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## 8 Appendix

In the appendix, we include the proofs for all the theorems and propositions.

### 8.1 Proof of Proposition 2

We first introduce some graphoid axioms (Pearl and Paz, 1985) we will use later:

$$\text{Intersection: } D \perp\!\!\!\perp Y|W, Z; D \perp\!\!\!\perp W|Y, Z \Rightarrow D \perp\!\!\!\perp Y, W|Z, \quad (19)$$

$$\text{Contraction: } D \perp\!\!\!\perp Y|Z; D \perp\!\!\!\perp W|Y, Z \Rightarrow D \perp\!\!\!\perp Y, W|Z, \quad (20)$$

$$\text{Weak union: } D \perp\!\!\!\perp X \cup Y | Z \Rightarrow D \perp\!\!\!\perp X | Z \cup Y, \quad (21)$$

$$\text{Decomposition: } D \perp\!\!\!\perp X \cup Y | Z \Rightarrow D \perp\!\!\!\perp X | Z. \quad (22)$$

We first show that any superset of  $pa(Y)$  in  $pa(Y) \cup \mathcal{I}$  is sufficient to adjust for confounding:

$$D \perp\!\!\!\perp Y(d) | \mathbf{X}_{\mathcal{M}}, \quad (23)$$

where  $X_{\mathcal{M}} = pa(Y) \cup X_{\mathcal{S}}$ . We show this by contradiction. Assume  $D$  and  $Y(d)$  are d-connected given  $X_{\mathcal{M}}$ . Due to Assumption 2, there is not a direct edge between  $D$  and  $Y(d)$ . Furthermore,  $D$  and  $Y(d)$  are not ancestral to each other due to Assumptions 4 and 5. Then either the following scenarios occur:

- $Y(d) \leftarrow Q \cdots D$ , where  $Q$  is a parent of  $Y(d)$ . Since  $Q \in pa(Y) \subset X_{\mathcal{M}}$ , this path is blocked by  $X_{\mathcal{M}}$ ;
- $Y(d) \rightarrow Q \cdots D$ . This is impossible since  $X'_i$ s are non-descendants of  $Y(d)$ .

We now show that a precision variable is independent of the treatment conditional on confounders (and other precision variables):

$$D \perp\!\!\!\perp X_{\tilde{\mathcal{P}}} \mid (pa(Y) \setminus X_{\tilde{\mathcal{P}}}), \quad (24)$$

where  $X_{\tilde{\mathcal{P}}} = pa(Y) \setminus X_{\mathcal{S}}$ .

To see this, note that if  $i \in \tilde{\mathcal{P}} \subset \mathcal{P}$ , by the definition of  $\mathcal{P}$  we have  $D$  and  $X_i$  are d-separated given  $pa(Y) \setminus X_i$ , which implies  $D \perp\!\!\!\perp X_i \mid pa(Y) \setminus X_i$ . Without loss of generality, assume  $\tilde{\mathcal{P}} = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, d_0\}$ . We then have

$$D \perp\!\!\!\perp X_1 \mid [X_2 \cup (pa(Y) \setminus X_{1,2})],$$

$$D \perp\!\!\!\perp X_2 \mid [X_1 \cup (pa(Y) \setminus X_{1,2})].$$

By the intersection property (19), we have  $D \perp\!\!\!\perp X_{1,2} \mid (pa(Y) \setminus X_{1,2})$ . Repeat this process  $d_0 - 1$  time, we then have  $D \perp\!\!\!\perp X_{\tilde{\mathcal{P}}} \mid pa(Y) \setminus X_{\tilde{\mathcal{P}}}$ .

Combining (23) and (24), by the contraction property (20), we can show that adjusting for all the confounders and some precision variables are sufficient to control for confounding:

$$D \perp\!\!\!\perp Y(d) \mid (pa(Y) \setminus X_{\tilde{\mathcal{P}}}). \quad (25)$$

We now show that an instrument variable set is independent of a precision variable conditional on confounders and other precision variables:

$$X_{\tilde{\mathcal{I}}} \perp\!\!\!\perp X_j \mid (pa(Y) \setminus X_j), \quad (26)$$

where  $\tilde{\mathcal{I}} \subset \mathcal{I}$ ,  $j \in \mathcal{P}$ .

We again show by contradiction. Assume there exists  $X_j \in X_{\mathcal{P}}$  such that  $X_j$  and  $X_{\tilde{\mathcal{I}}}$  are d-connected given  $pa(Y) \setminus X_j$ . By definition  $X_{\mathcal{I}} \subset pa(D)$ , there is a path  $D \leftarrow X_{\tilde{\mathcal{I}}}$ . Then  $D$

and  $X_j$  are d-connected given  $pa(Y) \setminus X_j$ , which is a contradiction to the definition of  $\mathcal{P}$ .

We now show that a set of instruments is independent of a subset of precision variables conditional on confounders and other precision variables:

$$X_{\tilde{\mathcal{I}}} \perp\!\!\!\perp X_{\tilde{\mathcal{P}}} \mid pa(Y) \setminus X_{\tilde{\mathcal{P}}}, \quad (27)$$

where  $\tilde{\mathcal{I}} \subset \mathcal{I}$ . Again, without loss of generality, we assume  $\tilde{\mathcal{P}} = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, d_0\}$ . We then have:

$$X_{\tilde{\mathcal{I}}} \perp\!\!\!\perp X_1 \mid [X_2 \cup (pa(Y) \setminus X_{1,2})]$$

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By the intersection property (19), we have  $X_{\tilde{\mathcal{I}}} \perp\!\!\!\perp X_{1,2} \mid (pa(Y) \setminus X_{1,2})$ . Repeat this process  $d_0 - 1$  time, we then have  $X_{\tilde{\mathcal{I}}} \perp\!\!\!\perp X_{\tilde{\mathcal{P}}} \mid (pa(Y) \setminus X_{\tilde{\mathcal{P}}})$ .

Finally, we show

$$D \perp\!\!\!\perp Y(d) \mid X_{\mathcal{S}}. \quad (28)$$

We use the same argument we used when we proved (23), we can show that

$$D \perp\!\!\!\perp X_{\tilde{\mathcal{P}}} \mid \{X_{\mathcal{I}} \cup (pa(Y) \setminus X_{\tilde{\mathcal{P}}})\}. \quad (29)$$

This relationship holds as  $pa(D) \subset \{X_{\mathcal{I}} \cup (pa(Y) \setminus X_{\tilde{\mathcal{P}}})\}$ , which means  $\{X_{\mathcal{I}} \cup (pa(Y) \setminus X_{\tilde{\mathcal{P}}})\}$  is a superset of  $pa(D)$ . By letting  $\tilde{\mathcal{I}} = \mathcal{I}$  in (27), combining (27), (29) and contraction property (20), we have

$$(X_{\mathcal{I}} \cup D) \perp\!\!\!\perp X_{\tilde{\mathcal{P}}} \mid (pa(Y) \setminus X_{\tilde{\mathcal{P}}}). \quad (30)$$

Combining (30) and decomposition property (22), for  $\tilde{\mathcal{I}} \subset \mathcal{I}$  we have

$$(X_{\tilde{\mathcal{I}}} \cup D) \perp\!\!\!\perp X_{\tilde{\mathcal{P}}} \mid (pa(Y) \setminus X_{\tilde{\mathcal{P}}}). \quad (31)$$

Again, we use weak union property (21), we have the the following result:

$$D \perp\!\!\!\perp X_{\tilde{\mathcal{P}}} \mid \{(pa(Y) \setminus X_{\tilde{\mathcal{P}}}) \cup X_{\tilde{\mathcal{I}}}\}.$$

We set  $\tilde{\mathcal{I}} = \mathcal{S} \cap \mathcal{I} \subset \mathcal{I}$ . We note that  $(pa(Y) \setminus X_{\tilde{\mathcal{P}}}) \cup (X_{\mathcal{S}} \cap X_{\mathcal{I}}) = [pa(Y) \cap \{pa(Y) \cap X_{\mathcal{S}}^c\}^c] \cup (X_{\mathcal{S}} \cap X_{\mathcal{I}}) = (pa(Y) \cap X_{\mathcal{S}}) \cup (X_{\mathcal{S}} \cap X_{\mathcal{I}}) = X_{\mathcal{S}}$ . The last equality holds because  $\mathcal{S} \subset \mathcal{P} \cup \mathcal{I} \cup \mathcal{C}$ . So we have

$$D \perp\!\!\!\perp X_{\tilde{\mathcal{P}}} \mid X_{\mathcal{S}}. \quad (32)$$

We note that  $X_{\mathcal{S}} \subset X_{\mathcal{M}}$  and  $X_{\mathcal{S}} \cup X_{\tilde{\mathcal{P}}} = X_{\mathcal{M}}$ . Combining (32) and (23), by contraction property (20), we proved our result (28).

## 8.2 Proof of Proposition 3

We are going to prove this proposition by contradiction. We assume it is true, that there exists  $\mathcal{C}'$  which is the subset of  $\mathcal{C}$  such that

$$Y(d) \perp\!\!\!\perp D \mid \mathcal{C}',$$

where  $d = 0, 1$ . We know from the previous argument we know that  $\mathcal{C} \setminus \mathcal{C}'$  is not empty. Without loss of generality, we assume  $\mathcal{C} \setminus \mathcal{C}'$  contains at least one element  $X_1$ . We first show that for all  $\mathcal{E} \subset pa(Y) \setminus \mathcal{C}'$ , we have

$$X_{\mathcal{E}} \perp\!\!\!\perp D \mid \mathcal{C}' \quad (33)$$

We will show this by contradiction. We assume this is not true, that  $X_{\mathcal{E}} \not\perp\!\!\!\perp D \mid \mathcal{C}'$ . So we have  $X_{\mathcal{E}}$  and  $D$  are d-connected given  $\mathcal{C}'$ . Since  $\mathcal{E} \subset pa(Y) \setminus \mathcal{C}' \subset pa(Y)$ , there is a direct edge  $X_{\mathcal{E}} \rightarrow Y$ , which means  $D$  and  $Y(d)$  are d-connected given  $\mathcal{C}'$ . Given faithful assumption 6, we have  $Y(d) \not\perp\!\!\!\perp D \mid \mathcal{C}'$ . This is a contradiction to the given condition.

We set  $\mathcal{E} = pa(Y) \setminus \mathcal{C}'$  and  $\mathcal{M} = pa(Y)$  in (23). Given (33), (23) and contraction property (20), we have

$$X_{\mathcal{E}} \cup Y(d) \perp\!\!\!\perp D \mid \mathcal{C}'. \quad (34)$$

Combining decomposition property (22) and (34), we have

$$(X_{\mathcal{E}} \setminus X_1) \cup Y(d) \perp\!\!\!\perp D \mid \mathcal{C}'.$$

We then use weak union property (21)

$$Y(d) \perp\!\!\!\perp D \mid pa(Y) \setminus X_1, \quad (35)$$

where  $d = 0, 1$ . (35) suggests that  $X_1$  and  $D$  are d-separated given  $pa(Y) \setminus X_1$ , or there will have a backdoor path  $Y(d) \leftarrow X_1 \cdots D$  given  $pa(Y) \setminus X_1$ , which will violate (35) under faithful assumption 6. However, this result violates the fact that  $X_1 \in \mathcal{C}$ , which suggests  $X_1$  and  $D$  are d-connected given  $pa(Y) \setminus X_1$ . This contradiction helps us finished the proof of this proposition.

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### 8.3 Proof of Proposition 4

**Part A** In this part, we will show  $D \perp\!\!\!\perp Y(d) \mid X_{\mathcal{S}_I}$  for  $d = 0, 1$ . For  $i \in \mathcal{I}' \subset \mathcal{I}$ , we first show that an instrument variable is independent of outcome given a sufficient set  $\mathcal{S}$ :

$$X_i \perp\!\!\!\perp Y(d) \mid X_{\mathcal{S}} \text{ for } d = 0, 1. \quad (36)$$

We will show this by contradiction. Assume this is not true, that  $Y(d)$  and  $X_i$  are dependent given  $X_S$ . Given faithfulness assumption 6, we know that  $Y(d)$  and  $X_i$  are d-connected given  $X_S$ . Since  $X_i \in pa(D)$ , there is a direct path that  $X_i \leftarrow D$ , so there exists a back door path  $D \leftarrow X_i \cdots Y(d)$  given  $X_S$ , which means  $D$  and  $Y(d)$  are d-connected given  $X_S$ . Given faithfulness assumption 6, we know that  $Y(d)$  and  $D$  are dependent given  $X_S$ , which is a contradiction to the condition.

We are ready to show  $D \perp\!\!\!\perp Y(d) \mid X_{S_I}$  for  $d = 0, 1$ . Given (36),  $Y(d) \perp\!\!\!\perp D \mid X_S$ , and faithful assumption 6, we know that  $Y(d)$  and  $(X_i, D)$  are d-separated given  $X_S$ . So we have

$$(X_{I'} \cup D) \perp\!\!\!\perp Y(d) \mid X_S \text{ for } d = 0, 1. \quad (37)$$

Combining (37) and weak union property (21), we have

$$D \perp\!\!\!\perp Y(d) \mid X_{S_I} \text{ for } d = 0, 1. \quad \square$$

**Part B** In this part, we will show  $D \perp\!\!\!\perp Y(d) \mid X_{S_P}$  for  $d = 0, 1$ . We first show that a precision variable is independent of treatment given sufficient set  $S$ :

$$X_i \perp\!\!\!\perp D \mid X_S, \quad (38)$$

where  $i \in \mathcal{P}$ . Again we show this by contradiction. Assume this is not true, that  $D$  and  $X_i$  are dependent given  $X_S$ . Given faithfulness assumption 6, we know that  $D$  and  $X_i$  are d-connected given  $X_S$ . Since  $X_i \in pa(Y)$ , there is a direct path that  $X_i \leftarrow Y$ , so there exists a back door path  $Y \leftarrow X_i \cdots D$  given  $X_S$ , which means  $D$  and  $Y(d)$  are d-connected given  $X_S$ . Given faithfulness assumption 6, we know that  $Y(d)$  and  $D$  are dependent given  $X_S$ , which is a contradiction to the condition.

Next, we show  $D \perp\!\!\!\perp Y(d) \mid X_{S_P}$ . Given (38),  $Y(d) \perp\!\!\!\perp D \mid X_S$ , and faithful assumption 6,

we know that  $(Y(d), X_i)$  and  $D$  are d-separated given  $X_S$ . So we have

$$D \perp\!\!\!\perp (Y(d) \cup X_{\mathcal{P}'}) \mid X_S \text{ for } d = 0, 1. \quad (39)$$

Combining (39) and weak union property (21), we have

$$D \perp\!\!\!\perp Y(d) \mid X_{S_P} \text{ for } d = 0, 1. \quad \square$$

## 8.4 Proof of Proposition 6

Assume  $(\mathbf{X} \mid D = d) \sim N(\mathbf{u}_d, \Sigma)$ , then  $(\mathbf{X}_S \mid D = d) \sim N(\tilde{\mathbf{u}}_d, \tilde{\Sigma})$ . So we have

$$\frac{P(D = 1 \mid \mathbf{X}_S)}{P(D = 0 \mid \mathbf{X}_S)} = \frac{P(\mathbf{X}_S \mid D = 1) P(D = 1)}{P(\mathbf{X}_S \mid D = 0) P(D = 0)}.$$

Let  $\frac{P(D=1)}{P(D=0)} = \exp(c)$ , where  $c$  is some real constant. We have

$$\frac{P(D = 1 \mid \mathbf{X}_S)}{P(D = 0 \mid \mathbf{X}_S)} = \exp(c) \exp\left\{(\tilde{\mathbf{u}}_1 - \tilde{\mathbf{u}}_0) \tilde{\Sigma}^{-1} \mathbf{X}_S - \frac{1}{2}(\tilde{\mathbf{u}}_1^T \tilde{\Sigma}^{-1} \tilde{\mathbf{u}}_1 - \tilde{\mathbf{u}}_0^T \tilde{\Sigma}^{-1} \tilde{\mathbf{u}}_0)\right\}.$$

Let  $\alpha_0 = c - \frac{1}{2}(\tilde{\mathbf{u}}_1^T \tilde{\Sigma}^{-1} \tilde{\mathbf{u}}_1 - \tilde{\mathbf{u}}_0^T \tilde{\Sigma}^{-1} \tilde{\mathbf{u}}_0)$ , and  $\boldsymbol{\alpha} = (\tilde{\mathbf{u}}_1 - \tilde{\mathbf{u}}_0) \tilde{\Sigma}^{-1}$ . We have

$$\frac{P(D = 1 \mid \mathbf{X}_S)}{1 - P(D = 1 \mid \mathbf{X}_S)} = \exp(\alpha_0 + \mathbf{X}_S^T \boldsymbol{\alpha}).$$

Then we finish our proof.  $\square$

## 8.5 Proof of Theorem 1

Without loss of generality, We assume  $\mathcal{S} = \{1, 2, \dots, d-1\}$  and  $\mathcal{S}_I = \{1, 2, \dots, p_0-1\}$ , i.e. we add precision variables  $X_i, i = d, \dots, p_0-1$  into the set  $\mathcal{S}$ . We prove this result using standard M-estimation theories. In general, an M-estimator  $\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}$  satisfies the following estimating

equations

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \phi(\mathbf{Y}_i, \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}) = 0.$$

Denote  $\boldsymbol{\theta}_0$  the solution of vector function  $E\{\phi(\mathbf{Y}, \boldsymbol{\theta})\} = 0$ . Stefanski and Boos (2002) showed that an M-estimator is asymptotically normally distributed with  $\sqrt{n}(\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}} - \boldsymbol{\theta}_0) \xrightarrow{d} N\{0, V(\boldsymbol{\theta}_0)\}$ , where  $V(\boldsymbol{\theta}_0) = A(\boldsymbol{\theta}_0)^{-1}B(\boldsymbol{\theta}_0)\{A(\boldsymbol{\theta}_0)^{-1}\}^T$ ,  $A(\boldsymbol{\theta}_0) = E\{-\frac{\partial}{\partial \boldsymbol{\theta}^T} \phi(\mathbf{Y}, \boldsymbol{\theta}) \mid \boldsymbol{\theta}=\boldsymbol{\theta}_0\}$ ,  $B(\boldsymbol{\theta}_0) = E\{\phi(\mathbf{Y}, \boldsymbol{\theta})\phi(\mathbf{Y}, \boldsymbol{\theta})^T \mid \boldsymbol{\theta}=\boldsymbol{\theta}_0\}$ .

**Part A** For the estimator (2), the corresponding estimating equations are  $\phi(Y, D, \mathbf{X}_S; \boldsymbol{\theta}_S)$  when we try to estimate  $e(\mathbf{X}_S; \boldsymbol{\beta})$ , we write

$$\begin{cases} \phi_0 = -\Delta_S + \lambda \frac{YD}{e} - \kappa \frac{Y(1-D)}{1-e} \\ \phi_i = (\frac{D}{e} - \frac{1-D}{1-e}) \partial e / \beta_i \\ \phi_{d+1} = -\lambda \frac{D}{e} + 1 \\ \phi_{d+2} = -\kappa \frac{1-D}{1-e} + 1, \end{cases} \quad (40)$$

where  $1 \leq i \leq d$ ,  $\beta_1$  is the intercept,  $\beta_{i+1}$  be the coefficient of  $i$ 'th component of  $\mathbf{X}_S$ . We write these equations to estimate M-estimator  $\boldsymbol{\theta}_S = (\Delta_S, \boldsymbol{\beta}, \lambda, \kappa)^T$ . The solution  $\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_S$  satisfy  $\sum_{i=1}^n \phi(Y_i, D_i, \mathbf{X}_{Si}; \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_S) = 0$ , then the first element of  $\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_S$  is our IPW estimator (2). We calculate  $V_S(\boldsymbol{\theta}_0)$  to get the variance of  $\hat{\Delta}_S$ . We know that the true value  $\boldsymbol{\theta}_0 = (\Delta_0, \boldsymbol{\beta}, 1, 1)$ . Based on the calculation, we have

$$A_S = E\left\{-\frac{\partial}{\partial \boldsymbol{\theta}^T} \phi(Y, D, \mathbf{X}_S; \boldsymbol{\theta}) \mid \boldsymbol{\theta}=\boldsymbol{\theta}_0\right\} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & H_{\boldsymbol{\beta}}^T & -\mu_1 & \mu_0 \\ 0 & E_{\boldsymbol{\beta}\boldsymbol{\beta}} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -E\left(\frac{1}{e} \frac{\partial e}{\partial \boldsymbol{\beta}^T}\right) & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -E\left(\frac{1}{1-e} \frac{\partial e}{\partial \boldsymbol{\beta}^T}\right) & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix},$$



$$B_S = E\{\phi(Y, D, \mathbf{X}_S; \boldsymbol{\theta})\phi(Y, D, \mathbf{X}_S; \boldsymbol{\theta})^\top |_{\boldsymbol{\theta}=\boldsymbol{\theta}_0}\} =$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \sigma^2 & H_\beta^\top & \Delta_0 - E\{\frac{Y(1)}{e}\} & \Delta_0 + E(\frac{Y(0)}{1-e}) \\ H_\beta & E_{\beta,\beta} & -E(\frac{1}{e}\frac{\partial e}{\partial \beta}) & E(\frac{1}{1-e}\frac{\partial e}{\partial \beta}) \\ \Delta_0 - E\{\frac{Y(1)}{e}\} & -E(\frac{1}{e}\frac{\partial e}{\partial \beta}) & E(\frac{1}{e} - 1) & -1 \\ \Delta_0 + E\{\frac{Y(0)}{1-e}\} & E(\frac{1}{1-e}\frac{\partial e}{\partial \beta}) & -1 & E(\frac{1}{1-e}) - 1 \end{bmatrix},$$

where

$$H = E[\{\frac{Y(1)}{e} + \frac{Y(0)}{1-e}\}\frac{\partial e}{\partial \beta}], \quad \mu_1 = E\{Y(1)\}, \quad \mu_0 = E\{Y(0)\},$$

$$\sigma^2 = E\{\frac{Y(1)^2}{e} + \frac{Y(0)^2}{1-e}\}, \quad e = e(\mathbf{X}_S; \beta) = P(D = 1 | \mathbf{X}_S), \quad E_{\beta,\beta} = E\{\frac{1}{e(1-e)}\frac{\partial e}{\partial \beta}\frac{\partial e}{\partial \beta^\top}\}.$$

Since we are interested in the asymptotic variance of  $\hat{\Delta}_S$ , we need the first element of matrix  $V_S = A_S^{-1}B_S\{A_S^{-1}\}^\top$ . The calculation is a little bit complicated thus we omit it. The result be

$$\sigma_0^2 = \sigma_S^2 - H_S^\top E_{\beta,\beta}^{-1} H_S,$$

where

$$H_S = E[\{\frac{Y(1) - \mu_1}{e} + \frac{Y(0) - \mu_0}{1-e}\}\frac{\partial e}{\partial \beta}], \quad \sigma_S^2 = E\{\frac{\{Y(1) - \mu_1\}^2}{e} + \frac{\{Y(0) - \mu_0\}^2}{1-e}\}.$$

To simplify our notation, we denote  $H_S$  as  $H_\beta$ .

Similarly, we can write estimation equation  $\phi(Y, D, \mathbf{X}_{S_P}; \boldsymbol{\theta}_{S_P})$  when we want to estimate  $\tilde{e}(\mathbf{X}_{S_P}; \beta, \gamma)$ . We only need to add a group of equations to estimate  $\gamma$  which is the coefficient

of precision variables  $X_{\mathcal{P}'}$ . The equations we add into (40) are  $\phi = (\frac{D}{\tilde{e}} - \frac{1-D}{1-\tilde{e}})\partial\tilde{e}/\partial\gamma$ ,

$$\begin{cases} \phi_0 = -\Delta_{S_P} + \lambda \frac{YD}{\tilde{e}} - \kappa \frac{Y(1-D)}{1-\tilde{e}} \\ \phi_i = (\frac{D}{\tilde{e}} - \frac{1-D}{1-\tilde{e}})\partial\tilde{e}/\beta_i \\ \phi_{d+j} = (\frac{D}{\tilde{e}} - \frac{1-D}{1-\tilde{e}})\partial\tilde{e}/\partial\gamma_j \\ \phi_{p_0+1} = -\lambda \frac{D}{\tilde{e}} + 1 \\ \phi_{p_0+2} = -\kappa \frac{1-D}{1-\tilde{e}} + 1, \end{cases} \quad (41)$$

where  $1 \leq i \leq d, 1 \leq j \leq p_0 - d, \beta_1$  be the intercept,  $\beta_{i+1}$  be the coefficient of  $i$ 'th component of  $\mathbf{X}_{S_P}$ ,  $\gamma_j$  be the coefficient of  $j$ 'th component of  $\mathbf{X}_{\mathcal{P}'}$ ,  $\tilde{e} = \tilde{e}(\mathbf{X}_{S_P}; \boldsymbol{\beta}, \boldsymbol{\gamma}) = P(D = 1 \mid \mathbf{X}_{S_P})$ . We know the coefficient  $\boldsymbol{\gamma}$  which correspondent to precision variables is 0, but we still estimate it in practice in order to improve efficiency. We write these equations to get the solution of M-estimator  $\boldsymbol{\theta}_{S_P} = (\Delta_{S_P}, \boldsymbol{\beta}, \boldsymbol{\gamma}, \lambda, \kappa)$ , and the true value be  $\boldsymbol{\theta}_0 = (\Delta_0, \boldsymbol{\beta}, 0, 1, 1)$ . Repeat the process above we can calculate  $A_{S_P}, B_{S_P}, V_{S_P}$ . Finally, we find

$$\sigma_P^2 = \sigma_{S_P}^2 - H_{S_P}^T E_{\boldsymbol{\beta}\boldsymbol{\gamma}, \boldsymbol{\beta}\boldsymbol{\gamma}}^{-1} H_{S_P},$$

where

$$H_{S_P} = E[\{\frac{Y(1) - \mu_1}{\tilde{e}} + \frac{Y(0) - \mu_0}{1 - \tilde{e}}\} \frac{\partial\tilde{e}}{\partial\boldsymbol{\beta}}, \{\frac{Y(1) - \mu_1}{\tilde{e}} + \frac{Y(0) - \mu_0}{1 - \tilde{e}}\} \frac{\partial\tilde{e}}{\partial\boldsymbol{\gamma}}]$$

$$\sigma_{S_P}^2 = E[\frac{\{Y(1) - \mu_1\}^2}{\tilde{e}} + \frac{\{Y(0) - \mu_0\}^2}{1 - \tilde{e}}], \quad E_{\boldsymbol{\beta}\boldsymbol{\gamma}, \boldsymbol{\beta}\boldsymbol{\gamma}} = \begin{bmatrix} E\{\frac{1}{\tilde{e}(1-\tilde{e})} \frac{\partial\tilde{e}}{\partial\boldsymbol{\beta}} \frac{\partial\tilde{e}}{\partial\boldsymbol{\beta}^T}\} & E\{\frac{1}{\tilde{e}(1-\tilde{e})} \frac{\partial\tilde{e}}{\partial\boldsymbol{\gamma}} \frac{\partial\tilde{e}}{\partial\boldsymbol{\beta}^T}\} \\ E\{\frac{1}{\tilde{e}(1-\tilde{e})} \frac{\partial\tilde{e}}{\partial\boldsymbol{\beta}^T} \frac{\partial\tilde{e}}{\partial\boldsymbol{\gamma}}\} & E\{\frac{1}{\tilde{e}(1-\tilde{e})} \frac{\partial\tilde{e}}{\partial\boldsymbol{\gamma}} \frac{\partial\tilde{e}}{\partial\boldsymbol{\gamma}^T}\} \end{bmatrix}.$$

We have showed in (32),  $D \perp\!\!\!\perp \mathbf{X}_{\mathcal{P}'} \mid \mathbf{X}_S$ , thus

$$e = e(\mathbf{X}_S; \boldsymbol{\beta}) = P(D = 1 \mid \mathbf{X}_S) = P(D = 1 \mid \mathbf{X}_{S_P}) = \tilde{e}(\mathbf{X}_{S_P}; \boldsymbol{\beta}, \boldsymbol{\gamma}) = \tilde{e}. \quad (42)$$

By Matrix partition, we denote  $H_{S_P}$ ,  $E_{\beta\gamma, \beta\gamma}$  as

$$(H_{\beta}, H_{\gamma}), \quad \begin{pmatrix} E_{\beta, \beta} & E_{\gamma, \beta} \\ E_{\gamma, \beta}^T & E_{\gamma, \gamma} \end{pmatrix},$$

respectively. Again by (42) and matrix calculation, the following result would show immediately,

$$\sigma_0^2 - \sigma_P^2 = (H_{\gamma} - E_{\gamma, \beta}^T E_{\beta, \beta}^{-1} H_{\beta})^T (E_{\gamma, \gamma} - E_{\gamma, \beta}^T E_{\beta, \beta}^{-1} E_{\gamma, \beta})^{-1} (H_{\gamma} - E_{\gamma, \beta}^T E_{\beta, \beta}^{-1} H_{\beta}) \geq 0.$$

Thus we finished the proof in this part.  $\square$

**Part B** For estimator (1), the procedure is analogous. Thus we only write down the estimation equations of  $e(X_S; \beta)$  and  $e(X_{S_P}; \beta, \gamma)$ , respectively.

For  $e(X_S; \beta)$ ,  $\phi(Y, D, \mathbf{X}_S; \theta)$  be

$$\begin{cases} \phi_0 = -\Delta_S + \frac{YD}{e} - \frac{Y(1-D)}{1-e} \\ \phi_i = (\frac{D}{e} - \frac{1-D}{1-e}) \partial e / \beta_i, \end{cases} \quad (43)$$

where  $1 \leq i \leq d$ ,  $\beta_1$  be the intercept,  $\beta_{i+1}$  be the coefficient of  $i$ 'th component of  $\mathbf{X}_S$ . We write these equations to get the solution of M-estimator  $\theta_S = (\Delta_S, \beta)^T$ .  $\hat{\theta}_S$  satisfy

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \phi(Y_i, D_i, \mathbf{X}_{Si}; \hat{\theta}_S) = 0.$$

The first element of  $\hat{\theta}_S$  is our IPW estimator (1). We know that the true value  $\theta_0 = (\Delta_0, \beta)$ .

Based on the calculation

$$\sigma_0^2 = \sigma_S^2 - H_S^T E_{\beta, \beta}^{-1} H_S,$$

where

$$H_S = E\left\{\left(\frac{Y(1)}{e} + \frac{Y(0)}{1-e}\right)\frac{\partial e}{\partial \beta}\right\}, \quad \sigma_S^2 = E\left[\frac{Y(1)^2}{e} + \frac{Y(0)^2}{1-e}\right].$$

To simplify notation we use  $H_\beta$  to denote  $H_S$ .

Similarly we can write estimate equation  $\phi(Y, D, \mathbf{X}_{S_P}; \boldsymbol{\theta}_{S_P})$  when we estimate  $\tilde{e}(\mathbf{X}_{S_P}; \beta, \gamma)$ .

The equations we add into (43) are  $\phi = (\frac{D}{\tilde{e}} - \frac{1-D}{1-\tilde{e}})\partial\tilde{e}/\partial\gamma$ . These equations are

$$\begin{cases} \phi_0 = -\Delta_{S_P} + \frac{YD}{\tilde{e}} - \frac{Y(1-D)}{1-\tilde{e}} \\ \phi_i = (\frac{D}{\tilde{e}} - \frac{1-D}{1-\tilde{e}})\partial\tilde{e}/\beta_i \\ \phi_{d+j} = (\frac{D}{\tilde{e}} - \frac{1-D}{1-\tilde{e}})\partial\tilde{e}/\partial\gamma_j, \end{cases}$$

where  $1 \leq i \leq d$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq p_0 - d$ ,  $\beta_1$  correspondent to intercept,  $\beta_{i+1}$  be the coefficient of  $i$ 'th component of  $\mathbf{X}_S$ .  $\gamma_j$  be the coefficient of  $j$ 'th component of  $\mathbf{X}_{P'}$ ,  $\tilde{e} = \tilde{e}(\mathbf{X}_{S_P}; \beta, \gamma) = P(D = 1 \mid \mathbf{X}_{S_P})$ . We know that the coefficient  $\gamma$  which correspondent to precision variables is  $\mathbf{0}$ , but we still estimate it in practice in order to improve efficiency. We write these equations to get the solution of M-estimator  $\boldsymbol{\theta}_{S_P} = (\Delta_{S_P}, \beta, \gamma)$ . Follow the same argument we used above, we have

$$\sigma_P^2 = \sigma_{S_P}^2 - H_{S_P}^T E_{\beta\gamma, \beta\gamma}^{-1} H_{S_P},$$

where

$$H_{S_P} = E\left[\left\{\frac{Y(1)}{\tilde{e}} + \frac{Y(0)}{1-\tilde{e}}\right\}\frac{\partial\tilde{e}}{\partial\beta}, \left\{\frac{Y(1)}{\tilde{e}} + \frac{Y(0)}{1-\tilde{e}}\right\}\frac{\partial\tilde{e}}{\partial\gamma}\right], \quad \sigma_{\mathcal{M}_O}^2 = E\left\{\frac{Y(1)^2}{\tilde{e}} + \frac{Y(0)^2}{1-\tilde{e}}\right\} = \sigma_S^2,$$

$$E_{\beta\gamma, \beta\gamma} = \begin{bmatrix} E\left\{\frac{1}{\tilde{e}(1-\tilde{e})}\frac{\partial\tilde{e}}{\partial\beta}\frac{\partial\tilde{e}}{\partial\beta^T}\right\} & E\left\{\frac{1}{\tilde{e}(1-\tilde{e})}\frac{\partial\tilde{e}}{\partial\gamma}\frac{\partial\tilde{e}}{\partial\beta}\right\} \\ E\left\{\frac{1}{\tilde{e}(1-\tilde{e})}\frac{\partial\tilde{e}}{\partial\beta^T}\frac{\partial\tilde{e}}{\partial\gamma}\right\} & E\left\{\frac{1}{\tilde{e}(1-\tilde{e})}\frac{\partial\tilde{e}}{\partial\gamma}\frac{\partial\tilde{e}}{\partial\gamma}\right\} \end{bmatrix}.$$

Similarly, because of (32), we have  $D \perp\!\!\!\perp \mathbf{X}_{\mathcal{P}'} \mid \mathbf{X}_{\mathcal{S}}$ , thus

$$e = e(\mathbf{X}_{\mathcal{S}}; \boldsymbol{\beta}) = P(D = 1 \mid \mathbf{X}_{\mathcal{S}}) = P(D = 1 \mid \mathbf{X}_{\mathcal{S}_p}) = \tilde{e}(\mathbf{X}_{\mathcal{S}_p}; \boldsymbol{\beta}, \boldsymbol{\gamma}) = \tilde{e}.$$

By Matrix partition, we denote  $H_{\mathcal{S}_p}$ ,  $E_{\beta\gamma, \beta\gamma}$  as

$$(H_{\beta}, H_{\gamma}), \quad \begin{pmatrix} E_{\beta, \beta} & E_{\gamma, \beta} \\ E_{\gamma, \beta}^{\top} & E_{\gamma, \gamma} \end{pmatrix},$$

respectively. Again by matrix calculation, the following result would show immediately,

$$\sigma_0^2 - \sigma_P^2 = (H_{\gamma} - E_{\gamma, \beta}^{\top} E_{\beta, \beta}^{-1} H_{\beta})^{\top} (E_{\gamma, \gamma} - E_{\gamma, \beta}^{\top} E_{\beta, \beta}^{-1} E_{\gamma, \beta})^{-1} (H_{\gamma} - E_{\gamma, \beta}^{\top} E_{\beta, \beta}^{-1} H_{\beta}) \geq 0.$$

Thus we finished the proof of this case.  $\square$

## 8.6 Proof of Theorem 2

Before we prove this result, we need a lemma which showed a subset of instrument variables is independent of the potential outcome given  $\mathbf{X}_{\mathcal{S}}$ :

**Lemma** If  $\mathbf{X}_{\mathcal{I}'} \subset \mathbf{X}_{\mathcal{I}}$ , under assumption 6 we have

$$\mathbf{X}_{\mathcal{I}'} \perp\!\!\!\perp Y(d) \mid \mathbf{X}_{\mathcal{S}},$$

where  $d = 0, 1$ . Proof for this lemma is straight forward. Combining (36) and contraction property (20), this lemma is an immediate result.

**Part A** For estimator (2), based on simple calculation and transformation, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\sqrt{n}(\Delta_{S_I} - \Delta_0) &= \left( n / \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{D_i}{\tilde{e}_i} \right) \left\{ \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{D_i(Y_i - \mu_1)}{\tilde{e}_i} \right\} - \\
&\quad \left( n / \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1 - D_i}{1 - \tilde{e}_i} \right) \left\{ \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{(1 - D_i)(Y_i - \mu_0)}{1 - \tilde{e}_i} \right\}, \\
\sqrt{n}(\Delta_S - \Delta_0) &= \left( n / \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{D_i}{e_i} \right) \left\{ \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{D_i(Y_i - \mu_1)}{e_i} \right\} - \\
&\quad \left( n / \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1 - D_i}{1 - e_i} \right) \left\{ \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{(1 - D_i)(Y_i - \mu_0)}{1 - e_i} \right\}, \tag{44}
\end{aligned}$$

where

$$e_i = P(D = 1 | \mathbf{X}_{S,i}), \quad \tilde{e}_i = P(D = 1 | \mathbf{X}_{S_I,i}),$$

$$\mu_1 = E\{Y(1)\}, \quad \mu_0 = E\{Y(0)\}.$$

We use  $q_1^{(n)}, q_0^{(n)}, \tilde{q}_1^{(n)}, \tilde{q}_0^{(n)}$  to denote  $n / \sum_{i=1}^n (D_i / e_i), \quad n / \sum_{i=1}^n \{(1 - D_i) / (1 - e_i)\},$   
 $n / \sum_{i=1}^n (D_i / \tilde{e}_i), \quad n / \sum_{i=1}^n \{(1 - D_i) / (1 - \tilde{e}_i)\}$  respectively. As

$$\begin{aligned}
E\left(\frac{D}{e}\right) &= E\left\{E\left(\frac{D}{e} \mid \mathbf{X}_S\right)\right\} = E\left\{\frac{1}{e}E(D \mid \mathbf{X}_S)\right\} = E\left(\frac{e}{e}\right) = 1, \\
E\left(\frac{1 - D}{1 - e}\right) &= E\left\{E\left(\frac{1 - D}{1 - e} \mid \mathbf{X}_S\right)\right\} = E\left\{\frac{1}{1 - e}E(1 - D \mid \mathbf{X}_S)\right\} = E\left\{\frac{1 - e}{1 - e}\right\} = 1, \\
E\left(\frac{D}{\tilde{e}}\right) &= E\left\{E\left(\frac{D}{\tilde{e}} \mid \mathbf{X}_{S_I}\right)\right\} = E\left\{\frac{1}{\tilde{e}}E(D \mid \mathbf{X}_{S_I})\right\} = E\left(\frac{\tilde{e}}{\tilde{e}}\right) = 1, \\
E\left(\frac{1 - D}{1 - \tilde{e}}\right) &= E\left\{E\left(\frac{1 - D}{1 - \tilde{e}} \mid \mathbf{X}_{S_I}\right)\right\} = E\left\{\frac{1}{1 - \tilde{e}}E(1 - D \mid \mathbf{X}_{S_I})\right\} = E\left\{\frac{1 - \tilde{e}}{1 - \tilde{e}}\right\} = 1,
\end{aligned}$$

we have  $q_1^{(n)} \xrightarrow{p} 1, q_0^{(n)} \xrightarrow{p} 1, \tilde{q}_1^{(n)} \xrightarrow{p} 1, \tilde{q}_0^{(n)} \xrightarrow{p} 1$ . By central limit theorem, we have the following results:

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{D_i(Y_i - \mu_1)}{e_i} \xrightarrow{d} N\left(0, E\left[\frac{D\{Y(1) - \mu_1\}^2}{e_i^2}\right]\right), \\
& \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{(1 - D_i)(Y_i - \mu_0)}{1 - e_i} \xrightarrow{d} N\left(0, E\left[\frac{(1 - D)\{Y(0) - \mu_0\}^2}{(1 - e_i)^2}\right]\right), \\
& \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n \left\{ \frac{D_i(Y_i - \mu_1)}{e_i} - \frac{(1 - D_i)(Y_i - \mu_0)}{1 - e_i} \right\} \xrightarrow{d} \\
& N\left(0, E\left[\frac{D\{Y(1) - \mu_1\}^2}{e_i^2} + \frac{(1 - D)\{Y(0) - \mu_0\}^2}{(1 - e_i)^2}\right]\right).
\end{aligned} \tag{45}$$

Meanwhile, we can rewrite  $\sqrt{n}(\Delta_S - \Delta_0)$  into the following form,

$$\begin{aligned}
\sqrt{n}(\Delta_S - \Delta_0) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n \left\{ \frac{D_i(Y_i - \mu_1)}{e_i} - \frac{(1 - D_i)(Y_i - \mu_0)}{1 - e_i} \right\} + \\
& (q_1^{(n)} - 1) \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{D_i(Y_i - \mu_1)}{e_i} - (q_0^{(n)} - 1) \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{(1 - D_i)(Y_i - \mu_0)}{1 - e_i}.
\end{aligned} \tag{46}$$

Combining (45), (46) and Slutsky's theorem, we can get the asymptotic distribution of  $\sqrt{n}(\Delta_S - \Delta_0)$ :

$$\sqrt{n}(\Delta_S - \Delta_0) \xrightarrow{d} N(0, \sigma_0^2), \tag{47}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
\sigma_0^2 &= E\left[\frac{D\{Y(1) - \mu_1\}^2}{e^2} + \frac{(1 - D)\{Y(0) - \mu_0\}^2}{(1 - e)^2}\right] \\
&= E\left[E\left[\frac{\{Y(1) - \mu_1\}^2}{e^2} \mid \mathbf{X}_S\right] E(D \mid \mathbf{X}_S) + E\left[\frac{(Y(0) - \mu_0)^2}{(1 - e)^2} \mid \mathbf{X}_S\right] E\{(1 - D) \mid \mathbf{X}_S\}\right] \\
&= E\left[E\left[\frac{\{Y(1) - \mu_1\}^2}{e^2} \mid \mathbf{X}_S\right] e + E\left[\frac{\{Y(0) - \mu_0\}^2}{(1 - e)^2} \mid \mathbf{X}_S\right] (1 - e)\right] \\
&= E\left(\frac{(Y(1) - \mu_1)^2}{e} + \frac{(Y(0) - \mu_0)^2}{1 - e}\right).
\end{aligned}$$

The second equality holds since  $X_S$  is a sufficient set. For a similar reason, we have

$$\sqrt{n}(\Delta_{S_I} - \Delta_0) \xrightarrow{d} N(0, \sigma_I^2),$$

where

$$\sigma_I^2 = E \left[ \frac{\{Y(1) - \mu_1\}^2}{\tilde{e}} + \frac{\{Y(0) - \mu_0\}^2}{1 - \tilde{e}} \right].$$

Now we are ready to show  $\sigma_I^2 \geq \sigma_0^2$ . Since  $\mathcal{I}' \subset \mathcal{I}$ , use the lemma we proved at the beginning, we have  $E[\{Y(d) - \mu_d\}^2 \mid \mathbf{X}_{S_I}] = E[\{Y(d) - \mu_d\}^2 \mid \mathbf{X}_S]$  for  $d = 0, 1$ . Denote these conditional expectations as  $\tilde{Y}(d)$  while  $d = 0, 1$ , we have the following results:

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_I^2 &= E \left[ E \left[ \frac{\{Y(1) - \mu_1\}^2}{\tilde{e}} + \frac{\{Y(0) - \mu_0\}^2}{1 - \tilde{e}} \mid \mathbf{X}_{S_I} \right] \right] \\ &= E \left[ \frac{1}{\tilde{e}} E[\{Y(1) - \mu_1\}^2 \mid \mathbf{X}_{S_I}] \right] + E \left[ \frac{1}{1 - \tilde{e}} E[\{Y(0) - \mu_0\}^2 \mid \mathbf{X}_{S_I}] \right] \\ &= E \left\{ \frac{1}{\tilde{e}} \tilde{Y}(1) \right\} + E \left\{ \frac{1}{1 - \tilde{e}} \tilde{Y}(0) \right\} \\ &= E \left[ E \left\{ \frac{1}{\tilde{e}} \tilde{Y}(1) \mid \mathbf{X}_S \right\} \right] + E \left[ E \left\{ \frac{1}{1 - \tilde{e}} \tilde{Y}(0) \mid \mathbf{X}_S \right\} \right] \\ &= E \left\{ \tilde{Y}(1) E \left( \frac{1}{\tilde{e}} \mid \mathbf{X}_S \right) \right\} + E \left\{ \tilde{Y}(0) E \left( \frac{1}{1 - \tilde{e}} \mid \mathbf{X}_S \right) \right\} \\ &\geq E \left\{ \tilde{Y}(1) \frac{1}{e} + \tilde{Y}(0) \frac{1}{1 - e} \right\} \\ &= E \left[ \frac{1}{e} E[\{Y(1) - \mu_1\}^2 \mid \mathbf{X}_S] + \frac{1}{1 - e} E[\{Y(0) - \mu_0\}^2 \mid \mathbf{X}_S] \right] \\ &= E \left[ E \left[ \frac{\{Y(1) - \mu_1\}^2}{e} + \frac{\{Y(0) - \mu_0\}^2}{1 - e} \mid \mathbf{X}_S \right] \right] \\ &= \sigma_0^2. \end{aligned}$$

The inequality holds since

$$1 = E(1 \mid \mathbf{X}_S) = E \left( \frac{1}{\tilde{e}} \tilde{e} \mid \mathbf{X}_S \right) \leq E \left( \frac{1}{\tilde{e}} \mid \mathbf{X}_S \right) E(\tilde{e} \mid \mathbf{X}_S) = E \left( \frac{1}{\tilde{e}} \mid \mathbf{X}_S \right) e.$$



For the same reason,

$$(1 - e)E\left(\frac{1}{1 - \tilde{e}} \middle| \mathbf{X}_S\right) \geq 1.$$

Thus we finished our proof for this case.

**Part B** Based on transformation, Horvitz-Thompson estimator (1) could be rewritten into following form:

$$\sqrt{n}(\Delta_S - \Delta_0) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n \left\{ \frac{D_i Y_i}{\tilde{e}_i} - \frac{(1 - D_i) Y_i}{1 - \tilde{e}_i} - \Delta_0 \right\},$$

$$\sqrt{n}(\Delta_{S_I} - \Delta_0) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n \left\{ \frac{D_i Y_i}{e_i} - \frac{(1 - D_i) Y_i}{1 - e_i} - \Delta_0 \right\},$$

where  $e_i = P(D = 1 | \mathbf{X}_{S_I i})$ ,  $\tilde{e}_i = P(D = 1 | \mathbf{X}_{S i})$ . We note that

$$\frac{D_i Y_i}{\tilde{e}_i} - \frac{(1 - D_i) Y_i}{1 - \tilde{e}_i} - \Delta_0, \quad \frac{D_i Y_i}{e_i} - \frac{(1 - D_i) Y_i}{1 - e_i} - \Delta_0$$

are i.i.d samples, respectively. So from Central limit theorem,

$$\sqrt{n}(\Delta_S - \Delta_0) \xrightarrow{d} N(0, \sigma_0^2),$$

$$\sqrt{n}(\Delta_{S_I} - \Delta_0) \xrightarrow{d} N(0, \sigma_I^2),$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
\sigma_0^2 &= E \left\{ \frac{DY(1)^2}{e^2} + \frac{(1-D)Y(0)^2}{(1-e)^2} \right\} - \Delta_0^2 \\
&= E \left[ E \left\{ \frac{DY(1)^2}{e^2} \mid \mathbf{X}_S \right\} \right] + E \left[ E \left\{ \frac{(1-D)Y(0)^2}{(1-e)^2} \mid \mathbf{X}_S \right\} \right] - \Delta_0^2 \\
&= E \left[ \frac{1}{e^2} E\{D \mid \mathbf{X}_S\} E\{Y(1)^2 \mid \mathbf{X}_S\} \right] + E \left[ \frac{1}{(1-e)^2} E\{(1-D) \mid \mathbf{X}_S\} E\{Y(0)^2 \mid \mathbf{X}_S\} \right] - \Delta_0^2 \\
&= E \left[ \frac{1}{e} E\{Y(1)^2 \mid \mathbf{X}_S\} \right] + E \left[ \frac{1}{1-e} E\{Y(0)^2 \mid \mathbf{X}_S\} \right] - \Delta_0^2 \\
&= E \left[ E \left\{ \frac{Y(1)^2}{e} + \frac{Y(0)^2}{1-e} \mid \mathbf{X}_S \right\} \right] - \Delta_0^2 \\
&= E \left\{ \frac{Y(1)^2}{e} + \frac{Y(0)^2}{1-e} \right\} - \Delta_0^2.
\end{aligned}$$

The third equality holds because  $X_S$  is a sufficient set, so  $D \perp\!\!\!\perp Y(d) \mid X_S$ . For the same reason,

$$\sigma_I^2 = E \left\{ \frac{Y(1)^2}{\tilde{e}} + \frac{Y(0)^2}{1-\tilde{e}} \right\} - \Delta_0^2.$$

Next, we prove  $\sigma_I^2 \geq \sigma_0^2$ . Since  $\mathcal{I}' \subset \mathcal{I}$ , together with the lemma we proved at the beginning, we have:  $E[Y(d)^2 \mid \mathbf{X}_S] = E[Y(d)^2 \mid \mathbf{X}_{S_I}]$  for  $d = 0, 1$ . Denote these conditional expectation

as  $\tilde{Y}(d)$  for  $d = 0, 1$  respectively. We have the following results:

$$\begin{aligned}
\sigma_I^2 &= E \left[ E \left\{ \frac{Y(1)^2}{\tilde{e}} + \frac{Y(0)^2}{1-\tilde{e}} \mid \mathbf{X}_{S_I} \right\} \right] - \Delta_0^2 \\
&= E \left[ \frac{1}{\tilde{e}} E\{Y(1)^2 \mid \mathbf{X}_{S_I}\} \right] + E \left[ \frac{1}{1-\tilde{e}} E\{Y(0)^2 \mid \mathbf{X}_{S_I}\} \right] - \Delta_0^2 \\
&= E \left\{ \frac{1}{\tilde{e}} \tilde{Y}(1) \right\} + E \left\{ \frac{1}{1-\tilde{e}} \tilde{Y}(0) \right\} \\
&= E \left[ E \left\{ \frac{1}{\tilde{e}} \tilde{Y}(1) \mid \mathbf{X}_S \right\} \right] + E \left[ E \left\{ \frac{1}{1-\tilde{e}} \tilde{Y}(0) \mid \mathbf{X}_S \right\} \right] \\
&= E \left\{ \tilde{Y}(1) E \left( \frac{1}{\tilde{e}} \mid \mathbf{X}_S \right) \right\} + E \left\{ \tilde{Y}(0) E \left( \frac{1}{1-\tilde{e}} \mid \mathbf{X}_S \right) \right\} \\
&\geq E \left\{ \tilde{Y}(1) \frac{1}{e} + \tilde{Y}(0) \frac{1}{1-e} \right\} \\
&= E \left[ \frac{1}{e} E\{Y(1)^2 \mid \mathbf{X}_S\} + \frac{1}{1-e} E\{Y(0)^2 \mid \mathbf{X}_S\} \right] \\
&= E \left[ E \left\{ \frac{Y(1)^2}{e} + \frac{Y(0)^2}{1-e} \mid \mathbf{X}_S \right\} \right] = \sigma_0^2.
\end{aligned}$$

The reason why inequality holds is showed in proof of part (A). So far, we have already accomplished the proof of theorem 2.  $\square$ .

## 8.7 Proof of Theorem 3

We firstly show that there exists a constant  $\tilde{c}$  such that

$$P(|\alpha - \hat{\alpha}| > cn^{-k}) \leq O(\exp(-\tilde{c}n^{1-2k})), \quad (48)$$

where  $c > 0$  is a constant,  $0 < \kappa < 1/2$ .

Define  $\alpha = BCov^2(X, Y|D)$ ,  $\hat{\alpha} = BCov_n^2(X, Y|D)$ ,  $\alpha_1 = BCov^2(X^{(1)}, Y^{(1)})$  and  $\alpha_0 = BCov^2(X^{(0)}, Y^{(0)})$ , where  $X^{(d)}, Y^{(d)}$  follow the same distributions as  $(X \mid D = d), (Y \mid D = d)$  for  $d = 0, 1$  respectively. We use  $\hat{\alpha}_1, \hat{\alpha}_0$  to denote their sample estimators  $BCov_{n_1}(X^{(1)}, Y^{(1)})$ ,  $BCov_{n_0}(X^{(0)}, Y^{(0)})$ , respectively. We divide the sample  $(Y_i, D_i, \mathbf{X})_{i=1}^n$  into two parts  $(\mathbf{X}_i^{(1)}, Y_i^{(1)})_{i=1}^{n_1}$  and  $(\mathbf{X}_i^{(0)}, Y_i^{(1)})_{i=1}^{n_0}$ , and the in the first part the value of  $D_i$  always be 1, while the other part the

value of  $D_i$  always be 0. Recall  $n_1 = \sum_{i=1}^n D_i$ ,  $n_0 = n - n_1$ ,  $\omega = P(D = 1)$  and  $\hat{\omega} = n_1/n$ .

We can write

$$\begin{aligned}\alpha - \hat{\alpha} &= \omega\alpha_1 + (1 - \omega)\alpha_0 - (\hat{\omega}\hat{\alpha}_1 + (1 - \hat{\omega})\hat{\alpha}_0) \\ &= \omega(\alpha_1 - \hat{\alpha}_1) + (1 - \omega)(\alpha_0 - \hat{\alpha}_0) + (\hat{\alpha}_1 - \hat{\alpha}_0)(\omega - \hat{\omega}).\end{aligned}\tag{49}$$

Since  $\alpha_1, \alpha_0, \hat{\alpha}_1, \hat{\alpha}_0 \in [0, 1]$ ,  $|\alpha - \hat{\alpha}| \leq \omega|\alpha_1 - \hat{\alpha}_1| + (1 - \omega)|\alpha_0 - \hat{\alpha}_0| + |\omega - \hat{\omega}|$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned}P(|\alpha - \hat{\alpha}| \geq 2\epsilon) &\leq P(\omega|\alpha_1 - \hat{\alpha}_1| \geq \omega\epsilon) + P((1 - \omega)|\alpha_0 - \hat{\alpha}_0| \geq (1 - \omega)\epsilon) + P(|\omega - \hat{\omega}| \geq \epsilon) \\ &= P(|\alpha_1 - \hat{\alpha}_1| \geq \epsilon) + P(|\alpha_0 - \hat{\alpha}_0| \geq \epsilon) + P(|\omega - \hat{\omega}| \geq \epsilon).\end{aligned}\tag{50}$$

We will deal with the three terms respectively. To begin with, we handle the third term of (50). We note that

$$\omega - \hat{\omega} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (\omega - D_i) = \sum_{i=1}^n Z_i,$$

where  $Z_i = (\omega - D_i)/n$  be independent zero-mean random variables, and  $|Z_i| \leq 1/n = M$ ,  $E(Z_i^2) = \omega(1 - \omega)/n^2$ . Based on the Bernstein inequality, we have

$$P(\omega - \hat{\omega} \geq \epsilon) = P\left(\sum_{i=1}^n Z_i \geq \epsilon\right) \leq \exp\left(-\frac{\frac{1}{2}\epsilon^2}{\frac{\omega(1-\omega)}{n} + \frac{\epsilon}{3n}}\right)$$

So,

$$P(|\hat{\omega} - \omega| \geq \epsilon) = P\left(\sum_{i=1}^n Z_i \geq \epsilon\right) + P\left(-\sum_{i=1}^n Z_i \geq \epsilon\right) \leq 2 \exp\left(-\frac{\frac{1}{2}\epsilon^2}{\frac{\omega(1-\omega)}{n} + \frac{\epsilon}{3n}}\right)\tag{51}$$

Now we turn to the first and second term of (50). Following equation (A.7) from the appendix of Pan et al. (2019a), there exist two positive constants  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} P(|\alpha_1 - \hat{\alpha}_1| \geq \epsilon) &\leq 2 \exp(-c_1 n_1 \epsilon^2), \\ P(|\alpha_0 - \hat{\alpha}_0| \geq \epsilon) &\leq 2 \exp(-c_0 n_0 \epsilon^2). \end{aligned} \quad (52)$$

We now show that  $\exp(-c_1 n_1 \epsilon^2) = O_P(\exp(-c_1 n \omega \epsilon^2 / 2))$ . We observed that  $\omega = P(D = 1) > 0$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} &P\left(\left|\frac{\exp(-c_1 n_1 \epsilon^2)}{\exp(-c_1 n \omega \epsilon^2 / 2)}\right| > 1\right) \\ &= P\left(\frac{n \omega}{2} - n_1 > 0\right) \\ &= P\left(\omega - \hat{\omega} > \frac{\omega}{2}\right) \\ &= P\left(\sum_{i=1}^n Z_i > \frac{\omega}{2}\right) \\ &\leq \exp\left(-\frac{\frac{1}{8}\omega^2}{\frac{\omega(1-\omega)}{n} + \frac{\omega}{6n}}\right) \\ &\xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} 0. \end{aligned} \quad (53)$$

For the same reason, we have

$$\exp(-c_0 n_0 \epsilon^2) = O_P(\exp(-c_0 n (1 - \omega) \epsilon^2 / 2)). \quad (54)$$

If  $\epsilon < 3\omega(1 - \omega)$ , we have

$$\exp\left(-\frac{\frac{1}{2}\epsilon^2}{\frac{\omega(1-\omega)}{n} + \frac{\epsilon}{3n}}\right) = \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2\omega(1-\omega) + 2\epsilon/3} n \epsilon^2\right) \leq \exp(-\tilde{c}_2 n \epsilon^2), \quad (55)$$

where  $\tilde{c}_2 = 1/\{4\omega(1 - \omega)\}$ . Combining (51), (53), (54), (55). Let  $\epsilon = cn^{-\kappa}/2$ , where  $0 < \kappa <$

$1/2$ ,  $\tilde{c}_1 = c_1\omega/2$ ,  $\tilde{c}_0 = c_0(1 - \omega)/2$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} P(|\alpha - \hat{\alpha}| \geq cn^{-\kappa}) &\leq O_P(\exp(-\tilde{c}_1 cn^{1-2\kappa})) + O_P(\exp(-\tilde{c}_0 cn^{1-2\kappa})) \\ &\quad + O_P(\exp(-\tilde{c}_2 cn^{1-2\kappa})) \end{aligned}$$

Let  $\tilde{c} = \min(c\tilde{c}_1, c\tilde{c}_0, c\tilde{c}_2)$ , then we have

$$P(|\alpha - \hat{\alpha}| \geq cn^{-\kappa}) \leq O_P(\exp(-\tilde{c}n^{1-2\kappa}))$$

Hence we finished the proof of equation (48). Now let  $\rho_j = BCov^2(X_i, Y|D)$  and  $\hat{\rho}_j = BCov_n^2(X_i, Y|D)$  for  $j = 1, 2, \dots, p$ , from equation (48) we know that  $P(|\hat{\rho}_j - \rho_j| > cn^{-\kappa}) \leq O(\exp(-c_1 n^{1-2\kappa}))$ .

As  $\tau_n \in (0, cn^{-\kappa})$  and  $\{(X_C \cup X_P) \not\subset \hat{A}_n^*\} \subset \{|\hat{\rho}_j - \rho_j| > cn^{-\kappa}, \text{ for some } j \in (X_C \cup X_P)\}$ , we have

$$P(\{(X_C \cup X_P) \subset \hat{A}_n^*\}) \geq 1 - \eta P(|\hat{\rho}_j - \rho_j| > cn^{-\kappa}) \geq 1 - \eta O(\exp(-\tilde{c}n^{1-2\kappa})),$$

where  $\eta$  is the cardinality of  $(X_C \cup X_P)$ . Hence

$$P(\{(X_C \cup X_P) \subset \hat{A}_n^*\}) \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} 1.$$

## 8.8 Proof of Theorem 4

**Part c** Before we start, we need a technical lemma, which tells us under some conditions, an M-estimator is a consistent estimator. The proof of the lemma could be found at van der Vaart (1998), page 46, theorem 5.9.

**Lemma 1.** *Let  $\Phi_n$  be random vector-valued functions and let  $\Phi$  be a fixed vector function of  $\theta$  such that for every  $\epsilon > 0$ , following conditions hold:*

$$(i) \sup_{\boldsymbol{\theta} \in \Theta} \|\Phi_n(\boldsymbol{\theta}) - \Phi(\boldsymbol{\theta})\| \xrightarrow{p} \mathbf{0},$$

$$(ii) \inf_{\boldsymbol{\theta}: d(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \boldsymbol{\theta}_0) \geq \epsilon} \|\Phi(\boldsymbol{\theta})\| > 0 = \|\Phi(\boldsymbol{\theta}_0)\|$$

Then any sequence of estimators  $\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_n$  such that  $\Phi_n(\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_n) = o_p(1)$  converge in probability to  $\boldsymbol{\theta}_0$ .

**Lemma 2.**

For the proof, we assume the following regularity conditions:

1. We assume all expectations exist and finite.
2. We assume all estimation equations  $\Phi$  and  $\Phi_n$  satisfy condition (i) (ii) of the lemma. This assumption is mild since we always expect an M-estimator is a consistent estimator.

We use  $\boldsymbol{\beta}^*$  to denote the coefficient estimated by our procedure in Section 4.2,  $\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}$  to denote the coefficient estimation when we use  $\mathcal{A}$  as prior. Let  $e_i^* = e(\mathbf{X}_i; \boldsymbol{\beta}^*)$ ,  $\hat{e}_i = e(\mathbf{X}_i; \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}})$ . We use  $\Delta_{HT}$ ,  $\Delta_{Ratio}$ ,  $\Delta_{DR}$  to denote IPW estimators: (1), (2), (3) respectively. Without loss of generality we assume  $\mathcal{A} = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, p_0\}$ . We aim to prove the following results:

$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt{n}(\Delta_{HT}^* - \hat{\Delta}_{HT}) &\xrightarrow{p} 0, \\ \sqrt{n}(\Delta_{Ratio}^* - \hat{\Delta}_{Ratio}) &\xrightarrow{p} 0, \\ \sqrt{n}(\Delta_{DR}^* - \hat{\Delta}_{DR}) &\xrightarrow{p} 0, \end{aligned}$$

where we use plug-in estimator  $e_i^*$ ,  $\hat{e}_i$  to construct IPW estimator using (1), (2), (3), respectively.

To begin with, we are going to show

$$\sqrt{n}(\boldsymbol{\beta}^* - \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}) \xrightarrow{p} \mathbf{0}. \quad (56)$$

From part (a) we know that for any  $j \notin \mathcal{A}$ ,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(\beta_j^* \neq 0) = 0$ . And when we estimate  $\boldsymbol{\beta}$ , we only use variables in  $\mathcal{A}$ , thus  $\hat{\beta}_j \equiv 0$ . We have shown that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(\boldsymbol{\beta}_{\mathcal{A}^c}^* - \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_{\mathcal{A}^c} \neq \mathbf{0}) = 0,$$

which implies  $\sqrt{n}(\boldsymbol{\beta}_{\mathcal{A}^c}^* - \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_{\mathcal{A}^c}) \xrightarrow{P} 0$ . Now we are going to show  $\sqrt{n}(\boldsymbol{\beta}_{\mathcal{A}}^* - \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_{\mathcal{A}}) \xrightarrow{d} 0$ . By the KKT conditions, we must have

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \sum_{i=1}^n X_{ij} \{D_i - e(\mathbf{X}_i^T \boldsymbol{\beta}^*)\} \right| &\leq \frac{\lambda_n}{\hat{\omega}_j^{(n)}}, \\ \sum_{i=1}^n X_{ij} \{D_i - e(\mathbf{X}_i^T \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}})\} &= 0, \end{aligned} \quad (57)$$

where  $j \in \mathcal{A}$ ,  $e = e(\mathbf{X}^T \boldsymbol{\beta})$  is the *Logistic* model we specified before. We make a subtraction:

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \left| \sum_{i=1}^n X_{ij} \{e(\mathbf{X}_i^T \boldsymbol{\beta}^*) - e(\mathbf{X}_i^T \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}})\} \right| \leq \frac{\lambda_n}{\sqrt{n} \hat{\omega}_j^{(n)}}. \quad (58)$$

We use  $\boldsymbol{\beta}_0$  to denote the coefficient of the oracle propensity score model, which is  $e(\mathbf{X}^T \boldsymbol{\beta}_0) = P(D = 1 \mid \mathbf{X}_{\mathcal{A}})$ . Let

$$\begin{aligned} \boldsymbol{\beta}^* &= \boldsymbol{\beta}_0 + \frac{\mathbf{u}^*}{\sqrt{n}}, \\ \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} &= \boldsymbol{\beta}_0 + \frac{\hat{\mathbf{u}}}{\sqrt{n}}, \\ \mathbf{u} &= \mathbf{u}^* - \hat{\mathbf{u}}. \end{aligned}$$

We are going to make a Taylor expansion for (58) at point  $\mathbf{X}_i^T \boldsymbol{\beta}_0$

$$\begin{aligned} e(\mathbf{X}_i^T \boldsymbol{\beta}^*) &= e(\mathbf{X}_i^T \boldsymbol{\beta}_0) + e'(\mathbf{X}_i^T \boldsymbol{\beta}_0) \frac{\mathbf{u}^*}{\sqrt{n}} + e''(U_i) \frac{(\mathbf{X}_i^T \mathbf{u}^*)^2}{n}, \\ e(\mathbf{X}_i^T \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}) &= e(\mathbf{X}_i^T \boldsymbol{\beta}_0) + e'(\mathbf{X}_i^T \boldsymbol{\beta}_0) \frac{\hat{\mathbf{u}}}{\sqrt{n}} + e''(V_i) \frac{(\mathbf{X}_i^T \hat{\mathbf{u}})^2}{n}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $U_i$  is between  $\mathbf{X}_i^T \boldsymbol{\beta}^*$  and  $\mathbf{X}_i^T \boldsymbol{\beta}_0$ ,  $V_i$  is between  $\mathbf{X}_i^T \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}$  and  $\mathbf{X}_i^T \boldsymbol{\beta}_0$ . The left side of (58) can be written as  $A_1^{(n)} + A_2^{(n)}$ , where



$$\begin{aligned}
A_1^{(n)} &= \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{X_{ij}}{n} e'(\mathbf{X}_i^T \boldsymbol{\beta}_0) \mathbf{X}_i^T \mathbf{u}, \\
A_2^{(n)} &= \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{X_{ij}}{n^{3/2}} \{e''(U_i)(\mathbf{X}_i^T \mathbf{u}^*)^2 - e''(V_i)(\mathbf{X}_i^T \hat{\mathbf{u}})^2\},
\end{aligned}$$

We can rewrite (58) into vector form:

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\lambda_n}{\sqrt{n}} \mathbf{w} &\geq |\mathbf{A}_1^{(n)} + \mathbf{A}_2^{(n)}|, \\
\mathbf{A}_1^{(n)} &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n e'(\mathbf{X}_i^T \boldsymbol{\beta}_0) \mathbf{X}_{i\mathcal{A}} \mathbf{X}_i^T \mathbf{u}, \\
\mathbf{A}_2^{(n)} &= \frac{1}{n^{3/2}} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{X}_{i\mathcal{A}} \{e''(U_i)(\mathbf{X}_i^T \mathbf{u}^*)^2 - e''(V_i)(\mathbf{X}_i^T \hat{\mathbf{u}})^2\},
\end{aligned} \tag{59}$$

where  $\mathbf{w} = (1/\hat{\omega}_1^{(n)}, \dots, 1/\hat{\omega}_{p_0}^{(n)})$ ,  $\mathbf{X}_{i\mathcal{A}} = (X_{i1}, X_{i2}, \dots, X_{ip_0})^T$ . Let  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . As  $\forall j \in \mathcal{A}$ ,  $\hat{\omega}_j^{(n)} \xrightarrow{p} c_j > 0$  and  $\lambda_n/\sqrt{n} \xrightarrow{p} 0$ , by the Continuous mapping theorem, we must have  $\lambda_n \mathbf{w}/\sqrt{n} \xrightarrow{p} 0$ . We also have

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n e'(\mathbf{X}_i^T \boldsymbol{\beta}_0) \mathbf{X}_{i\mathcal{A}} \mathbf{X}_i^T \xrightarrow{p} E(e'(\mathbf{X}^T \boldsymbol{\beta}_0) \mathbf{X}_{\mathcal{A}} \mathbf{X}^T).$$

As  $\mathbf{u}_{\mathcal{A}^c} = \sqrt{n}(\boldsymbol{\beta}_{\mathcal{A}^c}^* - \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_{\mathcal{A}^c}) \xrightarrow{p} \mathbf{0}$ , if we can show  $\mathbf{A}_2^{(n)} \xrightarrow{p} \mathbf{0}$ , by Slutsky's theorem, we must have  $\mathbf{u}_{\mathcal{A}} \xrightarrow{p} \mathbf{0}$ . Now we are going to show  $\mathbf{A}_2^{(n)} \xrightarrow{p} \mathbf{0}$ . More precisely, we are going to show that for all  $j \in \mathcal{A}$ , we have  $\sum_{i=1}^n X_{ij} e''(V_i)(\mathbf{X}_i^T \mathbf{u}^*)^2/n^{3/2} \xrightarrow{p} 0$  and  $\sum_{i=1}^n X_{ij} e''(V_i)(\mathbf{X}_i^T \hat{\mathbf{u}})^2/n^{3/2} \xrightarrow{p} 0$ .

We note that for *Logistic* model, we have  $0 < |e| < 1$ ,  $|e'| = |e(1 - e)| < 1$ ,  $|e''| = |e(1 - e)(1 - 2e)| < 1$ . We note maximal likely hood estimator is asymptotically normal, so we have  $\hat{\mathbf{u}} = \sqrt{n}(\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} - \boldsymbol{\beta}_0) \xrightarrow{d} N(\mathbf{0}, \hat{\Sigma})$ , and from part (b) we have  $\mathbf{u}^* = \sqrt{n}(\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} - \boldsymbol{\beta}_0) \xrightarrow{d} N(\mathbf{0}, \Sigma^*)$ .

We now show that  $\sum_{i=1}^n X_{ij} e''(U_i) (\mathbf{X}_i^T \mathbf{u}^*)^2 / n^{3/2} \xrightarrow{p} 0$ . We observe that

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{n^{3/2}} \sum_{i=1}^n |X_{ij} e''(V_i) (\mathbf{X}_i^T \mathbf{u}^*)^2| \\ & \leq \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{|X_{ij}| |\mathbf{X}_i^T \mathbf{X}_i| |\mathbf{u}^{*T} \mathbf{u}^*|}{n} \frac{1}{n^{1/2}} \\ & \leq \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{|X_{ij}| |\mathbf{X}_i^T \mathbf{X}_i| |\mathbf{u}^{*T}| |\mathbf{u}^*|}{n} \frac{1}{n^{1/4}} \frac{1}{n^{1/4}}. \end{aligned}$$

By the Weak Law of Large Numbers, we have  $\sum_{i=1}^n |X_{ij}| |\mathbf{X}_i^T \mathbf{X}_i| / n \xrightarrow{p} E(|X_i| |\mathbf{X} \mathbf{X}^T|) < \infty$ .

Besides, we have  $|\mathbf{u}^*| / n^{1/4} \xrightarrow{p} 0$ . Thus, by the Continuous mapping theorem, we see that

$\sum_{i=1}^n X_{ij} e''(U_i) (\mathbf{X}_i^T \mathbf{u}^*)^2 / n^{3/2} \xrightarrow{p} 0$ . Similarly, we have  $\sum_{i=1}^n X_{ij} e''(V_i) (\mathbf{X}_i^T \hat{\mathbf{u}})^2 / n^{3/2} \xrightarrow{p} 0$ .

So far, we have finished the proof for (56).

Now we are going to show that CBS propensity score estimator,  $e_i^*$ , and oracle propensity score estimator,  $\hat{e}_i$  are the asymptotic equivalent:

$$\sqrt{n}(e(\mathbf{X}_i^T \boldsymbol{\beta}^*) - e(\mathbf{X}_i^T \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}})) \xrightarrow{p} 0. \quad (60)$$

Again, Using the Taylor expansion at point  $\mathbf{X}_i^T \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}$ , we have  $e(\mathbf{X}_i^T \boldsymbol{\beta}^*) = e(\mathbf{X}_i^T \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}) + e'(\mathbf{X}_i^T \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}) \mathbf{X}_i^T \mathbf{u} / \sqrt{n} + e''(T_i) (\mathbf{X}_i^T \mathbf{u})^2 / n$ , where  $T_i$  is between  $\mathbf{X}_i^T \boldsymbol{\beta}^*$  and  $\mathbf{X}_i^T \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt{n}|e(\mathbf{X}_i^T \boldsymbol{\beta}^*) - e(\mathbf{X}_i^T \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}})| &= \left| e'(\mathbf{X}_i^T \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}) \mathbf{X}_i^T \mathbf{u} + \frac{e''(T_i) (\mathbf{X}_i^T \mathbf{u})^2}{\sqrt{n}} \right| \\ &\leq |e'(\mathbf{X}_i^T \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}) \mathbf{X}_i^T \mathbf{u}| + \left| \frac{e''(T_i) (\mathbf{X}_i^T \mathbf{u})^2}{\sqrt{n}} \right| \\ &\leq |\mathbf{X}_i^T \mathbf{u}| + \left| \frac{(\mathbf{X}_i^T \mathbf{u})^2}{\sqrt{n}} \right| \\ &\leq |\mathbf{X}_i^T \mathbf{u}| + \frac{(\mathbf{X}_i^T \mathbf{X}_i) (\mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{u})}{\sqrt{n}}. \end{aligned}$$

We use Cauchy inequality to get the last inequality. As  $\mathbf{u} \xrightarrow{p} 0$ , we have  $\sqrt{n}|e(\mathbf{X}_i^T \boldsymbol{\beta}^*) - e(\mathbf{X}_i^T \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}})| \xrightarrow{p} 0$ .

**(i) Proof For Horvitz-Thompson Estimator  $\Delta_{HT}$ .**

We have

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sqrt{n}|\Delta_{HT}^* - \hat{\Delta}_{HT}| \\
&= \left| \frac{\sqrt{n}}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \left\{ Y_i D_i \left( \frac{1}{e_i^*} - \frac{1}{\hat{e}_i} \right) - Y_i (1 - D_i) \left( \frac{1}{1 - e_i^*} - \frac{1}{1 - \hat{e}_i} \right) \right\} \right| \\
&\leq \frac{\sqrt{n}}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \left| \frac{Y_i D_i}{e_i^* \hat{e}_i} - \frac{Y_i (1 - D_i)}{(1 - e_i^*)(1 - \hat{e}_i)} \right| \cdot |\hat{e}_i - e_i^*| \\
&\leq \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \left\{ \left| \frac{Y_i D_i}{e_i^{*2}} \right| + \left| \frac{Y_i D_i}{\hat{e}_i^2} \right| + \left| \frac{Y_i (1 - D_i)}{(1 - e_i^*)^2} \right| + \left| \frac{Y_i (1 - D_i)}{(1 - \hat{e}_i)^2} \right| \right\} \cdot \sqrt{n} |\hat{e}_i - e_i^*| \\
&\leq \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \left\{ \left| \frac{Y_i D_i}{e_i^{*2}} \right| + \left| \frac{Y_i D_i}{\hat{e}_i^2} \right| + \left| \frac{Y_i (1 - D_i)}{(1 - e_i^*)^2} \right| + \left| \frac{Y_i (1 - D_i)}{(1 - \hat{e}_i)^2} \right| \right\} \cdot \left( |\mathbf{X}_i^T \mathbf{u}| + \frac{(\mathbf{X}_i^T \mathbf{X}_i)(\mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{u})}{\sqrt{n}} \right),
\end{aligned} \tag{61}$$

where  $e_i^* = e(\mathbf{X}_i^T \boldsymbol{\beta}^*)$ ,  $\hat{e}_i = e(\mathbf{X}_i^T \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}})$ .

We now show that

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \left| \frac{Y_i D_i \mathbf{X}_i^T}{\hat{e}_i^2} \right| \xrightarrow{p} E \left\{ \frac{Y D \mathbf{X}^T}{e(\mathbf{X} \boldsymbol{\beta}_0)^2} \right\}, \quad \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \left| \frac{Y_i D_i \mathbf{X}_i^T}{e_i^{*2}} \right| \xrightarrow{p} E \left\{ \frac{Y D \mathbf{X}^T}{e(\mathbf{X}^T \boldsymbol{\beta}_0)^2} \right\}. \tag{62}$$

We define  $L(\boldsymbol{\beta}) = (1/n) \sum_{i=1}^n |Y_i D_i \mathbf{X}_i^T| / e(\mathbf{X}_i^T \boldsymbol{\beta})^2$ ,  $D(\boldsymbol{\beta}) = L(\boldsymbol{\beta}) - L(\boldsymbol{\beta}_0)$ . Assume  $\boldsymbol{\beta}$  is a consistent estimator of  $\boldsymbol{\beta}_0$ , we have

$$D(\boldsymbol{\beta}) = \left\{ \frac{\partial L(\boldsymbol{\beta}_0)}{\partial \boldsymbol{\beta}_0} + o_p(1) \right\} (\boldsymbol{\beta} - \boldsymbol{\beta}_0)^T$$

So if  $\boldsymbol{\beta} \xrightarrow{p} \boldsymbol{\beta}_0$ , we have  $D(\boldsymbol{\beta}) \xrightarrow{p} 0$ . So we have  $D(\boldsymbol{\beta}^*) \xrightarrow{p} 0$  and  $D(\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}) \xrightarrow{p} 0$ , which imply  $(1/n) \sum_{i=1}^n |Y_i D_i \mathbf{X}_i^T| / e(\mathbf{X}_i^T \boldsymbol{\beta}^*)^2 = L(\boldsymbol{\beta}^*) = L(\boldsymbol{\beta}_0) + D(\boldsymbol{\beta}^*) \xrightarrow{p} E\{|Y D \mathbf{X}^T| / e(\mathbf{X}^T \boldsymbol{\beta}_0)^2\}$  and  $(1/n) \sum_{i=1}^n |Y_i D_i \mathbf{X}_i^T| / e(\mathbf{X}_i^T \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}})^2 = L(\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}) = L(\boldsymbol{\beta}_0) + D(\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}) \xrightarrow{p} E\{|Y D \mathbf{X}^T| / e(\mathbf{X}^T \boldsymbol{\beta}_0)^2\}$ .

For the same reason, the following relationships could be shown analogously:

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{|Y_i(1-D_i)\mathbf{X}_i^T|}{(1-e_i^*)^2}, \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{|Y_i(1-D_i)\mathbf{X}_i^T|}{(1-\hat{e}_i)^2} \xrightarrow{p} E \left[ \frac{|Y(1-D)\mathbf{X}^T|}{\{1-e(\mathbf{X}^T\boldsymbol{\beta}_0)\}^2} \right], \\
& \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{|Y_i D_i \mathbf{X}_i^T \mathbf{X}_i|}{\hat{e}_i^2}, \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{|Y_i D_i \mathbf{X}_i^T \mathbf{X}_i|}{\hat{e}_i^2} \xrightarrow{p} E \left\{ \frac{|Y D \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X}|}{e(\mathbf{X}^T \boldsymbol{\beta}_0)^2} \right\}, \\
& \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{|Y_i(1-D_i)\mathbf{X}_i^T \mathbf{X}|}{(1-e_i^*)^2}, \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{|Y_i(1-D_i)\mathbf{X}_i^T \mathbf{X}|}{(1-\hat{e}_i)^2} \xrightarrow{p} E \left[ \frac{|Y(1-D)\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X}|}{\{1-e(\mathbf{X}^T \boldsymbol{\beta}_0)\}^2} \right],
\end{aligned}$$

Given these relationships and  $\mathbf{u} \xrightarrow{p} 0$ , by the Continuous mapping theorem, we can conclude that the right side of (61)  $\xrightarrow{p} 0$ , which implies  $\sqrt{n}(\Delta_{HT}^* - \hat{\Delta}_{HT}) \xrightarrow{p} 0$ . This result implies  $\sigma^2 = \sigma_o^2$ .

**(ii) Proof For Ratio Estimator  $\Delta_{Ratio}$ ,**

We have

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sqrt{n}(\Delta^* - \hat{\Delta}) \\
&= \sqrt{n} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{D_i}{e_i^*} \right)^{-1} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{D_i Y_i}{e_i^*} \right) - \sqrt{n} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{D_i}{\hat{e}_i} \right)^{-1} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{D_i Y_i}{\hat{e}_i} \right) \\
&- \sqrt{n} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1-D_i}{1-e_i^*} \right)^{-1} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{(1-D_i)Y_i}{1-e_i^*} \right) + \sqrt{n} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1-D_i}{1-\hat{e}_i} \right)^{-1} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{(1-D_i)Y_i}{1-\hat{e}_i} \right) \\
&= B_1^{(n)} + B_2^{(n)} + B_3^{(n)} + B_4^{(n)},
\end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
B_1^{(n)} &= \sqrt{n} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{D_i}{e_i^*} \right)^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \frac{D_i Y_i}{e_i^*} - \frac{D_i Y_i}{\hat{e}_i} \right), \\
B_2^{(n)} &= \sqrt{n} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{D_i Y_i}{\hat{e}_i} \right) \left\{ \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{D_i}{e_i^*} \right)^{-1} - \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{D_i}{\hat{e}_i} \right)^{-1} \right\}, \\
B_3^{(n)} &= \sqrt{n} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1-D_i}{1-e_i^*} \right)^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \frac{(1-D_i)Y_i}{1-\hat{e}_i} - \frac{(1-D_i)Y_i}{1-e_i^*} \right), \\
B_4^{(n)} &= \sqrt{n} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{(1-D_i)Y_i}{1-\hat{e}_i} \right) \left\{ \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1-D_i}{1-\hat{e}_i} \right)^{-1} - \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1-D_i}{1-e_i^*} \right)^{-1} \right\}.
\end{aligned}$$

We only show that  $B_1^{(n)}, B_2^{(n)} \xrightarrow{p} 0$ , the proof for  $B_3^{(n)}, B_4^{(n)} \xrightarrow{p} 0$  is similar so we simply omit it. We handle  $B_1^{(n)}$  first. We note that

$$\begin{aligned}
B_1^{(n)} &= \left( \frac{1}{n} \sum_i \frac{D_i}{e_i^*} \right)^{-1} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{n}}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \frac{D_i Y_i}{e_i^*} - \frac{D_i Y_i}{\hat{e}_i} \right), \\
B_2^{(n)} &= \left( \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{D_i Y_i}{\hat{e}_i} \right) \cdot \left( \frac{1}{n} \sum_i \frac{D_i}{e_i^*} \right)^{-1} \left( \frac{1}{n} \sum_i \frac{D_i}{\hat{e}_i} \right)^{-1} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{n}}{n} \left( \sum_i \frac{D_i}{\hat{e}_i} - \frac{D_i}{e_i^*} \right).
\end{aligned}$$

Firstly, from proof of (i), we know that

$$\frac{\sqrt{n}}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \frac{D_i Y_i}{e_i^*} - \frac{D_i Y_i}{\hat{e}_i} \right) \xrightarrow{p} 0, \quad \frac{\sqrt{n}}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \frac{D_i}{e_i^*} - \frac{D_i}{\hat{e}_i} \right) \xrightarrow{p} 0. \quad (63)$$

We will use the same technique in the proof of (i) to show that

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_i \frac{D_i}{e_i^*} \xrightarrow{p} E \left( \frac{D}{e(\mathbf{X}^\top \boldsymbol{\beta}_0)} \right) = 1, \quad \frac{1}{n} \sum_i \frac{D_i}{\hat{e}_i} \xrightarrow{p} E \left( \frac{D}{e(\mathbf{X}^\top \boldsymbol{\beta}_0)} \right) = 1, \quad (64)$$

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_i \frac{D_i Y_i}{\hat{e}_i} \xrightarrow{p} E \left( \frac{DY}{e(\mathbf{X}^\top \boldsymbol{\beta}_0)} \right) = E\{Y(1)\}. \quad (65)$$

With (63), (64) and (65), by the Continuous mapping theorem, we can conclude that  $B_1^{(n)}, B_2^{(n)} \xrightarrow{p} 0$

0. And analogously we have  $B_3^{(n)}, B_4^{(n)} \xrightarrow{p} 0$ . So  $\sqrt{n}(\Delta_{Ratio}^* - \hat{\Delta}_{Ratio}^*) \xrightarrow{p} 0$ , which implies  $\sigma^2 = \sigma_o^2$ .

We define  $L(\beta) = (1/n) \sum_{i=1}^n D_i/e(\mathbf{X}_i^T \beta)$ ,  $D(\beta) = L(\beta) - L(\beta_0)$ . Assume  $\beta$  is a consistent estimator of  $\beta_0$ , we have

$$D(\beta) = \left\{ \frac{\partial L(\beta_0)}{\partial \beta_0} + o_p(1) \right\} (\beta - \beta_0)^T$$

So if  $\beta \xrightarrow{p} \beta_0$ , we have  $D(\beta) \xrightarrow{p} 0$ . So we have  $D(\beta^*) \xrightarrow{p} 0$  and  $D(\hat{\beta}) \xrightarrow{p} 0$ , which imply  $(1/n) \sum_{i=1}^n D_i/e(\mathbf{X}_i^T \beta^*) = L(\beta^*) = L(\beta_0) + D(\beta^*) \xrightarrow{p} E\{D/e(\mathbf{X}^T \beta_0)\} = 1$  and  $(1/n) \sum_{i=1}^n D_i/e(\mathbf{X}_i^T \hat{\beta}) = L(\hat{\beta}) = L(\beta_0) + D(\hat{\beta}) \xrightarrow{p} E\{D/e(\mathbf{X}^T \beta_0)\} = 1$ .

So far, we have showed proved (64). And we can obtain (65) by a similar argument.