

Supplementary material for ‘Homogeneity tests of covariance matrices with high-dimensional longitudinal data’

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1. PROOF OF LEMMAS

In this section, we present the proofs to some lemmas used in the proofs of the main theorems. Without loss of generality, assume that $\mu_t = 0$ in our proofs for each $t \in \{1, \dots, T\}$ because the test statistic, \hat{D}_{nt} , is invariant with respect to μ_t .

LEMMA 1. (i) For any symmetric matrices A and B with appropriate dimensions, we have $\text{tr}^2(AB) \leq \text{tr}(A^2)\text{tr}(B^2)$; (ii) for any square matrix A , $|\text{tr}(A^2)| \leq \text{tr}(AA^T)$; and (iii) for any square matrix A , $\|A^2\|_F^2 \leq \|A^T A\|_F^2$ where $\|B\|_F^2 = \text{tr}(B^T B)$ is the Frobenius norm of B .

Proof. (i) Let $A = (a_{ij})$ and $B = (b_{ij})$. By the Cauchy-swartz inequality,

$$\text{tr}(AB) = \sum_i \sum_j a_{ij} b_{ij} \leq \sum_i \left(\sum_j a_{ij}^2 \right)^{1/2} \left(\sum_j b_{ij}^2 \right)^{1/2} \leq \left(\sum_i \sum_j a_{ij}^2 \right)^{1/2} \left(\sum_i \sum_j b_{ij}^2 \right)^{1/2}.$$

Since A and B are symmetric, the right-hand side of the above inequality is the square root of $\text{tr}(A^2)\text{tr}(B^2)$.

(ii) Assume that $A = (a_{ij})$ is any $p \times p$ matrix. If $\text{tr}(A^2) \geq 0$, because $\text{tr}\{(A^T - A)(A^T - A)^T\} \geq 0$ and $\text{tr}\{(A^T - A)(A^T - A)^T\} = 2\text{tr}(A^T A) - 2\text{tr}(A^2)$, we have $|\text{tr}(A^2)| \leq \text{tr}(AA^T)$.

If $\text{tr}(A^2) < 0$, because $\text{tr}\{(A^T + A)(A^T + A)^T\} \geq 0$ and $\text{tr}\{(A^T + A)(A^T + A)^T\} = 2\text{tr}(A^T A) + 2\text{tr}(A^2) = 2\text{tr}(A^T A) - 2|\text{tr}(A^2)|$, we have $|\text{tr}(A^2)| \leq \text{tr}(AA^T)$.

(iii) By definition, $\|A^2\|_F^2 = \text{tr}(A^T A^T A A) = \text{tr}(A^T A A A^T)$. Since $A^T A$ and $A A^T$ are symmetric matrices, it follows by using part (i) that

$$\text{tr}(A^T A A A^T) \leq \|A^T A\|_F \|A A^T\|_F = \|A^T A\|_F^2,$$

and this completes the proof. \square

LEMMA 2. Define $U_{s_1 s_2, 0} = \{n(n-1)\}^{-1} \sum_{i \neq j=1}^n (Y_{is_1}^T Y_{js_2})^2$ for any $s_1, s_2 \in \{1, \dots, T\}$. Under Condition 1, the leading order term of the covariance between $U_{s_1 s_2, 0}$ and $U_{h_1 h_2, 0}$ is

$G_n(s_1, s_2, h_1, h_2) = \text{cov}(U_{s_1 s_2, 0}, U_{h_1 h_2, 0})$, where

$$\begin{aligned} G_n(s_1, s_2, h_1, h_2) &= \frac{2}{n(n-1)} \text{tr}^2(C_{s_1 h_1} C_{s_2 h_2}^T) + \frac{2}{n(n-1)} \text{tr}^2(C_{s_1 h_2} C_{s_2 h_1}^T) \\ &\quad + \frac{2(n-2)}{n(n-1)} \sum_{u,v \in \{1,2\}} \text{tr}(\Sigma_{s_u c} C_{s_u h_v} \Sigma_{h_v c} C_{s_u h_v}^T). \end{aligned}$$

35 Denote u^c as the complement set of $\{u\}$. That is, $u^c = \{1, 2\} \setminus \{u\}$.

Proof. Using the notation $\tilde{\sum}$ defined in §3 of the main paper, we define

$$\begin{aligned} L_1 &= \frac{1}{(P_n^2)^2} \sum_{i \neq j=1}^n E[\{(Y_{is_1}^T Y_{js_2})^2 - \text{tr}(\Sigma_{s_1} \Sigma_{s_2})\} \{(Y_{ih_1}^T Y_{jh_2})^2 - \text{tr}(\Sigma_{h_1} \Sigma_{h_2})\}], \\ L_2 &= \frac{1}{(P_n^2)^2} \sum_{i \neq j=1}^n E[\{(Y_{is_1}^T Y_{js_2})^2 - \text{tr}(\Sigma_{s_1} \Sigma_{s_2})\} \{(Y_{jh_1}^T Y_{ih_2})^2 - \text{tr}(\Sigma_{h_1} \Sigma_{h_2})\}], \\ L_3 &= \frac{1}{(P_n^2)^2} \tilde{\sum}_{i,j,l} E[\{(Y_{is_1}^T Y_{js_2})^2 - \text{tr}(\Sigma_{s_1} \Sigma_{s_2})\} \{(Y_{ih_1}^T Y_{lh_2})^2 - \text{tr}(\Sigma_{h_1} \Sigma_{h_2})\}], \\ L_4 &= \frac{1}{(P_n^2)^2} \tilde{\sum}_{i,j,l} E[\{(Y_{is_1}^T Y_{js_2})^2 - \text{tr}(\Sigma_{s_1} \Sigma_{s_2})\} \{(Y_{lh_1}^T Y_{ih_2})^2 - \text{tr}(\Sigma_{h_1} \Sigma_{h_2})\}], \\ L_5 &= \frac{1}{(P_n^2)^2} \tilde{\sum}_{i,j,l} E[\{(Y_{is_1}^T Y_{js_2})^2 - \text{tr}(\Sigma_{s_1} \Sigma_{s_2})\} \{(Y_{jh_1}^T Y_{lh_2})^2 - \text{tr}(\Sigma_{h_1} \Sigma_{h_2})\}], \\ L_6 &= \frac{1}{(P_n^2)^2} \tilde{\sum}_{i,j,l} E[\{(Y_{is_1}^T Y_{js_2})^2 - \text{tr}(\Sigma_{s_1} \Sigma_{s_2})\} \{(Y_{lh_1}^T Y_{jh_2})^2 - \text{tr}(\Sigma_{h_1} \Sigma_{h_2})\}], \\ L_7 &= \frac{1}{(P_n^2)^2} \tilde{\sum}_{i,j,k,l} E[\{(Y_{is_1}^T Y_{js_2})^2 - \text{tr}(\Sigma_{s_1} \Sigma_{s_2})\} \{(Y_{kh_1}^T Y_{lh_2})^2 - \text{tr}(\Sigma_{h_1} \Sigma_{h_2})\}]. \end{aligned}$$

40 Then $\text{cov}(U_{s_1 s_2, 0}, U_{h_1 h_2, 0}) = L_1 + \dots + L_7$ since $E\{(Y_{is_1}^T Y_{js_2})^2\} = \text{tr}(\Sigma_{s_1} \Sigma_{s_2})$. Applying standard results in multivariate analysis, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} E\{(Y_{is_1}^T Y_{js_2})^2 (Y_{ih_1}^T Y_{jh_2})^2\} &= 2\text{tr}(C_{h_1 s_1} C_{s_2 h_2} C_{h_1 s_1} C_{s_2 h_2}) + 2\text{tr}(\Sigma_{s_1} C_{s_2 h_2}^T \Sigma_{h_1} C_{s_2 h_2}) \\ &\quad + 2\text{tr}^2(C_{s_2 h_2} C_{h_1 s_1}) + 2\text{tr}(\Sigma_{s_2} C_{s_1 h_1} \Sigma_{h_2} C_{s_1 h_1}^T) + \text{tr}(\Sigma_{s_2} \Sigma_{s_1}) \text{tr}(\Sigma_{h_2} \Sigma_{h_1}). \end{aligned}$$

This implies that

$$\begin{aligned} L_1 + L_2 &= \frac{2}{n(n-1)} \left[\text{tr}\{(C_{s_2 h_2} C_{h_1 s_1})^2\} + \text{tr}\{(C_{s_2 h_1} C_{h_2 s_1})^2\} + \text{tr}^2(C_{s_2 h_2} C_{h_1 s_1}) \right. \\ &\quad + \text{tr}^2(C_{s_2 h_1} C_{h_2 s_1}) + \text{tr}(\Sigma_{s_1} C_{s_2 h_2} \Sigma_{h_1} C_{s_2 h_2}^T) + \text{tr}(\Sigma_{s_2} C_{s_1 h_1} \Sigma_{h_2} C_{s_1 h_1}^T) \\ &\quad \left. + \text{tr}(\Sigma_{s_1} C_{s_2 h_1} \Sigma_{h_2} C_{s_2 h_1}^T) + \text{tr}(\Sigma_{s_2} C_{s_1 h_2} \Sigma_{h_1} C_{s_1 h_2}^T) \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Furthermore, $L_7 = 0$ and

$$\sum_{i=3}^6 L_i = \frac{2(n-2)}{n(n-1)} \sum_{u,v \in \{1,2\}} \text{tr}(\Sigma_{s_u c} C_{s_u h_v} \Sigma_{h_v c} C_{s_u h_v}^T),$$

This with Condition 1 implies that Lemma 2 is valid. \square

LEMMA 3. Define $U_{s_1 s_2, 1} = (1/P_n^3) \sum_{i,j,k}^{\sim} Y_{is_1}^T Y_{js_2} Y_{js_2}^T Y_{ks_1}$. The leading term in the covariance between $U_{s_1 s_2, 1}$ and $U_{h_1 h_2, 1}$ is 55

$$\begin{aligned} \text{cov}(U_{s_1 s_2, 1}, U_{h_1 h_2, 1}) &= \frac{4}{n^3} \sum_{u,v \in \{1,2\}} \text{tr}^2(C_{s_u h_v} C_{s_{u^c} h_{v^c}}^T) \\ &\quad + \frac{2}{n^2} \sum_{u,v \in \{1,2\}} \text{tr}(\Sigma_{s_{u^c}} C_{s_u h_v} \Sigma_{h_{v^c}} C_{s_u h_v}^T), \end{aligned}$$

where u^c is the complement set of $\{u\}$. That is, $u^c = \{1, 2\} \setminus \{u\}$. In addition, $\text{var}(\hat{D}_{nt, 1}) = o\{\text{var}(\hat{D}_{nt, 0})\}$. 60

Proof. Because $E(U_{s_1 s_2, 1}) = 0$, $\text{cov}(U_{s_1 s_2, 1}, U_{h_1 h_2, 1}) = E(U_{s_1 s_2, 1} U_{h_1 h_2, 1})$. By definition,

$$\begin{aligned} U_{s_1 s_2, 1} U_{h_1 h_2, 1} &= \frac{1}{(P_n^3)^2} \sum_{i,j,k}^{\sim} \sum_{i_1, j_1, k_1}^{\sim} (Y_{is_1}^T Y_{js_2} Y_{js_2}^T Y_{ks_1} + Y_{is_2}^T Y_{js_1} Y_{js_1}^T Y_{ks_2}) \\ &\quad \times (Y_{i_1 h_1}^T Y_{j_1 h_2} Y_{j_1 h_2}^T Y_{k_1 h_1} + Y_{i_1 h_2}^T Y_{j_1 h_1} Y_{j_1 h_1}^T Y_{k_1 h_2}). \end{aligned}$$

According to the number of equivalent indices among two sets $\{i, j, k\}$ and $\{i_1, j_1, k_1\}$, we decompose $U_{s_1 s_2, 1} U_{h_1 h_2, 1}$ into three terms. Let $I_c = \{i, j, k\} \cup \{i_1, j_1, k_1\}$ where c represents the number of indices that are equivalent to each other in two sets $\{i, j, k\}$ and $\{i_1, j_1, k_1\}$. If there is one index equivalent, 65

$$\begin{aligned} I_1 &= \{(i = i_1, j, k, j_1, k_1), (i = j_1, j, k, i_1, k_1), (i, j, k = i_1, i_1, j_1), \\ &\quad (i, j = i_1, k, j_1, k_1), (i, j = j_1, k, i_1, k_1), (i, j = k_1, k, i_1, j_1), \\ &\quad (i, j, k = i_1, j_1, k_1), (i, j, k = j_1, i_1, k_1), (i, j, k = k_1, i_1, j_1)\}. \end{aligned} \quad 70$$

For each case within I_1 , the expectation of corresponding summand in $U_{s_1 s_2, 1} U_{h_1 h_2, 1}$ is 0. If there are two indices equivalent,

$$\begin{aligned} I_2 &= \{(i = i_1, j = j_1, k, k_1), (i = j_1, j = i_1, k, k_1), (i = i_1, k = k_1, j, j_1), \\ &\quad (i = k_1, k = i_1, j, j_1), (j = j_1, k = k_1, i, i_1), (j = k_1, k = j_1, i, i_1), \\ &\quad (i = i_1, j = k_1, k, j_1), (i = j_1, j = k_1, k, i_1), (i = i_1, k = j_1, j, k_1), \\ &\quad (i = k_1, k = j_1, j, i_1), (j = j_1, k = i_1, i, k_1), (j = k_1, k = i_1, i, j_1)\}. \end{aligned} \quad 75$$

Among all the cases in I_2 , there exist two cases $\{(i = i_1, k = k_1, j, j_1), (i = k_1, k = i_1, j, j_1)\}$ whose expectations of the summand in $U_{s_1 s_2, 1} U_{h_1 h_2, 1}$ are not zero. Similarly, if there are three indices equivalent,

$$\begin{aligned} I_3 &= \{(i = i_1, j = j_1, k = k_1), (i = j_1, j = i_1, k = k_1), (i = k_1, j = j_1, k = i_1), \\ &\quad (i = k_1, j = i_1, k = j_1), (i = i_1, j = k_1, k = j_1), (i = j_1, j = k_1, k = i_1)\}. \end{aligned} \quad 80$$

Among all the cases in I_3 , there are two cases $(i = i_1, j = j_1, k = k_1)$ and $(i = k_1, j = j_1, k = i_1)$ that have non-zero expectation.

In summary,

$$\begin{aligned}
E(U_{s_1 s_2, 1} U_{h_1 h_2, 1}) &= \frac{2}{(P_n^3)^2} E \left\{ \sum_{i, k, j, j_1}^{\sim} (Y_{i s_1}^T Y_{j s_2} Y_{j s_2}^T Y_{k s_1} + Y_{i s_2}^T Y_{j s_1} Y_{j s_1}^T Y_{k s_2}) \right. \\
&\quad \times (Y_{i h_1}^T Y_{j_1 h_2} Y_{j_1 h_2}^T Y_{k h_1} + Y_{i h_2}^T Y_{j_1 h_1} Y_{j_1 h_1}^T Y_{k h_2}) \Big\} \\
&\quad + \frac{2}{(P_n^3)^2} E \left\{ \sum_{i, k, j}^{\sim} (Y_{i s_1}^T Y_{j s_2} Y_{j s_2}^T Y_{k s_1} + Y_{i s_2}^T Y_{j s_1} Y_{j s_1}^T Y_{k s_2}) \right. \\
&\quad \times (Y_{i h_1}^T Y_{j h_2} Y_{j h_2}^T Y_{k h_1} + Y_{i h_2}^T Y_{j h_1} Y_{j h_1}^T Y_{k h_2}) \Big\} \\
&= \frac{2}{P_n^3} \sum_{u, v \in \{1, 2\}} \left[(n-3) \text{tr}(\Sigma_{s_u c} C_{s_u h_v} \Sigma_{h_v c} C_{s_u h_v}^T) + \text{tr}^2(C_{s_u h_v} C_{s_u c h_v c}^T) \right. \\
&\quad \left. + \text{tr}\{(C_{s_u h_v} C_{s_u c h_v c}^T)^2\} + \text{tr}(\Sigma_{s_u c} C_{s_u h_v} \Sigma_{h_v c} C_{s_u h_v}^T) \right].
\end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof. \square

LEMMA 4. Define $U_{s_1 s_2, 2} = (1/P_n^4) \sum_{i, j, k, l}^{\sim} (Y_{i s_1}^T Y_{j s_2}) (Y_{k s_1}^T Y_{l s_2})$. For any fixed $u, v, k, l \in \{1, 2\}$, the covariance between $U_{s_u s_v, 2}$ and $U_{h_k h_l, 2}$ is

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{cov}(U_{s_u s_v, 2}, U_{h_k h_l, 2}) &= \frac{2}{P_n^4} \{ \text{tr}^2(C_{s_u h_k} C_{s_v h_l}^T) + \text{tr}(C_{s_u h_k} C_{s_v h_l}^T C_{s_u h_k} C_{s_v h_l}^T) \\
&\quad + 2 \text{tr}(C_{s_v h_k} C_{s_v h_l}^T C_{s_u h_l} C_{s_u h_k}^T) + 2 \text{tr}(C_{s_v h_k} C_{s_v h_l}^T C_{s_u h_k} C_{s_u h_l}^T) \\
&\quad + 3 \text{tr}(C_{s_v h_k} C_{s_u h_l}^T C_{s_v h_l} C_{s_u h_k}^T) + 3 \text{tr}(C_{s_v h_k} C_{s_u h_l}^T) \text{tr}(C_{s_v h_l} C_{s_u h_k}^T) \}.
\end{aligned}$$

Moreover, $\text{var}(\hat{D}_{nt, 2}) = o\{\text{var}(\hat{D}_{nt, 0})\}$.

Proof. Because $E(U_{s_u s_v, 2}) = 0$, $\text{cov}(U_{s_u s_v, 2}, U_{h_k h_l, 2}) = E(U_{s_u s_v, 2} U_{h_k h_l, 2})$. Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{cov}(U_{s_u s_v, 2}, U_{h_k h_l, 2}) &= \frac{1}{(P_n^4)^2} \sum_{i, j, k, l}^{\sim} \sum_{i_1, j_1, k_1, l_1}^{\sim} E \{ (Y_{i s_u}^T Y_{j s_v}) (Y_{k s_u}^T Y_{l s_v}) (Y_{i_1 h_k}^T Y_{j_1 h_l}) (Y_{k_1 h_k}^T Y_{l_1 h_l}) \} \\
&= \frac{2}{P_n^4} \{ \text{tr}^2(C_{s_u h_k} C_{s_v h_l}^T) + \text{tr}(C_{s_u h_k} C_{s_v h_l}^T C_{s_u h_k} C_{s_v h_l}^T) \\
&\quad + 2 \text{tr}(C_{s_v h_k} C_{s_v h_l}^T C_{s_u h_l} C_{s_u h_k}^T) + 2 \text{tr}(C_{s_v h_k} C_{s_v h_l}^T C_{s_u h_k} C_{s_u h_l}^T) \\
&\quad + 3 \text{tr}(C_{s_v h_k} C_{s_u h_l}^T C_{s_v h_l} C_{s_u h_k}^T) + 3 \text{tr}(C_{s_v h_k} C_{s_u h_l}^T) \text{tr}(C_{s_v h_l} C_{s_u h_k}^T) \}.
\end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof of the first part.

For the second part, we write $\hat{D}_{nt, 2} = w^{-1}(t) \sum_{s_1=1}^t \sum_{s_2=t+1}^T \sum_{u, v \in \{1, 2\}} (-1)^{|u-v|} U_{s_u s_v, 2}$. It follows by the first part that

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{var}(\hat{D}_{nt, 2}) &= \frac{1}{w^2(t)} \frac{2}{n^4} \sum_{s_1, s_2, h_1, h_2}^* \sum_{u, v, k, l \in \{1, 2\}} (-1)^{|u-v|+|k-l|} \{ \text{tr}^2(C_{s_u h_k} C_{s_v h_l}^T) \\
&\quad + \text{tr}(C_{s_u h_k} C_{s_v h_l}^T C_{s_u h_k} C_{s_v h_l}^T) + 2 \text{tr}(C_{s_v h_k} C_{s_v h_l}^T C_{s_u h_l} C_{s_u h_k}^T) \\
&\quad + 2 \text{tr}(C_{s_v h_k} C_{s_v h_l}^T C_{s_u h_k} C_{s_u h_l}^T) + 3 \text{tr}(C_{s_v h_k} C_{s_u h_l}^T C_{s_v h_l} C_{s_u h_k}^T) \\
&\quad + 3 \text{tr}(C_{s_v h_k} C_{s_u h_l}^T) \text{tr}(C_{s_v h_l} C_{s_u h_k}^T) \}.
\end{aligned}$$

Applying the inequalities given in Lemma 1, we can show that $\text{var}(\hat{D}_{nt, 2}) = o\{\text{var}(\hat{D}_{nt, 0})\}$. This completes the proof of this Lemma. \square

LEMMA 5. Let Z be an m -dimensional multivariate normally distributed random vector with mean 0 and covariance I_m . Define $M = ZZ^T - I$. Assume A, B, C, D are matrices with appropriate dimensions. Then $E\{\text{tr}(AM A^T BMB^T)\} = \text{tr}^2(A^T B) + \text{tr}\{(A^T B)^2\}$ and

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{cov}\{\text{tr}(AM A^T BMB^T), \text{tr}(CM C^T DMD^T)\} \\ &= 2\text{tr}(A^T B)\text{tr}(C^T D)\text{tr}\{(A^T B + B^T A)(C^T D + D^T C)\} \\ &+ \frac{1}{2}\text{tr}^2\{(A^T B + B^T A)(C^T D + D^T C)\} + \text{tr}\{[(A^T B + B^T A)(C^T D + D^T C)]^2\} \\ &+ 2\text{tr}(A^T B)\text{tr}\{(A^T B + B^T A)(C^T D C^T D + D^T C D^T C)\} \\ &+ 2\text{tr}(C^T D)\text{tr}\{(C^T D + D^T C)(A^T B A^T B + B^T A B^T A)\} \\ &+ 2\text{tr}\{(A^T B A^T B + B^T A B^T A)(C^T D C^T D + D^T C D^T C)\}. \end{aligned} \tag{115}$$

In particular,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{var}\{\text{tr}(AM A^T BMB^T)\} &= 2\text{tr}^2(A^T B)\text{tr}\{(A^T B + B^T A)^2\} + \frac{1}{2}\text{tr}^2\{(A^T B + B^T A)^2\} \\ &+ 4\text{tr}(A^T B)\text{tr}\{(A^T B + B^T A)(A^T B A^T B + B^T A B^T A)\} \\ &+ 2\text{tr}\{(A^T B A^T B + B^T A B^T A)^2\} + \text{tr}\{(A^T B + B^T A)^4\}. \end{aligned}$$

Moreover, $\text{var}\{\text{tr}(AM A^T BMB^T)\} \leq K [\text{tr}^4(A^T B) + \text{tr}^2\{(A^T B)^{\otimes 2}\}]$ for a constant $K > 0$. 125

Proof. We first consider $E\{\text{tr}(AM A^T BMB^T)\}$. Because $M = ZZ^T - I$, we have

$$\text{tr}(AM A^T BMB^T) = (Z^T A^T BZ)^2 - Z^T A^T B B^T A Z - Z^T B^T A A^T B Z + \text{tr}(A^T B B^T A). \tag{S.1}$$

Taking expectation of the both sides of equation (S.1), we have

$$\begin{aligned} E\{\text{tr}(AM A^T BMB^T)\} &= \text{tr}^2(A^T B) + \text{tr}\{(A^T B)^2\} + \text{tr}(A^T B B^T A) - \text{tr}(A^T B B^T A) \\ &= \text{tr}^2(A^T B) + \text{tr}\{(A^T B)^2\}. \end{aligned}$$

Next, we consider the covariance part. Using equation (S.1), we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{tr}(AM A^T BMB^T)\text{tr}(CM C^T DMD^T) = (Z^T A^T BZ)^2(Z^T C^T DZ)^2 \\ &- (Z^T A^T BZ)^2 Z^T C^T D D^T C Z - (Z^T A^T BZ)^2 Z^T D^T C C^T D Z \\ &- (Z^T A^T BZ)^2 \text{tr}(C^T D D^T C) - Z^T B^T A A^T B Z (Z^T C^T D Z)^2 \\ &+ (Z^T B^T A A^T B Z)(Z^T C^T D D^T C Z) + (Z^T B^T A A^T B Z)(Z^T D^T C C^T D Z) \\ &- (Z^T B^T A A^T B Z)\text{tr}(C^T D D^T C) - Z^T A^T B B^T A Z (Z^T C^T D Z)^2 \\ &+ Z^T A^T B B^T A Z (Z^T C^T D D^T C Z) + Z^T A^T B B^T A Z (Z^T D^T C C^T D Z) \\ &- Z^T A^T B B^T A Z \text{tr}(C^T D D^T C) + \text{tr}(A^T B B^T A)(Z^T C^T D Z)^2 \\ &- \text{tr}(A^T B B^T A)(Z^T C^T D D^T C Z) - \text{tr}(A^T B B^T A)(Z^T D^T C C^T D Z) \\ &- \text{tr}(A^T B B^T A)\text{tr}(C^T D D^T C). \end{aligned} \tag{135}$$

140 Define the terms in the above expression as J_1, \dots, J_{16} . We consider the expectation of each J_i for $i = 1, \dots, 16$. We have the following:

$$\begin{aligned}
 E(J_4) &= [\text{tr}^2(A^\top B) + \text{tr}\{(A^\top B)^2\} + \text{tr}(A^\top B B^\top A)]\text{tr}(C^\top D D^\top C), \\
 E(J_6) &= \text{tr}(B^\top A A^\top B)\text{tr}(C^\top D D^\top C) + 2\text{tr}(B^\top A A^\top B C^\top D D^\top C), \\
 E(J_7) &= \text{tr}(B^\top A A^\top B)\text{tr}(D^\top C C^\top D) + 2\text{tr}(B^\top A A^\top B D^\top C C^\top D), \\
 145 \quad E(J_8) &= E(J_{12}) = E(J_{14}) = -\text{tr}(B^\top A A^\top B)\text{tr}(C^\top D D^\top C), \\
 E(J_{10}) &= \text{tr}(A^\top B B^\top A)\text{tr}(C^\top D D^\top C) + 2\text{tr}(A^\top B B^\top A C^\top D D^\top C), \\
 E(J_{11}) &= \text{tr}(A^\top B B^\top A)\text{tr}(D^\top C C^\top D) + 2\text{tr}(A^\top B B^\top A D^\top C C^\top D), \\
 E(J_{13}) &= \text{tr}(A^\top B B^\top A)[\text{tr}^2(C^\top D) + \text{tr}\{(C^\top D)^2\} + \text{tr}(C^\top D D^\top C)].
 \end{aligned}$$

In addition, we can show that, for any matrices A, B, C of appropriate dimensions,

$$\begin{aligned}
 150 \quad E(Z^\top A Z Z^\top B Z Z^\top C Z) &= \text{tr}(A)\text{tr}(B)\text{tr}(C) + \text{tr}(A)\{\text{tr}(BC) + \text{tr}(B^\top C)\} \\
 &\quad + \text{tr}(B)\{\text{tr}(AC) + \text{tr}(A^\top C)\} + \text{tr}(C)\{\text{tr}(AB) + \text{tr}(A^\top B)\} \\
 &\quad + \text{tr}\{(A + A^\top)(B + B^\top)(C + C^\top)\}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Applying the above formula to J_2, J_3, J_5 and J_9 , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 -E(J_2) &= \text{tr}^2(A^\top B)\text{tr}(C^\top D D^\top C) + \text{tr}(A^\top B)\{\text{tr}(A^\top B C^\top D D^\top C) + \text{tr}(B^\top A C^\top D D^\top C)\} \\
 155 \quad &\quad + \text{tr}(A^\top B)\{\text{tr}(A^\top B C^\top D D^\top C) + \text{tr}(B^\top A^\top C^\top D D^\top C)\} \\
 &\quad + \text{tr}(C^\top D D^\top C)\{\text{tr}(A^\top B A^\top B) + \text{tr}(B^\top A A^\top B)\} \\
 &\quad + 2\text{tr}\{(A^\top B + B^\top A)^2 C^\top D D^\top C\}.
 \end{aligned}$$

The expectation of J_3 is the same as $E(J_2)$ above except for changing $C^\top D D^\top C$ to $D^\top C C^\top D$. Similarly,

$$\begin{aligned}
 160 \quad -E(J_5) &= \text{tr}^2(C^\top D)\text{tr}(B^\top A A^\top B) + \text{tr}(C^\top D)\{\text{tr}(C^\top D B^\top A A^\top B) + \text{tr}(D^\top C B^\top A A^\top B)\} \\
 &\quad + \text{tr}(C^\top D)\{\text{tr}(C^\top D B^\top A A^\top B) + \text{tr}(D^\top C^\top B^\top A A^\top B)\} \\
 &\quad + \text{tr}(B^\top A A^\top B)\{\text{tr}(C^\top D C^\top D) + \text{tr}(D^\top C C^\top D)\} \\
 &\quad + 2\text{tr}\{(C^\top D + D^\top C)^2 B^\top A A^\top B\},
 \end{aligned}$$

and $E(J_9)$ is the same as $E(J_5)$ with replacing $B^\top A A^\top B$ with $A^\top B B^\top A$. Finally, we can show that

$$\begin{aligned}
 E(J_1) &= \text{tr}^2(A^\top B)\text{tr}^2(C^\top D) + \text{tr}^2(A^\top B)[\text{tr}\{(C^\top D)^2\} + \text{tr}(C^\top D D^\top C)] \\
 &\quad + \text{tr}^2(C^\top D)[\text{tr}\{(A^\top B)^2\} + \text{tr}(A^\top B B^\top A)] \\
 &\quad + 4\text{tr}(A^\top B)\text{tr}(C^\top D)\{\text{tr}(A^\top B C^\top D) + \text{tr}(B^\top A C^\top D)\} \\
 &\quad + [\text{tr}\{(A^\top B)^2\} + \text{tr}(A^\top B B^\top A)][\text{tr}\{(C^\top D)^2\} + \text{tr}(C^\top D D^\top C)] \\
 170 \quad &\quad + 2\{\text{tr}(A^\top B C^\top D) + \text{tr}(B^\top A C^\top D)\}^2 \\
 &\quad + 2\text{tr}(A^\top B)\text{tr}\{(A^\top B + B^\top A)(C D + D^\top C^\top)\} \\
 &\quad + 2\text{tr}(C^\top D)\text{tr}\{(A^\top B + B^\top A)^2(C D + D^\top C^\top)\} \\
 &\quad + \text{tr}\{(A^\top B + B^\top A)^2(C D + D^\top C^\top)^2\} + \text{tr}\{[(A^\top B + B^\top A)(C D + D^\top C^\top)]^2\}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Summarizing the above $E(J_i)$'s, we obtain $E\{\text{tr}(A M A^\top B M B^\top)\text{tr}(C M C^\top D M D^\top)\}$. From this result and (S.1), we can obtain the covariance between $\text{tr}(A M A^\top B M B^\top)$ and

$\text{tr}(CMC^T DMD^T)$. The variance is a special case of the covariance. This completes the first part of the Lemma.

Next, we prove the inequality given in the second part. Using the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality and Lemma 1,

$$2\text{tr}^2(A^T B)\text{tr}\{(A^T B + B^T A)^2\} \leq K\text{tr}^2(A^T B)\text{tr}\{(A^T B)^{\otimes 2}\} \quad 180$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} & 2\text{tr}(A^T B)\text{tr}\{(A^T B + B^T A)(A^T B A^T B + B^T A B^T A)\} \\ & \leq 2\text{tr}(A^T B)\text{tr}^{1/2}\{(A^T B + B^T A)^2\}\text{tr}^{1/2}\{(A^T B A^T B + B^T A B^T A)^2\} \\ & \leq K\text{tr}(A^T B)\text{tr}^{1/2}\{(A^T B)^{\otimes 2}\}\text{tr}^{1/2}\{(A^T B A^T B)^{\otimes 2}\} \\ & \leq K\text{tr}(A^T B)\text{tr}^{1/2}\{(A^T B)^{\otimes 2}\}\text{tr}\{[(A^T B)^T(A^T B)]^2\} \\ & \leq K\text{tr}(A^T B)\text{tr}^{3/2}\{(A^T B)^{\otimes 2}\}. \end{aligned} \quad 185$$

Moreover, $\text{tr}\{(A^T B + B^T A)^4\} \leq \text{tr}^2\{(A^T B + B^T A)^2\} \leq K\text{tr}^2\{(A^T B)^{\otimes 2}\}$. In summary,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{var}\{\text{tr}(AM A^T BMB^T)\} & \leq K\left[\text{tr}(A^T B)\text{tr}^{1/2}\{(A^T B)^{\otimes 2}\} + \text{tr}\{(A^T B)^{\otimes 2}\}\right]^2 \\ & \leq K\left[\text{tr}^4(A^T B) + \text{tr}^2\{(A^T B)^{\otimes 2}\}\right]. \end{aligned}$$

This finishes the proof of this Lemma. \square 190

Define

$$\begin{aligned} V_{n0}(s_1, s_2, h_1, h_2) &= \frac{4}{n(n-1)} \sum_{u,v,k,l \in \{1,2\}} (-1)^{-|u-v|-|k-l|} \text{tr}^2(C_{s_u h_k} C_{s_v h_l}^T), \\ V_{n1}(s_1, s_2, h_1, h_2) &= \frac{8(n-2)}{n(n-1)} \sum_{u,v \in \{1,2\}} (-1)^{|u-v|} \text{tr}\{(\Sigma_{s_1} - \Sigma_{s_2})C_{s_u h_v}(\Sigma_{h_1} - \Sigma_{h_2})C_{s_u h_v}^T\}. \end{aligned}$$

LEMMA 6. *Let $W_{s_1 s_2} = U_{s_1 s_1, 0} + U_{s_2 s_2, 0} - U_{s_1 s_2, 0} - U_{s_2 s_1, 0}$. The covariance between $W_{s_1 s_2}$ and $W_{h_1 h_2}$ is $V_u(s_1, s_2, h_1, h_2)$, where $V_u(s_1, s_2, h_1, h_2) = V_{n0}(s_1, s_2, h_1, h_2) + V_{n1}(s_1, s_2, h_1, h_2)$ and $V_{n0}(s_1, s_2, h_1, h_2)$ is the covariance between $W_{s_1 s_2}$ and $W_{h_1 h_2}$ under H_0 .* 195

Proof. Let $G_n(\cdot)$ be the function defined in Lemma 2. It then follows,

$$V_u(s_1, s_2, h_1, h_2) = \sum_{u,v,k,l \in \{1,2\}} (-1)^{-|u-v|-|k-l|} G_n(s_u, s_v, h_k, h_l).$$

Applying Lemma 2, we have 200

$$\begin{aligned} V_u(s_1, s_2, h_1, h_2) &= \frac{2}{n(n-1)} \sum_{u,v,k,l \in \{1,2\}} (-1)^{-|u-v|-|k-l|} \{\text{tr}^2(C_{s_u h_k} C_{s_v h_l}^T) + \text{tr}^2(C_{s_u h_l} C_{s_v h_k}^T)\} \\ &+ \frac{2(n-2)}{n(n-1)} \sum_{u,v,k,l \in \{1,2\}} (-1)^{-|u-v|-|k-l|} \{\text{tr}(\Sigma_{s_u} C_{s_v h_l} \Sigma_{h_k} C_{s_v h_l}^T) + \text{tr}(\Sigma_{s_v} C_{s_u h_k} \Sigma_{h_l} C_{s_u h_k}^T) \\ &+ \text{tr}(\Sigma_{s_u} C_{s_v h_k} \Sigma_{h_l} C_{s_v h_k}^T) + \text{tr}(\Sigma_{s_v} C_{s_u h_l} \Sigma_{h_k} C_{s_u h_l}^T)\}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} V_u(s_1, s_2, h_1, h_2) &= \frac{4}{n(n-1)} \sum_{u,v,k,l \in \{1,2\}} (-1)^{-|u-v|-|k-l|} \text{tr}^2(C_{s_u h_k} C_{s_v h_l}^T) \\ &\quad + \frac{8(n-2)}{n(n-1)} \sum_{u,v,k,l \in \{1,2\}} (-1)^{-|u-v|-|k-l|} \text{tr}(\Sigma_{s_u} C_{s_v h_l} \Sigma_{h_k} C_{s_v h_l}^T). \end{aligned}$$

After some algebra, one can show the second term in the above expression is equivalent to $V_{n1}(s, h, h_1, h_2)$.

Under H_0 , $V_{n1}(s, h, h_1, h_2) = 0$. Therefore, $V_u(s, h, h_1, h_2) = V_0(s, h, h_1, h_2)$ is the covariance under H_0 . This completes the proof of Lemma 6. \square

2. PROOFS OF MAIN RESULTS

In this section, we present proofs for the main results of the paper. By definition, \hat{D}_{nt} can be expressed as $\hat{D}_{nt} = \hat{D}_{nt,0} - 2\hat{D}_{nt,1} + \hat{D}_{nt,2}$, where for $k = 0, 1$ and 2 ,

$$\hat{D}_{nt,k} = \frac{1}{t(T-t)} \sum_{s_1=1}^t \sum_{s_2=t+1}^T (U_{s_1 s_1, k} + U_{s_2 s_2, k} - U_{s_1 s_2, k} - U_{s_2 s_1, k}). \quad (\text{S.2})$$

Here $U_{s_1 s_2, k}$ was defined in § 3 of the main paper.

Proof of Theorem 1. Based on the definition of \hat{D}_{nt} , the expectation of \hat{D}_{nt} is

$$E(\hat{D}_{nt}) = \frac{1}{t} \sum_{s=1}^t \text{tr}(\Sigma_s^2) + \frac{1}{T-t} \sum_{h=t+1}^T \text{tr}(\Sigma_h^2) - \frac{2}{t(T-t)} \sum_{s=1}^t \sum_{h=t+1}^T \text{tr}(\Sigma_s \Sigma_h) = D_t.$$

We next calculate the order of the variance of \hat{D}_{nt} . By using the definition of \hat{D}_{nt} , write \hat{D}_{nt} as $\hat{D}_{nt} = \hat{D}_{nt,0} - 2\hat{D}_{nt,1} + \hat{D}_{nt,2}$. By Lemmas 3 and 4, it follows that $\hat{D}_{nt,1} = o_p(\hat{D}_{nt,0})$ and $\hat{D}_{nt,2} = o_p(\hat{D}_{nt,0})$. Therefore, it suffices to compute the variance of $\hat{D}_{nt,0}$. Using Lemma 6,

$$\sigma_{nt}^2 = w^{-2}(t) \sum_{\substack{s_1, s_2, \\ h_1, h_2}}^* \text{cov}(W_{s_1 s_2}, W_{h_1 h_2}) = w^{-2}(t) \sum_{\substack{s_1, s_2, \\ h_1, h_2}}^* V_u(s_1, s_2, h_1, h_2).$$

This completes the proof of Theorem 1. \square

Proof of Theorem 2. By Theorem 1, it is sufficient to establish the asymptotic normality of $\hat{D}_{nt,0}$. We first write $\hat{D}_{nt,0}$ into a martingale. Define $A_{js_u} = Y_{js_u} Y_{js_u}^T - \Sigma_{s_u}$, and

$$\begin{aligned} G_{nj} &= \frac{1}{t(T-t)} \sum_{s_1=1}^t \sum_{s_2=t+1}^T \sum_{u,v \in \{1,2\}} (-1)^{|u-v|} \{Y_{is_u}^T A_{js_v} Y_{is_u} - \text{tr}(\Sigma_{s_u} A_{js_v})\}, \\ Q_{ni} &= \frac{1}{t(T-t)} \sum_{s_1=1}^t \sum_{s_2=t+1}^T \sum_{u,v \in \{1,2\}} (-1)^{|u-v|} \{Y_{is_u}^T \Sigma_{s_v} Y_{is_u} - \text{tr}(\Sigma_{s_u} \Sigma_{s_v})\}. \end{aligned}$$

Let $Z_{ni} = Z_{ni}^{(1)} + Z_{ni}^{(2)}$, where $Z_{ni}^{(1)} = 2 \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} G_{nj} / \{n(n-1)\}$ and $Z_{ni}^{(2)} = 4Q_{ni}/n$. Then,

$$\hat{D}_{nt,0} - D_t = \sum_{i=1}^n Z_{ni},$$

Let \mathcal{F}_k be the σ -algebra generated by $\sigma\{Y_1, \dots, Y_k\}$ where $Y_i = \{Y_{i1}, \dots, Y_{iT}\}$ is the collection of Y for the i -th sample. It follows that $E(Z_{nk}|\mathcal{F}_{k-1}) = 0$. Therefore, Z_{nk} is a sequence of martingale difference with respect to \mathcal{F}_k .

Let $\sigma_{ni}^2 = E(Z_{ni}^2|\mathcal{F}_{i-1})$. To prove the asymptotic normality, we check two following conditions (Hall and Hedye, 1980):

- Condition (a) $\sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_{ni}^2 / \text{var}(\hat{D}_{nt}) \xrightarrow{P} 1$;
 Condition (b) $\sum_{i=1}^n E(Z_{ni}^4) / \text{var}^2(\hat{D}_{nt}) \rightarrow 0$.

We first prove Condition (a). Consider $E(\sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_{ni}^2) = \sum_{i=1}^n E(Z_{ni}^2) = \sum_{i=1}^n \text{var}(Z_{ni})$. Furthermore, $\text{var}(\hat{D}_{nt}) = \sum_{i=1}^n E(Z_{ni}^2) + 2E\{\sum_{i < j} Z_{ni}E(Z_{nj}|\mathcal{F}_{j-1})\} = \sum_{i=1}^n E(Z_{ni}^2)$. Thus, we have $E(\sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_{ni}^2) = \text{var}(\hat{D}_{nt})$. Thus, it suffices to show $\text{var}(\sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_{ni}^2) = o\{\text{var}^2(\hat{D}_{nt})\}$.

Now we obtain σ_{ni}^2 as

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_{ni}^2 = E(Z_{ni}^2|\mathcal{F}_{i-1}) &= \binom{n}{2}^{-2} \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} \sum_{j_1=1}^{i-1} E(G_{nj}G_{nj_1}|\mathcal{F}_{i-1}) + \frac{4}{n^2} E(Q_{ni}^2|\mathcal{F}_{i-1}) \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{n} \frac{4}{\binom{n}{2}} E(Q_{ni} \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} G_{nj}|\mathcal{F}_{i-1}) = R_{ni,1} + R_{ni,2} + R_{ni,3}. \end{aligned}$$

Recall that $A_{js_1} = Y_{js_1}Y_{js_1}^T - \Sigma_{s_1}$. We can further show that $R_{ni,2}$ is a constant and has no impact on $\text{var}(\sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_{ni}^2)$. Moreover,

$$\begin{aligned} R_{ni,1} &= \frac{2}{\binom{n}{2}^2 w^2(t)} \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} \sum_{j_1=1}^{i-1} \sum_{\substack{s_1, s_2, \\ h_1, h_2}}^* \sum_{u, v, k, l \in \{1, 2\}} (-1)^{|u-v|+|k-l|} \text{tr}(A_{js_v} C_{s_u h_k} A_{j_1 h_l} C_{s_u h_k}^T) \\ &= R_{ni,1}^{(0)} + R_{ni,1}^{(1)}, \end{aligned}$$

where $R_{ni,1}^{(0)}$ corresponds to summation of the terms where $j = j_1$ and $R_{ni,1}^{(1)}$ is the summation of the terms where $j \neq j_1$. To prove Condition (a), it suffices to show that

- (a1) $\text{var}(\sum_{i=1}^n R_{ni,1}^{(0)}) = o(\sigma_{nt}^4)$,
 (a2) $\text{var}(\sum_{i=1}^n R_{ni,1}^{(1)}) = o(\sigma_{nt}^4)$ and
 (a3) $\text{var}(\sum_{i=1}^n R_{ni,3}) = o(\sigma_{nt}^4)$.

We first show (a1). We have

$$\begin{aligned} \text{var}\left(\sum_{i=1}^n R_{ni,1}^{(0)}\right) &\leq \frac{C}{w^4(t)n^5} \text{var}\left\{ \sum_{\substack{s_1, s_2, \\ h_1, h_2}}^* \sum_{\substack{u, v, \\ k, l \in \{1, 2\}}} (-1)^{|u-v|+|k-l|} \text{tr}(A_{js_v} C_{s_u h_k} A_{j_1 h_l} C_{s_u h_k}^T) \right\} \\ &\leq Cw^{-4}(t)n^{-5} \sum_{\substack{s_1, s_2, \\ h_1, h_2}}^* \sum_{\substack{u, v, \\ k, l \in \{1, 2\}}} \text{var}\left\{ \text{tr}(A_{js_v} C_{s_u h_k} A_{j_1 h_l} C_{s_u h_k}^T) \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

Applying Lemma 5 and using the fact

$$\text{tr}(A_{js_v} C_{s_u h_k} A_{j_1 h_l} C_{s_u h_k}^T) = \text{tr}\{\Gamma_{s_u}^T \Gamma_{s_v} (Z_j Z_j^T - I) \Gamma_{s_v}^T \Gamma_{s_u} \Gamma_{h_k}^T \Gamma_{h_l} (Z_j Z_j^T - I) \Gamma_{h_l}^T \Gamma_{h_k}\},$$

we have

$$\text{var}\{\text{tr}(A_{js_v} C_{s_u h_k} A_{j_1 h_l} C_{s_u h_k}^T)\} \leq C[\text{tr}^4(C_{s_u h_k} C_{s_v h_l}^T) + \text{tr}^2\{(\Gamma_{s_v}^T C_{s_u h_k} \Gamma_{h_l})^{\otimes 2}\}].$$

Under Condition 1, $\text{var}(\sum_{i=1}^n R_{ni,1}^{(0)}) = o(\sigma_{nt}^4)$. This completes the proof of (a1).

We next show (a2). Because of $j \neq j_1$, $E\{\text{tr}(A_{js_v} C_{s_u h_k} A_{j_1 h_l} C_{s_u h_k}^T)\} = 0$. It follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \text{var}(\sum_{i=1}^n R_{ni,1}^{(1)}) &\leq \frac{C}{w^4(t)n^4} \text{var}\left\{ \sum_{\substack{s_1, s_2, \\ h_1, h_2}}^* \sum_{\substack{u, v, \\ k, l \in \{1, 2\}}} (-1)^{|u-v|+|k-l|} \text{tr}(A_{js_v} C_{s_u h_k} A_{j_1 h_l} C_{s_u h_k}^T) \right\} \\ &\leq Cn^{-4}w^{-4}(t) \sum_{\substack{s_1, s_2, \\ h_1, h_2}}^* \sum_{\substack{u, v, \\ k, l \in \{1, 2\}}} \text{var}\{\text{tr}(A_{js_v} C_{s_u h_k} A_{j_1 h_l} C_{s_u h_k}^T)\}. \end{aligned}$$

Similar to Lemma 5, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \text{var}\{\text{tr}(A_{js_v} C_{s_u h_k} A_{j_1 h_l} C_{s_u h_k}^T)\} &= 2\text{tr}^2\{(\Gamma_{s_v}^T C_{s_u h_k} \Gamma_{h_l})^{\otimes 2}\} + 6\text{tr}\{(\Gamma_{s_v}^T C_{s_u h_k} \Gamma_{h_l})^{\otimes 4}\} \\ &\quad - 4\text{tr}\{(\Gamma_{s_v}^T C_{s_u h_k} \Gamma_{h_l} \Gamma_{s_v}^T C_{s_u h_k} \Gamma_{h_l})^{\otimes 2}\} \leq C\text{tr}^2\{(\Gamma_{s_v}^T C_{s_u h_k} \Gamma_{h_l})^{\otimes 2}\}, \end{aligned}$$

where $Q^{\otimes 2} = QQ^T$ and $Q^{\otimes 4} = QQ^T QQ^T$. By Condition 1, we have $\text{var}(\sum_{i=1}^n R_{ni,1}^{(1)}) = o(\sigma_{nt}^4)$, which proves (a2).

For proving (a3), a direct computation shows that

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^n R_{ni,3} &= \frac{16}{n \binom{n}{2}} \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{(n-j)}{w^2(t)} \sum_{\substack{s_1, s_2, \\ h_1, h_2}}^* \sum_{\substack{u, v, \\ k, l \in \{1, 2\}}} (-1)^{|u-v|+|k-l|} \text{tr}(C_{s_u h_k} \Sigma_{h_l} C_{s_u h_k}^T A_{js_v}) \\ &= \frac{16}{n \binom{n}{2}} \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{(n-j)}{w^2(t)} \sum_{\substack{s_1, s_2, \\ h_1, h_2}}^* \sum_{u, k \in \{1, 2\}} (-1)^{|u-k|} \text{tr}\{(A_{js_1} - A_{js_2}) C_{s_u h_k} (\Sigma_{h_1} - \Sigma_{h_2}) C_{s_u h_k}^T\}. \end{aligned}$$

Then,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{var}(\sum_{i=1}^n R_{ni,3}) &\leq Cn^{-3}w^{-4}(t) \sum_{\substack{s_1, s_2, \\ h_1, h_2}}^* \sum_{u, k \in \{1, 2\}} E[\text{tr}^2\{(A_{js_1} - A_{js_2}) C_{s_u h_k} (\Sigma_{h_1} - \Sigma_{h_2}) C_{s_u h_k}^T\}] \\ &= Cn^{-3}w^{-4}(t) \sum_{\substack{s_1, s_2, \\ h_1, h_2}}^* \sum_{u, k \in \{1, 2\}} \text{tr}\left\{ \left(\sum_{v=1}^2 (-1)^v \Gamma_{s_v}^T C_{s_u h_k} (\Sigma_{h_1} - \Sigma_{h_2}) C_{s_u h_k}^T \Gamma_{s_v} \right)^2 \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, by Condition 2, $\text{var}(\sum_{i=1}^n R_{ni}) = o(\sigma_{nt}^4)$. Thus, Condition (a) is valid.

To check Condition (b), we compute

$$E(Z_{ni}^4) = E\{E(Z_{ni}^4 | \mathcal{F}_{i-1})\} \leq Cn^{-8} E\left[E\left\{\left(\sum_{j=1}^{i-1} G_{nj}\right)^4 \middle| \mathcal{F}_{i-1}\right\}\right] + Cn^{-4} E(Q_{ni}^4) = J_{1i} + J_{2i},$$

where $E\{(\sum_{j=1}^{i-1} G_{nj})^4 | \mathcal{F}_{i-1}\} = \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} E(G_{nj}^4 | \mathcal{F}_{i-1}) + \sum_{j \neq j_1}^{i-1} E(G_{nj}^2 G_{nj_1}^2 | \mathcal{F}_{i-1})$. Using the definition of G_{nj} , one obtain

$$G_{nj}^2 = \frac{1}{w^2(t)} \sum_{\substack{s_1, s_2, \\ h_1, h_2}}^* \sum_{u, v, k, l \in \{1, 2\}} (-1)^{|u-v|+|k-l|} \text{tr}(A_{is_u} A_{js_v}) \text{tr}(A_{ih_k} A_{jh_l}).$$

For any two symmetric matrices A and B , $E[\{Z^T A Z - \text{tr}(A)\}^2 \{Z^T B Z - \text{tr}(B)\}^2] = 4\{\text{tr}(A^2) \text{tr}(B^2) + 2\text{tr}^2(AB)\} + 16\{2\text{tr}(A^2 B^2) + \text{tr}(ABAB)\}$ and $\text{tr}[\{Z^T A Z - \text{tr}(A)\}^4] \leq$

$C\text{tr}^2(A^2)$. Accordingly,

$$J_{1i} \leq \frac{C}{w^4(t)n^8} \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} \sum_{s_1, s_2}^* \sum_{u, v \in \{1, 2\}} E\{\text{tr}^4(A_{is_u} A_{js_v})\} \\ + \frac{C}{w^4(t)n^8} \sum_{j \neq j_1}^{i-1} \sum_{s_1, s_2, h_1, h_2}^* \sum_{\substack{u, v, \\ k, l \in \{1, 2\}}} E\{\text{tr}^2(A_{is_u} A_{js_v}) \text{tr}^2(A_{ih_k} A_{j_1 h_l})\} \leq \sum_{k=1}^5 J_{1i}^{(k)},$$

where

$$J_{1i}^{(1)} = \frac{C}{w^4(t)n^8} \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} \sum_{s_1, s_2}^* \sum_{u, v \in \{1, 2\}} E\{\text{tr}^2(\Sigma_{s_u} A_{js_v} \Sigma_{s_u} A_{js_v})\}, \quad 275 \\ J_{1i}^{(2)} = \frac{C}{w^4(t)n^8} \sum_{j \neq j_1}^{i-1} \sum_{s_1, s_2, h_1, h_2}^* \sum_{\substack{u, v, \\ k, l \in \{1, 2\}}} E\{\text{tr}(A_{js_v} \Sigma_{s_u} A_{js_v} \Sigma_{s_u}) \text{tr}(A_{j_1 h_l} \Sigma_{h_k} A_{j_1 h_l} \Sigma_{h_k})\}, \\ J_{1i}^{(3)} = \frac{C}{w^4(t)n^8} \sum_{j \neq j_1}^{i-1} \sum_{s_1, s_2, h_1, h_2}^* \sum_{\substack{u, v, \\ k, l \in \{1, 2\}}} E\{\text{tr}^2(A_{js_v} C_{s_u h_k} A_{j_1 h_l} C_{s_u h_k}^T)\}, \\ J_{1i}^{(4)} = \frac{C}{w^4(t)n^8} \sum_{j \neq j_1}^{i-1} \sum_{s_1, s_2, h_1, h_2}^* \sum_{\substack{u, v, \\ k, l \in \{1, 2\}}} E\{\text{tr}(\Gamma_{s_u}^T A_{js_v} \Gamma_{s_u} \Gamma_{s_u}^T A_{js_v} \Gamma_{s_u} \Gamma_{h_k}^T A_{j_1 h_l} \Gamma_{h_k} \Gamma_{h_k}^T A_{j_1 h_l} \Gamma_{h_k})\}, \\ J_{1i}^{(5)} = \frac{C}{w^4(t)n^8} \sum_{j \neq j_1}^{i-1} \sum_{s_1, s_2, h_1, h_2}^* \sum_{\substack{u, v, \\ k, l \in \{1, 2\}}} E\{\text{tr}(A_{js_v} C_{s_u h_k} A_{j_1 h_l} C_{s_u h_k}^T A_{js_v} C_{s_u h_k} A_{j_1 h_l} C_{s_u h_k}^T)\}.$$

Consider the first term, $J_{1i}^{(1)}$, in the above inequality. By Lemma 5,

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$$\text{var}\{\text{tr}(A_{js_v} \Sigma_{s_u} A_{js_v} \Sigma_{s_u})\} \leq C \left[\text{tr}^4(\Sigma_{s_u} \Sigma_{s_v}) + 4\text{tr}^2(\Sigma_{s_u} \Sigma_{s_v} \Sigma_{s_u} \Sigma_{s_v}) \right. \\ \left. + \text{tr}\{(\Gamma_{s_v}^T \Sigma_{s_u} \Gamma_{s_v})^4\} + \text{tr}\{(\Gamma_{s_v}^T \Sigma_{s_u} \Gamma_{s_v} \Gamma_{s_v}^T \Sigma_{s_u} \Gamma_{s_v})^{\otimes 2}\} \right],$$

and $E[\text{tr}(\Sigma_{s_u} A_{js_v} \Sigma_{s_u} A_{js_v})] = \text{tr}^2(\Sigma_{s_u} \Sigma_{s_v}) + \text{tr}(\Sigma_{s_u} \Sigma_{s_v} \Sigma_{s_u} \Sigma_{s_v})$. Thus,

$$E\{\text{tr}^2(A_{js_v} \Sigma_{s_u} A_{js_v} \Sigma_{s_u})\} \leq C \left[\text{tr}^4(\Sigma_{s_u} \Sigma_{s_v}) + \text{tr}^2\{(\Sigma_{s_u} \Sigma_{s_v})^2\} + \text{tr}\{(\Sigma_{s_v} \Sigma_{s_u})^4\} \right] \\ \leq C \text{tr}^4(\Sigma_{s_u} \Sigma_{s_v}). \quad 285$$

Therefore,

$$\sum_{i=1}^n J_{1i}^{(1)} \leq \frac{C}{w^4(t)n^8} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} \sum_{s_1, s_2}^* \sum_{u, v \in \{1, 2\}} \text{tr}^4(\Sigma_{s_u} \Sigma_{s_v}) = o(\sigma_{nt}^4). \quad (\text{S.3})$$

For the second and third terms, $J_{1i}^{(2)}$ and $J_{1i}^{(3)}$, consider the following inequality:

$$\text{tr}^2(A_{js_v} C_{s_u h_k} A_{j_1 h_l} C_{s_u h_k}^T) \leq \text{tr}(A_{js_v} \Sigma_{s_u} A_{js_v} \Sigma_{s_u}) \text{tr}(A_{j_1 h_l} \Sigma_{h_k} A_{j_1 h_l} \Sigma_{h_k}).$$

Thus, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^n (J_{1i}^{(2)} + J_{1i}^{(3)}) &\leq \frac{C}{w^4(t)n^8} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j \neq j_1}^{i-1} \left[\sum_{s_1, s_2}^* \sum_{u, v \in \{1, 2\}} \{ \text{tr}^2(\Sigma_{s_u} \Sigma_{s_v}) + \text{tr}\{(\Sigma_{s_u} \Sigma_{s_v})^2\} \} \right]^2 \\ &\leq \frac{C}{w^4(t)n^8} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j \neq j_1}^{i-1} \left\{ \sum_{s_1, s_2}^* \sum_{u, v \in \{1, 2\}} \text{tr}^2(\Sigma_{s_u} \Sigma_{s_v}) \right\}^2 = o(\sigma_{nt}^4). \end{aligned} \quad (\text{S.4})$$

290 Next, we consider the fourth term $J_{1i}^{(4)}$. We first note the following results

$$\begin{aligned} &E[\text{tr}\{A(Z_1 Z_1^T - I)A^T C(Z_1 Z_1^T - I)C^T D(Z_2 Z_2^T - I)D^T F(Z_2 Z_2^T - I)F^T\}] \\ &= \text{tr}(A^T C) \text{tr}(D^T F) \text{tr}(D F^T A C^T) + \text{tr}(A^T C) \text{tr}(F D^T F D^T A C^T) \\ &\quad + \text{tr}(D^T F) \text{tr}(C A^T C A^T D F^T) + \text{tr}(F D^T F D^T C A^T C A^T) \end{aligned}$$

for matrices A, C, D and F with appropriate dimensions. Then we can obtain

$$\begin{aligned} &E\{\text{tr}(\Gamma_{s_u}^T A_{j s_v} \Gamma_{s_u} \Gamma_{s_u}^T A_{j s_v} \Gamma_{s_u} \Gamma_{h_k}^T A_{j_1 h_l} \Gamma_{h_k} \Gamma_{h_k}^T A_{j_1 h_l} \Gamma_{h_k})\} \\ &= \text{tr}(\Sigma_{s_v} \Sigma_{s_u}) \{ \text{tr}(\Sigma_{h_l} \Sigma_{h_k}) \text{tr}(C_{s_u h_k} \Sigma_{h_l} C_{s_u h_k}^T \Sigma_{s_v}) + \text{tr}(\Sigma_{h_l} \Sigma_{h_k} \Sigma_{h_l} C_{s_u h_k}^T \Sigma_{s_v} C_{s_u h_k}) \} \\ &\quad + \text{tr}(\Sigma_{h_l} \Sigma_{h_k}) \text{tr}(\Sigma_{s_v} \Sigma_{s_u} \Sigma_{s_v} C_{s_u h_k} \Sigma_{h_l} C_{s_u h_k}^T) + \text{tr}(\Sigma_{h_l} \Sigma_{h_k} \Sigma_{h_l} C_{s_u h_k}^T \Sigma_{s_v} \Sigma_{s_u} \Sigma_{s_v} C_{s_u h_k}) \\ &\leq \text{tr}^{3/2}(\Sigma_{s_v} \Sigma_{s_u}) \text{tr}^{3/2}(\Sigma_{h_l} \Sigma_{h_k}) + \text{tr}^{3/2}(\Sigma_{s_v} \Sigma_{s_u}) \text{tr}^{1/2}\{(\Sigma_{h_k} \Sigma_{h_l})^4\} \\ &\quad + \text{tr}^{3/2}(\Sigma_{h_l} \Sigma_{h_k}) \text{tr}^{1/2}\{(\Sigma_{s_u} \Sigma_{s_v})^4\} + \text{tr}^{1/2}\{(\Sigma_{h_k} \Sigma_{h_l})^4\} \text{tr}^{1/2}\{(\Sigma_{s_u} \Sigma_{s_v})^4\}. \end{aligned}$$

300 It follows that

$$\sum_{i=1}^n J_{1i}^{(4)} \leq \frac{C}{w^4(t)n^8} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j \neq j_1}^{i-1} \left\{ \sum_{s_1, s_2}^* \sum_{u, v \in \{1, 2\}} \text{tr}^2(\Sigma_{s_u} \Sigma_{s_v}) \right\}^2 = o(\sigma_{nt}^4). \quad (\text{S.5})$$

By Lemma 5,

$$\begin{aligned} E[\text{tr}\{(C_{s_u h_k}^T A_{j s_v} C_{s_u h_k} A_{j_1 h_l})^2\}] &= E[\text{tr}^2(\Gamma_{s_v}^T C_{s_u h_k} A_{j_1 h_l} C_{s_u h_k}^T \Gamma_{s_v}) + \text{tr}\{(\Gamma_{s_v}^T C_{s_u h_k} A_{j_1 h_l} C_{s_u h_k}^T \Gamma_{s_v})^2\}] \\ &= \{Z_j^T \Gamma_{h_l}^T C_{s_u h_k}^T \Sigma_{s_v} C_{s_u h_k} \Gamma_{h_l} Z_j - \text{tr}(\Sigma_{h_l} C_{s_u h_k}^T \Sigma_{s_v} C_{s_u h_k})\}^2 \\ &\quad + \text{tr}(C_{s_u h_k} A_{j_1 h_l} C_{s_u h_k}^T \Sigma_{s_v} C_{s_u h_k} A_{j_1 h_l} C_{s_u h_k}^T \Sigma_{s_v}) \\ &= 3\text{tr}\{(\Gamma_{h_l}^T C_{s_u h_k}^T \Gamma_{s_v})^{\otimes 4}\} + \text{tr}^2\{(\Gamma_{h_l}^T C_{s_u h_k}^T \Gamma_{s_v})^{\otimes 2}\}. \end{aligned}$$

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This along with Condition 1 together implies $\sum_{k=1}^n J_{1k}^{(5)} = o(\sigma_{nt}^4)$, and further with equations (S.3) and (S.4) implies $\sum_{k=1}^n J_{1k} = o(\sigma_{nt}^4)$.

Finally, we consider J_{2i} . We write Q_{ni} as

$$Q_{ni} = \frac{1}{w(t)} \sum_{s_1, s_2}^* \left[Z_i^T \left\{ \sum_{u=1}^2 (-1)^{u-1} \Gamma_{s_u}^T (\Sigma_{s_1} - \Sigma_{s_2}) \Gamma_{s_u} \right\} Z_i^T - \text{tr}\{(\Sigma_{s_1} - \Sigma_{s_2})(\Sigma_{s_1} + \Sigma_{s_2})\} \right],$$

where $\sum_{u=1}^2 (-1)^{u-1} \Gamma_{s_u}^T (\Sigma_{s_1} - \Sigma_{s_2}) \Gamma_{s_u} = (\Gamma_{s_1} + \Gamma_{s_2})^T (\Sigma_{s_1} - \Sigma_{s_2}) (\Gamma_{s_1} - \Gamma_{s_2})$. Using Proposition A.1 in Chen et al. (2010),

$$J_{2i} \leq \frac{C}{n^4 w^2(t)} \sum_{s_1=1}^t \sum_{s_2=t+1}^T \text{tr}^2\left[\{(\Gamma_{s_1} + \Gamma_{s_2})^T (\Sigma_{s_1} - \Sigma_{s_2}) (\Gamma_{s_1} - \Gamma_{s_2})\}^{\otimes 2}\right].$$

As a result, $\sum_{i=1}^n J_{2i} = o(\sigma_{nt}^4)$. Condition (b) is valid. This completes the proof of the asymptotic normality of \hat{D}_{nt} . \square

Proof of Theorem 3. Using the continuous mapping theorem, we only need to prove the joint multivariate normality of $\{\hat{D}_{nt}\}_{t=1}^{T-1}$. Let $a = (a_1, \dots, a_{T-1})^\top$ be any non-zero constant vector of length $T-1$. By the Cramér-Wold device, it suffices to show that $\sum_{t=1}^{T-1} a_t \hat{D}_{nt}$ is asymptotically normal under H_0 . By Lemma 6, the variance of $\sum_{t=1}^{T-1} a_t \hat{D}_{nt}$ is $\sigma_{0T}^2 = \text{var}(\sum_{t=1}^{T-1} a_t \hat{D}_{nt}) = \sum_{t=1}^{T-1} \sum_{q=1}^{T-1} a_t a_q Q_{n,tq}$. Then we wish to show $\sigma_{0T}^{-1} \sum_{t=1}^{T-1} a_t \hat{D}_{nt} \rightarrow N(0, 1)$ in distribution. The asymptotic normality of $\sum_{t=1}^{T-1} a_t \hat{D}_{nt}$ can be shown by using the martingale central limit theory, which is very similar to the proof of Theorem 2. Therefore, we omit the details. \square

Proof of Theorem 4. Assume that the alternative H_1^* is true. First, for $t \in \{1, \dots, k_1 - 1\}$,

$$\begin{aligned} E(\hat{D}_{nt}) &= \text{tr}(\Sigma_1^2) + \frac{1}{T-t} \sum_{h=t+1}^{k_1} \text{tr}(\Sigma_h^2) + \frac{1}{T-t} \sum_{h=k_1+1}^T \text{tr}(\Sigma_h^2) \\ &\quad - \frac{2}{t(T-t)} \sum_{s=1}^t \left\{ \sum_{h=t+1}^{k_1} \text{tr}(\Sigma_s \Sigma_h) + \sum_{h=k_1+1}^T \text{tr}(\Sigma_s \Sigma_h) \right\} \\ &= \left\{ 1 + \frac{k_1 - t}{T-t} - \frac{2t(k_1 - t)}{t(T-t)} \right\} \text{tr}(\Sigma_1^2) + \frac{T - k_1}{T-t} \text{tr}(\Sigma_T^2) - \frac{2t(T - k_1)}{t(T-t)} \text{tr}(\Sigma_1 \Sigma_T) \\ &= \frac{T - k_1}{T-t} \text{tr}\{(\Sigma_1 - \Sigma_T)^2\}. \end{aligned} \tag{320}$$

Similarly, if $k_1 \leq t$, then $E(\hat{D}_{nt}) = k_1 \text{tr}\{(\Sigma_1 - \Sigma_T)^2\}/t$.

Define $B(C) = \{t \in \{1, \dots, T-1\} : |t - k_1| \geq C\beta_n/(n\Delta_n)\}$ for some constant C . To establish the rate of convergence of the change point estimator \hat{k}_1 , we need to show, for any $\epsilon > 0$, there exist a constant C such that $\text{pr}\{|\hat{k}_1 - k_1| > C\beta_n/(n\Delta_n)\} < \epsilon$. This is equivalent to show that $\text{pr}\{\hat{k}_1 \in B(C)\} < \epsilon$. Since the event $\{\hat{k}_1 \in B(C)\} \subset \{\max_{t \in B(C)} \hat{D}_{nt} > \hat{D}_{nk_1}\}$, $\text{pr}\{\hat{k}_1 \in B(C)\} \leq \text{pr}\{\max_{t \in B(C)} \hat{D}_{nt} > \hat{D}_{nk_1}\}$. Thus, it suffices to show, for any $\epsilon > 0$, there exist a constant C such that

$$\text{pr}\left\{\max_{t \in B(C)} \hat{D}_{nt} > \hat{D}_{nk_1}\right\} \leq \sum_{t \in B(C)} \text{pr}\{\hat{D}_{nt} - D_{k_1} > \hat{D}_{nk_1} - D_{k_1}\} < \epsilon. \tag{S.6}$$

Under H_1^* , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{D}_{nt} - D_{k_1} &= \hat{D}_{nt} - D_t + D_t - D_{k_1} = \hat{D}_{nt} - D_t + \{r(t; k_1) - 1\} \text{tr}\{(\Sigma_1 - \Sigma_T)^2\} \\ &= \hat{D}_{nt} - D_t - |t - k_1| G(t; k_1) \text{tr}\{(\Sigma_1 - \Sigma_T)^2\}, \end{aligned}$$

where $G(t; k_1) = \{1/(T-t)\}I(1 \leq t \leq k_1) + (1/t)I(k_1 + 1 \leq t \leq T-1)$. Then, for $t \in B(C)$,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{pr}(\hat{D}_{nt} > \hat{D}_{nk_1}) &\leq \text{pr}\{|\hat{D}_{nt} - D_t| > |t - k_1| G(t; k_1) \Delta_n / 2\} \\ &\quad + \text{pr}\{|\hat{D}_{nk_1} - D_{k_1}| > |t - k_1| G(t; k_1) \Delta_n / 2\} \\ &\leq \text{pr}\{|\sigma_{nt}^{-1}(\hat{D}_{nt} - D_t)| > C\beta_n G(t; k_1) / \sqrt{(4V_{0t} + 8nV_{1t})}\} \\ &\quad + \text{pr}\{|\sigma_{nk_1}^{-1}(\hat{D}_{nk_1} - D_{k_1})| > C\beta_n G(t; k_1) / \sqrt{(4V_{0k_1} + 8nV_{1k_1})}\}. \end{aligned} \tag{335}$$

For any t and some constant C_1 , $\beta_n > C_1\sqrt{(4V_{0t} + 8nV_{1t})}$. Furthermore, $w(t)$ and $G(t; k_1)$ are bounded away from zero for $t \in B(C)$. Thus, by Chebyshev's inequality,

$$\text{pr}(\hat{D}_{nt} > \hat{D}_{nk_1}) \leq \text{pr}\{|\sigma_{nt}^{-1}(\hat{D}_{nt} - D_t)| > C\} + \text{pr}\{|\sigma_{nk_1}^{-1}(\hat{D}_{nk_1} - D_{k_1})| > C\} \leq \frac{2}{C^2} < \frac{\epsilon}{T},$$

for large enough C . Therefore, (S.6) is true. This finishes the proof of Theorem 4. \square

Proof of Theorem 5. Let $k_0 = 0$ and $k_{q+1} = T$. Denote the common covariances between the change points k_j and k_{j+1} as $\tilde{\Sigma}_j$ for $j = 0, \dots, q$. To show that $\max_t D_t$ is at one of the change points, it is enough to show that $\max_t D_t$ cannot be attained at any time points except change points k_1, \dots, k_q . Thus, we need to show that the maximum of D_t is not attainable for t in the following sets: (1) $t \in \{1, \dots, k_1 - 1\}$; (2) $t \in \{k_q + 1, \dots, T - 1\}$; and (3) $t \in \{k_l + 1, \dots, k_{l+1} - 1\}$ for some $l \in \{1, \dots, q - 1\}$. We do not need to consider case (1) if $k_1 = 1$ or case (3) if $k_q = T - 1$. Without loss of generality, we assume $k_1 > 1$ and $k_q < T - 1$ in the following proof.

First, if $t \in \{1, \dots, k_1 - 1\}$, then using the definition of D_t , we have

$$\begin{aligned} D_t &= \frac{1}{t(T-t)} \sum_{s_1=1}^t \sum_{s_2=t+1}^{k_1} \|\Sigma_{s_1} - \Sigma_{s_2}\|_F^2 + \frac{1}{t(T-t)} \sum_{s_1=1}^t \sum_{s_2=k_1+1}^T \|\Sigma_{s_1} - \Sigma_{s_2}\|_F^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{T-t} \sum_{s_2=k_1+1}^T \|\tilde{\Sigma}_0 - \Sigma_{s_2}\|_F^2 \end{aligned}$$

which is an increasing function of t in this scenario. Therefore, the maximum value of D_t will not be at any $t \in \{1, \dots, k_1 - 1\}$.

Second, if $t \in \{k_q + 1, \dots, T - 1\}$, then

$$\begin{aligned} D_t &= \frac{1}{t(T-t)} \sum_{s_1=1}^{k_q} \sum_{s_2=t+1}^T \|\Sigma_{s_1} - \Sigma_{s_2}\|_F^2 + \frac{1}{t(T-t)} \sum_{s_1=k_q+1}^t \sum_{s_2=t+1}^T \|\Sigma_{s_1} - \Sigma_{s_2}\|_F^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{t} \sum_{s_1=1}^{k_q} \|\tilde{\Sigma}_q - \Sigma_{s_1}\|_F^2 \end{aligned}$$

which is a decreasing function of t . Therefore, the maximum value of D_t will not be at any $t \in \{k_q + 1, \dots, T - 1\}$.

At last, let us consider the third case with $t \in \{k_l + 1, \dots, k_{l+1} - 1\}$ for some $l \in \{1, \dots, q - 1\}$. We rewrite D_t as

$$\begin{aligned} D_t &= \frac{1}{t(T-t)} \left\{ \sum_{i=0}^{l-1} \sum_{j=l+1}^q (k_{i+1} - k_i)(k_{j+1} - k_j) \|\tilde{\Sigma}_i - \tilde{\Sigma}_j\|_F^2 \right. \\ &\quad \left. + (t - k_l) \sum_{j=l+1}^q (k_{j+1} - k_j) \|\tilde{\Sigma}_l - \tilde{\Sigma}_j\|_F^2 + (k_{l+1} - t) \sum_{i=0}^{l-1} (k_{i+1} - k_i) \|\tilde{\Sigma}_i - \tilde{\Sigma}_l\|_F^2 \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

Since $\|\tilde{\Sigma}_i - \tilde{\Sigma}_j\|_F^2 = \|\tilde{\Sigma}_i - \tilde{\Sigma}_l\|_F^2 + \|\tilde{\Sigma}_l - \tilde{\Sigma}_j\|_F^2 + 2\text{tr}\{(\tilde{\Sigma}_i - \tilde{\Sigma}_l)(\tilde{\Sigma}_l - \tilde{\Sigma}_j)\}$, we further write D_t as

$$D_t = \frac{1}{t(T-t)} \{2\Delta + tA + (T-t)B\},$$

where

$$\Delta = \sum_{i=0}^{l-1} \sum_{j=l+1}^q (k_{i+1} - k_i)(k_{j+1} - k_j) \text{tr}\{(\tilde{\Sigma}_i - \tilde{\Sigma}_l)(\tilde{\Sigma}_l - \tilde{\Sigma}_j)\},$$

$A = \sum_{j=l+1}^q (k_{j+1} - k_j) \|\tilde{\Sigma}_l - \tilde{\Sigma}_j\|_F^2$ and $B = \sum_{i=0}^{l-1} (k_{i+1} - k_i) \|\tilde{\Sigma}_i - \tilde{\Sigma}_l\|_F^2$. Then we can use the fact that $1/\{t(T-t)\} = (1/T)\{1/t + 1/(T-t)\}$ to further write D_t as

$$D_t = \frac{1}{t} \left(A + \frac{2\Delta}{T} \right) + \frac{1}{T-t} \left(B + \frac{2\Delta}{T} \right).$$

We will consider four cases, (a)-(d), according to the signs of $A + 2\Delta/T$ and $B + 2\Delta/T$.

(a) If $A + 2\Delta/T \geq 0$ and $B + 2\Delta/T \leq 0$, then D_t is a decreasing function of t . In this case, the maximum of D_t will not be at any t for $t \in \{k_l + 1, \dots, k_{l+1} - 1\}$. 370

(b) If $A + 2\Delta/T \leq 0$ and $B + 2\Delta/T \geq 0$, then D_t is an increasing function of t . In this case, the maximum of D_t will not be at any t for $t \in \{k_l + 1, \dots, k_{l+1} - 1\}$.

(c) If $A + 2\Delta/T > 0$ and $B + 2\Delta/T > 0$, then the derivative of D_t with respect to t is

$$D'_t = \frac{1}{t^2(T-t)^2} \{ (B-A)t^2 + 2(A + \frac{2\Delta}{T})Tt - (A + \frac{2\Delta}{T})T^2 \}.$$

The denominator of D'_t is always positive for $t \in \{k_l + 1, \dots, k_{l+1} - 1\}$. Thus, to determine the sign of D'_t , we only need to know the sign of the numerator of D'_t . 375

The numerator of D'_t is a quadratic form of t . To know the sign of the numerator of D'_t , we consider two cases: (i) $B > A$ and (ii) $B < A$. In the case (i) with $B > A$, one of the solution of $t^2(T-t)^2 D'_t = 0$ is less than 0, another solution t_0 is greater than 0. If $t_0 \in (k_l, k_{l+1})$, then D'_t is negative for $k_l < t < t_0$ and positive for $t_0 < t < k_{l+1}$. This implies that the function D_t decreases for $k_l < t < t_0$ and increases for $t_0 < t < k_{l+1}$. Therefore, D_t attains its minimum at t_0 and the maximum of D_t will not be attained within (k_l, k_{l+1}) . If $t_0 \notin (k_l, k_{l+1})$, then D'_t is either always negative or always positive for $t \in (k_l, k_{l+1})$. In this case, D_t is a monotonic function of t and hence the maximum of D_t will not be attained within (k_l, k_{l+1}) . 380

In the case (ii) with $B < A$, it can be shown that $t^2(T-t)^2 D'_t = 0$ has two solutions, $t_1, t_2 = T[(A + 2\Delta/T)/(A - B) \pm \sqrt{\{(A + 2\Delta/T)/(A - B) - 1/2\}^2 - 1/4}]$. Here, t_1, t_2 corresponds to the positive and negative sign, respectively. Because $B + 2\Delta/T > 0$, $(A + 2\Delta/T)/(A - B) > 1$. It follows that $t_2 > T$. Similar to the case of $B > A$, if $t_1 \in (k_l, k_{l+1})$, the function D_t decreases for $k_l < t < t_1$ and increases for $t_1 < t < k_{l+1}$. Therefore, D_t attains its minimum at t_1 and the maximum of D_t will not be attained within (k_l, k_{l+1}) . If $t_1 \notin (k_l, k_{l+1})$, D_t is a monotone function of t and hence the maximum of D_t will not be attained within (k_l, k_{l+1}) . In summary, the maximum of D_t will not be attained within (k_l, k_{l+1}) if $A + 2\Delta/T > 0$ and $B + 2\Delta/T > 0$. 385

(d) If $A + 2\Delta/T < 0$ and $B + 2\Delta/T < 0$, then $2\Delta/T < 0$ because $A > 0$ and $B > 0$. Thus, $A - 2|\Delta|/T < 0$. Using the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality, we have

$$\begin{aligned} A < 2|\Delta|/T &\leq \sum_{i=0}^{l-1} \sum_{j=l+1}^q (k_{i+1} - k_i)(k_{j+1} - k_j) (\|\tilde{\Sigma}_i - \tilde{\Sigma}_l\|_F^2 + \|\tilde{\Sigma}_l - \tilde{\Sigma}_j\|_F^2)/T \\ &= \{(T - k_{l+1})A + k_l B\}/T. \end{aligned}$$
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The above inequality implies that $A/B < k_l/k_{l+1} < 1$. On the other hand, $B < 2|\Delta|/T \leq \{(T - k_{l+1})A + k_l B\}/T$, which implies that $A/B > (T - k_l)/(T - k_{l+1}) > 1$. This is a contradiction. Therefore, case (d) is not possible.

By the results of (a)-(d), the maximum of D_t will not attain within $\{k_l + 1, \dots, k_{l+1} - 1\}$ for case (3). Thus, the proof is completed. \square

Proof of Theorem 6. At the beginning of the binary segmentation algorithm, we have $\mathcal{M}_n[1, T] > W_{\alpha_n}[1, T]$ with probability one because, for any $t \in \{1, \dots, T - 1\}$,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{pr}(\mathcal{M}_n[1, T] > W_{\alpha_n}[1, T]) &\geq \text{pr}(\sigma_{nt,0}^{-1}[1, T] \hat{D}_{nt}[1, T] > W_{\alpha_n}[1, T]) \\ &= \text{pr}\{\sigma_{nt}^{-1}[1, T](\hat{D}_{nt}[1, T] - D_t[1, T]) > \sigma_{nt,0}^{-1}[1, T](\sigma_{nt,0}[1, T]W_{\alpha_n}[1, T] - D_t[1, T])\} \\ &= 1 - \Phi\{\sigma_{nt}^{-1}[1, T](\sigma_{nt,0}[1, T]W_{\alpha_n}[1, T] - D_t[1, T])\} \rightarrow 1, \end{aligned}$$

where we used the condition $W_{\alpha_n} = o(\text{mSNR})$ in Theorem 6. Therefore, using Theorems 4 and 5, one change point in $\{k_1, \dots, k_q\}$ will be detected and estimated with probability 1 because $\beta_n[1, T] = o(nD_{k_s}[1, T])$ for some $s \in \{1, \dots, q\}$. Each subsequence satisfies the condition $W_{\alpha_n} = o(\text{mSNR})$ in Theorem 6 and hence the detection continues.

Suppose we have detected less than q change points. By the assumptions in this theorem, there exists a segment, $\{l_1 + 1, \dots, l_2\}$, that contains a change point, k_s , such that $W_{\alpha_n} = o(\text{mSNR})$ and $\beta_n[(l_1 + 1), l_2] = o\{nD_{k_s}[(l_1 + 1), l_2]\}$ hold. Therefore, by similar arguments as above, a change point will be detected and estimated consistently in the segment. Thus, $\hat{q} \geq q$. Once \hat{q} reaches q , all subsequent segments have end points at the change points and two boundary points $1, k_1, \dots, k_q, T$. Then, by Theorem 3, $\mathcal{M}_n[l_1, l_2] < W_{\alpha_n}$ with probability one as $\alpha_n \rightarrow 0$. This implies that no additional change point will be detected. The proof is completed. \square

3. NON-GAUSSIAN RANDOM ERRORS

To relax the Gaussian assumption, we assume the following data generation model for $\varepsilon_i = (\varepsilon_{i1}^T, \dots, \varepsilon_{iT}^T)^T$ and $\varepsilon_i = \Gamma Z_i$ where $\Gamma = (\Gamma_1^T, \dots, \Gamma_T^T)^T$ is a $Tp \times m$ matrix with $m \geq Tp$ such that $\Sigma = \Gamma \Gamma^T$ and $\Gamma_s \Gamma_s^T = C_{st}$. We assume Z_1, \dots, Z_n are independent and identically distributed m -dimensional random vectors such that $E(Z_1) = 0$ and $\text{var}(Z_1) = I_m$. Write $Z_1 = (Z_{11}, \dots, Z_{1m})^T$. We assume that each Z_{1l} has a uniformly bounded 8th moment. Also, we assume there exists a finite constant such that for $l = 1, \dots, m$, $E(Z_{1l}^4) = 3 + \Delta$ and for any integers $l_v \geq 0$ with $\sum_{v=1}^q l_v = 8$, $E(Z_{1i_1}^{l_1} \dots Z_{1i_q}^{l_q}) = E(Z_{1i_1}^{l_1}) \dots E(Z_{1i_q}^{l_q})$, whenever i_1, \dots, i_q are distinct indices.

Under Condition 1 and the above setup, it can be shown that the leading order of the variance of \hat{D}_{nt} is

$$\begin{aligned} \text{var}(\hat{D}_{nt}) &= \frac{4}{n^2 w^2(t)} \sum_{\substack{s_1, s_2, \\ h_1, h_2}}^* \sum_{\substack{u, v, \\ k, l \in \{1, 2\}}} (-1)^{|u-v|+|k-l|} \text{tr}^2(C_{s_u h_k} C_{s_v h_l}^T) \\ &+ \frac{8}{n w^2(t)} \sum_{\substack{s_1, s_2, \\ h_1, h_2}}^* \sum_{u, k \in \{1, 2\}} (-1)^{|u-k|} [\text{tr}\{(\Sigma_{s_1} - \Sigma_{s_2}) C_{s_u h_k} (\Sigma_{h_1} - \Sigma_{h_2}) C_{s_u h_k}^T\} \\ &+ \Delta \text{tr}\{\Gamma_{s_u}^T (\Sigma_{s_1} - \Sigma_{s_2}) \Gamma_{s_u} \circ \Gamma_{h_k}^T (\Sigma_{h_1} - \Sigma_{h_2}) \Gamma_{h_k}\}]. \end{aligned}$$

Under the null hypothesis, $\text{var}(\hat{D}_{nt}) = 4V_{0t}/\{n^2 w^2(t)\}$. The variance V_{0t} can be estimated using the formula given below equation (6) in the main paper. The results in Theorems 2 and 3 can be established in a similar way.

To illustrate the numerical performance of the proposed method under the non-Gaussian setup, we generated data from the linear process model $Y_{it} = \mu_t + \sum_{h=0}^L A_{t,h} \eta_{i(t-h)}$ for $i = 1, \dots, n$

and $t = 1, \dots, T$, where $A_{t,h}$ is a $p \times p$ matrix, $\mu_t = 0$ and η_{it} are p -dimensional random vectors with each element independently generated from a standardized Gamma distribution with shape parameter 4 and scale parameter 0.5.

Let $k_1 = \lceil T/2 \rceil$ be the largest integer no greater than $T/2$. For $t \in \{1, \dots, k_1\}$, we set $A_{t,h} = A^{(1)} = \{0.6^{|i-j|} I(|i-j| < p/5)\}$. For $t \in \{k_1 + 1, \dots, T\}$, we set $A_{t,h} = A^{(2)} = \{(0.6 + \delta)^{|i-j|} I(|i-j| < p/5)\}$. If $\delta = 0$, $A^{(1)}$ and $A^{(2)}$ are the same. Hence, the covariances, Σ_t , are the same for all $t \in \{1, \dots, T\}$ and H_0 is true. If $\delta \neq 0$, the null hypothesis is not true and k_1 is the underlying true covariance change point.

In the simulation studies, we set $n = 40, 50$ and 60 , with $p = 500, 750$ and 1000 . The number of repeated measurements, T , was set to be 5 and 8 and set $L = 3$. The simulation results reported in Tables S1 and S2 were based on 500 simulation replications.

Table S1. *Empirical size and power of the proposed test, percentages of simulation replications that reject the null hypothesis for data generated from a standardized Gamma distribution under the nominal level 5%*

	δ	n	$T = 5$			$T = 8$		
			p			p		
			500	750	1000	500	750	1000
0(size)		40	3.6	4.0	4.4	4.0	3.6	4.6
		50	4.2	5.2	4.4	5.2	4.8	4.8
		60	4.6	3.8	4.6	5.0	5.0	5.6
0.05		40	23.4	21.4	28.2	35.2	38.6	31.2
		50	38.2	36.2	33.4	47.8	50.4	47.8
		60	46.4	46.8	46.2	64.6	67.2	66.4
0.10		40	99.8	99.8	100	100	100	100
		50	100	100	100	100	100	100
		60	100	100	100	100	100	100

Table S1 reports the empirical size and power of the proposed test under the null and alternative hypotheses. We observe that Type I error is well controlled with the empirical sizes close to the nominal level of 5%. The results demonstrate the robustness of the proposed method for non-Gaussian distributed random vectors. When the differences between covariance matrices increase, the power of the proposed test increases accordingly. Table S2 reports the performance of the proposed change point identification procedure under the non-Gaussian distributed random vectors. We observe that the percentages of correct identification with non-Gaussian random vectors are similar to those under the Gaussian setup.

4. POWER ENHANCED TEST FOR SPARSE ALTERNATIVES

The proposed test statistic, \mathcal{M}_n , is powerful for alternatives with small absolute differences in many components of Σ_t . However, it might not be very powerful for sparse alternatives with the differences among Σ_t only residing in a few components. To enhance the power of the proposed test for sparse alternatives, we include an additional term with \mathcal{M}_n , as an idea in Fan et al. (2015).

Let $\bar{Y}_{s_1 v} = \sum_{i=1}^n Y_{is_1 v} / n$ be the sample mean of the v th component measured at time s_1 , and define $\hat{\sigma}_{s_1, uv} = \sum_{i=1}^n (Y_{is_1 u} - \bar{Y}_{s_1 u})(Y_{is_1 v} - \bar{Y}_{s_1 v}) / (n - 1)$ as the sample covariance between components $u, v \in \{1, \dots, p\}$ at time s_1 . Define $\hat{D}_{nt, uv} = \sum_{s_1=1}^t \sum_{s_2=t+1}^T (\hat{\sigma}_{s_1, uv} - \hat{\sigma}_{s_2, uv})^2$

Table S2. *Percentages of correct change point identification among all rejected hypotheses for data generated from a standardized Gamma distribution*

		$T = 5$			$T = 8$		
		p			p		
δ	n	500	750	1000	500	750	1000
0.05	40	32.48	42.99	35.46	26.70	30.05	30.13
	50	50.26	52.49	46.71	40.17	42.06	46.86
	60	49.14	55.56	57.58	48.30	50.00	52.41
0.10	40	93.79	96.79	95.80	95.20	94.60	95.00
	50	98.80	99.40	99.00	98.60	97.00	97.20
	60	99.60	99.20	99.80	99.60	99.20	99.20

as an estimator of $D_{nt,uv} = \sum_{s_1=1}^t \sum_{s_2=t+1}^T (\sigma_{s_1,uv} - \sigma_{s_2,uv})^2$. The estimator $\hat{D}_{nt,uv}$ is a consistent estimator of $D_{nt,uv}$. Let $C_{s_k h_t}^{(uv)}$ be the (u, v) component of $C_{s_k h_t}$ and $\sigma_{h_t}^{(uv)}$ is the (u, v) component of Σ_{h_t} . To define the variance of $\hat{D}_{nt,uv}$, define the following notation:

$$\begin{aligned}
 F_{s_k s_l h_t h_s}^{(uv)} &= \sigma_{s_l}^{(uv)} \sigma_{h_t}^{(uv)} \{C_{h_s s_k}^{(vu)} C_{s_k h_s}^{(uv)} + C_{h_s s_k}^{(vv)} C_{s_k h_s}^{(uu)}\} + \sigma_{s_l}^{(uv)} \sigma_{h_s}^{(uv)} \{C_{h_t s_k}^{(vu)} C_{s_k h_t}^{(uv)} + C_{h_t s_k}^{(vv)} C_{s_k h_t}^{(uu)}\} \\
 &\quad + \sigma_{s_k}^{(uv)} \sigma_{h_t}^{(uv)} \{C_{h_s s_l}^{(vu)} C_{s_l h_s}^{(uv)} + C_{h_s s_l}^{(vv)} C_{s_l h_s}^{(uu)}\} + \sigma_{s_k}^{(uv)} \sigma_{h_s}^{(uv)} \{C_{h_t s_l}^{(vu)} C_{s_l h_t}^{(uv)} + C_{h_t s_l}^{(vv)} C_{s_l h_t}^{(uu)}\}, \\
 G_{s_k s_l h_t h_s}^{(uv)} &= \{C_{s_k h_s}^{(vu)} C_{s_k h_s}^{(uv)} + C_{s_k h_s}^{(vv)} C_{s_k h_s}^{(uu)}\} \{C_{s_l h_t}^{(vu)} C_{s_l h_t}^{(uv)} + C_{s_l h_t}^{(vv)} C_{s_l h_t}^{(uu)}\} \\
 &\quad + \{C_{s_k h_t}^{(vu)} C_{s_k h_t}^{(uv)} + C_{s_k h_t}^{(vv)} C_{s_k h_t}^{(uu)}\} \{C_{s_l h_s}^{(vu)} C_{s_l h_s}^{(uv)} + C_{s_l h_s}^{(vv)} C_{s_l h_s}^{(uu)}\}.
 \end{aligned}$$

The leading order term of the variance of $\hat{D}_{nt,uv}$ is

$$\sigma_{nt,uv}^2 = \frac{1}{w^2(t)} \sum_{\substack{s_1, s_2, \\ h_1, h_2}}^* \sum_{\substack{k, l, \\ s, t \in \{1, 2\}}} (-1)^{|k-l|+|s-t|} \{n^{-1} F_{s_k s_l h_t h_s}^{(uv)} + n^{-2} G_{s_k s_l h_t h_s}^{(uv)}\}. \quad (\text{S.7})$$

Under H_0 , the first term in (S.7) is 0. Namely, $\sum_{\substack{s_1, s_2, \\ h_1, h_2}}^* \sum_{s, t \in \{1, 2\}} (-1)^{|k-l|+|s-t|} F_{s_k s_l h_t h_s}^{(uv)} = 0$.

The leading term in the variance of $\hat{D}_{nt,uv}$ under H_0 is

$$\sigma_{nt,uv0}^2 = \sum_{\substack{s_1, s_2, \\ h_1, h_2}}^* \sum_{\substack{k, l, \\ s, t \in \{1, 2\}}} (-1)^{|k-l|+|s-t|} G_{s_k s_l h_t h_s}^{(uv)} / n^2.$$

Let $\hat{G}_{s_k s_l h_t h_s}^{(uv)}$ be a sample plug-in estimate of $G_{s_k s_l h_t h_s}^{(uv)}$, and $\hat{\sigma}_{nt,uv0}^2$ be the corresponding sample estimate of $\sigma_{nt,uv0}^2$. Then, the power enhanced test statistic is

$$\mathcal{M}_n^* = \max_{1 \leq t \leq T-1} \left\{ \hat{\sigma}_{nt,0}^{-1} \hat{D}_{nt} + \lambda_n \sum_{u \leq v} I(\hat{D}_{nt,uv} > \delta_{n,p} \hat{\sigma}_{nt,uv0}) \right\},$$

where $\delta_{n,p}$ and λ_n are tuning parameters. The tuning parameters are chosen such that the second part of \mathcal{M}_n^* equals zero with probability tending to one under H_0 , and it converges to a large number under sparse alternatives.

We now discuss the choices of tuning parameters for the above power enhanced test statistic. Let $R = (\rho_{ij})$ be the correlation matrix corresponding to the common covariance Σ_1 under H_0 . Define $N_j(\alpha) = \text{card}\{i : |\rho_{ij}| > (\log p)^{-1-\alpha}\}$ and $\Lambda(r) = \{i : |\rho_{ij}| > r \text{ for some } j \neq i\}$. We assume the following condition used in Cai et al. (2013).

Condition S.1. Suppose that there exists a α and a set $\pi \subset \{1, \dots, p\}$ whose size is $o(p)$ such that $\max_{1 \leq j \leq p, j \notin \pi} N_j(\alpha) = o(p^\gamma)$ for all $\gamma > 0$. In addition, there exists a $r < 1$ and a sequence of numbers $\Lambda_{p,r} = o(p)$ so that $\text{card}\{\Lambda(r)\} \leq \Lambda_{p,r}$. 480

Define $l_{s_1 s_2} = \max_{1 \leq u \leq v \leq p} (\hat{\sigma}_{s_1, uv} - \hat{\sigma}_{s_2, uv})^2 / \sigma_{ns_1 s_2, uv0}$ where $\sigma_{ns_1 s_2, uv0}^2 = \text{var}\{(\hat{\sigma}_{s_1, uv} - \hat{\sigma}_{s_2, uv})^2\}$ under H_0 . Similar to the proof of Theorem 1 in Cai et al. (2013), under Condition S.1 and H_0 , we can show that 485

$$\text{pr}\{l_{s_1 s_2} - 4 \log(p) + \log \log(p) \leq t\} \rightarrow \exp\{-\exp(-t/2)/\sqrt{(8\pi)}\}. \quad (\text{S.8})$$

Define $L_{uv} = \hat{D}_{nt, uv} / \hat{\sigma}_{nt, uv0}$ and $L_n = \max_{1 \leq u \leq v \leq p} L_{uv}$. Denote the second term in M_n^* as $M_{n1}^* = \lambda_n \sum_{u \leq v} I(\hat{D}_{nt, uv} > \delta_{n,p} \hat{\sigma}_{nt, uv0})$. Because $\sum_{s_1=1}^t \sum_{s_2=t+1}^T \sigma_{ns_1 s_2, uv0} / \sigma_{nt, uv0} \leq K$, uniformly for all u, v for a constant $K > 0$, and uniform consistency of $\hat{\sigma}_{nt, uv0}$ to $\sigma_{nt, uv0}$, we have, under H_0 , 490

$$\begin{aligned} \text{pr}(M_{n1}^* = 0) &\geq \text{pr}(L_n \leq \delta_{n,p}) = \text{pr}\left(\max_{1 \leq u \leq v \leq p} \hat{D}_{nt, uv} / \hat{\sigma}_{nt, uv0} \leq \delta_{n,p}\right) \\ &= \text{pr}\left(\max_{1 \leq u \leq v \leq p} \sum_{s_1=1}^t \sum_{s_2=t+1}^T \frac{(\hat{\sigma}_{s_1, uv} - \hat{\sigma}_{s_2, uv})^2}{\sigma_{ns_1 s_2, uv0}} \frac{\sigma_{ns_1 s_2, uv0}}{\sigma_{nt, uv0}} \leq \delta_{n,p}\right) \\ &\geq \text{pr}\left(\max_{1 \leq u \leq v \leq p} \max_{\substack{1 \leq s_1 \leq t, \\ t+1 \leq s_2 \leq T}} \frac{(\hat{\sigma}_{s_1, uv} - \hat{\sigma}_{s_2, uv})^2}{\sigma_{ns_1 s_2, uv0}} \sum_{s_1=1}^t \sum_{s_2=t+1}^T \frac{\sigma_{ns_1 s_2, uv0}}{\sigma_{nt, uv0}} \leq \delta_{n,p}\right) \\ &\geq \text{pr}\left(\max_{1 \leq u \leq v \leq p} \max_{\substack{1 \leq s_1 \leq t, \\ t+1 \leq s_2 \leq T}} (\hat{\sigma}_{s_1, uv} - \hat{\sigma}_{s_2, uv})^2 / \sigma_{ns_1 s_2, uv0} \leq \delta_{n,p} / K\right) \\ &\geq 1 - \sum_{s_1=1}^t \sum_{s_2=t+1}^T \text{pr}(l_{s_1 s_2} > \delta_{n,p} / K). \end{aligned} \quad \text{495}$$

Applying the result in (S.8), if $\delta_{n,p} / K - 4 \log(p) + \log \log(p) \rightarrow \infty$, then $\text{pr}(M_{n1}^* = 0) \rightarrow 1$. We suggest choose $\delta_{n,p}$ at the order of $\log(n) \log(p)$ and λ_n to be a constant based on our numerical experiments. In summary, the tuning parameters $\delta_{n,p}$ and λ_n ensure that, under the null hypothesis, M_{n1}^* converges to zero with probability one.

We conducted a numerical simulation to illustrate the performance of the power enhanced test statistic under sparse alternatives. The data were generated according to setting (I) described in § 5 of the main paper except for a sparse alternative design. Specifically, let $k_1 = \lfloor T/2 \rfloor$ be the largest integer no greater than $T/2$. For $t \in \{1, \dots, k_1\}$, we set $A_{t,h} = A^{(1)}$ for $h \in \{0, \dots, L\}$. For $t \in \{k_1 + 1, \dots, T\}$, we set $A_{t,h} = A^{(2)}$, where $A_h^{(1)} = \{0.6^{|i-j|} I(|i-j| < p/5)\}$. Under the null hypothesis, $A_h^{(2)}$ was set equal to $A_h^{(1)}$. Under the sparse alternative hypothesis, $A_h^{(2)}$ was the same as $A_h^{(1)}$ except the components within $\{|i-j| < 2, i < p/25\}$ were set to 1.4. 500

Table S3 reports the empirical size and power of the test based on \mathcal{M}_n and \mathcal{M}_n^* . In the simulation, the tuning parameter $\delta_{n,p}$ was set to $0.5 \log(n) \log(p)$, and λ_n was set to 0.15. We observe that both tests can control the type I error, and the power enhanced test does not inflate the type I error. More importantly, the power enhanced test statistic has greater power under the sparse alternative setting. 510

Table S3. Empirical size and power, percentages of simulation replications that reject the null hypothesis for the test statistic \mathcal{M}_n and the power enhanced test statistic \mathcal{M}_n^*

n	p	\mathcal{M}_n		\mathcal{M}_n^*	
		Null	Alternative	Null	Alternative
40	500	5.2	35.4	6.0	67.6
40	750	3.2	34.6	3.6	62.8
40	1,000	4.6	36.4	4.6	62.4
50	500	5.2	47.8	5.6	91.6
50	750	6.4	47.2	6.6	94.2
50	1,000	3.4	52.6	3.4	97.0
60	500	3.8	56.8	4.4	98.8
60	750	4.8	65.8	5.6	99.2
60	1,000	4.2	66.4	4.2	99.8
80	500	4.0	81.2	4.0	100
80	750	3.2	86.4	3.8	100
80	1,000	4.6	84.8	4.6	100

5. ACCURACY OF CORRELATION MATRIX ESTIMATOR OF V_{nD}

This section aims to evaluate the numerical performance of the correlation matrix estimator, \hat{V}_{nD} , proposed immediately following Theorem 3. To measure the difference between \hat{V}_{nD} and V_{nD} , we used the average component-wise quadratic distance, namely, $(T-1)^{-2}\|\hat{V}_{nD} - V_{nD}\|_F^2$. Figure 1 illustrates the average of $(T-1)^{-2}\|\hat{V}_{nD} - V_{nD}\|_F^2$ based on 500 simulation replications conducted in setting (I) under the null hypothesis with $T = 5$. We observe that the correlation matrix estimator, \hat{V}_{nD} , is reliable when $n = 40$. The performance further improves as the sample size increases.

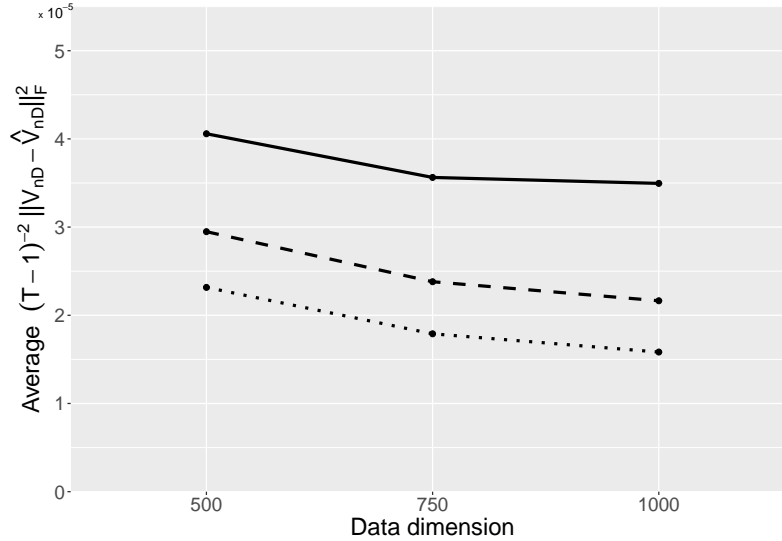


Fig. 1. The average component-wise quadratic distance between \hat{V}_{nD} and V_{nD} . The top solid line is for $n = 40$; the middle dashed line is for $n = 50$; the bottom dotted line is for $n = 60$. The scale of the y -axis is 10^{-5} .

6. COMPARISON WITH A PAIR-WISE BASED METHOD

In this section, we compare our proposed method with a pair-wise based method that is similar to the method proposed by Zalesky et al. (2014). In the pair-wise based method, we first obtain a p-value for testing the homogeneity of each component of the covariance matrix for every pair of coordinates (u, v) with $u \leq v$ and $u, v \in \{1, \dots, p\}$, and then apply the Bonferroni correction to all the p-values to control the family-wise error rate.

In the first step, for each pair (u, v) with $u \leq v$ and $u, v \in \{1, \dots, p\}$, we test the following hypothesis

$$H_{0,uv} : \sigma_{1,uv} = \dots = \sigma_{T,uv},$$

versus

$$H_{1,uv} : \sigma_{1,uv} = \dots = \sigma_{k_1,uv} \neq \sigma_{k_1+1,uv} = \dots = \sigma_{k_q,uv} \neq \sigma_{k_q+1,uv} = \dots = \sigma_{T,uv}.$$

To test $H_{0,uv}$, we apply the statistic $\hat{D}_{nt,uv}$ defined in § 4, and define $\hat{D}_{n,uv} = n \sum_{t=1}^{T-1} \hat{D}_{nt,uv}$. Under $H_{0,uv}$, the asymptotic distribution of $\hat{D}_{n,uv}$ is $\sum_{l=1}^{\infty} \lambda_l \chi_l^2$, where χ_l^2 are independent chi-square distributions with degree of freedom 1, and λ_l 's are the eigenvalues of the kernel of $\hat{D}_{n,uv}$. In practice, one can approximate the weighted chi-square distribution using a scaled chi-square distribution. Thus, we approximate the distribution of $\hat{D}_{n,uv}$ by $b\chi_\nu^2$, where $b = \sigma_{uv}^2 / (2\mu_{uv})$ and $\nu = 2\mu_{uv}^2 / \sigma_{uv}^2$. Here μ_{uv} and σ_{uv}^2 are the mean and variance of $\hat{D}_{n,uv}$ under $H_{0,uv}$, respectively. The variance of $\hat{D}_{n,uv}$ under $H_{0,uv}$ is

$$\sigma_{uv}^2 = \sum_{t=1}^{T-1} \sum_{q=1}^{T-1} \sum_{s_1=1}^t \sum_{h_1=1}^q \sum_{s_2=t+1}^T \sum_{h_2=q+1}^T \sum_{\substack{k,l, \\ s,t \in \{1,2\}}} (-1)^{|k-l|+|s-t|} G_{s_k s_l h_t h_s}^{(uv)},$$

where $G_{s_k s_l h_t h_s}^{(uv)}$ is defined in § 4. The mean of $\hat{D}_{n,uv}$ under the null $H_{0,uv}$ is

$$\mu_{uv} = \sum_{t=1}^{T-1} \sum_{s_1=1}^t \sum_{s_2=t+1}^T \sum_{a,b \in \{1,2\}} (-1)^{|a-b|} \{C_{s_a s_b}^{(uu)} C_{s_a s_b}^{(vv)} + C_{s_a s_b}^{(uv)} C_{s_a s_b}^{(vu)}\}.$$

We then approximate the distribution of $\hat{D}_{n,uv}$ by $\hat{b}\chi_{\hat{\nu}}^2$ where $\hat{b} = \hat{\sigma}_{uv}^2 / (2\hat{\mu}_{uv})$ and $\hat{\nu} = 2\hat{\mu}_{uv}^2 / \hat{\sigma}_{uv}^2$. The p-value for the (u, v) pair is computed as $p_{uv} = \text{pr}(\hat{b}\chi_{\hat{\nu}}^2 > \hat{D}_{n,uv})$.

In the second step, we apply the Bonferroni correction to control the family-wise error rate. Define $p_{\min} = \min_{u \leq v} p_{uv}$ as the minimum of all the pair-wise p-values. If $p_{\min} < 2\alpha / \{p(p+1)\}$, then we reject the null hypothesis on the homogeneity of covariance matrices at the α level.

To compare the proposed methods with the pair-wise based method, we conducted a simulation study using the simulation setup given in § 4. The simulation results are summarized in Table S4. We observe that the pair-wise based method has very conservative size under the null hypothesis when sample size is less than 80, but it improves as sample size increases. Under the alternatives, the power of the pair-wise based method is low for the small sample cases, but it increases as sample size increases to 80. However, in all the cases, our proposed power enhanced method has superior power than the pair-wise based method.

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Table S4. *Empirical size and power, percentages rejecting the null hypotheses in the simulations, for the pair-wise based test and the power enhanced test statistic \mathcal{M}_n^**

<i>n</i>	<i>p</i>	Pair-wise based test		\mathcal{M}_n^*	
		Null	Alternative	Null	Alternative
40	500	0.2	0.2	6.0	67.6
40	750	0.0	0.4	3.6	62.8
40	1,000	0.0	0.0	4.6	62.4
50	500	0.4	0.4	5.6	91.6
50	750	0.2	0.0	6.6	94.2
50	1,000	0.2	0.2	3.4	97.0
60	500	0.6	12.2	4.4	98.8
60	750	0.2	4.8	5.6	99.2
60	1,000	0.6	1.0	4.2	99.8
80	500	0.4	97.6	4.0	100
80	750	2.4	98.8	3.8	100
80	1,000	2.0	96.8	4.6	100

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