

Cramér-type Moderate Deviation Theorems for Nonnormal Approximation

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Abstract: A Cramér-type moderate deviation theorem quantifies the relative error of the tail probability approximation. It provides theoretical justification when the limiting tail probability can be used to estimate the tail probability under study. Chen, Fang and Shao [12] obtained a general Cramér-type moderate result using Stein’s method when the limiting was a normal distribution. In this paper, Cramér-type moderate deviation theorems are established for nonnormal approximation under a general Stein identity, which is satisfied via the exchangeable pair approach and Stein’s coupling. In particular, a Cramér-type moderate deviation theorem is obtained for the general Curie–Weiss model and the imitative monomer-dimer mean-field model.

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1. Introduction

Let W_n be a sequence of random variables that converge to Y in the distribution. The Cramér-type moderate deviation quantifies the relative error of the distribution approximation, that is,

$$\frac{P(W_n \geq x)}{P(Y \geq x)} = 1 + \text{error} \rightarrow 1 \quad (1.1)$$

for $0 \leq x \leq a_n$, where $a_n \rightarrow \infty$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$. When Y is the normal random variable and W_n is the standardized sum of the independent random variables, the Cramér-type moderate deviation is well understood. In particular, for independent and identically distributed random variables X_1, \dots, X_n with $EX_i = 0$, $EX_i^2 = 1$ and $Ee^{t_0\sqrt{|X_1|}} < \infty$, it holds that

$$\frac{P(W_n \geq x)}{1 - \Phi(x)} = 1 + O(1)(1 + x^3)/\sqrt{n} \quad (1.2)$$

for $0 \leq x \leq n^{1/6}$, where $W_n = (X_1 + \dots + X_n)/\sqrt{n}$. The finite-moment-generating function of $|X_1|^{1/2}$ is necessary, and both the range $0 \leq x \leq n^{1/6}$ and the order of the error term $(1 + x^3)/\sqrt{n}$ are optimal. We refer to Linnik [20] and Petrov [23] for details.

Considering general dependent random variables whose dependence is defined in terms of a Stein identity, Chen, Fang and Shao [12] obtained a general Cramér-type moderate deviation result for normal approximation using Stein's method. Stein's method, introduced by Stein [28], is a completely different approach to distribution approximation than the classical Fourier transform. It works not only for independent random variables but also for dependent random variables. It can also make the distribution approximation accurate. Extensive applications of Stein's method to obtain Berry–Esseen-type bounds can be found in, for example, Diaconis [16], Stein [29], Barbour [3], Goldstein and Reinert [19], Chen and Shao [10, 11], Chatterjee [6], Nourdin and Peccati [21] and Shao and Zhang [26]. We refer to Chen, Goldstein and Shao [13], Nourdin and Peccati [22] and Chatterjee [7] for comprehensive coverage of the method's fundamentals and applications. In addition to the normal approximation, Chatterjee and

Shao [9] obtained a general nonnormal approximation via the exchangeable pair approach and the corresponding Berry–Esseen-type bounds. We also refer to Shao and Zhang [25] for a more general result.

The main purpose of this paper is to establish a Cramér-type moderate deviation theorem for nonnormal approximation. As far as we know, this is the first paper that deals with Cramér-type moderate deviation for general nonnormal approximation. It is known that a key step in the proof of Cramér-type moderate deviation theorem for normal approximation is to calculate the moment generating function. However this approach can't be applied for nonnormal approximation. We need to develop a new approach based on the observation that $Ee^{G(Y)-G(Y-t)} = 1$ for any t if the random variable Y has a probability density function $e^{-G(y)}$, although our main tool is still based on Stein's method, combining with some techniques in Chatterjee and Shao [9] and Chen, Fang and Shao [12]. The paper is organized as follows. Section 2 presents a Cramér-type moderate deviation theorem under a general Stein identity setting, which recovers the result of Chen, Fang and Shao [12] as a special case. In Section 3, the result is applied to two examples: the Curie–Weiss, general Curie–Weiss model and imitative monomer-dimer models. The proofs of the main results are given in Sections 4 and 5.

2. Main Results

Let $W := W_n$ be the random variable of interest. Following the setting in Chatterjee and Shao [9] and Chen, Fang and Shao [12], we assume that there exists a constant δ , a nonnegative random function $\hat{K}(t)$, a function g and a random variable R such that

$$E(f(W)g(W)) = E\left(\int_{|t|\leq\delta} f'(W+t)\hat{K}(t)dt\right) + E(f(W)R(W)) \quad (2.1)$$

for all absolutely continuous functions f for which the expectation of either side exists. Let

$$\hat{K}_1 = \int_{|t|\leq\delta} \hat{K}(t)dt \quad (2.2)$$

and

$$G(y) = \int_0^y g(t)dt. \quad (2.3)$$

Let Y be a random variable with the probability density function

$$p(y) = c_1 e^{-G(y)}, \quad y \in \mathbb{R}, \quad (2.4)$$

where c_1 is a normalizing constant.

In this section, we present a Cramér-type moderate theorem for general distribution approximation under Stein's identity in general and under an exchangeable pair and Stein's couplings in particular.

Before presenting the main theorem, we first give some of the conditions of g .

Assume that

(A1) The function g is nondecreasing and $g(0) = 0$.

(A2) For $y \neq 0$, $yg(y) > 0$.

(A3) There exists a positive constant c_2 such that for $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$,

$$|g(x+y)| \leq c_2 (|g(x)| + |g(y)| + 1). \quad (2.5)$$

(A4) There exists $c_3 \geq 1$ such that for $y \in \mathbb{R}$,

$$|g'(y)| \leq c_3 \left(\frac{1 + |g(y)|}{1 + |y|} \right). \quad (2.6)$$

A large class of functions satisfy conditions (A1)–(A4). A typical example is $g(y) = \text{sgn}(y)|y|^p$, $p \geq 1$.

We are now ready to present our main theorem.

Theorem 2.1. *Let W be a random variable of interest satisfying (2.1). Assume that conditions (A1)–(A4) are satisfied. Additionally, assume that there exist $\tau_1 > 0, \tau_2 > 0, \delta_1 > 0$ and $\delta_2 \geq 0$ such that*

$$|\mathbb{E}(\hat{K}_1|W) - 1| \leq \delta_1 (|g(W)|^{\tau_1} + 1), \quad (2.7)$$

$$|R(W)| \leq \delta_2 (|g(W)|^{\tau_2} + 1). \quad (2.8)$$

In addition, there exist constants $d_0 \geq 1, d_1 > 0$ and $0 \leq \alpha < 1$ such that

$$\mathbb{E}(\hat{K}_1|W) \leq d_0, \quad (2.9)$$

$$\delta |g(W)| \leq d_1, \quad (2.10)$$

$$|R(W)| \leq \alpha (|g(W)| + 1). \quad (2.11)$$

Then, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{P(W > z)}{P(Y > z)} &= 1 + O(1) \left(\delta(1 + zg^2(z)) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \delta_1(1 + zg^{\tau_1+1}(z)) + \delta_2(1 + zg^{\tau_2}(z)) \right) \end{aligned} \quad (2.12)$$

for $z \geq 0$ satisfying $\delta zg^2(z) + \delta_1 zg^{\tau_1+1}(z) + \delta_2 zg^{\tau_2}(z) \leq 1$, where $O(1)$ is bounded by a finite constant depending only on $d_0, d_1, c_1, c_2, c_3, \tau_1, \tau_2, \alpha$ and $\max(g(1), |g(-1)|)$.

The condition (2.1) is called a general Stein identity, see Chen, Goldstein and Shao [13, Chapter 2]. We use the exchangeable pair approach and Stein's coupling to construct $\hat{K}(t)$ and $R(W)$ as follows.

Let (W, W') be an exchangeable pair, that is, (W, W') has the same joint distribution as (W', W) . Let $\Delta = W - W'$. Assume that

$$E(\Delta|W) = \lambda(g(W) - R(W)), \quad (2.13)$$

where $0 < \lambda < 1$. Assume that $|\Delta| \leq \delta$ for some constant $\delta > 0$. It is known (see, e.g., Chatterjee and Shao [9]) that (2.1) is satisfied with

$$\hat{K}(t) = \frac{1}{2\lambda} \Delta (I(-\Delta \leq t \leq 0) - I(0 < t \leq \Delta)).$$

Clearly, we have

$$\hat{K}_1 = \frac{1}{2\lambda} \Delta^2.$$

For exchangeable pairs, we have the following corollary.

Corollary 2.1. *Assume that $g(W)$, \hat{K}_1 and $R(W)$ satisfy the conditions (A1)–(A4) and (2.7)–(2.11) stated in Theorem 2.1; then, (2.12) holds.*

Stein's coupling introduced by Chen and Röllin [14] is another way to construct the general Stein identity.

A triple (W, W', G) is called a g -Stein's coupling if there is a function g such that

$$E(Gf(W') - Gf(W)) = E(f(W)g(W)) \quad (2.14)$$

for all absolutely continuous function f , such that the expectations on both sides exist. Assume that $|W' - W| \leq \delta$. Then, by Chen and Röllin [14], we have

$$E(f(W)g(W)) = E\left(\int_{|t| \leq \delta} f'(W+t) \hat{K}(t) dt\right),$$

where

$$\hat{K}(t) = G(I(0 \leq t \leq W' - W) - I(W' - W \leq t < 0)).$$

It is easy to see that $\hat{K}_1 = G(W - W')$.

The following corollary presents a moderate deviation result for Stein's coupling.

Corollary 2.2. *If $\hat{K}_1 \geq 0$, and $g(W)$ and \hat{K}_1 satisfy the conditions (A1)–(A4) and (2.7), (2.9) and (2.10) stated in Theorem 2.1, then (2.12) holds with $\delta_2 = 0$.*

Remark 2.1. For $s \geq 0$, let

$$\zeta(W, s) = \begin{cases} e^{G(W) - G(W-s)}, & W > s, \\ e^{G(W)}, & 0 \leq W \leq s, \\ 1, & W < 0. \end{cases} \quad (2.15)$$

Condition (2.7) can be replaced by

$$|E(\hat{K}_1|W) - 1| \leq K_2 + \delta_1(|g(W)|^{\tau_1} + 1), \quad (2.16)$$

where $K_2 \geq 0$ is a random variable satisfying

$$EK_2\zeta(W, s) \leq \delta_1(1 + g^{\tau_1}(s))E\zeta(W, s). \quad (2.17)$$

Remark 2.2. Condition (2.11) may not be satisfied when $|W|$ is large in some applications. Following the proof of Theorem 2.1, when (2.11) is replaced by the following condition, there exist $0 \leq \alpha < 1$, $d_2 \geq 0$, $d_3 > 0$ and $\kappa > 0$ such that

$$|R(W)| \leq \alpha(|g(W)| + 1) + d_2 I(|W| > \kappa), \quad (2.18)$$

and

$$d_2 P(|W| > \kappa) \leq d_3 e^{-2s_0 d_1^{-1} \delta^{-1}}, \quad (2.19)$$

where d_1 is given in (2.10) and $s_0 = \max \{s : \delta s g^2(s) \leq 1\}$, Theorem 2.1 and Corollaries 2.1 and 2.2 remain valid with $O(1)$ bounded by a finite constant depending only on $d_0, d_1, d_3, c_1, c_2, c_3, \tau_1, \tau_2, \alpha$ and $\max(g(1), |g(-1)|)$.

3. Applications

In this section, we apply the main results to the general Curie–Weiss model at the critical temperature and the imitative monomer-dimer model.

3.1. General Curie-Weiss model at the critical temperature

Let ξ be a random variable with probability measure ρ which is symmetric on \mathbb{R} . Assume that

$$\mathbb{E}\xi^2 = 1 \quad \mathbb{E}\exp(\beta\xi^2/2) < \infty \quad \text{for } \beta \geq 0. \quad (3.1)$$

The general Curie-Weiss model $\text{CW}(\rho)$ at inverse temperature β is defined as the array of spin random variables $\mathbf{X} = (X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n)$ with joint distribution

$$\text{dP}_n(\mathbf{x}) = Z_n^{-1} \exp\left(\frac{\beta}{2n}(x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_n)^2\right) \prod_{i=1}^n \text{d}\rho(x_i) \quad (3.2)$$

for $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$ where

$$Z_n = \int \exp\left(\frac{\beta}{2n}(x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_n)^2\right) \prod_{i=1}^n \text{d}\rho(x_i)$$

is the normalizing constant.

The magnetization $m(\mathbf{x})$ is defined by

$$m(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i.$$

Following the setting of Chatterjee and Dey [8], we assume that the measure ρ satisfies the following conditions:

(B1) ρ has compact support, that is, $\rho([-L, L]) = 1$ for some $L < \infty$.

(B2) Let

$$h(s) := \frac{s^2}{2} - \log \int \exp(sx) \text{d}\rho(x). \quad (3.3)$$

The equation $h'(s) = 0$ has a unique root at $s = 0$.

(B3) Let $k \geq 2$ be such that $h^{(i)}(0) = 0$ for $0 \leq i \leq 2k - 1$ and $h^{(2k)}(0) > 0$.

Specially, for the simple Curie-Weiss model, where $\rho = \frac{1}{2}\delta_1 + \frac{1}{2}\delta_{-1}$ and δ is the Dirac delta function, conditions (B1)–(B3) are satisfied with $L = 1$ and $k = 2$. For $0 < \beta < 1$, $n^{1/2}m(\mathbf{X})$ converges weakly to a Gaussian distribution, see Ellis and Newman [17]. Also, Chen, Fang and Shao [12] obtained the Cramér-type moderate deviation for this normal approximation. When $\beta = 1$, Simon and Griffiths [27] proved that the law of $n^{1/4}m(\mathbf{X})$ converges to $\mathcal{W}(4, 12)$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$, with the probability density function

$$f_Y(y) = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{3^{1/4}\Gamma(1/4)} e^{-\frac{y^4}{12}}. \quad (3.4)$$

Chatterjee and Shao [9] showed that the Berry–Esseen bound is of order $O(n^{-1/2})$.

For the rest of this subsection, we consider only the case where $\beta = 1$. Assume that conditions (B1)–(B3) are satisfied. Let $W = n^{\frac{1}{2k}}m(\mathbf{x})$. Ellis and Newman [17] showed that W converges weakly to a distribution with density

$$p(y) = c_1 \exp(-h^{(2k)}(0)x^{2k}/(2k)!), \quad (3.5)$$

where c_1 is a normalizing constant. For the concentration inequality, Chatterjee and Dey [8] used Stein's method to prove that for any $n \geq 1$ and $t \geq 0$,

$$\mathbb{P}(n^{\frac{1}{2k}}|m(\mathbf{X})| \geq t) \leq 2e^{-c_\rho t^{2k}},$$

where $c_\rho > 0$ is a constant depending only on ρ . Moreover, Shao and Zhang [26] proved the Berry–Esseen bound:

$$\sup_{z \in \mathbb{R}} |\mathbb{P}(W \leq z) - \mathbb{P}(Y \leq z)| \leq Cn^{-\frac{1}{2k}}, \quad (3.6)$$

where $Y \sim p(y)$ as defined in (3.5) and $C > 0$ is a constant.

In this subsection, we provide the Cramér-type moderate deviation for W .

Theorem 3.1. *Let W be defined as above. If $\beta = 1$, we have*

$$\frac{\mathbb{P}(W \geq z)}{\mathbb{P}(Y \geq z)} = 1 + O(1)(n^{-1/k}(1 + z^{2k+2})),$$

uniformly in $z \in (0, n^{\frac{1}{k(2k+2)}})$.

Corollary 3.1. *For the simple Curie–Weiss model, in which case $\rho = \frac{1}{2}\delta_1 + \frac{1}{2}\delta_{-1}$ and δ is the Dirac delta function, we have*

$$\frac{\mathbb{P}(W \geq z)}{\mathbb{P}(Y \geq z)} = 1 + O(1)(n^{-1/2}(1 + z^6)),$$

uniformly in $z \in (0, n^{1/12})$, where $Y \sim \mathcal{W}(4, 12)$.

After we finished this paper, we learnt that Can and Pham [4] proved Corollary 3.1 by a complete different approach.

Remark 3.1. Comparing to Shao and Zhang [26, Theorem 3.2, (ii)], we assume an additional condition that ρ is a symmetric measure. By Theorem 3.1, the Berry–Esseen bound can be improved to

$$\sup_{z \in \mathbb{R}} |\mathbb{P}(W \leq z) - \mathbb{P}(Y \leq z)| \leq Cn^{-1/k}.$$

3.2. The imitative monomer-dimer mean-field model

In this subsection, we consider the imitative monomer-dimer model and give the moderate deviation result. A pure monomer-dimer model can be used to study the properties of diatomic oxygen molecules deposited on tungsten or liquid mixtures with molecules of unequal size [see 18, 24, for example]. Chang [5] studied the attractive component of the van der Waals potential, while Alberici, Contucci, Fedele and Mingione [1] and Alberici, Contucci and Mingione [2] considered the asymptotic properties. Chen [15] recently obtained the Berry–Esseen bound by using Stein’s method. In this subsection, we apply our main theorem to obtain the moderate deviation result.

For $n \geq 1$, let $G = (V, E)$ be a complete graph with vertex set $V = \{1, \dots, n\}$ and edge set $E = \{uv = \{u, v\} : u, v \in V, u < v\}$. A dimer configuration on the graph G is a set D of pairwise nonincident edges satisfying the following rule: if $uv \in D$, then for all $w \neq v$, $uw \notin D$. Given a dimer configuration D , the set of monomers $\mathcal{M}(D)$ is the collection of dimer-free vertices. Let \mathbf{D} denote the set of all dimer configurations. Denote the element number of a set by $\#(\cdot)$. Then, we have

$$2\#(D) + \#(\mathcal{M}(D)) = n.$$

We now introduce the imitative monomer-dimer model. The Hamiltonian of the model with an imitation coefficient $J \geq 0$ and an external field $h \in \mathbb{R}$ is given by

$$-T(D) = n(Jm(D)^2 + bm(D))$$

for all $D \in \mathbf{D}$, where $m(D) = \#(\mathcal{M}(D))/n$ is called the monomer density and the parameter b is given by

$$b = \frac{\log n}{2} + h - J.$$

The associated Gibbs measure is defined as

$$p(D) = \frac{e^{-T(D)}}{\sum_{D \in \mathbf{D}} e^{-T(D)}}.$$

Let

$$H(x) = -Jx^2 - \frac{1}{2} (1 - g(\tau(x)) + \log(1 - g(\tau(x)))) , \quad (3.7)$$

where

$$g(x) = \frac{1}{2} \left(\sqrt{e^{4x} + 4e^{2x}} - e^{2x} \right), \quad \tau(x) = (2x - 1)J + h.$$

Alberici, Contucci and Mingione [2] showed that the imitative monomer-dimer model exhibits the following three phases. Let

$$J_c = \frac{1}{4(3 - 2\sqrt{2})}, \quad h_c = \frac{1}{2} \log(2\sqrt{2} - 2) - \frac{1}{4}.$$

There exists a function $\gamma : (J_c, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ with $\gamma(J_c) = h_c$ such that if $(J, h) \notin \Gamma$, where $\Gamma := \{(J, \gamma(J)) : J > J_c\}$, then the function $H(x)$ has a unique maximizer m_0 that satisfies $m_0 = g(\tau(m_0))$. Moreover, if $(J, h) \notin \Gamma \cup \{(J_c, h_c)\}$, then $H''(m_0) < 0$. If $(J, h) = (J_c, h_c)$, then $m_0 = m_c := 2 - \sqrt{2}$ and

$$H'(m_c) = H''(m_c) = H^{(3)}(m_c) = 0,$$

but

$$H^{(4)}(m_c) < 0.$$

If $(J, h) \in \Gamma$, then $H(s)$ has two distinct maximizers; therefore, in this case, $m(D)$ may not converge. Hence, we consider only the cases when $(J, h) \notin \Gamma$.

Alberici, Contucci and Mingione [2] showed that when $(J, h) \notin \Gamma \cup \{(J_c, h_c)\}$, $n^{1/2}(m(D) - m_0)$ converges to a normal distribution with zero mean and variance $\lambda_0 = -(H''(m_0))^{-1} - (2J)^{-1}$. However, when $(J, h) = (J_c, h_c)$, then $n^{1/4}(m(D) - m_0)$ converges to Y , whose p.d.f. is given by

$$p(y) = c_1 e^{-\lambda_c y^4/24} \quad (3.8)$$

with $\lambda_c = -H^{(4)}(m_c) > 0$ and c_1 is a normalizing constant. Chen [15] obtained the Berry–Esseen bound using Stein’s method.

Similar to the Curie–Weiss model, we use the following notations. Let $\Sigma = \{0, 1\}^n$. For each $\sigma = (\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_n) \in \Sigma$, define a Hamiltonian

$$-T(\sigma) = n(Jm(\sigma)^2 + bm(\sigma)),$$

where $m(\sigma) = n^{-1}(\sigma_1 + \dots + \sigma_n)$ is the magnetization of the configuration σ . Denote by $\mathbf{A}(\sigma)$ the set of all sites $i \in V$ such that $\sigma_i = 1$. Also, let $D(\sigma)$ denote the total number of dimer configurations $D \in \mathbf{D}$ with $\mathcal{M}(D) = \mathbf{A}(\sigma)$. Therefore, the Gibbs measure can be written as

$$p(\sigma) = \frac{D(\sigma) \exp(-T(\sigma))}{\sum_{\tau \in \Sigma} D(\tau) \exp(-T(\tau))}.$$

The following result gives a Cramér-type moderate deviation for the magnetization.

Theorem 3.2. *If $(J, h) \notin \Gamma \cup \{J_c, h_c\}$, then, for $0 \leq z \leq n^{1/6}$,*

$$\frac{P(n^{1/2}(m(\sigma) - m_0) \geq z)}{P(Z_0 > z)} = 1 + O(1)n^{-1/2}(1 + z^3), \quad (3.9)$$

where Z_0 follows normal distribution with zero mean and variance $\lambda_0 = -(H''(m_0))^{-1} - (2J)^{-1}$. *If $(J, h) = (J_c, h_c)$, then for $0 \leq z \leq n^{1/20}$,*

$$\frac{P(n^{1/4}(m(\sigma) - m_c) \geq z)}{P(Y \geq z)} = 1 + O(1)(n^{-1/4}(1 + z^5)), \quad (3.10)$$

where Y is a random variable with the probability density function given in (3.8).

4. Proofs of main results

In this section, we give the proofs of the main theorems. In what follows, we use C or C_1, C_2, \dots to denote a finite constant depending only on $c_1, c_2, c_3, d_0, d_1, \tau_1, \tau_2, \mu_1$ and α , where $\mu_1 = \max(g(1), |g(-1)|) + 1$.

4.1. Proof of Theorem 2.1

Let Y be a random variable with a probability density function given in (3.8) and $F(z)$ be the distribution function of Y . We start with a preliminary lemma on the properties of $(1 - F(w))/p(w)$ and $F(w)/p(w)$, whose proof is postponed to Section 4.2.

Lemma 4.1. *Assume that conditions (A1)–(A4) are satisfied. Then, we have*

$$\frac{1}{\max(1, c_3)(1 + g(w))} \leq \frac{1 - F(w)}{p(w)} \leq \min\left\{\frac{1}{g(w)}, 1/c_1\right\} \quad \text{for } w > 0 \quad (4.1)$$

and

$$\frac{F(w)}{p(w)} \leq \min\left\{\frac{1}{|g(w)|}, 1/c_1\right\} \quad \text{for } w < 0. \quad (4.2)$$

Proof of Theorem 2.1. Let f_z be the solution to Stein's equation

$$f'(w) - f(w)g(w) = I(w \leq z) - F(z). \quad (4.3)$$

As shown in Chatterjee and Shao [9], the solution f_z can be written as

$$f_z(w) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{p(w)} \int_{-\infty}^w (I(y \leq z) - F(z))p(y)dy = \frac{F(w)(1 - F(z))}{p(w)}, & w \leq z; \\ -\frac{1}{p(w)} \int_w^{\infty} (I(y \leq z) - F(z))p(y)dy = \frac{F(z)(1 - F(w))}{p(w)}, & w > z. \end{cases} \quad (4.4)$$

From (2.1), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& \mathbb{E}(f_z(W)g(W) - f_z(W)R(W)) \\
&= \mathbb{E} \left(\int_{|t| \leq \delta} f'_z(W+t) \hat{K}(t) dt \right) \\
&= \mathbb{E} \left(\int_{|t| \leq \delta} (f_z(W+t)g(W+t) \right. \\
&\quad \left. + P(Y > z) - I(W+t > z)) \hat{K}(t) dt \right) \\
&\leq \mathbb{E} \left(\int_{|t| \leq \delta} (f_z(W+t)g(W+t) - f_z(W)g(W)) \hat{K}(t) dt \right) \\
&\quad + \mathbb{E}(\hat{K}_1 f_z(W)g(W)) \\
&\quad + \mathbb{E} \left(\hat{K}_1 (P(Y > z) - I(W > z + \delta)) \right) \\
&\leq \mathbb{E} \left(\int_{|t| \leq \delta} |f_z(W+t)g(W+t) - f_z(W)g(W)| \hat{K}(t) dt \right) \\
&\quad + \mathbb{E}(\hat{K}_1 f_z(W)g(W)) \\
&\quad + \mathbb{E} \left(|\mathbb{E}(\hat{K}_1|W) - 1| |P(Y > z) - I(W > z + \delta)| \right) \\
&\quad + P(Y > z) - P(W > z + \delta).
\end{aligned} \tag{4.5}$$

Rearranging (4.5) leads to

$$\begin{aligned}
& P(W > z + \delta) - P(Y > z) \\
&\leq \mathbb{E} \left(\int_{|t| \leq \delta} |f_z(W+t)g(W+t) - f_z(W)g(W)| \hat{K}(t) dt \right) \\
&\quad + \mathbb{E}(|\mathbb{E}(\hat{K}_1|W) - 1| |f_z(W)g(W)|) \\
&\quad + \mathbb{E} \left(|(\mathbb{E}(\hat{K}_1|W) - 1)(P(Y > z) - I(W > z + \delta))| \right) \\
&\quad + \mathbb{E}(f_z(W)|R(W)|) \\
&:= I_1 + I_2 + I_3 + I_4,
\end{aligned} \tag{4.6}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
I_1 &= \mathbb{E} \left(\int_{|t| \leq \delta} |f_z(W+t)g(W+t) - f_z(W)g(W)| \hat{K}(t) dt \right), \\
I_2 &= \mathbb{E}(|(\mathbb{E}(\hat{K}_1|W) - 1)f_z(W)g(W)|), \\
I_3 &= \mathbb{E} \left(|(\mathbb{E}(\hat{K}_1|W) - 1)(P(Y > z) - I(W > z + \delta))| \right), \\
I_4 &= \mathbb{E}(f_z(W)|R(W)|).
\end{aligned}$$

The following propositions provide estimates of I_1, I_2, I_3 and I_4 , whose proofs are given in Section 4.3.

Proposition 4.1. *If $\delta \leq 1$, then*

$$I_1 \leq C\delta. \quad (4.7)$$

Assume that $z \geq 0, \max(\delta, \delta_1, \delta_2) \leq 1$ and $\delta z g^2(z) + \delta_1 z g^{\tau_1+1}(z) + \delta_2 z g^{\tau_2}(z) \leq 1$. Then, we have

$$I_1 \leq C\delta(1 + z g^2(z))(1 - F(z)). \quad (4.8)$$

Proposition 4.2. *We have*

$$I_2 + I_3 \leq C\delta_1, \quad I_4 \leq C\delta_2. \quad (4.9)$$

For $z > 0, \max(\delta, \delta_1, \delta_2) \leq 1$ and $\delta z g^2(z) + \delta_1 z g^{\tau_1+1}(z) + \delta_2 z g^{\tau_2}(z) \leq 1$, we have

$$I_2 + I_3 \leq C\delta_1(1 + z g^{\tau_1+1}(z))(1 - F(z)), \quad (4.10)$$

$$I_4 \leq C\delta_2(1 + z g^{\tau_2}(z))(1 - F(z)). \quad (4.11)$$

We now go back to the proof of Theorem 2.1. First, we use (4.6) and Propositions 4.1 and 4.2 to prove the Berry–Esseen bound

$$|P(W > z) - P(Y > z)| \leq C(\delta + \delta_1 + \delta_2), \quad (4.12)$$

where $C \geq 1$. By (4.6), (4.7) and (4.9), for $\delta \leq 1$, we have

$$P(W > z + \delta) - P(Y > z) \leq C(\delta + \delta_1 + \delta_2). \quad (4.13)$$

Together with

$$P(Y > z) - P(Y > z + \delta) \leq c_1 \int_z^{z+\delta} e^{-G(w)} dw \leq c_1 \delta,$$

we have

$$P(W > z) - P(Y > z) \leq C(\delta + \delta_1 + \delta_2).$$

Similarly, we have

$$P(W > z) - P(Y > z) \geq -C(\delta + \delta_1 + \delta_2).$$

This proves the inequality (4.12) for $\delta \leq 1$. For $\delta > 1$, (4.12) is trivial because $C \geq 1$.

Next, we move to prove (2.12). Let $z_0 > 1$ be a constant such that

$$\min\{z_0 g^2(z_0), z_0 g^{\tau_1+1}(z_0), z_0 g^{\tau_2}(z_0), z_0\} \geq 1.$$

For $0 \leq z \leq z_0$, (2.12) follows from (4.12). In fact,

$$\frac{P(W > z) - P(Y > z)}{P(Y > z)} \leq \frac{C(\delta + \delta_1 + \delta_2)}{1 - F(z_0)}, \quad (4.14)$$

where C is a constant. For $z > z_0$, we can assume $\max\{\delta, \delta_1, \delta_2\} \leq 1$; otherwise, it would contradict the condition $\delta z g^2(z) + \delta_1 z g^{\tau_1+1}(z) + \delta_2 z g^{\tau_2}(z) \leq 1$.

Recall by (4.6),

$$P(W > z + \delta) - P(Y > z) \leq I_1 + I_2 + I_3 + I_4.$$

It follows from Propositions 4.1 and 4.2 that

$$\begin{aligned} & P(W > z + \delta) - (1 - F(z)) \\ & \leq C(1 - F(z)) \left(\delta(1 + z g^2(z)) \right. \\ & \quad \left. + \delta_1(1 + z g^{\tau_1+1}(z)) + \delta_2(1 + z g^{\tau_2}(z)) \right). \end{aligned} \quad (4.15)$$

By replacing z with $z - \delta$, and noting that g is nondecreasing, we can rewrite (4.15) as

$$\begin{aligned} & P(W > z) - (1 - F(z - \delta)) \\ & \leq C(1 - F(z - \delta)) \left(\delta(1 + z g^2(z)) + \delta_1(1 + z g^{\tau_1+1}(z)) \right. \\ & \quad \left. + \delta_2(1 + z g^{\tau_2}(z)) \right). \end{aligned} \quad (4.16)$$

As $p(y)$ is decreasing in $[z - \delta, z]$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} F(z) - F(z - \delta) &= \int_{z-\delta}^z p(t) dt \\ &\leq \delta p(z - \delta) \leq e^{\delta g(z)} \delta p(z). \end{aligned}$$

By our assumptions, $\delta(1 + g^2(z)) \leq 2$ and hence $\delta g(z) \leq 1$. By (4.1), we also have

$$p(z) \leq \max(1, c_3)(1 + g(z))(1 - F(z));$$

then,

$$F(z) - F(z - \delta) \leq C\delta(1 + g(z))(1 - F(z))$$

for some constant C . Recall that $\delta(1 + g(z)) \leq 2$; then,

$$1 - F(z - \delta) \leq C(1 - F(z)).$$

Together with (4.16), we get

$$\begin{aligned} & P(W > z) - (1 - F(z)) \\ & \leq P(W > z) - (1 - F(z - \delta)) + F(z) - F(z - \delta) \\ & \leq C(1 - F(z - \delta)) \left(\delta(1 + zg^2(z)) + \delta_1(1 + zg^{\tau_1+1}(z)) + \delta_2(1 + zg^{\tau_2}(z)) \right) \\ & \quad + C\delta(1 + g(z))(1 - F(z)) \\ & \leq C(1 - F(z)) \left(\delta(1 + zg^2(z)) + \delta_1(1 + zg^{\tau_1+1}(z)) + \delta_2(1 + zg^{\tau_2}(z)) \right). \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, we can prove the lower bound as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} & P(W > z) - (1 - F(z)) \\ & \geq -C(1 - F(z)) \left(\delta(1 + zg^2(z)) + \delta_1(1 + zg^{\tau_1+1}(z)) + \delta_2(1 + zg^{\tau_2}(z)) \right). \end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof of Theorem 2.1. \square

4.2. Proof of Lemma 4.1

For $w \geq 0$, by the monotonicity of $g(\cdot)$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} 1 - F(w) &= \int_w^\infty p(t) dt \\ &= c_1 \int_w^\infty e^{-G(t)} dt \\ &= c_1 \int_w^\infty \frac{1}{g(t)} e^{-G(t)} dG(t) \\ &\leq \frac{c_1}{g(w)} e^{-G(w)} \\ &= \frac{p(w)}{g(w)}. \end{aligned}$$

Let $H(w) = 1 - F(w) - p(w)/c_1$; then,

$$H'(w) = p(w)(g(w)/c_1 - 1).$$

Note that $g(w)/c_1 = 1$ has at most one solution in $(0, +\infty)$ and that $g(0) = 0$; then, $H(w)$ takes the maximum at either 0 or $+\infty$. We have

$$H(w) \leq \max\{H(0), \lim_{w \rightarrow \infty} H(w)\} \leq 0.$$

This proves (4.1). The inequality (4.2) can be obtained similarly.

To finish the proof, we need to prove that for $w \geq 0$,

$$\frac{p(w)}{1+g(w)} \leq c_3(1-F(w)). \quad (4.17)$$

Consider

$$\zeta(w) = \frac{1}{1+g(w)} e^{-G(w)}. \quad (4.18)$$

As $g'(w) \leq c_3(1+g(w))$, we have

$$-\zeta'(w) = \frac{g(w)}{1+g(w)} e^{-G(w)} + \frac{g'(w)}{(1+g(w))^2} e^{-G(w)} \leq \max(1, c_3) e^{-G(w)}.$$

As $g(w)$ is nondecreasing and $g(w) > 0$ for $w > 0$, then $G(w) = \int_0^w g(t)dt \rightarrow \infty$ as $w \rightarrow \infty$. Therefore, $\lim_{w \rightarrow \infty} p(w) = 0$. Taking the integration on both sides yields

$$\zeta(w) = - \int_w^\infty \zeta'(t)dt \leq \max(1, c_3) \int_w^\infty e^{-G(t)}dt,$$

which leads to (4.17). This completes the proof.

4.3. Proofs of Propositions 4.1 and 4.2

Throughout this subsection, we assume that conditions (A1)–(A4) are satisfied, and $g(t) = G'(t)$. To prove Propositions 4.1 and 4.2, we first present some preliminary lemmas, whose proofs are postponed in the following several subsections. Lemmas 4.2 and 4.3 give the properties of g and g' .

Lemma 4.2. *Assume that $0 < \delta \leq 1$. Then, we have*

$$\sup_{|t| \leq \delta} |g(w+t)| \leq c_2(|g(w)| + \mu_1), \quad (4.19)$$

where $\mu_1 = \max(g(1), |g(-1)|) + 1$.

Also, for $w > s > 0$ and any positive number $a > 1$, there exists $b(a)$ depending on a , c_2 and c_3 , such that

$$g(w) - g(w-s) \leq \frac{1}{a} g(w) + b(a)(g(s) + 1), \quad (4.20)$$

where one can choose

$$b(a) = ((2c_2) + \cdots + (2c_2)^{m(a)}) + 1/a,$$

and $m(a) = \lceil \log(ac_3 + 1) \rceil + 1$.

Lemma 4.3. *For $w \geq 0$ and any $a > 0$, we have*

$$g'(w) \leq \frac{1}{a}g(w) + c_3(g(ac_3) + 1) + 1/a. \quad (4.21)$$

Let W be the random variable defined as in Theorem 2.1. For $0 \leq \tau \leq \max(2, \tau_1 + 1, \tau_2)$ and $s > 0$, Lemmas 4.4 and 4.5 give the properties of $E|g(W)|^\tau$, $E|g(W)|^\tau e^{G(W)} I(0 \leq W \leq s)$ and $E|g(W)|^\tau e^{G(W)-G(W-s)} I(W > s)$, which play a key role in the proof of Propositions 4.1 and 4.2.

For $s > 0$, define

$$f(w, s) = \begin{cases} e^{G(w)-G(w-s)} - 1, & w > s, \\ e^{G(w)} - 1, & 0 \leq w \leq s, \\ 0, & w \leq 0. \end{cases} \quad (4.22)$$

Lemma 4.4. *Suppose that conditions (A1)–(A4) and (2.9)–(2.11) are satisfied. For $0 \leq \tau \leq \max(2, \tau_1 + 1, \tau_2)$, we have*

$$E|g(W)|^\tau \leq C. \quad (4.23)$$

Moreover, for $s > 0$ and $\delta \leq 1$, we have

$$E\left(e^{G(W)-G(W-s)} g^\tau(W) I(W > s)\right) \leq C(1 + g^\tau(s))(E(f(W, s)) + 1), \quad (4.24)$$

and

$$E\left(e^{G(W)} g^\tau(W) I(0 \leq W \leq s)\right) \leq C(1 + g^\tau(s))(E(f(W, s)) + 1). \quad (4.25)$$

Lemma 4.5. *Let $0 < \delta \leq 1$ and $s > 0$. Suppose that the conditions in Theorem 2.1 are satisfied. Then, we have*

$$\begin{aligned} & E(f(W, s) + 1) \\ & \leq C(1 + s) \exp\left\{C\left(\delta(1 + sg^2(s)) + \delta_1(1 + sg^{\tau_1+1}(s)) \right. \right. \\ & \quad \left. \left. + \delta_2(1 + sg^{\tau_2}(s))\right)\right\}. \end{aligned} \quad (4.26)$$

The next Lemma gives the properties of the Stein solution.

Lemma 4.6. *Let f_z be the solution to Stein's equation (4.3). Then, for $z \geq 0$,*

$$|f_z(w)g(w)| \leq \begin{cases} 1 - F(z), & w \leq 0, \\ F(z), & w > 0, \end{cases} \quad (4.27)$$

$$f_z(w) \leq \begin{cases} (1 - F(z))/c_1, & w \leq 0, \\ F(z)/c_1, & w > 0, \end{cases} \quad (4.28)$$

and

$$|f'_z(w)| \leq \begin{cases} 2(1 - F(z)), & w \leq 0, \\ 1, & 0 < w \leq z, \\ 2F(z), & w > z. \end{cases} \quad (4.29)$$

Lemma 4.7. For $z > 0$ and $0 \leq \tau \leq \max(2, \tau_1 + 1, \tau_2)$,

$$\mathbb{E}(f_z(W)|g(W)|^\tau) \leq C(1 + zg^\tau(z))(1 - F(z)), \quad (4.30)$$

provided that $\max(\delta, \delta_1, \delta_2) \leq 1$ and $\delta zg^2(z) + \delta_1 zg^{\tau_1+1}(z) + \delta_2 zg^{\tau_2}(z) \leq 1$.

We are now ready to give the proofs of Propositions 4.1 and 4.2.

Proof of Proposition 4.1. Recalling (2.9), we have

$$\begin{aligned} I_1 &\leq d_0 \mathbb{E} \left(\sup_{|t| \leq \delta} |f_z(W+t)g(W+t) - f_z(W)g(W)| \right) \\ &\leq \delta d_0 \mathbb{E} \sup_{|t| \leq \delta} |(f_z(W+t)g(W+t))'|. \end{aligned} \quad (4.31)$$

We first prove (4.7). By Lemma 4.6, $\|f_z\| \leq 1/c_1$ and $\|f'_z\| \leq 2$. Thus, for $\delta \leq 1$,

$$\begin{aligned} &\mathbb{E} \left(\sup_{|t| \leq \delta} |(f_z(w+t)g(w+t))'| \right) \\ &\leq \mathbb{E} \left(\sup_{|t| \leq \delta} (|f_z(W+t)g'(W+t)| + |f'_z(W+t)g(W+t)|) \right) \\ &\leq (2 + 1/c_1) \mathbb{E} \left(\sup_{|t| \leq \delta} (|g'(W+t)| + |g(W+t)|) \right) \\ &\leq 4c_3(1 + 1/c_1)(1 + c_2)(\mathbb{E}|g(W)| + \mu_1), \end{aligned} \quad (4.32)$$

where in the last inequality we use (2.6) and Lemma 4.2. This proves (4.7) by (4.23), (4.31) and (4.32).

Next, we prove (4.8). Similarly, we first calculate the following term:

$$\mathbb{E} \left(\sup_{|t| \leq \delta} |(f_z(W+t)g(W+t))'| \right).$$

Note that

$$(f_z(w)g(w))' = \begin{cases} \frac{p(w)g(w)+F(w)g'(w)+F(w)g^2(w)}{p(w)}(1 - F(z)), & w \leq z, \\ \frac{-p(w)g(w)+(1-F(w))g'(w)+(1-F(w))g^2(w)}{p(w)}F(z), & w > z. \end{cases} \quad (4.33)$$

For $w + t \leq 0$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& |(f_z(w+t)g(w+t))'| \\
& \leq (1 - F(z)) \left(2|g(w+t)| + \frac{g'(w+t)}{\max\{c_1, |g(w+t)|\}} \right) \\
& \leq (1 - F(z)) (2|g(w+t)| + c_3(1 + 1/c_1)) \\
& \leq C(1 - F(z))(|g(w)| + 1).
\end{aligned}$$

Thus, by (4.19) and (4.23),

$$\mathbb{E} \left(\sup_{|t| \leq \delta} |(f_z(W+t)g(W+t))'| I(W+t \leq 0) \right) \leq C(1 - F(z)). \quad (4.34)$$

For $w + t > z$, and $|t| \leq \delta$, again by (4.19), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& |(f_z(w+t)g(w+t))'| \\
& \leq F(z) \left(|g(w+t)| + \frac{1 - F(z)}{p(z)} (|g'(w+t)| + |g(w+t)|^2) \right) \\
& \leq C(1 + |g(w+t)|^2) \\
& \leq C(|g(w)|^2 + 1).
\end{aligned} \quad (4.35)$$

Hence, by Lemmas 4.4 and 4.5, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& \mathbb{E} \sup_{|t| \leq \delta} |(f_z(W+t)g(W+t))'| I(W+t \geq z) \\
& \leq \mathbb{E} \sup_{|t| \leq \delta} (|g(W+t)|^2 I(W+t > z)) \\
& \leq C \mathbb{E} \left((|g(W)|^2 + 1) I(W > z - \delta) \right) \\
& \leq Cp(z - \delta) \mathbb{E} \left(e^{G(W) - G(W - z + \delta)} |g(W)|^2 I(W > z - \delta) \right) \\
& \leq Ce^{\delta g(z)} p(z) (1 + g^2(z)) \mathbb{E} \left(e^{G(W) - G(W - z + \delta)} I(W > z - \delta) \right) \\
& \leq Ce^{\delta g(z)} (1 + zg^2(z)).
\end{aligned} \quad (4.36)$$

Also note that $\delta g(z) \leq \delta + \delta zg^2(z) \leq 2$ for $z \geq 1$ and $\delta g(z) \leq \mu_1$ for $0 \leq z \leq 1$.

Thus, (4.36) yields

$$\mathbb{E} \left(\sup_{|t| \leq \delta} |(f_z(W+t)g(W+t))'| I(W+t > z) \right) \leq C(1 + zg^2(z))(1 - F(z)). \quad (4.37)$$

For $w + t \in (0, z)$ and $|t| \leq \delta$, noting that $\delta g(z) \leq \max(2, \mu_1)$, by (4.19), we

have

$$\begin{aligned}
 |(f_z(w+t)g(w+t))'| & \leq C(1-F(z))e^{G(w+t)}(1+g(w+t)^2) \\
 & \leq C(1-F(z))e^{G(w)+\delta g(z)}(1+|g(w)|^2) \\
 & \leq C(1-F(z))e^{G(w)}(1+|g(w)|^2).
 \end{aligned} \tag{4.38}$$

By Lemmas 4.4 and 4.5 and (4.19), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \mathbb{E} \left(\sup_{|t| \leq \delta} |(f_z(W+t)g(W+t))'| I(0 \leq W+t \leq z) \right) \\
 & \leq C(1-F(z)) \mathbb{E} e^{G(W)} (1+|g(W)|^2) I(-\delta \leq W \leq z+\delta) \\
 & \leq C e^{\mu_1} (1+\mu_1^2) (1-F(z)) \\
 & \quad + C(1-F(z)) \mathbb{E} e^{G(W)} (1+|g(W)|^2) I(0 \leq W \leq z+\delta) \\
 & \leq C(1-F(z)) (1+(z+\delta)g^2(z+\delta)) \\
 & \leq C(1-F(z)) (1+zg^2(z)).
 \end{aligned} \tag{4.39}$$

Putting together (4.34), (4.37) and (4.39) gives

$$\mathbb{E} \left(\sup_{|t| \leq \delta} |(f_z(W+t)g(W+t))'| \right) \leq C(1+zg^2(z))(1-F(z)). \tag{4.40}$$

This completes the proof of (4.8). \square

Proof of Proposition 4.2. By Lemma 4.6, we have $\|f_z g\| \leq 1$; thus, by (4.23),

$$I_2 + I_3 \leq C \mathbb{E} |\mathbb{E}(\hat{K}_1|W) - 1| \leq C \delta_1 (\mathbb{E}(|g(W)|^{\tau_1}) + 1) \leq C \delta_1.$$

To bound I_4 , by (2.8), (4.23) and (4.28), we have

$$I_4 \leq C \delta_2.$$

This proves (4.9).

We now move to prove (4.10) and (4.11). As to I_2 , By (2.5) and Lemma 4.6, for $z \geq 0$, $\max(\delta, \delta_1, \delta_2) \leq 1$ and $\delta z g^2(z) + \delta_1 z g^{\tau_1+1}(z) + \delta_2 z g^{\tau_2}(z) \leq 1$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 I_2 & \leq \delta_1 \mathbb{E} (f_z(W) |g(W)| (|g(W)|^{\tau_1} + 1)) \\
 & \leq C \delta_1 \mathbb{E} (f_z(W) (1 + |g(W)|^{\tau_1+1})) \\
 & \leq C \delta_1 (1 + z g^{\tau_1+1}(z)) (1 - F(z)).
 \end{aligned} \tag{4.41}$$

As to I_3 , note that

$$I(W > z) \leq \frac{e^{G(W)-G(W-z)}}{e^{G(z)}} I(W > z).$$

By Lemmas 4.4 and 4.5,

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \mathbb{E}((1 + |g(W)|^{\tau_1})I(W > z)) \\
 & \leq Cp(z) \mathbb{E}\left(e^{G(W)-G(W-z)}(1 + |g(W)|^{\tau_1})I(W > z)\right) \\
 & \leq C(1 + zg^{\tau_1}(z))p(z) \\
 & \leq C(1 + zg^{\tau_1+1}(z))(1 - F(z)),
 \end{aligned} \tag{4.42}$$

where we use (4.1) in the last inequality. Thus, by Lemma 4.6,

$$\begin{aligned}
 I_3 & \leq \delta_1(1 - F(z))E(|g(W)|^{\tau_1} + 1) \\
 & \quad + \delta_1 \mathbb{E}\left((|g(W)|^{\tau_1} + 1)I(W > z + \delta)\right) \\
 & \leq \delta_1(1 - F(z))E(|g(W)|^{\tau_1} + 1) \\
 & \quad + \delta_1 \mathbb{E}\left((|g(W)|^{\tau_1} + 1)I(W > z)\right) \\
 & \leq C\delta_1(1 + zg^{\tau_1+1}(z))(1 - F(z)).
 \end{aligned} \tag{4.43}$$

(4.10) now follows by (4.41) and (4.43).

As to I_4 , because $|R(W)| \leq \delta_2(1 + |g(W)|^{\tau_2})$, by (4.30), we have

$$I_4 \leq C\delta_2(1 + zg^{\tau_2}(z))(1 - F(z)). \tag{4.44}$$

This completes the proof of Proposition 4.2. \square

4.4. Proof of Lemmas 4.2 and 4.3

Proof of Lemma 4.2. The inequality (4.19) can be derived immediately from (2.5). Meanwhile, (4.20) remains to be shown. For $a > 1$, consider two cases.

Case 1. If $s < w \leq (ac_3 + 1)s$, denote $m := m(a) = \lceil \log_2(ac_3 + 1) \rceil + 1$. As g is nondecreasing and by (2.5), we have

$$g(w) \leq g(2^m s) \leq 2c_2 g(2^{m-1} s) + c_2.$$

By induction, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 g(w) & \leq (2c_2)^m g(s) + c_2(1 + (2c_2) + \cdots + (2c_2)^{m-1}) \\
 & \leq b(a)(g(s) + 1),
 \end{aligned} \tag{4.45}$$

where $b(a) = 2c_2(1 + (2c_2) + \cdots + (2c_2)^{m(a)-1}) + 1/a$.

Case 2. If $w > (ac_3 + 1)s$, by (2.6), we have

$$\begin{aligned} g(w) - g(w - s) &= \int_0^s g'(w - t) dt \\ &\leq c_3 \int_0^s \frac{1 + g(w - t)}{1 + (w - t)} dt \\ &\leq \frac{1}{a}(g(w) + 1). \end{aligned} \quad (4.46)$$

By (4.45) and (4.46), this completes the proof. \square

Proof of Lemma 4.3. Recall that (2.6) states that for $w \geq 0$,

$$g'(w) \leq c_3 \left(\frac{1 + g(w)}{1 + w} \right).$$

Fix $a > 0$. When $w > ac_3$, we have

$$g'(w) \leq \frac{1}{a}(g(w) + 1).$$

When $w \leq ac_3$, by the monotonicity property of g , we have

$$g'(w) \leq c_3(g(ac_3) + 1).$$

This completes the proof. \square

4.5. Proofs of Lemmas 4.4 and 4.5

Before giving the proofs of Lemmas 4.4 and 4.5, we first consider a ratio property of $f(w, s)$. It is easy to see that $f(w, s)$ is absolutely continuous with respect to both w and s , and the partial derivatives are

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial w} f(w, s) &= e^{G(w) - G(w-s)}(g(w) - g(w-s))I(w > s) \\ &\quad + e^{G(w)}g(w)I(0 \leq w \leq s) \end{aligned} \quad (4.47)$$

and

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial s} f(w, s) = e^{G(w) - G(w-s)}g(w-s)I(0 < s \leq w). \quad (4.48)$$

Lemma 4.8. *Let $f(w) := f(w, s)$ be defined as in (4.22). For $\delta|g(w)| \leq d_1$ and $\delta \leq 1$, we have*

$$\sup_{|u| \leq \delta} \left| \frac{f(w+u) + 1}{f(w) + 1} \right| I(w+u \geq 0) \leq \mu_2, \quad (4.49)$$

where $\mu_2 = \exp(c_2(d_1 + \mu_1) + \mu_1)$. Moreover, we have

$$\sup_{|u| \leq \delta} |f''(w+u)| \leq \mu_3(g^2(w) + 1)(f(w) + 1). \quad (4.50)$$

where $\mu_3 = 2c_2^2(c_3 + 1)(\mu_1^2 + 1)\mu_2$.

Proof. Recall that $\mu_1 = \max(g(1), |g(-1)|) + 1$. When $w + u \geq 0$ and $w \geq 0$, as g is nondecreasing, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sup_{|u| \leq \delta} \left| \frac{f(w+u) + 1}{f(w) + 1} \right| &\leq e^{G(w+\delta) - G(w)} \\ &\leq e^{\delta|g(w+\delta)|} \leq e^{c_2(d_1 + \mu_1)}, \end{aligned}$$

where in the last inequality we use (4.19). When $w + u \geq 0$, $w < 0$ and $|u| \leq \delta$, we have $0 \leq w + u < \delta \leq 1$; hence, by the nondecreasing property of g ,

$$\sup_{|u| \leq \delta} \left| \frac{f(w+u) + 1}{f(w) + 1} \right| \leq \sup_{|u| \leq \delta} e^{G(w+u)} \leq e^{G(\delta)} \leq e^{\mu_1}.$$

This proves (4.49).

For $f''(w)$, by (4.47),

$$\begin{aligned} f''(w) &= e^{G(w) - G(w-s)} (g(w) - g(w-s))^2 I(w > s) \\ &\quad + e^{G(w) - G(w-s)} (g'(w) - g'(w-s)) I(w > s) \\ &\quad + e^{G(w)} g^2(w) I(0 \leq w \leq s) \\ &\quad + e^{G(w)} g'(w) I(0 \leq w \leq s). \end{aligned}$$

As g is nondecreasing, we have $g'(w-s) \geq 0$; thus, $g'(w) - g'(w-s) \leq g'(w)$. For $w > s$, $0 \leq g(w) - g(w-s) \leq g(w)$. Therefore,

$$f''(w) \leq (g'(w) + g^2(w))(f(w) + 1) I(w \geq 0).$$

By (2.6), for $c_3 > 1$, we have

$$g^2(w) + g'(w) \leq g^2(w) + c_3(1 + g(w)) \leq 2(c_3 + 1)(g^2(w) + 1).$$

Hence,

$$f''(w) \leq 2(c_3 + 1)(g^2(w) + 1)(f(w) + 1).$$

By (4.19) and (4.49), we have

$$\sup_{|u| \leq \delta} |f''(w+u)| \leq \mu_3(g^2(w) + 1)(f(w) + 1),$$

where $\mu_3 = 2c_2^2(c_3 + 1)(\mu_1^2 + 1)\mu_2$. This completes the proof of Lemma 4.8. \square

We now give the proofs of Lemmas 4.4 and 4.5.

Proof of Lemma 4.4. We first prove (4.23). Without loss of generality, we consider only the case where $\tau \geq 2$. As $\delta|g(W)| \leq d_1$, we have $E|g(W)|^\tau < \infty$. To bound $E|g(W)|^\tau$, without loss of generality, we consider only $Eg^\tau(W)I(W \geq 0)$. Let $g_+(w) := g(w)I(w \geq 0)$. As $g(0) = 0$ and g is differentiable, we find that $g_+(w)$ is absolutely continuous. By (2.1), we have

$$\begin{aligned} Eg^\tau(W)I(W \geq 0) &= Eg(W) \cdot g_+^{\tau-1}(W) \\ &= (\tau-1) E \int_{|u| \leq \delta} g_+^{\tau-2}(W+u)g'(W+u)I(W+u \geq 0)\hat{K}(u)du \\ &\quad + ER(W)g_+^{\tau-1}(W) \\ &:= Q_1 + Q_2, \end{aligned} \tag{4.51}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} Q_1 &= (\tau-1) E \int_{|u| \leq \delta} g_+^{\tau-2}(W+u)g'(W+u)I(W+u \geq 0)\hat{K}(u)du, \\ Q_2 &= ER(W)g_+^{\tau-1}(W). \end{aligned}$$

The following inequality is well known: for any $a > 0, x, y \geq 0$ and $\tau > 1$

$$x^{\tau-1}y \leq \frac{\tau-1}{a\tau}x^\tau + \frac{a^{\tau-1}}{\tau}y^\tau. \tag{4.52}$$

For the first term Q_1 , by (2.6), we have

$$g'(w+u) \leq c_3(1 + |g(w+u)|).$$

Thus, for $w+u \geq 0$,

$$\begin{aligned} &\sup_{|u| \leq \delta} g_+^{\tau-2}(w+u)g'(w+u) \\ &\leq c_3 \sup_{|u| \leq \delta} (g_+^{\tau-1}(w+u) + g_+^{\tau-2}(w+u)) \\ &\leq 2c_3 \sup_{|u| \leq \delta} (g_+^{\tau-1}(w+u) + 1) \\ &\leq \frac{1-\alpha}{8 \times (2c_2)^\tau d_0(\tau-1)} \sup_{|u| \leq \delta} |g(w+u)|^\tau + D_{1,0}, \end{aligned}$$

where we use (4.52) in the last inequality. Here and in the sequel, $D_{1,0}$, $D_{2,0}$, etc. denote constants depending on $c_2, c_3, d_0, d_1, \mu_1, \alpha$ and τ . By (4.19), we have

$$\sup_{|u| \leq \delta} |g(w+u)|^\tau \leq (2c_2)^\tau (|g(w)|^\tau + \mu_1^\tau).$$

Then, by (2.9), we have

$$Q_1 \leq \frac{1-\alpha}{8} \mathbb{E}|g(W)|^\tau + D_{2,0}. \quad (4.53)$$

For Q_2 , by (2.11) and using (4.52) again, we have

$$Q_2 \leq \alpha \mathbb{E}g_+^\tau(W) + \frac{1-\alpha}{4} \mathbb{E}g_+^\tau(W) + \left(\frac{4}{1-\alpha}\right)^{\tau-1}. \quad (4.54)$$

Hence, by (4.51), (4.53) and (4.54), we have

$$\mathbb{E}g_+^\tau(W) \leq \frac{1}{6} \mathbb{E}|g(W)|^\tau + D_{3,0}.$$

Similarly, we have

$$\mathbb{E}g_-^\tau(W) \leq \frac{1}{6} \mathbb{E}|g(W)|^\tau + D_{4,0}.$$

Combining the two foregoing inequalities yields (4.23).

As to (4.24) and (4.25), we first consider the case $\tau \geq 2$. Write $f(w) := f(w, s)$. By (2.1) and (4.47), we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbb{E}(g(W)^\tau f(W)) \\ &= \mathbb{E} \int_{|u| \leq \delta} g^\tau(W+u) e^{G(W+u)} I(0 \leq W+u \leq s) \hat{K}(u) du \\ & \quad + \mathbb{E} \int_{|u| \leq \delta} g^{\tau-1}(W+u) (g(W+u) - g(W+u-s)) \\ & \quad \quad \times e^{G(W+u)-G(W+u-s)} I(W+u > s) \hat{K}(u) du \\ & \quad + (\tau-1) \mathbb{E} \int_{|u| \leq \delta} g^{\tau-2}(W+u) g'(W+u) f(W+u) \hat{K}(u) du \\ & \quad + \mathbb{E} R(W) g^{\tau-1}(W) f(W) \\ &:= M_1 + M_2 + M_3 + M_4, \end{aligned} \quad (4.55)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} M_1 &= \mathbb{E} \int_{|u| \leq \delta} g^\tau(W+u) e^{G(W+u)} I(0 \leq W+u \leq s) \hat{K}(u) du, \\ M_2 &= \mathbb{E} \int_{|u| \leq \delta} g^{\tau-1}(W+u) (g(W+u) - g(W+u-s)) \\ & \quad \times e^{G(W+u)-G(W+u-s)} I(W+u > s) \hat{K}(u) du, \\ M_3 &= (\tau-1) \mathbb{E} \int_{|u| \leq \delta} g^{\tau-2}(W+u) g'(W+u) f(W+u) \hat{K}(u) du, \\ M_4 &= \mathbb{E} R(W) g^{\tau-1}(W) f(W). \end{aligned} \quad (4.56)$$

We next give the bounds of M_1, M_2, M_3 and M_4 . For M_1 , by (2.9) and (4.49) and noting that g is nondecreasing, we have

$$\begin{aligned} M_1 &\leq d_0 g^\tau(s) \mathbb{E} \sup_{|u| \leq \delta} (f(W+u) + 1) I(0 \leq W+u \leq s) \\ &\leq d_0 \mu_2 g^\tau(s) \mathbb{E}(f(W) + 1). \end{aligned} \quad (4.57)$$

To bound M_2 , we first give the bound of $g(W+u)$ and $g(W+u) - g(W+u-s)$ for $|u| \leq \delta$. By (4.19), we have

$$\sup_{|u| \leq \delta} |g(W+u)| \leq c_2(|g(W)| + \mu_1). \quad (4.58)$$

Furthermore, by (4.20), for $w+u > s$, there exists a constant D_1 depending on $c_2, c_3, d_0, d_1, \mu_1, \alpha$ and τ such that

$$\begin{aligned} &\sup_{|u| \leq \delta} |g(w+u) - g(w+u-s)| \\ &\leq \frac{1-\alpha}{2^{\tau+3} d_0 \mu_2 c_2^\tau} \sup_{|u| \leq \delta} |g(w+u)| + D_1(g(s) + 1). \end{aligned} \quad (4.59)$$

By (4.52), (4.58) and (4.59), we have

$$\begin{aligned} &\sup_{|u| \leq \delta} |g(W+u)^{\tau-1} (g(W+u) - g(W+u-s))| \\ &\leq \left(\frac{1-\alpha}{2^{\tau+3} d_0 \mu_2 c_2^\tau} \sup_{|u| \leq \delta} |g(W+u)| + D_1(g(s) + 1) \right) \sup_{|u| \leq \delta} |g(W+u)|^{\tau-1} \\ &\leq \frac{1-\alpha}{2^{\tau+2} d_0 \mu_2 c_2^\tau} \sup_{|u| \leq \delta} |g(W+u)|^\tau + \frac{2^{\tau+3} d_0 \mu_2 c_2^\tau}{\tau(1-\alpha)} \times D_1^\tau (1+g(s))^\tau \\ &\leq \frac{1-\alpha}{4d_0 \mu_2} (|g(W)|^\tau + \mu_1^\tau) + \frac{2^{\tau+3} d_0 \mu_2 c_2^\tau}{\tau(1-\alpha)} \times D_1^\tau (1+g(s))^\tau \\ &\leq \frac{1-\alpha}{4d_0 \mu_2} |g(W)|^\tau + D_2(1+g^\tau(s)), \end{aligned}$$

where

$$D_2 = \frac{2^{2\tau+3} d_0 \mu_2 c_2^\tau}{\tau(1-\alpha)} \times D_1^\tau + \frac{(1-\alpha)\mu_1^\tau}{4d_0 \mu_2}.$$

By (2.9) and (4.49), we have

$$\begin{aligned} M_2 &\leq \frac{1-\alpha}{4} \mathbb{E}|g(W)|^\tau (f(W) + 1) \\ &\quad + d_0 \mu_2 D_2 (1+g^\tau(s)) \mathbb{E}(f(W) + 1). \end{aligned} \quad (4.60)$$

For M_3 , by Lemma 4.3 and similar to M_2 , we have

$$M_3 \leq \frac{1-\alpha}{4} \mathbb{E}|g(W)|^\tau (f(W) + 1) + D_3(1 + g^\tau(s)) \mathbb{E}(f(W) + 1), \quad (4.61)$$

where D_3 is a finite constant depending on $c_2, c_3, d_0, d_1, \mu_1, \alpha$ and τ .

For M_4 , by (2.11) and (4.52), we have

$$\begin{aligned} M_4 &\leq \alpha \mathbb{E}|g(W)|^\tau f(W) + \alpha \mathbb{E}|g(W)|^{\tau-1} f(W) \\ &\leq \left(\alpha + \frac{1-\alpha}{4}\right) \mathbb{E}|g(W)|^\tau f(W) + \left(\frac{4\alpha}{1-\alpha}\right)^{\tau-1} \mathbb{E}f(W). \end{aligned} \quad (4.62)$$

By (4.55), (4.57) and (4.60)–(4.62), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}|g(W)|^\tau f(W) &\leq \left(\alpha + \frac{3(1-\alpha)}{4}\right) \mathbb{E}|g(W)|^\tau f(W) \\ &\quad + (D_4 + \mathbb{E}|g(W)|^\tau)(1 + g^\tau(s)) \mathbb{E}(f(W) + 1), \end{aligned}$$

where D_4 is a constant depending on $c_2, c_3, d_0, d_1, \mu_1, \alpha$ and τ . Rearranging the inequality gives

$$\mathbb{E}|g(W)|^\tau f(W) \leq \frac{4(D_4 + \mathbb{E}|g(W)|^\tau)}{1-\alpha} (1 + g^\tau(s)) \mathbb{E}(f(W) + 1). \quad (4.63)$$

Combining (4.23) and (4.63), we have

$$\mathbb{E}|g(W)|^\tau (f(W) + 1) \leq D_5(1 + g^\tau(s)) \mathbb{E}(f(W) + 1), \quad (4.64)$$

where D_5 is a constant depending on $c_2, c_3, d_0, d_1, \mu_1, \alpha$ and τ . This proves (4.24) and (4.25) for $\tau \geq 2$.

For $0 \leq \tau < 2$ with $\mathbb{E}|g(W)|^2 < \infty$. By the Cauchy inequality, we have

$$(1 + g^{2-\tau}(s))|g(w)|^\tau \leq 1 + g^2(s) + 2g^2(w).$$

Recalling that for $s > 0$ and $g(s) > 0$,

$$|g(w)|^\tau \leq g^\tau(s) + \frac{1 + 2g^2(w)}{1 + g^{2-\tau}(s)}. \quad (4.65)$$

By (4.64) with $\tau = 2$, we have

$$\mathbb{E}|g(W)|^2 (f(W) + 1) \leq D_6(1 + g^2(s)) \mathbb{E}(f(W) + 1), \quad (4.66)$$

where D_6 is a constant depending on $c_2, c_3, d_0, d_1, \mu_1, \alpha$ and τ .

Thus, for $0 \leq \tau < 2$, by (4.65) and (4.66), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}|g(W)|^\tau(f(W) + 1) &\leq g^\tau(s) \mathbb{E}(f(W) + 1) \\ &\quad + \frac{\mathbb{E}(f(W) + 1) + 2\mathbb{E}g^2(W)(f(W) + 1)}{1 + g^{2-\tau}(s)} \\ &\leq D_7(1 + g^\tau(s)) \mathbb{E}(f(W) + 1), \end{aligned}$$

where D_7 is a constant depending on $c_2, c_3, d_0, d_1, \mu_1, \alpha$ and τ . This completes the proof together with (4.64). \square

Proof of Lemma 4.5. Let $h(s) = \mathbb{E}f(W, s)$ and let $f(W) := f(W, s)$. By (4.47) and (4.48), for $s > 0$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} h'(s) &= \mathbb{E}\left(e^{G(W)-G(W-s)}g(W-s)I(W > s)\right) \\ &= \mathbb{E}(f(W)g(W)) + \mathbb{E}(g(W)I(W > 0)) - \mathbb{E}(f'(W)). \end{aligned}$$

We first show that $h'(s)$ can be bounded by a function of $h(s)$. We then solve the differential inequality to obtain the bound of $h(s)$, using an idea similar to that in the proof of Lemma 4.4.

By (2.1), we have

$$\begin{aligned} &\mathbb{E}(f(W)g(W)) - \mathbb{E}(f'(W)) \\ &= \mathbb{E}\left(\int_{|u| \leq \delta} (f'(W+u) - f'(W))\hat{K}(u)du\right) \\ &\quad + \mathbb{E}(f'(W)(1 - \mathbb{E}(\hat{K}_1|W))) + \mathbb{E}(f(W)R(W)) \\ &:= T_1 + T_2 + T_3, \end{aligned} \tag{4.67}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} T_1 &= \mathbb{E}\left(\int_{|u| \leq \delta} (f'(W+u) - f'(W))\hat{K}(u)du\right), \\ T_2 &= \mathbb{E}f'(W)(1 - \mathbb{E}(\hat{K}_1|W)), \\ T_3 &= \mathbb{E}(f(W)R(W)). \end{aligned}$$

We next give the bounds of T_1, T_2 and T_3 .

i). The bound of T_1 . By (4.50), we have

$$\begin{aligned} &\sup_{|u| \leq \delta} |f'(w+u) - f'(w)| \\ &\leq \delta \sup_{|u| \leq \delta} |f''(w+u)| \\ &\leq \delta \mu_3(g^2(w) + 1)(f(w) + 1). \end{aligned}$$

By (2.9), we have

$$\begin{aligned} |T_1| &\leq \delta d_0 \mu_3 \mathbb{E}(g^2(W) + 1)(f(W) + 1) \\ &\leq D_8 \delta (1 + g^2(s)) \mathbb{E}(f(W) + 1), \end{aligned} \quad (4.68)$$

where D_8 is a constant depending on $c_2, c_3, d_0, d_1, \mu_1$ and α .

ii). The bound of T_2 . By (2.7) and Lemma 4.4, we have

$$\begin{aligned} |T_2| &\leq \delta_1 \mathbb{E}(|g(W)|(|g(W)|^{\tau_1} + 1)(f(W) + 1)) \\ &\leq 2\delta_1 \mathbb{E}(|g(W)|^{\tau_1+1} + 1)(f(W) + 1) \\ &\leq D_9 \delta_1 (1 + g^{\tau_1+1}(s)) \mathbb{E}(f(W) + 1), \end{aligned} \quad (4.69)$$

where D_9 is a constant depending on $c_2, c_3, d_0, d_1, \mu_1, \tau_1$ and α .

iii). The bound of T_3 . For T_3 , by (2.8) and Lemma 4.4, we have

$$\begin{aligned} T_3 &\leq \delta_2 \mathbb{E}(|g(W)|^{\tau_2} + 1)f(W) \\ &\leq D_{10} \delta_2 (1 + g^{\tau_2}(s)) \mathbb{E}(f(W) + 1), \end{aligned} \quad (4.70)$$

where D_{10} is a constant depending on $c_2, c_3, d_0, d_1, \mu_1, \tau_2$ and α .

By (4.23), we have

$$\mathbb{E}g(W)I(W > 0) \leq D_{11}, \quad (4.71)$$

where D_{11} is a constant depending on $c_2, c_3, d_0, d_1, \mu_1$ and α . By (4.67)–(4.71), we have

$$\begin{aligned} h'(s) &\leq D_{11} + D_{12}(\delta(1 + g^2(s)) + \delta_1(1 + g^{\tau_1+1}(s)) + \delta_2(1 + g^{\tau_2}(s))) \\ &\quad \times \mathbb{E}(f(W) + 1), \end{aligned}$$

where $D_{12} = \max(D_8, D_9, D_{10})$. Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} h'(s) &\leq D_{12}(\delta(1 + g^2(s)) + \delta_1(1 + g^{\tau_1+1}(s)) + \delta_2(1 + g^{\tau_2}(s)))h(s) \\ &\quad + D_{11} + D_{12}(\delta(1 + g^2(s)) + \delta_1(1 + g^{\tau_1+1}(s)) + \delta_2(1 + g^{\tau_2}(s))), \end{aligned}$$

By solving the differential inequality and given that $s + sg^\tau(s) \leq 1 + (1 + g^{-\tau}(1))sg^\tau(s)$ for $\tau > 0$ and $s \geq 0$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}(f(W) + 1) &\leq C_1(1 + s) \exp \left\{ C_2 \left(\delta(1 + sg^2(s)) + \delta_1(1 + sg^{\tau_1+1}(s)) \right. \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. + \delta_2(1 + sg^{\tau_2}(s)) \right) \right\}, \end{aligned}$$

where C_1 and C_2 are constants depending on $c_2, c_3, d_0, d_1, \mu_1, \tau_1, \tau_2$ and α . This completes the proof. \square

4.6. Proof of Lemmas 4.6 and 4.7

Proof of Lemma 4.6. Our first step is to prove (4.27). By (4.4), we have

$$f_z(w)g(w) = \begin{cases} \frac{F(w)g(w)(1-F(z))}{p(w)}, & w \leq z, \\ \frac{F(z)g(w)(1-F(w))}{p(w)}, & w > z. \end{cases} \quad (4.72)$$

Without loss of generality, we must consider only three case when $z > 0$:

1. $w \leq 0$: By (4.2),

$$|f_z(w)g(w)| \leq 1 - F(z).$$

2. $0 \leq w \leq z$: Since $w \leq z$, $1 - F(z) \leq 1 - F(w)$, thus by (4.1),

$$|f_z(w)g(w)| \leq \frac{F(w)|g(w)|(1 - F(w))}{p(w)} \leq F(w) \leq F(z).$$

3. $w > z$: By (4.1),

$$|f_z(w)g(w)| \leq F(z).$$

We can have a similar argument when $z \leq 0$, which completes the proof of (4.27). Additionally, (4.28) can be shown similarly. (4.29) follows directly from (4.3) and (4.27). \square

Proof of Lemma 4.7. By (4.4),

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbb{E}(f_z(W)|g(W)|^\tau) \\ &= F(z) \mathbb{E} \left(\frac{1 - F(W)}{p(W)} |g(W)|^\tau I(W > z) \right) \\ & \quad + (1 - F(z)) \mathbb{E} \left(\frac{F(W)}{p(W)} |g(W)|^\tau I(W < 0) \right) \\ & \quad + (1 - F(z)) \mathbb{E} \left(\frac{F(W)}{p(W)} |g(W)|^\tau I(0 \leq W \leq z) \right) \\ &:= T_4 + T_5 + T_6. \end{aligned}$$

i). For T_4 , we first consider the case when $\tau \geq 1$. As $g(w)$ is increasing, $e^{G(w)-G(w-z)}$ is also increasing with respect to w ; thus,

$$I(W > z) \leq \frac{e^{G(W)-G(W-z)} I(W > z)}{e^{G(z)}}.$$

By Lemma 4.5, we have $\max(\delta, \delta_1, \delta_2) \leq 1$ and z , satisfying that $\delta z g^2(z) + \delta_1 z g^{\tau_1+1}(z) + \delta_2 z g^{\tau_2}(z) \leq 1$,

$$\mathbb{E}(f(W, z) + 1) \leq C(1 + z).$$

Hence, by (4.1) and Lemma 4.4, we have

$$\begin{aligned} T_4 &\leq C e^{-G(z)} \mathbb{E}|g(W)|^{\tau-1} e^{G(W)-G(W-z)} I(W > z) \\ &\leq C e^{-G(z)} (1 + g^{\tau-1}(z)) \mathbb{E}(f(W, z) + 1) \\ &\leq C e^{-G(z)} (1 + z g^{\tau-1}(z)) \\ &\leq C(1 + z g^\tau(z))(1 - F(z)), \end{aligned} \tag{4.73}$$

for $\max(\delta, \delta_1, \delta_2) \leq 1$ and z , satisfying that $\delta z g^2(z) + \delta_1 z g^{\tau_1+1}(z) + \delta_2 z g^{\tau_2}(z) \leq 1$. If $0 \leq \tau < 1$, then $g^\tau(w) \leq 2(1 + g(w))/(1 + g^{1-\tau}(z))$ for $w > z$. Therefore, (4.73) also holds for $0 \leq \tau < 1$.

ii). As to T_5 , because $F(w)/p(w) \leq 1/c_1$ for $w \leq 0$,

$$T_5 \leq (1 - F(z)) \mathbb{E}|g(W)|^\tau I(W < 0).$$

By (4.23), we have

$$T_5 \leq C(1 - F(z)) \tag{4.74}$$

for some constant C .

iii). We now bound T_6 . By Lemmas 4.4 and 4.5,

$$\begin{aligned} T_6 &\leq C(1 - F(z)) \mathbb{E} e^{G(W)} |g(W)|^\tau I(0 \leq W \leq z) \\ &\leq C(1 - F(z))(1 + g^\tau(z)) \mathbb{E} e^{G(W)} I(0 \leq W \leq z) \\ &\leq C(1 - F(z))(1 + z g^\tau(z)). \end{aligned} \tag{4.75}$$

By (4.73)–(4.75), we have

$$\mathbb{E}(f_z(W) |g(W)|^\tau) \leq C(1 + z g^\tau(z))(1 - F(z)),$$

which completes the proof. \square

4.7. Proof of Remark 2.1

In this subsection, we assume that the condition (2.7) in Theorem 2.1 is replaced by (2.15)–(2.17), then the result of Remark 2.1 follows from the proof of Theorem 2.1, Propositions 4.1–4.2 and the following proposition:

Proposition 4.3. *Assume that the condition (2.7) in Theorem 2.1 is replaced by (2.15)–(2.17), then (4.9) and (4.10) hold.*

Proof of Proposition 4.3. Following the proof of Proposition 4.2, it suffices to prove the following inequalities:

$$\mathbb{E}|K_2| \leq \delta_1, \quad (4.76)$$

and for $z > 0$ such that $\delta z g^2(z) + \delta_1 z g^{\tau_1+1}(z) + \delta_2 z g^{\tau_2}(z) \leq 1$,

$$\mathbb{E}|f_z(W)g(W)K_2| \leq C\delta_1(1 + zg^{\tau_1+1}(z))(1 - F(z)), \quad (4.77)$$

$$\mathbb{E}|K_2|I(W > z) \leq C\delta_1(1 + zg^{\tau_1+1}(z))(1 - F(z)). \quad (4.78)$$

For (4.76), by (2.17) with $s = 0$, noting that $\zeta(W, 0) \equiv 1$ and $g(0) = 0$, we have (4.76) holds.

For (4.77), by the definition of f_z , and noting that $\|f_z g\| \leq 1$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}|f_z(W)g(W)K_2| &\leq (1 - F(z)) \mathbb{E}|K_2|I(W < 0) \\ &\quad + (1 - F(z)) \mathbb{E}|K_2|g(W)e^{G(W)}I(0 \leq W \leq z) \\ &\quad + \mathbb{E}|K_2|I(W > z) \\ &:= T_7 + T_8 + T_9, \end{aligned} \quad (4.79)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} T_7 &= (1 - F(z)) \mathbb{E}|K_2|I(W < 0), \\ T_8 &= (1 - F(z)) \mathbb{E}|K_2|g(W)e^{G(W)}I(0 \leq W \leq z), \\ T_9 &= \mathbb{E}|K_2|I(W > z). \end{aligned}$$

For T_7 , by (4.76), we have

$$T_7 \leq \delta_1(1 - F(z)). \quad (4.80)$$

For T_8 , by the monotonicity of $g(\cdot)$ and by (2.17) and Lemma 4.5, we have

$$\begin{aligned} T_8 &\leq (1 - F(z))g(z) \mathbb{E}|K_2|\zeta(W, z) \\ &\leq \delta_1(1 - F(z))(1 + g(z)^{\tau_1+1}) \mathbb{E}\zeta(W, s) \\ &\leq C\delta_1(1 + zg^{\tau_1+1}(z))(1 - F(z)). \end{aligned} \quad (4.81)$$

For T_9 , by the Chebyshev inequality, by (2.17) and Lemmas 4.1 and 4.5, we have

$$\begin{aligned} T_9 &\leq e^{-G(z)} \mathbb{E}|K_2|\zeta(W, z)I(W > z) \\ &\leq C\delta_1(1 + zg^{\tau_1}(z))e^{-G(z)} \\ &\leq C\delta_1(1 + zg^{\tau_1+1}(z))(1 - F(z)). \end{aligned} \quad (4.82)$$

The inequality (4.77) follows from (4.79)–(4.82) while (4.78) follows from (4.82). This completes the proof. \square

4.8. Proof of Remark 2.2

In this subsection, we assume that the condition (2.11) is replaced by (2.18) and (2.19). The conclusion of Remark 2.2 follows from the proof of Theorem 2.1 and the following lemma.

Lemma 4.9. *Let the conditions in Remark 2.2 be satisfied. Furthermore, $0 < \delta \leq 1$, and $s > 0$ such that $\delta s g^2(s) \leq 1$. For $0 \leq \tau \leq \max\{2, \tau_1 + 1, \tau_2\}$, inequalities (4.23)–(4.25) hold.*

Proof. Recall that $s_0 = \max\{s : \delta s g^2(s) \leq 1\}$ and $\delta \leq 1$. We have

$$s_0 \geq s_1 \quad \text{and} \quad \delta s_1 g^2(s_1) = 1.$$

Following the proof of Lemma 4.4, it suffices to prove the following two inequalities.

For Q_2 defined in (4.51),

$$Q_2 \leq \left(\alpha + \frac{1-\alpha}{4} \right) \text{E} g_+^\tau(W) + C, \quad (4.83)$$

and for M_4 defined in (4.56),

$$M_4 \leq \left(\alpha + \frac{1-\alpha}{4} \right) \text{E} |g(W)|^\tau f(W) + \left(\frac{4\alpha}{1-\alpha} \right)^{\tau-1} \text{E} f(W) + C. \quad (4.84)$$

For Q_2 , by (2.18) and similar to (4.54), we have

$$Q_2 \leq \left(\alpha + \frac{1-\alpha}{4} \right) \text{E} g_+^\tau(W) + \left(\frac{4}{1-\alpha} \right)^{\tau-1} + d_2 \text{E} g_+^\tau(W) I(W > \kappa).$$

For the last term, by (2.10) and (2.19) and noting that $0 \leq \tau \leq \max\{2, \tau_1 + 1, \tau_2\}$, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} d_2 \text{E} g_+^\tau(W) I(W > \kappa) &\leq d_1^{-\tau} d_2 \delta^{-\tau} \text{P}(W > \kappa) \\ &\leq d_1^{-\tau} d_3 \delta^{-\tau} \exp(-2s_0 d_1^{-1} \delta^{-1}) \\ &\leq d_1^{-\tau} d_3 \sup_{\delta > 0} \delta^{-\tau} \exp(-2s_1 d^{-1} \delta^{-1}) \\ &= d_3 \left(\frac{\tau}{2s_1} \right)^\tau e^{-\tau}, \end{aligned} \quad (4.85)$$

where the equality holds when $\delta = 2s_1/(d_1\tau)$. The inequality (4.83) follows from (4.54) and (4.85).

As to M_4 , by (2.18), we have

$$\begin{aligned} M_4 &\leq \left(\alpha + \frac{1-\alpha}{4}\right) \mathbb{E}|g(W)|^\tau f(W) + \left(\frac{4\alpha}{1-\alpha}\right)^{\tau-1} \mathbb{E}f(W) \\ &\quad + d_2 \mathbb{E}|g^\tau(W)| e^{G(W)-G(W-s)} I(W > \kappa). \end{aligned}$$

For the last term, by (2.10) and (2.19) and noting that $g(\cdot)$ is nondecreasing and $s \leq s_0$, similar to (4.85), we have

$$\begin{aligned} &d_2 \mathbb{E}|g^\tau(W)| e^{G(W)-G(W-s)} I(W > \kappa) \\ &\leq d_1^{-\tau} d_2 \delta^{-\tau} e^{s d_1^{-1} \delta^{-1}} \mathbb{P}(W > \kappa) \\ &\leq d_1^{-\tau} d_3 \delta^{-\tau} e^{-s_0 d_1^{-1} \delta^{-1}} \\ &\leq d_1^{-\tau} d_3 \sup_{\delta > 0} \delta^{-\tau} e^{-s_1 d_1^{-1} \delta^{-1}} \\ &= d_3 \left(\frac{\tau}{s_1}\right)^\tau e^{-\tau}, \end{aligned} \tag{4.86}$$

where the equality holds when $\delta = s_1/(d_1\tau)$. Combining (4.62) and (4.86), inequality (4.84) holds. Following the proof of Lemma 4.4 and replacing (4.54) and (4.62) with (4.83) and (4.84), respectively, we complete the proof of Lemma 4.9. \square

5. Proofs of Theorems 3.1–3.2

5.1. Proof of Theorem 3.1

In this section, we use Remarks 2.1 and 2.2 to prove the result.

We first prove some preliminary lemmas.

Lemma 5.1. *Let $\xi \sim \rho$, for $s \in \mathbb{R}$, define*

$$\psi_n(s) = \frac{\mathbb{E}(\xi e^{\frac{\xi^2}{2n} + \xi s})}{\mathbb{E}(e^{\frac{\xi^2}{2n} + \xi s})}, \quad \psi_\infty(s) = \frac{\mathbb{E}(\xi e^{\xi s})}{\mathbb{E}(e^{\xi s})},$$

and

$$\phi_n(s) = \frac{\mathbb{E}(\xi^2 e^{\frac{\xi^2}{2n} + \xi s})}{\mathbb{E}(e^{\frac{\xi^2}{2n} + \xi s})}, \quad \phi_\infty(s) = \frac{\mathbb{E}(\xi^2 e^{\xi s})}{\mathbb{E}(e^{\xi s})}.$$

Let $m = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$ and $m_i = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j \neq i} X_j$. We have for each $1 \leq i \leq n$,

$$|\psi_\infty(m) - \psi_n(m_i)| \leq Cn^{-1}, \quad (5.1)$$

$$|\phi_\infty(m) - \phi_n(m_i)| \leq Cn^{-1}, \quad (5.2)$$

where C is a positive constant depending only on L .

Proof of Lemma 5.1. Recall that $|\xi| \leq L$ and observe that

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \mathbb{E} \left(\xi \left(e^{\frac{\xi^2}{2n} + \xi s} - e^{\xi s} \right) \right) \right| &\leq \frac{1}{2n} \mathbb{E} |\xi|^3 e^{\frac{\xi^2}{2n} + \xi s} \leq \frac{L^3}{2n} e^{L^2/2} \mathbb{E} e^{\xi s}, \\ \left| \mathbb{E} \left(e^{\frac{\xi^2}{2n} + \xi s} - e^{\xi s} \right) \right| &\leq \frac{1}{2n} \mathbb{E} |\xi|^2 e^{\frac{\xi^2}{2n} + \xi s} \leq \frac{L^2}{2n} e^{L^2/2} \mathbb{E} e^{\xi s}, \\ |\mathbb{E} \xi e^{\xi s}| &\leq L \mathbb{E} e^{\xi s}, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\mathbb{E}(e^{\frac{\xi^2}{2n} + \xi s}) \geq \mathbb{E} e^{\xi s}.$$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} |\psi_n(s) - \psi_\infty(s)| &\leq \frac{|\mathbb{E} e^{\xi s}| \times \left| \mathbb{E} \xi e^{\frac{\xi^2}{2n} + \xi s} - \mathbb{E} \xi e^{\xi s} \right|}{\mathbb{E} e^{\frac{\xi^2}{2n} + \xi s} \mathbb{E} e^{\xi s}} \\ &\quad + \frac{|\mathbb{E} \xi e^{\xi s}| \times \left| \mathbb{E} e^{\frac{\xi^2}{2n} + \xi s} - \mathbb{E} e^{\xi s} \right|}{\mathbb{E} e^{\frac{\xi^2}{2n} + \xi s} \mathbb{E} e^{\xi s}} \\ &\leq Cn^{-1}, \end{aligned} \quad (5.3)$$

where $C > 0$ depends only on L . Moreover,

$$\psi'_\infty(s) = \frac{\mathbb{E}(\xi^2 e^{\xi s})}{\mathbb{E}(e^{\xi s})} - \left\{ \frac{\mathbb{E}(\xi e^{\xi s})}{\mathbb{E}(e^{\xi s})} \right\}^2.$$

Recalling that $|\xi| \leq L$, $|X_i| \leq L$ and $|m - m_i| \leq L/n$, and using the fact that

$$\sup_{|s| \leq L} |\psi'_\infty(s)| \leq L^2,$$

we have

$$|\psi'_\infty(m) - \psi'_\infty(m_i)| \leq L^3 n^{-1}. \quad (5.4)$$

Following (5.3) and (5.4), the inequality (5.1) holds.

A similar argument implies that (5.2) holds as well. \square

Lemma 5.2. *Let $G(w) = h^{(2k)}(0)w^{2k}/(2k)!$, $W = n^{-1+\frac{1}{2k}} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$, and*

$$\zeta(W, s) = \begin{cases} e^{G(W)-G(W-s)}, & W > s, \\ e^{G(W)}, & 0 \leq W \leq s, \\ 1, & W < 0. \end{cases}$$

Suppose (2.9), (2.10), (2.18) and (2.19) are satisfied. Then, we have

$$\mathbb{E} \left| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \left(X_i^2 - \mathbb{E}(X_i^2 \mid \mathcal{F}^{(i)}) \right) \right| \zeta(W, s) \leq C n^{-1/k} (1 + |s|^2) \mathbb{E} \zeta(W, s), \quad (5.5)$$

where C is a positive constant depending only on ρ .

Proof of Lemma 5.2. In this proof, we denote C by a general positive constant depending only on ρ . Set $\mathcal{F} = \sigma\{X_1, \dots, X_n\}$. For any $1 \leq i, j \leq n$, define

$$\mathcal{F}^{(i)} = \sigma(\{X_k, k \neq i\}) \quad \mathcal{F}^{(i,j)} = \sigma(\{X_k, k \neq i, j\}).$$

By the Cauchy inequality, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbb{E} \left| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \left(X_i^2 - \mathbb{E}(X_i^2 \mid \mathcal{F}^{(i)}) \right) \right| \zeta(W, s) \\ & \leq \left(\mathbb{E} \left| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \left(X_i^2 - \mathbb{E}(X_i^2 \mid \mathcal{F}^{(i)}) \right) \right|^2 \zeta(W, s) \times \mathbb{E} \zeta(W, s) \right)^{1/2}. \end{aligned} \quad (5.6)$$

Expand the square term, and we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \mathbb{E} \left| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \left(X_i^2 - \mathbb{E}(X_i^2 \mid \mathcal{F}^{(i)}) \right) \right|^2 \zeta(W, s) \\
 &= \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{E} \{ (X_i^2 - \mathbb{E}(X_i^2 \mid \mathcal{F}^{(i)}))^2 \zeta(W, s) \} \\
 & \quad + \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{i \neq j} \mathbb{E} \{ (X_i^2 - \mathbb{E}(X_i^2 \mid \mathcal{F}^{(i)})) (X_j^2 - \mathbb{E}(X_j^2 \mid \mathcal{F}^{(j)})) \zeta(W, s) \} \\
 &:= H_1 + H_2,
 \end{aligned} \tag{5.7}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
 H_1 &= \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{E} \{ (X_i^2 - \mathbb{E}(X_i^2 \mid \mathcal{F}^{(i)}))^2 \zeta(W, s) \}, \\
 H_2 &= \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{i \neq j} \mathbb{E} \{ (X_i^2 - \mathbb{E}(X_i^2 \mid \mathcal{F}^{(i)})) (X_j^2 - \mathbb{E}(X_j^2 \mid \mathcal{F}^{(j)})) \zeta(W, s) \}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Recalling that $|X_i| \leq L$, we have

$$H_1 \leq 4L^4 n^{-1} \mathbb{E} \zeta(W, s). \tag{5.8}$$

As for H_2 , we first introduce some notations. For $i \neq j$, let $\mathbb{E}^{(i,j)}$ denote the conditional expectation given $\mathcal{F}^{(i,j)}$. Note that

$$\mathbb{E}^{(i,j)}(X_i^2) = \frac{\iint x^2 \exp\left(\frac{1}{2n}(x+y)^2 + (x+y)m_{ij}\right) d\rho(x) d\rho(y)}{\iint \exp\left(\frac{1}{2n}(x+y)^2 + (x+y)m_{ij}\right) d\rho(x) d\rho(y)},$$

where $m_{ij} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k \neq i,j} X_k$. Similar to Lemma 5.1, we have for any $i \neq j$,

$$\left| \mathbb{E}(X_i^2 \mid \mathcal{F}^{(i)}) - \mathbb{E}^{(i,j)}(X_i^2) \right| \leq Cn^{-1}, \tag{5.9}$$

where $C > 0$ depends only on L . Define

$$H_3 = \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{i \neq j} \mathbb{E} \{ (X_i^2 - \mathbb{E}^{(i,j)}(X_i^2)) (X_j^2 - \mathbb{E}^{(i,j)}(X_j^2)) \zeta(W, s) \}, \tag{5.10}$$

and then by (5.9) and (5.10), we have

$$|H_2 - H_3| \leq Cn^{-1} \mathbb{E} \zeta(W, s). \tag{5.11}$$

We now move to give the bound of H_3 . Define

$$W^{(i,j)} = W - n^{-1+\frac{1}{2k}}(X_i + X_j).$$

Let

$$q(w, s) = \begin{cases} G(w) - G(w - s), & w > s, \\ G(w), & 0 \leq w \leq s, \\ 0, & w < 0, \end{cases}$$

and then $q(w, s) = \log \zeta(w, s)$ and $q'(w)$ is continuous on \mathbb{R} . Therefore, by the Taylor expansion, we have

$$\begin{aligned} q(W) - q(W^{(i,j)}) &= (W - W^{(i,j)})q'(W^{(i,j)}) \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2}(W - W^{(i,j)})^2 q''(w_0), \end{aligned} \quad (5.12)$$

where w_0 belongs to either $(W, W^{(i,j)})$ or $(W^{(i,j)}, W)$. Note that $G(w) = Cw^{2k}$ for some constant C , $|W| \leq Ln^{\frac{1}{2k}}$ and $|W - W^{(i,j)}| \leq 2Ln^{-1+\frac{1}{2k}}$. By the definition of q , we have

$$\begin{aligned} &\left| (W - W^{(i,j)})q'(W^{(i,j)}) \right| \\ &\leq Cn^{-1+\frac{1}{2k}} |W^{(i,j)}|^{2k-1} \\ &\leq Cn^{-1+\frac{1}{2k}} (|W|^{2k-1} + 1) \end{aligned} \quad (5.13)$$

and

$$\left| \frac{1}{2}(W - W^{(i,j)})^2 q''(w_0) \right| \leq Cn^{-1}, \quad (5.14)$$

where C depends only on ρ . Therefore, by (5.12)–(5.14) and using the fact that $|W| \leq Ln^{\frac{1}{2k}}$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} |q(W) - q(W^{(i,j)})| &\leq Cn^{-1+\frac{1}{2k}} (|W|^{2k-1} + 1) \\ &\leq C. \end{aligned} \quad (5.15)$$

Observe that

$$\mathbb{E}^{(i,j)} \left\{ (X_i^2 - \mathbb{E}^{(i,j)}(X_i^2))(X_j^2 - \mathbb{E}^{(i,j)}(X_j^2))\zeta(W, s) \right\} = \zeta(W^{(i,j)})M^{(i,j)}, \quad (5.16)$$

where

$$M^{(i,j)} = \mathbb{E}^{(i,j)} \left\{ (X_i^2 - \mathbb{E}^{(i,j)}(X_i^2))(X_j^2 - \mathbb{E}^{(i,j)}(X_j^2))e^{q(W) - q(W^{(i,j)})} \right\}.$$

Applying the Taylor expansion to the exponential function, we have

$$M^{(i,j)} = M_0^{(i,j)} + M_1^{(i,j)} + M_2^{(i,j)}, \quad (5.17)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} M_1^{(i,j)} &= \mathbb{E}^{(i,j)} \{ (X_i^2 - \mathbb{E}^{(i,j)} X_i^2)(X_j^2 - \mathbb{E}^{(i,j)} X_j^2) \}, \\ M_2^{(i,j)} &= \mathbb{E}^{(i,j)} \left((X_i^2 - \mathbb{E}^{(i,j)} X_i^2)(X_j^2 - \mathbb{E}^{(i,j)} X_j^2) \{q(W) - q(W^{(i,j)})\} \right), \end{aligned}$$

and

$$M_3^{(i,j)} = M^{(i,j)} - M_1^{(i,j)} - M_2^{(i,j)}.$$

For $M_1^{(i,j)}$, since $\mathbb{E}^{(i,j)} X_i^2 = \mathbb{E}^{(i,j)} X_j^2$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} M_1^{(i,j)} &= \mathbb{E}^{(i,j)} X_i^2 X_j^2 - \mathbb{E}^{(i,j)} X_i^2 \mathbb{E}^{(i,j)} X_j^2 \\ &= \frac{\iint x^2 y^2 \exp\left(\frac{1}{2n}(x+y)^2 + (x+y)m_{ij}\right) d\rho(x) d\rho(y)}{\iint \exp\left(\frac{1}{2n}(x+y)^2 + (x+y)m_{ij}\right) d\rho(x) d\rho(y)} \\ &\quad - \left(\frac{\iint x^2 \exp\left(\frac{1}{2n}(x+y)^2 + (x+y)m_{ij}\right) d\rho(x) d\rho(y)}{\iint \exp\left(\frac{1}{2n}(x+y)^2 + (x+y)m_{ij}\right) d\rho(x) d\rho(y)} \right)^2 \\ &= M_{11}^{(i,j)} + M_{12}^{(i,j)}, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} M_{11}^{(i,j)} &= \frac{\iint x^2 y^2 \exp((x+y)m_{ij}) d\rho(x) d\rho(y)}{\iint \exp((x+y)m_{ij}) d\rho(x) d\rho(y)} \\ &\quad - \left(\frac{\iint x^2 \exp((x+y)m_{ij}) d\rho(x) d\rho(y)}{\iint \exp((x+y)m_{ij}) d\rho(x) d\rho(y)} \right)^2 \\ &= 0, \end{aligned} \tag{5.18}$$

and $M_{12}^{(i,j)} = M_1^{(i,j)} - M_{11}^{(i,j)}$. Similar to Lemma 5.1, we have

$$|M_{12}^{(i,j)}| \leq Cn^{-1}. \tag{5.19}$$

By (5.18) and (5.19), we have

$$|M_1^{(i,j)}| \leq Cn^{-1}. \tag{5.20}$$

For $M_2^{(i,j)}$, by (5.12) and (5.14), we have

$$\begin{aligned} M_2^{(i,j)} &= n^{-1+\frac{1}{2k}} q'(W^{(i,j)}) \mathbb{E}^{(i,j)} \{ (X_i^2 - \mathbb{E}^{(i,j)} X_i^2)(X_j^2 - \mathbb{E}^{(i,j)} X_j^2)(X_i + X_j) \} \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2} \mathbb{E}^{(i,j)} \{ (X_i^2 - \mathbb{E}^{(i,j)} X_i^2)(X_j^2 - \mathbb{E}^{(i,j)} X_j^2)(W - W^{(i,j)})^2 q''(w_0) \} \\ &:= M_{21}^{(i,j)} + M_{22}^{(i,j)}, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} M_{21}^{(i,j)} &= n^{-1+\frac{1}{2k}} q'(W^{(i,j)}) E^{(i,j)} \{ (X_i^2 - E^{(i,j)} X_i^2)(X_j^2 - E^{(i,j)} X_j^2)(X_i + X_j) \}, \\ M_{22}^{(i,j)} &= \frac{1}{2} E^{(i,j)} \{ (X_i^2 - E^{(i,j)} X_i^2)(X_j^2 - E^{(i,j)} X_j^2)(W - W^{(i,j)})^2 q''(w_0) \}, \end{aligned}$$

and w_0 is as defined in (5.12). By (5.14), and recalling that $|X_i| \leq L$, we have

$$|M_{22}^{(i,j)}| \leq Cn^{-1}.$$

Similar to (5.20), we have

$$|E^{(i,j)} \{ (X_i^2 - E^{(i,j)} X_i^2)(X_j^2 - E^{(i,j)} X_j^2)(X_i + X_j) \}| \leq Cn^{-1}.$$

Moreover, recalling that $|W^{(i,j)}| \leq Ln^{\frac{1}{2k}}$ and $|q'(W^{(i,j)})| \leq Cn^{1-\frac{1}{2k}}$, we have

$$|M_{21}^{(i,j)}| \leq Cn^{-1}.$$

Thus,

$$|M_2^{(i,j)}| \leq Cn^{-1}. \quad (5.21)$$

For $M_3^{(i,j)}$, by the Taylor expansion, noting again that $k \geq 2$, $|W| \leq Ln^{\frac{1}{2k}}$ and $|X_i| \leq L$ for $1 \leq i \leq n$, and by (5.13) and (5.14), we have

$$\begin{aligned} |M_3^{(i,j)}| &\leq C |q(W) - q(W^{(i,j)})|^2 e^{q(W)-q(W^{(i,j)})} \\ &\leq Cn^{-2+1/k} (|W|^{4k-2} + 1) \\ &\leq Cn^{-2/k} (|W|^4 + 1). \end{aligned} \quad (5.22)$$

By (5.17) and (5.20)–(5.22), we have

$$|M^{(i,j)}| \leq Cn^{-2/k} (|W|^4 + 1),$$

substituting which to (5.16), we have

$$\begin{aligned} &E |E^{(i,j)} \{ (X_i^2 - E^{(i,j)} X_i^2)(X_j^2 - E^{(i,j)} X_j^2) \zeta(W, s) \}| \\ &\leq Cn^{-2/k} E \{ (|W|^4 + 1) \zeta(W^{(i,j)}) \} \\ &\leq Cn^{-2/k} E \{ (|W|^4 + 1) \zeta(W, s) \} \\ &\leq Cn^{-2/k} (1 + s^4) E \zeta(W, s), \end{aligned} \quad (5.23)$$

where in the last inequality we used Lemma 4.4. By (5.23), we have the term H_3 in (5.10) can be bounded by

$$|H_3| \leq Cn^{-2/k} (1 + s^4) E \zeta(W, s). \quad (5.24)$$

By (5.6)–(5.8), (5.11) and (5.24), we complete the proof of (5.5). \square

We are now ready to prove Theorem 3.1.

Proof of Theorem 3.1. We first construct the exchangeable pair of W . For each $1 \leq i \leq n$, let X'_i follow the conditional distribution of X_i given $\{X_j, j \neq i\}$, and be conditionally independent of X_i given $\{X_j, j \neq i\}$. Let I be an random index uniformly distributed among $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$, independent of all other random variables. Define $S'_n = S_n - X_I + X'_I$ and $W' = n^{-\frac{1}{2k}} S'_n$. Then (W, W') is an exchangeable pair. Set $\mathcal{F} = \sigma\{X_1, \dots, X_n\}$. For any $1 \leq i, j \leq n$, define

$$\mathcal{F}^{(i)} = \sigma(\{X_k, k \neq i\}) \quad \mathcal{F}^{(i,j)} = \sigma(\{X_k, k \neq i, j\}).$$

We have

$$\mathbb{E}(X'_i \mid \mathcal{F}^{(i)}) = \psi_n(m_i), \quad (5.25)$$

where $m_i = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j \neq i} X_j$.

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}(X_I - X'_I \mid \mathcal{F}) &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{E}(X_i - X'_i \mid \mathcal{F}) \\ &= m(\mathbf{X}) - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{E}(X_i \mid \mathcal{F}^{(i)}) \\ &= m(\mathbf{X}) - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \psi_n(m_i) \\ &= m(\mathbf{X}) - \psi_\infty(m(\mathbf{X})) + r_1(\mathbf{X}) \\ &= h'(m(\mathbf{X})) + r_1(\mathbf{X}), \end{aligned} \quad (5.26)$$

where h is as defined in (3.3) and

$$r_1(\mathbf{X}) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \{\psi_\infty(m(\mathbf{X})) - \psi_n(m_i)\}. \quad (5.27)$$

By Lemma 5.1, we have

$$|r_1(\mathbf{X})| \leq Cn^{-1},$$

where $C > 0$ is a constant depending only on ρ . As ρ is symmetric, $h^{(2k+1)}(0) = 0$. By the Taylor expansion, for $|w| \leq L$,

$$|h'(w) - g(w)| \leq C|w|^{2k+1},$$

where $C > 0$ is a constant depending only on L . Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}(W - W' | \mathbf{X}) &= n^{-1+\frac{1}{2k}} \mathbb{E}(X_I - X'_I | \mathbf{X}) \\ &= n^{-1+\frac{1}{2k}} (h'(m(\mathbf{X})) + r_1(\mathbf{X})) \\ &= \lambda(g(W) + R(W)), \end{aligned}$$

where $\lambda = n^{-2+1/k}$,

$$g(w) = \frac{h^{(2k)}(0)}{(2k-1)!} w^{2k-1}, \quad |R(w)| \leq C_1 n^{-1/k} (|w|^{2k+1} + 1),$$

where $C_1 > 0$ depends only on ρ .

We now check the conditions (2.18) and (2.19). As $g(w) = \frac{h^{(2k)}(0)}{(k-1)!} w^{2k-1}$, then

$$|R(W)| \leq C_1 \left(\frac{(k-1)!}{h^{(2k)}(0)} + 1 \right) n^{-1/k} (|W^2 g(W)| + 1).$$

Moreover, recalling that $|W| \leq Ln^{\frac{1}{2k}}$, we have

$$|R(W)| \leq C_1 \left(n^{(2k-1)/2k} L^{2k+1} + 1 \right).$$

Set

$$\kappa = \left(2C_1 \left(1 + \frac{(k-1)!}{h^{(2k)}(0)} \right) \right)^{-1/2} n^{\frac{1}{2k}}$$

and $d_2 = C_1 \left(n^{(2k-1)/2k} L^{2k+1} + \frac{(k-1)!}{h^{(2k)}(0)} + 2 \right)$, then,

$$|R(W)| \leq \frac{1}{2} (|g(W)| + 1) + d_2 I(|W| \geq \kappa).$$

By Chatterjee and Dey [8, Propostion 6], for any $n \geq 1$ and $t \geq 0$,

$$\mathbb{P}(|W| \geq t) \leq 2e^{-c_\rho t^{2k}},$$

where $c_\rho > 0$ is a constant depending only on ρ . Note that $\delta = Ln^{-1+\frac{1}{2k}}$ and by the definition of $g(\cdot)$, we have

$$s_0 = \max \{s : \delta s g^2(s) \leq 1\} = C_2 n^{(2k-1)/(2k(4k-1))},$$

where $C_2 > 0$ is a constant depending on ρ . Moreover, there exists a constant $d_1 > 0$ depending on ρ such that $\delta |g(W)| \leq d_1$. Then, there exist positive constants C_3 and C_4 depending on ρ such that

$$d_2 e^{2s_0 d_1^{-1} \delta^{-1}} \mathbb{P}(|W| \geq \kappa) \leq C_3 (n+1) \exp \{C_4 n^{2(k-1)/(4k-1)} - c_\rho n\} \leq d_3,$$

where $d_3 > 0$ is a constant depending on ρ . Thus the conditions (2.10), (2.18) and (2.19) hold.

For the conditional variance, by Lemma 5.1, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \mathbb{E}((X_I - X'_I)^2 \mid \mathcal{F}) \\
 &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{E}((X_i - X'_i)^2 \mid \mathcal{F}) \\
 &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2 - \frac{2}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i \psi_n(m_i) + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \phi_n(m_i) \\
 &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i^2 - \phi_n(m_i)) - 2m(\mathbf{X})\psi_\infty(m(\mathbf{X})) \\
 &\quad + 2\phi_\infty(m(\mathbf{X})) + r_2(\mathbf{X}),
 \end{aligned} \tag{5.28}$$

where

$$\phi_n(s) = \frac{\mathbb{E}(\xi^2 e^{\frac{\xi^2}{2n} + \xi s})}{\mathbb{E}(e^{\frac{\xi^2}{2n} + \xi s})}, \quad \phi_\infty(s) = \frac{\mathbb{E}(\xi^2 e^{\xi s})}{\mathbb{E}(e^{\xi s})},$$

and

$$|r_2(\mathbf{X})| \leq Cn^{-1}.$$

By the Taylor expansion, we have

$$|\phi_\infty(m(\mathbf{X})) - 1| = |h''(m(\mathbf{X}))| \leq Cn^{-1+1/k}(1 + |W|^{2k-2}), \tag{5.29}$$

and

$$|m(\mathbf{X})\psi_\infty(m(\mathbf{X}))| \leq Cn^{-1/k}|W|^2 + Cn^{-1}|W|^{2k}, \tag{5.30}$$

where $C > 0$ is a constant depending only on ρ . By the definition of (W, W') and (5.28)–(5.30), with $\lambda = n^{-2+1/k}$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \left| \frac{1}{2\lambda} \mathbb{E}((W - W')^2 \mid \mathcal{F}) - 1 \right| \\
 &= \left| \frac{1}{2} \mathbb{E}((X_I - X'_I)^2 \mid \mathcal{F}) - 1 \right| \\
 &\leq \frac{1}{2} \left| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i^2 - \phi_n(m_i)) \right| + Cn^{-1/k}(1 + |W|^2).
 \end{aligned}$$

Moreover, as $|X_i| \leq L$, we have

$$\left| \frac{1}{2\lambda} \mathbb{E}((W - W')^2 \mid \mathcal{F}) - 1 \right| \leq 2L^2 + 1 := d_0.$$

Then (2.9) holds. By Lemma 5.2, we have the condition (2.17) in Remark 2.1 is satisfied.

Hence, we have (2.8)–(2.10) and the conditions in Remarks 2.1 and 2.2 are satisfied with $\delta_1 = \delta_2 = Cn^{-1/k}$, $\tau_1 = \frac{2}{2k-1}$, and $\tau_2 = 1 + \frac{2}{2k-1}$. By Remarks 2.1 and 2.2, we completes the proof of Theorem 3.1. \square

5.2. Proof of Theorem 3.2

In this subsection, we use Remark 2.2 to prove the result.

Proof of Theorem 3.2. The proof is organized as follows. We first construct an exchangeable pair as in Chen [15].

For any $\sigma \in \Sigma$, $uv \in D$ and $s, t = 0, 1$, let σ_{uv}^{st} denote the configuration $\tau \in \Sigma$, such that $\tau_i = \sigma_i$ for $i \neq u, v$ and $\tau_u = s$, $\tau_v = t$. Let (σ'_u, σ'_v) be independent of (σ_u, σ_v) and follow the conditional distribution

$$P(\sigma'_u = s, \sigma'_v = t | \sigma) = \frac{p(\sigma_{uv}^{st})}{\sum_{s,t \in \{0,1\}} p(\sigma_{uv}^{st})}.$$

Let $M = \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i$ and $M' = M - \sigma_u - \sigma_v + \sigma'_u + \sigma'_v$. Then, by Chen [15], (M, M') is exchangeable. Also, by Chen [15, Proposition 2], we have

$$E[M - M' | \sigma] = L_1(m(\sigma)) + R_1(m(\sigma)), \quad (5.31)$$

$$E[(M - M')^2 | \sigma] = L_2(m(\sigma)) + R_2(m(\sigma)), \quad (5.32)$$

where $m(\sigma) = M/n$ and

$$\begin{aligned} L_1(x) &= \frac{2(1-x)(x^2 - (1-x)e^{2\tau(x)})}{(1-x) + e^{2\tau(x)}}, \text{ for } 0 < x < 1, \\ L_2(x) &= \frac{4(1-x)(x^2 + (1-x)e^{2\tau(x)})}{(1-x) + e^{2\tau(x)}}, \text{ for } 0 < x < 1, \\ |R_1(x)| + |R_2(x)| &\leq \frac{C}{n} \end{aligned}$$

for some constant C . Next, we consider two cases. In the first case, $(J, h) \notin \Gamma \cup \{(J_c, h_c)\}$, and in the second case, $(J, h) = (J_c, h_c)$.

Case 1. When $(J, h) \notin \Gamma \cup \{(J_c, h_c)\}$. Define $W = n^{-1/2}(M - nm_0)$ and $W' = n^{-1/2}(M' - nm_0)$; then, (W, W') is also an exchangeable pair. Moreover,

$$|W - W'| \leq 2n^{-1/2} := \delta.$$

Note that $L_1(m_0) = 0$ by observing $m_0^2 = (1 - m_0)e^{2\tau(m_0)}$. Moreover, we have

$$L_1'(m_0) = \frac{1}{2\lambda_0} L_2(m_0) > 0,$$

where $\lambda_0 = (-1/H''(m_0)) - (1/2J) > 0$. By the Taylor expansion, we have

$$L_1(m(\sigma)) = L_1'(m_0)(m(\sigma) - m_0) + \int_{m_0}^{m(\sigma)} L_1''(s)(m(\sigma) - s)ds.$$

Let $\lambda = L_2(m_0)/(2n)$, and we have

$$n^{-1/2}L_1(m(\sigma)) = \lambda (\lambda_0^{-1}W + r(W)),$$

where

$$r(W) = 2n^{1/2}L_2^{-1}(m_0) \int_{m_0}^{m(\sigma)} L_1''(s)(m(\sigma) - s)ds.$$

Therefore, together with the definition of (W, W') and (5.31), we have

$$E(W - W'|W) = n^{-1/2}(L_1(m(\sigma)) + R_1(m(\sigma))) = \lambda(g(W) + R(W)),$$

where

$$g(W) = W/\lambda_0 \quad \text{and} \quad R(W) = r(W) + \frac{2n^{1/2}}{L_2(m_0)} R_1(m(\sigma)).$$

Thus, conditions (A1)–(A4) holds for $g(w) = w/\lambda_0$. Furthermore, $\delta|g(W)| \leq \frac{2}{\lambda_0}$, as $n^{-1/2}|W| \leq 1$.

By Chen [15, Lemma 1], there exist constants $C_0, C_1 > 0$ such that

$$|R(W)| \leq C_0 n^{-1/2}(W^2 + 1), \quad (5.33)$$

and

$$\left| \frac{1}{2\lambda} E((W - W')^2|W) - 1 \right| \leq C_1 n^{-1/2}(|W| + 1)$$

and $|\hat{K}_1| = \frac{\Delta^2}{2\lambda} \leq 4/L_2(m_0)$. Therefore, (2.7)–(2.10) are satisfied with $\tau_1 = 1, \tau_2 = 2, \delta_1 = \delta_2 = O(1)n^{-1/2}$ and $d_0 = 4/L_2(m_0)$ and $d_1 = 2/\lambda_0$.

It suffices to prove (2.18) and (2.19). By (5.33), we have for $|W| \leq \frac{\sqrt{n}}{2\lambda_0 C_0}$,

$$|R(W)| \leq \frac{1}{2}(|g(W)| + 1), \quad (5.34)$$

and for $|W| > \frac{\sqrt{n}}{2\lambda_0 C_0}$, recalling that $|W| \leq 1$, we have $|R(W)| \leq C_0(\sqrt{n} + 1)$. Then, (2.18) holds with $\alpha = 1/2, d_2 = C_0(\sqrt{n} + 1)$ and $\kappa = \sqrt{n}/(2\lambda_0 C_0)$. By

Chen [15, Lemma 2], when $(J, h) \notin \Gamma \cup \{(J_c, h_c)\}$, for any $u > 0$, there exists a constant $\eta > 0$ such that

$$P(|m(\sigma) - m_0| \geq u) \leq Ce^{-n\eta}$$

for some constant C . Hence,

$$d_2 P(|W| > \kappa) \leq C(\sqrt{n} + 1)e^{-n\eta}.$$

Note that $s_0 = \max\{s : \delta s g^2(s) \leq 1\}$, $g(w) = w/\lambda_0$, $d_1 = \frac{2}{\lambda_0}$ and $\delta = 2n^{-1/2}$, then $s_0 = (\lambda_0/2)^{1/3}n^{1/6}$. Therefore, (2.19) is satisfied. By Remark 2.2, we have

$$\frac{P(W \geq z)}{P(Z_0 \geq z)} = 1 + O(1)n^{-1/2}(1 + z^3)$$

for $0 \leq z \leq n^{1/6}$.

Case 2. When $(J, h) = (J_c, h_c)$. Define $W = n^{-3/4}(M - nm_c)$ and $W' = n^{-3/4}(M' - nm_c)$; then, (W, W') is an exchangeable pair. By (5.31), we have

$$E(W - W'|W) = n^{-3/4}(L_1(m(\sigma)) + R_1(m(\sigma))).$$

By Chen [15, p. 14], we have

$$L_1(m_c) = L'_1(m_c) = L''_1(m_c) = 0, \quad L_1^{(3)} = \frac{\lambda_c}{2}L_2(m_c),$$

where λ_c is given in (3.8). Then, by the Taylor expansion, we have

$$L_1(m(\sigma)) = \frac{L_1^{(3)}(m_c)}{6}(m(\sigma) - m_c)^3 + \frac{1}{6} \int_{m_c}^{m(\sigma)} L_1^{(4)}(s)(m(\sigma) - s)^3 ds.$$

Then, by taking $\lambda = L_2(m_c)/(2n^{3/2})$, by Chen [15, Lemma 1], we have

$$E(W - W'|W) = \lambda(g(W) + R(W)),$$

where $g(W) = (\lambda_c/6)W^3$ and

$$R(W) = \frac{n^{3/4}}{2L_2(m_c)} \int_{m_0}^{m(\sigma)} L_1^{(4)}(s)(m(\sigma) - m_c)^3 ds + \frac{2n^{3/4}}{L_2(m_c)} R_1(W).$$

Hence, $G(w) = \frac{\lambda_c}{24}w^4$. Based again on Chen [15, Lemma 1], for some constant C , we have

$$|R(W)| \leq Cn^{-1/4}(|W|^4 + 1) \leq Cn^{-1/4}(|g(W)|^{4/3} + 1), \quad (5.35)$$

and

$$\left| \frac{1}{2\lambda} \mathbb{E}((W - W')^2 | W) - 1 \right| \leq Cn^{-1/4}(|g(W)|^{1/3} + 1).$$

As $|W - W'| \leq 2n^{-3/4}$ and $|W| \leq Cn^{1/4}$, $n^{-3/4}|g(W)|$ and $\hat{K}_1 = (W - W')^2/(2\lambda)$ are bounded by constants d_1 and d_0 , respectively. Thus, (2.9) and (2.10) are satisfied. Furthermore, (2.7) and (2.8) hold with $\delta = 2n^{-3/4}$, $\delta_1 = \delta_2 = O(1)n^{-1/4}$ and $\tau_1 = 1/3$, $\tau_2 = 4/3$. It suffices to show that (2.18) and (2.19) are satisfied. By (5.35), there exists a constant $c > 0$ such that for $|W| \leq cn^{1/4}$,

$$|R(W)| \leq \frac{1}{2}(|g(W)| + 1).$$

For $|W| \geq cn^{1/4}$, noting that $|W| \leq Cn^{1/4}$, we have $|R(W)| \leq Cn^{3/4}$. Thus, (2.18) is satisfied with $\alpha = 1/2$, $d_2 = Cn^{3/4}$ and $\kappa = cn^{1/4}$. Furthermore, as $\delta = 2n^{-3/4}$ and $g(w) = (\lambda_c/6)w^3$, we have $s_0 = (18/\lambda_c)^{1/7}n^{3/28}$. In addition, by Chen [15, Lemma 2], when $(J, h) = (J_c, h_c)$, for any $u > 0$, there exists a constant $\eta > 0$ such that

$$\mathbb{P}(|m(\sigma) - m_c| \geq u) \leq Ce^{-n\eta}.$$

Thus,

$$d_2 \mathbb{P}(|W| \geq \kappa) \leq Cn^{3/4}e^{-n\eta} \leq Ce^{-2s_0 d_1^{-1} \delta^{-1}}.$$

Then, (2.19) holds. By Remark 2.2, we complete the proof of Theorem 3.2. \square

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