

Optimal Linear Instrumental Variables Approximations*

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Abstract

Ordinary least squares provides the optimal linear approximation to the true regression function under misspecification. This paper investigates the Instrumental Variables (IV) version of this problem. The resulting population parameter is called the Optimal Linear IV Approximation (OLIVA). This paper shows that a necessary condition for standard inference on the OLIVA is also sufficient for existence of an IV estimand in a linear IV model. The necessary regularity condition holds for the case of a binary endogenous treatment, leading also to a LATE interpretation with positive weights in a fully heterogeneous model. The instrument in the IV estimand is unknown and may not be identified. A Two-Step IV (TSIV) estimator based on a Tikhonov regularized instrument is proposed, which can be implemented by standard regression routines. We establish the asymptotic normality of the TSIV estimator without assuming neither completeness nor identification of the instrument. As an important application of our analysis, we robustify the classical Hausman test for exogeneity against misspecification of the linear model. Monte Carlo simulations suggest a good finite sample performance for the proposed inferences.

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1 Introduction

The Ordinary Least Squares (OLS) estimator has an appealing nonparametric interpretation—it provides the optimal linear approximation (in a mean-square error sense) to the true regression function. That is, the OLS estimand is a meaningful and easily interpretable parameter even under misspecification of the linear model. Unfortunately, except in special circumstances (such as with random assignment), this parameter does not have a causal interpretation. Commonly used estimands based on Instrumental Variables (IV) do have a causal interpretation (see, e.g., [Imbens and Angrist \(1994\)](#)), but do not share with OLS the appealing nonparametric interpretation (see, e.g., [Imbens, Angrist and Graddy \(2000\)](#)). The main goal of our paper is to fill this gap and propose an IV analog to OLS.

The parameter of interest is thus the vector of slopes in the optimal linear approximation of the *structural* regression function. We call this parameter the Optimal Linear IV Approximation (OLIVA). We investigate regular identification of the OLIVA, i.e. identification with a finite efficiency bound, based on the results in [Severini and Tripathi \(2012\)](#). The main contribution of our paper is to show that the necessary condition for regular identification of the OLIVA is also sufficient for existence of an IV estimand in a linear IV regression. That is, we show that, under a minimal condition for standard inference, it is possible to obtain an IV version of OLS.

The identification result is constructive and leads to a Two-Step IV (TSIV) estimation strategy. The necessary condition for regular identification is a conditional moment restriction that is used to estimate a suitable instrument in a first step. The second step is simply a standard linear IV estimator with the estimated instrument from the first step. The situation is analogous to optimal IV (see, e.g., [Robinson \(1976\)](#) and [Newey \(1990\)](#)), but more difficult due to the possible lack of identification of the first step and the first step problem being statistically harder than a nonparametric regression problem. To select an instrument among potentially many candidates we use Tikhonov regularization combined with a sieve approach to obtain a Penalized Sieve Minimum Distance (PSMD) first step estimator of the type discussed in [Chen and Pouzo \(2012\)](#). This choice is theoretically and empirically justified in this paper. Theoretically, a Tikhonov instrument is shown to have certain sufficiency property explained below. Empirically, the resulting PSMD estimator can be computed with standard regression routines. The TSIV estimator is shown to be asymptotically normal and to perform favorably in simulations when compared with alternative estimators, being competitive with the oracle IV under linearity of the structural model, while robustifying it otherwise.

An important application of our approach is to a Hausman test for exogeneity that is robust to misspecification of the linear model. This robustness comes from our TSIV being nonparametrically comparable to OLS under exogeneity. The robust Hausman test is a standard t-test in an augmented regression that does not require any correction for standard errors for its validity, as we show below. [Lochner and Moretti \(2015\)](#) consider a different exogeneity test comparing the classical IV estimator with a weighted OLS estimator when the endogenous variable is discrete. In contrast, our test compares the standard OLS with our IV estimator—more in the spirit of the original [Hausman \(1978\)](#)’s exogeneity test—while allowing for general endogenous variables (continuous, discrete or mixed). Monte Carlo simulations confirm the robustness of the proposed Hausman test, and the inability of the standard

Hausman test to control the empirical size under misspecification of the linear model.

Our paper contributes to two different strands of the literature. The first strand is the nonparametric IV literature; see, e.g., [Newey and Powell \(2003\)](#), [Ai and Chen \(2003\)](#), [Hall and Horowitz \(2005\)](#), [Blundell, Chen and Kristensen \(2007\)](#), [Horowitz \(2007\)](#), [Horowitz \(2011\)](#), [Darolles, Fan, Florens and Renault \(2011\)](#), [Santos \(2012\)](#) and [Chetverikov and Wilhem \(2017\)](#), among others. [Severini and Tripathi \(2006, 2012\)](#) discuss identification of linear functionals of the structural function without completeness. Their results on regular identification are adapted to the OLIVA below. [Santos \(2011\)](#) establishes regular asymptotic normality for weighted integrals of the structural function in nonparametric IV, also allowing for lack of nonparametric identification of the structural function. The OLIVA functional was not considered in neither [Severini and Tripathi \(2006, 2012\)](#) nor [Santos \(2011\)](#). The IV interpretation, the implementation and asymptotic normality proof for the TSIV, and the robust Hausman tests complement the results given in the aforementioned references.

Our paper is also related to the Causal IV literature that interprets IV nonparametrically as a Local Average Treatment Effect (LATE); see [Imbens and Angrist \(1994\)](#). A forerunner of our paper is [Abadie \(2003\)](#). He defines the Complier Causal Response Function and its best linear approximation in the presence of covariates. He also develops two-step inference for the resulting linear approximation coefficients when the endogenous variable is binary. In this case, we show that the necessary condition for regular identification of the OLIVA holds and that our IV estimator has a LATE interpretation with non-negative weights; see Section 2.3.

When regular identification of the OLIVA does not hold, but the OLIVA is identified, we expect our estimator to provide a good approximation to the OLIVA. This follows because (i) under identification of the OLIVA, the first step approximately solves the first step equation, and (ii) small errors in the first step equation lead to small errors in the second step limit.¹

The main contributions of this paper are thus the interpretation of the regular identification of the OLIVA as existence of an IV estimand, the asymptotic normality of a TSIV estimator, and the robust Hausman test. The identification, estimation and exogeneity test of this paper are all robust to the lack of the identification of the structural function (i.e. lack of completeness) and the instrument. Furthermore, the proposed methods are also robust to misspecification of linear model, sharing the nonparametric interpretation of OLS, but in a setting with endogenous regressors.

The rest of the paper is organized as follows. Section 2 defines formally the parameter of interest and its regular identification. Section 3 proposes a PSMD first step and establishes the asymptotic normality of the TSIV. Section 4 derives the asymptotic properties of the robust Hausman test for exogeneity. The finite sample performance of the TSIV and the robust Hausman test is investigated in Section 5. Appendix A presents notation, assumptions and some preliminary results that are needed for the main proofs in Appendix B. Appendix C reports tables for simulation results on sensitivity analysis.

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2 Optimal Linear Instrumental Variables Approximations

2.1 Nonparametric Interpretation

Let the dependent variable Y be related to the p -dimensional vector X through the equation

$$Y = g(X) + \varepsilon, \quad (1)$$

where $E[\varepsilon|Z] = 0$ almost surely (a.s.), for a q -dimensional vector of instruments Z .

The OLIVA parameter β solves, for g satisfying (1),

$$\beta = \arg \min_{\gamma \in \mathbb{R}^p} E[(g(X) - \gamma'X)^2], \quad (2)$$

where henceforth A' denotes the transpose of A . If $E[XX']$ is positive definite, then

$$\beta \equiv \beta(g) = E[XX']^{-1}E[Xg(X)]. \quad (3)$$

When X is exogenous, i.e. $E[\varepsilon|X] = 0$ a.s., the function $g(\cdot)$ is the regression function $E[Y|X = \cdot]$ and β is identified and consistently estimated by OLS under mild conditions. In many economic applications, however, X is endogenous, i.e. $E[\varepsilon|X] \neq 0$, and identification and estimation of (3) becomes a more difficult issue than in the exogenous case, albeit less difficult than identification and estimation of the structural function g in (1).

We first investigate regular identification of β in (1)-(2). The terminology of regular identification is proposed in [Khan and Tamer \(2010\)](#), and refers to identification with a finite efficiency bound. Regular identification of a parameter is desirable because it means possibility of standard inference (see [Chamberlain \(1986\)](#)). The necessary condition for regular identification of β is

$$E[h(Z)|X] = X \text{ a.s.}, \quad (4)$$

for an squared integrable $h(\cdot)$; see Lemma 2.1 below, which builds on [Severini and Tripathi \(2012\)](#). We show that condition (4) is sufficient for existence of an IV estimand identifying β . That is, we show that β is identified from a linear IV regression

$$Y = X'\beta + U, \quad E[Uh(Z)] = 0.$$

The IV estimand uses the unknown, possibly not unique, transformation $h(\cdot)$ of Z as instruments. We propose below a Two-Step IV (TSIV) estimator that first estimates the instruments from (4) and then applies IV with the estimated instruments. The proposed IV estimator has the same nonparametric interpretation as OLS, but under endogeneity.

If the nonparametric structural function g is identified, then β is of course identified. Conditions for point identification and consistent estimation of g are given in the references above on the nonparametric IV literature. Asymptotic normality for continuous functionals of a point-identified g has been analyzed in [Ai and Chen \(2003\)](#), [Ai and Chen \(2007\)](#), [Carrasco, Florens and Renault \(2006\)](#), [Carrasco, Florens and Renault \(2014\)](#), [Chen and Pouzo \(2015\)](#) and [Breunig and Johannes \(2016\)](#), among others.

Nonparametric identification of g is, however, not necessary for identification of the OLIVA; see also [Severini and Tripathi \(2006, 2012\)](#). It is indeed desirable to obtain identification of β without requiring completeness assumptions, which are known to be impossible to test (cf. [Canay, Santos and Shaikh \(2013\)](#)). In this paper we focus on regular identification of the OLIVA without assuming completeness. Inference under irregular identification is known to be less stable and non-standard, see [Chamberlain \(1986\)](#), and it is beyond the scope of this paper. See [Babii and Florens \(2018\)](#) for recent advances in this direction, and [Escanciano and Li \(2013\)](#) for partial identification results.

Section 2.2 shows the necessity of the conditional moment restriction (4) for regular identification of the OLIVA and Section 2.3 shows that this restriction holds when X is binary, leading to a LATE interpretation with non-negative weights in a fully heterogeneous model.

2.2 Regular Identification of the OLIVA

We observe a random vector $W = (Y, X, Z)$ satisfying (1), or equivalently,

$$r(z) := E[Y | Z = z] = E[g(X) | Z = z] := T^*g, \quad (5)$$

where T^* denotes the adjoint operator of T (the nonparametric analog of a transpose). Let \mathcal{G} denote the parameter space for g . Assume $g \in \mathcal{G} \subseteq L_2(X)$ and $r \in L_2(Z)$, where henceforth, for a generic random variable V , $L_2(V)$ denotes the space of (measurable) square integrable functions of V , i.e. $f \in L_2(V)$ if $\|f\|^2 := E[|f(V)|^2] < \infty$, and where $|A| = \text{trace}(A'A)^{1/2}$ is the Euclidean norm.²

The next result, which follows from an application of Lemma 4.1 in [Severini and Tripathi \(2012\)](#), provides a necessary condition for regular identification of the OLIVA. Define $g_0 := \arg \min_{g: r=T^*g} \|g\|$. Correct specification of the model guarantees that g_0 is uniquely defined; see [Engl, Hanke and Neubauer \(1996\)](#). Define $\xi = Y - g_0(X)$, $\Omega(z) = E[\xi^2 | Z = z]$, and let \mathcal{S}_Z denote the support of Z . We consider the following assumptions.

Assumption 1: (5) holds, $g \in \mathcal{G} \subseteq L_2(X)$, $r \in L_2(Z)$, and $E[XX']$ is finite and positive definite.

Assumption 2: $0 < \inf_{z \in \mathcal{S}_Z} \Omega(z) \leq \sup_{z \in \mathcal{S}_Z} \Omega(z) < \infty$ and T is compact.

Assumption 3: There exists $h(\cdot) \in L_2(Z)$ such that (4) holds.

Lemma 2.1 *Let Assumptions 1-2 hold. If β is regularly identified, then Assumption 3 must hold.*

The proof of Lemma 2.1 and other results in the text are gathered in Appendix B. Assumption 3 may hold when L_2 -completeness of X given Z fails (see [Newey and Powell \(2003\)](#) for discussion of L_2 -completeness). If Z has discrete finite support, then L_2 -completeness of X given Z implies Assumption 3, but this assumption holds even if completeness fails when X belongs to the span of the finite set of identified conditional probabilities of Z given X . When X is binary, Assumption 3 holds under a very mild condition, as shown below. More generally, for X discrete, (4) becomes a finite

²When f is vector-valued, by $f(V) \in L_2(V)$ we mean that its components are all in $L_2(V)$.

system of equations, which makes the condition more likely to hold, provided the support of Z is large enough relative to that of X ; see next section for precise conditions. When Z and X are continuous, we expect that Assumption 3 is testable when the distribution of X given Z is not L_2 -complete (see [Chen and Santos \(2015\)](#)). We note that when Assumption 3 does not hold two possibilities may arise: (i) β is identified, but has infinite efficiency bound, and (ii) β is not identified. As discussed in the Introduction, our IV estimand can be made arbitrarily close to β under (i).

The main observation of this paper is that the necessary condition for regular identification of β is also sufficient for existence of an IV estimand. This follows because by the law of iterated expectations, Assumption 3 and $E[\varepsilon|Z] = 0$ a.s.,

$$\begin{aligned}\beta &= E[XX']^{-1}E[Xg(X)] \\ &= E[E[h(Z)|X]X']^{-1}E[E[h(Z)|X]g(X)] \\ &= E[h(Z)X']^{-1}E[h(Z)Y],\end{aligned}$$

which is the IV estimand using $h(Z)$ as instruments for X . The following Proposition summarizes this finding and shows that, although there are potentially many solutions to (4), the corresponding β is unique.

Proposition 2.2 *Let Assumptions 1-3 hold. Then, β is invariant to choice of the instruments $h(Z)$.*

Remark 2.1 *By (4), $E[h(Z)X'] = E[XX']$. Thus, non-singularity of $E[h(Z)X']$ follows from that of $E[XX']$. Thus, the strength of the instruments $h(Z)$ is measured by the level of multicollinearity in X .*

2.3 LATE Interpretation

As an important example, consider the case where the endogenous variable X is binary, like an endogenous treatment indicator. In this case Assumption 3 is satisfied under a mild condition, as we now show. Furthermore, a unique minimum norm solution to (4) can be easily characterized (see the proof of Proposition 2.3). Minimum norm solutions will also play an important role in our implementation of the continuous case as well.

Proposition 2.3 *If X is binary, and the propensity score $\pi(Z) = E[X|Z]$ is not constant, with $0 < E[\pi(Z)] < 1$, then Assumption 3 holds. Moreover, there exists a unique solution of (4) of the form $h_0(Z) = \alpha + \gamma\pi(Z)$, and this h_0 is the unique minimum norm solution among all solutions of (4).*

The last part of Proposition 2.3 is particularly important, as it implies that Condition 3 in [Imbens and Angrist \(1994\)](#) is satisfied. This condition states that (i) for all z_1, z_2 in the support of Z , it follows that $\pi(z_1) \leq \pi(z_2)$ implies either $h_0(z_1) \leq h_0(z_2)$ or $h_0(z_1) \geq h_0(z_2)$; and (ii) $Cov(X, h_0(Z)) \neq 0$. Both conditions are satisfied by h_0 in Proposition 2.3 (note $Cov(X, h_0(Z)) = Var(X) > 0$). Hence, when other standard assumptions in [Imbens and Angrist \(1994\)](#) are satisfied (Conditions 1 and 2), their Theorem 2 implies that our IV estimator has a LATE interpretation as a weighted average of local average treatment effects with nonnegative weights. Thus, even when X is binary, and hence g is

linear, there could be benefits of using our IV estimand over the standard IV estimand on the basis of the nonparametric interpretation under general unobserved heterogeneity.

Proposition 2.3 can be easily extended to the general discrete case (not necessarily binary). Assume X takes the values on the discrete set $\{x_1, \dots, x_d\}$, $d < \infty$, with respective positive probabilities $\Pr(X = x_j) = \pi_j$, $j = 1, \dots, d$. Define the propensity scores $\pi_j(z) := \Pr(X = x_j | Z = z)$. The extension of the condition in the binary case that the propensity score is not constant is that the random vector $\Pi = (\pi_1(Z), \dots, \pi_d(Z))'$ is not perfectly multicollinear, so $E[\Pi\Pi']$ is positive definite. In that case, a minimum norm solution to (4) is given by $h_0 = \gamma'\Pi$ where $\gamma = (E[\Pi\Pi'])^{-1}S$ and $S = (\pi_1 x_1, \dots, \pi_d x_d)'$.

3 Two-Step Instrumental Variables Estimation

Proposition 2.2 suggests a TSIV estimation method where, first, an h is estimated from (4) and then, an IV estimator is considered using the estimated h as instrument. To describe the estimator, let $\{Y_i, X_i, Z_i\}_{i=1}^n$ be an independent and identically distributed (*iid*) sample of size n satisfying (1). The TSIV estimator follows the steps:

Step 1. Estimate a function h satisfying $E[h(Z)|X] = X$ a.s., say \hat{h}_n , as defined in (10) below.

Step 2. Run linear IV using instruments $\hat{h}_n(Z)$ for X in $Y = X'\beta + U$, i.e.

$$\hat{\beta} = \left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \hat{h}_n(Z_i) X_i' \right)^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \hat{h}_n(Z_i) Y_i \right), \quad (6)$$

where \hat{h}_n is the first-step estimator given in Step 1.

For ease of exposition, we consider first the case where X and Z have no overlapping components (i.e. no included exogenous or controls) and are continuous. We also analyze below the case of control variables and discrete variables.

3.1 First-Step Estimation

To deal with the problem of lack of uniqueness of h , we consider a Tikhonov-type estimator. This approach is commonly used in the literature estimating g , see Hall and Horowitz (2005), Carrasco, Florens and Renault (2006), Florens, Johannes and Van Bellegem (2011), Chen and Pouzo (2012) and Gagliardini and Scaillet (2012), among others. Chen and Pouzo (2012) propose a PSMD estimator of g and show the L_2 -consistency of a solution identified via a strict convex penalty. These authors also obtain rates in Banach norms under point identification. Our first-step estimator \hat{h}_n is a PSMD estimator of the form considered in Chen and Pouzo (2012) when identification is achieved with an L_2 -penalty. As it turns out, the Tikhonov-type or L_2 -penalty estimator is well motivated in our setting, as we explain below. It implies that our instrument satisfies a certain sufficiency property.

Defining $m(X; h) := E[h(Z) - X|X]$, we estimate the unique h_0 satisfying $h_0 = \lim_{\lambda \downarrow 0} h_0(\lambda)$, where

$$h_0(\lambda) = \arg \min \{ \|m(\cdot; h)\|^2 + \lambda \|h\|^2 : h \in L_2(Z) \},$$

and $\lambda > 0$. Assumption 3 guarantees the existence and uniqueness of h_0 , see Engl, Hanke and Neubauer (1996). The function h_0 is the minimum norm solution of (4), as in Proposition 2.3. The sufficiency property mentioned above is that for any other solution h_1 to (4), it holds that in the first stage regression

$$X = c_0 + \alpha_0 h_0(Z) + \alpha_1 h_1(Z) + V, \quad (7)$$

α_1 must be zero, as shown in the next Proposition.

Proposition 3.1 *Let h_0 defined as above, and let h_1 be a different solution of (4). Then, $\alpha_1 = 0$ in (7).*

Having motivated the Tikhonov-type instrument, we introduce now its PSMD estimator. Let $E_n[g(W)]$ denote the sample mean operator, i.e. $E_n[g(W)] = n^{-1} \sum_i^n g(W_i)$, let $\|g\|_n = \left(E_n[|g(W)|^2]\right)^{1/2}$ be the empirical L_2 norm, and let $\hat{E}[h(Z)|X]$ be a series-based estimator for the conditional mean $E[h(Z)|X]$, which is given as follows. Consider a vector of approximating functions

$$p^{K_n}(x) = (p_1(x), \dots, p_{K_n}(x))',$$

having the property that a linear combination can approximate $E[h(Z)|X = x]$. Then,

$$\hat{E}[h(Z)|X = x] = p^{K_n'}(x)(P'P)^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n p^{K_n}(X_i)h(Z_i),$$

where $P = [p^{K_n}(X_1), \dots, p^{K_n}(X_n)]'$ and $K_n \rightarrow \infty$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

Let $\mathcal{H} \subset L_2(Z)$ denote the parameter space for h . Then, define the estimator

$$\hat{h}_n := \arg \min \{ \|\hat{m}(X; h)\|_n^2 + \lambda_n \|h\|_n^2 : h \in \mathcal{H}_n \}, \quad (8)$$

where $\mathcal{H}_n \subset \mathcal{H} \subseteq L_2(Z)$ is a linear sieve parameter space whose complexity grows with sample size, $\hat{m}(X_i; h) = \hat{E}(h(Z) - X|X_i)$, and λ_n is a sequence of positive numbers satisfying that $\lambda_n \downarrow 0$ as $n \uparrow \infty$, and some further conditions given in the Appendix A. In our implementation \mathcal{H}_n is the finite dimensional linear sieve given by

$$\mathcal{H}_n = \left\{ h : h = \sum_{j=1}^{J_n} a_j q_j(\cdot) \right\} \quad (9)$$

where $q^{J_n}(z) = (q_1(z), \dots, q_{J_n}(z))'$ is a vector containing a linear sieve basis, with $J_n \rightarrow \infty$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

The proposed TSIV estimator uses \hat{h}_n in (8) with \mathcal{H}_n as in (9), and has a simple closed-form expression given as follows. Define $\hat{q}(X) = \hat{E}[q^J(Z)|X]$, $D_n = E_n[\hat{q}(X)X']$, $Q_{2n} = E_n[q^J(Z)q^J(Z)']$, and

$$A_{\lambda_n} = E_n[\hat{q}(X)\hat{q}(X)'] + \lambda_n Q_{2n}.$$

Then, the closed form solution to (8) is given by

$$\hat{h}_n(\cdot) = D_n' A_{\lambda_n}^{-1} q^J(\cdot). \quad (10)$$

Moreover, this estimator can be easily implemented by an OLS and a standard Ridge regression steps: (i) standardize q^{J_n} so that Q_{2n} becomes the identity (simply multiply the original q^{J_n} by $Q_{2n}^{-1/2}$); (ii) run OLS $q^{J_n}(Z)$ on $p^{K_n}(X)$ and keep fitted values $\hat{q}(X)$; (iii) run standard Ridge regression of X on $\hat{q}(X)$; the slope coefficient in the last regression is $D'_n A_{\lambda_n}^{-1}$.

An alternative minimum norm approach requires choosing two sequences of positive numbers a_n and b_n and solving the program

$$\tilde{h}_n := \arg \min \{ \|h\|_n^2 : h \in \mathcal{H}_n, \|\hat{m}(X; h)\|_n^2 \leq b_n/a_n \}.$$

This is the approach used in Santos (2011) for his two-step setting. We prefer our implementation, since we only need one tuning parameter rather than two, and data driven methods for choosing λ_n are available; see Section 3.3.

The general L_2 -consistency result for \hat{h}_n in Chen and Pouzo (2012) can be used to establish the consistency of our TSIV estimator under general conditions on the parameter space, see Lemma A1 in Appendix A for regularity conditions.

3.2 Second-Step Estimation and Inference

The following result establishes the asymptotic normality of $\hat{\beta}$. Its proof relies on new L_2 -rates of convergence for \hat{h}_n and \hat{g}_n under partial identification of h and g (note that Chen and Pouzo (2012) rates are given under point identification). Santos (2011) obtained related rates but for a weak norm, which are not enough for our asymptotic normality.

Define

$$m(W, \beta, h, g) = (Y - X'\beta)h(Z) - (g(X) - X'\beta)(h(Z) - X).$$

To estimate the asymptotic variance of $\hat{\beta}$ is useful to estimate g_0 , the identified part of the structural function. We introduce a Tikhonov-type estimator that is the dual of \hat{h}_n . Let $\hat{g}_n(\cdot)$ denote a PSMD estimator of g_0 given by

$$\hat{g}_n(\cdot) = G'_n B_{\lambda_n}^{-1} p^K(\cdot), \quad (11)$$

with $G_n = E_n[\hat{p}(Z)Y]$, $\hat{p}(Z) = \hat{E}[p^K(X)|Z]$, $\hat{E}[g(X)|Z = z] = q^{J_n'}(z)(Q'Q)^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n q^{J_n}(Z_i)g(X_i)$, $Q = [q^{J_n}(Z_1), \dots, q^{J_n}(Z_n)]'$, $P_{2n} = E_n[p^K(X)p^K(X)']$, and $B_{\lambda_n} = E_n[\hat{p}(Z)\hat{p}(Z)'] + \lambda_n P_{2n}$. For ease of presentation, we use the same notation for the tuning parameters in \hat{h}_n and \hat{g}_n , although of course we will use different tuning parameters K_n and J_n for estimating \hat{h}_n or \hat{g}_n , see Section 3.3 for issues of implementation.

Theorem 3.2 *Let Assumptions 1-3 above and Assumptions A1-A5, A6(i-iii) in the Appendix A hold. Then,*

$$\sqrt{n}(\hat{\beta} - \beta) \longrightarrow_d N(0, \Sigma),$$

where $\Sigma = E[h_0(Z)X']^{-1} E[m_0 m_0'] E[Xh_0(Z)']^{-1}$ and $m_0 = m(W, \beta, h_0, g_0)$. Furthermore, a consistent estimator for Σ is given by

$$\hat{\Sigma} = E_n[\hat{h}_n(Z_i)X_i']^{-1} E_n[\hat{m}_{ni}\hat{m}_{ni}'] E_n[X_i\hat{h}_n'(Z_i)]^{-1}, \quad (12)$$

where $\hat{m}_{ni} = m(W, \hat{\beta}, \hat{h}_n, \hat{g}_n)$.

The assumptions in Theorem 3.2 are standard in the literature of two-step semiparametric estimators. Theorem 3.2 can be then used to construct confidence regions for β and testing hypotheses about β following standard procedures.

3.3 Implementation

For implementation one has to choose the basis $\{p^{K_n}(X), q^{J_n}(Z)\}$ and the tuning parameters $\{K_n, J_n, \lambda_n\}$. The theory for estimating h_0 requires that $K_n \geq J_n$ (for A_{λ_n} to be invertible). In the simulations we use cubic splines and study rules of the form $K_n = cJ_n$ for several values of c such as 2 or 3, which seem to work well. In practice, we recommend choosing first J_n , then set $K_n = 2J_n$ and choose λ_n by Generalized Cross-validation (cf. Wahba (1990)), $\lambda_n = \arg \min_{\lambda > 0} GCV_n(\lambda)$, as follows. Note that

$$\hat{\beta} = (D'_n A_{\lambda_n}^{-1} Q' \mathbf{X})^{-1} D'_n A_{\lambda_n}^{-1} Q' \mathbf{Y}, \quad (13)$$

where $\mathbf{X} = [X_1, \dots, X_n]'$ and $\mathbf{Y} = [Y_1, \dots, Y_n]'$. Similarly, define $L_\lambda = \mathbf{X} (D'_n A_\lambda^{-1} Q' \mathbf{X})^{-1} D'_n A_\lambda^{-1} Q'$, $\hat{Y}_\lambda = L_\lambda Y = (\hat{Y}_{\lambda 1}, \dots, \hat{Y}_{\lambda n})'$ and $v_\lambda = \text{tr}(L_\lambda)$. Then, the Generalized Cross-validation criteria for estimating $\hat{\beta}$ is

$$GCV_n(\lambda) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{Y_i - \hat{Y}_{\lambda i}}{1 - (v_\lambda/n)} \right)^2.$$

We then propose the following algorithm for implementation:

Step 1. Choose the sieve basis (e.g. B-splines). Set J_n to small value (e.g. 4), set $K_n = 2J_n$ and compute $\lambda_n = \arg \min_{\lambda > 0} GCV_n(\lambda)$.

Step 2. Compute \hat{h}_n following (10) and compute $\hat{\beta}$.

Step 3. Switch the values of J_n and K_n (so now $J_n = 2K_n$) and compute \hat{g}_n as in (11).

Step 4. Compute $\hat{m}_{ni} = m(W, \hat{\beta}, \hat{h}_n, \hat{g}_n)$ and $\hat{\Sigma} = E_n[\hat{h}_n X_i']^{-1} E_n[\hat{m}_{ni} \hat{m}_{ni}'] E_n[X_i \hat{h}_n']^{-1}$.

In practice, we recommend to carry out sensitivity analysis with respect to $\{K_n, J_n, \lambda_n\}$ in the implementation above. Extensive simulations in Appendix C show that our methods are not sensitive to the tuning parameters $\{K_n, J_n, \lambda_n\}$.³

3.4 Exogenous Controls and Discrete Variables

Suppose now that there are exogenous variables included in the structural equation g . This means X and Z have common components. Specifically, define $X = (X_1, X_2)$ and $Z = (Z_1, Z_2)$ where $X_1 = Z_1$ denote the overlapping components of X and Z , with dimension $p_1 = q_1$. This is a very common situation in applications, where exogenous controls are often used. In this setting a solution of $E[h(Z)|X] = X$ a.s. has the form $h(Z) = (Z_1', h_2'(Z))'$, where

$$E[h_2(Z)|X] = X_2 \text{ a.s.} \quad (14)$$

³Matlab and R code to implement the TSIV estimator is available from the authors upon request.

Following the arguments above, we could obtain an estimator given by $\hat{h}_n = (Z'_1, \hat{h}'_{2n})'$, where

$$\hat{h}_{2n}(\cdot) = D'_{2n} A_{\lambda_n}^{-1} q^J(\cdot), \quad (15)$$

and $D_{2n} := E_n[\hat{q}(X)X'_2]$. This setting also covers the case of an intercept with no other common components, where $X_1 = Z_1 = 1$ and $q_1 = 1$. The asymptotic normality for $\hat{\beta}$ continues to hold, with no changes in the asymptotic distribution.

If the dimension of X and/or Z is high and the sample size is moderate, the method above may not perform well due to the curse of dimensionality. We then recommend substituting (14) by

$$E[h_2(Z_2)|X_2] = X_2 \text{ a.s.}$$

so that nonparametric estimation only involves functions $p^{K_n}(X_2)$ and $q^{J_n}(Z_2)$ for estimating h_2 . To reduce the dimensionality in estimating g_0 necessary for estimation of the asymptotic variance, we implement the previous estimator for g but with basis $\{X_1, p^{K_n}(X_2)\}$ and $\{q^{J_n}(Z_2)\}$. This is consistent with a partly linear model

$$g(X) = \beta'_1 X_1 + g_2(X_2),$$

where the controls enter linearly.

When the endogenous variable X is discrete we do not need $K_n \rightarrow \infty$, and we can choose p^K as a saturated basis. For example, if $X = (1, X_2)$ with X_2 binary (a treatment indicator), we can take $K_n = 2$, $p_1(x) = 1$, $p_2(x) = x_2$, $h_0(z) = \alpha + \gamma\pi(z)$, where the propensity score $\pi(z)$ (and then α, γ) can be estimated by sieves, and $g_0(z) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_2 \equiv \beta'x$. Note that here we do not need to choose λ for estimating h . More generally, if the support of X is $\{x_1, \dots, x_d\}$ then we can set $K_n = d$, and $p_j(x) = 1(x = x_j)$. To compute the minimum norm solution h_0 , we use Theorem 2, pg. 65, in [Luenberger \(1997\)](#) to conclude that $h_0 = \gamma'\Pi$ as in Section 2, provided the matrix $E[\Pi\Pi']$ is invertible. If this matrix is not invertible we can apply the Tikhonov-type estimator proposed above.

Similarly, when Z is discrete we do not need J_n diverging to infinity. As before, we can choose a linear sieve \mathcal{H}_n that is saturated and $q^J(Z)$ could be a saturated basis for it. For example, if Z takes J discrete values, $\{z_1, \dots, z_J\}$, we can take $q_j(z) = 1(z = z_j)$.

In summary, all the different cases (with or without controls, nonparametric or semiparametric structural functions, discrete or continuous variables) can be implemented in a similar fashion but under different definitions of the approximation bases $\{p^{K_n}(X), q^{J_n}(Z)\}$. In all these cases, the formulas for the asymptotic variance of $\hat{\beta}$ are the same.

4 A Robust Hausman Test

Applied researchers are concerned about the presence of endogeneity, and have traditionally used tools such as the [Hausman \(1978\)](#)'s exogeneity test for its measurement. This test, however, is uninformative under misspecification; see [Lochner and Moretti \(2015\)](#). The reason for this lack of robustness is that in these cases OLS and IV estimate different objects under exogeneity, with the estimand of standard IV depending on the instrument itself. As an important by-product of our analysis, we robustify the classic Hausman test of exogeneity against nonparametric misspecification of the linear regression model.

The classical Hausman test of exogeneity (cf. [Hausman \(1978\)](#)) compares OLS with IV. If we use the TSIV as the IV estimator, we obtain a robust version of the classical Hausman test, robust to the misspecification of the linear model. For implementation purposes it is convenient to use a regression-based test (see [Wooldridge \(2015\)](#), pg. 481). We illustrate the idea in the case of one potentially endogenous variable X_2 and several exogenous variables X_1 , with X_1 including an intercept.

In the model

$$Y = \beta'_1 X_1 + \beta_2 X_2 + U, \quad E[Uh(Z)] = 0, \quad h(Z) = (X'_1, h_2(Z))',$$

the variable X_2 is exogenous if $Cov(X_2, U) = 0$. If we write the first-stage as

$$X_2 = \alpha'_1 X_1 + \alpha_2 h_2(Z) + V,$$

then exogeneity of X_2 is equivalent to $Cov(V, U) = 0$. This in turn is equivalent to $\rho = 0$ in the least squares regression

$$U = \rho V + \xi.$$

A simple way to run a test for $\rho = 0$ is to consider the augmented regression

$$Y = \beta' X + \rho V + \xi,$$

estimated by OLS and use a standard t -test for $\rho = 0$.

Since V is unobservable, we first need to obtain residuals from a regression of the endogenous variable X_2 on X_1 and $\hat{h}_{2n}(Z)$, say \hat{V} . Then, run the regression of Y on X and \hat{V} . The new Hausman test is a standard two-sided t-test for the coefficient of \hat{V} , or its Wald version in the multivariate endogenous case. Denote the t-test statistic by t_n . The benefit of this regression approach is that under some regularity conditions given in Appendix A no correction is necessary in the OLS standard errors because \hat{V} is estimated. Denote $S = (X, V)'$.

Assumption 4: The matrix $E[SS']$ is finite and non-singular.

Theorem 4.1 *Let Assumptions 1-4 above and Assumptions A1-A6 in the Appendix A hold. Then, under the null of exogeneity of X_2 ,*

$$t_n \longrightarrow_d N(0, 1).$$

5 Monte Carlo

This section studies the finite sample performance of the proposed methods. Consider the following Data Generating Process (DGP):

$$\begin{cases} Y = \sum_{j=1}^p H_j(X) + \varepsilon, \\ Z = m(D), \\ \varepsilon = \rho_\varepsilon V + \zeta, \end{cases} \quad \begin{pmatrix} X \\ D \end{pmatrix} \sim N \left(\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \gamma \\ \gamma & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right),$$

where $H_j(x)$ is the j -th Hermite polynomial, with the first four given by $H_0(x) = 1$, $H_1(x) = x$, $H_2(x) = x^2 - 1$ and $H_3(x) = x^3 - 3x$; $V = X - E[X|Z]$, ζ is a standard normal, drawn independently of X and D , and m is a monotone function given below. The DGP is indexed by p and the function m . To generate V note

$$E[X|Z] = E[E[X|D]|Z] = \gamma E[D|Z] = \gamma m^{-1}(Z),$$

where m^{-1} is the inverse of m . Thus, by construction Z is exogenous, $E[\varepsilon|Z] = 0$, while X is endogenous because $E[\varepsilon|X] = \rho X$, with $\rho = \rho_\varepsilon(1 - \gamma^2)$, $\rho_\varepsilon > 0$ and $-1 < \gamma < 1$.

The structural function g is given by

$$g(x) = \sum_{j=1}^p H_j(X),$$

and is therefore linear for $p = 1$, but nonlinear for $p > 1$. It follows from the orthogonality of Hermite polynomials that the true value for OLIVA is $\beta = 1$.

Note also that the OLIVA is regularly identified, because $h(Z) = m^{-1}(Z)/\gamma$ solves

$$E[h(Z)|X] = X.$$

We consider three different DGPs, corresponding to different values of p and functional forms for m :

DGP1: $p = 1$ and $m(D) = D$ (linear; $m^{-1}(Z) = Z$);

DGP2: $p = 2$ and $m(D) = D^3$ (nonlinear; $m^{-1}(Z) = Z^{1/3}$);

DGP3: $p = 3$ and $m(D) = \exp(D)/(1 + \exp(D))$ (nonlinear; $m^{-1}(Z) = \log(Z) - \log(1 - Z)$);

Several values for the parameters (γ, ρ) will be considered: $\gamma \in \{0.4, 0.8\}$ and $\rho \in \{0, 0.3, 0.9\}$. We will compare the TSIV with OLS and standard IV (using instrument Z). For DGP1, $h(Z) = \gamma^{-1}Z$ and hence the standard IV estimator with instrument Z is a consistent estimator for the OLIVA. The standard IV then can be seen as an oracle (infeasible version of our TSIV) under DGP1, where h is known rather than estimated. This allows us to see the effect of estimating h_0 on inferences. For DGP2 and DGP3, IV is expected not to be consistent for the OLIVA. The number of Monte Carlo replications is 5000. The sample sizes considered are $n = 100, 500$ and 1000 .

Tables 1-3 report the Bias and MSE for OLS, IV and the TSIV for DGP1-DGP3, respectively. Our estimator is implemented with B-splines, following the GCV described in (3.3) with $J_n = 6$ and $K_n = 2J_n$. Remarkably, for DGP1 in Table 1 our TSIV implemented with GCV performs comparably or even better than IV (which does not estimate h and uses the true h). Thus, our estimator seems to have an oracle property, performing as well as the method that uses the correct specification of the model. As expected, OLS is best under exogeneity, but it leads to large biases under endogeneity. For the nonlinear models DGP2 and DGP3, IV deteriorates because the linear model is misspecified. Our TSIV performs well, with a MSE that converges to zero as n increases. The level of endogeneity does not seem to have a strong impact on the performance of the TSIV estimator.

Table 1: Bias and MSE for DGP 1.

ρ	γ	n	BIAS_OLS	BIAS_IV	BIAS_TSIV	MSE_OLS	MSE_IV	MSE_TSIV
0.0	0.4	100	-0.0021	-0.0019	0.0010	0.0109	0.0829	0.0554
		500	0.0017	0.0025	0.0020	0.0021	0.0127	0.0105
		1000	-0.0001	0.0018	0.0020	0.0010	0.0067	0.0054
	0.8	100	-0.0030	-0.0040	-0.0040	0.0102	0.0163	0.0159
		500	0.0001	-0.0004	-0.0004	0.0019	0.0030	0.0030
		1000	0.0019	0.0025	0.0026	0.0010	0.0016	0.0016
	0.4	100	0.2950	-0.0101	0.0841	0.0968	0.0908	0.0729
		500	0.2993	0.0026	0.0347	0.0915	0.0145	0.0168
		1000	0.3006	-0.0003	0.0189	0.0914	0.0071	0.0080
0.3	0.8	100	0.2956	-0.0107	0.0061	0.0987	0.0207	0.0216
		500	0.2991	0.0009	0.0038	0.0918	0.0039	0.0039
		1000	0.2987	-0.0023	-0.0012	0.0904	0.0019	0.0019
	0.4	100	0.8993	-0.0827	0.1753	0.8213	0.1990	0.1569
		500	0.9028	-0.0145	0.0421	0.8173	0.0295	0.0296
		1000	0.8998	-0.0066	0.0231	0.8108	0.0130	0.0140
	0.8	100	0.8965	-0.0186	0.0287	0.8270	0.0573	0.0571
		500	0.8980	-0.0036	0.0030	0.8114	0.0108	0.0109
		1000	0.8993	0.0031	0.0058	0.8111	0.0049	0.0050

Table 2: Bias and MSE for DGP 2.

ρ	γ	n	BIAS_OLS	BIAS_IV	BIAS_TSIV	MSE_OLS	MSE_IV	MSE_TSIV
0.0	0.4	100	0.0131	-0.0030	-0.0037	0.1009	0.6321	0.2226
		500	0.0083	0.0216	0.0126	0.0213	0.1319	0.0479
		1000	0.0021	0.0005	0.0034	0.0115	0.0764	0.0228
	0.8	100	-0.0012	0.0001	-0.0001	0.0990	0.4559	0.1286
		500	0.0015	0.0056	0.0032	0.0211	0.1261	0.0275
		1000	0.0019	0.0084	0.0030	0.0113	0.0689	0.0154
	0.4	100	0.2932	-0.0472	0.0605	0.1859	0.6167	0.2342
		500	0.2874	-0.0325	0.0302	0.1023	0.1417	0.0594
		1000	0.3008	-0.0135	0.0402	0.1013	0.0778	0.0331
0.3	0.8	100	0.3064	0.0083	0.0318	0.1987	0.4554	0.1400
		500	0.3020	0.0078	0.0208	0.1114	0.1226	0.0289
		1000	0.3046	0.0076	0.0248	0.1040	0.0647	0.0168
	0.4	100	0.9053	-0.1359	0.2155	0.9270	1.0165	0.3615
		500	0.8968	-0.0093	0.0794	0.8260	0.1619	0.0914
		1000	0.8974	-0.0122	0.0493	0.8159	0.0817	0.0449
	0.8	100	0.9095	-0.0117	0.0491	0.9425	0.5482	0.1921
		500	0.8969	-0.0013	0.0226	0.8290	0.1405	0.0435
		1000	0.8981	-0.0021	0.0271	0.8185	0.0753	0.0220

Table 3: Bias and MSE for DGP 3.

ρ	γ	n	BIAS_OLS	BIAS_IV	BIAS_TSIV	MSE_OLS	MSE_IV	MSE_TSIV
0.0	0.4	100	-0.0570	-1.5268	-0.0717	0.5023	381.7332	0.6817
		500	-0.0021	-0.5039	-0.0346	0.1000	155.9296	0.1326
		1000	-0.0014	-0.0365	-0.0378	0.0550	0.6179	0.0681
	0.8	100	-0.0418	-0.4112	-0.1106	0.4795	2.6703	0.4935
		500	-0.0096	-0.2270	-0.0411	0.1072	0.4192	0.1084
		1000	-0.0113	-0.2150	-0.0330	0.0527	0.2452	0.0543
	0.3	100	0.2899	-5.4825	0.0227	0.6475	28179.2626	0.8182
		500	0.2882	-0.1335	0.0060	0.1878	1.5707	0.1571
		1000	0.2887	-0.0822	0.0199	0.1351	0.6518	0.0926
	0.8	100	0.2693	-0.3815	-0.0857	0.5906	11.1463	0.5498
		500	0.3062	-0.1985	-0.0249	0.2061	0.4885	0.1221
		1000	0.2951	-0.2166	-0.0246	0.1395	0.2512	0.0570
	0.9	100	0.8470	1.4445	0.1675	1.1993	1772.3946	0.8970
		500	0.8888	-0.3336	0.0449	0.9098	4.8599	0.2103
		1000	0.8914	-0.1313	0.0158	0.8473	0.8558	0.0982
	0.8	100	0.8341	-0.5724	-0.0917	1.1833	4.3735	0.6045
		500	0.8749	-0.2933	-0.0566	0.8668	0.6084	0.1301
		1000	0.8863	-0.2466	-0.0401	0.8380	0.2861	0.0681

Unreported simulations with other DGPs confirm the overall good performance of the proposed TSIV under different scenarios, including cases where h and g are not identified. The sensitivity of the estimator to different choices of tuning parameters, J_n , K_n and λ is presented in Tables 6-8. In each cell, the top element is for $n = 100$ and the bottom element is for $n = 1000$. From these results, we see that the TSIV estimator is not sensitive to the choice of these parameters, within the wide ranges for which we have experimented. This is consistent with the regular identification, which means that the estimator should be robust to local perturbations of the tuning parameters.

We now turn to the Hausman test. Practitioners often use the Hausman test to empirically evaluate the presence of endogeneity. As mentioned above, the standard Hausman test is not robust to misspecification of the linear model, because in that case OLS and IV estimate different parameters (Lochner and Moretti (2015)). We confirm this by simulating data from DGP1-DGP3 and reporting rejection frequencies for the standard Hausman test for $\gamma \in \{0.4, 0.8\}$ under the null hypothesis of $\rho = 0$. Table 4 contains the results. For DGP1, the rejection frequencies are close to the nominal level of 5% across the different sample sizes, confirming the validity of the test under correct specification. However, for DGP2 and DGP3 we observe large size distortions, as large as 82.2%. This shows that the standard Hausman test is unreliable under misspecification of the linear model.

Table 5 reports rejection probabilities for the proposed robust Hausman test. In contrast to previous results based on the standard IV, we observe that the empirical size is now controlled, with a type-I error that is smaller for nonlinear models than for the linear model. We also report rejection probabilities under the alternative. We observe an empirical power that increases with the sample size and the level endogeneity, suggesting consistency for the proposed Hausman test.

Table 4: Empirical Size of standard Hausman Test.

γ	n	DGP1	DGP2	DGP3
0.4	100	0.070	0.109	0.046
	500	0.046	0.064	0.053
	1000	0.064	0.072	0.059
0.8	100	0.067	0.223	0.094
	500	0.065	0.134	0.524
	1000	0.060	0.105	0.872

Table 5: Empirical Size and Power of robust Hausman Test.

ρ	γ	n	DGP1	DGP2	DGP3
0.0	0.4	100	0.055	0.037	0.013
		500	0.035	0.018	0.008
		1000	0.038	0.007	0.016
	0.8	100	0.059	0.015	0.013
		500	0.050	0.004	0.003
		1000	0.052	0.003	0.002
0.3	0.4	100	0.176	0.062	0.041
		500	0.649	0.153	0.107
		1000	0.915	0.290	0.222
	0.8	100	0.929	0.324	0.519
		500	1.000	0.710	0.993
		1000	1.000	0.793	1.000
0.9	0.4	100	0.785	0.336	0.249
		500	0.999	0.877	0.825
		1000	0.999	0.974	0.985
	0.8	100	0.993	0.923	0.991
		500	1.000	0.934	1.000
		1000	1.000	0.919	1.000

Overall, these simulations confirm the robustness of the proposed methods to misspecification of the linear IV model and their adaptive behaviour when correct specification holds. Furthermore, the TSIV estimator seems to be not too sensitive to the choice of tuning parameters. Finally, the proposed Hausman test is indeed robust to the misspecification of the linear model, which makes it a reliable tool for economic applications. These finite sample robustness results confirm the claims made for the TSIV estimator as a nonparametric analog to OLS under endogeneity.

6 Appendix A: Notation, Assumptions and Preliminary Results

6.1 Notation

Define the kernel subspace $\mathcal{N} \equiv \{f \in L_2(X) : T^*f = 0\}$ of the operator $T^*f(z) := E[f(X)|Z = z]$. Let $Ts(x) := E[s(Z)|X = x]$ denote the adjoint operator of T^* and let $\mathcal{R}(T) := \{f \in L_2(X) : \exists s \in L_2(Z), Ts = f\}$ its range. For a subspace V , V^\perp , \bar{V} and $P_{\bar{V}}$ denote, respectively, its orthogonal complement, its closure and its orthogonal projection operator. Let \otimes denote Kronecker product and let I_p denote the identity matrix of order p .

Define the Sobolev norm $\|\cdot\|_{\infty, \eta}$ as follows. Define for any vector a of p integers the differential operator $\partial_x^a := \partial^{|a|_1}/\partial x_1^{a_1} \dots \partial x_p^{a_p}$, where $|a|_1 := \sum_{i=1}^p a_i$. Let \mathcal{X} denote a finite union of convex, bounded subsets of \mathbb{R}^p , with non-empty interior. For any smooth function $h : \mathcal{X} \subset \mathbb{R}^p \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and some $\eta > 0$, let $\underline{\eta}$ be the largest integer smaller than η , and

$$\|h\|_{\infty, \eta} := \max_{|a|_1 \leq \underline{\eta}} \sup_{x \in \mathcal{X}} |\partial_x^a h(x)| + \max_{|a|_1 = \underline{\eta}} \sup_{x \neq x'} \frac{|\partial_x^a h(x) - \partial_x^a h(x')|}{|x - x'|^{\eta - \underline{\eta}}}.$$

Let \mathcal{H} denote the parameter space for h , and define the identified set $\mathcal{H}_0 = \{h \in \mathcal{H} : m(X, h) = 0 \text{ a.s.}\}$. The operator $Th(x) := E[h(Z)|X = x]$ is estimated by

$$\hat{T}h(x) := \hat{E}[h(Z)|X = x] = \sum_{i=1}^n \left(p^{K_n'}(x) (P'P)^{-1} p^{K_n}(X_i) \otimes h(Z_i) \right).$$

The operator \hat{T} is considered as an operator from \mathcal{H}_n to $\mathcal{G}_n \subseteq L_2(X)$, where \mathcal{G}_n is the linear span of $\{p^{K_n}(\cdot)\}$. Let $E_n[g(W)]$ denote the sample mean operator, i.e. $E_{n,W}[g(W)] = n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n g(W_i)$, let $\|g\|_{n,W}^2 = E_n[|g(W)|^2]$, and let $\langle f, g \rangle_{n,W} = n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n f(W_i)g(W_i)$ be the empirical L_2 inner product. We drop the dependence on W for simplicity of notation. Denote by \hat{T}^* the adjoint operator of \hat{T} with respect to the empirical inner product. Simple algebra shows for $p = 1$,

$$\begin{aligned} \left\langle \hat{T}h, g \right\rangle_n &= n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n h(Z_i) p^{K_n'}(X_i) (P'P)^{-1} \sum_{j=1}^n p^{K_n}(X_j) g(X_j) \\ &= \left\langle h, \hat{T}^*g \right\rangle_n, \end{aligned}$$

so $\hat{T}^*g = P_{\mathcal{H}_n} \hat{E}[g(X)|X = \cdot] = P_{\mathcal{H}_n} \hat{T}g$. A similar expression holds for $p > 1$.

With this operator notation, the first-step has the expression (where I denotes the identity operator)

$$\hat{h}_n = \left(\hat{T}^* \hat{T} + \lambda_n I \right)^{-1} \hat{T}^* \hat{X}, \quad (16)$$

where $\hat{X} = \hat{E}[X|X = \cdot]$. Similarly, define the Tikhonov approximation of h_0

$$h_{\lambda_n} = (T^*T + \lambda_n I)^{-1} T^*X. \quad (17)$$

With some abuse of notation, denote the operator norm by

$$\|T\| = \sup_{h \in \mathcal{H}, \|h\| \leq 1} \|Th\|.$$

Let $\mathcal{G} \subseteq L_2(X)$ denote the parameter space for g . An envelop for \mathcal{G} is a function G such that $|g(x)| \leq G(x)$ for all $g \in \mathcal{G}$. Given two functions l, u , a bracket $[l, u]$ is the set of functions $f \in \mathcal{G}$ such that $l \leq f \leq u$. An ε -bracket with respect to $\|\cdot\|$ is a bracket $[l, u]$ with $\|l - u\| \leq \varepsilon$, $\|l\| < \infty$ and $\|u\| < \infty$ (note that u and l not need to be in \mathcal{G}). The *covering number with bracketing* $N_{[\cdot]}(\varepsilon, \mathcal{G}, \|\cdot\|)$ is the minimal number of ε -brackets with respect to $\|\cdot\|$ needed to cover \mathcal{G} . Define the bracketing entropy

$$J_{[\cdot]}(\delta, \mathcal{G}, \|\cdot\|) = \int_0^\delta \sqrt{\log N_{[\cdot]}(\varepsilon, \mathcal{G}, \|\cdot\|)} d\varepsilon$$

Similarly, we define $J_{[\cdot]}(\delta, \mathcal{H}, \|\cdot\|)$. Finally, throughout C denotes a positive constant that may change from expression to expression.

Let $W = (Y, X, Z)$ be a random vector defined on a probability space $(\Omega, \mathcal{B}, \mathbb{P})$. For a measurable function f we denote $\mathbb{P}f := \int f d\mathbb{P}$,

$$\mathbb{P}_n f := \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n f(Z_i) \text{ and } \mathbb{G}_n f := \sqrt{n} (\mathbb{P}_n f - \mathbb{P}f).$$

6.2 Assumptions

The following assumptions are standard in the literature of sieve estimation; see, e.g., [Newey \(1997\)](#), [Chen \(2007\)](#), [Santos \(2011\)](#), and [Chen and Pouzo \(2012\)](#).

Assumption A1: (i) $\{Y_i, X_i, Z_i\}_{i=1}^n$ is an *iid* sample, satisfying (1) with $E[\varepsilon|Z] = 0$ a.s and $E[Y^2] < \infty$; (ii) X has a compact support with $E[|X|^2] < \infty$; (iii) Z has a compact support; (iv) the densities of X and Z are bounded and bounded away from zero.

Assumption A2: (i) The eigenvalues of $E[p^{K_n}(X)p^{K_n}(X)']$ are bounded above and away from zero; (ii) $\max_{1 \leq k \leq K_n} \|p_k\| \leq C$ and $\xi_{n,p}^2 K_n = o(n)$, for $\xi_{n,p} = \sup_x |p^{K_n}(x)|$; (iii) there is $\pi_{n,p}(h)$ such that $\sup_{h \in \mathcal{H}} \|E[h(Z)|X = \cdot] - \pi'_{n,p}(h)p^{K_n}(\cdot)\| = O(K_n^{-\alpha_T})$; (iv) there is a finite constant C , such that $\sup_{h \in \mathcal{H}, \|h\| \leq 1} |h(Z) - E[h(Z)|X]| \leq \rho_{n,p}(Z, X)$ with $E[|\rho_{n,p}(Z, X)|^2 | X] \leq C$.

Assumption A3: (i) The eigenvalues of $E[q^{J_n}(Z)q^{J_n}(Z)']$ are bounded above and away from zero; (ii) there is a sequence of closed subsets satisfying $\mathcal{H}_j \subseteq \mathcal{H}_{j+1} \subseteq \mathcal{H}$, \mathcal{H} is closed, bounded and convex, $h_0 \in \mathcal{H}_0$, and there is a $\Pi_n(h_0) \in \mathcal{H}_n$ such that $\|\Pi_n(h_0) - h_0\| = o(1)$; (iii) $\sup_{h \in \mathcal{H}_n} \left| \|h\|_n^2 - \|h\|^2 \right| =$

$o_P(1)$; (iv) $\lambda_n \downarrow 0$ and $\max\{\|\Pi_n(h_0) - h_0\|^2, c_{n,T}^2\} = o(\lambda_n)$, where $c_{n,T} = \sqrt{K_n/n} + K_n^{-\alpha_T}$; (v) A_{λ_n} is non-singular.

Assumption A4: (i) $h_0 \in \mathcal{R}((T^*T)^{\alpha_h/2})$ and $g_0 \in \mathcal{R}((TT^*)^{\alpha_g/2})$, $\alpha_h, \alpha_g > 0$; (ii) $\max_{1 \leq j \leq J_n} \|q_j\| \leq C$ and $\xi_{n,j}^2 J_n = o(n)$, for $\xi_{n,j} = \sup_z |q^{J_n}(z)|$; (iii) $\sup_{g \in \mathcal{G}} \|E[g(X)|Z = \cdot] - \pi'_{n,q}(g)q^{J_n}(\cdot)\| = O(J_n^{-\alpha_{T^*}})$ for some $\pi_{n,q}(g)$; (iv) $\sup_{g \in \mathcal{G}, \|g\| \leq 1} |g(X) - E[g(X)|Z]| \leq \rho_{n,q}(Z, X)$ with $E[|\rho_{n,q}(Z, X)|^2|Z] \leq C$; (v) $\lambda_n^{-1}c_n = o(1)$, where $c_n = c_{n,T} + c_{n,T^*}$ and $c_{n,T^*} = \sqrt{J_n/n} + J_n^{-\alpha_{T^*}}$; (vi) B_{λ_n} is non-singular.

Assumption A5: (i) $E[U^2|Z] < C$ a.s.; (ii) $N_{[\cdot]}(\delta, \mathcal{G}, \|\cdot\|) < \infty$ and $J_{[\cdot]}(\delta, \mathcal{H}, \|\cdot\|) < \infty$ for some $\delta > 0$, and \mathcal{G} and \mathcal{H} have squared integrable envelopes.

Assumption A6: (i) $\lambda_n^{-1}c_n = o(n^{-1/4})$; (ii) $\sqrt{n}\lambda_n^{\min(\alpha_h, 2)} = o(1)$ and $\sqrt{n}c_n\lambda_n^{\min(\alpha_h-1, 1)} = o(1)$; (iii) $h_0 \in \mathcal{R}(T^*)$, $E[|X - h_0(Z)|^4|X]$ is bounded and $\text{Var}[h_0(Z)|X]$ is bounded and bounded away from zero; and (iv) $E[U|Z] = 0$;

For regression splines $\xi_{n,p}^2 = O(K_n)$, and hence A2(ii) requires $K_n^2/n \rightarrow 0$, see [Newey \(1997\)](#). Assumptions A2(iii-iv) are satisfied if $\sup_{h \in \mathcal{H}} \|Th\|_{\infty, \eta_h} < \infty$ with $\alpha_T = \eta_h/q$. Assumption A3(iii) holds under mild conditions if for example $\sup_{h \in \mathcal{H}} \|h\| < C$. Assumption A4(i) is a regularity condition that is well discussed in the literature, see e.g. [Florens, Johannes and Van Bellegem \(2011\)](#). A sufficient condition for Assumption A5(i) is that for some $\eta_h > q/2$ and $\eta_g > p/2$ we have $\sup_{h \in \mathcal{H}} \|h\|_{\infty, \eta_h} < \infty$ and $\sup_{g \in \mathcal{G}} \|g\|_{\infty, \eta_g} < \infty$; see Theorems 2.7.11 and 2.7.1 in [van der Vaart and Wellner \(1996\)](#). The bounded envelop assumption can be easily relaxed. Assumption A5(ii) is satisfied for sieve estimators. Assumptions A6(i-iii) are standard. Assumption A6(iv) is a high-level condition. If Z is independent of V this assumption trivially holds. More general, primitive conditions for Assumption A6(iv) to hold can be shown along the lines of the proof of $E[(\hat{h}_{2n}(Z) - h_{20}(Z))h_{20}(Z)] = O_P(n^{-1/2})$ in [Theorem 4.1](#).

6.3 Preliminary Results

In all the preliminary results Assumptions 1-3 in the text are assumed to hold.

Lemma A1: Let Assumptions A1-A3 hold. Then, $\|\hat{h}_n - h_0\| = o_P(1)$.

Proof of Lemma A1: We proceed to verify the conditions of Theorem A.1 in [Chen and Pouzo \(2012\)](#). Recall $\mathcal{H}_0 = \{h \in \mathcal{H} : m(X, h) = 0 \text{ a.s.}\}$. By Assumption A3, \mathcal{H}_0 is non-empty. The penalty function $P(h) = \|h\|^2$ is strictly convex and continuous and $\|m(\cdot; h)\|^2$ is convex and continuous. Their Assumption 3.1(i) trivially holds since $W = I_p$. Their Assumption 3.1(iii) is A3(i-ii). Their Assumption 3.1(iv) follows from A3(ii) since

$$\|m(\cdot; \Pi_n(h_0))\|^2 \leq \|\Pi_n(h_0) - h_0\|^2 = o(1).$$

To verify their Assumption 3.2(c) we need to check

$$\sup_{h \in \mathcal{H}_n} \left| \|h\|_n^2 - \|h\|^2 \right| = o_P(1) \tag{18}$$

and

$$\left| \|\Pi_n(h_0)\|^2 - \|h_0\|^2 \right| = o(1).$$

The last equality follows because $\left| \|\Pi_n(h_0)\|^2 - \|h_0\|^2 \right| \leq C \|\Pi_n(h_0) - h_0\| = o(1)$. Condition (18) is our Assumption A3(iii). Assumption 3.3 in [Chen and Pouzo \(2012\)](#) follows from their Lemma C.2 and our Assumption A2. Assumption 3.4 in [Chen and Pouzo \(2012\)](#) is satisfied for the L_2 norm. Finally, Assumption A3(iv) completes the conditions of Theorem A.1 in [Chen and Pouzo \(2012\)](#), and hence implies that $\|\hat{h}_n - h_0\| = o_P(1)$. ■

Lemma A2: Let Assumptions A1-A4 hold. Then, $\|\hat{h}_n - h_0\| = O_P(\lambda_n^{\min(\alpha_n, 2)} + \lambda_n^{-1} c_n)$ and $\|\hat{g}_n - g_0\| = o_P(\lambda_n^{\min(\alpha_g, 2)} + \lambda_n^{-1} c_n)$.

Proof of Lemma A2: For simplicity of exposition we consider the case $p = q = 1$. The proof for $p > 1$ or $q > 1$ follows the same steps. By the triangle inequality, with h_{λ_n} defined in (17),

$$\|\hat{h}_n - h_0\| \leq \|\hat{h}_n - h_{\lambda_n}\| + \|h_{\lambda_n} - h_0\|.$$

Under $h_0 \in \mathcal{R}((T^*T)^{\alpha_n/2})$, Lemma A1(1) in [Florens, Johannes and Van Bellegem \(2011\)](#) yields

$$\|h_{\lambda_n} - h_0\| = O(\lambda_n^{\min(\alpha_n, 2)}). \quad (19)$$

With some abuse of notation, denote $\hat{A}_{\lambda_n} = (\hat{T}^*\hat{T} + \lambda_n I)^{-1}$. Then, arguing as in Proposition 3.14 of [Carrasco, Florens and Renault \(2006\)](#), it is shown that

$$\hat{h}_n - h_{\lambda_n} = \hat{A}_{\lambda_n} \hat{T}^* (\hat{X} - \hat{T} h_0) + \hat{A}_{\lambda_n} (\hat{T}^* \hat{T} - T^* T) (h_{\lambda_n} - h_0), \quad (20)$$

and thus,

$$\|\hat{h}_n - h_{\lambda_n}\| \leq \|\hat{A}_{\lambda_n}\| \|\hat{T}^* (\hat{X} - \hat{T} h_0)\| + \|\hat{A}_{\lambda_n}\| \|\hat{T}^* \hat{T} - T^* T\| \|h_{\lambda_n} - h_0\|. \quad (21)$$

As in [Carrasco, Florens and Renault \(2006\)](#),

$$\|\hat{A}_{\lambda_n}\| = O_P(\lambda_n^{-1}).$$

Since \hat{T}^* is a bounded operator

$$\begin{aligned} \|\hat{T}^* (\hat{X} - \hat{T} h_0)\| &= O_P(\|\hat{X} - \hat{T} h_0\|) \\ &= O_P(c_{n,T}), \end{aligned}$$

where recall $c_{n,T} = K_n/n + K_n^{-2\alpha_T}$, and where the second equality follows from an application of Theorem 1 in [Newey \(1997\)](#) with $y = x - h_0(z)$ there. Note that Assumption 3 and Assumption A2(iv) imply that $\text{Var}[y|X]$ is bounded (which is required in Assumption 1 in [Newey \(1997\)](#)). Also note that the supremum bound in Assumption 3 in [Newey \(1997\)](#) can be replaced by our L_2 -bound in Assumption A2(iii) when the goal is to obtain L_2 -rates.

On the other hand,

$$\|\hat{T}^* \hat{T} - T^* T\| \leq O_P(\|\hat{T}^* - T^*\|) + O_P(\|\hat{T} - T\|) \quad (22)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}\|\hat{T}^* - T^*\| &\leq \|P_{\mathcal{H}_n}\| \|\hat{T} - T\| + \|P_{\mathcal{H}_n} - T^*\| \\ &= O_P\left(\|\hat{T} - T\|\right) + O_P(c_{n,T^*}).\end{aligned}\tag{23}$$

We now proceed to establish rates for $\|\hat{T} - T\|$. As in [Newey \(1997\)](#), we can assume without loss of generality that $E[q^{J_n}(Z)q^{J_n}(Z)']$ is the identity matrix. Then, by the triangle inequality,

$$\begin{aligned}\|\hat{T} - T\| &= \sup_{h \in \mathcal{H}, \|h\| \leq 1} \|\hat{T}h - Th\| \\ &\leq \sup_{h \in \mathcal{H}, \|h\| \leq 1} \|\hat{T}h - \pi_{n,p}(h)p^{K_n}(\cdot)\| + \sup_{h \in \mathcal{H}, \|h\| \leq 1} \|E[h(Z)|X = \cdot] - \pi_{n,p}(h)p^{K_n}(\cdot)\| \\ &\leq \sup_{h \in \mathcal{H}, \|h\| \leq 1} \|\hat{\pi}_{n,p}(h) - \pi_{n,p}(h)\| + O(K_n^{-\alpha_T}),\end{aligned}$$

where

$$\hat{\pi}_{n,p}(h) = (P'P)^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n p^{K_n}(X_i)h(Z_i).$$

Write

$$\hat{\pi}_{n,p}(h) - \pi_{n,p}(h) = Q_{2n}^{-1}P'\varepsilon_h/n + Q_{2n}^{-1}P'(G_h - P\pi_{n,p}(h))/n,$$

where $\varepsilon_h = H - G_h$, $H = (h(Z_1), \dots, h(Z_n))'$, and $G_h = (Th(X_1), \dots, Th(X_n))'$. Similarly to the proof of Theorem 1 in [Newey \(1997\)](#), it is shown that

$$\sup_{h \in \mathcal{H}, \|h\| \leq 1} \|Q_{2n}^{-1}P'\varepsilon_h/n\|^2 = O_P(K_n/n),$$

where we use Assumption A2(iv) to show that

$$\sup_{h \in \mathcal{H}, \|h\| \leq 1} E[\varepsilon_h \varepsilon_h' | X] \leq CI_n.$$

That is,

$$\begin{aligned}\sup_{h \in \mathcal{H}, \|h\| \leq 1} E\left[\left|Q_{2n}^{-1/2}P'\varepsilon_h/n\right|^2 \middle| X\right] &= \sup_{h \in \mathcal{H}, \|h\| \leq 1} E\left[\varepsilon_h P(P'P)^{-1}P'\varepsilon_h \middle| X\right] / n \\ &= \sup_{h \in \mathcal{H}, \|h\| \leq 1} E\left[\text{tr}\{P(P'P)^{-1}P'\varepsilon_h \varepsilon_h' \} \middle| X\right] / n \\ &= \sup_{h \in \mathcal{H}, \|h\| \leq 1} \text{tr}\{P(P'P)^{-1}P'E[\varepsilon_h \varepsilon_h' | X]\} / n \\ &\leq C \text{tr}\{P(P'P)^{-1}P'\} / n \\ &\leq CK/n\end{aligned}$$

Similarly, by A2(iii)

$$\sup_{h \in \mathcal{H}, \|h\| \leq 1} \|Q_{2n}^{-1}P'(G_h - P\pi_{n,p}(h))/n\| = O_P(K_n^{-\alpha_T}).$$

Then, conclude $\|\hat{T} - T\| = O_P(c_{n,T})$, $\|\hat{T}^*\hat{T} - T^*T\| = O_P(c_n)$, where $c_n = c_{n,T} + c_{n,T^*}$, and by (21), (22) and (23)

$$\|\hat{h}_n - h_{\lambda_n}\| = O_P(\lambda_n^{-1}c_n).$$

The proof for \hat{g}_n is the same and hence omitted. ■

Define the classes

$$\mathcal{F} = \{f(y, x, z) = h(z)(y - x'\beta_0) : h \in \mathcal{H}\}.$$

and

$$\mathcal{G} = \{g(y, x, z) = h(z)x : h \in \mathcal{H}\}.$$

Lemma A3:

- (i) Assume $0 < E[|X|^2] < C$. Then, $N_{[\cdot]}(\epsilon, \mathcal{G}, \|\cdot\|_1) \leq N_{[\cdot]}(\epsilon/\|X\|_2, \mathcal{H}, \|\cdot\|_2)$.
- (ii) Assume $\text{Var}[Y - X'\beta_0 | Z]$ is bounded. Then, $J_{[\cdot]}(\delta, \mathcal{F}, \|\cdot\|) < \infty$ if $J_{[\cdot]}(\delta, \mathcal{H}, \|\cdot\|) < \infty$ for some $\delta > 0$.
- (iii) $N_{[\cdot]}(\epsilon, \mathcal{H} \cdot \mathcal{G}, \|\cdot\|_1) \leq N_{[\cdot]}(C\epsilon, \mathcal{H}, \|\cdot\|_2) \times N_{[\cdot]}(C\epsilon, \mathcal{G}, \|\cdot\|_2)$.

Proof of Lemma A3: (i) Let $[l_j(Z)X, u_j(Z)X]$ be an $\epsilon/E[|x|^2]$ bracket for \mathcal{H} . Then, by Cauchy-Schwartz inequality

$$\begin{aligned} \|l_j(Z)X - u_j(Z)X\|_1 &\leq \|l_j(Z) - u_j(Z)\| \|X\| \\ &\leq \epsilon. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, this is an ϵ bracket with respect to the L_1 norm for \mathcal{G} . The proof of (ii) is analogous, and follows from

$$\|l_j(Z)U - u_j(Z)X\| \leq C \|l_j(Z) - u_j(Z)\| \leq C\epsilon,$$

where C is such that $\text{Var}[Y - X'\beta_0 | Z] < C$ a.s. The proof of (iii) is standard and hence omitted. ■

7 Appendix B: Proofs of Main Results

Proof of Lemma 2.1: The $n^{1/2}$ -estimability of the OLIVA implies the $n^{1/2}$ -estimability of the vector-valued functional

$$E[Xg(X)],$$

which in turn implies that of the functional

$$E[X_j g(X)],$$

for each component X_j of X (i.e. $X = (X_1, \dots, X_p)'$). By Lemma 4.1 in Severini and Tripathi (2012), the latter implies existence of $h_j \in L_2(Z)$ such that

$$E[h_j(Z) | X] = X_j \text{ a.s.}$$

This implies Assumption 3 with $h(Z) = (h_1(Z), \dots, h_p(Z))'$. ■

Proof of Proposition 2.2: We shall show that for any $h(Z) \in L_2(Z)$ such that

$$E[h(Z)|X] = X \text{ a.s.}$$

the parameter $\beta = E[h(Z)X']^{-1}E[h(Z)Y]$ is uniquely defined. First, it is straightforward to show that for any such h , $E[h(Z)X']^{-1} = E[XX']^{-1}$. Second, we can substitute $Y = g_0(X) + P_{\mathcal{N}}g(X) + \varepsilon$, and note that for all h , $E[h(Z)P_{\mathcal{N}}g(X)] = 0$, so that

$$\begin{aligned} E[h(Z)Y] &= E[h(Z)g_0(X)] \\ &= E[Xg_0(X)], \end{aligned}$$

for all h satisfying $E[h(Z)|X] = X$ a.s. ■

Proof of Proposition 2.3: We shall show that under the conditions of the proposition there exists a $h(Z) \in L_2(Z)$ such that

$$E[h(Z)|X] = X \text{ a.s.}$$

Denote $\bar{\pi} = E[\pi(Z)]$. For a binary X , and since $0 < \bar{\pi} < 1$, the last display is equivalent to the system

$$E[Xh(Z)] = \bar{\pi} \text{ and } E[(1-X)h(Z)] = 0,$$

or

$$E[h(Z)] = \bar{\pi} \text{ and } E[\pi(Z)h(Z)] = \bar{\pi}.$$

Each equation from the last display defines a hyperplane in h . Since $\pi(Z)$ is not constant, the normal vectors 1 and $\pi(Z)$ are linearly independent (not proportional). Hence, the two hyperplanes have a non-empty intersection, showing that there is at least one h satisfying $E[h(Z)|X] = X$ a.s.

Moreover, by Theorem 2, pg. 65, in [Luenberger \(1997\)](#) the minimum norm solution is the linear combination of 1 and $\pi(Z)$ that satisfies the linear constraints, that is, $h_0(Z) = \alpha + \gamma\pi(Z)$ such that α and γ satisfy the 2×2 system

$$\begin{cases} \alpha + \gamma\bar{\pi} = \bar{\pi} \\ \alpha\bar{\pi} + \gamma E[\pi^2(Z)] = \bar{\pi}. \end{cases}$$

Note that this system has a unique solution, since the determinant of the coefficient matrix is $Var(\pi(Z)) > 0$. Then, the unique solution is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{bmatrix} \alpha \\ \gamma \end{bmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \bar{\pi} \\ \bar{\pi} & E[\pi^2(Z)] \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} \bar{\pi} \\ \bar{\pi} \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} \bar{\pi} \left(1 - \frac{\bar{\pi}(1-\bar{\pi})}{var(\pi(Z))} \right) \\ \frac{\bar{\pi}(1-\bar{\pi})}{var(\pi(Z))} \end{bmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

■

Proof of Proposition 3.1: Assume without loss of generality that X is scalar and note that, by Engl, Hanke and Neubauer (1996), $h_1(Z) = h_0(Z) + h_\perp(Z)$, with $Cov(h_0(Z), h_\perp(Z)) = 0$. Thus, since $E[h_0(Z)|X] = X$ and $E[h_1(Z)|X] = X$, then $E[h_\perp(Z)|X] = 0$ a.s., and hence

$$0 = Cov(X, h_\perp(Z)) = \alpha_1 Var(h_\perp(Z)),$$

and hence, if $h_1 \neq h_0$ (i.e. $Var(h_\perp(Z)) > 0$) then $\alpha_1 = 0$. ■

Proof of Theorem 3.2: Write

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{\beta} &= \left(E_n \left[\hat{h}_n(Z_i)X_i'\right]\right)^{-1} \left(E_n \left[\hat{h}_n(Z_i)Y_i\right]\right) \\ &= \beta_0 + \left(E_n \left[\hat{h}_n(Z_i)X_i'\right]\right)^{-1} \left(E_n \left[\hat{h}_n(Z_i)U_i\right]\right).\end{aligned}$$

Note that

$$\begin{aligned}E_n \left[\hat{h}_n(Z_i)X_i'\right] &= E_n \left[h_0(Z_i)X_i'\right] + o_P(1) \\ &= E \left[h_0(Z_i)X_i'\right] + o_P(1),\end{aligned}\tag{24}$$

where the first equality follows from Lemma A3(i), Lemma A1, Assumption A5 and $\hat{h}_n \in \mathcal{H}$ by an application of a Glivenko-Cantelli's argument, and the second equality follows from the Law of Large Numbers.

Likewise, Lemma A3(ii), Lemma A1, Assumption A5(ii) and $\hat{h}_n \in \mathcal{H}$, yields for $\hat{f} = \hat{h}_n(Z_i)U_i$ and $f_0 = h_0(Z_i)U_i$,

$$\mathbb{G}_n \hat{f} = \mathbb{G}_n f_0 + o_P(1),$$

since the class \mathcal{F} is a Donsker class, see Theorem 2.5.6 in van der Vaart and Wellner (1996). Then,

$$\sqrt{n}(\hat{\beta} - \beta_0) = (E[h_0(Z_i)X_i'] + o_P(1))^{-1} \left(\sqrt{n}E_n[h_0(Z_i)U_i] + \sqrt{n}\mathbb{P} \left[\left\{ \hat{h}_n(Z_i) - h_0(Z_i) \right\} U_i \right] \right). \tag{25}$$

We investigate the second term, which with the notation $\langle h_1, h_2 \rangle = E[h_1(Z)h_2(Z)]$ can be written as

$$\sqrt{n}\mathbb{P} \left[\left\{ \hat{h}_n(Z_i) - h_0(Z_i) \right\} U_i \right] = \sqrt{n} \langle \hat{h}_n - h_0, u \rangle$$

where $u(z) = E[U|Z = z]$ is in $L_2(Z)$ by A5(i).

From the proof of Lemma A2, and in particular (19) and (20), and Assumption A6(ii)

$$\begin{aligned}\sqrt{n} \langle \hat{h}_n - h_0, u \rangle &= \sqrt{n} \langle \hat{h}_n - h_{\lambda_n}, u \rangle + \sqrt{n} \langle h_{\lambda_n} - h_0, u \rangle \\ &= \sqrt{n} \langle \hat{A}_{\lambda_n} \hat{T}^*(\hat{X} - \hat{T}h_0), u \rangle + O_P \left(\sqrt{n}c_n \lambda_n^{\min(\alpha_h-1,1)} \right) + O \left(\sqrt{n} \lambda_n^{\min(\alpha_h,2)} \right) \\ &= \sqrt{n} \langle \hat{A}_{\lambda_n} \hat{T}^*(\hat{X} - \hat{T}h_0), u \rangle + o_P(1).\end{aligned}$$

Next, we write

$$\begin{aligned}
\sqrt{n} \left\langle \hat{A}_{\lambda_n} \hat{T}^* (\hat{X} - \hat{T}h_0), u \right\rangle &= \sqrt{n} \left\langle A_{\lambda_n} T^* (\hat{X} - \hat{T}h_0), u \right\rangle \\
&+ \sqrt{n} \left\langle (\hat{A}_{\lambda_n} - A_{\lambda_n}) T^* (\hat{X} - \hat{T}h_0), u \right\rangle \\
&+ \sqrt{n} \left\langle A_{\lambda_n} (\hat{T}^* - T^*) (\hat{X} - \hat{T}h_0), u \right\rangle \\
&+ \sqrt{n} \left\langle (\hat{A}_{\lambda_n} - A_{\lambda_n}) (\hat{T}^* - T^*) (\hat{X} - \hat{T}h_0), u \right\rangle \\
&\equiv C_{1n} + C_{2n} + C_{3n} + C_{4n}.
\end{aligned}$$

From the simple equality $B^{-1} - C^{-1} = B^{-1}(C - B)C^{-1}$ we obtain $\hat{A}_{\lambda_n} - A_{\lambda_n} = \hat{A}_{\lambda_n} (T^*T - \hat{T}^*\hat{T}) A_{\lambda_n}$, and from this and Lemma A2,

$$\begin{aligned}
|C_{4n}| &= O_P(\sqrt{n}\lambda_n^{-2}c_n^3) = o_P(1), \text{ by A6(i);} \\
|C_{3n}| &= O_P(\sqrt{n}\lambda_n^{-1}c_n^2) = o_P(1), \text{ by A6(i);} \\
|C_{2n}| &= O_P(\sqrt{n}\lambda_n^{-2}c_n^2) = o_P(1), \text{ by A6(i).}
\end{aligned}$$

To analyze the term C_{1n} we use Theorem 3 in Newey (1997) after writing

$$C_{1n} = \sqrt{n} \left\langle \hat{T}\varphi, v_n \right\rangle,$$

where $\varphi = X - h_0$ and $v_n = TA_{\lambda_n}T^*U$.

Assumption A6(iii) implies Assumptions 1 and 4 in Newey (1997). Assumption A2 implies Assumptions 2 and 3 in Newey (1997) (with $d = 0$ there). Note that by Lemma A1(A.4) in Florens, Johannes and Van Bellegem (2011)

$$\|v_n\| \leq \|TA_{\lambda_n}T^*\| \|U\| \leq \|U\| < \infty.$$

Hence, Assumption 7 in Newey (1997) holds with $g_0 = T\varphi$ there. Hence, Theorem 4 in Newey (1997) applies to C_{1n} to conclude from its proof that

$$C_{1n} = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_i^n v_n(X_i)(h_0(Z_i) - X_i) + o_P(1). \quad (26)$$

Note that

$$T^*U = E[Y - \beta'_0 X | Z] = E[g_0(X) - \beta'_0 X | Z],$$

and furthermore, $g_0(X) - \beta'_0 X$ is in $\mathcal{R}((TT^*)^{\alpha_g/2})$, $\alpha_g > 0$. Then, by Lemma A1 in Florens, Johannes and Van Bellegem (2011)

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_i^n v_n(X_i)(h_0(Z_i) - X_i) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_i^n (g_0(X_i) - \beta'_0 X_i)(h_0(Z_i) - X_i) + o_P(1), \quad (27)$$

since

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Var} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_i^n [v_n(X_i) - (g_0(X_i) - \beta'_0 X_i)] (h_0(Z_i) - X_i) \right) &\leq C \|v_n(X_i) - (g_0(X_i) - \beta'_0 X_i)\| \\
&\leq C \lambda_n^{\alpha_g/2}.
\end{aligned}$$

Thus, from (25), (26) and (27)

$$\sqrt{n}(\hat{\beta} - \beta_0) = (E[h_0(Z_i)X_i'])^{-1} \sqrt{n}E_n[m(W_i, \beta_0, h_0, g_0)] + o_P(1).$$

The asymptotic normality then follows from the standard Central Limit Theorem.

We now show the consistency of $\hat{\Sigma} = E_n[\hat{h}_n(Z_i)X_i']^{-1}E_n[\hat{m}_{ni}\hat{m}_{ni}']E_n[\hat{h}_n(Z_i)X_i']^{-1}$. Write, with $m_{0i} = m(W_i, \beta, h_0, g_0)$,

$$E_n[\hat{m}_{ni}\hat{m}_{ni}'] - E_n[m_{0i}m_{0i}'] = E_n[m_{0i}(\hat{m}_{ni}' - m_{0i}')] + E_n[(\hat{m}_{ni} - m_{0i})m_{0i}'] + E_n[(\hat{m}_{ni} - m_{0i})(\hat{m}_{ni} - m_{0i})'] \quad (28)$$

and

$$\hat{m}_{ni} - m_{0i} = (Y - g_0(X_i))(\hat{h}_n(Z_i) - h_0(Z_i)) - (\hat{g}_n(X_i) - g_0(X_i))(\hat{h}_n(Z_i) - X_i).$$

By Cauchy-Schwartz inequality and Assumption 2

$$\left| E_n \left[m_{0i} (Y - g_0(X_i)) (\hat{h}_n(Z_i) - h_0(Z_i))' \right] \right|^2 \leq CE_n \left[|\hat{h}_n(Z_i) - h_0(Z_i)|^2 \right].$$

The class of functions

$$\{|h(z) - h_0|^2 : h \in \mathcal{H}\}$$

is Glivenko-Cantelli under the conditions on \mathcal{H} , and thus $E_n \left[|\hat{h}_n(Z_i) - h_0(Z_i)|^2 \right] = o_P(1)$ by Lemma A1. Likewise,

$$\begin{aligned} \left| E_n \left[m_{0i}' (\hat{g}_n(X_i) - g_0(X_i)) (\hat{h}_n(Z_i) - X_i)' \right] \right|^2 &\leq CE_n \left[|\hat{g}_n(X_i) - g_0(X_i)|^2 \right] \\ &= o_P(1), \end{aligned}$$

by Assumption A5(ii) and Lemma A1. Other terms in (28) are analyzed similarly, to conclude that they are $o_P(1)$. Together with (24), this implies the consistency of $\hat{\Sigma}$. ■

Proof of Theorem 4.1: We first show that the OLS first-stage estimator $\hat{\alpha} = (\hat{\alpha}_1', \hat{\alpha}_2)'$ of $\alpha_0 = (\alpha_1', \alpha_2)'$ in the regression

$$X_2 = \alpha_1' X_1 + \alpha_2 \hat{h}_{2n}(Z) + e,$$

satisfies $\sqrt{n}(\hat{\alpha} - \alpha_0) = O_P(1)$. Note $e = V - \alpha_2(\hat{h}_{2n}(Z) - h_{20}(Z))$, and denote $\hat{h}_n(Z) = (X_1', \hat{h}_{2n}(Z))'$ and $h_0(Z) = (X_1', h_{20}(Z))'$. Then,

$$\sqrt{n}(\hat{\alpha} - \alpha_0) = \left(E_n [\hat{h}_n' \hat{h}_n] \right)^{-1} \sqrt{n} E_n [\hat{h}_n e].$$

Lemma A2 and a Glivenko-Cantelli's argument imply $E_n [\hat{h}_n \hat{h}_n'] = E_n [h_0(Z)h_0'(Z)] + o_P(1) = O_P(1)$.

By $\|\hat{h}_{2n} - h_{20}\| = o_P(n^{-1/4})$, it holds

$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt{n} E_n [\hat{h}_n(Z)e] &= \sqrt{n} E_n [\hat{h}_n(Z)V] - \alpha_2 \sqrt{n} E_n [\hat{h}_n(Z)(\hat{h}_{2n}(Z) - h_{20}(Z))] \\ &= \sqrt{n} E_n [h_0(Z)V] - \alpha_2 \sqrt{n} E_n [h_0(Z)(\hat{h}_{2n}(Z) - h_{20}(Z))] + \sqrt{n} E_n [(\hat{h}_n(Z) - h_0(Z))V] + o_P(1) \\ &\equiv A_1 - \alpha_2 A_2 + A_3 + o_P(1). \end{aligned}$$

The standard central limit theorem implies $A_1 = O_P(1)$.

An empirical processes argument shows

$$A_2 = \sqrt{n}E \left[h_0(Z)(\hat{h}_{2n}(Z) - h_{20}(Z)) \right] + o_P(1).$$

By A6(ii),

$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt{n}E \left[h_0(Z)(\hat{h}_{2n}(Z) - h_{20}(Z)) \right] &= \sqrt{n}E \left[h_0(Z)(\hat{h}_{2n}(Z) - h_{\lambda_n}(Z)) \right] + \sqrt{n}E [h_0(Z)(h_{\lambda_n}(Z) - h_{20}(Z))] \\ &= \sqrt{n}E \left[h_0(Z)(\hat{h}_{2n}(Z) - h_{\lambda_n}(Z)) \right] + o_P(1). \end{aligned}$$

While (20) and A6(ii) yield

$$\begin{aligned} A_2 &= \sqrt{n}E \left[h_0(Z)\hat{A}_{\lambda_n}\hat{T}^*(\hat{X} - \hat{T}h_0)(Z) \right] + o_P(1) \\ &= \sqrt{n}E \left[h_0(Z)A_{\lambda_n}T^*(\hat{X} - \hat{T}h_0)(Z) \right] + o_P(1) \\ &\equiv \sqrt{n}E \left[v(Z)(\hat{X} - \hat{T}h_0)(Z) \right] + o_P(1), \end{aligned}$$

where $v(Z) = TA_{\lambda_n}h_0(Z)$. By $h_0 \in \mathcal{R}(T^*)$, $h_0 = T^*\psi$ for some ψ with $\|\psi\| < \infty$, then by Lemma A1(A.4) in [Florens, Johannes and Van Bellegem \(2011\)](#)

$$\begin{aligned} \|v\| &\leq \|TA_{\lambda_n}T^*\| \|\psi\| \\ &\leq \|\psi\| < \infty. \end{aligned}$$

Then, by Theorem 3 in [Newey \(1997\)](#), $A_2 = O_P(1)$. A similar argument as for A_2 shows $A_3 = O_P(1)$. Thus, combining the previous bounds we obtain $\sqrt{n}(\hat{\alpha} - \alpha_0) = O_P(1)$.

We proceed now with second step estimator. Denote $\hat{S} = (X, \hat{V})'$ and $\theta = (\beta', \rho)'$. Let $\hat{\theta}$ denote the OLS of Y on \hat{S} . Since, since under the null $\rho = 0$, then

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\theta} &= \left(E_n [\hat{S}\hat{S}'] \right)^{-1} E_n [\hat{S}Y] \\ &= \theta + \left(E_n [\hat{S}\hat{S}'] \right)^{-1} E_n [\hat{S}U] \\ &= \theta + (E [SS'])^{-1} E_n [SU] + (E [SS'])^{-1} E_n [(\hat{S} - S)U] + o_P(n^{-1/2}) \\ &= \theta + (E [SS'])^{-1} E_n [SU] + o_P(n^{-1/2}), \end{aligned}$$

where the last equality follows because

$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt{n}E_n \left[(\hat{V} - V)U \right] &= \sqrt{n}(\hat{\alpha} - \alpha_0)' E_n [h_0(Z)U] + \hat{\alpha}_2 \sqrt{n}E_n \left[U(\hat{h}_{2n}(Z) - h_{20}(Z)) \right] \\ &= O_P(1) \times o_P(1) + O_P(1) \times o_P(1), \end{aligned}$$

with the term $\sqrt{n}E_n \left[U(\hat{h}_{2n}(Z) - h_{20}(Z)) \right]$ being $o_P(1)$ because

$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt{n}E_n \left[U(\hat{h}_{2n}(Z) - h_{20}(Z)) \right] &= \sqrt{n}E \left[U(\hat{h}_{2n}(Z) - h_{20}(Z)) \right] + o_P(1) \\ &= o_P(1). \end{aligned}$$

Thus, the standard asymptotic normality for the OLS estimator applies. ■

8 Appendix C: Tables for Simulations

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			λ													
J_n	ρ	γ	$K_n = 2J_n$							$K_n = 3J_n$						
			0	0.001	0.01	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.6	0	0.001	0.01	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.6
4	0	0.4	10.58	9.84	8.37	7.05	6.38	6.62	6.54	8.93	8.67	7.65	6.98	6.42	6.61	6.59
			0.77	0.77	0.66	0.65	0.64	0.64	0.65	0.71	0.76	0.67	0.65	0.64	0.64	0.65
		0.8	1.89	1.62	1.60	1.67	1.56	1.65	1.60	1.87	1.62	1.60	1.67	1.55	1.65	1.60
	0.3	0.4	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.15	0.16	0.16	0.17	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.15	0.16	0.16	0.17
			11.25	10.95	9.82	7.35	7.32	8.24	6.65	8.85	8.73	8.67	7.45	7.22	8.30	6.63
		0.8	0.80	0.82	0.72	0.69	0.68	0.69	0.73	0.73	0.80	0.71	0.69	0.68	0.69	0.73
	0.9	0.4	2.07	2.17	2.09	2.01	2.00	1.88	2.03	2.05	2.14	2.10	2.02	2.00	1.89	2.03
			0.18	0.20	0.21	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.18	0.20	0.21	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.20
		0.8	17.70	19.46	15.45	13.49	12.37	12.04	12.33	15.17	16.57	14.92	13.47	12.57	12.04	12.37
		0.4	1.67	1.47	1.33	1.21	1.14	1.24	1.31	1.59	1.39	1.34	1.21	1.14	1.24	1.31
			5.84	5.72	5.34	5.35	5.52	5.18	5.13	5.53	5.62	5.35	5.39	5.52	5.18	5.13
		0.8	0.51	0.54	0.57	0.50	0.54	0.50	0.49	0.51	0.54	0.57	0.50	0.54	0.50	0.49
5	0	0.4	9.94	9.82	8.47	6.72	6.26	6.18	6.39	7.97	8.21	7.75	6.71	6.29	6.19	6.41
			0.86	0.84	0.66	0.65	0.63	0.64	0.64	0.76	0.80	0.67	0.65	0.63	0.64	0.64
		0.8	1.91	1.67	1.63	1.70	1.55	1.64	1.59	1.86	1.65	1.65	1.70	1.54	1.64	1.59
	0.3	0.4	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.15	0.15	0.16	0.17	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.15	0.16	0.16	0.17
			11.94	10.82	10.17	7.22	6.86	7.39	6.58	9.16	8.55	8.90	7.24	6.79	7.42	6.60
		0.8	0.89	0.87	0.71	0.69	0.69	0.68	0.73	0.78	0.83	0.72	0.69	0.69	0.68	0.73
	0.9	0.4	2.10	2.19	2.14	2.03	2.01	1.86	2.02	2.05	2.13	2.12	2.02	2.00	1.86	2.02
			0.19	0.20	0.21	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.18	0.20	0.21	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.20
		0.8	18.46	18.10	15.73	12.94	11.57	12.10	12.01	15.23	16.08	14.60	12.83	11.51	12.13	12.04
		0.4	1.77	1.55	1.35	1.21	1.13	1.24	1.30	1.59	1.47	1.35	1.22	1.13	1.23	1.30
			5.85	5.79	5.44	5.34	5.48	5.17	5.14	5.57	5.65	5.39	5.29	5.49	5.18	5.14
		0.8	0.53	0.55	0.57	0.50	0.54	0.50	0.49	0.52	0.55	0.57	0.50	0.54	0.50	0.49
6	0	0.4	9.69	10.05	8.21	6.27	6.20	5.67	6.02	7.84	7.94	7.26	6.32	6.22	5.65	6.04
			0.92	0.85	0.67	0.64	0.63	0.63	0.64	0.80	0.80	0.68	0.65	0.63	0.63	0.64
		0.8	1.96	1.78	1.70	1.69	1.55	1.62	1.58	1.91	1.66	1.63	1.68	1.54	1.62	1.58
	0.3	0.4	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.15	0.15	0.16	0.17	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.15	0.15	0.16	0.17
			11.08	10.10	9.65	7.02	6.80	7.22	6.51	8.80	8.23	8.77	7.14	6.91	7.19	6.50
		0.8	1.04	0.91	0.73	0.69	0.69	0.68	0.73	0.82	0.87	0.73	0.69	0.69	0.68	0.73
	0.9	0.4	2.23	2.22	2.19	2.03	2.01	1.85	2.02	2.04	2.11	2.17	2.02	2.00	1.84	2.01
			0.19	0.20	0.21	0.20	0.19	0.20	0.20	0.19	0.20	0.21	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.20
		0.8	19.37	18.72	15.26	12.61	11.74	12.03	12.69	14.26	14.86	13.95	12.51	11.56	11.93	12.61
		0.4	1.92	1.58	1.34	1.19	1.13	1.23	1.29	1.60	1.46	1.34	1.20	1.13	1.23	1.29
			5.92	5.90	5.55	5.29	5.45	5.10	5.13	5.55	5.70	5.48	5.28	5.47	5.07	5.13
		0.8	0.53	0.56	0.57	0.51	0.54	0.50	0.49	0.52	0.55	0.57	0.51	0.54	0.50	0.49
7	0	0.4	10.71	8.60	7.32	5.86	5.88	5.43	5.56	7.95	7.71	6.88	5.93	5.92	5.46	5.61
			0.95	0.85	0.68	0.65	0.63	0.63	0.63	0.82	0.80	0.69	0.65	0.63	0.63	0.63
		0.8	2.07	1.74	1.68	1.69	1.54	1.63	1.58	1.92	1.66	1.64	1.68	1.54	1.62	1.58
	0.3	0.4	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.15	0.15	0.16	0.17	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.15	0.15	0.16	0.17
			11.22	9.43	9.12	6.88	6.72	7.02	6.25	8.70	7.85	8.21	6.87	6.74	6.95	6.21
		0.8	1.03	0.96	0.74	0.68	0.68	0.68	0.72	0.83	0.87	0.75	0.68	0.68	0.68	0.72
	0.9	0.4	2.37	2.24	2.27	2.04	1.99	1.84	2.02	2.11	2.13	2.19	2.02	2.00	1.84	2.00
			0.19	0.20	0.21	0.20	0.19	0.20	0.20	0.19	0.20	0.21	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.20
		0.8	19.78	18.28	15.58	13.06	12.13	12.53	13.02	14.80	15.07	14.24	12.95	12.12	12.52	13.07
		0.4	1.98	1.66	1.31	1.21	1.12	1.23	1.31	1.62	1.51	1.34	1.21	1.12	1.23	1.30
			6.04	6.07	5.48	5.21	5.42	5.09	5.13	5.71	5.76	5.31	5.23	5.46	5.10	5.14
		0.8	0.53	0.56	0.57	0.51	0.54	0.50	0.49	0.53	0.56	0.57	0.50	0.54	0.50	0.49

Table 6: Sensitivity analysis of $\text{MSE}(\times 10^{-2})$ for DGP1.

			λ													
J_n	ρ	γ	$K_n = 2J_n$							$K_n = 3J_n$						
			0	0.001	0.01	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.6	0	0.001	0.01	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.6
4	0	0.4	36.49	34.99	31.23	32.82	36.11	36.04	38.73	33.99	34.41	32.02	33.59	35.61	35.98	38.43
			3.49	3.13	3.32	4.86	5.26	5.30	6.15	3.66	3.38	3.55	4.86	5.22	5.24	6.11
		0.8	13.80	15.88	15.68	17.08	16.79	17.37	17.46	14.79	17.27	16.49	18.05	17.41	17.91	17.74
			2.25	2.22	2.45	2.58	2.68	2.95	2.87	2.42	2.37	2.63	2.78	2.81	3.06	2.93
	0.3	0.4	41.70	34.96	34.40	36.76	37.38	38.83	37.93	39.48	31.79	34.65	37.43	37.12	38.59	37.64
			3.64	3.36	3.14	4.72	5.43	5.42	6.02	3.88	3.58	3.30	4.69	5.35	5.36	5.93
		0.8	15.21	16.66	15.59	17.44	17.60	18.77	20.40	16.19	17.29	16.70	18.43	18.17	19.27	20.63
			2.50	2.41	2.33	2.57	2.68	2.93	3.16	2.62	2.58	2.50	2.77	2.83	3.06	3.22
	0.9	0.4	51.43	56.95	41.81	43.76	41.78	48.76	48.29	43.82	49.86	42.62	44.71	42.08	48.78	48.02
			4.30	4.56	4.44	5.28	6.07	6.09	6.29	4.05	4.62	4.67	5.26	6.05	6.02	6.23
		0.8	23.87	22.37	20.47	20.34	19.39	21.47	24.11	23.58	22.94	20.95	21.22	19.69	22.05	24.62
			3.28	2.91	2.74	3.09	3.56	3.28	3.48	3.21	2.96	2.90	3.27	3.71	3.40	3.54
5	0	0.4	32.80	36.47	29.03	31.08	32.71	32.21	34.81	30.60	32.29	29.12	31.74	32.92	32.35	34.69
			3.46	3.10	3.08	4.46	4.72	5.27	5.52	3.46	3.22	3.26	4.46	4.67	5.16	5.46
		0.8	12.60	14.56	13.88	15.41	15.28	15.86	15.66	13.05	15.26	14.59	16.41	15.77	16.34	15.91
			1.62	1.54	1.70	1.74	1.90	2.04	2.26	1.75	1.62	1.84	1.83	1.97	2.07	2.29
	0.3	0.4	46.68	32.80	32.50	32.72	32.27	36.03	35.73	43.05	32.18	33.01	33.73	32.99	35.84	35.78
			3.77	3.19	2.94	4.31	4.76	5.24	5.77	3.49	3.42	3.14	4.28	4.70	5.19	5.69
		0.8	13.90	15.09	14.25	16.12	15.98	16.98	18.18	14.54	15.85	14.93	16.86	16.60	17.28	18.46
			1.84	1.83	1.69	1.79	1.93	2.19	2.19	1.81	1.90	1.78	1.90	1.99	2.23	2.22
	0.9	0.4	49.09	54.26	38.87	38.62	38.08	44.49	42.72	41.66	42.61	38.63	39.38	38.44	45.13	42.81
			4.62	4.37	4.09	4.82	5.33	5.57	6.04	4.04	4.33	4.29	4.80	5.24	5.48	5.97
		0.8	21.56	20.61	18.54	18.11	18.29	20.63	22.32	21.22	20.74	18.80	18.96	18.62	21.05	22.91
			2.54	2.37	2.26	2.30	2.56	2.57	2.64	2.42	2.29	2.32	2.38	2.65	2.65	2.67
6	0	0.4	53.93	29.47	27.59	28.54	29.66	30.13	32.74	33.06	27.94	29.22	29.64	30.07	30.51	33.01
			3.34	2.99	2.92	4.19	4.52	4.77	5.21	3.01	3.24	3.17	4.14	4.47	4.69	5.12
		0.8	12.60	14.28	13.17	15.08	14.98	15.34	14.86	12.88	14.92	13.97	15.90	15.39	15.81	15.12
			1.71	1.48	1.62	1.74	1.86	2.06	2.10	1.62	1.55	1.74	1.82	1.89	2.11	2.12
	0.3	0.4	40.03	29.34	29.99	30.17	29.78	33.68	33.86	35.84	27.83	31.29	31.79	30.68	33.82	34.03
			3.62	3.14	2.67	4.05	4.60	4.70	5.21	3.47	3.11	2.83	4.00	4.57	4.67	5.14
		0.8	13.62	14.06	13.98	15.77	15.40	16.48	17.31	14.11	14.52	14.67	16.34	15.92	16.83	17.53
			1.83	1.64	1.54	1.78	1.85	2.10	2.27	1.73	1.71	1.64	1.85	1.89	2.13	2.30
	0.9	0.4	60.72	46.57	35.46	36.41	35.46	40.62	41.88	42.88	38.53	35.39	37.34	36.13	41.08	42.29
			4.39	4.33	3.84	4.62	5.21	5.24	5.61	3.87	4.20	4.05	4.64	5.14	5.19	5.53
		0.8	20.90	20.27	17.87	17.85	17.71	19.02	21.84	20.17	20.08	18.06	18.60	18.12	19.42	22.26
			2.41	2.22	1.94	2.19	2.59	2.45	2.50	2.27	2.12	1.98	2.24	2.64	2.49	2.54
7	0	0.4	117.41	29.85	26.96	27.86	28.58	28.32	31.52	33.51	28.19	27.72	29.50	29.26	28.74	31.74
			3.25	3.05	2.79	4.05	4.24	4.62	5.09	3.38	3.09	3.05	4.05	4.22	4.56	5.01
		0.8	12.54	14.01	12.92	14.70	14.49	14.82	14.59	12.75	14.55	13.54	15.36	14.91	15.23	14.85
			1.46	1.36	1.54	1.58	1.74	1.87	1.95	1.44	1.37	1.63	1.63	1.77	1.91	1.97
	0.3	0.4	43.41	29.13	30.90	29.18	29.03	32.56	33.17	31.83	28.27	31.45	30.96	29.74	33.54	33.57
			3.43	2.90	2.67	3.90	4.14	4.46	5.16	3.35	3.02	2.84	3.84	4.08	4.42	5.10
		0.8	14.24	14.29	13.88	15.25	15.23	15.98	16.62	14.43	14.31	14.37	15.98	15.67	16.34	16.84
			1.59	1.54	1.44	1.59	1.76	1.98	1.94	1.57	1.55	1.51	1.65	1.79	2.01	1.97
	0.9	0.4	77.30	44.87	34.52	34.60	34.92	38.92	40.54	53.12	37.77	34.27	35.77	35.30	39.87	40.83
			4.78	4.18	3.84	4.28	4.85	5.06	5.35	3.95	4.21	3.96	4.30	4.83	5.01	5.30
		0.8	20.53	19.65	16.80	17.38	16.84	18.61	21.06	19.57	19.96	17.00	18.32	17.28	18.87	21.40
			2.29	2.12	2.00	2.00	2.27	2.29	2.43	2.09	2.07	2.03	2.03	2.30	2.33	2.45

Table 7: Sensitivity analysis of $\text{MSE}(\times 10^{-2})$ for DGP2.

			λ													
J_n	ρ	γ	$K_n = 2J_n$							$K_n = 3J_n$						
			0	0.001	0.01	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.6	0	0.001	0.01	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.6
4	0	0.4	89.50	79.24	86.87	85.35	89.05	93.34	107.17	90.67	82.94	89.85	87.03	89.82	94.38	107.13
			7.64	7.80	7.65	9.97	9.82	9.73	11.02	7.96	8.21	7.92	9.91	9.81	9.68	11.00
		0.8	53.60	47.34	51.40	48.01	53.19	54.75	49.33	53.39	47.18	50.88	48.33	52.86	54.43	49.25
	0.3	0.4	5.00	4.96	4.73	5.25	5.27	5.64	5.80	5.04	5.04	4.80	5.27	5.30	5.64	5.82
			82.01	81.80	77.76	87.58	89.50	106.04	90.46	82.71	83.17	81.33	89.08	89.96	105.42	90.14
		0.8	7.68	8.17	8.88	9.52	11.00	10.64	10.21	7.89	8.46	9.06	9.47	10.94	10.56	10.19
	0.9	0.4	55.98	51.81	52.21	52.12	56.89	55.73	49.28	55.34	51.92	52.10	52.34	56.79	55.43	48.96
			5.80	5.85	5.38	5.47	6.11	6.14	6.09	5.85	5.92	5.46	5.52	6.13	6.18	6.09
		0.8	97.77	96.58	101.87	102.88	106.35	122.48	126.38	102.13	98.56	104.74	104.85	107.05	122.36	124.53
	0.8	0.4	9.99	8.99	9.52	10.55	11.78	12.66	12.69	9.93	9.09	9.76	10.53	11.72	12.61	12.65
			64.62	62.55	66.26	61.41	63.56	63.49	60.79	63.63	62.49	65.04	60.96	63.21	62.92	60.36
		0.8	6.17	6.03	6.79	7.14	7.44	7.18	7.60	6.24	6.08	6.88	7.16	7.46	7.18	7.61
5	0	0.4	88.84	79.45	87.03	80.84	84.82	94.25	105.07	91.18	83.15	91.48	83.97	86.96	96.56	105.12
			7.58	7.96	7.72	10.00	9.97	9.85	11.45	8.16	8.20	7.94	9.91	9.94	9.79	11.41
		0.8	53.51	47.52	51.81	48.51	53.95	55.35	50.87	53.70	46.67	52.31	48.97	53.81	54.85	50.42
	0.3	0.4	5.07	5.03	4.79	5.32	5.36	5.76	5.91	5.12	5.13	4.86	5.39	5.37	5.76	5.91
			81.37	74.98	75.92	81.46	87.46	103.16	92.33	85.74	79.16	79.95	85.07	88.91	104.55	92.32
		0.8	7.46	7.77	8.69	9.43	11.13	10.78	10.40	7.99	8.13	8.98	9.37	11.06	10.71	10.36
	0.9	0.4	55.68	51.65	52.02	51.98	57.78	56.88	50.81	55.93	51.62	51.85	52.42	57.58	56.71	50.72
			5.86	5.95	5.44	5.58	6.24	6.21	6.26	5.91	6.03	5.53	5.62	6.25	6.24	6.26
		0.8	96.89	94.77	96.32	99.18	104.32	119.06	123.94	96.91	95.00	97.44	102.57	105.87	119.05	123.89
	0.8	0.4	9.59	8.78	9.24	10.47	11.90	12.90	12.97	9.66	9.28	9.60	10.43	11.85	12.83	12.91
			63.97	62.13	65.43	61.15	63.98	63.78	61.76	63.33	62.07	64.64	60.71	64.02	63.28	61.24
		0.8	6.29	6.15	6.86	7.28	7.57	7.31	7.75	6.36	6.21	6.99	7.29	7.58	7.31	7.77
6	0	0.4	86.06	77.41	71.12	79.02	81.58	90.28	102.63	86.40	80.97	81.00	81.98	84.73	92.78	103.54
			7.69	7.76	7.75	9.91	9.97	9.84	11.74	7.98	8.18	7.97	9.84	9.89	9.76	11.67
		0.8	53.87	46.98	51.86	48.59	54.17	55.23	51.42	54.67	46.77	52.37	49.05	54.67	54.88	51.14
	0.3	0.4	5.09	5.10	4.86	5.41	5.44	5.88	6.05	5.14	5.19	4.91	5.48	5.48	5.88	6.05
			76.92	74.25	75.31	80.21	86.00	99.48	87.68	83.40	79.15	80.89	83.99	88.55	103.19	87.78
		0.8	7.67	7.90	8.48	9.37	11.09	10.83	10.60	8.24	8.22	8.83	9.27	10.97	10.77	10.53
	0.9	0.4	55.46	51.27	51.85	51.97	57.86	57.62	51.55	56.03	50.96	51.81	52.06	58.13	57.56	51.55
			5.90	6.05	5.51	5.68	6.34	6.33	6.41	5.95	6.09	5.62	5.72	6.33	6.35	6.39
		0.8	95.32	94.26	92.09	98.61	99.25	115.32	122.08	95.61	92.97	95.75	100.82	100.28	115.61	123.20
	0.8	0.4	9.42	8.98	9.19	10.48	11.96	13.03	13.20	9.69	9.15	9.49	10.30	11.86	12.91	13.11
			63.90	61.49	65.11	60.39	63.88	63.52	61.84	63.14	61.26	64.76	60.31	63.73	63.42	61.50
		0.8	6.39	6.25	7.01	7.40	7.68	7.45	7.91	6.44	6.31	7.08	7.38	7.67	7.43	7.90
7	0	0.4	84.62	75.74	69.21	76.80	78.68	89.40	98.63	85.16	80.13	77.55	80.96	82.60	91.46	100.63
			7.72	7.71	7.62	9.82	9.94	9.85	11.80	8.13	8.05	7.97	9.80	9.85	9.73	11.68
		0.8	54.26	47.25	52.15	48.55	54.52	55.30	51.60	54.84	46.79	52.37	49.09	55.11	55.00	51.47
	0.3	0.4	5.08	5.14	4.87	5.47	5.46	5.91	6.10	5.19	5.22	4.98	5.53	5.50	5.90	6.10
			72.10	74.49	73.88	79.47	85.55	100.92	85.44	78.83	77.45	81.06	82.28	87.01	103.07	85.78
		0.8	7.86	7.70	8.40	9.33	11.04	10.74	10.62	8.03	8.09	8.78	9.26	10.93	10.66	10.54
	0.9	0.4	55.32	51.55	51.33	51.80	58.06	57.40	51.56	55.42	50.94	51.98	52.07	58.23	57.67	51.71
			5.88	6.06	5.51	5.70	6.37	6.36	6.47	5.98	6.11	5.63	5.75	6.36	6.39	6.45
		0.8	90.60	90.58	91.68	98.10	98.24	111.18	119.73	91.37	91.41	92.91	101.61	100.15	113.37	121.70
	0.8	0.4	9.62	9.17	8.97	10.35	11.92	13.01	13.11	9.86	9.26	9.24	10.18	11.76	12.85	12.99
			62.05	60.28	65.22	59.96	63.60	63.41	62.21	62.24	60.52	65.19	60.12	63.37	63.10	61.89
		0.8	6.43	6.23	7.02	7.37	7.70	7.51	7.98	6.43	6.28	7.10	7.36	7.69	7.48	7.95

Table 8: Sensitivity analysis of $\text{MSE}(\times 10^{-2})$ for DGP3.

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