

# Counterfactual Risk Assessments under Unmeasured Confounding

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## Abstract

Statistical risk assessments inform consequential decisions such as pretrial release in criminal justice, and loan approvals in consumer finance. Such risk assessments make counterfactual predictions, predicting the likelihood of an outcome under a proposed decision (e.g., what would happen *if* we approved this loan?). A central challenge, however, is that there may have been unobserved confounders that jointly affected past decisions and outcomes in the historical data. This paper proposes a tractable mean outcome sensitivity model that bounds the extent to which unmeasured confounders could affect outcomes on average. The mean outcome sensitivity model partially identifies the conditional likelihood of the outcome under the proposed decision as well as popular predictive performance metrics (accuracy, calibration, TPR, FPR, etc.) and commonly-used predictive disparities, and we derive their sharp identified sets. We then solve three tasks that are essential to deploying statistical risk assessments in high-stakes settings. First, we propose a learning procedure based on doubly-robust pseudo-outcomes that estimates bounds on the conditional likelihood of the outcome under the proposed decision, and derive a bound on its integrated mean square error. Second, we show how our estimated bounds on the conditional likelihood of the outcome under the proposed decision can be translated into a robust, plug-in decision-making policy, and derive bounds on its worst-case regret relative to the max-min optimal decision rule. Third, we develop estimators of the bounds on the predictive performance metrics of existing risk assessment that are based on efficient influence functions and cross-fitting, and only require black-box access to the risk assessment.

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# 1 Introduction

Statistical risk assessments inform high-stakes decisions throughout society often by providing *counterfactual* predictions of the likelihood of an outcome under a proposed decision or intervention.<sup>1</sup> A central challenge, however, is that the available training and evaluation data only contain observed outcomes under historical decision-making policies. For example, pretrial risk assessments aim to predict the likelihood that a defendant would fail to appear in court *if* they were released prior to their trial; but we only observe whether a past defendant failed to appear in court if a judge decided to release them. Consumer credit scores aim to predict the likelihood an applicant would default on a loan *if* the applicant were approved; but we only observe whether a past applicant defaulted if the financial institution approved them and the applicant accepted the offered terms.

Existing counterfactual methods for predicting individual risk (e.g., [Schulam and Saria, 2017](#); [Coston et al., 2020](#); [Mishler, Kennedy and Chouldechova, 2021](#); [Mishler and Kennedy, 2021](#)) or individual causal effects (e.g., [Shalit, Johansson and Sontag, 2017](#); [Wager and Athey, 2018](#); [Nie and Wager, 2020](#); [Kennedy, 2020](#)) tackle this challenge by making the strong assumption of *unconfoundedness*. Unconfoundedness requires that there are no unmeasured confounders that affected both historical decisions and outcomes, or equivalently that historical decisions were as-good-as randomly assigned conditional on recorded case information. However, in many consequential decision-making settings, unconfoundedness is an unreasonable assumption because historical decisions may have been based on additional relevant information that we do not have access to. Naively ignoring such unobserved confounding would lead to inaccurate individual risk predictions and misleading evaluations of existing risk assessments.

This paper therefore develops a comprehensive framework for learning and evaluating statistical risk assessments that is robust to unmeasured confounding. We propose the *mean outcome sensitivity model* (MOSM) as a tractable, nonparametric sensitivity analysis model for unmeasured confounding in settings where risk assessments are deployed. The MOSM places bounds on the extent to which unobserved confounders could affect the likelihood of the outcome on average in the population (e.g., “how much could default rates possibly vary between observably similar approved and rejected applicants?”). The MOSM therefore translates statistical assumptions about the magnitude of unobserved confounding into interpretable units for practitioners. Over all levels of unobserved confounding consistent with the MOSM, we robustly solve three tasks that are essential for deploying a statistical risk assessment in any high-stakes setting: (i) estimate personalized predictions of individual risk; (ii) translate individual risk predictions into recommended interventions; and (iii) evaluate the predictive performance and predictive disparities of an existing risk assessment.

## 1.1 Setting and background:

We consider a setting with historical data  $O_i = (X_i, D_i, Y_i)$  for  $i = 1, \dots, n$  drawn i.i.d. from some joint distribution  $\mathbb{P}(\cdot)$ , where  $X_i \in \mathcal{X} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$  is a feature vector,  $D_i \in \{0, 1\}$  is a binary intervention that was determined by some historical decision-making policy, and  $Y_i \in \{0, 1\}$  is the binary observed

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<sup>1</sup>These settings include, for example, child welfare screenings ([Chouldechova et al., 2018](#); [Saxena et al., 2020](#)), consumer finance ([Khandani, Kim and Lo, 2010](#); [Einav, Jenkins and Levin, 2013](#); [Blattner and Nelson, 2021](#); [Fuster et al., 2022](#)), criminal justice ([Berk, 2012](#); [Kleinberg et al., 2018](#)), education [Smith, Lange and Huston \(2012\)](#); [Sansone \(2019\)](#), and health care ([Caruana et al., 2015](#); [Choi et al., 2016](#); [Chen et al., 2020](#)) among many others.

outcome. Let  $Y_i(0), Y_i(1)$  denote potential outcomes under  $D_i = 0, D_i = 1$  respectively, and the observed outcome satisfies  $Y_i = Y_i(D_i)$ . We assume throughout the paper that  $P(Y_i(1) = 1) > 0$  and that  $\mathbb{P}(D_i = 1 \mid X_i) \geq \delta$  with probability one for some  $\delta > 0$  (i.e., strict overlap).

The goal in constructing a *counterfactual risk assessment* or *risk score*  $s(\cdot): \mathcal{X} \rightarrow [0, 1]$  is to predict the conditional probability of the outcome  $Y_i(1) = 1$  under  $D_i = 1$  given the features  $X_i$ . We therefore refer to  $\mu^*(x) := \mathbb{P}(Y_i(1) = 1 \mid X_i = x)$  as the *target regression*. The goal in auditing/evaluating an existing risk assessment  $s(\cdot)$  is to estimate various *predictive performance measures*

$$\text{perf}(s; \beta) := \mathbb{E}[\beta_0(X_i; s) + \beta_1(X_i; s)Y_i(1)], \quad (1)$$

$$\text{perf}_+(s; \beta) := \mathbb{E}[\beta_0(X_i; s) \mid Y_i(1) = 1], \quad (2)$$

where  $\beta_0(X_i; s), \beta_1(X_i; s)$  are user-specified functions that may depend on the features  $X_i$  and risk assessment  $s(\cdot)$ . We refer to (1) as the overall predictive performance of  $s(X_i)$  and (2) as the positive class predictive performance. Analogously define  $\text{perf}_-(s; \beta) := \mathbb{E}[\beta_0(X_i; s) \mid Y_i(1) = 0]$  to be the negative class predictive performance. As we discuss in Section 2, these predictive performance measures recover commonly used risk functions or predictive diagnostics for alternative choices of  $\beta_0(X_i; s), \beta_1(X_i; s)$ . Furthermore, they can be used to evaluate the group fairness properties of a risk assessment (e.g., Mitchell et al., 2019; Barocas, Hardt and Narayanan, 2019).

Under unconfoundedness ( $Y_i(0), Y_i(1) \perp\!\!\!\perp D_i \mid X_i$ ), the target regression and the predictive performance measures are point identified from the historical data using the observed outcome regression  $\mu_1(X_i) := \mathbb{P}(Y_i = 1 \mid D_i = 1, X_i = x)$  or inverse propensity score weighting (e.g., Coston et al., 2020). Unconfoundedness, however, is not directly testable and it is particularly implausible in settings where counterfactual risk assessments are deployed. In settings like pretrial release and consumer lending, historical decisions were chosen by existing decision-makers that likely observed additional information relevant to the outcome  $Y_i(1)$  but are not captured by the recorded features  $X_i$ . For example, judges interact with defendants during pretrial release hearings and may learn extra extenuating information that affected their release decision (Kleinberg et al., 2018; Arnold, Dobbie and Hull, 2020b; Rambachan, 2021). In consumer lending, an applicant’s decision to accept an offered loan may depend on whether they secured a credit offer at a competing financial institution. Naively proceeding as if historical decisions were unconfounded would lead to inaccurate individual risk predictions, poor recommendations, and misleading evaluations of existing risk assessments.

## 1.2 Contributions

In this paper, we propose a flexible, nonparametric mean outcome sensitivity model (MOSM) for unmeasured confounding that is natural in settings where risk assessments are deployed. The MOSM asks the user to bound the extent to which the outcome  $Y_i(1)$  could be affected by unmeasured confounders on average conditional on the observed features  $X_i$  – formally, pointwise bounds on the difference  $\mathbb{P}(Y_i(1) = 1 \mid D_i = 0, X_i) - \mathbb{P}(Y_i(1) = 1 \mid D_i = 1, X_i)$ . Since practitioners already model and evaluate risk predictions in these settings, the MOSM enables them to directly translate their intuitions about how risk could plausibly vary in the population into statistical assumptions on the magnitudes of unmeasured confounding. We further offer several ways practitioners may specify such bounds under the

MOSM. For example, we show that the MOSM is implied by the existence of an instrumental variable for historical decisions (e.g., [Manski, 1994](#); [Balke and Pearl, 1997](#)).

Under the MOSM, the target regression, predictive performance measures, and predictive disparity measures are partially identified. We provide tractable characterizations of the sharp identified set for each of these quantities under the MOSM. We give closed-form expressions for the smallest and largest values of the target regression and overall predictive performance measures that are compatible with the MOSM, and show that the sharp bounds on the positive class (and negative class) predictive performance can be characterized by linear-fractional programs. With these characterizations, we then solve three tasks that are essential to deploying counterfactual risk assessments in high-stakes settings.

Our first task is to use the historical data  $\mathcal{O} = \{O_i\}_{i=1}^n$  to learn as much about the target regression  $\mu^*(x)$  (i.e., the true relationship between individual risk and the recorded features) as possible. We develop a nonparametric estimator of the sharp bounds on the target regression under the MOSM in [Section 3](#). Our estimators, which we refer to as DR-Learners, leverage sample-splitting and take the form of two stage procedures (e.g., [Foster and Syrgkanis, 2020](#); [Kennedy, 2022b](#)). The first stage uses one fold of the data to construct nonparametric estimates of nuisance functions. The second stage applies the estimated nuisance functions on the other fold to construct a pseudo-outcome regression estimator based on efficient influence functions. We derive the integrated mean square error convergence rate of our DR-Learners to the true bounds relative to that of an oracle non-parametric regression procedure under generic assumptions. When the oracle error is small, this result implies that our DR-Learners converge to the true bounds quickly whenever the first-stage nuisance functions are estimated at sufficiently fast rates, which are achievable using classic nonparametric regression techniques or modern machine learning methods. To prove this result, we build on [Kennedy \(2022b\)](#)’s analysis of pseudo-outcome regression, and provide a model-free oracle inequality for the  $L_2$ -error of regression with estimated pseudo-outcomes that may be of independent interest.

Since counterfactual risk assessments are typically deployed to inform existing decision-makers about a possible intervention, our second task is to use the historical data to make robust, personalized recommendations. We evaluate the performance of a plug-in recommendation rule that thresholds our DR-Learners of the target regression bounds in [Section 4](#) by analyzing its worst-case performance across all levels of unmeasured confounding consistent with the MOSM. We derive bounds on the regret of our plug-in rule relative to the optimal (infeasible) max-min recommendation rule. This regret bound implies that the plug-in decision rule is asymptotically max-min optimal again whenever the first-stage nuisance functions are estimated at sufficiently fast rates.

Our final task is to use the historical data to robustly audit or evaluate the predictive performance ( $\text{perf}(s; \beta)$  or  $\text{perf}_+(s; \beta)$ ) and predictive fairness properties of an existing risk assessment  $s(X_i)$  under the MOSM in [Section 5](#). Our estimators for the sharp bounds on overall predictive performance have a closed-form. We derive their rates of convergence, and provide conditions under which they are  $\sqrt{n}$ -consistent and asymptotically normally distributed. Our estimators for the sharp bounds on positive class predictive performance solve a sample linear-fractional program, and we derive their rates of convergence. We again leverage efficient influence functions and sample-splitting to control bias from the nonparametric estimation of first-stage nuisance functions and allow the use of complex machine learning estimators (e.g., [Robins et al., 2008](#); [Zheng and van der Laan, 2011](#); [Chernozhukov et al., 2018](#))

in estimating the scalar, predictive performance measure of interest,

Altogether, we provide a full pipeline for the learning and evaluation of counterfactual risk assessments under unmeasured confounding. We illustrate these methods in simulations. In future versions of the paper, we will illustrate these methods on a real-world credit-scoring task and a health care algorithm audit.

### 1.3 Related work

This paper relates to a vast literature on conducting sensitivity analyses in causal inference. The typical approach postulates the existence of some unmeasured confounder  $U_i$  that satisfies  $(Y_i(0), Y_i(1)) \perp\!\!\!\perp D_i \mid X_i, U_i$  and then places bounds on how much the unmeasured confounder may affect decisions. For example, Rosenbaum’s  $\Gamma$ -sensitivity model bounds the extent to which the true odds of treatment  $\mathbb{P}(D_i = 1 \mid X_i, U_i) / \mathbb{P}(D_i = 0 \mid X_i, U_i)$  may vary across values of the unmeasured confounder  $U_i = u$ ,  $U_i = u'$  (e.g., [Rosenbaum, 1987, 2002](#)). [Yadlowsky et al. \(2018\)](#) derives sharp bounds on the average treatment effect and conditional average treatment effect under Rosenbaum’s  $\Gamma$ -sensitivity model, developing nonparametric estimators for the bounds. [Zhang et al. \(2020\)](#) robustly ranks alternative treatment assignment rules under Rosenbaum’s  $\Gamma$ -sensitivity model. [Tan \(2006\)](#)’s marginal sensitivity model bounds the extent to which the true odds of treatment may differ from the observed odds  $\mathbb{P}(D_i = 1 \mid X_i) / \mathbb{P}(D_i = 0 \mid X_i)$ . A recently active literature studies robust estimation/inference on average treatment effects, conditional average treatment effects, and policy learning under the marginal sensitivity model – for example, see [Kallus, Mao and Zhou \(2018\)](#); [Zhao, Small and Bhattacharya \(2019\)](#); [Dorn and Guo \(2021\)](#); [Dorn, Guo and Kallus \(2021\)](#); [Kallus and Zhou \(2021\)](#); [Jin, Ren and Candès \(2021\)](#); [Nie, Imbens and Wager \(2021\)](#). In settings where risk assessments are deployed, historical decisions were made by prior decision makers, such as judges, doctors, or managers. It may therefore be difficult to place assumptions on how unmeasured confounders may have affected past decision-making, but easier to reason about how they may have affected outcomes.

Our work sits in a line of causal inference research that proposes sensitivity analysis models directly on outcome distributions  $Y_i(1) \mid D_i = 0, X_i$  vs.  $Y_i(1) \mid D_i = 1, X_i$ . [Brumback et al. \(2004\)](#) consider six possible, parametric functional forms for specifying the exact relationship between these conditional distributions. [Díaz and van der Laan \(2013\)](#); [Luedtke, Diaz and van der Laan \(2015\)](#); [Díaz, Luedtke and van der Laan \(2018\)](#) assume the difference in means of the potential outcome under treatment versus control is bounded by a user-specified, scalar quantity. [Robins, Rotnitzky and Scharfstein \(2000a\)](#); [Franks, D’Amour and Feller \(2019\)](#); [Scharfstein et al. \(2021\)](#) assume that the unidentified distribution  $Y_i(1) \mid D_i = 0, X_i$  is some known transformation (“tilting function”) of the identified distribution  $Y_i(1) \mid D_i = 1, X_i$ . In practice, practitioners may lack sufficient knowledge to exactly and fully specify the relationship between these conditional distributions. Any particular choice of the tilting function may therefore itself be misspecified, and it is common for users to only report a few choices. In contrast, the MOSM considers all joint distributions that are consistent with the observable data and the user’s specified bounds in one shot. Furthermore, our sensitivity analysis for statistical risk assessments, predictive performance measures and predictive disparities is novel to both of these literature.

More broadly, it is our view that the MOSM complements alternative sensitivity analysis models for violations of unconfoundedness. The effective, reliable, and safe use of statistical risk assessments in high-stakes settings requires there to be a suite of sensitivity analysis models that can applied off-the-

shelf depending on what is most intuitive/applicable to the practitioner. In line with this perspective, we further discuss the relationship between the MOSM and these existing sensitivity analysis frameworks in Section 7, and show how practitioners can map between the MOSM and these existing frameworks.

## 2 The mean outcome sensitivity model

We consider a setting with historical data  $O_i = (X_i, D_i, Y_i)$  for  $i = 1, \dots, n$  drawn i.i.d. from some joint distribution  $\mathbb{P}(\cdot)$ , where  $Y_i = Y_i(D_i)$  for potential outcomes  $Y_i(0), Y_i(1)$ . Our tasks are to use the historical data  $\mathcal{O} = \{O_i\}_{i=1}^n$  to (i) estimate a new counterfactual risk assessment; (ii) provide personalized recommendations for future interventions; or (iii) audit/evaluate the performance of an existing counterfactual risk assessment.<sup>2</sup> We now introduce two running examples to make our analysis concrete.

**Example (Consumer lending).** A financial institution observes historical data on past loan applicants, where  $X_i$  contains applicant information such as their reported income,  $D_i$  is whether the applicant was granted a loan, and  $Y_i = Y_i(1)D_i$  is whether the applicant defaulted on the loan if they were granted ( $Y_i(0) := 0$  since applicants that were not granted the loan cannot default). We use this data to either audit an existing credit score or construct a new credit score that predicts the likelihood a new applicant would default on a loan,  $Y_i(1) = 1$  (e.g., Blattner and Nelson, 2021; Coston, Rambachan and Chouldechova, 2021; Fuster et al., 2022).  $\blacktriangle$

**Example (Pretrial release).** A pretrial release system observes historical data on past defendants, where  $X_i$  contains defendant information such as their current charge and prior conviction history,  $D_i$  is whether the defendant was released prior to their trial, and  $Y_i = Y_i(1)D_i$  is whether the defendant failed to appear in court if they were released ( $Y_i(0) := 0$  since detained defendants cannot fail to appear in court). We use this data to either audit an existing pretrial risk score or construct a new counterfactual pretrial risk score that predicts the likelihood a new defendant would fail to appear in court,  $Y_i(1) = 1$  (e.g., Kleinberg et al., 2018; Jung et al., 2020b,a; Arnold, Dobbie and Hull, 2020a).  $\blacktriangle$

**Notation:** We write sample averages of a random variable  $V_i$  as  $\mathbb{E}_n[V_i] := n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n V_i$ . Denote the observed propensity scores as  $\pi_d(x) := \mathbb{P}(D_i = d \mid X_i = x)$  for  $d \in \{0, 1\}$ . Let  $\|\cdot\|$  denote the appropriate  $L_2$ -norm by context. That is,  $\|f(\cdot)\| = (\int f(v)^2 dP(v))^{1/2}$  for a measurable function  $f(\cdot)$  taking values in  $\mathbb{R}$ , and  $\|v\| = (\sum_{j=1}^k v_j^2)^{1/2}$  for a non-random vector  $v \in \mathbb{R}^k$ .

### 2.1 Target regression and predictive performance measures

The goal in constructing a counterfactual risk assessment is to estimate the target regression  $\mu^*(x) := \mathbb{P}(Y_i(1) = 1 \mid X_i = x)$ . The goal in auditing an existing risk assessment  $s(X_i)$  is to estimate various predictive performance measures  $\text{perf}(s; \beta) := \mathbb{E}[\beta_0(X_i; s) + \beta_1(X_i; s)Y_i(1)]$  and  $\text{perf}_+(s; \beta) := \mathbb{E}[\beta_0(X_i; s) \mid Y_i(1) = 1]$ , where  $\beta_0(X_i), \beta_1(X_i) \in \mathbb{R}$  are user-specified functions of  $X_i$ . As shorthand, write  $\beta_{0,i} := \beta_0(X_i)$  and  $\beta_{1,i} := \beta_1(X_i)$ .

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<sup>2</sup>Our results on evaluation directly extend to the evaluation of a counterfactual decision or recommendation rule  $d(\cdot): \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$ . In many cases, such a decision or recommendation rule is constructed by threshold a counterfactual risk score – that is,  $d(x) = 1\{s(x) \leq \tau\}$  for some  $\tau \in [0, 1]$ .

For alternative choices of  $\beta_0(X_i; s)$  and  $\beta_1(X_i; s)$ , these predictive performance measures recover commonly used risk functions or predictive diagnostics.

**Example 1** (MSE, accuracy, cross-entropy, calibration, and failure rate).

- a. For  $\beta_0(X_i) = s^2(X_i)$  and  $\beta_1(X_i) = 1 - 2s(X_i)$ ,  $\text{perf}(s; \beta) = \mathbb{E}[(s(X_i) - Y_i(1))^2]$  is the *mean square error* of  $s(X_i)$ .
- b. For  $\beta_0(X_i) = 1 - s(X_i)$  and  $\beta_1(X_i) := 2s(X_i) - 1$ ,  $\text{perf}(s, \beta) = \mathbb{E}[s(X_i)Y_i(1) + (1 - s(X_i))(1 - Y_i(1))]$  is the *accuracy* of  $s(X_i)$ .
- c. For  $\beta_0(X_i) = -\log(1 - s(X_i))$  and  $\beta_1(X_i) = \log(1 - s(X_i)) - \log(s(X_i))$ ,  $\text{perf}(s; \beta) = -\mathbb{E}[Y_i(1) \log(s(X_i)) + (1 - Y_i(1)) \log(1 - s(X_i))]$  is the *cross-entropy* of  $s(X_i)$ .
- c. The *calibration* of  $s(X_i)$  at prediction bin  $[r_1, r_2] \subseteq [0, 1]$  is  $\mathbb{E}[Y_i(1) \mid r_1 \leq s(X_i) \leq r_2] := \text{perf}(s; \beta)$  for  $\beta_0(X_i) := 0$ ,  $\beta_1(X_i) := \frac{1\{r_1 \leq s(X_i) \leq r_2\}}{\mathbb{E}[1\{r_1 \leq s(X_i) \leq r_2\}]}$  assuming  $P(r_1 \leq s(X_i) \leq r_2) > 0$ .
- d. The *failure rate* of  $s(X_i)$  at threshold  $\tau \in [0, 1]$  is  $\mathbb{E}[1\{s(X_i) \leq \tau\}Y_i(1)] = \text{perf}(s; \beta)$  for  $\beta_0(X_i) := 0$ ,  $\beta_1(X_i) = 1\{s(X_i) \geq \tau\}$  (e.g., [Lakkaraju et al., 2017](#)).

**Example 2** (TPR and FPR). The *true positive rate* of  $s(X_i)$  is  $\mathbb{E}[s(X_i) \mid Y_i(1) = 1] = \text{perf}_+(s; \beta)$  for  $\beta_0(X_i) := s(X_i)$ . The *false positive rate* of  $s(X_i)$  is  $\mathbb{E}[s(X_i) \mid Y_i(1) = 0] = \text{perf}_-(s; \beta)$  again for  $\beta_0(X_i) = s(X_i)$ .

**Example 3** (ROC curve). The *true positive rate* at threshold  $\tau \in [0, 1]$  is  $\mathbb{E}[1\{s(X_i) \geq \tau\} \mid Y_i(1) = 1] = \text{perf}_+(s; \beta_\tau)$  for  $\beta_\tau(X_i) = 1\{s(X_i) \geq \tau\}$ . The *false positive rate* at threshold  $\tau \in [0, 1]$  is analogously  $\mathbb{E}[1\{s(X_i) \geq \tau\} \mid Y_i(1) = 0] = \text{perf}_-(s; \beta_\tau)$ . The *ROC curve* of  $s(X_i)$  is the set  $\{(\text{perf}_-(s; \beta_\tau), \text{perf}_+(s; \beta_\tau) : \tau \in [0, 1])\}$ .

Furthermore, these predictive performance measures are often useful to evaluate the group fairness properties of a risk assessment (e.g., [Mitchell et al., 2019](#)). More concretely, suppose there is a binary sensitive attribute  $G_i \in \{0, 1\}$  with  $X_i = (\bar{X}_i, G_i)$  (e.g., ethnicity, gender, race, etc). Define the overall predictive performance of  $s(X_i)$  on group  $G_i = g$  as  $\text{perf}_g(s; \beta) := \mathbb{E}[\beta_0(X_i) + \beta_1(X_i)Y_i(1) \mid G_i = g]$ . The *overall predictive disparity* of the risk assessment is then

$$\text{disp}(s; \beta) := \text{perf}_1(s; \beta) - \text{perf}_0(s; \beta). \quad (3)$$

The class-specific predictive performances on group  $G_i = g$ ,  $\text{perf}_{+,g}(s; \beta)$  and  $\text{perf}_{-,g}(s; \beta)$ , and the class-specific predictive disparities,  $\text{disp}_+(s; \beta)$  and  $\text{disp}_-(s; \beta)$ , are defined analogously. By analyzing the difference in predictive performance measures across groups, the user can summarize average violations of widely-used predictive fairness definitions.

**Example 4** (Equality of opportunity). The risk assessment  $s(X_i)$  satisfies *equality of opportunity* or balance for the positive class if  $s(X_i) \perp\!\!\!\perp G_i \mid \{Y_i(1) = 1\}$  (e.g., [Hardt, Price and Srebro, 2016](#); [Chouldechova, 2017](#)). The positive class predictive disparity  $\text{disp}_+(s; \beta)$  for  $\beta_0(X_i) = s(X_i)$  measures the difference in average risk assessments across groups given  $Y_i(1) = 1$ .



**Example 5** (Bounded group loss). For  $\beta_0(X_i), \beta_1(X_i)$  as defined in Example 1, the risk assessment  $s(X_i)$  violates *bounded group* MSE or cross-entropy for some  $\epsilon > 0$  if either  $\text{perf}_g(s; \beta) \geq \epsilon$  for  $g \in \{0, 1\}$  (e.g., Agarwal, Dudík and Wu, 2019).

## 2.2 The mean outcome sensitivity model

Since  $Y_i(1)$  is only observed under intervention  $D_i = 1$  in the historical data, the target regression  $\mu^*(x)$  and predictive performance measures  $\text{perf}(s; \beta), \text{perf}_+(s; \beta)$  are not point identified without further assumptions. Rather than assuming that the historical decisions were unconfounded, we propose an interpretable relaxation of unconfoundedness that we call the *mean outcome sensitivity model* (MOSM). Under the MOSM, the user provides bounds on the extent to which the outcome  $Y_i(1)$  could be affected by unmeasured confounders on average in the population.

To state this formally, let  $\delta(X_i) := \mathbb{P}(Y_i(1) = 1 \mid D_i = 0, X_i) - \mathbb{P}(Y_i(1) = 1 \mid D_i = 1, X_i)$  denote the difference in the probability  $Y_i(1) = 1$  given  $D_i = 0$  and  $D_i = 1$  conditional on  $X_i$ . The function  $\delta(X_i)$  therefore summarizes the conditional average level of confounding. Since  $Y_i(1)$  is unobserved if  $D_i = 0$ ,  $\mathbb{P}(Y_i(1) = 1 \mid D_i = 0, X_i)$  is not identified, and, by extension, neither is  $\delta(X_i)$ . The mean outcome sensitivity model specifies pointwise bounds on the difference  $\delta(X_i)$ .

**Assumption 2.1** (Mean outcome sensitivity model). There exists bounding functions  $\underline{\delta}(x), \bar{\delta}(x): \mathcal{X} \rightarrow [-1, 1]$  satisfying  $\mathbb{E}[\mu_1(X_i) + \pi_0(X_i)\underline{\delta}(X_i)] > 0$  and

$$\underline{\delta}(x) \leq \delta(x) \leq \bar{\delta}(x) \text{ for all } x \in \mathcal{X}. \quad (4)$$

Let  $\Delta$  be the set of all functions  $\delta(\cdot)$  that satisfy (4), and write  $\underline{\delta}_i := \underline{\delta}(X_i), \bar{\delta}_i := \bar{\delta}(X_i)$  as shorthand notation.<sup>3</sup>

As an example, consider the consumer lending setting where the MOSM bounds how much the probability of default  $Y_i(1)$  may differ among applicants that were not granted a loan  $D_i = 0$  relative to observably similar applicants that were granted a loan  $D_i = 1$ . In the pretrial release example, the MOSM bounds how much the failure to appear rate  $Y_i(1) = 1$  may differ between observably similar detained defendants  $D_i = 0$  and released defendants  $D_i = 1$ . The MOSM nests the special case in which there is no unmeasured confounding by setting  $\underline{\delta}(x) = \bar{\delta}(x) = 0$  for all  $x$ .

## 2.3 Choice of bounding functions

The choice of bounding functions  $\underline{\delta}(\cdot), \bar{\delta}(\cdot)$  is clearly crucial to the specification of the MOSM. Below we provide a few examples of how users may specify these bounds in practice, noting that these are just a sample of the many possible ways in which the bounds could be specified.

**Stratified outcome bounds:** The user may specify the bounding functions by discretizing the feature space into strata, and then using domain knowledge to directly specify outcome bounds within each stratum.

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<sup>3</sup>By placing bounds on the difference in the probability  $Y_i(1) = 1$  between  $D_i = 0$  and  $D_i = 1$  conditionally on  $X_i$ , the MOSM can be seen as the covariate-conditional generalization of the bounding approach taken in Luedtke, Diaz and van der Laan (2015) for average treatment effects. While covariates have been previously used in the sensitivity model of Brumback et al. (2004), they made parametric assumptions that our approach avoids.



Suppose that for some known stratification function  $\kappa(\cdot): \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \{1, \dots, K\}$  and constants  $\underline{\delta}_k, \bar{\delta}_k$  for  $k = 1, \dots, K$ , the bounding functions  $\underline{\delta}(\cdot), \bar{\delta}(\cdot)$  satisfy  $\mathbb{E}[\mu_1(X_i) + \pi_0(X_i)\underline{\delta}(X_i)] > 0$  and

$$\underline{\delta}(x) = \underline{\delta}_{\kappa(x)} \text{ and } \bar{\delta}(x) = \bar{\delta}_{\kappa(x)} \text{ for all } x \in \mathcal{X}. \quad (5)$$

Let  $\Delta(\kappa)$  be the set of all functions  $\delta(\cdot)$  that satisfy (5). The stratification function  $\kappa(x)$  describes the user’s domain-specific knowledge about which coarse strata of the features  $X_i$  summarize how unobserved confounders affect the outcome  $Y_i(1)$  on average. In the consumer lending example, most of the variation in difference of default rates between rejected and approved applicant’s may be summarized by small set of known income or wealth brackets. The choice of stratification function therefore relates to common rules of thumb for reject inference procedures used by industry practitioners in consumer finance (e.g., see [Zeng and Zhao, 2014](#)), which apply simple and coarse adjustments to observed default rates among accepted applicants to impute the missing default rates among rejected applicants. In the pretrial release example, much of the variation in the difference of failure to appear rates between released and detained defendants may be summarized by the arresting charge category (e.g., violent vs. non-violent charges).

**Nonparametric outcome regression bounds:** The user may wish to avoid having to specify a particular choice of strata, and instead place bounds directly in terms of the true, nonparametric outcome regression  $\mu_1(x)$ . Our framework allows the user to specify rich bounds of this form. For some choices  $\underline{\Gamma}, \bar{\Gamma} > 0$ , define

$$\underline{\delta}(x) = (\underline{\Gamma} - 1) \mu_1(x), \text{ and } \bar{\delta}(x) = (\bar{\Gamma} - 1) \mu_1(x). \quad (6)$$

Let  $\Delta(\Gamma)$  denote the set of bounding functions  $\delta(\cdot)$  that satisfies these bounds.

This choice implies that  $\mathbb{E}[Y_i(1) \mid D_i = 0, X_i]$  cannot be too different than the outcome regression  $\mu_1(x)$ , and satisfies  $\underline{\Gamma}\mu_{Y(1)|1}(x) \leq \mu_{Y(1)|0}(x) \leq \bar{\Gamma}\mu_{Y(1)|1}(x)$ . In the pretrial release example, setting  $\underline{\Gamma} = 2$  and  $\bar{\Gamma} = 3$  implies that we are willing to assume that detained defendants are no less risky than released defendants, but simultaneously they cannot be more than twice as risky as released defendants. [Rambachan \(2021\)](#) refers to such an assumption as “direct imputation,” and it generalizes common strategies used to evaluate risk assessment tools in the criminal justice system. For example, [Kleinberg et al. \(2018\)](#), and [Jung et al. \(2020a\)](#) report results by assuming that the unobserved failure to appear rate among detained defendants is equal to some known function of the observed failure to appear rate among released defendants. As we show in [Section 7](#), nonparametric outcome regression bounds are equivalent to common models for sensitivity analysis on unobserved confounding such as marginal sensitivity models.

**Instrumental variable bounds:** Finally, the existence of an instrumental variable that generates random variation in historical interventions implies the MOSM ([Manski, 1994](#); [Balke and Pearl, 1997](#)). Such instrumental variables are common in settings where risk assessments are deployed. A classic example arises through the random assignment of judges to cases in the pretrial release system (e.g., [Kleinberg et al., 2018](#); [Arnold, Dobbie and Hull, 2020b,a](#); [Rambachan, 2021](#)), where an observed judge

identifier is an instrument  $Z_i$  for the historical release decision  $D_i$ .<sup>4</sup>

**Proposition 2.1.** *Suppose  $O_i = (X_i, Z_i, D_i, Y_i) \sim P(\cdot)$  i.i.d. for  $i = 1, \dots, n$ , where  $Z_i \in \mathcal{Z}$  has finite support and satisfies  $(Y_i(0), Y_i(1)) \perp Z_i \mid X_i$ . Define  $\underline{\delta}_z(x) = (\mathbb{E}[Y_i D_i \mid X_i = x, Z_i = z] - \mu_1(x)) / \pi_0(x)$  and  $\bar{\delta}_z(x) = (\pi_0(x, z) + \mathbb{E}[Y_i D_i \mid X_i = x, Z_i = z] - \mu_1(x)) / \pi_0(x)$  for any  $z \in \mathcal{Z}$ . Then, for all  $x \in \mathcal{X}$ ,*

$$\underline{\delta}_z(x) \leq \delta(x) \leq \bar{\delta}_z(x).$$

Let  $\Delta(z)$  denote the set of bounding functions  $\delta(\cdot)$  satisfying these bounds for some  $z \in \mathcal{Z}$ .

## 2.4 Sharp bounds on the target regression and predictive performance measures

We now show that the target regression and predictive performance measures are bounded under the MOSM and derive their sharp bounds.

Towards this, observe that the target regression can be written as  $\mu^*(x) = \mu_1(x) + \pi_0(x)\delta(x)$ . We can therefore rewrite the predictive performance measures for a given risk assessment as

$$\text{perf}(s; \beta) = \mathbb{E}[\beta_{0,i} + \beta_{1,i}\mu_1(X_i) + \beta_{1,i}\pi_0(X_i)\delta(X_i)] \quad (7)$$

$$\text{perf}_+(s; \beta) = \mathbb{E}[\mu_1(X_i) + \pi_0(X_i)\delta(X_i)]^{-1} \mathbb{E}[\beta_{0,i}\mu_1(X_i) + \beta_{0,i}\pi_0(X_i)\delta(X_i)] \quad (8)$$

Define  $\mathcal{H}(\mu^*(x); \Delta) = \{m : m(x) = \mu_1(x) + \delta(x)\pi_0(x) \text{ for } \delta \in \Delta\}$  to be the set of all target regression values consistent with the MOSM. Analogously, define  $\mathcal{H}(\text{perf}(s; \beta); \Delta) = \{\text{perf}(s; \beta) \text{ satisfying (7) for } \delta \in \Delta\}$  and  $\mathcal{H}(\text{perf}_+(s; \beta); \Delta) = \{\text{perf}_+(s; \beta) \text{ satisfying (8) for } \delta \in \Delta\}$ . The sharp set of target regression values and predictive performance measures that are consistent with the MOSM can be characterized by closed intervals.

**Lemma 2.1.** *Suppose Assumption 2.1 is satisfied. Then,*

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{H}(\mu^*(x); \Delta) &= [\underline{\mu}^*(x; \Delta), \bar{\mu}^*(x; \Delta)] \text{ for all } x \in \mathcal{X}, \\ \mathcal{H}(\text{perf}(s; \beta); \Delta) &= [\underline{\text{perf}}(s; \beta, \Delta), \overline{\text{perf}}(s; \beta, \Delta)], \\ \mathcal{H}(\text{perf}_+(s; \beta); \Delta) &= [\underline{\text{perf}}_+(s; \beta, \Delta), \overline{\text{perf}}_+(s; \beta, \Delta)], \end{aligned}$$

where  $\bar{\mu}^*(x; \Delta) = \mu_1(x) + \pi_0(x)\bar{\delta}(x)$ ,  $\underline{\mu}^*(x; \Delta) = \mu_1(x) + \pi_0(x)\underline{\delta}(x)$ , and

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{\text{perf}}(s; \beta, \Delta) &= \mathbb{E}[\beta_{0,i} + \beta_{1,i}\mu_1(X_i) + \beta_{1,i}\pi_0(X_i) (1\{\beta_{1,i} > 0\}\bar{\delta}_i + 1\{\beta_{1,i} \leq 0\}\underline{\delta}_i)], \\ \underline{\text{perf}}(s; \beta, \Delta) &= \mathbb{E}[\beta_{0,i} + \beta_{1,i}\mu_1(X_i) + \beta_{1,i}\pi_0(X_i) (1\{\beta_{1,i} \leq 0\}\bar{\delta}_i + 1\{\beta_{1,i} > 0\}\underline{\delta}_i)], \\ \overline{\text{perf}}_+(s; \beta, \Delta) &= \sup_{\delta(\cdot) \in \Delta} \mathbb{E}[\mu_1(X_i) + \pi_0(X_i)\delta(X_i)]^{-1} \mathbb{E}[\beta_{0,i}\mu_1(X_i) + \beta_{0,i}\pi_0(X_i)\delta(X_i)] \end{aligned}$$

and  $\underline{\text{perf}}_+(s; \beta, \Delta)$  is defined analogously.

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<sup>4</sup>Lakkaraju et al. (2017) propose a “contraction procedure” that uses the random assignment of decision-makers to evaluate the performance of a risk assessments in the presence of unobserved confounding. Contraction only delivers point estimates of the failure rate of the risk assessment (see Example 1) at particular choices of threshold  $\tau$ . In contrast, we sharply bound  $\delta(x)$  using an instrument, which in turn enables the user to construct sharp bounds on the target regression, any overall predictive performance measure  $\text{perf}(s; \beta)$  or any class-specific performance measure  $\text{perf}_+(s; \beta)$ ,  $\text{perf}_-(s; \beta)$ .

As we show in Appendix C, we can also bound the predictive disparities of the risk assessment  $s(X_i)$  under the MOSM.

### 3 Bounding the target regression under the outcome sensitivity model

In this section, we propose estimators for the bounds  $[\underline{\mu}^*(x; \Delta), \bar{\mu}^*(x; \Delta)]$  on the target regression under the MOSM. Following the literature on the estimation of heterogeneous treatment effects (e.g., Künzel et al., 2019; Nie and Wager, 2020; Kennedy, 2022b), we refer to our estimators as “DR-Learners” since they incorporate a doubly-robust style bias correction in the second-stage regression and their construction is agnostic to the user’s choice of nonparametric regression method through its use of sample splitting. By extending the analysis of pseudo-outcome regressions in Kennedy (2022b), we derive the integrated mean square error convergence rate of our DR-Learners to the true bounds.

We first develop our estimators and main result for the case in which the bounding functions  $\underline{\delta}(\cdot), \bar{\delta}(\cdot)$  are known since this is sufficient to develop the core results. We then briefly extend to the case in which the bounding functions themselves must be estimated (e.g., nonparametric outcome regression bounds and instrumental variable bounds).

#### 3.1 DR-Learners for MOSM bounds on the target regression

To construct our proposed estimators for the bounds  $[\underline{\mu}^*(x; \Delta), \bar{\mu}^*(x; \Delta)]$ , we make use of sample-splitting. We illustrate our procedure by a single split procedure to simplify notation, but the analysis of an average across multiple, independent splits is straightforward.

We randomly split the historical data  $\mathcal{O}$  into two disjoint subsets  $\mathcal{O}_1$  and  $\mathcal{O}_2$ . We construct an estimator of the outcome regression  $\hat{\mu}_1$  and propensity score  $\hat{\pi}_1$  using only the observations  $\mathcal{O}_1$ . Using the observations  $\mathcal{O}_2$ , we construct the two estimated pseudo-outcomes

$$\phi_1(Y_i; \hat{\eta}) + \underline{\delta}(X_i)(1 - D_i) \text{ and } \phi_1(Y_i; \hat{\eta}) + \bar{\delta}(X_i)(1 - D_i), \quad (9)$$

where  $\phi_1(Y_i; \eta) := \hat{\mu}_1(X_i) + \frac{D_i}{\hat{\pi}_1(X_i)}(Y_i - \hat{\mu}_1(X_i))$  is the efficient uncentered influence function for  $\mathbb{E}\{\mathbb{E}[Y_i | D_i = 1, X_i]\}$ ,  $\eta = (\pi_1(X_i), \mu_1(X_i))$  are the relevant nuisance functions, and so  $\phi_1(Y_i; \hat{\eta})$  plugs in the estimates  $\hat{\eta} = (\hat{\pi}_1(X_i), \hat{\mu}_1(X_i))$ . We regress these constructed pseudo-outcomes on the features  $X_i$  using a user-specified nonparametric regression procedure in fold  $\mathcal{O}_2$ . This yields the DR-Learners  $\hat{\underline{\mu}}(x; \Delta), \hat{\bar{\mu}}(x; \Delta)$  of the target regression bounds under the MOSM. Algorithm 1 summarizes the construction of the DR-Learners.

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**Algorithm 1:** Pseudo-algorithm for DR-Learners of MOSM target regression bounds.

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**Input:** Data  $\mathcal{O} = \{(O_i)\}_{i=1}^n$  where  $O_i = (X_i, D_i, Y_i)$ , number of folds  $K$ ;  $x \in \mathcal{X}$ .

- 1 Split  $\mathcal{O}$  into two independent folds  $\mathcal{O}_1, \mathcal{O}_2$ .
- 2 Estimate  $\hat{\mu}_1, \hat{\pi}_1$  using only  $\mathcal{O}_1$ , and define  $\hat{\eta} = (\hat{\pi}_1, \hat{\mu}_1)$ .
- 3 Regress  $\phi_1(Y_i; \hat{\eta}) + \underline{\delta}(X_i)(1 - D_i) \sim X_i$  using  $i \in \mathcal{O}_2$  to yield  $\hat{\underline{\mu}}(x; \Delta)$ .
- 4 Regress  $\phi_1(Y_i; \hat{\eta}) + \bar{\delta}(X_i)(1 - D_i) \sim X_i$  using  $i \in \mathcal{O}_2$  to yield  $\hat{\bar{\mu}}(x; \Delta)$ .

**Output:** Estimated bounds  $[\hat{\underline{\mu}}(x; \Delta), \hat{\bar{\mu}}(x; \Delta)]$ .

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### 3.2 Convergence rate of DR-Learners

We now provide a theoretical guarantee on the integrated mean square error (MSE) convergence rate of the DR-Learners  $\hat{\underline{\mu}}(x; \Delta), \hat{\bar{\mu}}(x; \Delta)$  to the true bounds. Our main result compares the integrated MSE of the DR-Learners against that of an oracle nonparametric regression that has access to the true, unknown nuisance functions and can therefore form the true influence functions.

To state this result, consider an infeasible oracle that observes the true nuisance parameters  $\eta(X_i)$  and bounding functions  $\underline{\delta}(X_i), \bar{\delta}(X_i)$  for each observation in the data. This infeasible oracle could then directly estimate the target regression bounds at any  $x \in \mathcal{X}$  by regressing the true pseudo-outcomes  $\phi_1(Y_i; \eta) + \underline{\delta}(X_i)(1 - D_i)$  and  $\phi_1(Y_i; \eta) + \bar{\delta}(X_i)(1 - D_i)$  on the features  $X_i$ . Let  $\hat{\underline{\mu}}_{\text{oracle}}(x; \Delta), \hat{\bar{\mu}}_{\text{oracle}}(x; \Delta)$  denote these oracle estimators of the target regression bounds. Under stability conditions on the second-stage nonparametric regression estimator, we show that the integrated MSE of the DR-Learner is equal to the integrated MSE of the oracle regression plus a smoothed, doubly robust remainder term.

**Theorem 1.** *Let  $\hat{\mathbb{E}}_n[\cdot \mid X_i = x]$  denote the user-specified, second-stage pseudo-outcome regression estimator. Suppose that  $\hat{\mathbb{E}}_n[\cdot \mid X_i = x]$  satisfies the  $L_2(\mathbb{P})$ -stability condition (Assumption B.1), and  $\mathbb{P}(\epsilon \leq \hat{\pi}_1(X_i) \leq 1 - \epsilon) = 1$  for some  $\epsilon > 0$ . Define  $\tilde{R}(x) = \hat{\mathbb{E}}_n[(\pi_1(X_i) - \hat{\pi}_1(X_i))(\mu_1(X_i) - \hat{\mu}_1(X_i) \mid X_i = x)]$ , and  $R_{\text{oracle}}^2 = \mathbb{E}[\|\hat{\underline{\mu}}_{\text{oracle}}(\cdot; \Delta) - \underline{\mu}^*(\cdot; \Delta)\|^2]$ . Then,*

$$\|\hat{\underline{\mu}}(\cdot; \Delta) - \underline{\mu}^*(\cdot; \Delta)\| = \|\hat{\underline{\mu}}_{\text{oracle}}(\cdot; \Delta) - \underline{\mu}^*(\cdot; \Delta)\| + \|\tilde{R}(\cdot)\| + o_{\mathbb{P}}(R_{\text{oracle}})$$

and  $\hat{\bar{\mu}}(\cdot; \Delta)$  is therefore oracle efficient in the  $L_2(\mathbb{P})$ -norm if further  $\|\tilde{R}(\cdot)\| = o_{\mathbb{P}}(R_{\text{oracle}})$ . The analogous result holds for the estimator of the lower-bound,  $\hat{\underline{\mu}}^*(x; \Delta)$ .

Theorem 1 establishes that the integrated MSE of the DR-Learners for the target outcome regression bounds can be no larger than that of an infeasible oracle nonparametric regression (i.e., an oracle that has access to the true nuisance functions and bounding functions) plus the  $L_2(\mathbb{P})$ -norm of a smoothed remainder term  $\tilde{R}(x)$  that depends on the product of errors in the estimation of the first-stage nuisance parameters. The first-step, nonparametric estimation of the bounding functions in the DR-Learners therefore only affects the error bound through this remainder term. This facilitates faster rates when the oracle estimation error is small even if nuisance parameter estimates converge at slow rates. Key to this bound is that the DR-Learners both (i) utilize sample-splitting, estimating the nuisance parameters  $\mu_1(X_i)$  and  $\pi_1(X_i)$  on a separate fold of the data than the fold used for the pseudo-outcome regression, and (ii) construct pseudo-outcomes based on efficient influence functions. To prove this result, we provide an oracle inequality on the  $L_2(\mathbb{P})$ -error of regression with estimated pseudo-outcomes (Lemma B.1), extending Kennedy (2022b)'s analysis of the pointwise convergence of pseudo-outcome regression.

The  $L_2(\mathbb{P})$ -stability condition (Assumption B.1) on the second-stage pseudo-outcome regression estimators is quite mild in practice, and Proposition B.1 shows that it is satisfied by a variety of generic linear smoothers such as linear regression, series regression, nearest neighbor matching, random forest models, and several others. The bounds in Theorem 1 are therefore agnostic in this sense to the underlying nonparametric regression method chosen by the user. Furthermore, the result can be applied in settings where the nuisance functions  $\eta(\cdot)$  and bounding functions  $\underline{\delta}(\cdot), \bar{\delta}(\cdot)$  themselves satisfy additional smoothness or sparsity conditions. By then applying known bounds on mean-squared error convergence rates under these further structural assumptions, Theorem 1 allows us to immediately

derive the convergence rate of our proposed DR-Learners as an explicit function of the sample size and dimensionality of the features.

### 3.3 Extension: estimated bounding functions under MOSM

We now show how to extend our proposed DR-Learners when the user must also estimate the bounding functions  $\underline{\delta}(\cdot)$ ,  $\bar{\delta}(\cdot)$ . We show that the main conclusions of Theorem 1 continue to hold with additional remainder terms that arise from the nonparametric estimation of nuisance parameters that enter the bounding functions.

**Nonparametric outcome bounds:** Suppose the user specifies nonparametric outcome regression bounds under the MOSM (6) for some  $\underline{\Gamma}, \bar{\Gamma} > 0$ . In this case, the worst-case bounds on the target regression can be directly written as  $\bar{\mu}^*(x) = \mu_1(x) + (\bar{\Gamma} - 1)\pi_0(x)\mu_1(x)$  and  $\underline{\mu}^*(x) = \mu_1(x) + (\underline{\Gamma} - 1)\pi_0(x)\mu_1(x)$ . We therefore modify our DR-Learners by simply modifying the pseudo-outcomes that are constructed. Using the observations in  $\mathcal{O}_2$ , we now construct the two pseudo-outcomes  $\phi_1(Y_i; \hat{\eta}) + (\bar{\Gamma} - 1)\phi(\pi_0(X_i)\mu_1(X_i); \hat{\eta})$  and  $\phi_1(Y_i; \hat{\eta}) + (\underline{\Gamma} - 1)\phi(\pi_0(X_i)\mu_1(X_i); \hat{\eta})$ , where

$$\phi(\pi_0(X_i)\mu_1(X_i); \eta) = ((1 - D_i) - \pi_0(X_i))\mu_1(X_i) + \frac{D_i}{\pi_1(X_i)}(Y_i - \mu_1(X_i))\pi_0(X_i) + \pi_0(X_i)\mu_1(X_i) \quad (10)$$

is the uncentered influence function for  $\mathbb{E}[\pi_0(X_i)\mu_1(X_i)]$  by standard calculations involving influence functions (Kennedy, 2022a; Hines et al., 2022). Regressing these constructed pseudo-outcomes on the features  $X_i$  yields our DR-Learners  $\hat{\bar{\mu}}(x; \Delta(\Gamma))$ ,  $\hat{\underline{\mu}}(x; \Delta(\Gamma))$ .

Under the same conditions as Theorem 1, the integrated MSE of these DR-Learners is equal to the integrated MSE of the oracle estimators plus the same second-order remainder term.

**Proposition 3.1.** *Under the same conditions as Theorem 1,*

$$\|\hat{\bar{\mu}}(\cdot; \Delta(\Gamma)) - \bar{\mu}^*(\cdot; \Delta(\Gamma))\| = \|\hat{\bar{\mu}}_{oracle}(\cdot; \Delta(\Gamma)) - \bar{\mu}^*(\cdot; \Delta(\Gamma))\| + \|\tilde{R}(\cdot)\| + o_{\mathbb{P}}(R_{oracle})$$

*The analogous result holds for  $\hat{\underline{\mu}}(x; \Delta(\Gamma))$ .*

**Instrumental variable bounds:** Suppose the user specifies instrumental variable bounds under the MOSM. To derive the worst-case bounds on the target regression, it is convenient to rewrite the bounds in Proposition 2.1 as bounds on the product  $\pi_0(x)\delta(x)$

$$\underline{\delta}_z(x) \leq \pi_0(x)\delta(x) \leq \bar{\delta}_z(x)$$

for  $\underline{\delta}_z(x) = \mathbb{E}[Y_i D_i \mid X_i = x, Z_i = z] - \mu_1(x)$  and  $\bar{\delta}_z(x) = \pi_0(x, z) + \mathbb{E}[Y_i D_i \mid X_i = x, Z_i = z] - \mu_1(x)$ . It then immediately follows the target regression bounds can be directly written as  $\bar{\mu}^*(x; \Delta(z)) = \pi_0(x, z) + \mathbb{E}[Y_i D_i \mid X_i = x, Z_i = z]$  and  $\underline{\mu}^*(x; \Delta(z)) = \mathbb{E}[Y_i D_i \mid X_i = x, Z_i = z]$ . This suggests that we can modify our DR-Learners by modifying the nuisance functions that are estimated on each fold of the data and the pseudo-outcomes that are constructed.

We now construct an estimator of the regression  $\hat{\mathbb{E}}[Y_i D_i \mid X_i = x, Z_i = z]$ , treatment propensity score  $\hat{\pi}_0(x, z)$ , and instrument propensity score  $\hat{\mathbb{P}}[Z_i = z \mid X_i = x]$  using only the observations  $\mathcal{O}_1$ .

Using the observations  $\mathcal{O}_2$ , we now construct the two pseudo-outcomes  $\phi_z(Y_i D_i; \hat{\eta}) + \phi_z(1 - D_i; \hat{\eta})$  and  $\phi_z(Y_i D_i; \hat{\eta})$ , where

$$\phi_z(D_i Y_i; \eta) := \frac{1\{Z_i = z\}}{\mathbb{P}(Z_i = z \mid X_i = x)} (Y_i D_i - \mathbb{E}[D_i Y_i \mid X_i = x, Z_i = z]) + \mathbb{E}[D_i Y_i \mid X_i = x, Z_i = z] \quad (11)$$

$$\phi_z(1 - D_i; \eta) := \frac{1\{Z_i = z\}}{\mathbb{P}(Z_i = z \mid X_i = x)} (1 - D_i - \pi_0(X_i, z)) + \pi_0(X_i, z) \quad (12)$$

are the uncentered efficient influence functions for  $\mathbb{E}\{\mathbb{E}[D_i Y_i \mid X_i, Z_i = z]\}$ ,  $\mathbb{E}\{\mathbb{E}[1 - D_i \mid X_i, Z_i = z]\}$  respectively, where  $\eta = (\mathbb{P}(Z_i = z \mid X_i = x), \mathbb{E}[D_i Y_i \mid X_i = x, Z_i = z], \pi_0(x, z))$  are now the relevant nuisance functions (Kennedy, Balakrishnan and G'Sell, 2020). We then regress these constructed pseudo-outcomes on the features  $X_i$ , yielding our DR-Learners  $\hat{\mu}(x; \Delta(z))$ ,  $\tilde{\mu}(x; \Delta(z))$ .

**Proposition 3.2.** *Suppose the second-stage pseudo-outcome regression estimators  $\hat{\mathbb{E}}_n[\cdot \mid X_i = x]$  satisfy the  $L_2(\mathbb{P})$ -stability condition (Assumption B.1) and  $\mathbb{P}(\epsilon \leq \hat{\mathbb{P}}(Z_i = z \mid X_i = x)) = 1$  for some  $\epsilon > 0$ . Define  $\tilde{R}_1(x) = \hat{\mathbb{E}}_n[(\mathbb{P}(Z_i = z \mid X_i = x) - \hat{\mathbb{P}}(Z_i = z \mid X_i = x))(\pi_0(x, z) - \hat{\pi}_0(x, z)) \mid X_i = x]$ ,  $\tilde{R}_2(x) = \hat{\mathbb{E}}_n[(\mathbb{P}(Z_i = z \mid X_i = x) - \hat{\mathbb{P}}(Z_i = z \mid X_i = x))(\mathbb{E}[D_i Y_i \mid Z_i = z, X_i = x] - \hat{\mathbb{E}}[D_i Y_i \mid Z_i = z, X_i = x]) \mid X_i = x]$ , and  $R_{oracle}^2(z) = \mathbb{E}[\|\hat{\mu}(\cdot; \Delta(z)) - \bar{\mu}^*(\cdot; \Delta(z))\|^2]$ . Then,*

$$\|\hat{\mu}(\cdot; \Delta(z)) - \bar{\mu}(\cdot; \Delta(z))\| = \|\hat{\mu}_{oracle}(\cdot; \Delta(z)) - \bar{\mu}(\cdot; \Delta(z))\| + \|\tilde{R}_1(\cdot)\| + \|\tilde{R}_2(\cdot)\| + o_{\mathbb{P}}(R_{oracle}(z)).$$

The analogous result holds for the estimator of the lower bound  $\hat{\mu}(x; \Delta(z))$ .

## 4 Robust recommendations under the outcome sensitivity model

While in some settings a risk assessment alone is sufficient, in many others decision makers must translate the risk assessment into an intervention. We show how our proposed DR-Learners for the bounds on the target regression under the MOSM can be translated into a plug-in decision-making policy that has desirable robustness properties. Our main result bounds the worst-case regret of our plug-in decision-making policy relative to the max-min optimal decision rule. Our results for the DR-Learner (Theorem 1) then imply conditions under which our estimated decision-making policy is asymptotically max-min optimal.

### 4.1 Expected counterfactual utility and optimal max-min decision policies

We consider a setting in which a decision maker must use the historical data  $\mathcal{O}$  to select a deterministic personalized decision-making policy  $d(\cdot): \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$  mapping features into recommendations for whether the intervention  $D_i = 1$  should be implemented. We assume the decision maker prefers to provide the intervention  $D_i = 1$  only when  $Y_i(1) = 0$ , and so they evaluate  $d(X_i)$  by its *expected counterfactual utility* defined as

$$U(d) := \mathbb{E}[(-u_{1,1}(X_i)Y_i(1) + u_{1,0}(X_i)(1 - Y_i(1)))d(X_i) + (-u_{0,0}(X_i)(1 - Y_i(1)) + u_{0,1}(X_i)Y_i(1))(1 - d(X_i))],$$

where the utility functions  $u_{1,1}(\cdot), u_{1,0}(\cdot), u_{0,0}(\cdot), u_{0,1}(\cdot) \geq 0$  specify the known payoff associated with each possible combination of decision  $D_i$  and counterfactual outcome  $Y_i(1)$  at features  $X_i$ . We assume the utility functions satisfy the normalization  $\sum_{d,y \in \{0,1\}^2} u_{d,y}(x) = 1$  with probability one. This objective function is quite general, and arises naturally in our earlier running examples. For example, in

consumer lending, it is reasonable to assume that a financial institution prefers to approve an applicant if they would not default. The profitability of approving such a customer  $u_{1,0}(\cdot)$  may vary based on observed features such as the requested loan size. Analogously, in pretrial release, it is reasonable to assume that the criminal justice system prefers to release defendants that would not fail to appear in court. The benefit of releasing such a defendant that would not fail to appear  $u_{1,0}(X_i)$  or detaining a defendant that would fail to appear  $u_{0,1}(X_i)$  may vary based on observable features such as the defendant's age, charge severity, or prior history of pretrial misconduct.

While the expected counterfactual utility of a decision rule  $d(X_i)$  is not point identified due to the missing data, it is nonetheless bounded under the MOSM. By iterated expectations, observe that it can be rewritten as

$$U(d) = \mathbb{E}[(-u_{1,1,i}\mu^*(X_i) + u_{1,0,i}(1 - \mu^*(X_i)))d(X_i) + (-u_{0,0,i}(1 - \mu^*(X_i)) + u_{0,1,i}\mu^*(X_i))(1 - d(X_i))], \quad (13)$$

where we introduced the shorthand notation  $u_{d,y,i} := u_{d,y}(X_i)$  for  $(d, y) \in \{0, 1\}^2$ . For any  $d(X_i)$ , we can directly characterize the sharp set of expected counterfactual utilities  $\mathcal{H}(U(d); \Delta)$  that are consistent with the MOSM based on the sharp bounds on the target regression  $[\underline{\mu}^*(x; \Delta), \bar{\mu}^*(x; \Delta)]$ .

**Lemma 4.1.** *Suppose Assumption 2.1 is satisfied. Then, for any decision rule  $d(\cdot): \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$ ,  $\mathcal{H}(U(d); \Delta) = [\underline{U}(d; \Delta), \bar{U}(d; \Delta)]$ , where*

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{U}(d; \Delta) &:= \mathbb{E}[(u_{1,0,i} - (u_{1,1,i} + u_{1,0,i})\bar{\mu}^*(X_i; \Delta))d(X_i) + (-u_{0,0,i} + (u_{0,0,i} + u_{0,1,i})\underline{\mu}^*(X_i; \Delta))(1 - d(X_i))] \\ \bar{U}(d; \Delta) &:= \mathbb{E}[(u_{1,0,i} - (u_{1,1,i} + u_{1,0,i})\underline{\mu}^*(X_i; \Delta))d(X_i) + (-u_{0,0,i} + (u_{0,0,i} + u_{0,1,i})\bar{\mu}^*(X_i; \Delta))(1 - d(X_i))]. \end{aligned}$$

Since the expected counterfactual utility of any decision policy can only be sharply bounded under the MOSM, the decision maker must address this inherent ambiguity in some way (e.g., [Manski, 2007](#)). To resolve this, we assume the decision maker aims to select a decision policy that maximizes the sharp lower bound on expected counterfactual utility (i.e., uses a max-min criterion) under the MOSM

$$d^*(\cdot; \Delta) \in \arg \max_{d(\cdot): \mathcal{X} \rightarrow [0,1]} \underline{U}(d). \quad (14)$$

The decision maker therefore adopts the perspective of “conservatism in the face of ambiguity” and compares decision policies based on their worst-case perspective. Notice that in defining the optimal max-min decision rule  $d^*(\cdot; \Delta)$ , we do not place any restrictions on the class of decisions (e.g., bounded VC dimension). This is an important contrast with recent work on statistical treatment assignment rules such as [Kitagawa and Tetenov \(2018\)](#); [Athey and Wager \(2021\)](#); [Kallus and Zhou \(2021\)](#). Given the structure of the sharp lower bound on expected counterfactual utility, the optimal decision rule takes a simple form that thresholds a weighted average of the target regression bounds under the MOSM.

**Lemma 4.2.** *Define  $\tilde{\mu}^*(x; \Delta) = (u_{1,1,i} + u_{1,0,i})\bar{\mu}^*(x; \Delta) + (u_{0,0,i} + u_{0,1,i})\underline{\mu}^*(x; \Delta)$  the utility weighted-average of the target regression bounds. The optimal max-min decision rule is*

$$d^*(X_i; \Delta) = 1\{\tilde{\mu}^*(x; \Delta) \leq u_{1,0,i} + u_{0,0,i}\}.$$



Of course, since the target regression bounds  $[\underline{\mu}^*(X_i), \overline{\mu}^*(X_i)]$  are not known exactly, the optimal max-min decision rule is infeasible. We therefore next consider the performance of a feasible, plug-in version based on our DR-Learners for the target regression bounds.

## 4.2 Regret bounds for the plug-in max-min decision policy

Using our DR-Learners for the target regression bounds, we consider a feasible, plug-in version of the optimal max-min decision rule under the MOSM. Define  $\widehat{\mu}(x; \Delta) = (u_{1,1,i} + u_{1,0,i})\widehat{\mu}(x; \Delta) + (u_{0,0,i} + u_{0,1,i})\widehat{\mu}(x; \Delta)$  to be the estimator of  $\tilde{\mu}^*(x; \Delta)$  at  $x \in \mathcal{X}$  that plugs in our DR-Learners for the target regression bounds. The plug-in max-min decision rule is

$$\hat{d}(x; \Delta) = 1\{\widehat{\mu}(x; \Delta) \leq u_{1,0,i} + u_{0,0,i}\}. \quad (15)$$

How much worse does the decision-maker do if she makes decisions under this feasible plug-in decision rule rather than the infeasible optimal max-min decision rule? To answer this question, we follow a long tradition in the analysis of statistical treatment rules (e.g., [Manski, 2004](#)) and define the *regret* of the feasible, plug-in decision rule as

$$R(\hat{d}; \Delta) = \underline{U}(d^*; \Delta) - \underline{U}(\hat{d}; \Delta). \quad (16)$$

Notice that  $R(\hat{d}; \Delta) \geq 0$ , and measures the difference between the best possible max-min expected counterfactual utility against what is attained under the plug-in decision rule. Our next result derives bounds on the squared regret of the plug-in decision rule.

**Theorem 2.** *Under the same conditions as Theorem 1, for  $\tilde{R}(x) = \hat{\mathbb{E}}_n[(\pi_1(X_i) - \hat{\pi}_1(X_i))(\mu_1(X_i) - \hat{\mu}_1(X_i)) \mid X_i = x]$ ,*

$$R(\hat{d}; \Delta)^2 = \|\widehat{\mu}_{oracle}(\cdot; \Delta) - \overline{\mu}^*(\cdot; \Delta)\| + \|\widehat{\mu}_{oracle}(\cdot; \Delta) - \overline{\mu}^*(\cdot; \Delta)\| + \|\tilde{R}(x)\| + o_{\mathbb{P}}(R_{oracle})$$

Theorem 2 shows that the squared regret of the plug-in decision rule is bounded by the oracle integrated MSE for the target regression bounds plus again a smoothed, doubly robust remainder term that depends on the smoothed product of errors in the estimation of the first-stage nuisance parameters. There are a few points to emphasize about this bound. First, it compares the lower bound on expected counterfactual utility of the feasible decision rule against the unrestricted, max-min optimal decision rule. That is, it gives a bound on the global loss of the feasible plug-in rule against the optimum. Second, under structural assumptions on the outcome regression, propensity score, and bounding functions, we can provide explicit bounds on this quantities on the right hand side as before. Therefore, it implies that under alternative structural assumptions, the worst-case regret of the plug-in decision rule will converge to zero quickly at the same rate as the integrated MSE of the oracle regression converges to zero. In such a case, the plug-in decision rule would be asymptotically max-min optimal.

## 5 Robust audits under the outcome sensitivity model

In this section, we tackle the task of robustly auditing or evaluating the performance of an existing risk assessment  $s(X_i)$  by constructing estimators of its worst-case predictive performance  $\overline{\text{perf}}(s; \beta, \Delta)$ ,

$\overline{\text{perf}}_+(s; \beta, \Delta)$  under the MOSM. Our proposed estimators are based on efficient influence functions and cross-fitting, which will enable us to control bias from the nonparametric estimation of nuisance functions (such as the propensity score  $\pi_0(x)$  and outcome regression  $\mu_1(x)$ ) and allow the use of complex machine learning estimator for these nuisance functions (e.g., [Robins et al., 2008](#); [Zheng and van der Laan, 2011](#); [Chernozhukov et al., 2018](#)). Our proposed estimators are consistent for the worst-case bounds under weak conditions as the size of the historical data  $\mathcal{O} = \{O_i\}_{i=1}^n$  grows large and provide their rates of convergence.

As earlier, we first develop our estimators and main results for the case in which the bounding functions  $\underline{\delta}(\cdot)$ ,  $\bar{\delta}(\cdot)$  in the MOSM are known, and then extend our results to the case in which the bounding functions themselves must be estimated.

### 5.1 Estimating bounds on overall predictive performance

We first estimate the bounds on overall predictive performance  $\underline{\text{perf}}(s; \beta, \Delta)$ ,  $\overline{\text{perf}}(s; \beta, \Delta)$  of a risk assessment  $s(X_i)$  under the MOSM. As in the construction of the DR-Learners,  $\phi_1(Y_i; \eta)$  denotes the efficient uncentered influence function for  $\mathbb{E}\{\mathbb{E}[Y_i \mid D_i = 1, X_i]\}$ , where  $\eta := (\pi_1(X_i), \mu_1(X_i))$  are the relevant nuisance functions.

We randomly split the historical data  $\mathcal{O}$  into  $K$  disjoint subsets by independently drawing random variables  $(K_1, \dots, K_n)$  (i.e., each  $K_i$  is drawn independently and uniformly at random from  $\{1, \dots, K\}$ ). We let  $\mathcal{O}_k$  denote the observations in the  $k$ -th fold and  $\mathcal{O}_{-k}$  denote the observations not in the  $k$ -th fold. For each fold  $k$ , we construct estimators of the nuisance functions  $\hat{\eta}_{-k}$  using only the sample of observations  $\mathcal{O}_{-k}$  not in the  $k$ -th fold. For each observation in the  $k$ -th fold  $\mathcal{O}_k$ , we construct

$$\overline{\text{perf}}(O_i; \hat{\eta}_{-k}) := \beta_{0,i} + \beta_{1,i} \phi_1(Y_i; \hat{\eta}_{-k}) + \beta_{1,i} (1 - D_i) (1\{\beta_{1,i} > 0\} \bar{\delta}_i + 1\{\beta_{1,i} \leq 0\} \underline{\delta}_i), \quad (17)$$

$$\underline{\text{perf}}(O_i; \hat{\eta}_{-k}) := \beta_{0,i} + \beta_{1,i} \phi_1(Y_i; \hat{\eta}_{-k}) + \beta_{1,i} (1 - D_i) (1\{\beta_{1,i} \leq 0\} \bar{\delta}_i + 1\{\beta_{1,i} > 0\} \underline{\delta}_i). \quad (18)$$

We then estimate the upper-bound on overall predictive performance under the MOSM by taking the average across all units in the historical data  $\mathcal{O}$ , or equivalently the weighted average of the corresponding fold-specific estimators

$$\widehat{\overline{\text{perf}}}(s; \beta, \Delta) := \mathbb{E}_n [\overline{\text{perf}}(O_i; \hat{\eta}_{-K_i})] = \sum_{k=1}^K \left( n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n 1\{K_i = k\} \right) \mathbb{E}_n^k [\overline{\text{perf}}(O_i; \hat{\eta}_{-k})], \quad (19)$$

where  $\mathbb{E}_n^k[\cdot]$  denotes the sample average over the  $k$ -th fold  $\mathcal{O}_k$ . Our estimator for the lower-bound  $\widehat{\underline{\text{perf}}}(s; \beta, \Delta) := \mathbb{E}_n [\underline{\text{perf}}(O_i; \hat{\eta}_{-K_i})]$  is defined analogously. [Algorithm 2](#) summarizes our proposed estimators for the overall predictive performance bounds under the MOSM and their associated standard errors.

Our next theorem derives the rate of convergence of our proposed estimators of the bounds, and provides conditions under which they are jointly asymptotically normal.

**Theorem 3.** *Define the remainder  $R_{1,n}^k := \|\hat{\mu}_{1,-k} - \mu_1\| \|\hat{\pi}_{1,-k} - \pi_1\|$  for each fold  $k = 1, \dots, K$ . Assume (i)  $\mathbb{P}(\pi_1(X_i) \geq \delta) = 1$  for some  $\delta > 0$ , (ii) there exists  $\epsilon > 0$  such that  $\mathbb{P}(\hat{\pi}_{1,-k}(X_i) \geq \epsilon) = 1$*

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**Algorithm 2:** Pseudo-algorithm for overall predictive performance bounds estimators.

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**Input:** Data  $\mathcal{O} = \{(O_i)\}_{i=1}^n$  where  $O_i = (X_i, D_i, Y_i)$ , number of folds  $K$ .

**1 for**  $k = 1, \dots, K$  **do**

**2**     Estimate  $\hat{\eta}_{-k} = (\hat{\pi}_{1,-k}, \hat{\mu}_{1,-k})$ .

**3**     Set  $\overline{\text{perf}}(O_i; \hat{\eta}_{-K(i)})$  and  $\underline{\text{perf}}(O_i; \hat{\eta}_{-K(i)})$  for all  $i \in \mathcal{O}_k$ .

**4 ;** Set  $\widehat{\text{perf}}(s; \beta, \Delta) = \mathbb{E}_n[\overline{\text{perf}}(O_i; \hat{\eta}_{-K(i)})]$ ,  $\underline{\widehat{\text{perf}}}(s; \beta, \Delta) = \mathbb{E}_n[\underline{\text{perf}}(O_i; \hat{\eta}_{-K(i)})]$ ;

**5** Set  $\hat{\sigma}_{i,11} = (\overline{\text{perf}}(O_i; \hat{\eta}_{-K(i)}) - \widehat{\text{perf}}(s; \beta, \Delta))^2$ ,  
 $\hat{\sigma}_{i,12} = (\overline{\text{perf}}(O_i; \hat{\eta}_{-K(i)}) - \widehat{\text{perf}}(s; \beta, \Delta))(\underline{\text{perf}}(O_i; \hat{\eta}_{-K(i)}) - \underline{\widehat{\text{perf}}}(s; \beta, \Delta))$ , and  
 $\hat{\sigma}_{i,22} = (\underline{\text{perf}}(O_i; \hat{\eta}_{-K(i)}) - \underline{\widehat{\text{perf}}}(s; \beta, \Delta))^2$ ;

**Output:** Estimates  $\widehat{\text{perf}}(s; \beta, \Delta) = \mathbb{E}_n[\overline{\text{perf}}(O_i; \hat{\eta}_{-K(i)})]$ ,  $\underline{\widehat{\text{perf}}}(s; \beta, \Delta) = \mathbb{E}_n[\underline{\text{perf}}(O_i; \hat{\eta}_{-K(i)})]$ .

**Output:** Estimated covariance matrix  $n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n \begin{pmatrix} \hat{\sigma}_{i,11} & \hat{\sigma}_{i,12} \\ \hat{\sigma}_{i,12} & \hat{\sigma}_{i,22} \end{pmatrix}$

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for each fold  $k$ , and (iii)  $\|\hat{\mu}_{1,-k} - \mu_1\| = o_P(1)$  and  $\|\hat{\pi}_{1,-k} - \pi_1\| = o_P(1)$  for each fold  $k$ . Then,

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \widehat{\text{perf}}(s; \beta, \Delta) - \overline{\text{perf}}(s; \beta, \Delta) \right| &= O_{\mathbb{P}} \left( 1/\sqrt{n} + \sum_{k=1}^K R_{1,n}^k \right), \\ \left| \underline{\widehat{\text{perf}}}(s; \beta, \Delta) - \underline{\text{perf}}(s; \beta, \Delta) \right| &= O_{\mathbb{P}} \left( 1/\sqrt{n} + \sum_{k=1}^K R_{1,n}^k \right). \end{aligned}$$

If further  $R_{1,n}^k = o_{\mathbb{P}}(1/\sqrt{n})$  for each fold  $k$ , then

$$\sqrt{n} \left( \begin{pmatrix} \widehat{\text{perf}}(s; \beta, \Delta) \\ \underline{\widehat{\text{perf}}}(s; \beta, \Delta) \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} \overline{\text{perf}}(s; \beta, \Delta) \\ \underline{\text{perf}}(s; \beta, \Delta) \end{pmatrix} \right) \xrightarrow{d} N(0, \Sigma)$$

for covariance matrix  $\Sigma$  defined in the proof.

Theorem 3 establishes that the errors associated with our proposed estimators of the bounds on overall predictive performance under the MOSM consists of a doubly robust remainder  $R_{1,n}$  that will be small if either the propensity score  $\pi_1$  or the outcome regression  $\mu_1$  are estimated well. Furthermore, the rate condition required for our proposed estimators of the bounds to be asymptotically normal will be satisfied if all nonparametric estimators of the nuisance parameters  $\pi_1, \mu_1$  converge at a rate faster than  $O_{\mathbb{P}}(n^{-1/4})$ , which is the familiar condition required on first-stage nuisance parameter estimators from the double/debiased machine learning (e.g., Robins et al., 2008; Zheng and van der Laan, 2011; Chernozhukov et al., 2018). The user can therefore use a wide-suite of nonparametric regression methods or modern machine learning based methods to construct the first-stage nuisance parameter estimators.

In Appendix C, we show how the user may construct a consistent estimator of the asymptotic covariance matrix in Theorem 3. As a consequence, the user can conduct statistical inference by reporting asymptotically valid confidence intervals for either the upper bound or lower bound on overall predictive performance. The joint normality of our estimators of the bounds combined with the consistent estimator of the asymptotic covariance matrix also imply that researchers can construct confidence intervals for the sharp identified set  $\mathcal{H}(\text{perf}(s; \beta, \Delta))$  using standard methods from the econometrics

literature on inference under partial identification (e.g., [Imbens and Manski, 2004](#); [Stoye, 2009](#)).

In [Appendix C](#), we also develop estimators for the bounds on the overall predictive disparities of the risk assessment  $s(X_i)$  under the MOSM. We again show that these estimators converge at a fast rate, and are asymptotically normally distributed.

### 5.1.1 Extension: estimated bounding functions under MOSM

We now extend our proposed estimators of the bounds on overall predictive performance when the user must also estimate the bounding functions  $\underline{\delta}(\cdot)$ ,  $\bar{\delta}(\cdot)$ . Provided that the nonparametric estimators for the appropriate nuisance parameters converge at a sufficiently fast rate, the main conclusions of [Theorem 3](#) continue to hold.

**Nonparametric outcome bounds:** Suppose the user specifies nonparametric outcome regression bounds under the MOSM [\(6\)](#) for some  $\underline{\Gamma}, \bar{\Gamma} > 0$ . In this case, the worst-case bounds on overall predictive performance can be directly written as

$$\begin{aligned}\overline{\text{perf}}(s; \beta, \Delta(\Gamma)) &= \mathbb{E}[\beta_{0,i} + \beta_{1,i}\mu_1(X_i) + \beta_{1,i} (1\{\beta_{1,i} > 0\}(\bar{\Gamma} - 1) + 1\{\beta_{1,i} \leq 0\}(\underline{\Gamma} - 1)) \pi_0(X_i)\mu_1(X_i)] \\ \underline{\text{perf}}(s; \beta, \Delta(\Gamma)) &= \mathbb{E}[\beta_{0,i} + \beta_{1,i}\mu_1(X_i) + \beta_{1,i} (1\{\beta_{1,i} \leq 0\}(\bar{\Gamma} - 1) + 1\{\beta_{1,i} > 0\}(\underline{\Gamma} - 1)) \pi_0(X_i)\mu_1(X_i)].\end{aligned}$$

We therefore can directly extend our proposed estimators by simply instead constructing

$$\begin{aligned}\overline{\text{perf}}(O_i; \hat{\eta}_{-k}) &:= \beta_{0,i} + \beta_{1,i}\phi_1(Y_i; \hat{\eta}_{-k}) + \beta_{1,i} (1\{\beta_{1,i} > 0\}(\bar{\Gamma} - 1) + 1\{\beta_{1,i} \leq 0\}(\underline{\Gamma} - 1)) \phi(\pi_0(X_i)\mu_1(X_i); \hat{\eta}_{-k}), \\ \underline{\text{perf}}(O_i; \hat{\eta}_{-k}) &:= \beta_{0,i} + \beta_{1,i}\phi_1(Y_i; \hat{\eta}_{-k}) + \beta_{1,i} (1\{\beta_{1,i} \leq 0\}(\bar{\Gamma} - 1) + 1\{\beta_{1,i} > 0\}(\underline{\Gamma} - 1)) \phi(\pi_0(X_i)\mu_1(X_i); \hat{\eta}_{-k})\end{aligned}$$

for each observation in the  $k$ -th fold  $\mathcal{O}_k$ , where  $\phi(\pi_0(X_i)\mu_1(X_i); \hat{\eta})$  is the uncentered efficient influence function for  $\mathbb{E}\{\pi_0(X_i)\mu_1(X_i)\}$  as defined in [\(10\)](#). Our estimators for the worst-case bounds on overall predictive performance under nonparametric outcome regression bounds are then  $\widehat{\overline{\text{perf}}}(s; \beta, \Delta(\Gamma)) := \mathbb{E}_n[\overline{\text{perf}}(O_i; \hat{\eta}_{-K_i})]$  and  $\widehat{\underline{\text{perf}}}(s; \beta, \Delta(\Gamma)) := \mathbb{E}_n[\underline{\text{perf}}(O_i; \hat{\eta}_{-K_i})]$ . Under the same conditions as [Theorem 3](#), our estimators for the worst-case bounds on overall predictive performance under nonparametric outcome regression bounds continue to converge quickly to the true bounds.

**Proposition 5.1.** *Suppose the user specifies outcome regression bounds for some  $\underline{\Gamma}, \bar{\Gamma} > 0$ . Under the same conditions as [Theorem 3](#),*

$$\begin{aligned}\left| \widehat{\overline{\text{perf}}}(s; \beta, \Delta(\Gamma)) - \overline{\text{perf}}(s; \beta, \Delta(\Gamma)) \right| &= O_{\mathbb{P}} \left( 1/\sqrt{n} + \sum_{k=1}^K R_{1,n}^k \right), \\ \left| \widehat{\underline{\text{perf}}}(s; \beta, \Delta(\Gamma)) - \underline{\text{perf}}(s; \beta, \Delta(\Gamma)) \right| &= O_{\mathbb{P}} \left( 1/\sqrt{n} + \sum_{k=1}^K R_{1,n}^k \right).\end{aligned}$$

If further  $R_{1,n}^k = o_{\mathbb{P}}(1/\sqrt{n})$  for all folds  $k$ , then

$$\sqrt{n} \left( \left( \widehat{\overline{\text{perf}}}(s; \beta, \Delta(\Gamma)) \right) - \left( \widehat{\underline{\text{perf}}}(s; \beta, \Delta(\Gamma)) \right) \right) \xrightarrow{d} N(0, \Sigma(\Gamma))$$

for covariance matrix  $\Sigma(\Gamma)$  defined in the proof.

**Instrumental variable bounds:** Suppose the user specifies instrumental variable bounds under the MOSM. To derive the worst-case bounds on overall predictive performance, it is again convenient to first rewrite the IV bounds in Proposition 2.1 as bounds on the product  $\pi_0(x)\delta(x)$  as  $\underline{\delta}_z(x) \leq \pi_0(x)\delta(x) \leq \bar{\delta}_z(x)$  for  $\underline{\delta}_z(x)$  and  $\bar{\delta}_z(x)$  defined earlier in Section 3.3. The worst-bounds on overall predictive performance are therefore

$$\begin{aligned}\overline{\text{perf}}(s; \beta, \Delta(z)) &= \mathbb{E}[\beta_{0,i} + \beta_{1,i}\mu_1(X_i) + \beta_{1,i}(1\{\beta_{1,i} > 0\}\bar{\delta}_z(X_i) + 1\{\beta_{1,i} \leq 0\}\underline{\delta}_z(X_i))], \\ \underline{\text{perf}}(s; \beta, \Delta(z)) &= \mathbb{E}[\beta_{0,i} + \beta_{1,i}\mu_1(X_i) + \beta_{1,i}(1\{\beta_{1,i} > 0\}\underline{\delta}_z(X_i) + 1\{\beta_{1,i} \leq 0\}\bar{\delta}_z(X_i))].\end{aligned}$$

Based on this expression, we extend our proposed estimators by constructing

$$\begin{aligned}\overline{\text{perf}}(O_i; \hat{\eta}_{-k}) &= \beta_{0,i} + \beta_{1,i}\phi(Y_i; \hat{\eta}_{-k}) + \beta_{1,i}(1\{\beta_{1,i} > 0\}\phi(\bar{\delta}_z(X_i); \hat{\eta}_{-k}) + 1\{\beta_{1,i} \leq 0\}\phi(\underline{\delta}_z(X_i); \hat{\eta}_{-k})) \\ \underline{\text{perf}}(O_i; \hat{\eta}_{-k}) &= \beta_{0,i} + \beta_{1,i}\phi(Y_i; \hat{\eta}_{-k}) + \beta_{1,i}(1\{\beta_{1,i} \leq 0\}\phi(\bar{\delta}_z(X_i); \hat{\eta}_{-k}) + 1\{\beta_{1,i} > 0\}\phi(\underline{\delta}_z(X_i); \hat{\eta}_{-k}))\end{aligned}$$

for each observation in the  $k$ -fold  $\mathcal{O}_k$ , where  $\phi(\bar{\delta}_z(X_i); \eta)$ ,  $\phi(\underline{\delta}_z(X_i); \eta)$  are the efficient uncentered influence functions for  $\mathbb{E}[\bar{\delta}_z(X_i)]$ ,  $\mathbb{E}[\underline{\delta}_z(X_i)]$  respectively, and  $\eta$  are the relevant nuisance functions. Towards this, we observe that the uncentered efficient influence functions for  $\mathbb{E}[\bar{\delta}_z(X_i)]$ ,  $\mathbb{E}[\underline{\delta}_z(X_i)]$  are

$$\begin{aligned}\phi(\bar{\delta}_z(X_i); \eta) &= \phi_z(1 - D_i; \eta) + \phi_z(D_i Y_i; \eta) - \phi_1(Y_i; \eta) \\ \phi(\underline{\delta}_z(X_i); \eta) &= \phi_z(D_i Y_i; \eta) - \phi_1(Y_i; \eta)\end{aligned}$$

by standard calculations involving influence functions (Kennedy, 2022a; Hines et al., 2022), where  $\phi_1(Y_i; \eta)$ ,  $\phi_z(1 - D_i; \eta)$  and  $\phi_z(D_i Y_i; \eta)$  are the uncentered efficient influence functions for  $\mathbb{E}\{\mathbb{E}[Y_i | D_i = 1, X_i]\}$ ,  $\mathbb{E}\{\mathbb{E}[1 - D_i | X_i, Z_i = z]\}$  and  $\mathbb{E}\{\mathbb{E}[D_i Y_i | X_i, Z_i = z]\}$  respectively defined in (12) and (11). We therefore define our estimators for the worst-case bounds on overall predictive performance under the instrumental variable bounds as  $\widehat{\overline{\text{perf}}}(s; \beta, \Delta(z)) := \mathbb{E}_n[\overline{\text{perf}}(O_i; \hat{\eta}_{-K_i})]$  and  $\widehat{\underline{\text{perf}}}(s; \beta, \Delta(z)) := \mathbb{E}_n[\underline{\text{perf}}(O_i; \hat{\eta}_{-K_i})]$ .

We now extend Theorem 3 to derive the rate of convergence of our proposed estimators under instrumental variable bounds.

**Proposition 5.2.** Define  $R_{1,n}^k = \|\hat{\mu}_{1,-k} - \mu_1\| \|\hat{\pi}_{1,-k} - \pi_1\|$  as before, and let  $R_{2,n}^k = \|\hat{\mathbb{E}}_{-k}[Y_i D_i | X_i, Z_i = z] - \mathbb{E}[Y_i D_i | X_i, Z_i = z]\| \|\hat{\mathbb{P}}_{-k}(Z_i = z | X_i) - \mathbb{P}(Z_i = z | X_i)\|$ ,  $R_{3,n}^k = \|\hat{\pi}_{0,-k}(\cdot, z) - \pi_0(\cdot, z)\| \|\hat{\mathbb{P}}_{-k}(Z_i = z | X_i) - \mathbb{P}(Z_i = z | X_i)\|$ . Assume that (i)  $\mathbb{P}\{\mathbb{P}(Z_i = z | X_i) \geq \delta\} = 1$  and  $\mathbb{P}(\pi_1(X_i) \geq \delta) = 1$  for some  $\delta > 0$ ; (ii) there exists  $\epsilon > 0$  such that  $\mathbb{P}\{\hat{\mathbb{P}}_{-k}(Z_i = z | X_i) \geq \epsilon\} = 1$  and  $\mathbb{P}(\hat{\pi}_{1,-k}(X_i) \geq \epsilon) = 1$  for all folds  $k$ ; and (iii)  $\|\hat{\mathbb{E}}_{-k}[D_i Y_i | X_i, Z_i = z] - \mathbb{E}[D_i Y_i | X_i, Z_i = z]\| = o_{\mathbb{P}}(1)$ ,  $\|\hat{\pi}_{0,-k}(\cdot; z) - \pi_0(\cdot; z)\| = o_{\mathbb{P}}(1)$ ,  $\|\hat{\mathbb{P}}_{-k}(Z_i = z | X_i) - \mathbb{P}(Z_i = z | X_i)\| = o_{\mathbb{P}}(1)$ ,  $\|\hat{\mu}_{1,-k} - \mu_1\| = o_{\mathbb{P}}(1)$ , and  $\|\hat{\pi}_{1,-k} - \pi_1\| = o_{\mathbb{P}}(1)$  for all

folds  $k$ . Then,

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \widehat{\overline{\text{perf}}}(s; \beta, \Delta(z)) - \overline{\text{perf}}(s; \beta, \Delta(z)) \right| &= O_{\mathbb{P}} \left( 1/\sqrt{n} + \sum_{k=1}^K (R_{1,n}^k + R_{2,n}^k + R_{3,n}^k) \right) \\ \left| \widehat{\underline{\text{perf}}}(s; \beta, \Delta(z)) - \underline{\text{perf}}(s; \beta, \Delta(z)) \right| &= O_{\mathbb{P}} \left( 1/\sqrt{n} + \sum_{k=1}^K (R_{1,n}^k + R_{2,n}^k + R_{3,n}^k) \right). \end{aligned}$$

If further  $R_{1,n}^k = o_{\mathbb{P}}(1/\sqrt{n})$ ,  $R_{2,n}^k = o_{\mathbb{P}}(1/\sqrt{n})$ , and  $R_{3,n}^k = o_{\mathbb{P}}(1/\sqrt{n})$  for all folds  $k$ , then

$$\sqrt{n} \left( \begin{pmatrix} \widehat{\overline{\text{perf}}}(s; \beta, \Delta(z)) \\ \widehat{\underline{\text{perf}}}(s; \beta, \Delta(z)) \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} \overline{\text{perf}}(s; \beta, \Delta(z)) \\ \underline{\text{perf}}(s; \beta, \Delta(z)) \end{pmatrix} \right) \xrightarrow{d} N(0, \Sigma(z))$$

for covariance matrix  $\Sigma(z)$  defined in the proof.

Proposition 5.2 therefore shows that the errors associated with our estimators of the bounds on overall predictive performance using estimated instrumental variable bounds now depends on two additional remainders  $R_{2,n}$ ,  $R_{3,n}$ . These new remainder terms depend on how well estimate the nuisance functions associated with the instrument ( $\mathbb{P}(Z_i = z \mid X_i)$ ,  $\mathbb{E}[D_i Y_i \mid Z_i = z, X_i]$  and  $\pi_0(X_i, z)$ ), and themselves are doubly-robust.

## 5.2 Estimating bounds on positive-class predictive performance

We next consider the problem of estimating the bounds  $\underline{\text{perf}}_+(s; \beta, \Delta)$  on positive-class predictive performance of a risk assessment  $s(X_i)$  under the MOSM. We construct our estimators of the bounds on positive-class predictive performance by directly solving the empirical analogues of the population optimization problems that characterize the sharp bounds given in Lemma 2.1. We will again make use of  $K$ -fold cross-fitting. For simplicity, we now assume that  $n$  is divisible by  $K$ , and each fold contains  $n/K$  observations. For each fold  $k = 1, \dots, K$ , we construct estimators of the nuisance functions  $\hat{\eta}_{-k}$  using only the sample of observations  $\mathcal{O}_{-k}$  not in the  $k$ -th fold. We then construct a fold-specific estimate of the upper bound by solving the following maximization problem

$$\widehat{\overline{\text{perf}}}_+^k(s; \beta, \Delta_n) := \max_{\tilde{\delta} \in \Delta_n} \frac{\mathbb{E}_n^k[\beta_{0,i} \phi_1(Y_i; \hat{\eta}_{-k}) + \beta_{0,i}(1 - D_i)\tilde{\delta}_i]}{\mathbb{E}_n^k[\phi_1(Y_i; \hat{\eta}_{-k}) + (1 - D_i)\tilde{\delta}_i]}, \quad (20)$$

where  $\Delta_n = \left\{ \tilde{\delta} \in \mathbb{R}^n : \underline{\delta}(X_i) \leq \delta_i \leq \bar{\delta}(X_i) \text{ for } i = 1, \dots, n \right\}$ . We then estimate the upper-bound on positive-class predictive performance by averaging the fold-specific estimates

$$\widehat{\overline{\text{perf}}}_+(s; \beta, \Delta_n) = \frac{1}{K} \sum_{k=1}^K \widehat{\overline{\text{perf}}}_+^k(s; \beta, \Delta_n). \quad (21)$$

Analogously, we construct fold-specific estimates of the lower-bound  $\underline{\text{perf}}_+^k(s; \beta, \Delta)$  by solving the corresponding minimization problem, and estimate the lower-bound on positive-class predictive performance as  $\widehat{\underline{\text{perf}}}_+(s; \beta, \Delta_n) = K^{-1} \sum_{k=1}^K \widehat{\underline{\text{perf}}}_+^k(s; \beta, \Delta)$ . Algorithm 3 summarizes this procedure.

At first glance,  $\widehat{\overline{\text{perf}}}_+^k(s; \beta, \Delta_n)$ ,  $\widehat{\underline{\text{perf}}}_+^k(s; \beta, \Delta_n)$  may appear to be challenging optimization prob-

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**Algorithm 3:** Pseudo-algorithm for positive-class predictive performance bounds estimators.

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**Input:** Data  $\mathcal{O} = \{(O_i)\}_{i=1}^n$  where  $O_i = (X_i, D_i, Y_i)$ , number of folds  $K$ .

1 **for**  $k = 1, \dots, K$  **do**

2     Estimate  $\hat{\eta}_{-k} = (\hat{\pi}_{1,-k}, \hat{\mu}_{1,-k})$ .

3     Set  $\widehat{\text{perf}}_+^k(s; \beta, \Delta_n)$  by solving (20).

4     Set  $\underline{\widehat{\text{perf}}}_+^k(s; \beta, \Delta_n)$  by solving the corresponding minimization.

**Output:** Estimates  $\widehat{\text{perf}}_+(s; \beta, \Delta_n) = K^{-1} \sum_{k=1}^K \widehat{\text{perf}}_+^k(s; \beta, \Delta_n)$ ,  
 $\underline{\widehat{\text{perf}}}_+(s; \beta, \Delta_n) = K^{-1} \sum_{k=1}^K \underline{\widehat{\text{perf}}}_+^k(s; \beta, \Delta_n)$ .

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lems, but there is important structure to exploit. Since both are linear-fractional programs, they can be equivalently expressed as linear programs by applying the Charnes-Cooper transformation (Charnes and Cooper, 1962).

**Lemma 5.1.** For any fold  $k$ , define  $n^k = \sum_{i=1}^n 1\{K_i = k\}$ ,  $\hat{c}^k = \mathbb{E}_n^k[(\beta_{0,i}\phi_1(Y_i; \hat{\eta}_{-k}) + \beta_{0,i}(1 - D_i)\underline{\delta}_i)]$ ,  $\hat{d}^k = \mathbb{E}_n^k[(\phi_1(Y_i; \hat{\eta}_{-k}) + (1 - D_i)\underline{\delta}_i)]$ . Also define  $\hat{\alpha}_i = \beta_{0,i}(1 - D_i)(\bar{\delta}_i - \underline{\delta}_i)$ ,  $\hat{\gamma}_i = (1 - D_i)(\bar{\delta}_i - \underline{\delta}_i)$  and  $\hat{\alpha} = (\hat{\alpha}_1, \dots, \hat{\alpha}_n)$ ,  $\hat{\gamma} = (\hat{\gamma}_1, \dots, \hat{\gamma}_n)$ . Then,

$$\begin{aligned} \widehat{\text{perf}}_+^k(s; \beta, \Delta_n) &= \max_{\tilde{U} \in \mathbb{R}^{n^k}, \tilde{V} \in \mathbb{R}} \hat{\alpha}'\tilde{U} + \hat{c}^k\tilde{V} \\ \text{s.t. } 0 &\leq \tilde{U}_i \leq \tilde{V} \text{ for } i = 1, \dots, n_k, \\ 0 &\leq \tilde{V}, \hat{\gamma}'\tilde{U} + \tilde{V}\hat{d}^k = 1. \end{aligned}$$

$\widehat{\text{perf}}_+^k(s; \beta, \Delta_n)$  is optimal value of the corresponding minimization problem.

Therefore, the calculation of our proposed estimators of the bounds on positive-class predictive performance simply requires the user to find the solution to  $K$  linear programs.

Furthermore, we can exploit the optimization structure of these estimators in order to analyze their convergence rates to the true bounds under the MOSM. For exposition, we derive the convergence rate for the our estimator of the upper bound  $\widehat{\text{perf}}_+(s; \beta, \Delta_n)$  but the analogous result applies to our estimator of the lower bound. As a first step, we show that optimization over the set of bounding functions  $\Delta$  under the MOSM is equivalent to optimization over a special subclass of bounding functions both in the population and the sample optimization problems. This result exploits the linear-fractional structure of the optimizations, and such a reduction has been noted before in other sensitivity analysis models such as Aronow and Lee (2013); Kallus, Mao and Zhou (2018); Zhao, Small and Bhattacharya (2019); Kallus and Zhou (2021).

**Lemma 5.2.** Define  $\mathcal{U}$  to be the set of monotone, non-decreasing functions  $u(\cdot): \mathbb{R} \rightarrow [0, 1]$ ,  $\Delta^M := \{\delta(x) = \underline{\delta}(x) + (\bar{\delta}(x) - \underline{\delta}(x))u(\beta_0(x)) \text{ for } u(\cdot) \in \mathcal{U}\}$  and  $\Delta_n^M = \{(\delta(X_1), \dots, \delta(X_n)): \delta \in \Delta^M\}$ . Then,

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{\text{perf}}_+(s; \beta, \Delta) &:= \sup_{\delta \in \Delta^M} \text{perf}_+(s; \beta, \delta), \\ \widehat{\text{perf}}_+^k(s; \beta, \Delta_n) &:= \max_{\delta \in \Delta_n^M} \frac{\mathbb{E}_n^k[\beta_{0,i}\phi_1(Y_i; \hat{\eta}_{-k}) + \beta_{0,i}(1 - D_i)\tilde{\delta}_i]}{\mathbb{E}_n^k[\phi_1(Y_i; \hat{\eta}_{-k}) + (1 - D_i)\tilde{\delta}_i]} \text{ for any } k. \end{aligned}$$



That is, optimization over the set of  $\Delta$  in the MOSM is equivalent to optimization over the class of monotone, non-decreasing functions on the real line  $\Delta^M$ . Intuitively, the extremal bounding function that achieves the bounds is either equal to the lower bounding function  $\underline{\delta}(x)$  everywhere, equal to the upper bounding function  $\bar{\delta}(x)$  everywhere, or can be represented as a non-decreasing step-function that jumps from the lower bounding function to the upper bounding function depending on the value of  $\beta_{0,i}$ . Lemma 5.2 establishes this formally. Since the class of functions  $\Delta^M$  is a sufficiently simple function class, we can apply uniform concentration inequalities to derive the convergence rate of  $\widehat{\text{perf}}(s; \beta, \Delta_n)$  to the true bound under the MOSM.

**Theorem 4.** *Define the remainder  $R_{1,n} = \|\hat{\mu}_1 - \mu_1\| \|\hat{\pi}_1 - \pi_1\|$ . Assume that (i) there  $\delta > 0$  such that  $\mathbb{P}(\pi_1(X_i) \geq \delta) = 1$ ; (ii) there exists  $\epsilon > 0$  such that  $\mathbb{P}(\hat{\pi}(X_i) \geq \epsilon) = 1$ ; and (iii)  $\|\hat{\mu}_1 - \mu_1\| = o_P(1)$  and  $\|\hat{\pi}_1 - \pi_1\| = o_P(1)$ . Then,*

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| \widehat{\text{perf}}_+(s; \beta, \Delta_n) - \overline{\text{perf}}_+(s; \beta, \Delta) \right\| &= O_{\mathbb{P}} \left( 1/\sqrt{n} + \sum_{k=1}^K R_{1,n}^k \right) \\ \left\| \widehat{\text{perf}}_-(s; \beta, \Delta_n) - \overline{\text{perf}}_-(s; \beta, \Delta) \right\| &= O_{\mathbb{P}} \left( 1/\sqrt{n} + \sum_{k=1}^K R_{1,n}^k \right). \end{aligned}$$

Theorem 4 shows that the errors associated with our proposed estimators of the bounds on positive-class predictive performance under the MOSM consist of two remainders. The first remainder  $R_{1,n}$  is the same doubly-robust remainder that we encountered in Theorem 3. The use of efficient influence functions and cross-fitting in the construction of our estimators again means that we can effectively control bias from the nonparametric estimation of nuisance parameters. The bounded complexity of  $\Delta^M$  implies that we pay no penalty in terms of the rate of convergence for the inherent optimization. Our proposed estimator continues to converge at fast rates to the true bounds.

Finally, in Appendix C, we also develop estimators for the bounds on the positive-class predictive disparities of the risk assessment  $s(X_i)$  under the MOSM. By a similar argument as given in the proof of Theorem 4, we again show that these estimators converge at a fast rate.

### 5.2.1 Extension: incorporating estimated constraints

Consider the case in which the user specifies either outcome regression bounds or instrumental variable bounds under the MOSM, and so must construct estimates of the bounding functions  $\hat{\bar{\delta}}(\cdot), \hat{\underline{\delta}}(\cdot)$ . We now analyze how using estimated bounding functions affects the convergence rate of our estimated of the upper-bound on positive class predictive performance. In this case, the upper-bound on positive-class predictive performance is estimated by solving the maximization problem in each fold

$$\widehat{\text{perf}}_+^k(s; \beta, \hat{\Delta}_n) := \max_{\tilde{\delta} \in \hat{\Delta}_n} \frac{\mathbb{E}_n^k[\beta_{0,i} \phi_1(Y_i; \hat{\eta}_{-k}) + \beta_{0,i}(1 - D_i) \tilde{\delta}_i \mid \mathcal{O}_{-k}]}{\mathbb{E}_n^k[\phi_1(Y_i; \hat{\eta}_{-k}) + (1 - D_i) \tilde{\delta}_i \mid \mathcal{O}_{-k}]},$$

where  $\hat{\Delta}_n := \left\{ \delta \in \mathbb{R}^n : \hat{\delta}(X_i) \leq \delta_i \leq \hat{\bar{\delta}}(X_i) \text{ for } i = 1, \dots, n \right\}$ . In order to analyze the convergence rate of  $\widehat{\text{perf}}(s; \beta, \hat{\Delta}_n)$ , notice that

$$\|\widehat{\text{perf}}_+^k(s; \beta, \hat{\Delta}_n) - \overline{\text{perf}}_+(s; \beta, \Delta)\| \leq \|\widehat{\text{perf}}_+^k(s; \beta, \hat{\Delta}_n) - \overline{\text{perf}}_+^k(s; \beta, \Delta_n)\| + \|\overline{\text{perf}}_+^k(s; \beta, \Delta_n) - \overline{\text{perf}}_+(s; \beta, \Delta)\|.$$

It is therefore sufficient to bound the extent to which the fold-specific estimator using the estimated bounds  $\hat{\Delta}_n$  affects our estimator relative to the oracle bounds  $\Delta_n$ . Our next result shows that this is bounded by the mean squared error of the estimated bounds.

**Proposition 5.3.** *Assume the same conditions as Theorem 4 and the estimated bounding functions satisfy  $P(\phi_1(Y_i; \hat{\eta}_{-k}) + (1 - D_i)\hat{\delta}_1) > c) = 1$  for some  $c > 0$ . Then, for each fold  $k$ ,*

$$\|\widehat{\text{perf}}_+^k(s; \beta, \hat{\Delta}_n) - \overline{\text{perf}}_+^k(s; \beta, \Delta_n)\| \lesssim \sqrt{\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n_k} (\hat{\delta}_i - \underline{\delta}_i)^2} + \sqrt{\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n_k} (\hat{\delta}_i - \bar{\delta}_i)^2}.$$

This result immediately implies convergence rates for our positive-class estimator using estimated bounding functions. Since our estimated bounding functions are based on efficient influence functions, the main conclusions of Theorem 4 continue to hold as their mean-squared errors are  $o_{\mathbb{P}}(1)$  provided the product of nuisance functions are estimated accurately. The following corollary is an immediate consequence. For nonparametric outcome regression bounds, the estimated bounding functions are defined to be  $\hat{\underline{\delta}}_i = (\underline{\Gamma} - 1)\phi_1(Y_i; \hat{\eta}_{-k})$ ,  $\hat{\bar{\delta}}_i = (\bar{\Gamma} - 1)\phi(Y_i; \hat{\eta}_{-k})$ .

**Corollary 1.** *Suppose the user specifies nonparametric outcome regression bounds for some  $\underline{\Gamma}, \bar{\Gamma} > 0$ . Under the same conditions as Theorem 4, then*

$$\left\| \widehat{\text{perf}}_+(s; \beta, \hat{\Delta}_n(\Gamma)) - \overline{\text{perf}}_+(s; \beta, \Delta(\Gamma)) \right\| = O_{\mathbb{P}} \left( 1/\sqrt{n} + \sum_{k=1}^K R_{1,n}^k \right),$$

and analogously for  $\widehat{\text{perf}}_-(s; \beta, \hat{\Delta}_n(\Gamma))$ .

## 6 Monte Carlo simulations

In this section, we conduct Monte Carlo simulations to show that the theoretical guarantees for our proposed estimators for robust audits under the MOSM hold well in practice. We illustrate how these estimators can be used to conduct a tractable sensitivity analysis on the performance of a risk score under varying assumptions on the strength of unobserved confounding.

### 6.1 Robust audits

We show that our proposed estimators for the bounds on overall predictive performance under the MOSM converge quickly to the true bounds and that the associated confidence intervals for the bounds based on the derived asymptotic normal approximation have good coverage properties for reasonable choices of the sample size  $n$  and dimension of the features  $d$ . In Appendix D.1, we show that our proposed estimators for the bounds on the true positive rate and false positive rate converge quickly to the true bounds as well.

**Simulation design:** In these Monte Carlo simulations, we generate training and evaluation data satisfying the MOSM with nonparametric outcome bounds (Section 2.3). We simulate the features  $X_i \sim U([0, 1]^d)$ , and, for a randomly drawn coefficient vector  $\mu$ , we simulate the intervention  $D_i \in \{0, 1\}$  conditional on  $X_i$  according to  $\mathbb{P}(D_i = 1 \mid X_i = x) = \frac{\exp(X_i' \mu)}{1 + \exp(X_i' \mu)}$ . For coefficient vectors  $\beta_0, \beta_1$  and some  $\Gamma_{true} > 0$ , we finally simulate the potential outcomes  $(Y_i(0), Y_i(1))$  conditional on  $D_i, X_i$  according to

$$\mathbb{P}(Y_i(1) = 1 \mid D_i = 1, X_i = x) = \frac{\exp(X_i' \beta_1)}{1 + \exp(X_i' \beta_1)} \quad \mathbb{P}(Y_i(1) = 1 \mid D_i = 0, X_i = x) = \Gamma_{true} \frac{\exp(X_i' \beta_1)}{1 + \exp(X_i' \beta_1)},$$

and  $\mathbb{P}(Y_i(0) = 1 \mid D_i = d, X_i = x) = \frac{\exp(X_i' \beta_0)}{1 + \exp(X_i' \beta_0)}$  for  $d \in \{0, 1\}$ . By construction, this data generating process satisfies the MOSM with nonparametric outcome bounds at  $\underline{\Gamma} = \bar{\Gamma} = \Gamma_{true}$ , and we set  $\Gamma_{true} = 0.75$ . Under this data generating process, we first simulate a training dataset  $(X_i, D_i, Y_i)$  for  $i = 1, \dots, n_{train}$ , and estimate a risk score  $s(\cdot)$  that predicts  $Y_i = 1$  only on the selected data  $D_i = 1$ . Keeping this estimated risk score fixed, we then robustly audit the overall performance of the risk score under various assumptions on the strength of unmeasured confounding using evaluation data  $(X_i, D_i, Y_i)$  for  $i = 1, \dots, n$  simulated from the same data generating process. We robustly audit the risk score's accuracy  $\text{perf}(s; \beta_{acc})$  and mean square error  $\text{perf}(s; \beta_{mse})$  (as defined in Example 1) under nonparametric outcome bounds  $\Delta(\Gamma)$  under alternative choices of  $\Gamma = \underline{\Gamma}, \bar{\Gamma}$ .

**Simulation results:** We first audit the overall predictive performance of the risk score for a fixed choice  $\underline{\Gamma} = 2/3, \bar{\Gamma} = 3/2$ , and evaluate how well our proposed estimators recover the true bounds  $[\underline{\text{perf}}(s; \beta, \Delta(\Gamma)), \overline{\text{perf}}(s; \beta, \Delta(\Gamma))]$ . Across 1000 simulated evaluation datasets of varying size  $n \in \{500, 1000, 2500\}$ , we calculate the estimates  $[\widehat{\underline{\text{perf}}}(s; \beta, \Delta(\Gamma)), \widehat{\overline{\text{perf}}}(s; \beta, \Delta(\Gamma))]$ . The estimators are constructed using a single split of the evaluation data, and we consider two choices for estimating the first-stage nuisance functions  $\eta = (\pi_1(X_i), \mu_1(X_i))$ : (i) logistic regression, in which case the first-stage estimators are correctly specified; (ii) random forests, in which case the first-stage estimators are based on a flexible, supervised machine learning algorithm. We report the average bias of our estimators for the true bounds on overall performance as well as the estimated coverage rate of a 95% nominal confidence interval for the true bounds based on the asymptotic normal approximation derived in Proposition 5.1.

Table 1(a) summarizes these results for our estimator of the upper bound on the risk score's mean square error, and Table 1(b) summarizes these results for our estimator of the lower bound on the risk score's accuracy. We find analogous results for our estimator of the lower bound on the risk score's mean square error and estimator of the upper bound on the risk score's accuracy. For both choices of the first-stage nuisance function estimator and varying sizes of the evaluation dataset, our proposed estimators are approximately unbiased for the true bounds. Their estimated standard errors slightly underestimate the true standard errors when the size of the evaluation dataset is small, but are quite accurate for  $n \geq 1000$ . Consequently, we find that standard confidence intervals based on the asymptotic normal approximation for our proposed estimators have approximately 95% coverage for both the upper bound on mean square error and lower bound on accuracy (up to simulation error). Figure 1 further illustrates that our proposed estimators, using random forests to estimate the first stage nuisance functions, are approximately normally distributed in finite samples and concentrate around the true bounds quickly as

the size of the evaluation data grows large. Altogether, these numerical results indicate our theoretical analysis of the convergence rate and limiting distribution of our estimators for the bounds on overall predictive performance provide good guidance about their finite sample behavior.

Model	$n$	Bias of $\widehat{\text{perf}}(s; \beta_{mse}, \Delta(\Gamma))$	SD. of $\widehat{\text{perf}}(s; \beta_{mse}, \Delta(\Gamma))$	$\hat{\sigma}$	Coverage
logistic	500	0.000	0.019	0.018	0.945
	1000	0.000	0.011	0.011	0.947
	2500	0.000	0.007	0.006	0.932
random forest	500	0.000	0.016	0.015	0.942
	1000	0.000	0.010	0.010	0.945
	2500	0.000	0.006	0.006	0.944

(a) Upper bound on mean square error

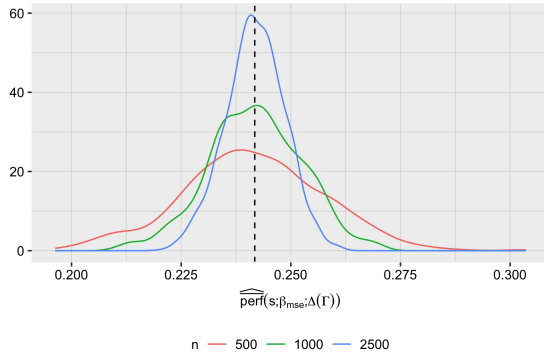
Model	$n$	Bias of $\widehat{\text{perf}}(s; \beta_{acc}, \Delta(\Gamma))$	SD. of $\widehat{\text{perf}}(s; \beta_{acc}, \Delta(\Gamma))$	$\hat{\sigma}$	Coverage
logistic	500	-0.001	0.018	0.017	0.953
	1000	-0.001	0.011	0.011	0.940
	2500	0.000	0.006	0.006	0.959
random forest	500	0.001	0.015	0.015	0.941
	1000	0.001	0.010	0.010	0.946
	2500	0.000	0.006	0.006	0.947

(b) Lower bound on accuracy

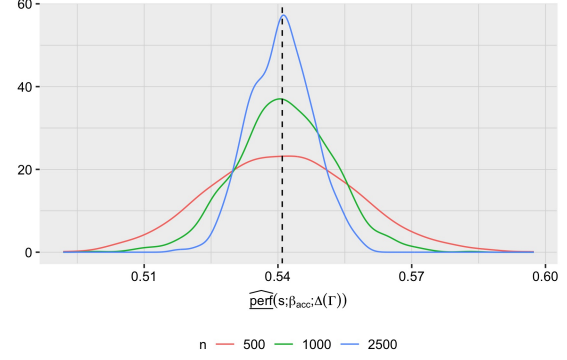
**Table 1:** Bias and coverage properties of overall performance estimators of a risk score  $s(\cdot)$  with nonparametric outcome bounds.

*Notes:* This table summarizes the average bias of our estimator  $\widehat{\text{perf}}(s; \beta_{mse}, \Delta(\Gamma))$  for the upper bound on MSE and the lower bound on accuracy  $\widehat{\text{perf}}(s; \beta_{acc}, \Delta(\Gamma))$ , the standard deviation of our estimator (SD. of  $\widehat{\text{perf}}(s; \beta_{mse}, \Delta(\Gamma))$  and  $\widehat{\text{perf}}(s; \beta_{acc}, \Delta(\Gamma))$ ), the average estimated standard error of our estimator ( $\hat{\sigma}$ ), and the coverage rate of nominal 95% confidence intervals based on the asymptotic normal approximation in Proposition 5.1. The overall performance estimators are constructed using a single split, and the nuisance functions are estimated using either logistic regression or random forests. The overall performance estimators assume that  $\underline{\Gamma} = 2/3$ ,  $\bar{\Gamma} = 3/2$ . The results are computed over 1,000 simulations. See Section 6.1 for further details on the simulation design.

Motivated by these findings, we next illustrate how our proposed estimators can be used to conduct sensitivity analyses on the overall performance of the risk score under alternative assumptions on the strength of unmeasured confounding. We now set  $\underline{\Gamma} = 1/\tilde{\Gamma}$ ,  $\bar{\Gamma} = \tilde{\Gamma}$  for  $\tilde{\Gamma} \geq 1$ , and report results varying  $\tilde{\Gamma} \in \{1, \dots, 2.5\}$ . Recall that  $\tilde{\Gamma} = 1$  corresponds to assuming that there is no unmeasured confounding, and  $\tilde{\Gamma} = 2.5$  corresponds to assuming, conditional on  $X_i$ , that the probability of  $Y_i(1) = 1$  given  $D_i = 0$  can be no greater than 2.5 times nor no less than 0.4 times the probability of  $Y_i(1) = 1$  given  $D_i = 1$ . For each choice of  $\tilde{\Gamma}$ , we again simulate 1,000 evaluation datasets of size  $n = 2500$  and calculate estimates the  $[\widehat{\text{perf}}(s; \beta, \Delta(\Gamma)), \widehat{\text{perf}}(s; \beta, \Delta(\Gamma))]$ . Across all choices of  $\tilde{\Gamma}$ , the estimated coverage of 95% nominal confidence intervals for the upper bound on mean square error never dips below 94.5%, 93.3% for the lower bound on mean square error, 93.9% for the upper bound on accuracy, and 94.5% for the lower bound on accuracy. Our theoretical analysis therefore also provides reasonable guidance as assumptions on the magnitude of unmeasured confounding varies. Figure 2 plots the distribution of our estimators across simulations (red, box plots) against the true bounds (black, dashed line) as the magnitude of unmeasured confounding varies. The true bounds and our estimates of the bounds widen



((A)) Mean square error,  $\widehat{\text{perf}}(s; \beta_{mse}, \Delta(\Gamma))$

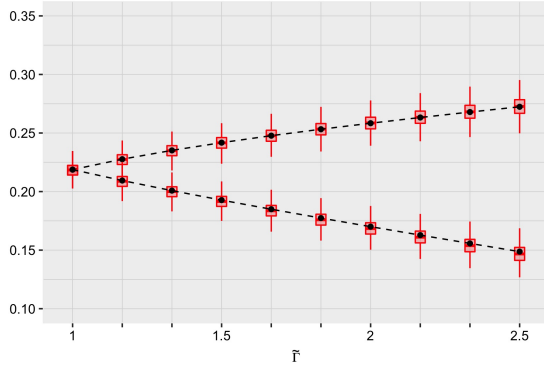


((B)) Accuracy,  $\widehat{\text{perf}}(s; \beta_{acc}, \Delta(\Gamma))$

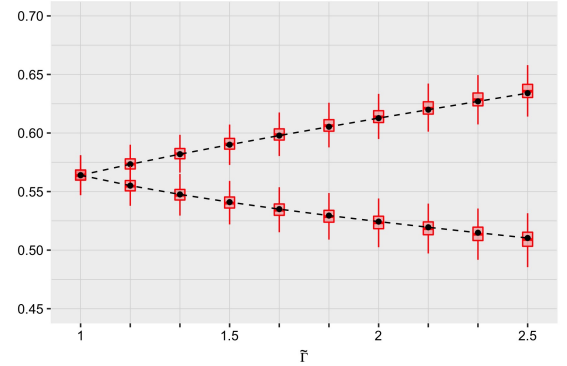
**Figure 1:** Distribution of overall performance estimators across Monte Carlo simulations with nonparametric outcome bounds.

*Notes:* This figure plots the distribution of the overall performance estimator for the upper bound on the mean square error  $\widehat{\text{perf}}(s; \beta_{mse}, \Delta(\Gamma))$  (A) and the lower bound on the accuracy  $\widehat{\text{perf}}(s; \beta_{acc}, \Delta(\Gamma))$  (B) of a risk score  $s(\cdot)$  across Monte Carlo simulations. We report these results for  $n \in \{500, 1000, 1500\}$  (color). The vertical dashed lines show the true upper bound on mean square error  $\widehat{\text{perf}}(s; \beta_{mse}, \Delta(\Gamma))$  and the true lower bound on accuracy  $\widehat{\text{perf}}(s; \beta_{acc}, \Delta(\Gamma))$ . The overall performance estimators are constructed using a single split, and the nuisance functions are estimated using random forests. The overall performance estimators assume that  $\underline{\Gamma} = 2/3$ ,  $\bar{\Gamma} = 3/2$ . We report these results for  $n \in \{500, 1000, 2500\}$  (colors). The results are computed over 1,000 simulations. See Section 6.1 for further details on the simulation design.

apart as  $\tilde{\Gamma}$  grows larger, but remain quite informative. For example, assuming  $\tilde{\Gamma} = 2.5$ , the worst-case bounds on the risk score's mean square error are  $[0.148, 0.272]$ .



((A)) Mean square error



((B)) Accuracy

**Figure 2:** Estimated bounds on the overall performance of a risk score  $s(\cdot)$  under the MOSM as  $\underline{\Gamma}, \bar{\Gamma}$  varies.

*Notes:* This figure illustrates boxplots (red) for the distribution of the overall performance estimators of the bounds on the mean square error (A) and accuracy (B) as  $\underline{\Gamma} = 1/\tilde{\Gamma}$ ,  $\bar{\Gamma} = \tilde{\Gamma}$  varies. The dashed black lines show the true upper and lower bounds on mean square error and accuracy for each value of  $\tilde{\Gamma}$ . The overall performance estimators are constructed using a single split, and the nuisance functions are estimated using random forests. We report these results for  $n = 2500$ . The results are computed over 1,000 simulations. See Section 6.1 for further details on the simulation design.

## 7 Connections to existing sensitivity analysis models

We now formally relate the MOSM to existing approaches to modelling unobserved confounding in the causal inference. We discuss how existing approaches imply the MOSM using non-parametric outcome regression bounds for particular choices of  $\underline{\Gamma}, \bar{\Gamma} > 0$ . In this sense, the MOSM places weaker restrictions on unobserved confounding than these existing approaches, but our methods nonetheless enable users to robustly learn and evaluate risk assessments in high-stakes settings.

We emphasize that we do not view the MOSM as being in competition with these existing sensitivity analysis models. In contrast, users must have a suite of options that can be used depending on what is most intuitive to them.

### 7.1 Marginal sensitivity model

A recently popular model used for sensitivity analysis is the *marginal sensitivity model* (MSM), which is a nonparametric relaxation of unconfoundedness that restricts the extent to which unobserved confounders may impact the odds of being treated vs. untreated. The MSM specifies that, for some  $\Lambda \geq 1$ ,  $(X_i, D_i, Y_i(0), Y_i(1)) \sim \mathbb{P}(\cdot)$  satisfies

$$\Lambda^{-1} \leq \frac{\mathbb{P}(D_i = 1 \mid X_i, Y_i(0), Y_i(1)) \mathbb{P}(D_i = 0 \mid X_i)}{\mathbb{P}(D_i = 0 \mid X_i, Y_i(0), Y_i(1)) \mathbb{P}(D_i = 1 \mid X_i)} \leq \Lambda \quad (22)$$

with probability one. The MSM nests the special case of unconfoundedness by setting  $\underline{\Lambda} = \bar{\Lambda} = 1$ . Notice that for the odds ratio in (22) to be well-defined requires overlap to hold conditional both on  $(X_i, Y_i(0), Y_i(1))$  and  $X_i$ . The MSM was originally proposed by Tan (2006), and has since received substantial attention among researchers (e.g., see Zhao, Small and Bhattacharya, 2019; Kallus, Mao and Zhou, 2018; Dorn and Guo, 2021; Dorn, Guo and Kallus, 2021; Kallus and Zhou, 2021).

We now state a simple proposition showing that relates the MSM to the nonparametric outcome regression bounds on  $\delta(x) = \mathbb{E}[Y_i(1) \mid D_i = 0, X_i] - \mathbb{E}[Y_i(1) \mid D_i = 1, X_i]$  under the MOSM.

#### Proposition 7.1.

- i. Suppose that  $(X_i, D_i, Y_i(0), Y_i(1)) \sim \mathbb{P}(\cdot)$  satisfies the MSM (22) for some  $\Lambda \geq 1$ . Then,  $\mathbb{P}(\cdot)$  satisfies the MOSM (Assumption 2.1) with  $\underline{\delta}(x) = (\Lambda^{-1} - 1)\mu_1(x)$  and  $\bar{\delta}(x) = (\Lambda - 1)\mu_1(x)$ .
- ii. Suppose that  $(X_i, D_i, Y_i(0), Y_i(1)) \sim \mathbb{P}(\cdot)$  satisfies  $Y_i(0) = 0$  and the MOSM (Assumption 2.1) with nonparametric outcome regression bounds for some  $\underline{\Gamma}, \bar{\Gamma} > 0$ . Then,  $\mathbb{P}(\cdot)$  satisfies

$$\bar{\Gamma}^{-1} \leq \frac{\mathbb{P}(D_i = 1 \mid Y_i(1) = 1, X_i) \mathbb{P}(D_i = 0 \mid X_i)}{\mathbb{P}(D_i = 0 \mid Y_i(1) = 1, X_i) \mathbb{P}(D_i = 1 \mid X_i)} \leq \underline{\Gamma}^{-1}, \text{ and}$$

$$\frac{\underline{\Gamma} - 1}{\underline{\Gamma}(1 - \underline{\Gamma}\mu_1(x))} + \underline{\Gamma}^{-1} \leq \frac{\mathbb{P}(D_i = 1 \mid Y_i(1) = 0, X_i) \mathbb{P}(D_i = 0 \mid X_i)}{\mathbb{P}(D_i = 0 \mid Y_i(1) = 0, X_i) \mathbb{P}(D_i = 1 \mid X_i)} \leq \frac{\bar{\Gamma} - 1}{\bar{\Gamma}(1 - \bar{\Gamma}\mu_1(x))} + \bar{\Gamma}^{-1}.$$

This first result relates to Proposition 3 in Dorn, Guo and Kallus (2021), which establishes that the MSM implies a bound on  $\mathbb{E}[Y_i(1) \mid D_i = 0, X_i]$  via the solution to a conditional value-at-risk problem for general outcomes. For our binary outcome setting, we show in the proof that the MSM directly implies a bound on  $\mathbb{E}[Y_i(1) \mid D_i = 0, X_i]$  by an application of Bayes' rule. By an analogous argument,

our second result establishes a partial converse, showing that the MOSM implies an MSM-like bound for sample-selection models in which  $Y_i(0) \equiv 0$  (e.g., our running credit lending and pretrial release examples). A user that specifies the MSM (22) for conducting sensitivity analyses can, therefore, use our methods to bound the target regression, construct robust decision rules, or conduct robust audits of risk assessments under the MOSM.

## 7.2 Rosenbaum’s $\Gamma$ -sensitivity model

Another famous framework for conducting sensitivity analysis is Rosenbaum’s  $\Gamma$ -sensitivity analysis model, which summarizes the violation of the unconfoundedness by bounding the extent to which the odds of begin treated vs. untreated may vary across different values of the unobservables (e.g., Rosenbaum, 1987, 2002). The  $\Gamma$ -sensitivity analysis model specifies that for some  $\Gamma \geq 1$ ,  $(X_i, D_i, Y_i(0), Y_i(1)) \sim \mathbb{P}(\cdot)$  satisfies

$$\Gamma^{-1} \leq \frac{\mathbb{P}(D_i = 1 \mid X_i, Y_i(1) = y_1, Y_i(0) = y_0)}{\mathbb{P}(D_i = 0 \mid X_i, Y_i(1) = y_1, Y_i(0) = y_0)} \frac{\mathbb{P}(D_i = 0 \mid X_i, Y_i(1) = \tilde{y}_1, Y_i(0) = \tilde{y}_0)}{\mathbb{P}(D_i = 1 \mid X_i, Y_i(1) = \tilde{y}_1, Y_i(0) = \tilde{y}_0)} \leq \Gamma \quad (23)$$

for all  $y_0, y_1, \tilde{y}_0, \tilde{y}_1 \in \{0, 1\}$  and with  $X_i$ -probability one. Notice that  $\Gamma = 1$  again nests the special case of unconfoundedness. As discussed in Section 7 of Zhao, Small and Bhattacharya (2019), Rosenbaum’s  $\Gamma$ -sensitivity analysis model was originally proposed to conduct sensitivity analysis on observational experiments conducted on finite populations that have a paired or grouped design, ignoring sampling uncertainty.<sup>5,6</sup> Recently, Yadlowsky et al. (2018) applies Rosenbaum’s  $\Gamma$ -sensitivity analysis model to observational settings like we consider, deriving bounds on the conditional average treatment effect under the model, and developing methods for conducting inference on the average treatment effect.

For our purposes, it is sufficient to state a simple proposition that relates Rosenbaum’s  $\Gamma$ -sensitivity analysis model to the MOSM with nonparametric outcome regression bounds.

### Proposition 7.2.

- i. Suppose  $(X_i, D_i, Y_i(0), Y_i(1)) \sim \mathbb{P}(\cdot)$  satisfies Rosenbaum’s sensitivity analysis model (23) for some  $\Gamma > 1$ . Then  $P(\cdot)$  satisfies the MOSM (Assumption 2.1) with  $\underline{\delta}(x) = (\Gamma^{-1} - 1)\mu_1(x)$  and  $\bar{\delta}(x) = (\Gamma - 1)\mu_1(x)$ .
- ii. Suppose  $(X_i, D_i, Y_i(0), Y_i(1)) \sim \mathbb{P}(\cdot)$  satisfies  $Y_i(0) = 0$  and the MOSM (Assumption 2.1) with nonparametric outcome regression bounds for some  $\underline{\Gamma}, \bar{\Gamma} > 0$ . Then,  $P(\cdot)$  satisfies

$$\frac{\underline{\Gamma} - 1}{1 - \underline{\Gamma}\mu_1(x)} + 1 \leq \frac{\mathbb{P}(D_i = 1 \mid Y_i(1) = 0, X_i) \mathbb{P}(D_i = 0 \mid X_i, Y_i(1) = 1)}{\mathbb{P}(D_i = 0 \mid Y_i(1) = 0, X_i) \mathbb{P}(D_i = 1 \mid X_i, Y_i(1) = 1)} \leq \frac{\bar{\Gamma} - 1}{1 - \bar{\Gamma}\mu_1(x)} + 1.$$

To show the first result, we show that Rosenbaum’s  $\Gamma$ -sensitivity model implies a marginal sensitivity model in our binary outcome setting. This in turn implies a MOSM with nonparametric outcome regression bounds. This relates to Lemma 2.2 in Yadlowsky et al. (2018), which shows that a version of Rosenbaum’s sensitivity analysis model implies a bound on  $\mathbb{E}[Y_i(1) \mid D_i = 0, X_i]$  via the solution to

<sup>5</sup>We refer the reader to Section 7 of Zhao, Small and Bhattacharya (2019) for an in-depth comparison of the marginal sensitivity model and Rosenbaum’s  $\Gamma$ -sensitivity model.

<sup>6</sup>See also Aronow and Lee (2013) and Miratrix, Wager and Zubizarreta (2018) which also use a version of Rosenbaum’s  $\Gamma$ -sensitivity model to construct bounds on a finite-population from a random sample with unknown selection probabilities.



an estimating equation for general outcomes. The second result again establishes a partial converse – the MOSM implies an Rosenbaum-style bound for sample-selection models in which  $Y_i(0) \equiv 0$ , where the bounds on the odds ratio vary based on the features  $X_i$  but only through the identified outcome regression. As a consequence, a user that specifies Rosenbaum’s sensitivity analysis model (23) for conducting sensitivity analyses can, therefore, again use our methods to bound the target regression, construct robust decision rules, or conduct robust audits of risk assessments under the MOSM.

### 7.3 Sensitivity analysis via outcome modelling

Finally, a large literature conducts sensitivity analyses in missing data problems via outcome modelling. A popular approach is to specify flexible parametric models for the difference between the unobserved conditional distribution  $Y_i(1) \mid \{X_i, D_i = 0\}$  and the observed conditional distribution  $Y_i(1) \mid \{X_i, D_i = 1\}$ , or between  $Y_i(1) \mid \{X_i, D_i = 0\}$  and  $Y_i(1) \mid X_i$  (e.g., [Rotnitzky et al., 2001](#); [Birmingham, Rotnitzky and Fitzmaurice, 2003](#); [Brumback et al., 2004](#); [Franks, Airolidi and Rubin, 2020](#)). For example, [Robins, Rotnitzky and Scharfstein \(2000b\)](#); [Franks, D’Amour and Feller \(2019\)](#); [Scharfstein et al. \(2021\)](#) consider a sensitivity analysis model that assumes  $\mathbb{P}(Y_i(1) \mid D_i = 0, X_i) = \mathbb{P}(Y_i(1) \mid D_i = 1, X_i) \frac{\exp(\gamma_t s_t(Y_i(1)))}{C(\gamma_t; X_i)}$ , where  $\gamma_t$  is a parameter chosen by the user and  $s_t(\cdot)$  is a “tilting function” that is also specified by the user. For particular fixed choices of  $\gamma_t$ ,  $s_t(\cdot)$ , such a model is sufficient to point identify various quantities of interest such as the target regression  $\mu^*(x)$ , the difference  $\delta(x) = \mathbb{P}(Y_i(1) = 1 \mid D_i = 0, X_i) - \mathbb{P}(Y_i(1) = 1 \mid D_i = 1, X_i)$  or the predictive performance measures we consider. The literature then recommends that researchers report a sensitivity analysis that summarizes how their conclusions vary for alternative choices of  $\gamma_t$  or  $s_t(\cdot)$ . In practice, however, it may be difficult, for the user to specify domain-specific knowledge that completely summarizes the relationship between these conditional distributions. Furthermore, any particular choice of the sensitivity analysis parameter  $\gamma_t$  and tilting function  $s_t(\cdot)$  may be mis-specified, and it is common that users only report results for a few choices. This outcome modelling approach may not encompass all possible values of the unidentified quantities that are consistent with the user’s domain-knowledge.

An alternative approach places bounds on the mean difference in potential outcomes under treatment and control [Luedtke, Diaz and van der Laan \(2015\)](#); [Díaz and van der Laan \(2013\)](#); [Díaz, Luedtke and van der Laan \(2018\)](#). Our MOSM extends this approach by placing bounds on the *covariate-conditional* difference in means. That is, the MOSM considers all joint distributions  $(X_i, D_i, Y_i(0), Y_i(1)) \sim \mathbb{P}(\cdot)$  that are consistent with the observable data and the user’s specified bounds on the mean difference  $\delta(x)$ . This requires the user to specify intuitive domain knowledge, such as how much the probability of default can vary between accepted and rejected applicants in credit lending or how much the failure to appear rate can differ between released and detained defendants in pretrial release. Furthermore, as we showed earlier, such bounds natural arise from popular quasi-experimental methods such as instrumental variables.

## 8 Conclusion

This paper developed counterfactual methods for learning and evaluating statistical risk assessments that are robust to unmeasured confounding. We proposed the mean outcome sensitivity model for unobserved confounding that bounds the extent to which unmeasured confounders can affect outcomes on average in the population. Under the MOSM, the conditional likelihood of the outcome under the

proposed decision, popular predictive performance metrics (accuracy, calibration, TPR, FPR, etc.) and commonly-used predictive disparities are partially identified and we derived their sharp identified sets.

We then solved three tasks that are essential to deploying counterfactual risk assessments in high-stakes settings. First, we proposed a learning procedure based on doubly-robust pseudo-outcomes that estimates bounds on the conditional likelihood of the outcome under the proposed decision, and derived finite sample bounds on its errors. Second, we showed how our estimated bounds on the conditional likelihood of the outcome under the proposed decision can be translated into a robust recommendation rule, and derived finite-sample bounds on its regret relative to the max-min optimal decision rule. Third, we developed estimators for the bounds on the predictive performance metrics of existing statistical risk assessments based on efficient influence functions and cross-fitting. We established that they converge to the true bounds at  $\sqrt{n}$ -rates and are asymptotically normally distributed.

The effective, safe and reliable use of statistical risk assessments in high-stakes settings requires taking the violations of unconfoundedness seriously and a suite of frameworks for modeling such violations. Providing practitioners with a range of alternative sensitivity analysis models gives them flexibility to choose the framework that is most intuitive for their own setting – some may find sensitivity analysis frameworks like the MOSM that bound how unmeasured confounders affect outcomes to be more natural, whereas others may prefer those that bound how unmeasured confounders affect historical decisions like the marginal sensitivity model. It is our view that there is substantial room for more work on proposing intuitive models for unobserved confounding, and developing the associated suite of tools for robust learning and evaluation of statistical risk assessments.

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# Counterfactual Risk Assessments under Unmeasured Confounding

## Online Appendix

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This online appendix contains proofs and additional theoretical results for the paper “Counterfactual Risk Assessments under Unmeasured Confounding” by Amanda Coston, Ashesh Rambachan and Edward Kennedy. Section **A** contains proofs for results stated in the main text. Section **B** contains auxiliary lemmas used in the proofs for results stated in the main text. Section **C** contains additional theoretical results for variance estimation of our overall predictive performance estimators and analyzes the bounds on predictive disparity measures under the MOSM.

## A Omitted proofs

### A.1 Section 2: the mean outcome sensitivity model

#### A.1.1 Proof of Proposition 2.1

*Proof.* For any  $z \in \mathcal{Z}$ , note that  $\mu^*(x, z) = \mathbb{E}[Y_i(1)D_i \mid X_i = x, Z_i = z] + \mathbb{E}[Y_i(1)(1 - D_i) \mid X_i = x, Z_i = z]$ , where  $\mathbb{E}[Y_i(1)D_i \mid X_i = x, Z_i = z] = \mathbb{E}[Y_i D_i \mid X_i = x, Z_i = z]$  and  $\mathbb{E}[Y_i(1)(1 - D_i) \mid X_i = x, Z_i = z] \in [0, \pi_0(x, z)]$ . Therefore,  $\mu^*(x, z)$  satisfies

$$\mathbb{E}[Y_i D_i \mid X_i = x, Z_i = z] \leq \mu^*(x, z) \leq \mathbb{E}[Y_i D_i \mid X_i = x, Z_i = z] + \pi_0(x, z).$$

Further, since  $(Y_i(0), Y_i(1)) \perp Z_i \mid X_i$ ,  $\mu^*(x, z) = \mu^*(x)$ , this in turn implies that

$$\mathbb{E}[Y_i D_i \mid X_i = x, Z_i = z] \leq \mu^*(x) \leq \mathbb{E}[Y_i D_i \mid X_i = x, Z_i = z] + \pi_0(x, z).$$

The result then follows by noting that  $\mu^*(x) = \mu_1(x) + \delta(x)\pi_0(x)$  and rearranging.  $\square$

#### A.1.2 Proof of Lemma 2.1

*Proof.* The statements for  $\mathcal{H}(\mu^*(x); \Delta)$  and  $\mathcal{H}(\text{perf}(s; \beta); \Delta)$  follow immediately since (i) both  $\mu^*(x)$  and  $\text{perf}(s; \beta)$  are linear in  $\delta(\cdot)$ , and (ii)  $\Delta$  is convex.

To prove the statement for  $\text{perf}_+(s; \beta)$ , we introduce the convenient shorthand

$$\text{perf}_+(s; \beta, \delta) := \frac{\mathbb{E}[\beta_{0,i}\mu_1(X_i) + \beta_{0,i}\pi_0(X_i)\delta(X_i)]}{\mathbb{E}[\mu_1(X_i) + \pi_0(X_i)\delta(X_i)]}.$$

Observe that if  $\widetilde{\text{perf}}_+(s; \beta) \in \mathcal{H}(\text{perf}_+(s; \beta), \Delta)$ , then there exists some  $\tilde{\delta} \in \Delta$  such that  $\widetilde{\text{perf}}_+(s; \beta) = \text{perf}_+(s; \beta, \tilde{\delta})$ . It follows immediately that  $\widetilde{\text{perf}}_+(s; \beta) \in [\underline{\text{perf}}_+(s; \beta, \Delta), \overline{\text{perf}}_+(s; \beta, \Delta)]$ . All that remains to show is that every value in the interval  $[\underline{\text{perf}}_+(s; \beta, \Delta), \overline{\text{perf}}_+(s; \beta, \Delta)]$  is achieved by some  $\delta(\cdot) \in \Delta$ .

Towards this, we first apply a one-to-one change-of-variables. Let  $U(\cdot) : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow [0, 1]$  be defined as  $U(x) = \frac{\delta(x) - \underline{\delta}(x)}{\bar{\delta}(x) - \underline{\delta}(x)}$ . For any  $\delta(\cdot) \in \Delta$ , there exists  $U(\cdot) \in [0, 1]$  such that  $\text{perf}_+(s; \beta, \delta) = \text{perf}_+(s; \beta, U)$ , where

$$\text{perf}_+(s; \beta, U) := \frac{\mathbb{E}[\beta_{0,i}\mu_1(X_i) + \beta_{0,i}\pi_0(X_i)\underline{\delta}(X_i) + \beta_{0,i}\pi_0(X_i)(\bar{\delta}(X_i) - \underline{\delta}(X_i))U(X_i)]}{\mathbb{E}[\mu_1(X_i) + \pi_0(X_i)\underline{\delta}(X_i) + \pi_0(X_i)(\bar{\delta}(X_i) - \underline{\delta}(X_i))U(X_i)]}.$$

Conversely, for any  $U(\cdot) \in [0, 1]$ , there exists a corresponding  $\delta(\cdot) \in \Delta$  such that  $\text{perf}_+(s; \beta, U) = \text{perf}_+(s; \beta, \delta)$ , where  $\delta(x) = \underline{\delta}(x) + (\bar{\delta}(x) - \underline{\delta}(x))U(x)$ .

Next, apply the Charnes-Cooper transformation with

$$\tilde{V} = \frac{1}{\mathbb{E}[\mu_1(X_i) + \pi_0(X_i)\underline{\delta}(X_i) + \pi_0(X_i)(\bar{\delta}(X_i) - \underline{\delta}(X_i))U(X_i)]}$$

$$\tilde{U}(\cdot) = \frac{U(\cdot)}{\mathbb{E}[\mu_1(X_i) + \pi_0(X_i)\underline{\delta}(X_i) + \pi_0(X_i)(\bar{\delta}(X_i) - \underline{\delta}(X_i))U(X_i)]}.$$

So, for any  $U(\cdot) \in [0, 1]$ , there exists  $\tilde{V}, \tilde{U}(\cdot)$  satisfying  $\tilde{U}(\cdot) \in [0, \tilde{V}]$ ,  $\tilde{V} \geq 0$  and  $\mathbb{E}[\mu_1(X_i) + \pi_0(X_i)\underline{\delta}(X_i)]\tilde{V} + \mathbb{E}[\pi_0(X_i)(\bar{\delta}(X_i) - \underline{\delta}(X_i))\tilde{U}(X_i)] = 1$  such that  $\text{perf}_+(s; \beta, U) = \text{perf}_+(s; \beta, \tilde{U}, \tilde{V})$ , where

$$\text{perf}_+(s; \beta, \tilde{U}, \tilde{V}) = \mathbb{E}[\beta_0(X_i)\mu_1(X_i) + (1 - D_i)\beta_0(X_i)\underline{\delta}(X_i)]\tilde{V} + \mathbb{E}[\beta_0(X_i)\pi_0(X_i)(\bar{\delta}(X_i) - \underline{\delta}(X_i))\tilde{U}(X_i)].$$

Conversely, for any such  $\tilde{U}(\cdot), \tilde{V}$ , there exists  $U(\cdot) \in [0, 1]$  such that  $\text{perf}_+(s; \beta, \tilde{U}, \tilde{V}) = \text{perf}_+(s; \beta, U)$ .

Now consider any  $\tilde{p} \in [\underline{\text{perf}}_+(s; \beta, \Delta), \overline{\text{perf}}_+(s; \beta, \Delta)]$ , which satisfies for some  $\lambda \in [0, 1]$

$$\tilde{p} = \lambda \underline{\text{perf}}_+(s; \beta, \Delta) + (1 - \lambda) \overline{\text{perf}}_+(s; \beta, \Delta).$$

Let  $\underline{\delta}(\cdot), \bar{\delta}(\cdot)$  be the functions achieving the infimum and supremum respectively

$$\underline{\delta}(\cdot) \in \arg \min_{\delta \in \Delta} \text{perf}_+(s; \beta, \delta), \quad \bar{\delta}(\cdot) \in \arg \max_{\delta \in \Delta} \text{perf}_+(s; \beta, \delta).$$

By the change-of-variables, there exists  $\tilde{\underline{U}}, \tilde{\underline{U}}(\cdot)$  and  $\tilde{\bar{V}}, \tilde{\bar{U}}(\cdot)$  such that

$$\underline{\text{perf}}_+(s; \beta, \Delta) = \text{perf}_+(s; \beta, \tilde{\underline{U}}(\cdot), \tilde{\bar{V}}), \quad \overline{\text{perf}}_+(s; \beta, \Delta) = \text{perf}_+(s; \beta, \tilde{\bar{U}}(\cdot), \tilde{\bar{V}}).$$

Therefore,  $\tilde{p} = \lambda \text{perf}_+(s; \beta, \tilde{\underline{U}}(\cdot), \tilde{\bar{V}}) + (1 - \lambda) \text{perf}_+(s; \beta, \tilde{\bar{U}}(\cdot), \tilde{\bar{V}})$ . Since  $\text{perf}_+(s; \beta, \tilde{\underline{U}}, \tilde{\bar{V}})$  is linear in  $\tilde{\underline{U}}, \tilde{\bar{V}}$ , we also have that

$$\tilde{p} = \text{perf}_+(s; \beta, \lambda \tilde{\underline{U}} + (1 - \lambda) \tilde{\bar{U}}, \lambda \tilde{\bar{V}} + (1 - \lambda) \tilde{\bar{V}}),$$

where  $(\lambda \tilde{\underline{U}} + (1 - \lambda) \tilde{\bar{U}}, \lambda \tilde{\bar{V}} + (1 - \lambda) \tilde{\bar{V}})$ . We can therefore apply the change-of-variables one last time to construct the corresponding  $\tilde{\delta}(\cdot)$ , which satisfies  $\tilde{p} = \text{perf}_+(s; \beta, \tilde{\delta})$  by construction. This completes the proof.  $\square$

## A.2 Section 3: bounding the target regression under the outcome sensitivity model

### A.2.1 Proof of Theorem 1

*Proof.* We prove this result for the estimator of the upper-bound, and the same argument applies to the estimator of the lower-bound. Observe that

$$\begin{aligned} \|\widehat{\mu}(\cdot; \Delta) - \bar{\mu}^*(\cdot; \Delta)\| &\leq \|\widehat{\mu}(\cdot; \Delta) - \widehat{\mu}_{\text{oracle}}(\cdot; \Delta)\| + \|\widehat{\mu}_{\text{oracle}}(\cdot; \Delta) - \bar{\mu}^*(\cdot; \Delta)\| \\ &\leq \|\widehat{\mu}(\cdot; \Delta) - \widehat{\mu}_{\text{oracle}}(\cdot; \Delta) - \tilde{b}(\cdot)\| + \|\tilde{b}(\cdot)\| + \|\widehat{\mu}_{\text{oracle}}(\cdot; \Delta) - \bar{\mu}^*(\cdot; \Delta)\| \end{aligned}$$

for  $\tilde{b}(x) = \widehat{\mathbb{E}}_n[\hat{b}(X_i) \mid X_i = x]$  is the smoothed bias and  $\hat{b}(x) = \mathbb{E}[\phi_1(Y_i; \hat{\eta}) - \phi_1(Y_i; \eta) \mid \mathcal{O}_1, X_i = x]$  is the conditional bias of the estimated pseudo-outcome. Under Assumption B.1, Lemma B.1 implies

that  $\|\widehat{\mu}(\cdot; \Delta) - \widehat{\mu}_{oracle}(\cdot; \Delta) - \tilde{b}(\cdot)\| = o_{\mathbb{P}}(R_{oracle})$ . Furthermore,

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{b}(x)^2 &= \left\{ \frac{\pi_1(x) - \hat{\pi}_1(x)}{\hat{\pi}_1(x)} (\mu_1(x) - \hat{\mu}_1(x)) \right\}^2 \\ &\leq \frac{1}{\epsilon^2} \{(\pi_1(x) - \hat{\pi}_1(x))(\mu_1(x) - \hat{\mu}_1(x))\}^2,\end{aligned}$$

where the first equality applies iterated expectations, and the second applies the assumption of bounded propensity score. Putting this together yields

$$\|\widehat{\mu}(\cdot; \Delta) - \bar{\mu}^*(\cdot; \Delta)\| \leq \|\widehat{\mu}_{oracle}(\cdot; \Delta) - \bar{\mu}^*(\cdot; \Delta)\| + \epsilon^{-1} \|\tilde{R}(\cdot)\| + o_{\mathbb{P}}(R_{oracle})$$

as desired.  $\square$

### A.2.2 Proof of Proposition 3.1

*Proof.* We prove the result for the DR-Learner of the upper bound, and the same argument applies for the DR-Learner of the lower bound. Following the proof of Theorem 1, we arrive at

$$\|\widehat{\mu}(\cdot; \Delta(\Gamma)) - \bar{\mu}^*(\cdot; \Delta(\Gamma))\| \leq \|\widehat{\mu}(\cdot; \Delta(\Gamma)) - \widehat{\mu}_{oracle}(\cdot; \Delta(\Gamma)) - \tilde{b}(\cdot)\| + \|\tilde{b}(\cdot)\| + \|\widehat{\mu}_{oracle}(\cdot; \Delta(\Gamma)) - \bar{\mu}^*(\cdot; \Delta(\Gamma))\|,$$

now for  $\tilde{b}(x) = \mathbb{E}_n[\hat{b}(X_i) \mid X_i = x]$  and

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{b}(x) &= \underbrace{\mathbb{E}[\phi_1(Y_i; \hat{\eta}) - \phi_1(Y_i; \eta) \mid \mathcal{O}_1, X_i = x]}_{(a)} + \\ &\quad (\bar{\Gamma} - 1) \underbrace{\mathbb{E}[\phi(\pi_0(X_i)\mu_1(X_i); \hat{\eta}) - \phi(\pi_0(X_i)\mu_1(X_i); \eta) \mid \mathcal{O}_1, X_i = x]}_{(b)}.\end{aligned}$$

Given Assumption B.1,  $\|\widehat{\mu}(\cdot; \Delta(\Gamma)) - \widehat{\mu}_{oracle}(\cdot; \Delta(\Gamma)) - \tilde{b}(\cdot)\| = o_{\mathbb{P}}(R_{oracle})$  by Lemma B.1. Furthermore,  $\hat{b}(x)^2 \leq 2(a)^2 + 2(\bar{\Gamma} - 1)^2(b)^2$ , where

$$(a)^2 \leq \frac{1}{\epsilon^2} \{(\hat{\pi}_1(x) - \pi_1(x))(\hat{\mu}_1(x) - \mu_1(x))\}^2$$

by the proof of Theorem 1, and

$$\begin{aligned}(b)^2 &= \left\{ (\pi_0(x) - \hat{\pi}_0(x))\hat{\mu}_1(x) + \frac{\pi_1(x)}{\hat{\pi}_1(x)} (\mu_1(x) - \hat{\mu}_1(x)) \hat{\pi}_0(x) + \hat{\pi}_0(x)\hat{\mu}_1(x) - \pi_0(x)\mu_1(x) \right\}^2 = \\ &= \left\{ (\pi_0(x) - \hat{\pi}_0(x))\hat{\mu}_1(x) + \frac{\pi_1(x)}{\hat{\pi}_1(x)} (\mu_1(x) - \hat{\mu}_1(x)) \hat{\pi}_0(x) + \hat{\pi}_0(x)(\hat{\mu}_1(x) - \mu_1(x)) + \mu_1(x)(\hat{\pi}_0(x) - \pi_0(x)) \right\}^2 = \\ &= \left\{ (\pi_0(x) - \hat{\pi}_0(x))(\hat{\mu}_1(x) - \mu_1(x)) + \frac{\hat{\pi}_0(x)}{\hat{\pi}_1(x)} (\pi_1(x) - \hat{\pi}_1(x))(\mu_1(x) - \hat{\mu}_1(x)) \right\}^2 = \\ &= \left\{ (\pi_1(x) - \hat{\pi}_1(x))(\mu_1(x) - \hat{\mu}_1(x)) + \frac{\hat{\pi}_0(x)}{\hat{\pi}_1(x)} (\pi_1(x) - \hat{\pi}_1(x))(\mu_1(x) - \hat{\mu}_1(x)) \right\}^2 \leq \frac{1}{\epsilon^2} \{(\pi_1(x) - \hat{\pi}_1(x))(\hat{\mu}_1(x) - \mu_1(x))\}^2\end{aligned}$$

by iterated expectations and the assumption of bounded propensity score. Putting this together then yields

$$\|\widehat{\mu}(\cdot; \Delta(\Gamma)) - \bar{\mu}^*(\cdot; \Delta(\Gamma))\| \leq \|\widehat{\mu}_{oracle}(\cdot; \Delta(\Gamma)) - \bar{\mu}^*(\cdot; \Delta(\Gamma))\| + \|\tilde{R}(\cdot)\| + o_{\mathbb{P}}(R_{oracle})$$

as desired.  $\square$

### A.2.3 Proof of Proposition 3.2

*Proof.* We prove the result for the DR-Learner of the upper bound, and the same argument applies for the DR-Learner of the lower bound. To ease notation, write  $\mu_z^{DY}(x) = \mathbb{E}[D_i Y_i \mid Z_i = z, X_i = x]$ ,  $\lambda_z(x) = \mathbb{P}(Z_i = x \mid X_i = x)$ , and  $\widehat{\mu}(O_i; \Delta(z)) = \phi_z(1 - D_i; \hat{\eta}) + \phi_z(D_i Y_i; \hat{\eta})$ . Following the proof of Theorem 1, we arrive at

$$\|\widehat{\mu}(\cdot; \Delta(z)) - \bar{\mu}^*(\cdot; \Delta(z))\| \leq \|\widehat{\mu}(\cdot; \Delta(z)) - \widehat{\mu}_{oracle}(\cdot; \Delta(z)) - \tilde{b}(\cdot)\| + \|\tilde{b}(\cdot)\| + \|\widehat{\mu}_{oracle}(\cdot; \Delta(z)) - \bar{\mu}^*(\cdot; \Delta(z))\|,$$

where  $\tilde{b}(x) = \mathbb{E}_n[\hat{b}(x) \mid X_i = x]$  and

$$\hat{b}(x) = \underbrace{\mathbb{E}[\phi_z(1 - D_i; \hat{\eta}) - \phi_z(1 - D_i; \eta) \mid X_i = x, \mathcal{O}_1]}_{(a)} + \underbrace{\mathbb{E}[\phi_z(D_i Y_i; \hat{\eta}) - \phi_z(D_i Y_i; \eta) \mid X_i = x, \mathcal{O}_1]}_{(b)}.$$

Given Assumption B.1,  $\|\widehat{\mu}(\cdot; \Delta(z)) - \widehat{\mu}_{oracle}(\cdot; \Delta(z)) - \tilde{b}(\cdot)\| = o_{\mathbb{P}}(R_{oracle}(z))$  by Lemma B.1. Furthermore,  $\hat{b}(x)^2 \leq 2(a)^2 + 2(b)^2$ , where

$$(a)^2 = \left\{ \frac{\lambda_z(x)}{\hat{\lambda}_z(x)} (\pi_0(x, z) - \hat{\pi}_0(x, z)) + (\hat{\pi}_0(x, z) - \pi_0(x, z)) \right\}^2 \leq \frac{1}{\epsilon^2} \left\{ (\lambda_z(x) - \hat{\lambda}_z(x)) (\pi_0(x, z) - \hat{\pi}_0(x, z)) \right\}^2$$

and

$$(b) = \frac{\lambda_z(x)}{\hat{\lambda}_z(x)} (\mu_z^{DY}(x) - \hat{\mu}_z^{DY}(x)) + (\hat{\mu}_z^{DY}(x) - \mu_z^{DY}(x)) \leq \frac{1}{\epsilon^2} \left\{ (\lambda_z(x) - \hat{\lambda}_z(x)) (\mu_z^{DY}(x) - \hat{\mu}_z^{DY}(x)) \right\}^2$$

by iterated expectations and bounded instrument propensity. Putting this together then yields

$$\|\widehat{\mu}(\cdot; \Delta(z)) - \bar{\mu}^*(\cdot; \Delta(z))\| \leq \|\widehat{\mu}_{oracle}(\cdot; \Delta(z)) - \bar{\mu}^*(\cdot; \Delta(z))\| + \|\tilde{R}_1(\cdot)\| + \|\tilde{R}_2(\cdot)\| + o_{\mathbb{P}}(R_{oracle}(z))$$

as desired.  $\square$

## A.3 Section 4: robust recommendations under the outcome sensitivity model

### A.3.1 Proof of Lemma 4.1

*Proof.* At each value  $x \in \mathcal{X}$ , notice that if  $d(x) = 1$ , then

$$(-u_{1,1,i}\mu^*(x) + u_{1,0,i}(1 - \mu^*(x)))d(x) + (-u_{0,0,i}(1 - \mu^*(x)) + u_{0,1,i}\mu^*(x))(1 - d(x)) = u_{1,0,i} - (u_{1,1,i} + u_{1,0,i})\mu^*(x).$$

This is minimized over  $\mu^*(x) \in \mathcal{H}(\mu^*(x); \Delta)$  at  $\mu^*(x) = \bar{\mu}^*(x; \Delta)$ . If  $d(x) = 0$ , then

$$(-u_{1,1,i}\mu^*(x) + u_{1,0,i}(1 - \mu^*(x)))d(x) + (-u_{0,0,i}(1 - \mu^*(x)) + u_{0,1,i}\mu^*(x))(1 - d(x)) = -u_{0,0,i} + (u_{0,0,i} + u_{0,1,i})\mu^*(x).$$

This is minimized over  $\mu^*(x) \in \mathcal{H}(\mu^*(x); \Delta)$  at  $\mu^*(x) = \underline{\mu}^*(x; \Delta)$ . The result for the lower bound immediately follows. The result for the upper bound follows by an analogous argument.  $\square$

### A.3.2 Proof of Lemma 4.2

*Proof.* This follows directly from Lemma 4.1 and the characterization of  $\underline{U}(d; \Delta)$  for any  $d(\cdot): \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$ . Recall that

$$\underline{U}(d; \Delta) := \mathbb{E}[(u_{1,0,i} - (u_{1,1,i} + u_{1,0,i})\bar{\mu}^*(x))d(X_i) + (-u_{0,0,i} + (u_{0,0,i} + u_{0,1,i})\underline{\mu}^*(x))(1 - d(X_i))].$$

Therefore, at any  $x \in \mathcal{X}$ , it is optimal to set  $d^*(x) = 1$  if

$$u_{1,0,i} - (u_{1,1,i} + u_{1,0,i})\bar{\mu}^*(x; \Delta) \geq -u_{0,0,i} + (u_{0,0,i} + u_{0,1,i})\underline{\mu}^*(x; \Delta),$$

or equivalently

$$u_{1,0,i} + u_{0,0,i} \geq (u_{1,1,i} + u_{1,0,i})\bar{\mu}^*(x; \Delta) + (u_{0,0,i} + u_{0,1,i})\underline{\mu}^*(x; \Delta).$$

Analogously, it is optimal to set  $d^*(x) = 0$  if

$$u_{1,0,i} + u_{0,0,i} < (u_{1,1,i} + u_{1,0,i})\bar{\mu}^*(x; \Delta) + (u_{0,0,i} + u_{0,1,i})\underline{\mu}^*(x; \Delta).$$

□

### A.3.3 Proof of Theorem 2

*Proof.* Recall from Lemma 4.1 that, for any decision rule  $d(\cdot): \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{U}(d; \Delta) &:= \mathbb{E}[(u_{1,0,i} - (u_{1,1,i} + u_{1,0,i})\bar{\mu}^*(x)) d(X_i) + (-u_{0,0,i} + (u_{0,0,i} + u_{0,1,i})\underline{\mu}^*(x)) (1 - d(X_i))] = \\ &\mathbb{E}[-u_{0,0,i} + (u_{0,0,i} + u_{0,1,i})\underline{\mu}^*(X_i; \Delta)] + \mathbb{E}[(u_{1,0,i} + u_{0,0,i}) - \tilde{\mu}^*(x; \Delta)] d(X_i). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we can rewrite regret as

$$R(\hat{d}; \Delta) = \underline{U}(d^*; \Delta) - \underline{U}(\hat{d}; \Delta) =$$

$$\mathbb{E}[(c(X_i) - \tilde{\mu}^*(X_i; \Delta)) (d^*(X_i) - \hat{d}(X_i))],$$

where we defined the shorthand notation  $c(X_i) = u_{1,0}(X_i) + u_{0,0}(X_i)$ . It then follows that

$$\begin{aligned} R(\hat{d}; \Delta) &= \int_{x \in \mathcal{X}} (c(x) - \tilde{\mu}^*(x; \Delta)) (d^*(x; \Delta) - \hat{d}(x; \Delta)) dP(x) \leq \\ &\int_{x \in \mathcal{X}} |\tilde{\mu}^*(x; \Delta) - c(x)| 1\{d^*(x; \Delta) \neq \hat{d}(x; \Delta)\} dP(x). \end{aligned}$$

Furthermore, at any fixed  $X_i = x$ ,  $\hat{d}(X_i) \neq d^*(X_i)$  implies that  $|\tilde{\mu}^*(x) - \hat{\mu}(x)| \geq |\tilde{\mu}^*(x) - c(x)|$ . Combining this with the previous display implies that

$$R(\hat{d}; \Delta) \leq \int_{x \in \mathcal{X}} |\tilde{\mu}^*(x) - \hat{\mu}(x)| dP(x).$$

Substituting in the definition of  $\tilde{\mu}^*(x)$  and  $\hat{\mu}(x)$ , we have

$$|\tilde{\mu}^*(x) - \hat{\mu}(x)| =$$

$$\begin{aligned} |(u_{1,1}(x) + u_{1,0}(x))\bar{\mu}^*(x; \Delta) + (u_{0,0}(x) + u_{0,1}(x))\underline{\mu}^*(x; \Delta) - (u_{1,1}(x) + u_{1,0}(x))\hat{\mu}(x; \Delta) - (u_{0,0}(x) + u_{0,1}(x))\hat{\mu}(x; \Delta)| \leq \\ |\bar{\mu}^*(x; \Delta) - \hat{\mu}(x; \Delta)| + |\underline{\mu}^*(x; \Delta) - \hat{\mu}(x; \Delta)|, \end{aligned}$$

which follows by the triangle inequality and using  $u_{0,0}(x), u_{0,1}(x), u_{1,0}(x), u_{1,1}(x)$  are non-negative and sum to one. Substituting back into the bound on  $R(\hat{d}; \Delta)$  then delivers

$$R(\hat{d}; \Delta) \leq \int_{x \in \mathcal{X}} |\bar{\mu}^*(x; \Delta) - \hat{\mu}(x; \Delta)| dP(x) + \int_{x \in \mathcal{X}} |\underline{\mu}^*(x; \Delta) - \hat{\mu}(x; \Delta)| dP(x) =$$

$$\|\underline{\mu}^*(x; \Delta) - \widehat{\underline{\mu}}(x; \Delta)\|_1 + \|\underline{\mu}^*(x; \Delta) - \widehat{\underline{\mu}}(x; \Delta)\|_1.$$

Therefore, using the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality  $\|\underline{\mu}^*(x; \Delta) - \widehat{\underline{\mu}}(x; \Delta)\|_1^2 \leq \|\underline{\mu}^*(x; \Delta) - \widehat{\underline{\mu}}(x; \Delta)\|_2^2$  and  $\|\underline{\mu}^*(x; \Delta) - \widehat{\underline{\mu}}(x; \Delta)\|_1^2 \leq \|\underline{\mu}^*(x; \Delta) - \widehat{\underline{\mu}}(x; \Delta)\|_2^2$  and the inequality  $(a + b)^2 \leq 2(a^2 + b^2)$ ,

$$R(\hat{d}; \Delta)^2 \leq 2\|\underline{\mu}^*(x; \Delta) - \widehat{\underline{\mu}}(x; \Delta)\|_2^2 + 2\|\underline{\mu}^*(x; \Delta) - \widehat{\underline{\mu}}(x; \Delta)\|_2^2.$$

The result then follows by applying Theorem 1.  $\square$

## A.4 Section 5: robust audits under the outcome sensitivity model

### A.4.1 Proof of Theorem 3

*Proof.* To prove the first claim, consider our proposed estimator of the upper bound on overall predictive performance  $\widehat{\text{perf}}(s; \beta, \Delta)$ . To ease notation, let

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{\text{perf}}_i &= \beta_{0,i} + \beta_{1,i}(1 - D_i) (1\{\beta_{1,i} > 0\}\bar{\delta}_i + 1\{\beta_{1,i} \leq 0\}\delta_i) + \beta_{1,i}\phi_1(Y_i; \eta) \\ \widehat{\text{perf}}_i &= \beta_{0,i} + \beta_{1,i}(1 - D_i) (1\{\beta_{1,i} > 0\}\bar{\delta}_i + 1\{\beta_{1,i} \leq 0\}\delta_i) + \beta_{1,i}\phi_1(Y_i; \hat{\eta}_{-K_i}). \end{aligned}$$

Note that we can write  $\widehat{\text{perf}}(s; \beta, \Delta) = \mathbb{E}[\widehat{\text{perf}}_i]$ , where we used that  $\mathbb{E}[\mu_1(X_i)] = \mathbb{E}[\phi_1(Y_i; \eta)]$  by iterated expectations. Therefore,  $|\widehat{\text{perf}}(s; \beta, \Delta) - \overline{\text{perf}}(s; \beta, \Delta)|$  equals

$$\left| \mathbb{E}_n[\widehat{\text{perf}}_i] - \mathbb{E}[\overline{\text{perf}}_i] \right| \leq \underbrace{\left| (\mathbb{E}_n[\widehat{\text{perf}}_i] - \mathbb{E}[\overline{\text{perf}}_i]) \right|}_{(a)} + \underbrace{\left| \mathbb{E}_n \left[ \left( \widehat{\text{perf}}_i - \overline{\text{perf}}_i \right) \right] \right|}_{(b)}.$$

By Chebyshev's inequality, (a) is  $O_{\mathbb{P}}(1/\sqrt{n})$ . Next, recall that we can rewrite (b) as

$$\left| \mathbb{E}_n \left[ \left( \widehat{\text{perf}}_i - \overline{\text{perf}}_i \right) \right] \right| = \left| \sum_{k=1}^K \mathbb{E}_n[1\{K_i = k\}] \mathbb{E}_n^k[\widehat{\text{perf}}_{i,-k} - \overline{\text{perf}}_i] \right| \leq \sum_{k=1}^K |\mathbb{E}_n^k[\widehat{\text{perf}}_{i,-k} - \overline{\text{perf}}_i]|.$$

We will show that each term in the sum is  $O_{\mathbb{P}}(R_{1,n}^k + R_{1,n}^k/\sqrt{n})$ . For any  $k$ , observe that

$$\left| \mathbb{E}_n^k[\widehat{\text{perf}}_{i,-k} - \overline{\text{perf}}_i] \right| \leq |\mathbb{E}_n^k[\widehat{\text{perf}}_{i,-k} - \overline{\text{perf}}_i] - \mathbb{E}[\widehat{\text{perf}}_{i,-k} - \overline{\text{perf}}_i \mid \mathcal{O}_{-k}]| + |\mathbb{E}[\widehat{\text{perf}}_{i,-k} - \overline{\text{perf}}_i \mid \mathcal{O}_{-k}]|,$$

where  $\widehat{\text{perf}}_{i,-k} - \overline{\text{perf}}_i = \beta_{i,1}(\phi_1(Y_i; \hat{\eta}_{-k}) - \phi_1(Y_i; \eta))$ . The first term on the right hand side of the previous display is therefore  $O_{\mathbb{P}}(R_{1,n}^k/\sqrt{n})$  by Lemma B.4 and Lemma B.5. The second term on the right hand side of the previous display is  $O_{\mathbb{P}}(R_{1,n}^k)$  by Lemma B.2. Putting this together, we have shown the first claim

$$\left| \widehat{\text{perf}}(s; \beta, \Delta) - \overline{\text{perf}}(s; \beta, \Delta) \right| = O_{\mathbb{P}}(1/\sqrt{n}) + \sum_{k=1}^K R_{1,n}^k + \sum_{k=1}^K R_{1,n}^k/\sqrt{n}.$$

The result for  $\widehat{\text{perf}}(s; \beta, \Delta)$  follows the same argument. The second claim follows by noticing that the proof of the first claim showed that

$$\sqrt{n} \left( \left( \widehat{\text{perf}}(s; \beta, \Delta) \right) - \left( \overline{\text{perf}}(s; \beta, \Delta) \right) \right) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \frac{\widehat{\text{perf}}_i - \mathbb{E}[\widehat{\text{perf}}_i]}{\widehat{\text{perf}}_i - \mathbb{E}[\widehat{\text{perf}}_i]} \right) + o_{\mathbb{P}}(1)$$

if  $R_{1,n} = o_{\mathbb{P}}(1/\sqrt{n})$ . By the central limit theorem,

$$\sqrt{n} \left( \left( \widehat{\text{perf}}(s; \beta, \Delta) \right) - \left( \overline{\text{perf}}(s; \beta, \Delta) \right) \right) \xrightarrow{d} N \left( 0, \text{Cov} \left( \begin{pmatrix} \widehat{\text{perf}}_i \\ \overline{\text{perf}}_i \end{pmatrix} \right) \right),$$

from which the result follows.  $\square$

#### A.4.2 Proof of Proposition 5.1

*Proof.* To prove the first claim, consider our proposed estimator of the upper bound  $\widehat{\text{perf}}(s; \beta, \Delta(\Gamma))$ . Now let

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{\text{perf}}_i^\Gamma &= \beta_{0,i} + \beta_{1,i} \phi_1(Y_i; \eta) + \beta_{1,i} (1\{\beta_{1,i} > 0\}(\bar{\Gamma} - 1) + 1\{\beta_{1,i} \leq 0\}(\underline{\Gamma} - 1)) \phi(\pi_0(X_i) \mu_1(X_i); \eta) \\ \widehat{\text{perf}}_i^\Gamma &= \beta_{0,i} + \beta_{1,i} \phi_1(Y_i; \hat{\eta}_{-K_i}) + \beta_{1,i} (1\{\beta_{1,i} > 0\}(\bar{\Gamma} - 1) + 1\{\beta_{1,i} \leq 0\}(\underline{\Gamma} - 1)) \phi(\pi_0(X_i) \mu_1(X_i); \hat{\eta}_{-K_i}). \end{aligned}$$

Observe  $|\widehat{\text{perf}}(s; \beta, \Delta(\Gamma)) - \overline{\text{perf}}(s; \beta, \Gamma)|$  equals

$$|\mathbb{E}_n[\widehat{\text{perf}}_i^\Gamma] - \mathbb{E}[\overline{\text{perf}}_i^\Gamma]| \leq \underbrace{|\mathbb{E}_n[\widehat{\text{perf}}_i^\Gamma] - \mathbb{E}[\widehat{\text{perf}}_i^\Gamma]|}_{(a)} + \underbrace{|\mathbb{E}_n \left[ \left( \widehat{\text{perf}}_i^\Gamma - \overline{\text{perf}}_i^\Gamma \right) \right]|}_{(b)}.$$

As in the proof of Theorem 3, (a) is  $O_{\mathbb{P}}(1/\sqrt{n})$ . Next, we can further rewrite (b) as

$$|\mathbb{E}_n \left[ \left( \widehat{\text{perf}}_i^\Gamma - \overline{\text{perf}}_i^\Gamma \right) \right]| = \left| \sum_{k=1}^K \mathbb{E}_n[1\{K_i = k\}] \mathbb{E}_n^\Gamma[\widehat{\text{perf}}_{i,-k}^\Gamma - \overline{\text{perf}}_i^\Gamma] \right| \leq \sum_{k=1}^K |\mathbb{E}_n^\Gamma[\widehat{\text{perf}}_{i,-k}^\Gamma - \overline{\text{perf}}_i^\Gamma]|.$$

We will again show that each term in the sum is  $O_{\mathbb{P}}(R_{1,n}^k + R_{1,n}^k/\sqrt{n})$ . Observe that

$$\begin{aligned} &|\mathbb{E}_n^\Gamma[\widehat{\text{perf}}_{i,-k}^\Gamma - \overline{\text{perf}}_i^\Gamma]| \leq \\ &|\mathbb{E}_n^\Gamma[\widehat{\text{perf}}_{i,-k}^\Gamma - \overline{\text{perf}}_i^\Gamma] - \mathbb{E}[\widehat{\text{perf}}_{i,-k}^\Gamma - \overline{\text{perf}}_i^\Gamma \mid \mathcal{O}_{-k}]| + |\mathbb{E}[\widehat{\text{perf}}_{i,-k}^\Gamma - \overline{\text{perf}}_i^\Gamma \mid \mathcal{O}_k]|, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\widehat{\text{perf}}_{i,-k}^\Gamma - \overline{\text{perf}}_i^\Gamma = \beta_{1,i}(\phi_1(Y_i; \hat{\eta}_{-k}) - \phi_1(Y_i; \eta)) + \tilde{\beta}_{1,i}(\phi(\pi_0(X_i) \mu_1(X_i); \hat{\eta}_{-k}) - \phi(\pi_0(X_i) \mu_1(X_i); \eta))$$

for  $\tilde{\beta}_i = \beta_{1,i} (1\{\beta_{1,i} > 0\}(\bar{\Gamma} - 1) + 1\{\beta_{1,i} \leq 0\}(\underline{\Gamma} - 1))$ . So  $|\mathbb{E}_n^\Gamma[\widehat{\text{perf}}_{i,-k}^\Gamma - \overline{\text{perf}}_i^\Gamma] - \mathbb{E}[\widehat{\text{perf}}_{i,-k}^\Gamma - \overline{\text{perf}}_i^\Gamma \mid \mathcal{O}_{-k}]|$  is bounded by

$$\underbrace{|\mathbb{E}_n^\Gamma[\beta_{1,i}(\phi_1(Y_i; \hat{\eta}_{-k}) - \phi_1(Y_i; \eta))] - \mathbb{E}[\beta_{1,i}(\phi_1(Y_i; \hat{\eta}_{-k}) - \phi_1(Y_i; \eta)) \mid \mathcal{O}_{-k}]|}_{(c)} +$$

$$\underbrace{|\mathbb{E}_n^\Gamma[\tilde{\beta}_{1,i}(\phi(\pi_0(X_i) \mu_1(X_i); \hat{\eta}_{-k}) - \phi(\pi_0(X_i) \mu_1(X_i); \eta))] - \mathbb{E}[\tilde{\beta}_{1,i}(\phi(\pi_0(X_i) \mu_1(X_i); \hat{\eta}_{-k}) - \phi(\pi_0(X_i) \mu_1(X_i); \eta)) \mid \mathcal{O}_{-k}]|}_{(d)},$$



where (c) is  $O_{\mathbb{P}}(R_{1,n}^k/\sqrt{n})$  by Lemma B.4 and Lemma B.5, and (d) is also  $O_{\mathbb{P}}(R_{1,n}^k/\sqrt{n})$  by Lemma B.4 and Lemma B.6. The second term  $\mathbb{E}[\widehat{\text{perf}}_{i,-k}^{\Gamma} - \overline{\text{perf}}_i^{\Gamma} \mid \mathcal{O}_k]$  is bounded by

$$\underbrace{|\mathbb{E}[\beta_{1,i}(\phi_1(Y_i; \hat{\eta}_{-k}) - \phi_1(Y_i; \eta)) \mid \mathcal{O}_{-k}]|}_{(e)} + \underbrace{|\mathbb{E}[\tilde{\beta}_{1,i}(\phi(\pi_0(X_i)\mu_1(X_i); \hat{\eta}_{-k}) - \phi(\pi_0(X_i)\mu_1(X_i); \eta)) \mid \mathcal{O}_{-k}]|}_{(f)},$$

where (e) is  $O_{\mathbb{P}}(R_{1,n}^k)$  by Lemma B.2 and (f) is  $O_{\mathbb{P}}(R_{1,n}^k)$  by Lemma B.7. The first result then follows as in the proof of Theorem 3. The second result also follows as in the proof of Theorem 3, where the asymptotic variance matrix  $\Sigma(\Gamma)$  is now defined as  $Cov((\overline{\text{perf}}_i^{\Gamma}, \underline{\text{perf}}_i^{\Gamma})')$ .  $\square$

#### A.4.3 Proof of Proposition 5.2

*Proof.* To prove the first claim, begin by our considering our proposed estimator  $\widehat{\text{perf}}(s; \beta, \Delta(z))$ . To ease notation, let  $\phi(\bar{\delta}_z(X_i); \eta) = \bar{\phi}(X_i; \eta)$  and  $\phi(\underline{\delta}_z(X_i); \eta) = \underline{\phi}(X_i; \eta)$ . Further define

$$\overline{\text{perf}}_i^z = \beta_{0,i} + \beta_{1,i}\phi_1(Y_i; \eta) + \beta_{1,i}1\{\beta_{1,i} > 0\}\bar{\phi}(X_i; \eta) + \beta_{1,i}1\{\beta_{1,i} \leq 0\}\underline{\phi}(X_i; \eta),$$

$$\widehat{\text{perf}}_i^z = \beta_{0,i} + \beta_{1,i}\phi_1(Y_i; \hat{\eta}_{-k}) + \beta_{1,i}1\{\beta_{1,i} > 0\}\bar{\phi}(X_i; \hat{\eta}_{-K_i}) + \beta_{1,i}1\{\beta_{1,i} \leq 0\}\underline{\phi}(X_i; \hat{\eta}_{-K_i}).$$

Observe that  $|\widehat{\text{perf}}(s; \beta, \Delta(z)) - \overline{\text{perf}}(s; \beta, \Delta(z))|$  equals

$$|\mathbb{E}_n[\widehat{\text{perf}}_i^z] - \mathbb{E}[\overline{\text{perf}}_i^z]| \leq \underbrace{|\mathbb{E}_n[\overline{\text{perf}}_i^z] - \mathbb{E}[\overline{\text{perf}}_i^z]|}_{(a)} + \underbrace{|\mathbb{E}_n[\widehat{\text{perf}}_i^z - \overline{\text{perf}}_i^z]|}_{(b)}.$$

The proof then follows the same steps as the proof of Proposition 5.1, except invoking Lemma B.8 and Lemma B.9. The second claim then follows by noticing that the proof of the first claim established that

$$\sqrt{n} \left( \left( \widehat{\text{perf}}(s; \beta, \Delta(z)) \right) - \left( \overline{\text{perf}}(s; \beta, \Delta(z)) \right) \right) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \frac{\overline{\text{perf}}_i^z - \mathbb{E}[\overline{\text{perf}}_i^z]}{\overline{\text{perf}}_i^z - \mathbb{E}[\overline{\text{perf}}_i^z]} \right) + o_{\mathbb{P}}(1)$$

if  $R_{1,n} = o_{\mathbb{P}}(1/\sqrt{n})$ ,  $R_{2,n} = o_{\mathbb{P}}(1/\sqrt{n})$ , and  $R_{3,n} = o_{\mathbb{P}}(1/\sqrt{n})$  and applying the central limit theorem. The asymptotic variance matrix is defined as  $\Sigma(z) = Cov((\overline{\text{perf}}_i^z, \underline{\text{perf}}_i^z)')$ .  $\square$

#### A.4.4 Proof of Lemma 5.1

*Proof.* We first use the change-of-variables  $\delta(X_i) = \underline{\delta}(X_i) + (\bar{\delta}(X_i) - \underline{\delta}(X_i))U_i$  for  $U_i \in [0, 1]$  to rewrite  $\widehat{\text{perf}}_+^k(s; \beta, \Delta)$  as

$$\begin{aligned} \widehat{\text{perf}}_+^k(s; \beta, \Delta_n) &:= \max_U \frac{\mathbb{E}_n^k[\beta_{0,i}\phi_1(Y_i; \hat{\eta}) + \beta_{0,i}(1 - D_i)\underline{\delta}_i + \beta_{0,i}(1 - D_i)(\bar{\delta}_i - \underline{\delta}_i)U_i]}{\mathbb{E}_n^k[\phi_1(Y_i; \hat{\eta}) + (1 - D_i)\underline{\delta}_i + (1 - D_i)(\bar{\delta}_i - \underline{\delta}_i)U_i]} \\ &\text{s.t. } 0 \leq U_i \leq 1 \text{ for } i = 1, \dots, n_k, \end{aligned}$$

where  $U = (U_1, \dots, U_n)'$ .

Define  $\hat{c}^k = \mathbb{E}_n^k[\beta_{0,i}\phi_1(Y_i; \hat{\eta}) + \beta_{0,i}(1 - D_i)\underline{\delta}_i]$ ,  $\hat{d} = \mathbb{E}_n^k[\phi_1(Y_i; \hat{\eta}) + (1 - D_i)\underline{\delta}_i]$ ,  $\hat{\alpha}_i := \beta_{0,i}(1 - D_i)(\bar{\delta}_i - \underline{\delta}_i)$ ,  $\hat{\gamma}_i := (1 - D_i)(\bar{\delta}_i - \underline{\delta}_i)$ . We can further rewrite the estimator as

$$\widehat{\text{perf}}_+^k(s; \beta, \Delta_n) = \max_U \frac{\hat{\alpha}'U + \hat{c}^k}{\hat{\gamma}'U + \hat{d}^k} \text{ s.t. } 0 \leq U_i \leq 1 \text{ for } i = 1, \dots, n_k,$$

where  $\hat{\alpha} = (\hat{\alpha}_1, \dots, \hat{\alpha}_n)'$ ,  $\hat{\gamma} = (\hat{\gamma}_1, \dots, \hat{\gamma}_n)'$ . Applying the Charnes-Cooper transformation with  $\tilde{U} = \frac{U}{\hat{\gamma}'U + \hat{d}^k}$ ,  $\tilde{V} = \frac{1}{\hat{\gamma}'U + \hat{d}^k}$ , this linear-fractional program is equivalent to the linear program

$$\begin{aligned} \widehat{\text{perf}}_+^k(s; \beta, \Delta_n) &= \max_{\tilde{U}, \tilde{V}} \hat{\alpha}'\tilde{U} + \hat{c}^k\tilde{V} \\ \text{s.t. } & 0 \leq \tilde{U}_i \leq \tilde{V} \text{ for } i = 1, \dots, n_k, \\ & 0 \leq \tilde{V}, \hat{\gamma}'\tilde{U} + \tilde{V}\hat{d}^k = 1. \end{aligned}$$

□

#### A.4.5 Proof of Lemma 5.2

*Proof.* We first show this result for the fold-specific estimator  $\widehat{\text{perf}}_+^k(s; \beta, \Delta)$  by using the proof strategy of Proposition 2 in Kallus and Zhou (2021). By Lemma 5.1, recall that

$$\begin{aligned} \widehat{\text{perf}}_+^k(s; \beta, \Delta) &= \max_{\tilde{U}, \tilde{V}} \hat{\alpha}'\tilde{U} + \hat{c}^k\tilde{V} \\ \text{s.t. } & 0 \leq \tilde{U}_i \leq \tilde{V} \text{ for } i = 1, \dots, n_k, \\ & 0 \leq \tilde{V}, \hat{\gamma}'\tilde{U} + \tilde{V}\hat{d}^k = 1. \end{aligned}$$

Next, define the dual program associated with this primal linear program. Let  $P_i$  be the dual variables associated with the constraints  $\tilde{U}_i \leq \tilde{V}$ ,  $Q_i$  be the dual variables associated with the constraints  $\tilde{U}_i \geq 0$ , and  $\lambda$  be the dual variable associated with the constraint  $\hat{\gamma}'\tilde{U} + \tilde{V}\hat{d}^k = 1$ . The dual linear program is

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{\lambda, P, Q} & \lambda \\ \text{s.t. } & P_i - Q_i + \lambda\hat{\gamma}_i = \hat{\alpha}_i, \\ & -\mathbf{1}'P + \lambda\hat{d}^k \geq \hat{c}^k, \\ & P_i \geq 0, Q_i \geq 0 \text{ for } i = 1, \dots, n, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\mathbf{1}$  is the vector of all ones of appropriate dimension. By re-arranging the first constraint and substituting in the expressions for  $\hat{\alpha}_i, \hat{\gamma}_i$ , we observe that

$$P_i - Q_i = (\beta_0 - \lambda)(1 - D_i)(\bar{\delta}_i - \underline{\delta}_i).$$

By complementary slackness, at most only one of  $P_i$  or  $Q_i$  will be non-zero at the optimum, and so combined with the previous display, this implies

$$\begin{aligned} P_i &= \max\{\beta_{0,i} - \lambda, 0\}(1 - D_i)(\bar{\delta}_i - \underline{\delta}_i), \\ Q_i &= \max\{\lambda - \beta_{0,i}, 0\}(1 - D_i)(\bar{\delta}_i - \underline{\delta}_i). \end{aligned}$$

Next, notice that the constraint  $-\mathbf{1}'P + \lambda\hat{d}^k \geq \hat{c}^k$  must be tight at the optimum. Plugging in the previous expression for  $P_i$  and the expressions for  $\hat{c}^k, \hat{d}^k$ , this implies that  $\lambda$  satisfies

$$-\mathbb{E}_n^k[\max\{\beta_{0,i} - \lambda, 0\}(1 - D_i)(\bar{\delta}_i - \underline{\delta}_i)] = \mathbb{E}_n^k[(\beta_{0,i} - \lambda)(\phi_1(Y_i; \hat{\eta}_{-k}) + (1 - D_i)\underline{\delta}_i)].$$

Finally, we consider three separate cases:

1. Suppose that  $\lambda \geq \max_{i: K_i=k} \beta_{0,i}$ . From the previous display,  $\lambda$  must satisfy

$$0 = \mathbb{E}_n^k[(\beta_{0,i} - \lambda)(\phi_1(Y_i; \hat{\eta}_{-k}) + (1 - D_i)\underline{\delta}_i)] \implies \lambda = \frac{\mathbb{E}_n^k[\beta_{0,i}(\phi_1(Y_i; \hat{\eta}_{-k}) + (1 - D_i)\underline{\delta}_i)]}{\mathbb{E}_n^k[\phi_1(Y_i; \hat{\eta}_{-k}) + (1 - D_i)\underline{\delta}_i]}.$$

At this value for  $\lambda$ , the expressions for  $P_i, Q_i$  imply that  $P_i = 0, Q_i > 0$  for all  $i$ . By complementary slackness, this in turn implies that  $\tilde{U}_i = 0$ , or equivalently  $U_i = 0$  for all  $i$ .

2. Suppose that  $\lambda \leq \min_{i: K_i=k} \beta_{0,i}$ . From the previous display,  $\lambda$  must satisfy

$$\begin{aligned} -\mathbb{E}_n^k[(\beta_{0,i} - \lambda)(1 - D_i)(\bar{\delta}_i - \underline{\delta}_i)] &= \mathbb{E}_n^k[(\beta_{0,i} - \lambda)(\phi_1(Y_i; \hat{\eta}_{-k}) + (1 - D_i)\underline{\delta}_i)] \\ \implies \lambda &= \frac{\mathbb{E}_n^k[\beta_{0,i}(\mu_{Y|1}(X_i) + (1 - D_i)\bar{\delta}_i)]}{\mathbb{E}_n^k[\phi_1(Y_i; \hat{\eta}_{-k}) + (1 - D_i)\bar{\delta}_i]}. \end{aligned}$$

At this value for  $\lambda$ , the expressions for  $P_i, Q_i$  imply that  $P_i > 0, Q_i = 0$  for all  $i$ . By complementary slackness, this implies that  $\tilde{U}_i = \tilde{V}$ , or equivalently  $U_i = 1$  for all  $i$ .

3. Suppose that  $\min_{i: K_i=k} \beta_{0,i} < \lambda < \max_{i: K_i=k} \beta_{0,i}$ . Then,  $\beta_{0,(j)} < \lambda \leq \beta_{0,(j+1)}$  for some  $j$  where  $\beta_{0,(1)}, \dots, \beta_{0,(n_k)}$  are the order statistics of the sample outcomes. The expressions for  $P_i, Q_i$  in turn imply that  $Q_i > 0$  only when  $\beta_{0,i} \leq \beta_{0,(k)}$  (in which case  $U_i = 0$ ) and  $P_i > 0$  only when  $\beta_{0,i} \geq \beta_{0,(k+1)}$  (in which case  $U_i = 1$ ).

Therefore, in all three cases, the optimal solution is such that there exists a non-decreasing function  $u(\cdot): \mathbb{R} \rightarrow [0, 1]$  such that  $U_i = u(\beta_{0,i})$  attains the upper bound.

We next prove the result for the population bound  $\overline{\text{perf}}_+(s; \beta, \Delta)$  via a similar argument. Applying the same change-of-variables, we rewrite the population bound as

$$\overline{\text{perf}}_+(s; \beta, \Delta) := \sup_{U(\cdot): \mathcal{X} \rightarrow [0,1]} \frac{\mathbb{E}[\beta_{0,i}\mu_1(X_i) + \beta_{0,i}\pi_0(X_i)\underline{\delta}_i + \beta_{0,i}\pi_0(X_i)(\bar{\delta}_i - \underline{\delta}_i)U(X_i)]}{\mathbb{E}[\mu_1(X_i) + \pi_0(X_i)\underline{\delta}_i + \pi_0(X_i)(\bar{\delta}_i - \underline{\delta}_i)U(X_i)]}.$$

Define  $c := \mathbb{E}[\beta_{0,i}\mu_1(X_i) + \beta_{0,i}\pi_0(X_i)\underline{\delta}_i]$ ,  $d := \mathbb{E}[\mu_1(X_i) + \pi_0(X_i)\underline{\delta}_i]$ , and  $\alpha(x) := \beta_0(x; s)\pi_0(x)(\bar{\delta}(x) - \underline{\delta}(x))$ ,  $\gamma(x) := \pi_0(x)(\bar{\delta}(x) - \underline{\delta}(x))$ . Letting  $\langle f, g \rangle_{P(\cdot)}$  denote the inner product  $\mathbb{E}[f(X_i)g(X_i)]$  for functions  $f, g: \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , we can further rewrite the population bound as

$$\overline{\text{perf}}_+(s; \beta, \Delta) := \sup_{U(\cdot): \mathcal{X} \rightarrow [0,1]} \frac{c + \langle \alpha, U \rangle_{P(\cdot)}}{d + \langle \gamma, U \rangle_{P(\cdot)}}.$$

Define the change-of-variables  $\tilde{U}(\cdot) = \frac{U(\cdot)}{d + \langle \gamma, U \rangle_{P(\cdot)}}$  and  $\tilde{V} = \frac{1}{\langle \gamma, U \rangle_{P(\cdot)}}$ . The previous linear-fractional optimization is equivalent to

$$\begin{aligned} &\sup_{\tilde{U}(\cdot), \tilde{V}} \langle \alpha, \tilde{U} \rangle_{P(\cdot)} + c\tilde{V} \\ &\text{s.t. } 0 \leq \tilde{U}(x) \leq \tilde{V} \text{ for all } x \in \mathcal{X}, \\ &\langle \gamma, \tilde{U} \rangle_{P(\cdot)} + \tilde{V}d = 1. \end{aligned}$$

Define the dual associated with this primal program. Let  $\tilde{P}(x)$  be the dual function associated with the constraint  $\tilde{U}(x) \leq \tilde{V}$ ,  $\tilde{Q}(x)$  be the dual variables associated with the constraints  $\tilde{U}(x) \geq 0$ , and  $\lambda$

be the dual variable associated with the constraint  $\langle \gamma, \tilde{U} \rangle_{P(\cdot)} + \tilde{V}d = 1$ . The dual is

$$\begin{aligned} \inf_{\lambda, \tilde{P}(\cdot), \tilde{Q}(\cdot)} \quad & \lambda \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \tilde{P}(x) - \tilde{Q}(x) + \lambda\gamma(x) = \alpha(x) \text{ for all } x \in \mathcal{X} \\ & -\langle \mathbf{1}, \tilde{P} \rangle_{P(\cdot)} + \lambda d \geq c \\ & \tilde{P}(x) \geq 0, \tilde{Q}(x) \geq 0 \text{ for all } x \in \mathcal{X}. \end{aligned}$$

By complementary slackness, at most only one of  $\tilde{P}(x)$  or  $\tilde{Q}(x)$  can be non-zero at the optimum for all  $x \in \mathcal{X}$ . Therefore, by re-arranging the first constraint and substituting in for  $\alpha(x), \gamma(x)$ , we observe

$$\tilde{P}(x) - \tilde{Q}(x) = (\beta_0(x) - \lambda)\pi_0(x)(\bar{\delta}(x) - \underline{\delta}(x)),$$

which in turn implies that

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{P}(x) &= \max\{\beta_0(x) - \lambda, 0\}\pi_0(x)(\bar{\delta}(x) - \underline{\delta}(x)), \\ \tilde{Q}(x) &= \max\{\lambda - \beta_0(x), 0\}\pi_0(x)(\bar{\delta}(x) - \underline{\delta}(x)). \end{aligned}$$

Furthermore, the constraint  $\langle \mathbf{1}, \tilde{P} \rangle_{P(\cdot)} + \lambda d \geq c$  must be tight at the optimum. Plugging in the previous expression for  $\tilde{P}(\cdot)$ , this implies that  $\lambda$  satisfies

$$-\mathbb{E}[\max\{\beta_0(X_i) - \lambda, 0\}\pi_0(X_i)(\bar{\delta}(X_i) - \underline{\delta}(X_i))] = \mathbb{E}[(\beta_0(X_i) - \lambda)(\mu_1(X_i) + \pi_0(X_i)\underline{\delta}(X_i))].$$

As in the proof for the estimator, we can consider three cases: (i)  $\lambda \geq \bar{\beta}_0$ , (ii)  $\lambda \leq \underline{\beta}_0$  and (iii)  $\underline{\beta}_0 < \lambda < \bar{\beta}_0$  for  $\underline{\beta}_0 := \inf_{x \in \mathcal{X}} \beta_0(x)$ ,  $\bar{\beta}_0 = \sup_{x \in \mathcal{X}} \beta_0(x)$ . In each case, the optimal solution is such that there exists a non-decreasing function  $u(\cdot): \mathbb{R} \rightarrow [0, 1]$  such that  $U(x) = u(\beta_0(x))$  attains the upper bound.  $\square$

#### A.4.6 Proof of Theorem 4

*Proof.* To ease notation, let  $\widehat{\text{perf}}_+^k := \mathbb{E}_n^k[\beta_{0,i}\phi_1(Y_i; \hat{\eta}_{-k}) + \beta_{0,i}(1 - D_i)\tilde{\delta}_i] / \mathbb{E}_n^k[\phi_1(Y_i; \hat{\eta}_{-k}) + (1 - D_i)\tilde{\delta}_i]$ . To prove this result, first observe that

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| \widehat{\text{perf}}_+^k(s; \beta, \Delta_n) - \overline{\text{perf}}_+(s; \beta, \Delta) \right\| &= \left\| \sup_{\tilde{\delta} \in \Delta_n^M} \widehat{\text{perf}}_+^k(s; \beta, \tilde{\delta}) - \sup_{\tilde{\delta} \in \Delta^M} \text{perf}_+(s; \beta, \tilde{\delta}) \right\| \\ &= \left\| \sup_{\tilde{\delta} \in \Delta^M} \widehat{\text{perf}}_+^k(s; \beta, \tilde{\delta}) - \sup_{\tilde{\delta} \in \Delta^M} \text{perf}_+(s; \beta, \tilde{\delta}) \right\| \\ &\leq \sup_{\tilde{\delta} \in \Delta^M} \left\| \widehat{\text{perf}}_+^k(s; \beta, \tilde{\delta}) - \text{perf}_+(s; \beta, \tilde{\delta}) \right\|, \end{aligned}$$

where the first equality uses Lemma 5.2. Furthermore, for any  $\tilde{\delta} \in \Delta^M$ , we have that

$$\begin{aligned} \widehat{\text{perf}}_+^k(s; \beta, \tilde{\delta}) - \text{perf}_+(s; \beta, \tilde{\delta}) &= \\ \frac{\mathbb{E}_n^k[\beta_{0,i}\phi_{Y|1}(Y_i; \hat{\eta}_{-k}) + \beta_{0,i}(1 - D_i)\tilde{\delta}_i]}{\mathbb{E}_n^k[\phi_{Y|1}(Y_i; \hat{\eta}_{-k}) + (1 - D_i)\tilde{\delta}_i]} - \frac{\mathbb{E}[\beta_{0,i}\phi_{Y|1}(Y_i; \hat{\eta}_{-k}) + \beta_{0,i}(1 - D_i)\tilde{\delta}_i]}{\mathbb{E}[\phi_{Y|1}(Y_i; \hat{\eta}_{-k}) + (1 - D_i)\tilde{\delta}_i]} = \\ \frac{\mathbb{E}_n^k[(1)]}{\mathbb{E}_n^k[(2)]} - \frac{\mathbb{E}[(3)]}{\mathbb{E}[(4)]} = \mathbb{E}_n^k[(2)]^{-1} \left\{ \mathbb{E}_n^k[(1)] - \mathbb{E}[(3)] - \frac{\mathbb{E}[(3)]}{\mathbb{E}[(4)]}(\mathbb{E}_n^k[(2)] - \mathbb{E}[(4)]) \right\}, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbb{E}_n^k[(1)] - \mathbb{E}[(3)] &= \mathbb{E}_n^k[\beta_{0,i}\phi_1(Y_i; \hat{\eta}_{-k}) + \beta_{0,i}(1 - D_i)\tilde{\delta}_i] - \mathbb{E}[\beta_{0,i}\phi_1(Y_i; \eta) + \beta_{0,i}(1 - D_i)\tilde{\delta}_i] \\
&= \left( \mathbb{E}_n^k[\beta_{0,i}\phi_1(Y_i; \hat{\eta}_{-k})] - \mathbb{E}[\beta_{0,i}\phi_1(Y_i; \eta)] \right) + (\mathbb{E}_n^k - \mathbb{E})[\beta_{0,i}(1 - D_i)\tilde{\delta}_i] \\
\mathbb{E}_n^k[(2)] - \mathbb{E}[(4)] &= \mathbb{E}_n^k[\phi_1(Y_i; \hat{\eta}_{-k}) + (1 - D_i)\tilde{\delta}_i] - \mathbb{E}[\phi_1(Y_i; \eta) + (1 - D_i)\tilde{\delta}_i] \\
&= \left( \mathbb{E}_n^k[\phi_1(Y_i; \hat{\eta}_{-k})] - \mathbb{E}[\phi_1(Y_i; \eta)] \right) + (\mathbb{E}_n^k - \mathbb{E})[(1 - D_i)\tilde{\delta}_i].
\end{aligned}$$

Furthermore, observe that

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbb{E}_n^k[(2)] &= \mathbb{E}_n^k[\phi_1(Y_i; \hat{\eta}_{-k}) + (1 - D_i)\tilde{\delta}_i] \geq \mathbb{E}_n^k[\phi_1(Y_i; \hat{\eta}_{-k}) + (1 - D_i)\bar{\delta}_i] \\
\mathbb{E}[(3)] &= \mathbb{E}[\beta_{0,i}\phi_1(Y_i; \eta) + \beta_{0,i}(1 - D_i)\tilde{\delta}_i] \leq \mathbb{E}[\beta_{0,i}\phi_1(Y_i; \eta) + \beta_{0,i}(1 - D_i)\bar{\delta}_i] \\
\mathbb{E}[(4)] &= \mathbb{E}[\mu_1(X_i) + (1 - D_i)\tilde{\delta}_i] \geq \mathbb{E}[\mu_1(X_i) + (1 - D_i)\bar{\delta}_i].
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, there exists  $C_1 > 0$  such that  $\mathbb{E}_n[(2)] > C_1$  for all  $n$  under the assumption of bounded nuisance parameter estimates. There also exists constants  $C_2 < \infty$ ,  $C_3 > 0$  such that  $\mathbb{E}[(3)] < C_2$  and  $\mathbb{E}[(4)] > C_3$ . Putting this together, we therefore have

$$\begin{aligned}
&\left\| \widehat{\text{perf}}^k(s; \beta, \Delta_n) - \overline{\text{perf}}_+(s; \beta, \Delta) \right\| \leq \\
&C_1 \left\| \underbrace{\mathbb{E}_n^k[\beta_{0,i}\phi_1(Y_i; \hat{\eta}_{-k})] - \mathbb{E}[\beta_{0,i}\phi_1(Y_i; \eta)]}_{(a)} \right\| + C_1 \underbrace{\sup_{\tilde{\delta} \in \Delta^M} \left\| (\mathbb{E}_n^k - \mathbb{E})[\beta_{0,i}(1 - D_i)\tilde{\delta}_i] \right\|}_{(b)} \\
&C_1 \frac{C_2}{C_3} \left\| \underbrace{\mathbb{E}_n^k[\phi_1(Y_i; \hat{\eta}_{-k})] - \mathbb{E}[\phi_1(Y_i; \eta)]}_{(c)} \right\| + C_1 \frac{C_2}{C_3} \underbrace{\sup_{\tilde{\delta} \in \Delta^M} \left\| (\mathbb{E}_n^k - \mathbb{E})[(1 - D_i)\tilde{\delta}_i] \right\|}_{(d)}.
\end{aligned}$$

We analyze each term separately. From the proof of Theorem 3, we showed that (a), (c) are  $O_{\mathbb{P}}(1/\sqrt{n} + R_{1,n})$ . Consider (b), which we may write out as

$$\sup_{\tilde{\delta} \in \Delta^M} \left| n_k^{-1} \sum_{i: K_i=k} (1 - D_i)\beta_{0,i}\tilde{\delta}(\beta_{0,i}) - \mathbb{E}[(1 - D_i)\beta_{0,i}\tilde{\delta}(\beta_{0,i})] \right|.$$

Define  $f(a, b) = ab$ , and  $\mathcal{F} = \{f_{\tilde{\delta}}\}_{\tilde{\delta} \in \Delta^M}$  to be the class of functions  $f_{\tilde{\delta}}: (d, \beta) \rightarrow (1 - d)\beta\tilde{\delta}(\beta)$ . Observe that  $f$  is a contraction in its second argument over  $\{0, 1\} \times [0, 1]$ . Observe that we can then rewrite (b) as

$$\sup_{f_{\tilde{\delta}} \in \mathcal{F}} \left| n_k^{-1} \sum_{i: K_i=k} f_{\tilde{\delta}}(D_i, \beta_{0,i}) - \mathbb{E}[f_{\tilde{\delta}}(D_i, \beta_{0,i})] \right|.$$

Then, applying a standard concentration inequality (e.g., Theorem 4.10 in [Wainwright \(2019\)](#)), we observe that, with probability at least  $1 - \delta$ ,

$$\sup_{f_{\tilde{\delta}} \in \mathcal{F}} \left| n_k^{-1} \sum_{i: K_i=k} f_{\tilde{\delta}}(D_i, \beta_{0,i}) - \mathbb{E}[f_{\tilde{\delta}}(D_i, \beta_{0,i})] \right| \leq R_n(\mathcal{F}) + \sqrt{\frac{2 \log(1/\delta)}{n_k}},$$

where  $R_n(\mathcal{F})$  is the Rademacher complexity of  $\mathcal{F}$ . Now we relate  $R_n(\mathcal{F})$  to  $R_n(\Delta^M)$ . For any fixed tuples  $(d_1, \beta_{0,1}), \dots, (d_{n_k}, \beta_{0,n_k})$ , observe that

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}_\epsilon \left[ \sup_{\tilde{\delta} \in \Delta^M} \left| \sum_{i=1}^{n_k} \epsilon_i f(d_i, \tilde{\delta}(\beta_{0,i})) \right| \right] &= \mathbb{E}_\epsilon \left[ \sup_{\tilde{\delta} \in \Delta^M} \left| \sum_{i=1}^{n_k} \epsilon_i (1 - d_i) \tilde{\delta}(\beta_{0,i}) \right| \right] \\ &\leq 2 \mathbb{E}_\epsilon \left[ \sup_{\tilde{\delta} \in \Delta^M} \left| \sum_{i=1}^{n_k} \epsilon_i \tilde{\delta}(\beta_{0,i}) \right| \right] \end{aligned}$$

where the inequality applies the Ledoux-Talagrand contraction inequality (e.g., Eq. (5.61) in [Wainwright \(2019\)](#)). Dividing by  $n$  and averaging over the tuples yields  $R_n(\mathcal{F}) \leq 2R_n(\Delta^M)$ . Finally, we can bound the Rademacher complexity of  $\Delta^M$  using Dudley's entropy integral (e.g., Theorem 5.22 [Wainwright \(2019\)](#)) as

$$R_n(\Delta^M) \leq \frac{C}{\sqrt{n_k}} \int_0^1 \sqrt{\log(N(\xi, \Delta^M, \|\cdot\|_{\mathbb{P}_n}) d\xi} \leq \frac{C}{\sqrt{n_k}} \int_0^1 \sqrt{\log(N_{[]} (2\xi, \Delta^M, \|\cdot\|_{\mathbb{P}_n}) d\xi},$$

for some constant  $C$ , where  $N(\xi, \Delta^M, \|\cdot\|_{\mathbb{P}_n})$  is the covering number and  $N_{[]} (2\xi, \Delta^M, \|\cdot\|_{\mathbb{P}_n}) d\xi$  is the bracketing number. But, Theorem 2.7.5 of [van der Vaart and Wellner \(1996\)](#) establishes that bracketing entropy  $\log(N_{[]}(\xi, \Delta^M, \|\cdot\|_{\mathbb{P}_n}))$  of monotone non-decreasing functions is bounded by  $(1/\xi) \log(1/\xi)$ , and so  $\int_0^1 \sqrt{\log(N_{[]}(\xi, \Delta^M, \|\cdot\|_{\mathbb{P}_n})) d\xi} = \sqrt{2\pi}$ . It follows that, for any  $\delta > 0$ ,

$$\sup_{\tilde{\delta} \in \Delta^M} \left| \mathbb{E}_n[(1 - D_i)\beta_{0,i}\tilde{\delta}(X_i)] - \mathbb{E}[(1 - D_i)\beta_{0,i}\tilde{\delta}(X_i)] \right| \leq \sqrt{\frac{C}{n_k}} + \sqrt{\frac{2 \log(1/\delta)}{2n_k}}$$

holds with probability  $1 - \delta$ . We therefore conclude that (b) is  $O_{\mathbb{P}}(1/\sqrt{n})$ . Similarly, (d) is  $O_{\mathbb{P}}(1/\sqrt{n})$  by the same argument. This proves the result for any fold  $k$ . The claim in the Theorem follows by averaging over the folds.  $\square$

#### A.4.7 Proof of Proposition 5.3

*Proof.* Applying the change-of-variables in the Proof of Lemma 5.1, we notice that

$$\begin{aligned} \widehat{\text{perf}}_+^k(s; \beta, \Delta_n) &:= \max_{0 \leq U \leq 1} \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n_k} \beta_{0,i} \phi_1(Y_i; \hat{\eta}) + \beta_{0,i}(1 - D_i)\underline{\delta}_i + \beta_{0,i}(1 - D_i)(\bar{\delta}_i - \underline{\delta}_i)U_i}{\sum_{i=1}^{n_k} \phi_1(Y_i; \hat{\eta}) + (1 - D_i)\underline{\delta}_i + (1 - D_i)(\bar{\delta}_i - \underline{\delta}_i)U_i} \\ \widehat{\text{perf}}_+^k(s; \beta, \hat{\Delta}_n) &:= \max_{0 \leq U \leq 1} \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n_k} \beta_{0,i} \phi_1(Y_i; \hat{\eta}) + \beta_{0,i}(1 - D_i)\hat{\delta}_i + \beta_{0,i}(1 - D_i)(\hat{\bar{\delta}}_i - \hat{\delta}_i)U_i}{\sum_{i=1}^{n_k} \phi_1(Y_i; \hat{\eta}) + (1 - D_i)\hat{\delta}_i + (1 - D_i)(\hat{\bar{\delta}}_i - \hat{\delta}_i)U_i}. \end{aligned}$$

We can therefore rewrite

$$\begin{aligned} &\left\| \widehat{\text{perf}}_+^k(s; \beta, \hat{\Delta}_n) - \widehat{\text{perf}}_+^k(s; \beta, \Delta_n) \right\| \leq \\ &\max_{0 \leq U \leq 1} \left\| \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n_k} \beta_{0,i} \phi_1(Y_i; \hat{\eta}) + \beta_{0,i}(1 - D_i)\hat{\delta}_i + \beta_{0,i}(1 - D_i)(\hat{\bar{\delta}}_i - \hat{\delta}_i)U_i}{\sum_{i=1}^{n_k} \phi_1(Y_i; \hat{\eta}) + (1 - D_i)\hat{\delta}_i + (1 - D_i)(\hat{\bar{\delta}}_i - \hat{\delta}_i)U_i} - \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n_k} \beta_{0,i} \phi_1(Y_i; \hat{\eta}) + \beta_{0,i}(1 - D_i)\underline{\delta}_i + \beta_{0,i}(1 - D_i)(\bar{\delta}_i - \underline{\delta}_i)U_i}{\sum_{i=1}^{n_k} \phi_1(Y_i; \hat{\eta}) + (1 - D_i)\underline{\delta}_i + (1 - D_i)(\bar{\delta}_i - \underline{\delta}_i)U_i} \right\| = \\ &\max_{0 \leq U \leq 1} \left\| \frac{\mathbb{E}_n^k[(1)]}{\mathbb{E}_n^k[(2)]} - \frac{\mathbb{E}_n^k[(3)]}{\mathbb{E}_n^k[(4)]} \right\| = \max_{0 \leq U \leq 1} \mathbb{E}_n[(2)]^{-1} \left\{ \underbrace{\left( \mathbb{E}_n^k[(1)] - \mathbb{E}_n^k[(3)] \right)}_{(a)} - \frac{\mathbb{E}_n^k[(3)]}{\mathbb{E}_n^k[(4)]} \underbrace{\left( \mathbb{E}_n^k[(2)] - \mathbb{E}_n^k[(4)] \right)}_{(b)} \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

Notice that we can rewrite (a), (b) as

$$(a) = \mathbb{E}_n^k[\beta_{0,i}(1-D_i)(\hat{\underline{\delta}}_i - \underline{\delta}_i)(1-U_i) + \beta_{0,i}(1-D_i)(\hat{\bar{\delta}}_i - \bar{\delta}_i)U_i]$$

$$(b) = \mathbb{E}_n^k[(1-D_i)(\hat{\underline{\delta}}_i - \underline{\delta}_i)(1-U_i) + (1-D_i)(\hat{\bar{\delta}}_i - \bar{\delta}_i)U_i].$$

Furthermore, notice that

$$\mathbb{E}_n^k[(2)] \geq \mathbb{E}_n^k[\phi_1(Y_i; \hat{\eta}) + (1-D_i)\underline{\delta}_i] \text{ for all } n,$$

$$\mathbb{E}_n^k[(3)] \leq \mathbb{E}_n^k[\beta_{0,i}\phi_1(Y_i; \hat{\eta}) + \beta_{0,i}(1-D_i)\bar{\delta}_i] \text{ for all } n,$$

$$\mathbb{E}_n^k[(4)] \leq \mathbb{E}_n^k[\phi_1(Y_i; \hat{\eta}) + (1-D_i)\underline{\delta}_i] \text{ for all } n.$$

So, there exists a constant  $0 < C_1$  such that  $\mathbb{E}_n[(2)] > C_1$  for all  $n$  under the assumption of bounded nuisance parameter estimators and the assumption on the estimated bounds and there exists constants  $0 < C_2 < \infty, C_3 > 0$  such that  $\mathbb{E}[(3)] < C_2, \mathbb{E}[(4)] > C_3$  under the assumption of bounded nuisance parameter estimators. Putting this together implies that

$$\|\widehat{\text{perf}}_+^k(s; \beta, \hat{\Delta}_n) - \widehat{\text{perf}}_+^k(s; \beta, \Delta_n)\| \lesssim$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \max_{0 \leq U \leq 1} \|\mathbb{E}_n[\beta_{0,i}(1-D_i)(\hat{\underline{\delta}}_i - \underline{\delta}_i)(1-U_i) + \beta_{0,i}(1-D_i)(\hat{\bar{\delta}}_i - \bar{\delta}_i)U_i]\| + \|\mathbb{E}_n[(1-D_i)(\hat{\underline{\delta}}_i - \underline{\delta}_i)(1-U_i) + (1-D_i)(\hat{\bar{\delta}}_i - \bar{\delta}_i)U_i]\| \leq \\ & \max_{0 \leq U \leq 1} n_k^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^{n_k} \|\beta_{0,i}(1-D_i)\{(\hat{\underline{\delta}}_i - \underline{\delta}_i)(1-U_i) + (\hat{\bar{\delta}}_i - \bar{\delta}_i)U_i\}\| + n_k^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^{n_k} \|(1-D_i)\{(\hat{\underline{\delta}}_i - \underline{\delta}_i)(1-U_i) + (\hat{\bar{\delta}}_i - \bar{\delta}_i)U_i\}\| \leq \\ & \max_{0 \leq U \leq 1} n_k^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^{n_k} \|(\hat{\underline{\delta}}_i - \underline{\delta}_i)(1-U_i) + (\hat{\bar{\delta}}_i - \bar{\delta}_i)U_i\| + n_k^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^{n_k} \|(\hat{\underline{\delta}}_i - \underline{\delta}_i)(1-U_i) + (\hat{\bar{\delta}}_i - \bar{\delta}_i)U_i\| \lesssim \mathbb{E}_n[|\hat{\underline{\delta}}_i - \underline{\delta}_i|] + \mathbb{E}_n[|\hat{\bar{\delta}}_i - \bar{\delta}_i|]. \end{aligned}$$

Then, using the inequality  $\|v\|_1 \leq \sqrt{n_k}\|v\|_2$  for  $v \in \mathbb{R}^{n_k}$ , it follows that

$$\|\widehat{\text{perf}}_+^k(s; \beta, \hat{\Delta}_n) - \widehat{\text{perf}}_+^k(s; \beta, \Delta_n)\| \lesssim \sqrt{\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n_k} (\hat{\underline{\delta}}_i - \underline{\delta}_i)^2} + \sqrt{\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n_k} (\hat{\bar{\delta}}_i - \bar{\delta}_i)^2}.$$

□

#### A.4.8 Proof of Corollary 1

*Proof.* By Proposition 5.3, it suffices to show that  $\|\phi_1(Y_i; \hat{\eta}_{-k}) - \phi_1(Y_i; \eta)\|_{L_2(\mathbb{P}_n^k)} = o_{\mathbb{P}}(1)$  under the stated conditions. Following the proof of Lemma B.5, we observe that

$$\|\phi_1(Y_i; \hat{\eta}_{-k}) - \phi_1(Y_i; \eta)\|_{L_2(\mathbb{P}_n^k)} \leq$$

$$O_{\mathbb{P}}(\|\hat{\pi}_1 - \pi_1\|_{L_2(\mathbb{P})}\|Y_i - \mu_1\|_{L_2(\mathbb{P})} + \|\hat{\pi}_1 - \pi_1\|_{L_2(\mathbb{P})}\|\mu_1 - \hat{\mu}_1\|_{L_2(\mathbb{P})} + \|\mu_1 - \hat{\mu}_1\|_{L_2(\mathbb{P})}).$$

The result then follows by the stated rate conditions. □

### A.5 Section 7: connections to existing sensitivity analysis models

#### A.5.1 Proof of Proposition 7.1

*Proof.* For brevity, we omit the conditioning on  $X_i$  throughout the proof. Consider the first claim. Notice that by Bayes' rule,  $\frac{\mathbb{P}(D_i=1|Y_i(1), Y_i(0))\mathbb{P}(D_i=0)}{\mathbb{P}(D_i=0|Y_i(1), Y_i(0))\mathbb{P}(D_i=1)} = \frac{\mathbb{P}(Y_i(1), Y_i(0)|D_i=1)}{\mathbb{P}(Y_i(1), Y_i(0)|D_i=0)}$ . The MSM therefore implies



bounds

$$\underline{\Lambda} \leq \frac{\mathbb{P}(Y_i(1), Y_i(0) \mid D_i = 1)}{\mathbb{P}(Y_i(1), Y_i(0) \mid D_i = 0)} \leq \bar{\Lambda},$$

which can be equivalently written as

$$\bar{\Lambda}^{-1} \mathbb{P}(Y_i(1), Y_i(0) \mid D_i = 1) \leq \mathbb{P}(Y_i(1), Y_i(0) \mid D_i = 0) \leq \underline{\Lambda}^{-1} \mathbb{P}(Y_i(1), Y_i(0) \mid D_i = 1).$$

Since  $\mathbb{P}(Y_i(1) = 1 \mid D_i = 0) = \mathbb{P}(Y_i(0) = 0, Y_i(1) = 1 \mid D_i = 0) + \mathbb{P}(Y_i(0) = 1, Y_i(1) = 1 \mid D_i = 0)$ , it then follows that

$$\bar{\Lambda}^{-1} \mathbb{P}(Y_i(1) = 1 \mid D_i = 1) \leq \mathbb{P}(Y_i(1) = 1 \mid D_i = 0) \leq \underline{\Lambda}^{-1} \mathbb{P}(Y_i(1) = 1 \mid D_i = 1).$$

Adding and subtracting  $\mathbb{P}(Y_i(1) = 1 \mid D_i = 1)$  then delivers the first claim.

Consider the second claim. The MOSM under nonparametric outcome regression bounds implies that

$$\bar{\Gamma}^{-1} \leq \frac{\mathbb{P}(Y_i(1) = 1 \mid D_i = 1)}{\mathbb{P}(Y_i(1) = 1 \mid D_i = 0)} \leq \underline{\Gamma}^{-1}.$$

But, by Bayes' rule,  $\frac{\mathbb{P}(Y_i(1)=1|D_i=1)}{\mathbb{P}(Y_i(1)=1|D_i=0)} = \frac{\mathbb{P}(D_i=1|Y_i(1)=1)\mathbb{P}(D_i=0)}{\mathbb{P}(D_i=0|Y_i(1)=1)\mathbb{P}(D_i=1)}$ , and so the MOSM implies the bounds

$$\bar{\Gamma}^{-1} \leq \frac{\mathbb{P}(D_i = 1 \mid Y_i(1) = 1)\mathbb{P}(D_i = 0)}{\mathbb{P}(D_i = 0 \mid Y_i(1) = 1)\mathbb{P}(D_i = 1)} \leq \underline{\Gamma}^{-1}.$$

Further, the MOSM implies

$$\frac{\underline{\Gamma} - 1}{\underline{\Gamma} \mathbb{P}(Y_i(1) = 0 \mid D_i = 0)} + \frac{1}{\underline{\Gamma}} \leq \frac{\mathbb{P}(Y_i(1) = 0 \mid D_i = 1)}{\mathbb{P}(Y_i(1) = 0 \mid D_i = 0)} \leq \frac{\bar{\Gamma} - 1}{\bar{\Gamma} \mathbb{P}(Y_i(1) \mid D_i = 0)} + \frac{1}{\bar{\Gamma}}.$$

Applying the analogous identity  $\frac{\mathbb{P}(Y_i(1)=0|D_i=1)}{\mathbb{P}(Y_i(1)=0|D_i=0)} = \frac{\mathbb{P}(D_i=1|Y_i(1)=0)\mathbb{P}(D_i=0)}{\mathbb{P}(D_i=0|Y_i(1)=0)\mathbb{P}(D_i=1)}$  then delivers

$$\frac{\underline{\Gamma} - 1}{\underline{\Gamma} \mathbb{P}(Y_i(1) = 0 \mid D_i = 0)} + \frac{1}{\underline{\Gamma}} \leq \frac{\mathbb{P}(D_i = 1 \mid Y_i(1) = 0)\mathbb{P}(D_i = 0)}{\mathbb{P}(D_i = 0 \mid Y_i(1) = 0)\mathbb{P}(D_i = 1)} \leq \frac{\bar{\Gamma} - 1}{\bar{\Gamma} \mathbb{P}(Y_i(1) \mid D_i = 0)} + \frac{1}{\bar{\Gamma}}.$$

But since the MOSM also implies that  $1 - \bar{\Gamma}\mu_1(x) \leq \mathbb{P}(Y_i(0) = 1 \mid D_i = 1) \leq 1 - \underline{\Gamma}\mu_1(x)$ , we can plug-in to deliver the final bounds

$$\frac{\underline{\Gamma} - 1}{\underline{\Gamma}(1 - \underline{\Gamma}\mu_1(x))} + \frac{1}{\underline{\Gamma}} \leq \frac{\mathbb{P}(D_i = 1 \mid Y_i(1) = 0)\mathbb{P}(D_i = 0)}{\mathbb{P}(D_i = 0 \mid Y_i(1) = 0)\mathbb{P}(D_i = 1)} \leq \frac{\bar{\Gamma} - 1}{\bar{\Gamma}(1 - \bar{\Gamma}\mu_1(x))} + \frac{1}{\bar{\Gamma}}$$

This completes the proof of the second claim.  $\square$

### A.5.2 Proof of Proposition 7.2

*Proof.* For brevity, we omit the conditioning on  $X_i$  throughout the proof. To show the first claim, as a first step, apply Bayes' rule and observe that

$$\frac{\mathbb{P}(Y_i(1), Y_i(0) \mid D_i = 1)}{\mathbb{P}(Y_i(1), Y_i(0) \mid D_i = 0)} = \frac{\mathbb{P}(D_i = 1 \mid Y_i(1), Y_i(0))\mathbb{P}(D_i = 0)}{\mathbb{P}(D_i = 0 \mid Y_i(1), Y_i(0))\mathbb{P}(D_i = 1)}.$$

Then, further notice that

$$\frac{\mathbb{P}(D_i = 0)}{\mathbb{P}(D_i = 1)} = \frac{\sum_{(y_0, y_1) \in \{0,1\}^2} P(D_i = 0 \mid Y_i(0) = y_0, Y_i(1) = y_1) P(Y_i(0) = y_0, Y_i(1) = y_1)}{\sum_{(y_0, y_1) \in \{0,1\}^2} P(D_i = 1 \mid Y_i(0) = y_0, Y_i(1) = y_1) P(Y_i(0) = y_0, Y_i(1) = y_1)}$$

Letting  $(y_0^*, y_1^*) = \arg \max_{(y_0, y_1) \in \{0,1\}^2} \frac{P(D_i=0 | Y_i(0)=y_0, Y_i(1)=y_1)}{P(D_i=1 | Y_i(0)=y_0, Y_i(1)=y_1)}$ , the quasi-linearity of the ratio function implies that

$$\frac{\sum_{(y_0, y_1) \in \{0,1\}^2} P(D_i = 0 | Y_i(0) = y_0, Y_i(1) = y_1) P(Y_i(0) = y_0, Y_i(1) = y_1)}{\sum_{(y_0, y_1) \in \{0,1\}^2} P(D_i = 1 | Y_i(0) = y_0, Y_i(1) = y_1) P(Y_i(0) = y_0, Y_i(1) = y_1)} \leq \frac{P(D_i = 0 | Y_i(0) = y_0^*, Y_i(1) = y_1^*)}{P(D_i = 1 | Y_i(0) = y_0^*, Y_i(1) = y_1^*)}.$$

This then implies that, for any  $(y_0, y_1) \in \{0,1\}^2$ ,

$$\frac{\mathbb{P}(Y_i(1) = y_1, Y_i(0) = y_0 | D_i = 1)}{\mathbb{P}(Y_i(1) = y_1, Y_i(0) = y_0 | D_i = 0)} \leq \frac{\mathbb{P}(D_i = 1 | Y_i(1) = y_1, Y_i(0) = y_0) P(D_i = 0 | Y_i(0) = y_0^*, Y_i(1) = y_1^*)}{\mathbb{P}(D_i = 0 | Y_i(1) = y_1, Y_i(0) = y_0) P(D_i = 1 | Y_i(0) = y_0^*, Y_i(1) = y_1^*)} \leq \Gamma,$$

where the last inequality is implied by Rosenbaum's sensitivity analysis model (23). From this, we follow the same argument as the proof of Proposition 7.1 to show that  $\bar{\delta}(x) = (\Gamma - 1)\mu_1(x)$ . The proof for the lower bound follows an analogous argument.

The second claim is an immediate consequence of claim (ii) in Proposition 7.1.  $\square$

## B Auxiliary lemmas

### B.1 An oracle inequality for pseudo-outcome regression

In this section, we provide a model-free oracle inequality on the  $L_2(\mathbb{P})$ -error of regression with estimated pseudo-outcomes, and then apply this oracle inequality to the DR-Learners. This generalizes the analysis of pseudo-outcome regressions provided in Kennedy (2022b).

We state an  $L_2(\mathbb{P})$ -stability condition required on the second-stage regression estimator that extends the pointwise stability condition in Kennedy (2022b).

**Assumption B.1.** Suppose  $\mathcal{O}_{train} = (V_{01}, \dots, V_{0n})$  and  $\mathcal{O}_{test} = (V_1, \dots, V_n)$  are independent train and test sets with covariate  $X_i \subseteq V_i$ . Let (i)  $\hat{f}(w) := \hat{f}(w; \mathcal{O}_{train})$  be an estimate of a function  $f(w)$  using the training data  $\mathcal{O}_{train}$ ; (ii)  $\hat{b}(x) = \mathbb{E}[\hat{f}(V_i) - f(V_i) | X_i = x, \mathcal{O}_{train}]$  be the conditional bias of the estimator  $\hat{f}$ ; and (iii)  $\hat{\mathbb{E}}_n[V_i | X_i = x]$  be a generic regression estimator that regresses outcomes  $(V_1, \dots, V_n)$  on covariates  $(X_1, \dots, X_n)$  in the test sample  $\mathcal{O}_{test}$ .

The regression estimator  $\hat{E}_n[\cdot]$  is  $L_2(\mathbb{P})$ -stable (with respect to a distance metric  $d$ ) if

$$\frac{\int \left[ \hat{\mathbb{E}}_n\{\hat{f}(V_i) | X_i = x\} - \hat{\mathbb{E}}_n\{f(V_i) | X_i = x\} - \hat{\mathbb{E}}_n\{\hat{b}(X_i) | X_i = x\} \right]^2 d\mathbb{P}(x)}{\mathbb{E} \left( \int \left[ \hat{\mathbb{E}}_n\{f(V_i) | X_i = x\} - \mathbb{E}\{f(V_i) | X_i = x\} \right]^2 d\mathbb{P}(x) \right)} \xrightarrow{p} 0 \quad (24)$$

whenever  $d(\hat{f}, f) \xrightarrow{p} 0$ .

The  $L_2(\mathbb{P})$ -stability condition on the second-stage pseudo-outcome regression estimator is quite mild in practice. We next show that the  $L_2(\mathbb{P})$ -stability condition is satisfied by a variety of generic linear smoothers such as linear regression, series regression, nearest neighbor matching, random forest model and several others. This extends Theorem 1 of Kennedy (2022b), which shows that linear smoothers satisfy a pointwise stability condition.

**Proposition B.1.** *Linear smoothers of the form  $\hat{\mathbb{E}}_n\{\hat{f}(V_i) | X_i = x\} = \sum_i w_i(x; X^n) \hat{f}(V_i)$  are  $L_2(\mathbb{P})$ -stable with respect to distance*

$$d(\hat{f}, f) = \|\hat{f} - f\|_{w^2} \equiv \sum_{i=1}^n \left\{ \frac{\|w_i(\cdot; X^n)\|^2}{\sum_j \|w_j(\cdot; X^n)\|^2} \right\} \int \left\{ \hat{f}(v) - f(v) \right\}^2 d\mathbb{P}(v | X_i),$$

whenever  $1/\|\sigma\|_{w^2} = O_{\mathbb{P}}(1)$  for  $\sigma(x)^2 = \text{Var}\{f(V_i) | X_i = x\}$ .

*Proof.* The proof follows an analogous argument as Theorem 1 of [Kennedy \(2022b\)](#). Letting  $T_n(x) = \widehat{m}(x) - \widetilde{m}(x) - \widehat{\mathbb{E}}_n\{\widehat{b}(X) \mid X = x\}$  denote the numerator of the left-hand side of (24), and  $R_n^2 = \mathbb{E}[\|\widetilde{m} - m\|^2]$  denote the oracle error, we will show that

$$\|T_n\| = O_{\mathbb{P}} \left( \frac{\|\widehat{f} - f\|_{w^2}}{\|\sigma\|_{w^2}} R_n \right)$$

which yields the result when  $1/\|\sigma\|_{w^2} = O_{\mathbb{P}}(1)$ .

First, note that for linear smoothers

$$T_n(x) = \widehat{\mathbb{E}}_n\{\widehat{f}(V_i) - f(V_i) - \widehat{b}(X_i) \mid X_i = x\} = \sum_{i=1}^n w_i(x; X^n) \{\widehat{f}(V_i) - f(V_i) - \widehat{b}(X_i)\}$$

and this term has mean zero since

$$\mathbb{E}\{\widehat{f}(V_i) - f(V_i) - \widehat{b}(X_i) \mid \mathcal{O}_{train}, X^n\} = \mathbb{E}\{\widehat{f}(V_i) - f(V_i) - \widehat{b}(X_i) \mid \mathcal{O}_{train}, X_i\} = 0$$

by definition of  $\widehat{b}$  and iterated expectation. Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}(T_n(x)^2 \mid \mathcal{O}_{train}, X^n) &= Var \left[ \sum_{i=1}^n w_i(x; X^n) \{\widehat{f}(V_i) - f(V_i) - \widehat{b}(X_i)\} \mid \mathcal{O}_{train}, X^n \right] \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n w_i(x; X^n)^2 Var \{\widehat{f}(V_i) - f(V_i) \mid \mathcal{O}_{train}, X_i\} \end{aligned} \quad (25)$$

where the second line follows since  $\widehat{f}(V_i) - f(V_i)$  are independent given the training data. Thus

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}(\|T_n\|^2 \mid \mathcal{O}_{train}, X^n) &= \int \sum_{i=1}^n w_i(x; X^n)^2 Var \{\widehat{f}(V_i) - f(V_i) \mid \mathcal{O}_{train}, X_i\} d\mathbb{P}(x) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n \|w_i(\cdot; X^n)\|^2 Var \{\widehat{f}(V_i) - f(V_i) \mid \mathcal{O}_{train}, X_i\} \\ &\leq \sum_{i=1}^n \|w_i(\cdot; X^n)\|^2 \int \{\widehat{f}(v) - f(v)\}^2 d\mathbb{P}(v \mid X_i) \\ &= \|\widehat{f} - f\|_{w^2}^2 \sum_j \|w_j(\cdot; X^n)\|^2 \end{aligned}$$

where the third line follows since  $Var(\widehat{f} - f \mid \mathcal{O}_{train}, X_i) \leq \mathbb{E}\{(\widehat{f} - f)^2 \mid \mathcal{O}_{train}, X_i\}$ , and the fourth by definition of  $\|\cdot\|_{w^2}$ .

Further note that  $R_n^2$  equals

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbb{E}[\|\tilde{m} - m\|^2] &= \mathbb{E} \left( \int \left[ \sum_{i=1}^n w_i(x; X^n) \{f(V_i) - m(X_i)\} + \sum_{i=1}^n w_i(x; X^n) m(X_i) - m(x) \right]^2 d\mathbb{P}(x) \right) \\
&= \mathbb{E} \left( \int \left[ \sum_{i=1}^n w_i(x; X^n) \{f(V_i) - m(X_i)\} \right]^2 d\mathbb{P}(x) \right) + \mathbb{E} \left[ \int \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^n w_i(x; X^n) m(X_i) - m(x) \right\}^2 d\mathbb{P}(x) \right] \\
&= \mathbb{E} \left\{ \int \sum_{i=1}^n w_i(x; X^n)^2 \sigma(X_i)^2 d\mathbb{P}(x) \right\} + \mathbb{E} \left[ \int \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^n w_i(x; X^n) m(X_i) - m(x) \right\}^2 d\mathbb{P}(x) \right] \\
&\geq \mathbb{E} \sum_{i=1}^n \|w_i(\cdot; X^n)\|^2 \sigma(X_i)^2 = \mathbb{E} \left\{ \|\sigma\|_{w^2}^2 \sum_j \|w_j(\cdot; X^n)\|^2 \right\}
\end{aligned} \tag{26}$$

where the second and third lines follow from iterated expectation and independence of the samples, and the fourth by definition of  $\|\cdot\|_{w^2}$  (and since the integrated squared bias term from the previous line is non-negative).

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbb{P} \left\{ \frac{\|\sigma\|_{w^2} \|T_n\|}{\|\hat{f} - f\|_{w^2} R_n} \geq t \right\} &= \mathbb{E} \left[ \mathbb{P} \left\{ \frac{\|\sigma\|_{w^2} \|T_n\|}{\|\hat{f} - f\|_{w^2} R_n} \geq t \mid \mathcal{O}_{train}, X^n \right\} \right] \\
&\leq \left( \frac{1}{t^2 R_n^2} \right) \mathbb{E} \left\{ \|\sigma\|_{w^2}^2 \mathbb{E} \left( \frac{\|T_n\|^2}{\|\hat{f} - f\|_{w^2}^2} \mid \mathcal{O}_{train}, X^n \right) \right\} \\
&\leq \left( \frac{1}{t^2 R_n^2} \right) \mathbb{E} \left\{ \|\sigma\|_{w^2}^2 \sum_{i=1}^n \|w_i(\cdot; X^n)\|^2 \right\} \leq \frac{1}{t^2}
\end{aligned}$$

where the second line follows by Markov's inequality, the third from the bound in (25) and iterated expectation, and the last from the bound in (26). The result follows since we can always pick  $t^2 = 1/\epsilon$  to ensure the above probability is no more than any  $\epsilon$ .  $\square$

We next show that the  $L_2(\mathbb{P})$ -stability condition and the consistency of  $\hat{f}$  yields an inequality on the  $L_2(\mathbb{P})$ -convergence of a feasible pseudo-outcome regression relative to an oracle estimator that regresses the true unknown function  $f(V_i)$  on  $X_i$ .

**Lemma B.1.** *Under the same setup from Assumptions B.1, define (i)  $m(x) = \mathbb{E}[f(V_i) \mid X_i = x]$  the conditional expectation of  $f(V_i)$  given  $X_i$ ; (ii)  $\hat{m}(x) := \hat{\mathbb{E}}_n[\hat{f}(V_i) \mid X_i = x]$  the regression of  $\hat{f}(V_i)$  on  $X_i$  in the test samples; (iii)  $\tilde{m}(x) := \hat{\mathbb{E}}_n[f(V_i) \mid X_i = x]$  the oracle regression of  $f(V_i)$  on  $X_i$  in the test samples. Furthermore, let  $\tilde{b}(x) := \hat{\mathbb{E}}_n[b(V_i) \mid X_i = x]$  be the  $\hat{\mathbb{E}}_n$ -smoothed bias and  $R_n^2 = \mathbb{E}[\|\tilde{m} - m\|^2]$  be the oracle  $L_2$ -error. If*

i. *the regression estimator  $\hat{E}_n[\cdot]$  is  $L_2(\mathbb{P})$ -stable with respect to distance  $d$ ;*

ii.  *$d(\hat{f}, f) \xrightarrow{P} 0$ ,*

then

$$\|\hat{m} - \tilde{m}\| = \|\tilde{b}(\cdot)\| + o_{\mathbb{P}}(R_n).$$

If further  $\|\tilde{b}\| = o_{\mathbb{P}}(\sqrt{\mathbb{E}[\|\tilde{m} - m\|^2]})$ , then  $\hat{m}$  is oracle efficient in the  $L_2$ -norm, i.e., asymptotically

equivalent to the oracle estimator  $\tilde{m}$  in the sense that

$$\frac{\|\hat{m} - \tilde{m}\|}{\sqrt{\mathbb{E}\|\tilde{m} - m\|^2}} \xrightarrow{p} 0$$

and

$$\|\hat{m} - m\| = \|\tilde{m} - m\| + o_{\mathbb{P}}(R_n).$$

*Proof.* Note we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|\hat{m} - \tilde{m}\| &\leq \|\hat{m} - \tilde{m} - \tilde{b}\| + \|\tilde{b}\| \\ &= \|\tilde{b}\| + o_{\mathbb{P}}\left(\sqrt{\mathbb{E}\|\tilde{m} - m\|^2}\right) \end{aligned}$$

where the first line follows by the triangle inequality, and the second by  $L_2$ -stability and  $d$ -consistency of  $\hat{f}$ .  $\square$

This generalizes Proposition 1 of [Kennedy \(2022b\)](#), which shows that a pointwise stability condition and consistency of  $\hat{f}$  implies an oracle inequality on the pointwise convergence of a feasible pseudo-outcome regression. In Section 3, we apply Lemma B.1 to analyze the convergence of our proposed DR-Learners for the target regression bounds under the MOSM.

## B.2 Influence function-based estimators

In this section, we state and prove several auxiliary lemmas that are used in the proofs of the main results for analyzing the behavior of our influence function-based estimators of the predictive performance bounds (Section 5).

**Lemma B.2.** *Let  $\beta(\cdot)$  be some function of  $X_i$  such that  $\|\beta(\cdot)\| \leq M$  for some  $M < \infty$  and define the remainder  $R_{1,n}^k = \|\hat{\mu}_{1,-k} - \mu_1\| \|\hat{\pi}_{1,-k} - \pi_1\|$ . Assume that there exists  $\epsilon > 0$  s.t.  $\mathbb{P}(\hat{\pi}_{1,-k}(X_i) \geq \epsilon) = 1$ . Then,*

$$\mathbb{E}[\beta(X_i)\phi_1(Y_i; \hat{\eta}_{-k}) - \beta(X_i)\phi_1(Y_i; \eta) \mid \mathcal{O}_{-k}] = O_{\mathbb{P}}(R_{1,n}^k).$$

*Proof.* We follow the proof of Lemma 3 in [Mishler, Kennedy and Chouldechova \(2021\)](#). Suppressing the dependence on  $-k$  to ease notation, we observe that

$$\begin{aligned} &\mathbb{E}[\beta(X_i)\phi_1(Y_i; \hat{\eta}_{-k}) - \beta(X_i)\phi_1(Y_i; \eta)] = \\ &\mathbb{E}\left[\beta(X_i)\left(\frac{D_i}{\hat{\pi}_1(X_i)}(Y_i - \hat{\mu}_1(X_i)) - \frac{D}{\pi_1(X_i)}(Y_i - \mu_1(X_i)) + (\hat{\mu}_1(X_i) - \mu_1(X_i))\right)\right] \stackrel{(1)}{=} \\ &\mathbb{E}\left[\beta(X_i)\left(\frac{\pi_1(X_i)}{\hat{\pi}_1(X_i)}(\mu_1(X_i) - \hat{\mu}_1(X_i)) + (\hat{\mu}_1(X_i) - \mu_{Y|1}(X_i))\right)\right] = \\ &\mathbb{E}\left[\beta(X_i)\frac{(\hat{\mu}_1(X_i) - \mu_1(X_i))(\hat{\pi}_1(X_i) - \pi_1(X_i))}{\hat{\pi}_1(X_i)}\right] \stackrel{(2)}{\leq} \\ &\frac{1}{\epsilon}\mathbb{E}[\beta(X_i)(\hat{\mu}_1(X_i) - \mu_1(X_i))(\hat{\pi}_1(X_i) - \pi_1(X_i))], \end{aligned}$$

where (1) follows by iterated expectations and (2) by the assumption of a bounded propensity score estimator. The result follows by applying the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality and using  $\|\beta(\cdot)\| \leq M$  to conclude that  $\|\mathbb{E}[\beta(X_i)\phi_1(Y_i; \hat{\eta}) - \beta(X_i)\phi_1(Y_i; \eta)]\| = O_{\mathbb{P}}(R_{1,n}^k)$ .  $\square$

**Lemma B.3** (Lemma 2 in [Kennedy, Balakrishnan and G'Sell \(2020\)](#)). *Let  $\hat{\phi}(X_i)$  be a function estimated from a sample  $O_i \sim P(\cdot)$  i.i.d. for  $i = 1, \dots, N$  and let  $\mathbb{E}_n[\cdot]$  denote the empirical average over another*

independent sample  $O_j \sim P(\cdot)$  i.i.d. for  $j = N + 1, \dots, n$ . Then,

$$\mathbb{E}_n[\hat{\phi}(X_i) - \phi(X_i)] - \mathbb{E}[\hat{\phi}(X_i) - \phi(X_i)] = O_P \left( \frac{\|\hat{\phi}(\cdot) - \phi(\cdot)\|}{\sqrt{n}} \right).$$

**Lemma B.4.** Let  $\beta(\cdot)$  be some function of  $X_i$  such that  $\|\beta(\cdot)\| \leq M$  for some  $M < \infty$ . Let  $\hat{\phi}(O_i)$  be a function estimated from a sample  $O_i \sim P(\cdot)$  i.i.d. for  $i = 1, \dots, N$  and let  $\mathbb{E}_n[\cdot]$  denote the empirical average over another independent sample  $O_j \sim P(\cdot)$  i.i.d. for  $j = N + 1, \dots, n$ . Then,

$$\mathbb{E}_n[\beta(X_i)\hat{\phi}(O_i) - \beta(X_i)\phi(O_i)] - \mathbb{E}[\beta(X_i)\hat{\phi}(O_i) - \beta(X_i)\phi(O_i)] = O_P \left( \frac{\|\hat{\phi}(\cdot) - \phi(\cdot)\|}{\sqrt{n}} \right).$$

*Proof.* The proof follows the same argument as the proof of Lemma 2 in [Kennedy, Balakrishnan and G'Sell \(2020\)](#). Observe that, conditional on the estimation sample  $\mathcal{O}^{est} = \{O_i\}_{i=1}^N$ ,  $\mathbb{E}\{\mathbb{E}_n[\beta(X_i)(\hat{\phi}(O_i) - \phi(O_i))] \mid \mathcal{O}^{est}\} = \mathbb{E}[\beta(X_i)(\hat{\phi}(O_i) - \phi(O_i)) \mid \mathcal{O}^{est}] = \mathbb{E}[\beta(X_i)(\hat{\phi}(O_i) - \phi(O_i))]$ . Next, observe that the conditional variance is  $V\left\{(\mathbb{E}_n - \mathbb{E})[\beta(X_i)(\hat{\phi}(O_i) - \phi(O_i))] \mid \mathcal{O}^{est}\right\} = V\left\{\mathbb{E}_n[\beta(X_i)(\hat{\phi}(O_i) - \phi(O_i))] \mid \mathcal{O}^{est}\right\} = n^{-1}V(\beta(X_i)(\hat{\phi}(O_i) - \phi(O_i)) \mid \mathcal{O}^{est}) \leq M\|\hat{\phi}(\cdot) - \phi(\cdot)\|/n$ . The result then follows by applying Chebyshev's inequality.  $\square$

**Lemma B.5** (Convergence of plug-in influence function estimator  $\phi_1(Y_i; \hat{\eta})$ ). Define the remainder  $\|\hat{\mu}_{1,-k} - \mu_1\| \|\hat{\pi}_{1,-k} - \pi_1\| = R_{1,n}^k$ . Assume that (i) there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that  $\mathbb{P}(\pi_1(X_i) \geq \delta) = 1$ ; (ii) there exists  $\epsilon > 0$  such that  $\mathbb{P}(\hat{\pi}_{1,-k}(X_i) \geq \epsilon) = 1$ ; and (iii)  $\|\hat{\mu}_{1,-k} - \mu_1\| = o_P(1)$  and  $\|\hat{\pi}_{1,-k} - \pi_1\| = o_P(1)$ . Then,

$$\|\phi_1(\cdot; \hat{\eta}_{-k}) - \phi_1(\cdot; \eta)\| = O_P(R_{1,n}^k).$$

*Proof.* This result follows directly from the stated conditions after some algebra. Suppressing dependence on  $-k$  to ease notation, observe that we can rewrite

$$\begin{aligned} & \|\phi_1(\cdot; \hat{\eta}) - \phi_1(\cdot; \eta)\| = \\ & \left\| \frac{D_i}{\hat{\pi}_1(X_i)}(Y_i - \hat{\mu}_1(X_i)) - \frac{D_i}{\pi_1(X_i)}(Y_i - \mu_1(X_i)) + (\mu_1(X_i) - \hat{\mu}_1(X_i)) \right\| \stackrel{(1)}{=} \\ & \left\| \frac{D_i}{\pi_1(X_i)} \frac{\pi_1(X_i) - \hat{\pi}_1(X_i)}{\hat{\pi}_1(X_i)}(Y_i - \hat{\mu}_1(X_i)) - \frac{D_i}{\pi_1(X_i)}(\hat{\mu}_1(X_i) - \mu_1(X_i)) + (\hat{\mu}_1(X_i) - \mu_1(X_i)) \right\| \stackrel{(2)}{\leq} \\ & \left\| \frac{D_i}{\pi_1(X_i)} \frac{\pi_1(X_i) - \hat{\pi}_1(X_i)}{\hat{\pi}_1(X_i)}(Y_i - \mu_1(X_i)) \right\| + \left\| \frac{D_i}{\pi_1(X_i)} \frac{\pi_1(X_i) - \hat{\pi}_1(X_i)}{\hat{\pi}_1(X_i)}(\mu_1(X_i) - \hat{\mu}_1(X_i)) \right\| + \\ & \left\| \frac{D_i}{\pi_1(X_i)}(\hat{\mu}_1(X_i) - \mu_1(X_i)) \right\| + \|\hat{\mu}_1(X_i) - \mu_1(X_i)\| \stackrel{(3)}{\leq} \\ & \frac{\|D_i\|}{\delta} \frac{\|\pi_1 - \hat{\pi}_1\|}{\epsilon} \|Y_i - \mu_1(X_i)\| + \frac{\|D_i\|}{\delta} \frac{\|\pi_1 - \hat{\pi}_1\|}{\epsilon} \|\mu_1 - \hat{\mu}_1\| + \\ & \frac{\|D_i\|}{\delta} \|\hat{\mu}_1 - \mu_1\| + \|\hat{\mu}_1 - \mu_1\| \stackrel{(4)}{=} o_P(1) + O_P(R_{1,n}) + o_P(1) + o_P(1) = O_P(R_{1,n}^k) \end{aligned}$$

where (1) follows by adding and subtracting  $\frac{D_i}{\pi_1(X_i)}(Y_i - \hat{\mu}_1(X_i))$ , (2) follows by adding and subtracting  $\frac{D_i}{\pi_1(X_i)} \frac{\pi_1(X_i) - \hat{\pi}_1(X_i)}{\hat{\pi}_1(X_i)} \mu_1(X_i)$  and applying the triangle inequality, (3) applies the assumption of strict overlap and bounded propensity score estimator, and (4) follows by application of the stated rate conditions.  $\square$

**Lemma B.6** (Convergence of plug-in influence function estimator  $\phi(\pi_0(X_i)\mu_1(X_i);\hat{\eta})$ ). Define the remainder  $\|\hat{\mu}_{1,-k} - \mu_1\| \|\hat{\pi}_{1,-k} - \pi_1\| = R_{1,n}^k$ . Assume that (i) there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that  $\mathbb{P}(\pi_1(X_i) \geq \delta) = 1$ ; (ii) there exists  $\epsilon > 0$  such that  $\mathbb{P}(\hat{\pi}_{1,-k}(X_i) \geq \epsilon) = 1$ ; and (iii)  $\|\hat{\mu}_{1,-k} - \mu_1\| = o_P(1)$  and  $\|\hat{\pi}_{1,-k} - \pi_1\| = o_P(1)$ . Then,

$$\|\phi(\pi_0(X_i)\mu_1(X_i);\hat{\eta}_{-k}) - \phi(\pi_0(X_i)\mu_1(X_i);\eta)\| = O_P(R_{1,n}^k)$$

*Proof.* This result follows directly from the stated conditions after some simple algebra. For ease of notation, we omit the dependence on  $X_i$  and  $-k$ . Observe that we can rewrite

$$\begin{aligned} & \|\phi(\pi_0(X_i)\mu_1(Y_i);\hat{\eta}) - \phi(\pi_0(X_i)\mu_1(Y_i);\eta)\| = \\ & \|((1-D_i) - \hat{\pi}_0)\hat{\mu}_1 + \frac{D_i}{\hat{\pi}_1}(Y_i - \hat{\mu}_1)\hat{\pi}_0 + \hat{\pi}_0\hat{\mu}_1 - ((1-D_i) - \pi_0)\mu_1 - \frac{D_i}{\pi_1}(Y_i - \mu_1)\pi_0 - \pi_0\mu_1\| \stackrel{(1)}{=} \\ & \|((1-D_i) - \hat{\pi}_0)\hat{\mu}_1 + \frac{D_i}{\pi_1} \frac{\pi_1 - \hat{\pi}_1}{\hat{\pi}_1}(Y_i - \hat{\mu}_1) + \frac{D_i}{\pi_1}\pi_0(\mu_1 - \hat{\mu}_1) + \hat{\pi}_0\hat{\mu}_1 - \pi_0\mu_1\| \stackrel{(2)}{\leq} \\ & \left\| \frac{D_i}{\pi_1} \frac{\pi_1 - \hat{\pi}_1}{\hat{\pi}_1}(Y_i - \mu_1) + \frac{D_i}{\pi_1} \frac{\pi_1 - \hat{\pi}_1}{\hat{\pi}_1}(\mu_1 - \hat{\mu}_1) + \frac{D_i}{\pi_1}\pi_0(\mu_1 - \hat{\mu}_1) + ((1-D_i) - \hat{\pi}_0)\hat{\mu}_1 + \hat{\pi}_0\hat{\mu}_1 - \pi_0\mu_1 \right\| \stackrel{(3)}{=} \\ & \left\| \frac{D_i}{\pi_1} \frac{\pi_1 - \hat{\pi}_1}{\hat{\pi}_1}(Y_i - \mu_1) + \frac{D_i}{\pi_1} \frac{\pi_1 - \hat{\pi}_1}{\hat{\pi}_1}(\mu_1 - \hat{\mu}_1) + \frac{D_i}{\pi_1}\pi_0(\mu_1 - \hat{\mu}_1) + ((1-D_i) - \hat{\pi}_0)(\hat{\mu}_1 - \mu_1) + (\pi_0 - \hat{\pi}_0)\mu_1 + \hat{\pi}_0\hat{\mu}_1 - \pi_0\mu_1 \right\| \stackrel{(4)}{\leq} \\ & \left\| \frac{D_i}{\pi_1} \frac{\pi_1 - \hat{\pi}_1}{\hat{\pi}_1}(Y_i - \mu_1) + \frac{D_i}{\pi_1} \frac{\pi_1 - \hat{\pi}_1}{\hat{\pi}_1}(\mu_1 - \hat{\mu}_1) + \frac{D_i}{\pi_1}\pi_0(\mu_1 - \hat{\mu}_1) + ((1-D_i) - \pi_0)(\hat{\mu}_1 - \mu_1) + (\pi_0 - \hat{\pi}_0)(\hat{\mu}_1 - \mu_1) + (\pi_0 - \hat{\pi}_0)\mu_1 \right\| + \\ & \quad + \|\hat{\pi}_0\hat{\mu}_1 - \pi_0\mu_1\| \stackrel{(5)}{=} \\ & \left\| \frac{D_i}{\pi_1} \frac{\pi_1 - \hat{\pi}_1}{\hat{\pi}_1}(Y_i - \mu_1) + \frac{D_i}{\pi_1} \frac{\pi_1 - \hat{\pi}_1}{\hat{\pi}_1}(\mu_1 - \hat{\mu}_1) + \frac{D_i}{\pi_1}\pi_0(\mu_1 - \hat{\mu}_1) + ((1-D_i) - \pi_0)(\hat{\mu}_1 - \mu_1) + (\pi_0 - \hat{\pi}_0)(\hat{\mu}_1 - \mu_1) + (\pi_0 - \hat{\pi}_0)\mu_1 \right\| + \\ & \quad \|\hat{\pi}_0(\hat{\mu}_1 - \mu_1) - \mu_1(\pi_0 - \hat{\pi}_0)\| \end{aligned}$$

where (1) follows by adding/subtracting  $\frac{D_i}{\pi_1}(Y_i - \hat{\mu}_1)$ , (2) follows by adding/subtracting  $\frac{D_i}{\pi_1} \frac{\pi_1 - \hat{\pi}_1}{\hat{\pi}_1} \mu_1$ , (3) follows by adding/subtracting  $\mu_1((1-D_i) - \hat{\pi}_0)$ , (4) follows by adding/subtracting  $\pi_0(\hat{\mu}_1 - \mu_1)$  and applying the triangle inequality once, and (5) follows by adding/subtracting  $\hat{\pi}_0\mu_1$ . We then again apply the triangle inequality and use the assumptions of strict overlap and bounded propensity score estimator to arrive at

$$\begin{aligned} & \leq \frac{1}{\epsilon\delta} \|\hat{\pi}_1 - \pi_1\| \|Y_i - \mu_1\| + \frac{1}{\epsilon\delta} \|\hat{\pi}_1 - \pi_1\| \|\mu_1 - \hat{\mu}_1\| + \frac{1-\delta}{\delta} \|\mu_1 - \hat{\mu}_1\| + \|(1-D_i) - \pi_0\| \|\hat{\mu}_1 - \mu_1\| + \\ & \quad \|\hat{\pi}_1 - \pi_1\| \|\hat{\mu}_1 - \mu_1\| + \|\hat{\pi}_1 - \pi_1\| \|\mu_1\| + (1-\epsilon) \|\hat{\mu}_1 - \mu_1\| + \|\mu_1\| \|\hat{\pi}_1 - \pi_1\|. \end{aligned}$$

The result then follows by applying the stated rate conditions.  $\square$

**Lemma B.7.** Let  $\beta(\cdot)$  be some function of  $X_i$  such that  $\|\beta(\cdot)\| \leq M$  for some  $M < \infty$  and define the remainder  $R_{1,n}^k = \|\hat{\mu}_{1,-k} - \mu_1\| \|\hat{\pi}_{1,-k} - \pi_1\|$ . Assume that there exists  $\epsilon > 0$  s.t.  $\mathbb{P}(\hat{\pi}_{1,-k}(X_i) \geq \epsilon) = 1$ . Then,

$$\mathbb{E}[\beta(X_i) (\phi(\pi_0(X_i)\mu_1(X_i);\hat{\eta}_{-k}) - \phi(\pi_0(X_i)\mu_1(X_i);\eta)) \mid \mathcal{O}_{-k}] = O_P(R_{1,n})$$

*Proof.* For ease of notation, we omit the dependence on  $X_i$  and  $-k$ . The proof follows an analogous argument to Lemma B.2. Observe that

$$\mathbb{E}[\beta(X_i) (\phi(\pi_0(X_i)\mu_1(X_i);\hat{\eta}) - \phi(\pi_0(X_i)\mu_1(X_i);\eta))] =$$



$$\begin{aligned}
& \mathbb{E}[\beta(X_i) \left\{ ((1 - D_i) - \hat{\pi}_0)\hat{\mu}_1 + \frac{D_i}{\hat{\pi}_1}(Y_i - \hat{\mu}_1)\hat{\pi}_0 + \hat{\pi}_0\hat{\mu}_1 - ((1 - D_i) - \pi_0)\mu_1 - \frac{D_i}{\pi_1}(Y_i - \mu_1)\pi_0 - \pi_0\mu_1 \right\}] \stackrel{(1)}{=} \\
& \mathbb{E}[\beta(X_i) \left\{ (\pi_0 - \hat{\pi}_0)\hat{\mu}_1 + \frac{\pi_1}{\hat{\pi}_1}(\mu_1 - \hat{\mu}_1)\hat{\pi}_0 \right\} + \hat{\pi}_0\hat{\mu}_1 - \pi_0\mu_1] \stackrel{(2)}{=} \\
& \mathbb{E}[\beta(X_i) \left\{ (\pi_0 - \hat{\pi}_0)\hat{\mu}_1 + \frac{\pi_1}{\hat{\pi}_1}(\mu_1 - \hat{\mu}_1)\hat{\pi}_0 + \hat{\pi}_0(\hat{\mu}_1 - \mu_1) + \mu_1(\hat{\pi}_0 - \pi_0) \right\}] = \\
& \mathbb{E}[\beta(X_i) \left\{ (\hat{\mu}_1 - \mu_1)(\pi_0 - \hat{\pi}_0) + \frac{\pi_1 - \hat{\pi}_1}{\hat{\pi}_1}(\mu_1 - \hat{\mu}_1)\hat{\pi}_0 \right\}]
\end{aligned}$$

where (1) applies iterated expectations, (2) adds/subtracts  $\hat{\pi}_0\mu_1$ , and the final equality re-arranges. The result then follows by applying the assumption of bounded propensity score estimator and applying the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality.  $\square$

**Lemma B.8.** *Let  $\beta(\cdot)$  be some function of  $X_i$  such that  $\|\beta(\cdot)\| \leq M$  for some  $M < \infty$  and define the remainder  $R_{2,n}^k = \|\hat{\mathbb{E}}_{-k}[D_i Y_i | X_i, Z_i = z] - \mathbb{E}[D_i Y_i | X_i, Z_i = z]\| \|\hat{\mathbb{P}}_{-k}(Z_i = z | X_i) - \mathbb{P}(Z_i = z | X_i)\|$  and  $R_{3,n}^k = \|\hat{\pi}_{0,-k}(\cdot, z) - \pi_0(\cdot, z)\| \|\hat{\mathbb{P}}_{-k}(Z_i = z | X_i) - \mathbb{P}(Z_i = z | X_i)\|$ . Assume that there exists  $\epsilon > 0$  such that  $\mathbb{P}\{\hat{\mathbb{P}}_{-k}(Z_i = z | X_i) \geq \epsilon\} = 1$ . Then,*

$$\begin{aligned}
& \mathbb{E}[\beta(X_i)\phi_z(D_i Y_i; \hat{\eta}_{-k}) - \beta(X_i)\phi_z(D_i Y_i; \eta) | \mathcal{O}_{-k}] = O_{\mathbb{P}}(R_{2,n}^k) \\
& \mathbb{E}[\beta(X_i)\phi_z(1 - D_i; \hat{\eta}_{-k}) - \beta(X_i)\phi_z(1 - D_i; \eta) | \mathcal{O}_{-k}] = O_{\mathbb{P}}(R_{3,n}^k).
\end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* The proof follows a similar argument as the proof of Lemma B.2. To ease notation, we write  $\mu_z^{DY}(x) = \mathbb{E}[D_i Y_i | Z_i = z, X_i = x]$  and  $\lambda_z(x) = \mathbb{P}(Z_i = x | X_i = x)$  and suppress the dependence on  $-k$ . We prove the result for  $\phi_z(D_i Y_i; \eta)$ , and the result for  $\phi_z(1 - D_i; \hat{\eta})$  follows the same argument. Observe that

$$\begin{aligned}
& \mathbb{E}[\beta(X_i)\phi_z(D_i Y_i; \hat{\eta}) - \beta(X_i)\phi_z(D_i Y_i; \eta)] = \\
& \mathbb{E}[\beta(X_i) \left( \frac{1\{Z_i = z\}}{\hat{\lambda}_z(X_i)}(D_i Y_i - \hat{\mu}_z^{DY}(X_i)) - \frac{1\{Z_i = z\}}{\lambda_z(X_i)}(D_i Y_i - \mu_z^{DY}(X_i)) + (\hat{\mu}_z^{DY}(X_i) - \mu_z^{DY}(X_i)) \right)] \stackrel{(1)}{=} \\
& \mathbb{E}[\beta(X_i) \left( \frac{\lambda_z(X_i)}{\hat{\lambda}_z(X_i)}(\mu_z^{DY}(X_i) - \hat{\mu}_z^{DY}(X_i)) + (\hat{\mu}_z^{DY}(X_i) - \mu_z^{DY}(X_i)) \right)] = \\
& \mathbb{E}[\beta(X_i) \frac{(\hat{\mu}_z^{DY}(X_i) - \mu_z^{DY}(X_i))(\lambda_z(X_i) - \hat{\lambda}_z(X_i))}{\hat{\pi}_1(X_i)}] \stackrel{(2)}{\leq} \\
& \frac{1}{\epsilon} \mathbb{E}[\beta(X_i)(\hat{\mu}_z^{DY}(X_i) - \mu_z^{DY}(X_i))(\lambda_z(X_i) - \hat{\lambda}_z(X_i))]
\end{aligned}$$

where (1) follows by iterated expectations and (2) by the assumption of bounded instrument propensity estimator. The result then follows by applying the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality and using  $\|\beta(\cdot)\| \leq M$ .  $\square$

**Lemma B.9** (Convergence of plug-in influence function estimators for instrumental variable bounds). *Suppose  $O_i = (X_i, Z_i, D_i, Y_i) \sim P(\cdot)$  i.i.d. for  $i = 1, \dots, n$ , where  $Z_i \in \mathcal{Z}$  has finite support and satisfies  $(Y_i(0), Y_i(1)) \perp Z_i | X_i$ . Define the remainder terms  $R_{2,n}^k = \|\hat{\mathbb{E}}_{-k}[D_i Y_i | X_i, Z_i = z] - \mathbb{E}[D_i Y_i | X_i, Z_i = z]\| \|\hat{\mathbb{P}}_{-k}(Z_i = z | X_i) - \mathbb{P}(Z_i = z | X_i)\|$  and  $R_{3,n}^k = \|\hat{\pi}_{0,-k}(z, \cdot) - \pi_0(z, \cdot)\| \|\hat{\mathbb{P}}_{-k}(Z_i = z | X_i) - \mathbb{P}(Z_i = z | X_i)\|$ . Assume that (i) there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that  $\mathbb{P}\{\mathbb{P}(Z_i = z | X_i) \geq \delta\} = 1$ ; (ii) there exists  $\epsilon > 0$  such that  $\mathbb{P}\{\hat{\mathbb{P}}_{-k}(Z_i = z | X_i) \geq \epsilon\} = 1$ ; (iii)  $\|\hat{\mathbb{E}}_{-k}[D_i Y_i | X_i, Z_i = z] - \mathbb{E}[D_i Y_i | X_i, Z_i = z]\| = o_p(1)$ ,*

$\|\hat{\pi}_{-k}(\cdot, z) - \pi(\cdot, z)\| = o_P(1)$  and  $\|\hat{\mathbb{P}}_{-k}(Z_i = z \mid X_i) - \mathbb{P}(Z_i = z \mid X_i)\| = o_P(1)$ . Then,

$$\begin{aligned}\|\phi_z(D_i Y_i; \hat{\eta}_{-k}) - \phi_z(D_i Y_i; \eta)\| &= O_P(R_{2,n}^k), \\ \|\phi_z(1 - D_i; \hat{\eta}_{-k}) - \phi_z(1 - D_i; \eta)\| &= O_P(R_{3,n}^k).\end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* The proof of this result is analogous to the proof of Lemma B.5. To ease notation, we write  $\mu_z^{DY}(x) = \mathbb{E}[D_i Y_i \mid Z_i = z, X_i = x]$  and  $\lambda_z(x) = \mathbb{P}(Z_i = x \mid X_i = x)$  and suppress the dependence on  $-k$ . We prove the result for  $\phi_z(D_i Y_i; \eta)$ , and the result for  $\phi_z(1 - D_i; \eta)$  follows the same argument. Observe that we can rewrite

$$\begin{aligned}\|\phi_z(D_i Y_i; \hat{\eta}) - \phi_z(D_i Y_i; \eta)\| &= \\ \left\| \frac{1\{Z_i = z\}}{\hat{\lambda}_z(X_i)}(Y_i D_i - \hat{\mu}_z^{DY}(X_i)) - \frac{1\{Z_i = z\}}{\lambda_z(X_i)}(Y_i D_i - \mu_z^{DY}(X_i)) + (\hat{\mu}_z^{DY}(X_i) - \mu_z^{DY}(X_i)) \right\| &\stackrel{(1)}{=} \\ \left| \frac{1\{Z_i = z\}}{\lambda_z(X_i)} \frac{\lambda_z(X_i) - \hat{\lambda}_z(X_i)}{\hat{\lambda}_z(X_i)}(Y_i D_i - \hat{\mu}_z^{DY}(X_i)) - \frac{1\{Z_i = z\}}{\lambda_z(X_i)}(\hat{\mu}_z^{DY}(X_i) - \mu_z^{DY}(X_i)) + (\hat{\mu}_z^{DY}(X_i) - \mu_z^{DY}(X_i)) \right| &\stackrel{(2)}{\leq} \\ \left\| \frac{1\{Z_i = z\}}{\lambda_z(X_i)} \frac{\lambda_z(X_i) - \hat{\lambda}_z(X_i)}{\hat{\lambda}_z(X_i)}(D_i Y_i - \mu_z^{DY}(X_i)) \right\| + \left\| \frac{1\{Z_i = z\}}{\lambda_z(X_i)} \frac{\lambda_z(X_i) - \hat{\lambda}_z(X_i)}{\hat{\lambda}_z(X_i)}(\mu_z^{DY}(X_i) - \hat{\mu}_z^{DY}(X_i)) \right\| + & \\ \left\| \frac{1\{Z_i = z\}}{\lambda_z(X_i)}(\hat{\mu}_z^{DY}(X_i) - \mu_z^{DY}(X_i)) \right\| + \|\hat{\mu}_z^{DY}(X_i) - \mu_z^{DY}(X_i)\| &\stackrel{(3)}{\leq} \\ \frac{1}{\delta\epsilon} \|\lambda_z(X_i) - \hat{\lambda}_z(X_i)\| \|D_i Y_i - \mu_z^{DY}(X_i)\| + \frac{1}{\delta\epsilon} \|\lambda_z(X_i) - \hat{\lambda}_z(X_i)\| \|\mu_z^{DY}(X_i) - \hat{\mu}_z^{DY}(X_i)\| + & \\ \frac{1}{\delta} \|\mu_z^{DY}(X_i) - \hat{\mu}_z^{DY}(X_i)\| + \|\mu_z^{DY}(X_i) - \hat{\mu}_z^{DY}(X_i)\| &\end{aligned}$$

where (1) follows by adding and subtracting  $\frac{1\{Z_i = z\}}{\lambda_z(x)}(Y - \hat{\mu}_z^{DY}(x))$ , (2) follows by adding and subtracting  $\frac{1\{Z_i = z\}}{\lambda_z(X_i)} \frac{\lambda_z(X_i) - \hat{\lambda}_z(X_i)}{\hat{\lambda}_z(X_i)} \mu_z^{DY}(X_i)$  and applying the triangle inequality, (3) applies the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality and the assumptions of strict instrument overlap and bounded instrument propensity estimator. The result then follows from the stated rate conditions.  $\square$

## C Additional theoretical results

In this section, we state and prove various additional theoretical results that are discussed briefly in the main text.

### C.1 Variance estimation for bounds on overall predictive disparities

We now develop a consistent estimator of the asymptotic covariance matrix of our estimators of the overall predictive performance bounds. Recall from the statement and proof of Theorem 3, if  $R_{1,n} = o_P(1/\sqrt{n})$ , then

$$\sqrt{n} \left( \begin{pmatrix} \widehat{\text{perf}}(s; \beta, \Delta) \\ \widehat{\text{perf}}(s; \beta, \Delta) \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} \overline{\text{perf}}(s; \beta, \Delta) \\ \underline{\text{perf}}(s; \beta, \Delta) \end{pmatrix} \right) \xrightarrow{d} N(0, \Sigma),$$

where  $\Sigma = \text{Cov} \left( (\overline{\text{perf}}_i, \underline{\text{perf}}_i)' \right)$  for  $\overline{\text{perf}}_i = \beta_{0,i} + \beta_{1,i}(1 - D_i) (1\{\beta_{1,i} > 0\}\bar{\delta}_i + 1\{\beta_{1,i} \leq 0\}\underline{\delta}_i) + \beta_{1,i}\phi_1(Y_i; \eta)$  and  $\underline{\text{perf}}_i = \beta_{0,i} + \beta_{1,i}(1 - D_i) (1\{\beta_{1,i} > 0\}\underline{\delta}_i + 1\{\beta_{1,i} \leq 0\}\bar{\delta}_i) + \beta_{1,i}\phi_1(Y_i; \eta)$  and  $\mathbb{E}[\overline{\text{perf}}_i] = \overline{\text{perf}}(s; \beta, \Delta)$ ,  $\mathbb{E}[\underline{\text{perf}}_i] = \underline{\text{perf}}(s; \beta, \Delta)$ .

Consider the following estimator of the asymptotic covariance matrix

$$\widehat{\Sigma} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \widehat{\text{perf}}(O_i; \hat{\eta}_{-K_i}) - \widehat{\text{perf}}(s; \beta, \Delta) \right) \left( \widehat{\text{perf}}(O_i; \hat{\eta}_{-K_i}) - \widehat{\text{perf}}(s; \beta, \Delta) \right)'.$$

To show that  $\widehat{\Sigma} \xrightarrow{P} \Sigma$ , it suffices to show convergence in probability for each entry. We prove this directly by establishing the following Lemma, which extends Lemma 1 in [Dorn, Guo and Kallus \(2021\)](#).

**Lemma C.1.** *Let  $\phi_1, \phi_2$  be any two square integrable functions. Let  $\hat{\phi}_{1,n} = (\hat{\phi}_1(O_i), \dots, \hat{\phi}_1(O_n))$ ,  $\hat{\phi}_{2,n} = (\hat{\phi}_2(O_i), \dots, \hat{\phi}_2(O_n))$  be random vectors satisfying*

$$\begin{aligned} \|\hat{\phi}_{1,n} - \phi_{1,n}\|_{L_2(\mathbb{P}_n)} &:= \sqrt{n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (\hat{\phi}_1(O_i) - \phi_1(O_i))^2} = o_{\mathbb{P}}(1), \\ \|\hat{\phi}_{2,n} - \phi_{2,n}\|_{L_2(\mathbb{P}_n)} &:= \sqrt{n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (\hat{\phi}_2(O_i) - \phi_2(O_i))^2} = o_{\mathbb{P}}(1), \end{aligned}$$

where  $\phi_{1,n} = (\phi_1(O_i), \dots, \phi_1(O_n))$  and  $\phi_{2,n} = (\phi_2(O_i), \dots, \phi_2(O_n))$ . Define  $\mathbb{P}_n$  to be the empirical distribution. Then, the second moments of  $\mathbb{P}_n$  converge in probability to the respective second moments of  $(\phi_1(O_i), \phi_2(O_i)) \sim P$

*Proof.* Let  $\hat{\phi}_{i,1} = \hat{\phi}_i(O_i)$  and define  $\phi_{i,1}, \hat{\phi}_{i,1}, \phi_{i,2}$  analogously. To prove this result, we first show that  $\mathbb{E}_n[\hat{\phi}_{1,i}^2] = \mathbb{E}[\phi_{1,i}^2] + o_{\mathbb{P}}(1)$  since the same argument applies for  $\phi_{2,i}$ . Observe that

$$n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n \hat{\phi}_{1,i} - \mathbb{E}[\phi_{1,i}^2] = n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (\hat{\phi}_{i,1}^2 - \phi_{i,1}^2) + (\mathbb{E}_n - \mathbb{E})[\phi_{1,i}^2],$$

where  $(\mathbb{E}_n - \mathbb{E})[\phi_{1,i}^2] = o_{\mathbb{P}}(1)$ . Furthermore, we can rewrite the first term as

$$\begin{aligned} n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (\hat{\phi}_{i,1}^2 - \phi_{i,1}^2) &= n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (\hat{\phi}_{i,1} - \phi_{i,1}) (\hat{\phi}_{i,1} + \phi_{i,1}) = \\ n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (\hat{\phi}_{i,1} - \phi_{i,1}) (\hat{\phi}_{i,1} - \phi_{i,1} + 2\phi_{i,1}) &\leq \|\hat{\phi}_{1,n} - \phi_{1,n}\| \left( \|\hat{\phi}_{1,n} - \phi_{1,n}\| + 2\|\phi_{1,n}\| \right) = o_{\mathbb{P}}(1), \end{aligned}$$

where the last inequality applies the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality and triangle inequality. We next show that  $\mathbb{E}_n[\hat{\phi}_{i,1}\hat{\phi}_{i,2}] = \mathbb{E}[\phi_{i,1}\phi_{i,2}] + o_{\mathbb{P}}(1)$ . Observe that

$$n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n \hat{\phi}_{i,1}\hat{\phi}_{i,2} - \mathbb{E}[\phi_{i,1}\phi_{i,2}] = n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (\hat{\phi}_{i,1}\hat{\phi}_{i,2} - \phi_{i,1}\phi_{i,2}) + (\mathbb{E}_n - \mathbb{E})[\phi_{i,1}\phi_{i,2}],$$

where  $(\mathbb{E}_n - \mathbb{E})[\phi_{i,1}\phi_{i,2}] = o_{\mathbb{P}}(1)$ . We can further rewrite the first term as

$$\begin{aligned} n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (\hat{\phi}_{i,1}\hat{\phi}_{i,2} - \phi_{i,1}\phi_{i,2}) &= n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (\hat{\phi}_{i,1}(\hat{\phi}_{i,2} - \phi_{i,2}) + \phi_{i,2}(\hat{\phi}_{i,1} - \phi_{i,1})) = \\ n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n \phi_{i,1}(\hat{\phi}_{i,2} - \phi_{i,2}) &+ n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (\hat{\phi}_{i,1} - \phi_{i,1})(\hat{\phi}_{i,2} - \phi_{i,2}) + n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n \phi_{i,2}(\hat{\phi}_{i,1} - \phi_{i,1}) \leq \end{aligned}$$

$$\|\phi_{1,n}\| \|\hat{\phi}_{2,n} - \phi_{2,n}\| + \|\hat{\phi}_{1,n} - \phi_{1,n}\| \|\hat{\phi}_{2,n} - \phi_{2,n}\| + \|\phi_{2,n}\| \|\hat{\phi}_{1,n} - \phi_{1,n}\| = o_{\mathbb{P}}(1),$$

where the last inequality applies Cauchy-Schwarz inequality.  $\square$

We simply need to show that the conditions of Lemma C.1 are satisfied for  $\widehat{\text{perf}}(O_i; \hat{\eta}_{-K_i})$  and  $\widehat{\text{perf}}(O_i; \hat{\eta}_{-K_i})$ . The convergence of probability of the sample estimator  $\hat{\Sigma}$  then follows immediately by the continuous mapping theorem since we already established the convergence of the first moments in Theorem 3 provided we show that  $\|\widehat{\text{perf}}_n^k - \overline{\text{perf}}_n^k\|^2$ , and  $\|\widehat{\text{perf}}_n^k - \underline{\text{perf}}_n^k\|^2$  are  $o_{\mathbb{P}}(1)$  for each fold  $k$ .

**Lemma C.2.** *Under the same assumptions as Theorem 3, for each fold  $k$ ,*

$$\begin{aligned} \|\widehat{\text{perf}}_i - \overline{\text{perf}}_i\|_{L_2(\mathbb{P}_n^k)} &= o_{\mathbb{P}}(1) \\ \|\widehat{\text{perf}}_i - \underline{\text{perf}}_i\|_{L_2(\mathbb{P}_n^k)} &= o_{\mathbb{P}}(1) \end{aligned}$$

conditionally on  $\mathcal{O}_{-k}$ .

*Proof.* We prove the result for  $\widehat{\text{perf}}_n$  since the analogous argument applies for  $\underline{\text{perf}}_n$ . Following the proof of Lemma B.5, we observe that

$$\begin{aligned} \|\widehat{\text{perf}}_i - \overline{\text{perf}}_i\|_{L_2(\mathbb{P}_n^k)} &\leq \frac{\|D_i\|_{L_2(\mathbb{P}_n^k)}}{\delta} \frac{\|\pi_1 - \hat{\pi}_1\|_{L_2(\mathbb{P}_n^k)}}{\epsilon} \|Y_i - \mu_1(X_i)\|_{L_2(\mathbb{P}_n^k)} + \\ &\frac{\|D_i\|_{L_2(\mathbb{P}_n^k)}}{\delta} \frac{\|\pi_1 - \hat{\pi}_1\|_{L_2(\mathbb{P}_n^k)}}{\epsilon} \|\hat{\mu}_1 - \mu_1\|_{L_2(\mathbb{P}_n^k)} + \frac{\|D_i\|_{L_2(\mathbb{P}_n^k)}}{\delta} \|\hat{\mu}_1 - \mu_1\|_{L_2(\mathbb{P}_n^k)} + \|\hat{\mu}_1 - \mu_1\|_{L_2(\mathbb{P}_n^k)} = \\ &O_p(\|\pi_1 - \hat{\pi}_1\|_{L_2(\mathbb{P})} \|Y_i - \mu_1(X_i)\|_{L_2(\mathbb{P})} + \|\pi_1 - \hat{\pi}_1\|_{L_2(\mathbb{P})} \|\hat{\mu}_1 - \mu_1\|_{L_2(\mathbb{P})} + \|\hat{\mu}_1 - \mu_1\|_{L_2(\mathbb{P})}). \end{aligned}$$

where the last line applies Markov's Inequality. The result is then immediate.  $\square$

By a straightforward extension, we can develop consistent estimators of the asymptotic covariance matrix under nonparametric outcome bounds and instrumental variable bounds as well.

## C.2 Bounding predictive disparities under the MOSM

As mentioned in the main text, we can further bound the predictive disparities of a given risk assessment under the MOSM. Recall that now  $X_i = (G_i, \bar{X}_i)'$ . Towards this, first consider the overall predictive disparity. Observe that, for  $g \in \{0, 1\}$ ,

$$\text{perf}_g(s; \beta) = \mathbb{E}[\beta_{0,i} + \beta_{1,i}\mu_1(X_i) + \beta_{1,i}\pi_0(X_i)\delta(X_i) \mid G_i = g] =$$

$$P(G_i = g)^{-1} \mathbb{E}[\beta_{0,i}1\{G_i = g\} + \beta_{1,i}1\{G_i = g\}\mu_1(X_i) + \beta_{1,i}1\{G_i = g\}\pi_0(X_i)\delta(X_i)].$$

where  $\alpha_g = P(G_i = g)$ . Therefore  $\text{disp}(s; \beta)$  can be equivalently written as

$$\alpha_1^{-1} \mathbb{E}[\beta_{0,i}G_i + \beta_{1,i}G_i\mu_1(X_i) + \beta_{1,i}G_i\pi_0(X_i)\delta(X_i)] - \alpha_0^{-1} \mathbb{E}[\beta_{0,i}(1-G_i) + \beta_{1,i}(1-G_i)\mu_1(X_i) + \beta_{1,i}(1-G_i)\pi_0(X_i)\delta(X_i)].$$

Since this is a linear function  $\delta$ , we can immediately obtain sharp bounds. In contrast, for the positive-class predictive disparity, we provide non-sharp bounds since the positive-class predictive-disparity can only be expressed as the difference of two linear-fractional functions in  $\delta(\cdot)$ .

**Lemma C.3.** *Define  $\mathcal{H}(\text{disp}(s; \beta); \Delta)$  to be the set of all overall predictive disparities that are consistent with the MOSM. To ease notation, let  $\beta_{0,i}^g = \beta_{0,i}/P(G_i = g)$ ,  $\beta_{1,i}^g = \beta_{1,i}/P(G_i = g)$  for  $g \in \{0, 1\}$ , and  $\tilde{\beta}_{0,i} = \beta_{0,i}^1 - \beta_{0,i}^0$ ,  $\tilde{\beta}_{1,i} = \beta_{1,i}^1 - \beta_{1,i}^0$ . Under Assumption 2.1,*

$$\mathcal{H}(\text{disp}(s; \beta); \Delta) = [\underline{\text{disp}}(s; \beta, \Delta), \overline{\text{disp}}(s; \beta, \Delta)],$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}\overline{disp}(s; \beta, \Delta) &:= \mathbb{E}[\tilde{\beta}_{0,i} + \tilde{\beta}_{1,i}\mu_1(X_i) + \tilde{\beta}_{1,i}\pi_0(X_i)(\bar{\nu}_i\bar{\delta}_i + \underline{\nu}_i\underline{\delta}_i)] \\ \underline{disp}(s; \beta, \Delta) &:= \mathbb{E}[\tilde{\beta}_{0,i} + \tilde{\beta}_{1,i}\mu_1(X_i) + \tilde{\beta}_{1,i}\pi_0(X_i)(\bar{\nu}_i\underline{\delta}_i + \underline{\nu}_i\bar{\delta}_i)].\end{aligned}$$

for  $\bar{\nu}_i = G_i 1\{\beta_{1,i} \geq 0\} + (1 - G_i) 1\{\beta_{1,i} \leq 0\}$  and  $\underline{\nu}_i = G_i 1\{\beta_{1,i} < 0\} + (1 - G_i) 1\{\beta_{1,i} > 0\}$ .

*Proof.* To prove the result, we notice that  $\text{disp}(s; \beta)$  can be rewritten as

$$\mathbb{E}[\tilde{\beta}_{0,i} + \tilde{\beta}_{1,i}\mu_1(X_i) + \tilde{\beta}_{1,i}\pi_0(X_i)\delta(X_i)]$$

using the definitions of  $\tilde{\beta}_{0,i}, \tilde{\beta}_{1,i}$ . Following the same logic as Lemma 2.1 in the main text, it then follows immediately that  $\mathcal{H}(\text{disp}(s; \beta); \Delta)$  equals the closed interval

$$\begin{aligned}& [\tilde{\beta}_{0,i} + \tilde{\beta}_{1,i}\mu_1(X_i) + \tilde{\beta}_{1,i}\pi_0(X_i) (1\{\tilde{\beta}_{1,i} \geq 0\}\underline{\delta}_i + 1\{\tilde{\beta}_{1,i} < 0\}\bar{\delta}_i), \\ & \tilde{\beta}_{0,i} + \tilde{\beta}_{1,i}\mu_1(X_i) + \tilde{\beta}_{1,i}\pi_0(X_i) (1\{\tilde{\beta}_{1,i} \geq 0\}\bar{\delta}_i + 1\{\tilde{\beta}_{1,i} < 0\}\underline{\delta}_i)].\end{aligned}$$

The result then follows by noticing that

$$\begin{aligned}1\{\tilde{\beta}_{1,i} \geq 0\} &= 1\{(G_i - p)\beta_{1,i} \geq 0\} = G_i 1\{\beta_{1,i} \geq 0\} + (1 - G_i) 1\{\beta_{1,i} \leq 0\}. \\ 1\{\tilde{\beta}_{1,i} < 0\} &= 1\{(G_i - p)\beta_{1,i} < 0\} = G_i 1\{\beta_{1,i} < 0\} + (1 - G_i) 1\{\beta_{1,i} > 0\}.\end{aligned}$$

□

**Lemma C.4.** Define  $\mathcal{H}(\text{disp}_+(s; \beta); \Delta)$  to be the set of all positive-class disparities that are consistent with the MOSM. Under Assumption 2.1,

$$\mathcal{H}(\text{disp}_+(s; \beta); \Delta) \subseteq [\underline{disp}_+(s; \beta, \Delta), \overline{disp}_+(s; \beta, \Delta)],$$

where  $\overline{disp}_+(s; \beta, \Delta) = \overline{perf}_{+,1}(s; \beta) - \underline{perf}_{+,0}(s, \beta)$ ,  $\underline{disp}_+(s; \beta, \Delta) = \underline{perf}_{+,1}(s; \beta) - \overline{perf}_{+,0}(s, \beta)$  for,  $g \in \{0, 1\}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}\overline{perf}_{+,g}(s; \beta) &= \sup_{\delta \in \Delta} \frac{\mathbb{E}[\beta_{0,i}\mu_1(X_i) + \beta_{0,i}\pi_0(X_i)\delta(X_i) \mid G_i = g]}{\mathbb{E}[\mu_1(X_i) + \pi_0(X_i)\delta(X_i) \mid G_i = g]}, \\ \underline{perf}_{+,g}(s; \beta) &= \inf_{\delta \in \Delta} \frac{\mathbb{E}[\beta_{0,i}\mu_1(X_i) + \beta_{0,i}\pi_0(X_i)\delta(X_i) \mid G_i = g]}{\mathbb{E}[\mu_1(X_i) + \pi_0(X_i)\delta(X_i) \mid G_i = g]}.\end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* Observe that, for  $g \in \{0, 1\}$ ,

$$\text{perf}_{+,g}(s; \beta, \delta) = \frac{\mathbb{E}[\beta_{0,i}\mu_1(X_i) + \beta_{0,i}\pi_0(X_i)\delta(X_i) \mid G_i = g]}{\mathbb{E}[\mu_1(X_i) + \pi_0(X_i)\delta(X_i) \mid G_i = g]},$$

and so the positive-class predictive disparity  $\text{disp}_+(s; \beta)$  can be written as  $\text{disp}_+(s; \beta, \delta) = \text{perf}_{+,1}(s; \beta, \delta) - \text{perf}_{+,0}(s; \beta, \delta)$ . The result then follows since

$$\sup_{\delta \in \Delta} \text{disp}_+(s; \beta, \delta) \leq \sup_{\delta \in \Delta} \text{perf}_{+,1}(s; \beta, \delta) - \inf_{\delta \in \Delta} \text{perf}_{+,0}(s; \beta, \delta)$$

and

$$\inf_{\delta \in \Delta} \text{disp}_+(s; \beta, \delta) \geq \inf_{\delta \in \Delta} \text{perf}_{+,1}(s; \beta, \delta) - \sup_{\delta \in \Delta} \text{perf}_{+,0}(s; \beta, \delta).$$

□

### C.3 Estimating bounds on overall predictive disparities

We now construct estimators for the bounds on the overall predictive disparities under the MOSM,  $\underline{\text{disp}}(s; \beta, \Delta)$  and  $\overline{\text{disp}}(s; \beta, \Delta)$ . We develop the estimators assuming that  $\mathbb{P}(G_i = 1)$  is known, but they can be easily extended to the case where this is estimated. We also develop the estimators assuming that the bounding functions  $\underline{\delta}(\cdot), \bar{\delta}(\cdot)$  in the MOSM are known. The extensions to the cases of estimated nonparametric outcome regression bounds and estimated instrumental variable bounds are trivial in light of the results in Section 5.1.

We make use of  $K$ -fold cross-fitting. For each fold  $k$ , we construct estimators of the nuisance functions  $\hat{\eta}_{-k} = (\hat{\pi}_{1,-k}, \hat{\mu}_{1,-k})$  using only the sample of observations  $\mathcal{O}_{-k}$  not in the  $k$ -th fold. For each observation in the  $k$ -th fold, we construct

$$\overline{\text{disp}}(O_i; \hat{\eta}_{-k}) := \tilde{\beta}_{0,i} + \tilde{\beta}_{1,i}\phi_1(Y_i; \hat{\eta}_{-k}) + \tilde{\beta}_{1,i}(1 - D_i)(\bar{\nu}_i\bar{\delta} + \underline{\nu}_i\bar{\delta}_i), \quad (27)$$

$$\underline{\text{disp}}(O_i; \hat{\eta}_{-k}) := \tilde{\beta}_{0,i} + \tilde{\beta}_{1,i}\phi_1(Y_i; \hat{\eta}_{-k}) + \tilde{\beta}_{1,i}(1 - D_i)(\bar{\nu}_i\underline{\delta} + \underline{\nu}_i\underline{\delta}_i). \quad (28)$$

$$(29)$$

We then estimate the upper bound on overall predictive disparities under the MOSM by taking the average across all units in the historical data  $\widehat{\overline{\text{disp}}}(s; \beta, \Delta) := \mathbb{E}_n[\overline{\text{disp}}(O_i; \hat{\eta}_{-K(i)})]$  and  $\widehat{\underline{\text{disp}}}(s; \beta, \Delta) := \mathbb{E}_n[\underline{\text{disp}}(O_i; \hat{\eta}_{-K(i)})]$ . Algorithm 4 summarizes our proposed estimators for the overall predictive disparity bounds under the MOSM and their associated standard errors.

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**Algorithm 4:** Pseudo-algorithm for overall predictive disparity bounds estimators.

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**Input:** Data  $\mathcal{O} = \{(O_i)\}_{i=1}^n$  where  $O_i = (X_i, D_i, Y_i)$ , number of folds  $K$ .

1 **for**  $k = 1, \dots, K$  **do**

2     Estimate  $\hat{\eta}_{-k} = (\hat{\pi}_{1,-k}, \hat{\mu}_{1,-k})$ .

3     Set  $\overline{\text{disp}}(O_i; \hat{\eta}_{-K(i)})$  and  $\underline{\text{disp}}(O_i; \hat{\eta}_{-K(i)})$  for all  $i \in \mathcal{O}_k$ .

4 ; Set  $\widehat{\overline{\text{disp}}}(s; \beta, \Delta) = \mathbb{E}_n[\overline{\text{disp}}(O_i; \hat{\eta}_{-K(i)})]$ ,  $\widehat{\underline{\text{disp}}}(s; \beta, \Delta) = \mathbb{E}_n[\underline{\text{disp}}(O_i; \hat{\eta}_{-K(i)})]$ ;

5 Set  $\hat{\sigma}_{i,11} = (\overline{\text{disp}}(O_i; \hat{\eta}_{-K(i)}) - \widehat{\overline{\text{disp}}}(s; \beta, \Delta))^2$ ,

$\hat{\sigma}_{i,12} = (\overline{\text{disp}}(O_i; \hat{\eta}_{-K(i)}) - \widehat{\overline{\text{disp}}}(s; \beta, \Delta))(\underline{\text{disp}}(O_i; \hat{\eta}_{-K(i)}) - \widehat{\underline{\text{disp}}}(s; \beta, \Delta))$ , and

$\hat{\sigma}_{i,22} = (\underline{\text{disp}}(O_i; \hat{\eta}_{-K(i)}) - \widehat{\underline{\text{disp}}}(s; \beta, \Delta))^2$ ;

**Output:** Estimates  $\widehat{\overline{\text{disp}}}(s; \beta, \Delta) = \mathbb{E}_n[\overline{\text{disp}}(O_i; \hat{\eta}_{-K(i)})]$ ,  $\widehat{\underline{\text{disp}}}(s; \beta, \Delta) = \mathbb{E}_n[\underline{\text{disp}}(O_i; \hat{\eta}_{-K(i)})]$ .

**Output:** Estimated covariance matrix  $n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n \begin{pmatrix} \hat{\sigma}_{i,11} & \hat{\sigma}_{i,12} \\ \hat{\sigma}_{i,12} & \hat{\sigma}_{i,22} \end{pmatrix}$

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By the same argument as the proof of Theorem 3, we can derive the rate of convergence of our proposed estimators and provide conditions under which they are jointly asymptotically normal.

**Proposition C.1.** *Under the same assumptions as Theorem 3,*

$$\begin{aligned} |\widehat{\overline{\text{perf}}}(s; \beta, \Delta) - \overline{\text{perf}}(s; \beta, \Delta)| &= O_{\mathbb{P}}(1/\sqrt{n} + \sum_{k=1}^K R_{1,n}^k) \\ |\widehat{\underline{\text{perf}}}(s; \beta, \Delta) - \underline{\text{perf}}(s; \beta, \Delta)| &= O_{\mathbb{P}}(1/\sqrt{n} + \sum_{k=1}^K R_{1,n}^k). \end{aligned}$$

If further  $R_{1,n}^k = o_{\mathbb{P}}(1/\sqrt{n})$  for all folds  $k$ , then

$$\sqrt{n} \left( \begin{pmatrix} \widehat{\underline{disp}}(s; \beta, \Delta) \\ \widehat{\underline{disp}}(s; \beta, \Delta) \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} \overline{\underline{disp}}(s; \beta, \Delta) \\ \overline{\underline{disp}}(s; \beta, \Delta) \end{pmatrix} \right) \xrightarrow{N} (0, \Sigma)$$

for covariance matrix  $\Sigma = \text{Cov} \left( \begin{pmatrix} \overline{\underline{disp}}_i, \underline{disp}_i \end{pmatrix} \right)$  where  $\overline{\underline{disp}}_i = \tilde{\beta}_{0,i} + \tilde{\beta}_{1,i}\phi_1(Y_i; \eta) + \tilde{\beta}_{1,i}(1 - D_i)(\bar{\nu}_i\bar{\delta} + \underline{\nu}_i\bar{\delta}_i)$  and  $\underline{disp}_i = \tilde{\beta}_{0,i} + \tilde{\beta}_{1,i}\phi_1(Y_i; \eta) + \tilde{\beta}_{1,i}(1 - D_i)(\bar{\nu}_i\bar{\delta} + \underline{\nu}_i\bar{\delta}_i)$ .

As in the main text, we can analogously extend our estimators for the bounds on overall predictive disparities under the MOSM to the case with estimated bounding functions (e.g., nonparametric outcome regression bounds and instrumental variable bounds). Since this merely involves replacing plugging in an estimator for the appropriate uncentered efficient influence function into the estimator defined above, we skip providing the details.

#### C.4 Estimating bounds on positive-class predictive disparities

We now construct estimators for the bounds on positive-class predictive disparities under the MOSM,  $\widehat{\underline{disp}}_+(s; \beta, \Delta)$  and  $\overline{\underline{disp}}_+(s; \beta, \Delta)$ . To do so, we develop our estimator for the group-specific positive-class performance bounds  $\widehat{\text{perf}}_{+,g}(s; \beta, \Delta)$  and  $\overline{\text{perf}}_{+,g}(s; \beta, \Delta)$ .

We once again make use of  $K$ -fold cross-fitting. For each fold  $k = 1, \dots, K$ , we construct estimators of the nuisance functions  $\hat{\eta}_{-k}$  using only the sample of observations  $\mathcal{O}_{-k}$ . We then construct a fold-specific estimate of the upper bound for group  $g$  by solving

$$\widehat{\text{perf}}_{+,g}^k(s; \beta, \Delta_n) := \max_{\tilde{\delta} \in \Delta_n} \frac{\mathbb{E}_n^k[1\{G_i = g\} (\beta_{0,i}\phi_1(Y_i; \hat{\eta}_{-k}) + \beta_{0,i}(1 - D_i)\tilde{\delta}_i)]}{\mathbb{E}_n^k[1\{G_i = g\} (\phi_1(Y_i; \hat{\eta}_{-k}) + (1 - D_i)\tilde{\delta}_i)]}. \quad (30)$$

The estimator then averages the fold-specific estimates  $\widehat{\text{perf}}_{+,g}(s; \beta, \Delta_n) = K^{-1} \sum_{k=1}^K \widehat{\text{perf}}_{+,g}^k(s; \beta, \Delta_n)$ , and  $\overline{\text{perf}}_{+,g}(s; \beta, \Delta)$  is defined analogously. We then estimate the bounds on positive-class predictive disparities by

$$\begin{aligned} \widehat{\underline{disp}}_+(s; \beta, \Delta) &= \widehat{\text{perf}}_{+,1}(s; \beta, \Delta) - \widehat{\text{perf}}_{+,1}(s; \beta, \Delta), \\ \overline{\underline{disp}}_+(s; \beta, \Delta) &= \overline{\text{perf}}_{+,1}(s; \beta, \Delta) - \overline{\text{perf}}_{+,1}(s; \beta, \Delta). \end{aligned}$$

To analyze the rate of convergence of  $\widehat{\underline{disp}}_+(s; \beta, \Delta)$ , we first notice that

$$\|\widehat{\text{perf}}_{+,g}(s; \beta, \Delta) - \overline{\text{perf}}_{+,g}(s; \beta, \Delta)\| = O_{\mathbb{P}}(1/\sqrt{n} + \sum_{k=1}^K R_{1,n}^K)$$

by the same argument as the proof of Theorem 4. The following result is then an immediate consequence.

**Proposition C.2.** *Under the same assumptions as Theorem 4,*

$$\begin{aligned} \|\widehat{\underline{disp}}(s; \beta, \Delta) - \overline{\underline{disp}}(s; \beta, \Delta)\| &= O_{\mathbb{P}}(1/\sqrt{n} + \sum_{k=1}^K R_{1,n}^K), \\ \|\widehat{\underline{disp}}(s; \beta, \Delta) - \underline{disp}(s; \beta, \Delta)\| &= O_{\mathbb{P}}(1/\sqrt{n} + \sum_{k=1}^K R_{1,n}^K). \end{aligned}$$



## D Additional Monte Carlo simulations

In this section, we report additional Monte Carlo simulations that examine the performance of our proposed estimators for robust audits.

### D.1 Robust audits: bounds on true positive rate and false positive rate

Under the same simulation design as described in Section 6.1 of the main text, we now report the performance of our estimators for the bounds on the true positive rate  $\text{perf}_+(s; \beta_{tpr})$  and the false positive rate  $\text{perf}_-(s; \beta_{fpr})$ .

We first audit the true positive rate of the risk score for a fixed choice  $\underline{\Gamma} = 2/3$ ,  $\bar{\Gamma} = 3/2$ , and evaluate how well our proposed estimators recover the true bounds  $[\underline{\text{perf}}_+(s; \beta_{tpr}, \Delta(\Gamma)), \overline{\text{perf}}_+(s; \beta_{tpr}, \Gamma)]$  and  $[\underline{\text{perf}}_-(s; \beta_{fpr}, \Delta(\Gamma)), \overline{\text{perf}}_-(s; \beta_{fpr}, \Gamma)]$ . Across 1,000 simulated evaluation datasets of varying size  $n \in \{500, 1000, 1500\}$ , we calculate the estimates  $[\widehat{\text{perf}}_+(s; \beta_{tpr}, \Delta(\Gamma)), \widehat{\text{perf}}_+(s; \beta_{tpr}, \Delta(\Gamma))]$  and  $[\widehat{\text{perf}}_-(s; \beta_{fpr}, \Delta(\Gamma)), \widehat{\text{perf}}_-(s; \beta_{fpr}, \Delta(\Gamma))]$ . The estimators are constructed using single split of the evaluation data, and we consider two choices for estimating the first-stage nuisance functions  $\eta = (\pi_1(X_i), \mu_1(X_i))$ : (i) logistic regression; and (ii) random forests. Across simulations, we report the average bias of our estimators for the bounds on the true positive rate in Table A1 and the false positive rate in Table A2. As the size of the evaluation data grows larger, the average bias of our estimators of the bounds quickly decline in magnitude, illustrating Corollary 1.

Model	$n$	$\widehat{\text{perf}}_+(s; \beta_{tpr}, \Delta(\Gamma))$	SD of $\widehat{\text{perf}}_+(s; \beta_{tpr}, \Delta(\Gamma))$	Bias
logistic	500	0.797	0.026	-0.048
	1000	0.822	0.019	-0.022
	1500	0.836	0.016	-0.009
random forest	500	0.788	0.024	-0.056
	1000	0.815	0.018	-0.030
	1500	0.829	0.014	-0.015

(a) Upper bound on true positive rate

Model	$n$	$\widehat{\text{perf}}_+(s; \beta_{tpr}, \Delta(\Gamma))$	SD of $\widehat{\text{perf}}_+(s; \beta_{tpr}, \Delta(\Gamma))$	Bias
logistic	500	0.270	0.025	0.060
	1000	0.239	0.016	0.028
	1500	0.221	0.013	0.011
random forest	500	0.233	0.020	0.022
	1000	0.205	0.014	-0.005
	1500	0.190	0.012	-0.020

(b) Lower bound on true positive rate

**Table A1:** Bias properties of estimators for the bounds on the true positive rate of a risk score  $s(\cdot)$  with nonparametric outcome bounds

*Notes:* This table summarizes the average bias of our estimators of the bounds on the true positive rate  $\widehat{\text{perf}}_+(s; \beta_{tpr})$ ,  $\widehat{\text{perf}}_-(s; \beta_{fpr})$ , and the standard deviation of our estimators across simulations. We report these results for  $n \in \{500, 1000, 1500\}$ , and for alternative estimator choices {logistic, random forest} for the nuisance functions. The positive class performance estimators are constructed using a single sample split. The results are computed over 1,000 simulations. See Section 6.1 for further details on the simulation design.

We next illustrate how our proposed estimators can be used to conduct sensitivity analyses on the overall performance of the risk score under alternative assumptions on the strength of unmeasured

Model	$n$	$\widehat{\text{perf}}_{-}(s; \beta_{fpr}, \Delta(\Gamma))$	SD of $\widehat{\text{perf}}_{-}(s; \beta_{fpr}, \Delta(\Gamma))$	Bias
logistic	500	0.781	0.026	-0.054
	1000	0.810	0.019	-0.025
	1500	0.825	0.016	-0.009
random forest	500	0.772	0.025	-0.063
	1000	0.802	0.019	-0.033
	1500	0.818	0.014	-0.017

(a) Upper bound on false positive rate

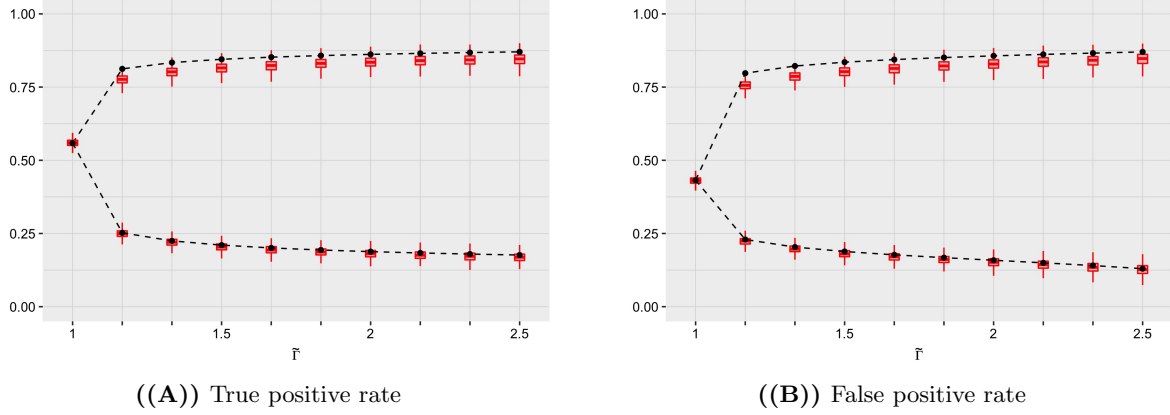
Model	$n$	$\widehat{\text{perf}}_{-}(s; \beta_{fpr}, \Delta(\Gamma))$	SD of $\widehat{\text{perf}}_{-}(s; \beta_{fpr}, \Delta(\Gamma))$	Bias
logistic	500	0.237	0.024	0.048
	1000	0.212	0.015	0.024
	1500	0.198	0.012	0.009
random forest	500	0.204	0.020	0.015
	1000	0.182	0.014	-0.006
	1500	0.170	0.012	-0.018

(b) Lower bound on false positive rate

**Table A2:** Bias properties of estimators for the bounds on the false positive rate of a risk score  $s(\cdot)$  with nonparametric outcome bounds

*Notes:* This table summarizes the average bias of our estimators of the bounds on the false positive rate  $\widehat{\text{perf}}_{-}(s; \beta_{fpr})$ ,  $\widehat{\text{perf}}_{+}(s; \beta_{fpr})$ , and the standard deviation of our estimators across simulations. We report these results for  $n \in \{500, 1000, 1500\}$ , and for alternative estimator choices {logistic, random forest} for the nuisance functions. The positive class performance estimators are constructed using a single sample split. The results are computed over 1,000 simulations. See Section 6.1 for further details on the simulation design.

confounding. We now set  $\underline{\Gamma} = 1/\tilde{\Gamma}$ ,  $\bar{\Gamma} = \tilde{\Gamma}$  for  $\tilde{\Gamma} \geq 1$ , and report results varying  $\tilde{\Gamma} \in \{1, \dots, 2.5\}$ . For each choice of  $\tilde{\Gamma}$ , we again simulate 1,000 evaluation datasets of size  $n = 1000$  and calculate estimates  $[\widehat{\text{perf}}_+(s; \beta_{tpr}, \Delta(\Gamma)), \widehat{\text{perf}}_+(s; \beta_{tpr}, \Delta(\Gamma))]$  and  $[\widehat{\text{perf}}_-(s; \beta_{fpr}, \Delta(\Gamma)), \widehat{\text{perf}}_-(s; \beta_{fpr}, \Delta(\Gamma))]$ . Figure A1 plots the distribution of our estimators across simulations (red, box plots) against the true bounds (black, dashed line) as the magnitude of unmeasured confounding varies.



**Figure A1:** Estimated bounds on the true positive rate and false positive rate of a risk score  $s(\cdot)$  under the MOSM as  $\underline{\Gamma}, \bar{\Gamma}$  varies.

*Notes:* This figure illustrates box-plots (red) for the distribution of estimators of the bounds on the true positive rate (Panel A) and the false positive rate (Panel B) as  $\underline{\Gamma} = 1/\tilde{\Gamma}$ ,  $\bar{\Gamma} = \tilde{\Gamma}$  varies. The dashed black lines show the true upper and lower bounds for each value of  $\tilde{\Gamma}$ . The positive class performance estimators are constructed using a single split, and the nuisance functions are estimated using random forests. We report these results for  $n = 1000$ . The results are computed over 1,000 simulations. See Section 6.1 for further details on the simulation design.