

Ensuring valid inference for hazard ratios after variable selection: Supplementary Materials

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Appendix A: Proof of Theorem 3.3

In order to prove Theorem 3.3, we will focus on the following score function

$$\hat{U}_i(\alpha, \beta, \gamma) = \int_0^\tau [A_i - \bar{A}_n(t, \alpha, \beta) - \gamma' \{L_i - \bar{L}_n(t, \alpha, \beta)\}] \{dN_i(t) - R_i(t)\hat{\lambda}_0(t, \alpha, \beta)e^{\alpha A_i + \beta' L_i}dt\},$$

$$\text{where } \bar{A}_n(t, \alpha, \beta) = \frac{\mathbb{E}_n\{AR(t)e^{\alpha A + \beta' L}\}}{\mathbb{E}_n\{R(t)e^{\alpha A + \beta' L}\}}, \bar{L}_n(t, \alpha, \beta) = \frac{\mathbb{E}_n\{LR(t)e^{\alpha A + \beta' L}\}}{\mathbb{E}_n\{R(t)e^{\alpha A + \beta' L}\}} \text{ and}$$

$\hat{\lambda}_0(t, \alpha, \beta) = \frac{\mathbb{E}_n\{R(t)dN(t)\}}{\mathbb{E}_n\{R(t)e^{\alpha A + \beta' L}\}}$. We denote the population versions of the above-defined score function by

$$U_i^*(\alpha, \beta, \gamma) = \int_0^\tau [A_i - \bar{A}^*(t, \alpha, \beta) - \gamma' \{L_i - \bar{L}^*(t, \alpha, \beta)\}] \{dN_i(t) - R_i(t)\lambda_{0n}(t, \alpha, \beta)e^{\alpha A_i + \beta' L_i}dt\},$$

$$\text{where } \bar{A}^*(t, \alpha, \beta) = \frac{\mathbb{E}_{P_n}\{AR(t)e^{\alpha A + \beta' L}\}}{\mathbb{E}_{P_n}\{R(t)e^{\alpha A + \beta' L}\}}, \bar{L}^*(t, \alpha, \beta) = \frac{\mathbb{E}_{P_n}\{LR(t)e^{\alpha A + \beta' L}\}}{\mathbb{E}_{P_n}\{R(t)e^{\alpha A + \beta' L}\}} \text{ and}$$

$\lambda_{0n}(t, \alpha, \beta) = \frac{\mathbb{E}_{P_n}\{R(t)dN(t)\}}{\mathbb{E}_{P_n}\{R(t)e^{\alpha A + \beta' L}\}}$. Moreover, we will rely on the primitive conditions required for uniform consistency of the Lasso estimators (see e.g., Assumptions 2 and 5 in Fang et al. (2017)) and the following assumptions, where Assumption 1 corresponds with Assumption 1 in Fang et al. (2017) and Assumption 2 with Assumption 3 and 4 in the same paper.

ASSUMPTION 1 (Bounded covariates):

$$\max_{i \leq n} \|L_i\|_\infty \leq C_L < +\infty,$$

with $\|Z\|_\infty = \max_{j \leq p} |Z_j|$ for any vector Z .

ASSUMPTION 2 (Bounded population predictions): It holds that $s_\gamma \asymp s_\beta \asymp s_\eta$ (i.e., s_γ, s_β and s_η have the same order of magnitude) and

- (1) $\max_{i \leq n} |\beta'_n L_i| = O_{P_n}(1)$
- (2) $\max_{i \leq n} |\gamma'_n L_i| = O_{P_n}(1)$
- (3) $\max_{i \leq n} |\eta'_{2n} L_i| = O_{P_n}(1)$

ASSUMPTION 3:

$$\min_{0 \leq t \leq \tau} \left| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n R_i(t) e^{\alpha_n A_i + \beta'_n L_i} \right| \geq \delta > 0$$

Assumption 3 essentially states that the average of the population hazard ratios $e^{\alpha_n A_i + \beta'_n L_i}$ for people at risk is bounded away from zero at each time point t ($\in [0, \tau]$). This means that τ should be kept sufficiently small so that there is a remaining risk to fail beyond τ .

For what follows, let $X = (A, L')'$, $\theta = (\alpha, \beta')'$ and correspondingly $\theta_n = (\alpha_n, \beta'_n)'$, $\hat{\theta} = (\hat{\alpha}, \hat{\beta}')'$ and $\check{\theta} = (\check{\alpha}, \check{\beta}')'$. We will make use of the following rate conditions

ASSUMPTION 4 (Rates on error of estimated coefficients):

- (1) $\|\theta_n - \hat{\theta}\|_1 = O_{P_n} \left(s_\theta \sqrt{\log(p \vee n)/n} \right)$
- (2) $\|\theta_n - \hat{\theta}\|_2 = O_{P_n} \left(\sqrt{s_\theta \log(p \vee n)/n} \right)$
- (3) $\|\gamma_n - \hat{\gamma}\|_1 = O_{P_n} \left(s_\gamma \sqrt{\log(p \vee n)/n} \right)$
- (4) $\|\gamma_n - \hat{\gamma}\|_2 = O_{P_n} \left(\sqrt{s_\gamma \log(p \vee n)/n} \right)$
- (5) $\|\eta_{2n} - \hat{\eta}_2\|_1 = O_{P_n} \left(s_\eta \sqrt{\log(p \vee n)/n} \right)$
- (6) $\|\eta_{2n} - \hat{\eta}_2\|_2 = O_{P_n} \left(\sqrt{s_\eta \log(p \vee n)/n} \right)$

Here, $\hat{\gamma}$ and $\hat{\eta}_2$ are the post-Lasso estimates of γ and η_2 respectively, obtained by refitting the model in respectively Step 3 and Step 2 on all covariates selected by the Lasso step (in respectively Step 3 and 2).

REMARK 1: Rates of convergence 1, 2, 5 and 6 are shown to hold for Lasso estimates in Huang et al. (2013) under Assumption 1 and a compatibility factor condition. The validity of the latter assumption, which bounds the minimal eigenvalues of the Hessian matrix

$$-\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \int_0^\tau \left[X_i - \frac{\mathbb{E}_n \{XR(t)e^{\alpha_n A + \beta'_n L}\}}{\mathbb{E}_n \{R(t)e^{\alpha_n A + \beta'_n L}\}} \right] dN_i(t)$$

from below, has been verified in Theorem 4.1 of Huang et al. (2013). For post-Lasso estimates we refer the reader to Belloni and Chernozhukov (2013). Rates 3 and 4 in Assumption 4 follow from the results of Belloni et al. (2016) on weighted l_1 -penalized regression and Fang et al. (2017). We assume the primitive conditions required for uniform consistency of the Lasso estimators to hold (see e.g., Belloni et al., 2012).

As $\text{support}(\hat{\gamma}) \subseteq B$, $\text{support}(\hat{\beta}) \subseteq B$ and $\text{support}(\hat{\eta}) \subseteq B$, one can show that $\|\theta_n - \check{\theta}\|_1 = O_{P_n}(s_\theta \sqrt{\log(p \vee n)/n})$, $\|\theta_n - \check{\theta}\|_2 = O_{P_n}(\sqrt{s_\theta \log(p \vee n)/n})$, $\|\gamma_n - \check{\gamma}\|_1 = O_{P_n}(s_\gamma \sqrt{\log(p \vee n)/n})$, $\|\gamma_n - \check{\gamma}\|_2 = O_{P_n}(\sqrt{s_\gamma \log(p \vee n)/n})$, $\|\eta_{2n} - \check{\eta}_2\|_1 = O_{P_n}(s_\eta \sqrt{\log(p \vee n)/n})$ and $\|\eta_{2n} - \check{\eta}_2\|_2 = O_{P_n}(\sqrt{s_\eta \log(p \vee n)/n})$ (see Belloni and Chernozhukov, 2013).

To obtain the rates in Assumption 4 we need that

$$\lambda_\theta = O\left(\sqrt{\frac{\log(p \vee n)}{n}}\right) \quad (\text{A.1})$$

$$\lambda_\gamma = O\left(\sqrt{\frac{\log(p \vee n)}{n}}\right) \quad (\text{A.2})$$

$$\lambda_\eta = O\left(\sqrt{\frac{\log(p \vee n)}{n}}\right), \quad (\text{A.3})$$

where λ_θ was denoted before as $\lambda_{\alpha,\beta}$ (see Equation (3.7) in the main paper) and $\lambda_\eta > 0$ is a Lasso penalty parameter for the censoring model in Step 2 of the selection procedure. These are standard assumptions on the order of the penalty level (Bühlmann and van de Geer, 2011).

ASSUMPTION 5 (Concentration of the gradients): There exist positive constants C_γ and C_θ , such that,

$$(1) \quad \left\| \mathbb{E}_n \left\{ \frac{\partial \hat{U}_i(\alpha_n, \beta_n, \gamma_n)}{\partial \gamma} \right\} \right\|_\infty \leq C_\gamma \sqrt{\frac{\log(p \vee n)}{n}}$$

$$(2) \quad \left\| \mathbb{E}_n \left\{ \frac{\partial \hat{U}_i(\alpha_n, \beta_n, \gamma_n)}{\partial \beta} \right\} \right\|_\infty \leq C_\beta \sqrt{\frac{\log(p \vee n)}{n}}$$

In Fang et al. (2017) it is proven that, under Assumptions 1, 2 and primitive conditions required for uniform consistency of the Lasso estimators, Assumption 5.1 holds with probability at least $1 - O(p^{-3})$ and Assumption 5.2 with probability at least $1 - O(p^{-1})$ (for $p > n$).

ASSUMPTION 6:

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \int_0^\tau [A_i - \bar{A}_n(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) - \gamma'_n \{L_i - \bar{L}_n(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n)\}] \{L_i - \bar{L}_n(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n)\} \right. \\ & \times \left. \left\{ dN_i(t) - R_i(t) e^{\alpha_n A_i + \beta'_n L_i} \hat{\lambda}_0(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) dt \right\} \right\|_\infty = O_{P_n}\left(\sqrt{\frac{\log(p \vee n)}{n}}\right). \end{aligned}$$

We conjecture Assumption 6 to hold, under a correctly specified Cox model for survival time T , based on similar results from an extension of the moderate deviation theory for self-normalized sums (de la Peña et al., 2009). Consequently, if Assumption 6 holds then Assumption 5.2 is equivalent to assuming that

$$\left\| \mathbb{E}_n \left(\int_0^\tau [A_i - \bar{A}_n(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) - \gamma'_n \{L_i - \bar{L}_n(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n)\}] \right. \right. \\ \times \left. \left. \{L_i - \bar{L}_n(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n)\} dN_i(t) \right) \right\|_\infty = O_{P_n} \left(\sqrt{\frac{\log(p \vee n)}{n}} \right). \quad (\text{A.4})$$

Note that if we plug the Lasso estimates from Step 1 and Step 3 in Assumption 5.1 and Assumption (A.4), connecting to the maximum penalized log-likelihood, by the Karush-Kuhn-Tucker (KKT) conditions these gradients will be upper bounded by respectively λ_θ and λ_γ (Bühlmann and van de Geer, 2011).

ASSUMPTION 7:

- (1) $\sup_{t \in [0, \tau]} \left| \left| \mathbb{E}_{P_n} \{R(t) X e^{\alpha_n A + \beta'_n L}\} - \mathbb{E}_n \{R(t) X e^{\alpha_n A + \beta'_n L}\} \right| \right|_\infty = O_{P_n} \left(\sqrt{\frac{\log(p \vee n)}{n}} \right)$
- (2) $\sup_{t \in [0, \tau]} \left| \mathbb{E}_{P_n} \{R(t) e^{\alpha_n A + \beta'_n L}\} - \mathbb{E}_n \{R(t) e^{\alpha_n A + \beta'_n L}\} \right| = O_{P_n} \left(\sqrt{\frac{\log(p \vee n)}{n}} \right).$

In Fang et al. (2017) it is shown that this assumption holds under Assumptions 1, 2, 3 and primitive conditions required for uniform consistency of the Lasso estimators (for $p > n$).

ASSUMPTION 8: For all $t \in [0, \tau]$

- (1) $\mathbb{E}_n [(\gamma_n - \hat{\gamma})' \{L_i - \bar{L}_n(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n)\}]^2 = O_{P_n} \left(\frac{s_\gamma \log(p \vee n)}{n} \right),$
- (2) $\mathbb{E}_n [(\beta_n - \hat{\beta})' L_i]^2 = O_{P_n} \left(\frac{s_\theta \log(p \vee n)}{n} \right).$

Although these assumptions are not proven to hold, we judge them to be plausible. For example, in Lemler (2016) and Bertin et al. (2011) it is shown that Assumption 8 is reasonable in high-dimensional settings (for $p > n$) where $\beta' L$ and the baseline hazard are jointly estimated. As we do not need the baseline hazard in the testing procedure described in Section 3 of the main paper, this condition is even more likely satisfied in our case.

Finally, we will assume the standard regularity conditions to interchange the order of summation and integration.

Proof. [Proof of Theorem 3.3] This proof consists of three parts. In the first part we prove the asymptotic normality of $\sqrt{n}(\tilde{\alpha} - \alpha_n)$, i.e., $\sqrt{n}(\tilde{\alpha} - \alpha_n) \xrightarrow{d} N(0, \Sigma_n^2)$, where $\tilde{\alpha}$ is the solution to $\mathbb{E}_n \left\{ \hat{U}_i(\alpha, \beta, \gamma) \right\} = 0$. Note that $\tilde{\alpha}$ is closely related to the one-step estimator proposed in Fang et al. (2017), the main difference being that post-Lasso (rather than Lasso) estimates for β and γ are used. The proof of the first part closely follows the proof of their Theorem 3.3. In the second part we show the consistency of the variance estimator, evaluated at $\tilde{\alpha}, \hat{\beta}$ and $\hat{\gamma}$. In the final part, we then relate the results from the two previous parts to the proposed triple selection approach.

Part 1: Normality

We first consider the sample mean of $\hat{U}_i(\tilde{\alpha}, \hat{\beta}, \hat{\gamma})$:

$$\mathbb{E}_n \{ \hat{U}_i(\tilde{\alpha}, \hat{\beta}, \hat{\gamma}) \} = \mathbb{E}_n \{ U_i^*(\alpha_n, \beta_n, \gamma_n) + \hat{U}_i(\tilde{\alpha}, \hat{\beta}, \hat{\gamma}) - U_i^*(\alpha_n, \beta_n, \gamma_n) \}.$$

After some algebra, we have

$$\sqrt{n} \mathbb{E}_n \{ \hat{U}_i(\tilde{\alpha}, \hat{\beta}, \hat{\gamma}) \} = \sqrt{n} \mathbb{E}_n \{ U_i^*(\alpha_n, \beta_n, \gamma_n) \} + R_1 + R_2 + R_3 + R_4 + R_5, \quad (\text{A.5})$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} R_1 &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n \int_0^\tau \left([A_i - \bar{A}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) - \gamma'_n \{ L_i - \bar{L}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) \}] R_i(t) e^{\alpha_n A_i + \beta'_n L_i} \right. \\ &\quad \times \left. \left\{ \lambda_{0n}(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) - \hat{\lambda}_0(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) \right\} dt \right), \\ R_2 &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n \int_0^\tau \left([A_i - \bar{A}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) - \gamma'_n \{ L_i - \bar{L}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) \}] R_i(t) \right. \\ &\quad \times \left. \left\{ \hat{\lambda}_0(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) e^{\alpha_n A_i + \beta'_n L_i} - \hat{\lambda}_0(t, \tilde{\alpha}, \hat{\beta}) e^{\tilde{\alpha} A_i + \hat{\beta}' L_i} \right\} dt \right), \\ R_3 &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n \int_0^\tau R_i(t) \left\{ dN_i(t) - \hat{\lambda}_0(t, \tilde{\alpha}, \hat{\beta}) e^{\tilde{\alpha} A_i + \hat{\beta}' L_i} dt \right\} \left\{ \bar{A}_n(t, \tilde{\alpha}, \hat{\beta}) - \bar{A}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) \right\}, \\ R_4 &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n \int_0^\tau R_i(t) \left\{ dN_i(t) - \hat{\lambda}_0(t, \tilde{\alpha}, \hat{\beta}) e^{\tilde{\alpha} A_i + \hat{\beta}' L_i} dt \right\} \gamma'_n \left\{ \bar{L}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) - \bar{L}_n(t, \tilde{\alpha}, \hat{\beta}) \right\}, \end{aligned}$$

$$R_5 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n \int_0^\tau R_i(t) (\gamma_n - \hat{\gamma})' \left\{ L_i - \bar{L}_n(t, \tilde{\alpha}, \hat{\beta}) \right\} \left\{ dN_i(t) - \hat{\lambda}_0(t, \tilde{\alpha}, \hat{\beta}) e^{\tilde{\alpha} A_i + \hat{\beta}' L_i} dt \right\}.$$

First, consider R_1 ,

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n \int_0^\tau [A_i - \bar{A}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) - \gamma'_n \{L_i - \bar{L}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n)\}] R_i(t) e^{\alpha_n A_i + \beta'_n L_i} \right. \\ & \quad \times \{ \lambda_{0n}(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) - \hat{\lambda}_0(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) \} dt \Big| \\ &= \sqrt{n} \left| \int_0^\tau \mathbb{E}_n \left([A_i - \bar{A}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) - \gamma'_n \{L_i - \bar{L}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n)\}] R_i(t) e^{\alpha_n A_i + \beta'_n L_i} \right. \right. \\ & \quad \times \left[\lambda_{0n}(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) - \frac{\mathbb{E}_n \{R(t)dN(t)\}}{\mathbb{E}_n \{R(t)e^{\alpha_n A + \beta'_n L}\}} \right] dt \Big) \Big| \\ &= \sqrt{n} \left| \int_0^\tau \mathbb{E}_n \left([A_i - \bar{A}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) - \gamma'_n \{L_i - \bar{L}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n)\}] R_i(t) e^{\alpha_n A_i + \beta'_n L_i} \right. \right. \\ & \quad \times \left. \frac{\mathbb{E}_n [R(t)\{\lambda_{0n}(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n)e^{\alpha_n A + \beta'_n L} dt - dN(t)\}]}{\mathbb{E}_n \{R(t)e^{\alpha_n A + \beta'_n L}\}} \right) \Big| \\ &= \sqrt{n} \left| \int_0^\tau \mathbb{E}_n \left([A_i - \bar{A}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) - \gamma'_n \{L_i - \bar{L}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n)\}] R_i(t) e^{\alpha_n A_i + \beta'_n L_i} \right. \right. \\ & \quad \times \left. \frac{\mathbb{E}_n \{dM(t)\}}{\mathbb{E}_n \{R(t)e^{\alpha_n A + \beta'_n L}\}} \right) \Big| \\ &\leq \sqrt{n} \int_0^\tau \left| \mathbb{E}_n \left([A_i - \bar{A}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) - \gamma'_n \{L_i - \bar{L}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n)\}] R_i(t) e^{\alpha_n A_i + \beta'_n L_i} \right) \right| \\ & \quad \times \left| \frac{\mathbb{E}_n \{dM(t)\}}{\mathbb{E}_n \{R(t)e^{\alpha_n A + \beta'_n L}\}} \right| \\ &\leq \sqrt{n} \sup_{t \in [0, \tau]} \left| \mathbb{E}_n \left([A_i - \bar{A}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) - \gamma'_n \{L_i - \bar{L}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n)\}] R_i(t) e^{\alpha_n A_i + \beta'_n L_i} \right) \right| \\ & \quad \times \int_0^\tau \left| \frac{\mathbb{E}_n \{dM(t)\}}{\mathbb{E}_n \{R(t)e^{\alpha_n A + \beta'_n L}\}} \right| \\ &\leq \sqrt{n} \delta^{-1} \sup_{t \in [0, \tau]} \left| \mathbb{E}_n \left([A_i - \bar{A}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) - \gamma'_n \{L_i - \bar{L}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n)\}] R_i(t) e^{\alpha_n A_i + \beta'_n L_i} \right) \right| \\ & \quad \times \int_0^\tau |\mathbb{E}_n \{dM(t)\}| \end{aligned}$$

where the last inequality follows from Assumption 3. From the proof of Lemma 3 in Fang et al. (2017) it follows that $\int_0^\tau \left| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n dM_j(t) \right| = O_{P_n}(n^{-1/2})$ under a correctly specified Cox model

for survival time T . We conclude that, for $C_n = O_{P_n}(1)$,

$$|R_1| \leq C_n \delta^{-1} \sup_{t \in [0, \tau]} \left| \mathbb{E}_n \left([A_i - \bar{A}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) - \gamma'_n \{L_i - \bar{L}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n)\}] R_i(t) e^{\alpha_n A_i + \beta'_n L_i} \right) \right|.$$

Under Assumption 2, it follows from the uniform weak law of large numbers that

$$\begin{aligned} \forall t \in [0, \tau] : & \left| \mathbb{E}_n \left([A_i - \bar{A}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) - \gamma'_n \{L_i - \bar{L}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n)\}] R_i(t) e^{\alpha_n A_i + \beta'_n L_i} \right) \right| \\ &= \left| \mathbb{E}_n \left([A_i - \bar{A}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) - \gamma'_n \{L_i - \bar{L}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n)\}] R_i(t) e^{\alpha_n A_i + \beta'_n L_i} \right) \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \mathbb{E}_{P_n} \left([A_i - \bar{A}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) - \gamma'_n \{L_i - \bar{L}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n)\}] R_i(t) e^{\alpha_n A_i + \beta'_n L_i} \right) \right| \\ &= O_{P_n}(n^{-1/2}), \end{aligned}$$

since $\mathbb{E}_{P_n} \left([A_i - \bar{A}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) - \gamma'_n \{L_i - \bar{L}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n)\}] R_i(t) e^{\alpha_n A_i + \beta'_n L_i} \right) = 0$ by the definitions of $\bar{A}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n)$ and $\bar{L}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n)$. By the definition of a supremum, it then follows that $|R_1| = o_{P_n}(1)$.

Now, let $\bar{X}^*(t, \alpha, \beta) = \frac{\mathbb{E}_{P_n}\{R(t)Xe^{\alpha A + \beta' L}\}}{\mathbb{E}_{P_n}\{R(t)e^{\alpha A + \beta' L}\}}$ and $\bar{X}_n(t, \alpha, \beta) = \frac{\mathbb{E}_n\{R(t)Xe^{\alpha A + \beta' L}\}}{\mathbb{E}_n\{R(t)e^{\alpha A + \beta' L}\}}$. Then, following a Taylor expansion for R_2 with respect to $\tilde{\theta} = (\tilde{\alpha}, \hat{\beta}')'$ yields

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n \int_0^\tau \left([A_i - \bar{A}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) - \gamma'_n \{L_i - \bar{L}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n)\}] R_i(t) \right. \\ & \quad \times \left. \{\hat{\lambda}_0(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) e^{\alpha_n A_i + \beta'_n L_i} - \hat{\lambda}_0(t, \tilde{\alpha}, \hat{\beta}) e^{\tilde{\alpha} A_i + \hat{\beta}' L_i}\} dt \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n \int_0^\tau \left([A_i - \bar{A}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) - \gamma'_n \{L_i - \bar{L}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n)\}] R_i(t) e^{\alpha_n A_i + \beta'_n L_i} \hat{\lambda}_0(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) \right. \\ & \quad \times \left. \{X_i - \bar{X}_n(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n)\} dt \right) (\theta_n - \tilde{\theta}) + O_{P_n}(\sqrt{n} \|\theta_n - \tilde{\theta}\|_2^2) \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n \int_0^\tau \left([A_i - \bar{A}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) - \gamma'_n \{L_i - \bar{L}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n)\}] R_i(t) e^{\alpha_n A_i + \beta'_n L_i} \hat{\lambda}_0(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) \right. \\ & \quad \times \left. \{A_i - \bar{A}_n(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n)\} dt \right) (\alpha_n - \tilde{\alpha}) \\ &+ \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n \int_0^\tau \left([A_i - \bar{A}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) - \gamma'_n \{L_i - \bar{L}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n)\}] R_i(t) e^{\alpha_n A_i + \beta'_n L_i} \hat{\lambda}_0(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) \right. \\ & \quad \times \left. \{L_i - \bar{L}_n(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n)\} dt \right) (\beta_n - \hat{\beta}) \\ &+ O_{P_n}(\sqrt{n} \|\theta_n - \tilde{\theta}\|_2^2), \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n \int_0^\tau \left([A_i - \bar{A}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) - \gamma'_n \{L_i - \bar{L}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n)\}] R_i(t) e^{\alpha_n A_i + \beta'_n L_i} \hat{\lambda}_0(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) \right. \\ & \quad \times \{L_i - \bar{L}_n(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n)\} dt \Big) (\beta_n - \hat{\beta}) \\ & = \sqrt{n} \mathbb{E}_n \left[\int_0^\tau \left([A_i - \bar{A}_n(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) - \gamma'_n \{L_i - \bar{L}_n(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n)\}] R_i(t) e^{\alpha_n A_i + \beta'_n L_i} \hat{\lambda}_0(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) \right. \right. \\ & \quad \times \{L_i - \bar{L}_n(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n)\} dt \Big) \right] (\beta_n - \hat{\beta}) \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A.6})$$

$$\begin{aligned} & + \sqrt{n} \mathbb{E}_n \left[\int_0^\tau \left\{ \bar{A}_n(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) - \bar{A}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) \right\} R_i(t) e^{\alpha_n A_i + \beta'_n L_i} \hat{\lambda}_0(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) \right. \\ & \quad \times \{L_i - \bar{L}_n(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n)\} dt \Big] (\beta_n - \hat{\beta}) \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A.7})$$

$$\begin{aligned} & + \sqrt{n} \gamma'_n \mathbb{E}_n \left[\int_0^\tau \left\{ \bar{L}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) - \bar{L}_n(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) \right\} R_i(t) e^{\alpha_n A_i + \beta'_n L_i} \hat{\lambda}_0(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) \right. \\ & \quad \times \{L_i - \bar{L}_n(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n)\} dt \Big] (\beta_n - \hat{\beta}). \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A.8})$$

Term (A.6) yields

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \sqrt{n} \mathbb{E}_n \left[\int_0^\tau \left([A_i - \bar{A}_n(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) - \gamma'_n \{L_i - \bar{L}_n(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n)\}] R_i(t) e^{\alpha_n A_i + \beta'_n L_i} \hat{\lambda}_0(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) \right. \right. \right. \right. \\ & \quad \times \{L_i - \bar{L}_n(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n)\} dt \Big) \Big] (\beta_n - \hat{\beta}) \right| \\ & \leq \sqrt{n} \left\| \mathbb{E}_n \left[\int_0^\tau \left([A_i - \bar{A}_n(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) - \gamma'_n \{L_i - \bar{L}_n(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n)\}] R_i(t) e^{\alpha_n A_i + \beta'_n L_i} \hat{\lambda}_0(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) \right. \right. \right. \right. \\ & \quad \times \{L_i - \bar{L}_n(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n)\} dt \Big) \Big] \right\|_\infty \left\| \beta_n - \hat{\beta} \right\|_1 \\ & = \sqrt{n} \left\| \mathbb{E}_n \left\{ \frac{\partial \hat{U}_i(\alpha_n, \beta_n, \gamma_n)}{\partial \beta} \right\} \right\|_\infty \cdot \left\| \beta_n - \hat{\beta} \right\|_1. \end{aligned}$$

By Assumption 5.2, Assumption 4.1 and the ultra-sparsity condition in Theorem 3.3 we then have that

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \sqrt{n} \mathbb{E}_n \left[\int_0^\tau \left([A_i - \bar{A}_n(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) - \gamma'_n \{L_i - \bar{L}_n(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n)\}] R_i(t) e^{\alpha_n A_i + \beta'_n L_i} \hat{\lambda}_0(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) \right. \right. \right. \right. \\ & \quad \times \{L_i - \bar{L}_n(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n)\} dt \Big) \Big] (\beta_n - \hat{\beta}) \right| = o_{P_n}(1). \end{aligned}$$

Next, for term (A.7) we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \sqrt{n} \mathbb{E}_n \left[\int_0^\tau \left\{ \bar{A}_n(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) - \bar{A}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) \right\} R_i(t) e^{\alpha_n A_i + \beta'_n L_i} \hat{\lambda}_0(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) \right. \\ & \quad \times \{L_i - \bar{L}_n(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n)\} dt \Big] (\beta_n - \hat{\beta}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \times \left\{ L_i - \bar{L}_n(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) \right\} dt \Big] (\beta_n - \hat{\beta}) \\
& = \sqrt{n} \int_0^\tau \left\{ \left\{ \bar{A}_n(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) - \bar{A}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) \right\} \right. \\
& \quad \times \mathbb{E}_n \left(R_i(t) e^{\alpha_n A_i + \beta'_n L_i} \hat{\lambda}_0(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) \left[L_i - \frac{\mathbb{E}_n \{ R(t) L e^{\alpha_n A + \beta'_n L} \}}{\mathbb{E}_n \{ R(t) e^{\alpha_n A + \beta'_n L} \}} \right] \right) dt \Big\} (\beta_n - \hat{\beta}) \\
& = 0.
\end{aligned}$$

Similarly, term (A.8) equals zero. Thus, by Assumption 4.2 and the consistency of $\tilde{\alpha}$,

$$\begin{aligned}
R_2 &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n \int_0^\tau \left([A_i - \bar{A}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) - \gamma'_n \{ L_i - \bar{L}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) \}] R_i(t) \right. \\
&\quad \times \left. e^{\alpha_n A_i + \beta'_n L_i} \hat{\lambda}_0(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) \{ A_i - \bar{A}_n(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) \} dt \right) (\alpha_n - \tilde{\alpha}) + o_{P_n}(1).
\end{aligned} \tag{A.9}$$

Next, for R_3 , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n \int_0^\tau R_i(t) \{ dN_i(t) - \hat{\lambda}_0(t, \tilde{\alpha}, \hat{\beta}) e^{\tilde{\alpha} A_i + \hat{\beta}' L_i} dt \} \left\{ \bar{A}_n(t, \tilde{\alpha}, \hat{\beta}) - \bar{A}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) \right\} \\
& = \sqrt{n} \mathbb{E}_n \left(\int_0^\tau R_i(t) \left[dN_i(t) - e^{\tilde{\alpha} A_i + \hat{\beta}' L_i} \frac{\mathbb{E}_n \{ dN(t) R(t) \}}{\mathbb{E}_n \{ R(t) e^{\tilde{\alpha} A + \hat{\beta}' L} \}} \right] \left\{ \bar{A}_n(t, \tilde{\alpha}, \hat{\beta}) - \bar{A}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) \right\} \right) \\
& = 0.
\end{aligned}$$

Similarly, for R_4 , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n \int_0^\tau R_i(t) \{ dN_i(t) - \hat{\lambda}_0(t, \tilde{\alpha}, \hat{\beta}) e^{\tilde{\alpha} A_i + \hat{\beta}' L_i} dt \} \gamma'_n \left\{ \bar{L}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) - \bar{L}_n(t, \tilde{\alpha}, \hat{\beta}) \right\} \\
& = \sqrt{n} \mathbb{E} \left(\int_0^\tau R_i(t) \left[dN_i(t) - e^{\tilde{\alpha} A_i + \hat{\beta}' L_i} \frac{\mathbb{E}_n \{ dN(t) R(t) \}}{\mathbb{E}_n \{ R(t) e^{\tilde{\alpha} A + \hat{\beta}' L} \}} \right] \gamma'_n \left\{ \bar{L}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) - \bar{L}_n(t, \tilde{\alpha}, \hat{\beta}) \right\} \right) \\
& = 0.
\end{aligned}$$

Next, for R_5 , note that

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n \int_0^\tau R_i(t) (\gamma_n - \hat{\gamma})' \left\{ L_i - \bar{L}_n(t, \tilde{\alpha}, \hat{\beta}) \right\} \{ dN_i(t) - \hat{\lambda}_0(t, \tilde{\alpha}, \hat{\beta}) e^{\tilde{\alpha} A_i + \hat{\beta}' L_i} dt \} \\
& = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n \int_0^\tau R_i(t) (\gamma_n - \hat{\gamma})' \{ L_i - \bar{L}_n(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) \} \{ dN_i(t) - \hat{\lambda}_0(t, \tilde{\alpha}, \hat{\beta}) e^{\tilde{\alpha} A_i + \hat{\beta}' L_i} dt \},
\end{aligned}$$

as

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n \int_0^\tau \left(R_i(t) (\gamma_n - \hat{\gamma})' \left\{ \bar{L}_n(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) - \bar{L}_n(t, \tilde{\alpha}, \hat{\beta}) \right\} \right.$$

$$\times \{dN_i(t) - \hat{\lambda}_0(t, \tilde{\alpha}, \hat{\beta})e^{\tilde{\alpha}A_i + \hat{\beta}'L_i}dt\} = 0$$

by a similar reasoning as for R_4 .

Moreover,

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n \int_0^\tau R_i(t)(\gamma_n - \hat{\gamma})' \{L_i - \bar{L}_n(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n)\} \{dN_i(t) - \hat{\lambda}_0(t, \tilde{\alpha}, \hat{\beta})e^{\tilde{\alpha}A_i + \hat{\beta}'L_i}dt\} \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n \int_0^\tau R_i(t)(\gamma_n - \hat{\gamma})' \{L_i - \bar{L}_n(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n)\} \{dN_i(t) - \hat{\lambda}_0(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n)e^{\alpha_n A_i + \beta'_n L_i}dt\} \quad (\text{A.10}) \\ &+ \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n \int_0^\tau \left(R_i(t)(\gamma_n - \hat{\gamma})' \{L_i - \bar{L}_n(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n)\} \right. \\ &\quad \left. \times \{\hat{\lambda}_0(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n)e^{\alpha_n A_i + \beta'_n L_i} - \hat{\lambda}_0(t, \tilde{\alpha}, \hat{\beta})e^{\tilde{\alpha}A_i + \hat{\beta}'L_i}dt\} \right). \end{aligned}$$

Then, for term (A.10), by Hölder's inequality,

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \sqrt{n} \mathbb{E}_n \left[\int_0^\tau R_i(t)(\gamma_n - \hat{\gamma})' \{L_i - \bar{L}_n(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n)\} \{dN_i(t) - \hat{\lambda}_0(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n)e^{\alpha_n A_i + \beta'_n L_i}dt\} \right] \right| \\ & \leq \sqrt{n} \left\| \mathbb{E}_n \left[\int_0^\tau R_i(t) \{L_i - \bar{L}_n(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n)\} \{dN_i(t) - \hat{\lambda}_0(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n)e^{\alpha_n A_i + \beta'_n L_i}dt\} \right] \right\|_\infty \|\gamma_n - \hat{\gamma}\|_1 \\ &= \sqrt{n} \left\| \mathbb{E}_n \left\{ \frac{\partial \hat{U}_i(\alpha_n, \beta_n, \gamma_n)}{\partial \gamma} \right\} \right\|_\infty \|\gamma_n - \hat{\gamma}\|_1 \\ &\leq \sqrt{n} C_\gamma \sqrt{\frac{\log(p \vee n)}{n}} \|\gamma_n - \hat{\gamma}\|_1, \end{aligned}$$

using Assumption 5.1. Therefore, given Assumption 4.3 and the ultra-sparsity condition, this term converges in probability to zero.

A further Taylor expansion on term (A.11) yields

$$\begin{aligned} & \sqrt{n} \mathbb{E}_n \left[\int_0^\tau R_i(t)(\gamma_n - \hat{\gamma})' \{L_i - \bar{L}_n(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n)\} \right. \\ & \quad \left. \times \{\hat{\lambda}_0(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n)e^{\alpha_n A_i + \beta'_n L_i} - \hat{\lambda}_0(t, \tilde{\alpha}, \hat{\beta})e^{\tilde{\alpha}A_i + \hat{\beta}'L_i}dt\} \right] \\ &= \sqrt{n} \mathbb{E}_n \left[\int_0^\tau R_i(t)(\gamma_n - \hat{\gamma})' \{L_i - \bar{L}_n(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n)\} \hat{\lambda}_0(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n)e^{\alpha_n A_i + \beta'_n L_i} \right. \\ & \quad \left. \times \{A_i - \bar{A}_n(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n)\} (\alpha_n - \tilde{\alpha})dt \right] \quad (\text{A.12}) \\ &+ \sqrt{n} \mathbb{E}_n \left[\int_0^\tau R_i(t)(\gamma_n - \hat{\gamma})' \{L_i - \bar{L}_n(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n)\} \hat{\lambda}_0(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n)e^{\alpha_n A_i + \beta'_n L_i} \right. \\ & \quad \left. + \sqrt{n} \mathbb{E}_n \left[\int_0^\tau R_i(t)(\gamma_n - \hat{\gamma})' \{L_i - \bar{L}_n(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n)\} \hat{\lambda}_0(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n)e^{\alpha_n A_i + \beta'_n L_i} \right] \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \times \left[\left\{ L_i - \bar{L}_n(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) \right\} (\beta_n - \hat{\beta}) dt \right] \\
& + O_{P_n}(\sqrt{n} \|\theta_n - \tilde{\theta}\|_2^2).
\end{aligned} \tag{A.13}$$

For Term (A.13) we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sqrt{n} \left| \mathbb{E}_n \left[\int_0^\tau R_i(t) (\gamma_n - \hat{\gamma})' \left\{ L_i - \bar{L}_n(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) \right\} \hat{\lambda}_0(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) e^{\alpha_n A_i + \beta_n' L_i} \right. \right. \\
& \times \left. \left. \left\{ L_i - \bar{L}_n(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) \right\} (\beta_n - \hat{\beta}) dt \right] \right| \\
& \leq \sqrt{n} \tau \sup_{t \in [0, \tau]} \left| \mathbb{E}_n \left[R_i(t) (\gamma_n - \hat{\gamma})' \left\{ L_i - \bar{L}_n(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) \right\} \hat{\lambda}_0(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) e^{\alpha_n A_i + \beta_n' L_i} \right. \right. \\
& \times \left. \left. \left\{ L_i - \bar{L}_n(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) \right\} (\beta_n - \hat{\beta}) dt \right] \right| \\
& \leq \sqrt{n} \tau \sup_{t \in [0, \tau]} \sqrt{\mathbb{E}_n \left[R_i(t) (\gamma_n - \hat{\gamma})' \left\{ L_i - \bar{L}_n(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) \right\} \hat{\lambda}_0(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) e^{\alpha_n A_i + \beta_n' L_i} \right]^2} \\
& \times \sup_{t \in [0, \tau]} \sqrt{\mathbb{E}_n \left[(\beta_n - \hat{\beta})' \left\{ L_i - \bar{L}_n(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) \right\} \right]^2} \\
& \leq \sqrt{n} \tau \sup_{t \in [0, \tau]} \sqrt{\mathbb{E}_n \left[R_i(t) (\gamma_n - \hat{\gamma})' \left\{ L_i - \bar{L}_n(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) \right\} \hat{\lambda}_0(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) e^{\alpha_n A_i + \beta_n' L_i} \right]^2} \\
& \times \sqrt{2} \left[\sup_{t \in [0, \tau]} \sqrt{\mathbb{E}_n \left\{ (\beta_n - \hat{\beta})' L_i \right\}^2} + \sup_{t \in [0, \tau]} \sqrt{\mathbb{E}_n \left\{ (\beta_n - \hat{\beta})' \bar{L}_n(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) \right\}^2} \right] \\
& \leq \sqrt{n} \tau C \sup_{t \in [0, \tau]} \sqrt{\mathbb{E}_n \left[(\gamma_n - \hat{\gamma})' \left\{ L_i - \bar{L}_n(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) \right\} \right]^2} \\
& \times \left[\sup_{t \in [0, \tau]} \sqrt{\mathbb{E}_n \left\{ (\beta_n - \hat{\beta})' L_i \right\}^2} + \delta^{-1} \sup_{t \in [0, \tau]} \left| \mathbb{E}_n \left\{ (\beta_n - \hat{\beta})' L_i R_i(t) e^{\alpha_n A_i + \beta_n' L_i} \right\} \right| \right] \\
& \leq \sqrt{n} \tau C \sup_{t \in [0, \tau]} \sqrt{\mathbb{E}_n \left[(\gamma_n - \hat{\gamma})' \left\{ L_i - \bar{L}_n(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) \right\} \right]^2} \\
& \times \left[\sup_{t \in [0, \tau]} \sqrt{\mathbb{E}_n \left\{ (\beta_n - \hat{\beta})' L_i \right\}^2} + \delta^{-1} C' \sup_{t \in [0, \tau]} \sqrt{\mathbb{E}_n \left\{ (\beta_n - \hat{\beta})' L_i \right\}^2} \right],
\end{aligned}$$

for positive constants C and C' by $(a+b)^2 \leq 2(a^2 + b^2)$, Hölder's inequality, Assumption 2.1 and Assumption 3. Under Assumption 8, term (A.13) then converges in probability to zero.

It then follows by Assumption 4.2 and the consistency of $\tilde{\alpha}$ that

$$\begin{aligned} R_5 &= \sqrt{n}\mathbb{E}_n \left[\int_0^\tau R_i(t)(\gamma_n - \hat{\gamma})' \{L_i - \bar{L}_n(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n)\} \hat{\lambda}_0(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) e^{\alpha_n A_i + \beta'_n L_i} \right. \\ &\quad \times \{A_i - \bar{A}_n(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n)\} (\alpha_n - \tilde{\alpha}) dt \Big] + o_{P_n}(1). \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A.14})$$

Next, it follows from the fact that $R_1 + R_3 + R_4 = o_{P_n}(1)$ and Equations (A.9) and (A.14), that Equation (A.5) reduces to

$$\begin{aligned} &\sqrt{n}\mathbb{E}_n \left(\int_0^\tau [A_i - \bar{A}_n(t, \tilde{\alpha}, \hat{\beta}) - \hat{\gamma}' \{L_i - \bar{L}_n(t, \tilde{\alpha}, \hat{\beta})\}] \{dN_i(t) - R_i(t)\hat{\lambda}_0(t, \tilde{\alpha}, \hat{\beta})e^{\tilde{\alpha} A_i + \hat{\beta}' L_i} dt\} \right) \\ &= \sqrt{n}\mathbb{E}_n \left(\int_0^\tau [A_i - \bar{A}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) - \gamma'_n \{L_i - \bar{L}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n)\}] \right. \\ &\quad \times \left. \{dN_i(t) - R_i(t)\lambda_{0n}(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n)e^{\alpha_n A_i + \beta'_n L_i} dt\} \right) \\ &+ \sqrt{n}\mathbb{E}_n \left(\int_0^\tau [A_i - \bar{A}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) - \gamma'_n \{L_i - \bar{L}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n)\}] R_i(t)e^{\alpha_n A_i + \beta'_n L_i} \hat{\lambda}_0(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) \right. \\ &\quad \times \left. \{A_i - \bar{A}_n(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n)\} dt \right) (\alpha_n - \tilde{\alpha}) \\ &+ \sqrt{n}\mathbb{E}_n \left[\int_0^\tau R_i(t)(\gamma_n - \hat{\gamma})' \{L_i - \bar{L}_n(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n)\} \hat{\lambda}_0(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) e^{\alpha_n A_i + \beta'_n L_i} \{A_i - \bar{A}_n(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n)\} dt \right] \\ &\quad \times (\alpha_n - \tilde{\alpha}) \\ &+ o_{P_n}(1). \end{aligned}$$

Since the estimator $\tilde{\alpha}$ can be defined as the solution to the estimating equations

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \int_0^\tau [A_i - \bar{A}_n(t, \alpha, \hat{\beta}) - \hat{\gamma}' \{L_i - \bar{L}_n(t, \alpha, \hat{\beta})\}] \{dN_i(t) - R_i(t)\hat{\lambda}_0(t, \alpha, \hat{\beta})e^{\alpha A_i + \hat{\beta}' L_i} dt\} = 0,$$

the left hand side of the previous equation becomes zero such that

$$0 = \sqrt{n}\mathbb{E}_n \left(\int_0^\tau [A_i - \bar{A}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) - \gamma'_n \{L_i - \bar{L}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n)\}] \right. \quad (\text{A.15})$$

$$\left. \times \{dN_i(t) - R_i(t)\lambda_{0n}(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n)e^{\alpha_n A_i + \beta'_n L_i} dt\} \right) \quad (\text{A.16})$$

$$+ \sqrt{n}\mathbb{E}_n \left(\int_0^\tau [A_i - \bar{A}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) - \gamma'_n \{L_i - \bar{L}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n)\}] R_i(t)e^{\alpha_n A_i + \beta'_n L_i} \right. \quad (\text{A.17})$$

$$\left. \times \hat{\lambda}_0(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) \{A_i - \bar{A}_n(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n)\} dt \right) (\alpha_n - \tilde{\alpha}) \quad (\text{A.18})$$

$$+ \sqrt{n}\mathbb{E}_n \left[\int_0^\tau R_i(t)(\gamma_n - \hat{\gamma})' \{L_i - \bar{L}_n(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n)\} \hat{\lambda}_0(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) e^{\alpha_n A_i + \beta'_n L_i} \right. \quad (\text{A.19})$$

$$\times \left\{ A_i - \bar{A}_n(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) \right\} dt \Big] (\alpha_n - \tilde{\alpha}) \quad (\text{A.20})$$

$$+ o_{P_n}(1). \quad (\text{A.21})$$

Note that the sequence $\sqrt{n}(\alpha_n - \tilde{\alpha})$ is multiplied by

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbb{E}_n \left(\int_0^\tau [A_i - \bar{A}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) - \gamma'_n \{L_i - \bar{L}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n)\}] R_i(t) e^{\alpha_n A_i + \beta'_n L_i} \right. \\ & \quad \times \hat{\lambda}_0(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) \{A_i - \bar{A}_n(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n)\} dt \Big) \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A.22})$$

$$\begin{aligned} & + \mathbb{E}_n \left[\int_0^\tau R_i(t) (\gamma_n - \hat{\gamma})' \{L_i - \bar{L}_n(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n)\} \hat{\lambda}_0(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) e^{\alpha_n A_i + \beta'_n L_i} \right. \\ & \quad \times \{A_i - \bar{A}_n(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n)\} dt \Big]. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A.23})$$

By Hölder's inequality, term (A.23) yields

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \mathbb{E}_n \left[\int_0^\tau R_i(t) (\gamma_n - \hat{\gamma})' \{L_i - \bar{L}_n(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n)\} \hat{\lambda}_0(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) e^{\alpha_n A_i + \beta'_n L_i} \{A_i - \bar{A}_n(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n)\} dt \right] \right| \\ & \leqslant \left\| \mathbb{E}_n \left[\int_0^\tau R_i(t) \{L_i - \bar{L}_n(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n)\} \hat{\lambda}_0(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) e^{\alpha_n A_i + \beta'_n L_i} \{A_i - \bar{A}_n(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n)\} dt \right] \right\|_\infty \\ & \quad \times \|\gamma_n - \hat{\gamma}\|_1 \\ & = o_{P_n}(1), \end{aligned}$$

where the last equation follows from the ultra-sparsity condition, Assumption 4.3 and the fact that the L_∞ -norm is bounded by a positive constant because of Assumption 1, Assumption 2.1 and Assumption 3. For term (A.22), we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbb{E}_n \left(\int_0^\tau [A_i - \bar{A}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) - \gamma'_n \{L_i - \bar{L}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n)\}] R_i(t) e^{\alpha_n A_i + \beta'_n L_i} \hat{\lambda}_0(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) \right. \\ & \quad \times \{A_i - \bar{A}_n(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n)\} dt \Big) \\ & = \mathbb{E}_n \left(\int_0^\tau [A_i - \bar{A}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) - \gamma'_n \{L_i - \bar{L}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n)\}] R_i(t) e^{\alpha_n A_i + \beta'_n L_i} \lambda_{0n}(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) \right. \\ & \quad \times \{A_i - \bar{A}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n)\} dt \Big) \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A.24})$$

$$\begin{aligned} & + \mathbb{E}_n \left(\int_0^\tau [A_i - \bar{A}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) - \gamma'_n \{L_i - \bar{L}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n)\}] R_i(t) e^{\alpha_n A_i + \beta'_n L_i} \right. \\ & \quad \times \left. \left\{ \hat{\lambda}_0(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) - \lambda_{0n}(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) \right\} \{A_i - \bar{A}_n(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n)\} dt \right) \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A.25})$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& + \mathbb{E}_n \left(\int_0^\tau [A_i - \bar{A}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) - \gamma'_n \{L_i - \bar{L}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n)\}] R_i(t) e^{\alpha_n A_i + \beta'_n L_i} \lambda_{0n}(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) \right. \\
& \times \left. \{ \bar{A}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) - \bar{A}_n(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) \} dt \right). \tag{A.26}
\end{aligned}$$

For term (A.25), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left| \mathbb{E}_n \left(\int_0^\tau [A_i - \bar{A}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) - \gamma'_n \{L_i - \bar{L}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n)\}] R_i(t) e^{\alpha_n A_i + \beta'_n L_i} \frac{\mathbb{E}_n \{dM(t)\}}{\mathbb{E}_n \{R(t)e^{\alpha_n A + \beta'_n L}\}} \right. \right. \\
& \times \left. \left. \{A_i - \bar{A}_n(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n)\} dt \right) \right| \\
& \leq \sup_{t \in [0, \tau]} \left| \mathbb{E}_n \left([A_i - \bar{A}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) - \gamma'_n \{L_i - \bar{L}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n)\}] R_i(t) e^{\alpha_n A_i + \beta'_n L_i} \right. \right. \\
& \times \left. \left. \{A_i - \bar{A}_n(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n)\} \right) \right| \int_0^\tau \left| \frac{\mathbb{E}_n \{dM(t)\}}{\mathbb{E}_n \{R(t)e^{\alpha_n A + \beta'_n L}\}} \right| \\
& = o_{P_n}(1),
\end{aligned}$$

as the supremum is bounded by a positive constant, $\int_0^\tau \left| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n dM_j(t) \right| = O_{P_n}(n^{-1/2})$ (Fang et al., 2017) and because of Assumption 3.

For term (A.26), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left| \mathbb{E}_n \left(\int_0^\tau [A_i - \bar{A}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) - \gamma'_n \{L_i - \bar{L}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n)\}] R_i(t) e^{\alpha_n A_i + \beta'_n L_i} \lambda_{0n}(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) \right. \right. \\
& \times \left. \left. \{ \bar{A}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) - \bar{A}_n(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) \} dt \right) \right| \\
& \leq \tau \sup_{t \in [0, \tau]} \left| \mathbb{E}_n \left([A_i - \bar{A}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) - \gamma'_n \{L_i - \bar{L}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n)\}] R_i(t) e^{\alpha_n A_i + \beta'_n L_i} \lambda_{0n}(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) \right) \right| \\
& \times \sup_{t \in [0, \tau]} |\bar{A}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) - \bar{A}_n(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n)| \\
& = O_{P_n}(n^{-1/2}) \sup_{t \in [0, \tau]} |\bar{A}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) - \bar{A}_n(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n)|,
\end{aligned}$$

where the last equality follows from Assumption 2, the uniform weak law of large numbers and definition of a supremum (see term R_1 for a similar reasoning). Under the ultra-sparsity condition and Assumption 7, this term converges in probability to zero.

By the weak law of large numbers, term (A.24) converges in probability to

$$\mathbb{E}_{P_n} \left(\int_0^\tau [A_i - \bar{A}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) - \gamma'_n \{L_i - \bar{L}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n)\}] R_i(t) e^{\alpha_n A_i + \beta'_n L_i} \lambda_{0n}(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) \right)$$

$$\times \left\{ A_i - \bar{A}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) \right\} dt \Bigg).$$

Equation (A.15) can then be rewritten as

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \sqrt{n} \mathbb{E}_n \left(\int_0^\tau [A_i - \bar{A}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) - \gamma'_n \{L_i - \bar{L}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n)\}] \right. \\ &\quad \times \left\{ dN_i(t) - R_i(t) \lambda_{0n}(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) e^{\alpha_n A_i + \beta'_n L_i} dt \right\} \Bigg) \\ &\quad + \sqrt{n} \left[\mathbb{E}_{P_n} \left(\int_0^\tau [A_i - \bar{A}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) - \gamma'_n \{L_i - \bar{L}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n)\}] R_i(t) e^{\alpha_n A_i + \beta'_n L_i} \lambda_{0n}(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) \right. \right. \\ &\quad \times \left. \left. \{A_i - \bar{A}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n)\} dt \right) + o_{P_n}(1) \right] (\alpha_n - \tilde{\alpha}) + o_{P_n}(1). \end{aligned}$$

Rewriting this gives

$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt{n}(\tilde{\alpha} - \alpha_n) &= \mathbb{E}_{P_n} \left(\int_0^\tau [A_i - \bar{A}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) - \gamma'_n \{L_i - \bar{L}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n)\}] R_i(t) e^{\alpha_n A_i + \beta'_n L_i} \right. \\ &\quad \times \left. \lambda_{0n}(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) \{A_i - \bar{A}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n)\} dt \right)^{-1} \\ &\quad \times \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n \int_0^\tau [A_i - \bar{A}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) - \gamma'_n \{L_i - \bar{L}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n)\}] \\ &\quad \times \left\{ dN_i(t) - R_i(t) \lambda_{0n}(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) e^{\alpha_n A_i + \beta'_n L_i} dt \right\} \\ &\quad + o_{P_n}(1). \end{aligned} \tag{A.27}$$

To obtain the asymptotic distribution of $\sqrt{n}(\tilde{\alpha} - \alpha_n)$, we verify the Lyapunov condition. Indeed, as Expression (A.27) has mean zero under a correctly specified Cox model for survival time T , and under the assumptions $V \geq c > 0$,

$$\mathbb{E}_n \left[\left(\int_0^\tau [A_i - \bar{A}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) - \gamma'_n \{L_i - \bar{L}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n)\}] dM_i(t) \right)^2 \right] = O(1),$$

and

$$\mathbb{E}_{P_n} \left[\left| \int_0^\tau [A_i - \bar{A}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) - \gamma'_n \{L_i - \bar{L}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n)\}] dM_i(t) \right|^q \right] < C$$

for $\epsilon > 0$ such that $4 + 2\epsilon \leq q$ with $4 < q < \infty$ and for $0 < c < C < \infty$, the Lyapunov condition holds. By the Lyapunov central limit theorem, $\sqrt{n}(\tilde{\alpha} - \alpha_n) \xrightarrow{d} N(0, \Sigma_n^2)$ follows.

Part 2: Estimation of Variance

In this part, we prove the consistency of the estimator $\tilde{\Sigma}_n^2$ of the variance, where

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{\Sigma}_n^2 = & \tilde{V}^{-1} \mathbb{E}_n \left[\left(\int_0^\tau [A_i - \bar{A}_n(t, \tilde{\alpha}, \hat{\beta}) - \hat{\gamma}' \{L_i - \bar{L}_n(t, \tilde{\alpha}, \hat{\beta})\}] \right. \right. \\ & \times \left. \left. \{dN_i(t) - R_i(t)e^{\tilde{\alpha}A_i + \hat{\beta}'L_i}\hat{\lambda}_0(t, \tilde{\alpha}, \hat{\beta})\} \right)^2 \right] \tilde{V}^{-1},\end{aligned}$$

with

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{V} = & \mathbb{E}_n \left(\int_0^\tau [A_i - \bar{A}_n(t, \tilde{\alpha}, \hat{\beta}) - \hat{\gamma}' \{L_i - \bar{L}_n(t, \tilde{\alpha}, \hat{\beta})\}] R_i(t)e^{\tilde{\alpha}A_i + \hat{\beta}'L_i}\hat{\lambda}_0(t, \tilde{\alpha}, \hat{\beta}) \right. \\ & \times \left. \{A_i - \bar{A}_n(t, \tilde{\alpha}, \hat{\beta})\} dt \right).\end{aligned}$$

First, we prove that

$$\mathbb{E}_n \left(\int_0^\tau [A_i - \bar{A}_n(t, \tilde{\alpha}, \hat{\beta}) - \hat{\gamma}' \{L_i - \bar{L}_n(t, \tilde{\alpha}, \hat{\beta})\}] R_i(t)e^{\tilde{\alpha}A_i + \hat{\beta}'L_i}\hat{\lambda}_0(t, \tilde{\alpha}, \hat{\beta}) \{A_i - \bar{A}_n(t, \tilde{\alpha}, \hat{\beta})\} dt \right)^{-1}$$

converges in probability to

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}_{P_n} \left(\int_0^\tau [A_i - \bar{A}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) - \gamma'_n \{L_i - \bar{L}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n)\}] R_i(t)e^{\alpha_n A_i + \beta'_n L_i}\lambda_{0n}(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) \right. \\ \times \left. \{A_i - \bar{A}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n)\} dt \right)^{-1}.\end{aligned}$$

Define

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{W}_i(\alpha, \beta, \gamma) = & \int_0^\tau [A_i - \bar{A}_n(t, \alpha, \beta) - \gamma' \{L_i - \bar{L}_n(t, \alpha, \beta)\}] R_i(t)e^{\alpha A_i + \beta' L_i}\hat{\lambda}_0(t, \alpha, \beta) \\ & \times \{A_i - \bar{A}_n(t, \alpha, \beta)\} dt\end{aligned}$$

and its corresponding population value

$$\begin{aligned}W_i^*(\alpha, \beta, \gamma) = & \int_0^\tau [A_i - \bar{A}^*(t, \alpha, \beta) - \gamma' \{L_i - \bar{L}^*(t, \alpha, \beta)\}] R_i(t)e^{\alpha A_i + \beta' L_i}\lambda_{0n}(t, \alpha, \beta) \\ & \times \{A_i - \bar{A}^*(t, \alpha, \beta)\} dt.\end{aligned}$$

Step 1

We first prove that

$$\mathbb{E}_n \{W_i^*(\alpha_n, \beta_n, \gamma_n)\} = \mathbb{E}_{P_n} \{W_i^*(\alpha_n, \beta_n, \gamma_n)\} + o_{P_n}(1). \quad (\text{A.28})$$

Consider,

$$P_{P_n} [| \mathbb{E}_n \{W_i^*(\alpha_n, \beta_n, \gamma_n)\} - \mathbb{E}_{P_n} \{W_i^*(\alpha_n, \beta_n, \gamma_n)\} | > \epsilon]$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\leq \frac{1}{\epsilon^2} \mathbb{E}_{P_n} \left[\left| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n W_i^*(\alpha_n, \beta_n, \gamma_n) - \mathbb{E}_{P_n}\{W_i^*(\alpha_n, \beta_n, \gamma_n)\} \right|^2 \right] \\ &\leq \frac{1}{\epsilon^2 n^2} \left(2 - \frac{1}{n} \right) \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{E}_{P_n} [|W_i^*(\alpha_n, \beta_n, \gamma_n) - \mathbb{E}_{P_n}\{W_i^*(\alpha_n, \beta_n, \gamma_n)\}|^2], \end{aligned}$$

where we consecutively apply Chebyshev's inequality and the Von Bahr-Esseen inequality (von Bahr and Esseen, 1965). The last one states that, for independent mean zero variables X_1, \dots, X_n and $q \in [1, 2]$, we have

$$E \left(\left| \sum_{i=1}^n X_i \right|^q \right) \leq \left(2 - \frac{1}{n} \right) \sum_{i=1}^n E(|X_i|^q).$$

Under the assumption that

$$\begin{aligned} Var_{P_n} \left(\int_0^\tau \left[A_i - \bar{A}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) - \gamma'_n \{ L_i - \bar{L}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) \} \right] R_i(t) e^{\alpha_n A_i + \beta'_n L_i} \lambda_{0n}(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) \right. \\ \times \left. \{ A_i - \bar{A}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) \} dt \right) = O(1), \end{aligned}$$

result (A.28) follows from

$$\mathbb{E}_{P_n} [|W_i^*(\alpha_n, \beta_n, \gamma_n) - \mathbb{E}_{P_n}\{W_i^*(\alpha_n, \beta_n, \gamma_n)\}|^2] = Var_{P_n}\{W_i^*(\alpha_n, \beta_n, \gamma_n)\} = O(1).$$

Step 2

In this step we show that

$$\mathbb{E}_n\{\hat{W}_i(\tilde{\alpha}, \hat{\beta}, \hat{\gamma})\} = \mathbb{E}_n\{W_i^*(\alpha_n, \beta_n, \gamma_n)\} + o_{P_n}(1). \quad (\text{A.29})$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}_n \left(\int_0^\tau \left[A_i - \bar{A}_n(t, \tilde{\alpha}, \hat{\beta}) - \hat{\gamma}' \{ L_i - \bar{L}_n(t, \tilde{\alpha}, \hat{\beta}) \} \right] R_i(t) e^{\tilde{\alpha} A_i + \hat{\beta}' L_i} \hat{\lambda}_0(t, \tilde{\alpha}, \hat{\beta}) \right. \\ \times \left. \{ A_i - \bar{A}_n(t, \tilde{\alpha}, \hat{\beta}) \} dt \right) \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A.30})$$

$$= \mathbb{E}_n \left(\int_0^\tau \left[A_i - \bar{A}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) - \gamma'_n \{ L_i - \bar{L}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) \} \right] R_i(t) e^{\alpha_n A_i + \beta'_n L_i} \lambda_{0n}(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) \right) \quad (\text{A.31})$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\times \{ A_i - \bar{A}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) \} dt \\ &+ \mathbb{E}_n \left(\int_0^\tau \left[A_i - \bar{A}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) - \gamma'_n \{ L_i - \bar{L}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) \} \right] R_i(t) e^{\alpha_n A_i + \beta'_n L_i} \right. \\ &\times \left. \{ \hat{\lambda}_0(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) - \lambda_{0n}(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) \} \{ A_i - \bar{A}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) \} dt \right) \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A.32})$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& + \mathbb{E}_n \left(\int_0^\tau [A_i - \bar{A}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) - \gamma'_n \{L_i - \bar{L}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n)\}] R_i(t) A_i \right. \\
& \times \left. \left\{ \hat{\lambda}_0(t, \tilde{\alpha}, \hat{\beta}) e^{\tilde{\alpha} A_i + \hat{\beta}' L_i} - \hat{\lambda}_0(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) e^{\alpha_n A_i + \beta'_n L_i} \right\} dt \right) \quad (\text{A.33})
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& - \mathbb{E}_n \left(\int_0^\tau [A_i - \bar{A}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) - \gamma'_n \{L_i - \bar{L}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n)\}] R_i(t) \right. \\
& \times \left. \left\{ \hat{\lambda}_0(t, \tilde{\alpha}, \hat{\beta}) e^{\tilde{\alpha} A_i + \hat{\beta}' L_i} \bar{A}_n(t, \tilde{\alpha}, \hat{\beta}) - \hat{\lambda}_0(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) e^{\alpha_n A_i + \beta'_n L_i} \bar{A}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) \right\} dt \right) \quad (\text{A.34})
\end{aligned}$$

$$+ \mathbb{E}_n \left[\int_0^\tau \{ \bar{A}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) - \bar{A}_n(t, \tilde{\alpha}, \hat{\beta}) \} R_i(t) e^{\tilde{\alpha} A_i + \hat{\beta}' L_i} \hat{\lambda}_0(t, \tilde{\alpha}, \hat{\beta}) \{ A_i - \bar{A}_n(t, \tilde{\alpha}, \hat{\beta}) \} dt \right] \quad (\text{A.35})$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& - \mathbb{E}_n \left[\int_0^\tau \gamma'_n \{ \bar{L}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) - \bar{L}_n(t, \tilde{\alpha}, \hat{\beta}) \} R_i(t) e^{\tilde{\alpha} A_i + \hat{\beta}' L_i} \hat{\lambda}_0(t, \tilde{\alpha}, \hat{\beta}) \right. \\
& \times \left. \left\{ A_i - \bar{A}_n(t, \tilde{\alpha}, \hat{\beta}) \right\} dt \right] \quad (\text{A.36})
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& + \mathbb{E}_n \left[\int_0^\tau (\gamma_n - \hat{\gamma})' \{ L_i - \bar{L}_n(t, \tilde{\alpha}, \hat{\beta}) \} R_i(t) e^{\alpha_n A_i + \beta'_n L_i} \hat{\lambda}_0(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) \right. \\
& \times \left. \left\{ A_i - \bar{A}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) \right\} dt \right] \quad (\text{A.37})
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& + \mathbb{E}_n \left[\int_0^\tau (\gamma_n - \hat{\gamma})' \{ L_i - \bar{L}_n(t, \tilde{\alpha}, \hat{\beta}) \} R_i(t) A_i \right. \\
& \times \left. \left\{ e^{\tilde{\alpha} A_i + \hat{\beta}' L_i} \hat{\lambda}_0(t, \tilde{\alpha}, \hat{\beta}) - e^{\alpha_n A_i + \beta'_n L_i} \hat{\lambda}_0(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) \right\} dt \right] \quad (\text{A.38})
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& - \mathbb{E}_n \left[\int_0^\tau (\gamma_n - \hat{\gamma})' R_i(t) \{ L_i - \bar{L}_n(t, \tilde{\alpha}, \hat{\beta}) \} \right. \\
& \times \left. \left\{ \hat{\lambda}_0(t, \tilde{\alpha}, \hat{\beta}) e^{\tilde{\alpha} A_i + \hat{\beta}' L_i} \bar{A}_n(t, \tilde{\alpha}, \hat{\beta}) - \hat{\lambda}_0(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) e^{\alpha_n A_i + \beta'_n L_i} \bar{A}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) \right\} dt \right]. \quad (\text{A.39})
\end{aligned}$$

First, note that following a similar reasoning as for term R_1 , it holds for term (A.32) that

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left| \mathbb{E}_n \left(\int_0^\tau [A_i - \bar{A}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) - \gamma'_n \{L_i - \bar{L}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n)\}] R_i(t) e^{\alpha_n A_i + \beta'_n L_i} \right. \right. \\
& \times \left. \left. \left\{ \hat{\lambda}_0(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) - \lambda_{0n}(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) \right\} \{A_i - \bar{A}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n)\} dt \right) \right| \\
& \leq \delta^{-1} \sup_{t \in [0, \tau]} \left| \mathbb{E}_n \left([A_i - \bar{A}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) - \gamma'_n \{L_i - \bar{L}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n)\}] R_i(t) e^{\alpha_n A_i + \beta'_n L_i} \right. \right. \\
& \times \left. \left. \left\{ A_i - \bar{A}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) \right\} \right) \right| \int_0^\tau |\mathbb{E}_n \{dM_j(t)\}|.
\end{aligned}$$

By the fact that the supremum can be bounded by a constant (see Assumption 1 and Assumption

2) and $\int_0^\tau \left| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n dM_j(t) \right| = O_{P_n}(n^{-1/2})$, it follows that term (A.32) converges in probability to zero.

Next, consider term (A.33),

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \mathbb{E}_n \left(\int_0^\tau [A_i - \bar{A}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) - \gamma'_n \{L_i - \bar{L}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n)\}] R_i(t) A_i \right. \right. \\ & \quad \times \left\{ \hat{\lambda}_0(t, \tilde{\alpha}, \hat{\beta}) e^{\tilde{\alpha} A_i + \hat{\beta}' L_i} - \hat{\lambda}_0(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) e^{\alpha_n A_i + \beta'_n L_i} \right\} dt \Bigg) \Bigg| \\ & \leq \left\| \mathbb{E}_n \left(\int_0^\tau [A_i - \bar{A}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) - \gamma'_n \{L_i - \bar{L}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n)\}] R_i(t) A_i \hat{\lambda}_0(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) e^{\alpha_n A_i + \beta'_n L_i} \right. \right. \\ & \quad \times \left\{ X_i - \bar{X}_n(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) \right\} \Bigg) \right\|_\infty \cdot \left\| \theta_n - \tilde{\theta} \right\|_1 + O_{P_n}(\|\theta_n - \tilde{\theta}\|_2^2), \end{aligned}$$

by following a Taylor expansion and using Hölder's inequality. From Assumption 4.1, Assumption 4.2, the consistency of $\tilde{\alpha}$ and the fact that the L_∞ -norm of the population mean,

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbb{E}_n \left(\int_0^\tau [A_i - \bar{A}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) - \gamma'_n \{L_i - \bar{L}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n)\}] R_i(t) A_i \hat{\lambda}_0(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) e^{\alpha_n A_i + \beta'_n L_i} \right. \\ & \quad \times \left\{ X_i - \bar{X}_n(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) \right\} \Bigg), \end{aligned}$$

can be bounded by a constant (see Assumptions 1-3), it follows that term (A.33) converges in probability to zero. Similarly, for term (A.34),

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \mathbb{E}_n \left(\int_0^\tau [A_i - \bar{A}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) - \gamma'_n \{L_i - \bar{L}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n)\}] R_i(t) \right. \right. \\ & \quad \times \left\{ \hat{\lambda}_0(t, \tilde{\alpha}, \hat{\beta}) e^{\tilde{\alpha} A_i + \hat{\beta}' L_i} \bar{A}_n(t, \hat{\alpha}, \hat{\beta}) - \hat{\lambda}_0(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) e^{\alpha_n A_i + \beta'_n L_i} \bar{A}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) \right\} dt \Bigg) \Bigg| \\ & \leq \left| \mathbb{E}_n \left(\int_0^\tau [A_i - \bar{A}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) - \gamma'_n \{L_i - \bar{L}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n)\}] R_i(t) \right. \right. \\ & \quad \times \left\{ \hat{\lambda}_0(t, \tilde{\alpha}, \hat{\beta}) e^{\tilde{\alpha} A_i + \hat{\beta}' L_i} \bar{A}_n(t, \hat{\alpha}, \hat{\beta}) - \hat{\lambda}_0(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) e^{\alpha_n A_i + \beta'_n L_i} \bar{A}_n(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) \right\} dt \Bigg) \Bigg| \\ & \quad + \left| \mathbb{E}_n \left(\int_0^\tau [A_i - \bar{A}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) - \gamma'_n \{L_i - \bar{L}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n)\}] R_i(t) \hat{\lambda}_0(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) e^{\alpha_n A_i + \beta'_n L_i} \right. \right. \\ & \quad \times \left\{ \bar{A}_n(t, \hat{\alpha}, \hat{\beta}) - \bar{A}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) \right\} dt \Bigg) \Bigg|. \end{aligned}$$

Here, by following a Taylor expansion and using Hölder's inequality the first term can be bounded by

$$\left\| \mathbb{E}_n \left(\int_0^\tau [A_i - \bar{A}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) - \gamma'_n \{L_i - \bar{L}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n)\}] R_i(t) \right. \right.$$

$$\times \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left\{ \hat{\lambda}_0(t, \alpha, \beta) e^{\alpha A_i + \beta' L_i} \bar{A}_n(t, \alpha, \beta) \right\}_{\theta=\theta_n} \right\|_{\infty} \left\| \theta_n - \tilde{\theta} \right\|_1 + O_{P_n}(\|\theta_n - \tilde{\theta}\|_2^2).$$

From Assumption 4.1, Assumption 4.2, the consistency of $\tilde{\alpha}$ and the fact that the L_{∞} -norm can be bounded by a constant (see Assumptions 1-3), it follows that term (A.34) converges in probability to zero. The other term can be bounded by

$$\begin{aligned} & \tau \sup_{t \in [0, \tau]} \left| \mathbb{E}_n \left([A_i - \bar{A}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) - \gamma'_n \{L_i - \bar{L}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n)\}] R_i(t) e^{\alpha_n A_i + \beta'_n L_i} \right) \right| \sup_{t \in [0, \tau]} \hat{\lambda}_0(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) \\ & \times \sup_{t \in [0, \tau]} \left| \left\{ \bar{A}_n(t, \hat{\alpha}, \hat{\beta}) - \bar{A}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) \right\} \right|, \end{aligned}$$

which converges, under the ultra-sparsity condition, in probability to zero as the first supremum is bounded by $O_{P_n}(n^{-1/2})$ (following a similar reasoning as for R_1), $\sup_{t \in [0, \tau]} \hat{\lambda}_0(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n)$ is bounded by a constant (see Assumption 3) and the last supremum is bounded by $O_{P_n} \left(\sqrt{\frac{\log(p \vee n)}{n}} \right)$ (see Assumption 7).

Note that term (A.35) and term (A.36) equal 0. Next, by Hölder's inequality for term (A.37) it holds that

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \mathbb{E}_n \left[\int_0^\tau (\gamma_n - \hat{\gamma})' \left\{ L_i - \bar{L}_n(t, \tilde{\alpha}, \hat{\beta}) \right\} R_i(t) e^{\alpha_n A_i + \beta'_n L_i} \hat{\lambda}_0(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) \{A_i - \bar{A}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n)\} dt \right] \right| \\ & \leq \left| \mathbb{E}_n \left[\int_0^\tau (\gamma_n - \hat{\gamma})' \{L_i - \bar{L}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n)\} R_i(t) e^{\alpha_n A_i + \beta'_n L_i} \hat{\lambda}_0(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) \{A_i - \bar{A}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n)\} dt \right] \right| \\ & + \left| \mathbb{E}_n \left[\int_0^\tau (\gamma_n - \hat{\gamma})' \left\{ \bar{L}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) - \bar{L}_n(t, \tilde{\alpha}, \hat{\beta}) \right\} R_i(t) e^{\alpha_n A_i + \beta'_n L_i} \hat{\lambda}_0(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) \{A_i - \bar{A}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n)\} dt \right] \right| \\ & \leq \left| \left| \mathbb{E}_n \left[\int_0^\tau \{L_i - \bar{L}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n)\} R_i(t) e^{\alpha_n A_i + \beta'_n L_i} \hat{\lambda}_0(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) \{A_i - \bar{A}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n)\} dt \right] \right| \right|_{\infty} \\ & \times \|\gamma_n - \hat{\gamma}\|_1 \\ & + \left| \left| \mathbb{E}_n \left[\int_0^\tau \left\{ \bar{L}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) - \bar{L}_n(t, \tilde{\alpha}, \hat{\beta}) \right\} R_i(t) e^{\alpha_n A_i + \beta'_n L_i} \hat{\lambda}_0(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) \{A_i - \bar{A}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n)\} dt \right] \right| \right|_{\infty} \\ & \times \|\gamma_n - \hat{\gamma}\|_1 \\ & \leq \tau \sup_{t \in [0, \tau]} \left| \left| \mathbb{E}_n \left[\{L_i - \bar{L}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n)\} R_i(t) e^{\alpha_n A_i + \beta'_n L_i} \hat{\lambda}_0(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) \{A_i - \bar{A}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n)\} \right] \right| \right|_{\infty} \\ & \times \|\gamma_n - \hat{\gamma}\|_1 \\ & + \tau \sup_{t \in [0, \tau]} \left| \mathbb{E}_n \left[R_i(t) e^{\alpha_n A_i + \beta'_n L_i} \hat{\lambda}_0(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) \{A_i - \bar{A}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n)\} \right] \right| \end{aligned}$$

$$\times \sup_{t \in [0, \tau]} \left\| \bar{L}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) - \bar{L}_n(t, \tilde{\alpha}, \hat{\beta}) \right\|_\infty \|\gamma_n - \hat{\gamma}\|_1$$

$$= o_{P_n}(1),$$

where the last equality follows from Assumption 4.3, the fact that

$$\left\| \mathbb{E}_n \left[\{L_i - \bar{L}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n)\} R_i(t) e^{\alpha_n A_i + \beta'_n L_i} \hat{\lambda}_0(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) \{A_i - \bar{A}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n)\} \right] \right\|_\infty$$

and

$$\left| \mathbb{E}_n \left[R_i(t) e^{\alpha_n A_i + \beta'_n L_i} \hat{\lambda}_0(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) \{A_i - \bar{A}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n)\} \right] \right|$$

are bounded for all $t \in [0, \tau]$ (see Assumption 1-3) and the fact that for all $t \in [0, \tau]$

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| \bar{L}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) - \bar{L}_n(t, \tilde{\alpha}, \hat{\beta}) \right\|_\infty &\leq \left\| \bar{L}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) - \bar{L}_n(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) \right\|_\infty \\ &+ \left\| \bar{L}_n(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) - \bar{L}_n(t, \tilde{\alpha}, \hat{\beta}) \right\|_\infty \\ &\leq O_{P_n} \left(s_\theta \sqrt{\frac{\log(p \vee n)}{n}} \right), \end{aligned}$$

by Assumption 7 and Lemma E.2 in Appendix of Fang et al. (2017), which relies on primitive conditions required for uniform consistency of Lasso estimators and Assumption 1 and Assumption 2.

Next, by Hölder's inequality, term (A.38) yields

$$\begin{aligned} &\left| \mathbb{E}_n \left[\int_0^\tau (\gamma_n - \hat{\gamma})' \{L_i - \bar{L}_n(t, \tilde{\alpha}, \hat{\beta})\} R_i(t) A_i \left\{ e^{\tilde{\alpha} A_i + \hat{\beta}' L_i} \hat{\lambda}_0(t, \tilde{\alpha}, \hat{\beta}) - e^{\alpha_n A_i + \beta'_n L_i} \hat{\lambda}_0(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) \right\} dt \right] \right| \\ &\leq \left\| \mathbb{E}_n \left[\int_0^\tau L_i R_i(t) A_i \left\{ e^{\tilde{\alpha} A_i + \hat{\beta}' L_i} \hat{\lambda}_0(t, \tilde{\alpha}, \hat{\beta}) - e^{\alpha_n A_i + \beta'_n L_i} \hat{\lambda}_0(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) \right\} dt \right] \right\|_\infty \|\gamma_n - \hat{\gamma}\|_1 \\ &+ \left\| \mathbb{E}_n \left[\int_0^\tau \{\bar{L}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) - \bar{L}_n(t, \tilde{\alpha}, \hat{\beta})\} R_i(t) A_i \left\{ e^{\tilde{\alpha} A_i + \hat{\beta}' L_i} \hat{\lambda}_0(t, \tilde{\alpha}, \hat{\beta}) - e^{\alpha_n A_i + \beta'_n L_i} \hat{\lambda}_0(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) \right\} dt \right] \right\|_\infty \\ &\times \|\gamma_n - \hat{\gamma}\|_1 \\ &+ \left\| \mathbb{E}_n \left[\int_0^\tau \bar{L}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) R_i(t) A_i \left\{ e^{\tilde{\alpha} A_i + \hat{\beta}' L_i} \hat{\lambda}_0(t, \tilde{\alpha}, \hat{\beta}) - e^{\alpha_n A_i + \beta'_n L_i} \hat{\lambda}_0(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) \right\} dt \right] \right\|_\infty \|\gamma_n - \hat{\gamma}\|_1. \end{aligned}$$

For the first term, we have

$$\left\| \mathbb{E}_n \left[\int_0^\tau L_i R_i(t) A_i \left\{ e^{\tilde{\alpha} A_i + \hat{\beta}' L_i} \hat{\lambda}_0(t, \tilde{\alpha}, \hat{\beta}) - e^{\alpha_n A_i + \beta'_n L_i} \hat{\lambda}_0(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) \right\} dt \right] \right\|_\infty \|\gamma_n - \hat{\gamma}\|_1$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \left\| \mathbb{E}_n \left(\int_0^\tau \left[\frac{\mathbb{E}_n \{ R_j(t) A_j L_j e^{\tilde{\alpha} A_j + \hat{\beta}' L_j} \}}{\mathbb{E}_n \{ R_j(t) e^{\tilde{\alpha} A_j + \hat{\beta}' L_j} \}} - \frac{\mathbb{E}_n \{ R_j(t) A_j L_j e^{\alpha_n A_j + \beta'_n L_j} \}}{\mathbb{E}_n \{ R_j(t) e^{\alpha_n A_j + \beta'_n L_j} \}} \right] dN_i(t) \right) \right\|_\infty \\
&\quad \times \|\gamma_n - \hat{\gamma}\|_1 \\
&\leq \sup_{t \in [0, \tau]} \left\| \frac{\mathbb{E}_n \{ R_j(t) A_j L_j e^{\tilde{\alpha} A_j + \hat{\beta}' L_j} \}}{\mathbb{E}_n \{ R_j(t) e^{\tilde{\alpha} A_j + \hat{\beta}' L_j} \}} - \frac{\mathbb{E}_n \{ R_j(t) A_j L_j e^{\alpha_n A_j + \beta'_n L_j} \}}{\mathbb{E}_n \{ R_j(t) e^{\alpha_n A_j + \beta'_n L_j} \}} \right\|_\infty \\
&\quad \times \int_0^\tau |\mathbb{E}_n \{ dN_i(t) \}| \|\gamma_n - \hat{\gamma}\|_1 \\
&\leq \tau \sup_{t \in [0, \tau]} \left\| \frac{\mathbb{E}_n \{ R_j(t) A_j L_j e^{\tilde{\alpha} A_j + \hat{\beta}' L_j} \}}{\mathbb{E}_n \{ R_j(t) e^{\tilde{\alpha} A_j + \hat{\beta}' L_j} \}} - \frac{\mathbb{E}_n \{ R_j(t) A_j L_j e^{\alpha_n A_j + \beta'_n L_j} \}}{\mathbb{E}_n \{ R_j(t) e^{\alpha_n A_j + \beta'_n L_j} \}} \right\|_\infty \|\gamma_n - \hat{\gamma}\|_1,
\end{aligned}$$

which converges in probability to zero by Assumption 4.3 and the fact that the L_∞ -norm is bounded by $Cs_\beta \sqrt{\frac{\log(p \vee n)}{n}}$ for a certain constant C , which can be shown by following a similar reasoning as in Lemma E.2 of Fang et al. (2017). The other two terms left for expression (A.38) can be shown to converge in probability to zero in a similar way.

Finally, consider the sample mean in term (A.39)

$$\begin{aligned}
&\mathbb{E}_n \left[\int_0^\tau R_i(t) \left\{ L_i - \bar{L}_n(t, \tilde{\alpha}, \hat{\beta}) \right\} \left\{ \hat{\lambda}_0(t, \tilde{\alpha}, \hat{\beta}) e^{\tilde{\alpha} A_i + \hat{\beta}' L_i} \bar{A}_n(t, \tilde{\alpha}, \hat{\beta}) \right. \right. \\
&\quad \left. \left. - \hat{\lambda}_0(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) e^{\alpha_n A_i + \beta'_n L_i} \bar{A}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) \right\} dt \right] \\
&= \mathbb{E}_n \left[\int_0^\tau R_i(t) \left\{ L_i - \bar{L}_n(t, \tilde{\alpha}, \hat{\beta}) \right\} \hat{\lambda}_0(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) e^{\alpha_n A_i + \beta'_n L_i} \left\{ \bar{A}_n(t, \tilde{\alpha}, \hat{\beta}) - \bar{A}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) \right\} dt \right] \\
&\quad + \mathbb{E}_n \left[\int_0^\tau R_i(t) \left\{ L_i - \bar{L}_n(t, \tilde{\alpha}, \hat{\beta}) \right\} \left\{ \hat{\lambda}_0(t, \tilde{\alpha}, \hat{\beta}) e^{\tilde{\alpha} A_i + \hat{\beta}' L_i} - \hat{\lambda}_0(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) e^{\alpha_n A_i + \beta'_n L_i} \right\} \bar{A}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) dt \right] \\
&\quad + \mathbb{E}_n \left[\int_0^\tau R_i(t) \left\{ L_i - \bar{L}_n(t, \tilde{\alpha}, \hat{\beta}) \right\} \left\{ \hat{\lambda}_0(t, \tilde{\alpha}, \hat{\beta}) e^{\tilde{\alpha} A_i + \hat{\beta}' L_i} - \hat{\lambda}_0(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) e^{\alpha_n A_i + \beta'_n L_i} \right\} \right. \\
&\quad \left. \times \left\{ \bar{A}_n(t, \tilde{\alpha}, \hat{\beta}) - \bar{A}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) \right\} dt \right].
\end{aligned}$$

These terms, multiplied by $(\gamma_n - \hat{\gamma})$, can be bounded in a similar way as term (A.38). We conclude that,

$$\begin{aligned}
&\mathbb{E}_n \left(\int_0^\tau \left[A_i - \bar{A}_n(t, \tilde{\alpha}, \hat{\beta}) - \hat{\gamma}' \left\{ L_i - \bar{L}_n(t, \tilde{\alpha}, \hat{\beta}) \right\} \right] R_i(t) e^{\tilde{\alpha} A_i + \hat{\beta}' L_i} \hat{\lambda}_0(t, \tilde{\alpha}, \hat{\beta}) \right. \\
&\quad \left. \times \left\{ A_i - \bar{A}_n(t, \tilde{\alpha}, \hat{\beta}) \right\} dt \right)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \mathbb{E}_n \left(\int_0^\tau [A_i - \bar{A}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) - \gamma'_n \{L_i - \bar{L}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n)\}] R_i(t) e^{\alpha_n A_i + \beta'_n L_i} \lambda_0(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) \right. \\
&\quad \times \{A_i - \bar{A}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n)\} dt \Big) \\
&\quad + o_{P_n}(1),
\end{aligned}$$

which proves Equation (A.29). It follows from Step 1 and Step 2 that

$$\mathbb{E}_n \{\hat{W}_i(\tilde{\alpha}, \hat{\beta}, \hat{\gamma})\} = \mathbb{E}_{P_n} \{W_i^*(\alpha_n, \beta_n, \gamma_n)\} + o_{P_n}(1).$$

Step 3

In this step we show that

$$\mathbb{E}_n \{\hat{W}_i(\tilde{\alpha}, \hat{\beta}, \hat{\gamma})\}^{-1} = \mathbb{E}_{P_n} \{W_i^*(\alpha_n, \beta_n, \gamma_n)\}^{-1} + o_{P_n}(1). \quad (\text{A.40})$$

First note that $\mathbb{E}_{P_n} \{W_i^*(\alpha_n, \beta_n, \gamma_n)\}^{-1}$ exists under the assumption that

$\forall n : |\mathbb{E}_{P_n} \{W_i^*(\alpha_n, \beta_n, \gamma_n)\}| \geq \delta > 0$. This is a weak condition, which is fulfilled if there is some variation in the exposure at some times t and some levels of L . In particular, this translates to an assumption of the invertibility of the relevant components (i.e., corresponding with parameter of interest α) of the information matrix corresponding with the partial likelihood.

Given that $\forall n : |\mathbb{E}_{P_n} \{W_i^*(\alpha_n, \beta_n, \gamma_n)\}| \geq \delta > 0$, the inverse transformation is Lipschitz continuous (Van der Vaart, 1998). Then by the Uniform Continuous Mapping Theorem (Kasy, 2019),

$$\left| \mathbb{E}_n \{\hat{W}_i(\tilde{\alpha}, \hat{\beta}, \hat{\gamma})\}^{-1} - \mathbb{E}_{P_n} \{W_i^*(\alpha_n, \beta_n, \gamma_n)\}^{-1} \right| \xrightarrow{P} 0.$$

To complete this proof for the consistency of $\tilde{\Sigma}_n^2$, we still need to prove that

$$\mathbb{E}_n \left\{ \left(\int_0^\tau [A_i - \bar{A}_n(t, \tilde{\alpha}, \hat{\beta}) - \hat{\gamma}' \{L_i - \bar{L}_n(t, \tilde{\alpha}, \hat{\beta})\}] \{dN_i(t) - R_i(t) e^{\tilde{\alpha} A_i + \hat{\beta}' L_i} \hat{\lambda}_0(t, \tilde{\alpha}, \hat{\beta})\} \right)^2 \right\}$$

converges in probability to

$$\mathbb{E}_{P_n} \left\{ \left(\int_0^\tau [A_i - \bar{A}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) - \gamma'_n \{L_i - \bar{L}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n)\}] dM_i(t) \right)^2 \right\}.$$

This can be shown by essentially repeating Steps 2 and 3 from the proof of Theorem 3.3 in Dukes et al. (2020), which are similar to Steps 1 and 2 of the previous part of our proof.

Part 3: Link to Triple Selection

So far, we have focused on the one-step estimator $\check{\alpha}$ based on solving the decorrelated score function. Now, we will link the triple selection procedure with the orthogonal (i.e., debiased) score for which we obtained the former results. Recall that B is the union of the variables estimated to have non-zero coefficients in the first three (selection) steps. Now, define $X_B = (A, L'_B)'$, where L_B includes all variables L_k for which $k \in B$. By the last step of the triple selection strategy, we have

$$\mathbb{E}_n \left(\int_0^\tau \left[X_{Bi} - \frac{\mathbb{E}_n \left\{ R_j(t) X_{Bj} e^{\check{\alpha} A_j + \sum_{k \in B} \check{\beta}_k L_{kj}} \right\}}{\mathbb{E}_n \left\{ R_j(t) e^{\check{\alpha} A_j + \sum_{k \in B} \check{\beta}_k L_{kj}} \right\}} \right] dN_i(t) \right) = 0. \quad (\text{A.41})$$

Next, define $\check{\gamma}$ as the solution to

$$\mathbb{E}_n \left(\int_0^\tau [A_i - \bar{A}_n(t, \check{\alpha}, \check{\beta}) - \gamma' \{L_i - \bar{L}_n(t, \check{\alpha}, \check{\beta})\}] \{L_i - \bar{L}_n(t, \check{\alpha}, \check{\beta})\} dN_i(t) \right) = 0,$$

subject to $\text{support}(\gamma) \subseteq B$. Note that by (A.41), taking the linear combination $(1, -\check{\gamma})$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \mathbb{E}_n \left[\int_0^\tau \{A_i - \bar{A}_n(t, \check{\alpha}, \check{\beta})\} dN_i(t) \right] - \check{\gamma}' \mathbb{E}_n \left[\int_0^\tau \{L_i - \bar{L}_n(t, \check{\alpha}, \check{\beta})\} dN_i(t) \right] \\ &= \mathbb{E}_n \left(\int_0^\tau [A_i - \bar{A}_n(t, \check{\alpha}, \check{\beta}) - \check{\gamma}' \{L_i - \bar{L}_n(t, \check{\alpha}, \check{\beta})\}] dN_i(t) \right) \\ &= \mathbb{E}_n \left(\int_0^\tau [A_i - \bar{A}_n(t, \check{\alpha}, \check{\beta}) - \check{\gamma}' \{L_i - \bar{L}_n(t, \check{\alpha}, \check{\beta})\}] \left\{ dN_i(t) - R_i(t) e^{\check{\alpha} A_i + \check{\beta}' L_i} \hat{\lambda}_0(t, \check{\alpha}, \check{\beta}) \right\} \right), \end{aligned}$$

where the last equation follows from

$$\mathbb{E}_n \left(\int_0^\tau [A_i - \bar{A}_n(t, \check{\alpha}, \check{\beta}) - \check{\gamma}' \{L_i - \bar{L}_n(t, \check{\alpha}, \check{\beta})\}] R_i(t) e^{\check{\alpha} A_i + \check{\beta}' L_i} \hat{\lambda}_0(t, \check{\alpha}, \check{\beta}) \right) = 0.$$

Moreover, since $\text{support}(\hat{\gamma}) \subseteq B$ and $\text{support}(\hat{\beta}) \subseteq B$, it follows from Part 1 that,

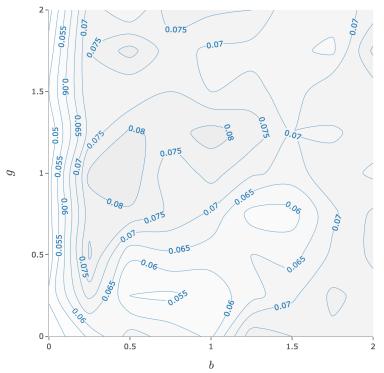
$$\begin{aligned} &\sqrt{n} \mathbb{E}_n \left(\int_0^\tau [A_i - \bar{A}_n(t, \check{\alpha}, \check{\beta}) - \check{\gamma}' \{L_i - \bar{L}_n(t, \check{\alpha}, \check{\beta})\}] R_i(t) \left\{ dN_i(t) - e^{\check{\alpha} A_i + \check{\beta}' L_i} \hat{\lambda}_0(t, \check{\alpha}, \check{\beta}) \right\} \right) \\ &= \sqrt{n} \mathbb{E}_n \left(\int_0^\tau [A_i - \bar{A}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) - \gamma'_n \{L_i - \bar{L}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n)\}] \right. \\ &\quad \times \left. \left\{ dN_i(t) - R_i(t) \lambda_{0n}(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) e^{\alpha_n A_i + \beta'_n L_i} dt \right\} \right) \\ &+ \sqrt{n} \left\{ \mathbb{E}_{P_n} \left(\int_0^\tau [A_i - \bar{A}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) - \gamma'_n \{L_i - \bar{L}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n)\}] R_i(t) e^{\alpha_n A_i + \beta'_n L_i} \lambda_{0n}(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n) \right. \right. \\ &\quad \times \left. \left. \{A_i - \bar{A}^*(t, \alpha_n, \beta_n)\} dt \right) + o_{P_n}(1) \right\} (\alpha_n - \check{\alpha}) + o_{P_n}(1), \end{aligned}$$

and consequently that

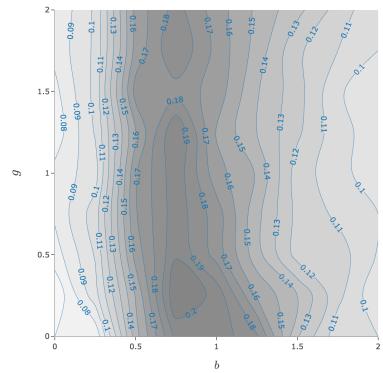
$$\sqrt{n}(\check{\alpha} - \alpha_n) = Z_n + o_{P_n}(1), \quad Z_n \xrightarrow{d} N(0, \Sigma_n^2), \quad (\text{A.42})$$

as $n \rightarrow \infty$. Finally, since $\text{support}(\hat{\gamma}) \subseteq B$ and $\text{support}(\hat{\beta}) \subseteq B$, $\hat{\Sigma}^2$ is a consistent estimator of Σ_n^2 by Part 2 of this proof.

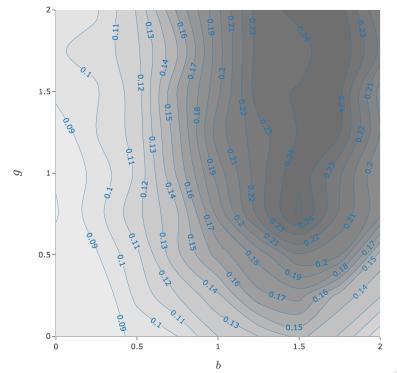
Appendix B: Figures



(a) Setting 1(a) with $\rho = 0.50$



(b) Setting 1(b) with $c_A = 1$



(c) Setting 1(b) with $c_A = 2$

Figure 1: Empirical Type I error rate at the 5% significance level of the double selection approach (i.e., as described in Section 3.2 of the main paper without the censoring model) under Setting 1 with $n = 400$, $p = 30$, $\eta_1 = 1$, $\beta_0 = 0$ and $\gamma_0 = 0$ for different distributions of X .

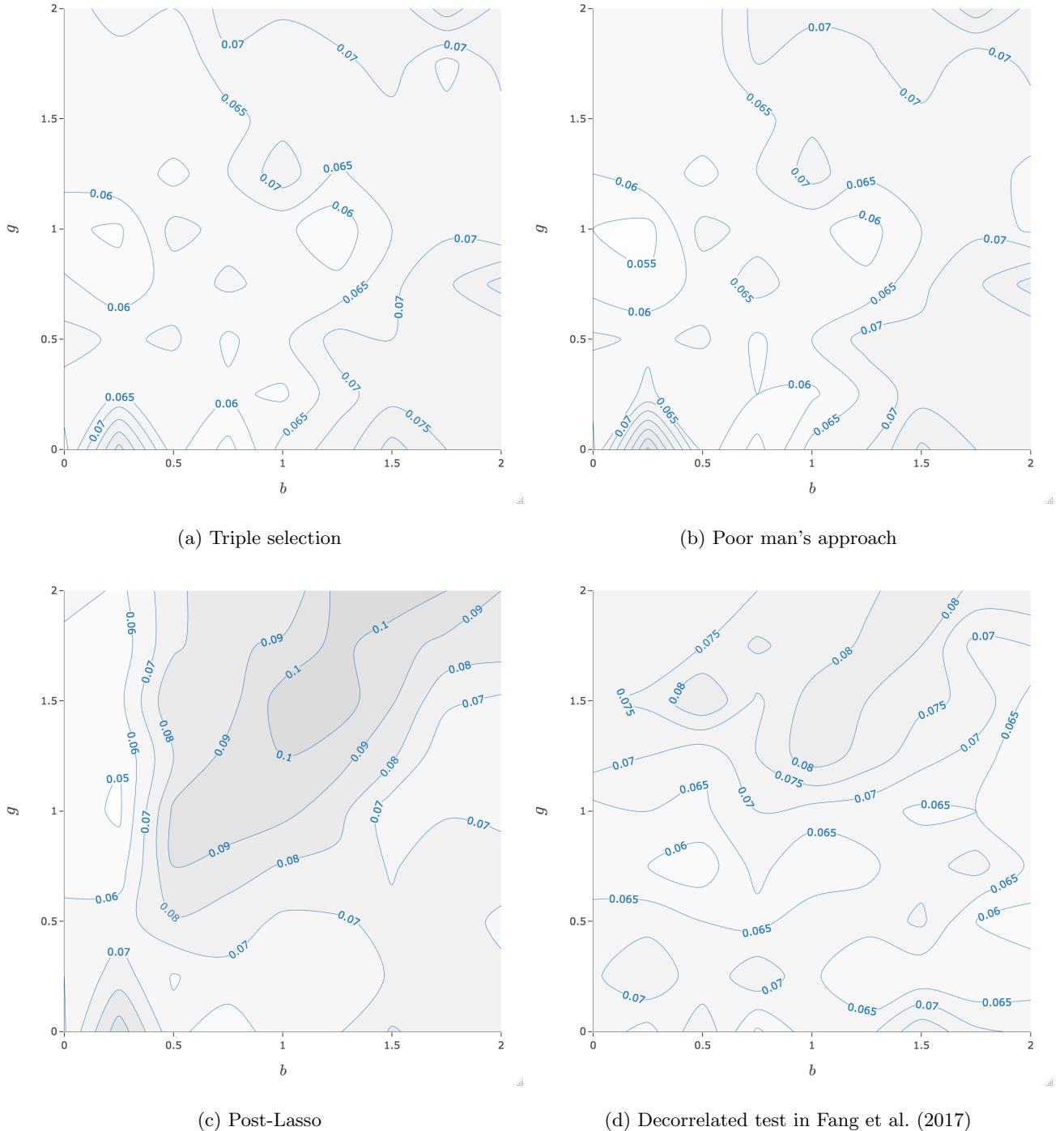


Figure 2: Empirical Type I error rate at the 5% significance level of the different tests under Setting 1(a) with $n = 400$, $p = 30$, $\rho = 0.25$, $\eta_1 = 1$, $\beta_0 = 0$ and $\eta_0 = 0$.

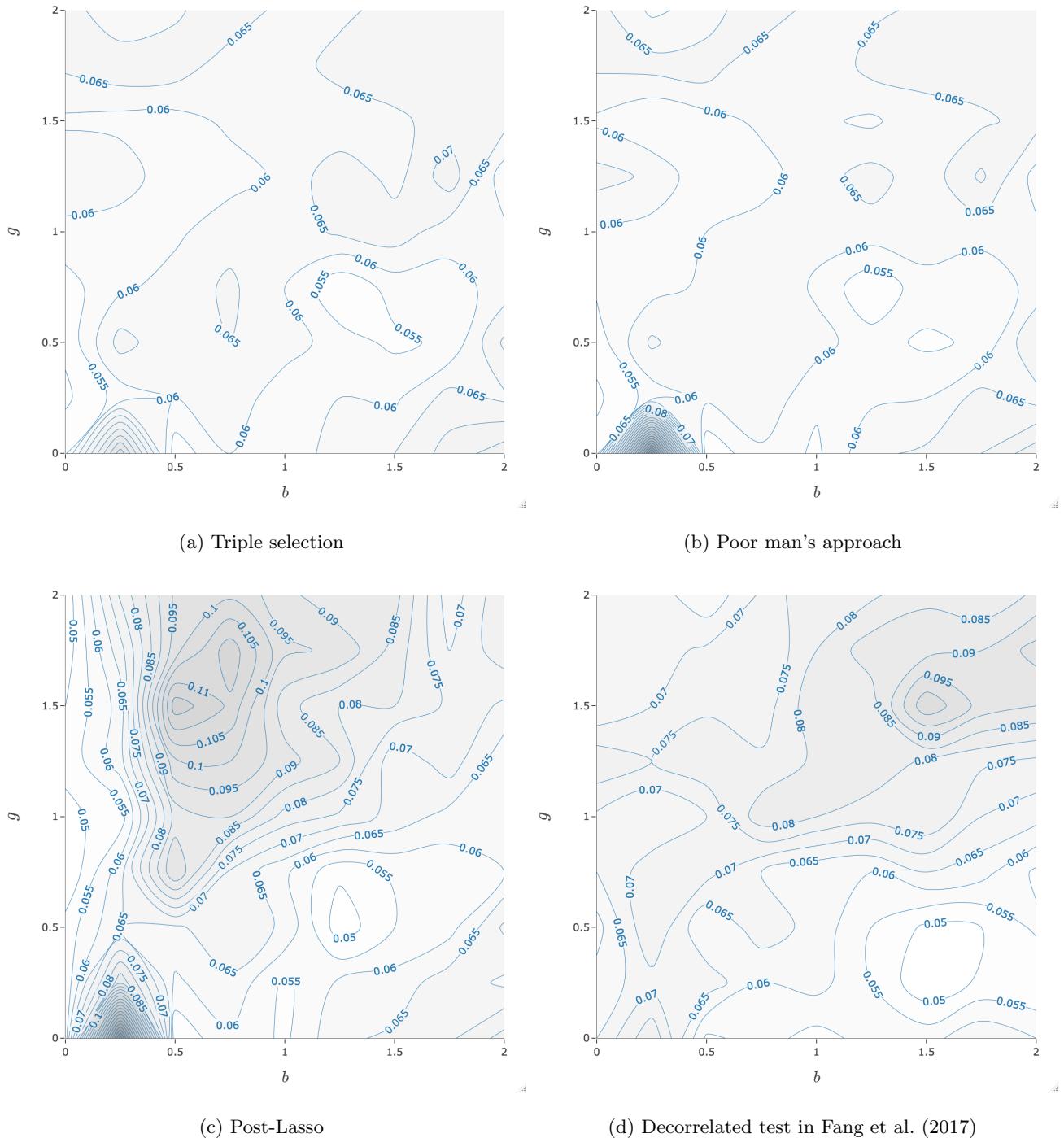
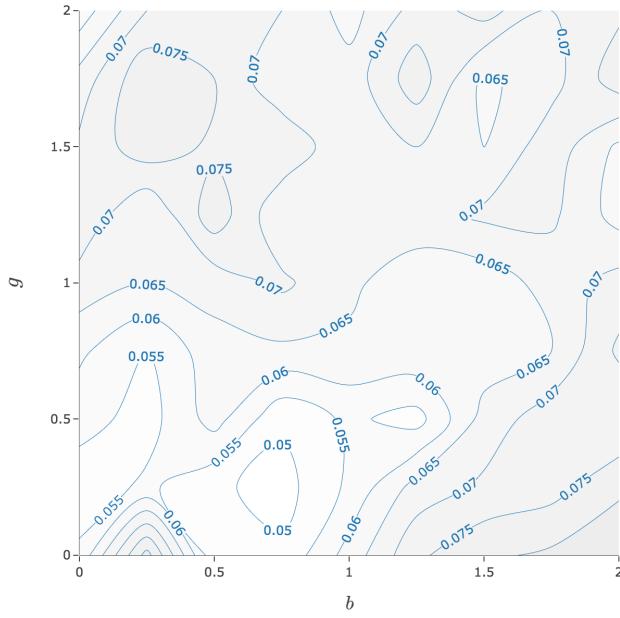
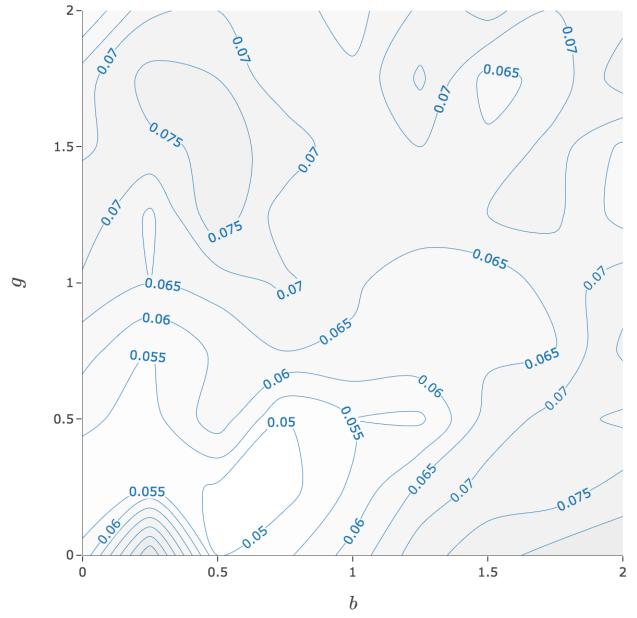


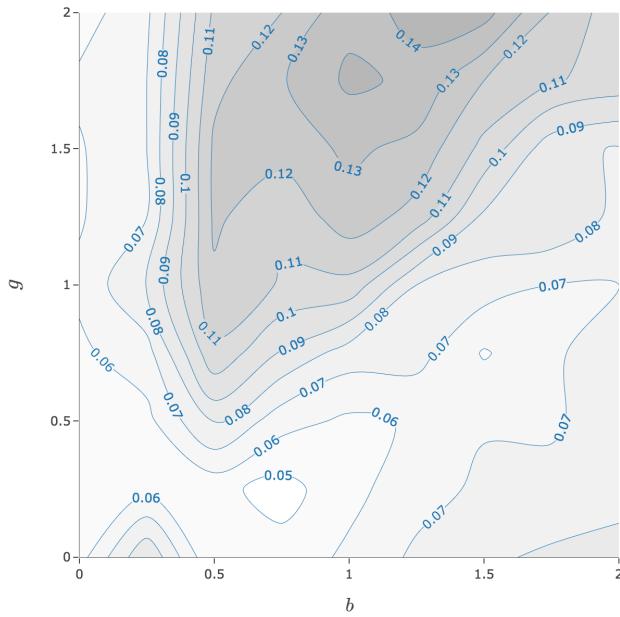
Figure 3: Empirical Type I error rate at the 5% significance level of the different tests under Setting 1(a) with $n = 400$, $p = 30$, $\rho = 0.50$, $\eta_1 = 2$, $\beta_0 = 0$ and $\eta_0 = 0$.



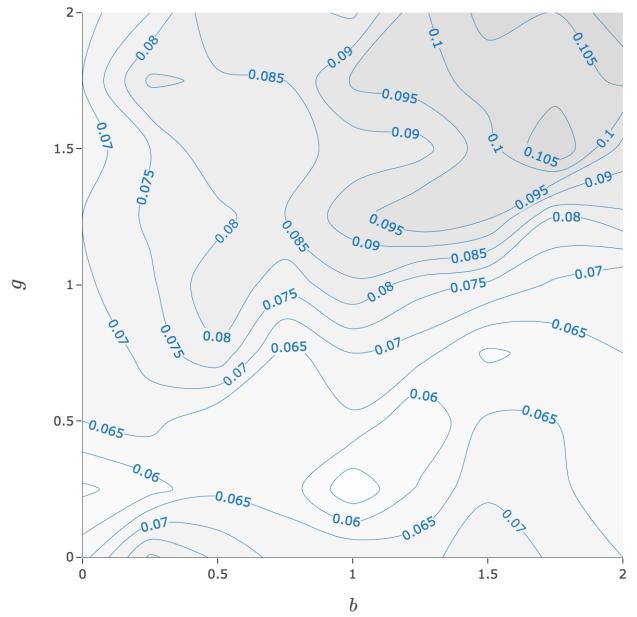
(a) Triple selection



(b) Poor man's approach



(c) Post-Lasso



(d) Decorrelated test in Fang et al. (2017)

Figure 4: Empirical Type I error rate at the 5% significance level of the different tests under Setting 1(a) with $n = 400$, $p = 30$, $\rho = 0.25$, $\eta_1 = 2$, $\beta_0 = 0$ and $\eta_0 = 0$.

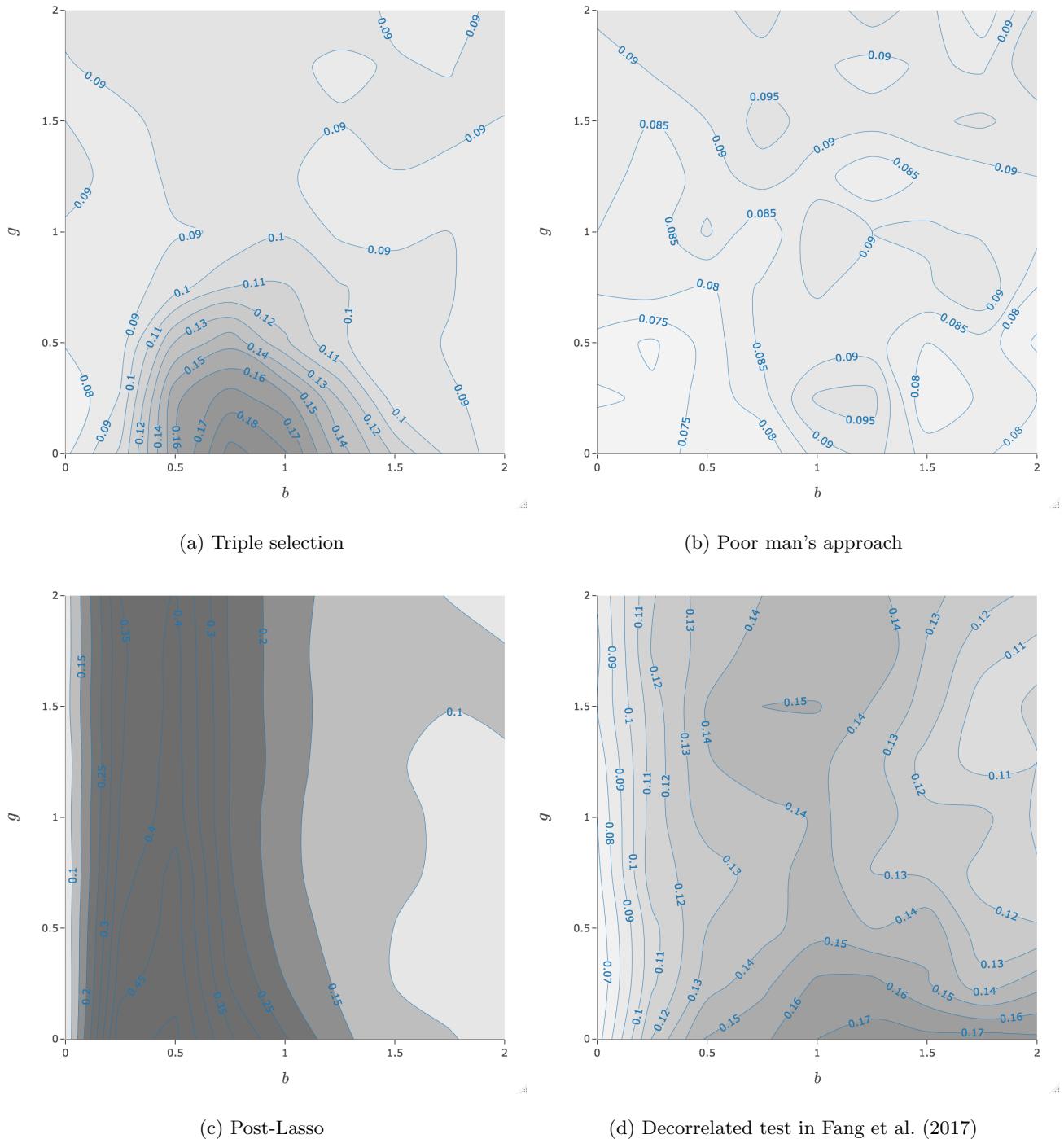


Figure 5: Empirical Type I error rate at the 5% significance level of the different tests under Setting 1(b) with $n = 400$, $p = 30$, $c_A = 1$, $\eta_1 = 2$, $\beta_0 = 0$ and $\eta_0 = 0$.

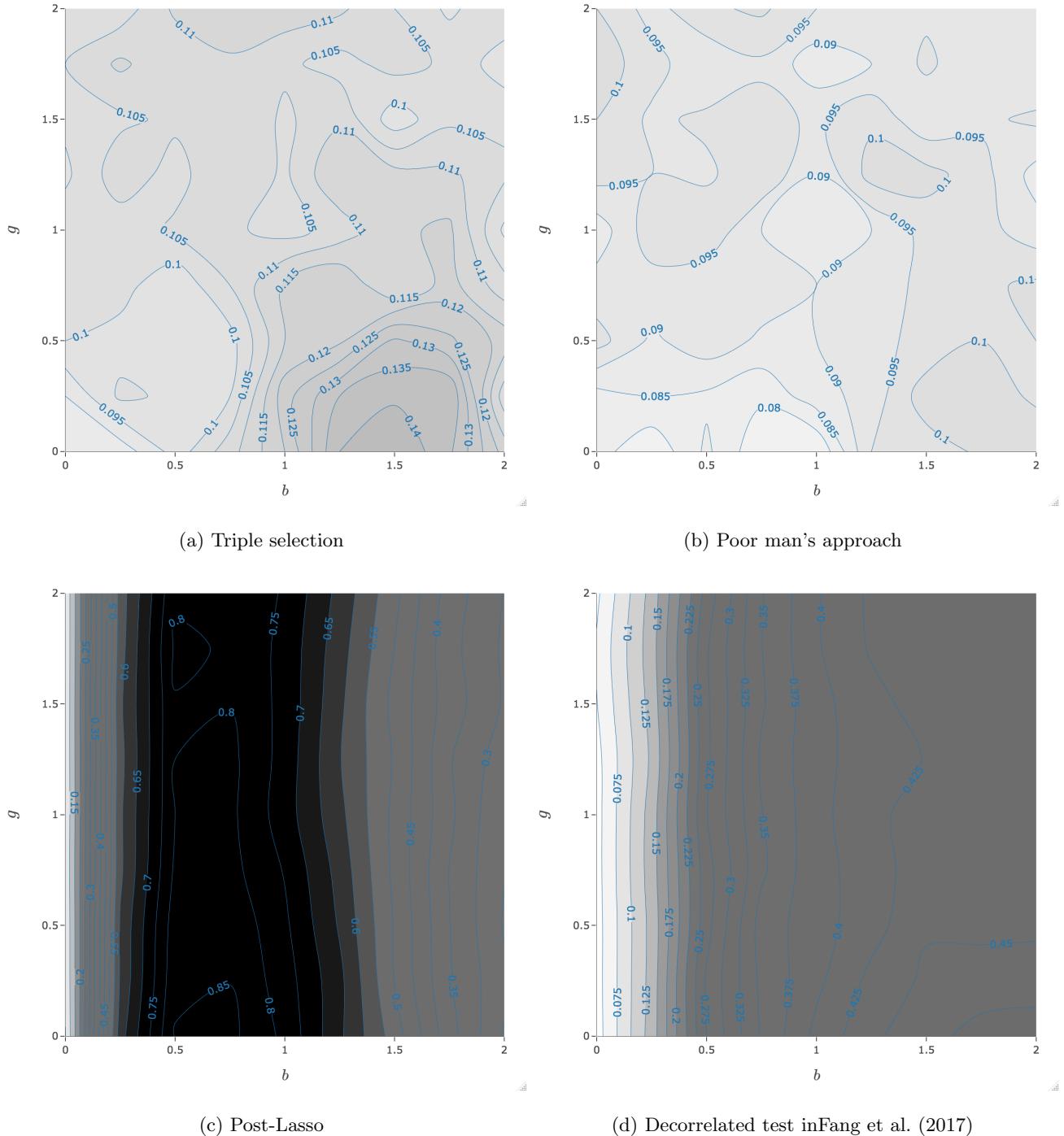


Figure 6: Empirical Type I error rate at the 5% significance level of the different tests under Setting 1(b) with $n = 400$, $p = 30$, $c_A = 2$, $\eta_1 = 2$, $\beta_0 = 0$ and $\eta_0 = 0$.

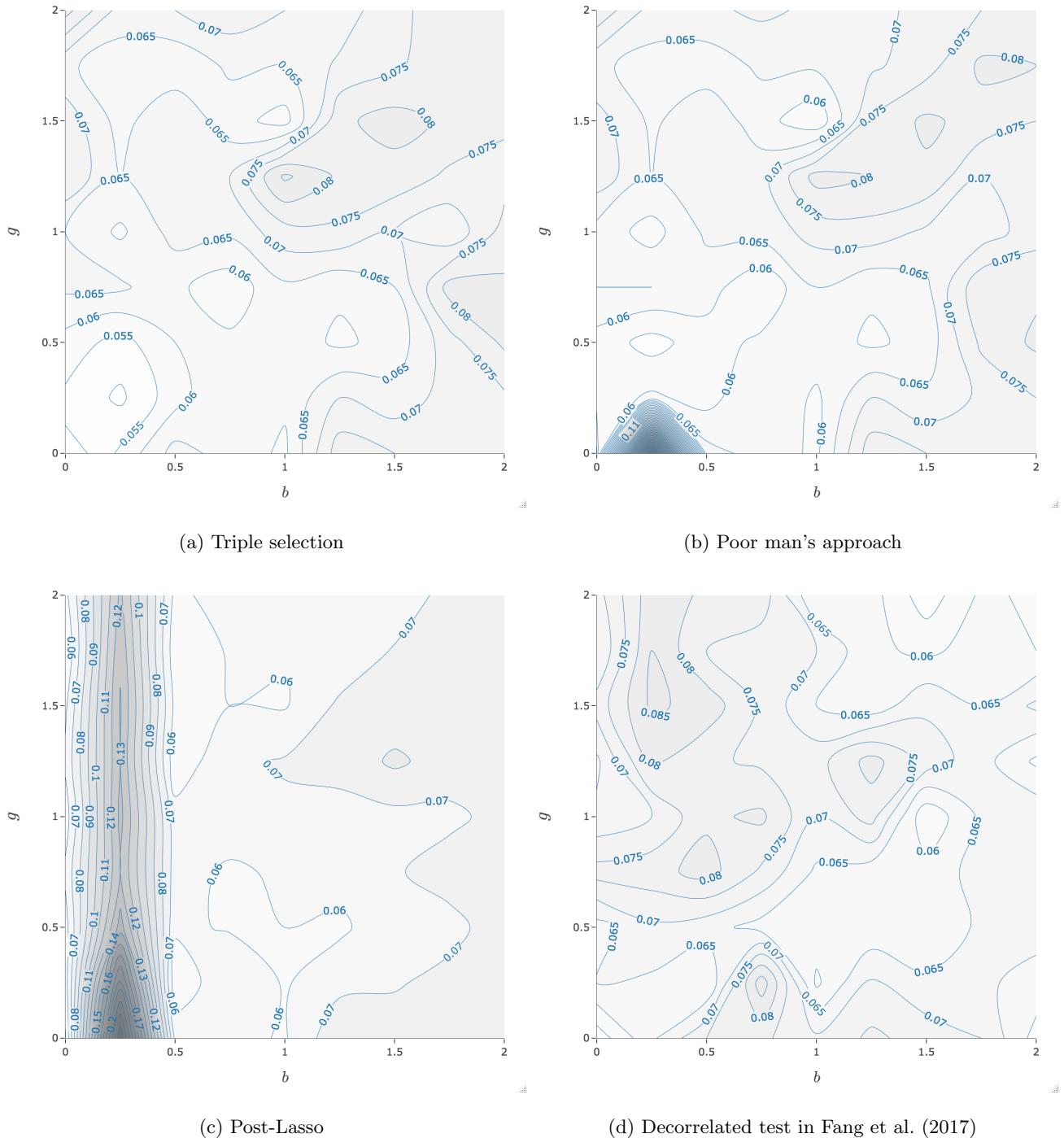


Figure 7: Empirical Type I error rate at the 5% significance level of the different tests under Setting 2(a) with $n = 400$, $p = 30$, $\rho = 0.50$, $\eta_1 = 1$, $\beta_0 = 0$ and $\eta_0 = 0$.

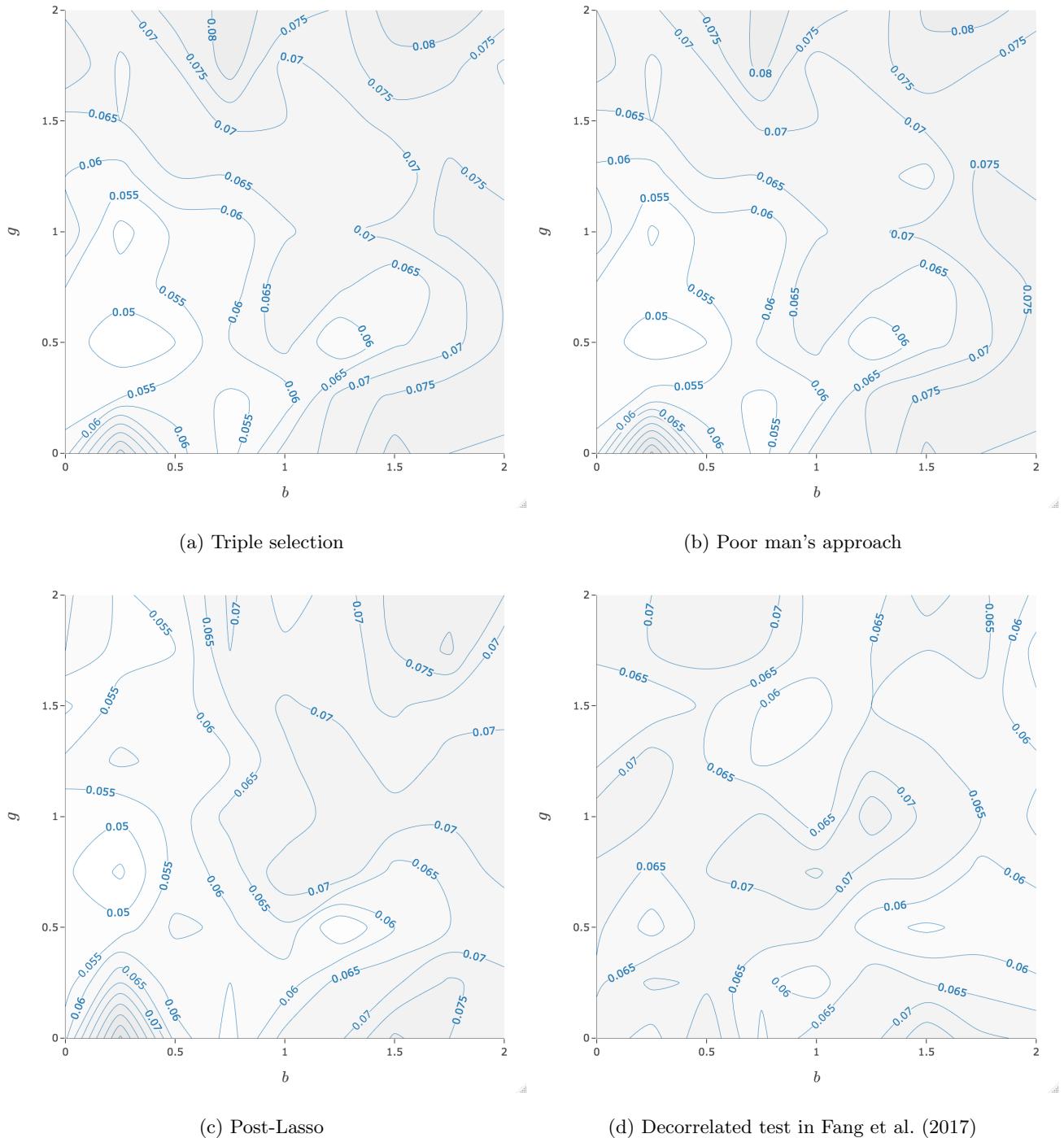


Figure 8: Empirical Type I error rate at the 5% significance level of the different tests under Setting 2(a) with $n = 400$, $p = 30$, $\rho = 0.25$, $\eta_1 = 1$, $\beta_0 = 0$ and $\eta_0 = 0$.

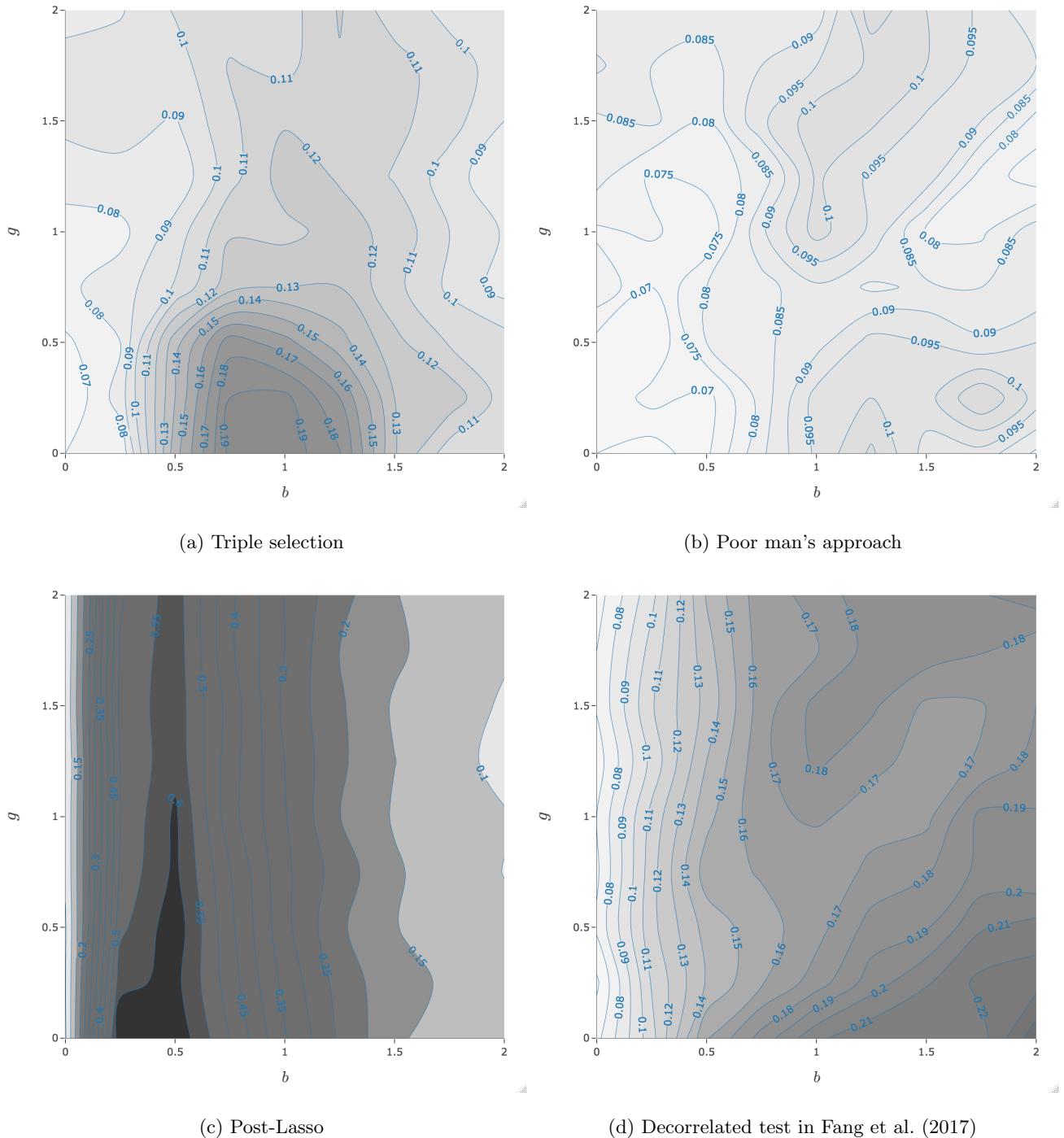
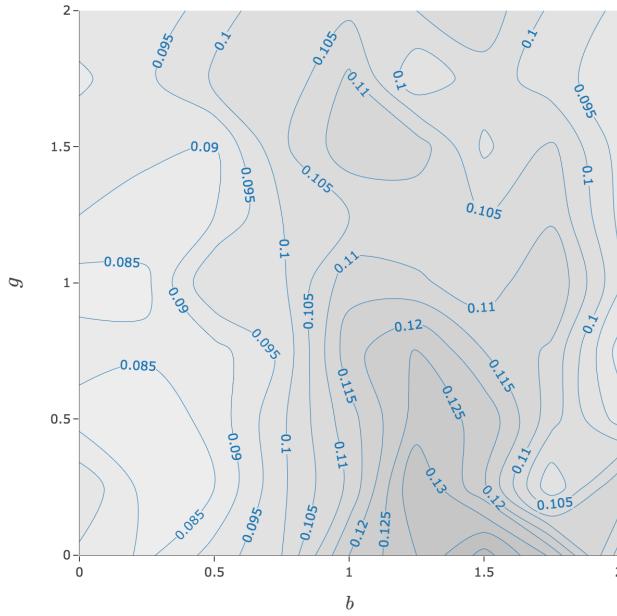
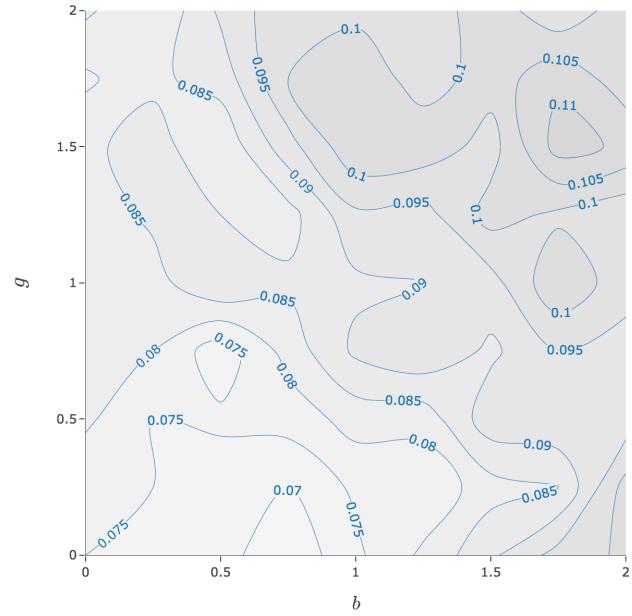


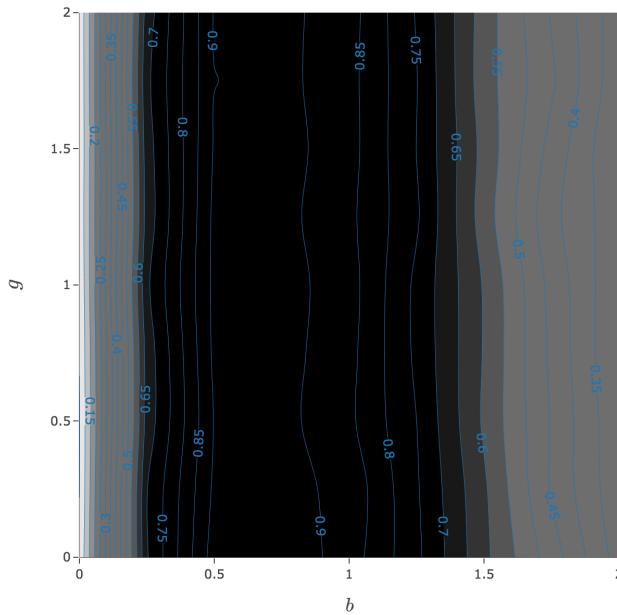
Figure 9: Empirical Type I error rate at the 5% significance level of the different tests under Setting 2(b) with $n = 400$, $p = 30$, $c_A = 1$, $\eta_1 = 1$, $\beta_0 = 0$ and $\eta_0 = 0$.



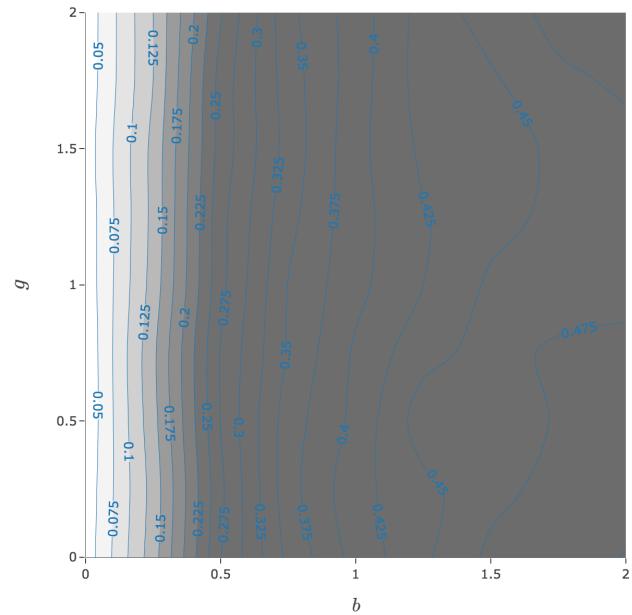
(a) Triple selection



(b) Poor man's approach



(c) Post-Lasso



(d) Decorrelated test in Fang et al. (2017)

Figure 10: Empirical Type I error rate at the 5% significance level of the different tests under Setting 2(b) with $n = 400$, $p = 30$, $c_A = 2$, $\eta_1 = 1$, $\beta_0 = 0$ and $\eta_0 = 0$.

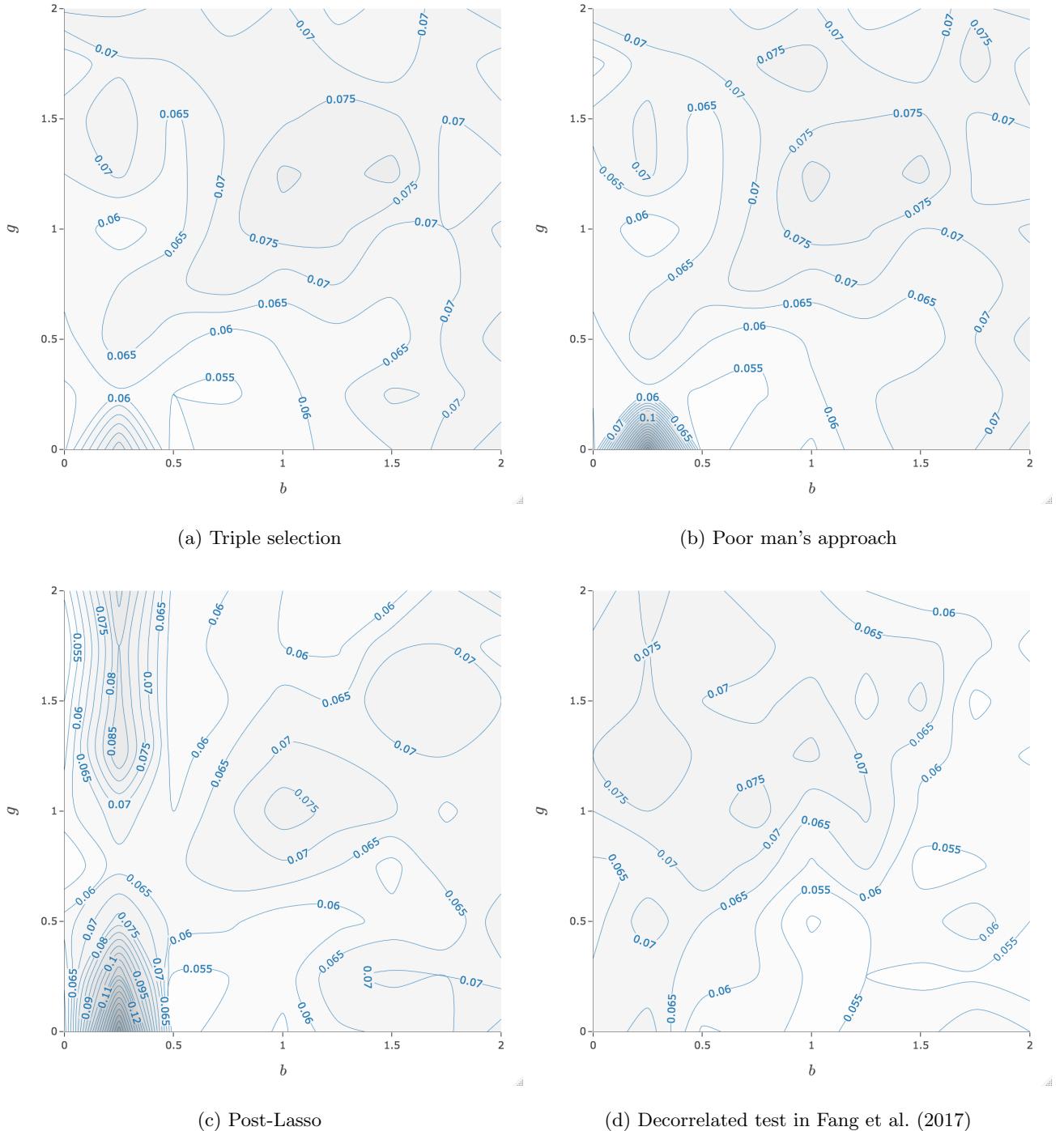


Figure 11: Empirical Type I error rate at the 5% significance level of the different tests under Setting 2(a) with $n = 400$, $p = 30$, $\rho = 0.50$, $\eta_1 = 2$, $\beta_0 = 0$ and $\eta_0 = 0$.

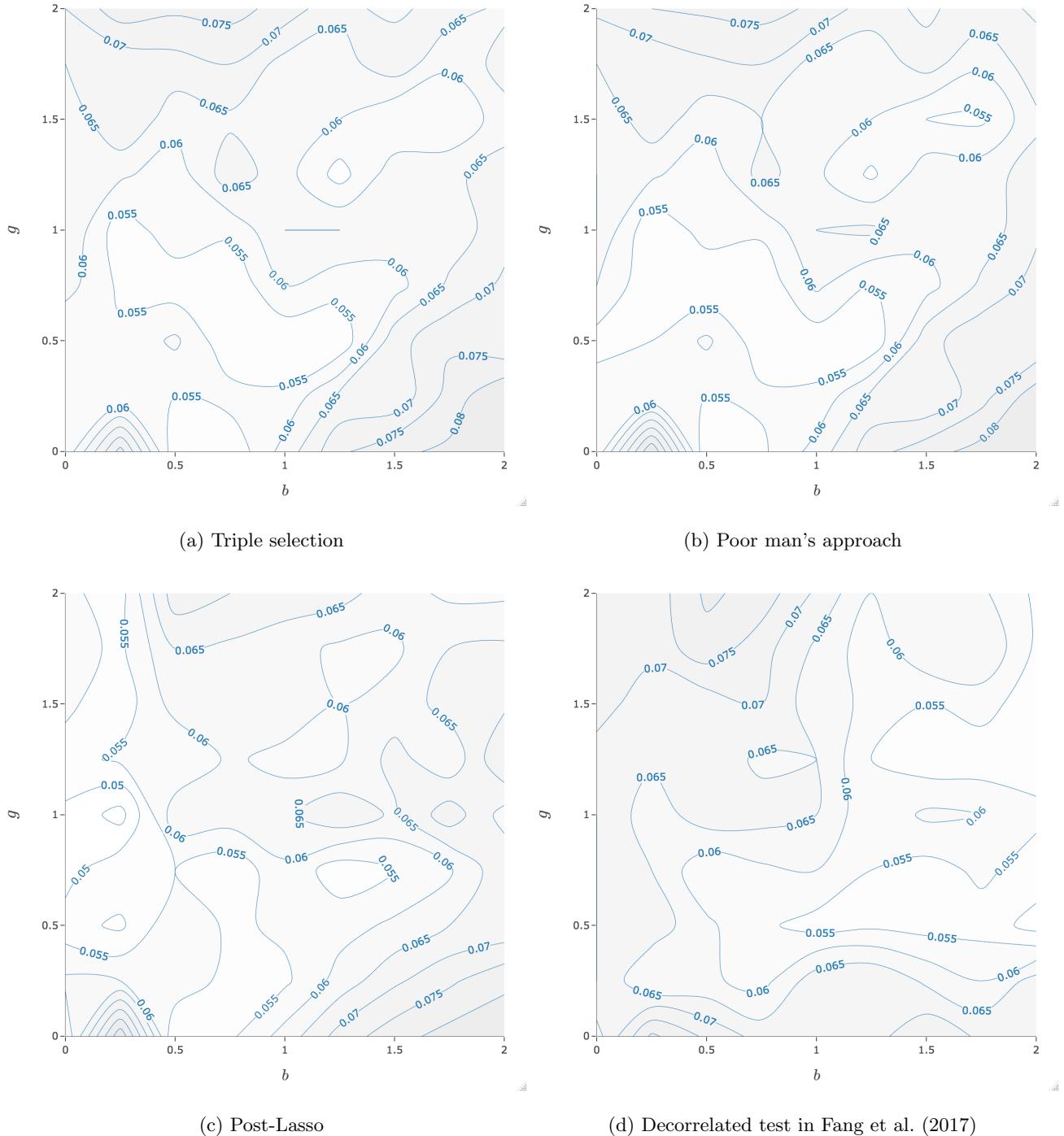


Figure 12: Empirical Type I error rate at the 5% significance level of the different tests under Setting 2(a) with $n = 400$, $p = 30$, $\rho = 0.25$, $\eta_1 = 2$, $\beta_0 = 0$ and $\eta_0 = 0$.

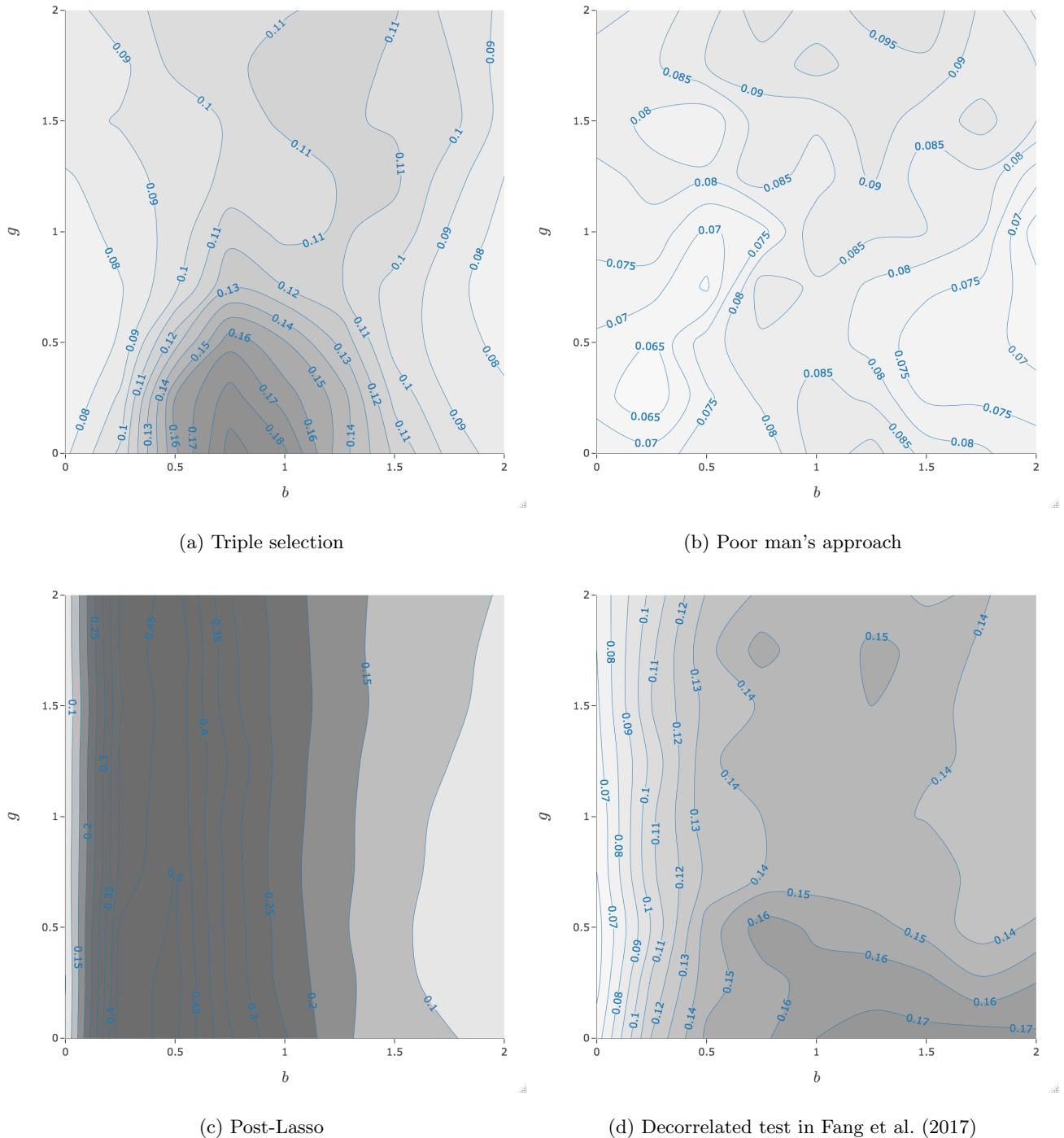


Figure 13: Empirical Type I error rate at the 5% significance level of the different tests under Setting 2(b) with $n = 400$, $p = 30$, $c_A = 1$, $\eta_1 = 2$, $\beta_0 = 0$ and $\eta_0 = 0$.

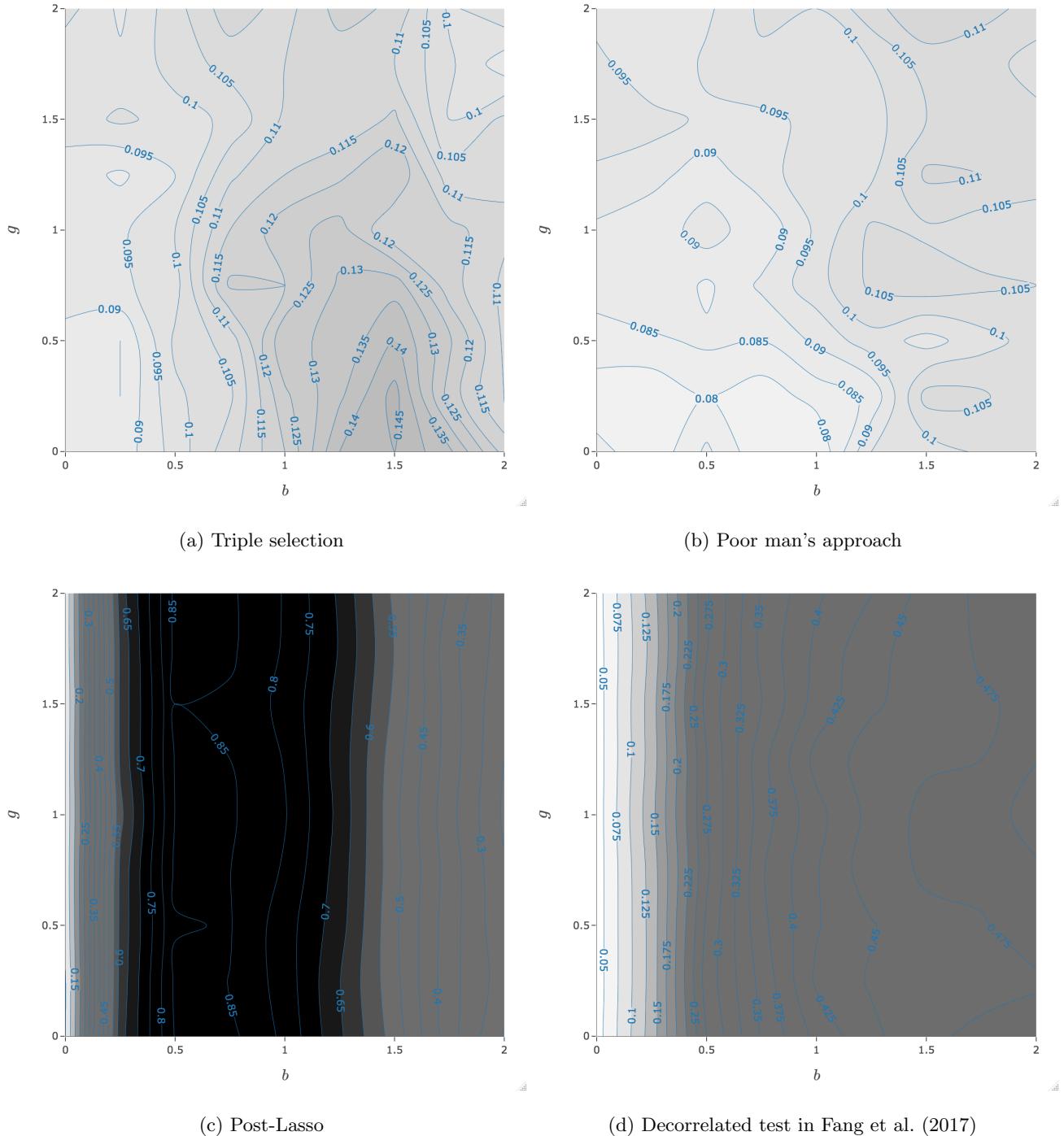


Figure 14: Empirical Type I error rate at the 5% significance level of the different tests under Setting 2(b) with $n = 400$, $p = 30$, $c_A = 2$, $\eta_1 = 2$, $\beta_0 = 0$ and $\eta_0 = 0$.

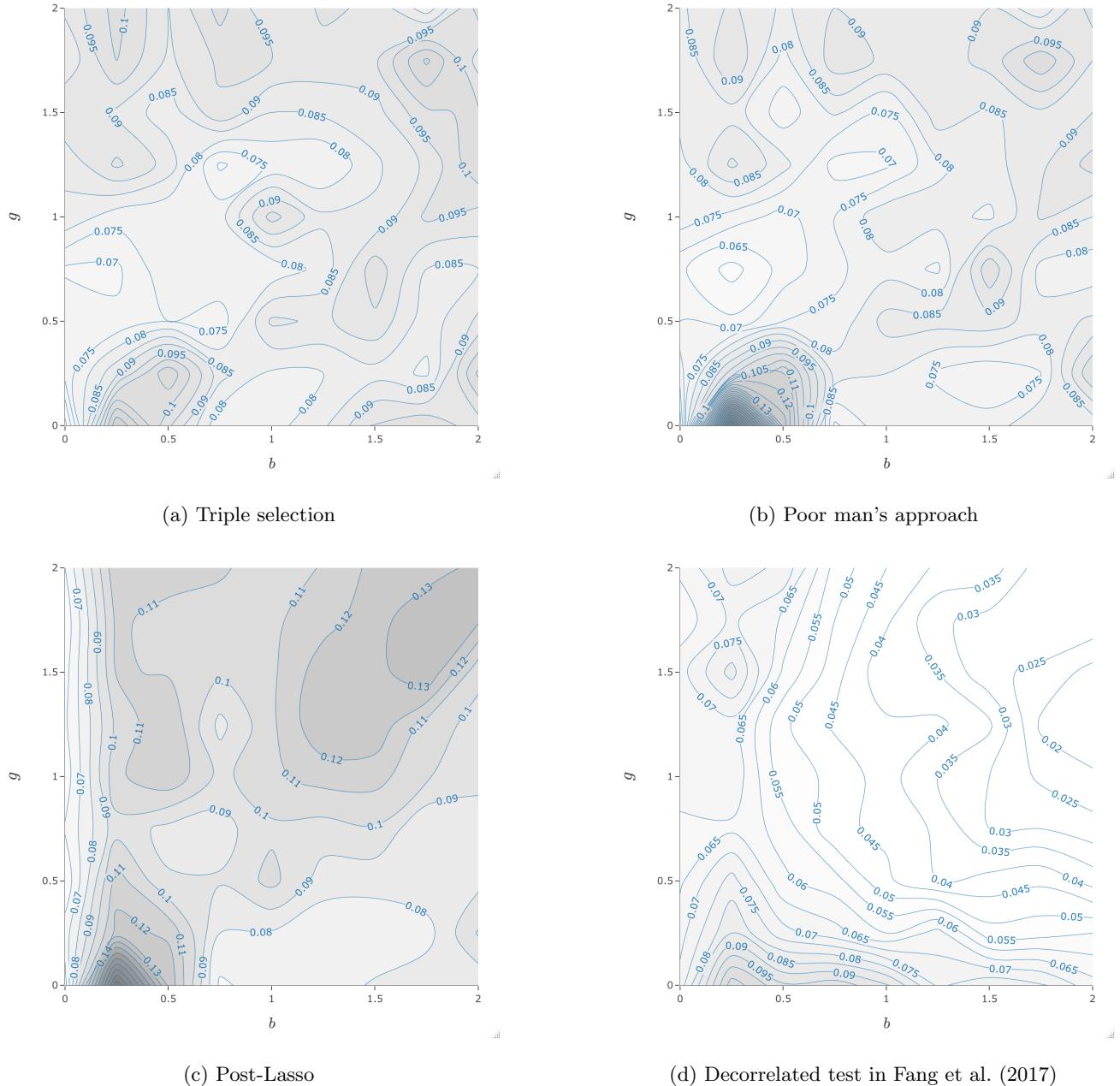


Figure 15: Empirical Type I error rate at the 5% significance level of the different tests under Setting 1(a) with $n = 200$, $p = 250$, $\rho = 0.50$, $\eta_1 = 1$, $\beta_0 = 0$ and $\eta_0 = 0$.

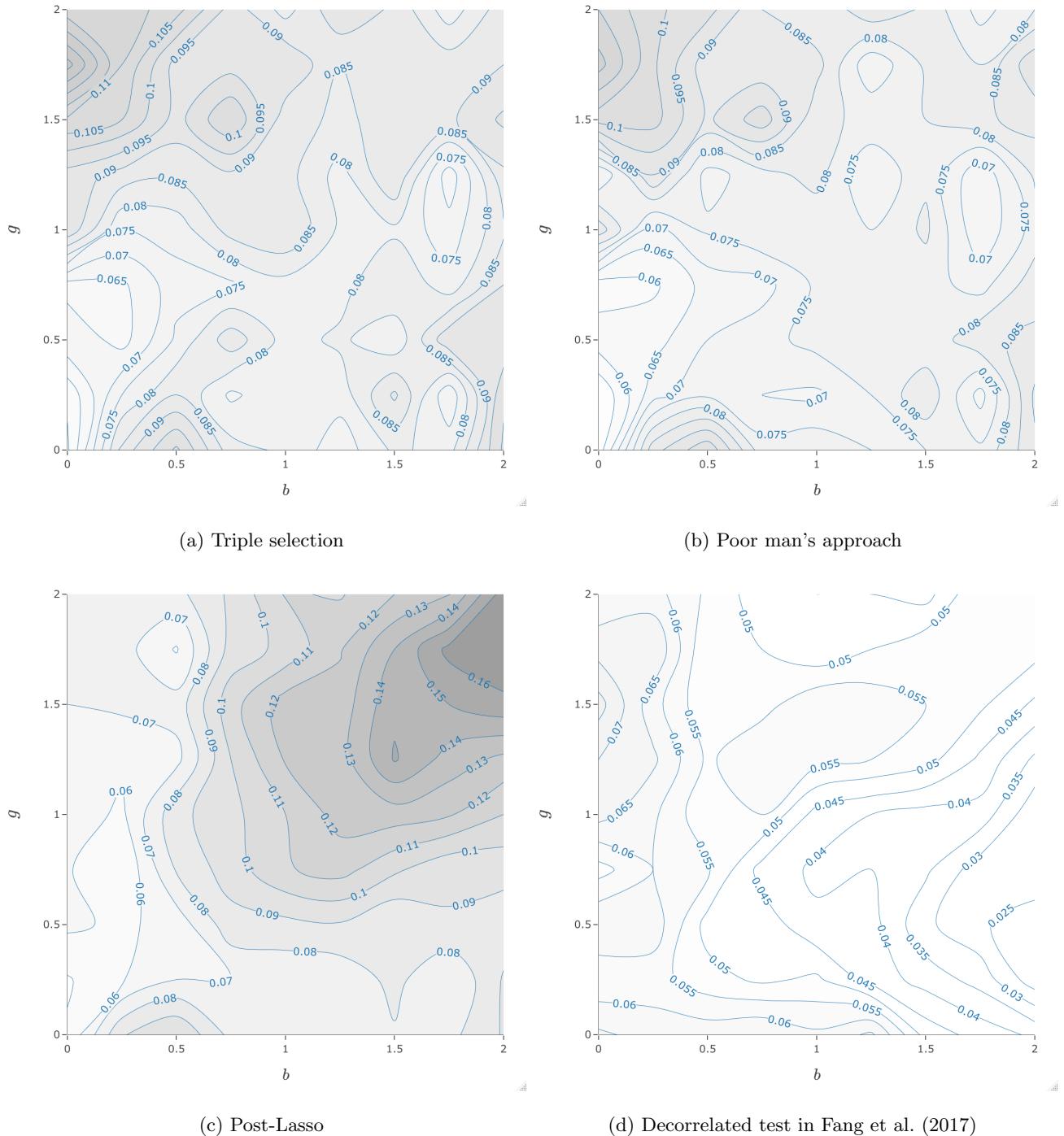


Figure 16: Empirical Type I error rate at the 5% significance level of the different tests under Setting 1(a) with $n = 200$, $p = 250$, $\rho = 0.25$, $\eta_1 = 1$, $\beta_0 = 0$ and $\eta_0 = 0$.

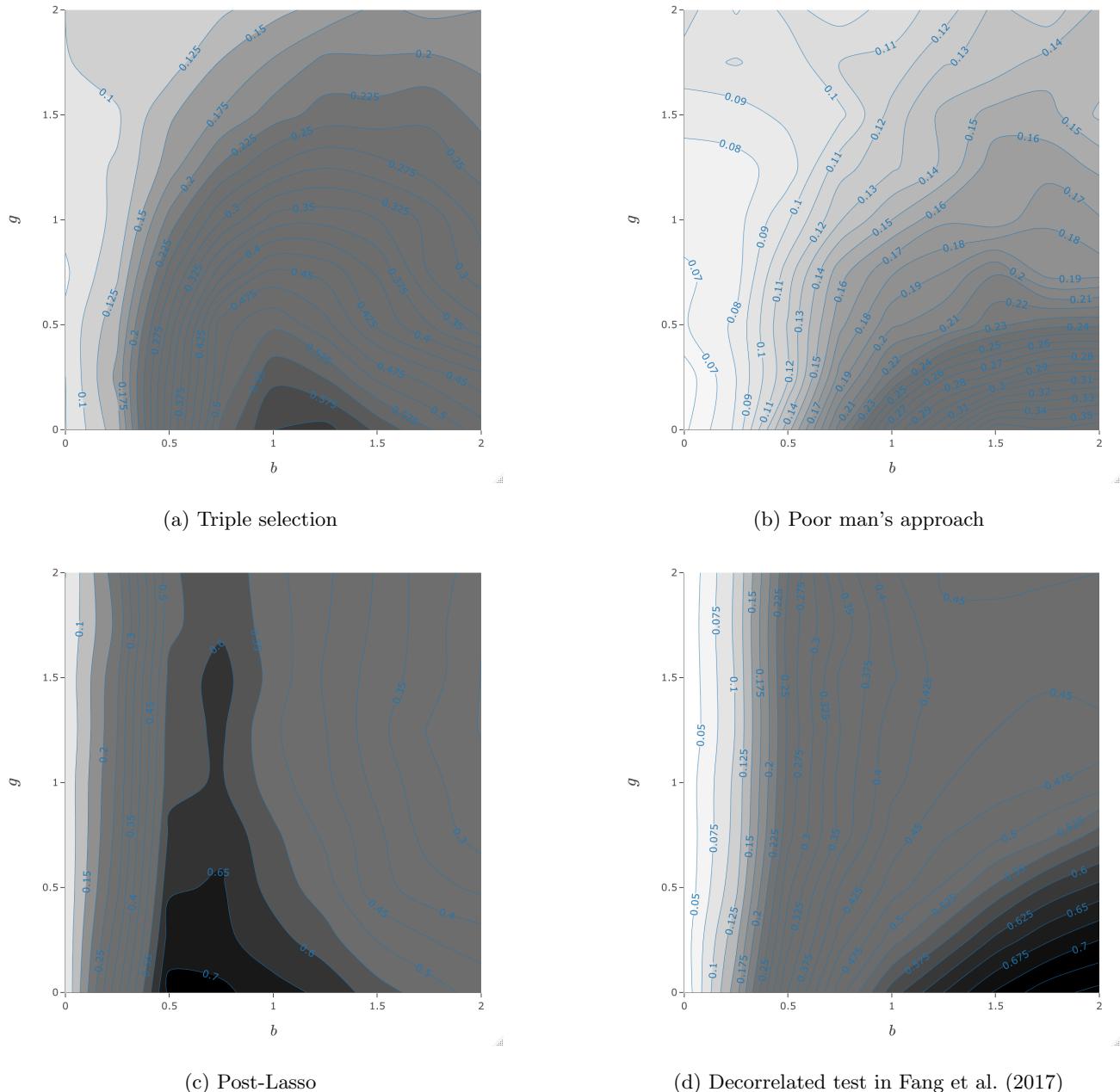


Figure 17: Empirical Type I error rate at the 5% significance level of the different tests under Setting 1(b) with $n = 200$, $p = 250$, $c_A = 1$, $\eta_1 = 1$, $\beta_0 = 0$ and $\eta_0 = 0$.

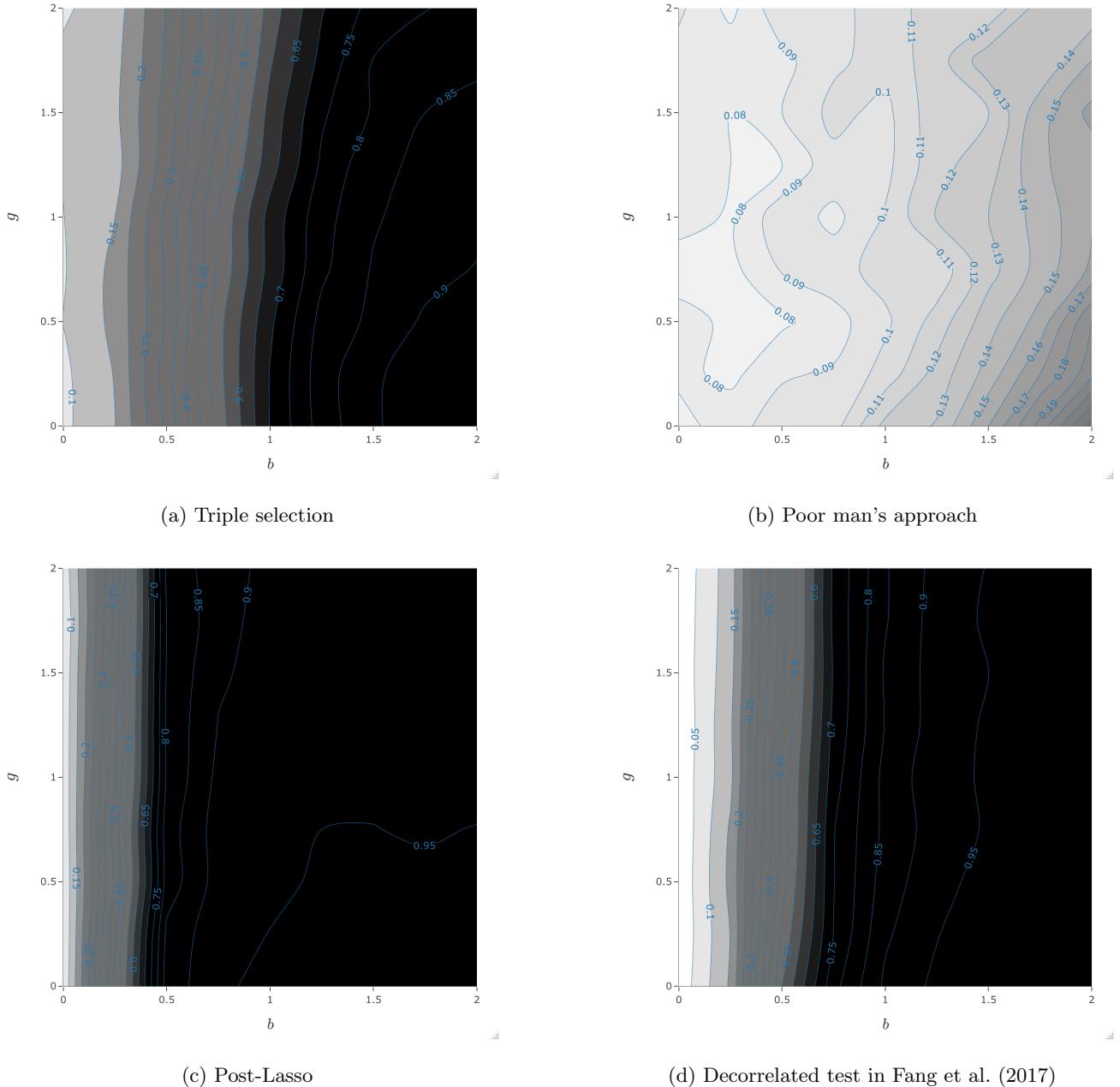


Figure 18: Empirical Type I error rate at the 5% significance level of the different tests under Setting 1(b) with $n = 200$, $p = 250$, $c_A = 2$, $\eta_1 = 1$, $\beta_0 = 0$ and $\eta_0 = 0$.

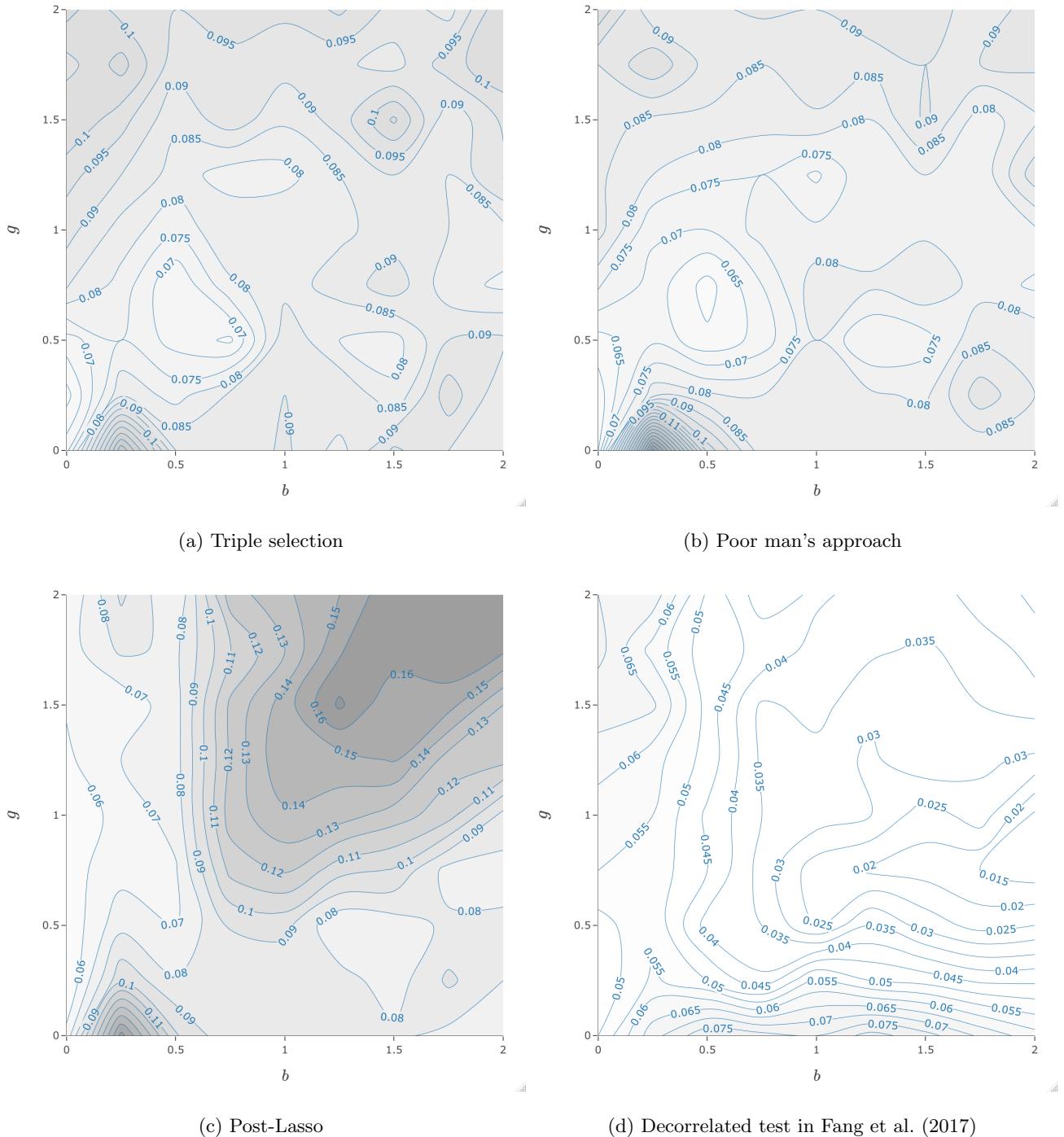
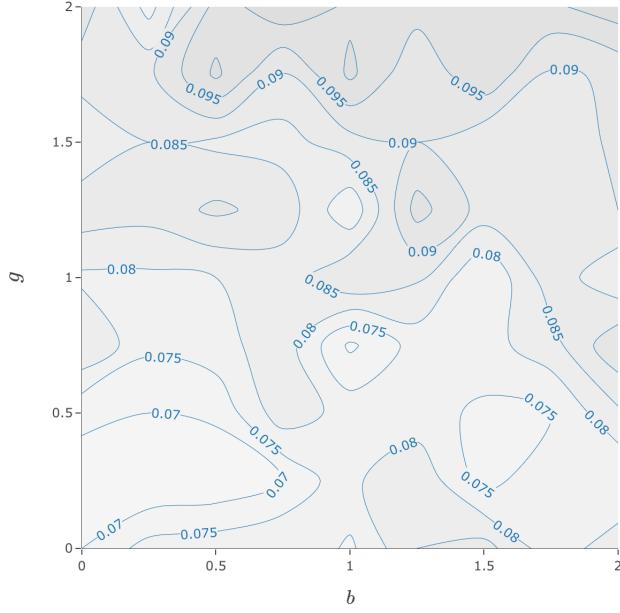
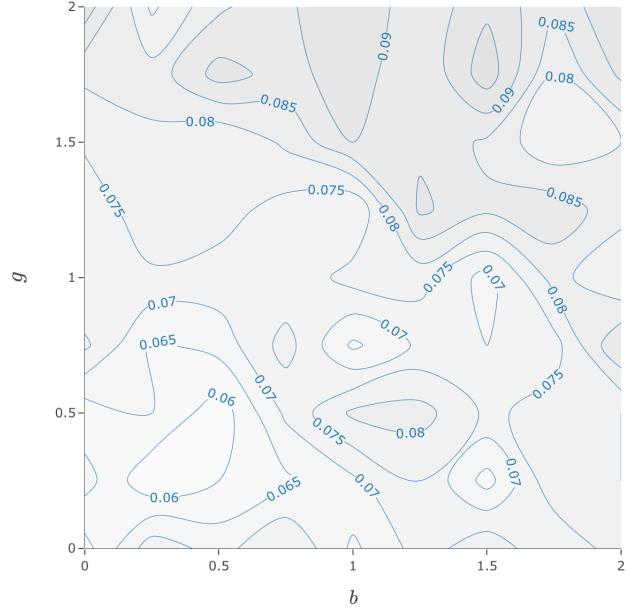


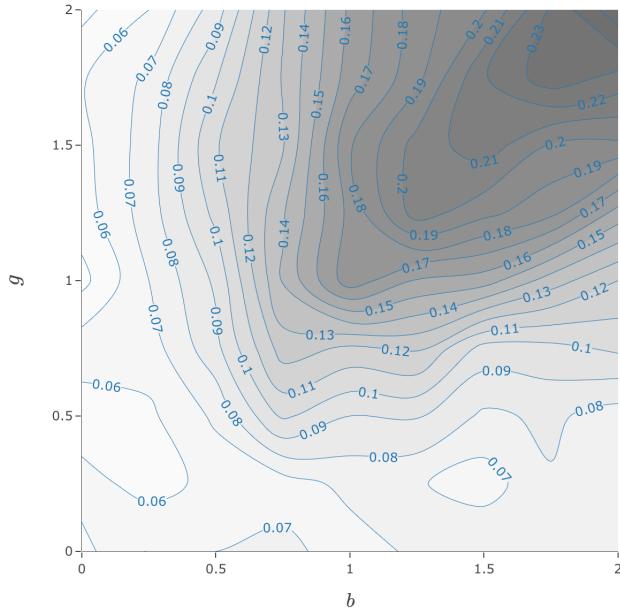
Figure 19: Empirical Type I error rate at the 5% significance level of the different tests under Setting 1(a) with $n = 200$, $p = 250$, $\rho = 0.50$, $\eta_1 = 2$, $\beta_0 = 0$ and $\eta_0 = 0$.



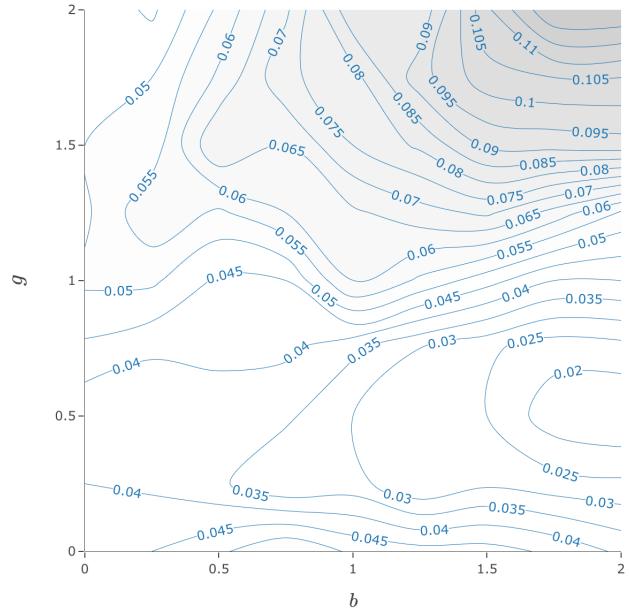
(a) Triple selection



(b) Poor man's approach



(c) Post-Lasso



(d) Decorrelated test in Fang et al. (2017)

Figure 20: Empirical Type I error rate at the 5% significance level of the different tests under Setting 1(a) with $n = 200$, $p = 250$, $\rho = 0.25$, $\eta_1 = 2$, $\beta_0 = 0$ and $\eta_0 = 0$.

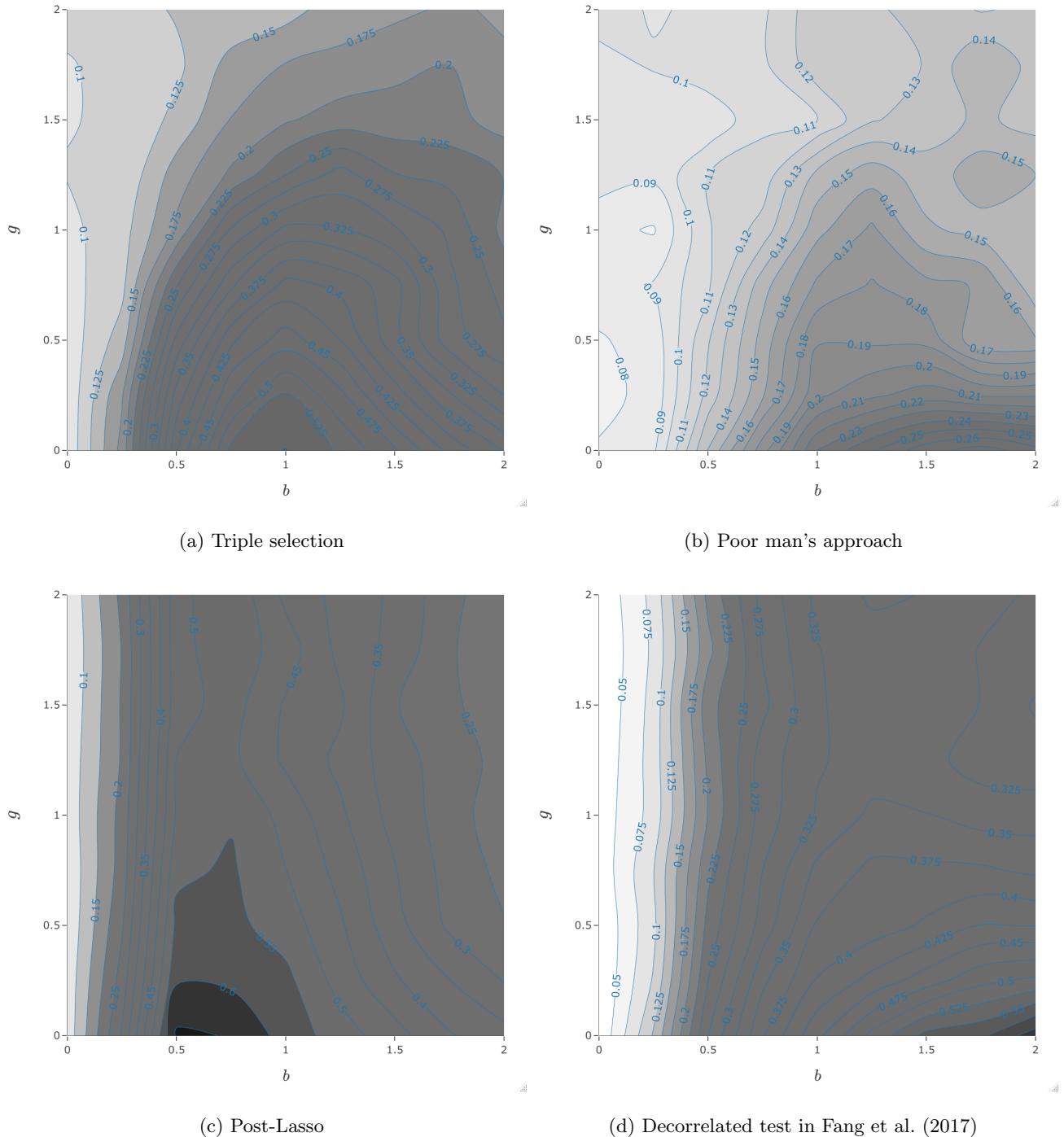


Figure 21: Empirical Type I error rate at the 5% significance level of the different tests under Setting 1(b) with $n = 200$, $p = 250$, $c_A = 1$, $\eta_1 = 2$, $\beta_0 = 0$ and $\eta_0 = 0$.

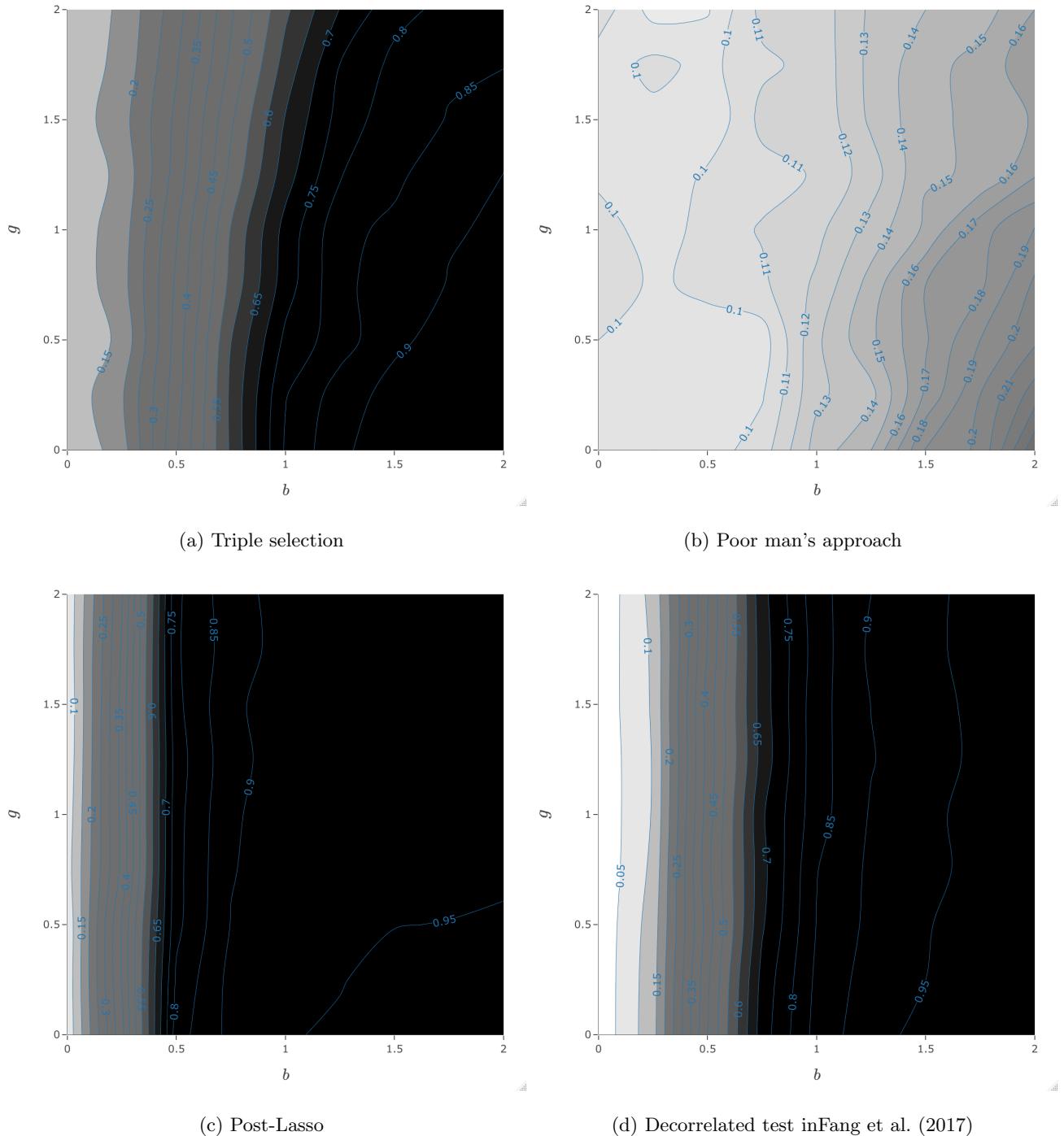


Figure 22: Empirical Type I error rate at the 5% significance level of the different tests under Setting 1(b) with $n = 200$, $p = 250$, $c_A = 2$, $\eta_1 = 2$, $\beta_0 = 0$ and $\eta_0 = 0$.

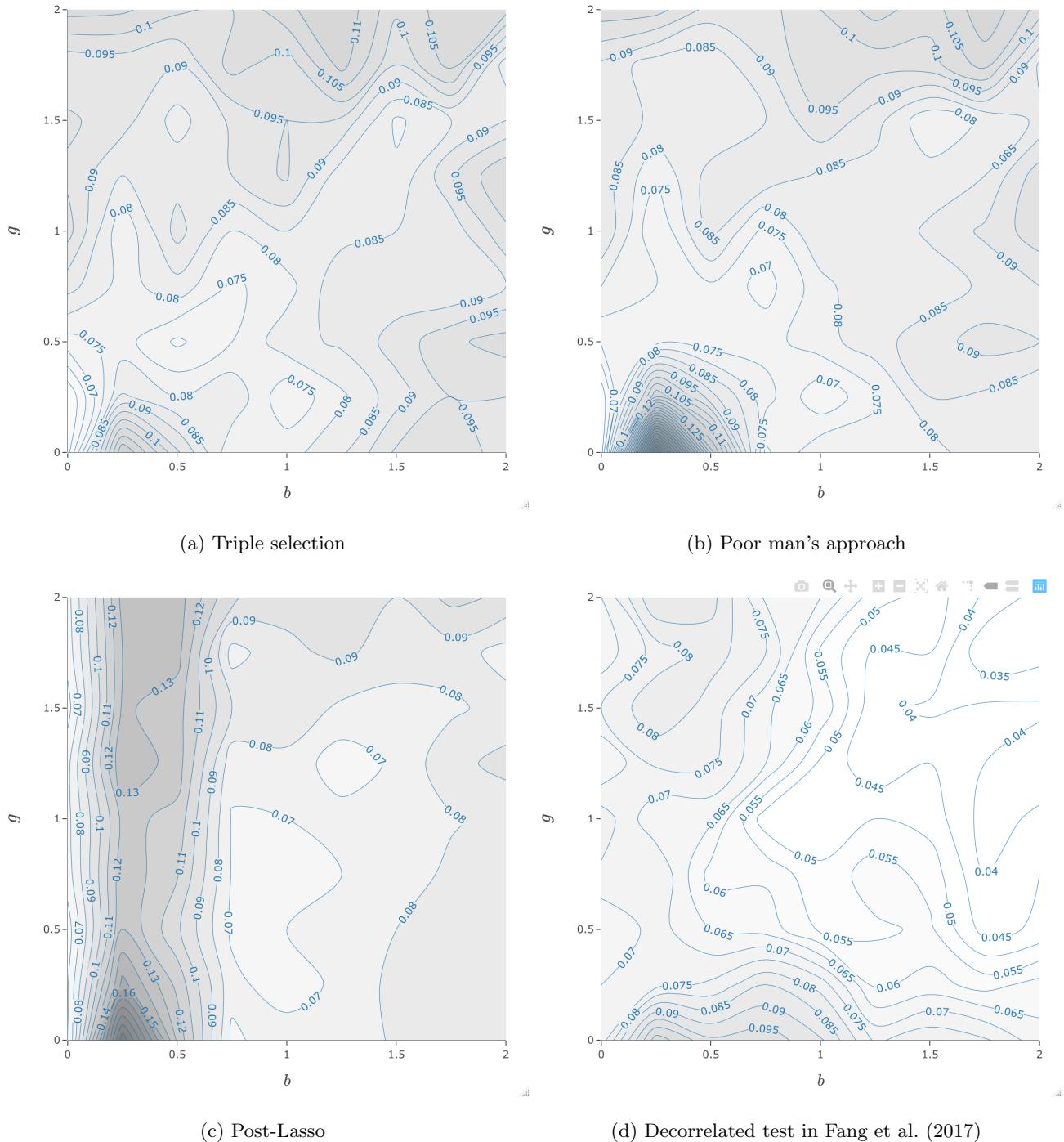
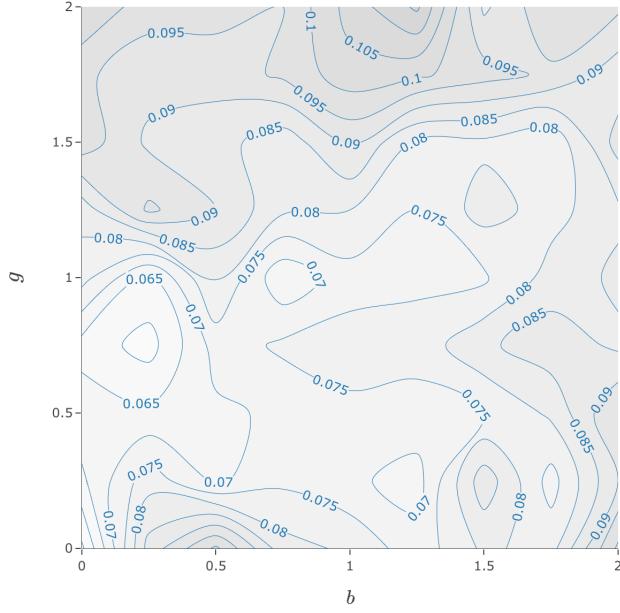
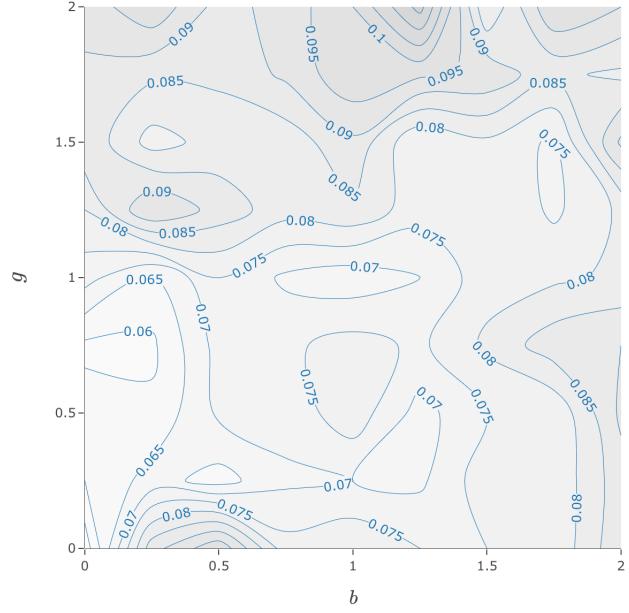


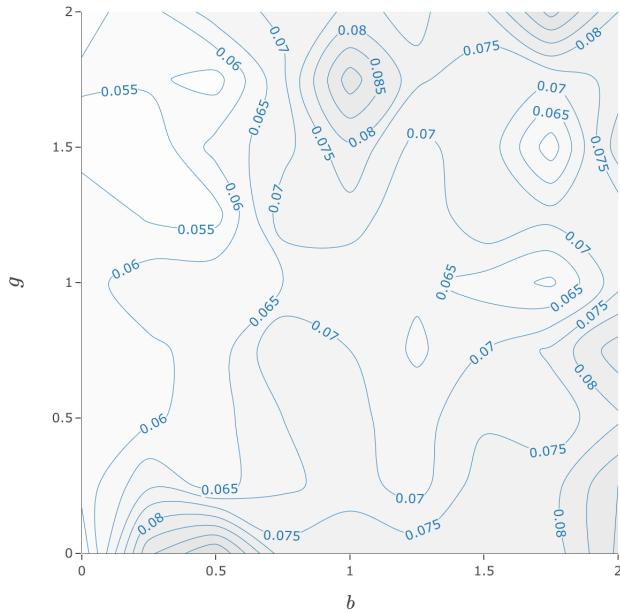
Figure 23: Empirical Type I error rate at the 5% significance level of the different tests under Setting 2(a) with $n = 200$, $p = 250$, $\rho = 0.50$, $\eta_1 = 1$, $\beta_0 = 0$ and $\eta_0 = 0$.



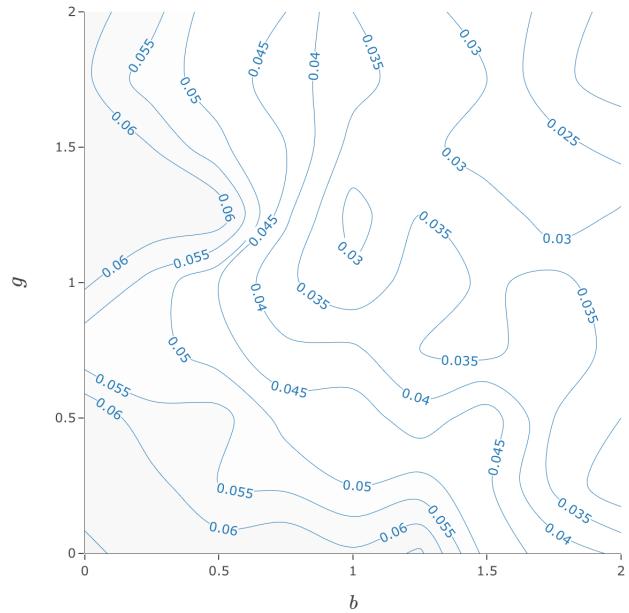
(a) Triple selection



(b) Poor man's approach



(c) Post-Lasso



(d) Decorrelated test in Fang et al. (2017)

Figure 24: Empirical Type I error rate at the 5% significance level of the different tests under Setting 2(a) with $n = 200$, $p = 250$, $\rho = 0.25$, $\eta_1 = 1$, $\beta_0 = 0$ and $\eta_0 = 0$.

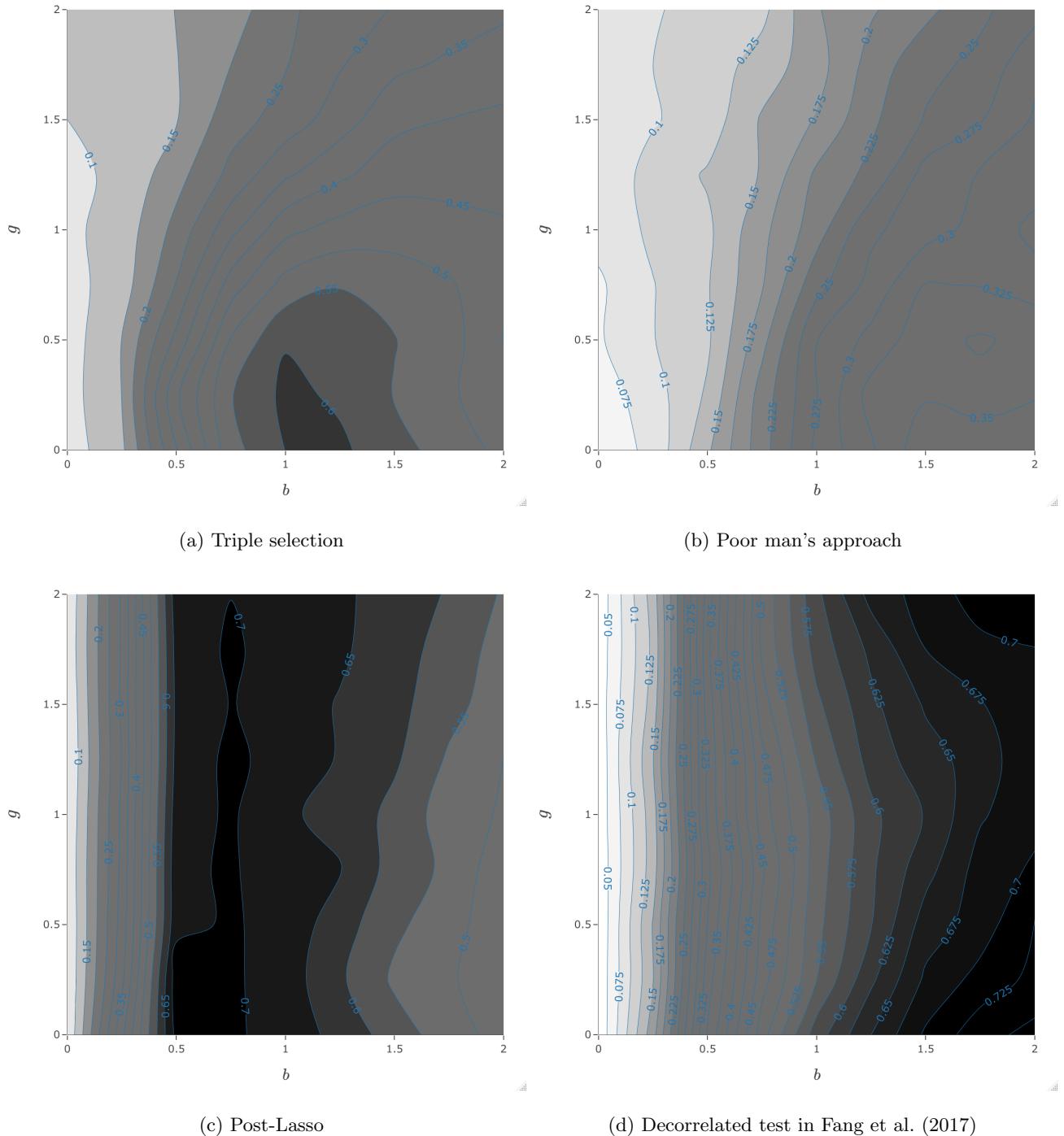


Figure 25: Empirical Type I error rate at the 5% significance level of the different tests under Setting 2(b) with $n = 200$, $p = 250$, $c_A = 1$, $\eta_1 = 1$, $\beta_0 = 0$ and $\eta_0 = 0$.

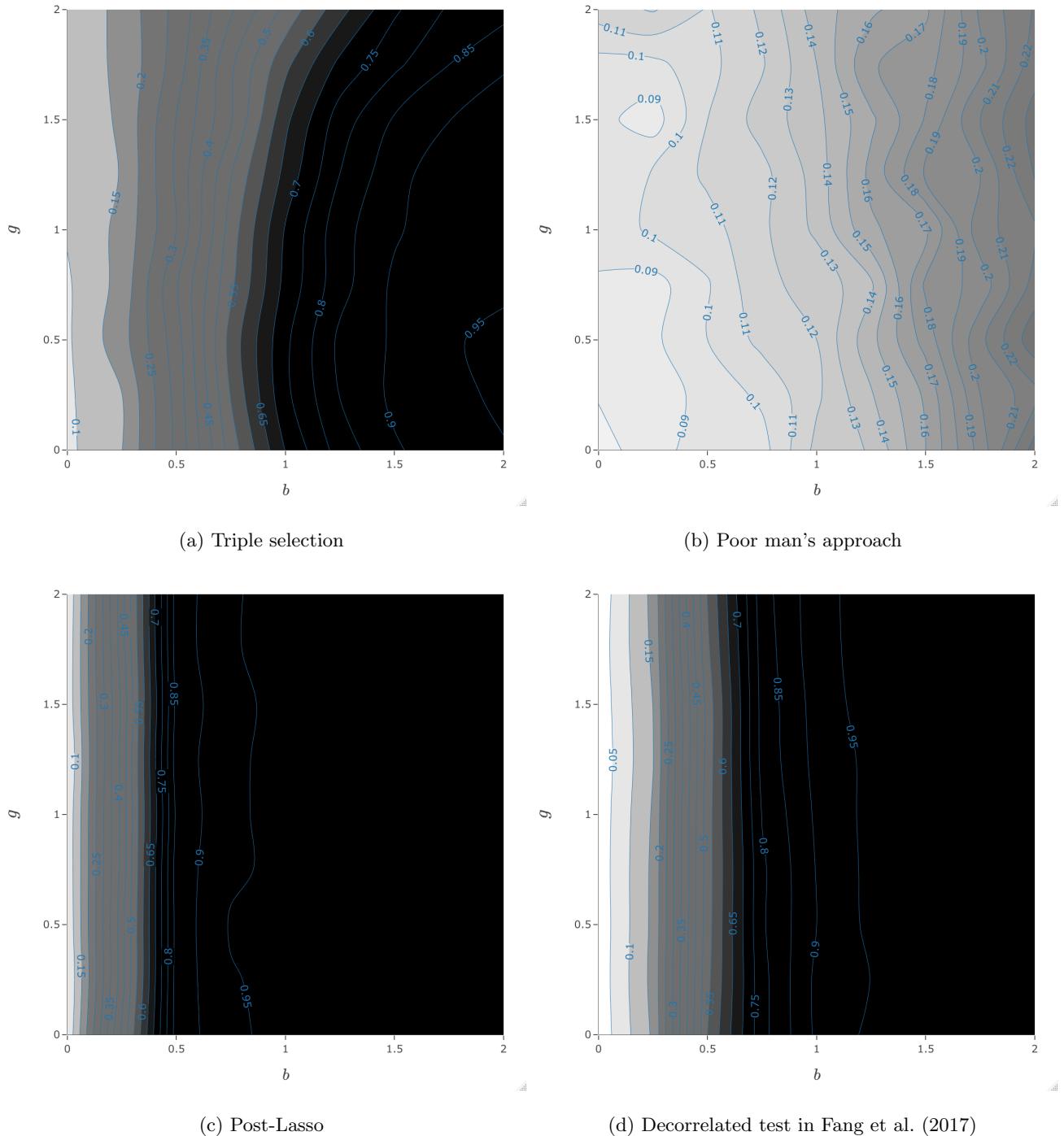


Figure 26: Empirical Type I error rate at the 5% significance level of the different tests under Setting 2(b) with $n = 200$, $p = 250$, $c_A = 2$, $\eta_1 = 1$, $\beta_0 = 0$ and $\eta_0 = 0$.

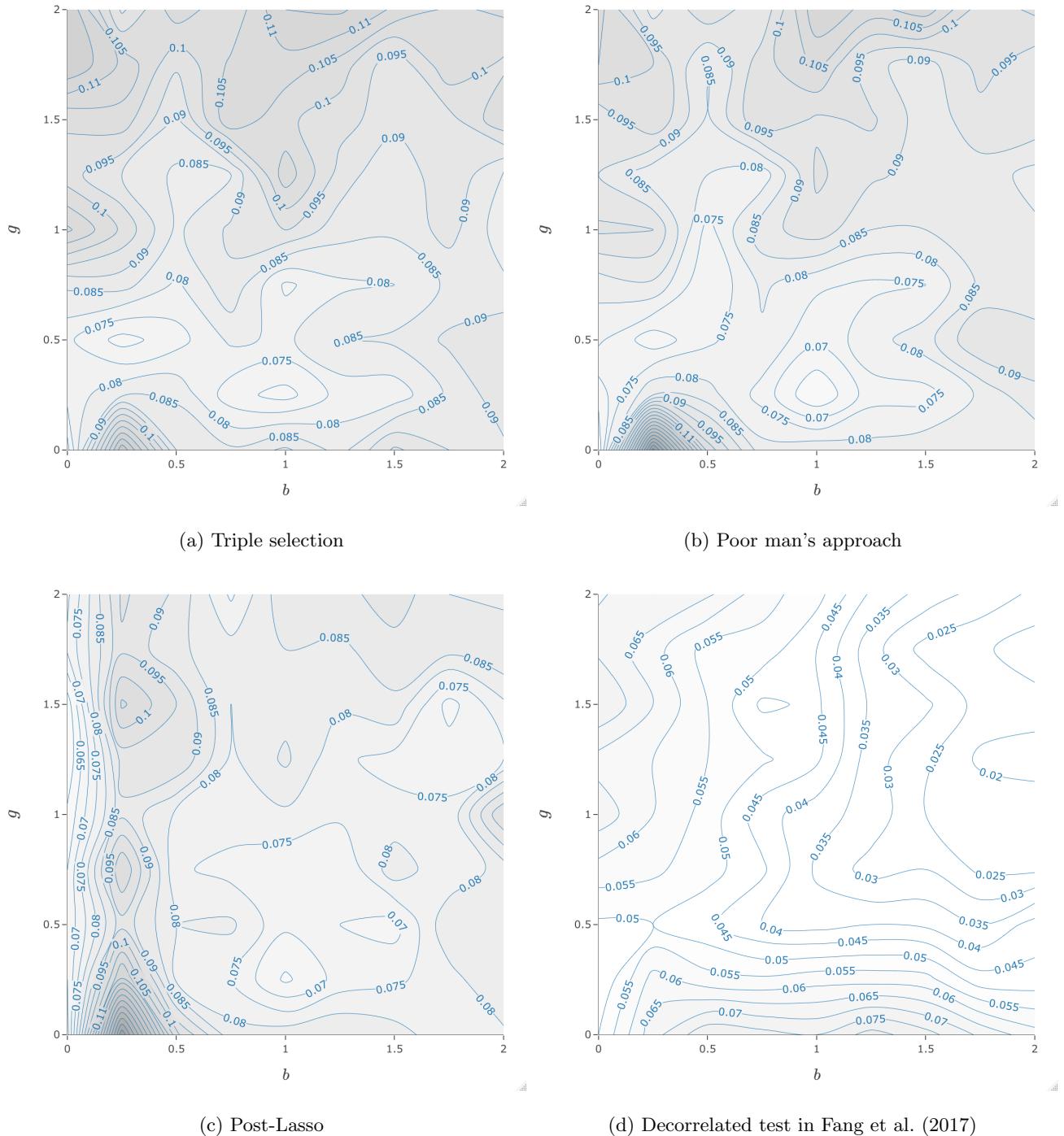


Figure 27: Empirical Type I error rate at the 5% significance level of the different tests under Setting 2(a) with $n = 200$, $p = 250$, $\rho = 0.50$, $\eta_1 = 2$, $\beta_0 = 0$ and $\eta_0 = 0$.

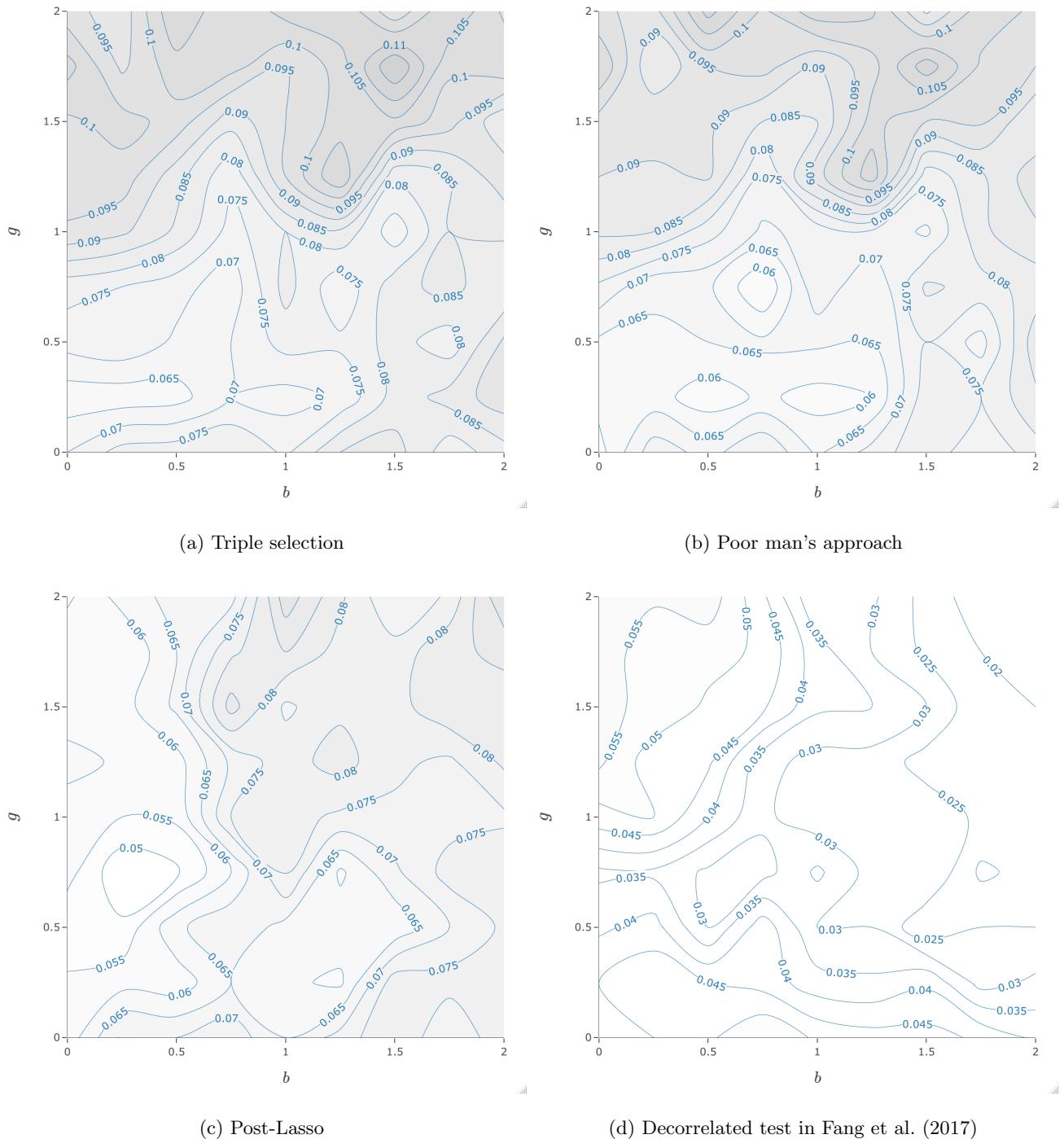


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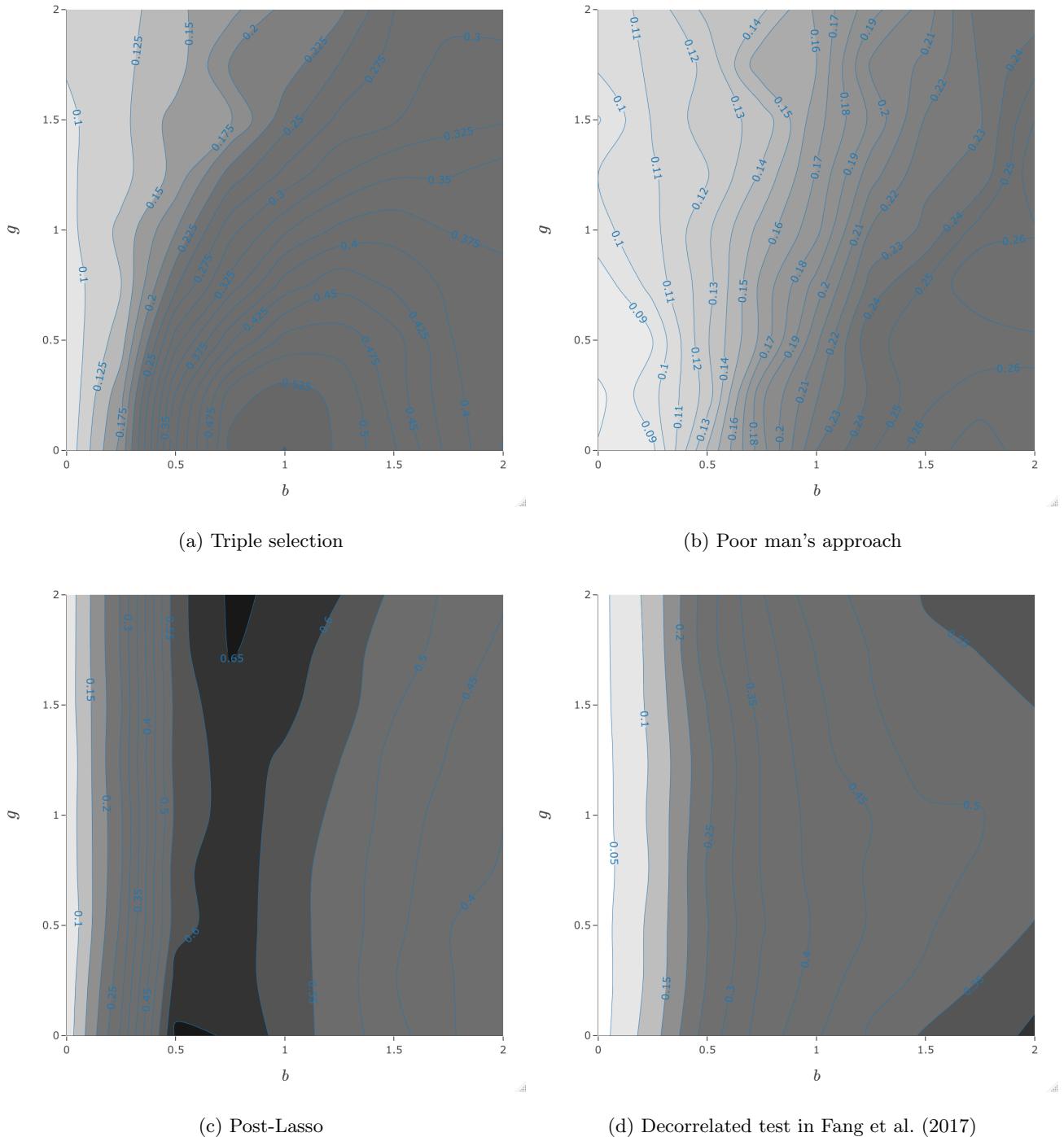


Figure 29: Empirical Type I error rate at the 5% significance level of the different tests under Setting 2(b) with $n = 200$, $p = 250$, $c_A = 1$, $\eta_1 = 2$, $\beta_0 = 0$ and $\eta_0 = 0$.

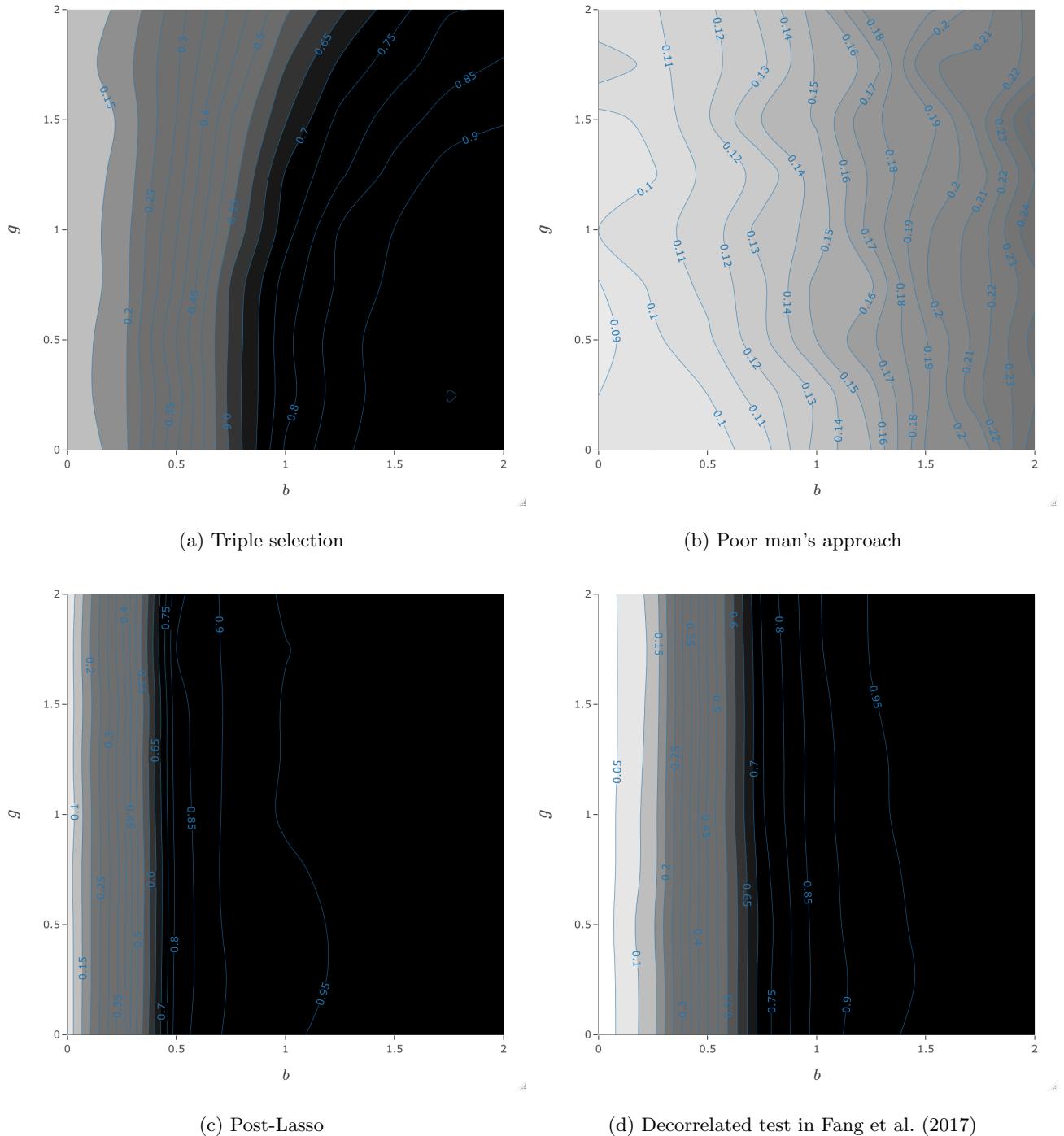


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