_0, \nu_0)] + \varepsilon$ .

By Lemma S2.5 and the continuity of the log-likelihood function, it follows that  $(\widehat{u}_v, \widehat{\nu}_v) \xrightarrow{a.s.} (u_0, \nu_0)$  by Theorem 2.1 in Newey and McFadden (1994).

This completes the proof.  $\square$

In order to prove Theorem 5.2, we need four more lemmas. Lemmas S2.6-S2.8 present some standard technical conditions, and Lemma S2.9 ensures the negligibility of the initial values. The proofs of Lemmas S2.6-S2.9



can be found in the supplementary material.

**Lemma S2.6.** *Let  $\theta_{vi}$  be the  $i$ -th entry of  $\theta_v$ . Suppose that Assumptions*

*3.1 and 3.2 hold and  $E\|Y_t\|^2 < \infty$ . Then,*

- (i)  $E \left[ \sup_{\theta_v \in \Theta_v} \left\| \frac{\partial^2 l_{vt}(\theta_v)}{\partial \theta_{vi} \partial \theta_{vj}} \right\| \right] < \infty;$
- (ii)  $\sup_{\theta_v \in \Theta_v} \left\| \frac{\partial^2 L_v(\theta_v)}{\partial \theta_{vi} \partial \theta_{vj}} - E \left[ \frac{\partial^2 l_{vt}(\theta_v)}{\partial \theta_{vi} \partial \theta_{vj}} \right] \right\| \xrightarrow{a.s.} 0 \quad \text{as } T \rightarrow \infty,$

*for each  $i, j = 1, 2, \dots, \tau_2$ .*

**Lemma S2.7.** *Suppose that Assumptions 3.1 and 3.2 hold and  $E\|Y_t\|^2 <$*

*$\infty$ . Then,*

$$\sqrt{T} \begin{pmatrix} \hat{s}_v - s_0 \\ \partial L_v(\theta_{v0}) / \partial \zeta \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \sum_{t=1}^T w_t + o_p(1),$$

*where  $w_t$  is defined as in Theorem 5.2 and  $E(w_t | \mathcal{G}_{t-1}) = 0$ .*

**Lemma S2.8.** *Suppose that Assumptions 3.1 and 3.2 hold and  $E\|Y_t\|^2 <$*

*$\infty$ . Then,*

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \sum_{t=1}^T w_t \xrightarrow{d} N(0, E[w_t w_t']) \quad \text{as } T \rightarrow \infty.$$

**Lemma S2.9.** *Suppose that Assumptions 3.1 and 3.2 hold and  $E\|Y_t\|^3 <$*

*$\infty$ . Then,*

- (i)  $\sup_{\theta_v \in \Theta_v} \left\| \sqrt{T} \left( \frac{\partial L_v(\theta_v)}{\partial \theta_{vi}} - \frac{\partial \hat{L}_v(\theta_v)}{\partial \theta_{vi}} \right) \right\| \xrightarrow{p} 0 \quad \text{as } T \rightarrow \infty;$
- (ii)  $\sup_{\theta_v \in \Theta_v} \left\| \frac{\partial^2 L_v(\theta_v)}{\partial \theta_{vi} \partial \theta_{vj}} - \frac{\partial^2 \hat{L}_v(\theta_v)}{\partial \theta_{vi} \partial \theta_{vj}} \right\| \xrightarrow{p} 0 \quad \text{as } T \rightarrow \infty,$

for each  $i, j = 1, 2, \dots, \tau_2$ , where  $\theta_{vi}$  is the  $i$ -th entry of  $\theta_v$ .

PROOF OF THEOREM 5.2. By the mean value theorem, there exist  $\theta_*$  between  $\theta_{v0}$  and  $\hat{\theta}_v$  such that  $0 = \frac{\partial \hat{L}_v(\theta_{v0})}{\partial \zeta} + \frac{\partial^2 \hat{L}_v(\theta_*)}{\partial \zeta \partial s'} (\hat{s}_v - s_0) + \frac{\partial^2 \hat{L}_v(\theta_*)}{\partial \zeta \partial \zeta'} (\hat{\zeta}_v - \zeta_0)$ . Then, by Lemma S2.9, we have

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \sqrt{T} \frac{\partial L_v(\theta_{v0})}{\partial \zeta} + [J_{2T}^* + o_p(1)] \left[ \sqrt{T} (\hat{s}_v - s_0) \right] \\ &\quad + [J_{1T}^* + o_p(1)] \left[ \sqrt{T} (\hat{\zeta}_v - \zeta_0) \right] + o_p(1), \end{aligned} \quad (\text{S2.5})$$

where  $J_{1T}^* = \frac{\partial^2 L_v(\theta_*)}{\partial \zeta \partial \zeta'}$  and  $J_{2T}^* = \frac{\partial^2 L_v(\theta_*)}{\partial \zeta \partial s'}$ . By Lemma S2.6 and Theorem 3.1 in Ling and McAleer (2003), we have  $J_{1T}^* = J_1 + o_p(1)$  and  $J_{2T}^* = J_2 + o_p(1)$ .

Hence, by (S2.5) and Lemma S2.7, it follows that

$$\sqrt{T}(\hat{\theta}_v - \theta_{v0}) = \begin{pmatrix} I_{n^2} & 0 \\ -J_1^{-1} J_2 & -J_1^{-1} \end{pmatrix} \sqrt{T} \begin{pmatrix} \hat{s}_v - s_0 \\ \frac{\partial L_v(\theta_{v0})}{\partial \zeta} \end{pmatrix} + o_p(1). \quad (\text{S2.6})$$

Finally, the proof is completed by Slutsky's theorem and Lemma S2.8.  $\square$

PROOF OF THEOREM 5.3. By Taylor's expansion and Theorem 5.2, we can show that

$$\sqrt{T} \mathcal{V}_{vl}(\hat{\delta}_v) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \sum_{t=l+1}^T \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{b}_{vt,1}(\delta_0) \\ \mathbf{b}_{vt,2}(\delta_0) \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{b}_{vt,l}(\delta_0) \end{pmatrix} + \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=l+1}^T \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{3}'_{vt-1}(\delta_0) (\partial \mathbf{3}_{vt}(\delta_0) / \partial \theta') \\ \mathbf{3}'_{vt-2}(\delta_0) (\partial \mathbf{3}_{vt}(\delta_0) / \partial \theta') \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{3}'_{vt-l}(\delta_0) (\partial \mathbf{3}_{vt}(\delta_0) / \partial \theta') \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \times \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \begin{pmatrix} I_{n^2} & 0 \\ -J_1^{-1}J_2 & -J_1^{-1} \end{pmatrix} \sum_{t=1}^T w_t(\delta_0) + o_p(1) \\ & = (I_l, \mathfrak{R}_v) \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \sum_{t=l+1}^T \mathbf{e}_{vt} + o_p(1). \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\mathbf{e}_{vt}$  is a martingale difference sequence, the proof follows by standard arguments.  $\square$

Next, we consider the proofs of Theorems 5.4 and 5.6. Since the proof of Theorem 5.5 is essentially similar as the one for Theorem 5.6, it is omitted for simplicity.

**PROOF OF THEOREM 5.4.** Based on Assumptions 5.1-5.3, the proof is the same as the one for Theorem 1 in Shen et al. (2018), hence it is omitted here.  $\square$

**PROOF OF THEOREM 5.6.** First, it is straightforward to show that (i) holds by Theorem 5.4(ii). Next, we can claim that

$$\begin{aligned} & \sup_{\zeta \in \Theta_u \times \Theta_v} \left\| \frac{\partial \widehat{L}_{fv}(\widehat{s}_{1fv}, \zeta)}{\partial \zeta} - \frac{\partial L_{fv}(\widehat{s}_{2fv}, \zeta)}{\partial \zeta} \right\| \\ & = O_p(B(T)/T) + O_p(A^{1/2}(n, m, T)B^{5/2}(T)). \end{aligned} \quad (\text{S2.7})$$

In order to prove (S2.7), we define

$$\mathcal{Y}_{ft} = (\text{vec}(Y_{ft})', \dots, \text{vec}(Y_{ft-M})')' \in \mathcal{R}^{Mn^2 \times 1},$$

$$\begin{aligned}\widehat{\mathcal{Y}}_{ft} &= (\text{vec}(\widehat{Y}_{ft})', \dots, \text{vec}(\widehat{Y}_{ft-M})')' \in \mathcal{R}^{Mn^2 \times 1}, \\ \mathcal{H}_{ft}(\delta) &= (\text{vec}(\Sigma_{fvt}(\delta))', \dots, \text{vec}(\Sigma_{fvt-M}(\delta))')' \in \mathcal{R}^{Mn^2 \times 1}, \\ \widehat{\mathcal{H}}_{ft}(\delta) &= (\text{vec}(\widehat{\Sigma}_{fvt}(\delta))', \dots, \text{vec}(\widehat{\Sigma}_{fvt-M}(\delta))')' \in \mathcal{R}^{Mn^2 \times 1}.\end{aligned}$$

Then, as for (S2.2)-(S2.3), we have  $\widehat{\mathcal{H}}_{ft}(\widehat{s}_{1fv}, \zeta) - \mathcal{H}_{ft}(\widehat{s}_{2fv}, \zeta) = [r(\widehat{s}_{1fv}, \zeta) - r(\widehat{s}_{2fv}, \zeta)] + \mathcal{A}(u) [\widehat{\mathcal{Y}}_{ft} - \mathcal{Y}_{ft}] + \mathcal{B}(u) [\widehat{\mathcal{H}}_{ft-1}(\widehat{s}_{1fv}, \zeta) - \mathcal{H}_{ft-1}(\widehat{s}_{2fv}, \zeta)]$ , and since  $\rho(\sum_{i=1}^M B_i^*) < 1$ , it implies that

$$\begin{aligned}& \widehat{\mathcal{H}}_{ft}(\widehat{s}_{1fv}, \zeta) - \mathcal{H}_{ft}(\widehat{s}_{2fv}, \zeta) \\ &= \mathcal{B}^t(u) (\widehat{\mathcal{H}}_{f0} - \mathcal{H}_{f0}(\widehat{s}_{2fv}, \zeta)) \\ & \quad + \sum_{i=0}^{t-1} \mathcal{B}^i(u) \left\{ [r(\widehat{s}_{1fv}, \zeta) - r(\widehat{s}_{2fv}, \zeta)] + \mathcal{A}(u) [\widehat{\mathcal{Y}}_{ft} - \mathcal{Y}_{ft}] \right\} \\ &= \mathcal{B}^t(u) (\widehat{\mathcal{H}}_{f0} - \mathcal{H}_{f0}(s_0, \zeta)) - \mathcal{B}^t(u) (\mathcal{H}_{f0}(\widehat{s}_{2fv}, \zeta) - \mathcal{H}_{f0}(s_0, \zeta)) \\ & \quad + \sum_{i=0}^{t-1} \mathcal{B}^i(u) \left\{ [r(\widehat{s}_{1fv}, \zeta) - r(\widehat{s}_{2fv}, \zeta)] + \mathcal{A}(u) [\widehat{\mathcal{Y}}_{ft} - \mathcal{Y}_{ft}] \right\}, \quad (\text{S2.8})\end{aligned}$$

where  $\widehat{\mathcal{H}}_{f0}$  is a given initial value. By (S2.8), we can show that

$$\begin{aligned}& \sup_{\zeta \in \Theta_u \times \Theta_v} \left\| \widehat{\Sigma}_{fvt}(\widehat{s}_{1fv}, \zeta) - \Sigma_{fvt}(\widehat{s}_{2fv}, \zeta) \right\| \\ &= O_p(\phi^t) + O_p(\phi^t/\sqrt{T}) + O_p(A^{1/2}(n, m, T)B^{3/2}(T)),\end{aligned} \quad (\text{S2.9})$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sup_{\zeta \in \Theta_u \times \Theta_\nu} \left\| \widehat{\Sigma}_{fvt}^{-1}(\widehat{s}_{1fv}, \zeta) \widehat{Y}_{ft} - \Sigma_{fvt}^{-1}(\widehat{s}_{2fv}, \zeta) Y_{ft} \right\| \\
&= \sup_{\zeta \in \Theta_u \times \Theta_\nu} \left\| \widehat{\Sigma}_{fvt}^{-1}(\widehat{s}_{1fv}, \zeta) (\widehat{Y}_{ft} - Y_{ft}) \right. \\
&\quad \left. - \Sigma_{fvt}^{-1}(\widehat{s}_{2fv}, \zeta) \left[ \Sigma_{fvt}(\widehat{s}_{2fv}, \zeta) - \widehat{\Sigma}_{fvt}(\widehat{s}_{2fv}, \zeta) \right] \widehat{\Sigma}_{fvt}^{-1}(\widehat{s}_{1fv}, \zeta) Y_{ft} \right\| \\
&= \left[ O_p(\phi^t) + O_p(\phi^t/\sqrt{T}) + O_p(A^{1/2}(n, m, T)B^{3/2}(T)) \right] [1 + O_p(B(T))],
\end{aligned} \tag{S2.10}$$

where (S2.9) holds by (S2.4), the compactness of  $\Theta_u$  and  $\Theta_\nu$ , Lemma S2.2(iii)-(iv) and Theorems 5.1 and 5.4, and (S2.10) holds by the triangular inequality, Lemma S2.2(i)-(ii), (S2.9), and Assumption 5.2.

Now, by (S2.9)-(S2.10) and Lemma S2.1(x), we can show that

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sup_{\zeta \in \Theta_u \times \Theta_\nu} \left\| \frac{\partial \widehat{L}_{fv}(\widehat{s}_{1fv}, \zeta)}{\partial \zeta} - \frac{\partial L_{fv}(\widehat{s}_{2fv}, \zeta)}{\partial \zeta} \right\| \\
&= \sum_{t=1}^T [O_p(\phi^t) + O_p(\phi^t/\sqrt{T}) + O_p(A^{1/2}(n, m, T)B^{3/2}(T))] [1 + O_p(B(T))],
\end{aligned}$$

i.e., (S2.7) holds. By (S2.7) and Taylor's expansion, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
0 &= \frac{\partial \widehat{L}_{fv}(\widehat{s}_{1fv}, \widehat{\zeta}_{1fv})}{\partial \zeta} \\
&= \frac{\partial L_{fv}(\widehat{s}_{2fv}, \widehat{\zeta}_{1fv})}{\partial \zeta} + O_p(B(T)/T) + O_p(A^{1/2}(n, m, T)B^{5/2}(T)) \\
&= \frac{\partial L_{fv}(\widehat{s}_{2fv}, \widehat{\zeta}_{2fv})}{\partial \zeta} + \frac{\partial L_{fv}(\widehat{s}_{2fv}, \widehat{\xi}_{fv})}{\partial \zeta \partial \zeta'} (\widehat{\zeta}_{1fv} - \widehat{\zeta}_{2fv}) \\
&\quad + O_p(B(T)/T) + O_p(A^{1/2}(n, m, T)B^{5/2}(T)) \\
&= \left\{ E \left[ \frac{\partial l_{fvt}(\widehat{s}_{2fv}, \widehat{\xi}_{fv})}{\partial \zeta \partial \zeta'} \right] + o_p(1) \right\} (\widehat{\zeta}_{1fv} - \widehat{\zeta}_{2fv})
\end{aligned}$$

$$+ O_p(B(T)/T) + O_p(A^{1/2}(n, m, T)B^{5/2}(T)),$$

where  $\widehat{\xi}_{fv}$  lies between  $\widehat{\zeta}_{1fv}$  and  $\widehat{\zeta}_{2fv}$ , and the fourth equality holds by Lemma S2.6 and the law of large numbers theorem for stationary sequence. Hence, by Lemma S2.6 again, it follows that (ii) holds. This completes all of the proofs.  $\square$

### S3 Proofs of Lemmas

PROOF OF LEMMA S1.1. Define  $W := \overline{\bigcup_{i \in \mathbb{N}^*} \mathcal{E}^i(\Lambda, \text{vec}(S_{n \times n}^+)^i)}$ , where  $\text{vec}(S_{n \times n}^+)$  denotes the space of vectorized positive definite matrices, and

$$U := [\text{vec}(S_{n \times n}^+)]^{(2M)} = \underbrace{\text{vec}(S_{n \times n}^+) \times \cdots \times \text{vec}(S_{n \times n}^+)}_{2M}.$$

For fix any  $z \in U$ , define  $(X_n^z)_{n \in \mathbb{N}^*}$  as  $X_0^z = z$ ,  $X_t^z = \mathcal{E}(X_{t-1}^z, a_0)$  for  $t \geq 1$ , and correspondingly define  $Y_t^z$ ,  $y_t^z$ ,  $\Sigma_t^z$ , and  $\sigma_t^z$ . Since  $a_0 = \text{vec}(I_n)$ ,  $Y_t^z = \Sigma_t^z$ . By the definition of  $\Psi$ , we have for  $t > M$ ,

$$X_t^z = (\iota', 0, \dots, 0)' + \Psi X_{t-1}^z. \quad (\text{S3.11})$$

By (H2) and Proposition 4.5 in Boussama et al. (2011), the spectral radius of  $\Psi$  is less than 1. Thus, (S2) holds.  $\square$

PROOF OF LEMMA S1.2. Notice that  $X_t = \mathcal{E}(X_{t-1}, \delta_t) = \mathcal{L}(X_{t-1}, y_t)$ ,

where  $y_t \in \text{vec}(S_{n \times n}^+)$ , Thus,

$$W = \overline{\bigcup_{i \in \mathbb{N}^*} \mathcal{E}^i(\Lambda, E^i)} = \overline{\bigcup_{i \in \mathbb{N}^*} \mathcal{E}^i(\Lambda, \text{vec}(S_{n \times n}^+)^i)} = \overline{\bigcup_{i \in \mathbb{N}^*} \mathcal{L}^i(\Lambda, \text{vec}(S_{n \times n}^+)^i)}.$$

By letting  $\mathcal{Y}_t = (y'_t, y'_{t-1}, \dots, y'_{t-M+1})'$  and  $\mathcal{H}_t = (\sigma'_t, \sigma'_{t-1}, \dots, \sigma'_{t-M+1})'$ , we

have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{H}_t &= (\iota', 0, \dots, 0)' + \mathcal{A}\mathcal{Y}_{t-1} + \mathcal{B}\mathcal{H}_{t-1} \\ &= (\iota', 0, \dots, 0)' + (\mathcal{A} + \mathcal{B})\mathcal{H}_{t-1} + \mathcal{A}\mathcal{D}_{t-1}, \end{aligned} \quad (\text{S3.12})$$

where  $D_t = \mathcal{Y}_t - \mathcal{H}_t$ .

Since  $\Lambda$  is the fixed point satisfying equation (S3.11), it is easy to verify that  $\Lambda$  is unique and has the form  $\Lambda = \left( \hat{\sigma}', \dots, \hat{\sigma}' \right)'_{2Mn^2 \times 1}$ , where  $\hat{\sigma} = \text{vec}(\hat{\Sigma})$  satisfies that

$$\hat{\sigma} = \text{vec}(\Omega) + \sum_{i=1}^M (A_i^* + B_i^*)\hat{\sigma}. \quad (\text{S3.13})$$

By the definition of  $W$ ,  $X_0 = \Lambda$ , and hence  $H_0 = \tilde{\Lambda}$  and  $D_0 = 0$ , where

$\tilde{\Lambda} = \left( \hat{\sigma}', \dots, \hat{\sigma}' \right)'_{Mn^2 \times 1}$ . Then, from (S3.12) we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{H}_t &= \underbrace{\sum_{i=0}^{t-1} (\mathcal{A} + \mathcal{B})^i (\iota', 0, \dots, 0)' + (\mathcal{A} + \mathcal{B})^t \tilde{\Lambda}}_{=\tilde{\Lambda}} + \sum_{i=1}^t (\mathcal{A} + \mathcal{B})^{i-1} \mathcal{A}\mathcal{D}_{t-i} \\ &= \tilde{\Lambda} + \sum_{i=1}^{t-1} (\mathcal{A} + \mathcal{B})^{i-1} \mathcal{A}\mathcal{D}_{t-i}. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{S3.14})$$

Let  $d_t = y_t - \sigma_t$ . It is not hard to see that for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, t-1$ ,  $(\mathcal{A} + \mathcal{B})^{i-1} \mathcal{A}\mathcal{D}_{t-i} = \sum_{j=1}^M [(\mathcal{A} + \mathcal{B})^{i-1} \mathcal{A}]_{1,j} d_{t-j}$ , where  $[\cdot]_{1,j}$  represent the  $n^2 \times n^2$

block obtained from rows  $1 : n^2$  and columns  $(j-1)n^2 : jn^2$  of the matrix.

By (S3.14), it follows that

$$\sigma_t = \hat{\sigma} + \sum_{i=1}^{t-1} K_i d_{t-i} \quad (\text{S3.15})$$

with  $K_i = \sum_{j=1}^M [(\mathcal{A} + \mathcal{B})^{i-j} \mathcal{A}]_{1,j}$ , where we have used the convention that  $A^0 = I$  and  $A^i = 0$  if  $i < 0$ . Thus, we can conclude that  $W$  equals the

Zariski closure of the orbit

$$\begin{aligned} S_{\mathcal{A}} &= \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}^*} \left\{ X_t : y_1, \dots, y_t \in \text{vec}(S_{n \times n}^+) \right\} \\ &= \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}^*} \left\{ (\Lambda'_*, y'_t, \dots, y'_{t-M+1})' : y_1, \dots, y_t \in \text{vec}(S_{n \times n}^+) \right\}, \end{aligned} \quad (\text{S3.16})$$

where  $\Lambda_* = \left( \tilde{\Lambda} + \left( \left( \sum_{i=1}^{t-1} K_i d_{t-i} \right)', \dots, \left( \sum_{i=1}^{t-M} K_i d_{t-M+1-i} \right)' \right)' \right)'$ .

Now, we suppose  $X(t)$  is a strict stationary solution to the process  $X_t$ , and define  $\mathcal{Y}(t)$ ,  $\mathcal{H}(t)$ ,  $\mathcal{D}(t)$ ,  $Y(t)$ ,  $\Sigma(t)$ ,  $y(t)$  and  $\sigma(t)$  correspondingly.

Then,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{H}(t) &= (\imath', 0, \dots, 0)' + \mathcal{A}\mathcal{Y}(t-1) + \mathcal{B}\mathcal{H}(t-1) \\ &= (\imath', 0, \dots, 0)' + (\mathcal{A} + \mathcal{B})\mathcal{H}(t-1) + \mathcal{A}\mathcal{D}(t-1) \\ &= \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left\{ \sum_{i=0}^k (\mathcal{A} + \mathcal{B})^i (\imath', 0, \dots, 0)' + \sum_{i=1}^{k+1} (\mathcal{A} + \mathcal{B})^{i-1} \mathcal{A}\mathcal{D}(t-i) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + (\mathcal{A} + \mathcal{B})^{k+1} \mathcal{H}(t-k-1) \right\} \\ &= \tilde{\Lambda} + \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} (\mathcal{A} + \mathcal{B})^{i-1} \mathcal{A}\mathcal{D}(t-i) \text{ a.s.}, \end{aligned} \quad (\text{S3.17})$$



where the last equation holds by (H3), the stationarity of  $\mathcal{H}(t-k)$ , and the facts that  $(\mathcal{A} + \mathcal{B})^k \mathcal{H}(t-k) \rightarrow 0$  a.s. as  $k \rightarrow \infty$  and

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} (\mathcal{A} + \mathcal{B})^i (\zeta', 0, \dots, 0)' &= (\zeta', 0, \dots, 0)' + \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} (\mathcal{A} + \mathcal{B})^i (\zeta', 0, \dots, 0)' \\ &= (\zeta', 0, \dots, 0)' + (\mathcal{A} + \mathcal{B}) \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} (\mathcal{A} + \mathcal{B})^i (\zeta', 0, \dots, 0)', \end{aligned}$$

which implies  $\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} (\mathcal{A} + \mathcal{B})^i (\zeta', 0, \dots, 0)' = \hat{\sigma}$ .

Notice that the decomposition of (S3.17) gives us that  $\sigma(t) = \hat{\sigma} + \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} K_i d(t)$  a.s. Thus, by (S3.15)-(S3.16) and the closeness of Zariski closure, the strict stationary solution of  $X_t$  takes value in  $W \cap U$ . This completes the proof. □

**PROOF OF LEMMA S1.3.** For notation convenience, we consider the case that  $K = 1$  in model (2.3), since the extension to larger values of  $K$  is essentially the same. Define  $V(X_t)$  for any  $X_t \in W \cap U$  as

$$V(X_t) = \text{tr}(V_1 \Sigma_t) + \dots + \text{tr}(V_M \Sigma_{t-M+1}) + \text{tr}(V_{M+1} Y_t) + \dots + \text{tr}(V_{2M} Y_{t-M+1}) + 1,$$

where

$$V_k = \frac{M-k+1}{2M} \Omega + \sum_{j=k}^M B_j' \Sigma B_j \quad \text{and} \quad V_{M+k} = \frac{M-k+1}{2M} + \sum_{i=k}^M A_i' \Sigma A_i$$

for  $1 \leq k \leq M$ , and  $\Sigma$  satisfies the following equation  $\Sigma = \Omega + \sum_{i=1}^P A_i \Sigma A_i' + \sum_{j=1}^M B_j \Sigma B_j'$ . By Proposition 4.3 of Boussama et al. (2011), the existence

of such  $\Sigma$  is guaranteed under (H1)-(H3).

By simple calculation, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& E(V(X_t)|X_{t-1}) \\
&= E(tr(V_1\Sigma_t) + tr(V_{M+1}Y_t)|X_{t-1}) + tr(V_2\Sigma_{t-1}) + \cdots + tr(V_M\Sigma_{t-M+1}) \\
&\quad + tr(V_{M+2}Y_{t-1}) + \cdots + tr(V_{2M}Y_{t-M+1}) + 1 \\
&= tr[(B'_1(V_1 + V_{M+1})B'_1 + V_2)\Sigma_{t-1}] + \cdots + tr[(B'_{M-1}(V_1 + V_{M+1})B'_{M-1} + V_M)\Sigma_{t-M+1}] \\
&\quad + tr[(A'_1(V_1 + V_{M+1})A'_1 + V_{M+2})Y_{t-1}] + \cdots + tr[(A'_{M-1}(V_1 + V_{M+1})A'_{M-1} + V_{2M})Y_{t-M+1}] \\
&\quad + tr[(B'_M(V_1 + V_{M+1})B'_M)\Sigma_{t-M}] + tr[(A'_M(V_1 + V_{M+1})A'_M)Y_{t-M}] + tr[(V_1 + V_{M+1})\Omega] + 1.
\end{aligned}$$

By the definition of  $V_i$ , we can deduce the following facts:

$$\begin{aligned}
B'_k(V_1 + V_{M+1})B_k + V_{k+1} &= V_k - \frac{\Omega}{2M}, \quad 1 \leq k \leq M-1; \\
B'_M(V_1 + V_{M+1})B_M &= V_M - \frac{\Omega}{2M}; \\
A'_k(V_1 + V_{M+1})A_k + V_{M+k+1} &= V_{M+k} - \frac{\Omega}{2M}, \quad 1 \leq k \leq M-1; \\
A'_k(V_1 + V_{M+1})A_k &= V_{2M} - \frac{\Omega}{2M}.
\end{aligned}$$

Next, we define

$$\alpha_k := \max\{r'(V_k - \frac{\Omega}{2M})r : r \in \mathbb{R}^n, r'V_k r = 1\},$$

which is attainable due to the compactness of the sphere  $r'V_k r = 1$ , and

we consider the corresponding value of  $r$  as  $r_k$ , which gives  $0 \leq \alpha_k =$

$$1 - r'_k \frac{\Omega}{2M} r_k < 1.$$

Furthermore, we define  $\alpha_0 = \max\{\alpha_k : 1 \leq k \leq 2M\}$ . Then,  $\forall k \in \{1, \dots, 2M\}$ , we can show that  $V_k - \frac{\Omega}{2M} \leq \alpha_0 V_k$ . Therefore, for any matrix  $\Upsilon \in S_{n \times n}^+$  and for all  $k \in \{1, \dots, 2M\}$ ,

$$\text{tr} \left[ \left( V_k - \frac{\Omega}{2M} \right) \Upsilon \right] \leq \alpha_0 \text{tr} (V_k \Upsilon).$$

Thus, it is able to deduce that  $E(V(X_t) | X_{t-1} = x) \leq \alpha_0 V(x) + \text{tr}(\Sigma\Omega) + 1 - \alpha_0$ . Set  $\alpha = (\alpha_0 + 1)/2$  and  $b = \text{tr}(\Sigma\Omega) + 1 - \alpha_0$ . Then, the FL condition is satisfied by defining  $K$  as

$$K = \left\{ x \in W \cap U : V(x) \leq \frac{b}{\alpha - \alpha_0} \right\}.$$

The compactness of  $K$  can be shown by the similar ideas as in Section 4.6 in Boussama et al. (2011). This completes the proof.  $\square$

PROOF OF LEMMA S2.1. The proofs of (i)-(ix) can be found in Appendix S2 of Pedersen and Rahbek (2014), and (x) holds by the fact that

$$\begin{aligned} \|\log |AB^{-1}|\| &= \log |AB^{-1}| \mathbb{1}(|AB^{-1}| \geq 1) + \log |BA^{-1}| \mathbb{1}(|BA^{-1}| \geq 1) \\ &\leq n \log \|AB^{-1}\|_{\text{spec}} \mathbb{1}(|AB^{-1}| \geq 1) + n \log \|BA^{-1}\|_{\text{spec}} \mathbb{1}(|BA^{-1}| \geq 1) \\ &= n \log \|I_n + (A - B)B^{-1}\|_{\text{spec}} \mathbb{1}(|AB^{-1}| \geq 1) \\ &\quad + n \log \|I_n + (B - A)A^{-1}\|_{\text{spec}} \mathbb{1}(|BA^{-1}| \geq 1) \\ &\leq n \log (1 + \|(A - B)B^{-1}\|_{\text{spec}}) \mathbb{1}(|AB^{-1}| \geq 1) \\ &\quad + n \log (1 + \|(B - A)A^{-1}\|_{\text{spec}}) \mathbb{1}(|BA^{-1}| \geq 1) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\leq n \{ \log (1 + \|(A - B)B^{-1}\|) + \log (1 + \|(B - A)A^{-1}\|) \} \\ &\leq n \{ \|(A - B)B^{-1}\| + \|(B - A)A^{-1}\| \}. \end{aligned}$$

This completes all of the proofs.  $\square$

PROOF OF LEMMA S2.2. (i) From (5.13) and (5.19), we have

$$\|\Sigma_{vt}^{-1}(\delta)\| \leq tr(\Sigma_{vt}^{-1}(\delta)) \leq tr(\Omega^{-1}),$$

where the first and second inequalities follow from Lemma S2.1(vi) and (ix), respectively. Hence, it follows that (i) holds by the compactness of  $\Theta_\delta$ .

(ii) The proof follows by (5.13), (5.17), and the similar arguments as for (i).

(iii) By (S2.3) and (S2.4), we know that

$$\mathcal{H}_t(\delta) = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \mathcal{B}^i(u) [r(\delta) + \mathcal{A}(u)\mathcal{Y}_{t-1-i}]. \quad (\text{S3.18})$$

Hence, by (S2.4)-(S3.18), the triangle inequality, the stationarity of  $Y_t$ , and the compactness of  $\Theta_\delta$ , it follows that

$$\sup_{\delta \in \Theta_\delta} \|\mathcal{H}_t(\delta)\| \leq U \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \phi^i \left[ \sup_{\delta \in \Theta_\delta} \|(r(\delta) + \mathcal{A}(u)\mathcal{Y}_{t-1-i})\| \right] \leq U \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \phi^i (U + U\|\mathcal{Y}_{t-1-i}\|).$$

Together with the Minkowski's inequality, it entails that

$$E \left[ \left( \sup_{\delta \in \Theta_\delta} \|\Sigma_{vt}(\delta)\| \right)^k \right] \leq \left\{ U \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \left\{ E [\phi^i (U + U\|\mathcal{Y}_{t-1-i}\|)]^k \right\}^{1/k} \right\}^k$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\leq \left\{ U \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \phi^i \{1 + E\|\mathcal{Y}_{t-1-i}\|^k\}^{1/k} \right\}^k \\ &= \left\{ U \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \phi^i \{1 + E\|Y_t\|^k\}^{1/k} \right\}^k < \infty, \end{aligned}$$

i.e., (iii) holds. Similarly, we can show that (iv) and (v) hold. This completes all of the proofs.  $\square$

PROOF OF LEMMA S2.3. First, by (5.13), (5.19) and the compactness of  $\Theta_\nu$ , we can obtain

$$\sup_{(u,\nu) \in \Theta_u \times \Theta_\nu} \|L_T(s_0, u, \nu) - L_{T,h}(\hat{s}_\nu, u, \nu)\| \leq \xi_1 + \xi_2, \quad (\text{S3.19})$$

where

$$\xi_1 = \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \sup_{u \in \Theta_u} \left\| \log \frac{|\Sigma_{vt}(s_0, u)|}{|\widehat{\Sigma}_{vt}(\hat{s}_\nu, u)|} \right\| \quad \text{and} \quad \xi_2 = \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \left\| \log \frac{\left| I_n + \frac{\nu_1}{\nu_2 - n - 1} \Sigma_{vt}^{-1}(s_0, u) Y_t \right|}{\left| I_n + \frac{\nu_1}{\nu_2 - n - 1} \widehat{\Sigma}_{vt}^{-1}(\hat{s}_\nu, u) Y_t \right|} \right\|.$$

Next, by Lemma S2.1(x), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \xi_1 &\leq \frac{n}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \sup_{u \in \Theta_u} \left\| \Sigma_{vt}(s_0, u) - \widehat{\Sigma}_{vt}(\hat{s}_\nu, u) \right\| \\ &\quad \times \left[ \sup_{u \in \Theta_u} \|\Sigma_{vt}^{-1}(s_0, u)\| + \sup_{u \in \Theta_u} \|\widehat{\Sigma}_{vt}^{-1}(\hat{s}_\nu, u)\| \right] \\ &\leq \frac{nU}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \sup_{u \in \Theta_u} \left\| \Sigma_{vt}(s_0, u) - \widehat{\Sigma}_{vt}(\hat{s}_\nu, u) \right\|, \end{aligned} \quad (\text{S3.20})$$

where the last inequality holds by Lemma S2.2(i)-(ii).

Third, we claim that there exists a constant  $\phi \in (0, 1)$  such that for all

$t \geq 1$ ,

$$\sup_{u \in \Theta_u} \|\Sigma_{vt}(s_0, u) - \widehat{\Sigma}_{vt}(\hat{s}_v, u)\| \leq U\wp_1\phi^t + U\|\hat{s}_v - s_0\|, \quad (\text{S3.21})$$

where  $\wp_1 > 0$  is to be specified later. By (S2.2)-(S2.3), it is straightforward to see that

$$\mathcal{H}_t(s_0, u) - \widehat{\mathcal{H}}_t(\hat{s}_v, u) = \mathcal{B}^t(u)(\mathcal{H}_0(s_0, u) - \widehat{\mathcal{H}}_0^*) + \sum_{i=0}^{t-1} \mathcal{B}^i(u)[r(s_0, u) - r(\hat{s}_v, u)]. \quad (\text{S3.22})$$

By (S2.4), (S3.22) and the compactness of  $\Theta_u$ , we can show that

$$\sup_{u \in \Theta_u} \|\mathcal{H}_t(s_0, u) - \widehat{\mathcal{H}}_t(\hat{s}_v, u)\| \leq U\wp_1\phi^t + U\|\hat{s}_v - s_0\|,$$

where  $\wp_1 = \sup_{u \in \Theta_u} \|\mathcal{H}_0(s_0, u) - \widehat{\mathcal{H}}_0^*\|$  with  $E\wp_1 < \infty$  by Lemma S2.2(iii).

Thus, it follows that (S3.21) holds.

Now, by (S3.20)-(S3.21), we can obtain that

$$\xi_1 \leq \frac{U}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \wp_1\phi^t + U\|\hat{s}_v - s_0\|. \quad (\text{S3.23})$$

On one hand, since  $E\wp_1 < \infty$ , we have  $\sum_{t=1}^{\infty} \frac{\wp_1\phi^t}{t} < \infty$  a.s., which implies that

$$\frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \wp_1\phi^t \xrightarrow{a.s.} 0 \quad \text{as } T \rightarrow \infty$$

by the Kronecker's lemma. On the other hand,  $\hat{s}_v - s_0 \xrightarrow{a.s.} 0$  as  $T \rightarrow \infty$

by the ergodic theorem. Therefore, by (S3.23) it follows that  $\xi_1 \xrightarrow{a.s.} 0$  as

$T \rightarrow \infty$ . Similarly, we can show that  $\xi_2 \xrightarrow{a.s.} 0$  as  $T \rightarrow \infty$ , and hence the conclusion holds by (S3.19).  $\square$

PROOF OF LEMMA S2.4. Let  $\xi_3(\theta_v) = I_n + \frac{\nu_1}{\nu_2 - n - 1} \Sigma_{vt}^{-1/2}(\delta) Y_t \Sigma_{vt}^{-1/2}(\delta)$ .

Then, (i) holds by (5.6) and the fact that

$$\begin{aligned}
& E \left[ \sup_{\theta_v \in \Theta_v} |l_{vt}(\theta_v)| \right] \\
& \leq U + UE \left[ \sup_{\theta_v \in \Theta_v} \left| \log |\Sigma_{vt}(\delta)| + \log |Y_t| + \log |\xi_3(\theta_v)| \right| \right] \\
& \leq U + UE \left[ \sup_{\delta \in \Theta_\delta} \{tr(\Sigma_{vt}(\delta)) + tr(\Sigma_{vt}^{-1}(\delta))\} + tr(Y_t) + tr(Y_t^{-1}) \right. \\
& \quad \left. + \sup_{\theta_v \in \Theta_v} \{tr(\xi_3(\theta_v)) + tr(\xi_3^{-1}(\theta_v))\} \right] \\
& \leq U + UE \left[ \sup_{\delta \in \Theta_\delta} \{\|\Sigma_{vt}(\delta)\| + \|\Sigma_{vt}^{-1}(\delta)\|\} \right] + \{tr(E(Y_t)) + tr(E(Y_t^{-1}))\} \\
& \quad + \sqrt{n}E \left[ \sup_{\theta_v \in \Theta_v} \{\|\xi_3(\theta_v)\| + \|\xi_3^{-1}(\theta_v)\|\} \right] < \infty,
\end{aligned}$$

where the first inequality holds by the triangle inequality and the compactness of  $\Theta_v$ , the second inequality holds by Lemma S2.1(vii), the third inequality holds by Lemma S2.1(iii), and the fourth inequality holds by the fact that

- (a)  $E \left[ \sup_{\delta \in \Theta_\delta} \{\|\Sigma_{vt}(\delta)\| + \|\Sigma_{vt}^{-1}(\delta)\|\} \right] < \infty$  by Lemma S2.2(i) and (iii),
- (b)  $E \left[ \sup_{\theta_v \in \Theta_v} \|\xi_3(\theta_v)\| \right] < \infty$  by the triangle inequality and Lemma S2.2(i);
- (c)  $E \left[ \sup_{\theta_v \in \Theta_v} \|\xi_3^{-1}(\theta_v)\| \right] < \infty$  by Lemma S2.1(vi);

$$\begin{aligned}
 (d) \quad |tr(E(Y_t^{-1}))| &\leq \sqrt{n} \|E(Y_t^{-1})\| = \frac{\sqrt{n}\nu_1}{\nu_2 - n - 1} \|E(\Sigma_t^{-1/2} L_t^{-1/2} R_t L_t^{-1/2} \Sigma_t^{-1/2})\| \\
 &\leq U \|E(L_t^{-1})\| \|ER_t\| < \infty, \text{ by Lemma S2.1(iii), (2.5) and Lemma S2.2(i).}
 \end{aligned}$$

By (i) and the uniform Law of Large Numbers for the stationary process, it follows that (ii) holds. This completes all of the proofs.  $\square$

**PROOF OF LEMMA S2.5.** By definition,  $l_{vt}(\theta_v) = -\log[f(Y_t; \nu, \Sigma_{vt}(\delta))]$ , where the density function  $f(x; \nu, \Sigma_{vt}(\delta))$  is defined as in (2.2). Since the conditional density of  $Y_t$  given  $\mathcal{G}_{t-1}$  is  $f(x; \nu_0, \Sigma_{vt}(\delta_0))$ , it follows that

$$\begin{aligned}
 &E(l_{vt}(s_0, u_0, \nu_0)) - E(l_{vt}(s_0, u, \nu)) \\
 &= E\left(\log \frac{f(Y_t; \nu, \Sigma_{vt}(s_0, u))}{f(Y_t; \nu_0, \Sigma_{vt}(s_0, u_0))}\right) \\
 &\leq E\left(\frac{f(Y_t; \nu, \Sigma_{vt}(s_0, u))}{f(Y_t; \nu_0, \Sigma_{vt}(s_0, u_0))} - 1\right) \\
 &= E\left[E\left[\frac{f(Y_t; \nu, \Sigma_{vt}(s_0, u))}{f(Y_t; \nu_0, \Sigma_{vt}(s_0, u_0))} \middle| \mathcal{G}_{t-1}\right] - 1\right] \\
 &= E\left[\int \frac{f(x; \nu, \Sigma_{vt}(s_0, u))}{f(x; \nu_0, \Sigma_{vt}(s_0, u_0))} f(x; \nu_0, \Sigma_{vt}(s_0, u_0)) dx - 1\right] \\
 &= E\left[\int f(x; \nu, \Sigma_{vt}(s_0, u)) dx - 1\right] = 0,
 \end{aligned}$$

where the equality holds if and only if  $\frac{f(Y_t; \nu, \Sigma_{vt}(s_0, u))}{f(Y_t; \nu_0, \Sigma_{vt}(s_0, u_0))} = 1$  a.s., i.e.  $\Sigma_{vt}(s_0, u) = \Sigma_{vt}(s_0, u_0) =$  which is equivalent to the condition  $(u, \nu) = (u_0, \nu_0)$  by Assumption 3.2 and the fact that  $\Sigma_{vt}(s, u) = \Sigma_t(w, u)$ . This completes the proof.  $\square$



PROOF OF LEMMA S2.6. Recall that  $\theta_v = (\delta', \nu)'$ . For simplicity, we only prove (i) for the term  $\frac{\partial^2 l_{vt}(\theta_v)}{\partial \delta_i \partial \delta_j}$ , where  $\delta_i$  is the  $i$ -th entry of  $\delta$ . In view of the expression of  $\frac{\partial^2 l_{vt}(\theta_v)}{\partial \delta_i \partial \delta_j}$  in Appendix S4, it suffices to show that the expected supremum of each term is finite. Below, we give the proof for its last term, and the proofs for the remaining terms are similar and hence omitted.

Let  $\xi_4(\theta_v) = I_n + \frac{\nu_2 - n - 1}{\nu_1} \Sigma_{vt}^{1/2}(\delta) Y_t^{-1} \Sigma_{vt}^{1/2}(\delta)$ . Then,  $\varsigma_4(\theta_v)$  defined in Appendix S4 can be re-written as  $\varsigma_4(\theta_v) = \Sigma_{vt}^{1/2}(\delta) \xi_4(\theta_v) \Sigma_{vt}^{-1/2}(\delta)$ , and hence the last term of  $\frac{\partial^2 l_{vt}(\theta_v)}{\partial \delta_i \partial \delta_j}$  becomes

$$\begin{aligned} & tr[\Delta_{ij}(\theta_v)] := \\ & \frac{\nu_1 + \nu_2}{2} tr \left[ \Sigma_{vt}^{-1/2}(\delta) \xi_4^{-1}(\theta_v) \Sigma_{vt}^{-1/2}(\delta) \frac{\partial \Sigma_{vt}(\delta)}{\partial \delta_j} \Sigma_{vt}^{-1/2}(\delta) \xi_4^{-1}(\theta_v) \Sigma_{vt}^{-1/2}(\delta) \frac{\partial \Sigma_{vt}(\delta)}{\partial \delta_i} \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Note that

$$\begin{aligned} \sup_{\theta_v \in \Theta_v} \|tr[\Delta_{ij}(\theta_v)]\| &\leq U \sup_{\theta_v \in \Theta_v} \left\| \Sigma_{vt}^{-1/2}(\delta) \right\|^4 \left\| \xi_4^{-1}(\theta_v) \right\|^2 \left\| \frac{\partial \Sigma_{vt}(\delta)}{\partial \delta_i} \right\| \left\| \frac{\partial \Sigma_{vt}(\delta)}{\partial \delta_j} \right\| \\ &\leq U \left( \sup_{\delta \in \Theta_\delta} \left\| \frac{\partial \Sigma_t(\delta)}{\partial \delta_i} \right\| \right) \left( \sup_{\delta \in \Theta_\delta} \left\| \frac{\partial \Sigma_t(\delta)}{\partial \delta_j} \right\| \right), \end{aligned} \quad (\text{S3.24})$$

where the first inequality holds by Lemma S2.1(iii), the compactness of  $\Theta_v$ , and the fact that Frobenius norm is sub-multiplicative, and the second inequality holds by Lemma S2.1(vi) and Lemma S2.2(i). Now, by (S3.24), the Holder's inequality and Lemma S2.2(iv), we have

$$E \left[ \sup_{\theta_v \in \Theta_v} \|tr[\Delta_{ij}(\theta_v)]\| \right]$$

$$\leq U \left\{ E \left[ \left( \sup_{\delta \in \Theta_\delta} \left\| \frac{\partial \Sigma_t(\delta)}{\partial \delta_i} \right\| \right)^2 \right] \right\}^{1/2} \left\{ E \left[ \left( \sup_{\delta \in \Theta_\delta} \left\| \frac{\partial \Sigma_t(\delta)}{\partial \delta_j} \right\| \right)^2 \right] \right\}^{1/2} < \infty.$$

Hence, we know that (i) holds. By (i) and the uniform Law of Large numbers for the stationary process, we can show that (ii) holds. This completes all of the proofs.  $\square$

**PROOF OF LEMMA S2.7.** Let  $\bar{s} = (\hat{s}'_v, \hat{s}'_v, \dots, \hat{s}'_v)' \in \mathcal{R}^{Mn^2 \times 1}$ . Then, it is straightforward to see that

$$\frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \mathcal{H}_t(\delta_0) = \bar{s} - \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T (\mathcal{Y}_t - \mathcal{H}_t(\delta_0)) + o_p \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \right). \quad (\text{S3.25})$$

By (S2.3), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \mathcal{H}_t(\delta_0) &= r(\delta_0) + \mathcal{A}(u_0) \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \mathcal{Y}_{t-1} + \mathcal{B}(u_0) \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \mathcal{H}_{t-1}(\delta_0) \\ &= r(\delta_0) + \mathcal{A}(u_0) \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \mathcal{Y}_t + \mathcal{B}(u_0) \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \mathcal{H}_t(\delta_0) + o_p \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \right), \end{aligned}$$

which implies that

$$(I_{Mn^2} - \mathcal{B}(u_0)) \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \mathcal{H}_t(\delta_0) = r(\delta_0) + \mathcal{A}(u_0) \bar{s} + o_p \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \right). \quad (\text{S3.26})$$

Using (S3.25) and (S3.26), it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} (I_{Mn^2} - \mathcal{A}(u_0) - \mathcal{B}(u_0)) \bar{s} &= r(\delta_0) + (I_{Mn^2} - \mathcal{B}(u_0)) \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T (\mathcal{Y}_t - \mathcal{H}_t(\delta_0)) \\ &\quad + o_p \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \right). \end{aligned} \quad (\text{S3.27})$$

Note that  $r(\delta_0) = \mathcal{W}(I_{Mn^2} - \mathcal{A}(u_0) - \mathcal{B}(u_0))\bar{s}_0$ , where  $\bar{s}_0 = (s'_0, s'_0, \dots, s'_0)' \in \mathcal{R}^{Mn^2 \times 1}$  and

$$\mathcal{W} = \begin{pmatrix} I_{n^2} & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \ddots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Multiplying  $\mathcal{W}$  on both sides of (S3.27) gives us that

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathcal{W}(I_{Mn^2} - \mathcal{A}(u_0) - \mathcal{B}(u_0))(\bar{s} - \bar{s}_0) \\ &= \mathcal{W}(I_{Mn^2} - \mathcal{B}(u_0))\frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T (\mathcal{Y}_t - \mathcal{H}_t(\delta_0)) + o_p\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{T}}\right). \end{aligned} \quad (\text{S3.28})$$

Let  $\mathcal{Y}_t^* = (\text{vec}(Y_t)', \text{vec}(Y_t)', \dots, \text{vec}(Y_t)')' \in \mathcal{R}^{Mn^2 \times 1}$  and

$$\mathcal{H}_t^*(\delta_0) = (\text{vec}(\Sigma_{vt}(\delta_0))', \text{vec}(\Sigma_{vt}(\delta_0))', \dots, \text{vec}(\Sigma_{vt}(\delta_0))')' \in \mathcal{R}^{Mn^2 \times 1}.$$

Then, we have

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \sum_{t=1}^T \mathcal{Y}_t^* = \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \sum_{t=1}^T \mathcal{Y}_t + o_p(1) \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \sum_{t=1}^T \mathcal{H}_t^*(\delta_0) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \sum_{t=1}^T \mathcal{H}_t(\delta_0) + o_p(1).$$

Combined with (S3.28), it gives us that

$$\begin{aligned} & \sqrt{T} [\mathcal{W}(I_{Mn^2} - \mathcal{A}(u_0) - \mathcal{B}(u_0))(\bar{s} - \bar{s}_0)] \\ &= \mathcal{W}(I_{Mn^2} - \mathcal{B}(u_0))\frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \sum_{t=1}^T (\mathcal{Y}_t^* - \mathcal{H}_t^*(\delta_0)) + o_p(1), \end{aligned}$$

which implies that

$$\sqrt{T}(\hat{s}_v - s_0) = \Phi(u_0)\frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \sum_{t=1}^T \text{vec}(Y_t - \Sigma_{vt}(\delta_0)) + o_p(1),$$

where  $\Phi(u)$  is defined as in Theorem 5.2, and  $vec(Y_t - \Sigma_{vt}(\delta_0))$  is the martingale difference due to the fact that  $\Sigma_{vt}(\delta_0) = \Sigma_t$  and  $E(Y_t|\mathcal{G}_{t-1}) = \Sigma_t$ . Hence, the conclusion holds since  $\partial l_{vt}(\theta_{v0})/\partial\zeta$  is the martingale difference by Lemma S2.6(i) and the standard argument for the MLE.  $\square$

PROOF OF LEMMA S2.8. In view of the expressions of  $\frac{\partial l_{vt}(\theta_v)}{\partial\delta_i}$  and  $\frac{\partial l_{vt}(\theta_v)}{\partial\nu_i}$  in Appendix S4, we can show that

$$E \left[ \left( \sup_{\theta_v \in \Theta_v} \left\| \frac{\partial l_{vt}(\theta_v)}{\partial\zeta} \right\| \right)^2 \right] < \infty,$$

by using the similar argument as for Lemma S2.6(i). Hence, the conclusion holds by Lemma S2.7 and the martingale central limit theorem.  $\square$

PROOF OF LEMMA S2.9. Recall that  $\theta_v = (\delta', \nu)'$ . For simplicity, we only prove (i) with respect to  $\delta_i$ , where  $\delta_i$  is the  $i$ -th entry of  $\delta$ . The proofs of (i) with respect to other parameters are similar and hence omitted.

Firstly, by (S2.2)-(S2.4) and Lemma S2.2, it is not hard to show that

$$(a) \ E \sup_{\delta \in \Theta_\delta} \left\| \Sigma_{vt}(\delta) - \widehat{\Sigma}_{vt}(\delta) \right\| = O(\phi^t); \quad (S3.29)$$

$$(b) \ E \sup_{\delta \in \Theta_\delta} \left\| \frac{\partial \Sigma_{vt}(\delta)}{\partial\delta_i} - \frac{\partial \widehat{\Sigma}_{vt}(\delta)}{\partial\delta_i} \right\| = O(t\phi^t) \quad (S3.30)$$

$$(c) \ E \sup_{\delta \in \Theta_\delta} \left\| \frac{\partial^2 \Sigma_{vt}(\delta)}{\partial\delta_i \partial\delta_j} - \frac{\partial^2 \widehat{\Sigma}_{vt}(\delta)}{\partial\delta_i \partial\delta_j} \right\| = O(t^2\phi^t), \quad (S3.31)$$

for some constant  $\phi \in (0, 1)$ .

Next, in view of the expression of  $\frac{\partial l_{vt}(\theta_v)}{\partial \delta_i}$  in Appendix S4, we can show that

$$\frac{\partial l_{vt}(\theta_v)}{\partial \delta_i} - \frac{\partial \widehat{l}_{vt}(\theta_v)}{\partial \delta_i} = \text{tr} \left[ \Sigma_{vt}^{-1}(\delta) a_t(\theta_v) \frac{\partial \Sigma_{vt}(\delta)}{\partial \delta_i} \right] - \text{tr} \left[ \widehat{\Sigma}_{vt}^{-1}(\delta) \widehat{a}_t(\theta_v) \frac{\partial \widehat{\Sigma}_{vt}(\delta)}{\partial \delta_i} \right],$$

where

$$a_t(\theta_v) = \frac{\nu_1}{2} I_n - \frac{\nu_1 + \nu_2}{2} \xi_5^{-1}(\theta_v) \quad \text{and} \quad \widehat{a}_t(\theta_v) = \frac{\nu_1}{2} I_n - \frac{\nu_1 + \nu_2}{2} \widehat{\xi}_5^{-1}(\theta_v)$$

with

$$\xi_5(\theta_v) = I_n + \frac{\nu_2 - n - 1}{\nu_1} \Sigma_{vt}(\delta) Y_t^{-1} \quad \text{and} \quad \widehat{\xi}_5(\theta_v) = I_n + \frac{\nu_2 - n - 1}{\nu_1} \widehat{\Sigma}_{vt}(\delta) Y_t^{-1}.$$

Hence, by Lemma S2.1(iii) and the triangle's inequality, it follows that

$$\left\| \frac{\partial l_{vt}(\theta_v)}{\partial \delta_i} - \frac{\partial \widehat{l}_{vt}(\theta_v)}{\partial \delta_i} \right\| \leq \|b_{1t}(\theta_v)\| + \|b_{2t}(\theta_v)\| + \|b_{3t}(\theta_v)\|, \quad (\text{S3.32})$$

where  $b_{1t}(\theta_v) = \left[ \Sigma_{vt}^{-1}(\delta) - \widehat{\Sigma}_{vt}^{-1}(\delta) \right] a_t(\theta_v) \frac{\partial \Sigma_{vt}(\delta)}{\partial \delta_i}$ ,  $b_{2t}(\theta_v) = \widehat{\Sigma}_{vt}^{-1}(\delta) [a_t(\theta_v) - \widehat{a}_t(\theta_v)] \frac{\partial \Sigma_{vt}(\delta)}{\partial \delta_i}$   
and  $b_{3t}(\theta_v) = \widehat{\Sigma}_{vt}^{-1}(\delta) \widehat{a}_t(\theta_v) \left[ \frac{\partial \Sigma_{vt}(\delta)}{\partial \delta_i} - \frac{\partial \widehat{\Sigma}_{vt}(\delta)}{\partial \delta_i} \right]$ .

For  $b_{1t}(\theta_v)$ , it is straightforward to see that

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \sup_{\theta_v \in \Theta_v} \|b_{1t}(\theta_v)\| \\
 = & \sup_{\theta_v \in \Theta_v} \left\| \widehat{\Sigma}_{vt}^{-1}(\delta) \left[ \widehat{\Sigma}_{vt}(\delta) - \Sigma_{vt}(\delta) \right] \Sigma_{vt}^{-1}(\delta) a_t(\theta_v) \frac{\partial \Sigma_{vt}(\delta)}{\partial \delta_i} \right\| \\
 \leq & U \sup_{\delta \in \Theta_\delta} \left\| \widehat{\Sigma}_{vt}^{-1}(\delta) \left[ \widehat{\Sigma}_{vt}(\delta) - \Sigma_{vt}(\delta) \right] \Sigma_{vt}^{-1}(\delta) \frac{\partial \Sigma_{vt}(\delta)}{\partial \delta_i} \right\| \\
 & + U \sup_{\theta_v \in \Theta_v} \left\| \widehat{\Sigma}_{vt}^{-1}(\delta) \left[ \widehat{\Sigma}_{vt}(\delta) - \Sigma_{vt}(\delta) \right] \Sigma_{vt}^{-1}(\delta) \xi_5^{-1}(\theta_v) \frac{\partial \Sigma_{vt}(\delta)}{\partial \delta_i} \right\| \\
 = & U \sup_{\delta \in \Theta_\delta} \left\| \widehat{\Sigma}_{vt}^{-1}(\delta) \left[ \widehat{\Sigma}_{vt}(\delta) - \Sigma_{vt}(\delta) \right] \Sigma_{vt}^{-1}(\delta) \frac{\partial \Sigma_{vt}(\delta)}{\partial \delta_i} \right\| \\
 & + U \sup_{\theta_v \in \Theta_v} \left\| \widehat{\Sigma}_{vt}^{-1}(\delta) \left[ \widehat{\Sigma}_{vt}(\delta) - \Sigma_{vt}(\delta) \right] \Sigma_{vt}^{-1/2}(\delta) \xi_4^{-1}(\theta_v) \Sigma_{vt}^{-1/2}(\delta) \frac{\partial \Sigma_{vt}(\delta)}{\partial \delta_i} \right\| \\
 \leq & U \left( \sup_{\delta \in \Theta_\delta} \left\| \widehat{\Sigma}_{vt}(\delta) - \Sigma_{vt}(\delta) \right\| \right) \left( \sup_{\delta \in \Theta_\delta} \left\| \frac{\partial \Sigma_{vt}(\delta)}{\partial \delta_i} \right\| \right),
 \end{aligned} \tag{S3.33}$$

where the first inequality holds by the triangle's inequality, and the second inequality holds by Lemmas S2.1(vi) and S2.2(i)-(ii). Similarly, we can obtain that

$$\sup_{\theta_v \in \Theta_v} \|b_{2t}(\theta_v)\| \leq U \left( \sup_{\delta \in \Theta_\delta} \left\| \widehat{\Sigma}_{vt}(\delta) - \Sigma_{vt}(\delta) \right\| \right) \left( \sup_{\delta \in \Theta_\delta} \left\| \frac{\partial \Sigma_{vt}(\delta)}{\partial \delta_i} \right\| \right) \|Y_t^{-1}\|, \tag{S3.34}$$

$$\sup_{\theta_v \in \Theta_v} \|b_{3t}(\theta_v)\| \leq U \sup_{\delta \in \Theta_\delta} \left\| \frac{\partial \Sigma_{vt}(\delta)}{\partial \delta_i} - \frac{\partial \widehat{\Sigma}_{vt}(\delta)}{\partial \delta_i} \right\|. \tag{S3.35}$$

Note that  $\|Y_t^{-1}\| \leq U \text{tr}(L_t^{-1}) \|R_t\|$  and  $L_t$  (or  $R_t$ ) is independent to  $\mathcal{G}_{t-1}$ .

By (S3.32)-(S3.35), it follows that

$$\begin{aligned}
& E \left[ \sup_{\theta_v \in \Theta_v} \left\| \frac{\partial l_{vt}(\theta_v)}{\partial \delta_i} - \frac{\partial \widehat{l}_{vt}(\theta_v)}{\partial \delta_i} \right\| \right] \\
& \leq UE \left[ \left( \sup_{\delta \in \Theta_\delta} \left\| \widehat{\Sigma}_{vt}(\delta) - \Sigma_{vt}(\delta) \right\| \right) \left( \sup_{\delta \in \Theta_\delta} \left\| \frac{\partial \Sigma_{vt}(\delta)}{\partial \delta_i} \right\| \right) \right] \quad (\text{S3.36}) \\
& \quad + UE \left[ \sup_{\delta \in \Theta_\delta} \left\| \frac{\partial \Sigma_{vt}(\delta)}{\partial \delta_i} - \frac{\partial \widehat{\Sigma}_{vt}(\delta)}{\partial \delta_i} \right\| \right].
\end{aligned}$$

Hence, by Chebyshev's inequality, for any  $\varepsilon > 0$  and some  $\phi \in (0, 1)$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
& P \left( \sup_{\theta_v \in \Theta_v} \left\| \sqrt{T} \left( \frac{\partial L_v(\theta_v)}{\partial \delta_i} - \frac{\partial \widehat{L}_v(\theta_v)}{\partial \delta_i} \right) \right\| > \varepsilon \right) \\
& \leq \frac{1}{\varepsilon \sqrt{T}} \sum_{t=1}^T E \left[ \sup_{\theta_v \in \Theta_v} \left\| \frac{\partial l_{vt}(\theta_v)}{\partial \delta_i} - \frac{\partial \widehat{l}_{vt}(\theta_v)}{\partial \delta_i} \right\| \right] \\
& \leq \frac{U}{\varepsilon \sqrt{T}} \sum_{t=1}^T (\phi^{2t} + t\phi^t) \\
& \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } T \rightarrow \infty,
\end{aligned}$$

where the last inequality holds by (S3.29), (S3.30), (S3.36), and Lemma S2.2(iv). Hence, we know that (i) holds. Similarly, we can show that (ii) holds. This completes all of the proofs.

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## S4 Derivatives and Stock Lists

In this appendix, we list the first and second order derivatives of  $l_{vt}(\theta_v)$ .

Let

$$\begin{aligned} s_3(\nu) &= \frac{\nu_1}{\nu_2 - n - 1}, \quad s_4(\nu) = \frac{\nu_1 + \nu_2}{\nu_2 - n - 1}, \quad s_5(\nu) = \frac{\nu_1 + \nu_2}{\nu_1}, \\ \varsigma_0(\delta) &= \Sigma_{vt}^{-1}(\delta)Y_t, \quad \varsigma_{1i}(\delta) = \Sigma_{vt}^{-1}(\delta)\frac{\partial \Sigma_{vt}(\delta)}{\partial \delta_i}, \quad \varsigma_{2ij}(\delta) = \Sigma_{vt}^{-1}(\delta)\frac{\partial \Sigma_{vt}(\delta)}{\partial \delta_i \partial \delta_j}, \\ \varsigma_3(\theta_v) &= I_n + s_3(\nu)\Sigma_{vt}^{-1}(\delta)Y_t, \quad \varsigma_4(\theta_v) = I_n + s_3^{-1}(\nu)Y_t^{-1}\Sigma_{vt}(\delta). \end{aligned}$$

Then, by direction calculation, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial l_{vt}(\theta_v)}{\partial \nu_1} &= \frac{\partial C(\nu)}{\partial \nu_1} - \frac{1}{2} \log |s_3(\nu)\varsigma_0(\delta)| - \frac{n}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \log |\varsigma_3(\theta_v)| + \frac{s_4(\nu)}{2} \text{tr} [\varsigma_3^{-1}(\theta_v)\varsigma_0(\delta)], \\ \frac{\partial l_{vt}(\theta_v)}{\partial \nu_2} &= \frac{\partial C(\nu)}{\partial \nu_2} + \frac{ns_3(\nu)}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \log |\varsigma_3(\theta_v)| - \frac{s_3(\nu)s_4(\nu)}{2} \text{tr} [\varsigma_3^{-1}(\theta_v)\varsigma_0(\delta)], \\ \frac{\partial l_{vt}(\theta_v)}{\partial \delta_i} &= \frac{\nu_1}{2} \text{tr} [\varsigma_{1i}(\delta)] - \frac{\nu_1 + \nu_2}{2} \text{tr} [\varsigma_4^{-1}\varsigma_{1i}(\delta)], \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial^2 l_{vt}(\theta_v)}{\partial \nu_1^2} &= \frac{\partial C(\nu)}{\partial \nu_1^2} - \frac{n}{2\nu_1} + \frac{1}{(\nu_2 - n - 1)} \text{tr} [\varsigma_3(\theta_v)^{-1}\varsigma_0(\delta)] \\ &\quad - \frac{s_4(\nu)}{2(\nu_2 - n - 1)} \text{tr} [\varsigma_3^{-1}(\theta_v)\varsigma_0(\delta)\varsigma_3^{-1}(\theta_v)\varsigma_0(\delta)], \\ \frac{\partial^2 l_{vt}(\theta_v)}{\partial \nu_2^2} &= \frac{\partial C(\nu)}{\partial \nu_2^2} - \frac{ns_3(\nu)}{2(\nu_2 - n - 1)} + [s_3(\nu)\frac{(\nu_1 + n + 1)}{(\nu_2 - n - 1)^2}] \text{tr} [\varsigma_3(\theta_v)^{-1}\varsigma_0(\delta)] \\ &\quad - \frac{s_3^2(\nu)s_4(\nu)}{2(\nu_2 - n - 1)} \text{tr} [\varsigma_3^{-1}(\theta_v)\varsigma_0(\delta)\varsigma_3^{-1}(\theta_v)\varsigma_0(\delta)], \\ \frac{\partial^2 l_{vt}(\theta_v)}{\partial \nu_1 \partial \nu_2} &= \frac{\partial C(\nu)}{\partial \nu_1 \partial \nu_2} + \frac{n}{2(\nu_2 - n - 1)} + \left[ \frac{s_3(\nu)}{2\nu_1} - \frac{s_3(\nu) + s_4(\nu)}{2(\nu_2 - n - 1)} \right] \text{tr} [\varsigma_3^{-1}(\theta_v)\varsigma_0(\delta)] \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned}
& + \frac{s_3(\nu)s_4(\nu)}{2(\nu_2 - n - 1)} \text{tr} [\varsigma_3^{-1}(\theta_v)\varsigma_0(\delta)\varsigma_3^{-1}(\theta_v)\varsigma_0(\delta)], \\
\frac{\partial^2 l_{vt}(\theta_v)}{\partial \delta_i \partial \nu_1} &= \frac{1}{2} \text{tr}[\varsigma_{1i}(\delta)] - \frac{1}{2} \text{tr}[\varsigma_4^{-1}\varsigma_{1i}(\delta)] - \frac{s_5(\nu)}{2s_3(\nu)} \text{tr}[\varsigma_4^{-1}\varsigma_{1i}(\delta)\varsigma_4^{-1}\varsigma_0(\delta)^{-1}] \\
\frac{\partial^2 l_{vt}(\theta_v)}{\partial \delta_i \partial \nu_2} &= -\frac{1}{2} \text{tr}[\varsigma_4^{-1}\varsigma_{1i}(\delta)] + \frac{s_5(\nu)}{2} \text{tr}[\varsigma_4^{-1}\varsigma_{1i}(\delta)\varsigma_4^{-1}\varsigma_0(\delta)^{-1}] \\
\frac{\partial^2 l_{vt}(\theta_v)}{\partial \delta_i \partial \delta_j} &= \frac{\nu_1}{2} \text{tr} [\varsigma_{2ij}(\delta) - \varsigma_{1i}(\delta)\varsigma_{1j}(\delta)] - \frac{\nu_1 + \nu_2}{2} \text{tr} [\varsigma_{2ij}(\delta)\varsigma_4^{-1}(\theta_v)] \\
& + \frac{\nu_1 + \nu_2}{2} \text{tr} [\varsigma_4^{-1}(\theta_v)(\varsigma_{1j}(\delta)\varsigma_{1i}(\delta) + \varsigma_{1i}(\delta)\varsigma_{1j}(\delta))] \\
& - \frac{\nu_1 + \nu_2}{2} \text{tr} [\varsigma_4^{-1}(\theta_v)\varsigma_{1j}(\delta)\varsigma_4^{-1}(\theta_v)\varsigma_{1i}(\delta)].
\end{aligned}$$

Similarly, we can easily write down the first and second order derivatives of  $l_t(\theta)$ .

We now give the first and second order derivatives for  $\Sigma_{vt}(\delta)$ . Denote  $A_{ki,lm}$  the  $(l, m)$ th entry of  $A_{ki}$ , and  $B_{kj,lm}$  the  $(l, m)$ th entry of  $B_{kj}$ ,  $S_{lm}$  the  $(l, m)$ th entry of  $S$ , and let  $J_{lm}$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix zeros everywhere except for a one at the  $(l, m)$ th entry.

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\partial \Sigma_{vt}(\delta)}{\partial A_{k_1 i, lm}} &= J_{lm}(Y_{t-i} - S)A'_{k_1 i} + A_{k_1 i}(Y_{t-i} - S)J'_{lm} + \sum_{j=1}^Q \sum_{k=1}^K B_{kj} \frac{\partial \Sigma_{vt-j}(\delta)}{\partial A_{k_1 i, lm}} B'_{kj}, \\
\frac{\partial \Sigma_{vt}(\delta)}{\partial B_{k_1 j_1, lm}} &= J_{lm}(\Sigma_{t-j_1} - S)B'_{k_1 j_1} + B_{k_1 j_1}(\Sigma_{t-j_1} - S)J'_{lm} \\
& + \sum_{j=1}^Q \sum_{k=1}^K B_{kj} \frac{\partial \Sigma_{vt-j}(\delta)}{\partial B_{k_1 j_1, lm}} B'_{kj}, \\
\frac{\partial \Sigma_{vt}(\delta)}{\partial S_{lm}} &= J_{lm} - \sum_{i=1}^P \sum_{k=1}^K A_{ki} J_{lm} A'_{ki} - \sum_{j=1}^Q \sum_{k=1}^K B_{kj} [J_{lm} - \frac{\partial \Sigma_{vt-j}(\delta)}{\partial S_{lm}}] B'_{kj},
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{\partial^2 \Sigma_{vt}(\delta)}{\partial A_{k_1 i, lm} \partial A_{k_1 i, qr}} &= J_{lm}(Y_{t-i} - S)J'_{qr} + J_{qr}(Y_{t-i} - S)J'_{lm} \\
 &\quad + \sum_{j=1}^Q \sum_{k=1}^K B_{kj} \frac{\partial^2 \Sigma_{vt-j}(\delta)}{\partial A_{k_1 i, lm} \partial A_{k_1 i, qr}} B'_{kj}, \\
 \frac{\partial \Sigma_{vt}(\delta)}{\partial B_{k_1 j_1, lm} \partial B_{k_2 j_2, qr}} &= \mathbf{1}_{\{k_1=k_2, j_1=j_2\}} \left[ J_{lm}(\Sigma_{t-j_1} - S)J'_{qr} + J_{qr}(\Sigma_{t-j_1} - S)J'_{lm} \right] \\
 &\quad + J_{lm} \frac{\partial \Sigma_{t-j_1}}{\partial B_{k_2 j_2, qr}} B'_{k_1, j_1} + B_{k_1, j_1} \frac{\partial \Sigma_{t-j_1}}{\partial B_{k_2 j_2, qr}} J'_{lm} \\
 &\quad + J_{qr} \frac{\partial \Sigma_{t-j_2}}{\partial B_{k_1 j_1, lm}} B'_{k_2, j_2} + B_{k_2, j_2} \frac{\partial \Sigma_{t-j_2}}{\partial B_{k_1 j_1, lm}} J'_{qr} \\
 &\quad + \sum_{j=1}^Q \sum_{k=1}^K B_{kj} \frac{\partial \Sigma_{vt-j}(\delta)}{\partial B_{k_1 j_1, lm} \partial B_{k_2 j_2, qr}} B'_{kj}, \\
 \frac{\partial \Sigma_{vt}(\delta)}{\partial A_{k_1 i, lm} \partial B_{k_2 j_1, qr}} &= J_{qr} \frac{\partial \Sigma_{vt-j_1}(\delta)}{\partial A_{k_1 i, lm}} B'_{k_1 j_1} + B_{k_1 j_1} \frac{\partial \Sigma_{vt-j_1}(\delta)}{\partial A_{k_1 i, lm}} J'_{qr} \\
 &\quad + \sum_{j=1}^Q \sum_{k=1}^K B_{kj} \frac{\partial \Sigma_{vt-j}(\delta)}{\partial A_{k_1 i, lm} \partial B_{k_2 j_1, qr}} B'_{kj}, \\
 \frac{\partial \Sigma_{vt}(\delta)}{\partial A_{k_1 i, lm} \partial S_{qr}} &= -J_{lm} J_{qr} A'_{k_1 i} - A_{k_1 i} J_{qr} J'_{lm} + \sum_{j=1}^Q \sum_{k=1}^K B_{kj} \frac{\partial \Sigma_{vt-j}(\delta)}{\partial A_{k_1 i, lm} \partial S_{qr}} B'_{kj}, \\
 \frac{\partial \Sigma_{vt}(\delta)}{\partial B_{k_1 j, lm} \partial S_{qr}} &= J_{lm} \left[ \frac{\partial \Sigma_{vt-j_1}}{\partial S_{qr}} - J_{qr} \right] B'_{k_1 j_1} + B_{k_1 j_1} \left[ \frac{\partial \Sigma_{vt-j_1}}{\partial S_{qr}} - J_{qr} \right] J'_{lm} \\
 &\quad + \sum_{j=1}^Q \sum_{k=1}^K B_{kj} \frac{\partial \Sigma_{vt-j}(\delta)}{\partial B_{k_1 j_1, lm} \partial S_{qr}} B'_{kj}. \\
 \\
 \frac{\partial \mathfrak{Z}_{vt}(\delta)}{\partial \delta_i} &= \frac{\partial \text{vec}(\Sigma_{vt}^{-1/2}(\delta) Y_t \Sigma_{vt}^{-1/2}(\delta))}{\partial \delta_i} \\
 &= -(\Sigma_{vt}^{-1/2}(\delta) Y_t \Sigma_{vt}^{-1/2}(\delta) \otimes \Sigma_{vt}^{-1/2}(\delta)) \frac{\text{vec}(\partial \Sigma_{vt}^{1/2}(\delta))}{\partial \delta_i}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& - (\Sigma_{vt}^{-1/2}(\delta) \otimes \Sigma_{vt}^{-1/2}(\delta) Y_t \Sigma_{vt}^{-1/2}(\delta)) \frac{vec(\partial \Sigma_{vt}^{1/2}(\delta))}{\partial \delta_i} \\
= & - (\Sigma_{vt}^{-1/2}(\delta) Y_t \Sigma_{vt}^{-1/2}(\delta) \otimes \Sigma_{vt}^{-1/2}(\delta)) (\Sigma_{vt}^{1/2}(\delta) \otimes I_n + I_n \otimes \Sigma_{vt}^{1/2}(\delta))^{-1} \frac{vec(\partial \Sigma_{vt}(\delta))}{\partial \delta_i} \\
& - (\Sigma_{vt}^{-1/2}(\delta) \otimes \Sigma_{vt}^{-1/2}(\delta) Y_t \Sigma_{vt}^{-1/2}(\delta)) (\Sigma_{vt}^{1/2}(\delta) \otimes I_n + I_n \otimes \Sigma_{vt}^{1/2}(\delta))^{-1} \frac{vec(\partial \Sigma_{vt}(\delta))}{\partial \delta_i}
\end{aligned}$$

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Table 1: Symbol of Stocks in Application 2

Number	Financial	Industrial	Health Care	Consumer Discretionary
1	AFL	BA	A	AZO
2	AIG	CAT	ABC	BBY
3	ALL	FLR	ABT	BWA
4	AXP	FLS	AET	CCL
5	BAC	GD	BAX	GPC
6	BBT	GE	BDX	GPS
7	BEN	GWV	BMV	HD
8	BK	HON	BSX	HRB
9	BLK	IR	CAH	JWN
10	C	ITW	CI	KMX
11	CMA	LLL	CVS	KSS
12	COF	LMT	HUM	LEG
13	GS	LUV	JNJ	LEN
14	HIG	MAS	LH	LOW
15	JPM	MMM	LLY	MCD
16	KEY	NOC	MCK	NKE
17	LNC	NSC	MDT	NWL
18	MCO	PH	MRK	PHM
19	MET	PNR	PFE	RL
20	MMC	PWR	PKI	TGT
21	MTB	RHI	SYK	TIF
22	PFV	ROK	TMO	TJX
23	PGR	ROP	UNH	VFC
24	PNC	RSG	VAR	WHR
25	PRU	RTN	WAT	YUM
26	RF	SNA		
27	STI	SWK		
28	STT	TXT		
29	TMK	UNP		
30	USB	UPS		
31	WFC	UTX		

Note: Full names of selected stocks can be found in <https://www.slickcharts.com/sp500>