

Appendix B for

“Dimension reduction and testing of functional inequalities conditional on estimated functions”

Examples of estimators that satisfy Assumption 1

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Abstract

This appendix presents examples of estimators and the conditions under which they satisfy the restrictions in Assumption 1 in the paper. The examples we include are OLS, GMM, density-weighted average derivatives, and a semiparametric multiple-index estimator.

In the examples that follow, all expectations are taken with respect to a generic distribution $F \in \mathcal{F}$. At times, to simplify our exposition we omit denoting explicitly the dependence of these (and other) functionals on F .

B1 A convenient definition

Take a collection of column vectors $(v_\ell)_{\ell=1}^d$ where $v_\ell \in \mathbb{R}^d$ for each ℓ , and let

$$v \equiv \underbrace{(v'_1, v'_2, \dots, v'_d)'}_{d^2 \times 1}.$$

For any such v we will define

$$\underbrace{H_d(v)}_{d \times d} \equiv \begin{pmatrix} v'_1 \\ v'_2 \\ \vdots \\ v'_d \end{pmatrix} \text{ and, when it exists, we will denote } M_d(v) \equiv H_d(v)^{-1}. \quad (\text{B1.1})$$

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B2 OLS

Consider an iid sample $(Z_{1i}, Z_{2i})_{i=1}^n$ where $Z_i \equiv (Z_{1i}, Z_{2i}) \sim F$, with $Z_{1i} \in \mathbb{R}$ and $Z_{2i} \in \mathbb{R}^k$. Denote the ℓ^{th} element in Z_{2i} as $Z_{2i,\ell}$. Define

$$\underbrace{\bar{G}_\ell}_{k \times 1} \equiv \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n Z_{2i} Z_{2i,\ell}, \quad \underbrace{\lambda_{\ell,F}}_{k \times 1} \equiv E_F[Z_2 Z_{2,\ell}],$$

$$\bar{G} \equiv \underbrace{(\bar{G}'_1, \bar{G}'_2, \dots, \bar{G}'_k)'}_{k^2 \times 1} \quad \text{and} \quad \lambda_F \equiv \underbrace{(\lambda'_{1,F}, \lambda'_{2,F}, \dots, \lambda'_{k,F})'}_{k^2 \times 1}.$$

Assumption LS $\exists \bar{M}_{z_2 z_2}$ such that $\|(E_F[Z_2 Z_2'])^{-1}\| \leq \bar{M}_{z_2 z_2} \forall F \in \mathcal{F}$. For some $q \geq 2$, there exist $\bar{\mu}_{z_2 z_2}$ and $\bar{\mu}_{z_2 v}$ such that, for each ℓ, m ,

$$E_F \left[|Z_{2,\ell} Z_{2,m} - E_F[Z_{2,\ell} Z_{2,m}]|^q \right] \leq \bar{\mu}_{z_2 z_2} \quad \text{and} \quad E_F \left[|Z_{2,\ell} v|^q \right] \leq \bar{\mu}_{z_2 v} \quad \forall F \in \mathcal{F}.$$

There exists \bar{M}_λ such that $\|M_k(\lambda_F)\| \leq \bar{M}_\lambda$ for all $F \in \mathcal{F}$ and there exist $K_1 > 0$, $K_2 > 0$ and $\alpha > 0$ such that, for any $F \in \mathcal{F}$ and $v \in \mathbb{R}^{k^2}$,

$$\|v - \lambda_F\| \leq K_1 \implies \|M_k(v) - M_k(\lambda_F)\| \leq K_2 \cdot \|v - \lambda_F\|^\alpha,$$

and there exists $K_3 < \infty$ such that

$$\sup_{v: \|v - \lambda_F\| \leq K_1} \left\{ \|M_k(v) - M_k(\lambda_F)\| \right\} \leq K_3 \quad \forall F \in \mathcal{F}$$

Consider the OLS estimator

$$\hat{\theta} = \left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n Z_{2i} Z_{2i}' \right)^{-1} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n Z_{2i} Z_{1i},$$

and let

$$\theta_F^* \equiv (E_F[Z_2 Z_2'])^{-1} \cdot E_F[Z_2 Z_1],$$

and let us express $Z_1 = Z_2' \theta_F^* + (Z_1 - Z_2' \theta_F^*) \equiv Z_2' \theta_F^* + v$, where $v \equiv (Z_1 - Z_2' \theta_F^*)$. Note that $E_F[Z_2 v] = 0$ by the definition of θ_F^* . In the usual linear regression model where we assume a structural relationship given by $Z_1 = Z_2' \beta_0 + \varepsilon$ with $E_F[Z_2 \varepsilon] = 0 \forall F \in \mathcal{F}$, we would have $v = \varepsilon$ and $\theta_F^* = \beta_0$ for all $F \in \mathcal{F}$.

Result OLS Let $\theta_F^* \equiv (E_F[Z_2 Z_2'])^{-1} \cdot E_F[Z_2 Z_1]$, $v_i \equiv (Z_{1i} - Z_{2i}' \theta_F^*)$, and $\psi_F^\theta(Z_i) \equiv (E_F[Z_2 Z_2'])^{-1} \cdot Z_{2i} v_i$.

Note that $E_F[\psi_F^\theta(Z_i)] = 0$. Under Assumption LS, the OLS estimator satisfies

$$\widehat{\theta} = \theta_F^* + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \psi_F^\theta(Z_i) + \varepsilon_n^\theta,$$

and the conditions in Assumption 1 of the paper are satisfied, with $\psi_F^\theta(Z_i) = (E_F[Z_2 Z_2'])^{-1} \cdot Z_{2i} v_i$, $r_n = n^{1/2}$, and for any τ and $\bar{\delta}$ such that $0 < \tau < \alpha/2$, and $0 < \bar{\delta} < (q-1)/2$.

Proof: Let $M_k(\cdot)$ be as defined in (B1.1) and note that $M_k(\lambda_F) = (E_F[Z_2 Z_2'])^{-1}$. We have

$$\begin{aligned} \widehat{\theta} &= \theta_F^* + M_k(\lambda_F) \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n Z_{2i} v_i + (M_k(\bar{G}) - M_k(\lambda_F)) \cdot \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n Z_{2i} v_i \\ &\equiv \theta_F^* + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \psi_F^\theta(Z_i) + \varepsilon_n^\theta, \quad \text{where} \\ \psi_F^\theta(Z_i) &\equiv M_k(\lambda_F) \cdot Z_{2i} v_i = (E_F[Z_2 Z_2'])^{-1} \cdot Z_{2i} v_i, \\ \varepsilon_n^\theta &\equiv (M_k(\bar{G}) - M_k(\lambda_F)) \cdot \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n Z_{2i} v_i. \end{aligned} \tag{B2.1}$$

Note that $E_F[\psi_F(Z_i)^\theta] = 0$. Take any $c > 0$. Using the conditions in Assumption LS,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{1}\{\|\varepsilon_n^\theta\| \geq c\} &\leq \mathbb{1}\left\{\left\|M_k(\bar{G}) - M_k(\lambda_F)\right\| \cdot \left\|\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n Z_{2i} v_i\right\| \geq c\right\} \\ &= \underbrace{\mathbb{1}\left\{\left\|M_k(\bar{G}) - M_k(\lambda_F)\right\| \cdot \left\|\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n Z_{2i} v_i\right\| \geq c\right\} \cdot \mathbb{1}\left\{\left\|M_k(\bar{G}) - M_k(\lambda_F)\right\| \leq K_3\right\}}_{\leq \mathbb{1}\{K_3 \cdot \left\|\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n Z_{2i} v_i\right\| \geq c\}} \\ &\quad + \underbrace{\mathbb{1}\left\{\left\|M_k(\bar{G}) - M_k(\lambda_F)\right\| \cdot \left\|\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n Z_{2i} v_i\right\| \geq c\right\} \cdot \mathbb{1}\left\{\left\|M_k(\bar{G}) - M_k(\lambda_F)\right\| > K_3\right\}}_{\leq \mathbb{1}\{\|\bar{G} - \lambda_F\| \geq K_1\}} \\ &\leq \mathbb{1}\left\{\left\|\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n Z_{2i} v_i\right\| \geq \frac{c}{K_3}\right\} + \mathbb{1}\left\{\|\bar{G} - \lambda_F\| \geq K_1\right\} \\ &\leq \mathbb{1}\left\{\left\|\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n Z_{2i} v_i\right\| \geq \left(\frac{c}{K_3}\right) \wedge K_1\right\} + \mathbb{1}\left\{\|\bar{G} - \lambda_F\| \geq \left(\frac{c}{K_3}\right) \wedge K_1\right\} \end{aligned} \tag{B2.2}$$

Take $b > 0$. Assumption LS and Chebyshev's inequality imply that, for all ℓ, m in $1, \dots, k$,

$$\sup_{F \in \mathcal{F}} P_F \left(\left| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (Z_{2i,\ell} Z_{2i,m} - E_F[Z_{2i,\ell} Z_{2i,m}]) \right| \geq b \right) \leq \frac{\bar{\mu}_{z_2 z_2}}{(n^{1/2} \cdot b)^q}$$

Therefore,

$$\sup_{F \in \mathcal{F}} P_F \left(\left\| \bar{G} - \lambda_F \right\| \geq b \right) \leq \frac{\bar{M}_1}{(n^{1/2} \cdot b)^q} \quad (\text{B2.3})$$

where \bar{M}_1 depends only on $\bar{\mu}_{z_2 z_2}$ and k . Similarly, Assumption LS also implies that there exists a constant \bar{M}_2 which depends only on $\bar{\mu}_{z_2 v}$ and k such that, for any $b > 0$

$$\sup_{F \in \mathcal{F}} P_F \left(\left\| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n Z_{2i} v_i \right\| \geq b \right) \leq \frac{\bar{M}_2}{(n^{1/2} \cdot b)^q} \quad (\text{B2.4})$$

Combining (B2.3) and (B2.4) with (B2.2), we have that for any $c > 0$,

$$\sup_{F \in \mathcal{F}} P_F \left(\left\| \varepsilon_n^\theta \right\| \geq c \right) \leq \frac{\bar{M}_1 + \bar{M}_2}{(n^{1/2} \cdot ((\frac{c}{K_3}) \wedge K_1))^q} = o\left(\frac{1}{n^{1/2+\delta}}\right) \quad \forall 0 < \delta < \frac{q-1}{2} \quad (\text{B2.5})$$

Take $0 < \delta < \frac{q-1}{2}$ and consider a sequence $c_n > 0$ such that $n^{\frac{q-1-2\delta}{2q}} \cdot c_n \rightarrow \infty$. Then, the result in (B2.5) would still hold for c_n . Thus,

$$\sup_{F \in \mathcal{F}} P_F \left(\left\| \varepsilon_n^\theta \right\| \geq c_n \right) = o\left(\frac{1}{n^{1/2+\delta}}\right) \quad \forall c_n : n^{\frac{q-1-2\delta}{2q}} \cdot c_n \rightarrow \infty, \quad 0 < \delta < \frac{q-1}{2}$$

Take any $b > 0$. From our previous results,

$$\sup_{F \in \mathcal{F}} P_F \left(\left\| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \psi_F^\theta(Z_i) \right\| \geq b \right) \leq \sup_{F \in \mathcal{F}} P_F \left(\left\| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n Z_{2i} v_i \right\| \geq \frac{b}{\bar{M}_\lambda} \right) \leq \frac{\bar{M}_2}{(n^{1/2} \cdot (\frac{b}{\bar{M}_\lambda}))^q}$$

Thus, going back to the linear representation result in (B2.1), we have that for any $c > 0$,

$$\begin{aligned} \sup_{F \in \mathcal{F}} P_F \left(\left\| \widehat{\theta} - \theta_F^* \right\| \geq c \right) &\leq \sup_{F \in \mathcal{F}} P_F \left(\left\| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \psi_F^\theta(Z_i) \right\| \geq \frac{c}{2} \right) + \sup_{F \in \mathcal{F}} P_F \left(\left\| \varepsilon_n^\theta \right\| \geq \frac{c}{2} \right) \\ &\leq \frac{\bar{M}_2}{(n^{1/2} \cdot (\frac{c}{2\bar{M}_\lambda}))^q} + \frac{\bar{M}_1 + \bar{M}_2}{(n^{1/2} \cdot ((\frac{c}{2K_3}) \wedge K_1))^q} \end{aligned}$$

And so,

$$\sup_{F \in \mathcal{F}} P_F \left(\|\widehat{\theta} - \theta_F^*\| \geq c \right) \longrightarrow 0 \quad \forall c > 0.$$

Thus $\|\widehat{\theta} - \theta_F^*\| = o_p(1)$ uniformly over \mathcal{F} . Recall from its definition in (B2.1) that

$$\|\varepsilon_n^\theta\| \leq \|M_k(\bar{G}) - M_k(\lambda_F)\| \cdot \left\| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n Z_{2i} v_i \right\|.$$

From (B2.4), we have

$$\left\| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n Z_{2i} v_i \right\| = O_p(n^{-1/2}), \quad \text{uniformly over } \mathcal{F}. \quad (\text{B2.6})$$

Now let us analyze $\|M_k(\bar{G}) - M_k(\lambda_F)\|$. Take any $b > 0$. From the conditions in Assumption LS,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{1} \left\{ \|M_k(\bar{G}) - M_k(\lambda_F)\| \geq b \right\} &\leq \max \left(\mathbb{1} \left\{ K_2 \cdot \|\bar{G} - \lambda_F\|^\alpha \geq b \right\}, \mathbb{1} \left\{ \|\bar{G} - \lambda_F\| \geq K_1 \right\} \right) \\ &\leq \mathbb{1} \left\{ \|\bar{G} - \lambda_F\| \geq \left(\frac{b}{K_2} \right)^{1/\alpha} \wedge K_1 \right\} \end{aligned}$$

Take $\tau > 0$. Then, from (B2.3),

$$\sup_{F \in \mathcal{F}} P_F \left(\|M_k(\bar{G}) - M_k(\lambda_F)\| \geq n^{-\tau} \cdot b \right) \leq \frac{\bar{M}_1}{\left(n^{1/2} \cdot \left(\left(\frac{n^{-\tau} \cdot b}{K_2} \right)^{1/\alpha} \wedge K_1 \right) \right)^q} \longrightarrow 0 \quad \forall \tau < \frac{\alpha}{2},$$

which means,

$$\|M_k(\bar{G}) - M_k(\lambda_F)\| = o_p(n^{-\tau}) \quad \forall \tau < \frac{\alpha}{2}, \quad \text{uniformly over } \mathcal{F}.$$

Combining (B2.6) and the previous expression, we have that for any $0 < \tau < \frac{\alpha}{2}$,

$$\|\varepsilon_n^\theta\| = o_p\left(\frac{1}{n^{1/2+\tau}}\right), \quad \text{uniformly over } \mathcal{F}$$

Together, (B2.1), (B2.5) and the previous expression show that the conditions in Assumption 1 of the paper are satisfied, with $\psi_F^\theta(Z_i) = \left(E_F[Z_2 Z_2']\right)^{-1} \cdot Z_{2i} v_i$, $r_n = n^{1/2}$, $0 < \tau < \alpha/2$, and $0 < \bar{\delta} < (q-1)/2$. This proves Result OLS. ■

B3 GMM

Consider an iid sample $(Z_i)_{i=1}^n$ where $Z_i \sim F$. Let S_Z denote the support of Z and assume for simplicity that S_Z is the same for each $F \in \mathcal{F}$. Let us focus on an exactly-identified GMM model where $\theta \in \mathbb{R}^k$ and

$$\underbrace{g(Z_i, \theta)}_{k \times 1} \equiv (g_1(Z_i, \theta), g_2(Z_i, \theta), \dots, g_k(Z_i, \theta))'$$

is a collection of parametric moment functions satisfying $E_F[g(Z, \theta_F^*)] = 0$. We denote θ_F^* possibly as a functional of F for generality (to include, e.g, the OLS example described above). For simplicity we focus on an exactly-identified GMM model with as many moment restrictions as parameters which includes, e.g, MLE and NLS as special cases. Let Θ denote the parameter space and let

$$\bar{g}_\ell(\theta) \equiv \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n g_\ell(Z_i, \theta), \quad \text{and} \quad \underbrace{\bar{g}(\theta)}_{k \times 1} \equiv (\bar{g}_1(\theta), \bar{g}_2(\theta), \dots, \bar{g}_k(\theta))'$$

denote the sample moments. Suppose the GMM estimator $\widehat{\theta} \in \Theta$ is characterized by the condition $\bar{g}(\widehat{\theta}) = 0$. Suppose the moment functions are differentiable with respect to θ and for the ℓ^{th} moment function g_ℓ denote

$$\underbrace{G_\ell(z, \theta)}_{k \times 1} \equiv \left(\frac{\partial g_\ell(z, \theta)}{\partial \theta_1} \quad \frac{\partial g_\ell(z, \theta)}{\partial \theta_2} \quad \dots \quad \frac{\partial g_\ell(z, \theta)}{\partial \theta_k} \right)',$$

$$\underbrace{\bar{G}_\ell(\theta)}_{k \times 1} \equiv \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n G_\ell(Z_i, \theta) \quad \text{and} \quad \underbrace{\lambda_{\ell, F}(\theta)}_{k \times 1} = E_F[G_\ell(Z, \theta)].$$

From here and the definition of $\widehat{\theta}$ we obtain the following mean value expression for the ℓ^{th} sample moment

$$0 = \bar{g}_\ell(\widehat{\theta}) = \bar{g}_\ell(\theta_F^*) + \bar{G}_\ell(\bar{\theta}_\ell)'(\widehat{\theta} - \theta_F^*) \quad \ell = 1, \dots, k, \quad (\text{B3.1})$$

where $\bar{\theta}_\ell$ belongs in the line segment connecting $\widehat{\theta}$ and θ_F^* . Take a collection $(\theta_\ell)_{\ell=1}^k$ where each $\theta_\ell \in \Theta$. This is a collection of k points in the parameter space Θ . For any such collection we will denote

$$\underline{\theta} \equiv (\theta_1', \theta_2', \dots, \theta_k')' \in \underbrace{\Theta \times \Theta \times \dots \times \Theta}_{k \text{ products}} \equiv \Theta^k$$

In particular, we will denote $\bar{\theta} \equiv (\bar{\theta}_1', \bar{\theta}_2', \dots, \bar{\theta}_k')'$, where $\bar{\theta}_\ell$ is as described in the mean-value approximation (B3.1), and $\bar{\theta}_F^* \equiv (\theta_F^{*1}, \theta_F^{*2}, \dots, \theta_F^{*k})'$. For a given $\underline{\theta} \equiv (\theta_1', \theta_2', \dots, \theta_k')' \in \Theta^k$ let

$$\underbrace{\bar{G}(\underline{\theta})}_{k^2 \times 1} \equiv (\bar{G}_1(\theta_1)', \bar{G}_2(\theta_2)', \dots, \bar{G}_k(\theta_k'))', \quad \underbrace{\lambda_F(\underline{\theta})}_{k^2 \times 1} = (\lambda_{1,F}(\theta_1)', \lambda_{2,F}(\theta_2)', \dots, \lambda_{k,F}(\theta_k'))'.$$

Consider the following restrictions.

Assumption GMM

- (i) There exists an integer $q \geq 2$ and a constant $\bar{\mu}_g < \infty$ such that, for each $\ell = 1, \dots, k$ and each $F \in \mathcal{F}$, $E_F[g_\ell(Z, \theta_F^*)^q] \leq \bar{\mu}_g$. There exists a nonnegative function $\bar{V}(\cdot)$ such that, for each $\ell = 1, \dots, k$ and $m = 1, \dots, k$,

$$\left\| \frac{\partial g_\ell(z, \theta)}{\partial \theta_m} - \frac{\partial g_\ell(z, \theta')}{\partial \theta_m} \right\| \leq \bar{V}(z) \cdot \|\theta - \theta'\| \quad \forall z \in \mathcal{S}_Z \quad \text{and} \quad \theta, \theta' \in \Theta,$$

and there exists $\bar{\mu}_{\bar{V}}$ such that $E_F[\bar{V}(Z)^{4q}] \leq \bar{\mu}_{\bar{V}} \quad \forall F \in \mathcal{F}$, where q is the integer described above.

- (ii) Let H_k and M_k be as defined in (B1.1). $\exists \underline{d} > 0, \bar{M}_\lambda, K_3 > 0$ and $K_4 > 0$ and $\alpha_1 > 0$ such that, for every $F \in \mathcal{F}$,

$$\inf_{\underline{\theta} \in \Theta^k} |\det(H_k(\lambda_F(\underline{\theta})))| \geq \underline{d} \quad \sup_{\underline{\theta} \in \Theta^k} \|M_k(\lambda_F(\underline{\theta}))\| \leq \bar{M}_\lambda$$

$$\forall \underline{\theta} \in \Theta^k, \quad \|v - \lambda_F(\underline{\theta})\| \leq K_3 \quad \implies \quad \|M_k(\lambda_F(\underline{\theta})) - M_k(v)\| \leq K_4 \cdot \|v - \lambda_F(\underline{\theta})\|^{\alpha_1}.$$

And,

$$\sup_{\substack{v: \|v - \lambda_F(\underline{\theta})\| \leq K_3 \\ \underline{\theta} \in \Theta^k}} \left\{ \|M_k(\lambda_F(\underline{\theta})) - M_k(v)\| \right\} \leq K_5 < \infty$$

- (iii) $\exists K_6 > 0, K_7 > 0$ and $\alpha_2 > 0$ such that, for every $F \in \mathcal{F}$,

$$\|\lambda_F(\underline{\theta}) - \lambda_F(\underline{\theta}_F^*)\| \leq K_7 \cdot \|\underline{\theta} - \underline{\theta}_F^*\|^{\alpha_2} \quad \forall \underline{\theta} \in \Theta^k : \|\underline{\theta} - \underline{\theta}_F^*\| \leq K_6$$

Result GMM Let θ_F^* be characterized by $E_F[g(Z, \theta_F^*)] = 0$ and define $\psi_F^\theta(Z_i) \equiv -\left(E_F\left[\frac{\partial g(Z, \theta_F^*)}{\partial \theta \partial \theta'}\right]\right)^{-1} \cdot g(Z_i, \theta_F^*)$. Under Assumption GMM, the estimator $\widehat{\theta}$ described by the sample moment conditions $\bar{g}(\widehat{\theta}) = 0$ satisfies

$$\widehat{\theta} = \theta_F^* + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \psi_F^\theta(Z_i) + \varepsilon_n^\theta,$$

and the conditions in Assumption 1 of the paper are satisfied, with $\psi_F^\theta(Z_i) = -\left(E_F \left[\frac{\partial g(Z, \theta_F^*)}{\partial \theta \partial \theta'} \right]\right)^{-1} \cdot g(Z_i, \theta_F^*)$, $r_n = n^{1/2}$, $0 < \tau < \frac{\alpha_1}{2} \wedge \frac{\alpha_1 \cdot \alpha_2}{2}$, and $0 < \bar{\delta} < \frac{q-1}{2}$.

Proof: As defined above, let $\varrho_F^* \equiv (\theta_F^{*'}, \theta_F^{*'}, \dots, \theta_F^{*'})'$ and note that $M_k(\lambda_F(\varrho_F^*)) = \left(E_F \left[\frac{\partial g(Z, \theta_F^*)}{\partial \theta \partial \theta'} \right]\right)^{-1}$. Combining the mean-value expressions in (B3.1) for each of the $\ell = 1, \dots, k$ sample moments, we have

$$\bar{g}(\theta_F^*) + H_k(\bar{G}(\bar{\varrho}))(\widehat{\theta} - \theta_F^*) = 0.$$

From here,

$$\begin{aligned} \widehat{\theta} &= \theta_F^* - M_k(\bar{G}(\bar{\varrho})) \cdot \bar{g}(\theta_F^*) \\ \widehat{\theta} &= \theta_F^* - M_k(\lambda_F(\varrho_F^*)) \cdot \bar{g}(\theta_F^*) - [M_k(\lambda_F(\bar{\varrho})) - M_k(\lambda_F(\varrho_F^*))] \cdot \bar{g}(\theta_F^*) \\ &\quad + [M_k(\lambda_F(\bar{\varrho})) - M_k(\bar{G}(\bar{\varrho}))] \cdot \bar{g}(\theta_F^*) \\ &\equiv \theta_F^* + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \psi_F^\theta(Z_i) + \varepsilon_n^\theta, \quad \text{where} \end{aligned} \tag{B3.2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \psi_F^\theta(Z_i) &\equiv -M_k(\lambda_F(\varrho_F^*)) \cdot g(Z_i, \theta_F^*) = -\left(E_F \left[\frac{\partial g(Z, \theta_F^*)}{\partial \theta \partial \theta'} \right]\right)^{-1} \cdot g(Z_i, \theta_F^*), \\ \varepsilon_n^\theta &\equiv [M_k(\lambda_F(\bar{\varrho})) - M_k(\lambda_F(\varrho_F^*))] \cdot \bar{g}(\theta_F^*) + [M_k(\lambda_F(\bar{\varrho})) - M_k(\bar{G}(\bar{\varrho}))] \cdot \bar{g}(\theta_F^*) \end{aligned}$$

Consider the class of functions

$$\mathcal{G}_{\ell, m} = \left\{ f : \mathcal{S}_Z \rightarrow \mathbb{R} : f(z) = \frac{\partial g_\ell(z, \theta)}{\partial \theta_m} \text{ for some } \theta \in \Theta \right\}$$

By part (i) of Assumption GMM and Lemma 2.13 in Pakes and Pollard (1989), there exist positive constants A and V such that, for every the class $\mathcal{G}_{\ell, m}$ is Euclidean (A, V) for an envelope $\bar{W}(z)$ for which $\exists \bar{\mu}_{\bar{W}} < \infty$ such that $E_F [\bar{W}(Z)^{4q}] \leq \bar{\mu}_{\bar{W}}$ (where q is the integer described in Assumption GMM). The conditions in Result S1 are satisfied for the integer q described in Assumption GMM and there exists a constant $\bar{D} < \infty$ such that, for each $\ell, m \in 1, \dots, k$ and for any $b > 0$,

$$\sup_{F \in \mathcal{F}} P_F \left(\sup_{\theta \in \Theta} \left| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{\partial g_\ell(Z_i, \theta)}{\partial \theta_m} - E_F \left[\frac{\partial g_\ell(Z, \theta)}{\partial \theta_m} \right] \right) \right| \geq b \right) \leq \frac{\bar{D}}{(n^{1/2} \cdot b)^q} \tag{B3.3}$$

Next, note that for any $b > 0$, we have

$$\mathbb{1} \left\{ \sup_{\theta \in \Theta^k} \|\bar{G}(\theta) - \lambda_F(\theta)\| \geq b \right\} \leq \sum_{\ell=1}^k \sum_{m=1}^k \mathbb{1} \left\{ \sup_{\theta \in \Theta} \left| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{\partial g_\ell(Z_i, \theta)}{\partial \theta_m} - E_F \left[\frac{\partial g_\ell(Z, \theta)}{\partial \theta_m} \right] \right) \right| \geq m_k \cdot b \right\},$$

where m_k is a constant that depends only on k . Thus, from (B3.3) we have that there exists a constant $\overline{M}_1 < \infty$ such that, for all $b > 0$,

$$\sup_{F \in \mathcal{F}} P_F \left(\sup_{\theta \in \Theta^k} \left\| \overline{G}(\theta) - \lambda_F(\theta) \right\| \geq b \right) \leq \frac{\overline{M}_1}{(n^{1/2} \cdot b)^q}, \quad (\text{B3.4})$$

where q is the integer described in Assumption GMM. Using Chebyshev's inequality, part (i) of Assumption GMM also yields the following result for each $\ell = 1, \dots, k$,

$$\sup_{F \in \mathcal{F}} P_F \left(\left| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n g_\ell(Z_i, \theta_F^*) \right| \geq b \right) \leq \frac{\overline{\mu}_g}{(n^{1/2} \cdot b)^q} \quad \forall b > 0. \quad (\text{B3.5})$$

Next, note that

$$\mathbb{1} \left\{ \left\| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n g(Z_i, \theta_F^*) \right\| \geq b \right\} \leq \sum_{\ell=1}^k \mathbb{1} \left\{ \left| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n g_\ell(Z_i, \theta_F^*) \right| \geq c_k \cdot b \right\},$$

where c_k is a constant that depends only on k . By the conditions in Assumption GMM we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{1} \left\{ \left\| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \psi_F^\theta(Z_i) \right\| \geq b \right\} &\leq \mathbb{1} \left\{ \left\| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n g(Z_i, \theta_F^*) \right\| \geq \frac{b}{\overline{M}_\lambda} \right\} \\ &\leq \sum_{\ell=1}^k \mathbb{1} \left\{ \left| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n g_\ell(Z_i, \theta_F^*) \right| \geq c_k \cdot \left(\frac{b}{\overline{M}_\lambda} \right) \right\}, \end{aligned}$$

From here and (B3.5) we have that there exist constants $\overline{M}_2 < \infty$ and $\overline{M}_3 < \infty$ such that, for all $b > 0$,

$$\sup_{F \in \mathcal{F}} P_F \left(\left\| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n g(Z_i, \theta_F^*) \right\| \geq b \right) \leq \frac{\overline{M}_2}{(n^{1/2} \cdot b)^q}, \quad \text{and} \quad \sup_{F \in \mathcal{F}} P_F \left(\left\| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \psi_F^\theta(Z_i) \right\| \geq b \right) \leq \frac{\overline{M}_3}{(n^{1/2} \cdot b)^q}, \quad (\text{B3.6})$$

where q is the integer described in Assumption GMM. Note that the above result implies that

$$\left\| \overline{g}(\theta_F^*) \right\| \equiv \left\| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n g(Z_i, \theta_F^*) \right\| = O_p(n^{-1/2}), \quad \text{and} \quad \left\| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \psi_F^\theta(Z_i) \right\| = O_p(n^{-1/2}), \quad \text{uniformly over } \mathcal{F}. \quad (\text{B3.7})$$

Now, take any $c > 0$ and note from Assumption GMM that

$$\left\| \varepsilon_n^\theta \right\| \leq 2\overline{M}_\lambda \cdot \left\| \overline{g}(\theta_F^*) \right\| + \left\| M_k(\lambda_F(\overline{\theta})) - M_k(\overline{G}(\overline{\theta})) \right\| \cdot \left\| \overline{g}(\theta_F^*) \right\|.$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbb{1}\left\{\|\varepsilon_n^\theta\| \geq c\right\} &\leq \max\left(\mathbb{1}\left\{2\overline{M}_\lambda\|\overline{g}(\theta_F^*)\| \geq \frac{c}{2}\right\}, \mathbb{1}\left\{\|M_k(\lambda_F(\overline{\theta})) - M_k(\overline{G}(\overline{\theta}))\| \cdot \|\overline{g}(\theta_F^*)\| \geq \frac{c}{2}\right\}\right) \\
&= \max\left(\mathbb{1}\left\{\|\overline{g}(\theta_F^*)\| \geq \frac{c}{4\overline{M}_\lambda}\right\}, \underbrace{\mathbb{1}\left\{\|M_k(\lambda_F(\overline{\theta})) - M_k(\overline{G}(\overline{\theta}))\| \cdot \|\overline{g}(\theta_F^*)\| \geq \frac{c}{2}\right\}}_{(III)}\right) \quad (B3.8)
\end{aligned}$$

Let us examine the term (III) in (B3.8). From the conditions in Assumption GMM, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
&\mathbb{1}\left\{\|M_k(\lambda_F(\overline{\theta})) - M_k(\overline{G}(\overline{\theta}))\| \cdot \|\overline{g}(\theta_F^*)\| \geq \frac{c}{2}\right\} = \\
&\underbrace{\mathbb{1}\left\{\|M_k(\lambda_F(\overline{\theta})) - M_k(\overline{G}(\overline{\theta}))\| \cdot \|\overline{g}(\theta_F^*)\| \geq \frac{c}{2}\right\} \cdot \mathbb{1}\left\{\|M_k(\lambda_F(\overline{\theta})) - M_k(\overline{G}(\overline{\theta}))\| \leq K_5\right\}}_{\leq \mathbb{1}\left\{\|\overline{g}(\theta_F^*)\| \geq \frac{c}{2K_5}\right\}} \\
&+ \underbrace{\mathbb{1}\left\{\|M_k(\lambda_F(\overline{\theta})) - M_k(\overline{G}(\overline{\theta}))\| \cdot \|\overline{g}(\theta_F^*)\| \geq \frac{c}{2}\right\} \cdot \mathbb{1}\left\{\|M_k(\lambda_F(\overline{\theta})) - M_k(\overline{G}(\overline{\theta}))\| > K_5\right\}}_{\leq \mathbb{1}\left\{\|\overline{G}(\overline{\theta}) - \lambda_F(\overline{\theta})\| \geq K_3\right\}}
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbb{1}\left\{\|M_k(\lambda_F(\overline{\theta})) - M_k(\overline{G}(\overline{\theta}))\| \cdot \|\overline{g}(\theta_F^*)\| \geq \frac{c}{2}\right\} &\leq \mathbb{1}\left\{\|\overline{g}(\theta_F^*)\| \geq \frac{c}{2K_5}\right\} + \mathbb{1}\left\{\|\overline{G}(\overline{\theta}) - \lambda_F(\overline{\theta})\| \geq K_3\right\} \\
&\leq \mathbb{1}\left\{\|\overline{g}(\theta_F^*)\| \geq \left(\frac{c}{2K_5}\right) \wedge K_3\right\} + \mathbb{1}\left\{\|\overline{G}(\overline{\theta}) - \lambda_F(\overline{\theta})\| \geq \left(\frac{c}{2K_5}\right) \wedge K_3\right\} \\
&\leq \mathbb{1}\left\{\|\overline{g}(\theta_F^*)\| \geq \left(\frac{c}{2K_5}\right) \wedge K_3\right\} + \mathbb{1}\left\{\sup_{\theta \in \Theta^k} \|\overline{G}(\theta) - \lambda_F(\theta)\| \geq \left(\frac{c}{2K_5}\right) \wedge K_3\right\} \quad (B3.9)
\end{aligned}$$

Combining (B3.8) and (B3.9), we have

$$\mathbb{1}\left\{\|\varepsilon_n^\theta\| \geq c\right\} \leq \mathbb{1}\left\{\|\overline{g}(\theta_F^*)\| \geq \left(K_3 \wedge \left(\frac{1}{2K_5} \wedge \frac{1}{4\overline{M}_\lambda}\right) \cdot c\right)\right\} + \mathbb{1}\left\{\sup_{\theta \in \Theta^k} \|\overline{G}(\theta) - \lambda_F(\theta)\| \geq \left(K_3 \wedge \left(\frac{1}{2K_5} \wedge \frac{1}{4\overline{M}_\lambda}\right) \cdot c\right)\right\}$$

From here, combining (B3.4) and (B3.6), we have that for any $c > 0$,

$$\sup_{F \in \mathcal{F}} P_F\left(\|\varepsilon_n^\theta\| \geq c\right) \leq \frac{\overline{M}_1 + \overline{M}_2}{\left(n^{1/2} \cdot \left(K_3 \wedge \left(\frac{1}{2K_5} \wedge \frac{1}{4\overline{M}_\lambda}\right) \cdot c\right)\right)^q} = o\left(\frac{1}{n^{1/2+\delta}}\right) \quad \forall 0 < \delta < \frac{q-1}{2}$$

Take $0 < \delta < \frac{q-1}{2}$ and consider a sequence $c_n > 0$ such that $n^{\frac{q-1-2\delta}{2q}} \cdot c_n \rightarrow \infty$. Then, the result in the

previous expression would still hold for c_n . Thus,

$$\sup_{F \in \mathcal{F}} P_F(\|\varepsilon_n^\theta\| \geq c_n) = o\left(\frac{1}{n^{1/2+\delta}}\right) \quad \forall c_n : n^{\frac{q-1-2\delta}{2q}} \cdot c_n \rightarrow \infty, \quad 0 < \delta < \frac{q-1}{2} \quad (\text{B3.10})$$

From our previous results we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sup_{F \in \mathcal{F}} P_F(\|\widehat{\theta} - \theta_F^*\| \geq c) &\leq \sup_{F \in \mathcal{F}} P_F\left(\left\|\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \psi_F^\theta(Z_i)\right\| \geq \frac{c}{2}\right) + \sup_{F \in \mathcal{F}} P_F\left(\|\varepsilon_n^\theta\| \geq \frac{c}{2}\right) \\ &\leq \frac{\overline{M}_3}{\left(n^{1/2} \cdot \frac{c}{2}\right)^q} + \frac{\overline{M}_1 + \overline{M}_2}{\left(n^{1/2} \cdot \left(K_3 \wedge \left(\frac{1}{2K_5} \wedge \frac{1}{4M_\lambda}\right) \cdot \frac{c}{2}\right)\right)^q} \rightarrow 0 \quad \forall c > 0 \end{aligned} \quad (\text{B3.11})$$

Thus, $\|\widehat{\theta} - \theta_F^*\| = o_p(1)$ uniformly over \mathcal{F} . Next, from the definition of ε_n^θ in (B3.2), we have

$$\|\varepsilon_n^\theta\| \leq \|M_k(\lambda_F(\overline{\theta})) - M_k(\lambda_F(\theta_F^*))\| \cdot \|\overline{g}(\theta_F^*)\| + \|M_k(\lambda_F(\overline{\theta})) - M_k(\overline{G}(\overline{\theta}))\| \cdot \|\overline{g}(\theta_F^*)\| \quad (\text{B3.12})$$

As we stated in (B3.7), $\|\overline{g}(\theta_F^*)\| = O_p(n^{-1/2})$ uniformly over \mathcal{F} . Let us examine the asymptotic properties of $\|M_k(\lambda_F(\overline{\theta})) - M_k(\lambda_F(\theta_F^*))\|$ and $\|M_k(\lambda_F(\overline{\theta})) - M_k(\overline{G}(\overline{\theta}))\|$ under Assumption GMM. Take any $b > 0$, then from Assumption GMM,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{1}\left\{\sup_{\theta \in \Theta^k} \|M_k(\overline{G}(\theta)) - M_k(\lambda_F(\theta))\| \geq b\right\} &\leq \mathbb{1}\left\{\sup_{\theta \in \Theta^k} \left(K_4 \cdot \|\overline{G}(\theta) - \lambda_F(\theta)\|^{\alpha_1}\right) \geq b\right\} + \mathbb{1}\left\{\sup_{\theta \in \Theta^k} \|\overline{G}(\theta) - \lambda_F(\theta)\| \geq K_3\right\} \\ &\leq \mathbb{1}\left\{\sup_{\theta \in \Theta^k} \|\overline{G}(\theta) - \lambda_F(\theta)\| \geq K_3 \wedge \left(\frac{b}{K_4}\right)^{1/\alpha_1}\right\} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, from (B3.4),

$$\sup_{F \in \mathcal{F}} P_F\left(\sup_{\theta \in \Theta^k} \|M_k(\overline{G}(\theta)) - M_k(\lambda_F(\theta))\| \geq n^{-\tau} \cdot b\right) \leq \frac{\overline{M}_1}{\left(n^{1/2} \cdot \left(K_3 \wedge \left(\frac{n^{-\tau} \cdot b}{K_4}\right)^{1/\alpha_1}\right)\right)^q} \rightarrow 0 \quad \forall \tau < \frac{\alpha_1}{2}$$

which means

$$\sup_{\theta \in \Theta^k} \|M_k(\overline{G}(\theta)) - M_k(\lambda_F(\theta))\| = o_p(n^{-\tau}) \quad \forall \tau < \frac{\alpha_1}{2}, \quad \text{uniformly over } \mathcal{F}.$$

In particular,

$$\|M_k(\overline{G}(\overline{\theta})) - M_k(\lambda_F(\overline{\theta}))\| = o_p(n^{-\tau}) \quad \forall \tau < \frac{\alpha_1}{2}, \quad \text{uniformly over } \mathcal{F}. \quad (\text{B3.13})$$

Next, recall from the definitions of $\overline{\theta}$ and θ_F^* that, for any $\delta > 0$, we have $\mathbb{1}\{\|\overline{\theta} - \theta_F^*\| \geq \delta\} \leq$

$\mathbb{1}\{\|\widehat{\theta} - \theta_F^*\| \geq d_k \cdot \delta\}$, where d_k is a constant that depends only on k . From here and Assumption GMM we have that, for any $\eta > 0$,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{1}\{\|\lambda_F(\bar{\theta}) - \lambda_F(\theta_F^*)\| \geq \eta\} &\leq \mathbb{1}\{K_7 \cdot \|\bar{\theta} - \theta_F^*\|^{\alpha_2} \geq \eta\} + \mathbb{1}\{\|\bar{\theta} - \theta_F^*\| \geq K_6\} \\ &\leq \mathbb{1}\left\{\|\bar{\theta} - \theta_F^*\| \geq K_6 \wedge \left(\frac{\eta}{K_7}\right)^{1/\alpha_2}\right\} \\ &\leq \mathbb{1}\left\{\|\widehat{\theta} - \theta_F^*\| \geq d_k \cdot \left(K_6 \wedge \left(\frac{\eta}{K_7}\right)^{1/\alpha_2}\right)\right\} \end{aligned}$$

Take $c > 0$. Using Assumption GMM and the result in the previous expression,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{1}\{\|M_k(\lambda_F(\bar{\theta})) - M_k(\lambda_F(\theta_F^*))\| \geq c\} &\leq \mathbb{1}\{K_4 \cdot \|\lambda_F(\bar{\theta}) - \lambda_F(\theta_F^*)\|^{\alpha_1} \geq c\} + \mathbb{1}\{\|\lambda_F(\bar{\theta}) - \lambda_F(\theta_F^*)\| \geq K_3\} \\ &\leq \mathbb{1}\left\{\|\lambda_F(\bar{\theta}) - \lambda_F(\theta_F^*)\| \geq K_3 \wedge \left(\frac{c}{K_4}\right)^{1/\alpha_1}\right\} \\ &\leq \mathbb{1}\left\{\|\widehat{\theta} - \theta_F^*\| \geq d_k \cdot \left(K_6 \wedge \left(\frac{K_3 \wedge \left(\frac{c}{K_4}\right)^{1/\alpha_1}}{K_7}\right)^{1/\alpha_2}\right)\right\} \\ &\leq \mathbb{1}\left\{\|\widehat{\theta} - \theta_F^*\| \geq d_k \cdot \left(K_6 \wedge \left[(K_3 \wedge (c/K_4)^{1/\alpha_1})/K_7\right]^{1/\alpha_2}\right)\right\} \end{aligned}$$

From here, using (B3.11), for any $b > 0$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sup_{F \in \mathcal{F}} P_F(\|M_k(\lambda_F(\bar{\theta})) - M_k(\lambda_F(\theta_F^*))\| \geq b) \\ \leq \frac{\bar{M}_3}{\left(n^{1/2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot d_k \cdot \left(K_6 \wedge \left[(K_3 \wedge (b/K_4)^{1/\alpha_1})/K_7\right]^{1/\alpha_2}\right)\right)^q} \\ + \frac{\bar{M}_1 + \bar{M}_2}{\left(n^{1/2} \cdot \left(K_3 \wedge \left(\frac{1}{2K_5} \wedge \frac{1}{4M_\lambda}\right)\right) \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot d_k \cdot \left(K_6 \wedge \left[(K_3 \wedge (b/K_4)^{1/\alpha_1})/K_7\right]^{1/\alpha_2}\right)\right)^q} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\sup_{F \in \mathcal{F}} P_F(\|M_k(\lambda_F(\bar{\theta})) - M_k(\lambda_F(\theta_F^*))\| \geq n^{-\tau} \cdot b) \longrightarrow 0 \quad \forall \tau < \frac{\alpha_1 \cdot \alpha_2}{2}$$

which means,

$$\|M_k(\lambda_F(\bar{\theta})) - M_k(\lambda_F(\theta_F^*))\| = o_p(n^{-\tau}) \quad \forall \tau < \frac{\alpha_1 \cdot \alpha_2}{2}$$

Thus, combining (B3.7), (B3.12), (B3.13) and the previous expression, we have that for any $0 < \tau < \frac{\alpha_1}{2} \wedge \frac{\alpha_1 \cdot \alpha_2}{2}$,

$$\|\varepsilon_n^\theta\| = o_p\left(\frac{1}{n^{1/2+\tau}}\right) \quad \text{uniformly over } \mathcal{F}.$$

Together, (B3.2), (B3.10) and the result in the previous expression show that the conditions in Assumption 1 of the paper are satisfied, with $\psi_F^\theta(Z_i) = -\left(E_F\left[\frac{\partial g(Z, \theta_F^*)}{\partial \theta \partial \theta'}\right]\right)^{-1} \cdot g(Z_i, \theta_F^*)$, $r_n = n^{1/2}$, $0 < \tau < \frac{\alpha_1}{2} \wedge \frac{\alpha_1 \cdot \alpha_2}{2}$, and $0 < \bar{\delta} < \frac{q-1}{2}$. This proves Result GMM. ■

B4 Density-weighted average derivatives

Consider an iid sample $(Z_{1i}, Z_{2i})_{i=1}^n$ where $Z_{1i} \in \mathbb{R}$, $Z_{2i} \in \mathbb{R}^d$ and $Z_i \equiv (Z_{1i}, Z_{2i}) \sim F \in \mathcal{F}$. As in our previous discussions, we will let \mathcal{S}_ξ denote the support of the r.v ξ . We will group $Z \equiv (Z_1, Z_2)$ and we will assume that \mathcal{S}_Z is the same for all $F \in \mathcal{F}$. Suppose that, for each $F \in \mathcal{F}$, we have $E_F[Z_1|Z_2] \equiv \mu_F(Z_2) = G_F(Z_2'\beta_0)$, where G_F is unknown but smooth as described in Powell, Stock, and Stoker (1989) (we will be precise about these smoothness conditions below). Let f_{z_2} denote the density of Z_2 , assumed to be absolutely continuous with respect to Lebesgue measure, and denote $\delta_F \equiv E_F[f_{z_2}(Z_2)G_F'(Z_2'\beta_0)]$ and $\theta_F^* \equiv \delta_F \cdot \beta_0$. Using integration by parts, under the conditions described in Powell, Stock, and Stoker (1989), we have

$$\theta_F^* = -2 \cdot E_F\left[Z_1 \cdot \frac{\partial f_{z_2}(Z_2)}{\partial Z_2}\right].$$

Let $K : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a kernel function (whose conditions we will describe below) and let $\sigma > 0$ be a strictly positive scalar. For a pair of observations $i \neq j$ in the sample let

$$p(Z_i, Z_j; \sigma) \equiv (Z_{1i} - Z_{1j}) \cdot K^{(1)}\left(\frac{Z_{2j} - Z_{2i}}{\sigma}\right).$$

Let $\sigma_n \rightarrow 0$ be a bandwidth sequence. The estimator for θ_F^* proposed in Powell, Stock, and Stoker (1989) is of the form

$$\widehat{\theta} = \binom{n}{2}^{-1} \frac{1}{\sigma_n^{d+1}} \sum_{i < j} p(Z_i, Z_j; \sigma_n). \quad (\text{B4.1})$$

Assumption DWAD

- (i) There exists an integer $q \geq 2$ and a constant $\bar{\mu}_{z_1} < \infty$ such that $E_F[Z_1^{4q}] \leq \bar{\mu}_{z_1}$ for all $F \in \mathcal{F}$.
- (ii) The kernel $K : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a multiplicative kernel of the form $K(\psi) = \prod_{\ell=1}^d \kappa(\psi_\ell)$ (with $\psi \equiv (\psi_1, \dots, \psi_d)$). $\kappa(\cdot)$ is a bounded kernel function satisfying $|\kappa(v)| \leq \bar{\kappa} < \infty$ for all v . The kernel function $\kappa(\cdot)$ is also of bounded variation and it has support of the form $[-S, S]$. $\kappa(\cdot)$ is symmetric around zero and has the properties of a bias-reducing kernel of order L : $\int_{-S}^S v^j \kappa(v) dv = 0$ for $j = 1, \dots, L-1$ and $\int_{-S}^S |v|^L \kappa(v) dv < \infty$. In addition, $\kappa(\cdot)$ is differentiable, with first derivative denoted as $\kappa'(\cdot)$. The function $\kappa'(\cdot)$ is bounded, satisfying $|\kappa'(v)| \leq \bar{\kappa}_1 < \infty$ for all v , and it is also

of bounded variation. Since $\kappa(\cdot)$ is symmetric around zero, $\kappa'(\cdot)$ is antisymmetric around zero, satisfying $\kappa'(v) = -\kappa'(-v)$ for all $v \in [-S, S]$. Thus, if we let $K^{(1)}$ denote the Jacobian of K , then $K^{(1)}(\psi) = -K^{(1)}(-\psi)$ for all $\psi \in \mathbb{R}^d$. We have $|K(\psi)| \leq \bar{K} < \infty$ and $\|K^{(1)}(\psi)\| \leq \bar{K}_1 < \infty$ for all $\psi \in \mathbb{R}^d$.

(iii) Let L be the constant described above. Then, both $f_{z_2}(z_2)$ and $\mu_F(z_2)$ are L -times continuously differentiable with respect to z_2 for F -a.e $z_2 \in \mathcal{S}_Z$, with derivatives that are uniformly bounded over \mathcal{S}_Z for all $F \in \mathcal{F}$.

(iv) Let L be as described above. The bandwidth sequence $\sigma_n > 0$ satisfies $\sigma_n \rightarrow 0$ and is such that $n^{1/2-\Delta} \cdot \sigma_n^{d+1} \rightarrow \infty$, $n^{1/2+\Delta} \cdot \sigma_n^L \rightarrow 0$ and $n^{1+\Delta} \cdot \sigma_n^{d+1} \cdot \sigma_n^L \rightarrow 0$ for some $0 < \Delta < 1/2$. In addition, the integer q described above and Δ are such that $q\Delta > \frac{1}{2}$.

Result DWAD For a given $(z_1, z_2) \in \mathcal{S}_Z$, let $\varphi_F(z_1, z_2) \equiv (z_1 - \mu_F(z_2)) \cdot f_{z_2}(z_2)$, and let $\psi_F^\theta(Z_i) \equiv -2 \cdot \left(\frac{\varphi_F(Z_{1i}, Z_{2i})}{\partial Z_2} - E_F \left[\frac{\varphi_F(Z_{1i}, Z_{2i})}{\partial Z_2} \right] \right)$. Under Assumption DWAD, the estimator $\widehat{\theta}$ described in equation (B4.1) satisfies

$$\widehat{\theta} = \theta_F^* + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \psi_F^\theta(Z_i) + \varepsilon_n^\theta,$$

and the conditions in Assumption 1 of the paper are satisfied, with $\psi_F^\theta(Z_i) = -2 \cdot \left(\frac{\varphi_F(Z_{1i}, Z_{2i})}{\partial Z_2} - E_F \left[\frac{\varphi_F(Z_{1i}, Z_{2i})}{\partial Z_2} \right] \right)$, $r_n = n \cdot \sigma_n^{d+1}$, $0 < \tau < \Delta$, and $0 < \bar{\delta} < q\Delta - \frac{1}{2}$.

Proof: For a given $\sigma > 0$ let

$$\begin{aligned} r_{1,F}(Z_i; \sigma) &= E_F[p(Z_i, Z_j; \sigma) | Z_i] - E_F[p(Z_i, Z_j; \sigma)], \\ r_{2,F}(Z_i, Z_j; \sigma) &= (p(Z_i, Z_j; \sigma) - E_F[p(Z_i, Z_j; \sigma)]) - r_{1,F}(Z_i; \sigma) - r_{1,F}(Z_j; \sigma), \\ U_{2,n}(\sigma) &= \binom{n}{2}^{-1} \sum_{i < j} r_{2,F}(Z_i, Z_j; \sigma). \end{aligned}$$

$U_{2,n}(\sigma)$ is a degenerate U-statistic of order 2 and $\{U_{2,n}(\sigma) : \sigma > 0\}$ is a degenerate U-process of order 2. Going forward we will denote $U_{2,n}(\sigma_n) \equiv U_{2,n}$. A Hoeffding decomposition (see Serfling (1980, pages 177-178) or Sherman (1994, equations (6)-(7))) of the U-statistic in (B4.1) yields

$$\widehat{\theta} = \frac{1}{\sigma_n^{d+1}} \cdot E_F[p(Z_i, Z_j; \sigma_n)] + \frac{2}{n \cdot \sigma_n^{d+1}} \sum_{i=1}^n r_{1,F}(Z_i; \sigma_n) + \frac{1}{\sigma_n^{d+1}} \cdot U_{2,n}. \quad (\text{B4.2})$$

For a given $(z_1, z_2) \in \mathcal{S}_Z$, let $\varphi_F(z_1, z_2) \equiv (z_1 - \mu_F(z_2)) \cdot f_{z_2}(z_2)$. Under the smoothness conditions and the higher-order properties of the kernel described in Assumption DWAD, an M^{th} -order

approximation yields the following re-expression of (B4.2),

$$\begin{aligned}
\widehat{\theta} &= \theta_F^* - \frac{2}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{\varphi_F(Z_{1i}, Z_{2i})}{\partial Z_2} - E_F \left[\frac{\varphi_F(Z_{1i}, Z_{2i})}{\partial Z_2} \right] \right) + \frac{1}{\sigma_n^{d+1}} \cdot U_{2,n} + B_{n,F} \\
&\equiv \theta_F^* + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \psi_F^\theta(Z_i) + \varepsilon_n^\theta, \quad \text{where} \\
\psi_F^\theta(Z_i) &\equiv -2 \cdot \left(\frac{\varphi_F(Z_{1i}, Z_{2i})}{\partial Z_2} - E_F \left[\frac{\varphi_F(Z_{1i}, Z_{2i})}{\partial Z_2} \right] \right), \\
\varepsilon_n^\theta &\equiv \frac{1}{\sigma_n^{d+1}} \cdot U_{2,n} + B_{n,F},
\end{aligned} \tag{B4.3}$$

where $B_{n,F}$ is a bias aggregate term which, by the smoothness conditions and the higher-order properties of the kernel described in Assumption DWAD, is such that there exists a constant $\overline{C}_H > 0$ such that

$$\|B_{n,F}\| \leq \overline{C}_H \cdot \sigma_n^L \quad \forall F \in \mathcal{F}. \tag{B4.4}$$

Let us examine the properties of the degenerate U-process $\{U_{2,n}(\sigma) : \sigma > 0\}$ under Assumption DWAD. By Lemma 22 in Nolan and Pollard (1987), if $\lambda(\cdot)$ is a real-valued function of bounded variation on \mathbb{R} , the class of all functions of the form $z_2 \rightarrow \lambda(\gamma' z_2)$ with γ ranging over \mathbb{R}^d is Euclidean for the constant envelope $\overline{\lambda} \equiv \sup_{b \in \mathbb{R}} |\lambda(b)|$. Combining this with the closure properties of Euclidean classes described in Lemma 2.14 in Pakes and Pollard (1989), the conditions in Assumption DWAD imply that the class of functions

$$\mathcal{H} = \left\{ f : \mathcal{S}_Z^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R} : f(z_a, z_b) = (z_{1a} - z_{1b}) \cdot K^{(1)} \left(\frac{z_{2b} - z_{2a}}{\sigma} \right) \text{ for some } \sigma > 0 \right\}$$

is Euclidean for envelope $G(z_a, z_b) = \overline{K}_1 \cdot (|z_{1a}| + |z_{1b}|)$. By Assumption DWAD, there exists $\overline{\mu}_G < \infty$ such that $E_F \left[G(Z_{1i}, Z_{1j})^{4q} \right] \leq \overline{\mu}_G$. From here, the conditions in Result S1 are satisfied for the integer q described in Assumption DWAD and we have that, for all $b > 0$, there exists $\overline{D}_H < \infty$ such that

$$\sup_{F \in \mathcal{F}} P_F \left(\sup_{\sigma > 0} |U_{2,n}(\sigma)| \geq b \right) \leq \frac{\overline{D}_H}{(n \cdot b)^q}$$

From here it follows, in particular,

$$\sup_{F \in \mathcal{F}} P_F \left(|U_{2,n}| \geq b \right) \leq \frac{\overline{D}_H}{(n \cdot b)^q} \quad \forall b > 0 \tag{B4.5}$$

Note that (B4.5) implies

$$|U_{2,n}| = O_p \left(\frac{1}{n} \right) \quad \text{uniformly over } \mathcal{F}. \tag{B4.6}$$

Take any $c > 0$. From (B4.4), we have

$$\mathbb{1}\{\|\varepsilon_n^\theta\| \geq c\} \leq \mathbb{1}\left\{\sup_{\sigma>0}\|U_{2,n}(\sigma)\| \geq \sigma_n^{d+1} \cdot (c - \bar{C}_H \cdot \sigma_n^L)\right\}$$

Let n_0 be the smallest integer such that $\bar{C}_H \cdot \sigma_n^L < c$. Then, from the previous expression and (B4.5),

$$\sup_{F \in \mathcal{F}} P_F(\|\varepsilon_n^\theta\| \geq c) \leq \frac{\bar{D}_H}{(n \cdot \sigma_n^{d+1} \cdot (c - \bar{C}_H \cdot \sigma_n^L))^q} \quad \forall n \geq n_0 \quad (\text{B4.7})$$

Note from Assumption DWAD(iv) that $\frac{n^{1/2+\bar{\delta}}}{(n \cdot \sigma_n^{d+1})} \rightarrow 0$ for any $0 < \bar{\delta} < q\Delta - \frac{1}{2}$. Next, combining (B4.4) and (B4.6), we have

$$\|\varepsilon_n^\theta\| = O_p\left(\frac{1}{n \cdot \sigma_n^{d+1}}\right) + O(\sigma_n^L) \quad \text{uniformly over } \mathcal{F}.$$

Therefore, by the conditions in Assumption DWAD, for any $0 < \tau < \Delta$,

$$\|\varepsilon_n^\theta\| = o_p\left(\frac{1}{n^{1/2+\tau}}\right), \quad \text{uniformly over } \mathcal{F}.$$

Together, (B4.3), (B4.7) and the previous expression show that the conditions in Assumption 1 are satisfied, with $\psi_F^\theta(Z_i) = -2 \cdot \left(\frac{\varphi_F(Z_{1i}, Z_{2i})}{\partial Z_2} - E_F\left[\frac{\varphi_F(Z_{1i}, Z_{2i})}{\partial Z_2}\right]\right)$, $r_n = n \cdot \sigma_n^{d+1}$, $0 < \tau < \Delta$, and $0 < \bar{\delta} < q\Delta - \frac{1}{2}$. This proves Result DWAD. ■

B5 A semiparametric multiple-index estimator

Consider a collection of d single-valued indices $(m_\ell(W_\ell, \theta_\ell))_{\ell=1}^d$ where $\theta_\ell \in \mathbb{R}^{k_\ell}$. Each m_ℓ has a known parametric functional form (e.g., $m_\ell(W_\ell, \theta_\ell) = W_\ell' \theta_\ell$). Group $\cup_{\ell=1}^d W_\ell \equiv Z_2$ and let $\theta \equiv (\theta_1', \theta_2', \dots, \theta_d')' \in \mathbb{R}^k$ and denote

$$m(Z_2, \theta) \equiv (m_1(W_1, \theta_1), m_2(W_2, \theta_2), \dots, m_d(W_d, \theta_d))' \in \mathbb{R}^d.$$

For simplicity let us focus on the case where Z_2 is a vector of jointly continuously distributed random variables. Let Z_1 be a scalar random variable and group $Z \equiv (Z_1, Z_2) \sim F \in \mathcal{F}$. Let Θ denote the parameter space for θ , assume Θ to be bounded and consider a model where there exists a $\theta^* \in \Theta$ such that

$$E_F[Z_1|Z_2] = E_F[Z_1|m(Z_2, \theta^*)] \quad \forall F \in \mathcal{F}$$

For a given $\theta \in \Theta$ let $\mu_F(m(Z_2, \theta)) \equiv E_F[Z_1|m(Z_2, \theta)]$. Our model therefore assumes $E_F[Z_1|Z_2] = \mu_F(m(Z_2, \theta^*))$. Let $\phi \in \mathbb{R}^k$ denote a vector of pre-specified instrument functions and consider an

estimator based on the moment conditions

$$E_F \left[\phi(Z_2) \cdot (Z_1 - \mu_F(m(Z_2, \theta^*))) \right] = 0 \quad (\text{B5.1})$$

Suppose we have a random sample $(Z_{1i}, Z_{2i})_{i=1}^n$ where $Z_i \equiv (Z_{1i}, Z_{2i}) \sim F \in \mathcal{F}$. Let \mathcal{S}_ξ denote the support of the r.v ξ and for simplicity assume throughout that \mathcal{S}_Z is the same for all $F \in \mathcal{F}$. Suppose that the instrument functions are designed such that $\phi(z_2) = 0 \forall z_2 \notin \mathcal{Z}_2$, where $\mathcal{Z}_2 \subset \mathcal{S}_{Z_2}$ is a pre-specified set belonging in the interior of \mathcal{S}_{Z_2} for all $F \in \mathcal{F}$. We refer to \mathcal{Z}_2 as our *inference range*. Thus, the instrument functions also serve as trimming functions to keep inference confined to the set \mathcal{Z}_2 . Finally, suppose $\|\phi(z_2)\| \leq \bar{\phi} \forall z_2$. Let

$$\mathcal{M} \equiv \{m \in \mathbb{R}^d : m = m(z_2, \theta) \text{ for some } (z_2, \theta) \in \mathcal{Z}_2 \times \Theta\}.$$

\mathcal{M} is the range of all possible values of the index $m(z_2, \theta)$ over our inference range and the parameter space. Let $\sigma_n \rightarrow 0$ denote a bandwidth sequence and let K denote a kernel function. For a given $\theta \in \Theta$ and $z_2 \in \mathcal{Z}_2$, let $f_m(m(Z_2, \theta))$ denote the density of $m(Z_2, \theta)$. Consider a kernel-based estimator of $\mu_F(m(z_2, \theta))$ of the form

$$\begin{aligned} \widehat{\mu}(m(z_2, \theta)) &= \frac{\widehat{R}(m(z_2, \theta))}{\widehat{f}_m(m(z_2, \theta))}, \quad \text{where} \\ \widehat{R}(m(z_2, \theta)) &= \frac{1}{n \cdot \sigma_n^d} \sum_{i=1}^n Z_{1i} K\left(\frac{m(Z_{2i}, \theta) - m(z_2, \theta)}{\sigma_n}\right), \\ \widehat{f}_m(m(z_2, \theta)) &= \frac{1}{n \cdot \sigma_n^d} \sum_{i=1}^n K\left(\frac{m(Z_{2i}, \theta) - m(z_2, \theta)}{\sigma_n}\right). \end{aligned}$$

Consider an estimator $\widehat{\theta}$ defined by the sample analog moment conditions to (B5.1),

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \phi(Z_{2i}) \cdot (Z_{1i} - \widehat{\mu}(m(Z_{2i}, \widehat{\theta}))) = 0. \quad (\text{B5.2})$$

Assumption SMIM1 For some $q \geq 2$, we have $E_F[Z_1^{4q}] \leq \bar{\mu}_{4q} < \infty$ for all $F \in \mathcal{F}$. Also, there exist constants $\underline{f}_m > 0$, $\bar{f}_m < \infty$ and $\bar{\mu} < \infty$ such that $\bar{f}_m \geq f_m(m) \geq \underline{f}_m$ and $|\mu_F(m)| \leq \bar{\mu} \forall m \in \mathcal{M}$ and all $F \in \mathcal{F}$. Also assume that both $f_m(m)$ and $\mu_F(m)$ are L -times continuously differentiable with respect to m for F -a.e $m \in \mathcal{M}$, with derivatives that are uniformly bounded over \mathcal{M} for all $F \in \mathcal{F}$. The kernel $K : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a multiplicative kernel of the form $K(\psi) = \prod_{\ell=1}^d \kappa(\psi_\ell)$ (with $\psi \equiv (\psi_1, \dots, \psi_d)$), where $\kappa(\cdot)$ is a function of bounded-variation, a bias-reducing kernel of order L with support of the form $[-S, S]$ (i.e., $\int_{-S}^S v^j \kappa(v) dv = 0$ for $j = 1, \dots, L-1$ and $\int_{-S}^S |v|^L \kappa(v) dv < \infty$) and symmetric around zero. We have $\sup_{\psi \in \mathbb{R}^d} |K(\psi)| \leq \bar{K}$. The bandwidth sequence $\sigma_n > 0$ satisfies $\sigma_n \rightarrow 0$, with $n^{1/2+\Delta} \cdot \sigma_n^L \rightarrow 0$ and

$n^{1/2-\Delta} \cdot \sigma_n^d \longrightarrow \infty$ for some $0 < \Delta < 1/2$. q and Δ are such that $q\Delta > \frac{1}{2}$.

Denote $R_F(m) \equiv \mu_F(m) \cdot f_m(m)$ and note from Assumption SMIM1 that $|R_F(m)| \leq \bar{\mu} \cdot \bar{f}_m \equiv \bar{R} \forall m \in \mathcal{M}$ and all $F \in \mathcal{F}$. Fix $m \in \mathcal{M}$. A second order approximation yields

$$\begin{aligned} \widehat{\mu}(m) = & \mu_F(m) + \frac{1}{f_m(m)} \cdot (\widehat{R}(m) - R_F(m)) - \frac{\mu_F(m)}{f_m(m)} \cdot (\widehat{f}_m(m) - f_m(m)) \\ & - \frac{(\widehat{R}(m) - R_F(m)) \cdot (\widehat{f}_m(m) - f_m(m))}{\widetilde{f}_m(m)^2} + \frac{\widetilde{R}(m) \cdot (\widehat{f}_m(m) - f_m(m))^2}{\widetilde{f}_m(m)^3}, \end{aligned}$$

where $\widetilde{f}_m(m)$ is an intermediate point between $\widehat{f}_m(m)$ and $f_m(m)$, and $\widetilde{R}(m)$ is an intermediate point between $\widehat{R}(m)$ and $R_F(m)$. From here, we have that, for any given $(z_2, \theta) \in \mathcal{Z}_2 \times \Theta$,

$$\widehat{\mu}(m(z_2, \theta)) - \mu_F(m(z_2, \theta)) = \frac{1}{n \cdot \sigma_n^d} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{(Z_{1i} - \mu_F(m(z_2, \theta)))}{f_m(m(z_2, \theta))} \cdot K\left(\frac{m(Z_{2i}, \theta) - m(z_2, \theta)}{\sigma_n}\right) + \varepsilon_n^\mu(m(z_2, \theta)),$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \varepsilon_n^\mu(m(z_2, \theta)) \equiv & - \frac{(\widehat{R}(m(z_2, \theta)) - R_F(m(z_2, \theta))) \cdot (\widehat{f}_m(m(z_2, \theta)) - f_m(m(z_2, \theta)))}{\widetilde{f}_m(m(z_2, \theta))^2} \\ & + \frac{\widetilde{R}(m(z_2, \theta)) \cdot (\widehat{f}_m(m(z_2, \theta)) - f_m(m(z_2, \theta)))^2}{\widetilde{f}_m(m(z_2, \theta))^3} \end{aligned} \tag{B5.3}$$

For the next few lines let us omit the dependence of \widehat{f}_m , \widehat{R} , \widetilde{f}_m , \widetilde{R} , ε_n^μ , f_m and R_F on $m(z_2, \theta)$ to simplify the exposition. Note first that

$$\begin{aligned} |\varepsilon_n^\mu| & \leq \frac{|\widehat{R} - R_F| \cdot |\widehat{f}_m - f_m|}{|\widetilde{f}_m|^2} + \frac{\bar{R} \cdot |\widehat{f}_m - f_m|^2}{|\widetilde{f}_m|^3} + \frac{|\widetilde{R} - R_F| \cdot |\widehat{f}_m - f_m|^2}{|\widetilde{f}_m|^3} \\ & \leq \frac{|\widehat{R} - R_F| \cdot |\widehat{f}_m - f_m|}{|\widetilde{f}_m|^2} + \frac{\bar{R} \cdot |\widehat{f}_m - f_m|^2}{|\widetilde{f}_m|^3} + \frac{|\widetilde{R} - R_F| \cdot |\widehat{f}_m - f_m|^2}{|\widetilde{f}_m|^3} \end{aligned}$$

where the last inequality follows because, by definition, $|\widetilde{R} - R_F| \leq |\widehat{R} - R_F|$. Next, note that, $\forall c > 0$,

we have $\mathbb{1}\{|\xi_1| + |\xi_2| + |\xi_3| \geq c\} \leq \max\left(\mathbb{1}\{|\xi_1| \geq \frac{c}{3}\}, \mathbb{1}\{|\xi_2| \geq \frac{c}{3}\}, \mathbb{1}\{|\xi_3| \geq \frac{c}{3}\}\right)$. Therefore, for any $c > 0$,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{1}\left\{|\varepsilon_n^\mu| \geq c\right\} &\leq \max\left(\underbrace{\mathbb{1}\left\{|\widehat{R} - R_F| \cdot |\widehat{f}_m - f_m| \geq \frac{|\widetilde{f}_m|^2 \cdot c}{3}\right\}}_{(IV)}, \underbrace{\mathbb{1}\left\{|\widehat{f}_m - f_m|^2 \geq \frac{|\widetilde{f}_m|^3 \cdot c}{3\overline{R}}\right\}}_{(V)}\right) \\ &\quad , \underbrace{\mathbb{1}\left\{|\widehat{R} - R_F| \cdot |\widehat{f}_m - f_m|^2 \geq \frac{|\widetilde{f}_m|^3 \cdot c}{3}\right\}}_{(VI)} \end{aligned} \quad (\text{B5.4})$$

Next, note that, $\forall c > 0$, we have $\mathbb{1}\{|\xi_1| \cdot |\xi_2| \geq c\} \leq \max\left(\mathbb{1}\{|\xi_1| \geq c^{1/2}\}, \mathbb{1}\{|\xi_2| \geq c^{1/2}\}\right)$. Therefore,

$$\underbrace{\mathbb{1}\left\{|\widehat{R} - R_F| \cdot |\widehat{f}_m - f_m| \geq \frac{|\widetilde{f}_m|^2 \cdot c}{3}\right\}}_{(IV)} \quad (\text{B5.5A})$$

$$\leq \max\left(\mathbb{1}\left\{|\widehat{R} - R_F| \geq \left(\frac{|\widetilde{f}_m|^2 \cdot c}{3}\right)^{1/2}\right\}, \mathbb{1}\left\{|\widehat{f}_m - f_m| \geq \left(\frac{|\widetilde{f}_m|^2 \cdot c}{3}\right)^{1/2}\right\}\right)$$

$$\underbrace{\mathbb{1}\left\{|\widehat{f}_m - f_m|^2 \geq \frac{|\widetilde{f}_m|^3 \cdot c}{3\overline{R}}\right\}}_{(V)} = \mathbb{1}\left\{|\widehat{f}_m - f_m| \geq \left(\frac{|\widetilde{f}_m|^3 \cdot c}{3\overline{R}}\right)^{1/2}\right\} \quad (\text{B5.5B})$$

$$\underbrace{\mathbb{1}\left\{|\widehat{R} - R_F| \cdot |\widehat{f}_m - f_m|^2 \geq \frac{|\widetilde{f}_m|^3 \cdot c}{3}\right\}}_{(VI)} \quad (\text{B5.5C})$$

$$\leq \max\left(\mathbb{1}\left\{|\widehat{R} - R_F| \geq \left(\frac{|\widetilde{f}_m|^3 \cdot c}{3}\right)^{1/2}\right\}, \mathbb{1}\left\{|\widehat{f}_m - f_m| \geq \left(\frac{|\widetilde{f}_m|^3 \cdot c}{3}\right)^{1/4}\right\}\right)$$

Note that $\min\{|\widetilde{f}_m|, |\widetilde{f}_m|^{3/2}, |\widetilde{f}_m|^{3/4}\} = \min\{|\widetilde{f}_m|^{3/2}, |\widetilde{f}_m|^{3/4}\}$, and $\min\{c^{1/4}, c^{1/2}\} \leq \min\{c^{1/4}, c\}$ for all $c > 0$. Given this, let

$$\varphi^\mu(\widetilde{f}_m, c) \equiv \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \cdot \min\left\{\frac{1}{\overline{R}}, 1\right\} \cdot \min\{|\widetilde{f}_m|^{3/2}, |\widetilde{f}_m|^{3/4}\} \cdot \min\{c^{1/4}, c\}.$$

Combining (B5.5A), (B5.5B) and (B5.5C) with (B5.4), we have

$$\mathbb{1}\left\{|\varepsilon_n^\mu| \geq c\right\} \leq \underbrace{\max\left(\mathbb{1}\left\{|\widehat{R} - R_F| \geq \varphi^\mu(\widetilde{f}_m, c)\right\}\right)}_{(VII)}, \underbrace{\mathbb{1}\left\{|\widehat{f}_m - f_m| \geq \varphi^\mu(\widetilde{f}_m, c)\right\}}_{(VIII)} \quad (\text{B5.6})$$

Let us analyze term (VII) in (B5.6) first. Begin by expressing it as

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{1}\left\{|\widehat{R} - R_F| \geq \varphi^\mu(\widetilde{f}_m, c)\right\} &= \mathbb{1}\left\{|\widehat{R} - R_F| \geq \varphi^\mu(\widetilde{f}_m, c)\right\} \cdot \mathbb{1}\left\{|\widetilde{f}_m| \geq |f_m| - \frac{1}{2} \cdot \underline{f}_m\right\} \\ &\quad + \mathbb{1}\left\{|\widehat{R} - R_F| \geq \varphi^\mu(\widetilde{f}_m, c)\right\} \cdot \mathbb{1}\left\{|\widetilde{f}_m| < |f_m| - \frac{1}{2} \cdot \underline{f}_m\right\} \end{aligned} \quad (\text{B5.7})$$

We begin with the first term on the right-hand side of (B5.7). Note first that $|f_m| - \frac{1}{2} \cdot \underline{f}_m \geq \frac{1}{2} \cdot \underline{f}_m$ and therefore $\mathbb{1}\left\{|\widetilde{f}_m| \geq |f_m| - \frac{1}{2} \cdot \underline{f}_m\right\} \leq \mathbb{1}\left\{|\widetilde{f}_m| \geq \frac{1}{2} \cdot \underline{f}_m\right\}$. Define

$$D^{\varepsilon^\mu} \equiv \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \cdot \min\left\{\frac{1}{\underline{R}}, 1\right\} \cdot \min\left\{\left(\frac{1}{2} \cdot \underline{f}_m\right)^{3/2}, \left(\frac{1}{2} \cdot \underline{f}_m\right)^{3/4}\right\}$$

Then, the first term on the right-hand side of (B5.7) satisfies

$$\mathbb{1}\left\{|\widehat{R} - R_F| \geq \varphi^\mu(\widetilde{f}_m, c)\right\} \cdot \mathbb{1}\left\{|\widetilde{f}_m| \geq |f_m| - \frac{1}{2} \cdot \underline{f}_m\right\} \leq \mathbb{1}\left\{|\widehat{R} - R_F| \geq D^{\varepsilon^\mu} \cdot \min\left\{c^{1/4}, c\right\}\right\} \quad (\text{B5.8A})$$

Next, we move on to the second term on the right-hand side of (B5.7). Recall that, by definition, we have $|\widehat{f}_m - f_m| \geq |\widetilde{f}_m - f_m|$. Therefore, $|\widehat{f}_m - f_m| \geq |\widetilde{f}_m - f_m| \geq |f_m| - |\widetilde{f}_m|$ and thus, $\mathbb{1}\left\{|\widetilde{f}_m| < |f_m| - \frac{1}{2} \cdot \underline{f}_m\right\} = \mathbb{1}\left\{|f_m| - |\widetilde{f}_m| > \frac{1}{2} \cdot \underline{f}_m\right\} \leq \mathbb{1}\left\{|\widetilde{f}_m - f_m| > \frac{1}{2} \cdot \underline{f}_m\right\} \leq \mathbb{1}\left\{|\widehat{f}_m - f_m| \geq \frac{1}{2} \cdot \underline{f}_m\right\}$. Therefore, the second term on the right-hand side of (B5.7) satisfies,

$$\begin{aligned} &\mathbb{1}\left\{|\widehat{R} - R_F| \geq \varphi^\mu(\widetilde{f}_m, c)\right\} \cdot \mathbb{1}\left\{|\widetilde{f}_m| < |f_m| - \frac{1}{2} \cdot \underline{f}_m\right\} \\ &\leq \mathbb{1}\left\{|\widehat{R} - R_F| \geq \varphi^\mu(\widetilde{f}_m, c)\right\} \cdot \mathbb{1}\left\{|\widehat{f}_m - f_m| \geq \frac{1}{2} \cdot \underline{f}_m\right\} \leq \mathbb{1}\left\{|\widehat{f}_m - f_m| \geq \frac{1}{2} \cdot \underline{f}_m\right\} \end{aligned} \quad (\text{B5.8B})$$

Combining (B5.8A) and (B5.8B) with (B5.7), we have that the term (VII) in equation (B5.6) satisfies,

$$\begin{aligned} \underbrace{\mathbb{1}\left\{|\widehat{R} - R_F| \geq \varphi^\mu(\widetilde{f}_m, c)\right\}}_{(VII)} &\leq \max\left(\mathbb{1}\left\{|\widehat{R} - R_F| \geq \min\left\{\frac{\underline{f}_m}{2}, D^{\varepsilon^\mu} c^{1/4}, D^{\varepsilon^\mu} c\right\}\right\}\right. \\ &\quad \left., \mathbb{1}\left\{|\widehat{f}_m - f_m| \geq \min\left\{\frac{\underline{f}_m}{2}, D^{\varepsilon^\mu} c^{1/4}, D^{\varepsilon^\mu} c\right\}\right\}\right) \end{aligned} \quad (\text{B5.9A})$$

Next, we analyze the term (VIII) in equation (B5.6). Similar to (B5.7), let us write it as

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{1}\left\{\left|\widehat{f}_m - f_m\right| \geq \varphi^\mu(\widetilde{f}_m, c)\right\} &= \mathbb{1}\left\{\left|\widehat{f}_m - f_m\right| \geq \varphi^\mu(\widetilde{f}_m, c)\right\} \cdot \mathbb{1}\left\{\left|\widetilde{f}_m\right| \geq \left|f_m\right| - \frac{1}{2} \cdot \underline{f}_m\right\} \\ &\quad + \mathbb{1}\left\{\left|\widehat{f}_m - f_m\right| \geq \varphi^\mu(\widetilde{f}_m, c)\right\} \cdot \mathbb{1}\left\{\left|\widetilde{f}_m\right| < \left|f_m\right| - \frac{1}{2} \cdot \underline{f}_m\right\} \end{aligned}$$

Parallel steps to those leading to (B5.8A) and (B5.8B) now yield,

$$\underbrace{\mathbb{1}\left\{\left|\widehat{f}_m - f_m\right| \geq \varphi^\mu(\widetilde{f}_m, c)\right\}}_{\text{(VIII)}} \leq \mathbb{1}\left\{\left|\widehat{f}_m - f_m\right| \geq \min\left\{\frac{f_m}{2}, D^{\varepsilon^\mu} c^{1/4}, D^{\varepsilon^\mu} c\right\}\right\} \quad (\text{B5.9B})$$

Denote

$$\underline{\varphi}^\mu(c) \equiv \min\left\{\frac{f_m}{2}, D^{\varepsilon^\mu} c, D^{\varepsilon^\mu} c^{1/4}\right\}. \quad (\text{B5.10})$$

Combining (B5.9A) and (B5.9B) with (B5.6), we have that, for any $c > 0$,

$$\begin{aligned} &\mathbb{1}\left\{\left|\varepsilon_n^\mu(m(z_2, \theta))\right| \geq c\right\} \\ &\leq \max\left\{\mathbb{1}\left\{\left|\widehat{R}(m(z_2, \theta)) - R_F(m(z_2, \theta))\right| \geq \underline{\varphi}^\mu(c)\right\}, \mathbb{1}\left\{\left|\widehat{f}_m(m(z_2, \theta)) - f_m(m(z_2, \theta))\right| \geq \underline{\varphi}^\mu(c)\right\}\right\} \quad (\text{B5.11}) \\ &\leq \mathbb{1}\left\{\left|\widehat{R}(m(z_2, \theta)) - R_F(m(z_2, \theta))\right| \geq \underline{\varphi}^\mu(c)\right\} + \mathbb{1}\left\{\left|\widehat{f}_m(m(z_2, \theta)) - f_m(m(z_2, \theta))\right| \geq \underline{\varphi}^\mu(c)\right\} \\ &\quad \forall (z_2, \theta) \in \mathcal{Z}_2 \times \Theta \quad \forall F \in \mathcal{F} \end{aligned}$$

For $(z_2, \theta) \in \mathcal{Z}_2 \times \Theta$ and $\sigma > 0$, let

$$\begin{aligned} p^R(Z_i, z_2, \theta, \sigma) &\equiv Z_{1i} \cdot K\left(\frac{m(Z_{2i}, \theta) - m(z_2, \theta)}{\sigma}\right), \quad p^{f_m}(Z_i, z_2, \theta, \sigma) \equiv K\left(\frac{m(Z_{2i}, \theta) - m(z_2, \theta)}{\sigma}\right), \\ \nu_n^R(z_2, \theta, \sigma) &\equiv \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \left(p^R(Z_i, z_2, \theta, \sigma) - E_F[p^R(Z, z_2, \theta, \sigma)]\right), \quad \text{and} \\ \nu_n^{f_m}(z_2, \theta, \sigma) &\equiv \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \left(p^{f_m}(Z_i, z_2, \theta, \sigma) - E_F[p^{f_m}(Z, z_2, \theta, \sigma)]\right). \end{aligned}$$

Assumption SMIM2 Consider the following class of functions defined on \mathcal{S}_{Z_2}

$$\mathcal{G}_1 = \left\{g : \mathcal{S}_{Z_2} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} : g(z_2) = K\left(\alpha \cdot m(z_2, \theta) + \beta \cdot m(v, \theta)\right)\right\} \text{ for some } v \in \mathcal{S}_{Z_2}, \theta \in \Theta, \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$$

Then, \mathcal{G}_1 is Euclidean for the constant envelope \overline{K} .

For indices of the form $m(z_2, \theta) = z'_2 \theta$, the condition in Assumption SMIM2 follows immediately

from Lemma 22 in Nolan and Pollard (1987), who showed that if $\lambda(\cdot)$ is a real-valued function of bounded variation on \mathbb{R} , the class of all functions of the form $x \rightarrow \lambda(\gamma'x + \tau)$ with γ ranging over \mathbb{R}^d and τ ranging over \mathbb{R} is Euclidean for a constant envelope. By Assumption SMIM2, the class of functions

$$\left\{ g : \mathcal{S}_{Z_2} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} : g(z_2) = K \left(\frac{m(z_2, \theta) - m(v, \theta)}{\sigma} \right) \text{ for some } v \in \mathcal{S}_{Z_2}, \theta \in \Theta, \sigma > 0 \right\}$$

is Euclidean for the constant envelope \bar{K} and the conditions in Result S1 are satisfied for any integer q (due to the constant nature of the envelope) and we have that, for all $b > 0$ and any integer q , there exists $\bar{M}_1 < \infty$ such that

$$\sup_{F \in \mathcal{F}} P_F \left(\sup_{\substack{(z_2, \theta) \in \mathcal{Z}_2 \times \Theta \\ \sigma > 0}} \left| v_n^{f_m}(z_2, \theta, \sigma) \right| > b \right) \leq \frac{\bar{M}_1}{(n^{1/2} \cdot b)^q} \quad (\text{B5.12})$$

From here it follows that, for any $\varepsilon > 0$, there exists a finite $\Delta_\varepsilon > 0$ such that

$$\sup_{F \in \mathcal{F}} P_F \left(\sup_{\substack{(z_2, \theta) \in \mathcal{Z}_2 \times \Theta \\ \sigma > 0}} \left| n^{1/2} v_n^{f_m}(z_2, \theta, \sigma) \right| > \Delta_\varepsilon \right) \leq \varepsilon,$$

which means that

$$\sup_{(z_2, \theta) \in \mathcal{Z}_2 \times \Theta} \left| v_n^{f_m}(z_2, \theta, \sigma) \right| = O_p \left(\frac{1}{n^{1/2}} \right) \text{ uniformly over } \mathcal{F} \quad (\text{B5.13})$$

By Pakes and Pollard (1989, Lemma 2.14), Assumption SMIM2 implies that the class of functions

$$\mathcal{G}_2 = \left\{ g : \mathcal{S}_{Z_1} \times \mathcal{S}_{Z_2} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} : g(z_1, z_2) = z_1 \cdot K \left(\frac{m(z_2, \theta) - m(v, \theta)}{\sigma} \right) \text{ for some } v \in \mathcal{S}_{Z_2}, \theta \in \Theta, \sigma > 0 \right\}$$

is also Euclidean for the envelope $G(z_1) = |z_1| \cdot \bar{K}$. By Assumption SMIM1, $E_F[G(Z_1)^{4q}] = \bar{K}^{4q}$. $E_F[Z_1^{4q}] \leq \bar{K}^{4q} \cdot \bar{\mu}_{4q} < \infty$ for all $F \in \mathcal{F}$, from here, Result S1 implies the existence of $\bar{M}_2 < \infty$ such that, for the integer q described in Assumption SMIM1,

$$\sup_{F \in \mathcal{F}} P_F \left(\sup_{\substack{(z_2, \theta) \in \mathcal{Z}_2 \times \Theta \\ \sigma > 0}} \left| v_n^R(z_2, \theta, \sigma) \right| > b \right) \leq \frac{\bar{M}_2}{(n^{1/2} \cdot b)^q} \quad (\text{B5.14})$$

which in turn also implies that

$$\sup_{(z_2, \theta) \in \mathcal{Z}_2 \times \Theta} |v_n^R(z_2, \theta, \sigma)| = O_p\left(\frac{1}{n^{1/2}}\right) \text{ uniformly over } \mathcal{F}. \quad (\text{B5.15})$$

We have

$$\begin{aligned} \widehat{R}(m(z_2, \theta)) &= R_F(m(z_2, \theta)) + \frac{1}{\sigma_n^d} \cdot v_n^R(z_2, \theta, \sigma_n) + B_{n,F}^R(z_2, \theta), \\ \widehat{f}_m(m(z_2, \theta)) &= f_m(m(z_2, \theta)) + \frac{1}{\sigma_n^d} \cdot v_n^{f_m}(z_2, \theta, \sigma_n) + B_{n,F}^{f_m}(z_2, \theta), \end{aligned}$$

where

$$B_{n,F}^R(z_2, \theta) \equiv E_F \left[\frac{p^R(Z, z_2, \theta, \sigma_n)}{\sigma_n^d} \right] - R_F(z_2, \theta), \quad B_{n,F}^{f_m}(z_2, \theta) \equiv E_F \left[\frac{p^{f_m}(Z, z_2, \theta, \sigma_n)}{\sigma_n^d} \right] - f_m(z_2, \theta)$$

are the corresponding bias terms. By the smoothness conditions described above and the bias-reducing nature of the kernel K , there exists a constant $C_B^{\mu_a}$ such that

$$\sup_{(z_2, \theta) \in \mathcal{Z}_2 \times \Theta} |B_{n,F}^R(z_2, \theta)| \leq C_B^{\mu_a} \cdot \sigma_n^L, \quad \sup_{(z_2, \theta) \in \mathcal{Z}_2 \times \Theta} |B_{n,F}^{f_m}(z_2, \theta)| \leq C_B^{\mu_a} \cdot \sigma_n^L \quad \forall F \in \mathcal{F} \quad (\text{B5.16})$$

Define

$$s_{1,n} \equiv C_B^{\mu_a} \cdot \sigma_n^L. \quad (\text{B5.17})$$

Then, from (B5.13), (B5.15) and (B5.16)

$$\begin{aligned} \sup_{(z_2, \theta) \in \mathcal{Z}_2 \times \Theta} |\widehat{R}(m(z_2, \theta)) - R_F(m(z_2, \theta))| &\leq \frac{1}{\sigma_n^d} \cdot \sup_{(z_2, \theta) \in \mathcal{Z}_2 \times \Theta} |v_n^R(z_2, \theta, \sigma_n)| + s_{1,n} = O_p\left(\frac{1}{n^{1/2} \cdot \sigma_n^d}\right) + s_{1,n} \\ \sup_{(z_2, \theta) \in \mathcal{Z}_2 \times \Theta} |\widehat{f}_m(m(z_2, \theta)) - f_m(m(z_2, \theta))| &\leq \frac{1}{\sigma_n^d} \cdot \sup_{(z_2, \theta) \in \mathcal{Z}_2 \times \Theta} |v_n^{f_m}(z_2, \theta, \sigma_n)| + s_{1,n} = O_p\left(\frac{1}{n^{1/2} \cdot \sigma_n^d}\right) + s_{1,n}, \end{aligned} \quad (\text{B5.18})$$

uniformly over \mathcal{F} . Take any $b > 0$ and let n_0 be the smallest integer such that $s_{1,n} < b$. Combining (B5.12), (B5.14) and (B5.18),

$$\begin{aligned} \sup_{F \in \mathcal{F}} P_F \left(\sup_{(z_2, \theta) \in \mathcal{Z}_2 \times \Theta} |\widehat{f}_m(m(z_2, \theta)) - f_m(m(z_2, \theta))| > b \right) &\leq \frac{\overline{M}_1}{(n^{1/2} \cdot \sigma_n^d \cdot (b - s_{1,n}))^q} \quad \forall n \geq n_0, \\ \sup_{F \in \mathcal{F}} P_F \left(\sup_{(z_2, \theta) \in \mathcal{Z}_2 \times \Theta} |\widehat{R}(m(z_2, \theta)) - R_F(m(z_2, \theta))| > b \right) &\leq \frac{\overline{M}_2}{(n^{1/2} \cdot \sigma_n^d \cdot (b - s_{1,n}))^q} \quad \forall n \geq n_0. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{B5.19})$$

Going back to the definition of $\varepsilon_n^\mu(m(z_2, \theta))$ in (B5.3), recall that

$$\begin{aligned} |\varepsilon_n^\mu(m(z_2, \theta))| &\leq \frac{|\widehat{R}(m(z_2, \theta)) - R_F(m(z_2, \theta))| \cdot |\widehat{f}_m(m(z_2, \theta)) - f_m(m(z_2, \theta))|}{|\widetilde{f}_m(m(z_2, \theta))|^2} \\ &\quad + \frac{\bar{R} \cdot |\widehat{f}_m(m(z_2, \theta)) - f_m(m(z_2, \theta))|^2}{|\widetilde{f}_m(m(z_2, \theta))|^3} \\ &\quad + \frac{|\widehat{R}(m(z_2, \theta)) - R_F(m(z_2, \theta))| \cdot |\widehat{f}_m(m(z_2, \theta)) - f_m(m(z_2, \theta))|^2}{|\widetilde{f}_m(m(z_2, \theta))|^3} \end{aligned} \quad (\text{B5.20})$$

where $\widetilde{f}_m(m(z_2, \theta))$ is an intermediate point between $\widehat{f}_m(m(z_2, \theta))$ and $f_m(m(z_2, \theta))$ and $\bar{R} \equiv \bar{\mu} \cdot \bar{f}_m$. From (B5.18) and Assumption SMIM1, it immediately follows that $\sup_{(z_2, \theta) \in \mathcal{Z}_2 \times \Theta} |\widetilde{R}(m(z_2, \theta))| = O_p(1)$ uniformly over \mathcal{F} . Assumption SMIM1 and the result in (B5.18) also imply that $\sup_{(z_2, \theta) \in \mathcal{Z}_2 \times \Theta} \left| \frac{1}{\widehat{f}_m(m(z_2, \theta))} \right| = O_p(1)$ uniformly over \mathcal{F} . To see why, take any $\delta > 0$ and note that

$$P_F \left(\sup_{(z_2, \theta) \in \mathcal{Z}_2 \times \Theta} \left| \frac{1}{\widehat{f}_m(m(z_2, \theta))} \right| > \frac{1}{(1 - \delta) \cdot \underline{f}_m} \right) \leq P_F \left(\sup_{(z_2, \theta) \in \mathcal{Z}_2 \times \Theta} |\widehat{f}_m(m(z_2, \theta)) - f_m(m(z_2, \theta))| > \delta \cdot \underline{f}_m \right)$$

Let n_0 be the smallest n such that $s_{1,n} < \delta \cdot \underline{f}_m$. Then,

$$\sup_{F \in \mathcal{F}} P_F \left(\sup_{(z_2, \theta) \in \mathcal{Z}_2 \times \Theta} \left| \frac{1}{\widehat{f}_m(m(z_2, \theta))} \right| > \frac{1}{(1 - \delta) \cdot \underline{f}_m} \right) \leq \frac{\bar{M}_1}{(n^{1/2} \cdot \sigma_n^d \cdot (\delta \cdot \underline{f}_m - s_{1,n}))^q} \quad \forall n \geq n_0$$

Therefore, for any $\varepsilon > 0$ there exists a small enough δ_ε and n_ε such that

$$\sup_{F \in \mathcal{F}} P_F \left(\sup_{(z_2, \theta) \in \mathcal{Z}_2 \times \Theta} \left| \frac{1}{\widehat{f}_m(m(z_2, \theta))} \right| > \frac{1}{(1 - \delta) \cdot \underline{f}_m} \right) \leq \varepsilon \quad \forall n \geq n_\varepsilon,$$

and so $\sup_{(z_2, \theta) \in \mathcal{Z}_2 \times \Theta} \left| \frac{1}{\widehat{f}_m(m(z_2, \theta))} \right| = O_p(1)$ uniformly over \mathcal{F} . From here, (B5.18) and (B5.20) yield

$$\sup_{(z_2, \theta) \in \mathcal{Z}_2 \times \Theta} |\varepsilon_n^\mu(m(z_2, \theta))| = O_p \left(\left(\frac{1}{n^{1/2} \cdot \sigma_n^d} + s_{1,n} \right)^2 \right), \quad \text{uniformly over } \mathcal{F}. \quad (\text{B5.21})$$

And going back to (B5.11) we have that, for any $c > 0$,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{1}\left\{\left|\varepsilon_n^\mu(m(z_2, \theta))\right| \geq c\right\} &\leq \mathbb{1}\left\{\left|\nu_n^R(z_2, \theta, \sigma_n)\right| \geq \sigma_n^d \cdot (\underline{\varphi}^\mu(c) - s_{1,n})\right\} \\ &\quad + \mathbb{1}\left\{\left|\nu_n^{f_m}(z_2, \theta, \sigma_n)\right| \geq \sigma_n^d \cdot (\underline{\varphi}^\mu(c) - s_{1,n})\right\} \\ &\quad \forall (z_2, \theta) \in \mathcal{Z}_2 \times \Theta, \forall F \in \mathcal{F}. \end{aligned}$$

where $\underline{\varphi}^\mu(c)$ is defined in (B5.10). Thus, if we take any $c > 0$ and we let n_0 be the smallest integer such that $s_{1,n} < \underline{\varphi}^\mu(c)$, (B5.19) and the previous expression yield

$$\sup_{F \in \mathcal{F}} P_F \left(\sup_{(z_2, \theta) \in \mathcal{Z}_2 \times \Theta} \left| \varepsilon_n^\mu(m(z_2, \theta)) \right| \geq c \right) \leq \frac{\overline{M}_1 + \overline{M}_2}{\left(n^{1/2} \cdot \sigma_n^d \cdot (\underline{\varphi}^\mu(c) - s_{1,n}) \right)^q} \quad \forall n \geq n_0. \quad (\text{B5.22})$$

For a given $\theta \in \Theta$ define

$$\nu_n^\mu(\theta) \equiv \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \phi(Z_{2i}) \cdot (\widehat{\mu}(m(Z_{2i}, \theta)) - \mu_F(m(Z_{2i}, \theta))). \quad (\text{B5.23})$$

For a given $\sigma > 0$, let

$$\begin{aligned} m_F^\mu(Z_i, Z_j, \theta) &\equiv \frac{1}{2} \left(\phi(Z_{2j}) \cdot \frac{(Z_{1i} - \mu_F(m(Z_{2j}, \theta)))}{f_m(m(Z_{2j}, \theta))} + \phi(Z_{2i}) \cdot \frac{(Z_{1j} - \mu_F(m(Z_{2i}, \theta)))}{f_m(m(Z_{2i}, \theta))} \right), \\ p_F^\mu(Z_i, Z_j; \theta, \sigma) &\equiv m_F^\mu(Z_i, Z_j, \theta) \cdot K \left(\frac{m(Z_{2i}, \theta) - m(Z_{2j}, \theta)}{\sigma} \right), \\ U_{2,n}^\mu(\theta, \sigma) &= \binom{2}{n}^{-1} \sum_{i < j} p_F^\mu(Z_i, Z_j; \theta, \sigma), \end{aligned} \quad (\text{B5.24})$$

and denote $U_{2,n}^\mu(\theta, \sigma_n) \equiv U_{2,n}^\mu(\theta)$. Let

$$Q_F(z, \theta) \equiv \phi(z_2) \cdot \frac{(z_1 - \mu_F(m(z_2, \theta)))}{f_m(m(z_2, \theta))}.$$

From (B5.3), we have

$$\nu_n^\mu(\theta) = \frac{1}{\sigma_n^d} \cdot U_{2,n}^\mu(\theta) + \left(\frac{K(0)}{n \cdot \sigma_n^d} \right) \cdot \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n Q_F(Z_i, \theta) + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \phi(Z_{2i}) \cdot \varepsilon_n^\mu(m(Z_{2i}, \theta)) \quad (\text{B5.25})$$

Recall that we have assumed that there exist constants $\underline{f}_m > 0$, $\overline{f}_m < \infty$ and $\overline{\mu} < \infty$ such that $\overline{f}_m \geq f_m(m) \geq \underline{f}_m$ and $|\mu_F(m)| \leq \overline{\mu} \quad \forall m \in \mathcal{M}$ and all $F \in \mathcal{F}$. We have also assumed that both

$f_m(m)$ and $\mu_F(m)$ are L -times continuously differentiable with respect to m for F -a.e $m \in \mathcal{M}$, with derivatives that are uniformly bounded over \mathcal{M} for all $F \in \mathcal{F}$. Let

$$\eta_F(m(Z_2, \theta)) \equiv E_F[\phi(Z_2) \mid m(Z_2, \theta)],$$

and assume that, like the other functionals analyzed before, $\eta_F(m)$ is also L -times continuously differentiable with respect to m for F -a.e $m \in \mathcal{M}$ with derivatives that are uniformly bounded over \mathcal{M} for all $F \in \mathcal{F}$. For a given $\theta \in \Theta$ and $\sigma > 0$, let

$$\begin{aligned} r_{1,F}^\mu(Z_i; \theta, \sigma) &= E_F[p_F^\mu(Z_i, Z_j; \theta, \sigma) \mid Z_i] - E_F[p_F^\mu(Z_i, Z_j; \theta, \sigma)], \\ r_{2,F}^\mu(Z_i, Z_j; \theta, \sigma) &= (p_F^\mu(Z_i, Z_j; \theta, \sigma) - E_F[p_F^\mu(Z_i, Z_j; \theta, \sigma)]) - r_{1,F}^\mu(Z_i; \theta, \sigma) - r_{1,F}^\mu(Z_j; \theta, \sigma), \\ V_{2,n}^\mu(\theta, \sigma) &\equiv \binom{2}{n}^{-1} \sum_{i < j} r_{2,F}^\mu(Z_i, Z_j; \theta, \sigma) \end{aligned}$$

$V_{2,n}^\mu(\theta, \sigma)$ is a degenerate U-statistic of order 2 and $\{V_{2,n}^\mu(\theta, \sigma) : \theta \in \Theta, \sigma > 0\}$ is a degenerate U-process of order 2, and therefore compatible with the conditions for Result S1 under the assumptions we will describe below.

Let us denote $V_{2,n}^\mu(\theta, \sigma_n) \equiv V_{2,n}^\mu(\theta)$. A Hoeffding decomposition (see Serfling (1980, pages 177-178) or Sherman (1994, equations (6)-(7))) of the U-statistic $U_{2,n}^\mu(\theta)$ in (B5.24), combined with the higher-order kernel properties and the smoothness conditions described above yield the following result,

$$\frac{1}{\sigma_n^d} \cdot U_{2,n}^\mu(\theta) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \eta_F(m(Z_{2i}, \theta)) \cdot (Z_{1i} - \mu_F(m(Z_{2i}, \theta))) + \frac{1}{\sigma_n^d} \cdot V_{2,n}^\mu(\theta) + B_{n,F}^\mu(\theta) \quad (\text{B5.26})$$

where $B_{n,\mu}(\theta)$ is a bias term which, by our smoothness assumptions, is such that there exists a constant $C_B^{\mu_b}$ such that

$$\sup_{\theta \in \Theta} \|B_{n,F}^\mu(\theta)\| \leq C_B^{\mu_b} \cdot \sigma_n^L \quad \forall F \in \mathcal{F} \quad (\text{B5.27})$$

Plugging (B5.26) into (B5.25), we have

$$\begin{aligned} v_n^\mu(\theta) &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \eta_F(m(Z_{2i}, \theta)) \cdot (Z_{1i} - \mu_F(m(Z_{2i}, \theta))) + \varepsilon_n^{\nu^\mu}(\theta), \quad \text{where} \\ \varepsilon_n^{\nu^\mu}(\theta) &\equiv \frac{1}{\sigma_n^d} \cdot V_{2,n}^\mu(\theta) + \left(\frac{K(0)}{n \cdot \sigma_n^d} \right) \cdot \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (Q_F(Z_i, \theta) - E_F[Q_F(Z, \theta)]) \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \phi(Z_{2i}) \cdot \varepsilon_n^\mu(m(Z_{2i}, \theta)) + \left(\frac{K(0)}{n \cdot \sigma_n^d} \right) \cdot E_F[Q_F(Z, \theta)] + B_{n,F}^\mu(\theta) \end{aligned} \quad (\text{B5.28})$$

From our assumptions, it follows that there exists a constant $C_Q < \infty$ such that

$$\sup_{\theta \in \Theta} |E_F[Q_F(Z, \theta)]| \leq C_Q \quad \forall F \in \mathcal{F}$$

Define

$$s_{2,n} \equiv \frac{|K(0)| \cdot C_Q}{n \cdot \sigma_n^d} + C_B^{\mu_b} \cdot \sigma_n^L. \quad (\text{B5.29})$$

Thus, from (B5.27) and the previous expression,

$$\begin{aligned} \|\varepsilon_n^{\nu^\mu}(\theta)\| &\leq \frac{1}{\sigma_n^d} \cdot \|V_{2,n}^\mu(\theta)\| + \left| \frac{K(0)}{n \cdot \sigma_n^d} \right| \cdot \left\| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (Q_F(Z_i, \theta) - E_F[Q_F(Z, \theta)]) \right\| \\ &\quad + \left\| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \phi(Z_{2i}) \cdot \varepsilon_n^\mu(m(Z_{2i}, \theta)) \right\| + s_{2,n} \end{aligned} \quad (\text{B5.30})$$

Assumption SMIM3 *The index $m(z_2, \theta)$ is smooth with respect to θ and, for every $F \in \mathcal{F}$, the following Jacobians are well-defined for F -a.e $z_2 \in \mathcal{S}_{Z_2}$ and for all $\theta \in \Theta$,*

$$\begin{aligned} \underbrace{\nabla_\theta \mu_F(m(z_2; \theta))}_{1 \times k} &\equiv \left(\frac{\partial \mu_F(m(z_2; \theta))'}{\partial \theta_1} \quad \frac{\partial \mu_F(m(z_2; \theta))'}{\partial \theta_2} \quad \dots \quad \frac{\partial \mu_F(m(z_2; \theta))'}{\partial \theta_d} \right), \\ \underbrace{\nabla_\theta f_m(m(z_2; \theta))}_{1 \times k} &\equiv \left(\frac{\partial f_m(m(z_2; \theta))'}{\partial \theta_1} \quad \frac{\partial f_m(m(z_2; \theta))'}{\partial \theta_2} \quad \dots \quad \frac{\partial f_m(m(z_2; \theta))'}{\partial \theta_d} \right) \end{aligned}$$

There exists a nonnegative function $\bar{H}_1(\cdot)$ such that, for each $F \in \mathcal{F}$,

$$\begin{aligned} \sup_{\theta \in \Theta} \|\nabla_\theta \mu_F(m(z_2; \theta))\| &\leq \bar{H}_1(z_2) \quad \forall z_2 \in \mathcal{Z}_2, \\ \sup_{\theta \in \Theta} \|\nabla_\theta f_m(m(z_2; \theta))\| &\leq \bar{H}_1(z_2) \quad \forall z_2 \in \mathcal{Z}_2, \end{aligned}$$

and there exists $\bar{\mu}_{\bar{H}_1} < \infty$ such that $E_F[\bar{H}_1(Z_2)^{4q}] \leq \bar{\mu}_{\bar{H}_1} \quad \forall F \in \mathcal{F}$, where q is the integer described in Assumption SMIM1.

If we let m_F^μ be as defined in (B5.24), and

$$\bar{G}_1(Z_i, Z_j) \equiv \left(\frac{(|Z_{1i}| + \bar{f}_m + \bar{\mu})}{2\bar{f}_m^2} \cdot \|\phi(Z_{2j})\| \cdot \bar{H}_1(Z_{2j}) + \frac{(|Z_{1j}| + \bar{f}_m + \bar{\mu})}{2\bar{f}_m^2} \cdot \|\phi(Z_{2i})\| \cdot \bar{H}_1(Z_{2i}) \right)$$

where \bar{f}_m , \bar{f}_m and $\bar{\mu}$ are as defined in Assumption SMIM1, then, for each $F \in \mathcal{F}$,

$$\|m_F^\mu(Z_i, Z_j, \theta) - m_F^\mu(Z_i, Z_j, \theta')\| \leq \bar{G}_1(Z_i, Z_j) \cdot \|\theta - \theta'\| \quad \forall \theta, \theta' \in \Theta$$

Let q be the integer described in Assumption SMIM1. By Assumption SMIM3, there exists $\bar{\mu}_{\bar{G}_1} < \infty$ such that,

$$E_F \left[\bar{G}_1(Z_i, Z_j)^{4q} \right] \leq \bar{\mu}_{\bar{G}_1} \quad \forall F \in \mathcal{F}$$

For the ℓ^{th} component $(\phi_\ell(Z_2))$ of $\phi(Z_2)$ and for each F let

$$\mathcal{G}_{3,F}^\ell = \left\{ g : \mathcal{S}_Z^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R} : g(z_a, z_b) = \frac{1}{2} \left(\phi_\ell(z_{2b}) \cdot \frac{(z_{1a} - \mu_F(m(z_{2b}, \theta)))}{f_m(m(z_{2b}, \theta))} + \phi_\ell(z_{2a}) \cdot \frac{(z_{1b} - \mu_F(m(z_{2a}, \theta)))}{f_m(m(z_{2a}, \theta))} \right) \right. \\ \left. \times K \left(\frac{m(z_{2a}, \theta) - m(z_{2b}, \theta)}{\sigma} \right) \text{ for some } \theta \in \Theta, \sigma > 0 \right\}$$

By Assumptions SMIM2 and SMIM3, Lemmas 2.13 and 2.14 in Pakes and Pollard (1989), there exist positive constants A_3 and V_3 such that, for every $F \in \mathcal{F}$, the class $\mathcal{G}_{3,F}^\ell$ is Euclidean (A_3, V_3) for the envelope

$$G_3(z_a, z_b) = \frac{1}{2f_{-m}} \left(\|\phi(z_{2b})\| \cdot |z_{1a} - \mu_F(m(z_{2b}, \theta_0))| + \|\phi(z_{2a})\| \cdot |z_{1b} - \mu_F(m(z_{2a}, \theta_0))| \right) + M_0 \cdot \bar{G}_1(z_a, z_b)$$

where θ_0 is an arbitrary point of Θ and $M_0^\ell \equiv 2\sqrt{k} \sup_{\Theta} \|\theta - \theta_0\|$. Let q be the integer described in Assumption SMIM1. By the conditions described in Assumptions SMIM1 and SMIM3, there exists $\bar{\mu}_{G_3} < \infty$ such that $E_F [G_3(Z_i, Z_j)^{4q}] \leq \bar{\mu}_{G_3}$ for all $F \in \mathcal{F}$. Next, let

$$\mathcal{G}_{4,F}^\ell = \left\{ f : \mathcal{S}_Z \rightarrow \mathbb{R} : f(z) = E_F [g(z, Z)] \text{ for some } g \in \mathcal{G}_{3,F}^\ell \right\}$$

By Lemma 20 in Nolan and Pollard (1987) (or Lemma 5 in Sherman (1994)), Assumptions SMIM2 and SMIM3 imply that there exist positive constants A_4 and V_4 such that $\mathcal{G}_{4,F}^\ell$ is Euclidean (A_4, V_4) for the envelope

$$G_4(z) = \sqrt{E_F [G_3(z, Z)^2]}$$

Let q be any positive integer. By Jensen's inequality, $G_4(z)^{4q} = (E_F [G_3(z, Z)^2])^{2q} \leq E_F [G_3(z, Z)^{4q}]$. Therefore, $E_F [G_4(Z_i)^{4q}] \leq E_F [G_3(Z_i, Z_j)^{4q}] \leq \bar{\mu}_{G_3}$. The conditions in Result S1 are satisfied for the integer q described in Assumption SMIM2 and there exists a constant $\bar{M}_3 < \infty$ such that, for all $b > 0$,

$$\sup_{F \in \mathcal{F}} P_F \left(\sup_{\theta \in \Theta} \|V_{2,n}^\mu(\theta)\| > b \right) \leq \sup_{F \in \mathcal{F}} P_F \left(\sup_{\substack{\theta \in \Theta \\ h > 0}} \|V_{2,n}^\mu(\theta)\| > b \right) \leq \frac{\bar{M}_3}{(n \cdot b)^q} \quad (\text{B5.31})$$

which in turn also implies that

$$\sup_{\theta \in \Theta} \|V_{2,n}^\mu(\theta)\| = O_p \left(\frac{1}{n} \right) \text{ uniformly over } \mathcal{F}. \quad (\text{B5.32})$$

For ϕ_ℓ , the ℓ^{th} component of ϕ , let

$$\mathcal{G}_{5,F}^\ell = \left\{ g : \mathcal{S}_Z \rightarrow \mathbb{R} : g(z) = \phi_\ell(z_2) \cdot \frac{(z_1 - \mu_F(m(z_2, \theta)))}{f_m(m(z_2, \theta))} \quad \text{for some } \theta \in \Theta \right\}$$

Let

$$\overline{G}_2(z) \equiv \frac{(|z_1| + \bar{f}_m + \bar{\mu})}{2\bar{f}_m^2} \cdot \|\phi(z_2)\| \cdot \overline{H}_1(z_2),$$

where $\overline{H}_1(\cdot)$ is as described in Assumption SMIM3. By the conditions described there, for any $F \in \mathcal{F}$, we have

$$\left| \phi_\ell(z_2) \cdot \frac{(z_1 - \mu_F(m(z_2, \theta)))}{f_m(m(z_2, \theta))} - \phi_\ell(z_2) \cdot \frac{(z_1 - \mu_F(m(z_2, \theta')))}{f_m(m(z_2, \theta'))} \right| \leq \overline{G}_2(z) \cdot \|\theta - \theta'\| \quad \forall \theta, \theta' \in \Theta.$$

By Assumptions SMIM2 and SMIM3, Lemmas 2.13 and 2.14 in Pakes and Pollard (1989), there exist positive constants A_5 and V_5 such that, for every $F \in \mathcal{F}$, the class $\mathcal{G}_{5,F}^\ell$ is Euclidean (A_5, V_5) for the envelope

$$G_5(z) = \frac{1}{\bar{f}_m} \cdot \|\phi(z_2)\| \cdot |(z_1 - \mu_F(m(z_2, \theta_0)))| + M_0 \cdot \overline{G}_2(z)$$

where θ_0 is an arbitrary point of Θ and $M_0 \equiv 2\sqrt{k} \sup_{\Theta} \|\theta - \theta_0\|$. By the conditions in Assumption SMIM3, there exists $\bar{\mu}_{G_5} < \infty$ such that $E_F[G_5(Z)^{4q}] \leq \bar{\mu}_{G_5}$ for all $F \in \mathcal{F}$. Thus, conditions in Result S1 are satisfied for the integer q described in Assumption SMIM2 and there exists a constant $\overline{M}_4 < \infty$ such that, for all $b > 0$,

$$\sup_{F \in \mathcal{F}} P_F \left(\sup_{\theta \in \Theta} \left\| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (Q_F(Z_i, \theta) - E_F[Q_F(Z, \theta)]) \right\| > b \right) \leq \frac{\overline{M}_4}{(n^{1/2} \cdot b)^q} \quad (\text{B5.33})$$

which in turn also implies that

$$\sup_{\theta \in \Theta} \left\| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (Q_F(Z_i, \theta) - E_F[Q_F(Z, \theta)]) \right\| = O_p\left(\frac{1}{n^{1/2}}\right) \quad \text{uniformly over } \mathcal{F}. \quad (\text{B5.34})$$

Now, going back to (B5.30), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sup_{\theta \in \Theta} \|\varepsilon_n^{\nu^\mu}(\theta)\| &\leq \frac{1}{\sigma_n^d} \cdot \sup_{\theta \in \Theta} \|V_{2,n}^\mu(\theta)\| + \left| \frac{K(0)}{n \cdot \sigma_n^d} \right| \cdot \sup_{\theta \in \Theta} \left\| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (Q_F(Z_i, \theta) - E_F[Q_F(Z, \theta)]) \right\| \\ &\quad + \bar{\phi} \cdot \sup_{(x, \theta) \in \mathcal{X} \times \Theta} |\varepsilon_n^\mu(m(x, \theta))| + s_{2,n} \end{aligned}$$

And so, from (B5.21), (B5.32) and (B5.34), we have that, uniformly over \mathcal{F} ,

$$\sup_{\theta \in \Theta} \|\varepsilon_n^{\nu^\mu}(\theta)\| = O_p\left(\frac{1}{n \cdot \sigma_n^d}\right) + O_p\left(\frac{1}{n^{3/2} \cdot \sigma_n^d}\right) + O_p\left(\left(\frac{1}{n^{1/2} \cdot \sigma_n^d} + s_{1,n}\right)^2\right) + s_{2,n} \quad (\text{B5.35})$$

Take any $b > 0$ and let n_0 be the smallest integer such that

$$s_{2,n} < b \quad \text{and} \quad s_{1,n} < \underbrace{\min\left\{\frac{f}{2}, D^{\varepsilon^\mu} \cdot \left(\frac{b-s_{2,n}}{3\bar{\phi}}\right), D^{\varepsilon^\mu} \cdot \left(\frac{b-s_{2,n}}{3\bar{\phi}}\right)^{1/4}\right\}}_{=\underline{\varphi}^\mu\left(\frac{b-s_{2,n}}{3\bar{\phi}}\right) \text{ (see (B5.10))}}$$

Then, from (B5.22), (B5.31) and (B5.33),

$$\begin{aligned} \sup_{F \in \mathcal{F}} P_F\left(\sup_{\theta \in \Theta} \|\varepsilon_n^{\nu^\mu}(\theta)\| > b\right) &\leq \frac{\bar{M}_3}{\left(n \cdot \sigma_n^d \cdot \left(\frac{b-s_{2,n}}{3}\right)\right)^q} + \frac{\bar{M}_4}{\left(n^{3/2} \cdot \sigma_n^d \cdot \left(\frac{b-s_{2,n}}{3|K(0)|}\right)\right)^q} \\ &\quad + \frac{\bar{M}_1 + \bar{M}_2}{\left(n^{1/2} \cdot \sigma_n^d \cdot \left(\underline{\varphi}^\mu\left(\frac{b-s_{2,n}}{3\bar{\phi}}\right) - s_{1,n}\right)\right)^q} \quad \forall n \geq n_0 \end{aligned} \quad (\text{B5.36})$$

Equipped with the result in (B5.36), let us go back to the analysis of the estimator $\widehat{\theta}$ described by (B5.2). Recall that we defined

$$\underbrace{\eta_F(m(Z_2, \theta))}_{k \times 1} \equiv E_F[\phi(Z_2)|m(Z_2, \theta)] = \begin{pmatrix} E_F[\phi_1(Z_2)|m(Z_2, \theta)] \\ E_F[\phi_2(Z_2)|m(Z_2, \theta)] \\ \vdots \\ E_F[\phi_k(Z_2)|m(Z_2, \theta)] \end{pmatrix} \equiv \begin{pmatrix} \eta_{1,F}(m(Z_2, \theta)) \\ \eta_{2,F}(m(Z_2, \theta)) \\ \vdots \\ \eta_{k,F}(m(Z_2, \theta)) \end{pmatrix}$$

We add the following smoothness conditions to those described in Assumption SMIM3.

Assumption SMIM4 For every $F \in \mathcal{F}$, the following Jacobians are well-defined for F -a.e $z_2 \in \mathcal{S}_{Z_2}$ and everywhere on Θ ,

$$\underbrace{\nabla_\theta \eta_{\ell,F}(m(z_2, \theta))}_{1 \times k} \equiv \left(\frac{\partial \eta_{\ell,F}(m(z_2, \theta))}{\partial \theta_1}, \frac{\partial \eta_{\ell,F}(m(z_2, \theta))}{\partial \theta_2}, \dots, \frac{\partial \eta_{\ell,F}(m(z_2, \theta))}{\partial \theta_d} \right), \quad \ell = 1, \dots, k \quad (\text{B5.37})$$

Let

$$\underbrace{\nabla_{\theta} \eta_F(m(z_2, \theta))}_{k \times k} \equiv \begin{pmatrix} \nabla_{\theta} \eta_{1,F}(m(z_2, \theta)) \\ \nabla_{\theta} \eta_{2,F}(m(z_2, \theta)) \\ \vdots \\ \nabla_{\theta} \eta_{k,F}(m(z_2, \theta)) \end{pmatrix}$$

and express $\phi(z_2) \equiv (\phi_1(z_2), \phi_2(z_2), \dots, \phi_k(z_2))' \in \mathbb{R}^k$. For $\ell = 1, \dots, k$, define

$$\begin{aligned} \underbrace{T_{\ell,F}(Z, \theta)}_{1 \times k} &\equiv (\phi_{\ell}(Z_2) - \eta_{\ell,F}(m(Z_2, \theta))) \cdot \nabla_{\theta} \mu_F(m(Z_2, \theta)) + \nabla_{\theta} \eta_{\ell,F}(m(Z_2, \theta)) \cdot (Z_1 - \mu_F(m(Z_2, \theta))), \\ \underbrace{T_F(Z, \theta)}_{k^2 \times 1} &\equiv (T_{1,F}(Z, \theta) \quad T_{2,F}(Z, \theta) \quad \dots \quad T_{k,F}(Z, \theta))', \\ \underbrace{\lambda_{\ell,F}(\theta)}_{1 \times k} &\equiv E_F [T_{\ell,F}(Z, \theta)], \\ \underbrace{\lambda_F(\theta)}_{k^2 \times 1} &\equiv E [T_F(Z, \theta)] = (\lambda_{1,F}(\theta) \quad \lambda_{2,F}(\theta) \quad \dots \quad \lambda_{k,F}(\theta))' \end{aligned}$$

(i) There exists a nonnegative function $\bar{H}_2(\cdot)$ such that, for each $F \in \mathcal{F}$,

$$\sup_{\theta \in \Theta} \|\nabla_{\theta} \eta_F(m(z_2, \theta))\| \leq \bar{H}_2(z_2) \quad \forall z_2 \in \mathcal{Z}_2$$

and there exists $\bar{\mu}_{\bar{H}_6} < \infty$ such that $E_F [\bar{H}_2(Z_2)^{4q}] \leq \bar{\mu}_{\bar{H}_6}$ for all $F \in \mathcal{F}$, where q is the integer described in Assumption SMIM1. Note that this condition, combined with Assumptions SMIM1 and SMIM3 imply that there exists a nonnegative function $\bar{G}_6(\cdot)$ such that, for all $F \in \mathcal{F}$,

$$\|T_F(z, \theta) - T_F(z, \theta')\| \leq \bar{G}_6(z) \cdot \|\theta - \theta'\| \quad \forall z \in \mathcal{S}_Z \quad \text{and} \quad \theta, \theta' \in \Theta,$$

and there exists $\bar{\mu}_{\bar{G}_6} < \infty$ such that $E_F [\bar{G}_6(Z)^{4q}] \leq \bar{\mu}_{\bar{G}_6} \quad \forall F \in \mathcal{F}$, where q is the integer described in Assumption SMIM1.

(ii) Let H_k and M_k be as defined in (B1.1). Assume that $\exists \underline{d} > 0, \bar{M}_{\lambda}, K_5 > 0, K_6 > 0$ and $\alpha_1 > 0$ such that, for every $F \in \mathcal{F}$,

$$\begin{aligned} \inf_{\theta \in \Theta} |\det(H_k(\lambda_F(\theta)))| &\geq \underline{d} \quad \sup_{\theta \in \Theta} \|M_k(\lambda_F(\theta))\| \leq \bar{M}_{\lambda} \\ \|M_k(\lambda_F(\theta)) - M_k(v)\| &\leq K_6 \cdot \|\lambda_F(\theta) - v\|^{\alpha_1} \quad \forall v, \theta : \|v - \lambda_F(\theta)\| \leq K_5, \theta \in \Theta. \end{aligned} \tag{B5.38}$$

And,

$$\sup_{\substack{v: \|v - \lambda_F(\theta)\| \leq K_5 \\ \theta \in \Theta}} \left\{ \|M_k(\lambda_F(\theta)) - M_k(v)\| \right\} \leq K_7 < \infty$$

(iii) $\exists K_8 > 0, K_9 > 0$ and $\alpha_2 > 0$ such that, for every $F \in \mathcal{F}$,

$$\|\lambda_F(\theta) - \lambda_F(\theta^*)\| \leq K_9 \cdot \|\theta - \theta^*\|^{\alpha_2} \quad \forall \theta : \|\theta - \theta^*\| \leq K_8$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \zeta_F(Z_i) &\equiv \left(\phi(Z_{2i}) - \eta_F(m(Z_{2i}, \theta^*)) \right) \cdot \left(Z_{1i} - \mu_F(m(Z_{2i}, \theta^*)) \right), \\ \psi_F^\theta(Z_i) &\equiv M_k(\lambda_F(\theta^*)) \cdot \zeta_F(Z_i). \end{aligned}$$

Note that $E_F[\zeta_F(Z)] = E_F[\psi_F^\theta(Z)] = 0$. Under Assumptions SMIM1-SMIM4, the estimator defined by (B5.2) satisfies,

$$\widehat{\theta} = \theta^* + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \psi_F^\theta(Z_i) + \varepsilon_n^\theta,$$

and the conditions in Assumption 1 of the paper are satisfied, with $\psi_F^\theta(Z_i) = M_k(\lambda_F(\theta^*)) \cdot \zeta_F(Z_i)$, $r_n = n^{1/2} \cdot \sigma_n^d$, and for any τ and $\bar{\delta}$ such that $0 < \tau < \min\left\{\left(\frac{\alpha_1}{2}\right), (\alpha_1 \cdot \alpha_2 \cdot \Delta), \Delta\right\}$ and $0 < \bar{\delta} < q\Delta - \frac{1}{2}$.

Proof: Let us go back to (B5.2), which defines the estimator $\widehat{\theta}$ by the sample-analog moment condition $\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \phi(Z_{2i}) \cdot (Z_{1i} - \widehat{\mu}(m(Z_{2i}, \widehat{\theta}))) = 0$. From here we obtain,

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \phi(Z_{2i}) \cdot (Z_{1i} - \mu_F(m(Z_{2i}, \theta^*))) + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \phi(Z_{2i}) \cdot (\mu_F(m(Z_{2i}, \theta^*)) - \mu_F(m(Z_{2i}, \widehat{\theta}))) \\ &\quad + \underbrace{\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \phi(Z_{2i}) \cdot (\mu_F(m(Z_{2i}, \widehat{\theta})) - \widehat{\mu}(m(Z_{2i}, \widehat{\theta})))}_{-\nu_n^\mu(\widehat{\theta}) \text{ (see (B5.23))}} \end{aligned} \tag{B5.39}$$

From our result in (B5.28), we have

$$\nu_n^\mu(\widehat{\theta}) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \eta_F(m(Z_{2i}, \widehat{\theta})) \cdot (Z_{1i} - \mu_F(m(Z_{2i}, \widehat{\theta}))) + \varepsilon_n^{\nu^\mu}(\widehat{\theta}).$$

Thus, (B5.39) becomes

$$\begin{aligned}
0 &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \phi(Z_{2i}) \cdot \left(Z_{1i} - \mu_F(m(Z_{2i}, \theta^*)) \right) + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \phi(Z_{2i}) \cdot \mu_F(m(Z_{2i}, \theta^*)) \\
&\quad - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \left[\phi(Z_{2i}) \cdot \mu_F(m(Z_{2i}, \widehat{\theta})) + \eta_F(m(Z_{2i}, \widehat{\theta})) \cdot \left(Z_{1i} - \mu_F(m(Z_{2i}, \widehat{\theta})) \right) \right] \\
&\quad - \varepsilon_n^{\nu^\mu}(\widehat{\theta})
\end{aligned}$$

And from here, using the Jacobians defined in (B5.37) and the Mean Value Theorem, the previous expression becomes,

$$\begin{aligned}
0 &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\phi(Z_{2i}) - \eta_F(m(Z_{2i}, \theta^*)) \right) \cdot \left(Z_{1i} - \mu_F(m(Z_{2i}, \theta^*)) \right) \\
&\quad - \left\{ \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \left[\left(\phi(Z_{2i}) - \eta_F(m(Z_{2i}, \bar{\theta})) \right) \cdot \nabla_{\theta} \mu_F(m(Z_{2i}, \bar{\theta})) + \nabla_{\theta} \eta_F(m(Z_{2i}, \bar{\theta})) \cdot \left(Z_{1i} - \mu_F(m(Z_{2i}, \bar{\theta})) \right) \right] \right\} \\
&\quad \times (\widehat{\theta} - \theta^*) \\
&\quad - \varepsilon_n^{\nu^\mu}(\widehat{\theta})
\end{aligned} \tag{B5.40}$$

where $\bar{\theta}$ belongs in the line segment connecting $\widehat{\theta}$ and θ^* (thus $\bar{\theta} \in \Theta$). Let $T_{\ell, F}$ and T_F be as defined in Assumption SMIM4 and let

$$\begin{aligned}
\underbrace{\bar{T}_\ell(\theta)}_{1 \times k} &\equiv \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n T_{\ell, F}(Z_i, \theta), \\
\underbrace{\bar{T}(\theta)}_{k^2 \times 1} &\equiv \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n T_F(Z_i, \theta) = \begin{pmatrix} \bar{T}_1(\theta) & \bar{T}_2(\theta) & \dots & \bar{T}_k(\theta) \end{pmatrix}'
\end{aligned}$$

Using our definition of M_k in (B1.1), the expression in (B5.40) yields,

$$\begin{aligned}
\widehat{\theta} &= \theta^* + M_k(\bar{T}(\bar{\theta})) \cdot \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\phi(Z_{2i}) - \eta_F(m(Z_{2i}, \theta^*)) \right) \cdot \left(Z_{1i} - \mu_F(m(Z_{2i}, \theta^*)) \right) \\
&\quad - M_k(\bar{T}(\bar{\theta})) \cdot \varepsilon_n^{\nu^\mu}(\widehat{\theta})
\end{aligned} \tag{B5.41}$$

Define

$$\begin{aligned}
\zeta_F(Z_i) &\equiv \left(\phi(Z_{2i}) - \eta_F(m(Z_{2i}, \theta^*)) \right) \cdot \left(Z_{1i} - \mu_F(m(Z_{2i}, \theta^*)) \right), \\
\psi_F^\theta(Z_i) &\equiv M_k(\lambda_F(\theta^*)) \cdot \zeta_F(Z_i).
\end{aligned} \tag{B5.42}$$

Note that $E_F[\zeta_F(Z)] = E_F[\psi_F^\theta(Z)] = 0$. We can re-express (B5.41) as,

$$\begin{aligned}
\widehat{\theta} &= \theta^* + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \psi_F^\theta(Z_i) + \varepsilon_n^\theta, \quad \text{where} \\
\varepsilon_n^\theta &\equiv \left(M_k(\bar{T}(\bar{\theta})) - M_k(\lambda_F(\bar{\theta})) \right) \cdot \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \zeta_F(Z_i) \\
&\quad + \left(M_k(\lambda_F(\bar{\theta})) - M_k(\lambda_F(\theta^*)) \right) \cdot \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \zeta_F(Z_i) \\
&\quad - \left(M_k(\bar{T}(\bar{\theta})) - M_k(\lambda_F(\bar{\theta})) \right) \cdot \varepsilon_n^{\nu^\mu}(\widehat{\theta}) \\
&\quad - M_k(\lambda_F(\bar{\theta})) \cdot \varepsilon_n^{\nu^\mu}(\widehat{\theta})
\end{aligned} \tag{B5.43}$$

Recall from the conditions in (B5.38) that $\sup_{\theta \in \Theta} \|M_k(\lambda_F(\theta))\| \leq \overline{M}_\lambda$. Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}
\|\varepsilon_n^\theta\| &\leq \left\| M_k(\bar{T}(\bar{\theta})) - M_k(\lambda_F(\bar{\theta})) \right\| \cdot \left\| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \zeta_F(Z_i) \right\| + 2\overline{M}_\lambda \cdot \left\| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \zeta_F(Z_i) \right\| \\
&\quad + \left\| M_k(\bar{T}(\bar{\theta})) - M_k(\lambda_F(\bar{\theta})) \right\| \cdot \left\| \varepsilon_n^{\nu^\mu}(\widehat{\theta}) \right\| + \overline{M}_\lambda \cdot \left\| \varepsilon_n^{\nu^\mu}(\widehat{\theta}) \right\|
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, for any $c > 0$,

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbb{1}\left\{ \|\varepsilon_n^\theta\| \geq c \right\} &\leq \mathbb{1}\left\{ \left\| M_k(\bar{T}(\bar{\theta})) - M_k(\lambda_F(\bar{\theta})) \right\| \cdot \left\| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \zeta_F(Z_i) \right\| \geq \frac{c}{4} \right\} \\
&\quad + \mathbb{1}\left\{ 2\overline{M}_\lambda \cdot \left\| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \zeta_F(Z_i) \right\| \geq \frac{c}{4} \right\} \\
&\quad + \mathbb{1}\left\{ \left\| M_k(\bar{T}(\bar{\theta})) - M_k(\lambda_F(\bar{\theta})) \right\| \cdot \left\| \varepsilon_n^{\nu^\mu}(\widehat{\theta}) \right\| \geq \frac{c}{4} \right\} \\
&\quad + \mathbb{1}\left\{ \overline{M}_\lambda \cdot \left\| \varepsilon_n^{\nu^\mu}(\widehat{\theta}) \right\| \geq \frac{c}{4} \right\}
\end{aligned} \tag{B5.44}$$

Let K_5 and K_7 be as described in (B5.38) and note that by the conditions described there,

$$\begin{aligned}
& \mathbb{1} \left\{ \left\| M_k(\bar{T}(\bar{\theta})) - M_k(\lambda_F(\bar{\theta})) \right\| \cdot \left\| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \zeta_F(Z_i) \right\| \geq \frac{c}{4} \right\} \\
&= \underbrace{\mathbb{1} \left\{ \left\| M_k(\bar{T}(\bar{\theta})) - M_k(\lambda_F(\bar{\theta})) \right\| \cdot \left\| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \zeta_F(Z_i) \right\| \geq \frac{c}{4} \right\} \times \mathbb{1} \left\{ \left\| M_k(\bar{T}(\bar{\theta})) - M_k(\lambda_F(\bar{\theta})) \right\| \leq K_7 \right\}}_{\leq \mathbb{1} \left\{ \left\| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \zeta_F(Z_i) \right\| \geq \frac{c}{4K_7} \right\}} \\
&+ \underbrace{\mathbb{1} \left\{ \left\| M_k(\bar{T}(\bar{\theta})) - M_k(\lambda_F(\bar{\theta})) \right\| \cdot \left\| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \zeta_F(Z_i) \right\| \geq \frac{c}{4} \right\} \times \mathbb{1} \left\{ \left\| M_k(\bar{T}(\bar{\theta})) - M_k(\lambda_F(\bar{\theta})) \right\| > K_7 \right\}}_{\leq \mathbb{1} \left\{ \left\| \bar{T}(\bar{\theta}) - \lambda_F(\bar{\theta}) \right\| \geq K_5 \right\}} \\
&\leq \mathbb{1} \left\{ \left\| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \zeta_F(Z_i) \right\| \geq \frac{c}{4K_7} \right\} + \mathbb{1} \left\{ \left\| \bar{T}(\bar{\theta}) - \lambda_F(\bar{\theta}) \right\| \geq K_5 \right\}.
\end{aligned} \tag{B5.45A}$$

Similarly,

$$\begin{aligned}
& \mathbb{1} \left\{ \left\| M_k(\bar{T}(\bar{\theta})) - M_k(\lambda_F(\bar{\theta})) \right\| \cdot \left\| \varepsilon_n^{\nu^\mu}(\bar{\theta}) \right\| \geq \frac{c}{4} \right\} \\
&= \underbrace{\mathbb{1} \left\{ \left\| M_k(\bar{T}(\bar{\theta})) - M_k(\lambda_F(\bar{\theta})) \right\| \cdot \left\| \varepsilon_n^{\nu^\mu}(\bar{\theta}) \right\| \geq \frac{c}{4} \right\} \times \mathbb{1} \left\{ \left\| M_k(\bar{T}(\bar{\theta})) - M_k(\lambda_F(\bar{\theta})) \right\| \leq K_7 \right\}}_{\leq \mathbb{1} \left\{ \left\| \varepsilon_n^{\nu^\mu}(\bar{\theta}) \right\| \geq \frac{c}{4K_7} \right\}} \\
&+ \underbrace{\mathbb{1} \left\{ \left\| M_k(\bar{T}(\bar{\theta})) - M_k(\lambda_F(\bar{\theta})) \right\| \cdot \left\| \varepsilon_n^{\nu^\mu}(\bar{\theta}) \right\| \geq \frac{c}{4} \right\} \times \mathbb{1} \left\{ \left\| M_k(\bar{T}(\bar{\theta})) - M_k(\lambda_F(\bar{\theta})) \right\| > K_7 \right\}}_{\leq \mathbb{1} \left\{ \left\| \bar{T}(\bar{\theta}) - \lambda_F(\bar{\theta}) \right\| \geq K_5 \right\}} \\
&\leq \mathbb{1} \left\{ \left\| \varepsilon_n^{\nu^\mu}(\bar{\theta}) \right\| \geq \frac{c}{4K_7} \right\} + \mathbb{1} \left\{ \left\| \bar{T}(\bar{\theta}) - \lambda_F(\bar{\theta}) \right\| \geq K_5 \right\}.
\end{aligned} \tag{B5.45B}$$

Combining (B5.45A) and (B5.45B) with (B5.44), for any $c > 0$ we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbb{1} \left\{ \left\| \varepsilon_n^\theta \right\| \geq c \right\} &\leq \mathbb{1} \left\{ \left\| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \zeta_F(Z_i) \right\| \geq \left(K_5 \wedge \left(\frac{1}{8\bar{M}_\lambda} \wedge \frac{1}{4K_7} \right) \cdot c \right) \right\} \\
&+ \mathbb{1} \left\{ \sup_{\theta \in \Theta} \left\| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (T_F(Z_i, \theta) - E_F[T_F(Z, \theta)]) \right\| \geq \left(K_5 \wedge \left(\frac{1}{8\bar{M}_\lambda} \wedge \frac{1}{4K_7} \right) \cdot c \right) \right\} \\
&+ \mathbb{1} \left\{ \sup_{\theta \in \Theta} \left\| \varepsilon_n^{\nu^\mu}(\theta) \right\| \geq \left(K_5 \wedge \left(\frac{1}{8\bar{M}_\lambda} \wedge \frac{1}{4K_7} \right) \cdot c \right) \right\}
\end{aligned} \tag{B5.46}$$

Take the ℓ^{th} component $(T_F^\ell(Z, \theta))$ of $T_F(Z, \theta)$ let

$$\mathcal{G}_{6,F}^\ell = \left\{ g : \mathcal{S}_Z \rightarrow \mathbb{R} : g(z) = T_F^\ell(z, \theta) \text{ for some } \theta \in \Theta \right\}$$

By Assumptions SMIM2, SMIM3 and SMIM4, and Lemmas 2.13 and 2.14 in Pakes and Pollard (1989), there exist positive constants A_6 and V_6 such that, for every $F \in \mathcal{F}$, the class $\mathcal{G}_{6,F}^\ell$ is Euclidean (A_6, V_6) for an envelope $G_6(z)$ for which $\exists \bar{\mu}_{G_6} < \infty$ such that $E_F[G_6(Z)^{4q}] \leq \bar{\mu}_{G_6}$ (where q is the integer described in Assumption SMIM1). The conditions in Result S1 are satisfied for the integer q described in Assumption SMIM2 and there exists a constant $\bar{M}_5 < \infty$ such that, for all $b > 0$,

$$\sup_{F \in \mathcal{F}} P_F \left(\sup_{\theta \in \Theta} \left\| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (T_F(Z_i, \theta) - E_F[T_F(Z, \theta)]) \right\| > b \right) \leq \frac{\bar{M}_5}{(n^{1/2} \cdot b)^q} \quad (\text{B5.47})$$

Next, note from Assumption SMIM1 that there exists $\bar{\mu}_\zeta < \infty$ such that $E_F[\zeta_F(Z)^{4q}] \leq \bar{\mu}_\zeta$ for all $F \in \mathcal{F}$. From here, a straightforward Chebyshev inequality implies that there exists a constant \bar{M}_6 such that, for any $b > 0$,

$$\sup_{F \in \mathcal{F}} P_F \left(\left\| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \zeta_F(Z_i) \right\| \geq b \right) \leq \frac{\bar{M}_6}{(n^{1/2} \cdot b)^q} \quad (\text{B5.48})$$

in both instances (B5.47 and B5.48), q is the integer described in Assumption SMIM1. Take any $c > 0$ and let n_0 be the smallest integer such that

$$\begin{aligned} s_{2,n} &< \left(K_5 \wedge \left(\frac{1}{8\bar{M}_\lambda} \wedge \frac{1}{4K_7} \right) \cdot c \right) \quad \text{and} \\ s_{1,n} &< \underbrace{\min \left\{ \frac{f_m}{2}, D^{\varepsilon^\mu} \cdot \left(\frac{\left(K_5 \wedge \left(\frac{1}{8\bar{M}_\lambda} \wedge \frac{1}{4K_7} \right) \cdot c \right) - s_{2,n}}{3\bar{\phi}} \right), D^{\varepsilon^\mu} \cdot \left(\frac{\left(K_5 \wedge \left(\frac{1}{8\bar{M}_\lambda} \wedge \frac{1}{4K_7} \right) \cdot c \right) - s_{2,n}}{3\bar{\phi}} \right)^{1/4} \right\}}_{= \varphi^\mu \left(\left(K_5 \wedge \left(\frac{1}{8\bar{M}_\lambda} \wedge \frac{1}{4K_7} \right) \cdot c \right) - s_{2,n} \right) \text{ (see (B5.10))}} \end{aligned}$$

From (B5.36), (B5.47) and (B5.48), the inequality in (B5.46) implies

$$\begin{aligned}
\sup_{F \in \mathcal{F}} P_F(\|\varepsilon_n^\theta\| \geq c) &\leq \frac{\overline{M}_5 + \overline{M}_6}{\left(n^{1/2} \cdot \left(K_5 \wedge \left(\frac{1}{8\overline{M}_\lambda} \wedge \frac{1}{4K_7}\right) \cdot c\right)\right)^q} \\
&+ \frac{\overline{M}_3}{\left(n \cdot \sigma_n^d \cdot \left(\frac{K_5 \wedge \left(\frac{1}{8\overline{M}_\lambda} \wedge \frac{1}{4K_7}\right) \cdot c}{3}\right)^{-s_{2,n}}\right)^q} + \frac{\overline{M}_4}{\left(n^{3/2} \cdot \sigma_n^d \cdot \left(\frac{K_5 \wedge \left(\frac{1}{8\overline{M}_\lambda} \wedge \frac{1}{4K_7}\right) \cdot c}{3|K(0)|}\right)^{-s_{2,n}}\right)^q} \\
&+ \frac{\overline{M}_1 + \overline{M}_2}{\left(n^{1/2} \cdot \sigma_n^d \cdot \left(\varphi^\mu \left(\frac{K_5 \wedge \left(\frac{1}{8\overline{M}_\lambda} \wedge \frac{1}{4K_7}\right) \cdot c}{3\overline{\phi}}\right)^{-s_{2,n}}\right) - s_{1,n}\right)^q} \quad \forall n \geq n_0
\end{aligned}$$

We can obtain a simplified bound from the previous expression. Take any positive constants A_1, A_2 such that

$$A_1 \leq \frac{1}{3} \cdot \min\left\{\frac{1}{\overline{\phi}}, \frac{1}{|K(0)|}, 1\right\} \times K_5, \quad A_2 \leq \frac{1}{3} \cdot \min\left\{\frac{1}{\overline{\phi}}, \frac{1}{|K(0)|}, 1\right\} \left(\frac{1}{8\overline{M}_\lambda} \wedge \frac{1}{4K_7}\right),$$

and let $M^{SE} \equiv \sum_{j=1}^7 \overline{M}_j$. Take any positive sequence $c > 0$ and let n_0 be the smallest integer such that

$$s_{2,n} < A_1 \wedge A_2 \cdot c, \quad \text{and} \quad s_{1,n} < \min\left\{A_1 - s_{2,n}, (A_2 \cdot c - s_{2,n}), (A_2 \cdot c - s_{2,n})^{1/4}\right\}$$

Let

$$\Lambda_n^{SE}(c) \equiv n^{1/2} \cdot \sigma_n^d \cdot \left(\min\left\{A_1 - s_{2,n}, (A_2 \cdot c - s_{2,n}), (A_2 \cdot c - s_{2,n})^{1/4}\right\} - s_{1,n}\right).$$

Then,

$$\sup_{F \in \mathcal{F}} P_F(\|\varepsilon_n^\theta\| \geq c) \leq \frac{M^{SE}}{(\Lambda_n^{SE}(c))^q} \quad \forall n \geq n_0 \quad (\text{B5.49})$$

where q is the integer described in Assumption SMIM1. Recall from Assumption SMIM1 that the bandwidth sequence $\sigma_n \rightarrow 0$ satisfies $n^{1/2+\Delta} \cdot \sigma_n^L \rightarrow 0$ and $n^{1/2-\Delta} \cdot \sigma_n^d \rightarrow \infty$ for some $0 < \Delta < 1/2$. Next recall that the sequences $s_{1,n}$ and $s_{2,n}$ are defined in (B5.17) and (B5.29) as $s_{1,n} \equiv C_B^{\mu_a} \cdot \sigma_n^L$ and $s_{2,n} \equiv \frac{|K(0)| \cdot C_Q}{n \cdot \sigma_n^d} + C_B^{\mu_b} \cdot \sigma_n^L$. Therefore, $n^{1/2+\Delta} \cdot s_{1,n} \rightarrow 0$ and $n^{1/2+\Delta} \cdot s_{2,n} \rightarrow 0$ and $\Lambda_n(c) \rightarrow \infty$ for all $c > 0$, and thus from (B5.49) we have

$$\sup_{F \in \mathcal{F}} P_F(\|\varepsilon_n^\theta\| \geq c) = O\left(\frac{1}{(n^{1/2} \cdot \sigma_n^d)^q}\right) \quad \forall c > 0$$

Furthermore, recall that Assumption SMIM1 states that Δ and q are such that $q\Delta > 1/2$. From here

we have that for any $0 < \delta < q\Delta - \frac{1}{2}$, we have

$$\sup_{F \in \mathcal{F}} P_F(\|\varepsilon_n^\theta\| \geq c) = o\left(\frac{1}{n^{1/2+\delta}}\right) \quad (\text{B5.50})$$

More generally, suppose c_n is a sequence such that $n^{1/2-\Delta} \cdot \sigma_n^d \cdot c_n \rightarrow \infty$. Then, the result in (B5.50) would still hold for c_n . Thus,

$$\sup_{F \in \mathcal{F}} P_F(\|\varepsilon_n^\theta\| \geq c_n) = o\left(\frac{1}{n^{1/2+\delta}}\right) \quad \forall c_n : n^{1/2-\Delta} \cdot \sigma_n^d \cdot c_n \rightarrow \infty, \text{ and } 0 < \delta < q\Delta - \frac{1}{2}$$

Next, by Assumptions SMIM1 and SMIM4, there exists $\bar{\mu}_\psi < \infty$ such that $E_F\left[\left(\psi_F^\theta(Z)\right)^{4q}\right] \leq \bar{\mu}_\psi$ for all $F \in \mathcal{F}$. From here, a straightforward Chebyshev inequality implies that there exists a constant \bar{M}_8 such that, for any $b > 0$,

$$\sup_{F \in \mathcal{F}} P_F\left(\left\|\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \psi_F^\theta(Z_i)\right\| \geq b\right) \leq \frac{\bar{M}_8}{(n^{1/2} \cdot b)^q}$$

Thus, going back to the linear representation in (B5.43), we have that for any $c > 0$ there exists n_0 such that

$$\begin{aligned} \sup_{F \in \mathcal{F}} P_F(\|\widehat{\theta} - \theta^*\| \geq c) &\leq \sup_{F \in \mathcal{F}} P_F\left(\left\|\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \psi_F^\theta(Z_i)\right\| \geq \frac{c}{2}\right) + \sup_{F \in \mathcal{F}} P_F\left(\|\varepsilon_n^\theta\| \geq \frac{c}{2}\right) \\ &\leq \frac{\bar{M}_8}{(n^{1/2} \cdot c/2)^q} + \frac{M^{SE}}{(\Lambda_n^{SE}(c/2))^q} \quad \forall n \geq n_0. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{B5.51})$$

And so,

$$\sup_{F \in \mathcal{F}} P_F(\|\widehat{\theta} - \theta^*\| \geq c) \rightarrow 0 \quad \forall c > 0$$

Thus, $\|\widehat{\theta} - \theta^*\| = o_p(1)$ uniformly over \mathcal{F} . Equipped with the previous expression we can obtain a more precise asymptotic result for ε_n^θ . Recall from (B5.43) that it is defined as

$$\begin{aligned} \varepsilon_n^\theta &\equiv \left(M_k(\bar{T}(\bar{\theta})) - M_k(\lambda_F(\bar{\theta}))\right) \cdot \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \zeta_F(Z_i) + \left(M_k(\lambda_F(\bar{\theta})) - M_k(\lambda_F(\theta^*))\right) \cdot \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \zeta_F(Z_i) \\ &\quad - \left(M_k(\bar{T}(\bar{\theta})) - M_k(\lambda_F(\bar{\theta}))\right) \cdot \varepsilon_n^{\nu^\mu}(\bar{\theta}) - M_k(\lambda_F(\bar{\theta})) \cdot \varepsilon_n^{\nu^\mu}(\bar{\theta}) \end{aligned}$$

Take any $c > 0$. By Assumption SMIM4,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{1} \left\{ \left\| M_k(\bar{T}(\bar{\theta})) - M_k(\lambda_F(\bar{\theta})) \right\| \geq c \right\} &\leq \max \left(\mathbb{1} \left\{ K_6 \cdot \left\| \bar{T}(\bar{\theta}) - \lambda_F(\bar{\theta}) \right\|^{\alpha_1} \geq c \right\}, \mathbb{1} \left\{ \left\| \bar{T}(\bar{\theta}) - \lambda_F(\bar{\theta}) \right\| \geq K_5 \right\} \right) \\ &\leq \mathbb{1} \left\{ \left\| \bar{T}(\bar{\theta}) - \lambda_F(\bar{\theta}) \right\| \geq K_5 \wedge \left(\frac{c}{K_6} \right)^{1/\alpha_1} \right\} \end{aligned}$$

Thus, from (B5.47), for any $c > 0$ there exists n_0 such that

$$\begin{aligned} \sup_{F \in \mathcal{F}} P_F \left(\left\| M_k(\bar{T}(\bar{\theta})) - M_k(\lambda_F(\bar{\theta})) \right\| \geq c \right) &\leq \sup_{F \in \mathcal{F}} P_F \left(\sup_{\theta \in \Theta} \left\| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (T_F(Z_i, \theta) - E_F[T_F(Z, \theta)]) \right\| \geq K_5 \wedge \left(\frac{c}{K_6} \right)^{1/\alpha_1} \right) \\ &\leq \frac{\bar{M}_5}{\left(n^{1/2} \cdot \left[K_5 \wedge \left(\frac{c}{K_6} \right)^{1/\alpha_1} \right] \right)^q} \quad \forall n \geq n_0 \end{aligned}$$

Take any $c > 0$ and $\tau > 0$. Then, there exists n_* such that $K_5 \wedge \left(\frac{n^{-\tau} \cdot c}{K_6} \right)^{1/\alpha_1} = \left(\frac{n^{-\tau} \cdot c}{K_6} \right)^{1/\alpha_1}$ for all $n \geq n_*$. Therefore, there exists n_0 such that

$$\sup_{F \in \mathcal{F}} P_F \left(\left\| M_k(\bar{T}(\bar{\theta})) - M_k(\lambda_F(\bar{\theta})) \right\| \geq n^{-\tau} \cdot c \right) \leq \frac{\bar{M}_5}{\left(n^{1/2-\tau/\alpha_1} \cdot (c/K_6)^{1/\alpha_1} \right)^q} \quad \forall n \geq n_0$$

Therefore,

$$\sup_{F \in \mathcal{F}} P_F \left(\left\| M_k(\bar{T}(\bar{\theta})) - M_k(\lambda_F(\bar{\theta})) \right\| \geq n^{-\tau} \cdot c \right) \longrightarrow 0 \quad \forall c > 0, \tau < \frac{\alpha_1}{2}$$

which means,

$$\left\| M_k(\bar{T}(\bar{\theta})) - M_k(\lambda_F(\bar{\theta})) \right\| = o_p(n^{-\tau}) \quad \forall \tau < \frac{\alpha_1}{2}, \quad \text{uniformly over } \mathcal{F}. \quad (\text{B5.52})$$

Take any $c > 0$. Once again from Assumption SMIM4, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{1} \left\{ \left\| M_k(\lambda_F(\bar{\theta})) - M_k(\lambda_F(\theta^*)) \right\| \geq c \right\} &\leq \mathbb{1} \left\{ \left\| \lambda_F(\bar{\theta}) - \lambda_F(\theta^*) \right\| \geq K_5 \wedge \left(\frac{c}{K_6} \right)^{1/\alpha_1} \right\} \\ &\leq \max \left(\mathbb{1} \left\{ K_9 \cdot \left\| \bar{\theta} - \theta^* \right\|^{\alpha_2} \geq K_5 \wedge \left(\frac{c}{K_6} \right)^{1/\alpha_1} \right\}, \mathbb{1} \left\{ \left\| \bar{\theta} - \theta^* \right\| \geq K_8 \right\} \right) \\ &\leq \mathbb{1} \left\{ \left\| \bar{\theta} - \theta^* \right\| \geq \left[\frac{1}{K_9} \cdot \left(K_5 \wedge \left(\frac{c}{K_6} \right)^{1/\alpha_1} \right) \right]^{1/\alpha_2} \wedge K_8 \right\} \end{aligned}$$

Recall that $\bar{\theta}$ belongs in the line segment connecting $\widehat{\theta}$ and θ^* and therefore $\left\| \bar{\theta} - \theta^* \right\| \leq \left\| \widehat{\theta} - \theta^* \right\|$.

Thus, from the above result and (B5.51) we have that for each $c > 0$, there exists n_0 such that

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sup_{F \in \mathcal{F}} P_F \left(\left\| M_k(\lambda_F(\bar{\theta})) - M_k(\lambda_F(\theta^*)) \right\| \geq c \right) \\
& \leq \sup_{F \in \mathcal{F}} P_F \left(\left\| \widehat{\theta} - \theta^* \right\| \geq \left[\frac{1}{K_9} \cdot \left(K_5 \wedge \left(\frac{c}{K_6} \right)^{1/\alpha_1} \right) \right]^{1/\alpha_2} \wedge K_8 \right) \\
& \leq \frac{\overline{M}_8}{\left(n^{1/2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot \left[\frac{1}{K_9} \cdot \left(K_5 \wedge \left(\frac{c}{K_6} \right)^{1/\alpha_1} \right) \right]^{1/\alpha_2} \wedge K_8 \right)^q} + \frac{M^{SE}}{\left(\Lambda_n^{SE} \left(\frac{1}{2} \cdot \left[\frac{1}{K_9} \cdot \left(K_5 \wedge \left(\frac{c}{K_6} \right)^{1/\alpha_1} \right) \right]^{1/\alpha_2} \wedge K_8 \right) \right)^q} \\
& \quad \forall n \geq n_0.
\end{aligned}$$

Recall that

$$\Lambda_n^{SE}(c) \equiv n^{1/2} \cdot \sigma_n^d \cdot \left(\min \left\{ A_1 - s_{2,n}, \left(A_2 \cdot c - s_{2,n} \right), \left(A_2 \cdot c - s_{2,n} \right)^{1/4} \right\} - s_{1,n} \right).$$

And recall from Assumption SMIM1 that the bandwidth sequence $\sigma_n \rightarrow 0$ satisfies $n^{1/2+\Delta} \cdot \sigma_n^L \rightarrow 0$ and $n^{1/2-\Delta} \cdot \sigma_n^d \rightarrow \infty$ for some $0 < \Delta < 1/2$. Take any $c > 0$ and $\tau > 0$. Then, there exists n_* such that

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{1}{2} \cdot \left[\frac{1}{K_9} \cdot \left(K_5 \wedge \left(\frac{c}{K_6} \right)^{1/\alpha_1} \right) \right]^{1/\alpha_2} \wedge K_8 = \frac{1}{2 \cdot K_9^{1/\alpha_2}} \cdot \left(\frac{c}{K_6} \right)^{1/(\alpha_1 \cdot \alpha_2)} \cdot n^{-\tau/(\alpha_1 \cdot \alpha_2)}, \\
& \Lambda_n^{SE} \left(\frac{1}{2} \cdot \left[\frac{1}{K_9} \cdot \left(K_5 \wedge \left(\frac{n^{-\tau} \cdot c}{K_6} \right)^{1/\alpha_1} \right) \right]^{1/\alpha_2} \wedge K_8 \right) = n^{1/2-\tau/(\alpha_1 \cdot \alpha_2)} \cdot \sigma_n^d \cdot \frac{A_2}{2 \cdot K_9^{1/\alpha_2}} \cdot \left(\frac{c}{K_6} \right)^{1/(\alpha_1 \cdot \alpha_2)} + o(1) \\
& \quad \forall n \geq n_*.
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, for each $c > 0$ there exists n_0 such that

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sup_{F \in \mathcal{F}} P_F \left(\left\| M_k(\lambda_F(\bar{\theta})) - M_k(\lambda_F(\theta^*)) \right\| \geq n^{-\tau} \cdot c \right) \\
& \leq \frac{\overline{M}_8}{\left(n^{1/2-\tau/(\alpha_1 \cdot \alpha_2)} \cdot \frac{1}{2 \cdot K_9^{1/\alpha_2}} \cdot \left(\frac{c}{K_6} \right)^{1/(\alpha_1 \cdot \alpha_2)} \right)^q} + \frac{M^{SE}}{\left(n^{1/2-\tau/(\alpha_1 \cdot \alpha_2)} \cdot \sigma_n^d \cdot \frac{A_2}{2 \cdot K_9^{1/\alpha_2}} \cdot \left(\frac{c}{K_6} \right)^{1/(\alpha_1 \cdot \alpha_2)} + o(1) \right)^q} \\
& \quad \forall n \geq n_0.
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\sup_{F \in \mathcal{F}} P_F \left(\left\| M_k(\lambda_F(\bar{\theta})) - M_k(\lambda_F(\theta^*)) \right\| \geq n^{-\tau} \cdot c \right) \rightarrow 0 \quad \forall c > 0, \tau < \alpha_1 \cdot \alpha_2 \cdot \Delta.$$

which means,

$$\left\| M_k(\lambda_F(\bar{\theta})) - M_k(\lambda_F(\theta^*)) \right\| = o_p(n^{-\tau}) \quad \forall \tau < \alpha_1 \cdot \alpha_2 \cdot \Delta, \quad \text{uniformly over } \mathcal{F}. \quad (\text{B5.53})$$

Next, recall from (B5.35) that, uniformly over \mathcal{F} ,

$$\sup_{\theta \in \Theta} \left\| \varepsilon_n^{\nu^\mu}(\theta) \right\| = O_p\left(\frac{1}{n \cdot \sigma_n^d}\right) + O_p\left(\frac{1}{n^{3/2} \cdot \sigma_n^d}\right) + O_p\left(\left(\frac{1}{n^{1/2} \cdot \sigma_n^d} + s_{1,n}\right)^2\right) + s_{2,n} = o_p\left(\frac{1}{n^{1/2+\Delta}}\right)$$

and from (B5.48) we also have that, uniformly over \mathcal{F} ,

$$\left\| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \zeta_F(Z_i) \right\| = O_p\left(\frac{1}{n^{1/2}}\right).$$

From here, (B5.52) and (B5.53) we have that, uniformly over \mathcal{F} , and for any $0 < \tau < \left(\frac{\alpha_1}{2}\right) \wedge (\alpha_1 \cdot \alpha_2 \cdot \Delta)$,

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| \varepsilon_n^\theta \right\| &\leq \underbrace{\left\| M_k(\bar{T}(\bar{\theta})) - M_k(\lambda_F(\bar{\theta})) \right\|}_{=o_p(n^{-\tau})} \cdot \underbrace{\left\| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \zeta_F(Z_i) \right\|}_{=O_p(n^{-1/2})} + \underbrace{\left\| M_k(\lambda_F(\bar{\theta})) - M_k(\lambda_F(\theta^*)) \right\|}_{=o_p(n^{-\tau})} \cdot \underbrace{\left\| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \zeta_F(Z_i) \right\|}_{=O_p(n^{-1/2})} \\ &\quad + \underbrace{\left\| M_k(\bar{T}(\bar{\theta})) - M_k(\lambda_F(\bar{\theta})) \right\|}_{=o_p(n^{-\tau})} \cdot \underbrace{\sup_{\theta \in \Theta} \left\| \varepsilon_n^{\nu^\mu}(\theta) \right\|}_{=o_p(n^{-1/2-\Delta})} + \underbrace{\bar{M}_\lambda \cdot \sup_{\theta \in \Theta} \left\| \varepsilon_n^{\nu^\mu}(\theta) \right\|}_{=o_p(n^{-1/2-\Delta})} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, for any $0 < \tau < \min\left\{\left(\frac{\alpha_1}{2}\right), (\alpha_1 \cdot \alpha_2 \cdot \Delta), \Delta\right\}$,

$$\left\| \varepsilon_n^\theta \right\| = o_p\left(\frac{1}{n^{1/2+\tau}}\right), \quad \text{uniformly over } \mathcal{F}. \quad (\text{B5.54})$$

Together, (B5.42), (B5.49) and (B5.54) show that the conditions in Assumption 1 of the paper are satisfied, with $\psi_F^\theta(Z_i) = M_k(\lambda_F(\theta^*)) \cdot \zeta_F(Z_i)$, $r_n = n^{1/2} \cdot \sigma_n^d$, $0 < \tau < \min\left\{\left(\frac{\alpha_1}{2}\right), (\alpha_1 \cdot \alpha_2 \cdot \Delta), \Delta\right\}$, and $0 < \bar{\delta} < q\Delta - \frac{1}{2}$. This proves Result SMIM. ■

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