

Supplementary Material for “Local Indirect Least Squares and Average Marginal Effects in Nonseparable Structural Systems,”

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Proof of Lemma 3.1. This result holds by construction, using integration by parts under Assumption 3.3. ■

Lemma A.5 *Suppose Assumption 3.4 holds. Then $\sup_{z \in \mathbb{R}} |k^{(\lambda)}(z)| < \infty$, $\int |k^{(\lambda)}(z)| dz < \infty$, $0 < \int |k^{(\lambda)}(z)|^2 dz < \infty$, $\int |k^{(\lambda)}(z)|^{2+\delta} dz < \infty$, and $|z| |k^{(\lambda)}(z)| \rightarrow 0$ as $|z| \rightarrow \infty$.*

Proof. The Fourier transform of $k^{(\lambda)}(z)$ is $(-i\zeta)^\lambda \kappa(\zeta)$, which is bounded by assumption and therefore absolutely integrable, given the assumed compact support of $\kappa(\zeta)$. Hence $k^{(\lambda)}(z)$ is bounded, since $|k^{(\lambda)}(z)| = \left| \int (-i\zeta)^\lambda \kappa(\zeta) e^{-i\zeta z} d\zeta \right| \leq \int |\zeta|^\lambda |\kappa(\zeta)| d\zeta < \infty$. Note that $\int |k^{(\lambda)}(z)|^2 dz > 0$ unless $k^{(\lambda)}(z) = 0$ for all $z \in \mathbb{R}$, which would imply that $k(z)$ is a polynomial, making it impossible to satisfy $\int k(z) dz = 1$. Hence, $\int |k^{(\lambda)}(z)|^2 dz > 0$.

The Fourier transform of $z^2 k^{(\lambda)}(z)$ is $-(d^2/d\zeta^2) \left((-i\zeta)^\lambda \kappa(\zeta) \right)$. By the compact support of $\kappa(\zeta)$, if $\kappa(\zeta)$ has two bounded derivatives then so does $(-i\zeta)^\lambda \kappa(\zeta)$, and it follows that $-(d^2/d\zeta^2) \left((-i\zeta)^\lambda \kappa(\zeta) \right)$ is absolutely integrable. By the Riemann-Lebesgue Lemma, the inverse Fourier transform of $(-i\zeta)^\lambda \kappa(\zeta)$ is such that $z^2 k^{(\lambda)}(z) \rightarrow 0$ as $|z| \rightarrow \infty$. Hence, we know that there exists C such that

$$|k^{(\lambda)}(z)| \leq \frac{C}{1+z^2},$$

and the function on the right-hand side satisfies all the remaining properties stated in the lemma. ■

Proof of Theorem 3.2. (i) The order of magnitude of the bias is derived in the proof of Theorem 4.4 in the foregoing appendix. The convergence rate of $B_{V,\lambda}(z, h)$ is also derived in Theorem 4.4.

(ii) The facts that $E[L_{V,\lambda}(z, h)] = 0$ and $E[L_{V,\lambda}^2(z, h)] = n^{-1}\Omega_{V,\lambda}(z, h)$ hold by construction. Next, Assumptions 3.2(ii) and 3.4 ensure that

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega_{V,\lambda}(z, h) &= E \left[\left((-1)^\lambda h^{-\lambda-1} V k^{(\lambda)} \left(\frac{Z-z}{h} \right) \right)^2 \right] - \left(E \left[(-1)^\lambda h^{-\lambda-1} V k^{(\lambda)} \left(\frac{Z-z}{h} \right) \right] \right)^2 \\ &\leq E \left[\left((-1)^\lambda h^{-\lambda-1} V k^{(\lambda)} \left(\frac{Z-z}{h} \right) \right)^2 \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= h^{-2\lambda-1} E \left[E [V^2 | Z] h^{-1} \left(k^{(\lambda)} \left(\frac{Z-z}{h} \right) \right)^2 \right] \\
&\preceq h^{-2\lambda-1} E \left[h^{-1} \left(k^{(\lambda)} \left(\frac{Z-z}{h} \right) \right)^2 \right] \\
&\quad \text{(by Assumption 3.2(ii) and Jensen's inequality)} \\
&= h^{-2\lambda-1} \int h^{-1} \left(k^{(\lambda)} \left(\frac{\tilde{z}-z}{h} \right) \right)^2 f_Z(\tilde{z}) d\tilde{z} \\
&= h^{-2\lambda-1} \int \left(k^{(\lambda)}(u) \right)^2 f_Z(z+hu) du \\
&\quad \text{(after a change of variable from } \tilde{z} \text{ to } z+hu) \\
&\preceq h^{-2\lambda-1} \int \left(k^{(\lambda)}(u) \right)^2 du \quad \text{(by Assumption 3.1(i))} \\
&\preceq h^{-2\lambda-1} \quad \text{(by Lemma A.5)}
\end{aligned}$$

and hence

$$\sqrt{\sup_{z \in \mathbb{R}} \Omega_{V,\lambda}(z, h)} = O\left(h^{-\lambda-1/2}\right).$$

We now establish the uniform convergence rate. Using Parseval's identity, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
L_{V,\lambda}(z, h) &= \hat{E} \left[(-1)^\lambda h^{-\lambda-1} V k^{(\lambda)} \left(\frac{Z-z}{h} \right) \right] - E \left[(-1)^\lambda h^{-\lambda-1} V k^{(\lambda)} \left(\frac{Z-z}{h} \right) \right] \\
&= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int \left(\hat{E} [V e^{i\zeta Z}] - E [V e^{i\zeta Z}] \right) (-i\zeta)^\lambda \kappa(h\zeta) e^{-i\zeta z} d\zeta,
\end{aligned}$$

so it follows that

$$|L_{V,\lambda}(z, h)| \leq \frac{1}{2\pi} \int \left| \hat{E} [V e^{i\zeta Z}] - E [V e^{i\zeta Z}] \right| |\zeta|^\lambda |\kappa(h\zeta)| d\zeta,$$

and that

$$\begin{aligned}
E [|L_{V,\lambda}(z, h)|] &\leq \frac{1}{2\pi} \int E \left[\left| \hat{E} [V e^{i\zeta Z}] - E [V e^{i\zeta Z}] \right| \right] |\zeta|^\lambda |\kappa(h\zeta)| d\zeta \\
&\leq \frac{1}{2\pi} \int (E [(\hat{E} [V e^{i\zeta Z}] - E [V e^{i\zeta Z}]) \\
&\quad \times (\hat{E} [V e^{i\zeta Z}] - E [V e^{i\zeta Z}])^\dagger])^{1/2} |\zeta|^\lambda |\kappa(h\zeta)| d\zeta \\
&\leq \frac{1}{2\pi} \int \left(n^{-1} E [V e^{i\zeta Z} V e^{-i\zeta Z}] \right)^{1/2} |\zeta|^\lambda |\kappa(h\zeta)| d\zeta \\
&= n^{-1/2} \frac{1}{2\pi} \int (E [V^2])^{1/2} |\zeta|^\lambda |\kappa(h\zeta)| d\zeta \\
&\preceq n^{-1/2} \int |\zeta|^\lambda |\kappa(h\zeta)| d\zeta \\
&= n^{-1/2} h^{-1-\lambda} \int |\xi|^\lambda |\kappa(\xi)| d\xi \\
&\preceq n^{-1/2} h^{-\lambda-1}.
\end{aligned}$$

Hence, by the Markov inequality,

$$\sup_{z \in \mathbb{R}} |L_{V,\lambda}(z, h)| = O_p\left(n^{-1/2}h^{-\lambda-1}\right).$$

When $h_n \rightarrow 0$, lemma 1 in the appendix of Pagan and Ullah (1999, p.362) applies to yield:

$$\begin{aligned} h_n^{2\lambda+1}\Omega_{V,\lambda}(z, h_n) &= E \left[h_n^{-1} \left((-1)^\lambda V k^{(\lambda)} \left(\frac{Z-z}{h_n} \right) \right)^2 \right] \\ &\quad - h_n \left(E \left[(-1)^\lambda h_n^{-1} V k^{(\lambda)} \left(\frac{Z-z}{h_n} \right) \right] \right)^2 \\ &= E \left[E[V^2|Z] h_n^{-1} \left(k^{(\lambda)} \left(\frac{Z-z}{h_n} \right) \right)^2 \right] \\ &\quad - h_n \left(E \left[E[V|Z] h^{-1} k^{(\lambda)} \left(\frac{Z-z}{h_n} \right) \right] \right)^2 \\ &\rightarrow E[V^2|Z=z] f_Z(z) \int \left(k^{(\lambda)}(z) \right)^2 dz. \end{aligned}$$

By Assumptions 3.1 and 3.2(iii), $E[V^2|Z=z] f_Z(z) > 0$ for $z \in \mathbb{S}_Z$ and 3.4 ensures $\int \left(k^{(\lambda)}(z) \right)^2 dz > 0$ by Lemma A.5, so that $h_n^{2\lambda+1}\Omega_{V,\lambda}(z, h_n) > 0$ for all n sufficiently large.

(iii) To show asymptotic normality, we verify that $\ell_{V,\lambda}(z, h_n; V, Z)$ satisfies the hypotheses of the Lindeberg-Feller Central Limit Theorem for IID triangular arrays (indexed by n). The Lindeberg condition is: For all $\varepsilon > 0$,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Q_{n,h_n}(z, \varepsilon) \rightarrow 0,$$

where

$$Q_{n,h}(z, \varepsilon) \equiv (\Omega_{V,\lambda}(z, h))^{-1} E \left[1 \left(|\ell_{V,\lambda}(z, h; V, Z)| \geq \varepsilon (\Omega_{V,\lambda}(z, h))^{1/2} n^{1/2} \right) |\ell_{V,\lambda}(z, h; V, Z)|^2 \right].$$

Using the inequality $E[1[W \geq \eta] W^2] \leq \eta^{-\delta} E[W^{2+\delta}]$ for any $\delta > 0$, we have

$$Q_{n,h}(z, \varepsilon) \leq (\Omega_{V,\lambda}(z, h))^{-1} \left(\varepsilon (\Omega_{V,\lambda}(z, h))^{1/2} n^{1/2} \right)^{-\delta} E \left[|\ell_{V,\lambda}(z, h; V, Z)|^{2+\delta} \right],$$

where Assumption 3.2(iv) ensures that

$$\begin{aligned} E \left[|\ell_{V,\lambda}(z, h; V, Z)|^{2+\delta} \right] &= h^{-\lambda(2+\delta)} h^{-1-\delta} E \left[h^{-1} |V|^{2+\delta} \left| k^{(\lambda)} \left(\frac{Z-z}{h} \right) \right|^{2+\delta} \right] \\ &= h^{-\lambda(2+\delta)} h^{-1-\delta} E \left[h^{-1} E \left[|V|^{2+\delta} |Z \right] \left| k^{(\lambda)} \left(\frac{Z-z}{h} \right) \right|^{2+\delta} \right] \\ &\preceq h^{-\lambda(2+\delta)} h^{-1-\delta} E \left[h^{-1} \left| k^{(\lambda)} \left(\frac{Z-z}{h} \right) \right|^{2+\delta} \right] \\ &\preceq h^{-\lambda(2+\delta)} h^{-1-\delta}. \end{aligned}$$

The results above and Assumption 3.2(iv) ensure that for any given z there exist $0 < A_{1,z}, A_{2,z} < \infty$ such that $A_{1,z}h_n^{-2\lambda-1} < \Omega_{V,\lambda}(z, h_n) < A_{2,z}h_n^{-2\lambda-1}$ for all h_n sufficiently small. Hence, we have

$$\begin{aligned} Q_{n,h_n}(z, \varepsilon) &\preceq \left(\varepsilon h_n^{-\lambda-1/2} n^{1/2} \right)^{-\delta} \frac{h_n^{-\lambda(2+\delta)} h_n^{-1-\delta}}{h_n^{-2\lambda-1}} \\ &= \left(\varepsilon h_n^{-\lambda-1/2} n^{1/2} h_n^\lambda h_n \right)^{-\delta} \\ &= \varepsilon^{-\delta} (nh_n)^{-\delta/2} \rightarrow 0 \end{aligned}$$

provided $nh_n \rightarrow \infty$, which is implied by Assumption 3.6: $h_n \rightarrow 0, nh_n^{2\lambda+1} \rightarrow \infty$. ■

Proof of Theorem 3.3. The $O\left(\|\tilde{g}_{V_j,\lambda_j} - g_{V_j,\lambda_j}\|_\infty^2\right)$ remainder in eq.(15) can be dealt with as in the proof above of Theorem 4.9. Next, we note that

$$\int s(z) (\hat{g}_{V,\lambda}(z, h) - g_{V,\lambda}(z)) dz = L + B_h + R_h,$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} L &= \hat{E} \left[V s^{(\lambda)}(Z) \right] - E \left[V s^{(\lambda)}(Z) \right] = \hat{E} \left[\psi_{V,\lambda}(s; V, Z) \right] \\ B_h &= \int s(z) (g_{V,\lambda}(z, h) - g_{V,\lambda}(z)) dz \\ R_h &= \int s(z) (\hat{g}_{V,\lambda}(z, h) - g_{V,\lambda}(z, h)) dz - \left(\hat{E} \left[V s^{(\lambda)}(Z) \right] - E \left[V s^{(\lambda)}(Z) \right] \right). \end{aligned}$$

We then have, by Assumption 3.7,

$$\begin{aligned} |B_{h_n}| &\equiv \left| \int s(z) (g_{V,\lambda}(z, h_n) - g_{V,\lambda}(z)) dz \right| \leq \int |s(z)| |g_{V,\lambda}(z, h_n) - g_{V,\lambda}(z)| dz \\ &= \int |s(z)| |B_{V,\lambda}(z, h_n)| dz = o_p\left(n^{-1/2}\right) \int |s(z)| dz = o_p\left(n^{-1/2}\right). \end{aligned}$$

Next,

$$\begin{aligned} R_{h_n} &= \int s(z) (\hat{g}_{V,\lambda}(z, h_n) - g_{V,\lambda}(z, h_n)) dz - \left(\hat{E} \left[s^{(\lambda)}(Z) V \right] - E \left[s^{(\lambda)}(Z) V \right] \right) \\ &= \int s(z) \left(\hat{E} \left[V \frac{1}{h_n^{1+\lambda}} k^{(\lambda)} \left(\frac{Z-z}{h_n} \right) \right] - E \left[V \frac{1}{h_n^{1+\lambda}} k^{(\lambda)} \left(\frac{Z-z}{h_n} \right) \right] \right) dz \\ &\quad - \left(\hat{E} \left[V s^{(\lambda)}(Z) \right] - E \left[V s^{(\lambda)}(Z) \right] \right) \\ &= B + (-1)^\lambda \int s^{(\lambda)}(z) \left(\hat{E} \left[V \frac{1}{h_n} k \left(\frac{Z-z}{h_n} \right) \right] - E \left[V \frac{1}{h_n} k \left(\frac{Z-z}{h_n} \right) \right] \right) dz \\ &\quad - \left(\hat{E} \left[V s^{(\lambda)}(Z) \right] - E \left[V s^{(\lambda)}(Z) \right] \right) \\ &= B + (-1)^\lambda \int \left(\hat{E} \left[V s^{(\lambda)}(z) \frac{1}{h_n} k \left(\frac{Z-z}{h_n} \right) \right] - V s^{(\lambda)}(Z) \right) \\ &\quad - E \left[V s^{(\lambda)}(z) \frac{1}{h_n} k \left(\frac{Z-z}{h_n} \right) - V s^{(\lambda)}(Z) \right] dz \\ &= B + (-1)^\lambda \hat{E} \left[V \left(s^{(\lambda)}(Z, h_n) - s^{(\lambda)}(Z) \right) \right] - E \left[V \left(s^{(\lambda)}(Z, h_n) - s^{(\lambda)}(Z) \right) \right] \end{aligned}$$

where

$$s^{(\lambda)}(\tilde{z}, h) = \int s^{(\lambda)}(z) \frac{1}{h} k\left(\frac{\tilde{z} - z}{h}\right) dz$$

and where the boundary term B from the integration by parts satisfies

$$|B| \leq \sum_{l=1}^{\lambda} \sum_{p=-1,1} \lim_{pz \rightarrow \infty} \left| s^{(\lambda-l)}(z) \left(\left| \hat{E} \left[V \frac{1}{h_n^l} k^{(l-1)}\left(\frac{Z-z}{h_n}\right) \right] \right| + \left| E \left[V \frac{1}{h_n^l} k^{(l-1)}\left(\frac{Z-z}{h_n}\right) \right] \right| \right) \right| = 0$$

because at any given h_n , we have $\lim_{|z| \rightarrow \infty} \max_{l=1, \dots, \lambda_j-1} \left| s_j^{(l)}(z) \right| = 0$ by assumption while the expectations and estimated expectations are bounded since $\left| h_n^{-l} k^{(l-1)}((Z-z)/h_n) \right|$ is bounded (by Lemma A.5) and so is $E[|V| | Z = z]$ by Assumption 3.2.

Hence, $R_{h_n} = o_p(n^{-1/2})$, because it is a zero-mean sample average where the variance of each individual IID term can be shown to go to zero as $h_n \rightarrow 0$ as follows. Lemma A.5 and the assumed uniform continuity of $s^{(\lambda)}(z)$ imply, by Lemma 1 in Pagan & Ullah (1999), that $s^{(\lambda)}(z, h_n) - s^{(\lambda)}(z) \rightarrow 0$ uniformly in $z \in \mathbb{R}$ as $h_n \rightarrow 0$. Let $\varepsilon_n = \sup_{z \in \mathbb{R}} \left| s^{(\lambda)}(z, h_n) - s^{(\lambda)}(z) \right| \rightarrow 0$, we then have

$$\text{Var} \left[V \left(s^{(\lambda)}(Z, h_n) - s^{(\lambda)}(Z) \right) \right] \leq \varepsilon_n^2 \text{Var}[V] \rightarrow 0.$$

■

Proof of Theorem 3.4. This proof is virtually identical to the proof of Theorem 4.10 in the foregoing appendix, with $\varepsilon_n = (h_n^{-1})^{\gamma_{1,B}} \exp\left(\alpha_B (h_n^{-1})^{\beta_B}\right) + n^{-1/2} (h_n^{-1})^2$ instead of $\varepsilon_n = (h_n^{-1})^{\gamma_{1,B}} \exp\left(\alpha_B (h_n^{-1})^{\beta_B}\right) + n^{-1/2} (h_n^{-1})^{\gamma_{1,L}} \exp\left(\alpha_L (h_n^{-1})^{\beta_L}\right)$. ■

Proof of Theorem 3.5. This proof is virtually identical to the proof of Theorem 4.11, invoking Theorem 3.2 instead of Corollary 4.8. ■