

# Readings on Moment Inequality Methods

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# 1 A Practical Method for Testing Many Moment Inequalities; Yuehao Bai, Andres Santos, Azeem M. Shaikh

## 1.1 Introduction

Setup:  $\{X_i\}_{i=1}^n$  i.i.d with distribution  $P \in \mathcal{P}_n$  on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Consider the problem of testing

$$H_0 : P \in \mathbf{P}_{0,n} \text{ versus } H_1 : P \in \mathbf{P}_{1,n} \quad (1)$$

where

$$\mathbf{P}_{0,n} \equiv \{P \in \mathcal{P}_n : E_P[X_i] \leq 0\} \quad (2)$$

and  $\mathbf{P}_{1,n} = \mathcal{P}_n / \mathbf{P}_{0,n}$ . The inequality in 2 is interpreted component wise and  $\mathcal{P}_n$  is a large class of possible distributions for the observed data. Indexing both the number of moments  $p_n$  and the class of possible distributions by the sample size allows for the number of moments to grow (rapidly) with the sample size  $n$ . Goal is to construct test that are uniformly consistent in level; i.e

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sup_{P \in \mathbf{P}_{0,n}} E_P[\phi_n] \leq \alpha \quad (3)$$

A test can be viewed as a function of the data  $\phi_n = \phi_n : \mathcal{X}^n \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$  where  $\mathcal{X}^n$  is generally some subset of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  where the data takes its values.

There are a large class of problems in economics in which the number of moments is large. For example, in the entry models as in Ciliberto and Tamer (2009) the number of moment inequalities to check is  $p_n = o(2^{m+1})$  where  $m$  is the number of firms. Apart from Chernozhukov et. al (2019), this has typically been done by limiting  $\mathcal{P}_n$  so that the number of moments  $p_n$  are small. Canay and Shaikh (2017) provide a detailed review of these tests. This paper focuses on the two step testing procedure of Romano et. al (2014). Test is shown to satisfy (3) under assumptions on  $\mathcal{P}_n$  that restrict  $p_n$  to not depend on  $n$ . However, the test is “practical” in that it is computationally feasible even if the number of moments is large. **Paper shows that the test of Romano et. al (2014) continues to satisfy (3) for a large class of distributions that permits the number of moments  $p_n$  to grow exponentially with the sample size  $n$ .**

Theoretical analysis relies on Chernozhukov et. al (2013, 2017) on the high dimensional CLT. This is seminal work. Allen (2018) argues that the test proposed Romano et al. (2014) is more powerful in finite samples than the test proposed by Chernozhukov et al. (2019).

## 1.2 Main Result

Begin this section by describing the testing procedure in Romano et al. (2014). To do so, best to introduce some further notation. For  $1 \leq j \leq p_n$  let  $X_{i,j}$  denote the  $j$ th component of  $X_i$  and set

$$\bar{X}_{j,n} \equiv \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_{i,j} \quad (4)$$

$$S_{j,n}^2 \equiv \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_{i,j} - \bar{X}_{j,n})^2 \quad (5)$$

Can also use the notation  $\mu_j(p) \equiv E_P[X_{i,j}]$  and  $\sigma_j^2(P) \equiv \text{Var}_P[X_{i,j}]$  so that (4) and (5) can be expressed as  $\mu_j(\hat{P}_n)$  and  $\sigma_j^2(\hat{P}_n)$ , respectively, where  $\hat{P}_n$  is the empirical distribution of  $\{X_i\}_{i=1}^n$ . Focus on a test that rejects for large values of

$$T_n \equiv \max \left\{ \max_{1 \leq j \leq p_n} \frac{\sqrt{n} \bar{X}_{j,n}}{S_{j,n}}, 0 \right\}$$

In defining critical value, useful to introduce an i.i.d sequence of random variables with distribution  $\hat{P}_n$  conditional on  $\{X_i\}_{i=1}^n$ , which we will denote  $X_i^*, i = 1, \dots, n$ . Further define  $\bar{X}_{j,n}^*$  and  $(S_{j,n}^*)^2$  analogously

to before, but substituting in  $X_i^*$ . Critical value for  $T_n$  is given by

$$\hat{c}_n^{(2)}(1 - \alpha + \beta) \equiv \inf \mathcal{S}_n(1 - \alpha + \beta) \quad (6)$$

where

$$\mathcal{S}_n(a) \equiv \left\{ c \in \mathbb{R} : \mathbb{P} \left[ \max_j \left\{ \frac{\sqrt{n}(\bar{X}_{j,n}^* - \bar{X}_{j,n} + \hat{\mu}_{j,n})}{S_{j,n}^*}, 0 \right\} \leq c \mid \{X_i\}_{i=1}^n \right] \geq a \right\}$$

Here  $\alpha \in (0, 0.5)$  is the nominal level of the test and  $\beta \in (0, \alpha)$  and

$$\hat{\mu}_{j,n} \equiv \min \left\{ \bar{X}_{j,n} + \frac{S_{j,n}}{\sqrt{n}} \hat{c}_n^{(1)}(1 - \beta), 0 \right\} \quad (7)$$

with

$$\hat{c}_n^{(1)} \equiv \inf \left\{ c \in \mathbb{R} : \mathbb{P} \left[ \max_{1 \leq j \leq p_n} \frac{\sqrt{n}(\bar{X}_{j,n} - \bar{X}_{j,n}^*)}{S_{j,n}^*} \leq c \mid \{X_i\}_{i=1}^n \right] \geq 1 - \beta \right\}$$

The test is then

$$\phi_n^{\text{RSW}} \equiv \mathbb{1} \left\{ T_n \geq \hat{c}_n^{(2)}(1 - \alpha + \beta) \right\} \quad (8)$$

Motivating this choice of critical value it is useful to note that the test statistic  $T_n$  satisfies

$$T_n = \max_j \left\{ \frac{\sqrt{n}(\bar{X}_{j,n} - \mu_j(P))}{S_{j,n}} + \frac{\sqrt{n}\mu_j(P)}{S_{j,n}}, 0 \right\} \quad (9)$$

Decomposition highlights that the main impediment in approximating the distribution of  $T_n$  is the presence of nuisance parameters  $\sqrt{n}\mu_j(P)$  for  $1 \leq j \leq p_n$ .<sup>1</sup> Though these nuisance parameters cannot be consistently estimated, Romano et al (2014) observe that it may still be possible to construct a suitably valid confidence region for them.

Lemma in Appendix employs Romano insight and high dimensional CLT of Chernozhukov et al. (2017) to show that, under conditions that permit  $p_n$  to grow rapidly with the sample size  $n$ ,  $\sqrt{n}\mu_j(P) \leq \sqrt{n}\hat{\mu}_{j,n}$  for all  $j \leq p_n$  with pr. approximately no less than  $1 - \beta$  whenever the null hypothesis in (1) is true. Since  $T_n$  is monotonically increasing in the nuisance parameters  $\sqrt{n}\mu_j(P)$  for all  $1 \leq j \leq p_n$  it follows that, viewed as a function of these nuisance parameters, any quantile of  $T_n$  is maximized over said confidence region by setting  $\sqrt{n}\mu_j(P) = \sqrt{n}\hat{\mu}_{j,n}$  for all  $j$ . Then, the critical value  $\hat{c}_n^{(2)}(1 - \alpha + \beta)$  is a bootstrap estimate of the  $1 - \alpha + \beta$  quantile of  $T_n$  under the “least favorable” nuisance parameter value  $\sqrt{n}\mu_j(P) = \sqrt{n}\hat{\mu}_{j,n}$  for all  $j$ . The  $1 - \alpha - \beta$  quantile is employed instead of  $\beta$  to account for that, with pr. appx no greater than  $\beta$ ,  $\sqrt{n}\mu_j(P) > \sqrt{n}\hat{\mu}_{j,n}$ . Analysis of test (8) hinges on following assumption:

**Assumption 1.** Assume (i)  $\{X_i\}_{i=1}^n$  is an i.i.d sample with  $X_i \in \mathbb{R}^{p_n}$  and  $X_i \sim P \in \mathbf{P}_n$ ; (ii)  $\sigma_j(P) > 0$  for all  $1 \leq j \leq p_n$  and  $P \in \mathbf{P}_n$ ; (iii) For  $k = 1, 2$ , there is a  $M_{k,n} < \infty$  such that  $E_P[|X_{i,j} - \mu_j(P)|^{2+k}] \leq \sigma_j^{2+k}(P)M_{k,n}^k$  for all  $1 \leq j \leq p_n$  and  $P \in \mathbf{P}_n$ ; (iv) There exists a  $B_n < \infty$  such that  $E_P \left[ \max_{1 \leq j \leq p_n} |X_{i,j} - \mu_j(P)|^4 \right] \leq B_n^4$  for all  $P \in \mathbf{P}_n$ ; (v)  $(M_{1,n}^2 \vee M_{2,n}^2 \vee B_n^2) \log^{3.5}(p_n n) = o(n^{(1-\delta)/2})$  for some  $\delta \in (0, 1)$

1(i) formalizes that  $\{X_i\}_{i=1}^n$  be an i.i.d sample, while Assumption 1(ii) requires the variance of  $X_{i,j}$  to be positive for all  $P \in \mathbf{P}_n$  and  $1 \leq j \leq p_n$ . 1(iii) imposes a uniform in  $P$  and  $j$  bound on the standardized moments of  $X_{i,j}$ . Condition is a strengthening of the uniform integrability requirements of Romano et al (2014) required so study a setting in which  $p_n$  diverges to infinity. Part (iv) bounds the 4th moments of the maximum of  $X_{i,j}$ . Finally, (v) states the main condition governing how fast  $p_n$  can grow with  $n$ . Under suitable moment restrictions on  $X_{i,j}$ ,  $p_n$  may grow exponentially with  $n$ . Now ready for main result

<sup>1</sup>I'm not entirely sure why they cannot be consistently estimated. I think this is because we are only partially identified.

**Theorem 1.** *If Assumption 1 holds,  $\alpha \in (0, \frac{1}{2})$  and  $0 < \beta < \alpha$ , then  $\phi_n^{RSW}$  as defined in (8) satisfies uniform consistency in level as defined in (3)*

The rest of this paper goes through some simulations. It is also just a working paper at the moment. Probably it is best to go through the main proof; but I will print it out and make some notes on this.

## 2 Inference on Causal and Structural Parameters Using Many Moment Inequalities; *Victor Chernozhukov, Denis Chetverikov, and Kengo Kato (ReStud, 2019)*

### 2.1 Introduction

In recent years, moment inequalities framework has developed into a powerful tool for inference on causal and structural parameters in partially identified models. Many papers study models with a finite and fixed number of conditional and unconditional moment inequalities. IN practice the number of moment inequalities implied by the model is often large.

Examples of testing (very) many moment inequalities

- Consumer is selecting a bundle of products for purchase and moment inequalities come from revealed preference argument (Pakes, 2010)
- Market structure model of Ciliberto and Tamer (2009), number of moment inequalities equals the number of possible combinations of firms that could potentially enter the market (grows exponentially in the number of firms)
- Dynamic model of imperfect competition of Bajari, Benkard, Levin (2007)m where deviations from optimal policy serve to define many moment inequalities
- Beresteanu, Molchanov, Molinari (2011), Galichon and Henry (2011)<sup>2</sup>, Chesher, Rosen, Smolinski (2013), and Chester and Rosen (2013)

Many examples have important in that the many inequalities under consideration are “unstructured”, they cannot be viewed as unconditional moment inequalities generated from a small number of conditional inequalities with a low-dimensional conditioning variable. So existing inference methods for conditional moment inequalities, though fruitful in many cases

Formally describing the problem, let  $\{X_i\}_{i=1}^n$  be a sequence of i.i.d random vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^p$ , where  $X_i = (X_{i1}, \dots, X_{ip})^T$ , with a common distribution denoted by  $\mathcal{L}_X$ . For  $j \leq p$ , we write  $\mu_j := \mathbb{E}[X_{1j}]$ . Interested in testing the null hypothesis

$$H_0 : \mu_j \leq 0 \text{ for all } j = 1, \dots, p \quad (1)$$

Against the alternative

$$H_1 : \mu_j > 0 \text{ for some } j = 1, \dots, p \quad (2)$$

Refer to (1) as the moment inequalities and say the  $j$ th moment is satisfied (violated) if  $\mu_j \leq 0$  ( $\mu_j > 0$ ). Paper will allow number of moment inequalities  $p \gg n$ . Consider a test statistic given by the maximum over  $p$  Studentized (t-type) inequality specific statistic. Consider critical values based upon (i) the union bound combined with a moderate deviation inequality for self-normalized sums and (ii) bootstrap methods. Among bootstrap methods, consider multiplier and empirical bootstrap methods. These are simulation based and computationally more difficult, but take into account correlation structure and yield lower critical values. SN method is particularly useful for grid search when the researcher is interested in constricting a confidence interval for identified set.

Also consider two-step methods incorporating inequality selection procedures. Two-step methods get rid of most uninformative inequalities, that is inequalities with  $\mu_j < 0$  if  $\mu_j$  is not too close to 0. Also develop novel three-step methods by incorporating double inequality selection procedures. These are suitable in parametric models defined via moment inequalities and allow to drop weakly informative inequalities in

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<sup>2</sup>This seems like a good place to start reading

addition to uninformative inequalities.<sup>3</sup>. Results can be used for construction of confidence regions for identifiable parameters in partially identified models defined by moment inequalities. Show that results are asymptotically honest (don't quite know what this means).

Literature testing unconditional moment inequalities is large. See White (2000), Chernozhukov, Hong, and Tamer (2007), Romano and Shaikh (2008), Rosen (2008), Andrews and Guggenberger (2009), Andrews and Soares (2010), Canay (2010), Bugni (2011), Andrews and Jia-Barwick (2012), and Romano, Shaikh, and Wolf (2014).

In this paper we implicitly assume that  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  and  $p$  are indexed by  $n$ . Mainly interested in the case that  $p = p_n \rightarrow \infty$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$

## 2.2 Motivating Examples

Section provides examples that motivate the framework where the number of moment inequalities  $p$  is large and potentially much larger than the sample size  $n$ . In these examples, one actually has many conditional rather than unconditional inequalities. Results cover conditioning as well.

### 2.2.1 Market Structure Model

Let  $m$  denote the number of firms that could potentially enter the market. Let  $m$ -tuple  $D = (D_1, \dots, D_m)$  denote entry decisions of these firms. That is,  $D_j = 1$  if the firm  $j$  enters the market and  $D_j = 0$  otherwise. Let  $\mathcal{D}$  denote the possible values of  $D$ . We have that  $|\mathcal{D}| = 2^m$ .

Let  $X$  and  $\epsilon$  denote the (exogenous) characteristics of the market as well as characteristics of the firms that are observed and not observed by the researcher, respectively. The profit of the firm  $j$  is given by

$$\pi_j(D, X, \epsilon, \theta)$$

where  $\pi_j$  is known up to a parameter  $\theta$ . Both  $X$  and  $\epsilon$  are observed by the firms and a Nash Equilibrium is played so that, for each  $j$ ,

$$\pi_j((D_j, D_{-j}), X, \epsilon, \theta) \geq \pi_j((1 - D_j, D_{-j}), X, \epsilon, \theta)$$

$D_{-j}$  denotes the decisions of all firms excluding the firm  $j$ . Then one can find set-valued functions  $R_1(d, X, \theta)$  and  $R_2(d, X, \theta)$  such that  $d$  is the unique equilibrium whenever  $\epsilon \in R_1(d, X, \theta)$  and  $d$  is an equilibrium whenever  $\epsilon \in R_2(d, X, \theta)$ . In the second case, the probability that the researcher sees  $d$  as an equilibrium depends on the equilibrium selection mechanism. Without further information, anything can be in  $[0, 1]$ . Therefore we have the following bounds

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[\mathbb{1}\{\epsilon \in R_1(d, X, \theta)|X\}] &\leq \mathbb{E}[\mathbb{1}\{D = d\}|X] \\ &\leq \mathbb{E}[\mathbb{1}\{\epsilon \in R_1(d, X, \theta) \cup R_2(d, X, \theta)\}|X] \end{aligned}$$

Further assuming that the conditional distribution of  $\epsilon$  given  $X$  is known (or known up to a parameter that is part of  $\theta$ ), both the LHS and RHS of these inequalities can be calculated. Denote them  $P_1(d, X, \theta)$  and  $P_2(d, X, \theta)$ , respectively to obtain

$$P_1(d, X, \theta) \leq \mathbb{E}[\mathbb{1}\{D = d\}|X] \leq P_2(d, X, \theta) \quad (3)$$

for all  $d \in \mathcal{D}$ . These can be used for inference on the parameter  $\theta$ . Note that the number of inequalities in (3) is  $2|\mathcal{D}| = 2^{m+1}$ . This is a large number, even if  $m$  is moderately large. Moreover, these inequalities are conditional on  $X$ . So, they can be transformed into a large and increasing number of unconditional moment inequalities as described above. Also, if the firms have more than two decisions, the number of inequalities will be even larger.

Some other examples are given, but I won't cover them in notes.

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<sup>3</sup>Can be extended to nonparametric models as well

### 2.3 Test Statistic

Begin preparing some notation. Assume that

$$\mathbb{E}[X_{1,j}^2] < \infty, \sigma_j^2 := \text{Var}(X_{1,j}) > 0, j = 1, \dots, p \quad (4)$$

For  $j = 1, \dots, p$  let  $\hat{\mu}_j$  and  $\hat{\sigma}_j$  be the sample mean and variance of  $\{X_{i,j}\}_{i=1}^n$ . Many different possible test statistics. Somewhat natural to consider statistics that take large values when some of  $\hat{\mu}_j$ 's are large. In this paper focus on statistic that takes large values when at least one of  $\hat{\mu}_j$  are large.

In specific, focus on the following test statistic:

$$T = \max_{1 \leq j \leq p} \frac{\sqrt{n}}{\hat{\sigma}_j} \quad (5)$$

Large values of  $T$  indicate a likely violation of  $H_0$ , so it is natural to consider tests of the form

$$T > c \implies \text{reject } H_0$$

where  $c$  is appropriately chosen so that the test approximately has size  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ . Consider various ways for calculating critical values and prove their validity.

### 2.4 Critical Values

Now move to define critical values for  $T$  such that under  $H_0$ , the probability of rejecting  $H_0$  does not exceed size  $\alpha$  asymptotically. Methods are ordered by increasing computational complexity, increasing strength of required conditions, and also increasing power. Basic idea for the construction of critical values for  $T$  lies in the fact, that, under  $H_0$ :

$$T \leq \max_{1 \leq j \leq p} \frac{\sqrt{n}(\hat{\mu}_j - \mu_j)}{\hat{\sigma}_j}$$

Consider two approaches to constructing such critical values: self-normalized and bootstrap methods. Also consider two- and three-step variants of the methods by incorporating inequality selection.

Following notation used:

$$Z_{ij} = (X_{ij} - \mu_j)/\sigma_j \text{ and } Z_i = (Z_{i1}, \dots, Z_{ip})^T$$

Observe that  $\mathbb{E}[Z_{ij}] = 0$  and  $\mathbb{E}[Z_{ij}^2] = 1$ . Define

$$M_{n,k} = \max_{1 \leq j \leq p} \left( \mathbb{E} \left[ |Z_{1,j}|^k \right] \right)^{1/k}, k = 3, 4, \text{ and } B_n = \left( \mathbb{E} \left[ \max_{1 \leq j \leq p} Z_{1j}^4 \right] \right)^{1/4}$$

The dependence on  $n$  comes via the dependence of  $p = p_n$  on  $n$  implicitly. By Jensen's inequality,  $B_n \geq M_{n,4} \geq M_{n,3} \geq 1$ . In addition, if all  $Z_{ij}$ 's are bounded a.s by a constant  $C$ , we have that  $C \geq B_n$ . These are useful to get a sense of various conditions on  $M_{n,3}$ ,  $M_{n,4}$  and  $B_n$  imposed in the theorems below.

#### 2.4.1 Self Normalized Critical Values

**One-step method:** Self-normalized method considered is based on the union bound combined with moderate deviation inequality for self-normalized sums. Under  $H_0$

$$\mathbb{P}(T > c) \leq \sum_{j=1}^p \mathbb{P}(\sqrt{n}(\hat{\mu}_j - \mu_j)/\hat{\sigma}_j > c) \quad (6)$$

This bound seems crude when  $p$  is large. However, will exploit the self normalizing  $\sqrt{n}(\hat{\mu}_j - \mu_j)/\hat{\sigma}_j$  to show that RHS of above is bounded, even if  $c$  is growing logarithmically fast with  $p$ . Using such a  $c$  will yield a test with better power properties.

For  $j = 1, \dots, p$ , define

$$U_j := \sqrt{n} \mathbb{E}_n[Z_{ij}] / \sqrt{\mathbb{E}_n[Z_{ij}^2]}$$

Simple algebra yields, we see that

$$\sqrt{n}(\hat{\mu}_j - \mu_j) / \hat{\sigma}_j = U_j / \sqrt{1 - U_j^2/n}$$

where the right-hand side is increasing in  $U_j$  as long as  $U_j \geq 0$ . So under  $H_0$ ,

$$\mathbb{P}(T > c) \leq \sum_{j=1}^p \mathbb{P}\left(U_j > c / \sqrt{1 + c^2/n}\right), \quad c \geq 0 \quad (7)$$

Moderate deviation inequality for self-normalized sums of Jing, Shao, and Wang (2003) implies that for moderately large  $c \geq 0$ ,

$$\mathbb{P}\left(U_j > c / \sqrt{1 + c^2/n}\right) \approx \mathbb{P}\left(Z > x / \sqrt{1 + c^2/n}\right)$$

where  $Z \sim N(0, 1)$ . The above approximation holds even if  $Z_{ij}$  only have  $2 + \delta$  finite moments for some  $\delta > 0$ . Therefore, take the critical value as

$$c^{SN}(\alpha) = \frac{\Phi^{-1}(1 - \alpha/p)}{\sqrt{1 - \Phi^{-1}(1 - \alpha/p)^2/n}} \quad (8)$$

where  $\Phi(\cdot)$  is the normal cdf. We call  $c^{SN}(\alpha)$  the one-step SN critical value with size  $\alpha$  as its derivation depends on the moderate deviation inequality for self-normalized sums. Note that

$$\Phi^{-1}(1 - \alpha/p) \sim \sqrt{\log(p/\alpha)}$$

so  $c^{SN}(\alpha)$  depends on  $p$  only through  $\log(p)$ . Following theorem provides a non asymptotic bound on the probability that the test statistic  $T$  exceeds the SN critical value  $c^{SN}(\alpha)$  under  $H_0$  and shows that the bound converged to  $\alpha$  under mild regularity conditions, validating the SN method.

**Theorem 2.** (*Validity of one-step SN method*). Suppose that  $M_{n,3} \Phi^{-1}(1 - \alpha/p) \leq n^{1/6}$ . Then under  $H_0$ ,

$$\mathbb{P}(T > c^{SN}(\alpha)) \leq \alpha \left[ 1 + K n^{-1/2} M_{n,3}^3 \left\{ 1 + \Phi^{-1}(1 - \alpha/p) \right\}^3 \right]$$

where  $K$  is a universal constant. Hence, if there exists constants  $0 < c_1 < 1/2$  and  $C_1 > 0$  such that

$$M_{n,3}^3 \log^{3/2}(p/\alpha) \leq C_1 n^{1/2 - c_1} \quad (9)$$

then there exists a positive constant  $C$  depending only on  $C_1$  such that under  $H_0$ ,

$$\mathbb{P}(T > c^{SN}(\alpha)) \leq \alpha + C n^{-c_1} \quad (10)$$

Moreover, this bound holds uniformly over all distributions  $\mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{X}}$  satisfying the moment conditions as well as the above requirement (9). In addition, if (9) holds, all components of  $X_1$  are independent,  $\mu_j = 0$  for all  $1 \leq j \leq p$  and  $p = p_n \rightarrow \infty$ , then

$$\mathbb{P}(T > c^{SN}(\alpha)) \rightarrow 1 - e^{-\alpha}$$

I think the last bit is just to show that the test is approximately non-conservative.

**Two-step method:** Now move to combine the SN method with inequality selection. Motivation for doing this is that when  $\mu_j < 0$  for some  $j = 1, \dots, p$  the inequality in (6) becomes strict. So, when there are many  $j$  for which  $\mu_j$  are negative and large in absolute value, the resulting test with one-step SN critical values

would tend to be unnecessarily conservative. So, in order to improve the power of the test, it is better to exclude  $j$  for which  $\mu_j$  are below some (negative) threshold when computing critical values.

Formally, let  $0 < \beta_n < \alpha/2$  be some constant. For generality, allow  $\beta_n$  to depend on  $n$ . In particular, we allow  $\beta_n = o(1)$ . Let  $c^{SN}(\beta_n)$  be the SN critical value with size  $\beta_n$  and define the set  $\hat{J}_{SN} \subset \{1, \dots, p\}$  by

$$\hat{J}_{SN} := \left\{ j \in \{1, \dots, p\} : \sqrt{n}\hat{\mu}_j / \hat{\sigma}_j > -2c^{SN}(\beta_n) \right\} \quad (11)$$

Let  $\hat{k} = |\hat{J}_{SN}|$ . Then, the two step SN critical value is defined by

$$c^{SN,2S}(\alpha) = \begin{cases} \frac{\Phi^{-1}(1-(\alpha-2\beta_n)/\hat{k})}{\sqrt{1-\Phi^{-1}(1-(\alpha-2\beta_n)/\hat{k})}}, & \text{if } \hat{k} \geq 1 \\ 0, & \text{if } \hat{k} = 0 \end{cases} \quad (12)$$

Then paper claims the following theorem

**Theorem 3.** *Suppose there exist constants  $0 < c_1 < 1/2$  and  $C_1 > 0$  such that*

$$M_{n,3}^3 \log^{3/2} \left( \frac{p}{\beta_n \wedge (\alpha - 2\beta_n)} \right) \leq C_1 n^{1/2-c_1}$$

and  $B_n^2 \log^2(p/\beta_n) \leq C_1 n^{1/2-c_1}$

*Then there exist positive constants  $c, C$  depending only on  $\alpha, c_1, C_1$  such that under  $H_0$ ,*

$$\mathbb{P}(T > c^{SN,2S}(\alpha)) \leq \alpha + Cn^{-c} \quad (13)$$

*Moreover, this bound holds uniformly over all distribution  $\mathcal{L}_X$  satisfying (6) and the above condition. In addition, if all components of  $X_1$  are independent,  $\mu_j = 0$  and  $p = p_n \rightarrow \infty$  while  $\beta_n \rightarrow 0$  then*

$$\mathbb{P}(T > c^{SN,2S}(\alpha)) \rightarrow 1 - e^{-\alpha}$$

#### 2.4.2 Bootstrap Methods