

Supplementary Appendix

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1 Additional empirical results

1.1 Choice of K

To find a stable type assignment over units, we considered $K = 2, \dots, 10$ for the number of types in the classification steps. Table 1 contains the classification result. The last row is the number of units who are assigned to an ‘accidental’ type where only a few number of outliers are assigned and a structural break is suspected in the sense that

$$\frac{1}{T_0} \sum_{t=-T_0}^{-1} \left(\hat{\delta}_t(k) - \bar{\delta}(k) \right)^2$$

is high. For $K \geq 3$, the maximum estimated variance of $\hat{\delta}_t(k)$ for a stable type k is 1.062 while the minimum estimated variance of $\hat{\delta}_t(k)$ for an accidental type is 8.587. Also, all of the accidental types are singletons.

K	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
type 1	28	40	39	38	28	16	7	6	6
type 2	14	-	-	-	10	21	29	29	28
outliers	0	2	3	4	4	5	6	7	8

Table 1: summary of classification result across K

Figure 1 and Figure 2 contain the estimated time fixed-effects $\hat{\delta}_t(k)$ for the two stable types given $K = 5, \dots, 10$. See that the estimates are stable for $K = 6, \dots, 9$, give us an anecdotal evidence that the two types capture the heterogeneity in dataset in a stable way. For a more formal discussion, we also considered an information criterion for the classification step. Figure 3 plots the Bayesian information criterion as suggested in Bonhomme and Manresa (2015); Janys and Siflinger (2024):

$$\frac{1}{nT_0} \sum_{i,t} \left(Y_{it} - Y_{it-1} - \hat{\delta}_t(\hat{k}_i) - X_{it}^\top \hat{\theta} \right)^2 + \hat{\sigma}^2 \frac{KT_0 + p}{nT_0} \log nT_0$$

where $\hat{\sigma}^2$ is estimated with the largest $K = 10$. The information criterion is minimized at $K = 9$. Based on this, we presented the estimation results based on the two stable types estimated with $K = 9$.

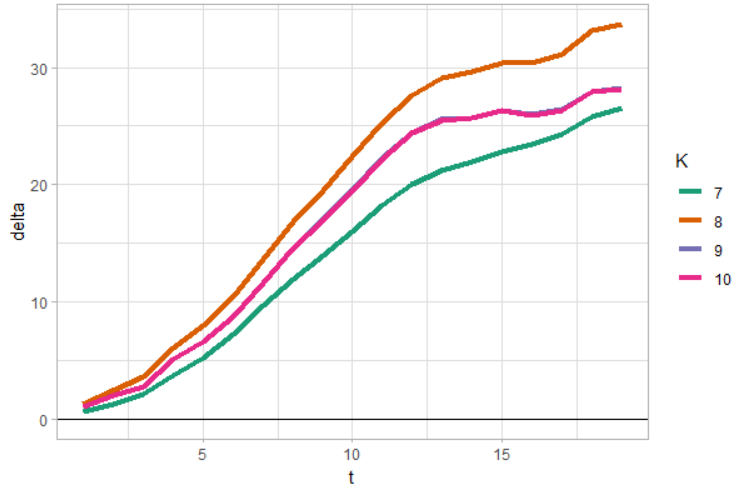


Figure 1: $\sum_{s \leq t} \hat{\delta}_s(1)$ across K

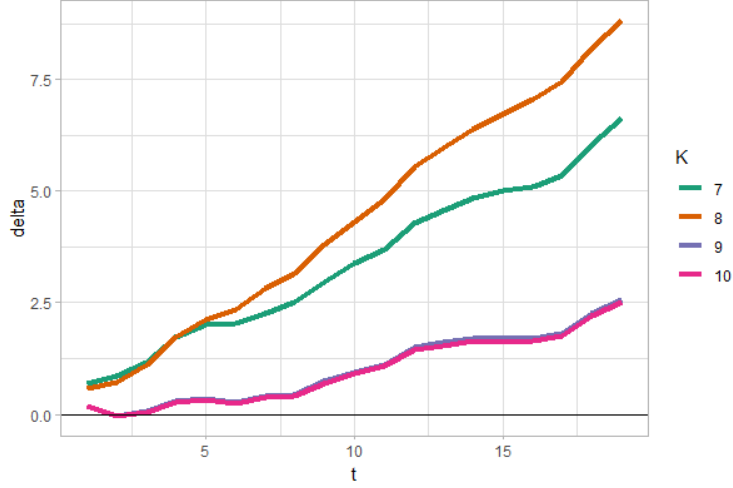


Figure 2: $\sum_{s \leq t} \hat{\delta}_t(2)$ across K

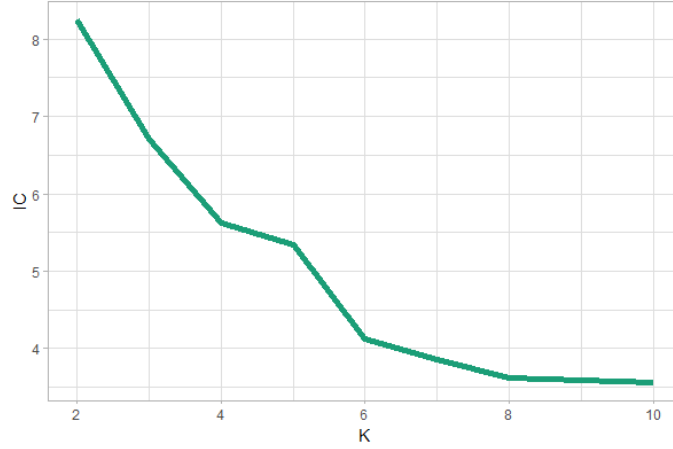


Figure 3: Information criterion for K

1.2 Heterogeneity across types

In the main text, it has been discussed that the two stable types are different in terms of their control covariates X_{it} . Here, we present additional balancedness test for the two types. Figure 4 contains the histogram for the treatment timing for type 1 and type 2. An eyeball test suggests that type 1 is slightly earlier-treated compared to type 2. Table 2 contains formal balancedness test for treatment timing E_i across type 1 and type 2. Any of the mean

comparison test that uses indicator for being never-treated, treatment timing, and squared demeaned treatment timing, does not reject the null hypothesis that the two types share the same mean at 0.05 significance level; the joint p -value is 0.537. The two types are similar in terms of their treatment timing distribution, i.e., the treatment timing is well balanced across types.

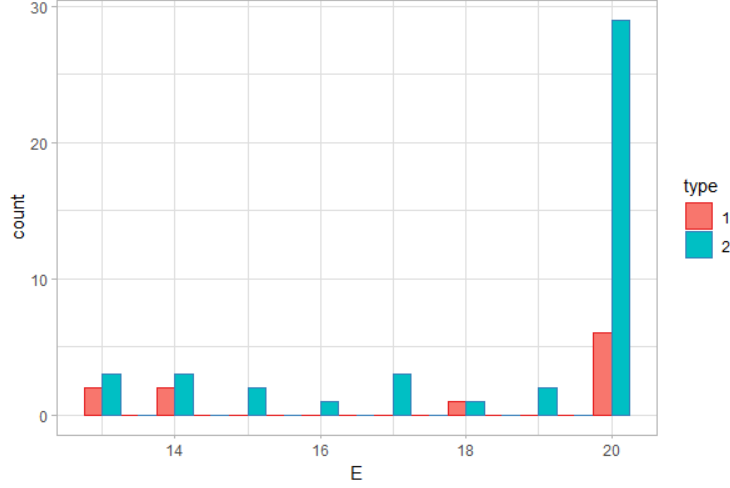


Figure 4: Frequency of E_i across K

	type 1	type 2	Diff
$\mathbf{1}\{E_i = \infty\}$	0.55	0.66	-0.11
	(0.52)	(0.48)	(0.17)
E_i	17.45	18.5	-1.05
	(3.21)	(2.44)	(1.03)
$(E_i - \mathbf{E}[E_i k_i])^2$	9.34	10.43	-1.09
	(6.04)	(11.75)	(2.54)
N	11	44	-
joint p -value			0.537

Table 2: Balancedness test on E_i

Lastly, we present the full classification result when $K = 9$. Below the number of school districts in each states for type 1, type 2 and accidental types. The number of treated school

districts are denoted with red while the the number of never-treated school districts are denoted with black. Table 3 further summarizes the list and presents the number of school districts for each census region. Type 1 school districts are more concentrated in the South census region compared to Type 2 school districts; 9 out 11 compared to 28 out of 44.

Type 1 Alabama (2/**1**), Arkansas (1/**1**), Florida (1/**1**), North Carolina (1/**1**), Ohio (**1**), Wisconsin (1)

Type 2 Alabama (3/**1**), Arizona (**1**), Arkansas (1), California (2/**1**), Connecticut (2), Florida (2/**7**), Illinois (1), Indiana (2), Kentucky (1), Maryland (**1**), Michigan (2/**1**), Mississippi (3), New York (2), North Carolina (2), Pennsylvania (2), Texas (4/**3**)

Outliers Arkansas (1), Illinois (1), Massachusetts (1), Michigan (1), Mississippi (3/**1**), North Carolina (1)

	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Type 1	-	1/ 1	5/ 4	-
Type 2	6	5/ 1	16/ 12	2/ 2
Outliers	1	2	5/ 1	-

Table 3: Distribution of types across census regions

1.3 Robustness check

The qualitative result that we find the treatment effect to be statistically significant for type 1 while not for type 2 stays the same across perturbations in the classification result across K . Dynamic CATT $\beta_r(k)$ for $r \geq 2$ for type 1 are estimated to be significantly away from zero at 0.05 significance level and we find no significant treatment effect for type

2. Also, we find no pretreatment for both type 1 and type 2 robust to perturbations in the classification, suggesting that the type-specific parallel trend assumption and the no anticipation assumption are not violated for pretreatment outcomes.

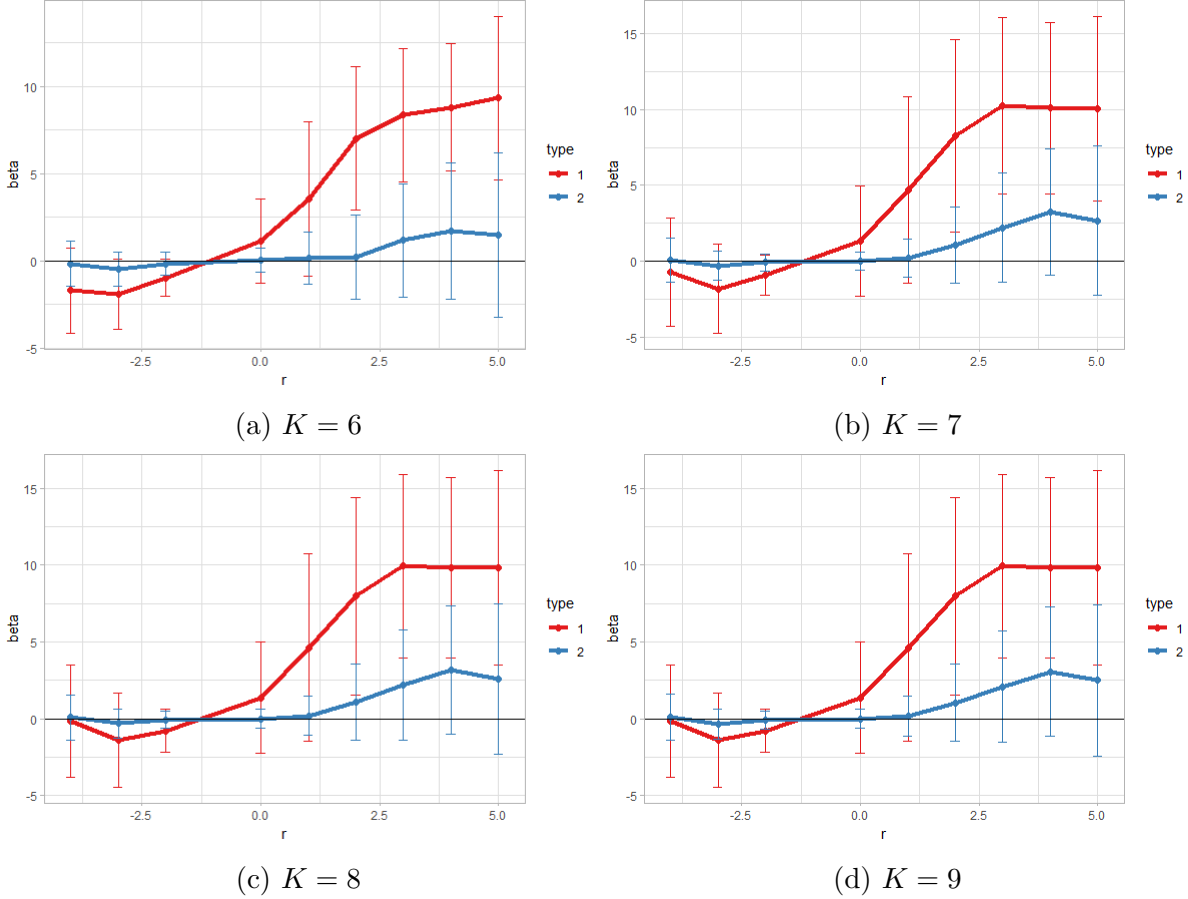


Figure 5: $\hat{\beta}_r$ across K

We also considered an outcome approach and ran a post-treatment linear regression model: for $t = 1989, \dots, 2007$

$$Y_{it} - Y_{it-1} = \delta_t(k_i) + X_{it}^\top \theta + \sum_{-4 \leq r \leq 5; r \neq -1} \beta_r(k_i) \mathbf{1}\{t = E_i + r\} + \beta_6(k_i) \mathbf{1}\{t \geq E_i + 6\} + U_{it}.$$

Note that $\beta_r(k)$ is treatment effect on the first-differenced outcome. Thus, to retrieve the treatment effect on level, we need to sum $\beta_r(k)$ over r . Figure 6 contains the type-specific treatment effect estimates and their 95% confidence intervals. We find no pretreatment

across type 1 and type 2. The estimates are close to the unweighted type-specific diff-in-diff estimates from Figure 5. Lastly, in Figure 7 contains estimates from the pooled regression specification:

$$Y_{it} - Y_{it-1} = \delta_t(k_i) + X_{it}^\top \theta + \sum_{-4 \leq r \leq 5; r \neq -1} \beta_r \mathbf{1}\{t = E_i + r\} + \beta_6 \mathbf{1}\{t \geq E_i + 6\} + U_{it}.$$

Again, the estimates are close to the averaged estimates of the unweighted type-specific diff-in-diff estimates from Figure 5.

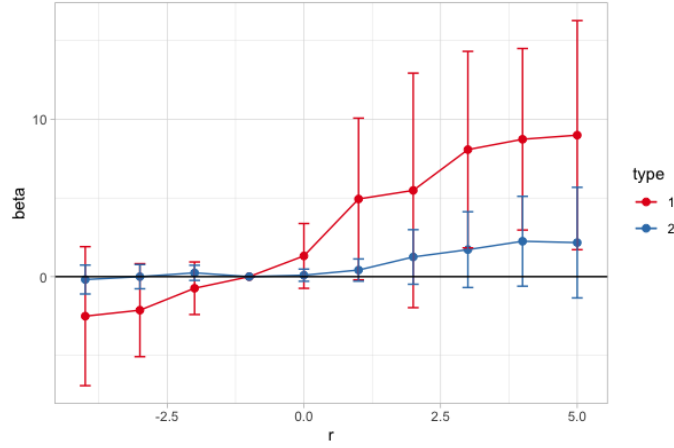


Figure 6: $\sum_{0 \leq r' \leq r} \hat{\beta}_{r'}(k)$ for $k = -4, \dots, 5$

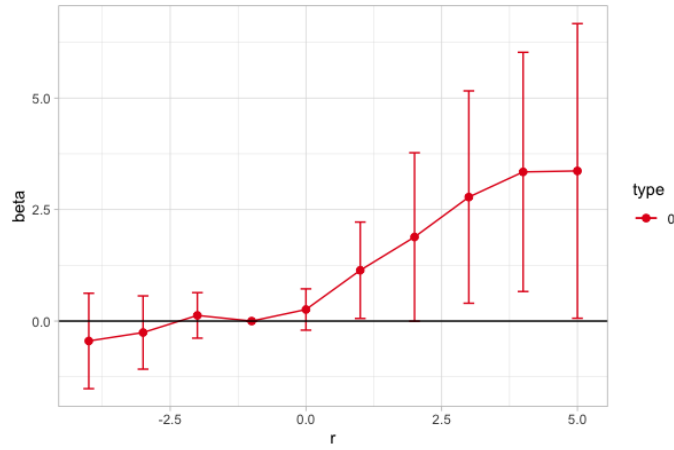


Figure 7: $\sum_{0 \leq r' \leq r} \hat{\beta}_{r'}$ for $k = -4, \dots, 5$

2 Proof for Theorem 2

In the proof sections, we will use the dot notation to denote the first difference: $\dot{Y}_{it} = Y_{it} - Y_{it-1}$, $\dot{X}_{it} = X_{it} - X_{it-1}$ and $\dot{U}_{it} = U_{it} - U_{it-1}$. Also, we will use the superscript naught to denote the true values of the parameters and the latent type variable: e.g. k_i^0 is the true type of unit i .

We prove Theorem 2 in the context of a linear model for outcome in level (see *Remark 5* of the main text). This subsumes the case of a linear model for first-differenced outcomes, by replacing \dot{X}_{it} and \dot{U}_{it} with X_{it} and U_{it} . For Theorem 1, replace $\delta_t^0(k)$ and \dot{U}_{it} with $\mathbf{E}[\dot{Y}_{it}(\infty)|k]$ and $\dot{Y}_{it}(E_i) - \mathbf{E}[\dot{Y}_{it}(\infty)|k_i^0]$.

Step 1

The first step is to obtain an approximation of the objective function. Note that

$$\begin{aligned}\widehat{Q}(\theta, \delta, \gamma) &= \frac{1}{nT_0} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{t=-T_0}^{-1} \left(\dot{Y}_{it} - \delta_t(k_i) - \dot{X}_{it}^\top \theta \right)^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{nT_0} \sum_{i,t} \left(\delta_t^0(k_i^0) - \delta_t(k_i) + \dot{X}_{it}^\top (\theta^0 - \theta) + \dot{U}_{it} \right)^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{nT_0} \sum_{i,t} \left\{ \left(\delta_t^0(k_i^0) - \delta_t(k_i) + \dot{X}_{it}^\top (\theta^0 - \theta) \right)^2 + \dot{U}_{it}^2 \right\} \\ &\quad + \frac{2}{nT_0} \sum_{i,t} \left(\delta_t^0(k_i^0) - \delta_t(k_i) + \dot{X}_{it}^\top (\theta^0 - \theta) \right) \dot{U}_{it}.\end{aligned}$$

Let

$$\tilde{Q}(\theta, \delta, \gamma) = \frac{1}{nT_0} \sum_{i,t} \left\{ \left(\delta_t^0(k_i^0) - \delta_t(k_i) + \dot{X}_{it}^\top (\theta^0 - \theta) \right)^2 + \dot{U}_{it}^2 \right\}.$$

Then,

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \widehat{Q}(\theta, \delta, \gamma) - \tilde{Q}(\theta, \delta, \gamma) \right| &= \left| \frac{2}{nT_0} \sum_{i,t} \left(\delta_t^0(k_i^0) - \delta_t(k_i) + \dot{X}_{it}^\top(\theta^0 - \theta) \right) \dot{U}_{it} \right| \\ &\leq \left| \frac{2}{nT_0} \sum_{i,t} \left(\delta_t^0(k_i^0) - \delta_t(k_i) \right) \dot{U}_{it} \right| + \left| \frac{2}{nT_0} \sum_{i,t} \dot{X}_{it}^\top(\theta^0 - \theta) \dot{U}_{it} \right|. \quad (1) \end{aligned}$$

Firstly, find that

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \frac{1}{nT_0} \sum_{i,t} \delta_t^0(k_i^0) \dot{U}_{it} \right| &\leq \sum_{k=1}^K \left| \frac{1}{nT_0} \sum_{i,t} \delta_t^0(k) \dot{U}_{it} \mathbf{1}\{k_i^0 = k\} \right| \\ &\leq \sum_{k=1}^K \left(\frac{1}{T_0} \sum_t \delta_t^0(k)^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left(\frac{1}{T_0} \sum_t \left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_i \dot{U}_{it} \mathbf{1}\{k_i^0 = k\} \right)^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &\leq M \sum_{k=1}^K \left(\frac{1}{n^2 T_0} \sum_{i,j,t} \dot{U}_{it} \dot{U}_{jt} \mathbf{1}\{k_i^0 = k_j^0 = k\} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \xrightarrow{p} 0. \end{aligned}$$

The first two inequalities are from separating the summation into types and applying Cauchy-Schwartz's inequality to over t . The third is from Assumption 7-b. It remains to prove the convergence in probability; for that we use Assumption 7-a,d. With some constant $C > 0$ that only depends on $M > 0$ from Assumption 7,

$$\mathbf{E} \left[\dot{U}_{it} \dot{U}_{jt} \mathbf{1}\{k_i^0 = k_j^0 = k\} \right] = \begin{cases} \mathbf{E} [\dot{U}_{it}^2 \mathbf{1}\{k_i^0 = k\}] \leq C & \text{if } i = j \\ \mathbf{E} [\dot{U}_{it} \mathbf{1}\{k_i^0 = k\}] \mathbf{E} [\dot{U}_{jt} \mathbf{1}\{k_j^0 = k\}] = 0 & \text{if } i \neq j \end{cases}$$

since $\mathbf{E} [\dot{U}_{it} \mathbf{1}\{k_i^0 = k\}] = \mathbf{E} [\dot{U}_{it} | k_i^0 = k] \Pr\{k_i^0 = k\} = 0$.¹ Then,

$$\mathbf{E} \left[\frac{1}{nT_0} \sum_{i,j,t} \dot{U}_{it} \dot{U}_{jt} \mathbf{1}\{k_i^0 = k_j^0 = k\} \right] \leq C.$$

¹In the case of Theorem 1,

$$\mathbf{E} [\dot{Y}_{it}(E_i) - \dot{Y}_{it}(\infty) | k_i^0] | k_i^0 = k] = \mathbf{E} [\mathbf{E} [\dot{Y}_{it}(E_i) - \dot{Y}_{it}(\infty) | k_i^0, E_i] | k_i^0 = k] = 0$$

from Assumption 2.

and $\frac{1}{n^2 T_0} \sum_{i,j,t} \dot{U}_{it} \dot{U}_{jt} \mathbf{1}\{k_i^0 = k_j^0 = k\} = o_p(1)$. We can repeat this for the other quantity in the first term of (1).

Secondly, again from applying Cauchy-Schwartz's inequality and Jensen's inequality,

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \frac{1}{n T_0} \sum_{i,t} \dot{X}_{it}^\top (\theta^0 - \theta) \dot{U}_{it} \right| &\leq \frac{1}{T_0} \sum_t \left\| \frac{1}{n} \sum_i \dot{U}_{it} \dot{X}_{it} \right\|_2 \cdot \|\theta^0 - \theta\|_2 \\ &\leq \frac{2M}{\sqrt{n}} \cdot \frac{1}{T_0} \sum_t \left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i,j} \dot{U}_{it} \dot{U}_{jt} \dot{X}_{it}^\top \dot{X}_{jt} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{2M}{\sqrt{n}} \cdot O_p(1) \xrightarrow{p} 0 \end{aligned}$$

The convergence in probability is from Assumption 7-a,d. Find that

$$\mathbf{E} [\dot{U}_{it} \dot{X}_{it}] = \mathbf{0}, \quad \mathbf{E} [\dot{U}_{it}^2 \dot{X}_{it}^\top \dot{X}_{it}] \leq C$$

with some constant $C > 0$ that only depends on $M > 0$ from Assumption 7. Thus,

$$\frac{1}{T_0} \sum_t \mathbf{E} \left[\left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i,j} \dot{U}_{it} \dot{U}_{jt} \dot{X}_{it}^\top \dot{X}_{jt} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right] \leq \frac{1}{T_0} \sum_t \left(\mathbf{E} \left[\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i,j} \dot{U}_{it} \dot{U}_{jt} \dot{X}_{it}^\top \dot{X}_{jt} \right] \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \leq \sqrt{C}.$$

Then $\frac{1}{T_0} \sum_t \left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i,j} \dot{U}_{it} \dot{U}_{jt} \dot{X}_{it}^\top \dot{X}_{jt} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} = O_p(1)$ and $\widehat{Q}(\theta, \delta, \gamma) - \tilde{Q}(\theta, \delta, \gamma) = o_p(1)$.

Step 2

By plugging in the true parameters, $\tilde{Q}(\theta^0, \delta^0, \gamma^0) = \frac{1}{n T_0} \sum_{i,t} \dot{U}_{it}^2$ and

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{Q}(\theta, \delta, \gamma) - \tilde{Q}(\theta^0, \delta^0, \gamma^0) &= \frac{1}{n T_0} \sum_{i,t} \left(\delta_t^0(k_i^0) - \delta_t(k_i) + \dot{X}_{it}^\top (\theta^0 - \theta) \right)^2 \\ &\geq \frac{1}{n T_0} \sum_{i,t} \left(\dot{X}_{it}^\top (\theta^0 - \theta) - \bar{\dot{X}}_{k_i^0 \wedge k_i, t}^\top (\theta^0 - \theta) \right)^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{n T_0} \sum_{i,t} (\theta^0 - \theta)^\top \left(\dot{X}_{it} - \bar{\dot{X}}_{k_i^0 \wedge k_i, t} \right) \left(\dot{X}_{it} - \bar{\dot{X}}_{k_i^0 \wedge k_i, t} \right)^\top (\theta^0 - \theta) \\ &\geq \min_{\gamma \in \Gamma} \rho_n(\gamma) \cdot \|\theta^0 - \theta\|_2^2. \end{aligned}$$

Note that the unknowns in $\tilde{Q}(\theta, \delta, \gamma) - \tilde{Q}(\theta^0, \delta^0, \gamma^0)$ other than $(\theta^0 - \theta)$ are functions of (t, k_i^0, k_i) . Thus, subtracting the group mean defined with (t, k_i^0, k_i) from $\dot{X}_{it}^\top(\theta^0 - \theta)$ is the lower bound for the sum of squares, giving us the first inequality.

Since the estimator minimizes the objective function,

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{Q}(\hat{\theta}, \hat{\delta}, \hat{\gamma}) &= \hat{Q}(\hat{\theta}, \hat{\delta}, \hat{\gamma}) + o_p(1) \\ &\leq \hat{Q}(\theta^0, \delta^0, \gamma^0) + o_p(1) \\ &= \tilde{Q}(\theta^0, \delta^0, \gamma^0) + o_p(1).\end{aligned}$$

Therefore from Assumption 7-h,

$$\begin{aligned}\min_{\gamma \in \Gamma} \rho_n(\gamma) \cdot \left\| \theta^0 - \hat{\theta} \right\|_2^2 &\leq \tilde{Q}(\hat{\theta}, \hat{\delta}, \hat{\gamma}) - \tilde{Q}(\theta^0, \delta^0, \gamma^0) = o_p(1) \\ \left\| \theta^0 - \hat{\theta} \right\|_2^2 &= \frac{1}{\min_{\gamma \in \Gamma} \rho_n(\gamma)} \cdot \min_{\gamma \in \Gamma} \rho_n(\gamma) \left\| \theta^0 - \hat{\theta} \right\|_2^2 \xrightarrow{p} \frac{1}{\rho} \cdot 0 = 0.\end{aligned}$$

We have consistency of $\hat{\theta}$.

Step 3

In this step, we show that $\{\hat{\delta}_t(\hat{k}_i)\}_{i,t}$ is close to $\{\delta_t^0(k_i^0)\}_{i,t}$ in terms of the l_2 norm.

$$\begin{aligned}&\left| \tilde{Q}(\hat{\theta}, \hat{\delta}, \hat{\gamma}) - \tilde{Q}(\theta^0, \delta^0, \gamma^0) \right| \\ &= \left| \frac{1}{nT_0} \sum_{i,t} \left(\delta_t^0(k_i^0) - \hat{\delta}_t(\hat{k}_i) + \dot{X}_{it}^\top(\theta^0 - \hat{\theta}) \right)^2 - \frac{1}{nT_0} \sum_{i,t} \left(\delta_t^0(k_i^0) - \hat{\delta}_t(\hat{k}_i) \right)^2 \right| \\ &\leq \left| \frac{2}{nT_0} \sum_{i,t} \left(\delta_t^0(k_i^0) - \hat{\delta}_t(\hat{k}_i) \right) \dot{X}_{it}^\top(\theta^0 - \hat{\theta}) + \frac{1}{nT_0} \sum_{i,t} \left(\dot{X}_{it}^\top(\theta^0 - \hat{\theta}) \right)^2 \right| \\ &\leq \frac{4M}{nT_0} \sum_{i,t} \|\dot{X}_{it}\|_2 \cdot \left\| \theta^0 - \hat{\theta} \right\|_2 + \frac{1}{nT_0} \sum_{i,t} \|\dot{X}_{it}\|_2^2 \cdot \left\| \theta^0 - \hat{\theta} \right\|_2^2 = o_p(1).\end{aligned}$$

The second inequality is from Assumption 7-b and Cauchy-Schwartz inequality on $|\dot{X}_{it}^\top(\theta^0 - \hat{\theta})|$. Note that for any n , $\frac{1}{nT_0} \sum_{i,t} \|\dot{X}_{it}\|_2^2$ is bounded in expectation by $4M$ from Assumption 7.d and thus $O_p(1)$. Likewise, $\frac{1}{nT_0} \sum_{i,t} \|\dot{X}_{it}\|_2$ is bounded in expectation by $2\sqrt{M}$. Since we have shown $\hat{\theta} \xrightarrow{p} \theta^0$, we have the last equality. Then,

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{nT_0} \sum_{i,t} \left(\delta_t^0(k_i^0) - \hat{\delta}_t(\hat{k}_i) \right)^2 + \frac{1}{nT_0} \sum_{i,t} \dot{U}_{it}^2 \\ &= \tilde{Q}(\theta^0, \delta, \gamma) = \tilde{Q}(\hat{\theta}, \hat{\delta}, \hat{\gamma}) + o_p(1) = \widehat{Q}(\hat{\theta}, \hat{\delta}, \hat{\gamma}) + o_p(1) \\ &\leq \widehat{Q}(\theta^0, \delta^0, \gamma^0) + o_p(1) = \frac{1}{nT_0} \sum_{i,t} \dot{U}_{it}^2 + o_p(1). \end{aligned}$$

$\frac{1}{nT_0} \sum_{i,t} \left(\delta_t^0(k_i^0) - \hat{\delta}_t(\hat{k}_i) \right)^2 = o_p(1)$. For Theorem 1, the result holds directly from Step 1.

Step 4

In this step, we find some permutation on $\left\{ \hat{\delta}_t(k) \right\}_{t,k}$ so that $\frac{1}{nT_0} \sum_{i,t} \left(\delta_t^0(k_i^0) - \hat{\delta}_t(k_i^0) \right)^2$ is close to zero. Note that $\widehat{Q}(\theta, \delta, \gamma)$ does not vary for any $(\theta, \tilde{\delta}, \tilde{\gamma})$ defined with a permutation on $(1, \dots, K)$: with σ , a permutation on $\{1, \dots, K\}$, letting $\tilde{k}_i = \sigma(k_i)$ and $\tilde{\delta}_t(\sigma(k)) = \delta_t(k)$ gives us $\widehat{Q}(\theta, \delta, \gamma) = \widehat{Q}(\theta, \tilde{\delta}, \tilde{\gamma})$. Thus, we want to define a bijection on $\{1, \dots, K\}$ to match \hat{k} with true k^0 , to have classification result. Define a function σ by letting

$$\sigma(k) = \arg \min_{\tilde{k}} \frac{1}{T_0} \sum_{t=-T_0}^{-1} \left(\delta_t^0(k) - \hat{\delta}_t(\sigma(k)) \right)^2$$

for each k . First, let us show that σ actually lets the objective go to zero for each k : fix k ,

$$\begin{aligned} & \min_{\tilde{k}} \frac{1}{T_0} \sum_{t=-T_0}^{-1} \left(\delta_t^0(k) - \hat{\delta}_t(\sigma(k)) \right)^2 \\ &\leq \frac{n}{\sum_i \mathbf{1}\{k_i^0 = k\}} \cdot \min_{\tilde{k}} \frac{1}{nT_0} \sum_{i,t} \left(\delta_t^0(k) - \hat{\delta}_t(\sigma(k)) \right)^2 \mathbf{1}\{k_i^0 = k\} \\ &\leq \frac{n}{\sum_i \mathbf{1}\{k_i^0 = k\}} \cdot \frac{1}{nT_0} \sum_{i,t} \left(\delta_t^0(k_i^0) - \hat{\delta}_t(\hat{k}_i) \right)^2 \xrightarrow{p} 0 \end{aligned}$$

as $n \rightarrow \infty$. From Assumption 7-f, we have the convergence.

For some k, \tilde{k} such that $k \neq \tilde{k}$,

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left(\frac{1}{T_0} \sum_t \left(\hat{\delta}_t(\sigma(k)) - \hat{\delta}_t(\sigma(\tilde{k})) \right)^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\
& \geq \left(\frac{1}{T_0} \sum_t \left(\delta_t^0(k) - \delta_t^0(\tilde{k}) \right)^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\
& \quad - \left(\frac{1}{T_0} \sum_t \left(\delta_t^0(k) - \hat{\delta}_t(\sigma(k)) \right)^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} - \left(\frac{1}{T_0} \sum_t \left(\delta_t^0(\tilde{k}) - \hat{\delta}_t(\sigma(\tilde{k})) \right)^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\
& \xrightarrow{p} c(k, \tilde{k}) > 0
\end{aligned}$$

from Assumption 7.c. Thus, $\Pr \{ \sigma \text{ is not bijective} \} \leq \sum_{k \neq \tilde{k}} \Pr \{ \sigma(k) = \sigma(\tilde{k}) \} \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$. Note that σ depends on the dataset.

Before proceeding to the next step, let us drop the σ notation. Based on σ , we can construct a bijection $\tilde{\sigma} : \{1, \dots, K\} \rightarrow \{1, \dots, K\}$ such that

$$\frac{1}{T} \sum_t \left(\delta_t^0(k) - \hat{\delta}_t(\tilde{\sigma}(k)) \right)^2 \xrightarrow{p} 0 \tag{2}$$

as $n \rightarrow \infty$ for all k , by letting $\tilde{\sigma} = \sigma$ whenever σ is bijective. From now on, I will drop $\tilde{\sigma}$ by always rearranging $(\hat{\theta}, \hat{\delta}, \hat{\gamma})$ so that $\tilde{\sigma}(k) = k$.

Step 5

Here, we study the probability of the K -means algorithm assigning a wrong type to an arbitrary unit i .

$$\begin{aligned}
\Pr \{ \hat{k}_i \neq k_i^0 \} & \leq \sum_{\tilde{k} \neq k_i^0} \Pr \left\{ \frac{1}{T_0} \sum_t \left(\dot{Y}_{it} - \hat{\delta}_t(\tilde{k}) - \dot{X}_{it}^\top \hat{\theta} \right)^2 \leq \frac{1}{T_0} \sum_t \left(\dot{Y}_{it} - \hat{\delta}_t(k_i^0) - \dot{X}_{it}^\top \hat{\theta} \right)^2 \right\} \\
& = \sum_{\tilde{k} \neq k_i^0} \Pr \left\{ \frac{2}{T_0} \sum_t \left(\hat{\delta}_t(k_i^0) - \hat{\delta}_t(\tilde{k}) \right) \cdot \left(\dot{Y}_{it} - \frac{\hat{\delta}_t(k_i^0) + \hat{\delta}_t(\tilde{k})}{2} - \dot{X}_{it}^\top \hat{\theta} \right) \leq 0 \right\}.
\end{aligned}$$

The inequality is from the second stage of the K -means algorithm. Then,

$$\begin{aligned}
& \Pr \left\{ \hat{k}_i \neq k_i^0 \right\} \\
&= \sum_{\tilde{k} \neq k_i^0} \Pr \left\{ \frac{2}{T_0} \sum_t \left(\hat{\delta}_t(k_i^0) - \hat{\delta}_t(\tilde{k}) \right) \cdot \left(\delta_t^0(k_i^0) - \frac{\hat{\delta}_t(k_i^0) + \hat{\delta}_t(\tilde{k})}{2} + \dot{X}_{it}^\top(\theta^0 - \hat{\theta}) + \dot{U}_{it} \right) \leq 0 \right\} \\
&\leq \sum_k \sum_{\tilde{k} \neq k} \Pr \left\{ \frac{2}{T} \sum_t \left(\hat{\delta}_t(k) - \hat{\delta}_t(\tilde{k}) \right) \cdot \left(\delta_t^0(k) - \frac{\hat{\delta}_t(k) + \hat{\delta}_t(\tilde{k})}{2} + \dot{X}_{it}^\top(\theta^0 - \hat{\theta}) + \dot{U}_{it} \right) \leq 0 \right\}.
\end{aligned}$$

Let

$$\begin{aligned}
A_{ik\tilde{k}} &= \frac{1}{T_0} \sum_t \left(\hat{\delta}_t(k) - \hat{\delta}_t(\tilde{k}) \right) \dot{U}_{it} + \frac{1}{T_0} \sum_t \left(\hat{\delta}_t(k) - \hat{\delta}_t(\tilde{k}) \right) \dot{X}_{it}^\top(\theta^0 - \hat{\theta}) \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{T_0} \sum_t \left(\hat{\delta}_t(k) - \hat{\delta}_t(\tilde{k}) \right) \cdot \left(\delta_t^0(k) - \frac{\hat{\delta}_t(k) + \hat{\delta}_t(\tilde{k})}{2} \right) \\
B_{ik\tilde{k}} &= \frac{1}{T_0} \sum_t \left(\delta_t^0(k) - \delta_t^0(\tilde{k}) \right) \dot{U}_{it} + \frac{1}{2T_0} \sum_t \left(\delta_t^0(k) - \delta_t^0(\tilde{k}) \right)^2.
\end{aligned}$$

Note that $A_{ik\tilde{k}}$ depends on the estimator $(\hat{\theta}, \hat{\delta}, \hat{\gamma})$ while $B_{ik\tilde{k}}$ does not. Then,

$$\Pr \left\{ \hat{k}_i \neq k_i^0 \right\} \leq \sum_k \sum_{\tilde{k} \neq k} \Pr \{ A_{ik\tilde{k}} \leq 0 \} \leq \sum_k \sum_{\tilde{k} \neq k} \Pr \{ B_{ik\tilde{k}} \leq |B_{ik\tilde{k}} - A_{ik\tilde{k}}| \} \quad (3)$$

We will show that $A_{ik\tilde{k}}$ and $B_{ik\tilde{k}}$ are sufficiently close to each other and that $\Pr \{ B_{ik\tilde{k}} \leq 0 \}$ converges to zero sufficiently fast.

$$\begin{aligned}
|B_{ik\tilde{k}} - A_{ik\tilde{k}}| &\leq \left| \frac{1}{T_0} \sum_t \left(\delta_t^0(k) - \hat{\delta}_t(k) \right) \dot{U}_{it} \right| + \left| \frac{1}{T_0} \sum_t \left(\delta_t^0(\tilde{k}) - \hat{\delta}_t(\tilde{k}) \right) \dot{U}_{it} \right| \\
&\quad + \left| \frac{1}{T_0} \sum_t \left(\hat{\delta}_t(k) - \hat{\delta}_t(\tilde{k}) \right) \dot{X}_{it}^\top(\theta^0 - \hat{\theta}) \right| \\
&\quad + \left| \frac{1}{2T_0} \sum_t \left(\delta_t^0(k) - \hat{\delta}_t(k) \right) \cdot \left(-\delta_t^0(k) + \delta_t^0(\tilde{k}) + \hat{\delta}_t(k) - \hat{\delta}_t(\tilde{k}) \right) \right| \\
&\quad + \left| \frac{1}{2T_0} \sum_t \left(\delta_t^0(\tilde{k}) - \hat{\delta}_t(\tilde{k}) \right) \cdot \left(\delta_t^0(k) - \delta_t^0(\tilde{k}) + \hat{\delta}_t(k) - \hat{\delta}_t(\tilde{k}) \right) \right|.
\end{aligned}$$

We apply Cauchy-Schwartz's inequality to each of the five terms so that we can use the consistency result in (2). For the first term,

$$\left| \frac{1}{T_0} \sum_t \left(\delta_t^0(k) - \hat{\delta}_t(k) \right) \dot{U}_{it} \right| \leq \left(\frac{1}{T_0} \sum_t \left(\delta_t^0(k) - \hat{\delta}_t(k) \right)^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left(\frac{1}{T_0} \sum_t \dot{U}_{it}^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

and similarly for the second term. As for the third term, from Assumption 7-b,

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \frac{1}{T_0} \sum_t \left(\hat{\delta}_t(k) - \hat{\delta}_t(\tilde{k}) \right) \dot{X}_{it}^\top (\theta^0 - \hat{\theta}) \right| &\leq \frac{1}{T_0} \sum_t \left| \hat{\delta}_t(k) - \hat{\delta}_t(\tilde{k}) \right| \cdot \|\dot{X}_{it}\|_2 \cdot \|\theta^0 - \hat{\theta}\|_2 \\ &\leq 2M \left(\frac{1}{T_0} \sum_t \|\dot{X}_{it}\|_2 \right) \cdot \|\theta^0 - \hat{\theta}\|_2 \end{aligned}$$

Last, for the fourth term, from Assumption 7-b,

$$\begin{aligned} &\left| \frac{1}{2T_0} \sum_t \left(\delta_t^0(k) - \hat{\delta}_t(k) \right) \cdot \left(-\delta_t^0(k) + \delta_t^0(\tilde{k}) + \hat{\delta}_t(k) - \hat{\delta}_t(\tilde{k}) \right) \right| \\ &\leq M \left(\frac{1}{T_0} \sum_t \left(\delta_t^0(k) - \hat{\delta}_t(k) \right)^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \end{aligned}$$

and similarly for the fifth term. From Assumption 7-d, both $\frac{1}{T_0} \sum_t \dot{U}_{it}^2$ and $\frac{1}{T_0} \sum_t \|\dot{X}_{it}\|_2$ are bounded in expectation by the same bound for every n and thus $O_p(1)$. To use (2), choose an arbitrary $\eta > 0$ and focus only on the event of

$$\|\theta^0 - \hat{\theta}\|_2, \left(\frac{1}{T_0} \sum_t \left(\delta_t^0(k) - \hat{\delta}_t(k) \right)^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} < \eta \quad (4)$$

for all k . When (4) is true, with some constant $C > 0$,

$$|B_{ik\tilde{k}} - A_{ik\tilde{k}}| \leq \eta C \left(\left(\frac{1}{T_0} \sum_t \dot{U}_{it}^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} + \frac{1}{T_0} \sum_t \|\dot{X}_{it}\|_2 + 1 \right).$$

Note that C only depend on M from Assumption 7 and does not depend on η . Let $D(\eta)$ be

a binary random variable which equals one if (4) holds true for all k . Then,

$$\begin{aligned}
& \Pr \{B_{ik\tilde{k}} \leq |B_{ik\tilde{k}} - A_{ik\tilde{k}}|, D(\eta) = 1\} \\
& \leq \Pr \left\{ B_{ik\tilde{k}} \leq \eta^C \left(\left(\frac{1}{T_0} \sum_t \dot{U}_{it}^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} + \frac{1}{T_0} \sum_t \|\dot{X}_{it}\|_2 + 1 \right) \right\} \\
& \leq \Pr \left\{ \frac{1}{T_0} \sum_t \dot{U}_{it}^2 \geq M^* \right\} + \Pr \left\{ \frac{1}{T_0} \sum_t \|\dot{X}_{it}\|_2 \geq M^* \right\} \\
& \quad + \Pr \left\{ B_{ik\tilde{k}} \leq \eta^C(M^* + \sqrt{M^*} + 1) \right\}
\end{aligned} \tag{5}$$

for any arbitrary $M^* > 0$. Let $M^* = \max\{4\sqrt{M} + 1, 4\tilde{M}\}$ since $\mathbf{E}[\dot{U}_{it}^2]$ is uniformly bounded by $4\sqrt{M}$ from Assumption 7-d.²

Now, we show that all three probabilities in (5) go to zero. For that, we use Lemma B5 of Bonhomme and Manresa (2015). For the first quantity, find that

$$\begin{aligned}
\Pr \left\{ \frac{1}{T_0} \sum_t \dot{U}_{it}^2 \geq M^* \right\} & \leq \Pr \left\{ \frac{1}{T_0} \sum_t \dot{U}_{it}^2 \geq 4\sqrt{M} + 1 \right\} \\
& \leq \Pr \left\{ \frac{1}{T_0} \sum_t (\dot{U}_{it}^2 - \mathbf{E}[\dot{U}_{it}^2]) \geq 1 \right\}.
\end{aligned}$$

Let $Z_t = \dot{U}_{it}^2 - \mathbf{E}[\dot{U}_{it}^2]$. WTS $\{Z_t\}_{t=1}^{T_0}$ satisfies the condition given in Assumption 7-g.

$$\begin{aligned}
\Pr \{|Z_t| \geq z\} & = \Pr \left\{ |U_{it} - U_{it-1}| \geq \sqrt{\mathbf{E}[\dot{U}_{it}^2] + z} \right\} + \Pr \left\{ |U_{it} - U_{it-1}| \leq \sqrt{\mathbf{E}[\dot{U}_{it}^2] - z} \right\} \\
& \leq \Pr \left\{ |U_{it}| \geq \frac{\sqrt{\mathbf{E}[\dot{U}_{it}^2] + z}}{2} \right\} + \Pr \left\{ |U_{it-1}| \geq \frac{\sqrt{\mathbf{E}[\dot{U}_{it}^2] + z}}{2} \right\} + \mathbf{1}\{z \leq \mathbf{E}[\dot{U}_{it}^2]\} \\
& \leq 2 \exp \left(1 - \left(\frac{\sqrt{\mathbf{E}[\dot{U}_{it}^2] + z}}{2b} \right)^{d_2} \right) + \mathbf{1}\{z \leq \mathbf{E}[\dot{U}_{it}^2]\} \\
& \leq 2 \exp \left(1 - \left(\frac{z}{2b} \right)^{d_2} \right) + \mathbf{1}\{z \leq \mathbf{E}[\dot{U}_{it}^2]\}.
\end{aligned}$$

²In cases of the linear model for first-differenced outcomes and Theorem 1, a similar uniform bound on $\mathbf{E}[U_{it}^2]$ and $\mathbf{E}[(\dot{Y}_{it}(E_i) - \mathbf{E}[\dot{Y}_{it}(\infty)|k_i^0])^2]$ can be found.

We want to find some \tilde{b} and \tilde{d}_2 such that

$$\Pr \{|Z_t| \geq z\} \leq \exp \left(1 - \left(\frac{z}{\tilde{b}} \right)^{\tilde{d}_2} \right).$$

Note that the RHS crosses one when $z = \tilde{b}$. It suffices to show

$$2 \exp \left(1 - \left(\frac{z}{2b} \right)^{d_2} \right) + \mathbf{1}\{z \leq \mathbf{E}[\dot{U}_{it}^2]\} \leq \exp \left(1 - \left(\frac{z}{\tilde{b}} \right)^{\tilde{d}_2} \right) \quad (6)$$

for $z \geq \tilde{b}$. Fix some $\tilde{d}_2 \in (0, d_2)$ and let

$$\tilde{b} = \max \left\{ 4\sqrt{M} + 1, 2b(1 + \log 2)^{\frac{1}{\tilde{d}_2}}, 2b \left(\frac{\tilde{d}_2}{d_2} \right)^{\frac{1}{\tilde{d}_2}} \right\}.$$

Since $\tilde{b} > \sqrt{M} \geq \mathbf{E}[\dot{U}_{it}^2]$, (6) for $z \geq \tilde{b}$ is equivalent with

$$\exp \left(\left(\frac{z}{2b} \right)^{d_2} - \left(\frac{z}{\tilde{b}} \right)^{\tilde{d}_2} \right) \geq 2 \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \left(\frac{z}{2b} \right)^{d_2} - \left(\frac{z}{\tilde{b}} \right)^{\tilde{d}_2} \geq \log 2.$$

The inequality holds at $z = \tilde{b}$ and the LHS in the last inequality strictly increases in z since

$$\frac{d_2 z^{d_2-1}}{(2b)^{d_2}} - \frac{\tilde{d}_2 z^{\tilde{d}_2-1}}{\tilde{b}^{\tilde{d}_2}} = z^{\tilde{d}_2-1} \left(\frac{d_2}{(2b)^{d_2}} z^{d_2-\tilde{d}_2} - \frac{\tilde{d}_2}{\tilde{b}^{\tilde{d}_2}} \right) \geq 0$$

for all $z \geq \tilde{b}$. Z_t is strongly mixing since \dot{U}_{it}^2 is a measurable function of (U_{it}, U_{it-1}) . By adjusting a and d_1 , we can satisfy Assumption 7-g for Z_t . Thus, from Lemma B5 of Bonhomme and Manresa (2015), for any $\nu > 0$,

$$T_0^{-\nu} \Pr \left\{ \frac{1}{T_0} \sum_t \dot{U}_{it}^2 \geq M^* \right\} = o(1).$$

For Theorem 1, find that a similar result holds with $\Pr \left\{ \frac{1}{T_0} \sum_t (\dot{Y}_{it}(e) - \mathbf{E}[\dot{Y}_{it}(\infty)|k_i^0])^2 \geq M^* \right\}$.

Since E_i has finite support, $T_0^{-\nu} \Pr \left\{ \frac{1}{T_0} \sum_t (\dot{Y}_{it}(E_i) - \mathbf{E}[\dot{Y}_{it}(\infty)|k_i^0])^2 \geq M^* \right\} = o(1)$.

For the second quantity, find that

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr \left\{ \frac{1}{T_0} \sum_t \|\dot{X}_{it}\|_2 \geq M^* \right\} &\leq \Pr \left\{ \frac{2}{T_0} \sum_{t=-T_0-1}^{-1} \|X_{it}\|_2 \geq 4\tilde{M} \right\} \\ &\leq \Pr \left\{ \frac{1}{T_0+1} \sum_{t=-T_0-1}^{-1} \|X_{it}\|_2 \geq \tilde{M} \right\} \end{aligned}$$

From Assumption 7-d, for any $\nu > 0$,

$$T_0^\nu \Pr \left\{ \frac{1}{T_0} \sum_t \|\dot{X}_{it}\|_2 \geq M^* \right\} = o(1).$$

For the last quantity, let $\eta^* = \frac{c^*}{4C(M^* + \sqrt{M^*} + 1)}$ with $c^* = \frac{\min_{k,k'} c(k,k')}{2} > 0$. Then,

$$\begin{aligned} &\Pr \left\{ B_{ik\tilde{k}} \leq \eta^* C(M^* + \sqrt{M^*} + 1) \right\} \\ &\leq \Pr \left\{ \frac{1}{T_0} \sum_t \left(\delta_t^0(k) - \delta_t^0(\tilde{k}) \right) \dot{U}_{it} \leq \eta^* C(M^* + \sqrt{M^*} + 1) - \frac{c^*}{2} \right\} \\ &\quad + \mathbf{1} \left\{ \frac{1}{T_0} \sum_t \left(\delta_t^0(k) - \delta_t^0(\tilde{k}) \right)^2 \leq c^* \right\} \\ &\leq \Pr \left\{ \frac{1}{T_0} \sum_t \left(\delta_t^0(k) - \delta_t^0(\tilde{k}) \right) \dot{U}_{it} \leq -\frac{c^*}{4} \right\} + \mathbf{1} \left\{ \frac{1}{T_0} \sum_t \left(\delta_t^0(k) - \delta_t^0(\tilde{k}) \right)^2 \leq c^* \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

For the first term, use Lemma B5 of Bonhomme and Manresa (2015) again. From Assumption 7-b, we have

$$\Pr \left\{ \left| \left(\delta_t^0(k) - \delta_t^0(\tilde{k}) \right) \dot{U}_{it} \right| \geq z \right\} \leq \Pr \left\{ |\dot{U}_{it}| \geq \frac{z}{2M} \right\}.$$

By applying similar argument from before, we can prove the tail property given in Assumption 7-g for $\left(\delta_t^0(k) - \delta_t^0(\tilde{k}) \right) \dot{U}_{it}$ with any k and \tilde{k} . Also, the first part of Assumption 7-g is

satisfied since $\left(\delta_t^0(k) - \delta_t^0(\tilde{k})\right) \dot{U}_{it}$ is a measurable function of (U_{it}, U_{it-1}) .³ For any $\nu > 0$,

$$T_0^{-\nu} \Pr \left\{ \frac{1}{T_0} \sum_t \left(\delta_t^0(k) - \delta_t^0(\tilde{k}) \right) \dot{U}_{it} \leq -\frac{c^*}{4} \right\} = o(1).$$

Again, in the case of Theorem 1, note that E_i has finite support and repeat

$$T_0^{-\nu} \Pr \left\{ \frac{1}{T_0} \sum_t \left(\mathbf{E}[\dot{Y}_{it}(\infty) | k_i^0 = k] - \mathbf{E}[\dot{Y}_{it}(\infty) | k_i^0 = \tilde{k}] \right) \left(\dot{Y}_{it}(e) - \mathbf{E}[\dot{Y}_{it}(\infty) | k_i^0] \right) \right\} = o(1)$$

for every e . For the second term, Assumption 7-c assumes that $\mathbf{1}\{\frac{1}{T_0} \sum_t \left(\delta_t^0(k) - \delta_t^0(\tilde{k}) \right)^2 \leq c^*\} = 0$ when n is large and therefore $o(T^{-\nu})$ for any $\nu > 0$.

Finally, going back to (3) and (5), thanks to K being fixed,

$$\Pr \left\{ \hat{k}_i \neq k_i^0, D(\eta^*) = 1 \right\} = o(T^{-\nu}). \quad (7)$$

Step 6

In this step let us discuss the probability of assigning a wrong type at least to one unit.

As $n \rightarrow \infty$, for any $\nu > 0$

$$\begin{aligned} & \Pr \left\{ \sup_i \mathbf{1}_{\{\hat{k}_i \neq k_i^0\}} > 0 \right\} \\ & \leq \Pr \left\{ \sum_i \mathbf{1}_{\{\hat{k}_i \neq k_i^0\}} > 0, D(\eta^*) = 1 \right\} + \Pr\{D(\eta^*) = 0\} \\ & \leq n \cdot \Pr \left\{ \hat{k}_i \neq k_i^0, D(\eta^*) = 1 \right\} + \Pr\{D(\eta^*) = 0\} \\ & = o(nT_0^{-\nu}) + o(1). \end{aligned}$$

The last equality holds from (7).

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³Here, I am treating $\{\delta_t^0(k)\}_{t,k}$ as if uniformly fixed across n . This can be relaxed by assuming $\{\delta_t^0(k)\}_{t,k}$ is also a strongly mixing random process as in Bonhomme and Manresa (2015).

3 Proof for Corollary 3

The first part of the proof is the same with Corollary 2. The second part follows the proof of Theorem 2 of Callaway and Sant'Anna (2021). Fix some t, k and e such that $0 \leq e \leq t \leq T_1 - 1$ and $\mu(k, e) > 0$. Then, it satisfies that $t - e \leq \bar{r}_k$ from Assumption 6.

Step 1

Firstly, let us show that $\widehat{CATT}_t(k, e)$ is close to the infeasible estimator using the true types $\{k_i^0\}_{i=1}^n$:

$$\begin{aligned} \widehat{CATT}_t(k, e) &= \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (Y_{it} - Y_{i,e-1}) \mathbf{1}\{k_i^0 = k, E_i = e\}}{\sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{1}\{k_i^0 = k, E_i = e\}} \\ &\quad - \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (Y_{it} - Y_{i,e-1}) \mathbf{1}\{k_i^0 = k, E_i = \infty\} \pi_e(X_i, k, \hat{\xi}) / \pi_\infty(X_i, k, \hat{\xi})}{\sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{1}\{k_i^0 = k, E_i = \infty\} \pi_e(X_i, k, \hat{\xi}) / \pi_\infty(X_i, k, \hat{\xi})}. \end{aligned}$$

Find that

$$\begin{aligned} &\left| \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n (Y_{it} - Y_{i,e-1}) \left(\mathbf{1}\{\hat{k}_i = k, E_i = e\} - \mathbf{1}\{k_i^0 = k, E_i = e\} \right) \frac{\pi_e(X_i, k, \hat{\xi})}{\pi_\infty(X_i, k, \hat{\xi})} \right| \\ &\leq \sqrt{n} \left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (Y_{i,e+r} - Y_{i,e-1})^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \cdot \left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{1}\{\hat{k}_i \neq k_i^0\} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \sup_i \left| \frac{\pi_e(X_i, k, \hat{\xi})}{\pi_\infty(X_i, k, \hat{\xi})} \right|. \end{aligned}$$

$\sup_i \pi_e / \pi_\infty$ is bounded by $1/\varepsilon^\pi$ from Assumption 9-c. $\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (Y_{i,e+r} - Y_{i,e-1})^2$ is bounded in expectation uniformly over e and r from Assumption 9-a and therefore $O_p(1)$. From Theorem 2,

$$\Pr \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{1}\{\hat{k}_i \neq k_i\} > \varepsilon^2 \right\} \leq \Pr \left\{ \sup_i \mathbf{1}\{\hat{k}_i \neq k_i\} > 0 \right\} = o(nT_0^{-\nu}) + o(1)$$

for any $\nu, \epsilon > 0$. Since $nT_0^{-\nu^*} \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$, $\sqrt{n} \left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{1}\{\hat{k}_i \neq k_i^0\} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} = o_p(1)$.

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n (Y_{it} - Y_{i,e-1}) \mathbf{1}\{\hat{k}_i = k, E_i = e\} \frac{\pi_e(X_i, k, \hat{\xi})}{\pi_\infty(X_i, k, \hat{\xi})} \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n (Y_{it} - Y_{i,e-1}) \mathbf{1}\{k_i^0 = k, E_i = e\} \frac{\pi_e(X_i, k, \hat{\xi})}{\pi_\infty(X_i, k, \hat{\xi})} + o_p(1) \end{aligned}$$

By the same argument,

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{1}\{\hat{k}_i = k, E_i = e\} \frac{\pi_e(X_i, k, \hat{\xi})}{\pi_\infty(X_i, k, \hat{\xi})} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{1}\{k_i^0 = k, E_i = e\} \frac{\pi_e(X_i, k, \hat{\xi})}{\pi_\infty(X_i, k, \hat{\xi})} + o_p(1).$$

The same applies to the other term without π_e/π_∞ . Note that $\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{1}\{k_i^0 = k, E_i = e\}$ and $\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{1}\{k_i^0 = k, E_i = \infty\} \frac{\pi_e}{\pi_\infty}$ both have nonzero probabilistic limits; for the latter, apply Assumption 9-c and find that it is bounded from below by $\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{1}\{k_i^0 = k, E_i = \infty\} \epsilon^\pi$. Thus,

$$\sqrt{n} \left(\widehat{CATT}_t(k, e) - \widetilde{CATT}_t(k, e) \right) = o_p(1).$$

Step 2

In this step, we rewrite $CATT_t(k, e)$ in a way that it connects to $\widetilde{CATT}_t(k, e)$:

$$CATT_t(k, e) = \mathbf{E} [Y_{it}(e) - Y_{i,e-1}(e) | k_i^0 = k, E_i = e] - \mathbf{E} [Y_{it}(\infty) - Y_{i,e-1}(\infty) | k_i^0 = k, E_i = e].$$

Find that

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbf{E} [Y_{it}(\infty) - Y_{i,e-1}(\infty) | k_i^0 = k, E_i = e] \\ &= \mathbf{E} [\mathbf{E} [Y_{it}(\infty) - Y_{i,e-1}(\infty) | X_i, k_i^0 = k] | k_i^0 = k, E_i = e] \\ &= \mathbf{E} [\mathbf{E} [Y_{it} - Y_{i,e-1} | X_i, k_i^0 = k, E_i = \infty] | k_i^0 = k, E_i = e] \\ &= \frac{\mathbf{E} [\mathbf{E} [Y_{it} - Y_{i,e-1} | X_i, k_i^0 = k, E_i = \infty] \mathbf{1}\{k_i^0 = k, E_i = e\}]}{\Pr \{k_i^0 = k, E_i = e\}} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
& \mathbf{E} \left[\mathbf{E} [Y_{it} - Y_{i,e-1} | X_i, k_i^0 = k, E_i = \infty] \mathbf{1}\{k_i^0 = k, E_i = e\} \right] \\
&= \mathbf{E} \left[\frac{\mathbf{E} [(Y_{it} - Y_{i,e-1}) \mathbf{1}\{k_i^0 = k, E_i = \infty\} | X_i] \Pr \{k_i^0 = k, E_i = e | X_i\}}{\Pr \{k_i^0 = k, E_i = \infty | X_i\}} \right] \\
&= \mathbf{E} \left[(Y_{it} - Y_{i,e-1}) \mathbf{1}\{k_i^0 = k, E_i = \infty\} \cdot \frac{\Pr \{k_i^0 = k, E_i = e | X_i\}}{\Pr \{k_i^0 = k, E_i = \infty | X_i\}} \right]
\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
\Pr \{k_i^0 = k, E_i = e\} &= \mathbf{E} \left[\mathbf{1}\{k_i^0 = k, E_i = e\} \cdot \frac{\Pr \{k_i^0 = k, E_i = \infty | X_i\}}{\Pr \{k_i^0 = k, E_i = \infty | X_i\}} \right] \\
&= \mathbf{E} \left[\mathbf{1}\{k_i^0 = k, E_i = \infty\} \cdot \frac{\Pr \{k_i^0 = k, E_i = e | X_i\}}{\Pr \{k_i^0 = k, E_i = \infty | X_i\}} \right].
\end{aligned}$$

The second to the last equality holds since $\Pr \{E_i = \infty | k_i^0, X_i\} \geq \varepsilon^\pi > 0$ from Assumption 9-c and $\mu(k, \infty) > 0$ for every k from Assumption 6.

For notational brevity, let

$$\begin{aligned}
W_i &= \mathbf{1}\{k_i^0 = k, E_i = \infty\} \pi_e(X_i, k, \xi^0) / \pi_\infty(X_i, k, \xi^0), \\
\widehat{W}_i &= \mathbf{1}\{k_i^0 = k, E_i = \infty\} \pi_e(X_i, k, \hat{\xi}) / \pi_\infty(X_i, k, \hat{\xi}).
\end{aligned}$$

Then,

$$\begin{aligned}
CATT_t(k, e) &= \frac{\mathbf{E} [(Y_{it} - Y_{i,e-1}) \mathbf{1}\{k_i^0 = k, E_i = e\}]}{\mathbf{E} [\mathbf{1}\{k_i^0 = k, E_i = e\}]} - \frac{\mathbf{E} [(Y_{it} - Y_{i,e-1}) W_i]}{\mathbf{E} [W_i]} \\
\widetilde{CATT}_t(k, e) &= \frac{\frac{1}{n} \sum_i (Y_{it} - Y_{i,e-1}) \mathbf{1}\{k_i^0 = k, E_i = e\}}{\frac{1}{n} \sum_i \mathbf{1}\{k_i^0 = k, E_i = e\}} - \frac{\frac{1}{n} \sum_i (Y_{it} - Y_{i,e-1}) \widehat{W}_i}{\frac{1}{n} \sum_i \widehat{W}_i}
\end{aligned}$$

Step 3

Now, let us derive an asymptotic linear approximation of $\widetilde{CATT}_t(k, e)$. Find that

$$\sqrt{n} \left(\widetilde{CATT}_t(k, e) - CATT_t(k, e) \right) = A_n - B_n$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} A_n &= \frac{\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n (Y_{it} - Y_{i,e-1}) \mathbf{1}\{k_i^0 = k, E_i = e\}}{\hat{\mu}(k, e)} - \sqrt{n} \frac{\mathbf{E}[(Y_{it} - Y_{i,e-1}) \mathbf{1}\{k_i^0 = k, E_i = e\}]}{\mu(k, e)} \\ B_n &= \frac{\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n (Y_{it} - Y_{i,e-1}) \widehat{W}_i}{\widehat{\overline{W}}_n} - \sqrt{n} \frac{\mathbf{E}[(Y_{it} - Y_{i,e-1}) W_i]}{\mathbf{E}[W_i]} \end{aligned}$$

where $\widehat{\overline{W}}_n = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \widehat{W}_i$.

Before deriving the asymptotic approximation, let us provide some useful expansions and probabilistic convergences. Firstly, apply the first-order Taylor's expansion to \widehat{W}_i with regard to $\hat{\xi}$ around ξ^0 :

$$\widehat{W}_i = W_i + \mathbf{1}\{k_i^0 = k, E_i = \infty\} \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} \left(\frac{\pi_e(X_i, k, \xi)}{\pi_\infty(X_i, k, \xi)} \right)^\top \bigg|_{\xi \in (\xi^0, \hat{\xi})} (\hat{\xi} - \xi^0). \quad (8)$$

The first-order remainder term is $O_p(1/\sqrt{n})$ since $\|\hat{\xi} - \xi^0\|_2 = O_p(1/\sqrt{n})$ from asymptotic normality of $\hat{\xi}$ and $\frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} \frac{\pi_e}{\pi_\infty} = O_p(1)$ from Assumption 9-d and the convergence of $\hat{\xi}$ to ξ^0 :

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} \left(\frac{\pi_e(X_i, k, \xi)}{\pi_\infty(X_i, k, \xi)} \right)^\top \bigg|_{\xi \in (\xi^0, \hat{\xi})} (\hat{\xi} - \xi^0) \right| &\leq \left\| \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} \left(\frac{\pi_e(X_i, k, \xi)}{\pi_\infty(X_i, k, \xi)} \right) \bigg|_{\xi \in (\xi^0, \hat{\xi})} \right\|_2 \|\hat{\xi} - \xi^0\|_2 \\ &= O_p(1) O_p\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}\right). \end{aligned}$$

Now, apply the second-order Taylor's expansion to \widehat{W}_i :

$$\begin{aligned}\widehat{W}_i &= W_i + \mathbf{1}\{k_i^0 = k, E_i = \infty\} \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} \left(\frac{\pi_e(X_i, k, \xi)}{\pi_\infty(X_i, k, \xi)} \right)^\top \bigg|_{\xi=\xi^0} (\hat{\xi} - \xi^0) \\ &\quad + \mathbf{1}\{k_i^0 = k, E_i = \infty\} (\hat{\xi} - \xi^0)^\top \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \xi \partial \xi^\top} \left(\frac{\pi_e(X_i, k, \xi)}{\pi_\infty(X_i, k, \xi)} \right) \bigg|_{\xi \in (\xi^0, \hat{\xi})} (\hat{\xi} - \xi^0).\end{aligned}\quad (9)$$

Note that the second-order remainder term is $o_p(1/\sqrt{n})$ from Assumption 9-d and the asymptotic normality of $\hat{\xi}$. An abuse of notation is used when we write $\xi \in (\xi^0, \hat{\xi})$ to say ξ lies between ξ^0 and $\hat{\xi}$. Lastly, find that from (8) and $\frac{1}{n} \sum_i (Y_{it} - Y_{i,e-1})^2$ being bounded in expectation,

$$\begin{aligned}\left| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (Y_{it} - Y_{i,e-1}) (\widehat{W}_i - W_i) \right| &= O_p\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}\right), \\ \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (Y_{it} - Y_{i,e-1}) \widehat{W}_i &= \mathbf{E}[(Y_{it} - Y_{i,e-1}) W_i] + O_p\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}\right).\end{aligned}\quad (10)$$

The $O_p(1/\sqrt{n})$ term in the second equality comes from applying the CLT to $(Y_{it} - Y_{i,e-1}) W_i$ and the $O_p(1/\sqrt{n})$ term from the first equality. Likewise, we have

$$\overline{\widehat{W}_n} = \mathbf{E}[W_i] + O_p(1/\sqrt{n}). \quad (11)$$

As argued in the Step 1, $\mathbf{E}[W_i] > 0$ from Assumption 9-c.

To drive the asymptotic approximation of B_n , apply the second-order Taylor's expansion to B_n with regard to $\overline{\widehat{W}_n}$ around $\mathbf{E}[W_i]$:

$$\begin{aligned}& \frac{\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n (Y_{it} - Y_{i,e-1}) \widehat{W}_i}{\overline{\widehat{W}_n}} \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n (Y_{it} - Y_{i,e-1}) \widehat{W}_i \left(\frac{1}{\mathbf{E}[W_i]} - \frac{1}{\mathbf{E}[W_i]^2} (\overline{\widehat{W}_n} - \mathbf{E}[W_i]) + \frac{2}{\overline{\widehat{W}_n}^3} (\overline{\widehat{W}_n} - \mathbf{E}[W_i])^2 \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{(Y_{it} - Y_{i,e-1}) \widehat{W}_i}{\mathbf{E}[W_i]} - \frac{\mathbf{E}[(Y_{it} - Y_{i,e-1}) W_i]}{\mathbf{E}[W_i]^2} \sqrt{n} (\overline{\widehat{W}_n} - \mathbf{E}[W_i]) + o_p(1).\end{aligned}$$

with some \widetilde{W}_n between \widehat{W}_n and $\mathbf{E}[W_i]$. The second equality holds from $\mathbf{E}[W_i] > 0$, (11) and (10). Then, from (9) and $\frac{1}{n} \sum_i (Y_{it} - Y_{i,e-1})^2$ being bounded in expectation,

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n (Y_{it} - Y_{i,e-1}) \widehat{W}_i}{\widehat{W}_n} \\ &= \frac{1}{\mathbf{E}[W_i]} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n (Y_{it} - Y_{i,e-1}) W_i + o_p(1) \\ &+ \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{(Y_{it} - Y_{i,e-1}) \mathbf{1}\{k_i^0 = k, E_i = \infty\}}{\mathbf{E}[W_i]} \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} \left(\frac{\pi_e(X_i, k, \xi)}{\pi_\infty(X_i, k, \xi)} \right)^\top \Big|_{\xi=\xi^0} \cdot \sqrt{n} (\hat{\xi} - \xi^0) \\ &- \frac{\mathbf{E}[(Y_{it} - Y_{i,e-1}) W_i]}{\mathbf{E}[W_i]^2} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n (W_i - \mathbf{E}[W_i]) \\ &- \frac{\mathbf{E}[(Y_{it} - Y_{i,e-1}) W_i]}{\mathbf{E}[W_i]} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\mathbf{1}\{k_i^0 = k, E_i = \infty\}}{\mathbf{E}[W_i]} \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} \left(\frac{\pi_e(X_i, k, \xi)}{\pi_\infty(X_i, k, \xi)} \right)^\top \Big|_{\xi=\xi^0} \cdot \sqrt{n} (\hat{\xi} - \xi^0). \end{aligned}$$

Let

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{B}_1 &= \frac{1}{\mathbf{E}[W_i]} \cdot \mathbf{E} \left[(Y_{it} - Y_{i,e-1}) \mathbf{1}\{k_i^0 = k, E_i = \infty\} \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} \left(\frac{\pi_e(X_i, k, \xi)}{\pi_\infty(X_i, k, \xi)} \right) \Big|_{\xi=\xi^0} \right] \\ \bar{B}_2 &= \frac{1}{\mathbf{E}[W_i]} \cdot \mathbf{E} \left[\mathbf{1}\{k_i^0 = k, E_i = \infty\} \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} \left(\frac{\pi_e(X_i, k, \xi)}{\pi_\infty(X_i, k, \xi)} \right) \Big|_{\xi=\xi^0} \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Note that the sample analogues for \bar{B}_1 and \bar{B}_2 with ξ^0 replaced with $\hat{\xi}$ are consistent for \bar{B}_1 and \bar{B}_2 from Assumption 9-d. Consequently,

$$\begin{aligned} B_n &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{W_i}{\mathbf{E}[W_i]} \left(Y_{it} - Y_{i,e-1} - \frac{\mathbf{E}[(Y_{it} - Y_{i,e-1}) W_i]}{\mathbf{E}[W_i]} \right) \\ &+ \left(\bar{B}_1 - \frac{\mathbf{E}[(Y_{it} - Y_{i,e-1}) W_i]}{\mathbf{E}[W_i]} \bar{B}_2 \right)^\top \cdot \sqrt{n} (\hat{\xi} - \xi^0) + o_p(1). \end{aligned}$$

By repeating the same argument for A_n ,

$$A_n = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\mathbf{1}\{k_i^0 = k, E_i = e\}}{\mu(k, e)} \left(Y_{it} - Y_{i,e-1} - \frac{\mathbf{E}[(Y_{it} - Y_{i,e-1}) \mathbf{1}\{k_i^0 = k, E_i = e\}]}{\mu(k, e)} \right) + o_p(1).$$

Note the asymptotic linear approximation given in Corollary 3 holds for $\hat{\xi}$ as well from the proof for Corollary 2. We can construct score functions l^1 and l^0 as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} A_n &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n l_{tke}^1(\{Y_{it}\}_{t \geq -1}, k_i^0, E_i) + o_p(1), \\ B_n &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n l_{tke}^0(\{Y_{it}\}_{t \geq -1}, X_i, k_i^0, E_i) + o_p(1). \end{aligned}$$

Note that l^π appears in l^0 . Now we have

$$\begin{aligned} &\sqrt{n} \left(\widehat{CATT}_t(k, e) - CATT_t(k, e) \right) \\ &= (1, -1) \left(\begin{array}{c} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n l_{tke}^1(\{Y_{it}\}_{t \geq -1}, k_i^0, E_i) \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n l_{tke}^0(\{Y_{it}\}_{t \geq -1}, X_i, k_i^0, E_i) \end{array} \right) + o_p(1). \end{aligned}$$

The asymptotic linear approximation is derived for $\widehat{CATT}_t(k, e)$.

Step 4

To derive asymptotic distribution of $\hat{\beta}_r(k)$, consider

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{\hat{\mu}(k, e)}{\sum_{e' \leq T_1-1-r} \hat{\mu}(k, e')} \cdot \sqrt{n} \widehat{CATT}_t(k, e) - \frac{\mu(k, e)}{\sum_{e' \leq T_1-1-r} \mu(k, e')} \cdot \sqrt{n} CATT_t(k, e) \\ &= \frac{\hat{\mu}(k, e)}{\sum_{e' \leq T_1-1-r} \hat{\mu}(k, e')} \cdot \sqrt{n} \left(\widehat{CATT}_t(k, e) - CATT_t(k, e) \right) \\ &\quad + \sqrt{n} \left(\frac{\hat{\mu}(k, e)}{\sum_{e' \leq T_1-1-r} \hat{\mu}(k, e')} - \frac{\mu(k, e)}{\sum_{e' \leq T_1-1-r} \mu(k, e')} \right) \cdot CATT_t(k, e). \end{aligned}$$

By taking the second-order Taylor's expansion of $\sum_{e'} \hat{\mu}(k, e')$ around $\sum_{e'} \mu(k, e')$,

$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt{n} \left(\frac{\hat{\mu}(k, e)}{\sum_{e'} \hat{\mu}(k, e')} - \frac{\mu(k, e)}{\sum_{e'} \mu(k, e')} \right) &= \sqrt{n} \left(\frac{\hat{\mu}(k, e)}{\sum_{e'} \mu(k, e')} - \frac{\mu(k, e)}{\sum_{e'} \mu(k, e')} \right) \\ &\quad - \frac{\hat{\mu}(k, e)}{(\sum_{e'} \mu(k, e'))^2} \sqrt{n} \left(\sum_{e'} (\hat{\mu}(k, e') - \mu(k, e')) \right) \\ &\quad + \frac{2\hat{\mu}(k, e)}{\tilde{\mu}^3} \sqrt{n} \left(\sum_{e'} (\hat{\mu}(k, e') - \mu(k, e')) \right)^2 \end{aligned}$$

with some $\tilde{\mu}$ between $\sum_{e'} \mu(k, e')$ and $\sum_{e'} \hat{\mu}(k, e')$. The second-order remainder term is $o_p(1)$ since $\sqrt{n} (\sum_{e'} (\hat{\mu}(k, e') - \mu(k, e')) = O_p(1)$ and $\sum_{e'} \mu(k, e')$ is nonzero by taking $r \leq \bar{r}_k$ from Assumption 6. Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} &\sqrt{n} \left(\frac{\hat{\mu}(k, e)}{\sum_{e'} \hat{\mu}(k, e')} - \frac{\mu(k, e)}{\sum_{e'} \mu(k, e')} \right) \\ &= \sqrt{n} \left(\frac{\hat{\mu}(k, e) - \mu(k, e)}{\sum_{e'} \mu(k, e')} \right) - \frac{\mu(k, e)}{(\sum_{e'} \mu(k, e'))^2} \sqrt{n} \left(\sum_{e'} (\hat{\mu}(k, e') - \mu(k, e')) \right) + o_p(1) \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\mathbf{1}\{k_i^0 = k, E_i = e\} - \mu(k, e)}{\sum_{e'} \mu(k, e')} \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\mu(k, e) (\mathbf{1}\{k_i^0 = k, E_i \leq T_1 - 1 - r\} - \sum_{e'} \mu(k, e'))}{(\sum_{e'} \mu(k, e'))^2} + o_p(1). \end{aligned}$$

Let l^μ denote the score function in the asymptotic linear approximation:

$$\sqrt{n} \left(\frac{\hat{\mu}(k, e)}{\sum_{e'} \hat{\mu}(k, e')} - \frac{\mu(k, e)}{\sum_{e'} \mu(k, e')} \right) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n l_{ke}^\mu(k_i^0, E_i) + o_p(1).$$

Combining all of the results so far, we get

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sqrt{n} \left(\hat{\beta}_r(k) - \beta_r(k) \right) \\
&= \sum_{e \leq T_1 - 1 - r} \left(\frac{\hat{\mu}(k, e)}{\sum_{e'} \hat{\mu}(k, e')} \cdot \sqrt{n} \widehat{CATT}_t(k, e) - \frac{\mu(k, e)}{\sum_{e'} \mu(k, e')} \cdot \sqrt{n} CATT_t(k, e) \right) \\
&= \sum_{e \leq T_1 - 1 - r} \frac{\mu(k, e)}{\sum_{e'} \mu(k, e')} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n \left(l_{e+r, k, e}^1(\{Y_{it}\}_{t \geq 0}, k_i^0, E_i) - l_{e+r, k, e}^0(\{Y_{it}\}_{t \geq 0}, X_i, k_i^0, E_i) \right) \\
&\quad + \sum_{e \leq T_1 - 1 - r} CATT_t(k, e) \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n l_{ke}^\mu(k_i^0, E_i) + o_p(1).
\end{aligned}$$

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