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We prove the asymptotic results (Theorem 1 and Theorem 2) of Section 5 of the manuscript [3]. Throughout, sections refer to the main manuscript.

1 Definitions and properties

Definition 1 For a real valued matrix \mathbf{A} of dimension $m_A \times n_A$, the 2-norm of \mathbf{A} is given by $\|\mathbf{A}\|_2 = \sup_{\mathbf{x} \neq 0} \frac{\|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}\|_2}{\|\mathbf{x}\|_2}$, with $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_A}$ and $\|\mathbf{x}\|_2 = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^{n_A} x_i^2}$. This norm is equal to $\sqrt{\zeta_{\max}(\mathbf{A}'\mathbf{A})}$ where ζ_{\max} is the largest eigenvalue of $\mathbf{A}'\mathbf{A}$.

Definition 2 For sequences of positive numbers r_n and s_n , $r_n \lesssim s_n$ means that $s_n^{-1}r_n$ is bounded and $r_n \asymp s_n$ means that $s_n^{-1}r_n$ and $r_n^{-1}s_n$ are bounded.

Definition 3 For a real valued function f on \mathcal{U} and a vector valued function $\mathbf{g} = (g_1, \dots, g_d)$ on \mathcal{U}^d , the L_∞ -norm is given by:

$$\|f\|_\infty = \sup_{u \in \mathcal{U}} |f(u)|, \quad \|\mathbf{g}\|_\infty = \max_{1 \leq p \leq d} \|g_p\|_\infty.$$

Our estimation technique relies on properties of B-splines. For a detailed description of B-splines we refer to [2] or [6].

Property 1 $B_{pl}(u_p; q_p) \geq 0$ and $\sum_{l=1}^{m_p} B_{pl}(u_p; q_p) = 1$.

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Property 2 There exists positive constants N_7 , N_8 and coefficients $\alpha_{pl} \in \mathbb{R}$ such that

$$m_p^{-1} N_7 \sum_{l=1}^{m_p} \alpha_{pl}^2 \leq \int_{\mathcal{U}} \left\{ \sum_{l=1}^{m_p} \alpha_{pl} B_{pl}(u; q_p) \right\}^2 du \leq m_p^{-1} N_8 \sum_{l=1}^{m_p} \alpha_{pl}^2.$$

Property 3 $\int_{\mathcal{U}} B_{pl}(u; q_p) du = O(m_p^{-1})$.

Property 4 $\|g\|_{\infty} \lesssim m_p^{-1/2} \|g\|_{L_2}$ for $g \in \mathbb{G}(q_p, \boldsymbol{\xi}_p)$, where $\mathbb{G}(q_p, \boldsymbol{\xi}_p)$ is the space of spline functions on \mathcal{U}_p with fixed degree q_p and knot sequence $\boldsymbol{\xi}_p$.

We use as notations $\hat{\boldsymbol{\alpha}}_j$, $\boldsymbol{\alpha}_j^*$ and $\tilde{\boldsymbol{\alpha}}_j$ for methods $j = 1, 2$ (described in Section 4 of [3]), when we replace \mathbf{Y} in expression

$$\hat{\boldsymbol{\alpha}} = (\mathbf{R}'\mathbf{R} + \mathbf{Q}_{\lambda})^{-1} \mathbf{R}'\mathbf{Y}.$$

by $\hat{\mathbf{Y}}_j^* = (\hat{Y}_{j1}^*, \dots, \hat{Y}_{jn}^*)'$, $\mathbf{Y}_j^* = (Y_{j1}^*, \dots, Y_{jn}^*)'$, and $\mathbf{M}_j = (M_{j1}, \dots, M_{jn})'$ with $M_{ji} = E(Y_{ji}^* | \mathbf{U}_i, \mathbf{X}_i)$ for $i = 1, \dots, n$ respectively. Similar notations hold for $\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_j = (\hat{\beta}_{j1}, \dots, \hat{\beta}_{jd})'$, $\boldsymbol{\beta}_j^* = (\beta_{j1}^*, \dots, \beta_{jd}^*)'$ and $\tilde{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_j = (\tilde{\beta}_{j1}, \dots, \tilde{\beta}_{jd})'$.

1.1 Proof of Theorem 1, Part 1

The proof of the first result stated in Theorem 1 relies on the maximal distance between the Y_{1i}^* and \hat{Y}_{1i}^* , derived in Lemma 1.

Lemma 1 $\max_{1 \leq i \leq n} | \hat{Y}_{1i}^* - Y_{1i}^* | =$

$$O_p \left(\sup_{\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{x}} \left\{ \tau_1(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{x}) \sup_{t \leq \tau_1(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{x})} | \hat{G}(t | \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{x}) - G(t | \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{x}) | + \kappa(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{x}) \right\} \right).$$

Proof (Proof of Lemma 1)

Since $| \hat{Y}_{1i}^* - Y_{1i}^* | =$

$$| \hat{Y}_{1i}^* - Y_{1i}^* | 1_{\{Z_i \leq \tau_1(\mathbf{U}_i, \mathbf{X}_i)\}} + | \hat{Y}_{1i}^* - Y_{1i}^* | 1_{\{Z_i > \tau_1(\mathbf{U}_i, \mathbf{X}_i)\}},$$

we consider two cases and prove the following results,

$$\begin{aligned} \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \left\{ | \hat{Y}_{1i}^* - Y_{1i}^* | 1_{\{Z_i \leq \tau_1(\mathbf{U}_i, \mathbf{X}_i)\}} \right\} \\ \lesssim \sup_{\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{x}} \left(\tau_1(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{x}) \sup_{t \leq \tau_1(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{x})} | \hat{G}(t | \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{x}) - G(t | \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{x}) | \right), \quad (1) \end{aligned}$$

$$\max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \left\{ | \hat{Y}_{1i}^* - Y_{1i}^* | 1_{\{Z_i > \tau_1(\mathbf{U}_i, \mathbf{X}_i)\}} \right\} \lesssim \sup_{\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{x}} \kappa(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{x}). \quad (2)$$

For (1) we start by the triangle inequality,

$$\begin{aligned} |\hat{Y}_{1i}^* - Y_{1i}^*| 1_{\{Z_i \leq \tau_1(\mathbf{U}_i, \mathbf{X}_i)\}} &\leq |\Delta_i \{\hat{\varphi}_1(\mathbf{U}_i, \mathbf{X}_i, Z_i) - \varphi_1(\mathbf{U}_i, \mathbf{X}_i, Z_i)\} \\ &\quad + (1 - \Delta_i) \{\hat{\psi}_1(\mathbf{U}_i, \mathbf{X}_i, Z_i) - \psi_1(\mathbf{U}_i, \mathbf{X}_i, Z_i)\}| \\ &\leq |\hat{\varphi}_1(\mathbf{U}_i, \mathbf{X}_i, Z_i) - \varphi_1(\mathbf{U}_i, \mathbf{X}_i, Z_i)| + |\hat{\psi}_1(\mathbf{U}_i, \mathbf{X}_i, Z_i) - \psi_1(\mathbf{U}_i, \mathbf{X}_i, Z_i)|. \end{aligned}$$

We derive the order bound for $|\hat{\varphi}_1(\mathbf{U}_i, \mathbf{X}_i, Z_i) - \varphi_1(\mathbf{U}_i, \mathbf{X}_i, Z_i)|$, similar result holds if we replace φ_1 and $\hat{\varphi}_1$ by ψ_1 and $\hat{\psi}_1$ respectively.

$$\begin{aligned} &|\hat{\varphi}_1(\mathbf{U}_i, \mathbf{X}_i, Z_i) - \varphi_1(\mathbf{U}_i, \mathbf{X}_i, Z_i)| \\ &\leq \left| (1 + \gamma) \left\{ \int_0^{Z_i} \frac{1}{\hat{G}(t|\mathbf{U}_i, \mathbf{X}_i)} dt - \int_0^{Z_i} \frac{1}{G(t|\mathbf{U}_i, \mathbf{X}_i)} dt \right\} \right| \\ &\quad + \left| \frac{\gamma Z_i}{\hat{G}(Z_i|\mathbf{U}_i, \mathbf{X}_i)} - \frac{\gamma Z_i}{G(Z_i|\mathbf{U}_i, \mathbf{X}_i)} \right| \\ &\leq \left| (1 + \gamma) \int_0^{Z_i} \frac{\hat{G}(t|\mathbf{U}_i, \mathbf{X}_i) - G(t|\mathbf{U}_i, \mathbf{X}_i)}{G(t|\mathbf{U}_i, \mathbf{X}_i) \hat{G}(t|\mathbf{U}_i, \mathbf{X}_i)} dt \right| \\ &\quad + \left| \frac{\gamma Z_i \{\hat{G}(Z_i|\mathbf{U}_i, \mathbf{X}_i) - G(Z_i|\mathbf{U}_i, \mathbf{X}_i)\}}{G(Z_i|\mathbf{U}_i, \mathbf{X}_i) \hat{G}(Z_i|\mathbf{U}_i, \mathbf{X}_i)} \right| \\ &\leq |1 + \gamma| \sup_{t \leq \tau_1(\mathbf{U}_i, \mathbf{X}_i)} \left\{ |\hat{G}(t|\mathbf{U}_i, \mathbf{X}_i) - G(t|\mathbf{U}_i, \mathbf{X}_i)| \right\} \\ &\quad \times \int_0^{\tau_1(\mathbf{U}_i, \mathbf{X}_i)} \frac{G(t|\mathbf{U}_i, \mathbf{X}_i)}{\hat{G}(t|\mathbf{U}_i, \mathbf{X}_i)} \frac{1}{G(t|\mathbf{U}_i, \mathbf{X}_i)^2} dt \\ &\quad + |\gamma| \tau_1(\mathbf{U}_i, \mathbf{X}_i) \sup_{t \leq \tau_1(\mathbf{U}_i, \mathbf{X}_i)} \left\{ |\hat{G}(t|\mathbf{U}_i, \mathbf{X}_i) - G(t|\mathbf{U}_i, \mathbf{X}_i)| \right\} \\ &\quad \times \sup_{t \leq \tau_1(\mathbf{U}_i, \mathbf{X}_i)} \left\{ \frac{1}{G(t|\mathbf{U}_i, \mathbf{X}_i)^2} \frac{G(t|\mathbf{U}_i, \mathbf{X}_i)}{\hat{G}(t|\mathbf{U}_i, \mathbf{X}_i)} \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

From the uniform convergence of \hat{G} we have:

$$\sup_{t \leq \tau_1(\mathbf{U}_i, \mathbf{X}_i)} \frac{G(t|\mathbf{U}_i, \mathbf{X}_i)}{\hat{G}(t|\mathbf{U}_i, \mathbf{X}_i)} = 1 + o_p(1).$$

Also $\inf_{t \leq \tau_1(\mathbf{U}_i, \mathbf{X}_i)} \{G(t|\mathbf{U}_i, \mathbf{X}_i)\} > 0$, therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} &|\hat{\varphi}_1(\mathbf{U}_i, \mathbf{X}_i, Z_i) - \varphi_1(\mathbf{U}_i, \mathbf{X}_i, Z_i)| \\ &= O_p \left(\tau_1(\mathbf{U}_i, \mathbf{X}_i) \sup_{t \leq \tau_1(\mathbf{U}_i, \mathbf{X}_i)} |\hat{G}(t|\mathbf{U}_i, \mathbf{X}_i) - G(t|\mathbf{U}_i, \mathbf{X}_i)| \right). \end{aligned}$$

For (2) we have

$$\begin{aligned} & E\{|\hat{Y}_{1i}^* - Y_{1i}^*| \mathbf{1}_{\{Z_i > \tau_1(\mathbf{U}_i, \mathbf{X}_i)\}}\} \\ & \leq E \left[E \left\{ \max_{\phi=\varphi_1, \psi_1} \mathbf{1}_{\{Z_i > \tau_1(\mathbf{U}_i, \mathbf{X}_i)\}} |Z_i - \phi(U_i, \mathbf{X}_i, Z_i)| \mid \mathbf{U}_i, \mathbf{X}_i \right\} \right] \\ & \leq \sup_{\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{x}} \kappa(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{x}). \end{aligned}$$

By combining (1) and (2), the result of Lemma 1 follows.

Proof (Proof of Theorem 1, Part 1)

Since

$$\|\hat{\beta}_1 - \beta_1\|_{L_2} \leq \|\hat{\beta}_1 - \beta_1^*\|_{L_2} + \|\beta_1^* - \tilde{\beta}_1\|_{L_2} + \|\tilde{\beta}_1 - \beta_1\|_{L_2},$$

the result follows by showing that

$$\|\hat{\beta}_1 - \beta_1^*\|_{L_2} \tag{3}$$

$$= O_p \left(\sup_{\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{x}} \left\{ \tau_1(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{x}) \sup_{t \leq \tau_1(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{x})} |\hat{G}(t|\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{x}) - G(t|\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{x})| + \kappa(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{x}) \right\} \right),$$

$$\|\beta_1^* - \tilde{\beta}_1\|_{L_2} = O_p \left(n^{-1/2} m_{\max}^{1/2} \right), \tag{4}$$

$$\|\tilde{\beta}_1 - \beta_1\|_{L_2} = O_p \left(n^{-1} m_{\max}^{3/2} \lambda_{\max} + \rho_n \right). \tag{5}$$

We start with the proof of (3). By Property 2 it suffices to show that

$$\begin{aligned} & \|\hat{\alpha}_1 - \alpha_1^*\|_2 = \\ & O_p \left(m_{\max}^{1/2} \left(\sup_{\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{x}} \left\{ \tau_1(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{x}) \sup_{t \leq \tau_1(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{x})} |\hat{G}(t|\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{x}) - G(t|\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{x})| + \kappa(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{x}) \right\} \right) \right). \end{aligned}$$

From [1] we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \hat{\alpha}_1 - \alpha_1^* \\ & = \{(\mathbf{R}'\mathbf{R})^{-1} - (\mathbf{R}'\mathbf{R})^{-1}\mathbf{Q}_\lambda(\mathbf{R}'\mathbf{R})^{-1} + o_p(n^{-1}m_{\max}^{3/2}\lambda_{\max})(\mathbf{R}'\mathbf{R})^{-1}\} \\ & \quad \times \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{R}_i(\hat{Y}_{1i}^* - Y_{1i}^*) \\ & = \hat{\alpha}_{1,reg} - \alpha_{reg}^* - \{(\mathbf{R}'\mathbf{R})^{-1}\mathbf{Q}_\lambda(\mathbf{R}'\mathbf{R})^{-1} + o_p(n^{-1}m_{\max}^{3/2}\lambda_{\max})(\mathbf{R}'\mathbf{R})^{-1}\} \\ & \quad \times \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{R}_i(\hat{Y}_{1i}^* - Y_{1i}^*) \\ & = \left\{ 1 - (\mathbf{R}'\mathbf{R})^{-1}\mathbf{Q}_\lambda + o_p(n^{-1}m_{\max}^{3/2}\lambda_{\max}) \right\} (\hat{\alpha}_{1,reg} - \alpha_{reg}^*), \end{aligned}$$

where $\hat{\boldsymbol{\alpha}}_{1,reg}$ and $\boldsymbol{\alpha}_{reg}^*$ denote the regular B-spline estimator (i.e. $\lambda_0 = \dots = \lambda_d = 0$). Consequently

$$\begin{aligned} & \|\hat{\boldsymbol{\alpha}}_1 - \boldsymbol{\alpha}_1^*\|_2 \\ & \leq \left\{ 1 + \|(\mathbf{R}'\mathbf{R})^{-1}\|_2 \|\mathbf{Q}_\lambda\|_2 + o_p(n^{-1}m_{\max}^{3/2}\lambda_{\max}) \right\} \|\hat{\boldsymbol{\alpha}}_{1,reg} - \boldsymbol{\alpha}_{1,reg}^*\|_2. \end{aligned}$$

From Lemma 1 in [1] we know that except on an event whose probability tends to zero, $\|(\mathbf{R}'\mathbf{R})^{-1}\|_2 \|\mathbf{Q}_\lambda\|_2 = O_p(n^{-1}m_{\max}^{3/2}\lambda_{\max})$. Furthermore,

$$\begin{aligned} \|\hat{\boldsymbol{\alpha}}_{1,reg} - \boldsymbol{\alpha}_{1,reg}^*\|_2^2 &= (\hat{\mathbf{Y}}_1^* - \mathbf{Y}_1^*)' \mathbf{R} (\mathbf{R}'\mathbf{R})^{-1} (\mathbf{R}'\mathbf{R})^{-1} \mathbf{R}' (\hat{\mathbf{Y}}_1^* - \mathbf{Y}_1^*) \\ &= (n^{-1}m_{\max})^2 (\hat{\mathbf{Y}}_1^* - \mathbf{Y}_1^*)' \mathbf{R} (n^{-1}m_{\max} \mathbf{R}'\mathbf{R})^{-1} (n^{-1}m_{\max} \mathbf{R}'\mathbf{R})^{-1} \mathbf{R}' (\hat{\mathbf{Y}}_1^* - \mathbf{Y}_1^*). \end{aligned}$$

and since all eigenvalues of $n^{-1}m_{\max} \mathbf{R}'\mathbf{R}$ fall between positive constants, we have $\|n^{-1}m_{\max} \mathbf{R}'\mathbf{R}\|_2 \asymp 1$ and thus

$$\begin{aligned} \|\hat{\boldsymbol{\alpha}}_{1,reg} - \boldsymbol{\alpha}_{1,reg}^*\|_2^2 &= (\hat{\mathbf{Y}}_1^* - \mathbf{Y}_1^*)' \mathbf{R} (\mathbf{R}'\mathbf{R})^{-1} (\mathbf{R}'\mathbf{R})^{-1} \mathbf{R}' (\hat{\mathbf{Y}}_1^* - \mathbf{Y}_1^*) \\ &\asymp n^{-1}m_{\max} (\hat{\mathbf{Y}}_1^* - \mathbf{Y}_1^*)' (\hat{\mathbf{Y}}_1^* - \mathbf{Y}_1^*) \\ &\lesssim m_{\max} \left(\sup_{\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{x}} \left\{ \tau_1(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{x}) \sup_{t \leq \tau_1(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{x})} |\hat{G}(t|\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{x}) - G(t|\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{x})| + \kappa(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{x}) \right\} \right)^2. \end{aligned}$$

In the last step, we use the result of Lemma 1 and the inequality

$$\sqrt{(\hat{\mathbf{Y}}_1^* - \mathbf{Y}_1^*)' (\hat{\mathbf{Y}}_1^* - \mathbf{Y}_1^*)} = \|\hat{\mathbf{Y}}_1^* - \mathbf{Y}_1^*\|_2 \leq \sqrt{n} \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} |\hat{Y}_{1i}^* - Y_{1i}^*|.$$

We continue with the proof of (4). Using similar arguments as is the proof of (3), we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \|\boldsymbol{\alpha}_1^* - \tilde{\boldsymbol{\alpha}}_1\|_2 \\ & \leq \left\{ 1 + \|(\mathbf{R}'\mathbf{R})^{-1}\|_2 \|\mathbf{Q}_\lambda\|_2 + o_p(n^{-1}m_{\max}^{3/2}\lambda_{\max}) \right\} \|\boldsymbol{\alpha}_{1,reg}^* - \tilde{\boldsymbol{\alpha}}_{1,reg}\|_2, \quad (6) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} & \|\boldsymbol{\alpha}_{1,reg}^* - \tilde{\boldsymbol{\alpha}}_{1,reg}\|_2^2 \\ &= (n^{-1}m_{\max})^2 (\mathbf{Y}_1^* - \mathbf{M}_1)' \mathbf{R} (n^{-1}m_{\max} \mathbf{R}'\mathbf{R})^{-1} (n^{-1}m_{\max} \mathbf{R}'\mathbf{R})^{-1} \mathbf{R}' (\mathbf{Y}_1^* - \mathbf{M}_1). \end{aligned}$$

By Assumption A.3,

$$\begin{aligned}
& E \{ (\mathbf{Y}_1^* - \mathbf{M}_1)' \mathbf{R} \mathbf{R}' (\mathbf{Y}_1^* - \mathbf{M}_1) \} \\
&= E \left[\left\{ \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{R}_i (Y_{1i}^* - M_{1i}) \right\}' \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{R}_i (Y_{1i}^* - M_{1i}) \right\} \right] \\
&= E \left\{ \sum_{p,l} \sum_{i,j=1}^n X_{ip} X_{jp} B_{pl}(U_{ip}; q_p) B_{pl}(U_{jp}; q_p) (Y_{1i}^* - M_{1i}) (Y_{1j}^* - M_{1j}) \right\} \\
&\lesssim \sum_{p,l} \left[\sum_{i=1}^n E \{ B_{pl}^2(U_{ip}; q_p) (Y_{1i}^* - M_{1i})^2 \} \right. \\
&\quad \left. + \sum_{i \neq j} E \{ B_{pl}(U_{ip}; q_p) B_{pl}(U_{jp}; q_p) (Y_{1i}^* - M_{1i}) (Y_{1j}^* - M_{1j}) \} \right].
\end{aligned}$$

By the independence of the observations, Assumption A.5 and Properties 2 and 3 of B-splines it follows that, using the law of the total expectation,

$$\begin{aligned}
& E \{ B_{pl}^2(U_{ip}; q_p) (Y_{1i}^* - M_{1i})^2 \} \lesssim E \{ B_{pl}^2(U_{ip}; q_p) \} \lesssim m_p^{-1} = O(m_{\max}^{-1}), \\
& E \{ B_{pl}(U_{ip}; q_p) B_{pl}(U_{jp}; q_p) (Y_{1i}^* - M_{1i}) (Y_{1j}^* - M_{1j}) \} \\
&= E \{ B_{pl}(U_{ip}; q_p) (Y_{1i}^* - M_{1i}) \} E \{ B_{pl}(U_{jp}; q_p) (Y_{1j}^* - M_{1j}) \} = 0.
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}
& E \{ (\mathbf{Y}_1^* - \mathbf{M}_1)' \mathbf{R} \mathbf{R}' (\mathbf{Y}_1^* - \mathbf{M}_1) \} = O(n), \\
& (\mathbf{Y}_1^* - \mathbf{M}_1)' \mathbf{R} \mathbf{R}' (\mathbf{Y}_1^* - \mathbf{M}_1) = O_p(n),
\end{aligned}$$

such that

$$\| \boldsymbol{\alpha}_{1,reg}^* - \tilde{\boldsymbol{\alpha}}_{1,reg} \|_2^2 = O_p(n^{-1} m_{\max}^2). \quad (7)$$

Combining (6) and (7) gives,

$$\begin{aligned}
& \| \boldsymbol{\alpha}_1^* - \tilde{\boldsymbol{\alpha}}_1 \|_2^2 = O_p \left(n^{-1} m_{\max}^2 \left(1 + n^{-1} m_{\max}^{3/2} \lambda_{\max} \right)^2 \right) = O_p(n^{-1} m_{\max}^2), \\
& \| \boldsymbol{\beta}_1^* - \tilde{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_1 \|_{L_2}^2 \asymp \frac{1}{m_{\max}} \| \boldsymbol{\alpha}_1^* - \tilde{\boldsymbol{\alpha}}_1 \|_2^2 = O_p(n^{-1} m_{\max}),
\end{aligned}$$

where we use Assumption A.6 and B-spline Property 2. From the proof of Theorem 1 in [1], we have,

$$\| \tilde{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_1 - \boldsymbol{\beta} \|_{L_2} = O_p \left(n^{-1} m_{\max}^{3/2} \lambda_{\max} + \rho_n \right),$$

and (5) follows immediately.

1.2 Proof of Theorem 1, Part 2

To prove Part 2 of Theorem 1, we can repeat the proof of Part 1 of Theorem 1 but now using Lemma 2 instead of Lemma 1 giving the maximal distance between Y_2^* and \hat{Y}_2^* . The proof of Lemma 2 needs two further lemmas: Lemma 3 on the uniform consistency of the initial estimators \hat{m}_1 and $\hat{\sigma}_1$ as estimators for m and σ ; and Lemma 4 on the uniform consistency of \hat{F} as estimator of F . The proof of Lemma 3 is included, that of Lemma 4 follows along the lines of a similar result (in the kernel estimation context) in [7]. The details of the proof of Lemma 4 are not given but we do give and prove, in Lemma 5, the key result that is needed to modify their result to our P-spline setting.

Lemma 2 *If Assumptions A, B and C hold,*

$$\max_{1 \leq i \leq n} |\hat{Y}_{2i}^* - Y_{2i}^*| = O_p(a_n) = o_p(1),$$

where $a_n = n^{-1/2}(\log n)^{1/2} + n^{-1}m_{max}^{3/2}\lambda_{max} + \rho_n + m_{max}^{-1/2} \left(\sup_{\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{x}} \{ \tau_1(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{x}) \sup_{t \leq \tau_1(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{x})} |\hat{G}(t|\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{x}) - G(t|\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{x})| + \kappa(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{x}) + \kappa_\sigma(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{x}) \} \right)$.

Method 2 uses (8) and (10) as initial estimates for $m(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{x})$ and $\sigma^2(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{x})$. We therefore need, in the proof of Theorem 1, Part 2, the consistency results given in Lemma 3.

Lemma 3 *Under Assumptions A, B.1 and B.2, we have*

$$\begin{aligned} (a) \sup_{\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{x}} |\hat{m}_1(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{x}) - m(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{x})| &= O_p \left(n^{-1/2} + n^{-1}m_{max}^{3/2}\lambda_{max} + \rho_n \right. \\ &\quad \left. + m_{max}^{-1/2} \left(\sup_{\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{x}} \{ \tau_1(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{x}) \sup_{t \leq \tau_1(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{x})} |\hat{G}(t|\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{x}) - G(t|\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{x})| + \kappa(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{x}) \} \right) \right). \\ (b) \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} |\hat{Y}_{1i, \sigma^2}^* - Y_{1i, \sigma^2}^*| &= O_p \left(n^{-1/2} + n^{-1}m_{max}^{3/2}\lambda_{max} + \rho_n + \right. \\ &\quad \left. \sup_{\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{x}} \{ \tau_1(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{x}) \sup_{t \leq \tau_1(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{x})} |\hat{G}(t|\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{x}) - G(t|\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{x})| + m_{max}^{-1/2}\kappa(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{x}) + \kappa_\sigma(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{x}) \} \right), \\ \text{where } Y_{1i, \sigma^2}^* &= \frac{\Delta_i(Z_i - m(\mathbf{U}_i, \mathbf{X}_i))^2}{G(Z_i|\mathbf{U}_i, \mathbf{X}_i)}. \\ (c) \sup_{\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{x}} |\hat{\sigma}_1(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{x}) - \sigma(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{x})| &= O_p \left(n^{-1/2} + n^{-1}m_{max}^{3/2}\lambda_{max} + \rho_n \right. \\ &\quad \left. + m_{max}^{-1/2} \left(\sup_{\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{x}} \{ \tau_1(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{x}) \sup_{t \leq \tau_1(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{x})} |\hat{G}(t|\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{x}) - G(t|\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{x})| \right. \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. + m_{max}^{-1/2}\kappa(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{x}) + \kappa_\sigma(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{x}) \} \right) \right). \end{aligned}$$

Proof (Proof of Lemma 3(a))

Since the X_p are bounded (see Assumption A.3), we have,

$$\begin{aligned} \sup_{\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{x}} |\hat{m}_1(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{x}) - m(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{x})| &\lesssim \sum_{p=1}^d \|\hat{\beta}_{1p} - \beta_p\|_{L_\infty} \\ &\leq \sum_{p=1}^d \|\hat{\beta}_{1p} - \tilde{\beta}_{1p}\|_{L_\infty} + \sum_{p=1}^d \|\tilde{\beta}_{1p} - \beta_p\|_{L_\infty}. \end{aligned}$$

By Property 4, we have $\|\hat{\beta}_{1p} - \tilde{\beta}_{1p}\|_{L_\infty} \lesssim m_{\max}^{-1/2} \|\hat{\beta}_{1p} - \tilde{\beta}_{1p}\|_{L_2}$. Using the intermediate results stated in the proof of Theorem 1, part 1, we obtain that

$$\begin{aligned} \|\hat{\beta}_{1p} - \tilde{\beta}_{1p}\|_{L_\infty} &= O_p \left(n^{-1/2} + \right. \\ &\quad \left. m_{\max}^{-1/2} \left(\sup_{\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{x}} \left\{ \tau_1(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{x}) \sup_{t \leq \tau_1(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{x})} |\hat{G}(t|\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{x}) - G(t|\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{x})| + \kappa(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{x}) \right\} \right) \right). \end{aligned}$$

By Lemma A.10 of [5], we have

$$\|\tilde{\beta}_{1,reg} - \beta\|_{L_\infty} = O_p(\rho_n),$$

where $\tilde{\beta}_{1p,reg}(u_p) = \mathbf{B}(u_p)(\mathbf{R}'\mathbf{R})\mathbf{R}\mathbf{M}$ is the expectation of the regular spline estimator (i.e. $\lambda_1 = \dots = \lambda_d = 0$). From the proof of Theorem 2 in [1], we have that

$$\tilde{\beta}_1 = \left(1 - O_p(n^{-1}m_{\max}^{3/2}\lambda_{\max})\right) \tilde{\beta}_{1,reg}.$$

Since each spline $\tilde{\beta}_p$ is a continuous function on the compact set \mathcal{U}_p , each spline $\tilde{\beta}_p$ is bounded and $\|\tilde{\beta}_{1,reg}\|_{L_\infty} = O_P(1)$. We therefore conclude that

$$\|\tilde{\beta}_1 - \beta\|_{L_\infty} = O_p(\rho_n + n^{-1}m_{\max}^{3/2}\lambda_{\max}).$$

The result of Lemma 3(a) now follows.

Proof of Lemma 3(b)

Lemma 3(b) is for $\sigma(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{x})$ what Lemma 1 is for $m(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{x})$. Again we consider two cases: Z_i exceeds or does not exceed $\tau_1(\mathbf{U}_i, \mathbf{X}_i)$. Suppose first that $Z_i \leq \tau_1(\mathbf{U}_i, \mathbf{X}_i)$, then we write

$$\begin{aligned} &| \hat{Y}_{1i,\sigma^2}^* - Y_{1i,\sigma^2}^* | \\ &\leq |\hat{m}_1^2(\mathbf{U}_i, \mathbf{X}_i) - m^2(\mathbf{U}_i, \mathbf{X}_i)| + 2Z_i |\hat{m}_1(\mathbf{U}_i, \mathbf{X}_i) - m(\mathbf{U}_i, \mathbf{X}_i)| \\ &\quad + (Z_i - m(\mathbf{U}_i, \mathbf{X}_i))^2 |\hat{G}(Z_i|\mathbf{U}_i, \mathbf{X}_i) - G(Z_i|\mathbf{U}_i, \mathbf{X}_i)|. \end{aligned}$$

Since $\hat{m}^2(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{x}) - m^2(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{x}) = \{\hat{m}(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{x}) - m(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{x})\}\{\hat{m}(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{x}) + m(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{x})\}$, we get from the uniform convergence of $\hat{m}(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{x})$ to $m(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{x})$, that the rate of the first and second term on the right-hand side are both equal to the rate obtained in

Lemma 3(a). The third term on the right hand side is bounded in probability by $\sup_{t \leq \tau_1(\mathbf{U}_i, \mathbf{X}_i)} |\hat{G}(t|\mathbf{U}_i, \mathbf{X}_i) - G(t|\mathbf{U}_i, \mathbf{X}_i)|$.

Next, suppose $Z_i > \tau_1(\mathbf{U}_i, \mathbf{X}_i)$, then we can write

$$|\hat{Y}_{1i, \sigma^2}^* - Y_{1i, \sigma^2}^*| \leq |\hat{Y}_{1i, \sigma^2}^* - \tilde{Y}_{1i, \sigma^2}^*| + |\tilde{Y}_{1i, \sigma^2}^* - Y_{1i, \sigma^2}^*|,$$

where $\tilde{Y}_{1i, \sigma^2}^* = Y_{1i, \sigma^2}^* 1_{\{Z_i \leq \tau_1(\mathbf{U}_i, \mathbf{X}_i)\}} + (Z_i - m^2(\mathbf{U}_i, \mathbf{X}_i))^2 1_{\{Z_i > \tau_1(\mathbf{U}_i, \mathbf{X}_i)\}}$. Analogue to the second part of the proof of Lemma 1, we use κ_σ to bound the difference between \hat{Y}_{1i, σ^2}^* and Y_{1i, σ^2}^* in the truncation area. For the estimation of the mean of Y , the transformation formula when Z_i lies in the truncation area is Z_i , whereas in this case, the transformation formula is $(Z_i - \hat{m}_1(\mathbf{U}_i, \mathbf{X}_i))^2$ and therefore also involves an estimator \hat{m}_1 . The variable $\tilde{Y}_{1i, \sigma^2}^*$ is introduced to make the transition from $\hat{Y}_{1i, \sigma^2}^* \equiv (Z_i - \hat{m}_1(\mathbf{U}_i, \mathbf{X}_i))^2$ via $\tilde{Y}_{1i, \sigma^2}^* \equiv (Z_i - m(\mathbf{U}_i, \mathbf{X}_i))^2$ to Y_{1i, σ^2}^* . We get

$$E|\tilde{Y}_{1i, \sigma^2}^* - Y_{1i, \sigma^2}^*| \leq \sup_{\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{x}} \kappa_\sigma(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{x}),$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} & |\hat{Y}_{1i, \sigma^2}^* - \tilde{Y}_{1i, \sigma^2}^*| \\ & \leq 2Z_i |\hat{m}_1(\mathbf{U}_i, \mathbf{X}_i) - m(\mathbf{U}_i, \mathbf{X}_i)| + |\hat{m}_1^2(\mathbf{U}_i, \mathbf{X}_i) - m^2(\mathbf{U}_i, \mathbf{X}_i)| \\ & = O_p \left(n^{-1/2} + n^{-1} m_{\max}^{3/2} \lambda_{\max} + \rho_n \right. \\ & \quad \left. + m_{\max}^{-1/2} \left(\sup_{\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{x}} \left\{ \tau_1(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{x}) \sup_{t \leq \tau_1(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{x})} |\hat{G}(t|\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{x}) - G(t|\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{x})| + \kappa(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{x}) \right\} \right) \right). \end{aligned}$$

Proof of Lemma 3(c)

Following the same steps as in the proof of Theorem 1, Part 1, we can, using the result of Lemma 3(b), derive the L_2 -distance between $\hat{\sigma}^2$ and σ^2 . Analogous to Lemma 3(a), the L_∞ -distance then follows. Since $\hat{\sigma}_1 - \sigma = (\hat{\sigma}_1^2 - \sigma^2)/(\hat{\sigma}_1 + \sigma)$, it follows from the convergence of $\hat{\sigma}_1^2(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{x})$ to $\sigma^2(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{x}) > 0$, that the rate is maintained for $\hat{\sigma}_1 - \sigma$.

Lemma 4 *If assumptions A, B and C hold, then, for $t < S$, we have*

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{F}(t) - F(t) &= O_p \left(n^{-1/2} (\log n)^{1/2} + n^{-1} m_{\max}^{3/2} \lambda_{\max} + \rho_n + \right. \\ & \quad \left. m_{\max}^{-1/2} \left[\sup_{\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{x}} \left\{ \tau_1(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{x}) \sup_{t \leq \tau_1(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{x})} |\hat{G}(t|\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{x}) - G(t|\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{x})| + \kappa(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{x}) + \kappa_\sigma(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{x}) \right\} \right] \right). \end{aligned}$$

Lemma 5 *Suppose $\beta_p \in C^r([a_p, b_p])$ for each $p = 1, \dots, d$. Then under Assumptions A and B, we have*

$$\begin{aligned} \|\hat{\beta}_1^{(v)} - \beta^{(v)}\|_{L_\infty} &= O_p \left(n^{-1/2} m_{\max}^v + n^{-1} m_{\max}^{3/2} \lambda_{\max} + m_{\max}^{v-r} \right. \\ & \quad \left. + m_{\max}^{v-1/2} \left[\sup_{\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{x}} \left\{ \tau_1(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{x}) \sup_{t \leq \tau_1(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{x})} |\hat{G}(t|\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{x}) - G(t|\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{x})| + \kappa(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{x}) \right\} + \rho_n \right] \right), \end{aligned}$$

where $\boldsymbol{\beta}^{(v)} = \left(\frac{\partial^v \beta_1}{\partial u_1^v}, \dots, \frac{\partial^v \beta_d}{\partial u_d^v} \right)'$ and $\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_1^{(v)} = \left(\frac{\partial^v \hat{\beta}_{11}}{\partial u_1^v}, \dots, \frac{\partial^v \hat{\beta}_{1d}}{\partial u_d^v} \right)'$ are the vectors of the v -th order derivative functions for $v = 0, \dots, r-1$.

Proof (Proof of Lemma 5)

We first note that the v -th derivative of the B-spline function $\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_{1p}(u_p) = \sum_{l=1}^{m_p} \hat{\alpha}_{1p,l} B_{pl}(u_p, q_p)$ of degree q_p is a B-spline function of degree $q_p - v$ given by (see [2])

$$\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_1^{(v)} = K_p^v \mathbf{b}(u_p, q - v)' \mathbf{D}_v \hat{\boldsymbol{\alpha}}_{1p}, \quad (8)$$

where $\mathbf{b}(u_p, q - v) = (B_{1p}(u_p, q - v), \dots, B_{m_p-1,p}(u_p, q - v))'$ is the vector of the $K_p + q_p - v$ B-spline basis functions of degree $q_p - v$ with knots $\boldsymbol{\xi}_p$, i.e. for $v = 1$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_{1p}^{(1)}(u_p) &= K_p \sum_{l=1}^{m_p-1} (\hat{\alpha}_{1p,l-1} - \hat{\alpha}_{1p,l}) B_{pl}(u_p, q_p - 1) = K_p \mathbf{b}(u_p, q - 1)' \mathbf{D}_1 \hat{\boldsymbol{\alpha}}_{1p} \\ &= K_p (\mathbf{b}(u_p, q - 1)' \hat{\boldsymbol{\alpha}}_{1[-1]} - \mathbf{b}(u_p, q - 1)' \hat{\boldsymbol{\alpha}}_{1[-m]}), \end{aligned}$$

where $\hat{\boldsymbol{\alpha}}_{1[-1]} = (\hat{\alpha}_{12}, \dots, \hat{\alpha}_{1m})$, $\boldsymbol{\alpha}_{1[-m]} = (\hat{\alpha}_{11}, \dots, \hat{\alpha}_{1,m-1})$. Representation (8) implies that the v -th derivative of β_p is again a spline function with coefficient vector $K_p \mathbf{D}_v \hat{\boldsymbol{\alpha}}_{1p}$. As a consequence we have, using Property 2, that

$$\|\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_1^{(v)} - \tilde{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_1^{(v)}\|_{L_2} = O_p(m_{\max}^{v-1/2} \|\hat{\boldsymbol{\alpha}}_1 - \tilde{\boldsymbol{\alpha}}_1\|_2). \quad (9)$$

We now use the fact that there exists a spline function (see Corollary 6.21 and (2.120) of Theorem 2.59 in [6]) $\zeta_p(u_p) = \sum_{l=1}^{m_p} c_{pl} B_{pl}(u_p, q_p)$ of degree q_p with equidistant knots $\boldsymbol{\xi}_p$ and coefficient vector $\mathbf{c}_p = (c_{1p}, \dots, c_{m_p p})'$ such that

$$\|\tilde{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_1^{(v)} - \boldsymbol{\zeta}^{(v)}\|_{L_2} = O_p(m_{\max}^v \rho_n + n^{-1} m_{\max}^{3/2} \lambda_{\max}). \quad (10)$$

To show the validity of (10), we proceed as follows. By Lemma A.7 of [5], we have that $\|\tilde{\boldsymbol{\alpha}}_{1,reg} - \mathbf{c}\|_2 = O(m_{\max}^{1/2} \rho_n)$, using a similar argument as before we find, $\|\tilde{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_{1,reg}^{(v)} - \boldsymbol{\zeta}^{(v)}\|_{L_2} = O_p(m_{\max}^v \rho_n)$. Using the relationship

$$\tilde{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_1^{(v)} = \left(1 - O_p(n^{-1} m_{\max}^{3/2} \lambda_{\max})\right) \tilde{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_{1,reg}^{(v)},$$

and the fact that $\boldsymbol{\beta}_{1,reg}^{(v)}$ is bounded on a compact region, we have $\|\boldsymbol{\beta}_{1,reg}^{(v)}\|_{L_2} = O_p(1)$ and (10) follows. Also note ([6]) that ζ_p satisfies

$$\|\beta_p^{(v)} - \zeta_p^{(v)}\|_{L_\infty} = O(m_p^{v-r}). \quad (11)$$

The rates in (9)-(11) provide the key for the proof. Indeed

$$\|\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_1^{(v)} - \boldsymbol{\beta}^{(v)}\|_{L_\infty} \leq \|\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_1^{(v)} - \boldsymbol{\zeta}^{(v)}\|_{L_\infty} + \|\boldsymbol{\zeta}^{(v)} - \boldsymbol{\beta}^{(v)}\|_{L_\infty}. \quad (12)$$

For the second term in (12) we use (11). For the first term, note that

$$\|\hat{\beta}_1^{(v)} - \zeta^{(v)}\|_{L_\infty} \lesssim m_{\max}^{-1/2} \|\hat{\beta}_1^{(v)} - \zeta^{(v)}\|_{L_2} \quad (13)$$

and that

$$\begin{aligned} \|\hat{\beta}_1^{(v)} - \zeta^{(v)}\|_{L_2} &\leq \|\hat{\beta}_1^{(v)} - \tilde{\beta}_1^{(v)}\|_{L_2} + \|\tilde{\beta}_1^{(v)} - \zeta^{(v)}\|_{L_2} \\ &= O_p(m_{\max}^{v-1/2} \|\hat{\alpha}_1 - \tilde{\alpha}_1\|_2 + m_{\max}^v \rho_n + n^{-1} m_{\max}^{3/2} \lambda_{\max}). \end{aligned} \quad (14)$$

The result now follows from the rate obtained for $\|\hat{\alpha}_1 - \tilde{\alpha}_1\|_2$ in Theorem 1, Part 1 in combination with (9)-(14).

Proof (Proof of Lemma 2)

We first note that $\sup_{\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{x}} |\hat{m}_1(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{x}) - m(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{x})|$ and $\sup_{\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{x}} |\hat{\sigma}_1(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{x}) - \sigma(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{x})|$ are both $O_p(a_n)$ by Lemma 3. We write

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{Y}_{2i}^* - Y_{2i}^* &= \hat{m}_1(\mathbf{U}_i, \mathbf{X}_i) - m(\mathbf{U}_i, \mathbf{X}_i) \\ &\quad + \frac{\hat{\sigma}_1(\mathbf{U}_i, \mathbf{X}_i)}{1 - \hat{F}(\hat{E}_i^T)} \int_{\hat{E}_i^T}^{\hat{S}_i} sd\hat{F}(s) - \frac{\sigma(\mathbf{U}_i, \mathbf{X}_i)}{1 - F(E_i^T)} \int_{E_i^T}^{S_i} sdF(s) \\ &= \{\hat{m}_1(\mathbf{U}_i, \mathbf{X}_i) - m(\mathbf{U}_i, \mathbf{X}_i)\} \end{aligned} \quad (15)$$

$$+ \frac{\hat{\sigma}_1(\mathbf{U}_i, \mathbf{X}_i) - \sigma(\mathbf{U}_i, \mathbf{X}_i)}{1 - \hat{F}(\hat{E}_i^T)} \int_{\hat{E}_i^T}^{\hat{S}_i} sd\hat{F}(s) \quad (16)$$

$$+ \frac{\sigma(\mathbf{U}_i, \mathbf{X}_i) \{\hat{F}(\hat{E}_i^T) - F(E_i^T)\}}{\{1 - \hat{F}(\hat{E}_i^T)\} \{1 - F(E_i^T)\}} \int_{\hat{E}_i^T}^{\hat{S}_i} sd\hat{F}(s) \quad (17)$$

$$+ \frac{\sigma(\mathbf{U}_i, \mathbf{X}_i)}{1 - F(E_i^T)} \left\{ \int_{\hat{E}_i^T}^{E_i^T} sd\hat{F}(s) + \int_{E_i^T}^{S_i} sd(\hat{F}(s) - F(s)) + \int_{S_i}^{\hat{S}_i} sd\hat{F}(s) \right\}. \quad (18)$$

We first consider the three integrals in (18). Using integration by part, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\hat{E}_i^T}^{E_i^T} sd\hat{F}(s) &= E_i^T \hat{F}(E_i^T) - \hat{E}_i^T \hat{F}(\hat{E}_i^T) - \int_{\hat{E}_i^T}^{E_i^T} \hat{F}(s) ds \\ &= E_i^T \{\hat{F}(E_i^T) - F(E_i^T)\} + \{E_i^T F(E_i^T) - \hat{E}_i^T F(E_i^T)\} + \hat{E}_i^T \{F(E_i^T) - \hat{F}(\hat{E}_i^T)\} \\ &\quad - \int_{\hat{E}_i^T}^{E_i^T} \hat{F}(s) ds. \end{aligned} \quad (19)$$

For the first term of (19), using Lemma 4, we conclude that

$$\left| E_i^T \{\hat{F}(E_i^T) - F(E_i^T)\} \right| = |E_i^T| O_p(a_n) = O_p(a_n),$$

since $|E_i^T| \leq \{\sigma(\mathbf{U}_i, \mathbf{X}_i)\}^{-1} \{|\min(Z_i, \tau_2(\mathbf{U}_i, \mathbf{X}_i))| + |m(\mathbf{U}_i, \mathbf{X}_i)|\} < \infty$. To get a consistency rate for the second and the fourth term of (19), note that

$$\begin{aligned} & \hat{E}_i^T - E_i^T \\ &= \frac{\min(\tau_2(\mathbf{U}_i, \mathbf{X}_i), Z_i) - \hat{m}_1(\mathbf{U}_i, \mathbf{X}_i)}{\hat{\sigma}_1(\mathbf{U}_i, \mathbf{X}_i)} - \frac{\min(\tau_2(\mathbf{U}_i, \mathbf{X}_i), Z_i) - m(\mathbf{U}_i, \mathbf{X}_i)}{\sigma(\mathbf{U}_i, \mathbf{X}_i)} \\ &= \frac{1}{\sigma(\mathbf{U}_i, \mathbf{X}_i)\hat{\sigma}(\mathbf{U}_i, \mathbf{X}_i)} \left[\min(\tau_2(\mathbf{U}_i, \mathbf{X}_i), Z_i) \{\sigma(\mathbf{U}_i, \mathbf{X}_i) - \hat{\sigma}_1(\mathbf{U}_i, \mathbf{X}_i)\} \right. \\ & \quad \left. - \sigma(\mathbf{U}_i, \mathbf{X}_i) \{\hat{m}_1(\mathbf{U}_i, \mathbf{X}_i) - m(\mathbf{U}_i, \mathbf{X}_i)\} \right. \\ & \quad \left. + m(\mathbf{U}_i, \mathbf{X}_i) \{\hat{\sigma}_1(\mathbf{U}_i, \mathbf{X}_i) - \sigma(\mathbf{U}_i, \mathbf{X}_i)\} \right]. \end{aligned}$$

It then follows from Lemma 3 and the convergence of $\hat{\sigma}_1(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{x})$ to $\sigma(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{x}) > 0$ that

$$|\hat{E}_i^T - E_i^T| = O_p(a_n),$$

which gives the rate for the second and the fourth term of (19). For the third term of (19), we have that

$$\hat{F}(\hat{E}_i^T) - F(E_i^T) = \{\hat{F}(\hat{E}_i^T) - F(\hat{E}_i^T)\} + \{F(\hat{E}_i^T) - F(E_i^T)\}.$$

Lemma 4 can be used for the first summand. For the second summand, we use a first order Taylor approximation and write

$$\begin{aligned} F(\hat{E}_i^T) - F(E_i^T) &= \left(-\frac{\hat{m}_1(\mathbf{U}_i, \mathbf{X}_i) - m(\mathbf{U}_i, \mathbf{X}_i)}{\hat{\sigma}_1(\mathbf{U}_i, \mathbf{X}_i)} \right. \\ & \quad \left. - \frac{\{\hat{\sigma}_1(\mathbf{U}_i, \mathbf{X}_i) - \sigma(\mathbf{U}_i, \mathbf{X}_i)\} \{\min(\tau_2(\mathbf{U}_i, \mathbf{X}_i), Z_i) - m(\mathbf{U}_i, \mathbf{X}_i)\}}{\hat{\sigma}_1(\mathbf{U}_i, \mathbf{X}_i)\sigma_1(\mathbf{U}_i, \mathbf{X}_i)} \right) f_\varepsilon(\theta), \end{aligned}$$

with f_ε the density of ε and for some θ between $\frac{\min(\tau_2(\mathbf{U}_i, \mathbf{X}_i), Z_i) - \hat{m}_1(\mathbf{U}_i, \mathbf{X}_i)}{\hat{\sigma}_1(\mathbf{U}_i, \mathbf{X}_i)}$ and $\frac{\min(\tau_2(\mathbf{U}_i, \mathbf{X}_i), Z_i) - m(\mathbf{U}_i, \mathbf{X}_i)}{\sigma(\mathbf{U}_i, \mathbf{X}_i)}$. By the convergence of $\hat{\sigma}_1(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{x})$ to $\sigma(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{x}) > 0$ and the fact that $\sup_e |ef_\varepsilon(e)| < \infty$, we get

$$F(\hat{E}_i^T) - F(E_i^T) = O_p(a_n). \quad (20)$$

We conclude that

$$\left| \hat{E}_i^T \{F(E_i^T) - \hat{F}(\hat{E}_i^T)\} \right| = O_p(a_n),$$

where we use that by Lemma 3, $|\hat{E}_i^T| = |E_i^T| + O_p(a_n) < \infty$. Based on the analysis of (19) we obtain for the first term of (18)

$$\frac{\sigma(\mathbf{U}_i, \mathbf{X}_i)}{1 - F(E_i^T)} \int_{\hat{E}_i^T}^{E_i^T} s d\hat{F}(s) = O_p(a_n). \quad (21)$$

In a similar way, we obtain for the third term of (18)

$$\frac{\sigma(\mathbf{U}_i, \mathbf{X}_i)}{1 - F(E_i^T)} \int_{\hat{S}_i^T}^{S_i^T} sd\hat{F}(s) = O_p(a_n). \quad (22)$$

For the second integral in (18), we use partial integration and Lemma 4 to obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{E_i^T}^{S_i^T} sd(\hat{F}(s) - F(s)) &= S_i^T \{\hat{F}(S_i^T) - F(S_i^T)\} - E_i^T \{\hat{F}(E_i^T) - F(E_i^T)\} \\ &\quad - \int_{E_i^T}^{S_i^T} \{\hat{F}(s) - F(s)\} ds = O_p(a_n). \end{aligned}$$

The terms (15)-(17) are more easy to handle. For (15) we use Lemma 3(a). For (16) and (17) we need that

$$\int_{\hat{E}_i^T}^{\hat{S}_i} sd\hat{F}(s) = O_p(1). \quad (23)$$

To show (23), note that, using similar reasoning as in [4], we can prove that

$$\int_{E_i^T}^{S_i} sd\hat{F}(s) = O_p(1).$$

Combining this result with the rates obtained in (21) and (22) yields

$$\int_{\hat{E}_i^T}^{\hat{S}_i} sd\hat{F}(s) = O_p(1).$$

By the convergence of $\hat{F}(\hat{E}_i^T)$ to $F(E_i^T) < 1$ (20), we get that (16) and (17) are both $O_p(a_n)$.

1.3 Proof of Theorem 2

Proof (Proof of Theorem 2)

We prove the asymptotic normality of the P-spline estimator $\hat{\beta}_1$ for method 1 by proving that for $p = 1, \dots, d$,

$$\{s.e.(\beta_{jp}^*(u_p) \mid \mathcal{X}_n)\}^{-1} \left\{ \beta_{jp}^*(u_p) - \tilde{\beta}_{jp}(u_p) \right\} \xrightarrow{d} N(0, 1), \quad (24)$$

and

$$\{s.e.(\beta_{jp}^*(u_p) \mid \mathcal{X}_n)\}^{-1} \left\{ (\hat{\beta}_{1p}(u_p) - \beta_{1p}^*(u_p)) + (\tilde{\beta}_{1p}(u_p) - \beta_p(u_p)) \right\} \xrightarrow{p} 0. \quad (25)$$

The proof of (24) is based on the proof given in [1] where some steps can be simplified due to the independence of the observations.

Let $\mathbf{B}_p(\mathbf{u})$ be the column vector representing the p -th row of $\mathbf{B}(\mathbf{u})$.

$$\mathbf{B}'_p(\mathbf{u})(\boldsymbol{\alpha}^* - \tilde{\boldsymbol{\alpha}}) = \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{B}'_p(\mathbf{u})(\mathbf{R}'\mathbf{R} + \mathbf{Q}_\lambda)^{-1} \mathbf{R}_i (Y_{1i}^* - M_{1i}) = \sum_{i=1}^n d_i \xi_i,$$

where $d_i^2 = \sigma_{1,i}^2 \{\mathbf{B}'_p(\mathbf{u})(\mathbf{R}'\mathbf{R} + \mathbf{Q}_\lambda)^{-1} \mathbf{R}_i\}^2$ and $\xi_i = \sigma_{1,i}^{-2} (Y_{1i}^* - M_{1i})$. Conditioning on \mathcal{X}_n the ξ_i are independent with mean 0 and variance 1. To prove the asymptotic normality of the P-spline estimator we verify the Lindeberg condition

$$\frac{\max d_i^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n d_i^2} \xrightarrow{P} 0.$$

Then

$$\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n d_i \xi_i}{\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n d_i^2}} \xrightarrow{d} N(0, 1).$$

For any $\boldsymbol{\omega} = (\boldsymbol{\omega}'_0, \dots, \boldsymbol{\omega}'_d)'$ with $\boldsymbol{\omega}_p = (\omega_{p1}, \dots, \omega_{pm_p})'$, and especially for $\boldsymbol{\omega} = \{\mathbf{R}'\mathbf{R} + \mathbf{Q}_\lambda\}^{-1} \mathbf{B}_p(\mathbf{u})\}$, we have by the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality

$$\begin{aligned} \boldsymbol{\omega}' \mathbf{R}_i \mathbf{R}'_i \boldsymbol{\omega} &= \left\{ \sum_{p=0}^d X_{ip} \sum_{l=1}^{m_p} \omega_{pl} B_{pl}(U_{ip}; q_p) \right\}^2 \\ &\leq \left(\sum_{p=0}^d X_{ip}^2 \right) \left[\sum_{p=0}^d \left\{ \sum_{l=1}^{m_p} \omega_{pl} B_{pl}(U_{ip}; q_p) \right\}^2 \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Set $g_{\boldsymbol{\omega},p}(u; q_p) = \sum_{l=1}^{m_p} \omega_{pl} B_{pl}(u; q_p)$ for $p = 0, \dots, d$. By Assumption (B3) and Properties 2 and 4, we have

$$\boldsymbol{\omega}' \mathbf{R}_i \mathbf{R}'_i \boldsymbol{\omega} \lesssim \sum_{p=0}^d \|g_{\boldsymbol{\omega},p}\|_\infty^2 \lesssim m_{\max} \sum_{p=0}^d \|g_{\boldsymbol{\omega},p}\|_{L_2}^2 \asymp \|\boldsymbol{\omega}\|_2^2. \quad (26)$$

From Lemmas A.1 and A.2 in [5], we know that, except on an event with probability tending to zero, $n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (\sum_{p=0}^d X_{ip} g_{\boldsymbol{\omega},p}(U_{ip}; q_p))^2 \asymp m_{\max}^{-1} \|\boldsymbol{\omega}\|_2^2$. Thus

$$\begin{aligned} \boldsymbol{\omega}' \sum_{i=1}^n \{\mathbf{R}_i \mathbf{R}'_i \sigma_{1,i}^2\} \boldsymbol{\omega} &\geq n \min_{1 \leq i \leq n} \sigma_{1,i}^2 n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\sum_{p=0}^d X_{ip} g_{\boldsymbol{\omega},p}(U_{ip}; q_p) \right)^2 \\ &\gtrsim m_{\max}^{-1} n \|\boldsymbol{\omega}\|_2^2. \end{aligned} \quad (27)$$

Combining (26) and (27), we find that, except on an event whose probability tends to zero, we have

$$\frac{\max_i (\sigma_{1,i}^2 \boldsymbol{\omega}' \mathbf{R}_i \mathbf{R}'_i \boldsymbol{\omega})}{\boldsymbol{\omega}' (\sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_{1,i}^2 \mathbf{R}_i \mathbf{R}'_i) \boldsymbol{\omega}} \lesssim n^{-1} m_{\max}.$$

By Assumption (B6), it follows that the Lindeberg condition is fulfilled and hence the normality result in (24) follows.

We continue with the proof of (25). Since we assume that $\sigma_{1,i}^2$ is bounded away from zero and ∞ , we have,

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Var}(\beta_{1p}^*(\mathbf{u}) \mid \mathcal{X}_n) &= \text{Cov}(\mathbf{B}'_p(\mathbf{u})\boldsymbol{\alpha}^* \mid \mathcal{X}_n) \\
&= \mathbf{B}(\mathbf{u})(\mathbf{R}'\mathbf{R} + \mathbf{Q}_\lambda)^{-1} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{R}_i \mathbf{R}'_i \sigma_{1,i}^2 \right) (\mathbf{R}'\mathbf{R} + \mathbf{Q}_\lambda)^{-1} \mathbf{B}_p(\mathbf{u}) \\
&\gtrsim \mathbf{B}'_p(\mathbf{u})(\mathbf{R}'\mathbf{R} + \mathbf{Q}_\lambda)^{-1} \mathbf{R}'\mathbf{R}(\mathbf{R}'\mathbf{R} + \mathbf{Q}_\lambda)^{-1} \mathbf{B}_p(\mathbf{u}) \\
&\asymp \frac{n}{m_{\max}} \mathbf{B}'_p(\mathbf{u})(\mathbf{R}'\mathbf{R} + \mathbf{Q}_\lambda)^{-1} (\mathbf{R}'\mathbf{R} + \mathbf{Q}_\lambda)^{-1} \mathbf{B}_p(\mathbf{u}) \\
&\gtrsim \frac{n}{m_{\max}} \left(\frac{1}{\lambda_{\max}(\mathbf{R}'\mathbf{R} + \mathbf{Q}_\lambda)} \right)^2 \sum_{l=1}^{m_p} B_{pl}^2(\mathbf{u}) \\
&\gtrsim \frac{n}{m_{\max}} \left(\frac{1}{\frac{n}{m_{\max}} \left(1 + \frac{m_{\max}^{3/2} \lambda_{\max}}{n} \right)} \right)^2 \frac{1}{m_p} \\
&\asymp \frac{1}{n} \left(1 + \frac{m_{\max}^{3/2} \lambda_{\max}}{n} \right)^{-2},
\end{aligned}$$

where we use the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality

$$1 = \left(\sum_{l=1}^{m_p} B_{pl}(\mathbf{u}) \right)^2 \leq \sum_{l=1}^{m_p} B_{pl}^2(\mathbf{u}) \sum_{l=1}^{m_p} 1 = m_p \sum_{l=1}^{m_p} B_{pl}^2(\mathbf{u}),$$

and the following upper bound for the largest eigenvalue $\lambda_{\max}(\mathbf{R}'\mathbf{R} + \mathbf{Q}_\lambda)$:

$$\begin{aligned}
\lambda_{\max}(\mathbf{R}'\mathbf{R} + \mathbf{Q}_\lambda) &= \|\mathbf{R}'\mathbf{R} + \mathbf{Q}_\lambda\|_2 \leq \|\mathbf{R}'\mathbf{R}\|_2 + \|\mathbf{Q}_\lambda\|_2 \\
&\lesssim \frac{n}{m_{\max}} + \sqrt{\sum_{p=1}^d \|\mathbf{Q}_\lambda\|_\infty} \lesssim \frac{n}{m_{\max}} + \sqrt{d} \lambda_{\max} m_{\max}^{1/2} \max_{1 \leq p \leq d} 4^{k_p} \\
&\lesssim \frac{n}{m_{\max}} \left(1 + \frac{m_{\max}^{3/2} \lambda_{\max}}{n} \right).
\end{aligned}$$

By Property 4 of B-splines and Assumption (A5),

$$\begin{aligned}
\hat{\beta}_{1p}(u_p) - \beta_{1p}^*(u_p) &\leq \sup_{u \in \mathcal{U}} |\hat{\beta}_{1p}(u_p) - \beta_{1p}^*(u_p)| = \|\hat{\beta}_{1p} - \beta_{1p}^*\|_\infty \\
&\lesssim \left(\frac{1}{m_p} \right)^{1/2} \|\hat{\beta}_{1p} - \beta_{1p}^*\|_{L_2} \asymp \left(\frac{1}{m_{\max}} \right)^{1/2} \|\hat{\beta}_{1p} - \beta_{1p}^*\|_{L_2}.
\end{aligned}$$

We conclude

$$\frac{\hat{\beta}_{1p}(u_p) - \beta_{1p}^*(u_p)}{\text{s.e.}(\beta_{1p}^*(u_p) \mid \mathcal{X}_n)} \lesssim \left(\frac{n}{m_{\max}} \right)^{1/2} \left(1 + \frac{m_{\max}^{3/2} \lambda_{\max}}{n} \right) \|\hat{\beta}_{1p} - \beta_{1p}^*\|_{L_2},$$

and

$$\frac{\tilde{\beta}_{1p}(u_p) - \beta_p(u_p)}{s.e.(\beta_{1p}^*(u_p) \mid \mathcal{X}_n)} \lesssim n^{1/2} \left(1 + \frac{m_{\max}^{3/2} \lambda_{\max}}{n} \right) \|\tilde{\beta}_{1p} - \beta_p\|_{L_\infty}.$$

From Assumption D.1 it follows that these two terms converge to zero as n goes to ∞ . The proof for method 2 is similar.

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