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## Supplementary Material: On Some Fast And Robust Classifiers For High Dimension, Low Sample Size Data

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### A MATHEMATICAL DETAILS AND PROOFS

We will use the following definitions in the Supplementary Material presented below.

1.  $a_n = o(b_n)$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  implies that for every  $\epsilon > 0$  there exists an  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $|a_n/b_n| < \epsilon$  for all  $n \geq N$ .
2.  $a_n = O(b_n)$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  implies that there exist  $M > 0$  and  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $|a_n/b_n| < M$  for all  $n \geq N$ .

#### Proof of Lemma 2.1

Suppose  $\mathbf{U} \sim \mathbf{F}_j$  and  $\mathbf{V} \sim \mathbf{F}_{j'}$  for  $j, j' \in \{1, 2\}$  and  $\mathbf{U}, \mathbf{V}$  are independent. We have assumed in (ii) that the limiting constants  $\nu_{jj'}$ , and  $\sigma_j^2$  exist for  $j, j' \in \{1, 2\}$ . Fix  $\epsilon > 0$ . Now, observe that

$$\begin{aligned} P\left[\left|\frac{1}{p}\mathbf{U}^\top \mathbf{V} - \nu_{jj'}\right| > \epsilon\right] &= P\left[\left|\frac{1}{p}\mathbf{U}^\top \mathbf{V} - \frac{1}{p}\boldsymbol{\mu}_j^\top \boldsymbol{\mu}_{j'} + \frac{1}{p}\boldsymbol{\mu}_j^\top \boldsymbol{\mu}_{j'} - \nu_{jj'}\right| > \epsilon\right] \\ &\leq P\left[\left|\frac{1}{p}\mathbf{U}^\top \mathbf{V} - \frac{1}{p}\boldsymbol{\mu}_j^\top \boldsymbol{\mu}_{j'}\right| > \frac{\epsilon}{2}\right] + I\left[\left|\frac{1}{p}\boldsymbol{\mu}_j^\top \boldsymbol{\mu}_{j'} - \nu_{jj'}\right| > \frac{\epsilon}{2}\right] \quad [\text{using the union bound}]. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\lim_{p \rightarrow \infty} \boldsymbol{\mu}_j^\top \boldsymbol{\mu}_{j'} = \nu_{jj'}$ , there exists  $p_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $I\left[\left|\frac{1}{p}\boldsymbol{\mu}_j^\top \boldsymbol{\mu}_{j'} - \nu_{jj'}\right| > \frac{\epsilon}{2}\right] = 0$  for all  $p \geq p_0$ . So, we get here

$$P\left[\left|\frac{1}{p}\mathbf{U}^\top \mathbf{V} - \nu_{jj'}\right| > \epsilon\right] \leq P\left[\left|\frac{1}{p}\mathbf{U}^\top \mathbf{V} - \frac{1}{p}\boldsymbol{\mu}_j^\top \boldsymbol{\mu}_{j'}\right| > \frac{\epsilon}{2}\right] \text{ for all } p \geq p_0.$$

Observe that

$$\begin{aligned} &P\left[\left|\frac{1}{p}\mathbf{U}^\top \mathbf{V} - \frac{1}{p}\boldsymbol{\mu}_j^\top \boldsymbol{\mu}_{j'}\right| > \frac{\epsilon}{2}\right] \tag{A.1} \\ &= P\left[\left|\frac{1}{p} \sum_{k=1}^p U_k V_k - \frac{1}{p} \sum_{k=1}^p E[U_k]E[V_k]\right| > \frac{\epsilon}{2}\right] \\ &\leq \frac{4}{\epsilon^2} \text{Var}\left[\frac{1}{p} \sum_{k=1}^p U_k V_k\right] \quad [\text{using Chebyshev's inequality}] \\ &= \frac{4}{\epsilon^2 p^2} \sum_{k=1}^p \text{Var}[U_k V_k] + \frac{8}{\epsilon^2 p^2} \sum_{1 \leq k < k' \leq p} \text{Cov}(U_k V_k, U_{k'} V_{k'}) \\ &\leq \frac{4}{\epsilon^2 p^2} \sum_{k=1}^p E[U_k^2 V_k^2] + \frac{8}{\epsilon^2 p^2} \sum_{1 \leq k < k' \leq p} \text{Corr}(U_k V_k, U_{k'} V_{k'}) \sqrt{E[U_k^2 V_k^2] E[U_{k'}^2 V_{k'}^2]} \\ &\leq \frac{4C}{\epsilon^2 p} + \frac{8C}{\epsilon^2 p^2} \sum_{1 \leq k < k' \leq p} \text{Corr}(U_k V_k, U_{k'} V_{k'}) \quad [\text{for some } C < \infty \text{ (due to (i))}] \end{aligned}$$

$= o(1)$  as  $p \rightarrow \infty$  [using (iii)].

Therefore,  $P\left[\left|\frac{1}{p}\mathbf{U}^\top \mathbf{V} - \nu_{jj'}\right| > \epsilon\right] \leq P\left[\left|\frac{1}{p}\mathbf{U}^\top \mathbf{V} - \frac{1}{p}\boldsymbol{\mu}_j^\top \boldsymbol{\mu}_{j'}\right| > \frac{\epsilon}{2}\right] = o(1)$  for  $\mathbf{U} \sim \mathbf{F}_j$  and  $\mathbf{V} \sim \mathbf{F}_{j'}$  with  $j, j' \in \{1, 2\}$  as  $p \rightarrow \infty$ .

Following similar arguments, one can also prove that (as  $p \rightarrow \infty$ ),

$$\begin{aligned} & P\left[\left|\frac{1}{p}\|\mathbf{U}\|^2 - \frac{1}{p}E[\|\mathbf{U}\|^2]\right| > \epsilon\right] \leq o(1) \\ & \Rightarrow P\left[\left|\frac{1}{p}\|\mathbf{U}\|^2 - \frac{1}{p}\{\|\boldsymbol{\mu}_i\|^2 + tr(\Sigma_j)\}\right| > \epsilon\right] \leq o(1) \\ & \Rightarrow P\left[\left|\frac{1}{p}\|\mathbf{U}\|^2 - \{\nu_{jj} + \sigma_j^2\}\right| > \epsilon\right] \leq o(1) [\lim_{p \rightarrow \infty} \|\boldsymbol{\mu}_j\|^2/p = \nu_{jj} \text{ and } \lim_{p \rightarrow \infty} tr(\Sigma_j)/p = \sigma_j^2]. \end{aligned}$$

Using the continuous mapping theorem (repeatedly), we obtain

$$\sin(2\pi h(\mathbf{U}, \mathbf{V})) = \frac{1 + \mathbf{U}^\top \mathbf{V}}{\sqrt{(1 + \|\mathbf{U}\|^2)(1 + \|\mathbf{V}\|^2)}} = \frac{\frac{1}{p} + \frac{\mathbf{U}^\top \mathbf{V}}{p}}{\sqrt{\left(\frac{1}{p} + \frac{\|\mathbf{U}\|^2}{p}\right)\left(\frac{1}{p} + \frac{\|\mathbf{V}\|^2}{p}\right)}} \xrightarrow{P} \frac{\nu_{jj'}}{\sqrt{(\sigma_j^2 + \nu_{jj})(\sigma_{j'}^2 + \nu_{j'j'})}}$$

□

as  $p \rightarrow \infty$ . Hence, the proof.

We have  
 Note that  $h(\mathbf{U}, \mathbf{V}) \xrightarrow{P} \frac{1}{2\pi} \sin^{-1} \left\{ \frac{\nu_{jj'}}{\sqrt{(\sigma_j^2 + \nu_{jj})(\sigma_{j'}^2 + \nu_{j'j'})}} \right\}$  as  $p \rightarrow \infty$ . Define  $\tau_{ii} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sin^{-1} \left\{ \frac{\nu_{ii}}{(\sigma_i^2 + \nu_{ii})} \right\}$  for  $i = 1, 2$   
 and  $\tau_{12} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sin^{-1} \left\{ \frac{\nu_{12}}{\sqrt{(\sigma_1^2 + \nu_{11})(\sigma_2^2 + \nu_{22})}} \right\}$ . Lemma 2.1 suggests that  $h(\mathbf{U}, \mathbf{V}) \xrightarrow{P} \tau_{jj'}$  as  $p \rightarrow \infty$ , where  $\mathbf{U} \sim \mathbf{F}_j$ ,  
 $\mathbf{V} \sim \mathbf{F}_{j'}$  for  $j, j' \in \{1, 2\}$  and  $\mathbf{U}, \mathbf{V}$  are independently distributed.

**Corollary A.1** For  $j, j' \in \{1, 2\}$ , if assumptions (i)-(iii) are satisfied, then

- (a)  $|T_{jj'} - \tau_{jj'}| \xrightarrow{P} 0$  as  $p \rightarrow \infty$ , and
- (b) if  $\mathbf{Z} \sim \mathbf{F}_{j'}$ , then  $|T_j(\mathbf{Z}) - \tau_{jj'}| \xrightarrow{P} 0$  as  $p \rightarrow \infty$ .

### Proof of Corollary A.1

(a) Fix  $\epsilon > 0$ . It follows from Lemma 2.1 that

$$\begin{aligned} P[|T_{11} - \tau_{11}| > \epsilon] &= P\left[\left|\frac{1}{n_1(n_1-1)} \sum_{1 \leq i \neq j \leq n_1} \{h(\mathbf{X}_i, \mathbf{X}_j) - \tau_{11}\}\right| > \epsilon\right] \\ &\leq P\left[\frac{1}{n_1(n_1-1)} \sum_{1 \leq i \neq j \leq n_1} |h(\mathbf{X}_i, \mathbf{X}_j) - \tau_{11}| > \epsilon\right] \\ &\leq \sum_{1 \leq i \neq j \leq n_1} P[|h(\mathbf{X}_i, \mathbf{X}_j) - \tau_{11}| > \epsilon] \\ &= n_1(n_1-1)o(1) = o(1) \text{ as } p \rightarrow \infty \quad [\cancel{n_1 \text{ is fixed}}]. \end{aligned} \tag{A.3}$$

Therefore,  $|T_{11} - \tau_{11}| \xrightarrow{P} 0$  as  $p \rightarrow \infty$ . Similarly,  $|T_{12} - \tau_{12}|$  and  $|T_{22} - \tau_{22}|$  also converge in probability to 0 as  $p \rightarrow \infty$ .

(b) Fix  $\epsilon > 0$ . Let  $\mathbf{U} \in \chi_i$  (i.e.,  $\mathbf{U} \sim \chi_j$ ) and  $\mathbf{Z} \sim \mathbf{F}_{j'}$  for  $j, j' \in \{1, 2\}$ . Since  $n_j$  is fixed for  $j \in \{1, 2\}$ , from Lemma 2.1, we have

$$P[|T_j(\mathbf{Z}) - \tau_{jj'}| > \epsilon \mid \mathbf{Z} \sim \mathbf{F}_{j'}] = P\left[\left|\left\{ \frac{1}{n_j} \sum_{\mathbf{U} \in \chi_j} \{h(\mathbf{U}, \mathbf{Z}) - E[h(\mathbf{U}, \mathbf{Z}) \mid \mathbf{Z} \sim \mathbf{F}_{j'}]\} \right\}\right| > \epsilon \mid \mathbf{Z} \sim \mathbf{F}_{j'}\right]$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\leq P\left[\frac{1}{n_j} \sum_{\mathbf{U} \in \chi_j} |h(\mathbf{U}, \mathbf{Z}) - E[h(\mathbf{U}, \mathbf{Z}) | \mathbf{Z} \sim \mathbf{F}_{j'}]| > \epsilon \mid \mathbf{Z} \sim \mathbf{F}_{j'}\right] \\
 &\leq \sum_{\mathbf{U} \in \chi_j} P[|h(\mathbf{U}, \mathbf{Z}) - E[h(\mathbf{U}, \mathbf{Z}) | \mathbf{Z} \sim \mathbf{F}_{j'}]| > \epsilon | \mathbf{Z} \sim \mathbf{F}_{j'}] \\
 &\leq n_j o(1) = o(1) \text{ as } p \rightarrow \infty \text{ and } [n_j \text{ is fixed}] . \tag{A.4}
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence, the proof.  $\square$

Recall the definition of  $\tau_0$  given as *follows!*

$$\begin{aligned}
 \tau_0 &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \sin^{-1} \left\{ \frac{\nu_{11}}{(\sigma_1^2 + \nu_{11})} \right\} + \frac{1}{2\pi} \sin^{-1} \left\{ \frac{\nu_{22}}{(\sigma_2^2 + \nu_{22})} \right\} - \frac{1}{\pi} \sin^{-1} \left\{ \frac{\nu_{12}}{\sqrt{(\sigma_1^2 + \nu_{11})(\sigma_2^2 + \nu_{22})}} \right\} \\
 \text{i.e., } \tau_0 &= \tau_{11} + \tau_{22} - 2\tau_{12}.
 \end{aligned}$$

If  $\nu_{11} = \nu_{12} = \nu_{22} = 0$ , then  $\tau_0 = 0$ . Also, if  $\nu_{11} = \nu_{12} = \nu_{22}$  and  $\sigma_1^2 = \sigma_2^2$ , then  $\tau_0 = 0$ .

**Corollary A.2** Suppose assumptions (i)-(iii) are satisfied. Let  $\mathbf{Z}$  be a test observation.

- (a) If  $\mathbf{Z} \sim \mathbf{F}_1$ , then  $|L_2(\mathbf{Z}) - L_1(\mathbf{Z}) - \tau_0| \xrightarrow{P} 0$  as  $p \rightarrow \infty$ .
- (b) If  $\mathbf{Z} \sim \mathbf{F}_2$ , then  $|L_2(\mathbf{Z}) - L_1(\mathbf{Z}) + \tau_0| \xrightarrow{P} 0$  as  $p \rightarrow \infty$ .

#### Proof of Corollary A.2

(a) Note that We have

$$L_2(\mathbf{Z}) - L_1(\mathbf{Z}) = \{T_{22} - 2T_2(\mathbf{Z})\} - \{T_{11} - 2T_1(\mathbf{Z})\}.$$

If  $\mathbf{Z} \sim \mathbf{F}_1$ , then it follows from Corollary A.1 that  $L_2(\mathbf{Z}) - L_1(\mathbf{Z})$  converges in probability to  $\{\tau_{22} - 2\tau_{12}\} - \{\tau_{11} - 2\tau_{12}\} = \tau_{11} + \tau_{22} - 2\tau_{12} = \tau_0$  as  $p \rightarrow \infty$ .

(b) Similarly, if  $\mathbf{Z} \sim \mathbf{F}_2$ ,  $L_2(\mathbf{Z}) - L_1(\mathbf{Z})$  converges in probability to  $\{\tau_{22} - 2\tau_{22}\} - \{\tau_{11} - 2\tau_{12}\} = -\{\tau_{11} + \tau_{22} - 2\tau_{12}\} = -\tau_0$  as  $p \rightarrow \infty$ .

Hence, the proof.  $\square$

#### Proof of Theorem 2.2

The prior probability of an observation  $\mathbf{Z}$  belonging to the first class is given by  $\pi_1$  ( $0 < \pi_1 < 1$ ). The misclassification probability of  $\delta_0$  is as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
 P[\delta_0(\mathbf{Z}) \neq \text{true label of } \mathbf{Z}] &= \pi_1 P[\delta_0(\mathbf{Z}) = 2 | \mathbf{Z} \sim \mathbf{F}_1] + \pi_2 P[\delta_0(\mathbf{Z}) = 1 | \mathbf{Z} \sim \mathbf{F}_2] \\
 &= \pi_1 P[L_2(\mathbf{Z}) \leq L_1(\mathbf{Z}) | \mathbf{Z} \sim \mathbf{F}_1] + \pi_2 P[L_2(\mathbf{Z}) > L_1(\mathbf{Z}) | \mathbf{Z} \sim \mathbf{F}_2]. \tag{A.5}
 \end{aligned}$$

We have assumed that either (a)  $\nu_{11}, \nu_{12}, \nu_{22}$  are unequal, or (b)  $\nu_{11} = \nu_{12} = \nu_{22} \neq 0$ , and  $\sigma_1^2 = \sigma_2^2$ . As a consequence,  $\tau_0$  is strictly positive. Fix  $0 < \epsilon < \tau_0$ . Now, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 P[L_2(\mathbf{Z}) \leq L_1(\mathbf{Z}) | \mathbf{Z} \sim \mathbf{F}_1] &\leq P[L_2(\mathbf{Z}) - L_1(\mathbf{Z}) \leq \tau_0 - \epsilon | \mathbf{Z} \sim \mathbf{F}_1] \\
 &\leq P[L_2(\mathbf{Z}) - L_1(\mathbf{Z}) - \tau_0 \leq -\epsilon | \mathbf{Z} \sim \mathbf{F}_1] \\
 &\leq P[|L_2(\mathbf{Z}) - L_1(\mathbf{Z}) - \tau_0| > \epsilon | \mathbf{Z} \sim \mathbf{F}_1] \\
 &= o(1) \text{ as } p \rightarrow \infty \text{ [using Corollary A.2(a)]}. \tag{A.6}
 \end{aligned}$$

Similarly,

$$\begin{aligned}
 P[L_2(\mathbf{Z}) > L_1(\mathbf{Z}) \mid \mathbf{Z} \sim \mathbf{F}_2] &\leq P[L_2(\mathbf{Z}) - L_1(\mathbf{Z}) > -\tau_0 + \epsilon \mid \mathbf{Z} \sim \mathbf{F}_2] \\
 &\leq P[L_2(\mathbf{Z}) - L_1(\mathbf{Z}) + \tau_0 > \epsilon \mid \mathbf{Z} \sim \mathbf{F}_2] \\
 &\leq P[|L_2(\mathbf{Z}) - L_1(\mathbf{Z}) + \tau_0| > \epsilon \mid \mathbf{Z} \sim \mathbf{F}_2] \\
 &= o(1) \text{ as } p \rightarrow \infty \text{ [using Corollary A.2(b)]}.
 \end{aligned} \tag{A.7}$$

□

Combining ~~Exs.~~ (A.5), (A.6) and (A.7), we get  $P[\delta_0(\mathbf{Z}) \neq \text{true label of } \mathbf{Z}] = o(1)$  as  $p \rightarrow \infty$ .

**Lemma A.3** For  $j, j' \in \{1, 2\}$ , if A1 is satisfied, then

- (a)  $|\bar{T}_{jj'} - \bar{\tau}_p(j, j')| \xrightarrow{P} 0$  as  $p \rightarrow \infty$ , and
- (b) if  $\mathbf{Z} \sim \mathbf{F}_j$ , then  $|\bar{T}_{j'}(\mathbf{Z}) - \bar{\tau}_p(j, j')| \xrightarrow{P} 0$  as  $p \rightarrow \infty$ .

### Proof of Lemma A.3

(a) Recall the definitions of  $\bar{T}_{11}$  and  $\bar{\tau}_p(1, 1)$  given in (2.4) and (2.5), respectively. Fix  $\epsilon > 0$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned}
 &P[|\bar{T}_{11} - \bar{\tau}_p(1, 1)| > \epsilon] \\
 &= P\left[\left|\frac{1}{n_1(n_1-1)} \sum_{1 \leq i \neq j \leq n_1} \bar{h}_p(\mathbf{X}_i, \mathbf{X}_j) - E[\bar{h}_p(\mathbf{X}_1, \mathbf{X}_2)]\right| > \epsilon\right] \\
 &= P\left[\left|\frac{1}{p} \sum_{k=1}^p \frac{1}{n_1(n_1-1)} \sum_{1 \leq i \neq j \leq n_1} h(X_{ik}, X_{jk}) - \frac{1}{p} \sum_{k=1}^p E[h(X_{1k}, X_{2k})]\right| > \epsilon\right] \text{ (using the definition of } \bar{h}_p) \\
 &= P\left[\left|\frac{1}{n_1(n_1-1)} \sum_{1 \leq i \neq j \leq n_1} \frac{1}{p} \sum_{k=1}^p h(X_{ik}, X_{jk}) - \frac{1}{p} \sum_{k=1}^p E[h(X_{1k}, X_{2k})]\right| > \epsilon\right] \\
 &\leq P\left[\left|\frac{1}{n_1(n_1-1)} \sum_{1 \leq i \neq j \leq n_1} \left|\frac{1}{p} \sum_{k=1}^p h(X_{ik}, X_{jk}) - \frac{1}{p} \sum_{k=1}^p E[h(X_{1k}, X_{2k})]\right|\right| > \epsilon\right] \text{ (using triangle inequality)} \\
 &\leq \sum_{1 \leq i \neq j \leq n_1} P\left[\left|\frac{1}{p} \sum_{k=1}^p \{h(X_{ik}, X_{jk}) - E[h(X_{1k}, X_{2k})]\}\right| > \epsilon\right] \text{ (using the union bound)} \\
 &\leq \sum_{1 \leq i \neq j \leq n_1} \frac{1}{\epsilon^2} \text{Var}\left[\frac{1}{p} \sum_{k=1}^p h(X_{ik}, X_{jk})\right] \text{ (using Chebyshev's inequality).}
 \end{aligned} \tag{A.8}$$

We will show that  $\text{Var}[\sum_{k=1}^p h(X_{ik}, X_{jk})/p]$  converges in probability to 0 for all  $i \neq j$  as  $p \rightarrow \infty$ .

Fix  $1 \leq i, j \leq n_1$  with  $i \neq j$ . Observe that

$$\text{Var}\left[\frac{1}{p} \sum_{k=1}^p h(X_{ik}, X_{jk})\right] = \frac{1}{p^2} \sum_{k=1}^p \text{Var}[h(X_{ik}, X_{jk})] + \frac{2}{p^2} \sum_{1 \leq k < k' \leq p} \text{Cov}(h(X_{ik}, X_{jk}), h(X_{ik'}, X_{jk'})). \tag{A.9}$$

Since  $0 \leq h \leq 1$ , we have  $\text{Var}[h(X_{ik}, X_{jk})] \leq 1$  for all  $1 \leq k \leq p$ . Using the inequality  $\text{Cov}(X, Y) \leq \sqrt{\text{E}(X^2)\text{E}(Y^2)}$  and the boundedness of  $h$ , we get

$$\text{Cov}(h(X_{ik}, X_{jk}), h(X_{ik'}, X_{jk'})) \leq \text{Corr}(h(X_{ik}, X_{jk}), h(X_{ik'}, X_{jk'})) \text{ for all } 1 \leq k < k' \leq p.$$

Since A1 is satisfied, from (A.9) we obtain

$$\text{Var}\left[\frac{1}{p} \sum_{k=1}^p h(X_{ik}, X_{jk})\right] \leq \frac{1}{p} + \frac{2}{p^2} \sum_{1 \leq k < k' \leq p} \text{Corr}(h(X_{ik}, X_{jk}), h(X_{ik'}, X_{jk'})) = o(1) \text{ as } p \rightarrow \infty.$$

*Chm X<sup>2</sup>* It now follows from (A.8) that  $|\bar{T}_{11} - \bar{\tau}_p(1, 1)| \xrightarrow{P} 0$  as  $p \rightarrow \infty$ . Following similar arguments, one can show that if A1 is satisfied, then  $|\bar{T}_{12} - \bar{\tau}_p(1, 2)|$  and  $|\bar{T}_{22} - \bar{\tau}_p(2, 2)|$  also converge in probability to 0 as  $p \rightarrow \infty$ .

(b) Fix  $\epsilon > 0$ , and recall the definitions of  $\bar{T}_1(\mathbf{Z})$  and  $\bar{\tau}_p(1, 1)$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned}
 & P[|\bar{T}_1(\mathbf{Z}) - \bar{\tau}_p(1, 1)| > \epsilon \mid \mathbf{Z} \sim \mathbf{F}_1] \\
 &= P\left[\left|\frac{1}{p} \sum_{k=1}^p T_{1k}(Z_k) - \frac{1}{p} \sum_{k=1}^p E[h(X_{1k}, X_{2k})]\right| > \epsilon \mid \mathbf{Z} \sim \mathbf{F}_1\right] \\
 &= P\left[\left|\frac{1}{p} \sum_{k=1}^p \frac{1}{n_1} \sum_{i=1}^{n_1} \{h(X_{ik}, Z_k) - E[h(X_{1k}, Z_k) \mid \mathbf{Z} \sim \mathbf{F}_1]\}\right| > \epsilon \mid \mathbf{Z} \sim \mathbf{F}_1\right] \\
 &= P\left[\left|\frac{1}{n_1} \sum_{i=1}^{n_1} \frac{1}{p} \sum_{k=1}^p \{h(X_{ik}, Z_k) - E[h(X_{1k}, Z_k) \mid \mathbf{Z} \sim \mathbf{F}_1]\}\right| > \epsilon \mid \mathbf{Z} \sim \mathbf{F}_1\right] \\
 &\leq P\left[\frac{1}{n_1} \sum_{i=1}^{n_1} \left|\frac{1}{p} \sum_{k=1}^p \{h(X_{ik}, Z_k) - E[h(X_{1k}, Z_k) \mid \mathbf{Z} \sim \mathbf{F}_1]\}\right| > \epsilon \mid \mathbf{Z} \sim \mathbf{F}_1\right] \text{ [using triangle inequality]} \\
 &\leq \sum_{i=1}^{n_1} P\left[\left|\frac{1}{p} \sum_{k=1}^p \{h(X_{ik}, Z_k) - E[h(X_{1k}, Z_k) \mid \mathbf{Z} \sim \mathbf{F}_1]\}\right| > \epsilon \mid \mathbf{Z} \sim \mathbf{F}_1\right] \text{ [using the union bound]} \\
 &\leq \sum_{i=1}^{n_1} \frac{1}{\epsilon^2} \text{Var}\left[\frac{1}{p} \sum_{k=1}^p h(X_{ik}, Z_k) \mid \mathbf{Z} \sim \mathbf{F}_1\right] \text{ [using Chebyshev's inequality]} \\
 &= \sum_{i=1}^{n_1} \frac{1}{\epsilon^2} \text{Var}\left[\frac{1}{p} \sum_{k=1}^p h(X_{ik}, X'_k)\right], \tag{A.10}
 \end{aligned}$$

where  $\mathbf{X}' = (X'_1, \dots, X'_p)^\top \sim \mathbf{F}_1$  and it is independent from  $X_1$ . Using the boundedness of  $h$  and assumption A1, we have shown in the proof of Lemma 3.1(a) that  $\text{Var}\left[\frac{1}{p} \sum_{k=1}^p h(X_{ik}, X'_k)\right] = o(1)$  as  $p \rightarrow \infty$ . Since  $n_1$  is fixed,  $\sum_{i=1}^{n_1} \text{Var}\left[\frac{1}{p} \sum_{k=1}^p h(X_{ik}, X'_k)\right] = o(1)$  as  $p \rightarrow \infty$ . Therefore, it follows from (A.10) that  $|\bar{T}_1(\mathbf{Z}) - \bar{\tau}_p(1, 1)|$  converges in probability to 0 as  $p \rightarrow \infty$  (when  $\mathbf{Z} \sim \mathbf{F}_1$ ). *part (a) of*

*Fix  $\epsilon > 0$*  Following similar arguments, one can prove that for every  $\epsilon > 0$ ,  $P[|\bar{T}_2(\mathbf{Z}) - \bar{\tau}_p(1, 2)| > \epsilon \mid \mathbf{Z} \sim \mathbf{F}_1]$ ,  $P[|\bar{T}_1(\mathbf{Z}) - \bar{\tau}_p(1, 2)| > \epsilon \mid \mathbf{Z} \sim \mathbf{F}_2]$  and  $P[|\bar{T}_2(\mathbf{Z}) - \bar{\tau}_p(2, 2)| > \epsilon \mid \mathbf{Z} \sim \mathbf{F}_2]$  converge in probability to 0 as  $p \rightarrow \infty$ . *also* *also*

Hence, the proof. □

### Proof of Lemma 3.1

Recall that  $\bar{L}_1(\mathbf{Z}) = \bar{T}_{11} - 2\bar{T}_1(\mathbf{Z})$ ,  $\bar{L}_2(\mathbf{Z}) = \bar{T}_{22} - 2\bar{T}_2(\mathbf{Z})$  and

$$\begin{aligned}
 \bar{\theta}(\mathbf{Z}) &= \frac{1}{2}\bar{T}(\bar{L}_2(\mathbf{Z}) - \bar{L}_1(\mathbf{Z})) + \frac{1}{2}(\bar{T}_{22} - \bar{T}_{11})(\bar{L}_2(\mathbf{Z}) + \bar{L}_1(\mathbf{Z}) + 2\bar{T}_{12}) \\
 &= \frac{1}{2}\{(\bar{T}_{11} - 2\bar{T}_{12} + \bar{T}_{22}) \times (\bar{L}_2(\mathbf{Z}) - \bar{L}_1(\mathbf{Z}))\} \\
 &\quad + \frac{1}{2}\{(\bar{T}_{22} - \bar{T}_{11}) \times (\bar{T}_{22} - 2\bar{T}_2(\mathbf{Z}) + \bar{T}_{11} - 2\bar{T}_1(\mathbf{Z}) + 2\bar{T}_{12})\}. \tag{A.11}
 \end{aligned}$$

Let us denote  $\bar{L}_2(\mathbf{Z}) - \bar{L}_1(\mathbf{Z})$  by  $\bar{L}(\mathbf{Z})$  and  $\bar{T}_{22} - 2\bar{T}_2(\mathbf{Z}) + \bar{T}_{11} - 2\bar{T}_1(\mathbf{Z}) + 2\bar{T}_{12}$  by  $\bar{S}(\mathbf{Z})$ .

We can write  $\bar{\theta}(\mathbf{Z}) = \frac{1}{2}\{(\bar{T}_{11} - 2\bar{T}_{12} + \bar{T}_{22}) \times \bar{L}(\mathbf{Z})\} + \frac{1}{2}\{(\bar{T}_{22} - \bar{T}_{11}) \times \bar{S}(\mathbf{Z})\}$ . (A.12)

(a) Fix  $\epsilon > 0$ . Now,

$$P[|\bar{L}_2(\mathbf{Z}) - \bar{L}_1(\mathbf{Z}) - \bar{\tau}_p| > \epsilon \mid \mathbf{Z} \sim \mathbf{F}_1]$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= P[|\{\bar{T}_{22} - 2\bar{T}_2(\mathbf{Z}) - \bar{T}_{11} + 2\bar{T}_1(\mathbf{Z})\} - \{\bar{\tau}_p(1,1) - 2\bar{\tau}_p(1,2) + \bar{\tau}_p(2,2)\}| > \epsilon \mid \mathbf{Z} \sim \mathbf{F}_1] \\
 &\leq P[|\{\bar{T}_{22} - 2\bar{T}_2(\mathbf{Z}) - \bar{T}_{11} + 2\bar{T}_1(\mathbf{Z})\} - \{2\bar{\tau}_p(1,1) - \bar{\tau}_p(1,1) - 2\bar{\tau}_p(1,2) + \bar{\tau}_p(2,2)\}| > \epsilon \mid \mathbf{Z} \sim \mathbf{F}_1] \\
 &\leq P\left[|\bar{T}_{11} - \bar{\tau}_p(1,1)| > \frac{\epsilon}{4}\right] + P\left[|\{\bar{T}_{22} - \bar{\tau}_p(2,2)\}| > \frac{\epsilon}{4}\right] \\
 &\quad + P\left[2|\bar{T}_2(\mathbf{Z}) - \bar{\tau}_p(1,2)| > \frac{\epsilon}{4} \mid \mathbf{Z} \sim \mathbf{F}_1\right] + P\left[2|\bar{T}_1(\mathbf{Z}) - \bar{\tau}_p(1,1)| > \frac{\epsilon}{4} \mid \mathbf{Z} \sim \mathbf{F}_1\right] \\
 &= o(1) \text{ as } p \rightarrow \infty \text{ [using Lemma A.3].}
 \end{aligned} \tag{A.13}$$

Therefore, if  $\mathbf{Z} \sim \mathbf{F}_1$ , then  $|\bar{L}_2(\mathbf{Z}) - \bar{L}_1(\mathbf{Z}) - \bar{\tau}_p| \xrightarrow{P} 0$  as  $p \rightarrow \infty$ . Next, we use the continuous mapping theorem and Lemma A.3 to obtain that if  $\mathbf{Z} \sim \mathbf{F}_1$ , then

$$\begin{aligned}
 &|\{\bar{T}_{11} - 2\bar{T}_{12} + \bar{T}_{22}\} - \bar{\tau}_p| \xrightarrow{P} 0, \\
 &|\{\bar{T}_{22} - \bar{T}_{11}\} - \{\bar{\tau}_p(2,2) - \bar{\tau}_p(1,1)\}| \xrightarrow{P} 0 \text{ and} \\
 &|\bar{S}(\mathbf{Z}) - \{\bar{\tau}_p(2,2) - \bar{\tau}_p(1,1)\}| \xrightarrow{P} 0 \text{ as } p \rightarrow \infty.
 \end{aligned}$$

*two line?*

Using the continuous mapping theorem once again, we conclude from (A.12) that if  $\mathbf{Z} \sim \mathbf{F}_1$ , then

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\left| \bar{\theta}(\mathbf{Z}) - \left\{ \frac{1}{2}\bar{\tau}_p^2 + \frac{1}{2}(\bar{\tau}_p(2,2) - \bar{\tau}_p(1,1))^2 \right\} \right| \xrightarrow{P} 0 \text{ as } p \rightarrow \infty \\
 &\Rightarrow |\bar{\theta}(\mathbf{Z}) - \bar{\psi}_p| \xrightarrow{P} 0 \text{ as } p \rightarrow \infty.
 \end{aligned} \tag{A.14}$$

*one line?*

(b) The arguments for this part of the proof are similar to part (a), and we skip it.



□

### Proof of Theorem 3.2

(a) The misclassification probability of the classifier  $\delta_1$  can be written as

$$\begin{aligned}
 P[\delta_1(\mathbf{Z}) \neq \text{true label of } \mathbf{Z}] &= \pi_1 P[\delta_1(\mathbf{Z}) = 2 \mid \mathbf{Z} \sim \mathbf{F}_1] + \pi_2 P[\delta_1(\mathbf{Z}) = 1 \mid \mathbf{Z} \sim \mathbf{F}_2] \\
 &= \pi_1 P[\bar{L}_2(\mathbf{Z}) \leq \bar{L}_1(\mathbf{Z}) \mid \mathbf{Z} \sim \mathbf{F}_1] + \pi_2 P[\bar{L}_2(\mathbf{Z}) > \bar{L}_1(\mathbf{Z}) \mid \mathbf{Z} \sim \mathbf{F}_2].
 \end{aligned} \tag{A.15}$$

Since A2 is satisfied (i.e.,  $\liminf_p \bar{\tau}_p > 0$ ), we can choose  $\epsilon > 0$  such that  $\epsilon < \bar{\tau}_p$  for all  $p \geq p_0$  for some  $p_0 \in \mathbb{N}$ . Therefore, *we have*

$$\begin{aligned}
 P[\bar{L}_2(\mathbf{Z}) \leq \bar{L}_1(\mathbf{Z}) \mid \mathbf{Z} \sim \mathbf{F}_1] &\leq P[\bar{L}_2(\mathbf{Z}) - \bar{L}_1(\mathbf{Z}) \leq \bar{\tau}_p - \epsilon \mid \mathbf{Z} \sim \mathbf{F}_1] \\
 &\leq P[\bar{L}_2(\mathbf{Z}) - \bar{L}_1(\mathbf{Z}) - \bar{\tau}_p \leq -\epsilon \mid \mathbf{Z} \sim \mathbf{F}_1] \leq P[|\bar{L}_2(\mathbf{Z}) - \bar{L}_1(\mathbf{Z}) - \bar{\tau}_p| > \epsilon \mid \mathbf{Z} \sim \mathbf{F}_1]
 \end{aligned}$$

*Now* for all  $p \geq p_0$ . Then, it follows from part (a) of Lemma 3.1 that  $P[\bar{L}_2(\mathbf{Z}) \leq \bar{L}_1(\mathbf{Z}) \mid \mathbf{Z} \sim \mathbf{F}_1] = o(1)$  as  $p \rightarrow \infty$ . Similarly,

$$\begin{aligned}
 P[\bar{L}_2(\mathbf{Z}) > \bar{L}_1(\mathbf{Z}) \mid \mathbf{Z} \sim \mathbf{F}_2] &\leq P[\bar{L}_2(\mathbf{Z}) - \bar{L}_1(\mathbf{Z}) > -\bar{\tau}_p + \epsilon \mid \mathbf{Z} \sim \mathbf{F}_2] \\
 &\leq P[\bar{L}_2(\mathbf{Z}) - \bar{L}_1(\mathbf{Z}) + \bar{\tau}_p > \epsilon \mid \mathbf{Z} \sim \mathbf{F}_2] \leq P[|\bar{L}_2(\mathbf{Z}) - \bar{L}_1(\mathbf{Z}) + \bar{\tau}_p| > \epsilon \mid \mathbf{Z} \sim \mathbf{F}_2]
 \end{aligned}$$

for all  $p \geq p_0$ . Since  $P[|\bar{L}_2(\mathbf{Z}) - \bar{L}_1(\mathbf{Z}) + \bar{\tau}_p| > \epsilon \mid \mathbf{Z} \sim \mathbf{F}_2] = o(1)$  as  $p \rightarrow \infty$  (using part (b) of Lemma 3.1),  $P[\bar{L}_2(\mathbf{Z}) > \bar{L}_1(\mathbf{Z}) \mid \mathbf{Z} \sim \mathbf{F}_2] = o(1)$  as  $p \rightarrow \infty$ . Consequently, it follows from (A.15) that  $P[\delta_1(\mathbf{Z}) \neq \text{true label of } \mathbf{Z}] = \pi_1 o(1) + \pi_2 o(1) = o(1)$  as  $p \rightarrow \infty$ .

(b) First, observe that

$$\liminf_p \bar{\tau}_p > 0 \Rightarrow \liminf_p \frac{1}{2}\bar{\tau}_p^2 > 0 \Rightarrow \liminf_p \frac{1}{2}\{\bar{\tau}_p^2 + (\bar{\tau}_p(2,2) - \bar{\tau}_p(1,1))^2\} > 0.$$

Thus, if A2 is satisfied, then  $\liminf_p \bar{\psi}_p > 0$ . Now, let us consider the misclassification probability of  $\delta_2$  as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} P[\delta_2(\mathbf{Z}) \neq \text{true label of } \mathbf{Z}] &= \pi_1 P[\delta_2(\mathbf{Z}) = 2 | \mathbf{Z} \sim \mathbf{F}_1] + \pi_2 P[\delta_2(\mathbf{Z}) = 1 | \mathbf{Z} \sim \mathbf{F}_2] \\ &= \pi_1 P[\bar{\theta}(\mathbf{Z}) \leq 0 | \mathbf{Z} \sim \mathbf{F}_1] + \pi_2 P[\bar{\theta}(\mathbf{Z}) > 0 | \mathbf{Z} \sim \mathbf{F}_2]. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A.16})$$

Since  $\liminf_p \bar{\psi}_p > 0$ , we can choose  $\epsilon > 0$  such that  $\epsilon < \bar{\psi}_p$  for all  $p \geq p_1$  for some  $p_1 \in \mathbb{N}$ . Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} P[\bar{\theta}(\mathbf{Z}) \leq 0 | \mathbf{Z} \sim \mathbf{F}_1] &\leq P[\bar{\theta}(\mathbf{Z}) \leq \bar{\psi}_p - \epsilon | \mathbf{Z} \sim \mathbf{F}_1] \\ &\leq P[\bar{\theta}(\mathbf{Z}) - \bar{\psi}_p \leq -\epsilon | \mathbf{Z} \sim \mathbf{F}_1] \leq P[|\bar{\theta}(\mathbf{Z}) - \bar{\psi}_p| > \epsilon | \mathbf{Z} \sim \mathbf{F}_1] \text{ for all } p \geq p_1. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, it follows from part (a) of Lemma 3.1 that  $P[\bar{\theta}(\mathbf{Z}) \leq 0 | \mathbf{Z} \sim \mathbf{F}_1] = o(1)$  as  $p \rightarrow \infty$ . Similarly,

$$\begin{aligned} P[\bar{\theta}(\mathbf{Z}) > 0 | \mathbf{Z} \sim \mathbf{F}_2] &\leq P[\bar{\theta}(\mathbf{Z}) > -\bar{\psi}_p + \epsilon | \mathbf{Z} \sim \mathbf{F}_1] \\ &\leq P[\bar{\theta}(\mathbf{Z}) + \bar{\psi}_p > \epsilon | \mathbf{Z} \sim \mathbf{F}_2] \leq P[|\bar{\theta}(\mathbf{Z}) + \bar{\psi}_p| > \epsilon | \mathbf{Z} \sim \mathbf{F}_2] \text{ for all } p \geq p_1, \end{aligned}$$

implying that  $P[\bar{\theta}(\mathbf{Z}) > 0 | \mathbf{Z} \sim \mathbf{F}_2] = o(1)$  as  $p \rightarrow \infty$  (using part (b) of Lemma 3.1). As a result, ~~Using~~ <sup>Using</sup>

Hence, the proof.  $\square$

### Proof of Theorem 3.3

We have assumed in assumption A3 that there exists a  $p_0$  such that  $\bar{\tau}_p(1, 2)$  lies between  $\bar{\tau}_p(1, 1)$  and  $\bar{\tau}_p(2, 2)$  for all  $p \geq p_0$ . Without loss of generality, let us assume that  $\bar{\tau}_p(1, 1) < \bar{\tau}_p(2, 2)$ . As a result,

$$\bar{\tau}_p < \bar{\tau}_p(2, 2) - \bar{\tau}_p(1, 1) \text{ for all } p \geq p_0. \quad (\text{A.17})$$

Recall that

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta_1 &= P[\delta_1(\mathbf{Z}) \neq \text{true label of } \mathbf{Z}] = \pi_1 P[\bar{L}(\mathbf{Z}) \leq 0 | \mathbf{Z} \sim \mathbf{F}_1] + \pi_2 P[\bar{L}(\mathbf{Z}) > 0 | \mathbf{Z} \sim \mathbf{F}_2], \text{ and} \\ \Delta_2 &= P[\delta_2(\mathbf{Z}) \neq \text{true label of } \mathbf{Z}] = \pi_1 P[\bar{\theta}(\mathbf{Z}) \leq 0 | \mathbf{Z} \sim \mathbf{F}_1] + \pi_2 P[\bar{\theta}(\mathbf{Z}) > 0 | \mathbf{Z} \sim \mathbf{F}_2]. \end{aligned}$$

It follows from (A.17) that

$$\begin{aligned} P[\bar{\theta}(\mathbf{Z}) \leq 0 | \mathbf{Z} \sim \mathbf{F}_1] &= P[\bar{\tau}_p \bar{L}(\mathbf{Z}) + \{\bar{\tau}_p(2, 2) - \bar{\tau}_p(1, 1)\} \bar{S}(\mathbf{Z}) \leq 0 | \mathbf{Z} \sim \mathbf{F}_1] \\ &\leq P[\bar{\tau}_p \{\bar{L}(\mathbf{Z}) + \bar{S}(\mathbf{Z})\} \leq 0 | \mathbf{Z} \sim \mathbf{F}_1] \text{ for all } p \geq p_0. \end{aligned}$$

Consequently, for all  $p \geq p_0$ , we have the following:

$$\begin{aligned} &P[\bar{\theta}(\mathbf{Z}) \leq 0 | \mathbf{Z} \sim \mathbf{F}_1] \\ &\leq P[\bar{L}(\mathbf{Z}) + \bar{S}(\mathbf{Z}) \leq 0 | \mathbf{Z} \sim \mathbf{F}_1] \text{ (since } \bar{\tau}_p > 0) \\ &= P[\bar{L}(\mathbf{Z}) \leq -\bar{S}(\mathbf{Z}) | \mathbf{Z} \sim \mathbf{F}_1] \\ &= P[\bar{L}(\mathbf{Z}) \leq -\bar{S}(\mathbf{Z}), \bar{S}(\mathbf{Z}) \geq 0 | \mathbf{Z} \sim \mathbf{F}_1] + P[\bar{L}(\mathbf{Z}) \leq -\bar{S}(\mathbf{Z}), \bar{S}(\mathbf{Z}) < 0 | \mathbf{Z} \sim \mathbf{F}_1] \\ &\leq P[\bar{L}(\mathbf{Z}) \leq 0 | \mathbf{Z} \sim \mathbf{F}_1] + P[\bar{S}(\mathbf{Z}) < 0 | \mathbf{Z} \sim \mathbf{F}_1] \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A.18})$$

Similarly, one can show that

$$P[\bar{\theta}(\mathbf{Z}) > 0 | \mathbf{Z} \sim \mathbf{F}_2] \leq P[\bar{L}(\mathbf{Z}) > 0 | \mathbf{Z} \sim \mathbf{F}_2] + P[\bar{S}(\mathbf{Z}) > 0 | \mathbf{Z} \sim \mathbf{F}_2] \text{ for all } p \geq p_0. \quad (\text{A.19})$$

Adding the two inequalities <sup>in</sup> (A.18) and (A.19), we obtain

$$\Delta_2 \leq \Delta_1 + \pi_1 P[\bar{S}(\mathbf{Z}) > 0 | \mathbf{Z} \sim \mathbf{F}_1] + \pi_2 P[\bar{S}(\mathbf{Z}) > 0 | \mathbf{Z} \sim \mathbf{F}_2] \text{ for all } p \geq p_0. \quad (\text{A.20})$$

Now, it follows from part (a) of Lemma 3.1 that for  $\mathbf{Z} \sim F_1$ ,  $|\bar{S}(\mathbf{Z}) - \{\bar{\tau}_p(2, 2) - \bar{\tau}_p(1, 1)\}| \xrightarrow{P} 0$  as  $p \rightarrow \infty$ . Therefore, for any  $\epsilon_1 > 0$  and  $\epsilon_2 > 0$ , there exists a  $\tilde{p}_1(\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2)$  such that for all  $p \geq \tilde{p}_1(\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2)$

$$\begin{aligned} & P[|\bar{S}(\mathbf{Z}) - \{\bar{\tau}_p(2, 2) - \bar{\tau}_p(1, 1)\}| > \epsilon_1 | \mathbf{Z} \sim F_1] < \epsilon_2 \\ & \Rightarrow P[\bar{S}(\mathbf{Z}) - \{\bar{\tau}_p(2, 2) - \bar{\tau}_p(1, 1)\} < -\epsilon_1 | \mathbf{Z} \sim F_1] < \epsilon_2 \\ & \Rightarrow P[\bar{S}(\mathbf{Z}) < \{\bar{\tau}_p(2, 2) - \bar{\tau}_p(1, 1)\} - \epsilon_1 | \mathbf{Z} \sim F_1] < \epsilon_2. \end{aligned}$$

We have already assumed that  $\bar{\tau}_p(2, 2) > \bar{\tau}_p(1, 1)$  for all  $p \geq p_0$ . Define  $\lambda_0 = \liminf_p \{\bar{\tau}_p(2, 2) - \bar{\tau}_p(1, 1)\}$ . Note that  $\lambda_0 \geq \liminf_p \bar{\tau}_p$ . Since assumption A2 holds,  $\lambda_0 > 0$ . Therefore, it follows from the above inequality that for any  $0 < \epsilon_1 < \lambda_0$ ,

$$P[\bar{S}(\mathbf{Z}) < 0 | \mathbf{Z} \sim F_1] < \epsilon_2 \text{ for all } p \geq \max\{\tilde{p}_1(\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2), p_0\}.$$

Following similar arguments, one can show that for any  $0 < \epsilon < \lambda_0$ , we have

$$P[\bar{S}(\mathbf{Z}) > 0 | \mathbf{Z} \sim F_2] < \epsilon_2 \text{ for all } p \geq \max\{\tilde{p}_1(\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2), p_0\}.$$

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Therefore, it follows from (A.20) that for any  $0 < \epsilon_1 < \lambda_0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} & \Delta_2 \leq \Delta_1 + \epsilon_2 \text{ for all } p \geq \max\{\tilde{p}_2(\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2), p_0\}, \\ & \Rightarrow \Delta_2 \leq \Delta_1 \text{ for all } p \geq p'_0 = \max\{\tilde{p}_2(\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2), p_0\} \text{ (since } \epsilon_2 > 0 \text{ is arbitrary).} \end{aligned}$$

□

This completes the proof.

Let us define the following random variables:

$$\begin{aligned} T_{11k} &= \frac{1}{n_1(n_1-1)} \sum_{1 \leq i \neq j \leq n_1} \sum h(X_{ik}, X_{jk}), \quad T_{12k} = \frac{1}{n_1 n_2} \sum_{i=1}^{n_1} \sum_{j=1}^{n_2} h(X_{ik}, Y_{jk}), \quad \text{and} \\ T_{22k} &= \frac{1}{n_2(n_2-1)} \sum_{1 \leq i \neq j \leq n_2} \sum h(Y_{ik}, Y_{jk}) \text{ for } 1 \leq k \leq p_n. \end{aligned} \tag{A.21}$$

Also, for  $\mathbf{z} = (z_1, \dots, z_{p_n})^\top \in \mathbb{R}^{p_n}$ , we define

$$\begin{aligned} T_{1k}(z_k) &= \frac{1}{n_1} \sum_{i=1}^{n_1} h(X_{ik}, z_k), \quad T_{2k}(z_k) = \frac{1}{n_2} \sum_{j=1}^{n_2} h(Y_{jk}, z_k), \quad L_{1k}(z_k) = T_{11k} - 2T_{1k}(z_k) \text{ and} \\ L_{2k}(z_k) &= T_{22k} - 2T_{2k}(z_k) \text{ for } 1 \leq k \leq p_n. \end{aligned} \tag{A.22}$$

Observe that the estimators of  $\bar{\tau}_{11}$ ,  $\bar{\tau}_{12}$  and  $\bar{\tau}_{22}$  defined in (2.4) can be expressed as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{T}_{11} &= \frac{1}{n_1(n_1-1)p_n} \sum_{k=1}^{p_n} \sum_{1 \leq i \neq j \leq n_1} h(X_{ik}, X_{jk}), \quad \bar{T}_{12} = \frac{1}{n_1 n_2 p_n} \sum_{k=1}^{p_n} \sum_{i=1}^{n_1} \sum_{j=1}^{n_2} h(X_{ik}, Y_{jk}) \text{ and} \\ \bar{T}_{22} &= \frac{1}{n_2(n_2-1)p_n} \sum_{k=1}^{p_n} \sum_{1 \leq i \neq j \leq n_2} \sum h(Y_{ik}, Y_{jk}), \\ \text{i.e., } \bar{T}_{11} &= \frac{1}{p_n} \sum_{k=1}^{p_n} T_{11k}, \quad \bar{T}_{12} = \frac{1}{p_n} \sum_{k=1}^{p_n} T_{12k} \text{ and } \bar{T}_{22} = \frac{1}{p_n} \sum_{k=1}^{p_n} T_{22k}. \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, for  $\mathbf{z} \in \mathbb{R}^{p_n}$ , we can write

$$\bar{T}_1(\mathbf{z}) = \frac{1}{p_n} \sum_{k=1}^{p_n} T_{1k}(z_k) \quad \text{and} \quad \bar{T}_2(\mathbf{z}) = \frac{1}{p_n} \sum_{k=1}^{p_n} T_{2k}(z_k).$$

Recall the definitions of  $\bar{L}_1(\mathbf{z})$ ,  $\bar{L}_2(\mathbf{z})$  and  $\bar{\theta}(\mathbf{z})$  given in (A.11). We now derive upper bounds on the rates of convergence of these random variables.

First, we present the bounded differences inequality that will be used to derive ~~the~~ concentration bounds. Given vectors  $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}' \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and an index  $l \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ , we define a new vector  $\mathbf{x}^{\setminus l} \in \mathbb{R}^{n-1}$  as follows:

$$\mathbf{x}^{\setminus l} = \begin{cases} x_j, & \text{if } j \neq l, \\ x'_l, & \text{if } j = l. \end{cases} \quad (\text{A.23})$$

With this notation, we say that  $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  satisfies the bounded difference inequality with parameters  $(M_1, \dots, M_n)^\top$  if

$$|f(\mathbf{x}) - f(\mathbf{x}^{\setminus l})| \leq M_l \text{ for each } l = 1, \dots, n \text{ and for all } \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}' \in \mathbb{R}^n.$$

**Lemma A.4** (Wainwright, 2019, page 37) Suppose that  $f$  satisfies the bounded difference property (A.23) with parameters  $(M_1, \dots, M_n)^\top$  and that the random vector  $\mathbf{U} = (U_1, \dots, U_n)^\top$  has independent components. Then,

$$P[|f(\mathbf{U}) - E[f(\mathbf{U})]| > \epsilon] \leq 2e^{-\frac{2\epsilon^2}{\sum_{l=1}^n M_l^2}} \text{ for all } \epsilon > 0.$$

Using Lemma A.4, we first derive the rates of convergence of  $\bar{T}_{jj'}$  and  $\bar{T}_i(\mathbf{z})$  for  $j, j' \in \{1, 2\}$  and  $\mathbf{z} \in \mathbb{R}^{p_n}$ .

**Lemma A.5** Fix  $0 < \gamma < 1/2$ . There exist positive constants  $a_{jj'} b_j$  for  $j, j' \in \{1, 2\}$  such that

- (a)  $P[|\bar{T}_{jj'} - \bar{\tau}_p(j, j')| > n^{-\gamma}] \leq O(p_n e^{-a_{jj'} n^{1-2\gamma}})$  and
- (b)  $P[|\bar{T}_i(\mathbf{z}) - E[\bar{T}_i(\mathbf{z})]| > n^{-\gamma}] \leq O(p_n e^{-b_i n^{1-2\gamma}})$  for all  $\mathbf{z} \in \mathbb{R}^{p_n}$ .

#### Proof of Lemma A.5

- (a) Fix  $k \in \{1, \dots, p_n\}$ . Recall the definitions of  $T_{11k}, T_{22k}$  and  $T_{12k}$  in (A.21) and note that the first two random variables are one sample U-statistics with kernel  $h$  of order 2, while the third random variable is a two sample U-statistic with kernel  $h$  of order (1,1).

The random vector  $\mathcal{X}_k = (X_{1k}, \dots, X_{n_1 k})^\top$  has independent components. Since  $|h| \leq 1$ , Lemma A.4 can be used to establish the concentration of  $T_{11k}$  around its mean. Viewing  $T_{11k}$  as a function  $f(X_{1k}, \dots, X_{n_1 k})$ , for any given coordinate  $l \in \{1, \dots, n_1\}$ , we have

$$|f(\mathcal{X}_k) - f(\mathcal{X}_k^{\setminus l})| \leq \frac{2}{n_1(n_1-1)} \sum_{j \neq l} |h(X_{jk}, X_{lk}) - h(X_{jk}, X'_{lk})| \leq 2(n_1-1) \frac{2}{n_1(n_1-1)} = \frac{4}{n_1}.$$

So, the bounded difference property holds with parameter  $M_l = 4/n_1$  in each coordinate. We conclude from Lemma A.4 that

$$P[|T_{11k} - E[T_{11k}]| > n^{-\gamma}] \leq 2e^{-\frac{n_1 n^{-2\gamma}}{8}}. \quad (\text{A.24})$$

Since  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n_1/n = \pi_1 < 1$ , there exist constants  $a_{11} > 0$  and  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  such that

$$P[|T_{11k} - E[T_{11k}]| \geq n^{-\gamma}] \leq 2e^{-a_{11} n^{1-2\gamma}} \text{ for all } n \geq N. \quad (\text{A.25})$$

Clearly, (A.25) is true for all  $1 \leq k \leq p_n$ , i.e.,

$$\begin{aligned} P[|T_{11k} - E[T_{11k}]| \geq n^{-\gamma}] &\leq O\left(e^{-a_{11} n^{1-2\gamma}}\right) \text{ for all } 1 \leq k \leq p_n \\ \Rightarrow \sum_{k=1}^{p_n} P[|T_{11k} - E[T_{11k}]| \geq n^{-\gamma}] &\leq O\left(p_n e^{-a_{11} n^{1-2\gamma}}\right) \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 &\Rightarrow P\left[\frac{1}{p_n} \sum_{k=1}^{p_n} |T_{11k} - E[T_{11k}]| \geq n^{-\gamma}\right] \leq O\left(p_n e^{-a_{11}n^{1-2\gamma}}\right) \\
 &\Rightarrow P\left[\left|\frac{1}{p_n} \sum_{k=1}^{p_n} (T_{11k} - E[T_{11k}])\right| \geq n^{-\gamma}\right] \leq O\left(p_n e^{-a_{11}n^{1-2\gamma}}\right) \\
 &\Rightarrow P\left[|\bar{T}_{11} - \bar{\tau}_p(1, 1)| \geq n^{-\gamma}\right] \leq O\left(p_n e^{-a_{11}n^{1-2\gamma}}\right) \quad \left[\text{since } \sum_{k=1}^{p_n} E[T_{11k}]/p_n = \bar{\tau}_{p_n}(1, 1)\right]. \quad (\text{A.26})
 \end{aligned}$$

Following similar arguments, it can be shown that there exist positive constants  $a_{12}$  and  $a_{22}$  such that  $P[|\bar{T}_{12} - \bar{\tau}_p(1, 2)| > n^{-\gamma}] \leq O(p_n e^{-a_{12}n^{1-2\gamma}})$  and  $P[|\bar{T}_{22} - \bar{\tau}_p(2, 2)| > n^{-\gamma}] \leq O(p_n e^{-a_{22}n^{1-2\gamma}})$ . (A.27)

(b) Recall the definition of  $\bar{T}_1(\mathbf{z})$  in (A.22) and observe that for each  $\mathbf{z} \in \mathbb{R}^{p_n}$  we have the following:

$$\begin{aligned}
 &P[|\bar{T}_1(\mathbf{z}) - E[\bar{T}_1(\mathbf{z})]| > n^{-\gamma}] \\
 &= P\left[\left|\frac{1}{p_n} \sum_{k=1}^{p_n} T_{1k}(z_k) - \frac{1}{p_n} \sum_{k=1}^{p_n} E[T_{1k}(z_k)]\right| > n^{-\gamma}\right] \\
 &\leq P\left[\frac{1}{p_n} \sum_{k=1}^{p_n} |T_{1k}(z_k) - E[T_{1k}(z_k)]| > n^{-\gamma}\right] \\
 &\leq \sum_{k=1}^{p_n} P[|T_{1k}(z_k) - E[T_{1k}(z_k)]| > n^{-\gamma}] \\
 &\leq \sum_{k=1}^{p_n} P\left[\left|\frac{1}{n_1} \sum_{i=1}^{n_1} h(X_{ik}, z_k) - \frac{1}{n_1} \sum_{i=1}^{n_1} E[h(X_{ik}, z_k)]\right| > n^{-\gamma}\right] \\
 &= \sum_{k=1}^{p_n} P\left[\left|\frac{1}{n_1} \sum_{i=1}^{n_1} \{h(X_{ik}, z_k) - E[h(X_{ik}, z_k)]\}\right| > n^{-\gamma}\right]. \quad (\text{A.28})
 \end{aligned}$$

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Note that  $\sum_{i=1}^{n_1} h(X_{ik}, z_k)/n_1$  is an average of independently distributed random variables for each  $\mathbf{z} \in \mathbb{R}^{p_n}$ . Using Hoeffding's inequality, we obtain the following:

$$\begin{aligned}
 &P\left[\left|\frac{1}{n_1} \sum_{i=1}^{n_1} \{h(X_{ik}, z_k) - E[h(X_{ik}, z_k)]\}\right| > n^{-\gamma}\right] \leq 2e^{-2n_1n^{-2\gamma}} \text{ for all } 1 \leq k \leq p_n, \\
 &\Rightarrow \sum_{k=1}^{p_n} P\left[\left|\frac{1}{n_1} \sum_{i=1}^{n_1} \{h(X_{ik}, z_k) - E[h(X_{ik}, z_k)]\}\right| > n^{-\gamma}\right] \leq 2p_n e^{-2n_1n^{-2\gamma}}, \\
 &\Rightarrow \sum_{k=1}^{p_n} P\left[\left|\frac{1}{n_1} \sum_{i=1}^{n_1} \{h(X_{ik}, z_k) - E[h(X_{ik}, z_k)]\}\right| > n^{-\gamma}\right] = O\left(p_n e^{-b_1 n^{1-2\gamma}}\right) \text{ for some } b_1 > 0. \quad (\text{A.29})
 \end{aligned}$$

Combining (A.28) and (A.29), for every  $\mathbf{z} \in \mathbb{R}^{p_n}$ , we get ~~obtain~~

$$P[|\bar{T}_1(\mathbf{z}) - E[\bar{T}_1(\mathbf{z})]| > n^{-\gamma}] \leq O\left(p_n e^{-b_1 n^{1-2\gamma}}\right) \text{ for some } b_1 > 0.$$

Similarly, one can show that there exists a constant  $b_2 > 0$  such that

$$P[|\bar{T}_2(\mathbf{z}) - E[\bar{T}_2(\mathbf{z})]| > n^{-\gamma}] \leq O\left(p_n e^{-b_2 n^{1-2\gamma}}\right).$$

□

Hence, the proof.

**Lemma A.6** Suppose  $P[|X_n - a_0| > \epsilon] = O(p_n e^{-M_1 n \epsilon^2})$  and  $P[|Y_n - b_0| > \epsilon] = O(p_n e^{-M_2 n \epsilon^2})$  for all  $\epsilon > 0$  where  $\max\{|a_0|, |b_0|\} \neq 0$  and  $M_1, M_2$  are positive constants. Then, there exists a positive constant  $M_3$  such that  $P[|X_n Y_n - a_0 b_0| > \epsilon] = O(p_n e^{-M_3 n \epsilon^2})$  for all  $\epsilon > 0$ .

**Proof:** Let  $c_0 = \max\{|a_0|, |b_0|\}$ . From the triangle inequality, we have

$$\begin{aligned} |X_n Y_n - a_0 b_0| &\leq |X_n Y_n - b_0 X_n - a_0 Y_n + a_0 b_0| + |b_0| |X_n - a_0| + |a_0| |Y_n - b_0| \\ &\Rightarrow |X_n Y_n - a_0 b_0| \leq |X_n - a_0| |Y_n - b_0| + |b_0| |X_n - a_0| + |a_0| |Y_n - b_0| \\ &\Rightarrow |X_n Y_n - a_0 b_0| \leq |X_n - a_0| |Y_n - b_0| + c_0 (|X_n - a_0| + |Y_n - b_0|). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $|X_n - a_0| \leq \epsilon$  and  $|Y_n - b_0| \leq \epsilon$  implies that  $|X_n Y_n - a_0 b_0| \leq \epsilon^2 + 2c_0\epsilon$ . We choose  $M$  such that  $M > 2 + \epsilon/c_0$ . Therefore,  $\epsilon^2 + 2c_0\epsilon \leq M c_0 \epsilon$ . Now,

$$\begin{aligned} P[|X_n - a_0| \leq \epsilon, |Y_n - b_0| \leq \epsilon] &\leq P[|X_n Y_n - a_0 b_0| \leq \epsilon^2 + 2c_0\epsilon] \\ &\Rightarrow P[|X_n - a_0| \leq \epsilon, |Y_n - b_0| \leq \epsilon] \leq P[|X_n Y_n - a_0 b_0| \leq M c_0 \epsilon] \\ &\Rightarrow P[|X_n Y_n - a_0 b_0| > M c_0 \epsilon] \leq P[|X_n - a_0| > \epsilon] + P[|Y_n - b_0| > \epsilon] \\ &\Rightarrow P[|X_n Y_n - a_0 b_0| > M c_0 \epsilon] \leq O(p_n e^{-M_1 n \epsilon^2}) + O(p_n e^{-M_2 n \epsilon^2}) \\ &\Rightarrow P[|X_n Y_n - a_0 b_0| > M c_0 \epsilon] \leq O(p_n e^{-\min\{M_1, M_2\} n \epsilon^2}) \\ &\Rightarrow P[|X_n Y_n - a_0 b_0| > \epsilon] \leq O(p_n e^{-\frac{\min\{M_1, M_2\}}{M c_0} n \epsilon^2}). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $P[|X_n - a_0| \leq \epsilon, |Y_n - b_0| \leq \epsilon] \leq O(p_n e^{-\frac{\min\{M_1, M_2\}}{M c_0} n \epsilon^2})$  for all  $\epsilon > 0$ , where  $M > 2 + c_0/\epsilon$ . Hence, the proof.  $\square$

### Proof of Lemma 3.4

- (a) For a  $\mathbf{z} \in \mathbb{R}^{p_n}$ , recall the definitions of  $\bar{L}(\mathbf{z})$  and  $\bar{L}_0(\mathbf{z})$  given in Section 3.2. For any  $0 < \gamma < 1/2$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} &P[|\bar{L}(\mathbf{z}) - \bar{L}^0(\mathbf{z})| > n^{-\gamma}] \\ &= P[|\bar{L}_2(\mathbf{z}) - \bar{L}_1(\mathbf{z}) - \bar{L}_2^0(\mathbf{z}) + \bar{L}_1^0(\mathbf{z})| > n^{-\gamma}] \\ &= P[|\bar{T}_{22} - 2\bar{T}_2(\mathbf{z}) - \bar{T}_{11} + 2\bar{T}_1(\mathbf{z}) - \bar{\tau}_{p_n}(2, 2) + 2E[\bar{h}_{p_n}(\mathbf{Y}_1, \mathbf{z})] - \bar{\tau}_{p_n}(1, 1) + 2E[\bar{h}_{p_n}(\mathbf{X}_1, \mathbf{z})]| > n^{-\gamma}] \\ &\leq P\left[|\bar{T}_{11} - \bar{\tau}_{p_n}(1, 1)| > \frac{n^{-\gamma}}{4}\right] + P\left[|\bar{T}_{22} - \bar{\tau}_{p_n}(2, 2)| > \frac{n^{-\gamma}}{4}\right] \\ &\quad + P\left[|\bar{T}_1(\mathbf{z}) - E[\bar{h}_{p_n}(\mathbf{X}_1, \mathbf{z})]| > \frac{n^{-\gamma}}{2}\right] + P\left[|\bar{T}_2(\mathbf{z}) - E[\bar{h}_{p_n}(\mathbf{Y}_1, \mathbf{z})]| > \frac{n^{-\gamma}}{2}\right] \\ &= P_1 + P_2 + P_3 + P_4. \end{aligned} \tag{A.30}$$

We have already proved in part (a) of Lemma A.5 that  $P_1 \leq O(p_n e^{-a_{11}^* n^{1-2\gamma}})$  and  $P_2 \leq O(p_n e^{-a_{22}^* n^{1-2\gamma}})$  for some positive constants  $a_{11}^*$  and  $a_{22}^*$ . Now, let us consider the term  $P_3$ . Observe that

$$P_3 = P\left[|\bar{T}_2(\mathbf{z}) - E[\bar{h}_{p_n}(\mathbf{X}_1, \mathbf{z})]| > \frac{n^{-\gamma}}{2}\right] = P\left[|\bar{T}_1(\mathbf{z}) - E[\bar{T}_1(\mathbf{z})]| > \frac{n^{-\gamma}}{1}\right]$$

It is shown in part (b) of Lemma A.5 that

$$P\left[|\bar{T}_1(\mathbf{z}) - E[\bar{T}_1(\mathbf{z})]| > \frac{n^{-\gamma}}{2}\right] \leq O(p_n e^{-b_1^* n^{1-2\gamma}}) \text{ for some positive constant } b_1^*.$$

Therefore,  $P_3 \leq O(p_n e^{-b_1^* n^{1-2\gamma}})$ . Similarly,  $P_4 \leq O(p_n e^{-b_2^* n^{1-2\gamma}})$  for some positive constant  $b_2^*$ . It follows from (A.30) that

$$\begin{aligned} & P[|\bar{L}(\mathbf{z}) - \bar{L}^0(\mathbf{z})| > n^{-\gamma}] \\ & \leq O(p_n e^{-a_{11}^* n^{1-2\gamma}}) + O(p_n e^{-a_{22}^* n^{1-2\gamma}}) + O(p_n e^{-b_1^* n^{1-2\gamma}}) + O(p_n e^{-b_2^* n^{1-2\gamma}}) \\ & = O(p_n e^{-B_0^* n^{1-2\gamma}}), \text{ where } B_0^* = \min\{a_{11}^*, a_{22}^*, b_1^*, b_2^*\}. \end{aligned}$$

Recall that there exist  $M > 0$  and  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} p_n & \leq e^{Mn^\beta} \quad \text{for all } n \geq N \\ \Rightarrow p_n e^{-B_0^* n^{1-2\gamma}} & \leq e^{-\{B_0^* n^{1-2\gamma} - Mn^\beta\}} \quad \text{for all } n \geq N \\ \Rightarrow p_n e^{-B_0^* n^{1-2\gamma}} & \leq e^{-B_0 \{n^{1-2\gamma} - n^\beta\}} \quad \text{for all } n \geq N \end{aligned}$$

where  $B_0 = \min\{B_0^*, M\}$ . Therefore,  $P[|\bar{L}(\mathbf{z}) - \bar{L}^0(\mathbf{z})| > n^{-\gamma}] \leq O(e^{-B_0 \{n^{1-2\gamma} - n^\beta\}})$ .

- (b) Now we derive a rate of convergence of the random variable  $\bar{\theta}(\mathbf{z}) - \bar{\theta}^0(\mathbf{z})$  for  $\mathbf{z} \in \mathbb{R}^{p_n}$ . As defined in (A.11), we have

$$\bar{\theta}(\mathbf{z}) = \frac{1}{2} \{ (\bar{T}_{11} - 2\bar{T}_{12} + \bar{T}_{22}) \times \bar{L}(\mathbf{z}) \} + \frac{1}{2} \{ (\bar{T}_{22} - \bar{T}_{11}) \times \bar{S}(\mathbf{z}) \}, \quad \text{defn},$$

where  $\bar{L}(\mathbf{z}) = \bar{T}_{22} - 2\bar{T}_2(\mathbf{z}) - \bar{T}_{11} + 2\bar{T}_1(\mathbf{z})$  and  $\bar{S}(\mathbf{z}) = \bar{T}_{22} - 2\bar{T}_2(\mathbf{z}) + \bar{T}_{11} - 2\bar{T}_1(\mathbf{z}) + 2\bar{T}_{12}$ ,  $\bar{\theta}^0(\mathbf{z})$  is defined as

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{\theta}^0(\mathbf{z}) &= \frac{\bar{\tau}_{p_n}}{2} \{ \bar{\tau}_{p_n}(2, 2) - 2E[\bar{h}_{p_n}(\mathbf{Y}_1, \mathbf{z})] - \bar{\tau}_{p_n}(1, 1) + 2E[\bar{h}_{p_n}(\mathbf{X}_1, \mathbf{z})] \} \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2} (\bar{\tau}_{p_n}(2, 2) - \bar{\tau}_{p_n}(1, 1)) \{ \bar{\tau}_{p_n}(2, 2) - 2E[\bar{h}_{p_n}(\mathbf{Y}_1, \mathbf{z})] + \bar{\tau}_{p_n}(1, 1) - 2E[\bar{h}_{p_n}(\mathbf{X}_1, \mathbf{z})] + 2\bar{\tau}_{p_n}(1, 2) \} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{i.e., } \bar{\theta}^0(\mathbf{z}) = \frac{\bar{\tau}_{p_n}}{2} E[\bar{L}(\mathbf{z})] + \frac{1}{2} (\bar{\tau}_{p_n}(2, 2) - \bar{\tau}_{p_n}(1, 1)) E[\bar{S}(\mathbf{z})]$$

Note that  $E[\bar{T}_{11} - 2\bar{T}_{12} + \bar{T}_{22}] = \bar{\tau}_{p_n}$  and  $E[\bar{T}_{22} - \bar{T}_{11}] = \bar{\tau}_{p_n}(2, 2) - \bar{\tau}_{p_n}(1, 1)$ . It follows from part (a) of Lemma A.5 that there exist positive constants  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} P[|\{\bar{T}_{11} - 2\bar{T}_{12} + \bar{T}_{22}\} - \bar{\tau}_{p_n}| > n^{-\gamma}] &\leq O(p_n c^{-c_1 n^{1-2\gamma}}) \text{ and} \\ P[|\{\bar{T}_{22} - \bar{T}_{11}\} - \{\bar{\tau}_{p_n}(2, 2) - \bar{\tau}_{p_n}(1, 1)\}| > n^{-\gamma}] &\leq O(p_n c^{-c_2 n^{1-2\gamma}}). \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A.31})$$

Part (b) of Lemma A.5 suggests that there exist positive constants  $c_3$  and  $c_4$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} P[|\bar{L}(\mathbf{z}) - E[\bar{L}(\mathbf{z})]| > n^{-\gamma}] &\leq O(p_n e^{-c_3 n^{1-2\gamma}}) \text{ and} \\ P[|\bar{S}(\mathbf{z}) - E[\bar{S}(\mathbf{z})]| > n^{-\gamma}] &\leq O(p_n e^{-c_4 n^{1-2\gamma}}) \text{ for all } \mathbf{z} \in \mathbb{R}^{p_n}. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A.32})$$

Now, for  $\mathbf{z} \in \mathbb{R}^{p_n}$

$$\begin{aligned} P[|\bar{\theta}(\mathbf{z}) - \bar{\theta}^0(\mathbf{z})| > n^{-\gamma}] &\leq P \left[ \left| \frac{1}{2} \{ (\bar{T}_{11} - 2\bar{T}_{12} + \bar{T}_{22}) \times \bar{L}(\mathbf{z}) \} - \frac{\bar{\tau}_{p_n}}{2} E[\bar{L}(\mathbf{z})] \right| > \frac{n^{-\gamma}}{2} \right] \\ &\quad + P \left[ \left| \frac{1}{2} \{ (\bar{T}_{22} - \bar{T}_{11}) \times \bar{S}(\mathbf{z}) \} - \frac{1}{2} \{ \bar{\tau}_{p_n}(2, 2) - \bar{\tau}_{p_n}(1, 1) \} E[\bar{S}(\mathbf{z})] \right| > \frac{n^{-\gamma}}{2} \right] \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A.33})$$

Combining (A.31) and (A.32) with Lemma A.6, we conclude that there exists a constant  $c_{10}$  such that

$$P \left[ \left| \frac{1}{2} \{ (\bar{T}_{11} - 2\bar{T}_{12} + \bar{T}_{22}) \times \bar{L}(\mathbf{z}) \} - \frac{\bar{\tau}_{p_n}}{2} E[\bar{L}(\mathbf{z})] \right| > \frac{n^{-\gamma}}{2} \right] \leq O(p_n e^{-c_{10} n^{1-2\gamma}}). \quad (\text{A.34})$$

Similarly, there exists a constant  $c_{11} > 0$  such that

$$P \left[ \left| \frac{1}{2} \{ (\bar{T}_{22} - \bar{T}_{11}) \times \bar{S}(\mathbf{z}) \} - \frac{1}{2} \{ \bar{\tau}_{p_n}(2, 2) - \bar{\tau}_{p_n}(1, 1) \} E[\bar{S}(\mathbf{z})] \right| > \frac{n^{-\gamma}}{2} \right] \leq O(p_n e^{-c_{11} n^{1-2\gamma}}). \quad (\text{A.35})$$

Define  $B_1^* = \min\{c_{10}, c_{11}\}$ . Then, it follows from ~~Exs.~~ (A.33), (A.34) and (A.35) that

$$P[|\bar{\theta}(\mathbf{z}) - \bar{\theta}^0(\mathbf{z})| > n^{-\gamma}] \leq O(p_n e^{-B_1^* n^{1-2\gamma}}) \text{ for all } \mathbf{z} \in \mathbb{R}^{p_n}.$$

Since there exist  $M > 0$  and  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} p_n &\leq e^{Mn^\beta} \text{ for all } n \geq N \\ &\Rightarrow p_n e^{-B_1^* n^{1-2\gamma}} \leq e^{-B_1 \{ n^{1-2\gamma} - n^\beta \}} \text{ for all } n \geq N \end{aligned}$$

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where  $B_1 = \min\{B_1^*, M\}$ . Therefore,  $P[|\bar{L}(\mathbf{z}) - \bar{L}^0(\mathbf{z})| > n^{-\gamma}] \leq O(e^{-B_1 \{ n^{1-2\gamma} - n^\beta \}})$  for all  $\mathbf{z} \in \mathbb{R}^{p_n}$ .

Hence, the proof.  $\square$

### Proof of Theorem 3.5

Let  $l_{\mathbf{Z}}$  denote the true class label of  $\mathbf{Z}$  with  $P[l_{\mathbf{Z}} = j] = \pi_j$  where  $\pi_1 + \pi_2 = 1$ . Therefore,  $\mathbf{Z} | l_{\mathbf{Z}} = 1 \sim \mathbf{F}_1$  and  $\mathbf{Z} | l_{\mathbf{Z}} = 2 \sim \mathbf{F}_2$ . The unconditional distribution of  $\mathbf{Z}$  is defined as  $\mathbf{H}(z) = \pi_1 \mathbf{F}_1(\mathbf{z}) + \pi_2 \mathbf{F}_2(\mathbf{z})$  for  $\mathbf{z} \in \mathbb{R}^{p_n}$ .

- (a) Recall that the misclassification probabilities of  $\delta_1$  and  $\delta_1^0$  are defined as  $\Delta_1 = P[\delta_1(\mathbf{Z}) \neq l_{\mathbf{Z}}]$  and  $\Delta_1^0 = P[\delta_1^0(\mathbf{Z}) \neq l_{\mathbf{Z}}]$ , respectively. Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} &\Delta_1 - \Delta_1^0 \\ &= P[\delta_1(\mathbf{Z}) \neq l_{\mathbf{Z}}] - P[\delta_1^0(\mathbf{Z}) \neq l_{\mathbf{Z}}] \\ &= \int \{ P[\delta_1(\mathbf{z}) \neq l_{\mathbf{z}}] - P[\delta_1^0(\mathbf{z}) \neq l_{\mathbf{z}}] \} d\mathbf{H}(\mathbf{z}) \\ &= \int \{ P[\delta_1^0(\mathbf{z}) = l_{\mathbf{z}}] - P[\delta_1(\mathbf{z}) = l_{\mathbf{z}}] \} d\mathbf{H}(\mathbf{z}) \\ &= \int \{ I[\delta_1^0(\mathbf{z}) = 1] P[l_{\mathbf{z}} = 1] + I[\delta_1^0(\mathbf{z}) = 0] P[l_{\mathbf{z}} = 0] - P[\delta_1(\mathbf{z}) = 1] P[l_{\mathbf{z}} = 1] + P[\delta_1(\mathbf{z}) = 0] P[l_{\mathbf{z}} = 0] \} d\mathbf{H}(\mathbf{z}) \\ &= \int \{ (I[\delta_1^0(\mathbf{z}) = 1] - P[\delta_1(\mathbf{z}) = 1]) P[l_{\mathbf{z}} = 1] + (I[\delta_1^0(\mathbf{z}) = 0] - P[\delta_1(\mathbf{z}) = 0]) P[l_{\mathbf{z}} = 0] \} d\mathbf{H}(\mathbf{z}) \\ &= \int (I[\delta_1^0(\mathbf{z}) = 1] - E[I[\delta_1(\mathbf{z}) = 1]]) (2P[l_{\mathbf{z}} = 1] - 1) d\mathbf{H}(\mathbf{z}) \\ &\leq \int |E[I[\delta_1^0(\mathbf{z}) = 1] - I[\delta_1(\mathbf{z}) = 1]]| |2P[l_{\mathbf{z}} = 1] - 1| d\mathbf{H}(\mathbf{z}) \\ &= \int E[|I[\delta_1^0(\mathbf{z}) = 1] - I[\delta_1(\mathbf{z}) = 1]|] d\mathbf{H}(\mathbf{z}) \\ &= \int E[I[\delta_1^0(\mathbf{z}) \neq \delta_1(\mathbf{z})]] d\mathbf{H}(\mathbf{z}) \\ &= \int P[\delta_1^0(\mathbf{z}) \neq \delta_1(\mathbf{z})] d\mathbf{H}(\mathbf{z}) \\ &= \int P[\bar{L}(\mathbf{z}) \leq 0, \bar{L}^0(\mathbf{z}) > 0] d\mathbf{H}(\mathbf{z}) + \int P[\bar{L}(\mathbf{z}) > 0, \bar{L}^0(\mathbf{z}) \leq 0] d\mathbf{H}(\mathbf{z}) \\ &= P_1 + P_2. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A.36})$$

Consider the first term. We have the following:

$$P_1 = \int P[\bar{L}(\mathbf{z}) \leq 0, \bar{L}^0(\mathbf{z}) > 0] d\mathbf{H}(\mathbf{z})$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \int P[\bar{L}(\mathbf{z}) \leq 0, \bar{L}^0(\mathbf{z}) > 0, |\bar{L}(\mathbf{z}) - \bar{L}^0(\mathbf{z})| \leq n^{-\gamma}] d\mathbf{H}(\mathbf{z}) \\
 &\quad \xleftarrow{\text{+}} \int P[\bar{L}(\mathbf{z}) \leq 0, \bar{L}^0(\mathbf{z}) > 0, |\bar{L}(\mathbf{z}) - \bar{L}^0(\mathbf{z})| > n^{-\gamma}] d\mathbf{H}(\mathbf{z}) \\
 &\leq \int P[\bar{L}(\mathbf{z}) \leq 0, \bar{L}^0(\mathbf{z}) > 0, |\bar{L}(\mathbf{z}) - \bar{L}^0(\mathbf{z})| \leq n^{-\gamma}] d\mathbf{H}(\mathbf{z}) + \int P[|\bar{L}(\mathbf{z}) - \bar{L}^0(\mathbf{z})| > n^{-\gamma}] d\mathbf{H}(\mathbf{z}) \\
 &= P_{11}(\gamma) + \int P[|\bar{L}(\mathbf{z}) - \bar{L}^0(\mathbf{z})| > n^{-\gamma}] d\mathbf{H}(\mathbf{z}). \tag{A.37}
 \end{aligned}$$

Note that

$$\begin{aligned}
 P_{11}(\gamma) &= \int P[\bar{L}(\mathbf{z}) \leq 0, \bar{L}^0(\mathbf{z}) > 0, |\bar{L}(\mathbf{z}) - \bar{L}^0(\mathbf{z})| \leq n^{-\gamma}] d\mathbf{H}(\mathbf{z}) \\
 &= \int P[\bar{L}(\mathbf{z}) \leq 0, \bar{L}^0(\mathbf{z}) > 0, -\bar{L}(\mathbf{z}) + \bar{L}^0(\mathbf{z}) \leq n^{-\gamma}] d\mathbf{H}(\mathbf{z}) \\
 &\leq \int P[\bar{L}^0(\mathbf{z}) \leq n^{-\gamma}, \bar{L}^0(\mathbf{z}) > 0, \bar{L}(\mathbf{z}) \leq 0] d\mathbf{H}(\mathbf{z}) \\
 &\leq \int P[\bar{L}^0(\mathbf{z}) \leq n^{-\gamma}, \bar{L}^0(\mathbf{z}) > 0] d\mathbf{H}(\mathbf{z}) = P[0 < \bar{L}^0(\mathbf{Z}) \leq n^{-\gamma}]. \tag{A.38}
 \end{aligned}$$

Combining (A.37) and (A.38), we observe that *wave*

$$P_1 \leq P[0 < \bar{L}^0(\mathbf{Z}) \leq n^{-\gamma}] + \int P[|\bar{L}(\mathbf{z}) - \bar{L}^0(\mathbf{z})| > n^{-\gamma}] d\mathbf{H}(\mathbf{z}). \tag{A.39}$$

Following similar arguments, we can write  $P_2$  as

$$\begin{aligned}
 P_2 &= \int P[\bar{L}^0(\mathbf{z}) \leq 0, \bar{L}(\mathbf{z}) > 0] d\mathbf{H}(\mathbf{z}) \\
 &\leq \int P[\bar{L}^0(\mathbf{z}) \leq 0, \bar{L}(\mathbf{z}) > 0, |\bar{L}^0(\mathbf{z}) - \bar{L}(\mathbf{z})| \leq n^{-\gamma}] d\mathbf{H}(\mathbf{z}) + \int P[|\bar{L}^0(\mathbf{z}) - \bar{L}(\mathbf{z})| > n^{-\gamma}] d\mathbf{H}(\mathbf{z}) \\
 &= \int P[\bar{L}^0(\mathbf{z}) \leq 0, \bar{L}(\mathbf{z}) > 0, |\bar{L}^0(\mathbf{z}) - \bar{L}(\mathbf{z})| \leq n^{-\gamma}] d\mathbf{H}(\mathbf{z}) + \int P[|\bar{L}(\mathbf{z}) - \bar{L}^0(\mathbf{z})| > n^{-\gamma}] d\mathbf{H}(\mathbf{z}) \\
 &\leq \int P[\bar{L}^0(\mathbf{z}) \leq 0, \bar{L}(\mathbf{z}) > 0, -\bar{L}^0(\mathbf{z}) + \bar{L}(\mathbf{z}) \leq n^{-\gamma}] d\mathbf{H}(\mathbf{z}) + \int P[|\bar{L}(\mathbf{z}) - \bar{L}^0(\mathbf{z})| > n^{-\gamma}] d\mathbf{H}(\mathbf{z}) \\
 &\leq \int P[-n^\gamma < \bar{L}^0(\mathbf{z}) \leq 0] d\mathbf{H}(\mathbf{z}) + \int P[|\bar{L}(\mathbf{z}) - \bar{L}^0(\mathbf{z})| > n^{-\gamma}] d\mathbf{H}(\mathbf{z}) \\
 &= P[-n^{-\gamma} < \bar{L}^0(\mathbf{Z}) \leq 0] + \int P[|\bar{L}(\mathbf{z}) - \bar{L}^0(\mathbf{z})| > n^{-\gamma}] d\mathbf{H}(\mathbf{z}). \tag{A.40}
 \end{aligned}$$

Combining (A.36), (A.39) and (A.40), we obtain

$$\Delta_1 - \Delta_1^0 \leq P[|\bar{L}^0(\mathbf{Z})| < n^{-\gamma}] + 2 \int P[|\bar{L}(\mathbf{z}) - \bar{L}^0(\mathbf{z})| > n^{-\gamma}] d\mathbf{H}(\mathbf{z}).$$

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It follows from Lemma 3.4 that

$$\Delta_1 - \Delta_1^0 \leq P[|\bar{L}^0(\mathbf{Z})| < n^{-\gamma}] + O\left(e^{-B_0\{n^{1-2\gamma}-n^\beta\}}\right).$$

- (b) The misclassification probabilities of  $\delta_2$  and  $\delta_2^0$  are defined as  $\Delta_2 = P[\delta_2(\mathbf{Z}) \neq l_{\mathbf{Z}}]$  and  $\Delta_2^0 = P[\delta_2^0(\mathbf{Z}) \neq l_{\mathbf{Z}}]$ , respectively. Similar to (A.36), we have the following:

$$\Delta_2 - \Delta_2^0 \leq \int P[\bar{\theta}(\mathbf{z}) \leq 0, \bar{\theta}^0(\mathbf{z}) > 0] d\mathbf{H}(\mathbf{z}) + \int P[\bar{\theta}(\mathbf{z}) > 0, \bar{\theta}^0(\mathbf{z}) \leq 0] d\mathbf{H}(\mathbf{z}) = P_1 + P_2. \tag{A.41}$$

Consider the first term. Similar to (A.37), we have the following:

$$\begin{aligned}
 P_1 &= \int P[\bar{\theta}(\mathbf{z}) \leq 0, \bar{\theta}^0(\mathbf{z}) > 0] d\mathbf{H}(\mathbf{z}) \\
 &\leq \int P[\bar{\theta}(\mathbf{z}) \leq 0, \bar{\theta}^0(\mathbf{z}) > 0, |\bar{\theta}(\mathbf{z}) - \bar{\theta}^0(\mathbf{z})| \leq n^{-\gamma}] d\mathbf{H}(\mathbf{z}) + \int P[|\bar{\theta}(\mathbf{z}) - \bar{\theta}^0(\mathbf{z})| > n^{-\gamma}] d\mathbf{H}(\mathbf{z}) \\
 &= P_{11}(\gamma) + \int P[|\bar{\theta}(\mathbf{z}) - \bar{\theta}^0(\mathbf{z})| > n^{-\gamma}] d\mathbf{H}(\mathbf{z}).
 \end{aligned} \tag{A.42}$$

Note that

$$\begin{aligned}
 P_{11}(\gamma) &= \int P[\bar{\theta}(\mathbf{z}) \leq 0, \bar{\theta}^0(\mathbf{z}) > 0, |\bar{\theta}(\mathbf{z}) - \bar{\theta}^0(\mathbf{z})| \leq n^{-\gamma}] d\mathbf{H}(\mathbf{z}) \\
 &= \int P[\bar{\theta}(\mathbf{z}) \leq 0, \bar{\theta}^0(\mathbf{z}) > 0, -\bar{\theta}(\mathbf{z}) + \bar{\theta}^0(\mathbf{z}) \leq n^{-\gamma}] d\mathbf{H}(\mathbf{z}) \\
 &\leq \int P[\bar{\theta}^0(\mathbf{z}) \leq n^{-\gamma}, \bar{\theta}^0(\mathbf{z}) > 0, \bar{\theta}(\mathbf{z}) \leq 0] d\mathbf{H}(\mathbf{z}) \\
 &\leq \int P[\bar{\theta}^0(\mathbf{z}) \leq n^{-\gamma}, \bar{\theta}^0(\mathbf{z}) > 0] d\mathbf{H}(\mathbf{z}) = P[0 < \bar{\theta}^0(\mathbf{Z}) \leq n^{-\gamma}].
 \end{aligned} \tag{A.43}$$

Combining (A.42) and (A.43), we observe that *none*

$$P_1 \leq P[0 < \bar{\theta}^0(\mathbf{Z}) \leq n^{-\gamma}] + \int P[|\bar{\theta}(\mathbf{z}) - \bar{\theta}^0(\mathbf{z})| > n^{-\gamma}] d\mathbf{H}(\mathbf{z}). \tag{A.44}$$

Following similar arguments, we can write  $P_2$  as

$$\begin{aligned}
 P_2 &= \int P[\bar{\theta}^0(\mathbf{z}) \leq 0, \bar{\theta}(\mathbf{z}) > 0] d\mathbf{H}(\mathbf{z}) \\
 &\leq \int P[\bar{\theta}^0(\mathbf{z}) \leq 0, \bar{\theta}(\mathbf{z}) > 0, |\bar{\theta}^0(\mathbf{z}) - \bar{\theta}(\mathbf{z})| \leq n^{-\gamma}] d\mathbf{H}(\mathbf{z}) + \int P[|\bar{\theta}^0(\mathbf{z}) - \bar{\theta}(\mathbf{z})| > n^{-\gamma}] d\mathbf{H}(\mathbf{z}) \\
 &= \int P[\bar{\theta}^0(\mathbf{z}) \leq 0, \bar{\theta}(\mathbf{z}) > 0, |\bar{\theta}^0(\mathbf{z}) - \bar{\theta}(\mathbf{z})| \leq n^{-\gamma}] d\mathbf{H}(\mathbf{z}) + \int P[|\bar{\theta}(\mathbf{z}) - \bar{\theta}^0(\mathbf{z})| > n^{-\gamma}] d\mathbf{H}(\mathbf{z}) \\
 &\leq \int P[\bar{\theta}^0(\mathbf{z}) \leq 0, \bar{\theta}(\mathbf{z}) > 0, -\bar{\theta}^0(\mathbf{z}) + \bar{\theta}(\mathbf{z}) \leq n^{-\gamma}] d\mathbf{H}(\mathbf{z}) + \int P[|\bar{\theta}(\mathbf{z}) - \bar{\theta}^0(\mathbf{z})| > n^{-\gamma}] d\mathbf{H}(\mathbf{z}) \\
 &\leq \int P[-n^\gamma < \bar{\theta}^0(\mathbf{z}) \leq 0] d\mathbf{H}(\mathbf{z}) + \int P[|\bar{\theta}(\mathbf{z}) - \bar{\theta}^0(\mathbf{z})| > n^{-\gamma}] d\mathbf{H}(\mathbf{z}) \\
 &= P[-n^{-\gamma} < \bar{\theta}^0(\mathbf{Z}) \leq 0] + \int P[|\bar{\theta}(\mathbf{z}) - \bar{\theta}^0(\mathbf{z})| > n^{-\gamma}] d\mathbf{H}(\mathbf{z}).
 \end{aligned} \tag{A.45}$$

Combining (A.41), (A.44) and (A.45), we obtain

$$\Delta_2 - \Delta_2^0 \leq P[|\bar{\theta}^0(\mathbf{z})| < n^{-\gamma}] + 2 \int P[|\bar{\theta}(\mathbf{z}) - \bar{\theta}^0(\mathbf{z})| > n^{-\gamma}] d\mathbf{H}(\mathbf{z}).$$

It follows from Lemma 3.4 that

$$\Delta_2 - \Delta_2^0 \leq P[|\bar{\theta}^0(\mathbf{Z})| < n^{-\gamma}] + O(e^{-B_1\{n^{1-2\gamma}-n^\beta\}}).$$

Hence, the proof.  $\square$

### Proof of Corollary ??

Observe that  $\beta = 0$  implies  $p_n (= p)$  is fixed. Then, it follows from Theorem 3.5 that for  $0 < \gamma < 1/2$ ,

$$\Delta_1 - \Delta_1^0 \leq P[|\bar{L}^0(\mathbf{Z})| < n^{-\gamma}] + O(e^{-B_0 n^{1-2\gamma}}) \quad \text{and} \quad \Delta_2 - \Delta_2^0 \leq P[|\bar{\theta}^0(\mathbf{Z})| < n^{-\gamma}] + O(e^{-B_1 n^{1-2\gamma}})$$

where  $B_0$  and  $B_1$  are positive constants. Clearly,  $e^{-B_0 n^{1-2\gamma}} = o(1)$  and  $e^{-B_1 n^{1-2\gamma}} = o(1)$  for all  $0 < \gamma < 1/2$ . Now, if  $\mathbf{F}_1, \mathbf{F}_2$  are absolutely continuous distribution functions, then the unconditional distribution of  $\mathbf{Z}$ , given by  $\mathbf{H}(\mathbf{z}) = \pi_1 \mathbf{F}_1(\mathbf{z}) + \pi_2 \mathbf{F}_2(\mathbf{z})$  is also absolutely continuous. Consequently,  $P[|\bar{L}^0(\mathbf{Z})| < n^{-\gamma}]$  and  $P[|\bar{\theta}^0(\mathbf{Z})| < n^{-\gamma}]$  converge to 0 as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Hence,  $\Delta_i - \Delta_i^0 \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  for  $i = 1, 2$ .  $\square$

**Remark :** If  $\beta > 0$ , then  $p_n$  can grow with  $n$ . Theorem 3.5 suggests that

- i. if  $P[|\bar{L}^0(\mathbf{Z})| < n^{-\gamma}] \rightarrow 0$  and  $\Delta_1^0 \rightarrow 0$ , then  $\Delta_1 \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $p_n \rightarrow \infty$ .
- ii. if  $P[|\bar{\theta}^0(\mathbf{Z})| < n^{-\gamma}] \rightarrow 0$  and  $\Delta_2^0 \rightarrow 0$ , then  $\Delta_2 \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $p_n \rightarrow \infty$ .

## New part B TABLES AND ADDITIONAL MATERIAL

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Table 2: Estimates of  $\bar{\tau}_p(1, 1)$ ,  $\bar{\tau}_p(1, 2)$  and  $\bar{\tau}_p(2, 2)$  in the simulated examples (along with the standard errors in parentheses) based on 100 replications.

Example	$\bar{T}_{11}$	$\bar{T}_{12}$	$\bar{T}_{22}$	$\bar{T}_{12} \geq \min\{\bar{T}_{11}, \bar{T}_{22}\}$
1	0.1562 (0.0019)	0.1446 (0.0020)	0.1273 (0.0022)	True
2	0.0909 (0.0014)	0.0984 (0.0010)	0.1109 (0.0015)	True
3	0.0857 (0.0018)	0.0821 (0.0016)	0.1018 (0.0027)	False
4	0.0857 (0.0018)	0.0748 (0.0016)	0.0545 (0.0016)	True
5	0.2077 (0.0005)	0.2106 (0.0004)	0.2136 (0.0004)	True

### B.1 Simulation Details

- GLMNET: The R-package `glmnet` is used for the implementation of GLMNET. The tuning parameter  $\alpha$  in the elastic-net penalty term is kept fixed at the default value 1. The weight  $\lambda$  of the penalty term is chosen by cross-validation using the function `cv.glmnet` with default values of its arguments.
- 1NN: The `knn1` function from the R-package `class` is used for implementation of the usual 1-nearest neighbor classifier.
- NN-RAND: The function `classify` from the package `RandPro` is used with default values of the arguments.
- NNET: For NNET, we used `nnet` from the package `nnet` to fit a single-hidden-layer neural network with default parameters. The number of units in the hidden layer was allowed to vary in the set  $\{1, 3, 5, 10\}$ , and the minimum misclassification rate was reported as NNET.
- SVM: The R-package `e1071` is used for implementing SVM with linear and RBF kernel. For the RBF kernel, i.e.,  $K_\theta(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \exp\{-\theta \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}\|^2\}$ , we took the default value of the tuning parameter  $\theta$ , i.e.,  $\theta = 1/p$ .   
*considered*



Table 3: Average time (in seconds) taken by the classifiers to classify 100+100 test observations in Example 1

p	$\delta_0$	$\delta_1$	$\delta_2$	GLM NET	1NN	NN RAND	NNET*				SVM LIN	SVM RBF
							1	3	5	10		
50	0.0149	0.0189	0.0188	0.094	0.0008	2.7834	0.0090	0.0162	0.0328	0.1110	0.0052	0.0060
100	0.0156	0.0236	0.0238	0.0978	0.0024	3.4872	0.0130	0.0454	0.1070	0.4012	0.0104	0.0102
250	0.0185	0.0390	0.0389	0.1050	0.0048	4.6608	0.0382	0.2232	0.5982	4.2194	0.0224	0.0240
500	0.0209	0.0551	0.0549	0.1132	0.0070	5.3308	0.1104	0.8512	3.9240	19.7896	0.0398	0.0402
1000	0.0263	0.0807	0.0808	0.1530	0.0120	6.7963	0.3883	6.3370	19.1236	100.7417	0.0713	0.0797

\* 1,3,5,10 represent the numbers of units in the single-hidden-layer of the neural network.

Codes: The R-codes for implementation of the proposed classifiers are uploaded along with the supplementary material as 'RCodes.zip'.

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- ~~Table 5~~ for simulated data