

# Supplement to ‘‘Hypothesis Testing for Network Data with Power Enhancement’’

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## A1 Technical Lemmas

**Lemma S1** (Bonferroni Inequality). *Let  $A = \cup_{t=1}^p A_t$ . For any  $k < \lfloor p/2 \rfloor$ , we have*

$$\sum_{t=1}^{2k} (-1)^{t-1} E_t \leq P(A) \leq \sum_{t=1}^{2k-1} (-1)^{t-1} E_t,$$

where  $E_t = \sum_{1 \leq i_1 < \dots < i_t \leq p} P(A_{i_1} \cap \dots \cap A_{i_t})$ .

**Lemma S2.** *For any random vector  $\mathbf{W} = (w_1, \dots, w_b)$ , with  $E(\mathbf{W}) = 0$ , and  $\mathbf{W} = \xi_1 + \dots + \xi_n$ , where  $\{\xi_k = (\xi_{1,k}, \dots, \xi_{b,k}), k = 1, \dots, n\}$  are independent random vectors and  $|\xi_{i,k}| \leq \tau$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq b$ , we have, for any  $y, \epsilon > 0$ ,*

$$\begin{aligned} P(|\mathbf{W}| \geq y) &\leq P(|\mathbf{N}| \geq y - \epsilon) + c_1 b^{5/2} \exp\left(-\frac{\epsilon}{c_2 b^3 \tau}\right), \\ P(|\mathbf{W}| \geq y) &\geq P(|\mathbf{N}| \geq y + \epsilon) - c_1 b^{5/2} \exp\left(-\frac{\epsilon}{c_2 b^3 \tau}\right), \end{aligned}$$

for some absolute constants  $c_1, c_2 > 0$ , where  $|\cdot|$  is any vector norm,  $\mathbf{N}$  is a normal random vector with  $E(\mathbf{N}) = 0$  and the same covariance matrix as  $\mathbf{W}$ .

Lemma S2 is based on Theorem 1 of Zaitsev (1987), and its proof is omitted. Lemma 1 in Section 2.2 of the paper is proved by applying Lemma S2, similarly as done in the proof of Theorem 1 in Cai et al. (2013), and its proof is also omitted here.

## A2 Proof of Theorem 1

We rearrange the indices of  $\{S_{l,d,i,j}, 1 \leq i < j \leq p\}$  by  $\{S_{l,d,i}, i = 1, \dots, q\}$ . Let  $(U_{l,1}, \dots, U_{l,q})^\top$  be a zero mean random vector, with the covariance matrix  $\Sigma = (\sigma_{i,j})$  and the diagonal  $\{\sigma_{i,i}\}_{i=1}^q = 1$ , which satisfies the moment conditions (C1) or (C2) and the regularity conditions (A1) and (A2),  $l = 1, \dots, n$ . Note that,

$$|V_{d,i,j}/\text{Var}(S_{l,d,i,j}) - 1| = O_p\{(\log q/n)^{1/2}\}, \quad 1 \leq i < j \leq p, d = 1, 2,$$

Then under the event that  $\{|V_{d,i,j}/\text{Var}(S_{l,d,i,j}) - 1| = O\{(\log q/n)^{1/2}\}$ , to prove the theorem, it suffices to show that, for any  $x \in R$ , as  $p \rightarrow \infty$ ,

$$\mathbf{P} \left\{ \max_{1 \leq i \leq q} \left( n^{-1/2} \sum_{l=1}^n U_{l,i} \right)^2 - 2 \log q + \log \log q \leq x \right\} \rightarrow \exp\{-\pi^{-1/2} \exp(-x/2)\}.$$

Let  $\hat{U}_{l,i} = U_{l,i} I\{|U_{l,i}| \leq \tau_n\} - \mathbf{E}(U_{l,i} I\{|U_{l,i}| \leq \tau_n\})$ ,  $l = 1, \dots, n$ , where  $\tau_n = \eta^{-1/2} 2\sqrt{\log(q+n)}$  if (C1) holds, and  $\tau_n = \sqrt{n}/(\log q)^8$  if (C2) holds. Let  $W_i = \sum_{l=1}^n U_{l,i}/\sqrt{n}$  and  $\hat{W}_i = \sum_{l=1}^n \hat{U}_{l,i}/\sqrt{n}$ . If (C1) holds, then we have,

$$\begin{aligned} & \max_{1 \leq i \leq q} n^{-1/2} \sum_{l=1}^n \mathbf{E}(|U_{l,i}|) I\{|U_{l,i}| \geq \eta^{-1/2} 2\sqrt{\log(q+n)}\} \\ & \leq C n^{1/2} \max_{1 \leq l \leq n} \max_{1 \leq i \leq q} \mathbf{E}(|U_{l,i}|) I\{|U_{l,i}| \geq \eta^{-1/2} 2\sqrt{\log(q+n)}\} \\ & \leq C n^{1/2} (q+n)^{-2} \max_{1 \leq l \leq n} \max_{1 \leq i \leq q} \mathbf{E}(|U_{l,i}|) \exp(\eta U_{l,i}^2/2) \\ & \leq C n^{1/2} (q+n)^{-2}. \end{aligned}$$

If (C2) holds, then we have,

$$\begin{aligned} & \max_{1 \leq i \leq q} n^{-1/2} \sum_{l=1}^n \mathbf{E}(|U_{l,i}|) I\{|U_{l,i}| \geq \sqrt{n}/(\log q)^8\} \\ & \leq C n^{1/2} \max_{1 \leq l \leq n_1+n_2} \max_{1 \leq i \leq q} \mathbf{E}(|U_{l,i}|) I\{|U_{l,i}| \geq \sqrt{n}/(\log q)^8\} \\ & \leq C n^{-2\gamma_0 - \epsilon/4}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{P} \left\{ \max_{1 \leq i \leq q} |W_i - \hat{W}_i| \geq (\log q)^{-1} \right\} &\leq \mathbf{P} \left( \max_{1 \leq i \leq q} \max_{1 \leq l \leq t} |U_{l,i}| \geq \tau_n \right) \\ &\leq tq \max_{1 \leq i \leq q} \mathbf{P}(|U_{1i}| \geq \tau_n) = O(q^{-1} + n^{-\epsilon/4}). \end{aligned} \quad (\text{S1})$$

Note that

$$\left| \max_{1 \leq i \leq q} W_i^2 - \max_{1 \leq i \leq q} \hat{W}_i^2 \right| \leq 2 \max_{1 \leq i \leq q} |W_i| \max_{1 \leq i \leq q} |W_i - \hat{W}_i| + \max_{1 \leq i \leq p} |W_i - \hat{W}_i|^2. \quad (\text{S2})$$

By (S1) and (S2), it suffices to prove that, for any  $x \in R$ , as  $p \rightarrow \infty$ ,

$$\mathbf{P} \left( \max_{1 \leq i \leq q} \hat{W}_i^2 - 2 \log q + \log \log q \leq x \right) \rightarrow \exp \left\{ -\pi^{-1/2} \exp(-x/2) \right\}.$$

Let  $x_q = 2 \log q - \log \log q + x$ . It follows from Lemma S1 that, for any fixed  $k \leq [q/2]$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{s=1}^{2k} (-1)^{s-1} \sum_{1 \leq i_1 < \dots < i_s \leq q} \mathbf{P} \left( |\hat{W}_{i_1}| \geq x_q, \dots, |W_{i_s}| \geq x_q \right) &\leq \mathbf{P} \left( \max_{1 \leq i \leq q} |\hat{W}_i| \geq x_q \right) \\ &\leq \sum_{s=1}^{2k-1} (-1)^{s-1} \sum_{1 \leq i_1 < \dots < i_s \leq q} \mathbf{P} \left( |\hat{W}_{i_1}| \geq x_q, \dots, |W_{i_s}| \geq x_q \right). \end{aligned} \quad (\text{S3})$$

Define  $|\hat{\mathbf{W}}|_{\min} = \min_{1 \leq b \leq s} |\hat{W}_{i_b}|$ . Then by Lemma S2, we have,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{P} \left( |\hat{\mathbf{W}}|_{\min} \geq x_q \right) &\leq \mathbf{P} \left\{ |\mathbf{Z}|_{\min} \geq x_q - \epsilon_n (\log q)^{-1/2} \right\} \\ &\quad + c_1 s^{5/2} \exp \left\{ -\frac{n^{1/2} \epsilon_n}{c_2 s^3 \tau_n (\log q)^{1/2}} \right\}, \end{aligned} \quad (\text{S4})$$

where  $c_1 > 0$  and  $c_2 > 0$  are absolute constants,  $\epsilon_n \rightarrow 0$  is to be specified later, and  $\mathbf{Z} = (Z_{i_1}, \dots, Z_{i_s})'$  is a  $s$ -dimensional normal vector with the same covariance structure as  $\hat{\mathbf{W}}$ .

Because  $\log p = o(n^{1/5})$ , we can let  $\epsilon_n \rightarrow 0$  sufficiently slow, such that

$$c_1 s^{5/2} \exp \left\{ -\frac{n^{1/2} \epsilon_n}{c_2 s^3 \tau_n (\log q)^{1/2}} \right\} = O(q^{-M}) \quad (\text{S5})$$

for any large  $M > 0$ . It then follows from (S3), (S4) and (S5) that

$$\mathbf{P} \left( \max_{1 \leq i \leq q} |\hat{W}_i| \geq x_q \right) \leq \sum_{s=1}^{2k-1} (-1)^{s-1} \sum_{1 \leq i_1 < \dots < i_s \leq p} \mathbf{P} (|Z|_{\min} \geq x_q - \epsilon_n (\log q)^{-1/2}) + o(1). \quad (\text{S6})$$

Similarly, using Lemma S2 again, we get

$$\mathbf{P} \left( \max_{1 \leq i \leq q} |\hat{W}_i| \geq x_q \right) \geq \sum_{s=1}^{2k} (-1)^{s-1} \sum_{1 \leq i_1 < \dots < i_s \leq q} \mathbf{P} (|Z|_{\min} \geq x_q - \epsilon_n (\log q)^{-1/2}) - o(1). \quad (\text{S7})$$

By (S6), (S7) and the proof of Theorem 1 in Cai et al. (2014), our theorem is proved.  $\square$

### A3 Proof of Theorem 2

We first show that, as  $n_1, n_2, p \rightarrow \infty$ ,

$$\inf_{(s_1, s_2) \in U(2\sqrt{2})} \mathbf{P}(\Psi_\alpha = 1) \rightarrow 1.$$

Let

$$M_n^1 = \max_{1 \leq i \leq j \leq p} \frac{(\bar{S}_{1,i,j} - \bar{S}_{2,i,j} - s_{1,i,j} + s_{2,i,j})^2}{V_{1,i,j}/n_1 + V_{2,i,j}/n_2}.$$

By the self-normalized large deviation theorem for independent random variables (Jing et al., 2003, Theorem 1), we have that,

$$\max_{1 \leq i \leq j \leq p} \mathbf{P} \left\{ \frac{(\bar{S}_{1,i,j} - \bar{S}_{2,i,j} - s_{1,i,j} + s_{2,i,j})^2}{V_{1,i,j}/n_1 + V_{2,i,j}/n_2} \geq x^2 \right\} \leq C \{1 - \Phi(x)\},$$

uniformly for  $0 \leq x \leq (8 \log p)^{1/2}$ . Thus we have that,

$$\mathbf{P} \left( M_n^1 \leq 2 \log q - \frac{1}{2} \log \log q \right) \rightarrow 1$$

as  $t, q \rightarrow \infty$ . Note that,

$$\max_{1 \leq i \leq j \leq p} \frac{(s_{1,i,j} - s_{2,i,j})^2}{V_{1,i,j}/n_1 + V_{2,i,j}/n_2} \leq 2M_n^1 + 2M_n$$

and that

$$\max_{1 \leq i < j \leq p} \frac{(s_{1,i,j} - s_{2,i,j})^2}{\text{Var}(S_{1,l,i,j})/n_1 + \text{Var}(S_{2,l,i,j})/n_2} \geq 8 \log q.$$

By the fact that

$$|V_{d,i,j}/\text{Var}(S_{l,d,i,j}) - 1| = O_p \{(\log q/n)^{1/2}\}, \quad 1 \leq i < j \leq p, d = 1, 2,$$

we have that,

$$\mathbf{P}(M_n \geq q_\alpha + 2 \log q - \log \log p) \rightarrow 1$$

as  $n, q \rightarrow \infty$ .

We next prove that, there exists a constant  $c_0 > 0$  such that, for all sufficiently large  $n_d$  and  $p$ ,

$$\inf_{(s_1, s_2) \in U(c_0)} \sup_{T_\alpha \in \mathcal{T}_\alpha} \mathbf{P}(T_\alpha = 1) \leq 1 - \beta,$$

Since  $\mathcal{T}_\alpha$  contains all the  $\alpha$ -level tests over the collection of distributions satisfying (C1) or (C2), it suffices to take  $\mathcal{T}_\alpha$  as the set of  $\alpha$ -level tests over Gaussian distributions. Then following the proof of Theorem 4 of Cai et al. (2014), our theorem is proved.  $\square$

## A4 Proof of Theorem 3

Under the assumption that  $|\mathcal{S}_\rho| \geq [1/\{\pi^{1/2}\alpha\} + \delta](\log q)^{1/2}$ , we have that,

$$\sum_{(i,j) \in \mathcal{H}} I(|T_{i,j}| \geq \sqrt{2 \log q}) \geq \left\{ \frac{1}{\pi^{1/2}\alpha} + \delta \right\} \sqrt{\log q},$$

with probability tending to 1. Henceforth, with probability going to one, we have

$$\frac{q}{\sum_{(i,j) \in \mathcal{H}} I(|T_{i,j}| \geq \sqrt{2 \log q})} \leq q \left\{ \frac{1}{\pi^{1/2}\alpha} + \delta \right\}^{-1} (\log q)^{-1/2}.$$

Define  $h_q = \sqrt{2 \log q - 2 \log \log q}$ . Because  $1 - \Phi(h_q) \sim (\sqrt{2\pi}h_q)^{-1} \exp(-h_q^2/2)$ , we have  $\mathbf{P}(0 \leq \hat{h} \leq h_q) \rightarrow 1$  according to the definition of  $\hat{h}$  in Algorithm 1. Namely, we have

$$\mathbf{P}\left(\hat{h} \text{ exists in } [0, h_q]\right) \rightarrow 1.$$

Thus it suffices to prove the theorem under the event that  $\{\hat{h} \text{ exists in } [0, h_q]\}$ .

Note that, by the definition of  $\hat{h}$ , for any  $h < \hat{h}$ , we have

$$\frac{G(h)q}{\max\left\{\sum_{(i,j) \in \mathcal{H}} I(|T_{i,j}| \geq h), 1\right\}} > \alpha.$$

Because  $\max\left\{\sum_{(i,j) \in \mathcal{H}} I(|T_{i,j}| \geq \hat{h}), 1\right\} \leq \max\left\{\sum_{(i,j) \in \mathcal{H}} I(|T_{i,j}| \geq h), 1\right\}$ , we have that,

$$\frac{G(h)q}{\max\left\{\sum_{(i,j) \in \mathcal{H}} I(|T_{i,j}| \geq \hat{h}), 1\right\}} > \alpha.$$

Thus, by letting  $h \rightarrow \hat{h}$ , we have,

$$\frac{G(\hat{h})q}{\max\left\{\sum_{(i,j) \in \mathcal{H}} I(|T_{i,j}| \geq \hat{h}), 1\right\}} \geq \alpha.$$

On the other hand, based on the definition of  $\hat{h}$ , there exists a sequence  $\{h_l\}$  with  $h_l \geq \hat{h}$  and  $h_l \rightarrow \hat{h}$ , such that,

$$\frac{G(h_l)q}{\max\left\{\sum_{(i,j) \in \mathcal{H}} I(|T_{i,j}| \geq h_l), 1\right\}} \leq \alpha.$$

Since  $\max\left\{\sum_{(i,j) \in \mathcal{H}} I(|T_{i,j}| \geq h_l), 1\right\} \leq \max\left\{\sum_{(i,j) \in \mathcal{H}} I(|T_{i,j}| \geq \hat{h}), 1\right\}$ , it implies that,

$$\frac{G(h_l)q}{\max\left\{\sum_{(i,j) \in \mathcal{H}} I(|T_{i,j}| \geq \hat{h}), 1\right\}} \leq \alpha.$$

Letting  $h_l \rightarrow \hat{h}$ , we have that,

$$\frac{G(\hat{h})q}{\max\left\{\sum_{(i,j) \in \mathcal{H}} I(|T_{i,j}| \geq \hat{h}), 1\right\}} \leq \alpha.$$

Thus by focusing on the event  $\{\hat{h} \text{ exists in } [0, h_q]\}$ , we have that,

$$\frac{G(\hat{h})q}{\max \left\{ \sum_{(i,j) \in \mathcal{H}} I(|T_{i,j}| \geq \hat{h}), 1 \right\}} = \alpha.$$

Then it suffices to show that

$$\sup_{0 \leq h \leq h_q} \left| \frac{\sum_{(i,j) \in \mathcal{H}_0} I(|T_{i,j}| \geq h) - |\mathcal{H}_0|G(h)}{qG(h)} \right| \rightarrow 0$$

in probability. Let  $0 \leq h_0 < h_1 < \dots < h_b = h_q$ , such that  $h_\nu - h_{\nu-1} = v_q$  for  $1 \leq \nu \leq b-1$ , and  $h_b - h_{b-1} \leq v_q$ , where  $v_q = 1/\sqrt{\log q(\log_4 q)}$ . Then we have  $b \sim h_q/v_q$ . For any  $h$  such that  $h_{\nu-1} \leq h \leq h_\nu$ , we have that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\sum_{(i,j) \in \mathcal{H}_0} I(|T_{i,j}| \geq h_\nu)}{|\mathcal{H}_0|G(h_\nu)} \frac{G(h_\nu)}{G(h_{\nu-1})} &\leq \frac{\sum_{(i,j) \in \mathcal{H}_0} I(|T_{i,j}| \geq h)}{|\mathcal{H}_0|G(h)} \\ &\leq \frac{\sum_{(i,j) \in \mathcal{H}_0} I(|T_{i,j}| \geq h_{\nu-1})}{|\mathcal{H}_0|G(h_{\nu-1})} \frac{G(h_{\nu-1})}{G(h)}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus it suffices to prove that

$$\max_{0 \leq \nu \leq b} \left| \frac{\sum_{(i,j) \in \mathcal{H}_0} \{I(|T_{i,j}| \geq h_\nu) - G(h_\nu)\}}{|\mathcal{H}_0|G(h_\nu)} \right| \rightarrow 0$$

in probability. Note that

$$\begin{aligned} &\mathbf{P} \left( \max_{0 \leq \nu \leq b} \left| \frac{\sum_{(i,j) \in \mathcal{H}_0} \{I(|T_{i,j}| \geq h_\nu) - G(h_\nu)\}}{|\mathcal{H}_0|G(h_\nu)} \right| \geq \epsilon \right) \\ &\leq \sum_{\nu=1}^b \mathbf{P} \left( \left| \frac{\sum_{(i,j) \in \mathcal{H}_0} \{I(|T_{i,j}| \geq h_\nu) - G(h_\nu)\}}{|\mathcal{H}_0|G(h_\nu)} \right| \geq \epsilon \right) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{v_q} \int_0^{h_q} \mathbf{P} \left( \left| \frac{\sum_{(i,j) \in \mathcal{H}_0} \{I(|T_{i,j}| \geq h) - G(h)\}}{|\mathcal{H}_0|G(h)} \right| \geq \epsilon \right) dt \\ &\quad + \sum_{\nu=b-1}^b \mathbf{P} \left( \left| \frac{\sum_{(i,j) \in \mathcal{H}_0} \{I(|T_{i,j}| \geq h_\nu) - G(h_\nu)\}}{|\mathcal{H}_0|G(h_\nu)} \right| \geq \epsilon \right). \end{aligned}$$

By the proof of Theorem 1, we have that

$$\mathbf{P}(|T_{i,j}| \geq h) = \{1 + o(1)\}G(h).$$

Thus it suffices to prove the following two statements are true for any  $\epsilon > 0$ :

$$\int_0^{h_q} \mathbf{P} \left( \left| \frac{\sum_{(i,j) \in \mathcal{H}_0} \{I(|T_{i,j}| \geq h) - \mathbf{P}(|T_{i,j}| \geq h)\}}{qG(h)} \right| \geq \epsilon \right) dh = o(v_q), \quad (\text{S8})$$

and

$$\sup_{0 \leq h \leq h_q} \mathbf{P} \left( \left| \frac{\sum_{(i,j) \in \mathcal{H}_0} \{I(|T_{i,j}| \geq h) - \mathbf{P}(|T_{i,j}| \geq h)\}}{qG(h)} \right| \geq \epsilon \right) = o(1). \quad (\text{S9})$$

Next we prove (S8), while the proof of (S9) is similar and is thus omitted. Note that the variance can be calculated as follows

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbf{E} \left[ \frac{\sum_{(i,j) \in \mathcal{H}_0} \{I(|T_{i,j}| \geq h) - \mathbf{P}(|T_{i,j}| \geq h)\}}{qG(h)} \right]^2 \\ &= \frac{\sum_{(i,j),(i',j') \in \mathcal{H}_0} \{\mathbf{P}(|T_{i,j}| \geq h, |T_{i',j'}| \geq h) - \mathbf{P}(|T_{i,j}| \geq h) \mathbf{P}(|T_{i',j'}| \geq h)\}}{q^2 G^2(h)}. \end{aligned}$$

We further split the pairs of indices in  $\mathcal{H}_0$  into three subsets as below. We rearrange the indices of  $\{(i,j), 1 \leq i < j \leq p\}$  by  $\{k, k = 1, \dots, q\}$ , and denote by  $k_{i,j}$  the corresponding index of  $(i,j)$  after rearranging:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{H}_{01} &= \{(i,j), (i',j') \in \mathcal{H}_0, (i,j) = (i',j')\}, \\ \mathcal{H}_{02} &= \{(i,j), (i',j') \in \mathcal{H}_0, (i,j) \neq (i',j'), k_{i,j} \in \mathcal{A}_{k_{i',j'}}(\xi) \text{ or } k_{i',j'} \in \mathcal{A}_{k_{i,j}}(\xi)\}, \\ \mathcal{H}_{03} &= \{(i,j), (i',j') \in \mathcal{H}_0\} \setminus (\mathcal{H}_{01} \cup \mathcal{H}_{02}). \end{aligned}$$

For the subset  $\mathcal{H}_{01}$ , the cardinality is  $q_0$ , thus we have

$$\frac{\sum_{(i,j),(i',j') \in \mathcal{H}_{01}} \{\mathbf{P}(|T_{i,j}| \geq h, |T_{i',j'}| \geq h) - \mathbf{P}(|T_{i,j}| \geq h) \mathbf{P}(|T_{i',j'}| \geq h)\}}{q^2 G^2(h)} \leq \frac{C}{qG(h)}. \quad (\text{S10})$$

For the subset  $\mathcal{H}_{02}$ , recall that

$$\mathcal{A}_i(\xi) = \{j : \max\{|r_{1,i,j}|, |r_{2,i,j}|\} \geq (\log q)^{-2-\xi}\},$$

and  $\max_{1 \leq i \leq q} |\mathcal{A}_i(\xi)| = o(q^\nu)$  for  $0 < \nu < (1-r)/(1+r)$ . Thus we have  $|\mathcal{H}_{02}| = O(q^{1+\nu})$ . Note that, by Assumption (A2), we have that, uniformly for  $(i, j), (i', j') \in \mathcal{H}_{02}$ ,  $\text{Corr}(T_{i,j}, T_{i',j'}) \leq r' < 1$ , with  $r' < r + \epsilon < 1$ ,  $0 < \epsilon < \frac{1-\nu}{1+\nu} - r$ . Therefore, similar to (S4) in the proof of Theorem 1, under (C1) or (C2), by applying Lemma S2 and Lemma 6.2 in Liu (2013), we have that

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\sum_{(i,j),(i',j') \in \mathcal{H}_{02}} \{\mathbf{P}(|T_{i,j}| \geq h, |T_{i',j'}| \geq h) - \mathbf{P}(|T_{i,j}| \geq h)\mathbf{P}(|T_{i',j'}| \geq h)\}}{q^2 G^2(h)} \\ & \leq C \frac{q^{1+\nu} h^{-2} \exp\{-h^2/(1+r')\}}{q^2 G^2(h)} \leq \frac{C}{q^{1-\nu} \{G(h)\}^{2r'/(1+r')}}. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{S11})$$

For the subset  $\mathcal{H}_{03}$ ,  $T_{i,j}$  and  $T_{i',j'}$  are weakly correlated with each other. Based on the conditions in the theorem, by applying Lemma S2 and Lemma 6.1 in Liu (2013), it is easy to obtain that,

$$\max_{(i,j),(i',j') \in \mathcal{H}_{03}} \mathbf{P}(|T_{i,j}| \geq h, |T_{i',j'}| \geq h) = [1 + O\{(\log q)^{-1-\gamma}\}] G^2(h),$$

with  $\gamma = \min\{\xi, 1/2\}$ . Thus, we have that

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\sum_{(i,j),(i',j') \in \mathcal{H}_{03}} \{\mathbf{P}(|T_{i,j}| \geq h, |T_{i',j'}| \geq h) - \mathbf{P}(|T_{i,j}| \geq h)\mathbf{P}(|T_{i',j'}| \geq h)\}}{q^2 G^2(h)} \\ & = O\{(\log q)^{-1-\gamma}\}. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{S12})$$

Combining (S10), (S11) and (S12), we have

$$\int_0^{h_q} \left[ \frac{C}{qG(h)} + \frac{C}{q^{1-\nu} \{G(h)\}^{2r'/(1+r')}} + C(\log q)^{-1-\gamma} \right] dh = o(v_q).$$

This proves (S8). Along with (S9), we prove Theorem 3.  $\square$

## A5 Proof of Proposition 1

It suffices to show that

$$\mathbf{P}_{H_{0,i,j}}(|T_{i,j}| \geq h, |A_{i,j}| \geq \lambda) = \{1 + o(1)\} G(h) \mathbf{P}(|N(0, 1) + a_{i,j}| \geq \lambda) + O(q^{-M}),$$

uniformly for  $0 \leq h \leq C\sqrt{\log q}$ ,  $0 \leq \lambda \leq C\sqrt{\log q}$ , and  $1 \leq i < j \leq p$ . By the fact that  $N$  is fixed, the second part then directly follows.

Note that  $G[h + o\{(\log q)^{-1/2}\}]/G(h) = 1 + o(1)$  uniformly in  $0 \leq h \leq c(\log q)^{1/2}$  for any constant  $c$ . By the proof of Theorem 1, it suffices to show that,

$$\mathbf{P}(|U_{i,j}| \geq t, |Q_{i,j}| \geq \lambda) = \{1 + o(1)\}G(h)\mathbf{P}(|N(0, 1)| \geq \lambda) + O(q^{-M}),$$

where

$$U_{i,j} = \frac{\bar{S}_{1,i,j} - \bar{S}_{2,i,j}}{(\sigma_{w,i,1}^2 + \sigma_{w,i,2}^2)^{1/2}}, \quad \text{and} \quad Q_{i,j} = \frac{\bar{S}_{1,i,j} - s_{1,i,j} + (\sigma_{w,i,1}^2/\sigma_{w,i,2}^2)(\bar{S}_{2,i,j} - s_{2,i,j})}{\sqrt{\sigma_{w,i,1}^2(1 + \sigma_{w,i,1}^2/\sigma_{w,i,2}^2)}},$$

with  $\sigma_{w,i,d}^2 = \text{Var}(S_{d,l,i,j})/n_d$ ,  $d = 1, 2$ . Note that  $U_{i,j}$  and  $Q_{i,j}$  are uncorrelated with each other.

We next truncate  $V_{i,j}$  and  $Q_{i,j}$ , respectively, by  $\tau_n$  as defined in Theorem 1 with rate  $\{\log(q + n)\}^{1+\epsilon}$  for a sufficiently small  $\epsilon > 0$ . Then we have the truncated  $\hat{V}_{i,j}$  and  $\hat{Q}_{i,j}$  satisfy that,

$$\mathbf{P}\left\{\max_{1 \leq i \leq m} |V_i - \hat{V}_i| \geq (\log q)^{-1}\right\} \leq \mathbf{P}\left(\max_{1 \leq i \leq q} \max_{1 \leq l \leq n_1 + n_2} |U_{l,i}| \geq \tau_n\right) = O(q^{-M}),$$

and

$$\mathbf{P}\left\{\max_{1 \leq i \leq m} |Q_i - \hat{Q}_i| \geq (\log q)^{-1}\right\} = O(q^{-M}).$$

Thus, it suffices to show that

$$\mathbf{P}\left(|\hat{U}_{i,j}| \geq h, |\hat{Q}_{i,j}| \geq \lambda\right) = \{1 + o(1)\}G(h)G(\lambda) + O(q^{-M}), \quad (\text{S13})$$

uniformly for  $0 \leq h \leq C\sqrt{\log q}$  and  $0 \leq \lambda \leq C\sqrt{\log q}$ . It follows from Lemma S2 that

$$\mathbf{P}\left(|\hat{U}_{i,j}| \geq h, |\hat{Q}_{i,j}| \geq \lambda\right)$$

$$\leq \mathbf{P} \left\{ |N_1| \geq h - \epsilon_n (\log q)^{-1/2}, |N_2| \geq \lambda - \epsilon_n (\log q)^{-1/2} \right\} + c_1 \exp \left\{ -\frac{n^{1/2} \epsilon_n}{c_2 \tau_n (\log q)^{1/2}} \right\},$$

where  $c_1 > 0$  and  $c_2 > 0$  are constants,  $\epsilon_n \rightarrow 0$  is to be specified later, and  $\mathbf{N} = (N_1, N_2)$  is a normal random vector with  $\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{N}) = 0$  and  $\mathbf{Cov}(N_1, N_2) = 0$ . Since  $\log q = o(n^{1/c})$  for some  $c > 5$ , we let  $\epsilon_n \rightarrow 0$  sufficiently slowly, so that for any large  $M > 0$ ,

$$c_1 \exp \left\{ -\frac{n^{1/2} \epsilon_n}{c_2 \tau_n (\log q)^{1/2}} \right\} = O(q^{-M}).$$

Thus, we have

$$\mathbf{P} \left( |\hat{U}_{i,j}| \geq h, |\hat{Q}_{i,j}| \geq \lambda \right) \leq \mathbf{P} \left\{ |N_1| \geq h - \epsilon_n (\log q)^{-1/2}, |N_2| \geq \lambda - \epsilon_n (\log q)^{-1/2} \right\} + O(q^{-M}).$$

Similarly, using Lemma S2 again, we have

$$\mathbf{P} \left( |\hat{U}_{i,j}| \geq h, |\hat{Q}_{i,j}| \geq \lambda \right) \geq \mathbf{P} \left\{ |N_1| \geq h + \epsilon_n (\log q)^{-1/2}, |N_2| \geq \lambda + \epsilon_n (\log q)^{-1/2} \right\} - O(q^{-M}).$$

This proves (S13), then also Proposition 1.  $\square$

## A6 Proof of Theorems 4 and 5

By the proofs of Theorems 1 and 2 in Xia et al. (2020), it suffices to check the asymptotic normality, the weak dependency, and the asymptotic independence assumptions. By the construction of  $T_{i,j}$  and the proof of Proposition 1, we have that  $T_{i,j}$  is asymptotic normal. In addition, the assumptions of Theorem 3 ensures the weak dependency. Finally, Proposition 1 proves that the asymptotic independence holds. Thus Theorems 4 and 5 follow.  $\square$

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