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## Abstract

This paper considers nonparametric additive models that have a deterministic time trend and both stationary and integrated variables as components. The diverse nature of the regressors caters for applications in a variety of settings. In addition, we extend the analysis to allow the stationary regressor to be instead locally stationary, and we allow the models to include a linear form of the integrated variable. Heteroscedasticity is allowed for in all models. We propose an estimation strategy based on orthogonal series expansion that takes account of the different type of stationarity/nonstationarity possessed by each covariate. We establish pointwise asymptotic distribution theory jointly for all estimators of unknown functions and also show the conventional optimal convergence rates jointly in the  $L_2$  sense. In spite of the entanglement of different kinds of regressors, we can separate out the distribution theory for each estimator. We provide Monte Carlo simulations that establish the favourable properties of our procedures in moderate sized samples. Finally, we apply our techniques to the study of a pairs trading strategy.

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# 1 Introduction

This paper is devoted to the investigation of additively separable nonparametric regressions with deterministic time trend, stationary and nonstationary variables. In practice all these types of variables are important in applications in economics, finance and related fields. For example, aggregate consumption, disposable income and share prices are widely accepted as being (globally) nonstationary variables, while interest rates and the volume of share trading are often taken as stationary variables or locally stationary variables with mild trends. Some variables may also contain a deterministic time trend. Therefore, from a practical point of view, it is necessary to study regression with different kinds of regressors. The choice of functional form is also important, and we should not like to restrict the shape of the regression functions, this is quite hard to address in the presence of nonstationarity, which is the purpose of our study.

Grenander and Rosenblatt [16] is a classic treatment of parametric deterministic trend models, while Phillips [31, 32] provide an update and discussion. There are a number of papers that develop theory for nonparametric regression with nonstationary variables alone. Karlsen et al. [19] investigate the nonparametric regression situation where the single covariate is a recurrent Markov chain. Schienle [36] investigates additive nonparametric regressions with Harris recurrent covariates and obtained a limit theory for kernel smooth backfitting estimators. Wang and Phillips [43] consider an alternative treatment by making use of local time limit theory and, instead of recurrent Markov chains, worked with partial sum representations. Phillips et al. [33] consider a functional coefficient model where the covariates are unit root processes and the functional coefficient is driven by rescaled time. Wang [42] gives an excellent overview of the tools needed for distribution theory in a variety of these settings.

To the best of our knowledge, there are no theoretical studies that accommodate these three kinds of regressors in a nonparametric setting. The closest study is Chang et al. [4] where, though all the three regressors are contained, a nonlinear parametric model is studied, that is, all functions are supposed to be known. In addition, there are a number of studies that contain regressors with two of these features and most of them are linear regression with perhaps functional coefficients. Park and Hahn [27] study linear regression with  $I(1)$  regressor and time varying coefficients depending on fixed design; Xiao [44] studies functional-coefficient cointegration regression where the coefficients depend on a stationary variable and the regressor is an  $I(1)$  vector; Cai et al. [3] study a similar model with more flexibility; more interestingly, Li et al. [21] recently investigate the convergence of sample covariances which have  $I(1)$  process and a variable that can be a fixed design or a random design but not both.

In this paper, we mainly consider the model

$$y_t = \beta(t/n) + g(z_t) + m(x_t) + e_t, \quad t = 1, \dots, n \quad (1.1)$$

where:  $\beta, g$  and  $m$  are unknown smooth functions,  $z_t$  is a stationary process,  $x_t$  is an integrated process,  $e_t$  is an error term. Here,  $\beta(\cdot)$  is defined on  $[0,1]$ ,  $g(\cdot)$  is defined on  $V_z$ , the support of  $z_1$ , and  $m(\cdot)$  is supposed to be integrable and defined on  $\mathbb{R}$ . Notice that  $V_z$  could be a finite interval like  $[a, b]$  or an infinite interval like  $(-\infty, \infty)$  or  $(0, \infty)$ .

All unknown functions will be estimated by the series method, which is particularly convenient in additive models (Andrews and Whang [1]), compared with the kernel method that requires an iterative ‘‘backfitting technique’’ (Mammen et al. [25]). Indeed, the series method gives an explicit solution for the estimators obtained by the ordinary least squares, which facilitates the asymptotic analyses. In contrast, the smooth backfitting technique needs two steps, in order to derive the estimators. See, for example, Vogt [41, p. 2612].

Moreover, the setting of model (1.1) is quite different from existing papers such as Dong et al. [9] and Phillips et al. [33]. Note that Dong et al. [9] mainly investigates a single-index model with an integrated regressor that does not contain either deterministic trend or stationary variable, while Phillips et al. [33] deals with a functional-coefficient model. In particular, the approach of deriving asymptotic distribution makes much improvement in this paper as simultaneously three types of variables are involved in nonparametric models.

The most important feature of model (1.1) is the diverse nature of the regressors, which permits a wide variety of applications. This, however, gives rise to a challenge for the asymptotic analyses. Our findings include that: (1) the interactions between  $m(x_t)$ , properly normalized, and any one of the other components eventually vanishes; (2) although different kinds of variables are entangled inside the estimators, each has its own separable convergence rate; (3) conventional optimal convergence rates are attainable.

We further extend the model (1.1) in two respects. We shall relax the stationary process  $z_t$  to be a locally stationary process. That is, we consider also

$$y_t = \beta(t/n) + g(z_{nt}) + m(x_t) + e_t, \quad (1.2)$$

where  $t = 1, \dots, n$ , all ingredients are the same as in model (1.1) except that  $z_{nt}$  is a locally stationary process defined below. This class of processes has received a lot of attention recently, (see, Vogt, 2012), and it captures an important notion that there is slowly evolving change. In addition, since the integrability of the function  $m(\cdot)$  excludes the polynomial form in  $x_t$ , we extend the model below to contain a linear form of the integrated process. It is clear that this linear form may be substituted by any polynomial without constant and similar theoretical results remain true.

We work with scalar covariates although it is easy to extend the theory to allow the stationary or locally stationary regressor  $z_{nt}$  to be a vector  $(z_{nt;j}, j = 1, \dots, d)$  and  $g(z_{nt}) = \sum_{j=1}^d g_j(z_{nt;j})$ , but we have eschewed this further complication due to its notational cost.

Our procedure is easy to implement and we verify in simulation experiments that the distribution theory we obtain well captures the finite sample behaviour of our estimators. We apply our methodology to the study of pairs trading, [see, 15]. We consider the stock prices of Coke and Pepsi and build a model that links these prices and allows for globally nonstationary components, slowly moving deterministic trends, and a stationary or locally stationary covariate, in our case the relative trading volume of the two common stocks. We find that our model captures important nonlinearity and evolutionary behaviour in the relationship between the two stock prices that the usual linear cointegrating relationship ignores. The value of our approach is quantified through out of sample forecast and trading profits relative to the linear alternative.

The organization of the rest is as follows. Section 2 describes the procedure of estimation; Section 3 gives the entire asymptotic theory that covers the normality of estimators for model (1.1) in Section 3.1, that for model (1.2) in Section 3.2 and that for the extended model which contains an extra linear form of  $x_t$  in Section 3.3; Monte Carlo experiment is conducted in Section 4, followed by an empirical study in Section 5, and Section 6 concludes. Appendix A contains all technical lemmas whose proofs are relegated to the supplementary material of the paper; Appendix B gives the proofs of theorems in Section 3.1-3.2 while that of all other theorems, proposition and corollaries are shown in the supplement.

Throughout the paper,  $I_k$  is the identity matrix of dimension  $k$ ;  $\|v\|$  is Euclidean norm for any vector  $v$  and  $\|A\|$  is entry-wise norm for any matrix;  $\int f(x)dx$  is an integral on the entire  $\mathbb{R}$ ;  $C, C_1, \dots$ , can be any constants and may be different at each appearance.

## 2 Assumptions and estimation procedure

This section gives assumptions on the regressors and the error term as well as the procedure by which the unknown functions are estimated.

### 2.1 Assumptions

We first give the structure of the integrated regressor  $x_t$  that we shall assume.

#### Assumption A

A.1 Let  $\{\epsilon_j, -\infty < j < \infty\}$  be a scalar sequence of independent and identically distributed (i.i.d.) random variables having an absolutely continuous distribution with respect to

the Lebesgue measure and satisfying  $\mathbb{E}[\epsilon_1] = 0, \mathbb{E}[\epsilon_1^2] = 1, \mathbb{E}|\epsilon_1|^{q_1} < \infty$  for some  $q_1 \geq 4$ . The characteristic function of  $\epsilon_1$  satisfies that  $\int |\lambda| |\mathbb{E} \exp(i\lambda\epsilon_1)| d\lambda < \infty$ .

A.2 Let  $w_t = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \psi_j \epsilon_{t-j}$  where  $\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} j |\psi_j| < \infty$  and  $\psi := \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \psi_j \neq 0$ .

A.3 For  $t \geq 1$ ,  $x_t = x_{t-1} + w_t$ , and  $x_0 = O_P(1)$ .

The conditions in Assumption A are commonly used in the literature concerning unit root time series (see, e.g. Park and Phillips 28, 29 and Dong et al. 9). The innovation variables  $\{\epsilon_j\}$  are building blocks for the linear process  $w_t$  from which the regressor is obtained by integration. All crucial properties of  $x_t$  for our theoretical development given in Lemma A.1 are derived from the  $I(1)$  structure.

Meanwhile, from the structure of  $x_t$ , we may have  $d_n^2 := \mathbb{E}(x_n^2) = \psi^2 n(1 + o(1))$  simply by virtue of the BN decomposition for  $w_t$  [34, p. 972]. It follows that for  $r \in [0, 1]$ ,  $d_n^{-1} x_{[nr]} \rightarrow_D W(r)$  in the space  $D[0, 1]$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , where  $[\cdot]$  is the biggest integer not exceeding the argument. Here,  $D[0, 1]$  is the Skorokhod space on  $[0, 1]$ , that is, the collection of functions defined on  $[0, 1]$  that are everywhere right-continuous and have left limits everywhere;  $W(r)$  is a standard Brownian motion and our theory developed below depends on its local time process defined by  $L_W(r, a) = \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \epsilon^{-1} \int_0^r I(|W(u) - a| < \epsilon) du$ , where  $I(\cdot)$  is the indicator function. Note that  $L_W(r, a)$  stands for the sojourn time of the process  $W(\cdot)$  at the spatial point  $a$  over the time period  $[0, r]$ , and Revuz and Yor [35] is a standard book introducing the local time of Brownian motion.

### Assumption B

B.1 Suppose that either (a)  $z_t$  is a strictly stationary and  $\alpha$ -mixing process with mixing coefficients  $\alpha(i)$  such that  $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \alpha^{\delta/(2+\delta)}(i) < \infty$  for some  $\delta > 0$ , and  $z_t$  are independent of  $\{\epsilon_j, -\infty < j < \infty\}$  defined in Assumption A; or (b)  $z_t = \rho(\epsilon_t, \dots, \epsilon_{t-d+1}; \eta_t, \dots, \eta_{t-d+1})$  with fixed  $d$  and measurable function  $\rho : \mathbb{R}^{2d} \mapsto \mathbb{R}$ , and  $z_t$  have finite second moment, where i.i.d.(0,1) sequence  $\{\eta_j\}$  is independent of  $\{\epsilon_j\}$ .

B.2 There exists an orthogonal function sequence  $\{p_i(z), i \geq 0\}$  on the support  $V_z$  of  $z_1$  and the orthogonality is with respect to  $dF(z)$  where  $F(z)$  is a distribution function on  $V_z$ . In addition, for  $\delta > 0$  given by Assumption B.1, we have either (a)  $\mathbb{E}|p_j(z_1)|^{2(2+\delta)} = O(j)$  for large  $j$  or (b)  $\sup_{j \geq 0} \mathbb{E}|p_j(z_1)|^{2(2+\delta)} < \infty$ .

B.3 There is a filtration sequence  $\mathcal{F}_{n,t}$  such that  $(e_t, \mathcal{F}_{n,t})$  form a martingale difference sequence and  $(z_t, x_t)$  is adapted to  $\mathcal{F}_{n,t-1}$ . Moreover, almost surely  $\mathbb{E}(e_t^2 | \mathcal{F}_{n,t-1}) = \sigma^2(t/n)$ , where  $\sigma^2(\cdot)$  is a positive continuous function on  $[0, 1]$  and  $\max_{1 \leq t \leq n} \mathbb{E}(|e_t|^{q_2} | \mathcal{F}_{n,t-1}) < \infty$  for some  $q_2 \geq 4$ .

Condition B.1 takes into account two cases for  $z_t$ . In (a),  $z_t$  is an  $\alpha$ -mixing stationary process (a common assumption that we only refer the readers to Gao [12]) and independent of  $x_t$ , while in (b),  $z_t$  is correlated with  $x_t$  by sharing the same  $\epsilon_t, \dots, \epsilon_{t-d+1}$ . These two conditions are different but overlap, because  $z_t$  in (b) is  $d$ -dependent, a subclass of  $\alpha$ -mixing process, while in terms of the relationship with  $x_t$  they are mutually exclusive. Definitely, the presence of the correlation between  $x_t$  and  $z_t$  would give rise to a challenge for our theoretical derivation. To tackle the issue, we show the probability properties of  $x_t$  and its decompositions in Lemmas A.1-A.2 and the correlation for functions of  $x_t$  and  $z_t$  in Lemma A.3 below. Due to these lemmas we are able to deal with the correlation in model (1.1) and hence our model is applicable broadly.

Condition B.2 stipulates an orthogonal sequence  $\{p_i(z), i \geq 0\}$  on the support  $V(\equiv V_z$ , the subscript is suppressed here and below) that is used to approximate the unknown function  $g(\cdot)$  in the regression model.

Given a support  $V \subset \mathbb{R}$ , the choice of the density  $dF(z)$  determines what function space we shall work with. It is well known that an orthogonal polynomial sequence can be constructed on a support with respect to a density by the Gram-Schmidt orthonormalization theorem. See, for example, Dudley [10, p. 168]. If  $z_1$  is normal,  $V = \mathbb{R}$ , the sequence is consisting of Hermite polynomials given  $dF(z) = (2\pi)^{-1/2}e^{-z^2/2}dz$ ; if  $z_1$  has support  $V = [0, \infty)$ , the sequence is consisting of Laguerre polynomials given  $dF(z) = e^{-z}dz$ ; if  $V = [0, 1]$ , orthogonal trigonometric polynomials could be used; if  $V = [-1, 1]$ , the orthogonal polynomials are Chebyshev or Legendre polynomials.

Notice also that Conditions (a) and (b) in B.2 are about how to control the high order moments of the basis  $p_j(x)$  and are used to measure the divergence of certain partial sum below. Because we do not specify the interval  $V$  of the variable  $z_1$ , there are two cases considered herein. B.2(a) is tackling the case that  $V$  is an infinite interval where the high order moment of  $p_j(x)$  diverges with  $j$ , while B.2(b) is mainly for the case where  $V$  is a compact set (e.g.  $[0, 1]$ ,  $[-1, 1]$  and so on) such that the high order moment is uniformly bounded with  $j$ . The moment condition is mild and commonly used. In the literature, B.2(a) is used in Assumption 3 of Dong et al. [8] and B.2(b) is used in Assumption 3 of Su and Jin [39]. It is worth to point out that the similar assumption for bases used to estimate  $\beta(\cdot)$  and  $m(\cdot)$  (i.e.  $\varphi_j(\cdot)$  and  $\mathcal{H}_j(\cdot)$  below) is not necessary since these are specified bounded functions.

The martingale difference structure for the error term is extensively used in the literature such as Park and Phillips [28, 29] and Gao and Phillips [13] among others. However, Condition B.3 here allows heteroscedasticity that is a function depending on the normalized time  $t/n$ . This makes our theoretical results more applicable, but the function  $\sigma^2(\cdot)$  might be

multivariate to contain additionally either  $z_t$  or  $x_t$  even both. This possibility would affect a bit the conditional variance matrices studied below while the main results still hold. To preserve space, we do not consider all possibilities in this regard.

In order to be more applicable, we may allow  $z_t$  in model (1.1) to be a locally stationary process, which is defined as follows.

**Definition 2.1** (Locally stationary process)

Process  $\{z_{nt}\}$  is locally stationary if for each rescaled time point  $v \in [0, 1]$  there exists an associated process  $\{z_t(v)\}$  satisfying:

- (i)  $\{z_t(v)\}$  is strictly stationary;
- (ii) it holds that

$$|z_{nt} - z_t(v)| \leq \left( \left| \frac{t}{n} - v \right| + \frac{1}{n} \right) U_{nt}(v) \quad \text{a.s.},$$

where  $U_{nt}(v)$  is a process of positive variables such that  $\mathbb{E}[(U_{nt}(v))^{q_3}] < C$  for some  $q_3 \geq 1$  and  $C > 0$  independent of  $v, t$  and  $n$ .

This definition of locally stationarity accommodates a variety of financial datasets. Koo and Linton [20] give sufficient conditions under which a time-inhomogeneous diffusion process is locally stationary and meanwhile, Vogt [41] studies nonparametric regression for locally stationary time series. Certainly, each stationary process is locally stationary.

**Assumption B\*** Suppose that

- B\*.1  $\{z_{nt}\}$  is locally stationary with associated process  $\{z_t(v)\}$ , and all  $z_{nt}$  ( $1 \leq t \leq n$ ) have the same compact support  $V_z = [a_{\min}, a_{\max}]$ . Moreover, the density  $f(v, z)$  of  $z_t(v)$  is smooth in  $v$ .
- B\*.2 For all  $t$  and any  $v \in [0, 1]$ , either (a)  $z_t(v)$  satisfies Assumption B.1.a, or (b)  $z_t(v)$  satisfies Assumption B.1.b.
- B\*.3 There exists an orthogonal function sequence  $\{p_i(z), i \geq 0\}$  on the support  $[a_{\min}, a_{\max}]$  with respect to  $dF(z)$  such that  $\sup_{v \in [0, 1]} \sup_{j \geq 0} \mathbb{E}|p_j(z_1(v))| < \infty$ .
- B\*.4 Suppose that there is a filtration sequence  $\mathcal{F}_{nt}$  such that  $(e_t, \mathcal{F}_{n,t})$  form a martingale difference sequence and  $(z_t(t/n), x_t)$  is adapted with  $\mathcal{F}_{n,t-1}$ . Meanwhile,  $\mathbb{E}(e_t^2 | \mathcal{F}_{n,t-1}) = \sigma^2(t/n)$  almost surely with continuous and nonzero function  $\sigma(\cdot)$  and for some  $q_3 \geq 4$ ,  $\max_{1 \leq t \leq n} \mathbb{E}(|e_t|^{q_3} | \mathcal{F}_{n,t-1}) < \infty$ .



This assumption allows us to approximate the locally stationary variable  $z_{nt}$  by stationary variable  $z_t(v)$  when  $t/n$  is in a small neighborhood of  $v$ . Thus, the theoretical results below may be applicable. As studied in Koo and Linton [20, p. 212],  $\{z_{nt}\}$  may have a common domain of closed interval. Thus, we simply require the support of the locally stationary process to be compact in this paper. Moreover,  $\{z_t(v)\}$  possibly is  $\alpha$ -mixing and  $\beta$ -mixing, as studied in Koo and Linton [20] and Chen et al. [6]. Moreover, Theorem 3.3 of Vogt [41] shows, under certain conditions, the density  $f(v, z)$  of  $z_t(v)$  is smooth in  $v$ . Here again, by B\*.2 we allow the associated stationary process to be either independent of or correlated with the nonstationary process  $x_t$ .

Basically, Assumptions B\*.1 is particularly for the local stationary process, while Assumptions B\*.2-B\*.4 are a generalized version of Assumptions B.1-B.3, that take into account the dependence of the locally stationarity on the normalized time  $v \in [0, 1]$ . As  $z_{nt}$  is approximated asymptotically by the stationary process  $z_t(t/n)$ , the condition of  $e_t$  in B\*.4 is assumed to be a martingale difference sequence with respect to a filtration that satisfies conditions similar to B.3 of Assumption B.

## 2.2 Estimation procedure

The least squares series estimation method is used to estimate all unknown functions in models (1.1) and (1.2). By nature these functions belong to different function spaces, and therefore we introduce these function spaces and their orthonormal bases.

First, suppose that  $\beta(\cdot) \in L^2[0, 1] = \{u(r) : \int_0^1 u^2(r)dr < \infty\}$ , in which the inner product is given by  $\langle u_1, u_2 \rangle = \int_0^1 u_1(r)u_2(r)dr$  and the induced norm  $\|u\|^2 = \langle u, u \rangle$ . Let  $\varphi_0(r) \equiv 1$ , and for  $j \geq 1$ ,  $\varphi_j(r) = \sqrt{2} \cos(\pi jr)$ . Then,  $\{\varphi_j(r)\}$  is an orthonormal basis in the Hilbert space  $L^2[0, 1]$ ,  $\langle \varphi_i(r), \varphi_j(r) \rangle = \delta_{ij}$  the Kronecker delta. The basis  $\{\varphi_j(r)\}$  is used to expand the unknown continuous function  $\beta(r) \in L^2[0, 1]$  into orthogonal series, that is,

$$\beta(r) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} c_{1,j} \varphi_j(r), \quad \text{where } c_{1,j} = \langle \beta(r), \varphi_j(r) \rangle. \quad (2.1)$$

It is noteworthy that  $\{\varphi_j(r)\}$  can be replaced by any other orthonormal basis in  $L^2[0, 1]$ , as shown in Chen and Shen [7], Gao et al. [14] and Phillips [30] among others. However, with this specific basis other than a general one we do not need any assumption on it, and all quantities related to the basis are easily and directly calculated. See Lemma A.2 below.

Second, in order to expand  $g(z_t)$ , suppose that the function  $g(\cdot)$  is in Hilbert space  $L^2(V, dF(x)) = \{q(x) : \int_V q^2(x)dF(x) < \infty\}$  where  $F(x)$  is a distribution on the support  $V$  that may not be compact. The sequence  $\{p_j(x), j \geq 0\}$  in Assumption B.2 is an orthonormal basis in  $L^2(V, dF(x))$  where an inner product is given by  $\langle q_1, q_2 \rangle = \int_V q_1(x)q_2(x)dF(x)$

and the induced norm  $\|q\|^2 = \langle q, q \rangle$ . Hence, the unknown function  $g(x)$  has an orthogonal series expansion in terms of the basis of  $\{p_j(x), j \geq 0\}$ , viz.,

$$g(x) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} c_{2,j} p_j(x), \quad \text{where } c_{2,j} = \langle g(x), p_j(x) \rangle. \quad (2.2)$$

Third, because of  $x_t = O_P(\sqrt{t})$ , the support of  $m(\cdot)$  has to be  $\mathbb{R}$ . We thus suppose  $m(\cdot) \in L^2(\mathbb{R}) = \{f(x) : \int f^2(x) dx < \infty\}$  in which an inner product is given by  $\langle f_1, f_2 \rangle = \int f_1(x) f_2(x) dx$  and the induced norm  $\|f\|^2 = \langle f, f \rangle$ . To expand  $m(x)$ , recall the Hermite polynomials  $\{H_j(x)\}$  and the Hermite functions  $\{\mathcal{H}_j(x)\}$ . By definition

$$H_j(x) = (-1)^j \exp(x^2) \frac{d^j}{dx^j} \exp(-x^2), \quad j \geq 0, \quad (2.3)$$

are Hermite polynomials such that  $\int H_i(x) H_j(x) \exp(-x^2) dx = \sqrt{\pi} 2^j j! \delta_{ij}$ , meaning that they are orthogonal with respect to the density  $\exp(-x^2)$ . It is known that

$$\mathcal{H}_j(x) = (\sqrt{\pi} 2^j j!)^{-1/2} H_j(x) \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{2}\right), \quad j \geq 0, \quad (2.4)$$

are called Hermite functions in the relevant literature.

The orthogonality of the Hermite polynomials implies that  $\langle \mathcal{H}_i(x), \mathcal{H}_j(x) \rangle = \delta_{ij}$ . In addition,  $\{\mathcal{H}_j(x)\}$  is bounded uniformly in both  $j$  and  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . See Szego [40, p. 242]. Moreover,  $\{\mathcal{H}_j(x)\}$  is an orthonormal basis in Hilbert space  $L^2(\mathbb{R})$ . The unknown function  $m(x)$  thence has an orthogonal series expansion in terms of  $\{\mathcal{H}_j(x)\}$ , viz.,

$$m(x) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} c_{3,j} \mathcal{H}_j(x), \quad \text{where } c_{3,j} = \langle m(x), \mathcal{H}_j(x) \rangle. \quad (2.5)$$

### 2.2.1 Estimation procedure for model (1.1)

Let  $k_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2, 3$ , be positive integers. Define truncation series with truncation parameter  $k_1$  for  $\beta(r)$  as  $\beta_{k_1}(r) = \sum_{j=1}^{k_1} c_{1,j} \varphi_j(r)$  (noting by Assumption C.2 below that  $c_{1,0} = 0$ ) and residue after truncation  $\gamma_{1k_1}(r) = \sum_{j=k_1+1}^{\infty} c_{1,j} \varphi_j(r)$ . It is known that  $\beta_{k_1}(r) \rightarrow \beta(r)$  as  $k_1 \rightarrow \infty$  in pointwise sense for smooth  $\beta(r)$ . Similarly, define the truncation series for  $g(x)$  as  $g_{k_2}(x) = \sum_{j=0}^{k_2-1} c_{2,j} p_j(x)$  and residue after truncation as  $\gamma_{2k_2}(x) = \sum_{j=k_2}^{\infty} c_{2,j} p_j(x)$ ; for  $m(x)$  as  $m_{k_3}(x) = \sum_{j=0}^{k_3-1} c_{3,j} \mathcal{H}_j(x)$  and residue after truncation as  $\gamma_{3k_3}(x) = \sum_{j=k_3}^{\infty} c_{3,j} \mathcal{H}_j(x)$ . It follows that  $g_{k_2}(x) \rightarrow g(x)$  and  $m_{k_3}(x) \rightarrow m(x)$  as  $k_2, k_3 \rightarrow \infty$  in some sense under certain condition. We omit mathematical details in order not to deviate from our main course.

Denote  $\phi_{k_1}(r) = (\varphi_1(r), \dots, \varphi_{k_1}(r))^{\top}$  and  $c_1 = (c_{1,1}, \dots, c_{1,k_1})^{\top}$ . We then have  $\beta_{k_1}(r) = \phi_{k_1}(r)^{\top} c_1$ . Denote also  $a_{k_2}(x) = (p_0(x), \dots, p_{k_2-1}(x))^{\top}$ ,  $b_{k_3}(x) = (\mathcal{H}_0(x), \dots, \mathcal{H}_{k_3-1}(x))^{\top}$ , and  $c_i = (c_{i,0}, \dots, c_{i,k_i-1})^{\top}$ ,  $i = 2, 3$ . Accordingly,  $g_{k_2}(x) = a_{k_2}(x)^{\top} c_2$  and  $m_{k_3}(x) = b_{k_3}(x)^{\top} c_3$ .

Thus, model (1.1) is written as

$$\begin{aligned} y_t &= \phi_{k_1}(t/n)^\top c_1 + a_{k_2}(z_t)^\top c_2 + b_{k_3}(x_t)^\top c_3 \\ &\quad + \gamma_{1k_1}(t/n) + \gamma_{2k_2}(z_t) + \gamma_{3k_3}(x_t) + e_t, \end{aligned} \quad (2.6)$$

where  $t = 1, \dots, n$ .

To write all equations in (2.6) into a matrix form, let  $y = (y_1, \dots, y_n)^\top$ ,  $c = (c_1^\top, c_2^\top, c_3^\top)^\top$ ,  $e = (e_1, \dots, e_n)^\top$ ,  $\gamma = (\gamma(1), \dots, \gamma(n))^\top$  where  $\gamma(t) = \gamma_{1k_1}(t/n) + \gamma_{2k_2}(z_t) + \gamma_{3k_3}(x_t)$ ,  $t = 1, \dots, n$ , and

$$B_{nk} = \begin{pmatrix} \phi_{k_1}(1/n)^\top & a_{k_2}(z_1)^\top & b_{k_3}(x_1)^\top \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \phi_{k_1}(1)^\top & a_{k_2}(z_n)^\top & b_{k_3}(x_n)^\top \end{pmatrix}$$

a  $n \times k$  matrix with  $k = k_1 + k_2 + k_3$  for convenience. Consequently, we have

$$y = B_{nk}c + \gamma + e \quad (2.7)$$

which by the ordinary least squares (OLS) gives  $\hat{c} = (\hat{c}_1^\top, \hat{c}_2^\top, \hat{c}_3^\top)^\top = (B_{nk}^\top B_{nk})^{-1} B_{nk}^\top y$  provided that the matrix  $B_{nk}^\top B_{nk}$  is non-singular (which will be so under our conditions with high probability).

Therefore, for any  $r \in [0, 1]$ ,  $z \in V$  and  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  define naturally  $\hat{\beta}_n(r) = \phi_{k_1}(r)^\top \hat{c}_1$ ,  $\hat{g}_n(z) = a_{k_2}(z)^\top \hat{c}_2$  and  $\hat{m}_n(x) = b_{k_3}(x)^\top \hat{c}_3$  as estimators of the unknown functions  $\beta$ ,  $g$  and  $m$ , which can be wrapped up in a vector

$$(\hat{\beta}_n(r), \hat{g}_n(z), \hat{m}_n(x))^\top = \Psi(r, z, x)^\top \hat{c}, \quad (2.8)$$

where  $\Psi(r, z, x)$  is a block matrix given by

$$\Psi(r, z, x) = \begin{pmatrix} \phi_{k_1}(r) & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & a_{k_2}(z) & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & b_{k_3}(x) \end{pmatrix}$$

in which  $\mathbf{0}$ 's are zero column vectors that have different dimensions over each row. We study the asymptotics of the estimators in the next section.

### 2.2.2 Estimation procedure for model (1.2)

In model (1.2) where the regressor  $z_t$  is replaced by a locally stationary process  $z_{nt}$ , the procedure of estimation remains the same, but notice that,  $a_{k_2}(z_t)$  in  $B_{nk}$  in this case are replaced by  $a_{k_2}(z_{nt})$ ,  $t = 1, \dots, n$ . Let  $\tilde{B}_{nk}$  be the counterpart of  $B_{nk}$  in the previous setting.

Meanwhile, the estimator in (2.8) should be adjusted by using the coefficient vector  $\hat{c}$  calculated from  $\tilde{B}_{nk}$ , as the model can be written as  $y = \tilde{B}_{nk}c + \tilde{\gamma} + e$ , where  $\tilde{\gamma} = (\tilde{\gamma}(1), \dots, \tilde{\gamma}(n))^\top$  with  $\tilde{\gamma}(t) = \gamma_{1k_1}(t/n) + \gamma_{2k_2}(z_{nt}) + \gamma_{3k_3}(x_t)$ ,  $t = 1, \dots, n$ . As a result,  $\hat{c} = (\tilde{B}_{nk}^\top \tilde{B}_{nk})^{-1} \tilde{B}_{nk}^\top y$ . The asymptotics of these estimators will be studied in the next section as well.

### 3 Asymptotic theory

We shall first study the asymptotics of the estimators defined in (2.8) for model (1.1). After this, the estimators for model (1.2) where  $z_t$  is replaced by a locally stationary process  $z_{nt}$  are investigated. Additionally, we also consider in the third subsection an extension of our model.

#### 3.1 Estimators for model (1.1)

Note by equation (2.7) that  $\hat{c} - c = (B_{nk}^\top B_{nk})^{-1} B_{nk}^\top (\gamma + e)$ . Thus, it is necessary to study first the asymptotics of  $B_{nk}^\top B_{nk}$ , which is done under the following assumptions and given by Lemma A.5.

##### Assumption C

C.1 The functions  $\beta(\cdot)$ ,  $g(\cdot)$  and  $m(\cdot)$  are continuously differentiable up to  $s_1$ ,  $s_2$  and  $s_3$ , respectively. Moreover,  $\beta^{(s_1)}(\cdot)$ ,  $g^{(s_2)}(\cdot)$  and  $m^{(s_3)}(\cdot)$  belong to the Hilbert spaces which contain the original functions, respectively.

C.2 For  $\beta(\cdot)$  function, let  $\int_0^1 \beta(r) dr = 0$ .

Since we need not only the convergence of all orthogonal expansions discussed before but also quicker rates for them, the smoothness of the unknown functions is necessary to guarantee a certain rate of the convergence. The concrete requirements on  $s_i$  will be shown below, combining with sample size as well as truncation parameters. Note that C.2 is an identification condition since in both the expansions of  $\beta(\cdot)$  and  $g(\cdot)$  there is constant term that could not be distinguished one from another in the following regression. Notice also that C.2 is sufficient as  $m(\cdot)$  is integrable on  $\mathbb{R}$ .

**Assumption D** All  $k_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2, 3$ , diverge with  $n$  such that:

D.1 If B.2(a) holds, (1)  $k_2^{2+2/(2+\delta)} = o(n)$ ,  $k_3^5 = o(n)$ , (2)  $k_1 k_2^{1+1/(2+\delta)} = o(n)$ ,  $k_1^2 k_3^3 = o(n)$ ,  $k_2^2 k_3^{3/2} = o(n)$ ; if B.2(b) holds, (3)  $k_2^2 = o(n)$ ,  $k_3^5 = o(n)$ , (4)  $k_1 k_2 = o(n)$ ,  $k_1^2 k_3^3 = o(n)$ ,  $k_2^3 k_3^3 = o(n)$ .

D.2 Suppose that as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , (5)  $nk_1^{-(2s_1-1)} = o(1)$ ,  $nk_2^{-(s_2-1)} = o(1)$  and  $n^{1/2}k_3^{-(s_3-1)} = o(1)$  and (6)  $nk_2k_1^{-2s_1} = o(1)$ ,  $nk_3k_1^{-2s_1} = o(1)$ ,  $nk_1k_2^{-s_2} = o(1)$ ,  $nk_3k_2^{-s_2} = o(1)$ ,  $n^{1/2}k_1k_3^{-s_3} = o(1)$ ,  $n^{1/2}k_2k_3^{-s_3} = o(1)$ .

This assumption imposes the divergence rates for  $k_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2, 3$ , which guarantee the convergence of the estimators. Because of the divergence of the moment of  $p_j(z_1)$  with  $j$  in B.2(a), the requirement for  $k_2$  in (1) and (2) is harsher than its counterpart in (3) and (4). Due to the nonstationarity of  $x_t$ ,  $k_3$  diverges very slowly, the rate of which is similar to the related study purely on integrated time series, see, for example, Dong et al. [9]. Anyway, if we simply take  $k_i = \tilde{k}$  for  $i = 1, 2, 3$ , then  $\tilde{k}^6 = o(n)$  is a concise condition.

Additionally, note that the conditions in (2) and (4) are for two of  $k_i$ 's, while (1) and (3) are for each of  $k_2$  and  $k_3$ . This is due to the structure of  $B_{nk}^\top B_{nk} := (\Pi_{ij})_{3 \times 3}$  a block symmetric matrix. Note also that the conditions in (2) are made for the blocks like  $\Pi_{12} = \sum_{t=1}^n \phi_{k_1}(t/n) a_{k_2}(z_t)^\top$  under B.2(a), whereas that in (4) are made the same blocks but under B.2(b). More importantly,  $k_1$  is not included in (1) and (3). This is because  $\Pi_{11} := \sum_{t=1}^n \phi_{k_1}(t/n) \phi_{k_1}(t/n)^\top$  is convergent so fast that the condition derived from  $\Pi_{11}$  is substituted by the slower ones that are derived from  $\Pi_{12}$  and  $\Pi_{13}$ .

Given the smoothness of the unknown functions in Condition C.1, Condition D.2 demands that the smoothness orders be large enough such that the residues after truncation ( $\gamma_{ik_i}$ ,  $i = 1, 2, 3$ ) converging to zero rapidly enough and do not affect the convergence of the estimators. This can be understood as an undersmoothing condition (see Comment 4.3 in Belloni et al. [2, p. 352]). The combination of the requirements in Assumption D for  $k_i$  implies that we have a minimum demand on the smoothness. We here emphasize that all requirements on  $k_i$  are compatible. For example, in an extreme case that  $k_i = [n^\tau]$  for all  $i = 1, 2, 3$  with  $0 < \tau < 1/5$ , along with  $s_1 \geq 3$ ,  $s_2 \geq 6$  and  $s_3 \geq 4$ , Assumption D is fulfilled.

Before showing the large sample theory for the estimators, we introduce some notation and preliminary results. Let  $D_n = \text{diag}(\sqrt{n}I_{k_1}, \sqrt{n}I_{k_2}, \sqrt{n/d_n}I_{k_3})$  a diagonal matrix of  $k \times k$  ( $k = k_1 + k_2 + k_3$ ). Then, as shown in Lemma A.5,  $D_n^{-1}B_{nk}^\top B_{nk}D_n^{-1}$  is asymptotically approximated by a matrix  $U_k$  in probability, viz.,  $\|D_n^{-1}B_{nk}^\top B_{nk}D_n^{-1} - U_k\| = o_P(1)$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  on a richer probability space. Here,  $U_k = \text{diag}(I_{k_1}, U_{k_2}, L_W(1, 0)I_{k_3})$  where  $L_W(1, 0)$  is the local time of  $W(r)$  given in Section 2, and  $U_{k_2} = \mathbb{E}[a_{k_2}(z_1)a_{k_2}(z_1)^\top]$ .

In addition, in order to tackle the heteroskedasticity we also need to consider the limit of the conditional covariance matrix  $B_{nk}^\top \Sigma_n B_{nk}$  where  $\Sigma_n = \text{diag}(\sigma^2(1/n), \sigma^2(2/n), \dots, \sigma^2(1))$ . Note that  $\|D_n^{-1}B_{nk}^\top \Sigma_n B_{nk}D_n^{-1} - V_k\| = o_P(1)$  where  $V_k = \text{diag}\left(V_*, \int_0^1 \sigma^2(r) dL_W(r, 0)I_{k_3}\right)$  in which  $V_* = (V_{*ij})$  is a  $2 \times 2$  symmetric block matrix with

$$V_{*11} = \int_0^1 \phi_{k_1}(r) \phi_{k_1}(r)^\top \sigma^2(r) dr,$$

$$\begin{aligned}
V_{*12} &= \int_0^1 \phi_{k_1}(r) \sigma^2(r) dr \mathbb{E}(a_{k_2}(z_1)^\top), \\
V_{*22} &= \int_0^1 \sigma^2(r) dr \mathbb{E}(a_{k_2}(z_1) a_{k_2}(z_1)^\top).
\end{aligned}$$

This is given by Lemma A.7. In the homoskedastic case,  $V_k = \sigma^2 U_k$ , where  $\sigma^2(\cdot) \equiv \sigma^2$ . To show the following theorem, denote by  $\bar{\Psi}(r, z, x)$  the normalized version of  $\Psi(r, z, x)$  defined in Section 2, i.e. post-multiplying  $\text{diag}(\|\phi_{k_1}(r)\|, \|a_{k_2}(z)\|, \|b_{k_3}(x)\|)^{-1}$  to  $\Psi(r, z, x)$  such that all block vectors in  $\bar{\Psi}(r, z, x)$  are unit,  $\bar{U}_k = \text{diag}(I_{k_1}, U_{k_2}, I_{k_3})$  and  $\bar{V}_k = \text{diag}(V_*, I_{k_3})$ .

**Theorem 3.1.** *Suppose that uniformly over all  $n$ , all eigenvalues of  $U_{k_2}$  and  $V_*$  are bounded below from zero and above from infinity, and that Assumptions A-D hold. Then, for any  $r \in [0, 1]$ ,  $z \in V$  and  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ ,*

$$\Omega_n^{-1/2} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\sqrt{n}}{\|\phi_{k_1}(r)\|} [\hat{\beta}_n(r) - \beta(r)] \\ \frac{\sqrt{n}}{\|a_{k_2}(z)\|} [\hat{g}_n(z) - g(z)] \\ \sqrt{\frac{n}{d_n}} \frac{1}{\|b_{k_3}(x)\|} [\hat{m}_n(x) - m(x)] \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow_D N \left( \mathbf{0}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & a^2 \end{pmatrix} \right) \quad (3.1)$$

as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  where  $\mathbf{0}$  is a 3-dimensional zero column vector,  $a^2 := L_W^{-2}(1, 0) \int_0^1 \sigma^2(r) dL_W(r, 0)$  and  $\Omega_n := \bar{\Psi}(r, z, x)^\top \bar{U}_k^{-1} \bar{V}_k \bar{U}_k^{-1} \bar{\Psi}(r, z, x)$  is a  $3 \times 3$  deterministic matrix.

The proof is relegated to Appendix B below. Here, the estimator has a mixed normal limiting distribution. As argued in Park and Phillips [29, p. 122], the random variable  $a$  is independent of the underlying normal distribution due to the integrability of  $m(\cdot)$ . This applies to the following theorems too.

The boundedness of all eigenvalues of the deterministic matrices  $U_{k_2}$  and  $V_*$  is a commonly used assumption in the literature. See, Condition A.2 in Belloni et al. [2, p. 347] and Assumptions 1.3 and 1.4 in Hansen [18] among others. Here,  $U_{k_2} = \mathbb{E}[a_{k_2}(z_1) a_{k_2}(z_1)^\top]$  and  $V_*$  is formed in the same way but from one deterministic basis functions and another basis functions of variable  $z_t$ . This condition, along with the block diagonal structure containing the local time  $L_W(1, 0)$ , is sufficient in the derivation of the normality in the theorem. This is because  $L_W(1, 0) = O_P(1)$  in the sense that, for any  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exists a constant  $M > 0$  such that  $P(M^{-1} \leq L_W(1, 0) \leq M) \geq 1 - \epsilon$  (so is  $L_W^{-1}(1, 0) = O_P(1)$ ). This is easy to be verified by virtue of the distribution function of  $L_W(1, 0)$ , viz.,  $2\Phi(x) - 1$  with  $\Phi(x)$  being the standard normal distribution.

In the homoskedastic case  $V_k = \sigma^2 U_k$ , two requirements on  $U_{k_2}$  and  $V_*$  are reduced to that about  $U_{k_2}$  and researchers often normalize  $U_{k_2}$  to be the identity matrix. See, for example, equation (11) of Chen and Christensen [5, p. 450] and the normalization of Belloni et al. [2, p. 347].

Note that the matrix  $\Omega_n$  has a diagonal block form

$$\Omega_n = \text{diag} \left( \bar{\Psi}_{12}(r, z)^\top U_*^{-1} V_* U_*^{-1} \bar{\Psi}_{12}(r, z), 1 \right),$$

where we denote by  $\bar{\Psi}_{12}(r, z)$  the left-top  $2 \times 2$  sub-matrix of  $\bar{\Psi}(r, z, x)$  defined in Section 2 and  $U_* := \text{diag}(I_{k_1}, U_{k_2})$ . This reveals some crucial asymptotic behaviors for the variables. Due to the divergence of the I(1) process  $x_t$ , all interactions between  $m(x_t)$  and each one of  $\beta(t/n)$  and  $g(z_t)$  with proper normalization are asymptotically negligible and thence  $\Omega_n$  has the above diagonal block form. The details can be found in Lemmas A.5 and A.7 below.

Therefore, we may separate the estimator  $\hat{m}_n(x)$  from the other estimators in (3.1). That is, as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ,

$$\left[ \bar{\Psi}_{12}(r, z)^\top U_*^{-1} V_* U_*^{-1} \bar{\Psi}_{12}(r, z) \right]^{-1/2} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\sqrt{n}}{\|\phi_{k_1}(r)\|} [\hat{\beta}_n(r) - \beta(r)] \\ \frac{\sqrt{n}}{\|a_{k_2}(z)\|} [\hat{g}_n(z) - g(z)] \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow_D N(0, I_2) \quad (3.2)$$

$$\sqrt{\frac{n}{d_n}} \frac{1}{\|b_{k_3}(x)\|} (\hat{m}_n(x) - m(x)) \rightarrow_D N(0, a^2). \quad (3.3)$$

They are all comparable with the literature in the corresponding context. To see this, observe that  $\bar{\Psi}_{12}(r, z)^\top U_*^{-1} V_* U_*^{-1} \bar{\Psi}_{12}(r, z)$  has eigenvalues bounded below from zero and above from infinity due to the condition on  $U_{k_2}$  and  $V_*$ . Then, the rates of (3.2) are  $[\sqrt{n}/\|\phi_{k_1}(r)\|]^{-1}$  and  $[\sqrt{n}/\|a_{k_2}(z)\|]^{-1}$  for  $\hat{\beta}_n(r) - \beta(r)$  and  $\hat{g}_n(z) - g(z)$ , respectively, the same as the estimators in Theorem 2 of Newey [26] and Theorem 3.1 of Chen and Christensen [5] in the case that the functional of the estimator in the papers is identical.

On the other hand, the rate in (3.3) is about  $n^{-1/4}k_3$ , very slow due to the divergence of  $x_t$  and the integrability of  $m(x)$ . This is the same as that in Theorem 3.3 of Dong et al. [9]. Overall, although the additive model has the mixture of deterministic trend, nonparametric function of stationary variable and nonparametric integrable function of the unit root variable, the estimators have their own separable rate of convergence.

Note that the matrices  $U_*$  and  $V_*$  could be further simplified in the special case that the function sequence  $\{p_j(x)\}$  is orthogonal with respect to the density of  $z_1$  (i.e.,  $dF(x)$  in the space  $L^2(V, dF(x))$  is the density of  $z_1$ ). Hence,  $\mathbb{E}(a_{k_2}(z_1)) = 0$  and  $\mathbb{E}(a_{k_2}(z_1)a_{k_2}(z_1)^\top) = I_{k_2}$ . Particularly, when  $\sigma^2(\cdot) \equiv \sigma^2$ ,  $V_* = \sigma^2 I_{k_1+k_2}$  and  $U_* = I_{k_1+k_2}$ . Therefore, the statement about the limits for  $\hat{\beta}_n(r) - \beta(r)$  and  $\hat{g}_n(z) - g(z)$  in (3.2) would be simplified too.

More importantly, the conventional optimal convergence rates for  $\|\hat{\beta}_n(r) - \beta(r)\|$  and  $\|\hat{g}_n(z) - g(z)\|$  can be jointly established where  $\|\cdot\|$  stands for the norm of functions in different spaces defined in Section 2. Here, the conventional optimal rates are in the sense studied in Stone [37, 38].

**Proposition 3.1.** *Suppose that Assumptions A-D hold. In the model (1.1) we have jointly  $\|\widehat{\beta}_n(r) - \beta(r)\| = O_P(\sqrt{k_1/n} + k_1^{-s_1})$ ,  $\|\widehat{g}_n(z) - g(z)\| = O_P(\sqrt{k_2/n} + k_2^{-s_2})$  and  $\|\widehat{m}_n(x) - m(x)\| = O_P(\sqrt{k_3}/\sqrt[4]{n} + k_3^{-s_3/2})$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , where the norms are of  $L_2$  sense in the function spaces, respectively.*

The proposition implies that the optimal rates of Stone [37, 38] are attainable jointly for the estimators  $\widehat{\beta}_n(r)$  and  $\widehat{g}_n(z)$ . Indeed, if  $k_i = O(n^{1/(2s_i+1)})$ , the rates will be  $O_P(n^{-s_i/(2s_i+1)})$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ , which are exactly the optimal rates in Stone [37, 38]. Note also that in the literature as far as we know, there is no study dwelling on the optimal rates with respect to unit root regressor. While Newey [26] and Chen and Christensen [5, p.451] obtain optimal rates for sieve estimator in some situations, Corollary 3.1 establishes the optimal rates jointly for two nonparametric functions in an additive model.

In order to make statistical inference, there is a need to estimate the function  $\sigma^2(\cdot)$ . Though the estimation is possible by nonparametric method using the estimated residues, the main purpose of the paper would be deviated if we were about to do so. In what follows, we focus on the inference in a simpler case, the case of homoskedasticity. It can be seen from (3.2)-(3.3) that  $V_* = \sigma^2 U_*$  and we need to estimate  $\sigma^2$  and  $nL_W(1, 0)/d_n$  because of  $\int_0^1 \sigma^2(r) dL_W(r, 0) = \sigma^2 L_W(1, 0)$ . Here, as an unknown parameter in  $d_n$ , viz.,  $\psi$ , can be offset from the estimate of  $L_W(1, 0)$ , we simply estimate the quantity  $nL_W(1, 0)/d_n$  directly. Define

$$\widehat{\sigma} = \left[ \frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^n (y_t - \widehat{\beta}_n(t/n) - \widehat{g}_n(z_t) - \widehat{m}_n(x_t))^2 \right]^{1/2},$$

$$\Lambda_n = \sum_{t=1}^n f(x_t), \quad \text{where } f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-x^2/2}.$$

We then have the following corollary.

**Corollary 3.1.** *Suppose that Assumptions A-D hold. Then,  $\widehat{\sigma} \rightarrow_P \sigma$  and  $\Lambda_n/(nL_W(1, 0)/d_n) \rightarrow_P 1$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . As a result, with the replacement of  $\sigma$  by  $\widehat{\sigma}$  and  $nL_W(1, 0)/d_n$  by  $\Lambda_n$ , we have,  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ,*

$$[\widehat{\sigma}^2 \overline{\Psi}_{12}(r, z)^\top U_*^{-1} \overline{\Psi}_1(r, z)]^{-1/2} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\sqrt{n}}{\|\phi_{k_1}(r)\|} [\widehat{\beta}_n(r) - \beta(r)] \\ \frac{\sqrt{n}}{\|a_{k_2}(z)\|} [\widehat{g}_n(z) - g(z)] \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow_D N(0, I_2) \quad (3.4)$$

$$\sqrt{\Lambda_n} \frac{1}{\widehat{\sigma} \|b_{k_3}(x)\|} (\widehat{m}_n(x) - m(x)) \rightarrow_D N(0, 1). \quad (3.5)$$

### 3.2 Estimators for model (1.2)

In this case we have  $\widehat{c} - c = (\widetilde{B}_{nk}^\top \widetilde{B}_{nk})^{-1} \widetilde{B}_{nk}^\top (\widetilde{\gamma} + e)$ . The asymptotics of  $\widetilde{B}_{nk}^\top \widetilde{B}_{nk}$  is given by Lemma A.6. Note that  $\widetilde{B}_{nk}$  is the same as  $B_{nk}$  but the stationary process  $z_t$  is replaced



by the locally stationary process  $z_{nt}$ . The replacement only affects  $\Pi_{12}$  ( $\Pi_{21}$ ),  $\Pi_{23}$  ( $\Pi_{32}$ ) and  $\Pi_{22}$ , denoted respectively by  $\tilde{\Pi}_{12}$ ,  $\tilde{\Pi}_{23}$  and  $\tilde{\Pi}_{22}$  the resulting counterparts. Precisely,  $\tilde{\Pi}_{12} = \sum_{t=1}^n \phi_{k_1}(t/n) a_{k_2}(z_{nt})^\top$ ,  $\tilde{\Pi}_{22} = \sum_{t=1}^n a_{k_2}(z_{nt}) a_{k_2}(z_{nt})^\top$ , and  $\tilde{\Pi}_{23} = \sum_{t=1}^n a_{k_2}(z_{nt}) b_{k_3}(x_t)^\top$ .

Define  $\tilde{U}_k = \text{diag}(\tilde{U}_*, L_W(1, 0) I_{k_3})$ , where  $\tilde{U}_* = (\tilde{U}_{*ij})$  is a symmetric  $2 \times 2$  block matrix of order  $(k_1 + k_2) \times (k_1 + k_2)$  with  $\tilde{U}_{*11} = I_{k_1}$ ,  $\tilde{U}_{*12} = \int_0^1 \phi_{k_1}(r) \mathbb{E}[a_{k_2}(z_1(r))^\top] dr$  with elements  $\int_0^1 \varphi_i(r) \mathbb{E}[p_j(z_1(r))] dr$  for  $1 \leq i \leq k_1$ ,  $0 \leq j \leq k_2 - 1$ , and  $\tilde{U}_{*22} = \int_0^1 \mathbb{E}[a_{k_2}(z_1(r)) a_{k_2}(z_1(r))^\top] dr$  with elements  $\int_0^1 \mathbb{E}[p_i(z_1(r)) p_j(z_1(r))] dr$  for  $i, j = 0, \dots, k_2 - 1$ . As shown in Lemma A.6, under certain condition we have  $\|D_n^{-1} \tilde{B}_{nk}^\top \tilde{B}_{nk} D_n^{-1} - \tilde{U}_k\| = o_P(1)$  where  $D_n$  is the same as before.

Meanwhile, due to the heteroskedasticity, we also consider the limit of  $\tilde{B}_{nk}^\top \Sigma_n \tilde{B}_{nk}$  where  $\Sigma_n$  is the same as in the preceding section. The result is given by Lemma A.8, that is,  $\|D_n^{-1} \tilde{B}_{nk}^\top \Sigma_n \tilde{B}_{nk} D_n^{-1} - \tilde{V}_k\| = o_P(1)$ , where  $\tilde{V}_k = \text{diag}(\tilde{V}_*, \int_0^1 \sigma^2(r) dL_W(r, 0) I_{k_3})$  in which  $\tilde{V}_* = (\tilde{V}_{*ij})$  is a  $2 \times 2$  symmetric block matrix with  $\tilde{V}_{*11} = V_{*11}$ ,  $\tilde{V}_{*12} = \int_0^1 \phi_{k_1}(r) \sigma^2(r) \mathbb{E}(a_{k_2}(z_1(r))^\top) dr$  and  $\tilde{V}_{*22} = \int_0^1 \sigma^2(r) \mathbb{E}(a_{k_2}(z_1(r)) a_{k_2}(z_1(r))^\top) dr$ .

Denote  $\tilde{\Omega}_n = \text{diag}(\bar{\Psi}_{12}(r, z)^\top \tilde{U}_*^{-1} \tilde{V}_* \tilde{U}_*^{-1} \bar{\Psi}_{12}(r, z), 1)$  a deterministic matrix of  $3 \times 3$  with the same  $\bar{\Psi}_{12}(r, z)$  as before. We then have the following theorem.

**Theorem 3.2.** *Suppose that uniformly over all  $n$ , all eigenvalues of  $\tilde{U}_*$  and  $\tilde{V}_*$  are bounded below from zero and above from infinity, and that Assumptions A,  $B^*$ , C and D hold. Then, for any  $r \in [0, 1]$ ,  $z \in V$  and  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ , the estimators of the unknown functions in model (1.2) obey*

$$\tilde{\Omega}_n^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\sqrt{n}}{\|\phi_{k_1}(r)\|} [\hat{\beta}_n(r) - \beta(r)] \\ \frac{\sqrt{n}}{\|a_{k_2}(z)\|} [\hat{g}_n(z) - g(z)] \\ \sqrt{\frac{n}{d_n}} \frac{1}{\|b_{k_3}(x)\|} [\hat{m}_n(x) - m(x)] \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow_D N \left( \mathbf{0}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & a^2 \end{pmatrix} \right) \quad (3.6)$$

as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  where  $\mathbf{0}$  is a 3-dimensional zero column vector and  $a^2$  is the same as in the previous theorem.

The proof is relegated to Appendix B below. The main contribution of the theorem is the relaxation of the stationary process in model (1.1) to the locally stationary process in model (1.2). It is readily seen that if the distribution of the associated process  $z_t(v)$  does not depend on  $v$ , implying that  $\mathbb{E}[p_j(z_1(r))] = \mathbb{E}[p_j(z_1)]$ ,  $\tilde{U}_k$  would reduce to  $U_k$  and  $\tilde{V}_k$  would reduce to  $V_k$ . Consequently, in this degenerated case  $\tilde{\Omega}_n = \Omega_n$  and essentially model (1.2) would reduce to model (1.1).

We have similar comments for Theorem 3.2 as that for Theorem 3.1. In particular, the condition on the eigenvalues of the deterministic matrices  $\tilde{U}_*$  and  $\tilde{V}_*$  is often encountered in the sieve literature such as Condition A.2 in Belloni et al. [2, p. 347]. For the statistical

inference purpose, under homoskedasticity the unknown parameter in (3.6) may be estimated similar to Corollary 3.1, which is omitted for brevity.

### 3.3 Extension of model (1.1)

Since the function  $m(\cdot)$  is integrable on  $\mathbb{R}$ , model (1.1) is impossible to have any polynomial form of the regressor  $x_t$ . This possibly is a restriction in some situations. Thus, it is worth to extend model (1.1) to be

$$y_t = \beta(t/n) + g(z_t) + \theta_0 x_t + m(x_t) + e_t, \quad (3.7)$$

where  $t = 1, \dots, n$ ,  $\beta, g$  and  $m$  are unknown smooth functions and  $\theta_0$  is an unknown scalar,  $z_t, x_t$  and  $e_t$  are the same as before. It can be seen later that the linear form of  $x_t$  may be replaced by any polynomial form  $\theta_{01}x_t + \dots + \theta_{0d}x_t^d$  with  $d$  being known and a similar result remains true.

To estimate  $\beta(\cdot), g(\cdot)$  and  $m(\cdot)$ , the same bases are used for their orthogonal expansions. Notice that  $\theta_0$  can be estimated along with the estimate of the coefficients in the expansions and this can be viewed as an advantage of the series method because it parameterizes the nonparametric variables. Using previous notation model (3.7) is written as

$$\begin{aligned} y_t = & \phi_{k_1}(t/n)^\top c_1 + a_{k_2}(z_t)^\top c_2 + \theta_0 x_t + b_{k_3}(x_t)^\top c_3 \\ & + \gamma_{1k_1}(t/n) + \gamma_{2k_2}(z_t) + \gamma_{3k_3}(x_t) + e_t, \end{aligned} \quad (3.8)$$

and we define

$$A_{nk} = \begin{pmatrix} \phi_{k_1}(1/n)^\top & x_1 & a_{k_2}(z_1)^\top & b_{k_3}(x_1)^\top \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \phi_{k_1}(1)^\top & x_n & a_{k_2}(z_n)^\top & b_{k_3}(x_n)^\top \end{pmatrix}$$

a  $n \times k$  matrix with  $k = k_1 + k_2 + k_3 + 1$  for convenience. Consequently, we have

$$y = A_{nk}c + \gamma + e \quad (3.9)$$

which by the ordinary least squares (OLS) gives  $\hat{c} = (\hat{c}_1^\top, \hat{\theta}, \hat{c}_2^\top, \hat{c}_3^\top)^\top = (A_{nk}^\top A_{nk})^{-1} A_{nk}^\top y$  provided that  $A_{nk}^\top A_{nk}$  is non-singular (that is true with high probability).

Similarly, for any  $r \in [0, 1]$ ,  $z \in V$  and  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  define  $\hat{\beta}_n(r) = \phi_{k_1}(r)^\top \hat{c}_1$ ,  $\hat{g}_n(z) = a_{k_2}(z)^\top \hat{c}_2$  and  $\hat{m}_n(x) = b_{k_3}(x)^\top \hat{c}_3$  as estimators of the unknown functions, which together with the estimator of  $\theta_0$  can be wrapped up in a vector

$$(\hat{\beta}_n(r), \hat{\theta}, \hat{g}_n(z), \hat{m}_n(x))^\top = \Phi(r, z, x)^\top \hat{c}, \quad (3.10)$$

where  $\Phi(r, z, x)$  is a block matrix given by

$$\Phi(r, z, x) = \begin{pmatrix} \phi_{k_1}(r) & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & a_{k_2}(z) & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & b_{k_3}(x) \end{pmatrix}$$

in which  $\mathbf{0}$ 's are zero column vectors that have different dimension over each row while 0's are scalar.

As before, we introduce first some notation and preliminary results. Let  $M_n = \text{diag}(\sqrt{n}I_{k_1}, \sqrt{nd_n}, \sqrt{n}I_{k_2}, \sqrt{n/d_n}I_{k_3})$  a diagonal matrix of  $k \times k$ . Then,  $M_n^{-1}A_{nk}^\top A_{nk}M_n^{-1}$  is asymptotically approximated by a matrix in probability, viz.,  $\|M_n^{-1}A_{nk}^\top A_{nk}M_n^{-1} - Q_k\| = o_P(1)$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  as shown in Lemma A.9. Here  $Q_k = \text{diag}(Q_*, L_W(1, 0)I_{k_3})$  and  $Q_*$  has a  $3 \times 3$  block form ( $Q_{*ij}$ ):  $Q_{*11} = I_{k_1}$ ,  $Q_{*12} = \int_0^1 \phi_{k_1}(r)W(r)dr$  of  $k_1 \times 1$ ,  $Q_{*13} = \mathbf{0}$  of  $k_1 \times k_2$ ,  $Q_{*22} = \int_0^1 W^2(r)dr$  a scalar,  $Q_{*23} = \mathbb{E}[a_{k_2}(z_1)^\top] \int_0^1 W(r)dr$  of  $k_2 \times 1$  and  $Q_{*33} = \mathbb{E}[a_{k_2}(z_1)a_{k_2}(z_1)^\top]$ .

In addition, in order to tackle the heteroskedasticity we also need to consider the limit of the conditional covariance matrix  $A_{nk}^\top \Sigma_n A_{nk}$  where  $\Sigma_n = \text{diag}(\sigma^2(1/n), \dots, \sigma^2(1))$ . By Lemma A.11,  $\|M_n^{-1}A_{nk}^\top \Sigma_n A_{nk}M_n^{-1} - P_k\| = o_P(1)$  where  $P_k = \text{diag}(P_*, \int_0^1 \sigma^2(r)dL_W(r, 0)I_{k_3})$  in which  $P_* = (P_{*ij})$  is a  $3 \times 3$  symmetric block matrix with

$$\begin{aligned} P_{*11} &= \int_0^1 \phi_{k_1}(r)\phi_{k_1}(r)^\top \sigma^2(r)dr, & P_{*13} &= \int_0^1 \phi_{k_1}(r)\sigma^2(r)dr \mathbb{E}(a_{k_2}(z_1)^\top), \\ P_{*12} &= \int_0^1 \phi_{k_1}(r)\sigma^2(r)W(r)dr, & P_{*22} &= \int_0^1 \sigma^2(r)W^2(r)dr, \\ P_{*23} &= \int_0^1 \sigma^2(r)W(r)dr \mathbb{E}(a_{k_2}(z_1)^\top), & P_{*33} &= \int_0^1 \sigma^2(r)dr \mathbb{E}(a_{k_2}(z_1)a_{k_2}(z_1)^\top). \end{aligned}$$

Once the model reduces to the case of homoskedasticity,  $P_k = \sigma^2 Q_k$  where  $\sigma^2(\cdot) \equiv \sigma^2$ , as expected.

Denote  $\Xi_n = \bar{\Phi}(r, z, x)^\top \bar{Q}_k^{-1} \bar{P}_k \bar{Q}_k^{-1} \bar{\Phi}(r, z, x)$  a matrix of 4-by-4, where  $\bar{\Phi}$  is the normalized version of  $\Phi$ , i.e. the  $\phi_{k_1}(r)$ ,  $a_{k_2}(z)$  and  $b_{k_3}(x)$  in  $\Phi$  are replaced by the  $\phi_{k_1}(r)/\|\phi_{k_1}(r)\|$ ,  $a_{k_2}(z)/\|a_{k_2}(z)\|$  and  $b_{k_3}(x)/\|b_{k_3}(x)\|$ , respectively;  $\bar{Q}_k = \text{diag}(Q_*, I_{k_3})$  and  $\bar{P}_k = \text{diag}(P_*, I_{k_3})$ . Hence,  $\Xi_n = \text{diag}(\Xi_{1n}, 1)$  where  $\Xi_{1n}$  is of 3-by-3 and  $\Xi_{1n} = \bar{\Phi}_{13}(r, z)^\top Q_*^{-1} P_* Q_*^{-1} \bar{\Phi}_{13}(r, z)$  where  $\bar{\Phi}_{13}(r, z)$  is the left-top 3-by-3 block submatrix of  $\bar{\Phi}(r, z, x)$ .

Note that the Brownian motion  $W(r)$  is contained in  $Q_*$  and  $P_*$ , we thus need to strengthen the conditions on  $e_t$  in Assumptions B and B\*.

**Assumption E** The limit Brownian motion  $W(r)$  derived from  $x_t$  is independent of  $\{e_t, t \geq 1\}$ .

This assumption would facilitate the establishment of the following asymptotic normality for our estimators. The condition can be fulfilled if  $\{\epsilon_j\}$  in Assumption A is independent of  $\{e_t\}$  and  $x_t$  is substituted by  $x'_t = x_t + f(e_{t-1})$  for some measurable function  $f(\cdot)$ . Notice that,  $x'_t$  still has limit  $W(r)$ ,  $d_n^{-1}x'_{[nr]} \rightarrow_D W(r)$ , as long as  $E|f(e_t)| < \infty$  and therefore Assumption E is satisfied. A stronger one to replace Assumption E is that  $x_t$  is independent of  $e_s$  for all  $t$  and  $s$ .

**Theorem 3.3.** *In addition to Assumptions A-E, suppose that uniformly over all  $n$ , all eigenvalues of  $Q_*$  and  $P_*$  are bounded below from zero and above from infinity almost surely, and  $\Xi_{1n} \rightarrow_P \Xi_1$  when  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Then, for any  $r \in [0, 1]$ ,  $z \in V$  and  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ ,*

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{\sqrt{n}}{\|\phi_{k_1}(r)\|} [\widehat{\beta}_n(r) - \beta(r)] \\ \sqrt{nd_n} [\widehat{\theta} - \theta_0] \\ \frac{\sqrt{n}}{\|a_{k_2}(z)\|} [\widehat{g}_n(z) - g(z)] \\ \frac{\sqrt{n}}{\|b_{k_3}(x)\| \sqrt{d_n}} [\widehat{m}_n(x) - m(x)] \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow_D N \left( \mathbf{0}, \begin{pmatrix} \Xi_1 & \\ & a^2 \end{pmatrix} \right) \quad (3.11)$$

as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  where  $\mathbf{0}$  is a 4-dimensional zero column vector, and  $a^2$  is the same as in the previous theorem.

The proof is relegated to Appendix D in the supplementary material. We have similar comment as that for Theorem 3.1. Note that the covariance matrix in the limit has a diagonal block form  $\text{diag}(\Xi_1, a^2)$ . This is similar to but more than the situation in Theorem 3.1. First, all interactions between  $m(x_t)$  and one of  $\beta(t/n)$ ,  $g(z_t)$  and  $x_t$  with proper normalization are asymptotically negligible and thence the covariance has the above diagonal block form; second, interestingly, the interactions between  $x_t$  and each of  $\beta(t/n)$  and  $g(z_t)$  with the same normalization last ultimately, and thereby the block in  $\Xi_1$  is a square matrix of order 3 that in general cannot be reduced further. The details can be found in Lemmas A.9 and A.10 below.

Therefore, we may isolate the estimator  $\widehat{m}_n(x)$  from the other estimators in (3.11). That is, as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ,

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{\sqrt{n}}{\|\phi_{k_1}(r)\|} [\widehat{\beta}_n(r) - \beta(r)] \\ \sqrt{nd_n} [\widehat{\theta} - \theta_0] \\ \frac{\sqrt{n}}{\|a_{k_2}(z)\|} [\widehat{g}_n(z) - g(z)] \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow_D N(0, \Xi_1) \quad (3.12)$$

$$\frac{\sqrt{n}}{\|b_{k_3}(x)\| \sqrt{d_n}} (\widehat{m}_n(x) - m(x)) \rightarrow_D N(0, a^2). \quad (3.13)$$

Here, (3.13) is exactly the same as (3.3), meaning that the estimate of  $m(\cdot)$  is not affected by the linear form of  $x_t$  at all, while since  $W(r)$  is involved in  $\Xi_{1n}$ , the other estimators are

affected more or less. All function estimators have the same order as before, whereas  $\widehat{\theta} - \theta_0$  has a super rate  $O_P(n^{-1})$  in view of  $d_n \sim \sqrt{n}$ . The normalizer  $\sqrt{nd_n}$  in the front of  $\widehat{\theta} - \theta_0$  has an extra  $d_n$  comparing with the usual stationary regression. That is due to the convergence of  $d_n^{-1}x_{[nr]} \rightarrow_D W(r)$  and thus results in the super rate. Because the linear form  $\theta_0 x_t$  is one particular kind of H-regular function defined in Park and Phillips [29], the order of  $\widehat{\theta} - \theta_0$  is comparable with its counterpart in Theorem 7 of Chang et al. [4, p. 13]. Overall, the estimators in this additive model, where each component is different dramatically in terms of regressors and functions, have their own separable rate of convergence.

Observe that both the matrices  $Q_*$  and  $P_*$  are almost surely positive definite by their structures. Note further that the matrices  $Q_*$  and  $P_*$  could be further simplified in the special case aforementioned, which gives  $\mathbb{E}(a_{k_2}(z_1)) = 0$  and  $\mathbb{E}(a_{k_2}(z_1)a_{k_2}(z_1)^\top) = I_{k_2}$ . Particularly, when  $\sigma^2(\cdot) \equiv \sigma^2$ ,  $P_{*11} = \sigma^2 I_{k_1}$ ,  $P_{*13} = 0$ ,  $P_{*22} = \sigma^2 \int_0^1 W^2(r)dr$ ,  $P_{*23} = 0$  and  $P_{*33} = \sigma^2 I_{k_2}$ , but normally  $P_{*12} = \sigma^2 \int_0^1 \phi(r)W(r)dr \neq 0$ . The same situation applies to  $Q_*$ . Therefore,  $Q_*$  and  $P_*$  are reduced to diagonal block matrices and thus the limit for  $\widehat{g}_n(z) - g(z)$  in (3.12) can be isolated from the other two, that however can not be broken up any more due to  $P_{*12} \neq 0$ .

**The case** that  $z_t$  in model (3.7) is replaced by  $z_{nt}$  is considered now, that is,

$$y_t = \beta(t/n) + g(z_{nt}) + \theta_0 x_t + m(x_t) + e_t, \quad (3.14)$$

where  $t = 1, \dots, n$ .

With the same estimation procedure, in this case we have  $\widehat{c} - c = (\widetilde{A}_{nk}^\top \widetilde{A}_{nk})^{-1} \widetilde{A}_{nk}^\top (\widetilde{\gamma} + e)$ . Here,  $\widetilde{A}_{nk}$  is the counterpart of  $A_{nk}$  with  $z_t$  substituted by  $z_{nt}$ . The asymptotics of  $\widetilde{A}_{nk}^\top \widetilde{A}_{nk}$  is given by Lemma A.10.

Define  $\widetilde{Q}_k = \text{diag}(\widetilde{Q}_*, L_W(1, 0)I_{k_3})$ , where  $\widetilde{Q}_* = (\widetilde{Q}_{*ij})$  is a symmetric  $3 \times 3$  block matrix of order  $(k_1 + k_2 + 1) \times (k_1 + k_2 + 1)$  with  $\widetilde{Q}_{*11} = I_{k_1}$ ,  $\widetilde{Q}_{*12} = \int_0^1 \phi_{k_1}(r)W(r)dr$ ,  $\widetilde{Q}_{*13} = \int_0^1 \phi_{k_1}(r)\mathbb{E}[a_{k_2}(z_1(r))^\top]dr$  with elements  $\int_0^1 \varphi_i(r)\mathbb{E}[p_j(z_1(r))]dr$  for  $i = 1, \dots, k_1$ ,  $j = 0, \dots, k_2 - 1$ ,  $\widetilde{Q}_{*22} = \int_0^1 W^2(r)dr$  a scalar,  $\widetilde{Q}_{*23} = \int_0^1 \mathbb{E}[a_{k_2}(z_1(r))^\top]W(r)dr$  and  $\widetilde{Q}_{*33} = \int_0^1 \mathbb{E}[a_{k_2}(z_1(r))a_{k_2}(z_1(r))^\top]dr$  with elements  $\int_0^1 \mathbb{E}[p_i(z_1(r))p_j(z_1(r))]dr$  for  $i, j = 0, \dots, k_2 - 1$ . As shown in Lemma A.10, under certain condition we have  $\|M_n^{-1}\widetilde{A}_{nk}^\top \widetilde{A}_{nk}M_n^{-1} - \widetilde{Q}_k\| = o_P(1)$  where  $M_n$  is the same as before.

Meanwhile, due to the heteroskedasticity, we also consider the limit of  $\widetilde{A}_{nk}^\top \Sigma_n \widetilde{A}_{nk}$  where  $\Sigma_n$  is the same as in the preceding section. The result is given by Lemma A.12, that is,  $\|M_n^{-1}\widetilde{A}_{nk}^\top \Sigma_n \widetilde{A}_{nk}M_n^{-1} - \widetilde{P}_k\| = o_P(1)$ , where  $\widetilde{P}_k = \text{diag}\left(\widetilde{P}_*, \int_0^1 \sigma^2(r)dL_W(r, 0)I_{k_3}\right)$  in which  $\widetilde{P}_* = (\widetilde{P}_{*ij})$  is a  $3 \times 3$  symmetric block matrix with  $\widetilde{P}_{*11} = P_{*11}$ ,  $\widetilde{P}_{*22} = P_{*22}$ ,  $\widetilde{P}_{*12} = P_{*12}$ , while  $\widetilde{P}_{*13} = \int_0^1 \phi_{k_1}(r)\sigma^2(r)\mathbb{E}(a_{k_2}(z_1(r))^\top)dr$  and  $\widetilde{P}_{*33} = \int_0^1 \sigma^2(r)\mathbb{E}(a_{k_2}(z_1(r))a_{k_2}(z_1(r))^\top)dr$  and  $\widetilde{P}_{*23} = \int_0^1 \sigma^2(r)\mathbb{E}(a_{k_2}(z_1(r))^\top)W(r)dr$ .

Define  $\tilde{\Xi}_{1n} = \bar{\Phi}_{13}(r, z)^T \tilde{Q}_*^{-1} \tilde{P}_* \tilde{Q}_*^{-1} \bar{\Phi}_{13}(r, z)$  an 3-by-3 matrix with  $\bar{\Phi}_{13}(r, z)$  defined as before. We then have the following theorem.

**Theorem 3.4.** *In addition to Assumptions A, B\*, C-E, suppose that uniformly over all  $n$ , all eigenvalues of  $\tilde{Q}_*$  and  $\tilde{P}_*$  are bounded below from zero and above from infinity, and  $\tilde{\Xi}_{1n} \rightarrow_P \tilde{\Xi}_1$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Then, for any  $r \in [0, 1]$ ,  $z \in V$  and  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ , the estimators for model (3.14) obey*

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{\sqrt{n}}{\|\phi_{k_1}(r)\|} [\hat{\beta}_n(r) - \beta(r)] \\ \sqrt{n} d_n [\hat{\theta} - \theta_0] \\ \frac{\sqrt{n}}{\|a_{k_2}(z)\|} [\hat{g}_n(z) - g(z)] \\ \frac{\sqrt{n}}{\|b_{k_3}(x)\| \sqrt{d_n}} [\hat{m}_n(x) - m(x)] \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow_D N \left( \mathbf{0}, \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{\Xi}_1 & \\ & a^2 \end{pmatrix} \right) \quad (3.15)$$

as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  where  $\mathbf{0}$  is a 4-dimensional zero column vector and  $a^2$  is the same as in the previous theorem.

The proof is relegated to Appendix D in the supplementary material. The main contribution of the theorem is the relaxation of the stationary process in model (3.7) to the locally stationary process in model (3.14). It is readily seen that if the distribution of the associated process  $z_t(v)$  does not depend on  $v$ , implying that  $\mathbb{E}[p_j(z_1(r))] = \mathbb{E}[p_j(z_1)]$ ,  $\tilde{Q}_k$  would reduce to  $Q_k$  and  $\tilde{P}_k$  would reduce to  $P_k$ . Consequently, in this degenerated case  $\tilde{\Xi}_n = \Xi_n$  and essentially model (3.14) would reduce to model (3.7).

We have similar comments for Theorem 3.4 as that for Theorem 3.3, which is omitted for brevity.

## 4 Simulation

In this section we conduct Monte Carlo simulation to investigate the performance of our estimators proposed in the last section in the finite sample situation. We mainly focus on model (1.1). Let  $M = 1000$  be the number of replication and  $n$  the sample size.

**Example 1.** Let  $z_t \sim i.i.U[-1, 1]$  and  $g(z) = z^2 + \sin(z)$ . The Chebyshev polynomials of the first kind,  $p_j(x) = \cos(j \arccos(x))$ ,  $j \geq 0$ , are used to approximate the function  $g(\cdot)$ .

Suppose that  $\epsilon_i \sim N(0, 1)$ ,  $w_t = \rho w_{t-1} + \epsilon_t$  with  $\rho = 0.2$  and  $w_0 \sim N(0, 1/(1 - \rho^2))$ . This is the theoretical distribution of  $w_0$  in the AR(1) process. Let  $x_0 = 0$ ,  $x_t = x_{t-1} + w_t$ ,  $t \geq 1$ . Put  $m(x) = 1/(1 + x^4)$ . The hermite functions are used for the orthogonal expansion of  $m(x)$ .

Moreover, let  $\beta(r) = r - 1/2$  satisfying  $\int_0^1 \beta(r) dr = 0$ . The cosine sequence given in Section 2 is utilized for  $\beta(r)$  expansion.

In the experiments below, the sample size is  $n = 400, 600$  and  $1200$ , respectively, and the truncation parameters  $k_1 = k_2 = 3, 4, 5$  for  $\beta(\cdot)$  and  $g(\cdot)$  and  $k_3 = 3, 4, 6$  for  $m(\cdot)$ , corresponding to each sample size. This indicates the move of the truncation parameters with the sample size. It is noteworthy that, though in stationary case one may use the Generalized Cross Validation (GCV) [see, e.g., 12] to determine the truncation parameter, similar approach is not available in nonstationary case.

After we obtain all estimators by the procedure described in Section 2, we shall calculate the bias (denoted by  $B_\beta(n)$ ,  $B_g(n)$  and  $B_m(n)$ ), standard deviation (denoted by  $\pi_\beta(n)$ ,  $\pi_g(n)$  and  $\pi_m(n)$ ) and RMSE (denoted by  $\Pi_\beta(n)$ ,  $\Pi_g(n)$  and  $\Pi_m(n)$ ) of estimators, that is,

$$\begin{aligned} B_\beta(n) &:= \frac{1}{Mn} \sum_{t=1}^n \sum_{\ell=1}^M [\beta(t/n) - \bar{\beta}(t/n)], & \pi_\beta(n) &:= \left( \frac{1}{Mn} \sum_{t=1}^n \sum_{\ell=1}^M [\hat{\beta}^\ell(t/n) - \bar{\beta}(t/n)]^2 \right)^{1/2}, \\ B_g(n) &:= \frac{1}{Mn} \sum_{t=1}^n \sum_{\ell=1}^M [g^\ell(z_t) - \bar{g}(z_t)], & \pi_g(n) &:= \left( \frac{1}{Mn} \sum_{t=1}^n \sum_{\ell=1}^M [\hat{g}^\ell(z_t) - \bar{g}(z_t)]^2 \right)^{1/2}, \\ B_m(n) &:= \frac{1}{Mn} \sum_{t=1}^n \sum_{\ell=1}^M [m^\ell(x_t) - \bar{m}(x_t)], & \pi_m(n) &:= \left( \frac{1}{Mn} \sum_{t=1}^n \sum_{\ell=1}^M [\hat{m}^\ell(x_t) - \bar{m}(x_t)]^2 \right)^{1/2}, \end{aligned}$$

where the superscript  $\ell$  indicates the  $\ell$ -th replication,  $\bar{\beta}(\cdot) = \phi_{k_1}(\cdot)^\top \bar{c}_1$ ,  $\bar{g}(\cdot) = a_{k_2}(\cdot)^\top \bar{c}_2$  and  $\bar{m}(\cdot) = b_{k_3}(\cdot)^\top \bar{c}_3$  are the average of  $\hat{\beta}^\ell(\cdot)$ ,  $\hat{g}^\ell(\cdot)$  and  $\hat{m}^\ell(\cdot)$ , respectively, over Monte Carlo replications  $\ell = 1, \dots, M$ ,  $g^\ell(z_t)$  and  $m^\ell(x_t)$  means the values of  $g$  and  $m$  are evaluated for the  $z_t$  and  $x_t$ , respectively, in the  $\ell$ -th replication; and

$$\begin{aligned} \Pi_\beta(n) &:= \left( \frac{1}{Mn} \sum_{t=1}^n \sum_{\ell=1}^M [\beta(t/n) - \hat{\beta}^\ell(t/n)]^2 \right)^{1/2}, \\ \Pi_g(n) &:= \left( \frac{1}{Mn} \sum_{t=1}^n \sum_{\ell=1}^M [g^\ell(z_t) - \hat{g}^\ell(z_t)]^2 \right)^{1/2}, \\ \Pi_m(n) &:= \left( \frac{1}{Mn} \sum_{t=1}^n \sum_{\ell=1}^M [m^\ell(x_t) - \hat{m}^\ell(x_t)]^2 \right)^{1/2}. \end{aligned}$$

It can be seen from Tables 1 and 2 that all the statistics perform very well as all quantities are decreasing reasonably with the increase of the sample size. Nevertheless, there might be a visible slower rate for the estimator of  $m$  function than the other two. This possibly is because the convergence rate of the estimator  $\hat{m}_n(x)$  to  $m(x)$  is the slowest among all estimators, in view of Theorem 3.1.

In addition, with the same estimators, we also calculate their values at particular points, i.e.,  $\hat{\beta}^\ell(0.5)$ ,  $\hat{g}^\ell(-0.4)$  and  $\hat{m}^\ell(1.2)$  for all  $\ell = 1, \dots, M$ . Then we may estimate the densities of  $\hat{\beta}^\ell(0.5) - \beta(0.5)$ ,  $\hat{g}^\ell(-0.4) - g(-0.4)$  and  $\hat{m}^\ell(1.2) - m(1.2)$  with normalization in Corollary

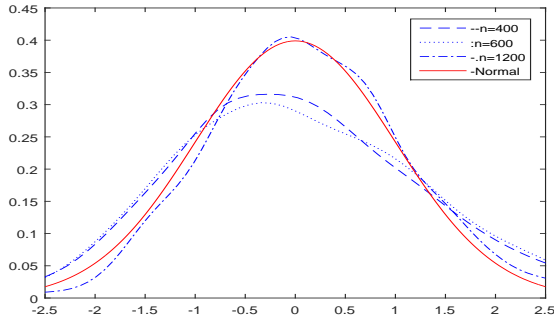
Table 1: Bias and S.d. of the estimators

$n$	Bias			S.d.		
	$B_\beta(n)$	$B_g(n)$	$B_m(n)$	$\pi_\beta(n)$	$\pi_g(n)$	$\pi_m(n)$
400	0.0012	-0.0605	0.0863	0.1040	0.1093	0.2117
600	0.0004	-0.0496	0.0804	0.0992	0.0990	0.1429
1200	0.0001	-0.0431	0.0497	0.0761	0.0725	0.1193

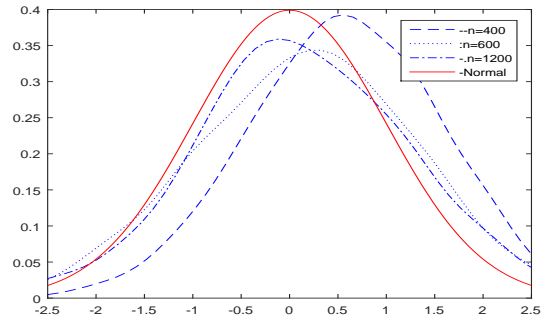
Table 2: RMSE of the estimators

$n$	$\Pi_\beta(n)$	$\Pi_g(n)$	$\Pi_m(n)$
400	0.0917	0.0831	0.1063
600	0.0831	0.0775	0.0975
1200	0.0707	0.0624	0.0774

3.1. These are done in Matlab by the `ksdensity` function and are plotted in the following figures.



(a) Estimated density of  $\hat{\beta}_n(0.5) - \beta(0.5)$



(b) Estimated density of  $\hat{g}(-0.4) - g(-0.4)$

Figure 1: The plot of estimated density functions

From the three pictures in Figures 1 and 2, the curves of the estimated densities for  $\hat{\beta}_n(0.5) - \beta(0.5)$ ,  $\hat{g}(-0.4) - g(-0.4)$  and  $\hat{m}_n(1.2) - m(1.2)$  are gradually approaching the standard normal density. Particularly, the first two estimations seem visually to have a quicker convergence, which coincides again with our theoretical results in the preceding section.

**Example 2.** Let all settings be the same as in Example 1 except that  $z_t = \Delta x_t = w_t$ .



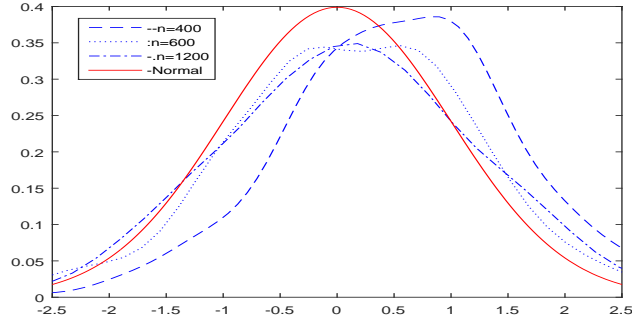


Figure 2: Estimated density of  $\hat{m}_n(1.2) - m(1.2)$

Hereby,  $z_t$  and  $x_t$  share infinite many innovations  $\epsilon_i$ . Although we cannot establish our theory on this situation, this example implies that the estimation procedure might be still workable. We report the results of the experiments in the following tables. In addition, in this correlated case we also calculate the proportion of  $\hat{\beta}_n(0.1)$ ,  $\hat{g}_n(0.4)$  and  $\hat{m}_n(-0.5)$  dropping into the theoretical confidence intervals at 95% significant level according to Corollary 3.1.

Table 3: Bias and S.d. of estimators in correlated case

$n$	Bias			S.d.		
	$B_\beta(n)$	$B_g(n)$	$B_m(n)$	$\pi_\beta(n)$	$\pi_g(n)$	$\pi_m(n)$
400	0.0010	-0.0539	0.0662	0.1099	0.1104	0.1683
600	0.0006	-0.0472	0.0389	0.1008	0.0967	0.1438
1200	0.0001	-0.0224	-0.0226	0.0738	0.0717	0.1075

It can be seen from Tables 3 and 4 that the three statistics and the proportions of the estimators in the confidence intervals perform satisfactorily, and, comparing with the results in Example 1, it seems that in our settings the correlation between  $x_t$  and  $z_t$  does not affect the implementation of our estimating procedure. In particular, the proportions are very high, and therefore sharing infinite many innovations for  $x_t$  and  $z_t$  might not affect statistical inference.

## 5 Empirical study

This section provides an investigation of the relationship between the stock prices of Coke and Pepsi. Let  $Y_t$  be the log adjusted close price of Coke,  $X_t$  be the log adjusted close price of Pepsi and let  $z_t$  be the ratio of the trading volume for Coke and that for Coke plus Pepsi such

Table 4: RMSE and Proportions of estimators in correlated case

$n$	RMSE			Proportion		
	$\Pi_\beta(n)$	$\Pi_g(n)$	$\Pi_m(n)$	$\widehat{\beta}_n(0.1)$	$\widehat{g}_n(0.4)$	$\widehat{m}_n(-0.5)$
400	0.1118	0.1250	0.1439	0.9938	0.9933	1
600	0.1034	0.1076	0.1255	0.9970	0.9950	1
1200	0.0745	0.0752	0.0887	1	1	1

that we always have  $0 \leq z_t \leq 1$ . The time span is from the first of June, 1972 to the 31st of August, 2016. Excluding all weekends and public holidays, we have  $n = 11163$  observations. In Figures 3 and 4 are the plots of  $Y_t$  and  $X_t$  as well as  $z_t$ , respectively.

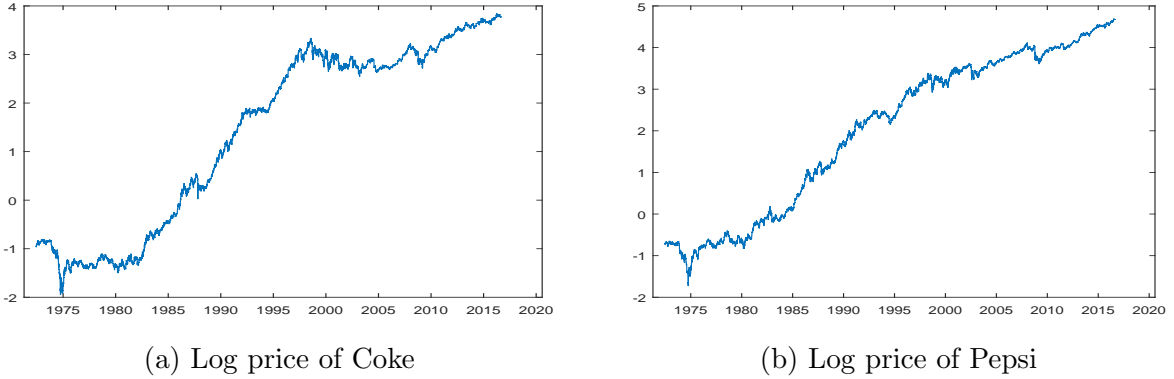


Figure 3: Plot data about Coke and Pepsi

To verify whether  $X_t$  is a unit root process, the ADF test is employed. The test fails to reject the null hypothesis that  $X_t$  is a unit root process with the  $p$ -Value 0.9901. The same test is implemented on  $Y_t$  and results in the  $p$ -Value 0.9627, a unit root process as well. We also plot the daily returns of Coke and Pepsi in Figure 5, in order to visualize the unit root processes. The marginal price series appear to contain drifts and be non-recurrent, that is, we may suppose that  $X_t = \mu_1 + X_{t-1} + \xi_t$  and  $Y_t = \mu_2 + Y_{t-1} + \zeta_t$ , with  $\mu_1, \mu_2 \neq 0$ . This implies that  $X_t - \mu_1 t = X_0 + \sum_{j=1}^t \xi_j$  and  $Y_t - \mu_2 t = Y_0 + \sum_{j=1}^t \zeta_j$  are recurrent processes that satisfy the theoretical requirement in the preceding sections. We work with  $x_t = X_t - \widehat{\mu}_1 t$  and  $y_t = Y_t - \widehat{\mu}_2 t$ , where  $\widehat{\mu}_1 = (X_n - X_0)/n$  and  $\widehat{\mu}_2 = (Y_n - Y_0)/n$  are clearly super-consistent estimators of  $\mu_1$  and  $\mu_2$ . More importantly,  $z_t$  and  $x_t$  may have certain correlation which our theory can deal with (see Assumption B.1.(b)).

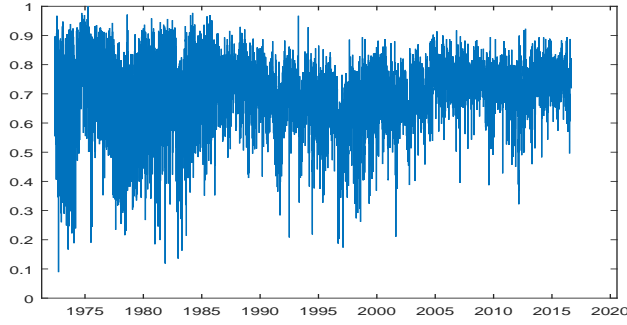
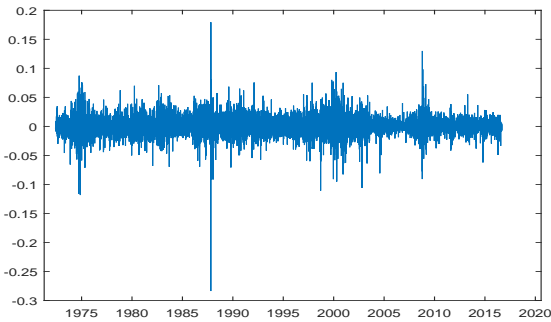
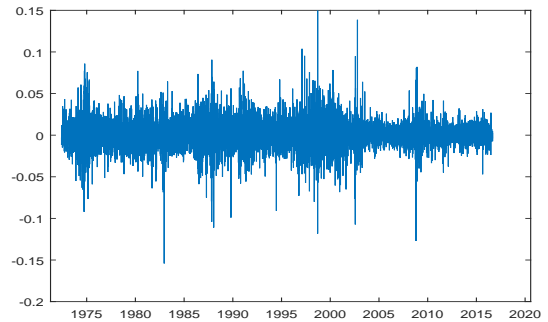


Figure 4: Volume weight



(a) Daily return of Coke



(b) Daily return of Pepsi

Figure 5: Daily returns of Coke and Pepsi

We shall look into the relationship of the variables  $y_t$ ,  $t/n$ ,  $z_t$  and  $x_t$  through the model

$$y_t = \beta(t/n) + g(z_t) + m(x_t) + e_t, \quad (5.1)$$

for  $t = 1, \dots, n$ , where all functions  $\beta(\cdot)$ ,  $g(\cdot)$  and  $m(\cdot)$  are unknown and will be estimated.

Since both  $\beta(\cdot)$  and  $g(\cdot)$  are defined on  $[0, 1]$ , we use the cosine basis for their expansions, and for  $m(\cdot)$  we use the Hermite sequence. All of these bases can be found in Section 2.

A key issue in using the series method in practice is the determination of the truncation parameters in the orthogonal expansions. The model can be estimated by the proposed procedure only if the truncation parameters are specified. However, there is no theoretical guide for the choice of such parameters, in particular in the case where both stationary and integrated processes are present. Since forecasting ability is one of the most important characteristics for a model, we shall choose the truncation parameters for our model through the best forecasting ability.

The forecasting ability for a model is measured by the so-called Out-of-Sample mean square errors (mse). That is, we use part of data,  $1 \leq t \leq n_1$  ( $n_1 < n$ ), say, to estimate the model for given  $k_i$  ( $i = 1, 2, 3$ ), then using the estimated model we may forecast the dependent variable at  $t = n_1 + 1$ , obtaining  $\hat{y}_{n_1+1}$ . The Out-of-Sample mse with the given truncation parameters is defined by  $J^{-1} \sum_{j=1}^J (\hat{y}_{n_j+1} - y_{n_j+1})^2$  where  $n_j < n_{j+1} < n$  for  $j = 1, \dots, J - 1$ .

The model that has the smaller Out-of-Sample mse has better forecasting ability.

In this example, let  $J = 20$ ,  $n_j = 9162 + 100j$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq J$ . In view of the nature of the dataset, we shall use the same truncation parameter for  $\beta(\cdot)$  and  $g(\cdot)$ ,  $k_1 = k_2$ , while the parameter for  $m(\cdot)$  is still denoted by  $k_3$ . The Out-of-Sample mse's are calculated for all feasible  $k_i$ , that is, for all  $k_i$  that are not too large since from the complexity point of view this requirement is reasonable for a model. The results are reported in Table 5. From the

Table 5: Out-of-Sample Mean Square Errors for model (5.1)

$k_3$	$k_1(= k_2)$						
	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1	0.0146	0.0515	0.0241	0.0364	0.0358	0.0251	0.0227
2	0.0752	0.0392	0.0190	0.0251	0.0454	0.0378	0.0342
3	0.0529	0.0316	0.0150	0.0191	0.0380	0.0332	0.0314
4	0.0329	0.0293	0.0197	0.0225	0.0367	0.0330	0.0318
5	0.0315	0.0290	0.0196	0.0224	0.0407	0.0383	0.0368
6	0.0260	0.0299	0.0226	0.0248	0.0388	0.0356	0.0338

table we can see that with  $\widehat{k}_1 = \widehat{k}_2 = 2$  and  $\widehat{k}_3 = 1$  the model has the smallest Out-of-Sample mse 0.0146, viz., the best forecasting ability. For the dataset we thus suggest the unknown functions in model (5.1) have the form  $\widehat{\beta}(r) = \beta_2(r)$ ,  $\widehat{g}(z) = g_2(z)$  and  $\widehat{m}(x) = m_1(r)$ . After the estimation procedure, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 \widehat{\beta}(r) &= -0.0223\varphi_1(r) - 0.0115\varphi_2(r), \quad r \in [0, 1], \\
 \widehat{g}(z) &= -2.7906 + 0.1461\varphi_1(z), \quad z \in [0, 1], \\
 \widehat{m}(x) &= 3.4201e^{-x^2/2}, \quad x \in \mathbb{R},
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{5.2}$$

where  $\varphi_j(r) = \sqrt{2}\cos(\pi jr)$  for  $j \geq 1$ . We plot the pictures of  $\widehat{\beta}(r)$ ,  $\widehat{g}(z)$  and  $\widehat{m}(x)$  and their confidence curves at 95% level in Figure 6. The effect of relative trading volume is estimated as negative and close to linear, meaning that large amounts of trading in Coke relative to Pepsi is predictive of a decline in the price of Coke, ceteris paribus. The effect of Pepsi price on Coke is symmetrical around zero, implying that Pepsi price far away from its central range in either direction has a negative effect on the price of Coke, ceteris paribus. The estimated trend seems to be upward during the sample and bottoming out at the end, meaning that

the price of Coke has increased over the sample period relative to the value predicted by a time invariant relationship based on the chosen covariates.

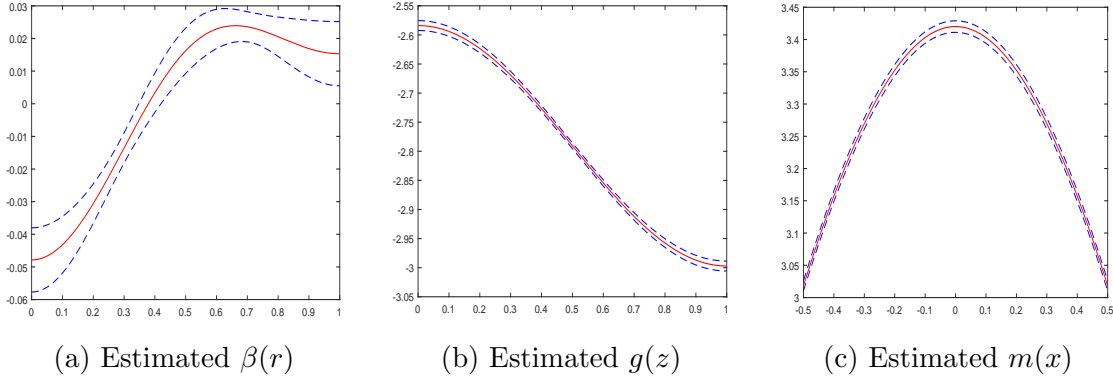


Figure 6: Plot of estimated functions and confidence curves at 95% level

**Comparison.** In what follows the proposed model is compared with some potential competing models. One is a pure linear parametric model and another one is the model studied in Section 3.3,

$$y_t = a_0 + a_1 \frac{t}{n} + a_2 z_t + a_3 x_t + \varepsilon_{1t} \quad (5.3)$$

$$y_t = \beta_1 \left( \frac{t}{n} \right) + g_1(z_t) + \theta_0 x_t + m_1(x_t) + \varepsilon_{2t}. \quad (5.4)$$

The models are still measured by their forecasting ability.

For model (5.3), using the full data we have the estimated coefficients, confidence intervals at 95% significance level and related statistics reported in Table 6. The linear model is fitted well as the  $R^2$  is close to one,  $F \gg f$  and  $p < 0.05$ . However, it is easily to calculate that the Out-of-Sample mse for model (5.3) is 0.0453, much larger than that of the proposed model with functions in (5.2). Nevertheless, the residual plot looks quite similar for the two models in Figure 7.

Table 6: Estimation and Related Statistics for model (5.3)

$a_0$	0.045	(0.0173, 0.0727)	$a_1$	0.1304	(0.1125, 0.1482)
$a_2$	-0.3357	(-0.3735, -0.2980)	$a_3$	1.2609	(1.2506, 1.2711)
$R^2 = 0.8985$			$F = 32945$		
$f = 0$			$p = 0.0491$		

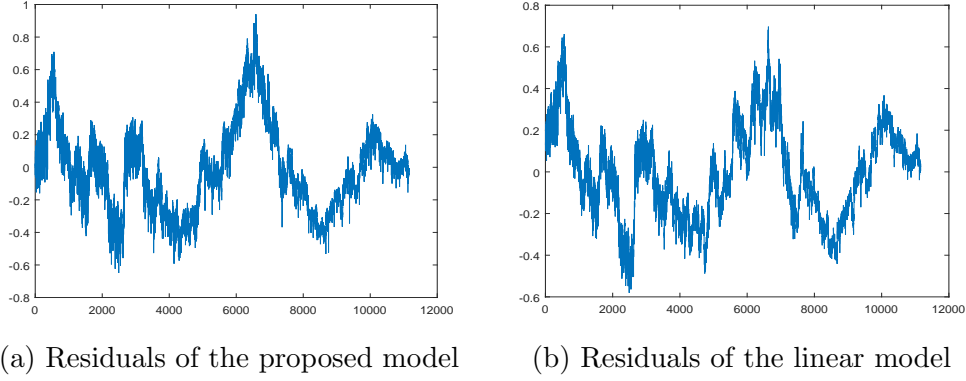


Figure 7: Plot of residuals for the proposed and linear models

For model (5.4) we compute the Out-of-Sample mse's with different combinations of feasible truncation parameters, showing in Table 7. It can be seen that the smallest Out-of-Sample mse is 0.0154 that corresponds to model (5.4) with  $\widehat{k}_1 = \widehat{k}_2 = 4$  and  $\widehat{k}_3 = 2$ . Though we seek the model that has the best forecasting ability in a broad area for the truncation parameters, the resulting Out-of-Sample mse is larger than that calculated for model (5.1) with  $\widehat{k}_1 = \widehat{k}_2 = 2$  and  $\widehat{k}_3 = 1$ .

Table 7: Out-of-Sample Mean Square Errors for model (5.4)

$k_3$	$k_1(= k_2)$						
	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1	0.0462	0.0366	0.0167	0.0218	0.0319	0.0240	0.0227
2	0.0508	0.0313	0.0154	0.0195	0.0371	0.0322	0.0306
3	0.0457	0.0324	0.0181	0.0225	0.0356	0.0300	0.0286
4	0.0315	0.0289	0.0196	0.0223	0.0408	0.0386	0.0371
5	0.0313	0.0288	0.0195	0.0224	0.0408	0.0392	0.0376
6	0.0261	0.0293	0.0230	0.0259	0.0388	0.0370	0.0341

Taking both models (5.3) and (5.4) into account, in terms of Out-of-Sample mse we still recommend model (5.1) with functions in (5.2) for the given dataset.

**Trading strategy.** We consider the performance of our proposed model in a pair trading strategy. The strategy has at least a 30-year history on Wall Street and is among the proprietary 'statistical arbitrage' tools currently used by hedge funds as well as investment banks. The strategy makes use of the idea of cointegration between two related stocks: it

opens short/long positions when they diverge and closes the positions when they converge. See Gatev et al. [15] for details. However, usually the cointegration is depicted by a linear form equation in the related literature. By contrast, we shall use nonparametric nonlinear cointegration in defining the pair strategy.

Let  $n_0 \in (1, n)$  be an integer. With the proposed model (5.1) and (5.2), we have  $\hat{e}_t = y_t - \hat{\beta}(t/n_0) - \hat{g}(z_t) - \hat{m}(x_t)$ ,  $1 \leq t \leq n_0$ . Let  $\alpha$  be a significance level specified below. Find the empirical lower  $(\alpha/2)$ -quantile  $\ell(\alpha/2)$  and upper  $(\alpha/2)$ -quantile  $L(\alpha/2)$  from  $\{\hat{e}_t : 1 \leq t \leq n_0\}$ .

The trading rule is as follows. From  $t = n_0 + 1$  to  $t = n$ , calculate  $\hat{e}_t = y_t - \hat{\beta}(1) - \hat{g}(z_t) - \hat{m}(x_t)$ . If  $\hat{e}_t > L(\alpha/2)$ , short one dollar in Coke and long one dollar in Pepsi; if  $\hat{e}_t < \ell(\alpha/2)$ , long one dollar in Coke and short one dollar in Pepsi; otherwise, close all positions held if any, and put positive gain into a risk free bond account with rate  $r_0$  and offset negative gain from the account. At the last trading day, all positions shall be closed ignoring the location of the residual.

Mathematically, at date  $t \geq n_0 + 1$ , if  $\hat{e}_t > L(\alpha/2)$ , we owe  $1/Y_t$  share of Coke and buy  $1/X_t$  share of Pepsi; if  $\hat{e}_t < \ell(\alpha/2)$ , we owe  $1/X_t$  share of Pepsi and buy  $1/Y_t$  share of Coke; otherwise, we clear all positions held since last date of closing positions, say, date  $k$ , that is, we obtain  $\sum_{j=k}^{t-1} \Delta_j^t$ , where

$$\Delta_j^t = \begin{cases} (X_t/X_j - Y_t/Y_j)(1 + r_0)^{n-t}, & \text{if } \hat{e}_j > L(\alpha/2) \text{ and } X_t/X_j - Y_t/Y_j \geq 0, \\ X_t/X_j - Y_t/Y_j, & \text{if } \hat{e}_j > L(\alpha/2) \text{ and } X_t/X_j - Y_t/Y_j < 0, \\ (Y_t/Y_j - X_t/X_j)(1 + r_0)^{n-t}, & \text{if } \hat{e}_j < \ell(\alpha/2) \text{ and } Y_t/Y_j - X_t/X_j \geq 0, \\ Y_t/Y_j - X_t/X_j, & \text{if } \hat{e}_j < \ell(\alpha/2) \text{ and } Y_t/Y_j - X_t/X_j < 0. \end{cases}$$

Then, the total profit of the trading period is  $\sum_{t \in A} \sum_{j=k}^{t-1} \Delta_j^t$  where  $A$  is the collection of all clearing dates.

Let  $\alpha = 0.01$  and  $0.05$ , and put  $r_0 = 0.02/250$  per day. Here, we do not consider any cost in the trading like transaction fee or price impact. We report the trading results in Table 8. In order to compare with the linear model, we also show the trading results in the same table using model (5.3). It can be seen that normally the results are sensitive to the length of the data history that determines the thresholds of taking action. In terms of profit, the proposed nonlinear cointegration model outperforms the linear model. Also, it seems no action taken place for  $t > 9000$  for both but with  $\alpha = 0.01$  the linear model in the experiment always has nothing to gain. The results imply that nonlinear cointegration might be a better alternative relationship to the linear cointegration in the literature of pair trading strategy.

Table 8: Pair trading for Coke and Pepsi

	$\alpha$	Nonlinear cointegration			Linear cointegration		
		$L(\alpha/2)$	$\ell(\alpha/2)$	Profit	$L(\alpha/2)$	$\ell(\alpha/2)$	Profit
$n_0 = 7000$	0.01	0.3511	-1.2710	0.0227	0.5678	-0.4937	0
	0.05	0.1130	-1.2025	0.6525	0.4631	-0.4324	0.0767
$n_0 = 7500$	0.01	0.3450	-1.2669	0.0227	0.5680	-0.4874	0
	0.05	0.1012	-1.1963	0.8162	0.4614	-0.4236	0.1389
$n_0 = 8000$	0.01	0.3401	-1.2647	0.0227	0.5681	-0.4828	0
	0.05	0.0806	-1.1913	0.9117	0.4580	-0.4167	0.1931
$n_0 = 8500$	0.01	0.3318	-1.2561	0.0145	0.5646	-0.4780	0
	0.05	0.0704	-1.1963	0.7515	0.4562	-0.4122	0.5708
$n_0 = 9000$	0.01	0.3234	-1.2622	0	0.5635	-0.4734	0
	0.05	0.0580	-1.2059	0	0.4547	-0.4153	0

## 6 Conclusion and Extension

This paper has studied additive models that have nonparametrically time trend, stationary and integrated variables as their components. Meanwhile, in order to accommodate more practical situations, the stationary variable has been relaxed to be locally stationary; the correlation between regressors is allowed; the models have been extended to include an extra linear form of the integrated process that compensates a possible shortcoming in some particular cases. All these efforts provide with practitioners a variety of options, as illustrated by the empirical study.

As far as we know, it seems the first time in the literature that such models are investigated. All nonparametric functions are estimated by orthogonal series method; the central limit theorems for all proposed estimators have been established; the conventional optimal convergence rates are attainable; Monte Carlo experiment has conducted to verify the performance of the estimators with finite sample and an empirical study is provided.

The series estimators are convenient, but they are known in other contexts to be inefficient in the sense considered in Fan [11]. Following Linton [22], Liu et al. [24], and Linton and Wang [23] we may consider efficiency improvement by one step kernel estimation. However,



given the orthogonality between the estimated components, it is likely that the efficiency improvement is minimal, which is why we have not pursued this here. In addition, it is desirable to investigate the situation where  $z_t$  and  $x_t$  may be sharing infinite many innovations. Our next study would relax this condition to make the estimation procedure more applicable.

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## A Lemmas

This section presents all technical lemmas while their proofs are relegated in Appendix C in the supplementary material of the paper.

We first study some properties about  $x_t$ . Without loss of generality, let  $x_0 = 0$  almost surely. It follows that

$$x_t = \sum_{\ell=1}^t w_\ell = \sum_{\ell=1}^t \sum_{i=-\infty}^{\ell} \psi_{\ell-i} \epsilon_i = \sum_{i=-\infty}^t \left( \sum_{\ell=\max(1,i)}^t \psi_{\ell-i} \right) \epsilon_i =: \sum_{i=-\infty}^t b_{t,i} \epsilon_i. \quad (\text{A.1})$$

Taking into account that in Assumption B.1.(b),  $z_t$  maybe contains  $\epsilon_t, \dots, \epsilon_{t-d+1}$ , we decompose, for  $t > d$ ,

$$x_t = \sum_{i=t-d+1}^t b_{t,i} \epsilon_i + \sum_{i=-\infty}^{t-d} b_{t,i} \epsilon_i := x_t^{(d)} + x_t^{(t-d)}. \quad (\text{A.2})$$

Thus,  $x_t^{(d)}$  and  $x_t^{(t-d)}$  are mutually independent, and  $x_t^{(d)}$  is stationary since it is a combination of  $\epsilon_t, \dots, \epsilon_{t-d+1}$  with fixed coefficients  $\psi_0, \dots, \sum_{\ell=0}^{d-1} \psi_\ell$  (i.e., a MA(d) process), while  $x_t^{(t-d)}$  is still nonstationary as we only take out fixed number of  $\epsilon$ 's from  $x_t$ .

Letting  $1 \leq s < t$ ,  $x_t$  also has the following decomposition:

$$x_t = x_s^* + x_{ts},$$

where  $x_s^* = x_s + \bar{x}_s$  with  $\bar{x}_s = \sum_{i=s+1}^t \sum_{a=-\infty}^s \psi_{i-a} \epsilon_a$  containing all information available up to  $s$  and  $x_{ts} = \sum_{i=s+1}^t b_{t,i} \epsilon_i$  which captures all information containing in  $x_t$  on the time periods  $(s, t]$ . Let  $d_{ts} := (E x_{ts}^2)^{1/2} \sim \sqrt{t-s}$  for large  $t-s$ . Moreover,  $\bar{x}_s = O_P(1)$  by virtue of Assumption A.

Additionally, taking into account of that  $z_t$  and  $z_s$  maybe have  $\epsilon_t, \dots, \epsilon_{t-d}$  and  $\epsilon_s, \dots, \epsilon_{s-d}$  for  $t - s \geq d$ , we decompose

$$x_t = x_t^{(d)} + x_{t_s}^{(d)} + x_s^{(d^*)} + x_s^{(s-d^*)}, \quad (\text{A.3})$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{where } x_t^{(d)} &= \sum_{i=t-d+1}^t b_{t,i} \epsilon_i, & x_{t_s}^{(d)} &= \sum_{i=s+1}^{t-d} b_{t,i} \epsilon_i \\ x_s^{(d^*)} &= x_s^{(d)} + \bar{x}_s^{(d)}, & x_s^{(s-d^*)} &= x_s^{(s-d)} + \bar{x}_s^{(s-d)}, \end{aligned}$$

recalling that  $x_s^{(d)}$  and  $\bar{x}_s^{(d)}$  are the sums of the first  $d$  terms of  $x_s$  and  $\bar{x}_s$ , respectively, whereas  $x_s^{(s-d)}$  and  $\bar{x}_s^{(s-d)}$  are the rests of them in  $x_s$  and  $\bar{x}_s$ , respectively. Obviously, all four components in (A.3) are mutually independent.

**Lemma A.1.** *Suppose that Assumption A holds. For  $t$  or  $t - s$  is large,*

- (1)  $d_t^{-1}x_t$  have uniformly bounded densities  $f_t(x)$  over all  $t$  and  $x$  satisfying a uniform Lipschitz condition  $\sup_x |f_t(x+y) - f_t(x)| \leq C|y|$  for any  $y$  and some constant  $C > 0$ . In addition,  $\sup_x |f_t(x) - \phi(x)| \rightarrow 0$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$  where  $\phi(x)$  is the standard normal density function.
- (2) Let  $1 \leq s < t$ .  $d_{t_s}^{-1}x_{t_s}$  have uniformly bounded densities  $f_{t_s}(x)$  over all  $(t, s)$  and  $x$  satisfying the above uniform Lipschitz condition as well.

**Lemma A.2.** *Suppose that Assumption 1 holds. For  $t$  or  $t - s$  is large,*

- (1) Let  $\tilde{d}_t^2 = E[(x_t^{(t-d)})^2]$ .  $\tilde{d}_t^{-1}x_t^{(t-d)}$  have uniformly bounded densities  $f_{t/d}(x)$  over all  $t$  and  $x$  satisfying a uniform Lipschitz condition  $\sup_x |f_{t/d}(x+y) - f_{t/d}(x)| \leq C|y|$  for any  $y$  and some constant  $C > 0$ . In addition,  $\sup_x |f_{t/d}(x) - \phi(x)| \rightarrow 0$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$  where  $\phi(x)$  is the standard normal density function.
- (2) For  $1 \leq s < t$  and  $t - s > d$ , let  $\tilde{d}_{t_s}^2 = E[(x_{t_s}^{(t-d)})^2]$ .  $\tilde{d}_{t_s}^{-1}x_{t_s}^{(t-d)}$  have uniformly bounded densities  $f_{t_s/d}(x)$  over all  $(t, s)$  and  $x$  satisfying the above uniform Lipschitz condition as well.

It is noteworthy that  $\tilde{d}_t \sim \sqrt{t}$ , the same order as  $d_t$  for large  $t$ , and  $\tilde{d}_{t_s} \sim \sqrt{t-s}$ , the same order as  $d_{t_s}$ , for large  $t - s$  noting by that  $d$  is fixed. This fact will be used frequently in the following derivation which, for simplicity, will not be mentioned repeatedly.

**Lemma A.3.** *Suppose that Assumptions A and B.1(b) hold.*

- (1) Let  $p(\cdot)$  be a function such that  $\mathbb{E}|p(z_t)| < \infty$ ,  $h(\cdot)$  be an integrable function on  $\mathbb{R}$ , i.e.  $\int |h(x)|dx < \infty$ . Then, for large  $t$ ,  $|\mathbb{E}p(z_t)h(x_t)| < C\tilde{d}_t^{-1}\mathbb{E}|p(z_t)| \int |h(x)|dx(1 + O(\tilde{d}_t^{-1}))$ .

(2) Let  $p_1(\cdot)$  and  $p_2(\cdot)$  satisfy the above condition for  $p(\cdot)$ ; and  $h_1(\cdot)$  is integrable and  $h_2(\cdot)$  is such that  $\int |xh_2(x)|dx < \infty$ . For  $1 \leq s < t$  and  $t - s > d$ ,  $|\mathbb{E}[p_1(z_t)p_2(z_s)h_1(x_t)h_2(x_s)]| \leq Cd_{ts}^{-1}\tilde{d}_s^{-1}\mathbb{E}|p_1(z_t)|\mathbb{E}|p_2(z_s)|\int|h_1(x)|dx\int|h_2(x)|dx(1+O(\tilde{d}_{ts}^{-1}))$ .

This lemma is sufficient to deal with the correlation between  $z_t$  and  $x_t$  stipulated in Assumptions B and B\*.

All notation used below can be found in the text and thus is omitted for brevity.

**Lemma A.4.** (1)  $\left\|\frac{1}{n}\sum_{t=1}^n\phi_{k_1}(t/n)\phi_{k_1}^\top(t/n)-I_{k_1}\right\|^2=O(n^{-2}k_1^2)$  as  $k_1/n \rightarrow 0$ ;  
(2)  $\sup_{0 \leq r \leq 1}\|\phi_{k_1}(r)\|^2=k_1+O(1)$  as  $k_1 \rightarrow \infty$ .

**Lemma A.5.** Let  $D_n = \text{diag}(\sqrt{n}I_{k_1}, \sqrt{n}I_{k_2}, \sqrt{n/d_n}I_{k_3})$ . Then, under Assumptions A, B and D,  $\|D_n^{-1}B_{nk}^\top B_{nk}D_n^{-1}-U_k\|=o_P(1)$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  on a richer probability space. Particularly,  $\left\|\frac{1}{n}\sum_{t=1}^n\phi_{k_1}(t/n)\phi_{k_1}^\top(t/n)-I_{k_1}\right\|=o(1)$ ,  $\left\|\frac{1}{n}\sum_{t=1}^na_{k_2}(z_t)a_{k_2}^\top(z_t)-U_{*22}\right\|=o_P(1)$  and  $\left\|\frac{d_n}{n}\sum_{t=1}^nb_{k_2}(x_t)b_{k_2}^\top(x_t)-L_W(1,0)I_{k_3}\right\|=o_P(1)$ .

**Lemma A.6.** Under Assumptions A, B\* and D,  $\|D_n^{-1}\tilde{B}_{nk}^\top\tilde{B}_{nk}D_n^{-1}-\tilde{U}_k\|=o_P(1)$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  on a richer probability space, where  $D_n$  is given in Lemma A.5.

**Lemma A.7.** Under Assumptions A, B and D,  $\|D_n^{-1}B_{nk}^\top\Sigma_n B_{nk}D_n^{-1}-V_k\|=o_P(1)$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  on a richer probability space, where  $\Sigma_n = \text{diag}(\sigma^2(1/n), \dots, \sigma^2(1))$  and  $D_n$  is given in Lemma A.5.

**Lemma A.8.** Under Assumptions A, B\* and D,  $\|D_n^{-1}\tilde{B}_{nk}^\top\Sigma_n\tilde{B}_{nk}D_n^{-1}-\tilde{V}_k\|=o_P(1)$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  on a richer probability space, where  $D_n$  is given in Lemma A.5.

**Lemma A.9.** Let  $M_n = \text{diag}(\sqrt{n}I_{k_1}, \sqrt{nd_n}, \sqrt{n}I_{k_2}, \sqrt{n/d_n}I_{k_3})$ . Then, under Assumptions A, B and D,  $\|M_n^{-1}A_{nk}^\top A_{nk}M_n^{-1}-Q_k\|=o_P(1)$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  on a richer probability space.

**Lemma A.10.** Under Assumptions A, B\* and D,  $\|M_n^{-1}\tilde{A}_{nk}^\top\tilde{A}_{nk}M_n^{-1}-\tilde{Q}_k\|=o_P(1)$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  on a richer probability space, where  $M_n$  is the same as in Lemma A.9.

**Lemma A.11.** Under Assumptions A, B and D,  $\|M_n^{-1}A_{nk}^\top\Sigma_n A_{nk}M_n^{-1}-P_k\|=o_P(1)$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  on a richer probability space, where  $M_n$  is the same as in Lemma A.9.

**Lemma A.12.** Under Assumptions A, B\* and D,  $\|M_n^{-1}\tilde{A}_{nk}^\top\Sigma_n\tilde{A}_{nk}M_n^{-1}-\tilde{P}_k\|=o_P(1)$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  on a richer probability space, where  $M_n$  is the same as in Lemma A.9.

## B Proof of the main result

In this appendix only the proofs of Theorems 3.1 and 3.2 are provided, while that for other theorems, proposition and corollaries are relegated to the supplement of the paper.

**Proof of Theorem 3.1.** The theorem will be shown via Cramér-Wold theorem. Notice that

$$\widehat{c} - c = (B_{nk}^\top B_{nk})^{-1} B_{nk}^\top (\gamma + e) = D_n^{-1} [D_n^{-1} B_{nk}^\top B_{nk} D_n^{-1}]^{-1} D_n^{-1} B_{nk}^\top (\gamma + e), \quad (\text{B.1})$$

which implies

$$D_n(\widehat{c} - c) = [D_n^{-1} B_{nk}^\top B_{nk} D_n^{-1}]^{-1} D_n^{-1} B_{nk}^\top (\gamma + e).$$

Hence, for any  $r \in [0, 1]$ ,  $z \in V$  and  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} & \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\sqrt{n}}{\|\phi_{k_1}(r)\|} [\widehat{\beta}_n(r) - \beta(r)] \\ \frac{\sqrt{n}}{\|a_{k_2}(z)\|} [\widehat{g}_n(z) - g(z)] \\ \frac{\sqrt{n}}{\|b_{k_3}(x)\| \sqrt{d_n}} [\widehat{m}_n(x) - m(x)] \end{pmatrix} = \overline{\Psi}(r, z, x)^\top D_n(\widehat{c} - c) - \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\sqrt{n}}{\|\phi_{k_1}(r)\|} \gamma_{1k_1}(r) \\ \frac{\sqrt{n}}{\|a_{k_2}(z)\|} \gamma_{2k_2}(z) \\ \frac{\sqrt{n}}{\|b_{k_3}(x)\| \sqrt{d_n}} \gamma_{3k_3}(x) \end{pmatrix} \\ & = \overline{\Psi}(r, z, x)^\top [D_n^{-1} B_{nk}^\top B_{nk} D_n^{-1}]^{-1} D_n^{-1} B_{nk}^\top e \end{aligned} \quad (\text{B.2})$$

$$+ \overline{\Psi}(r, z, x)^\top [D_n^{-1} B_{nk}^\top B_{nk} D_n^{-1}]^{-1} D_n^{-1} B_{nk}^\top \gamma - \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\sqrt{n}}{\|\phi_{k_1}(r)\|} \gamma_{1k_1}(r) \\ \frac{\sqrt{n}}{\|a_{k_2}(z)\|} \gamma_{2k_2}(z) \\ \frac{\sqrt{n}}{\|b_{k_3}(x)\| \sqrt{d_n}} \gamma_{3k_3}(x) \end{pmatrix}, \quad (\text{B.3})$$

where  $\overline{\Psi}(r, z, x)$  is the  $\Psi(r, z, x)$  defined in Section 2 postmultiplying by  $\text{diag}(\|\phi_{k_1}(r)\|^{-1}, \|a_{k_2}(z)\|^{-1}, \|b_{k_3}(z)\|^{-1})$ , so that each block in  $\overline{\Psi}(r, z, x)$  is a unit vector. Here, the leading term in the above is  $\overline{\Psi}(r, z, x)^\top [D_n^{-1} B_{nk}^\top B_{nk} D_n^{-1}]^{-1} D_n^{-1} B_{nk}^\top e$  that will be dealt with firstly. To begin, by Lemma A.5,  $\|D_n^{-1} B_{nk}^\top B_{nk} D_n^{-1} - U_k\| = o_P(1)$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , and making use of the block diagonal structure of  $U_k$ , it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{\Psi}(r, z, x)^\top [D_n^{-1} B_{nk}^\top B_{nk} D_n^{-1}]^{-1} D_n^{-1} B_{nk}^\top e & = \overline{\Psi}(r, z, x)^\top U_k^{-1} D_n^{-1} B_{nk}^\top e (1 + o_P(1)) \\ & = L_3^{-1} \overline{\Psi}(r, z, x)^\top \bar{U}_k^{-1} D_n^{-1} B_{nk}^\top e (1 + o_P(1)), \end{aligned} \quad (\text{B.4})$$

where  $L_3 = \text{diag}(1, 1, L_W(1, 0))$  and  $\bar{U}_k = \text{diag}(I_{k_1}, U_{k_2}, I_{k_3})$ . As  $L_3$  is independent of the sample size, we now focus on  $\overline{\Psi}(r, z, x)^\top \bar{U}_k^{-1} D_n^{-1} B_{nk}^\top e$ .

Write

$$\overline{\Psi}(r, z, x)^\top \bar{U}_k^{-1} D_n^{-1} B_{nk}^\top e = \sum_{t=1}^n \xi_{nt} e_t$$

where we denote

$$\xi_{nt} := \overline{\Psi}(r, z, x)^\top \bar{U}_k^{-1} D_n^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} \phi_{k_1}(t/n) \\ a_{k_2}(z_t) \\ b_{k_3}(x_t) \end{pmatrix}.$$

Since  $(e_t, \mathcal{F}_{nt})$  is a martingale difference sequence stipulated in Assumption B,  $\sum_{t=1}^n \xi_{nt} e_t$  is a martingale due to Assumption B.4. We calculate the conditional variance as follows:

$$\sum_{t=1}^n \mathbb{E}[\xi_{nt} \xi_{nt}^\top e_t^2 | \mathcal{F}_{n,t-1}] = \sum_{t=1}^n \xi_{nt} \xi_{nt}^\top \sigma^2(t/n)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \bar{\Psi}(r, z, x)^\top \bar{U}_k^{-1} D_n^{-1} B_{nk}^\top \Sigma_n B_{nk} D_n^{-1} \bar{U}_k^{-1} \bar{\Psi}(r, z, x) \\
&= \bar{\Psi}(r, z, x)^\top \bar{U}_k^{-1} V_k \bar{U}_k^{-1} \bar{\Psi}(r, z, x) (1 + o_P(1)) \\
&= \bar{\Psi}(r, z, x)^\top \bar{U}_k^{-1} \bar{V}_k \bar{U}_k^{-1} \bar{\Psi}(r, z, x) L_\sigma (1 + o_P(1)) \\
&:= \Omega_n L_\sigma (1 + o_P(1))
\end{aligned} \tag{B.5}$$

by Lemma A.7 and the structure of  $V_k$ , where  $L_\sigma = \text{diag}(1, 1, \int_0^1 \sigma^2(r) dL(r, 1))$ ,  $\bar{V}_k = \text{diag}(V_*, I_{k_3})$  a deterministic matrix, and  $\Omega_n := \bar{\Psi}(r, z, x)^\top \bar{U}_k^{-1} \bar{V}_k \bar{U}_k^{-1} \bar{\Psi}(r, z, x)$  is a  $3 \times 3$  deterministic matrix as well. This means that the conditional variance of  $\Omega_n^{-1/2} \sum_{t=1}^n \xi_{nt} e_t$  is approximated by  $L_\sigma$  in probability.

Here, we emphasize that  $\Omega_n^{-1/2}$  is exchangeable with  $L_3$ , i.e.  $\Omega_n^{-1/2} L_3 = L_3 \Omega_n^{-1/2}$ . Indeed, notice that

$$\begin{aligned}
\Omega_n^{-1/2} &= \left[ \bar{\Psi}(r, z, x)^\top \begin{pmatrix} U_*^{-1} V_* U_*^{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & I_{k_3} \end{pmatrix} \bar{\Psi}(r, z, x) \right]^{-1/2} \\
&= \begin{pmatrix} [\bar{\Psi}_{12}(r, z)^\top U_*^{-1} V_* U_*^{-1} \bar{\Psi}_{12}(r, z)]^{-1/2} & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix},
\end{aligned}$$

where  $\bar{\Psi}_{12}(r, z) := \text{diag}(\phi_{k_1}(r)/\|\phi_{k_1}(r)\|, a_{k_2}(z)/\|a_{k_2}(z)\|)$  the left-top 2-by-2 sub-block matrix of  $\bar{\Psi}(r, z, x)$ , while the right-bottom block of  $\bar{\Psi}(r, z, x)$  is  $b_{k_3}(x)/\|b_{k_3}(x)\|$ ,  $U_* = \text{diag}(I_{k_1}, U_{k_2})$ . Then, it is obvious that  $\Omega_n^{-1/2}$  is exchangeable with  $L_3$ . This point allows us to normalize the left hand side of the equation (B.2) and the martingale  $\sum_{t=1}^n \xi_{nt} e_t$  by  $\Omega_n^{-1/2}$  simultaneously.

Hence, we shall show that the martingale  $\Omega_n^{-1/2} \sum_{t=1}^n \xi_{nt} e_t$  converges to  $N(0, L_\sigma)$  by Cramér-Wold theorem and Corollary 3.1 of Hall and Heyde [17, p. 58].

To this end, let  $\lambda = (\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3) \neq 0$  and we need to check for

$$\xi_n := \sum_{t=1}^n \lambda \Omega_n^{-1/2} \xi_{nt} e_t,$$

whether (1) Lindeberg condition and (2) the convergence of the conditional variance are fulfilled.

(1). The Lindeberg condition is fulfilled if we show that  $\sum_{t=1}^n \mathbb{E}[(\lambda \xi_{nt} e_t)^4 | \mathcal{F}_{n,t-1}] \rightarrow_P 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Indeed, denoting  $\mu_4 := \max_{1 \leq t \leq n} \mathbb{E}[e_t^4 | \mathcal{F}_{n,t-1}]$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
&\sum_{t=1}^n \mathbb{E}[(\lambda \xi_{nt} e_t)^4 | \mathcal{F}_{n,t-1}] \leq \mu_4 \sum_{t=1}^n (\lambda \xi_{nt})^4 \\
&= \mu_4 \sum_{t=1}^n [\lambda \bar{\Psi}(r, z, x)^\top \bar{U}_k^{-1} D_n^{-1} (\phi_{k_1}(t/n)^\top, a_{k_2}(z_t)^\top, b_{k_3}(x_t)^\top)^\top]^4 \\
&= \mu_4 \sum_{t=1}^n \left( \lambda_1 \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \frac{\phi_{k_1}(r)^\top}{\|\phi_{k_1}(r)\|} \phi_{k_1}(t/n) + \lambda_2 \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \frac{a_{k_2}(z)^\top}{\|a_{k_2}(z)\|} U_{k_2}^{-1} a_{k_2}(z_t) \right)^4
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& + \sqrt{\frac{d_n}{n}} \lambda_3 \|b_{k_3}(x)\|^{-1} b_{k_3}(x)^\top b_{k_3}(x_t) \Big)^4 \\
\leq & C_1 \lambda_1^4 \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{t=1}^n \frac{1}{\|\phi_{k_1}(r)\|^4} [\phi_{k_1}(r)^\top \phi_{k_1}(t/n)]^4 + C_2 \lambda_2^4 \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{t=1}^n \frac{1}{\|a_{k_2}(z)\|^4} [a_{k_2}(z)^\top a_{k_2}(z_t)]^4 \\
& + C_3 \frac{d_n^2}{n^2} \sum_{t=1}^n [\lambda_4 \|b_{k_3}(x)\|^{-1} b_{k_3}(x)^\top b_{k_3}(x_t)]^4,
\end{aligned}$$

because  $U_{k_2}$  has eigenvalues greater than zero and bounded from above uniformly. Denote  $u_1 = \phi_{k_1}(r)/\|\phi_{k_1}(r)\|$  and  $u_2 = a_{k_2}(z)/\|a_{k_2}(z)\|$  two unit vectors with dimensions  $k_1$  and  $k_2$ , respectively. It follows that

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{t=1}^n [u_1^\top \phi_{k_1}(t/n)]^4 = \frac{1}{n} \int_0^1 [u_1^\top \phi_{k_1}(s)]^4 ds + O(n^{-2}) \\
& \leq \frac{1}{n} \int_0^1 \|\phi_{k_1}(s)\|^4 ds = O(n^{-1} k_1^2) \rightarrow 0,
\end{aligned}$$

by Cauchy-Schwarz inequality and  $\sup_{r \in [0,1]} \|\phi_{k_1}(s)\|^2 = O(k_1)$ . Also, in order to show that  $\frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{t=1}^n [u_2^\top a_{k_2}(z_t)]^4 \rightarrow_P 0$ , note that

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{1}{n^2} \mathbb{E} \sum_{t=1}^n (u_2^\top a_{k_2}(z_t))^4 = \frac{1}{n^2} \mathbb{E} \sum_{t=1}^n \left( \sum_{i=0}^{k_2-1} u_{2i} p_i(z_t) \right)^4 \\
& = \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{t=1}^n \sum_{i=0}^{k_2-1} u_{2i}^4 \mathbb{E} p_i^4(z_t) + 6 \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{t=1}^n \sum_{i=1}^{k_2-1} \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} u_{2i}^2 u_{2j}^2 \mathbb{E} [p_i^2(z_t) p_j^2(z_t)] \\
& \quad + 4 \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{t=1}^n \sum_{i=1}^{k_2-1} \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} u_{2i} u_{2j}^3 \mathbb{E} [(p_i(z_t)) p_j^3(z_t)] \\
& \quad + 8 \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{t=1}^n \sum_{i_1=3}^{k_2-1} \sum_{i_2=2}^{i_1-1} \sum_{i_3=1}^{i_2-1} \sum_{i_4=0}^{i_3-1} u_{2i_1} u_{2i_2} u_{2i_3} u_{2i_4} \mathbb{E} [p_{i_1}(z_t) p_{i_2}(z_t) p_{i_3}(z_t) p_{i_4}(z_t)] \\
& \leq \frac{1}{n} k_2 \sum_{i=1}^{k_2} u_{2i}^4 + 6 \frac{1}{n} k_2 \sum_{i=1}^{k_2} \sum_{j=0}^{i-1} u_{2i}^2 u_{2j}^2 + 4 \frac{1}{n} k_2 \sum_{i=1}^{k_2} \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} |u_{2i}| |u_{2j}|^3 \\
& \quad + 8 \frac{1}{n} k_2 \sum_{i_1=3}^{k_2} \sum_{i_2=2}^{i_1-1} \sum_{i_3=1}^{i_2-1} \sum_{i_4=0}^{i_3-1} |u_{2i_1} u_{2i_2} u_{2i_3} u_{2i_4}| \\
& \leq \frac{1}{n} k_2 + 4 \frac{1}{n} k_2 k_2^{1/2} + 8 \frac{1}{n} k_2 k_2^2 = o(1),
\end{aligned}$$

where we denote  $u_2 = (u_{21}, \dots, u_{2k_2})^\top$ , and Assumption B.2(a) is used for  $\mathbb{E} p_i^4(z_t) = O(i)$  for  $i$  large, Cauchy-Schwarz inequality to derive  $\mathbb{E} |(p_i(z_t)) p_j^3(z_t)| \leq (\mathbb{E} |(p_i(z_t))|^4)^{1/4} (\mathbb{E} |p_j(z_t)|^4)^{3/4}$  as well as other similar terms; meanwhile,  $\sum_{i=0}^{k_2-1} |u_{2i}| \leq k_2^{1/2}$ . The third term is much easier to be dealt with. Let  $u_3 := \|b_{k_3}(x)\|^{-1} b_{k_3}(x)$  a unit vector, and notice that  $\|b_{k_3}(\cdot)\|^2 \leq C k_3$  uniformly by the uniform boundedness of Hermite functions. We have, by Lemma A.1,

$$\frac{d_n^2}{n^2} \mathbb{E} \sum_{t=1}^n (u_3^\top b_{k_3}(x_t))^4 \leq C k_3 \frac{d_n^2}{n^2} \sum_{t=1}^n \mathbb{E} (u_3^\top b_{k_3}(x_t))^2$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= Ck_3 \frac{d_n^2}{n^2} \sum_{t=1}^n \int (u_3^\top b_{k_3}(d_t x))^2 f_t(x) dx = Ck_3 \frac{d_n^2}{n^2} \sum_{t=1}^n \frac{1}{d_t} \int (u_3^\top b_{k_3}(x))^2 f_t(d_t^{-1} x) dx \\
&\leq Ck_3 \frac{d_n^2}{n^2} \sum_{t=1}^n \frac{1}{d_t} \int (u_3^\top b_{k_3}(x))^2 dx = Ck_3 \frac{d_n^2}{n^2} \sum_{t=1}^n \frac{1}{d_t} \\
&= Ck_3 n^{-1/2} = o(1),
\end{aligned}$$

where  $\int (u_3^\top b_{k_3}(x))^2 dx = \|u_3\|^2 = 1$  by the orthogonality. This finishes the Lindeberg condition.

(2). For the conditional variance, it is clear by (B.5) that the martingale  $\xi_n$  has conditional variance approaching  $\lambda L_\sigma \lambda^\top$  in probability. The normality therefore is shown.

To finish the proof, we next demonstrate that all reminder terms in (B.3) are negligible, that is, as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{t=1}^n \xi_{nt} \gamma(t) &= o_P(1), \quad \sqrt{n} \|\phi_{k_1}(r)\|^{-1} \gamma_{1k_1}(r) = o(1), \\
\sqrt{n} \|a_{k_2}(z)\|^{-1} \gamma_{2k_2}(z) &= o(1), \quad \sqrt{n/d_n} \|b_{k_3}(x)\|^{-1} \gamma_{3k_3}(x) = o(1).
\end{aligned}$$

Here, we omit the normalizer  $\Omega_n$  since it is positive definite and has eigenvalues bounded below from zero and above from infinity due to the condition on  $U_{k_2}$  and  $V_*$ .

In view of the structures of  $\xi_{nt}$ , we need to show

$$\begin{aligned}
(3) \quad & \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{t=1}^n \|\phi_{k_1}(r)\|^{-1} \phi_{k_1}(r)^\top \phi_{k_1}(t/n) \gamma(t) = o(1), \\
(4) \quad & \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{t=1}^n \|a_{k_2}(z)\|^{-1} a_{k_2}(z)^\top a_{k_2}(z_t) \gamma(t) = o_P(1), \\
(5) \quad & \sqrt{n} \|\phi_{k_1}(r)\|^{-1} \gamma_{1k_1}(r) = o(1), \quad \sqrt{n} \|a_{k_2}(z)\|^{-1} \gamma_{2k_2}(z) = o(1), \\
(6) \quad & \sqrt{\frac{d_n}{n}} \sum_{t=1}^n \frac{1}{\|b_{k_3}(x)\|} b_{k_3}(x)^\top b_{k_3}(x_t) \gamma(t) = o_P(1), \\
(7) \quad & \sqrt{\frac{n}{d_n}} \frac{1}{\|b_{k_3}(x)\|} \gamma_{3k_3}(x) = o(1).
\end{aligned}$$

To fulfill (3)-(5), it suffices to show

$$\begin{aligned}
A_{1n} &:= \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{t=1}^n \|\phi_{k_1}(t/n)\| |\gamma(t)| = o_P(1), \quad B_{1n} := \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{t=1}^n \|a_{k_2}(z_t)\| |\gamma(t)| = o_P(1), \\
A_{2n} &:= \sqrt{n} \frac{1}{\|\phi_{k_1}(r)\|} |\gamma_{1k_1}(r)| = o(1), \quad B_{2n} := \sqrt{n} \frac{1}{\|a_{k_2}(z)\|} |\gamma_{2k_2}(z)| = o(1).
\end{aligned}$$

Indeed, note that  $\max_{r \in [0,1]} |\gamma_{1k_1}(r)| = O(k_1^{-s_1})$  and  $\mathbb{E} |\gamma_{2k_2}(z_t)|^2 = O(k_2^{-s_2})$  by Newey [26] and Chen and Christensen [5] where  $s_1$  and  $s_2$  are respectively the smoothness order of  $\beta(\cdot)$  and

$g(\cdot)$ , whereas using the density for  $d_t^{-1}x_t$  in Lemma A.1 and the result of Lemma C.1 in Dong et al. [9], we have  $\mathbb{E}|\gamma_{3k_3}(x_t)|^2 \leq Cd_t^{-1} \int |\gamma_{3k_3}(x)|^2 dx = d_t^{-1}O(k_3^{-s_3})$ . Notice further that,

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbb{E}|A_{1n}| &\leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{t=1}^n \|\phi_{k_1}(t/n)\| \mathbb{E}|\gamma(t)| \\
&\leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{t=1}^n \|\phi_{k_1}(t/n)\| |\gamma_{1k_1}(t/n)| \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{t=1}^n \|\phi_{k_1}(t/n)\| \mathbb{E}|\gamma_{2k_2}(z_t)| \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{t=1}^n \|\phi_{k_1}(t/n)\| \mathbb{E}|\gamma_{3k_3}(x_t)| \\
&\leq \sqrt{nk_1} \max_{r \in [0,1]} |\gamma_{1k_1}(r)| + \sqrt{nk_1}O(k_2^{-s_2/2}) \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{t=1}^n \|\phi_{k_1}(t/n)\| d_t^{-1/2}O(k_3^{-s_3/2}) \\
&\leq \sqrt{nk_1}O(k_1^{-s_1}) + \sqrt{nk_1}O(k_2^{-s_2/2}) + n^{1/4}\sqrt{k_1}O(k_3^{-s_3/2}) \\
&= o(1)
\end{aligned}$$

by Assumption D, implying  $A_{1n} = o_P(1)$ . Similarly, it is readily seen that  $A_{2n} = o(1)$  as well.

For  $B_{1n}$ , denoting  $u_2 = \|a_{k_2}(z)\|^{-1}a_{k_2}(z)$  temporarily,

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbb{E}|B_{1n}| &\leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{t=1}^n \mathbb{E}\|a_{k_2}(z_t)\gamma(t)\| \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{t=1}^n [\mathbb{E}\|a_{k_2}(z_t)\|^2 \mathbb{E}|\gamma(t)|^2]^{1/2} \\
&\leq C \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{t=1}^n [\mathbb{E}\|a_{k_2}(z_t)\|^2]^{1/2} [|\gamma_{1k_1}(t/n)|^2 + \mathbb{E}|\gamma_{2k_2}(z_t)|^2 + \mathbb{E}|\gamma_{3k_3}(x_t)|^2]^{1/2} \\
&= C\sqrt{nk_2}^{1/2} \max_{r \in [0,1]} |\gamma_{1k_1}(r)| + C\sqrt{nk_2}^{1/2}O(k_2^{-s_2/2}) + Ck_2^{1/2}n^{1/4}O(k_3^{-s_3/2}) \\
&= C\sqrt{nk_2}^{1/2}O(k_1^{-s_1}) + C\sqrt{nk_2}^{1/2}O(k_2^{-s_2/2}) + Ck_2^{1/2}n^{1/4}O(k_3^{-s_3/2}),
\end{aligned}$$

due to Assumption D where  $\mathbb{E}\|a_{k_2}(z_t)\|^2 \leq Ck_2$  for some constant  $C$  since  $\mathbb{E}[a_{k_2}(z_t)a_{k_2}(z_t)^\top]$  a block in Lemma A.5 has bounded eigenvalues. In addition,

$$\begin{aligned}
|B_{2n}| &= \frac{1}{\|a_{k_2}(z)\|} \sqrt{n} |\gamma_{2k_2}(z)| = \frac{1}{\|a_{k_2}(z)f_z(z)\|} \sqrt{n} |\gamma_{2k_2}(z)f_z(z)| \\
&= O(k_2^{-1/2})\sqrt{nk_2}^{-s_2/2} = o(1),
\end{aligned}$$

where we have used  $\|a_{k_2}(z)f_z(z)\|^2 = O(k_2)$  for fixed  $z$  and pointwise convergence  $|\gamma_{2k_2}(z)f_z(z)| = o(k_2^{-s_2/2})$ .

For (6), letting  $u_3 = \|b_{k_3}(x)\|^{-1}b_{k_3}(x)$  as before and by Lemma A.1,

$$\sqrt{\frac{d_n}{n}} \sum_{t=1}^n \mathbb{E}|u_3^\top b_{k_3}(x_t)\gamma(t)|$$



$$\begin{aligned}
&\leq \sqrt{\frac{d_n}{n}} \sum_{t=1}^n \mathbb{E} |u_3^\top b_{k_3}(x_t)| |\gamma_{1k_1}(t/n)| \\
&\quad + \sqrt{\frac{d_n}{n}} \sum_{t=1}^n \mathbb{E} |u_3^\top b_{k_3}(x_t)| |\gamma_{2k_2}(z_t)| \\
&\quad + \sqrt{\frac{d_n}{n}} \sum_{t=1}^n \mathbb{E} |u_3^\top b_{k_3}(x_t) \gamma_{3k_3}(x_t)| \\
&\leq \sqrt{\frac{d_n}{n}} \max_{r \in [0,1]} |\gamma_{1k_1}(r)| \sum_{t=1}^n [\mathbb{E} \|b_{k_3}(x_t)\|^2]^{1/2} \\
&\quad + \sqrt{\frac{d_n}{n}} k_2^{-s_2/2} \sum_{t=1}^n [\mathbb{E} \|b_{k_3}(x_t)\|^2]^{1/2} \\
&\quad + \sqrt{\frac{d_n}{n}} \sum_{t=1}^n [\mathbb{E} \|b_{k_3}(x_t)\|^2 \mathbb{E} |\gamma_{3k_3}(x_t)|^2]^{1/2} \\
&\leq C_1 n^{-1/4} k_1^{-s_1} k_3^{1/2} n^{3/4} + C_2 n^{-1/4} k_2^{-s_2/2} k_3^{1/2} n^{3/4} \\
&\quad + C_3 \sqrt{\frac{d_n}{n}} \sum_{t=1}^n d_t^{-1} \left[ \int \|b_{k_3}(x)\|^2 dx \int |\gamma_{3k_3}(x)|^2 dx \right]^{1/2} \\
&= C_1 n^{1/2} k_1^{-s_1} k_3^{1/2} + C_2 n^{1/2} k_2^{-s_2/2} k_3^{1/2} + C_3 n^{1/4} k_3^{-s_3/2} k_3^{1/2} \\
&= o(1)
\end{aligned}$$

due to Assumption D where we have used the boundedness of the density  $f_t(x)$  for  $x_t/d_t$  by Lemma A.1. In the mean time, for (7),

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{1}{\|b_{k_3}(x)\|} \sqrt{n/d_n} |\gamma_{3k_3}(x)| &= O(k_3^{-1/2}) O(n^{1/4}) o(k_3^{-(s_3-1)/2-1/12}) \\
&= o(n^{1/4} k_3^{-s_3/2-1/12}) = o(1),
\end{aligned}$$

where  $\sup_x |\gamma_{3k_3}(x)| = o(k_3^{-(s_3-1)/2-1/12})$  by again Lemma C.1 in the supplement of Dong et al. [9]. The entire proof is complete.

**Proof of Theorem 3.2.** Similar to (B.1), we have

$$\hat{c} - c = D_n^{-1} \tilde{U}_k^{-1} D_n^{-1} \tilde{B}_{nk}^\top (\tilde{\gamma} + e) (1 + o_P(1)),$$

where  $\tilde{\gamma} = (\tilde{\gamma}(1), \dots, \tilde{\gamma}(n))^\top$  with  $\tilde{\gamma}(t) = \gamma_{1k_1}(t/n) + \gamma_{2k_2}(z_{t,n}) + \gamma_{3k_3}(x_t)$ . Hence,  $D_n(\hat{c} - c) = \tilde{U}_k^{-1} D_n^{-1} \tilde{B}_{nk}^\top (\tilde{\gamma} + e)$  where the term  $o_P(1)$  is omitted for better exposition. Also, note that for any  $r \in [0, 1]$ ,  $z \in [a_{\min}, a_{\max}]$  and  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{\sqrt{n}}{\|\phi_{k_1}(r)\|} [\hat{\beta}_n(r) - \beta(r)] \\ \frac{\sqrt{n}}{\|a_{k_2}(z)\|} [\hat{g}_n(z) - g(z)] \\ \frac{\sqrt{n}}{\|b_{k_3}(x)\| \sqrt{d_n}} [\hat{m}_n(x) - m(x)] \end{pmatrix} = \bar{\Psi}(r, z, x)^\top D_n(\hat{c} - c) - \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\sqrt{n}}{\|\phi_{k_1}(r)\|} \gamma_{1k_1}(r) \\ \frac{\sqrt{n}}{\|a_{k_2}(z)\|} \gamma_{2k_2}(z) \\ \frac{\sqrt{n}}{\|b_{k_3}(x)\| \sqrt{d_n}} \gamma_{3k_3}(x) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \bar{\Psi}(r, z, x)^\top \tilde{U}_k^{-1} D_n^{-1} \tilde{B}_{nk}^\top (\tilde{\gamma} + e) - \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\sqrt{n}}{\|\phi_{k_1}(r)\|} \gamma_{1k_1}(r) \\ \frac{\sqrt{n}}{\|a_{k_2}(z)\|} \gamma_{2k_2}(z) \\ \frac{\sqrt{n}}{\|b_{k_3}(x)\| \sqrt{d_n}} \gamma_{3k_3}(x) \end{pmatrix}. \quad (\text{B.6})$$

The normality will be derived from  $\Psi(r, z, x)^\top \tilde{U}_k^{-1} D_n^{-1} \tilde{B}_{nk}^\top e$ . It can be shown exactly in the same fashion as Theorem 3.1 by Cramér-Wold theorem as well as the diagonal block structure of  $\tilde{U}_k$  and  $\tilde{V}_k$ . In addition, using the approximation of  $z_t(t/n)$  to  $z_{t,n}$  [some examples can be found in the proof of the lemmas] it is not hard to demonstrate all the remainder terms are asymptotically negligible. These are omitted for the sake of similarity. The proof thus is finished.

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**Abstract**

This supplementary document provides with all technical lemmas and their proofs in Appendix C and the proofs for Theorems 3.3-3.4, Proposition 3.1 as well as Corollaries 3.1 in Appendix D.

**Appendix C: Lemmas and their proofs**

This section presents the proofs for all lemmas in Appendix A. Note that the lemmas A.1-A.10 are restated and relabelled respectively by C.1-C.10 for convenience of readership.

We consider here several decompositions of  $x_t$ . Without loss of generality, in what follows let  $x_0 = 0$  almost surely. It follows that

$$x_t = \sum_{\ell=1}^t w_\ell = \sum_{\ell=1}^t \sum_{i=-\infty}^{\ell} \psi_{\ell-i} \epsilon_i = \sum_{i=-\infty}^t \left( \sum_{\ell=\max(1,i)}^t \psi_{\ell-i} \right) \epsilon_i =: \sum_{i=-\infty}^t b_{t,i} \epsilon_i. \quad (\text{C.1})$$

Taking into account that in Assumption B.1.(b),  $z_t$  maybe contains  $\epsilon_t, \dots, \epsilon_{t-d+1}$ , we decompose, for  $t > d$ ,

$$x_t = \sum_{i=t-d+1}^t b_{t,i} \epsilon_i + \sum_{i=-\infty}^{t-d} b_{t,i} \epsilon_i := x_t^{(d)} + x_t^{(t-d)}. \quad (\text{C.2})$$

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Thus,  $x_t^{(d)}$  and  $x_t^{(t-d)}$  are mutually independent, and  $x_t^{(d)}$  is stationary since it is a combination of  $\epsilon_t, \dots, \epsilon_{t-d+1}$  with fixed coefficients  $\psi_0, \dots, \sum_{\ell=0}^{d-1} \psi_\ell$ , while  $x_t^{(t-d)}$  is still nonstationary as we only take out fixed  $\epsilon$ 's from  $x_t$ .

Letting  $1 \leq s < t$ ,  $x_t$  also has the following decomposition:

$$x_t = x_{ts} + x_s^*, \quad (\text{C.3})$$

where  $x_s^* = x_s + \bar{x}_s$  with  $\bar{x}_s = \sum_{i=s+1}^t \sum_{a=-\infty}^s \psi_{i-a} \epsilon_a$  containing all information available up to  $s$  and  $x_{ts} = \sum_{i=s+1}^t b_{t,i} \epsilon_i$  which captures all information containing in  $x_t$  on the time periods  $(s, t]$ . Let  $d_{ts} := (E x_{ts}^2)^{1/2}$  for later use. Moreover,  $\bar{x}_s = O_P(1)$  by virtue of Assumption A.

Additionally, taking into account of  $z_t$  and  $z_s$  maybe have  $\epsilon_t, \dots, \epsilon_{t-d}$  and  $\epsilon_s, \dots, \epsilon_{s-d}$  for  $t - s \geq d$ , we decompose

$$x_t = x_t^{(d)} + x_{ts}^{(d)} + x_s^{(d^*)} + x_s^{(s-d^*)}, \quad (\text{C.4})$$

where  $x_t^{(d)} = \sum_{i=t-d+1}^t b_{t,i} \epsilon_i$ ,  $x_{ts}^{(d)} = \sum_{i=s+1}^{t-d} b_{t,i} \epsilon_i$

$$x_s^{(d^*)} = x_s^{(d)} + \bar{x}_s^{(d)}, \quad x_s^{(s-d^*)} = x_s^{(s-d)} + \bar{x}_s^{(s-d)},$$

recalling that  $x_s^{(d)}$  and  $\bar{x}_s^{(d)}$  are the sums of the first  $d$  terms of  $x_s$  and  $\bar{x}_s$ , respectively, whereas  $x_s^{(s-d)}$  and  $\bar{x}_s^{(s-d)}$  are the rests of them in  $x_s$  and  $\bar{x}_s$ , respectively. Obviously, all four components in (C.4) are mutually independent.

**Lemma C.1.** *Suppose that Assumption 1 holds. For  $t$  or  $t - s$  is large,*

- (1)  $d_t^{-1} x_t$  have uniformly bounded densities  $f_t(x)$  over all  $t$  and  $x$  satisfying a uniform Lipschitz condition  $\sup_x |f_t(x+y) - f_t(x)| \leq C|y|$  for any  $y$  and some constant  $C > 0$ . In addition,  $\sup_x |f_t(x) - \phi(x)| \rightarrow 0$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$  where  $\phi(x)$  is the standard normal density function.
- (2) Let  $1 \leq s < t$ .  $d_{ts}^{-1} x_{ts}$  have uniformly bounded densities  $f_{ts}(x)$  over all  $(t, s)$  and  $x$  satisfying the above uniform Lipschitz condition as well.

*Proof.* We shall prove (1) only, since (2) follows in the same fashion. Denote by  $\varphi(\lambda)$  the characteristic function of  $\epsilon_0$ . Under Assumption A,  $\int |\lambda \varphi(\lambda)| d\lambda < \infty$ . Let  $\Phi_t(\alpha)$  be the characteristic function of  $d_t^{-1} x_t$  for  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ . Denote  $x_t = x_t^+ + x_t^-$ , where  $x_t^+$  includes all  $\epsilon_j$  with  $j > 0$  in  $x_t$ , while  $x_t^-$  includes all  $\epsilon_j$  with  $j \leq 0$  in  $x_t$ . It follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \int |\alpha| |\Phi_t(\alpha)| d\alpha &= \int |\alpha| |E \exp(i\alpha d_t^{-1} x_t)| d\alpha \leq \int |\alpha| |E \exp(i\alpha d_t^{-1} x_t^+)| d\alpha \\ &= \int |\alpha| \left| E \exp \left[ i \left( \alpha d_t^{-1} \sum_{j=1}^t b_{t,j} \epsilon_j \right) \right] \right| d\alpha = \int |\alpha| \left| \prod_{j=1}^t E \exp [i\alpha d_t^{-1} b_{t,j} \epsilon_j] \right| d\alpha \end{aligned}$$

$$= \int |\alpha| \prod_{j=1}^t |\varphi(\alpha d_t^{-1} b_{t,j})| d\alpha.$$

It is clear that there exists a  $\delta_0 > 0$  such that  $|\varphi(\lambda)| < e^{-|\lambda|^2/4}$  whenever  $|\lambda| \leq \delta_0$  and  $|\varphi(\lambda)| < \eta$  if  $|\lambda| > \delta_0$  for some  $0 < \eta < 1$  (Wang and Phillips, 2009, p. 730). Note also that  $b_{t,j} = \psi_0 + \dots + \psi_{t-j}$ . If  $t - j$  is large,  $b_{t,j} = \psi(1 + o(1))$  where  $\psi = \sum_j \psi_j \neq 0$ . Let  $\nu = \nu_t$  be a function of  $t$  such that  $\nu \rightarrow \infty$  and  $\nu/t \rightarrow 0$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ . Thus, for  $1 \leq j \leq t - \nu$ , there exist constants  $c_1, c_2$  such that  $0 < c_1 < c_2 < \infty$  and  $c_1 < |b_{t,j}| < c_2$ . Indeed, we may take  $c_1 = |\psi|/2$  and  $c_2 = 3|\psi|/2$ . Therefore, letting  $\delta = \delta_0/c_2$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} & \int |\alpha| \prod_{j=1}^t |\varphi(\alpha d_t^{-1} b_{t,j})| d\alpha \leq \int |\alpha| \prod_{j=1}^{t-\nu} |\varphi(\alpha d_t^{-1} b_{t,j})| d\alpha \\ &= \left( \int_{|\alpha| \leq d_t \delta} + \int_{|\alpha| > d_t \delta} \right) |\alpha| \prod_{j=1}^{t-\nu} |\varphi(\alpha d_t^{-1} b_{t,j})| d\alpha \\ &\leq \int_{|\alpha| \leq d_t \delta} |\alpha| e^{-\alpha^2 d_t^{-2} \sum_{j=1}^{t-\nu} b_{t,j}^2/4} d\alpha + \eta^{t-\nu-1} \int_{|\alpha| > d_t \delta} |\alpha| |\varphi(\alpha d_t^{-1} b_{t,1})| d\alpha \\ &\leq \int_{|\alpha| \leq d_t \delta} |\alpha| e^{-\alpha^2 c_1 (1-\nu/t)/4} d\alpha + b_{t,1}^{-2} d_t^2 \eta^{t-\nu-1} \int_{|\alpha| > \delta} |\alpha| |\varphi(\alpha)| d\alpha \\ &\leq \int |\alpha| e^{-\alpha^2 c_1/4} d\alpha + b_{t,1}^{-2} d_t^2 \eta^{t-\nu-1} \int |\alpha| |\varphi(\alpha)| d\alpha < \infty, \end{aligned}$$

where we have used the fact that  $d_t^2 \eta^{t-\nu-1} \rightarrow 0$  and  $b_{t,1} \rightarrow \psi \neq 0$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ . The integrability of  $|\Phi_t(\alpha)|$  implies the uniform boundedness of the densities  $f_t(x)$  due to the inverse formula. Similarly, the integrability of  $|\alpha| |\Phi_t(\alpha)|$  gives the uniform boundedness of the derivative of  $f_t(x)$ . As a matter of fact, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \frac{d}{dx} f_t(x) \right| &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \left| \frac{d}{dx} \int e^{-i\alpha x} \Phi_t(\alpha) d\alpha \right| = \frac{1}{2\pi} \left| \int (-i\alpha) e^{-i\alpha x} \Phi_t(\alpha) d\alpha \right| \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2\pi} \int |\alpha| |\Phi_t(\alpha)| d\alpha \leq C. \end{aligned}$$

It follows immediately from the mean value theorem that  $\sup_x |f_t(x+y) - f_t(x)| \leq C|y|$ . The normality approximation can be found in literature, for example, equation (5.11) of Wang and Phillips (2009, p. 729).  $\square$

Similarly, we have the following lemma for the components in the decomposition of  $x_t$  in (C.2) and (C.4).

**Lemma C.2.** *Suppose that Assumption 1 holds. For  $t$  or  $t - s$  is large,*

- (1) *Let  $\tilde{d}_t^2 = E[(x_t^{(t-d)})^2]$ .  $\tilde{d}_t^{-1} x_t^{(t-d)}$  have uniformly bounded densities  $f_{t/d}(x)$  over all  $t$  and  $x$  satisfying a uniform Lipschitz condition  $\sup_x |f_{t/d}(x+y) - f_{t/d}(x)| \leq C|y|$  for any  $y$  and*



some constant  $C > 0$ . In addition,  $\sup_x |f_{t/d}(x) - \phi(x)| \rightarrow 0$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$  where  $\phi(x)$  is the standard normal density function.

(2) For  $1 \leq s < t$  and  $t - s > d$ , let  $\tilde{d}_{ts}^2 = E[(x_{ts}^{(t-d)})^2]$ .  $\tilde{d}_{ts}^{-1}x_{ts}^{(t-d)}$  have uniformly bounded densities  $f_{ts/d}(x)$  over all  $(t, s)$  and  $x$  satisfying the above uniform Lipschitz condition as well.

It is noteworthy that  $\tilde{d}_t \sim \sqrt{t}$ , the same order as  $d_t$  for large  $t$ , and  $\tilde{d}_{ts} \sim \sqrt{t-s}$ , the same order as  $d_{ts}$ , for large  $t-s$  noting by that  $d$  is fixed. This fact will be used frequently in the following derivation which, for simplicity, will not be mentioned repeatedly.

The proof of the lemma is exactly that same as that of Lemma C.1, hence we omit it.

**Lemma C.3.** *Suppose that Assumptions A and B.1(b) hold.*

(1) Let  $p(\cdot)$  be a function such that  $\mathbb{E}|p(z_t)| < \infty$ ,  $h(\cdot)$  be an integrable function on  $\mathbb{R}$ , i.e.  $\int |h(x)|dx < \infty$ . Then, for large  $t$ ,  $|\mathbb{E}p(z_t)h(x_t)| < C\tilde{d}_t^{-1}\mathbb{E}|p(z_t)| \int |h(x)|dx(1 + O(\tilde{d}_t^{-1}))$ .

(2) Let  $p_1(\cdot)$  and  $p_2(\cdot)$  satisfy the above condition for  $p(\cdot)$ ; and  $h_1(\cdot)$  is integrable and  $h_2(\cdot)$  is such that  $\int |xh_2(x)|dx < \infty$ . For  $1 \leq s < t$  and  $t - s > d$ ,  $|\mathbb{E}[p_1(z_t)p_2(z_s)h_1(x_t)h_2(x_s)]| \leq C\tilde{d}_{ts}^{-1}\tilde{d}_s^{-1}\mathbb{E}|p_1(z_t)|\mathbb{E}|p_2(z_s)| \int |h_1(x)|dx \int |h_2(x)|dx(1 + O(\tilde{d}_{ts}^{-1}))$ .

*Proof.* (1) Invoking the decomposition (C.2) of  $x_t$ , the conditional argument and Lemma C.2, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}p(z_t)h(x_t) &= \mathbb{E}p(z_t)h(x_t^{(d)} + x_t^{(t-d)}) = \mathbb{E} \int p(z_t)h(x_t^{(d)} + \tilde{d}_t x)f_{t/d}(x)dx \\ &= \frac{1}{\tilde{d}_t} \mathbb{E} \int p(z_t)h(x)f_{t/d}\left(\frac{x - x_t^{(d)}}{\tilde{d}_t}\right) dx \\ &= \frac{1}{\tilde{d}_t} \mathbb{E}p(z_t) \int h(x)f_{t/d}\left(\frac{x}{\tilde{d}_t}\right) dx \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{\tilde{d}_t} \mathbb{E}p(z_t) \int h(x) \left[ f_{t/d}\left(\frac{x - x_t^{(d)}}{\tilde{d}_t}\right) - f_{t/d}\left(\frac{x}{\tilde{d}_t}\right) \right] dx. \end{aligned}$$

Then, it follows immediately from the uniform boundedness and Lipschitz condition for the densities in Lemma C.2,  $|\mathbb{E}p(z_t)h(x_t)| < C\tilde{d}_t^{-1}\mathbb{E}|p(z_t)| \int |h(x)|dx + C_1\tilde{d}_t^{-2}\mathbb{E}|p(z_t)x_t^{(d)}| \int |h(x)|dx$  from which the assertion holds in view of  $\tilde{d}_t^{-1} = o(1)$  for large  $t$ .

(2) Invoking the decompositions (C.3) and (C.4) of  $x_t$ , and similar to the above,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[p_1(z_t)p_2(z_s)h_1(x_t)h_2(x_s)] &= \mathbb{E}[p_1(z_t)p_2(z_s)h_2(x_s)h_1(x_t^{(d)} + x_{ts}^{(t-d)} + x_s^*)] \\ &= \mathbb{E} \int p_1(z_t)p_2(z_s)h_2(x_s)h_1(x_t^{(d)} + \tilde{d}_{ts}x + x_s^*)f_{ts/d}(x)dx \\ &= \frac{1}{\tilde{d}_{ts}} \mathbb{E} \int p_1(z_t)p_2(z_s)h_2(x_s)h_1(x)f_{ts/d}\left(\frac{x - x_t^{(d)} - x_s^*}{\tilde{d}_{ts}}\right) dx \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{1}{\tilde{d}_{ts}} \mathbb{E}[p_1(z_t)p_2(z_s)h_2(x_s)] \int h_1(x)f_{ts/d} \left( \frac{x}{\tilde{d}_{ts}} \right) dx \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{\tilde{d}_{ts}} \mathbb{E} \int p_1(z_t)p_2(z_s)h_2(x_s)h_1(x) \left[ f_{ts/d} \left( \frac{x - x_t^{(d)} - x_s^*}{\tilde{d}_{ts}} \right) - f_{ts/d} \left( \frac{x}{\tilde{d}_{ts}} \right) \right] dx.
\end{aligned}$$

Then,

$$\begin{aligned}
|\mathbb{E}[p_1(z_t)p_2(z_s)h_1(x_t)h_2(x_s)]| &\leq C\tilde{d}_{ts}^{-1}\mathbb{E}|p_1(z_t)|\mathbb{E}|p_2(z_s)h_2(x_s)| \int |h_1(x)|dx \\
&\quad + C_1\tilde{d}_{ts}^{-2}\mathbb{E}|p_1(z_t)x_t^{(d)}|\mathbb{E}|p_2(z_s)h_2(x_s)| \int |h_1(x)|dx \\
&\quad + C_2\tilde{d}_{ts}^{-2}\mathbb{E}|p_1(z_t)|\mathbb{E}|p_2(z_s)h_2(x_s)x_s^*| \int |h_1(x)|dx.
\end{aligned}$$

With further calculation,  $\mathbb{E}|p_2(z_s)h_2(x_s)| \leq C_3\tilde{d}_s^{-1}\mathbb{E}|p_2(z_s)| \int |h_2(x)|dx$ , and noting that  $x_s^* = x_s + \bar{x}_s$  and  $\bar{x}_s = O_P(1)$ ,  $\mathbb{E}|p_2(z_s)h_2(x_s)x_s^*| \leq C_4\tilde{d}_s^{-1}\mathbb{E}|p_2(z_s)| \int |xh_2(x)|dx$ . In conclusion,  $|\mathbb{E}[p_1(z_t)p_2(z_s)h_1(x_t)h_2(x_s)]| \leq C\tilde{d}_{ts}^{-1}\tilde{d}_s^{-1}\mathbb{E}|p_1(z_t)|\mathbb{E}|p_2(z_s)| \int |h_1(x)|dx \int |h_2(x)|dx(1 + o(1))$ , in view of  $\tilde{d}_{ts}^{-1} = o(1)$  for large  $t - s$ .  $\square$

Recall that  $\phi_{k_1}(r) = (\varphi_1(r), \dots, \varphi_{k_1}(r))^\top$ . Some preliminaries are as follows.

**Lemma C.4.** (1)  $\left\| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^n \phi_{k_1}(t/n)\phi_{k_1}'(t/n) - I_{k_1} \right\|^2 = O(n^{-2}k_1^2)$  as  $k_1/n \rightarrow 0$ ;  
(2)  $\sup_{0 \leq r \leq 1} \|\phi_{k_1}(r)\|^2 = k_1 + O(1)$  as  $k_1 \rightarrow \infty$ .

*Proof.* (1) Note that the matrix  $\sum_{t=1}^n \phi_{k_1}(t/n)\phi_{k_1}'(t/n)$  has element at  $(u, v)$ ,  $u, v = 1, \dots, k_1$ ,  $\sum_{t=1}^n \varphi_u(t/n)\varphi_v(t/n)$ . At the diagonal are, for  $v = 1, \dots, k_1$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{t=1}^n \varphi_v^2(t/n) &= 2 \sum_{t=1}^n \cos^2(\pi vt/n) = n + \sum_{t=1}^n \cos(2\pi vt/n) \\
&= n + \mathbf{Re} \sum_{t=1}^n \exp(i2\pi vt/n) \\
&= n + \mathbf{Re} \left[ \exp(i2\pi v/n) \sum_{t=0}^{n-1} \exp(i2\pi vt/n) \right] \\
&= n + \mathbf{Re} \left[ \exp(i2\pi v/n) \frac{1 - \exp(i2\pi v)}{1 - \exp(i2\pi v/n)} \right] = n,
\end{aligned}$$

where  $i$  is the imagine unit. At off-diagonal are, for  $u > v > 0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{t=1}^n \varphi_u(t/n)\varphi_v(t/n) &= 2 \sum_{t=1}^n \cos(\pi ut/n) \cos(\pi vt/n) \\
&= \sum_{t=1}^n [\cos(\pi(u+v)t/n) + \cos(\pi(u-v)t/n)] = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } u+v \text{ is even;} \\ -2 & \text{if } u+v \text{ is odd,} \end{cases}
\end{aligned}$$

because for any  $w \geq 1$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{t=1}^n \cos(\pi wt/n) &= \mathbf{Re} \sum_{t=1}^n \exp(i\pi wt/n) = \mathbf{Re} \left[ \exp(i\pi w/n) \sum_{t=0}^{n-1} \exp(i\pi wt/n) \right] \\ &= \mathbf{Re} \left[ \exp(i\pi w/n) \frac{1 - \exp(i\pi w)}{1 - \exp(i\pi w/n)} \right] = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } w \text{ is even;} \\ -1 & \text{if } w \text{ is odd.} \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

Hence, the assertion follows. (2) Observe that

$$\begin{aligned} \|\phi_{k_1}(r)\|^2 &= \sum_{j=1}^{k_1} \varphi_j^2(r) = \sum_{j=1}^{k_1} 2 \cos^2(\pi jr) \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^{k_1} [1 + \cos(2\pi jr)] = k_1 + \sum_{j=1}^{k_1} \cos(2\pi jr) \\ &= k_1 + \mathbf{Re} \sum_{j=1}^{k_1} \exp(i2\pi jr) = k_1 + \mathbf{Re} \left[ \exp(i2\pi r) \sum_{j=0}^{k_1-1} \exp(i2\pi jr) \right] \\ &= k_1 + \mathbf{Re} \left[ \exp(i2\pi r) \frac{1 - \exp(i2\pi k_1 r)}{1 - \exp(i2\pi r)} \right] \\ &= k_1 + \frac{[\cos(2\pi r) - \cos(2\pi k_1 r)][1 - \cos(2\pi r)] + \sin(2\pi r)[\sin(2\pi r) - \sin(2\pi k_1 r)]}{2(1 - \cos(2\pi r))} \\ &= k_1 + \frac{1}{2}(1 + 2 \cos(2\pi r) - \cos(2\pi k_1 r)) - \frac{\sin(2\pi k_1 r) \sin(2\pi r)}{2(1 - \cos(2\pi r))} \\ &= k_1 + \frac{1}{2}(1 + 2 \cos(2\pi r) - \cos(2\pi k_1 r)) - \frac{\sin(2\pi k_1 r) \cos(\pi r)}{2 \sin(\pi r)}. \end{aligned}$$

Notice that  $\lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \sin(2\pi k_1 r) \cos(\pi r) / \sin(\pi r) = -k_1$  and  $\lim_{r \rightarrow 1} \sin(2\pi k_1 r) \cos(\pi r) / \sin(\pi r) = k_1$ . Then, it follows from the continuity of sin function that the assertion holds.  $\square$

We are about to study the asymptotics of  $B_{nk}^\top B_{nk}$  which plays a significant role in the derivation of the limit distribution for the estimators. Note that  $B_{nk}^\top B_{nk}$  has the following block expression

$$\begin{aligned} B_{nk}^\top B_{nk} &= \sum_{t=1}^n \begin{pmatrix} \phi_{k_1}(t/n) \phi_{k_1}(t/n)^\top & \phi_{k_1}(t/n) a_{k_2}(z_t)^\top & \phi_{k_1}(t/n) b_{k_3}(x_t)^\top \\ a_{k_2}(z_t) \phi_{k_1}(t/n)^\top & a_{k_2}(z_t) a_{k_2}(z_t)^\top & a_{k_2}(z_t) b_{k_3}(x_t)^\top \\ b_{k_3}(x_t) \phi_{k_1}(t/n)^\top & b_{k_3}(x_t) a_{k_2}(z_t)^\top & b_{k_3}(x_t) b_{k_3}(x_t)^\top \end{pmatrix} \\ &:= \begin{pmatrix} \Pi_{11} & \Pi_{12} & \Pi_{13} \\ \Pi_{21} & \Pi_{22} & \Pi_{23} \\ \Pi_{31} & \Pi_{32} & \Pi_{33} \end{pmatrix}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\Pi_{ij}$  are defined according to the blocks in  $B_{nk}^\top B_{nk}$ , e.g.,  $\Pi_{11} = \sum_{t=1}^n \phi_{k_1}(t/n) \phi_{k_1}(t/n)^\top$ .

**Lemma C.5.** Let  $D_n = \text{diag}(\sqrt{n}I_{k_1}, \sqrt{n}I_{k_2}, \sqrt{n/d_n}I_{k_3})$  and  $U_k = \text{diag}(U_*, L_W(1, 0)I_{k_3})$  where  $U_* = \text{diag}(I_{k_1}, U_{*22})$ ,  $U_{*22}$  is a square matrix of dimension  $k_2$ ,  $U_{*22} = \mathbb{E}[a_{k_2}(z_1)a_{k_2}(z_1)']$ , and  $L_W(1, 0)$  is the local time of  $W(r)$  at point 0 over time period  $[0, 1]$ . Then, under Assumptions A, B and D,  $\|D_n^{-1}B'_{nk}B_{nk}D_n^{-1} - U_k\| = o_P(1)$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  on a richer probability space. Particularly,  $\|\frac{1}{n}\Pi_{11} - I_{k_1}\| = o(1)$ ,  $\|\frac{1}{n}\Pi_{22} - U_{*22}\| = o_P(1)$  and  $\|\frac{d_n}{n}\Pi_{33} - L_W(1, 0)I_{k_3}\| = o_P(1)$ .

*Proof.* As we shall consider two cases for the process  $z_t$  according to Assumption B, we divide the proof into two steps, the steps A and B. Step A considers the case that  $z_t$  and  $x_t$  are independent each other, whereas Step B deals with the case that  $z_t$  and  $x_t$  are possibly correlated.

**Step A.** Because Assumption B.2 has two parallel parts B.2(a) and B.2(b), the whole proof is mainly based on Assumption B.2(a), since B.2(b) is a similar but easier case. For brevity we do not mention this in what follows. Observe that

$$\begin{aligned} D_n^{-1}B'_{nk}B_{nk}D_n^{-1} &= \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{n}\Pi_{11} & \frac{1}{n}\Pi_{12} & \frac{\sqrt{d_n}}{n}\Pi_{13} \\ \frac{1}{n}\Pi_{21} & \frac{1}{n}\Pi_{22} & \frac{\sqrt{d_n}}{n}\Pi_{23} \\ \frac{\sqrt{d_n}}{n}\Pi_{31} & \frac{\sqrt{d_n}}{n}\Pi_{32} & \frac{d_n}{n}\Pi_{33} \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \sum_{t=1}^n \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{n}\phi_{k_1}(t/n)\phi_{k_1}(t/n)' & \frac{1}{n}\phi_{k_1}(t/n)a_{k_2}(z_t)' & \frac{\sqrt{d_n}}{n}\phi_{k_1}(t/n)b_{k_3}(x_t)' \\ \frac{1}{n}a_{k_2}(z_t)\phi_{k_1}(t/n)' & \frac{1}{n}a_{k_2}(z_t)a_{k_2}(z_t)' & \frac{\sqrt{d_n}}{n}a_{k_2}(z_t)b_{k_3}(x_t)' \\ \frac{\sqrt{d_n}}{n}b_{k_3}(x_t)\phi_{k_1}(t/n)' & \frac{\sqrt{d_n}}{n}b_{k_3}(x_t)a_{k_2}(z_t)' & \frac{d_n}{n}b_{k_3}(x_t)b_{k_3}(x_t)' \end{pmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

To prove the assertion, it suffices to show that  $\|\frac{1}{n}\Pi_{11} - I_{k_1}\| = o(1)$ ,  $\|\frac{1}{n}\Pi_{22} - U_{*22}\| = o_P(1)$ ,  $\|\frac{d_n}{n}\Pi_{33} - L_W(1, 0)I_{k_3}\| = o_P(1)$  and  $\|\frac{1}{n}\Pi_{12}\| = o_P(1)$ ,  $\|\frac{\sqrt{d_n}}{n}\Pi_{13}\| = o_P(1)$ ,  $\|\frac{\sqrt{d_n}}{n}\Pi_{23}\| = o_P(1)$ . We shall show them one by one.

(1) By Lemma C.4,  $\|\frac{1}{n}\Pi_{11} - I_{k_1}\|^2 = \frac{1}{n^2}O(k_1^2) = o(1)$  due to Assumption D.

(2) Consider  $\|\frac{1}{n}\Pi_{22} - U_{*22}\|^2 = o_P(1)$ . Note that  $\Pi_{22} = \sum_{t=1}^n a_{k_2}(z_t)a_{k_2}(z_t)'$  is a square matrix of dimension  $k_2 \times k_2$  where at  $(i, j)$  is  $\sum_{t=1}^n p_{i-1}(z_t)p_{j-1}(z_t)$ ,  $i, j = 1, \dots, k_2$ . Note also that

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| \frac{1}{n}\Pi_{22} - U_{*22} \right\|^2 &= \sum_{i=1}^{k_2} \left( \frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^n (p_{i-1}^2(z_t) - \mathbb{E}[p_{i-1}^2(z_t)]) \right)^2 \\ &\quad + 2 \sum_{i=2}^{k_2} \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} \left( \frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^n (p_{i-1}(z_t)p_{j-1}(z_t) - \mathbb{E}[p_{i-1}(z_t)p_{j-1}(z_t)]) \right)^2, \end{aligned}$$

where the first term is related to the elements of  $\Pi_{22}$  on the diagonal, while the second is about the elements at off-diagonal. Note further that

$$\frac{1}{n^2} \mathbb{E} \left( \sum_{t=1}^n \{p_{i-1}^2(z_t) - \mathbb{E}[p_{i-1}^2(z_t)]\} \right)^2$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{t=1}^n \mathbb{E}\{p_{i-1}^2(z_t) - \mathbb{E}[p_{i-1}^2(z_t)]\}^2 \\
&\quad + \frac{2}{n^2} \sum_{t=2}^n \sum_{s=1}^{t-1} \mathbb{E}\{ (p_{i-1}^2(z_t) - \mathbb{E}[p_{i-1}^2(z_t)]) (p_{i-1}^2(z_s) - \mathbb{E}[p_{i-1}^2(z_s)]) \} \\
&= \frac{1}{n} \text{Var}[p_v^2(z_1)] + \frac{2}{n^2} \sum_{t=2}^n \sum_{s=1}^{t-1} \text{cov}(p_{i-1}^2(z_t), p_{i-1}^2(z_s)).
\end{aligned}$$

Using Davydov's inequality in Corollary 1.1 of Bosq (1996, p. 19) or Theorem A.1 of Gao (2007), we have  $|\text{cov}(p_{i-1}^2(z_t), p_{i-1}^2(z_s))| \leq C\alpha(|t-s|)^{\delta/(\delta+2)} [\mathbb{E}p_{i-1}^{2(2+\delta)}(z_t)]^{2/(2+\delta)}$ . Hence, by Assumption B,

$$\mathbb{E} \left( \frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^n p_{i-1}^2(z_t) - \mathbb{E}[p_{i-1}^2(z_1)] \right)^2 \leq \frac{1}{n} \text{Var}[p_{i-1}^2(z_1)] + \frac{1}{n} [\mathbb{E}p_{i-1}^{2(2+\delta)}(z_1)]^{2/(2+\delta)}.$$

Similarly, for  $i \neq j$ , directly use of  $\alpha$ -mixing condition for the function of  $z_t$  gives

$$\begin{aligned}
&\mathbb{E} \left( \frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^n (p_{i-1}(z_t)p_{j-1}(z_t) - \mathbb{E}[p_{i-1}(z_t)p_{j-1}(z_t)]) \right)^2 \\
&\leq \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{t=1}^n \mathbb{E}[p_{i-1}(z_t)p_{j-1}(z_t) - \mathbb{E}[p_{i-1}(z_t)p_{j-1}(z_t)]]^2 \\
&\quad + \frac{2}{n^2} \sum_{t=2}^n \sum_{s=1}^{t-1} |\text{cov}(p_{i-1}(z_t)p_{j-1}(z_t), p_{i-1}(z_s)p_{j-1}(z_s))| \\
&\leq \frac{1}{n} (\mathbb{E}[p_{i-1}^4(z_1)]\mathbb{E}[p_{j-1}^4(z_1)])^{1/2} + C \frac{1}{n} (\mathbb{E}|p_{i-1}(z_1)p_{j-1}(z_1)|^{2+\delta})^{2/(2+\delta)},
\end{aligned}$$

by Cauchy-Schwarz inequality and  $\alpha$ -mixing condition. Thus, if Assumption B.2(a) holds, we have, ignoring all constants,

$$\begin{aligned}
&\mathbb{E} \left\| \frac{1}{n} \Pi_{22} - U_{*22} \right\|^2 \\
&\leq \sum_{i=1}^{k_2} \left( \frac{1}{n} \text{Var}[p_{i-1}^2(z_1)] + \frac{1}{n} [\mathbb{E}p_{i-1}^{2(2+\delta)}(z_1)]^{2/(2+\delta)} \right) \\
&\quad + 2 \sum_{i=2}^{k_2} \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} \frac{1}{n} (\mathbb{E}[p_{i-1}^4(z_1)]\mathbb{E}[p_{j-1}^4(z_1)])^{1/2} \\
&\quad + C \sum_{i=2}^{k_2} \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} \frac{1}{n} (\mathbb{E}|p_{i-1}(z_1)p_{j-1}(z_1)|^{2+\delta})^{2/(2+\delta)} \\
&\leq \frac{1}{n} k_2^2 + \frac{1}{n} k_2^{(4+\delta)/(2+\delta)} + \frac{1}{n} k_2^{5/2} + \frac{1}{n} k_2^{(6+2\delta)/(2+\delta)} \\
&= \frac{1}{n} k_2^{2+2/(2+\delta)} (1 + o(1)) = o(1)
\end{aligned}$$

by Assumption D, where we have used Cauchy-Schwarz inequality to derive the upper bound for some terms, e.g.  $(\mathbb{E}|p_{v_1}(z_1)p_{v_2}(z_1)|^{2+\delta})^{2/(2+\delta)} \leq (\mathbb{E}|p_{v_1}(z_1)|^{2(2+\delta)}\mathbb{E}|p_{v_2}(z_1)|^{2(2+\delta)})^{1/(2+\delta)} \leq (v_1v_2)^{1/(2+\delta)}$ . If Assumption B.2(b) holds, it is readily seen that

$$\mathbb{E} \left\| \frac{1}{n} \Pi_{22} - U_{*22} \right\|^2 = O(1) \frac{1}{n} k_2^2 = o(1)$$

due to Assumption D again.

(3) The assertion  $\| \frac{d_n}{n} \Pi_{33} - L_W(1, 0) I_{k_3} \| = o_P(1)$  is exactly the result of Theorem 3.2 of Cai et al. (2015).

(4) To show  $\| \frac{1}{n} \Pi_{12} \| = o_P(1)$ , note that  $\Pi_{12} = \sum_{t=1}^n \phi_{k_1}(t/n) a_{k_2}(z_t)'$  is a  $k_1 \times k_2$  matrix, where  $\phi_{k_1}(r) = (\varphi_1(r), \dots, \varphi_{k_1}(r))'$  and  $a_{k_2}(z) = (p_0(z), \dots, p_{k_2-1}(z))'$ . Hence,  $\Pi_{12}$  has elements  $\sum_{t=1}^n \varphi_i(t/n) p_j(z_t)$  for  $i = 1, \dots, k_1, j = 0, 1, \dots, k_2 - 1$ . For  $i \geq 1$ , write

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^n \varphi_i(t/n) p_j(z_t) \\ &= \mathbb{E}[p_j(z_1)] \frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^n \varphi_i(t/n) + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^n \varphi_i(t/n) (p_j(z_t) - \mathbb{E}[p_j(z_t)]) \\ &= C \mathbb{E}[p_j(z_1)] \frac{1}{n} + O_P(n^{-1/2}) [\mathbb{E} p_{i-1}^{2(2+\delta)}(z_1)]^{1/(2+\delta)} \end{aligned}$$

using Lemma C.4 for the first term and the  $\alpha$ -mixing condition for the second term. It follows that

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbb{E} \left\| \frac{1}{n} \Pi_{12} \right\|^2 = \sum_{i=1}^{k_1} \sum_{j=0}^{k_2-1} \mathbb{E} \left( \frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^n \varphi_i(t/n) p_j(z_t) \right)^2 \\ & \leq 2 \sum_{i=1}^{k_1} \sum_{j=0}^{k_2-1} \mathbb{E} \left( \frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^n \varphi_i(t/n) (p_j(z_t) - \mathbb{E}[p_j(z_t)]) \right)^2 \\ & \quad + 2 \sum_{i=1}^{k_1-1} \sum_{j=0}^{k_2-1} \left( \mathbb{E}[p_j(z_1)] \frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^n \varphi_i(t/n) \right)^2 \\ & = 2 \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{i=1}^{k_1-1} \sum_{j=0}^{k_2-1} \text{Var}[p_j(z_1)] \sum_{t=1}^n \varphi_i^2(t/n) \\ & \quad + 4 \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{i=1}^{k_1-1} \sum_{j=0}^{k_2-1} \sum_{t=2}^n \sum_{s=1}^{t-1} \varphi_i(t/n) \varphi_j(s/n) \text{Cov}[p_j(z_t), p_j(z_s)] \\ & \quad + 8 \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{i=1}^{k_1-1} \sum_{j=0}^{k_2-1} (\mathbb{E}[p_j(z_1)])^2 \\ & \leq C_1 \frac{1}{n} k_1 k_2^{1+2/(2+\delta)} + C_2 \frac{1}{n^2} k_1 k_2^2 = o(1), \end{aligned}$$

by Assumption B for the  $\alpha$ -mixing condition for  $z_t$  and the moment condition, as well as As-

sumption D for the  $k_i$ .

(5)  $\|\frac{\sqrt{d_n}}{n}\Pi_{13}\| = o_P(1)$ , here  $\Pi_{13} = \sum_{t=1}^n \phi_{k_1}(t/n)b_{k_3}(x_t)'$  is of  $k_1 \times k_3$  in view of  $b_{k_3}(x) = (\mathcal{H}_0(x), \dots, \mathcal{H}_{k_3-1}(x))'$ . Then,  $\Pi_{13}$  has elements  $\sum_{t=1}^n \varphi_i(t/n)\mathcal{H}_j(x_t)$  where  $i = 1, \dots, k_1, j = 0, 1, \dots, k_3 - 1$ . Using the decomposition  $x_t = x_{ts} + x_s^*$  and the densities in Lemma C.1, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& \mathbb{E} \left( \frac{\sqrt{d_n}}{n} \sum_{t=1}^n \varphi_i(t/n)\mathcal{H}_j(x_t) \right)^2 \\
&= \frac{d_n}{n^2} \sum_{t=1}^n \varphi_i^2(t/n)\mathbb{E}[\mathcal{H}_j^2(x_t)] \\
&\quad + 2 \frac{d_n}{n^2} \sum_{t=2}^n \sum_{s=1}^{t-1} \varphi_i(t/n)\varphi_i(s/n)\mathbb{E}[\mathcal{H}_j(x_t)\mathcal{H}_j(x_s)] \\
&= \frac{d_n}{n^2} \sum_{t=1}^n \frac{1}{d_t} \varphi_i^2(t/n) \int \mathcal{H}_j^2(x) f_t \left( \frac{x}{d_t} \right) dx \\
&\quad + 2 \frac{d_n}{n^2} \sum_{t=2}^n \sum_{s=1}^{t-1} \varphi_i(t/n)\varphi_i(s/n)\mathbb{E}[\mathcal{H}_j(x_{ts} + x_s^*)\mathcal{H}_j(x_s)] \\
&\leq C_1 \frac{d_n}{n^2} \sum_{t=1}^n \frac{1}{d_t} + 2 \frac{d_n}{n^2} \sum_{t=2}^n \sum_{s=1}^{t-1} \frac{1}{d_{ts}} \varphi_i(t/n)\varphi_i(s/n) \\
&\quad \times \mathbb{E} \int \mathcal{H}_j(x)\mathcal{H}_j(x_s) f_{ts} \left( \frac{x - x_s^*}{d_{ts}} \right) dx \\
&\leq C_1 \frac{1}{n} + C_2 \frac{d_n}{n^2} \sum_{t=2}^n \sum_{s=1}^{t-1} \frac{1}{d_{ts}} \mathbb{E}|\mathcal{H}_j(x_s)| \int |\mathcal{H}_j(x)| dx \\
&\leq C_1 \frac{1}{n} + C_2 \frac{d_n}{n^2} \sum_{t=2}^n \sum_{s=1}^{t-1} \frac{1}{d_{ts}} \frac{1}{d_s} \left( \int |\mathcal{H}_j(x)| dx \right)^2 \\
&\leq C_1 \frac{1}{n} + C_2 \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sqrt{j} = C \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sqrt{j},
\end{aligned}$$

where we derive  $\int |\mathcal{H}_j(x)| dx = O(1)j^{1/4}$  for large  $j$ , because, by Askey and Wainger (1965, p. 700) there exist two positive constants  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  such that  $|\mathcal{H}_j(x)| \leq c_1(|N - x^2| + N^{1/3})^{-1/4}$  whenever  $x^2 < N = 2j + 1$ , otherwise  $|\mathcal{H}_j(x)| < c_1 \exp(-c_2 x^2)$ . Straightforward calculation yields  $\int |\mathcal{H}_j(x)| dx = O(1)j^{1/4}$  for large  $j$ . It follows that  $\mathbb{E}\|\frac{\sqrt{d_n}}{n}\Pi_{13}\|^2 \leq C \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} k_1 k_3^{3/2} = o(1)$ .

(6)  $\|\frac{\sqrt{d_n}}{n}\Pi_{23}\| = o_P(1)$ , where  $\Pi_{23} = \sum_{t=1}^n a_{k_2}(z_t)b_{k_3}(x_t)'$  and  $\Pi_{23}$  is of  $k_2 \times k_3$  and has elements  $\sum_{t=1}^n p_i(z_t)\mathcal{H}_j(x_t)$  where  $i = 0, 1, \dots, k_2 - 1$  and  $j = 0, 1, \dots, k_3 - 1$ . Using the densities in Lemma C.1, the independence and the  $\alpha$ -mixing condition again, we may calculate

$$\begin{aligned}
& \mathbb{E} \left( \frac{\sqrt{d_n}}{n} \sum_{t=1}^n p_i(z_t)\mathcal{H}_j(x_t) \right)^2 \\
&= \frac{d_n}{n^2} \sum_{t=1}^n \mathbb{E}[p_i^2(z_t)]\mathbb{E}[\mathcal{H}_j^2(x_t)]
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& + 2 \frac{d_n}{n^2} \sum_{t=2}^n \sum_{s=1}^{t-1} \mathbb{E}[p_i(z_t)p_i(z_s)] \mathbb{E}[\mathcal{H}_j(x_t)\mathcal{H}_j(x_s)] \\
& \leq C_1 \mathbb{E}[p_i^2(z_t)] \frac{d_n}{n^2} \sum_{t=1}^n \frac{1}{d_t} \\
& \quad + 2 \frac{d_n}{n^2} \sum_{t=2}^n \sum_{s=1}^{t-1} |\mathbb{E}[p_i(z_t)p_i(z_s)]| \frac{1}{d_{ts}} \frac{1}{d_s} \left( \int |\mathcal{H}_j(x)| dx \right)^2 \\
& \leq C_1 \sqrt{i} \frac{1}{n} + C_2 \sqrt{j} \frac{d_n}{n^2} \sum_{t=2}^n \sum_{s=1}^{t-1} \frac{1}{d_{ts}} \frac{1}{d_s} \mathbb{E}[|p_i(z_t)|^2] \\
& \leq C_1 \sqrt{i} \frac{1}{n} + C_2 \sqrt{i} \sqrt{j} \frac{d_n}{n^2} \sum_{t=2}^n \sum_{s=1}^{t-1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{t-s}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{s}} \\
& = C_1 \sqrt{i} \frac{1}{n} + C_2 \sqrt{ij} \frac{d_n}{n} \\
& = C_1 \sqrt{i} \frac{1}{n} + C_2 \sqrt{ij} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} = C \sqrt{ij} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}.
\end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $\mathbb{E} \|\frac{\sqrt{d_n}}{n} \Pi_{23}\|^2 \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} k_2^{3/2} k_3^{3/2} = o(1)$  by Assumption D. The proof of Step A is complete.

**Step B.** It is clear that we only need to prove the assertions about  $\Pi_{12}$ ,  $\Pi_{22}$  and  $\Pi_{23}$  ( $\Pi_{32}$ ). Here, noting that  $z_t = \rho(\epsilon_t, \dots, \epsilon_{t-d+1}; \eta_t, \dots, \eta_{t-d+1})$ ,  $z_t$  is  $d$ -dependent sequence which is a subclass of  $\alpha$ -mixing. Thus, the assertions about  $\Pi_{12}$  and  $\Pi_{22}$  hold immediately. As  $\Pi_{23}$  contains  $z_t$  and  $x_t$  simultaneously, we now dwell on  $\|\frac{\sqrt{d_n}}{n} \Pi_{23}\| = o_P(1)$ , under the definition of  $z_t = \rho(\epsilon_t, \dots, \epsilon_{t-d+1}; \eta_t, \dots, \eta_{t-d+1})$ . Observe that  $\Pi_{23}$  has elements  $\sum_{t=1}^n p_i(z_t) \mathcal{H}_j(x_t)$ , and

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbb{E} \left( \frac{\sqrt{d_n}}{n} \sum_{t=1}^n p_i(z_t) \mathcal{H}_j(x_t) \right)^2 & = \frac{d_n}{n^2} \sum_{t=1}^n \mathbb{E}[p_i^2(z_t) \mathcal{H}_j^2(x_t)] \\
& \quad + 2 \frac{d_n}{n^2} \sum_{t=2}^n \sum_{s=1}^{t-1} \mathbb{E}[p_i(z_t)p_i(z_s) \mathcal{H}_j(x_t)\mathcal{H}_j(x_s)] \\
& := I_1 + I_2, \quad \text{say.}
\end{aligned}$$

In the sum of  $I_1$ , we only consider the summands for large  $t$ ,  $t \geq \tau_n$  with  $\tau_n \rightarrow \infty$  but very slow, as the partial sum for  $t < \tau_n$  is negligible. For large  $t$ , invoking Lemma C.2 and conditional argument,

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbb{E}[p_i^2(z_t) \mathcal{H}_j^2(x_t)] & = \mathbb{E}[p_i^2(z_t) \mathcal{H}_j^2(x_t^{(d)} + x_t^{(t-d)})] \\
& = \mathbb{E}[p_i^2(z_t) \int \mathcal{H}_j^2(x_t^{(d)} + \tilde{d}_t x) f_{t/d}(x) dx] \\
& = \frac{1}{\tilde{d}_t} \mathbb{E}[p_i^2(z_t) \int \mathcal{H}_j^2(x) f_{t/d} \left( \frac{x - x_t^{(d)}}{\tilde{d}_t} \right) dx] \\
& = \frac{1}{\tilde{d}_t} \mathbb{E}[p_i^2(z_t) \int \mathcal{H}_j^2(x) f_{t/d} \left( \frac{x}{\tilde{d}_t} \right) dx]
\end{aligned}$$



$$+ \frac{1}{\tilde{d}_t} \mathbb{E} p_i^2(z_t) \int \mathcal{H}_j^2(x) \left[ f_{t/d} \left( \frac{x - x_t^{(d)}}{\tilde{d}_t} \right) - f_{t/d} \left( \frac{x}{\tilde{d}_t} \right) \right] dx,$$

where using the uniform boundedness of  $f_{t/d}(\cdot)$ , the first term is bounded by  $C \frac{1}{\tilde{d}_t} \mathbb{E}[p_i^2(z_t)] = O(i) d_t^{-1}$  by noting that  $\tilde{d}_t = O(\sqrt{t})$  the same order as  $d_t$ ; while using the Lipschitz condition for  $f_{t/d}(\cdot)$  the second term is bounded in absolute value by  $C \tilde{d}_t^{-2} \mathbb{E}[p_i^2(z_t) | x_t^{(d)}]$  which is proportional to the first term by  $\tilde{d}_t^{-1}$ , recalling the definition of  $x_t^{(d)}$ , and thus is negligible in  $I_1$ . This means  $I_1$  has the same order as its counterpart in Step A.

Now, we consider  $I_2$ . As indicated before, we only consider the large  $t$ ,  $s$  and  $t - s$ . Notice that, by the decomposition (C.3) and (C.4),

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbb{E}[p_i(z_t) p_i(z_s) \mathcal{H}_j(x_t) \mathcal{H}_j(x_s)] = \mathbb{E}[p_i(z_t) p_i(z_s) \mathcal{H}_j(x_{ts} + x_s^*) \mathcal{H}_j(x_s)] \\ &= \mathbb{E}[p_i(z_t) p_i(z_s) \mathcal{H}_j(x_t^{(d)} + x_{ts}^{(t-d)} + x_s^*) \mathcal{H}_j(x_s)] \\ &= \mathbb{E} \int [p_i(z_t) p_i(z_s) \mathcal{H}_j(x_t^{(d)} + \tilde{d}_{ts} x + x_s^*) \mathcal{H}_j(x_s)] f_{ts/d}(x) dx \\ &= \frac{1}{\tilde{d}_{ts}} \mathbb{E} \int [p_i(z_t) p_i(z_s) \mathcal{H}_j(x) \mathcal{H}_j(x_s)] f_{ts/d} \left( \frac{x - x_t^{(d)} - x_s^*}{\tilde{d}_{ts}} \right) dx \\ &= \frac{1}{\tilde{d}_{ts}} \mathbb{E}[p_i(z_t) p_i(z_s) \mathcal{H}_j(x_s)] \int \mathcal{H}_j(x) f_{ts/d} \left( \frac{x}{\tilde{d}_{ts}} \right) dx \\ & \quad + \frac{1}{\tilde{d}_{ts}} \mathbb{E} \int [p_i(z_t) p_i(z_s) \mathcal{H}_j(x) \mathcal{H}_j(x_s)] \left[ f_{ts/d} \left( \frac{x - x_t^{(d)} - x_s^*}{\tilde{d}_{ts}} \right) - f_{ts/d} \left( \frac{x}{\tilde{d}_{ts}} \right) \right] dx \\ & := I_{21}(t, s) + I_{22}(t, s), \quad \text{say.} \end{aligned}$$

Hence, by virtue of the uniform boundedness of the density in Lemma C.2, we have  $|I_{21}(t, s)| \leq d_{ts}^{-1} |\mathbb{E}[p_i(z_t) p_i(z_s) \mathcal{H}_j(x_s)]| \int |\mathcal{H}_j(x)| dx = O(j^{1/4}) d_{ts}^{-1} |\mathbb{E}[p_i(z_t)]| |\mathbb{E}[p_i(z_s) \mathcal{H}_j(x_s)]|$  where the definition of  $z_t$  and the facts that  $\tilde{d}_{ts}$  has the same order as  $d_{ts}$  and  $\int |\mathcal{H}_j(x)| dx = O(j^{1/4})$  derived in Step A are used. Repeated use of the argument will result in  $|\mathbb{E}[p_i(z_s) \mathcal{H}_j(x_s)]| \leq O(j^{1/4}) d_s^{-1} |\mathbb{E}[p_i(z_s)]|$ . Accordingly,  $|I_{21}(t, s)| \leq O(\sqrt{ij}) d_{ts}^{-1} d_s^{-1}$ .

On the other hand, by the Lipschitz condition,

$$|I_{22}(t, s)| \leq O(j^{1/4}) d_{ts}^{-2} (\mathbb{E}[p_i(z_t) x_t^{(d)}] |\mathbb{E}[p_i(z_s) \mathcal{H}_j(x_s)]| + \mathbb{E}[p_i(z_t)] |\mathbb{E}[p_i(z_s) \mathcal{H}_j(x_s) x_s^*]|).$$

Here, for the first term, noting the definition of  $x_t^{(d)}$  and repeated use of the similar argument before for  $\mathbb{E}[p_i(z_s) \mathcal{H}_j(x_s)]$ , it has order  $O(\sqrt{ij}) d_{ts}^{-2} d_s^{-1}$ ; for the second term, noting that  $x_s^* = x_s + \bar{x}_s$  given in Eq. (C.3) and  $\bar{x}_s = O_P(1)$ , it is bounded by  $O(i^{1/2} j^{1/4}) d_{ts}^{-2} d_s^{-1} \int |x \mathcal{H}_j(x)| dx = O(i^{1/2} j) d_{ts}^{-2} d_s^{-1}$  by Lemma C.1 of the supplement of Dong et al. (2016). Eventually,  $|I_{22}(t, s)| \leq O(\sqrt{ij}) d_{ts}^{-1} d_s^{-1}$ .

Therefore,  $\mathbb{E} \|\frac{\sqrt{d_n}}{n} \Pi_{23}\|^2 = O(k_2^{3/2} k_3^{3/2} n^{-1/2}) = o(1)$ . The proof of Step B is finished as

well. □

Moreover, we also study the asymptotics of  $\tilde{B}_{nk}^\top \tilde{B}_{nk}$  where  $\tilde{B}_{nk}$  is the same as  $B_{nk}$  but the stationary process  $z_t$  is replaced by locally stationary process  $z_{nt}$ . The replacement only affects  $\Pi_{12}$  ( $\Pi_{21}$ ),  $\Pi_{23}$  ( $\Pi_{32}$ ) and  $\Pi_{22}$ , denoted respectively by  $\tilde{\Pi}_{12}$ ,  $\tilde{\Pi}_{23}$  and  $\tilde{\Pi}_{22}$  the resulting counterparts. Precisely,

$$\tilde{B}_{nk}^\top \tilde{B}_{nk} := \begin{pmatrix} \Pi_{11} & \tilde{\Pi}_{12} & \Pi_{13} \\ \tilde{\Pi}_{21} & \tilde{\Pi}_{22} & \tilde{\Pi}_{23} \\ \Pi_{31} & \tilde{\Pi}_{32} & \Pi_{33} \end{pmatrix}$$

which is a symmetric matrix with  $\tilde{\Pi}_{12} = \sum_{t=1}^n \phi_{k_1}(t/n) a_{k_2}(z_{nt})^\top$ ,  $\tilde{\Pi}_{22} = \sum_{t=1}^n a_{k_2}(z_{nt}) a_{k_2}(z_{nt})^\top$  and  $\tilde{\Pi}_{13} = \sum_{t=1}^n a_{k_2}(z_{nt}) b_{k_3}(x_t)^\top$ , while all the other blocks remain the same as in Lemma C.9.

Define  $\tilde{U}_k = \text{diag}(\tilde{U}_*, L_W(1, 0) I_{k_3})$ , where  $\tilde{U}_* = (\tilde{U}_{*ij})$  is a symmetric  $2 \times 2$  block matrix of order  $(k_1 + k_2) \times (k_1 + k_2)$  with  $\tilde{U}_{*11} = I_{k_1}$ ,  $\tilde{U}_{*12} = \int_0^1 \phi_{k_1}(r) \mathbb{E}[a_{k_2}(z_1(r))^\top] dr$ , i.e. it has elements  $\int_0^1 \varphi_i(r) \mathbb{E}[p_j(z_1(r))] dr$  for  $i = 1, \dots, k_1$ ,  $j = 0, \dots, k_2 - 1$  and  $\tilde{U}_{*22} = \int_0^1 \mathbb{E}[a_{k_2}(z_1(r)) a_{k_2}(z_1(r))^\top] dr$ , i.e. it has elements  $\int_0^1 \mathbb{E}[p_i(z_1(r)) p_j(z_1(r))] dr$  for  $i, j = 0, \dots, k_2 - 1$ . Once the locally stationary process reduces to be stationary,  $\tilde{U}_{*12} = 0$  since  $\int_0^1 \phi_{k_1}(r) dr = 0$ , and  $\tilde{U}_{*22} = \mathbb{E}[a_{k_2}(z_1) a_{k_2}(z_1)^\top]$ . This means that  $\tilde{U}_k$  would reduce to  $U_k$ .

**Lemma C.6.** *Let  $D_n = \text{diag}(\sqrt{n} I_{k_1}, \sqrt{n} I_{k_2}, \sqrt{n/d_n} I_{k_3})$ . Then, under Assumptions A, B\* and D,  $\|D_n^{-1} \tilde{B}'_{nk} \tilde{B}_{nk} D_n^{-1} - \tilde{U}_k\| = o_P(1)$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  on a richer probability space.*

*Proof.* It is clear we only need to show the convergence of the blocks  $\tilde{\Pi}_{12}$ ,  $\tilde{\Pi}_{23}$  and  $\tilde{\Pi}_{22}$ , that is,  $\|\frac{1}{n} \tilde{\Pi}_{12} - \tilde{Q}_{*12}\| = o_P(1)$ ,  $\|\frac{\sqrt{d_n}}{n} \tilde{\Pi}_{23}\| = o_P(1)$  and  $\|\frac{1}{n} \tilde{\Pi}_{22} - \tilde{Q}_{*22}\| = o_P(1)$ , since all the others are the same as in Lemma C.5.

The proof is divided into two parts, Part A and B, according to Assumption B\*.2 whether  $z_t$  are independent of  $x_t$ .

**Part A.** Note that the matrix  $\tilde{\Pi}_{22}$  has elements  $\sum_{t=1}^n p_i(z_{t,n}) p_j(z_{t,n})$  with  $i, j = 0, \dots, k_2 - 1$ . At the diagonal where  $i = j$  we have  $\frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^n p_i(z_{t,n})^2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^n p_i(z_t(t/n))^2 + O_P(\frac{1}{n})$ . Indeed,

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{n} \left| \sum_{t=1}^n p_i(z_{t,n})^2 - \sum_{t=1}^n p_i(z_t(t/n))^2 \right| \leq \frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^n |p_i(z_{t,n})^2 - p_i(z_t(t/n))^2| \\ & \leq C \frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^n |z_{t,n} - z_t(t/n)| \leq C \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{t=1}^n U_{t,n}(t/n) = O_P\left(\frac{1}{n}\right), \end{aligned}$$

by the definition of locally stationarity of  $z_{t,n}$  in which positive variable  $U_{t,n}(t/n)$  satisfies that  $\sup_t \mathbb{E}[U_{t,n}(t/n)]$  is bounded independent of  $n$ , where since  $z_{t,n}$  have the same compact support stipulated in Assumption B\*.1 the orthogonal polynomials are uniformly bounded. Moreover, for every  $i$ ,  $\frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^n p_i(z_t(t/n))^2 = \int_0^1 \mathbb{E} p_i(z_1(v))^2 dv + O_P(1/n)$ . In fact, using the definition of

Riemann integral and the stationarity of  $z_t(v)$  for each  $v$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^n p_i(z_t(t/n))^2 - \int_0^1 \mathbb{E} p_i(z_1(v))^2 dv \right| \\ & \leq \left| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^n p_i(z_t(t/n))^2 - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^n \mathbb{E} p_i(z_1(t/n))^2 \right| + O\left(\frac{1}{n}\right) \\ & = \left| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^n [p_i(z_t(t/n))^2 - \mathbb{E} p_i(z_t(t/n))^2] \right| + O\left(\frac{1}{n}\right) \end{aligned}$$

and by Assumption B\*.1,

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbb{E} \left| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^n [p_i(z_t(t/n))^2 - \mathbb{E} p_i(z_t(t/n))^2] \right|^2 \\ & = \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{t=1}^n \mathbb{E} [p_i(z_t(t/n))^2 - \mathbb{E} p_i(z_t(t/n))^2]^2 \\ & \quad + 2 \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{t=2}^n \sum_{s=1}^{t-1} \mathbb{E} [(p_i(z_t(t/n))^2 - \mathbb{E} p_i(z_t(t/n))^2)(p_i(z_s(s/n))^2 - \mathbb{E} p_i(z_s(s/n))^2)] \\ & \leq C \frac{1}{n} + 2 \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{t=2}^n \sum_{s=1}^{t-1} \alpha(t-s)^{\delta/(2+\delta)} [\mathbb{E} p_i(z_s(s/n))^{2(2+\delta)}]^{2/(2+\delta)} \\ & \leq C \frac{1}{n} + C_1 \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{t=2}^n \sum_{p=1}^{t-1} \alpha(p)^{\delta/(2+\delta)} \\ & \leq C \frac{1}{n} + C_1 \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{t=2}^n \sum_{p=1}^{\infty} \alpha(p)^{\delta/(2+\delta)} \\ & = C \frac{1}{n}, \end{aligned}$$

by the  $\alpha$ -mixing property of  $z_t(t/n)$  and  $z_s(s/n)$  in Assumption B\*.2.(a) and the uniform boundedness of the orthogonal sequence on the compact set, where  $C$  and  $C_1$  may vary at each appearance. Similarly, for  $i \neq j$ ,

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^n p_i(z_{t,n}) p_j(z_{t,n}) - \int_0^1 \mathbb{E} [p_i(z_1(v)) p_j(z_1(v))] dv = O_P(1/n).$$

Thus,  $\|\frac{1}{n} \tilde{\Pi}_{22} - \tilde{U}_{*22}\| = o_P(1)$  in view of Assumption D. Next,  $\|\frac{1}{n} \tilde{\Pi}_{12} - \tilde{U}_{*12}\| = o_P(1)$ . It can be similarly shown that  $\frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^n \varphi_i(t/n) p_j(z_{t,n}) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^n \varphi_i(t/n) p_j(z_t(t/n)) + O_P(1/n)$  and  $\frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^n \varphi_i(t/n) p_j(z_t(t/n)) = \int_0^1 \varphi_i(r) \mathbb{E} [p_j(z_1(r))] dr + O_P(1/n)$ . Thus,  $\|\frac{1}{n} \tilde{\Pi}_{12} - \tilde{U}_{*12}\| = o_P(1)$  in view of Assumption D. Finally, we show  $\|\frac{\sqrt{d_n}}{n} \tilde{\Pi}_{23}\| = o_P(1)$ . Actually, it can be shown similar to that of  $\tilde{\Pi}_{12}$ , because  $\mathcal{H}_j(x)$  is bounded uniformly over  $j$  and  $x$ , and  $z_{t,n}$  is independent of  $x_t$ . In fact,  $\frac{\sqrt{d_n}}{n} \sum_{t=1}^n p_i(z_{t,n}) \mathcal{H}_j(x_t) = \frac{\sqrt{d_n}}{n} \sum_{t=1}^n p_i(z_t(t/n)) \mathcal{H}_j(x_t) + O_P(\frac{\sqrt{d_n}}{n})$  and  $\frac{\sqrt{d_n}}{n} \sum_{t=1}^n p_i(z_t(t/n)) \mathcal{H}_j(x_t) = \frac{\sqrt{d_n}}{n} \sum_{t=1}^n \mathbb{E} [p_i(z_1(t/n))] \mathcal{H}_j(x_t) + O_P(\frac{\sqrt{d_n}}{n})$ , for  $i = 0, \dots, k_2 - 1$  and  $j = 0, \dots, k_3 - 1$ .

Thus, using the density of  $d_t^{-1}x_t$  in Lemma C.1, we can show  $\mathbb{E}\|\frac{\sqrt{d_n}}{n}\tilde{\Pi}_{23}\|^2 \leq Cn^{-1/2}k_2k_3 = o(1)$ . This completes the proof of Part A.

**Part B.** Here, we consider Assumption B\*.2.(b) where  $z_{t,n}$  are correlated with  $x_t$ . Since  $z_{t,n}$  is associated with  $z_t(t/n)$  which is  $d$ -dependent, the proof for  $\|\frac{1}{n}\tilde{\Pi}_{22} - \tilde{U}_{*22}\| = o_P(1)$  and  $\|\frac{1}{n}\tilde{\Pi}_{12} - \tilde{U}_{*12}\| = o_P(1)$  remains unchanged. Now, consider  $\|\frac{\sqrt{d_n}}{n}\tilde{\Pi}_{23}\| = o_P(1)$  where  $\tilde{\Pi}_{23}$  has elements  $\sum_{t=1}^n p_i(z_{t,n})\mathcal{H}_j(x_t)$ . Notice that using the approximation of the associated stationary process to  $z_t$ , we have  $\frac{\sqrt{d_n}}{n}\sum_{t=1}^n p_i(z_{t,n})\mathcal{H}_j(x_t) = \frac{\sqrt{d_n}}{n}\sum_{t=1}^n p_i(z_t(t/n))\mathcal{H}_j(x_t) + O_P(\frac{\sqrt{d_n}}{n})$ . Then, using Lemma C.3 we may show  $\frac{\sqrt{d_n}}{n}\sum_{t=1}^n p_i(z_t(t/n))\mathcal{H}_j(x_t) = O_P(n^{-1/2})$  from which the assertion follows immediately.  $\square$

Due to the heteroskedasticity, we shall also encounter the limit of  $B_{nk}^\top \Sigma_n B_{nk}$  where  $\Sigma_n = \text{diag}(\sigma^2(1/n), \dots, \sigma^2(1))$ . Note that

$$B_{nk}^\top \Sigma_n B_{nk} = \sum_{t=1}^n \sigma^2(t/n) \begin{pmatrix} \phi_{k_1}(t/n)\phi_{k_1}(t/n)^\top & \phi_{k_1}(t/n)a_{k_2}(z_t)^\top & \phi_{k_1}(t/n)b_{k_3}(x_t)^\top \\ a_{k_2}(z_t)\phi_{k_1}(t/n)^\top & a_{k_2}(z_t)a_{k_2}(z_t)^\top & a_{k_2}(z_t)b_{k_3}(x_t)^\top \\ b_{k_3}(x_t)\phi_{k_1}(t/n)^\top & b_{k_3}(x_t)a_{k_2}(z_t)^\top & b_{k_3}(x_t)b_{k_3}(x_t)^\top \end{pmatrix} \\ := \begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{A}_{11} & \mathcal{A}_{12} & \mathcal{A}_{13} \\ \mathcal{A}_{21} & \mathcal{A}_{22} & \mathcal{A}_{23} \\ \mathcal{A}_{31} & \mathcal{A}_{32} & \mathcal{A}_{33} \end{pmatrix}.$$

Let  $V_k = \text{diag}(V_*, \int_0^1 \sigma^2(r)dL_W(r, 0)I_{k_3})$  where  $V_* = (V_{*ij})$  is a  $2 \times 2$  symmetric block matrix where

$$V_{*11} = \int_0^1 \phi_{k_1}(r)\phi_{k_1}(r)^\top \sigma^2(r)dr, \\ V_{*12} = \int_0^1 \phi_{k_1}(r)\sigma^2(r)dr \mathbb{E}(a_{k_2}(z_1)^\top), \\ V_{*22} = \int_0^1 \sigma^2(r)dr \mathbb{E}(a_{k_2}(z_1)a_{k_2}(z_1)^\top).$$

**Lemma C.7.** *Under Assumptions A-D,  $\|D_n^{-1}B'_{nk}\Sigma_n B_{nk}D_n^{-1} - V_k\| = o_P(1)$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  on a richer probability space, where  $D_n$  is the same as in Lemma C.5.*

*Proof.* To show  $\|D_n^{-1}B'_{nk}\Sigma_n B_{nk}D_n^{-1} - V_k\| = o_P(1)$ , it suffices to prove that (1)  $\|\frac{1}{n}\mathcal{A}_{11} - V_{*11}\| = o(1)$ , (2)  $\|\frac{1}{n}\mathcal{A}_{22} - V_{*22}\| = o_P(1)$ , (3)  $\|\frac{d_n}{n}\mathcal{A}_{33} - \int_0^1 \sigma^2(r)dL_W(r, 0)I_{k_3}\| = o_P(1)$ , (4)  $\|\frac{1}{n}\mathcal{A}_{12} - V_{*12}\| = o_P(1)$ , (5)  $\|\frac{\sqrt{d_n}}{n}\mathcal{A}_{13}\| = o_P(1)$  and (6)  $\|\frac{\sqrt{d_n}}{n}\mathcal{A}_{23}\| = o_P(1)$ . All assertions follow exactly in the same fashion as the proof of Lemma C.5 except (3). The assertion (3) can be shown by virtue of the assertion (3) in the proof of Lemma C.5 and Lemma B.1 in Dong and Gao (2017). Indeed,

Lemma B.1 in Dong and Gao (2017) gives, for integrable function  $f(r, x)$  on  $[0, 1] \times \mathbb{R}$ ,

$$\left| \frac{d_n}{n} \sum_{t=1}^n f(t/n, x_t) - \int_0^1 \int f(r, x) dx dL_W(r, 0) \right| = o_P(1),$$

which, together with Lemma C.5, yields (3).  $\square$

Similarly, we need to consider the limit of  $\tilde{A}_{nk}^\top \Sigma_n \tilde{A}_{nk}$  in the case where  $z_t$  is substituted by the local stationary process  $z_{n,t}$ . Note that

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{A}_{nk}^\top \Sigma_n \tilde{A}_{nk} &= \sum_{t=1}^n \sigma^2(t/n) \begin{pmatrix} \phi_{k_1}(t/n)\phi_{k_1}(t/n)^\top & \phi_{k_1}(t/n)a_{k_2}(z_{n,t})^\top & \phi_{k_1}(t/n)b_{k_3}(x_t)^\top \\ a_{k_2}(z_{n,t})\phi_{k_1}(t/n)^\top & a_{k_2}(z_{n,t})a_{k_2}(z_{n,t})^\top & a_{k_2}(z_{n,t})b_{k_3}(x_t)^\top \\ b_{k_3}(x_t)\phi_{k_1}(t/n)^\top & b_{k_3}(x_t)a_{k_2}(z_{n,t})^\top & b_{k_3}(x_t)b_{k_3}(x_t)^\top \end{pmatrix} \\ &:= \begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{A}_{11} & \tilde{\mathcal{A}}_{12} & \mathcal{A}_{13} \\ \tilde{\mathcal{A}}_{21} & \tilde{\mathcal{A}}_{22} & \tilde{\mathcal{A}}_{23} \\ \mathcal{A}_{31} & \tilde{\mathcal{A}}_{32} & \mathcal{A}_{33} \end{pmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

Let  $\tilde{V}_k = \text{diag}(\tilde{V}_*, \int_0^1 \sigma^2(r) dL_W(r, 0) I_{k_3})$  in which  $\tilde{V}_*$  is a  $2 \times 2$  symmetric block matrix with  $\tilde{V}_{*11} = V_{*11}$ ,  $\tilde{V}_{*12} = \int_0^1 \phi_{k_1}(r) \sigma^2(r) \mathbb{E}(a_{k_2}(z_1(r))^\top) dr$  and  $\tilde{V}_{*22} = \int_0^1 \sigma^2(r) \mathbb{E}(a_{k_2}(z_1(r)) a_{k_2}(z_1(r))^\top) dr$ . Definitely, once the locally stationary process reduces to be stationary,  $\tilde{V}_k$  reduces to  $V_k$ .

**Lemma C.8.** *Under Assumptions A, B\* and D,  $\|D_n^{-1} \tilde{A}'_{nk} \Sigma_n \tilde{A}_{nk} D_n^{-1} - \tilde{V}_k\| = o_P(1)$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  on a richer probability space, where  $D_n$  is the same as in Lemma C.5.*

*Proof.* The proof is using the approximation of the locally stationary process  $z_{n,t}$  by  $z_t(t/n)$ , as in the proof of Lemma C.6, and then assertion follows immediately via the arguments in Lemma C.7.  $\square$

We are about to study the asymptotics of  $A_{nk}^\top A_{nk}$  which plays a significant role in the derivation of the limit distribution for the estimators. Note that  $A_{nk}^\top A_{nk}$  has the following block expression

$$\begin{aligned} A_{nk}^\top A_{nk} &= \sum_{t=1}^n \begin{pmatrix} \phi_{k_1}(t/n)\phi_{k_1}(t/n)^\top & \phi_{k_1}(t/n)x_t & \phi_{k_1}(t/n)a_{k_2}(z_t)^\top & \phi_{k_1}(t/n)b_{k_3}(x_t)^\top \\ \phi_{k_1}(t/n)^\top x_t & x_t^2 & a_{k_2}(z_t)^\top x_t & b_{k_3}(x_t)^\top x_t \\ a_{k_2}(z_t)\phi_{k_1}(t/n)^\top & a_{k_2}(z_t)x_t & a_{k_2}(z_t)a_{k_2}(z_t)^\top & a_{k_2}(z_t)b_{k_3}(x_t)^\top \\ b_{k_3}(x_t)\phi_{k_1}(t/n)^\top & b_{k_3}(x_t)x_t & b_{k_3}(x_t)a_{k_2}(z_t)^\top & b_{k_3}(x_t)b_{k_3}(x_t)^\top \end{pmatrix} \\ &:= (\Pi_{ij})_{4 \times 4}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\Pi_{ij}$  are defined according to the blocks in  $A_{nk}^\top A_{nk}$ , e.g.,  $\Pi_{11} = \sum_{t=1}^n \phi_{k_1}(t/n)\phi_{k_1}(t/n)^\top$ .

**Lemma C.9.** Let  $Q_k = \text{diag}(Q_*, L_W(1, 0)I_{k_3})$  where  $L_W(1, 0)$  is the local time of  $W(r)$  at point 0 over time period  $[0, 1]$  and

$$Q_* = \begin{pmatrix} I_{k_1} & \int_0^1 \phi_{k_1}(r)W(r)dr & & \\ \int_0^1 \phi_{k_1}(r)^\top W(r)dr & \int_0^1 W^2(r)dr & \mathbb{E}[a_{k_2}(z_1)^\top] \int_0^1 W(r)dr & \\ & \mathbb{E}[a_{k_2}(z_1)] \int_0^1 W(r)dr & & Q_{*33} \end{pmatrix}$$

in which  $Q_{*33}$  is a square matrix of dimension  $k_2$ ,  $Q_{*33} = \mathbb{E}[a_{k_2}(z_1)a_{k_2}(z_1)^\top]$ . Denote  $M_n = \text{diag}(\sqrt{n}I_{k_1}, \sqrt{nd_n}, \sqrt{n}I_{k_2}, \sqrt{n/d_n}I_{k_3})$ . Then, under Assumptions A, B and D,  $\|M_n^{-1}A_{nk}^\top A_{nk}M_n^{-1} - Q_k\| = o_P(1)$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  on a richer probability space. Particularly,  $\|\frac{1}{n}\Pi_{11} - I_{k_1}\| = o(1)$ ,  $\|\frac{1}{n}\Pi_{33} - Q_{*33}\| = o_P(1)$  and  $\|\frac{d_n}{n}\Pi_{44} - L_W(1, 0)I_{k_3}\| = o_P(1)$ .

*Proof.* Observe that

$$M_n^{-1}A_{nk}^\top A_{nk}M_n^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{n}\Pi_{11} & \frac{1}{nd_n}\Pi_{12} & \frac{1}{n}\Pi_{13} & \frac{\sqrt{d_n}}{n}\Pi_{14} \\ \frac{1}{nd_n}\Pi_{21} & \frac{1}{nd_n^2}\Pi_{22} & \frac{1}{nd_n}\Pi_{23} & \frac{1}{n\sqrt{d_n}}\Pi_{24} \\ \frac{1}{n}\Pi_{31} & \frac{1}{nd_n}\Pi_{32} & \frac{1}{n}\Pi_{33} & \frac{\sqrt{d_n}}{n}\Pi_{34} \\ \frac{\sqrt{d_n}}{n}\Pi_{41} & \frac{1}{n\sqrt{d_n}}\Pi_{42} & \frac{\sqrt{d_n}}{n}\Pi_{43} & \frac{d_n}{n}\Pi_{44} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \sum_{t=1}^n \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{n}\phi_{k_1}(t/n)\phi_{k_1}(t/n)^\top & \frac{1}{nd_n}\phi_{k_1}(t/n)x_t & \frac{1}{n}\phi_{k_1}(t/n)a_{k_2}(z_t)^\top & \frac{\sqrt{d_n}}{n}\phi_{k_1}(t/n)b_{k_3}(x_t)^\top \\ \frac{1}{nd_n}x_t\phi_{k_1}(t/n)^\top & \frac{1}{nd_n^2}x_t^2 & \frac{1}{nd_n}x_t a_{k_2}(z_t)^\top & \frac{1}{n\sqrt{d_n}}x_t b_{k_3}(x_t)^\top \\ \frac{1}{n}a_{k_2}(z_t)\phi_{k_1}(t/n)^\top & \frac{1}{nd_n}a_{k_2}(z_t)x_t & \frac{1}{n}a_{k_2}(z_t)a_{k_2}(z_t)^\top & \frac{\sqrt{d_n}}{n}a_{k_2}(z_t)b_{k_3}(x_t)^\top \\ \frac{\sqrt{d_n}}{n}b_{k_3}(x_t)\phi_{k_1}(t/n)^\top & \frac{1}{n\sqrt{d_n}}b_{k_3}(x_t)x_t & \frac{\sqrt{d_n}}{n}b_{k_3}(x_t)a_{k_2}(z_t)^\top & \frac{d_n}{n}b_{k_3}(x_t)b_{k_3}(x_t)^\top \end{pmatrix}.$$

To prove the assertion, it suffices to show that (1)  $|\frac{1}{nd_n^2}\Pi_{22} - \int_0^1 W^2(r)dr| = o_P(1)$ , (2)  $\|\frac{1}{nd_n}\Pi_{12} - \int_0^1 \phi_{k_1}(r)W(r)dr\| = o_P(1)$ , (3)  $\|\frac{\sqrt{d_n}}{n}\Pi_{23} - \mathbb{E}[a_{k_2}(z_1)] \int_0^1 W(r)dr\| = o_P(1)$  and (4)  $\|\frac{1}{nd_n}\Pi_{24}\| = o_P(1)$ , since all the other blocks are the same as in Lemma C.5.

To show these, we need consider two cases for  $z_t$  in Assumption B.1, so the following is divided into Parts A and B.

**Part A.** Let Assumption B.1.(a) hold.

(1) It follows from Theorem 3.1 of Park and Phillips (2001, p. 129) that  $\frac{1}{nd_n^2} \sum_{t=1}^n x_t^2 \rightarrow \int_0^1 W^2(r)dr$  almost surely. Thus,  $|\frac{1}{nd_n^2}\Pi_{22} - \int_0^1 W^2(r)dr| = o_P(1)$  holds. (2) We are to show  $\|\frac{1}{nd_n}\Pi_{12} - \int_0^1 \phi_{k_1}(r)W(r)dr\| = o_P(1)$ . Letting  $W_n(r) = x_{[nr]}/d_n$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{nd_n}\Pi_{12} - \int_0^1 \phi_{k_1}(r)W(r)dr &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^n \phi(t/n) \frac{x_t}{d_n} - \int_0^1 \phi_{k_1}(r)W(r)dr \\ &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^n \phi(t/n)W_n(t/n) - \int_0^1 \phi_{k_1}(r)W(r)dr \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \sum_{t=1}^n \int_{(t-1)/n}^{t/n} \phi([nr]/n) W_n([nr]/n) dr - \int_0^1 \phi_{k_1}(r) W(r) dr + \frac{1}{n} \phi(1) W_n(1) \\
&= \int_0^1 [\phi([nr]/n) W_n([nr]/n) - \phi_{k_1}(r) W(r)] dr + \frac{1}{n} \phi(1) W_n(1).
\end{aligned}$$

Notice that by Lemma 2.3 of Park and Phillips (1999, p. 271),  $\sup_{0 \leq r \leq 1} |W_n(r) - W(r)| = o_P(n^{-1/2})$ . Also,  $\|\phi([nr]/n) - \phi_{k_1}(r)\|^2 \leq k_1^3/n^2$  by the mean value theorem. The assertion then follows immediately. (3) Next, we show  $\|\frac{1}{nd_n} \Pi_{23} - \mathbb{E}[a_{k_2}(z_1)^\top] \int_0^1 W(r) dr\| = o_P(1)$ . Note that

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{1}{nd_n} \Pi_{23} &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^n a_{k_2}(z_t)^\top \frac{1}{d_n} x_t \\
&= \mathbb{E}[a_{k_2}(z_1)^\top] \frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^n \frac{1}{d_n} x_t + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^n (a_{k_2}(z_t)^\top - \mathbb{E}[a_{k_2}(z_t)^\top]) \frac{1}{d_n} x_t. \tag{C.5}
\end{aligned}$$

Similar to the proof of (2),  $\|\mathbb{E}[a_{k_2}(z_1)^\top] \frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^n \frac{1}{d_n} x_t - \mathbb{E}[a_{k_2}(z_1)^\top] \int_0^1 W(r) dr\| = o_P(1)$ , and from the  $\alpha$ -mixing property of the  $z_t$  it is easily to show the second term in norm is  $o_P(1)$ . (4) Finally, we shall show  $\|\frac{1}{n\sqrt{d_n}} \Pi_{24}\| = o_P(1)$ . Note that  $\Pi_{24} = \sum_{t=1}^n b_{k_3}(x_t) x_t$  a vector with elements  $\sum_{t=1}^n \mathcal{H}_j(x_t) x_t$ ,  $j = 0, \dots, k_3 - 1$ . As  $\mathcal{H}_j(x) x$  are integrable function,  $\sum_{t=1}^n \mathcal{H}_j(x_t) x_t = O_P(\sqrt{n})$  by Theorem 3.2 of Park and Phillips (2001, p. 130). Thus,  $\|\frac{1}{n\sqrt{d_n}} \Pi_{24}\| = O_P(k_3/n^{3/4}) = o_P(1)$ . The proof is complete.

**Part B.** Suppose that Assumption B.1.(b) holds. In this case we only need to show  $\|\frac{1}{nd_n} \Pi_{23} - \mathbb{E}[a_{k_2}(z_1)^\top] \int_0^1 W(r) dr\| = o_P(1)$  because all other parts have been proved in the preceding lemmas. In view of (C.5), it suffices to verify that  $\frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^n (a_{k_2}(z_t)^\top - \mathbb{E}[a_{k_2}(z_t)^\top]) \frac{1}{d_n} x_t = o_P(1)$ . This holds immediately by virtue of  $x_t = x_t^{(d)} + x_t^{t-d}$  and  $x_t^{t-d}$  is independent of  $z_t$ .  $\square$

Moreover, we also study the asymptotics of  $\tilde{A}_{nk}^\top \tilde{A}_{nk}$  where  $\tilde{A}_{nk}$  is the same as  $A_{nk}$  but the stationary process  $z_t$  is replaced by locally stationary process  $z_{nt}$ . The replacement only affects  $\Pi_{13}$  ( $\Pi_{31}$ ),  $\Pi_{23}$  ( $\Pi_{32}$ ),  $\Pi_{33}$  and  $\Pi_{34}$  ( $\Pi_{43}$ ), denoted respectively by  $\tilde{\Pi}_{13}$ ,  $\tilde{\Pi}_{23}$ ,  $\tilde{\Pi}_{33}$  and  $\tilde{\Pi}_{34}$ , the resulting counterparts. Precisely,

$$\tilde{A}_{nk}^\top \tilde{A}_{nk} := \begin{pmatrix} \Pi_{11} & \Pi_{12} & \tilde{\Pi}_{13} & \Pi_{14} \\ \Pi_{21} & \Pi_{22} & \tilde{\Pi}_{23} & \Pi_{24} \\ \tilde{\Pi}_{31} & \tilde{\Pi}_{32} & \tilde{\Pi}_{33} & \tilde{\Pi}_{34} \\ \Pi_{41} & \Pi_{42} & \tilde{\Pi}_{43} & \Pi_{44} \end{pmatrix}$$

which is a symmetric matrix with  $\tilde{\Pi}_{13} = \sum_{t=1}^n \phi_{k_1}(t/n) a_{k_2}(z_{nt})^\top$ ,  $\tilde{\Pi}_{33} = \sum_{t=1}^n a_{k_2}(z_{nt}) a_{k_2}(z_{nt})^\top$ ,  $\tilde{\Pi}_{23} = \sum_{t=1}^n a_{k_2}(z_{nt})^\top x_t$  and  $\tilde{\Pi}_{34} = \sum_{t=1}^n a_{k_2}(z_{nt}) b_{k_3}(x_t)^\top$ , while all the other blocks remain the same as in Lemma C.9.

Define  $\tilde{Q}_k = \text{diag}(\tilde{Q}_*, L_W(1, 0) I_{k_3})$ , where  $\tilde{Q}_* = (\tilde{Q}_{*ij})$  is a symmetric  $3 \times 3$  block matrix of

order  $(k_1 + k_2 + 1) \times (k_1 + k_2 + 1)$  with  $\tilde{Q}_{*11} = I_{k_1}$ ,  $\tilde{Q}_{*13} = \int_0^1 \phi_{k_1}(r) \mathbb{E}[a_{k_2}(z_1(r))^\top] dr$ , i.e. it has elements  $\int_0^1 \varphi_i(r) \mathbb{E}[p_j(z_1(r))] dr$  for  $i = 1, \dots, k_1$ ,  $j = 0, \dots, k_2 - 1$ ,  $\tilde{Q}_{*12} = \int_0^1 \phi_{k_1}(r) W(r) dr$  and  $\tilde{Q}_{*33} = \int_0^1 \mathbb{E}[a_{k_2}(z_1(r)) a_{k_2}(z_1(r))^\top] dr$ , i.e. it has elements  $\int_0^1 \mathbb{E}[p_i(z_1(r)) p_j(z_1(r))] dr$  for  $i, j = 0, \dots, k_2 - 1$ ,  $\tilde{Q}_{*23} = \int_0^1 \mathbb{E}[a_{k_2}(z_1(r))^\top] W(r) dr$ ,  $\tilde{Q}_{*22} = \int_0^1 W^2(r) dr$  a scalar. Once the locally stationary process reduces to be stationary,  $\tilde{Q}_{*13} = 0$  since  $\int_0^1 \phi_{k_1}(r) dr = 0$ , and  $\tilde{Q}_{*33} = \mathbb{E}[a_{k_2}(z_1) a_{k_2}(z_1)^\top]$ ,  $\tilde{Q}_{*23} = \mathbb{E}[a_{k_2}(z_1)^\top] \int_0^1 W(r) dr$ . This means that  $\tilde{Q}_k$  would reduce to  $Q_k$ .

**Lemma C.10.** *Under Assumptions A,  $B^*$  and D,  $\|M_n^{-1} \tilde{A}'_{nk} \tilde{A}_{nk} M_n^{-1} - \tilde{Q}_k\| = o_P(1)$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  on a richer probability space, where  $M_n$  is the same as before.*

*Proof.* It is clear we only need to show the convergence of the blocks  $\tilde{\Pi}_{13}$ ,  $\tilde{\Pi}_{23}$ ,  $\tilde{\Pi}_{33}$  and  $\tilde{\Pi}_{34}$ , that is,  $\|\frac{1}{n} \tilde{\Pi}_{13} - \tilde{Q}_{*13}\| = o_P(1)$ ,  $\|\frac{1}{nd_n} \tilde{\Pi}_{23} - \tilde{Q}_{*23}\| = o_P(1)$ ,  $\|\frac{\sqrt{d_n}}{n} \tilde{\Pi}_{34}\| = o_P(1)$  and  $\|\frac{1}{n} \tilde{\Pi}_{33} - \tilde{Q}_{*33}\| = o_P(1)$ , since all the others are the same as in Lemma C.9. The proof is divided into two steps, A and B, according to Assumption B\*.2 whether the associated process of  $z_{t,n}$  is independent of  $x_t$ .

**Step A.** Let Assumption B\*.2(a) hold.

Note that the matrix  $\tilde{\Pi}_{33}$  has elements  $\sum_{t=1}^n p_i(z_{nt}) p_j(z_{nt})$  with  $i, j = 0, \dots, k_2 - 1$ . At the diagonal where  $i = j$  we have  $\frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^n p_i(z_{nt})^2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^n p_i(z_t(t/n))^2 + O_P(\frac{1}{n})$ . Indeed,

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{n} \left| \sum_{t=1}^n p_i(z_{nt})^2 - \sum_{t=1}^n p_i(z_t(t/n))^2 \right| \leq \frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^n |p_i(z_{nt})^2 - p_i(z_t(t/n))^2| \\ & \leq C \frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^n |z_{nt} - z_t(t/n)| \leq C \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{t=1}^n U_{t,n}(t/n) = O_P\left(\frac{1}{n}\right), \end{aligned}$$

by the definition of locally stationarity of  $z_{nt}$  in which positive variable  $U_{t,n}(t/n)$  satisfies that  $\sup_t \mathbb{E}[U_{t,n}(t/n)]$  is bounded independent of  $n$ , where since  $z_{nt}$  have the same compact support stipulated in Assumption B\* the orthogonal polynomials are uniformly bounded. Moreover, for every  $i$ ,  $\frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^n p_i(z_t(t/n))^2 = \int_0^1 \mathbb{E} p_i(z_1(v))^2 dv + O_P(1/n)$ . In fact, using the definition of Riemann integral and the stationarity of  $z_t(v)$  for each  $v$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^n p_i(z_t(t/n))^2 - \int_0^1 \mathbb{E} p_i(z_1(v))^2 dv \right| \\ & \leq \left| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^n p_i(z_t(t/n))^2 - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^n \mathbb{E} p_i(z_1(t/n))^2 \right| + O\left(\frac{1}{n}\right) \\ & = \left| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^n [p_i(z_t(t/n))^2 - \mathbb{E} p_i(z_t(t/n))^2] \right| + O\left(\frac{1}{n}\right) \end{aligned}$$

and similar to Lemma C.4, by Assumption B\*.1,

$$\mathbb{E} \left| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^n [p_i(z_t(t/n))^2 - \mathbb{E} p_i(z_t(t/n))^2] \right|^2 \leq C \frac{1}{n},$$



due to the  $\alpha$ -mixing property of  $z_t(t/n)$  and  $z_s(s/n)$  and the uniform boundedness of the orthogonal sequence on the compact set. Similarly, for  $i \neq j$ ,

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^n p_i(z_{nt})p_j(z_{nt}) - \int_0^1 \mathbb{E}[p_i(z_1(v))p_j(z_1(v))]dv = O_P(1/n).$$

Thus,  $\|\frac{1}{n}\tilde{\Pi}_{33} - \tilde{Q}_{*33}\| = o_P(k_2^2/n) = o_P(1)$  in view of Assumption D. Next,  $\|\frac{1}{n}\tilde{\Pi}_{13} - \tilde{Q}_{*13}\| = o_P(1)$ . It can be similarly shown that  $\frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^n \varphi_i(t/n)p_j(z_{nt}) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^n \varphi_i(t/n)p_j(z_t(t/n)) + O_P(1/n)$  and  $\frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^n \varphi_i(t/n)p_j(z_t(t/n)) = \int_0^1 \varphi_i(r)\mathbb{E}[p_j(z_1(r))]dr + O_P(1/n)$ . Thus,  $\|\frac{1}{n}\tilde{\Pi}_{13} - \tilde{Q}_{*13}\| = o_P(1)$  in view of Assumption D. We are now to show that  $\|\frac{1}{nd_n}\tilde{\Pi}_{23} - \tilde{Q}_{*23}\| = o_P(1)$ . Using the approximation of  $z_{nt}$  by  $z_t(t/n)$ ,  $\frac{1}{nd_n} \sum_{t=1}^n p_j(z_{nt})x_t = \frac{1}{nd_n} \sum_{t=1}^n p_j(z_t(t/n))x_t + O_P(1/n)$ . Then, letting  $W_n(r) := x_{[nr]}/d_n$  for  $r \in [0, 1]$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{nd_n} \sum_{t=1}^n p_j(z_t(t/n))x_t &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^n \mathbb{E}[p_j(z_t(t/n))]W_n(t/n) \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{nd_n} \sum_{t=1}^n \{p_j(z_t(t/n)) - \mathbb{E}[p_j(z_t(t/n))]\}x_t. \end{aligned}$$

Similar to the proof for  $\tilde{\Pi}_{33}$ , using  $\sup_{0 \leq r \leq 1} |W_n(r) - W(r)| = o_P(n^{-1/2})$  as in the proof of Lemma C.9 and the independence between  $x_t$  and  $z_t(r)$ , the assertion follows. Finally, we show  $\|\frac{\sqrt{d_n}}{n}\tilde{\Pi}_{34}\| = o_P(1)$ . Actually, it can be shown similar to that of  $\tilde{\Pi}_{13}$ , because  $\mathcal{H}_j(x)$  is bounded uniformly over  $j$  and  $x$ , and  $z_{nt}$  is independent of  $x_t$ . In fact,  $\frac{\sqrt{d_n}}{n} \sum_{t=1}^n p_i(z_{nt})\mathcal{H}_j(x_t) = \frac{\sqrt{d_n}}{n} \sum_{t=1}^n p_i(z_t(t/n))\mathcal{H}_j(x_t) + O_P(\frac{\sqrt{d_n}}{n})$  and  $\frac{\sqrt{d_n}}{n} \sum_{t=1}^n p_i(z_t(t/n))\mathcal{H}_j(x_t) = \frac{\sqrt{d_n}}{n} \sum_{t=1}^n \mathbb{E}[p_i(z_1(t/n))]\mathcal{H}_j(x_t) + O_P(\frac{\sqrt{d_n}}{n})$ , for  $i = 0, \dots, k_2 - 1$  and  $j = 0, \dots, k_3 - 1$ . Thus, using the density of  $d_t^{-1}x_t$  in Lemma C.1, we can show  $\mathbb{E}\|\frac{\sqrt{d_n}}{n}\tilde{\Pi}_{34}\|^2 \leq Cn^{-1/2}k_2k_3 = o(1)$ . This completes the proof of Step A.

**Step B.** Let Assumption B\*.2(b) hold.

This assumption only affects the proof for  $\|\frac{1}{nd_n}\tilde{\Pi}_{23} - \tilde{Q}_{*23}\| = o_P(1)$  and  $\|\frac{\sqrt{d_n}}{n}\tilde{\Pi}_{34}\| = o_P(1)$ . It is clear from the proof of preceding lemmas that these can be verified by Lemma C.3, the definition of local stationarity and the decomposition for  $x_t$ .  $\square$

Due to the heteroskedasticity, we shall also encounter the limit of  $A_{nk}^\top \Sigma_n A_{nk}$  where  $\Sigma_n = \text{diag}(\sigma^2(1/n), \dots, \sigma^2(1))$ . Note that

$$\begin{aligned} A_{nk}^\top \Sigma_n A_{nk} &:= (\mathcal{A}_{ij})_{4 \times 4} \\ &= \sum_{t=1}^n \sigma^2(t/n) \begin{pmatrix} \phi_{k_1}(t/n)\phi_{k_1}(t/n)^\top & \phi_{k_1}(t/n)x_t & \phi_{k_1}(t/n)a_{k_2}(z_t)^\top & \phi_{k_1}(t/n)b_{k_3}(x_t)^\top \\ x_t\phi_{k_1}(t/n)^\top & x_t^2 & x_t a_{k_2}(z_t)^\top & x_t b_{k_3}(x_t)^\top \\ a_{k_2}(z_t)\phi_{k_1}(t/n)^\top & a_{k_2}(z_t)x_t & a_{k_2}(z_t)a_{k_2}(z_t)^\top & a_{k_2}(z_t)b_{k_3}(x_t)^\top \\ b_{k_3}(x_t)\phi_{k_1}(t/n)^\top & b_{k_3}(x_t)x_t & b_{k_3}(x_t)a_{k_2}(z_t)^\top & b_{k_3}(x_t)b_{k_3}(x_t)^\top \end{pmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

Let  $P_k = \text{diag} \left( P_*, \int_0^1 \sigma^2(r) dL_W(r, 0) I_{k_3} \right)$  in which  $P_* = (P_{*ij})$  is a  $3 \times 3$  symmetric block matrix with

$$\begin{aligned} P_{*11} &= \int_0^1 \phi_{k_1}(r) \phi_{k_1}(r)^\top \sigma^2(r) dr, & P_{*13} &= \int_0^1 \phi_{k_1}(r) \sigma^2(r) dr \mathbb{E}(a_{k_2}(z_1)^\top), \\ P_{*12} &= \int_0^1 \phi_{k_1}(r) \sigma^2(r) W(r) dr, & P_{*22} &= \int_0^1 \sigma^2(r) W^2(r) dr, \\ P_{*23} &= \int_0^1 \sigma^2(r) W(r) dr \mathbb{E}(a_{k_2}(z_1)^\top), & P_{*33} &= \int_0^1 \sigma^2(r) dr \mathbb{E}(a_{k_2}(z_1) a_{k_2}(z_1)^\top). \end{aligned}$$

**Lemma C.11.** *Under Assumptions A-D,  $\|M_n^{-1} A'_{nk} \Sigma_n A_{nk} M_n^{-1} - P_k\| = o_P(1)$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  on a richer probability space, where  $M_n$  is the same as in Lemma C.9.*

*Proof.* To show  $\|M_n^{-1} A'_{nk} \Sigma_n A_{nk} M_n^{-1} - P_k\| = o_P(1)$ , it suffices to prove that (1)  $\|\frac{1}{n} \mathcal{A}_{11} - P_{*11}\| = o_P(1)$ , (2)  $\|\frac{1}{n} \mathcal{A}_{22} - P_{*22}\| = o_P(1)$ , (3)  $\|\frac{1}{nd_n^2} \mathcal{A}_{33} - P_{*33}\| = o_P(1)$ , (4)  $\|\frac{d_n}{n} \mathcal{A}_{44} - \int_0^1 \sigma^2(r) dL_W(r, 0) I_{k_3}\| = o_P(1)$ , (5)  $\|\frac{1}{n} \mathcal{A}_{12} - P_{*12}\| = o_P(1)$ , (6)  $\|\frac{1}{nd_n} \mathcal{A}_{13} - P_{*13}\| = o_P(1)$ , (7)  $\|\frac{\sqrt{d_n}}{n} \mathcal{A}_{14}\| = o_P(1)$ , (8)  $\|\frac{1}{nd_n} \mathcal{A}_{23} - P_{*23}\| = o_P(1)$ , (9)  $\|\frac{\sqrt{d_n}}{n} \mathcal{A}_{24}\| = o_P(1)$  and (10)  $\|\frac{1}{n\sqrt{d_n}} \mathcal{A}_{34}\| = o_P(1)$ .

(A). Suppose Assumption B.1(a) holds. All assertions follow exactly in the same fashion as the proof of Lemma C.9 except (4). The assertion (4) can be shown by virtue of the assertion (4) in the proof of Lemma C.9 and Lemma B.1 in Dong and Gao (2017). Indeed, Lemma B.1 in Dong and Gao (2017) gives, for integrable function  $f(r, x)$  on  $[0, 1] \times \mathbb{R}$ ,

$$\left| \frac{d_n}{n} \sum_{t=1}^n f(t/n, x_t) - \int_0^1 \int f(r, x) dx dL_W(r, 0) \right| = o_P(1),$$

which, together with Lemma C.9, yields (4).

(B). Suppose Assumption B.1(b) holds. This condition only affects the verification of (8) and (10) which, however, can be done by Lemma C.3 and the decomposition of  $x_t$  and is omitted for brevity.  $\square$

Similarly, we need to consider the limit of  $\tilde{A}_{nk}^\top \Sigma_n \tilde{A}_{nk}$  in the case where  $z_t$  is substituted by the locally stationary process  $z_{nt}$ . Note that

$$\tilde{A}_{nk}^\top \Sigma_n \tilde{A}_{nk} := \begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{A}_{11} & \mathcal{A}_{12} & \tilde{\mathcal{A}}_{13} & \mathcal{A}_{14} \\ \mathcal{A}_{21} & \mathcal{A}_{22} & \tilde{\mathcal{A}}_{23} & \mathcal{A}_{24} \\ \tilde{\mathcal{A}}_{31} & \tilde{\mathcal{A}}_{32} & \tilde{\mathcal{A}}_{33} & \tilde{\mathcal{A}}_{34} \\ \mathcal{A}_{41} & \mathcal{A}_{42} & \tilde{\mathcal{A}}_{43} & \mathcal{A}_{44} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \sum_{t=1}^n \sigma^2(t/n) \begin{pmatrix} \phi_{k_1}(t/n)\phi_{k_1}(t/n)^\top & \phi_{k_1}(t/n)x_t & \phi_{k_1}(t/n)a_{k_2}(z_{nt})^\top & \phi_{k_1}(t/n)b_{k_3}(x_t)^\top \\ x_t\phi_{k_1}(t/n)^\top & x_t^2 & x_t a_{k_2}(z_{nt})^\top & x_t b_{k_3}(x_t)^\top \\ a_{k_2}(z_{nt})\phi_{k_1}(t/n)^\top & a_{k_2}(z_{nt})x_t & a_{k_2}(z_{nt})a_{k_2}(z_{nt})^\top & a_{k_2}(z_{nt})b_{k_3}(x_t)^\top \\ b_{k_3}(x_t)\phi_{k_1}(t/n)^\top & b_{k_3}(x_t)x_t & b_{k_3}(x_t)a_{k_2}(z_{nt})^\top & b_{k_3}(x_t)b_{k_3}(x_t)^\top \end{pmatrix}.$$

Let  $\tilde{P}_k = \text{diag} \left( \tilde{P}_*, \int_0^1 \sigma^2(r) dL_W(r, 0) I_{k_3} \right)$  where  $\tilde{P}_* = (\tilde{P}_{*ij})$  be a  $3 \times 3$  symmetric block matrix where  $\tilde{P}_{*11} = P_{*11}$ ,  $\tilde{P}_{*22} = P_{*22}$ ,  $\tilde{P}_{*33} = \int_0^1 \sigma^2(r) \mathbb{E}(a_{k_2}(z_1(r))a_{k_2}(z_1(r))^\top) dr$  and  $\tilde{P}_{*13} = \int_0^1 \phi_{k_1}(r)\sigma^2(r)\mathbb{E}(a_{k_2}(z_1(r))^\top) dr$ ,  $\tilde{P}_{*23} = \int_0^1 W(r)\sigma^2(r)\mathbb{E}(a_{k_2}(z_1(r))^\top) dr$ . Definitely, once the locally stationary process reduces to be stationary,  $\tilde{P}_k$  reduces to  $P_k$ .

**Lemma C.12.** *Under Assumptions A, B\* and D,  $\|M_n^{-1}\tilde{A}'_{nk}\Sigma_n\tilde{A}_{nk}M_n^{-1} - \tilde{P}_k\| = o_P(1)$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  on a richer probability space, where  $M_n$  is the same as in Lemma C.9.*

*Proof.* The proof is using the approximation of the locally stationary process  $z_{n,t}$  by  $z_t(t/n)$ , as in the proof of Lemma C.10, and then assertion follows immediately via the arguments in Lemma C.11.  $\square$

## Appendix D: Proof of Theorems 3.3-3.4, Proposition 3.1 and Corollary 3.1

**Proof of Theorem 3.3:** The theorem will be shown via Cramér-Wold theorem.

It follows from Lemma C.9 that  $\|M_n^{-1}A_{nk}^\top A_{nk}M_n^{-1} - Q_k\| = o_P(1)$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  on a richer probability space where  $M_n = \text{diag}(\sqrt{n}I_{k_1}, \sqrt{n}d_n, \sqrt{n}I_{k_2}, \sqrt{n/d_n}I_{k_3})$  and  $Q_k$  is a diagonal block matrix given in the lemma with  $Q_*$  and  $L_W(1, 0)I_{k_3}$  on the diagonal. It follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{c} - c &= (A_{nk}^\top A_{nk})^{-1} A_{nk}^\top (\gamma + e) = M_n^{-1} [D_n^{-1} A_{nk}^\top A_{nk} M_n^{-1}]^{-1} M_n^{-1} A_{nk}^\top (\gamma + e) \\ &= M_n^{-1} [Q_k + o_P(1)]^{-1} M_n^{-1} A_{nk}^\top (\gamma + e) = M_n^{-1} [Q_k^{-1} + o_P(1)] M_n^{-1} A_{nk}^\top (\gamma + e), \end{aligned} \quad (\text{D.6})$$

which implies

$$M_n(\hat{c} - c) = [Q_k^{-1} + o_P(1)] M_n^{-1} A_{nk}^\top (\gamma + e).$$

It is obvious that in what follows we may ignore the  $o_P(1)$  term.

Hence, for any  $r \in [0, 1]$ ,  $z \in V$  and  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{\sqrt{n}}{\|\phi_{k_1}(r)\|} [\hat{\beta}_n(r) - \beta(r)] \\ \sqrt{n}d_n [\hat{\theta} - \theta_0] \\ \frac{\sqrt{n}}{\|a_{k_2}(z)\|} [\hat{g}_n(z) - g(z)] \\ \frac{\sqrt{n}}{\|b_{k_3}(x)\|\sqrt{d_n}} [\hat{m}_n(x) - m(x)] \end{pmatrix} = \bar{\Phi}(r, z, x)^\top M_n(\hat{c} - c) + \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\sqrt{n}}{\|\phi_{k_1}(r)\|} \gamma_{1k_1}(r) \\ 0 \\ \frac{\sqrt{n}}{\|a_{k_2}(z)\|} \gamma_{2k_2}(z) \\ \frac{\sqrt{n}}{\|b_{k_3}(x)\|\sqrt{d_n}} \gamma_{3k_3}(x) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \bar{\Phi}(r, z, x)^\top Q_k^{-1} M_n^{-1} A_{nk}^\top (\gamma + e) + \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\sqrt{n}}{\|\phi_{k_1}(r)\|} \gamma_{1k_1}(r) \\ 0 \\ \frac{\sqrt{n}}{\|a_{k_2}(z)\|} \gamma_{2k}(z) \\ \frac{\sqrt{n}}{\|b_{k_3}(x)\| \sqrt{d_n}} \gamma_{3k_3}(x) \end{pmatrix},$$

where  $\bar{\Phi}(r, z, x)$  is normalized version of  $\Phi(r, z, x)$  defined as in Section 3, i.e.

$$\bar{\Phi}(r, z, x) = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\phi_{k_1}(r)}{\|\phi_{k_1}(r)\|} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \frac{a_{k_2}(z)}{\|a_{k_2}(z)\|} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \frac{b_{k_3}(x)}{\|b_{k_3}(x)\|} \end{pmatrix}.$$

Write

$$\bar{\Phi}(r, z, x)^\top Q_k^{-1} M_n^{-1} A_{nk}^\top (\gamma + e) = \bar{\Phi}(r, z, x)^\top Q_k^{-1} M_n^{-1} \sum_{t=1}^n \begin{pmatrix} \phi_{k_1}(t/n) \\ x_t \\ a_{k_2}(z_t) \\ b_{k_3}(x_t) \end{pmatrix} (e_t + \gamma(t)),$$

recalling that  $\gamma(t) = \gamma_{1k_1}(t/n) + \gamma_{2k_2}(z_t) + \gamma_{3k_3}(x_t)$  and  $\gamma = (\gamma(1), \dots, \gamma(n))^\top$  defined in Section 2. Accordingly,

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{\sqrt{n}}{\|\phi_{k_1}(r)\|} [\hat{\beta}_n(r) - \beta(r)] \\ \sqrt{nd_n} [\hat{\theta} - \theta_0] \\ \frac{\sqrt{n}}{\|a_{k_2}(z)\|} [\hat{g}_n(z) - g(z)] \\ \frac{\sqrt{n}}{\|b_{k_3}(x)\| \sqrt{d_n}} [\hat{m}_n(x) - m(x)] \end{pmatrix} = L_4^{-1} \sum_{t=1}^n \xi_{nt} e_t + L_4^{-1} \sum_{t=1}^n \xi_{nt} \gamma(t) + \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\sqrt{n}}{\|\phi_{k_1}(r)\|} \gamma_{1k_1}(r) \\ 0 \\ \frac{\sqrt{n}}{\|a_{k_2}(z)\|} \gamma_{2k}(z) \\ \frac{\sqrt{n}}{\|b_{k_3}(x)\| \sqrt{d_n}} \gamma_{3k_3}(x) \end{pmatrix}, \quad (\text{D.7})$$

where  $L_4 = \text{diag}(1, 1, 1, L_W(1, 0))$  and we denote

$$\xi_{nt} := \bar{\Phi}(r, z, x)^\top Q_k^{-1} M_n^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} \phi_{k_1}(t/n) \\ x_t \\ a_{k_2}(z_t) \\ b_{k_3}(x_t) \end{pmatrix}.$$

The normality of the estimators will be derived from the first term in (D.7) with normalization. Since  $(e_t, \mathcal{F}_{nt})$  is a martingale difference sequence stipulated in Assumption B, by virtue

of Assumption E, we calculate the conditional variance as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{t=1}^n \mathbb{E}[\xi_{nt} \xi_{nt}^\top e_t^2 | \mathcal{F}_{n,t-1}] = \sum_{t=1}^n \xi_{nt} \xi_{nt}^\top \sigma^2(t/n) \\
& = \bar{\Phi}(r, z, x)^\top Q_k^{-1} M_n^{-1} A_{nk}^\top \Sigma_n A_{nk} M_n^{-1} Q_k^{-1} \bar{\Phi}(r, z, x) \\
& = L_\sigma \bar{\Phi}(r, z, x)^\top \bar{Q}_k^{-1} \bar{P}_k \bar{Q}_k^{-1} \bar{\Phi}(r, z, x) (1 + o_P(1))
\end{aligned}$$

by Lemma C.11, where  $L_\sigma = \text{diag}(1, 1, 1, \int_0^1 \sigma^2(r) dL_W(r, 0))$  and  $\bar{Q}_k$  and  $\bar{P}_k$  are defined in the paper.

We shall show, with  $\Xi := \text{diag}(\Xi_1, L_\sigma)$ ,

$$\sum_{t=1}^n \xi_{nt} e_t \rightarrow_D N(0, \Xi),$$

by Cramér-Wold theorem and Corollary 3.1 of Hall and Heyde (1980, p. 58) since it is a martingale array by Assumptions B and E. To this end, let  $\lambda = (\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_4) \neq 0$  and we need to check for

$$\xi_n := \sum_{t=1}^n \lambda \xi_{nt} e_t,$$

whether (1) Lindeberg condition and (2) the convergence of the conditional variance are fulfilled.

(1) The Lindeberg condition is fulfilled if we show that  $\sum_{t=1}^n \mathbb{E}[(\lambda \xi_{nt} e_t)^4 | \mathcal{F}_{n,t-1}] \rightarrow_P 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Indeed, denoting  $\mu_4 := \max_{1 \leq t \leq n} \mathbb{E}[e_t^4 | \mathcal{F}_{n,t-1}]$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{t=1}^n \mathbb{E}[(\lambda \xi_{nt} e_t)^4 | \mathcal{F}_{n,t-1}] \leq \mu_4 \sum_{t=1}^n (\lambda \xi_{nt})^4 \\
& = \mu_4 \sum_{t=1}^n [\lambda \bar{\Phi}(r, z, x)^\top \bar{Q}_k^{-1} M_n^{-1} (\phi_{k_1}(t/n)^\top, x_t, a_{k_2}(z_t)^\top, b_{k_3}(x_t)^\top)^\top]^4 \\
& = \mu_4 \sum_{t=1}^n \left( \begin{array}{c} \phi_{k_1}(t/n) \\ x_t \\ a_{k_2}(z_t) \\ + \sqrt{\frac{d_n}{n}} \lambda_4 \|b_{k_3}(x)\|^{-1} b_{k_3}(x)^\top b_{k_3}(x_t) \end{array} \right)^4 \\
& \leq C_1 \sum_{t=1}^n \left[ \begin{array}{c} \phi_{k_1}(t/n) \\ x_t \\ a_{k_2}(z_t) \end{array} \right]^4 \\
& \quad + C_2 \frac{d_n^2}{n^2} \sum_{t=1}^n [\lambda_4 \|b_{k_3}(x)\|^{-1} b_{k_3}(x)^\top b_{k_3}(x_t)]^4,
\end{aligned}$$

where we have used the structure of the matrices,  $P_k = \text{diag}(P_*, \int_0^1 \sigma^2(r) dL_W(r, 0) I_{k_3})$ ,  $Q_k = \text{diag}(Q_*, L_W(1, 0) I_{k_3})$ , and denoted  $M_{1n} = \text{diag}(\sqrt{n} I_{k_1}, \sqrt{n} d_n, \sqrt{n} I_{k_2})$  and  $\bar{\Phi}_{13}(r, z)$  is the left-top 3-by-3 sub-block matrix of  $\bar{\Phi}(r, z, x)$ .

Because  $Q_*$  has eigenvalues greater than a positive number and bounded from above uniformly, in the first term the vector  $(\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3) \bar{\Phi}_{13}(r, z)^\top Q_*^{-1}$  has norm bounded between two positive numbers that are independent of  $n$ . Thus, without affecting the order of the first term, we may normalize the vector to be a unit vector, denoted by  $(u_1, u_2, u_3)$  where  $u_1$  is the first  $k_1$ -subvector,  $u_2$  a scalar and  $u_3$  the rest  $k_2$ -subvector. It follows that the first term is bounded by, ignoring some constant,

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{t=1}^n \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} u_1^\top \phi_{k_1}(t/n) + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} u_3^\top a_{k_2}(z_t) + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n} d_n} u_2 x_t \right)^4 \\ & \leq C_3 \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{t=1}^n (u_1^\top \phi_{k_1}(t/n))^4 + C_4 \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{t=1}^n (u_3^\top a_{k_2}(z_t))^4 + C_5 \frac{1}{n^2 d_n^4} \sum_{t=1}^n x_t^4. \end{aligned}$$

Observe further that

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{t=1}^n [u_1^\top \phi_{k_1}(t/n)]^4 = \frac{1}{n} \int_0^1 [u_1^\top \phi_{k_1}(s)]^4 ds \\ & \leq \frac{1}{n} \int_0^1 \|\phi_{k_1}(s)\|^4 ds = O(n^{-1} k_1^2) \rightarrow 0, \end{aligned}$$

where Cauchy-Schwarz inequality is used for  $[u_1^\top \phi_{k_1}(s)]^2 \leq \|\phi_{k_1}(s)\|^2$  and  $\sup_{r \in [0,1]} \|\phi_{k_1}(s)\|^2 = O(k_1)$ .

Also, to show that  $\frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{t=1}^n [u_3^\top a_{k_2}(z_t)]^4 \rightarrow_P 0$ , note that

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{n^2} \mathbb{E} \sum_{t=1}^n (u_3^\top a_{k_2}(z_t))^4 = \frac{1}{n^2} \mathbb{E} \sum_{t=1}^n \left( \sum_{i=0}^{k_2-1} u_{3i} p_i(z_t) \right)^4 \\ & = \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{t=1}^n \sum_{i=0}^{k_2-1} u_{3i}^4 \mathbb{E} p_i^4(z_t) \\ & \quad + 6 \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{t=1}^n \sum_{i=1}^{k_2-1} \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} u_{3i}^2 u_{3j}^2 \mathbb{E} [p_i^2(z_t) p_j^2(z_t)] \\ & \quad + 4 \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{t=1}^n \sum_{i=1}^{k_2-1} \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} u_{3i} u_{3j}^3 \mathbb{E} [(p_i(z_t)) p_j^3(z_t)] \\ & \quad + 8 \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{t=1}^n \sum_{i_1=3}^{k_2-1} \sum_{i_2=2}^{i_1-1} \sum_{i_3=1}^{i_2-1} \sum_{i_4=0}^{i_3-1} u_{3i_1} u_{3i_2} u_{3i_3} u_{3i_4} \mathbb{E} [p_{i_1}(z_t) p_{i_2}(z_t) p_{i_3}(z_t) p_{i_4}(z_t)] \\ & \leq \frac{1}{n} k_2 \sum_{i=1}^{k_2} u_{3i}^4 + 6 \frac{1}{n} k_2 \sum_{i=1}^{k_2} \sum_{j=0}^{i-1} u_{3i}^2 u_{3j}^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& + 4\frac{1}{n}k_2 \sum_{i=1}^{k_2} \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} |u_{3i}| |u_{3j}|^3 \\
& + 8\frac{1}{n}k_2 \sum_{i_1=3}^{k_2} \sum_{i_2=2}^{i_1-1} \sum_{i_3=1}^{i_2-1} \sum_{i_4=0}^{i_3-1} |u_{3i_1} u_{3i_2} u_{3i_3} u_{3i_4}| \\
& \leq \frac{1}{n}k_2 + 4\frac{1}{n}k_2 k_2^{1/2} + 8\frac{1}{n}k_2 k_2^2 = o(1),
\end{aligned}$$

where we denote  $u_3 = (u_{31}, \dots, u_{3k_2})^\top$ , and Assumption B.2(a) is used for  $\mathbb{E}p_i^4(z_t) = O(i)$  for  $i$  large, Cauchy-Schwarz inequality to derive  $\mathbb{E}|(p_i(z_t))p_j^3(z_t)| \leq (\mathbb{E}|(p_i(z_t))|^4)^{1/4}(\mathbb{E}|p_j(z_t)|^4)^{3/4}$  as well as other similar terms; meanwhile,  $\sum_{i=0}^{k_2-1} |u_{2i}| \leq k_2^{1/2}$ .

Moreover, notice that  $\frac{1}{n^2 d_n^4} \sum_{t=1}^n x_t^4 = o_P(1)$  since  $\frac{1}{n d_n^4} \sum_{t=1}^n x_t^4 \rightarrow_P \int_0^1 W^4(r) dr$  by Theorem 3.1 of Park and Phillips (2001).

The second term is much easier to be dealt with. Let  $u_4 := \|b_{k_3}(x)\|^{-1} b_{k_3}(x)$  a unit vector, and notice that  $\|b_{k_3}(\cdot)\|^2 \leq Ck_3$  uniformly by the uniform boundedness of Hermite functions. We have, by Lemma C.1,

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{d_n^2}{n^2} \mathbb{E} \sum_{t=1}^n (u_4^\top b_{k_3}(x_t))^4 \leq Ck_3 \frac{d_n^2}{n^2} \sum_{t=1}^n \mathbb{E} (u_4^\top b_{k_3}(x_t))^2 \\
& = Ck_3 \frac{d_n^2}{n^2} \sum_{t=1}^n \int (u_4^\top b_{k_3}(d_t x))^2 f_t(x) dx = Ck_3 \frac{d_n^2}{n^2} \sum_{t=1}^n \frac{1}{d_t} \int (u_4^\top b_{k_3}(x))^2 f_t(d_t^{-1} x) dx \\
& \leq Ck_3 \frac{d_n^2}{n^2} \sum_{t=1}^n \frac{1}{d_t} \int (u_4^\top b_{k_3}(x))^2 dx = Ck_3 \frac{d_n^2}{n^2} \sum_{t=1}^n \frac{1}{d_t} \\
& = Ck_3 n^{-1/2} = o(1),
\end{aligned}$$

where  $\int (u_4^\top b_{k_3}(x))^2 dx = \|u_4\|^2 = 1$  by the orthogonality. This finishes the Lindeberg condition.

(2) For the conditional variance, it is clear by the construction that  $\xi_n$  has conditional variance approaching  $\|\lambda\|^2$  in probability. Indeed,

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{t=1}^n \mathbb{E}[(\lambda \xi_{nt} e_t)^2 | \mathcal{F}_{nt}] = \sum_{t=1}^n (\lambda \xi_{nt})^2 \sigma^2(t/n) \\
& = \lambda \left( \sum_{t=1}^n \xi_{nt} \xi_{nt}^\top \right) \lambda^\top = \lambda L_\sigma \lambda^\top (1 + o_P(1)),
\end{aligned}$$

by Lemma C.11 and previous calculation of the conditional variance. The normality is shown.

To finish the proof, we next demonstrate that all reminder terms in (D.7) are negligible, that is, as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ,

$$\sum_{t=1}^n \xi_{nt} \gamma(t) = o_P(1), \quad \frac{\sqrt{n}}{\|\phi_{k_1}(r)\|} \gamma_{1k_1}(r) = o(1),$$

$$\frac{\sqrt{n}}{\|a_{k_2}(z)\|} \gamma_{2k_2}(z) = o(1), \quad \sqrt{n/d_n} \frac{1}{\|b_{k_3}(x)\|} \gamma_{3k_3}(x) = o(1).$$

In view of the structures of  $\xi_{nt}$ , we need to show

$$(3) \quad \sum_{t=1}^n \bar{\Phi}_{13}(r, z)^\top Q_*^{-1} M_{1n}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} \phi_{k_1}(t/n) \\ x_t \\ a_{k_2}(z_t) \end{pmatrix} \gamma(t) = o_P(1),$$

$$(4) \quad \frac{\sqrt{n}}{\|\phi_{k_1}(r)\|} \gamma_{1k_1}(r) = o(1), \quad \frac{\sqrt{n}}{\|a_{k_2}(z)\|} \gamma_{2k_2}(z) = o(1)$$

$$(5) \quad \sqrt{\frac{d_n}{n}} \sum_{t=1}^n \frac{1}{\|b_{k_3}(x)\|} b_{k_3}(x)^\top b_{k_3}(x_t) \gamma(t) = o_P(1),$$

$$(6) \quad \frac{1}{\|b_{k_3}(x)\|} \sqrt{\frac{n}{d_n}} \gamma_{3k_3}(x) = o(1).$$

Because of the boundedness of the eigenvalues of  $Q_*$  again, to fulfill (3) and (4), it suffices to show

$$A_{1n} := \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{t=1}^n \|\phi_{k_1}(t/n)\| |\gamma(t)| = o_P(1),$$

$$B_{1n} := \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{t=1}^n \|a_{k_2}(z_t)\| |\gamma(t)| = o_P(1),$$

$$C_{1n} := \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{t=1}^n \left| \frac{x_t}{d_n} \right| |\gamma(t)| = o_P(1),$$

$$A_{2n} := \sqrt{n} \frac{1}{\|\phi_{k_1}(r)\|} |\gamma_{1k_1}(r)| = o(1),$$

$$B_{2n} := \sqrt{n} \frac{1}{\|a_{k_2}(z)\|} |\gamma_{2k_2}(z)| = o(1).$$

Indeed, note that  $\max_{r \in [0,1]} |\gamma_{1k_1}(r)| = O(k_1^{-s_1})$  and  $\mathbb{E}|\gamma_{2k_2}(z_t)|^2 = O(k_2^{-s_2})$  by Newey (1997) and Chen and Christensen (2015) where  $s_1$  and  $s_2$  are respectively the smoothness order of  $\beta(\cdot)$  and  $g(\cdot)$ , whereas using the density for  $d_t^{-1}x_t$  in Lemma C.1 and the result of Lemma C.1 in Dong et al. (2016), we have  $\mathbb{E}|\gamma_{3k_3}(x_t)|^2 \leq C d_t^{-1} \int |\gamma_{3k_3}(x)|^2 dx = d_t^{-1} O(k_3^{-s_3})$ .

Notice further that,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}|A_{1n}| &\leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{t=1}^n \|\phi_{k_1}(t/n)\| \mathbb{E}|\gamma(t)| \\ &\leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{t=1}^n \|\phi_{k_1}(t/n)\| |\gamma_{1k_1}(t/n)| \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{t=1}^n \|\phi_{k_1}(t/n)\| \mathbb{E}|\gamma_{2k_2}(z_t)| \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned}
& + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{t=1}^n \|\phi_{k_1}(t/n)\| |\mathbb{E}|\gamma_{3k_3}(x_t)| \\
& \leq \sqrt{nk_1} \max_{r \in [0,1]} |\gamma_{1k_1}(r)| + \sqrt{nk_1} O(k_2^{-s_2/2}) \\
& \quad + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{t=1}^n |u_1^\top \phi_{k_1}(t/n)| d_t^{-1/2} O(k_3^{-s_3/2}) \\
& \leq \sqrt{nk_1} O(k_1^{-s_1}) + \sqrt{nk_1} O(k_2^{-s_2/2}) + n^{1/4} \sqrt{k_1} O(k_3^{-s_3/2}) \\
& = o(1)
\end{aligned}$$

by Assumption D, implying  $A_{1n} = o_P(1)$ . Similarly, it is readily seen that  $A_{2n} = o(1)$  as well.

For  $B_{1n}$ , denoting  $u_2 = \|a_{k_2}(z)\|^{-1} a_{k_2}(z)$  temporarily,

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbb{E}|B_{1n}| & \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{t=1}^n \mathbb{E} \|a_{k_2}(z_t) \gamma(t)\| \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{t=1}^n [\mathbb{E} \|a_{k_2}(z_t)\|^2 \mathbb{E} |\gamma(t)|^2]^{1/2} \\
& \leq C \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{t=1}^n [\mathbb{E} \|a_{k_2}(z_t)\|^2]^{1/2} [|\gamma_{1k_1}(t/n)|^2 + \mathbb{E} |\gamma_{2k_2}(z_t)|^2 + \mathbb{E} |\gamma_{3k_3}(x_t)|^2]^{1/2} \\
& = C \sqrt{nk_2}^{1/2} \max_{r \in [0,1]} |\gamma_{1k_1}(r)| + C \sqrt{nk_2}^{1/2} O(k_2^{-s_2/2}) + C k_2^{1/2} n^{1/4} O(k_3^{-s_3/2}) \\
& = C \sqrt{nk_2}^{1/2} O(k_1^{-s_1}) + C \sqrt{nk_2}^{1/2} O(k_2^{-s_2/2}) + C k_2^{1/2} n^{1/4} O(k_3^{-s_3/2}),
\end{aligned}$$

due to Assumption D where  $\mathbb{E} \|a_{k_2}(z_t)\|^2 \leq C k_2$  for some constant  $C$  since  $\mathbb{E}[a_{k_2}(z_t) a_{k_2}(z_t)^\top]$  has bounded eigenvalues.

For  $C_{1n}$ , note that  $d_n^{-1} x_t = W_n(t/n)$  and  $\sup_{0 \leq r \leq 1} |W_n(r) - W(r)| = o_P(n^{-1/2})$ . Thus,  $C_{1n} = O_P(1) \sqrt{n} \max_i k_i^{-s_i} = o_P(1)$ .

In addition,

$$\begin{aligned}
|B_{2n}| & = \frac{1}{\|a_{k_2}(z)\|} \sqrt{n} |\gamma_{2k_2}(z)| = \frac{1}{\|a_{k_2}(z) f_z(z)\|} \sqrt{n} |\gamma_{2k_2}(z) f_z(z)| \\
& = O(k_2^{-1/2}) \sqrt{nk_2}^{-s_2/2} = o(1),
\end{aligned}$$

where we have used  $\|a_{k_2}(z) f_z(z)\|^2 = O(k_2)$  for fixed  $z$  and  $|\gamma_{2k_2}(z) f_z(z)| = o(k_2^{-s_2/2})$  for the pointwise convergence.

For (5), letting  $u_4 = \|b_{k_3}(x)\|^{-1} b_{k_3}(x)$  as before and by Lemma C.1,

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sqrt{\frac{d_n}{n}} \sum_{t=1}^n \mathbb{E} |u_4^\top b_{k_3}(x_t) \gamma(t)| \\
& \leq \sqrt{\frac{d_n}{n}} \sum_{t=1}^n \mathbb{E} |u_4^\top b_{k_3}(x_t) \gamma_{1k_1}(t/n)| \\
& \quad + \sqrt{\frac{d_n}{n}} \sum_{t=1}^n \mathbb{E} |u_4^\top b_{k_3}(x_t) \gamma_{2k_2}(z_t)|
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& + \sqrt{\frac{d_n}{n}} \sum_{t=1}^n \mathbb{E} |u_4^\top b_{k_3}(x_t) \gamma_{3k_3}(x_t)| \\
& \leq \sqrt{\frac{d_n}{n}} \max_{r \in [0,1]} |\gamma_{1k_1}(r)| \sum_{t=1}^n [\mathbb{E} \|b_{k_3}(x_t)\|^2]^{1/2} \\
& \quad + \sqrt{\frac{d_n}{n}} k_2^{-s_2/2} \sum_{t=1}^n \mathbb{E} \|b_{k_3}(x_t)\| \\
& \quad + \sqrt{\frac{d_n}{n}} \sum_{t=1}^n [\mathbb{E} \|b_{k_3}(x_t)\|^2 \mathbb{E} |\gamma_{3k_3}(x_t)|^2]^{1/2} \\
& \leq C_1 n^{-1/4} k_1^{-s_1} k_3^{1/2} n^{3/4} + C_2 n^{-1/4} k_2^{-s_2/2} k_3^{1/2} n^{3/4} \\
& \quad + C_3 \sqrt{\frac{d_n}{n}} \sum_{t=1}^n d_t^{-1} \left[ \int \|b_{k_3}(x)\|^2 dx \int |\gamma_{3k_3}(x)|^2 dx \right]^{1/2} \\
& = C_1 n^{1/2} k_1^{-s_1} k_3^{1/2} + C_2 n^{1/2} k_2^{-s_2/2} k_3^{1/2} + C_3 n^{1/4} k_3^{-s_3/2} k_3^{1/2} \\
& = o(1)
\end{aligned}$$

due to Assumption D where we have used the boundedness of the density  $f_t(x)$  for  $x_t/d_t$  by Lemma C.1 under Assumption B.1.(a) or Lemma C.3 under Assumption B.1.(b).

In the mean time, for (6),

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{1}{\|b_{k_3}(x)\|} \sqrt{n/d_n} |\gamma_{3k_3}(x)| & = O(k_3^{-1/2}) O(n^{1/4}) o(k_3^{-(s_3-1)/2-1/12}) \\
& = o(n^{1/4} k_3^{-s_3/2-1/12}) = o(1),
\end{aligned}$$

where  $\sup_x |\gamma_{3k_3}(x)| = o(k_3^{-(s_3-1)/2-1/12})$  by again Lemma C.1 in the supplement of Dong et al. (2016). The entire proof is complete.  $\square$

**Proof of Theorem 3.4:** Similar to (D.6), we have

$$\widehat{c} - c = M_n^{-1} [\widetilde{Q}_k^{-1} + o_P(1)] M_n^{-1} \widetilde{A}_{nk}^\top (\widetilde{\gamma} + e),$$

where  $\widetilde{\gamma} = (\widetilde{\gamma}(1), \dots, \widetilde{\gamma}(n))^\top$  with  $\widetilde{\gamma}(t) = \gamma_{1k_1}(t/n) + \gamma_{2k_2}(z_{t,n}) + \gamma_{3k_3}(x_t)$ . Hence,  $M_n(\widehat{c} - c) = \widetilde{Q}_k^{-1} M_n^{-1} \widetilde{A}_{nk}^\top (\widetilde{\gamma} + e)$  where the term  $o_P(1)$  is omitted for better exposition.

Also, note that for any  $r \in [0, 1]$ ,  $z \in [a_{\min}, a_{\max}]$  and  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{\sqrt{n}}{\|\phi_{k_1}(r)\|} [\widehat{\beta}_n(r) - \beta(r)] \\ \sqrt{n} d_n [\widehat{\theta} - \theta_0] \\ \frac{\sqrt{n}}{\|a_{k_2}(z)\|} [\widehat{g}_n(z) - g(z)] \\ \frac{\sqrt{n}}{\|b_{k_3}(x)\| \sqrt{d_n}} [\widehat{m}_n(x) - m(x)] \end{pmatrix} = \overline{\Phi}(r, z, x)^\top M_n (\widehat{c} - c) - \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\sqrt{n}}{\|\phi_{k_1}(r)\|} \gamma_{1k_1}(r) \\ 0 \\ \frac{\sqrt{n}}{\|a_{k_2}(z)\|} \gamma_{2k_2}(z) \\ \frac{\sqrt{n}}{\|b_{k_3}(x)\| \sqrt{d_n}} \gamma_{3k_3}(x) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \bar{\Phi}(r, z, x)^\top \tilde{Q}_k^{-1} M_n^{-1} \tilde{A}_{nk}^\top (\tilde{\gamma} + e) - \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\sqrt{n}}{\|\phi_{k_1}(r)\|} \gamma_{1k_1}(r) \\ 0 \\ \frac{\sqrt{n}}{\|a_{k_2}(z)\|} \gamma_{2k}(z) \\ \frac{\sqrt{n}}{\|b_{k_3}(x)\| \sqrt{d_n}} \gamma_{3k_3}(x) \end{pmatrix}. \quad (\text{D.8})$$

The normality will be derived from  $\bar{\Phi}(r, z, x)^\top \tilde{Q}_k^{-1} M_n^{-1} \tilde{A}_{nk}^\top e$  which is considered now, while all the other terms will be treated later.

By virtue of the structure of  $\tilde{Q}_k$ , we may write  $\bar{\Phi}(r, z, x)^\top \tilde{Q}_k^{-1} M_n^{-1} \tilde{A}_{nk}^\top e = L_4^{-1} \sum_{t=1}^n \tilde{\xi}_{n,t} e_t$  where  $L_4 = \text{diag}(1, 1, 1, L_W(1, 0))$  and

$$\tilde{\xi}_{n,t} := \bar{\Phi}^\top(r, z, x) \bar{Q}_k^{-1} M_n^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} \phi_{k_1}(t/n) \\ x_t \\ a_{k_2}(z_{nt}) \\ b_{k_3}(x_t) \end{pmatrix},$$

in which  $\bar{Q}_k = \text{diag}(\tilde{Q}_*, I_{k_3})$ .

Hence, rewrite (D.8) as

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{\sqrt{n}}{\|\phi_{k_1}(r)\|} [\hat{\beta}_n(r) - \beta(r)] \\ \sqrt{n} d_n [\hat{\theta} - \theta_0] \\ \frac{\sqrt{n}}{\|a_{k_2}(z)\|} [\hat{g}_n(z) - g(z)] \\ \frac{\sqrt{n}}{\|b_{k_3}(x)\| \sqrt{d_n}} [\hat{m}_n(x) - m(x)] \end{pmatrix} = L_4^{-1} \sum_{t=1}^n \tilde{\xi}_{n,t} e_t + L_4^{-1} \sum_{t=1}^n \tilde{\xi}_{n,t} \tilde{\gamma}(t) - \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\sqrt{n}}{\|\phi_{k_1}(r)\|} \gamma_{1k_1}(r) \\ 0 \\ \frac{\sqrt{n}}{\|a_{k_2}(z)\|} \gamma_{2k}(z) \\ \frac{\sqrt{n}}{\|b_{k_3}(x)\| \sqrt{d_n}} \gamma_{3k_3}(x) \end{pmatrix}. \quad (\text{D.9})$$

Here,  $\sum_{t=1}^n \tilde{\xi}_{n,t} e_t$  forms a martingale array by Assumptions B\* and E. The conditional variance matrix is

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{t=1}^n \mathbb{E}[\tilde{\xi}_{n,t} \tilde{\xi}_{n,t}^\top e_t^2 | \mathcal{F}_{n,t-1}] = \sum_{t=1}^n \sigma^2(t/n) \tilde{\xi}_{n,t} \tilde{\xi}_{n,t}^\top \\ &= \bar{\Phi}^\top(r, z, x) \bar{Q}_k^{-1} M_n^{-1} \tilde{A}_{nk}^\top \Sigma_n \tilde{A}_{nk} M_n^{-1} \bar{Q}_k^{-1} \bar{\Phi}(r, z, x) \\ &= \bar{\Phi}^\top(r, z, x) \bar{Q}_k^{-1} \tilde{P}_k \bar{Q}_k^{-1} \bar{\Phi}(r, z, x) (1 + o_P(1)) \end{aligned}$$

by Lemma C.10.

Denote  $\tilde{\Xi}_n = \bar{\Phi}^\top(r, z, x) \bar{Q}_k^{-1} \tilde{P}_k \bar{Q}_k^{-1} \bar{\Phi}(r, z, x)$  a matrix of  $4 \times 4$ . Then, in view of the structures of  $\bar{Q}_k$  and  $\tilde{P}_k$ , we may further write  $\tilde{\Xi}_n = \text{diag}(\tilde{\Xi}_{1n}, \int_0^1 \sigma(r)^2 dL_W(r, 0))$  where  $\tilde{\Xi}_{1n} = \bar{\Phi}_{13}^\top(r, z) \tilde{Q}_*^{-1} \tilde{P}_* \tilde{Q}_*^{-1} \bar{\Phi}_{13}(r, z)$  a 3-by-3 matrix.

Following exactly the same fashion as before we may show the normality, letting  $\Xi =$

$\text{diag}(\tilde{\Xi}_1, \int_0^1 \sigma(r)^2 dL_W(r, 0)),$

$$\sum_{t=1}^n \tilde{\xi}_{nt} e_t \rightarrow_D N(0, \Xi),$$

by Cramér-Wold theorem. In addition, using the approximation of  $z_t(t/n)$  to  $z_{t,n}$  it is not hard to demonstrate all the remainder terms asymptotically negligible. These are omitted for the sake of similarity. The proof thus is finished.  $\square$

**Proof of Proposition 3.1:** In this corollary we consider the attainability of the conventional optimal rate for sieve estimation, that is, we shall compare the convergence rates of  $\hat{\beta}(\cdot)$  and  $\hat{g}(\cdot)$  in  $L_2$  sense with that in Stone (1982, 1985), since in the literature there is no research on the optimal rate of convergence with respect to unit root regressor.

We next investigate the rates of  $\|\hat{\beta}_n(r) - \beta(r)\|^2$ ,  $\|\hat{g}_n(z) - g(z)\|^2$  and  $\|\hat{m}_n(x) - m(x)\|^2$  where the norm is of  $L^2$  in the function spaces, respectively. All notation used below is the same as defined in Section 2 of the paper. Observe by the orthogonality of the basis function that

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{pmatrix} \|\hat{\beta}_n(r) - \beta(r)\|^2 \\ \|\hat{g}_n(z) - g(z)\|^2 \\ \|\hat{m}_n(x) - m(x)\|^2 \end{pmatrix} &= \begin{pmatrix} \|\phi_{k_1}(r)^\top(\hat{c}_1 - c_1) - \gamma_{1k_1}(r)\|^2 \\ \|a_{k_2}(z)^\top(\hat{c}_2 - c_2) - \gamma_{2k_2}(z)\|^2 \\ \|b_{k_3}(x)^\top(\hat{c}_3 - c_3) - \gamma_{3k_3}(x)\|^2 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} \|\hat{c}_1 - c_1\|^2 \\ \|\hat{c}_2 - c_2\|^2 \\ \|\hat{c}_3 - c_3\|^2 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} \|\gamma_{1k_1}(r)\|^2 \\ \|\gamma_{2k_2}(z)\|^2 \\ \|\gamma_{3k_3}(x)\|^2 \end{pmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

Here, we already know that  $\|\gamma_{1k_1}(r)\|^2 = O(k_1^{-2s_1})$  and  $\|\gamma_{2k_2}(z)\|^2 = O(k_2^{-2s_2})$  by Newey (1997) and  $\|\gamma_{3k_3}(x)\|^2 = o(k_3^{-s_3})$  by Lemma C.1 of Dong et al. (2016).

On the other hand, by Lemma A.3 we have

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{pmatrix} \hat{c}_1 - c_1 \\ \hat{c}_2 - c_2 \\ \hat{c}_3 - c_3 \end{pmatrix} &= \hat{c} - c = (B_{nk}^\top B_{nk})^{-1} B_{nk}^\top (e + \gamma) \\ &= D_n^{-1} U_k^{-1} D_n^{-1} B_{nk}^\top (e + \gamma) (1 + o_P(1)) \\ &= D_n^{-1} U_k^{-1} D_n^{-1} \sum_{t=1}^n \begin{pmatrix} \phi_{k_1}(t/n) \\ a_{k_2}(z_t) \\ b_{k_3}(x_t) \end{pmatrix} (e_t + \gamma(t)) (1 + o_P(1)) \end{aligned}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^n \phi_{k_1}(t/n)(e_t + \gamma(t)) \\ \frac{1}{n} U_{*22}^{-1} \sum_{t=1}^n a_{k_2}(z_t)(e_t + \gamma(t)) \\ L_W^{-1}(1, 0) \frac{d_n}{n} \sum_{t=1}^n b_{k_3}(x_t)(e_t + \gamma(t)) \end{pmatrix} (1 + o_P(1))$$

due to  $U_k = \text{diag}(U_*, L_W(1, 0)I_{k_3})$ ,  $U_* = \text{diag}(I_{k_1}, U_{*22})$  and  $U_{*22} = \mathbb{E}[a_{k_2}(z_1)a_{k_2}(z_1)^\top]$ . Under the condition that  $U_{*22}$  has eigenvalues bounded below from zero and above from infinity uniformly, it follows that

$$\begin{pmatrix} \|\widehat{c}_1 - c_1\|^2 \\ \|\widehat{c}_2 - c_2\|^2 \\ \|\widehat{c}_3 - c_3\|^2 \end{pmatrix} \asymp \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{n^2} \|\sum_{t=1}^n \phi_{k_1}(t/n)(e_t + \gamma(t))\|^2 \\ \frac{1}{n^2} \|\sum_{t=1}^n a_{k_2}(z_t)(e_t + \gamma(t))\|^2 \\ \frac{d_n^2}{n^2} \|\sum_{t=1}^n b_{k_3}(x_t)(e_t + \gamma(t))\|^2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Moreover,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{n^2} \mathbb{E} \left\| \sum_{t=1}^n \phi_{k_1}(t/n) e_t \right\|^2 &= \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{t=1}^n \|\phi_{k_1}(t/n)\|^2 \sigma^2(t/n) \\ &= \frac{1}{n} \int_0^1 \|\phi_{k_1}(r)\|^2 \sigma^2(r) dr (1 + o(1)) = O(k_1/n), \end{aligned}$$

by Lemma A.2, while  $n^{-2} \|\sum_{t=1}^n \phi_{k_1}(t/n) \gamma(t)\|^2$  is negligible comparing with the above term, as can be seen from the proof of Theorem 3.1. The assertion of  $\|\widehat{c}_2 - c_2\|^2 = O_P(k_2/n)$  can be derived similarly, and

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d_n^2}{n^2} \mathbb{E} \left\| \sum_{t=1}^n b_{k_3}(x_t) e_t \right\|^2 &= \frac{d_n^2}{n^2} \sum_{t=1}^n \mathbb{E} \|b_{k_3}(x_t)\|^2 \sigma^2(t/n) \\ &\asymp \frac{d_n^2}{n^2} \sum_{t=1}^n d_t^{-1} \int \|b_{k_3}(x)\|^2 dx = O(k_3/\sqrt{n}), \end{aligned}$$

invoking Lemma A.1, which implies  $\|\widehat{c}_3 - c_3\|^2 = O_P(k_3/\sqrt{n})$ . So the conclusion follows.  $\square$

**Proof of Corollary 3.1.** It suffices to show that  $\widehat{\sigma}^2 \rightarrow_P \sigma^2$  and  $\Lambda_n/(nL_W(1, 0)/d_n) \rightarrow_P 1$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , from which the second part of the corollary follows immediately.

(1). Notice that

$$\begin{aligned} \widehat{\sigma}^2 &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^n (y_t - \widehat{\beta}_n(t/n) - \widehat{g}_n(z_t) - \widehat{m}_n(x_t))^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^n (e_t + \beta(t/n) - \widehat{\beta}_n(t/n) + g(z_t) - \widehat{g}_n(z_t) + m(x_t) - \widehat{m}_n(x_t))^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^n e_t^2 + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^n (\beta(t/n) - \widehat{\beta}_n(t/n) + g(z_t) - \widehat{g}_n(z_t) + m(x_t) - \widehat{m}_n(x_t))^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$+ 2\frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^n e_t(\beta(t/n) - \widehat{\beta}_n(t/n) + g(z_t) - \widehat{g}_n(z_t) + m(x_t) - \widehat{m}_n(x_t)),$$

and we shall show that the first term converges to  $\sigma^2$  and the second to zero in probability that imply the third term converges to zero in probability as well. In fact, using the martingale structure for  $e_t$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E} \left( \frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^n e_t^2 - \sigma^2 \right)^2 &= \mathbb{E} \left( \frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^n (e_t^2 - \sigma^2) \right)^2 = \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{t=1}^n \mathbb{E}(e_t^2 - \sigma^2)^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{t=1}^n (\mathbb{E}e_t^4 - \sigma^4) \leq \frac{1}{n} \max_{1 \leq t \leq n} (\mathbb{E}e_t^4 - \sigma^4) \rightarrow 0, \end{aligned}$$

by Assumption B as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . In addition,

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^n (\beta(t/n) - \widehat{\beta}_n(t/n) + g(z_t) - \widehat{g}_n(z_t) + m(x_t) - \widehat{m}_n(x_t))^2 \\ &\leq 3\frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^n (\beta(t/n) - \widehat{\beta}_n(t/n))^2 + 3\frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^n (g(z_t) - \widehat{g}_n(z_t))^2 \\ &\quad + 3\frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^n (m(x_t) - \widehat{m}_n(x_t))^2 \\ &\leq 6\frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^n (\phi_{k_1}(t/n)^\top (c_1 - \widehat{c}_1))^2 + 6\frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^n \gamma_{1k_1}^2(t/n) \\ &\quad + 6\frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^n (a_{k_2}(z_t)^\top (c_2 - \widehat{c}_2))^2 + 6\frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^n \gamma_{2k_2}^2(z_t) \\ &\quad + 6\frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^n (b_{k_3}(x_t)^\top (c_3 - \widehat{c}_3))^2 + 6\frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^n \gamma_{3k_3}^2(x_t) \\ &= 6(c_1 - \widehat{c}_1)^\top \frac{1}{n} \Pi_{11} (c_1 - \widehat{c}_1) + 6\frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^n \gamma_{1k_1}^2(t/n) \\ &\quad + 6(c_2 - \widehat{c}_2)^\top \frac{1}{n} \Pi_{22} (c_2 - \widehat{c}_2) + 6\frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^n \gamma_{2k_2}^2(z_t) \\ &\quad + 6d_n^{-1} (c_3 - \widehat{c}_3)^\top \frac{d_n}{n} \Pi_{44} (c_3 - \widehat{c}_3) + 6\frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^n \gamma_{3k_3}^2(x_t) \\ &\leq 6\|c_1 - \widehat{c}_1\|^2 + 6 \sup_{0 \leq r \leq 1} \gamma_{1k_1}^2(r) + 6\|c_2 - \widehat{c}_2\|^2 \\ &\quad + 6\frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^n \gamma_{2k_2}^2(z_t) + 6d_n^{-1} L_W(1, 0) \|c_3 - \widehat{c}_3\|^2 + 6\frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^n \gamma_{3k_3}^2(x_t) \end{aligned}$$

where  $\Pi_{ii}$ ,  $i = 1, 2, 4$ , are the blocks in Lemma A.3, and we use the results for them therein. It follows from the proof of Theorem 3.1 that  $\|c_i - \widehat{c}_i\| = o_P(1)$  for  $i = 1, 2, 3$ . Moreover, notice that  $\sup_{0 \leq r \leq 1} \gamma_{1k_1}^2(r) = O(k_1^{-s_1})$ , and similar to the proof of  $A_{1n} = o_P(1)$  and  $B_{1n} = o_P(1)$  in

Theorem 3.1, we may easily show that  $\frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^n \gamma_{2k_2}^2(z_t) = o_P(1)$  and  $\frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^n \gamma_{3k_3}^2(x_t) = o_P(1)$  which is omitted due the similarity. The proof of  $\widehat{\sigma}^2 \rightarrow_P \sigma^2$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  is complete.

(2). The assertion of  $\Lambda_n/(nL_W(1, 0)/d_n) \rightarrow_P 1$  is an implication of Lemma A.3.  $\square$

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