

ROBUST GENERALIZED LIKELIHOOD RATIO TEST BASED ON  
PENALIZATION

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## ABSTRACT

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The Least absolute deviation combined with the Least absolute shrinkage and selection operator (LAD-LASSO) estimator can do regression shrinkage and selection and is also resistant to outliers or heavy-tailed errors which is proposed in Wang et al. (2007). Generalized likelihood ratio (GLR) test motivated by the likelihood principle, which does not require knowing the underlying distribution family and also shares the Wilks property, has wide applications and nice interpretations [cf. Fan et al. (2001) and Fan and Jiang (2005)]. In this dissertation, we propose a GLR test based on LAD-LASSO estimators in order to combine their advantages together. We obtain the asymptotic distributions of the test statistic by applying the Bahadur representation to the LAD-LASSO estimators. Furthermore, we show that the test has oracle property and can detect alternatives nearing the null hypothesis at a maximum rate of root-n. Simulations are conducted to compare test statistics under different procedures for a variety of error distributions including standard normal,  $t_3$  and mixed normal. A real data example is used to illustrate the performance of the testing approach.

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**Notation**

$H_0$	Null hypothesis
$H_1$	Alternative hypothesis
$\xrightarrow{a.s.}$	Convergence almost surely
$\xrightarrow{p}$	Convergence in probability
$\xrightarrow{d}$	Convergence in distribution
$o_p(1)$	Converges to zero in probability
$O_p(1)$	Bounded in probability
$a \perp b$	a and b are orthogonal
$E$	Expectation
$Var$	Variance
$Cov$	Covariance
$x'$	Transpose of $x$
$N_k(\mu, \Gamma)$	$k$ -variate normal distribution with mean vector $\mu$ and covariance matrix $\Gamma$
LAD	Least absolute deviation
LASSO	Least absolute shrinkage and selection operator
GLR	Generalized likelihood ratio
CLT	Central limit theorem
LLN	Law of large numbers
LSE	Least-squares estimator
MLE	Maximum likelihood estimator
CDF	Cumulative distribution function
PDF	Probability density function

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## CHAPTER 1: INTRODUCTION

### 1.1 Motivation

Consider the linear model

$$y_i = x_i' \beta + z_i' \gamma + \varepsilon_i, \quad i = 1, \dots, n, \quad (1)$$

where  $\varepsilon_i$  are identically independently distributed (i.i.d.) random errors with PDF  $f(x)$ , median 0 and  $E|\varepsilon_i| = \sigma > 0$ . Let  $\beta$  and  $\gamma$  are unknown parameters where  $p = \dim(\beta)$  and  $q = \dim(\gamma)$ .

To obtain an estimator to be robust against outliers and error distributions and also enjoy a sparse representation, Wang et al. (2007) proposed a robust LASSO-type estimator, minimizing from the following LAD-LASSO criterion:

$$\text{LAD-LASSO} = Q(\beta) = \sum_{i=1}^n |y_i - x_i' \beta| + n \sum_{j=1}^p \lambda_j |\beta_j|$$

In the current study we propose a robust GLR test based on  $L_1$  regression to improve likelihood ratio test. The idea is applicable to some parametric, semiparametric, and nonparametric models.

Our interest here lies on the following testing problem

$$H_0 : \gamma = \gamma_0 \quad \text{versus} \quad H_1 : \gamma \neq \gamma_0$$

regarding  $\beta$  as nuisance parameters.

Let  $Y = (y_1, \dots, y_n)'$ ,  $X = (x_1, \dots, x_n)'$ ,  $Z = (z_1, \dots, z_n)'$ , and  $\varepsilon = (\varepsilon_1, \dots, \varepsilon_n)'$  in model (1). The reduced model is

$$Y = X\beta + Z\gamma_0 + \varepsilon,$$

and the full model is

$$Y = X\beta + Z\gamma + \varepsilon.$$

When  $\{\varepsilon_i\}_{i=1}^n$  are normal, it is known that the LR test is equivalent to the F-test statistic

$$F_n = \frac{(RSS_0 - RSS_1)/q}{RSS_1/(n - p - q)},$$

where  $RSS_0$  and  $RSS_1$  are the residual sum of squares under  $H_0$  and  $H_1$ , respectively, based on the least squares estimation. Under the null hypothesis,  $F_n$  follows the  $\mathcal{F}_{q, n-p-q}$  distribution. Under the alternative  $F_n$  has a non-central  $\mathcal{F}_{q, n-p-q}(\nu^2)$  distribution with non-centrality parameter

$$\nu^2 = \sigma^{-2} \|(I_n - P_1)Z(\gamma - \gamma_0)\|^2,$$

where  $P_1 = X(X'X)^{-1}X'$ ,  $I_n$  is the  $n \times n$  identity matrix, and  $\|\cdot\|$  denotes the  $L_2$  norm of a vector. In general,  $\nu^2$  depends on the sample correlations between the variables in  $X$  and those in  $Z$ .

According to the previous argument, under  $H_1$ , we consider the penalized least absolute deviation estimator minimizing

$$Q(\beta, \gamma) = \sum_{i=1}^n |y_i - x'_i\beta - z'_i\gamma| + n \sum_{j=1}^p \lambda_j |\beta_j|, \quad (2)$$

over  $\beta$  and  $\gamma$ . Let  $\hat{\beta}$  and  $\hat{\gamma}$  be the resulting estimators. Then the residual sum of

absolute deviations under  $H_1$  is

$$RSS_1^* = \sum_{i=1}^n |y_i - x_i' \hat{\beta} - z_i' \hat{\gamma}|$$

Under  $H_0$ , we minimize

$$Q(\beta) = \sum_{i=1}^n |y_i - x_i' \beta - z_i' \gamma_0| + n \sum_{j=1}^p \lambda_j |\beta_j|, \quad (3)$$

over  $\beta$  and get the minimizer  $\hat{\beta}_0$ . Then the residual sum of absolute deviations under  $H_0$  is

$$RSS_0^* = \sum_{i=1}^n |y_i - x_i' \hat{\beta}_0 - z_i' \gamma_0|$$

Since the error distribution is not specified, the LR test is not available here. Intuitively, we can compare the residual sum of squares from the null and alternative models. Following the idea in Fan et al. (2001) and Fan and Jiang (2007), we define the GLR statistic

$$T_n = \frac{n}{2} \log(RSS_0^*/RSS_1^*) \approx \frac{n}{2} \frac{RSS_0^* - RSS_1^*}{RSS_1^*} \quad (4)$$

Large values of  $T_n$  suggest rejection of  $H_0$ . It is worth pointing out that the GLR test of Fan et al. (2001) is different from the GLR test proposed here, since their GLR test did not use regularization.

In the above estimation we have penalized the nuisance parameters but not the parameters of interest which is different from the common penalized estimation for variable selection where all parameters are penalized. Firstly, it improves the power of the GLR test by penalizing the nuisance parameters. Secondly, if the true values of parameters of interest  $\gamma$  are zero and all parameters are penalized, then asymptotically

there is no difference between the penalized estimators of parameters under the null and the alternative hypotheses or  $T_n$  can be very small. Now it is hard to reject the null hypothesis. So the size of the test is very small and the power could not be improved.

## 1.2 Outline

The rest of this dissertation is organized as follows. In Chapter 2, we begin to discuss the model and the theoretical results. We proposed the new test statistic, termed as the GLR test, to test if the parameters of interest under the high dimensional multiple linear regression model is constant or not. The test statistic is constructed based on the comparison of the residual sum of absolute deviations under the null and the alternative hypotheses respectively. The asymptotic distribution of the test statistic has been derived and the detailed proofs are provided in the Appendix. In Chapter 3, we use the simulation results to show the performance of our test statistics and compare our working procedure with the oracle procedure to illustrate the oracle properties of our test statistics. In Chapter 4, a real data example has been applied to show the significance of the testing procedure. In Chapter 5, we conclude the dissertation and discuss some possible directions for future work.

## CHAPTER 2: ROBUST GLR TEST BASED ON PENALIZATION

### 2.1 Notations and Assumptions

For convenience, we define the regression coefficient as  $(\beta', \gamma)' = (\beta'_a, \beta'_b, \gamma)'$ , where  $\beta_a = (\beta_1, \dots, \beta_{p_0})'$ ,  $\beta_b = (\beta_{p_0+1}, \dots, \beta_p)'$  and  $\gamma = (\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_q)'$ . Moreover, assume that  $\beta_j \neq 0$  for  $j \leq p_0$  and  $\beta_j = 0$  for  $j > p_0$  for some  $p_0 \geq 0$  or  $\beta_b = 0$ . Thus the correct model has  $p_0$  significant and  $(p - p_0)$  insignificant regression variables of nuisance parameter  $\beta$ . Under  $H_0$ , its corresponding LAD-LASSO estimator is denoted by  $\hat{\beta}_0 = (\hat{\beta}'_{0a}, \hat{\beta}'_{0b})'$ . Under  $H_1$ , its corresponding LAD-LASSO estimator is denoted by  $(\hat{\beta}', \hat{\gamma})' = (\hat{\beta}'_a, \hat{\beta}'_b, \hat{\gamma})'$ . In addition, we also decompose the covariate  $x_i = (x'_{ia}, x'_{ib})'$  with  $x_{ia} = (x_{i1}, \dots, x_{ip_0})'$  and  $x_{ib} = (x_{i(p_0+1)}, \dots, x_{ip})'$  and define  $w_i = (x'_i, z'_i)' = (w_{i1}, \dots, w_{il})'$  where  $z_i = (z_{i1}, \dots, z_{iq})'$  and  $l = p + q$ .

To study the theoretical properties of our GLR test statistics, the following assumptions are necessary throughout:

**Assumption 2.1.** The error  $\varepsilon$  has continuous and positive density at the origin.

**Assumption 2.2.**  $n^{-1/2} \max_{l \leq p+q, i \leq n} |w_{il}| = o_p(1)$ .

**Assumption 2.3.** There exists positive definite  $\Sigma_{xz}$  such that

$$n^{-1}(W'W) \xrightarrow{p} \Sigma_{xz}, \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty,$$

where  $(w_{i1}, \dots, w_{il}) = w'_i$  be the  $i$ th row of  $W$ .

Denote

$$\Sigma_{xz} = E \begin{pmatrix} x_{1a}x'_{1a} & x_{1a}x'_{1b} & x_{1a}z'_1 \\ x_{1b}x'_{1a} & x_{1b}x'_{1b} & x_{1b}z'_1 \\ z_1x'_{1a} & z_1x'_{1b} & z_1z'_1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \Sigma_{11} & \Sigma_{12} & \Sigma_{13} \\ \Sigma_{21} & \Sigma_{22} & \Sigma_{23} \\ \Sigma_{31} & \Sigma_{32} & \Sigma_{33} \end{pmatrix},$$

so  $\Sigma_{xx} \triangleq E(x_1x'_1) = \begin{pmatrix} \Sigma_{11} & \Sigma_{12} \\ \Sigma_{21} & \Sigma_{22} \end{pmatrix}$  is positive definite and  $\Sigma_{33} = E(z_1z'_1)$  is also

positive definite. Define  $\Sigma \triangleq \begin{pmatrix} \Sigma_{11} & \Sigma_{13} \\ \Sigma_{31} & \Sigma_{33} \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $\Sigma^{-1} \triangleq \begin{pmatrix} \Sigma^{11} & \Sigma^{13} \\ \Sigma^{31} & \Sigma^{33} \end{pmatrix}$ . Then  $\Sigma$  and  $\Sigma^{-1}$  are positive definite.

**Assumption 2.4.** Let  $a_n = \max\{\lambda_j, 1 \leq j \leq p_0\}$  and  $b_n = \min\{\lambda_j, p_0 < j \leq p\}$ .  $\sqrt{n}a_n \rightarrow 0$  and  $\sqrt{nb_n} \rightarrow \infty$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

Note that Assumption 2.1, 2.2 and 2.3 are typical assumptions and used extensively in literature for establishing the  $\sqrt{n}$ -consistency and the asymptotic normality of the unpenalized LAD estimator. Furthermore, the Assumption 2.4 appears in Wang et al. (2007) to build the oracle property of the penalized LAD-LASSO estimator.

## 2.2 Bahadur Representations of the LAD-LASSO Estimators

Under  $H_0$ ,  $\hat{\Delta}_{\beta_{0a}} \triangleq \sqrt{n}(\hat{\beta}_{0a} - \beta_a)$  and  $\hat{\Delta}_{\beta_{0b}} \triangleq \sqrt{n}(\hat{\beta}_{0b} - \beta_b)$ . Then we have the following theorem:

**Theorem 2.1.** Assume that the assumptions in Section 2.1 hold. The Bahadur representations for  $\hat{\Delta}_{\beta_{0a}}$  and  $\hat{\Delta}_{\beta_{0b}}$  are

$$\hat{\Delta}_{\beta_{0a}} = \frac{1}{2}f(0)^{-1}\Sigma_{11}^{-1}n^{-1/2}\sum_{i=1}^n x_{ia}\text{sgn}(\varepsilon_i) + o_p(1), \quad (5)$$

$$\hat{\Delta}_{\beta_{0b}} = o_p(1). \quad (6)$$

where the function

$$\text{sgn}(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & x > 0 \\ 0, & x = 0 \\ -1, & x < 0 \end{cases}$$

Under  $H_1$ ,  $\hat{\Delta}_{\beta_a} \triangleq \sqrt{n}(\hat{\beta}_a - \beta_a)$ ,  $\hat{\Delta}_{\beta_b} \triangleq \sqrt{n}(\hat{\beta}_b - \beta_b)$  and  $\hat{\Delta}_\gamma \triangleq \sqrt{n}(\hat{\gamma} - \gamma)$ . Then we have the following theorem states as below.

**Theorem 2.2.** Assume that the assumptions in Section 2.1 hold. The Bahadur representations for  $\hat{\Delta}_{\beta_a}$ ,  $\hat{\Delta}_{\beta_b}$  and  $\hat{\Delta}_\gamma$  are

$$\hat{\Delta}_{\beta_a} = \frac{1}{2}f(0)^{-1}n^{-1/2}(\Sigma^{11} \sum_{i=1}^n x_{ia}\text{sgn}(\varepsilon_i) + \Sigma^{13} \sum_{i=1}^n z_i\text{sgn}(\varepsilon_i)) + o_p(1), \quad (7)$$

$$\hat{\Delta}_\gamma = \frac{1}{2}f(0)^{-1}n^{-1/2}(\Sigma^{31} \sum_{i=1}^n x_{ia}\text{sgn}(\varepsilon_i) + \Sigma^{33} \sum_{i=1}^n z_i\text{sgn}(\varepsilon_i)) + o_p(1), \quad (8)$$

$$\hat{\Delta}_{\beta_b} = o_p(1). \quad (9)$$

Theorem 2.1 and Theorem 2.2 show that the Bahadur representation of the penalized estimator is the same as that of the unpenalized estimator [cf. Ruppert and Carroll (1980)], indicating that the penalized estimator has oracle property.

### 2.3 Asymptotic Theory of the GLR Test Statistics

Now let us consider the asymptotic properties of our GLR test statistics.

**Theorem 2.3.** Assume that the assumptions in Section 2.1 hold. Under  $H_0$ ,  $T_n \xrightarrow{d}$

$$\frac{1}{8f(0)\sigma} \chi_q^2.$$

However, the distribution of  $T_n$  depends on nuisance parameters. So we define  $\widetilde{T}_n \triangleq$

$8\hat{f}(0)\hat{\sigma}T_n$ , where  $\hat{f}(0) \triangleq \frac{1}{nh} \sum_{i=1}^n K\left(\frac{y_i - x_i'\hat{\beta} - z_i'\hat{\gamma}}{h}\right)$  and  $\hat{\sigma} \equiv \frac{RSS_1^*}{n}$ . In the definition of  $\hat{f}(0)$ , the kernel  $K(x)$  is the normal density function and  $h$  is the bandwidth. It is well known that  $\hat{f}(0)$  is a consistent estimator of  $f(0)$ . Applying Lemma 7 in Appendix B,  $\hat{\sigma}$  is also a consistent estimator of  $\sigma$ . So we propose the following corollary.

**Corollary 2.3.1.** Assume that the assumptions in Section 2.1 hold. Under  $H_0$ ,  $\widetilde{T}_n \xrightarrow{d} \chi_q^2$ .

This is an extension of the Wilks type of phenomenon, by which, we mean that the asymptotic null distribution of  $\widetilde{T}_n$  is independent of the nuisance parameter  $\sigma$  and the nuisance design density function  $f$ .

To study the power of the proposed test, we consider the local (Pitman) alternatives of the form

$$H_{1n} : \gamma = \gamma_0 + n^{-r} \Delta_\gamma,$$

where  $\|\Delta_\gamma\| \neq 0$ .

**Theorem 2.4.** Assume that the assumptions in Section 2.1 hold. For the testing problem  $H_0 \leftrightarrow H_{1n}$  when  $r < 1/2$ , the test  $T_n$  can detect alternative  $H_{1n}$  asymptotically with probability one.

**Corollary 2.4.1.** Assume that the assumptions in Section 2.1 hold. For the testing problem  $H_0 \leftrightarrow H_{1n}$  when  $r < 1/2$ , the test  $\widetilde{T}_n$  can detect alternative  $H_{1n}$  asymptotically with probability one.

We conclude this section by considering the limiting behavior of the test statistic under the local alternative  $H_{1n}$  with  $r = 1/2$ .

**Theorem 2.5.** Assume that the assumptions in Section 2.1 hold. Under  $H_{1n}$  with

$$r = 1/2, T_n \xrightarrow{d} \frac{1}{8f(0)\sigma} \chi_q^2(\rho^2) + C^2,$$

where  $\rho^2 = 4f(0)^2 \Delta'_\gamma (\Sigma^{33})^{-1} \Delta_\gamma$  and  $C^2 = \frac{f(0)}{2\sigma} \Delta'_\gamma \Sigma_{31} \Sigma_{11}^{-1} \Sigma_{13} \Delta_\gamma$ .

**Corollary 2.5.1.** Assume that the assumptions in Section 2.1 hold. Under  $H_{1n}$  with

$$r = 1/2, \widetilde{T}_n \xrightarrow{d} \chi_q^2(\rho^2) + D^2,$$

where  $\rho^2 = 4f(0)^2 \Delta'_\gamma (\Sigma^{33})^{-1} \Delta_\gamma$  and  $D^2 = 4f(0)^2 \Delta'_\gamma \Sigma_{31} \Sigma_{11}^{-1} \Sigma_{13} \Delta_\gamma$ .

The above theorem and corollary show that both tests  $T_n$  and  $\widetilde{T}_n$  can detect the local alternatives at a maximum rate of  $\sqrt{n}$ , the optimal rate in all regular parametric tests.

The power of both tests  $T_n$  and  $\widetilde{T}_n$  can be calculated. Denote the PDF of  $\chi_q^2(\rho^2)$  is  $g(x)$ . The power of  $T_n$  is

$$\begin{aligned} P(T_n > \frac{1}{8f(0)\sigma} \chi_{q,1-\alpha}^2 | H_{1n}) &= \int_{\frac{1}{8f(0)\sigma} \chi_{q,1-\alpha}^2}^{+\infty} 8f(0)\sigma * g(8f(0)\sigma(t - C^2)) dt \\ &= \int_{\chi_{q,1-\alpha}^2}^{+\infty} g(\tilde{t} - D^2) d\tilde{t} \\ &= 1 - G(\chi_{q,1-\alpha}^2 - D^2) \\ &= Q_{\frac{q}{2}} \left( \sqrt{\rho^2}, \sqrt{\chi_{q,1-\alpha}^2 - D^2} \right) \end{aligned}$$

where  $G(x)$  is the CDF of  $\chi_q^2(\rho^2)$  and  $Q_M(a, b)$  is the Marcum Q-function.

The  $Q_M(a, b)$  function increases as  $b$  decreases. It is obvious that non-zero  $C^2$  or  $D^2$  will improve the power.

From the power derivation of  $T_n$ , it also indicates that  $\widetilde{T}_n$  has the same asymptotic power as  $T_n$ . Power results of  $T_n$  and  $\widetilde{T}_n$  under different error distributions are shown in Table 1-6 in Chapter 3.

## CHAPTER 3: SIMULATION

Similarly to Section 2.1 of Wang et al. (2007), we can easily get the LAD-LASSO estimator by creating an augmented dataset including the penalized terms for nuisance parameters. In addition, we use the method in Section 2.3 of Wang et al. (2007) to get the tuning parameter estimate for each  $\lambda_j$  which makes the LAD-LASSO estimator enjoy the same asymptotic efficiency as the oracle estimator.

### 3.1 Density Estimations under $H_0$

Specifically, we set  $p = 9$  and  $\beta = (1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0)'$ . In other words, the first  $p_0 = 1$  regression variable is significant, while the other 8 are insignificant. We also set  $q = 3$  and  $\gamma_0 = (1, 2, 3)'$ . For a given  $i$ , the covariates  $x_i$  and  $z_i$  are generated from  $N_{12}(0, \Gamma)$ ,

$$\text{where } \Gamma = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0.8 & 0.8^2 & \dots & 0.8^{11} \\ 0.8 & 1 & 0.8 & \dots & 0.8^{10} \\ 0.8^2 & 0.8 & 1 & \dots & 0.8^9 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0.8^{11} & 0.8^{10} & 0.8^9 & \dots & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

The sample size considered is given by  $n = 500$ . Furthermore, each response variable  $y_i$  is generated according to

$$y_i = x_i' \beta + z_i' \gamma_0 + \varepsilon_i$$

where  $\varepsilon_i$  is generated from  $N(0, 1)$ .

According to Theorem 2.3 and its corresponding corollary, the distribution of  $T_n$  should be asymptotically  $\frac{1}{8f(0)\sigma}\chi_3^2$ -distributed and  $\widetilde{T}_n$  should be asymptotically  $\chi_3^2$ -distributed. To verify this empirically, we plot the sampling distribution of 1000 simulation statistics of  $T_n$  and  $\widetilde{T}_n$  against their true distribution density respectively via the kernel density estimate as shown in Figure 1. The two plots depict the  $T_n$  and  $\widetilde{T}_n$  closely following their true distributions, which is consistent with our asymptotic theory.

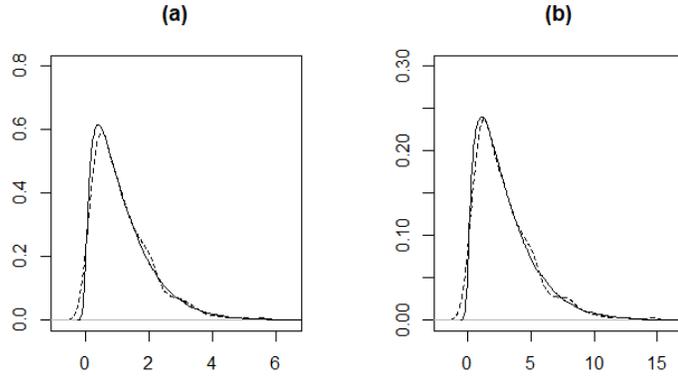


Figure 1: Estimated densities. (a) :  $T_n$ ; (b) :  $\widetilde{T}_n$ . Solid: true; dashed: the simulation approximation.

### 3.2 Power Functions under $H_1$

We next investigated the power of our tests by considering the following alternative sequences indexed by  $\theta = 0, 0.2, 0.4, 0.6, 0.8, 1.0$ :

$$H_{1n} : \gamma = \gamma_0 + n^{-1/2}\theta\Delta_\gamma^*,$$

where  $\Delta_\gamma^* = (-6, 0, 2)'$  and  $\Delta_\gamma^* \perp \gamma_0$ .

Furthermore, each response variable  $y_i$  is generated according to

$$y_i = x_i'\beta + z_i'\gamma + \varepsilon_i$$

where  $\varepsilon_i$  is generated from  $N(0, 1)$ .

Note that when  $\theta = 0$ , the null and the alternative are the same. Therefore, we can expect that: 1) when  $\theta = 0$ , the power of the test should be close to the significance level; 2) the further is  $\theta$  away from 0, the greater is the power. These are consistent with the plots as shown in Figure 2. Figure 2 illustrate the power functions of  $T_n$  and  $\widetilde{T}_n$  against them of their oracle tests based on 1000 simulation iterations of sample size  $n = 500$  at three different significance levels: 0.1, 0.05, and 0.01. We can tell from the figure that our tests perform closely to the oracle tests, so our tests have oracle property and should mimic the oracle tests.

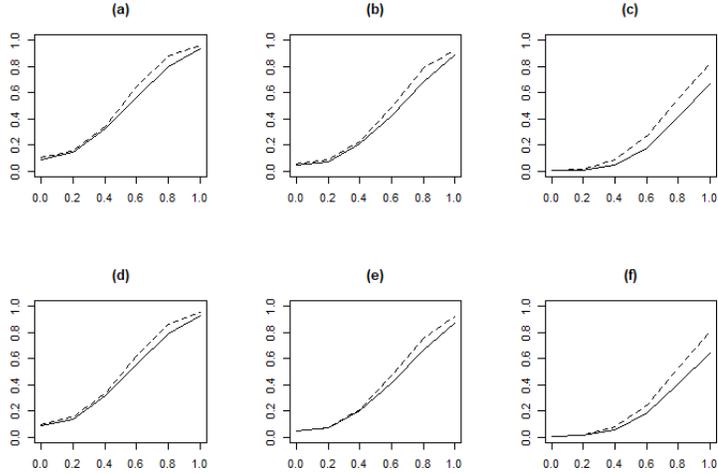


Figure 2: Power functions of  $T_n$  and  $\widetilde{T}_n$ . (a), (b) and (c):  $T_n$ ; (d), (e) and (f):  $\widetilde{T}_n$ ; From left to right, significance levels are  $\alpha = 0.1[(a), (d)], 0.05[(b), (e)], 0.01[(c), (f)]$ . Solid: Our test; dashed: Oracle test.

We next compare our test (GLR) with the oracle test, and the test with  $\lambda_j = 0$  denoted by (GLR\*) for  $T_n$  and  $\widetilde{T}_n$  respectively in three error distributions:  $N(0, 1)$ ,  $t_3$  and mixed normal  $(0.95N(0, 1) + 0.05N(0, 9))$ . The results shown in tables below indicating that our test is robust against heavy-tailed errors and outliers due to the LAD and also has oracle property due to the LASSO.

Table 1: Power results of  $T_n$  for  $N(0, 1)$  error

<b>n</b>	$\alpha$	<b>Test</b>	$\theta$					
			<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>1.0</b>
500	0.1	Oracle	0.104	0.154	0.340	0.643	0.877	0.961
		GLR	0.092	0.143	0.323	0.563	0.800	0.936
		GLR*	0.087	0.124	0.202	0.320	0.491	0.701
	0.05	Oracle	0.057	0.087	0.227	0.486	0.787	0.925
		GLR	0.049	0.071	0.209	0.421	0.681	0.888
		GLR*	0.044	0.063	0.115	0.204	0.363	0.589
	0.01	Oracle	0.009	0.019	0.088	0.269	0.555	0.823
		GLR	0.007	0.011	0.052	0.183	0.418	0.665
		GLR*	0.004	0.015	0.027	0.064	0.169	0.336
1000	0.1	Oracle	0.094	0.164	0.354	0.622	0.866	0.974
		GLR	0.084	0.160	0.316	0.574	0.802	0.933
		GLR*	0.100	0.125	0.217	0.348	0.507	0.706
	0.05	Oracle	0.046	0.101	0.245	0.488	0.776	0.940
		GLR	0.034	0.077	0.220	0.416	0.703	0.891
		GLR*	0.051	0.062	0.128	0.238	0.370	0.599
	0.01	Oracle	0.008	0.024	0.082	0.275	0.558	0.814
		GLR	0.005	0.019	0.069	0.184	0.432	0.716
		GLR*	0.012	0.015	0.038	0.090	0.176	0.338

Table 2: Power results of  $\widetilde{T}_n$  for  $N(0, 1)$  error

<b>n</b>	$\alpha$	<b>Test</b>	$\theta$					
			<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>1.0</b>
500	0.1	Oracle	0.098	0.152	0.333	0.622	0.868	0.955
		GLR	0.090	0.137	0.320	0.553	0.787	0.930
		GLR*	0.087	0.125	0.199	0.324	0.489	0.702
	0.05	Oracle	0.052	0.077	0.215	0.471	0.758	0.918
		GLR	0.048	0.072	0.202	0.418	0.669	0.875
		GLR*	0.043	0.062	0.114	0.201	0.368	0.584
	0.01	Oracle	0.008	0.017	0.084	0.245	0.527	0.804
		GLR	0.009	0.012	0.057	0.184	0.406	0.644
		GLR*	0.005	0.014	0.028	0.061	0.166	0.329
1000	0.1	Oracle	0.080	0.153	0.335	0.599	0.856	0.969
		GLR	0.084	0.149	0.313	0.560	0.788	0.928
		GLR*	0.094	0.121	0.212	0.345	0.493	0.694
	0.05	Oracle	0.038	0.094	0.224	0.467	0.759	0.929
		GLR	0.033	0.069	0.209	0.391	0.678	0.878
		GLR*	0.047	0.059	0.123	0.233	0.357	0.581
	0.01	Oracle	0.007	0.023	0.078	0.265	0.536	0.796
		GLR	0.005	0.019	0.063	0.177	0.411	0.693
		GLR*	0.011	0.015	0.040	0.087	0.172	0.325

Table 3: Power results of  $T_n$  for  $t_3$  error

<b>n</b>	$\alpha$	<b>Test</b>	$\theta$					
			<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>1.0</b>
500	0.1	Oracle	0.109	0.151	0.288	0.542	0.789	0.934
		GLR	0.107	0.131	0.269	0.493	0.709	0.879
		GLR*	0.110	0.116	0.205	0.310	0.439	0.622
	0.05	Oracle	0.051	0.081	0.181	0.420	0.687	0.891
		GLR	0.050	0.061	0.162	0.367	0.587	0.802
		GLR*	0.057	0.058	0.110	0.189	0.319	0.491
	0.01	Oracle	0.007	0.018	0.063	0.190	0.417	0.724
		GLR	0.008	0.010	0.049	0.149	0.313	0.560
		GLR*	0.009	0.012	0.028	0.067	0.135	0.267
1000	0.1	Oracle	0.090	0.143	0.289	0.529	0.808	0.921
		GLR	0.077	0.122	0.283	0.476	0.769	0.888
		GLR*	0.093	0.115	0.162	0.282	0.469	0.605
	0.05	Oracle	0.048	0.079	0.197	0.399	0.686	0.870
		GLR	0.034	0.065	0.162	0.341	0.638	0.805
		GLR*	0.043	0.062	0.088	0.197	0.352	0.483
	0.01	Oracle	0.008	0.021	0.076	0.176	0.444	0.704
		GLR	0.003	0.013	0.040	0.142	0.364	0.573
		GLR*	0.012	0.013	0.021	0.077	0.141	0.246

Table 4: Power results of  $\widetilde{T}_n$  for  $t_3$  error

<b>n</b>	$\alpha$	<b>Test</b>	$\theta$					
			<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>1.0</b>
500	0.1	Oracle	0.064	0.103	0.214	0.458	0.732	0.906
		GLR	0.070	0.087	0.205	0.408	0.643	0.834
		GLR*	0.075	0.078	0.143	0.229	0.367	0.538
	0.05	Oracle	0.031	0.049	0.128	0.339	0.595	0.846
		GLR	0.033	0.033	0.113	0.291	0.500	0.743
		GLR*	0.033	0.042	0.074	0.143	0.252	0.411
	0.01	Oracle	0.003	0.009	0.043	0.113	0.343	0.617
		GLR	0.003	0.005	0.026	0.098	0.220	0.445
		GLR*	0.005	0.006	0.014	0.038	0.083	0.182
1000	0.1	Oracle	0.065	0.105	0.248	0.453	0.751	0.895
		GLR	0.056	0.096	0.224	0.420	0.710	0.848
		GLR*	0.062	0.091	0.119	0.242	0.414	0.547
	0.05	Oracle	0.035	0.056	0.160	0.330	0.613	0.829
		GLR	0.020	0.049	0.114	0.283	0.572	0.742
		GLR*	0.029	0.046	0.065	0.155	0.284	0.422
	0.01	Oracle	0.005	0.010	0.051	0.133	0.376	0.629
		GLR	0.002	0.009	0.019	0.113	0.289	0.489
		GLR*	0.007	0.007	0.014	0.047	0.110	0.193

Table 5: Power results of  $T_n$  for mixed normal error

<b>n</b>	$\alpha$	<b>Test</b>	$\theta$					
			<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>1.0</b>
500	0.1	Oracle	0.101	0.145	0.289	0.582	0.833	0.941
		GLR	0.108	0.130	0.309	0.526	0.787	0.908
		GLR*	0.115	0.120	0.200	0.314	0.522	0.675
	0.05	Oracle	0.051	0.077	0.200	0.451	0.744	0.907
		GLR	0.054	0.074	0.191	0.375	0.670	0.846
		GLR*	0.065	0.070	0.120	0.202	0.375	0.540
	0.01	Oracle	0.007	0.014	0.067	0.243	0.524	0.743
		GLR	0.008	0.013	0.049	0.161	0.381	0.628
		GLR*	0.007	0.011	0.034	0.081	0.171	0.307
1000	0.1	Oracle	0.089	0.148	0.347	0.631	0.835	0.959
		GLR	0.103	0.162	0.302	0.551	0.800	0.932
		GLR*	0.097	0.148	0.192	0.327	0.511	0.661
	0.05	Oracle	0.047	0.085	0.231	0.482	0.731	0.916
		GLR	0.057	0.085	0.205	0.425	0.680	0.869
		GLR*	0.042	0.078	0.112	0.217	0.382	0.535
	0.01	Oracle	0.009	0.020	0.088	0.229	0.501	0.797
		GLR	0.008	0.015	0.067	0.172	0.405	0.665
		GLR*	0.007	0.011	0.035	0.077	0.167	0.310

Table 6: Power results of  $\widetilde{T}_n$  for mixed normal error

<b>n</b>	$\alpha$	<b>Test</b>	$\theta$					
			<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>1.0</b>
500	0.1	Oracle	0.092	0.128	0.274	0.556	0.812	0.934
		GLR	0.100	0.122	0.286	0.503	0.767	0.900
		GLR*	0.106	0.106	0.188	0.292	0.497	0.652
	0.05	Oracle	0.042	0.068	0.169	0.420	0.720	0.890
		GLR	0.046	0.062	0.174	0.351	0.640	0.830
		GLR*	0.055	0.064	0.115	0.190	0.356	0.524
	0.01	Oracle	0.005	0.011	0.056	0.223	0.487	0.715
		GLR	0.008	0.010	0.043	0.146	0.351	0.599
		GLR*	0.007	0.009	0.032	0.074	0.158	0.281
1000	0.1	Oracle	0.081	0.135	0.329	0.599	0.817	0.950
		GLR	0.090	0.151	0.288	0.524	0.785	0.920
		GLR*	0.089	0.136	0.182	0.306	0.483	0.641
	0.05	Oracle	0.038	0.079	0.212	0.455	0.711	0.910
		GLR	0.053	0.081	0.191	0.409	0.660	0.853
		GLR*	0.038	0.070	0.101	0.209	0.365	0.522
	0.01	Oracle	0.005	0.017	0.080	0.204	0.462	0.762
		GLR	0.008	0.014	0.059	0.146	0.370	0.624
		GLR*	0.006	0.010	0.030	0.063	0.152	0.287

In addition, we only change one condition of the true parameters in Section 3.1. We set  $\beta = (1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1)'$ . We compare our test (GLR) with the test with  $\lambda_j = 0$  denoted by (GLR\*) for  $T_n$  in three error distributions:  $N(0, 1)$ ,  $t_3$  and mixed normal ( $0.95N(0, 1) + 0.05N(0, 9)$ ). In this case, the GLR\* is the oracle test since all nuisance parameters are significant. The results shown in tables below indicating that the power of our GLR test is lower than the GLR\* test when there are no insignificant nuisance parameters.

Table 7: Power comparisons of  $T_n$  for  $N(0, 1)$  error

<b>n</b>	$\alpha$	<b>Test</b>	$\theta$					
			<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>1.0</b>
500	0.1	GLR*	0.097	0.133	0.208	0.341	0.537	0.670
		GLR	0.070	0.094	0.157	0.283	0.465	0.618
	0.05	GLR*	0.046	0.067	0.119	0.228	0.413	0.553
		GLR	0.028	0.044	0.086	0.163	0.330	0.491
	0.01	GLR*	0.006	0.013	0.035	0.077	0.167	0.328
		GLR	0.003	0.005	0.018	0.051	0.115	0.261
1000	0.1	GLR*	0.094	0.099	0.196	0.329	0.534	0.686
		GLR	0.085	0.077	0.165	0.306	0.496	0.659
	0.05	GLR*	0.044	0.047	0.108	0.227	0.412	0.572
		GLR	0.036	0.040	0.091	0.199	0.369	0.523
	0.01	GLR*	0.011	0.008	0.036	0.077	0.184	0.326
		GLR	0.008	0.005	0.028	0.057	0.149	0.275

Table 8: Power comparisons of  $T_n$  for  $t_3$  error

<b>n</b>	$\alpha$	<b>Test</b>	$\theta$					
			<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>1.0</b>
500	0.1	GLR*	0.099	0.153	0.172	0.310	0.484	0.599
		GLR	0.077	0.114	0.150	0.271	0.443	0.553
	0.05	GLR*	0.046	0.085	0.110	0.209	0.348	0.483
		GLR	0.030	0.059	0.078	0.178	0.298	0.438
	0.01	GLR*	0.006	0.016	0.030	0.079	0.157	0.246
		GLR	0.006	0.009	0.022	0.056	0.120	0.192
1000	0.1	GLR*	0.095	0.140	0.196	0.298	0.455	0.607
		GLR	0.083	0.128	0.184	0.277	0.432	0.578
	0.05	GLR*	0.047	0.072	0.113	0.187	0.320	0.463
		GLR	0.042	0.061	0.098	0.171	0.295	0.434
	0.01	GLR*	0.009	0.012	0.027	0.063	0.148	0.230
		GLR	0.008	0.009	0.021	0.053	0.120	0.217

Table 9: Power comparisons of  $T_n$  for mixed normal error

<b>n</b>	$\alpha$	<b>Test</b>	$\theta$					
			<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>1.0</b>
500	0.1	GLR*	0.092	0.130	0.194	0.329	0.481	0.678
		GLR	0.058	0.095	0.151	0.267	0.427	0.623
	0.05	GLR*	0.037	0.068	0.109	0.203	0.357	0.546
		GLR	0.024	0.045	0.081	0.165	0.286	0.472
	0.01	GLR*	0.010	0.016	0.038	0.063	0.155	0.302
		GLR	0.005	0.008	0.025	0.035	0.113	0.228
1000	0.1	GLR*	0.103	0.122	0.201	0.312	0.497	0.645
		GLR	0.088	0.103	0.185	0.287	0.471	0.616
	0.05	GLR*	0.051	0.067	0.137	0.204	0.369	0.525
		GLR	0.038	0.049	0.114	0.175	0.337	0.483
	0.01	GLR*	0.010	0.022	0.027	0.069	0.174	0.269
		GLR	0.008	0.015	0.019	0.050	0.152	0.237

## CHAPTER 4: REAL DATA EXAMPLE

We use the data set in Jiang et al. (2012). It consists a random sample of 113 hospitals and for each hospital there are 11 variables.

- Infection risk ( $y$ ): Average estimated probability of acquiring an infection in the hospital.
- Age ( $x_1$ ): Average age of patients (in years).
- Length of stay ( $x_2$ ): Average length of stay of all patients in the hospital (in days).
- Routine culturing ratio ( $x_3$ ): Ratios of number of cultures performed to number of patients without signs or symptoms of hospital-acquired infection, times 100.
- Routine chest X-ray ratio ( $x_4$ ): Ratio of number of X-rays performed to numbers of patients without signs or symptoms of pneumonia, times 100.
- Number of beds ( $x_5$ ): Average number of beds in the hospital during the study period.
- Average daily census ( $x_6$ ): Average number of patients in the hospital per day during the study period.
- Number of nurses ( $x_7$ ): Average number of full-time equivalent registered and

licensed practical nurses during the study period (number full time plus one half the number part time).

- Available facilities and services ( $x_8$ ): Percent of 35 potential facilities and services that are provided by the hospital.
- Medical school affiliation ( $x_9$ ): 1=Yes, 2=No.
- Region ( $x_{10}, x_{11}, x_{12}$ ): 1=NE, 2=NC, 3=S, 4=W.

We study whether the infection risk depends on the possible influential factors. Since the medical school affiliation and region are categorical, we introduced a dummy variable  $x_9$  for the medical school affiliation and three dummy variables ( $x_{10}, x_{11}, x_{12}$ ) for the region as covariates. The model is linear,

$$y_i = \sum_{i=1}^{12} \beta_i x_i + \varepsilon_i, \quad i = 1, \dots, 113.$$

Table 10: Estimates and standard errors

Method	LAD	LAD-LASSO
$x_1$	0.12593(0.01547)	0.11584(0.00784)
$x_2$	0.29449(0.13214)	0.21798(0.06344)
$x_3$	0.02575(0.01589)	0.01493(0.00616)
$x_4$	0.01973(0.00726)	0.02056(0.00406)
$x_5$	-0.00351(0.00373)	0.00000(0.00086)
$x_6$	0.01129(0.00458)	0.00405(0.00136)
$x_7$	-0.00277(0.00232)	0.00000(0.00070)
$x_8$	-0.01541(0.01401)	0.00000(0.00395)
$x_9$	-0.08286(0.44532)	0.00000(0.02239)
$x_{10}$	-0.19322(0.33639)	0.00000(0.05143)
$x_{11}$	-0.91443(0.34513)	-0.40235(0.18229)
$x_{12}$	-1.49347(0.43851)	-1.41223(0.26854)

We applied the LAD and LAD-LASSO to get the coefficient estimates for each covariate. The results of variable estimation and selection are presented in Table 10. From Table 10, we can see that all coefficients are nonzero in LAD since we did not

apply penalty method. The LAD-LASSO selected six variables: age ( $x_1$ ), length of stay ( $x_2$ ), routine culturing ratio ( $x_3$ ), routine chest X-ray ratio ( $x_4$ ), average daily census ( $x_6$ ) and the categorical variable region.

Since the estimated coefficients were positive for  $x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_6$  and negative for  $x_{11}, x_{12}$ , which indicates that, during the study period, infection risk ( $y$ ) increases with the average age of patients ( $x_1$ ), average length of stay of all patients in the hospital ( $x_2$ ), the routine culturing ratio ( $x_3$ ), the routine chest X-ray ratio ( $x_4$ ), average number of patients in the hospital per day ( $x_6$ ) and decreases with the region corresponding to  $x_{11}$  and  $x_{12}$ . This is reasonable, since elderly patients tend to have a weak resistance to infection, and larger  $x_2$  and  $x_6$  increase the chance of cross-infection among patients. In addition, routine cultures and chest X-ray may do harm to the body, and patients without signs or symptoms of hospital-acquired infection or pneumonia should receive it as little as possible. There may be also a region effect to the infection. People from South or West area have stronger resistance to infection comparing with those from other areas.

To check the significance of the selected variables, we performed the hypothesis testing problem:

$$H_0 : \beta_3 = \beta_6 = \beta_8 = 0 \text{ versus } H_1 : \text{at least one of them is not zero.}$$

So our interesting parameters are  $\beta_3, \beta_6, \beta_8$  while the nuisance parameters are the rest. We perform both the GLR test and the GLR\* test of  $\widetilde{T}_n$  with significance level  $\alpha = 0.05$ . Their asymptotic null distributions are  $\chi_3^2$  which does not depend on nuisance parameters. The realized value of the GLR is calculated as 8.819581 and

corresponding p-value is 0.03178837. The realized value of the  $\text{GLR}^*$  is 7.493779 and corresponding p-value is 0.05771851. We reject the null hypothesis in the GLR test while we fail to reject the null hypothesis in the  $\text{GLR}^*$  test. According to Table 10,  $x_3$  is significant in either LAD or LAD-LASSO estimate indicating that we need to reject the null hypothesis. So the GLR test performs better than the  $\text{GLR}^*$  test in this case.

## CHAPTER 5: CONCLUSION

In summary, under both the null and the alternative hypothesis we have proposed, the penalized estimators enjoy the oracle property of estimation. The resulting test statistics imitate the oracle test statistics in the sense that those unknown insignificant nuisance parameters were known in advance. Hence:

The GLR test should mimic the oracle GLR test.

This is very useful when there are insignificant nuisance parameters especially in high-dimensional regression models or in classical multiple linear regression models.

In future work, we would like to allow the parameter dimensions depend on the sample size, apply to ARIMA models which the errors are not i.i.d distributed, and expand to various penalty functions such as SCAD in Fan and Li (2001). In addition, we could also apply our procedure to semiparametric and nonparametric models.

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## APPENDIX A: PROOFS OF THEOREMS IN SECTION 2.2

**Lemma .1.** Under  $H_0$ ,  $\sqrt{n}(\hat{\beta}_{0a} - \beta_a) = O_p(1)$  and  $\hat{\beta}_{0b} = 0$  with probability tending to 1.

*Proof.* See Lemma 1 and Lemma 2 of Wang et al. (2007) for reference.  $\square$

**Lemma .2.** The sequence of solutions  $\hat{\beta}_0$  of (3) satisfies

$$n^{-1/2} \sum_{i=1}^n x_{ia} \text{sgn}(y_i - x'_i \hat{\beta}_0) \xrightarrow{a.s.} 0. \quad (10)$$

*Proof.* Let  $\{e_j\}_{j=1}^p$  be the standard basis of  $R^p$ . Define

$$G_j(a) = \sum_{i=1}^n |y_i - x'_i(\hat{\beta}_0 + ae_j)| + n\lambda_j |\hat{\beta}_{0j} + a|,$$

and let  $H_j(a)$  be the derivative of  $G_j(a)$ , so that

$$H_j(a) = - \sum_{i=1}^n x_{ij} \text{sgn}(y_i - x'_i(\hat{\beta}_0 + ae_j)) + n\lambda_j \text{sgn}(\hat{\beta}_{0j} + a).$$

Using the method of Ruppert and Carroll (1980, proof of Lemma A.2), we can show that

$$n^{-1/2} |H_j(0)| \leq 2n^{-1/2} \sum_{i=1}^n |x_{ij}| I(y_i - x'_i \hat{\beta}_0 = 0) + 2\sqrt{n}\lambda_j I(\hat{\beta}_{0j} = 0).$$

Applying Lemma A.1 of Ruppert and Carroll (1980), it can be shown that

$$\sum_{i=1}^n |x_{ij}| I(y_i - x'_i \hat{\beta}_0 = 0) \xrightarrow{a.s.} 0.$$

By applying  $\sqrt{n}\lambda_j \rightarrow 0$  when  $1 \leq j \leq p_0$  of Assumption 2.4, it is clear that

$n^{-1/2}H_j(0) \xrightarrow{a.s.} 0$  when  $1 \leq j \leq p_0$ . In addition, due to

$$n^{-1/2}H_j(0) = -n^{-1/2} \sum_{i=1}^n x_{ij} \text{sgn}(y_i - x_i' \hat{\beta}_0) + \sqrt{n} \lambda_j \text{sgn}(\hat{\beta}_{0j}),$$

using  $\sqrt{n} \lambda_j \rightarrow 0$  when  $1 \leq j \leq p_0$  of Assumption 2.4 again, the result (10) is proved.  $\square$

### Proof of Theorem 2.1 :

*Proof.* For  $\Delta \in R^p$ , define

$$M(\Delta) = n^{-1/2} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \psi_\tau(\varepsilon_i - n^{-1/2} x_i' \Delta),$$

where  $\psi_\tau(x) = \tau - I(x < 0)$ .

Let  $\hat{\Delta}_0 \triangleq (\hat{\Delta}'_{\beta_{0a}}, \hat{\Delta}'_{\beta_{0b}})'$ . From Lemma 1, we know that  $\hat{\Delta}_0 = O_p(1)$ . Applying Lemma A.3 of Ruppert and Carroll (1980), we have

$$M(\hat{\Delta}_0) - M(0) + f(0) \Sigma_{xx} \hat{\Delta}_0 = o_p(1).$$

Plug in the definition of  $M(\Delta)$ , we have

$$n^{-1/2} \sum_{i=1}^n \begin{pmatrix} x_{ia} \\ x_{ib} \end{pmatrix} \psi_\tau(\varepsilon_i - n^{-1/2} x_i' \hat{\Delta}_0) - n^{-1/2} \sum_{i=1}^n \begin{pmatrix} x_{ia} \\ x_{ib} \end{pmatrix} \psi_\tau(\varepsilon_i) + f(0) \Sigma_{xx} \begin{pmatrix} \hat{\Delta}_{\beta_{0a}} \\ \hat{\Delta}_{\beta_{0b}} \end{pmatrix}$$

which is equal to  $o_p(1)$ . This leads to

$$n^{-1/2} \sum_{i=1}^n x_{ia} \psi_\tau(\varepsilon_i - n^{-1/2} x_i' \hat{\Delta}_0) - n^{-1/2} \sum_{i=1}^n x_{ia} \psi_\tau(\varepsilon_i) + f(0) (\Sigma_{11} \hat{\Delta}_{\beta_{0a}} + \Sigma_{12} \hat{\Delta}_{\beta_{0b}}) = o_p(1).$$

Applying Lemma 1, it is obvious that  $\hat{\Delta}_{\beta_{0b}} = o_p(1)$ . Using Lemma 2, it shows that

$n^{-1/2} \sum_{i=1}^n x_{ia} \psi_\tau(\varepsilon_i - n^{-1/2} x'_i \hat{\Delta}_0) \xrightarrow{a.s.} 0$ , then we have

$$f(0) \Sigma_{11} \hat{\Delta}_{\beta_{0a}} = n^{-1/2} \sum_{i=1}^n x_{ia} \psi_\tau(\varepsilon_i) + o_p(1).$$

In  $L_1$ -norm regression,  $\tau = \frac{1}{2}$ . So  $\psi_\tau(\varepsilon_i) = \frac{1}{2} \text{sgn}(\varepsilon_i)$  when  $\varepsilon_i \neq 0$ . Thus, the Bahadur representation of  $\hat{\Delta}_0$  in Theorem 2.1 has been proved.  $\square$

**Lemma .3.** Under  $H_1$ ,  $\sqrt{n}(\hat{\beta}_a - \beta_a) = O_p(1)$ ,  $\sqrt{n}(\hat{\gamma} - \gamma) = O_p(1)$  and  $\hat{\beta}_b = 0$  with probability tending to 1.

*Proof.* Since we don't use penalty on our interest parameter  $\gamma$ , so the tuning parameter for  $\gamma$  is zero, which satisfies the Assumption 2.4. The result follows from Lemma 1 and Lemma 2 of Wang et al. (2007).  $\square$

**Lemma .4.** The sequence of solutions  $(\hat{\beta}, \hat{\gamma})$  of (2) satisfies

$$n^{-1/2} \sum_{i=1}^n x_{ia} \text{sgn}(y_i - x'_i \hat{\beta} - z'_i \hat{\gamma}) \xrightarrow{a.s.} 0. \quad (11)$$

and

$$n^{-1/2} \sum_{i=1}^n z_i \text{sgn}(y_i - x'_i \hat{\beta} - z'_i \hat{\gamma}) \xrightarrow{a.s.} 0. \quad (12)$$

*Proof.* Let  $\{e_j\}_{j=1}^p$  be the standard basis of  $R^p$ . Define

$$L_j(a) = \sum_{i=1}^n |y_i - x'_i(\hat{\beta} + ae_j) - z'_i \hat{\gamma}| + n\lambda_j |\hat{\beta}_j + a|,$$

and let  $N_j(a)$  be the derivative of  $L_j(a)$ , so that

$$N_j(a) = - \sum_{i=1}^n x_{ij} \text{sgn}(y_i - x'_i(\hat{\beta} + ae_j) - z'_i \hat{\gamma}) + n\lambda_j \text{sgn}(\hat{\beta}_j + a).$$

Then result (11) follows from Lemma 2.

Let  $\{u_k\}_{k=1}^q$  be the standard basis of  $R^q$ . Define

$$L_k^*(a) = \sum_{i=1}^n |y_i - x_i' \hat{\beta} - z_i'(\hat{\gamma} + au_k)|$$

and let  $N_k^*(a)$  be the derivative of  $L_k^*(a)$ , so that

$$N_k^*(a) = - \sum_{i=1}^n z_{ik} \text{sgn}(y_i - x_i' \hat{\beta} - z_i'(\hat{\gamma} + au_k)).$$

The result (12) follows from Ruppert and Carroll (1980, proof of Lemma A.2).  $\square$

**Proof of Theorem 2.2 :**

*Proof.* For  $\Delta \in R^{p+q}$ , define

$$M(\Delta) = n^{-1/2} \sum_{i=1}^n w_i \psi_\tau(\varepsilon_i - n^{-1/2} w_i' \Delta).$$

Let  $\hat{\Delta} \triangleq (\hat{\Delta}'_{\beta_a}, \hat{\Delta}'_{\beta_b}, \hat{\Delta}'_{\gamma})'$ . From Lemma 3, we know that  $\hat{\Delta} = O_p(1)$ . Applying Lemma A.3 of Ruppert and Carroll (1980), we have

$$M(\hat{\Delta}) - M(0) + f(0) \Sigma_{xz} \hat{\Delta} = o_p(1).$$

Plug in the definition of  $M(\Delta)$  and simple algebra, we have both

$$n^{-1/2} \sum_{i=1}^n x_{ia} \psi_\tau(\varepsilon_i - n^{-1/2} w_i' \hat{\Delta}) - n^{-1/2} \sum_{i=1}^n x_{ia} \psi_\tau(\varepsilon_i) + f(0) (\Sigma_{11} \hat{\Delta}_{\beta_a} + \Sigma_{12} \hat{\Delta}_{\beta_b} + \Sigma_{13} \hat{\Delta}_{\gamma})$$

and

$$n^{-1/2} \sum_{i=1}^n z_i \psi_\tau(\varepsilon_i - n^{-1/2} w_i' \hat{\Delta}) - n^{-1/2} \sum_{i=1}^n z_i \psi_\tau(\varepsilon_i) + f(0) (\Sigma_{31} \hat{\Delta}_{\beta_a} + \Sigma_{32} \hat{\Delta}_{\beta_b} + \Sigma_{33} \hat{\Delta}_{\gamma})$$

equal to  $o_p(1)$ .

By applying Lemma 3, it is obvious that  $\hat{\Delta}_{\beta_b} = o_p(1)$ . Using Lemma 4, we can see

that  $n^{-1/2} \sum_{i=1}^n x_{ia} \psi_\tau(\varepsilon_i - n^{-1/2} w'_i \hat{\Delta}) \xrightarrow{a.s.} 0$  and  $n^{-1/2} \sum_{i=1}^n z_i \psi_\tau(\varepsilon_i - n^{-1/2} w'_i \hat{\Delta}) \xrightarrow{a.s.} 0$ .

So the above results can be simplified as

$$f(0)\Sigma \begin{pmatrix} \hat{\Delta}_{\beta_a} \\ \hat{\Delta}_\gamma \end{pmatrix} = n^{-1/2} \sum_{i=1}^n \begin{pmatrix} x_{ia} \\ z_i \end{pmatrix} \psi_\tau(\varepsilon_i) + o_p(1),$$

which is equivalent as

$$\begin{pmatrix} \hat{\Delta}_{\beta_a} \\ \hat{\Delta}_\gamma \end{pmatrix} = f(0)^{-1} \Sigma^{-1} n^{-1/2} \sum_{i=1}^n \begin{pmatrix} x_{ia} \\ z_i \end{pmatrix} \psi_\tau(\varepsilon_i) + o_p(1).$$

Using the definition of  $\Sigma^{-1}$  and  $\psi_\tau(\varepsilon_i)$  when  $\tau = \frac{1}{2}$ , the Bahadur representation of  $\hat{\Delta}$  in Theorem 2.2 has been proved. □

## APPENDIX B: PROOFS OF THEOREMS IN SECTION 2.3

**Lemma .5.** According to the notations and assumptions in Section 2.1,

$$\Sigma^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} \Sigma_{11}^{-1} + \Sigma_{11}^{-1}\Sigma_{13}B^{-1}\Sigma_{31}\Sigma_{11}^{-1} & -\Sigma_{11}^{-1}\Sigma_{13}B^{-1} \\ -B^{-1}\Sigma_{31}\Sigma_{11}^{-1} & B^{-1} \end{pmatrix},$$

where  $B = \Sigma_{33} - \Sigma_{31}\Sigma_{11}^{-1}\Sigma_{13}$ , and provided  $\Sigma_{11}^{-1}$  and  $B^{-1}$  exist.

*Proof.* It is well known result by using simple matrix algebra.  $\square$

**Lemma .6.**

$$\hat{\Delta}_{\beta_{0a}} = \hat{\Delta}_{\beta_a} + \Sigma_{11}^{-1}\Sigma_{13}\hat{\Delta}_{\gamma}$$

*Proof.* Define  $\xi_n = n^{-1/2} \sum_{i=1}^n x_{ia} \text{sgn}(\varepsilon_i)$ ,  $\xi_n^* = n^{-1/2} \sum_{i=1}^n z_i \text{sgn}(\varepsilon_i)$  and  $\eta_n = (\xi_n', \xi_n^{*'})' = n^{-1/2} \sum_{i=1}^n \begin{pmatrix} x_{ia} \\ z_i \end{pmatrix} \text{sgn}(\varepsilon_i)$ . It is obvious to see that  $\xi_n \xrightarrow{d} N(0, \Sigma_{11})$ ,  $\xi_n^* \xrightarrow{d} N(0, \Sigma_{33})$  and  $\eta_n \xrightarrow{d} N(0, \Sigma)$ . Applying the Bahadur representation of the LAD-LASSO estimators in Theorem 2.1 and Theorem 2.2, then we have

$$\hat{\Delta}_{\beta_{0a}} = \frac{1}{2}f(0)^{-1}\Sigma_{11}^{-1}\xi_n + o_p(1), \quad (13)$$

$$\hat{\Delta}_{\beta_a} = \frac{1}{2}f(0)^{-1}(\Sigma^{11}\xi_n + \Sigma^{13}\xi_n^*) + o_p(1), \quad (14)$$

$$\hat{\Delta}_{\gamma} = \frac{1}{2}f(0)^{-1}(\Sigma^{31}\xi_n + \Sigma^{33}\xi_n^*) + o_p(1). \quad (15)$$

We can plug in the above equations to  $\hat{\Delta}_{\beta_a} + \Sigma_{11}^{-1}\Sigma_{13}\hat{\Delta}_{\gamma}$ , so

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\Delta}_{\beta_a} + \Sigma_{11}^{-1}\Sigma_{13}\hat{\Delta}_{\gamma} &= \frac{1}{2}f(0)^{-1}[\Sigma^{11}\xi_n + \Sigma^{13}\xi_n^* + \Sigma_{11}^{-1}\Sigma_{13}(\Sigma^{31}\xi_n + \Sigma^{33}\xi_n^*)] + o_p(1) \\ &= \frac{1}{2}f(0)^{-1}[(\Sigma^{11} + \Sigma_{11}^{-1}\Sigma_{13}\Sigma^{31})\xi_n + (\Sigma^{13} + \Sigma_{11}^{-1}\Sigma_{13}\Sigma^{33})\xi_n^*] + o_p(1). \end{aligned}$$

Consider the two matrix before  $\xi_n$  and  $\xi_n^*$ :

$$\Sigma^{11} + \Sigma_{11}^{-1}\Sigma_{13}\Sigma^{31} = \Sigma_{11}^{-1} + \Sigma_{11}^{-1}\Sigma_{13}B^{-1}\Sigma_{31}\Sigma_{11}^{-1} + \Sigma_{11}^{-1}\Sigma_{13}(-B^{-1}\Sigma_{31}\Sigma_{11}^{-1}) = \Sigma_{11}^{-1},$$

$$\Sigma^{13} + \Sigma_{11}^{-1}\Sigma_{13}\Sigma^{33} = -\Sigma_{11}^{-1}\Sigma_{13}B^{-1} + \Sigma_{11}^{-1}\Sigma_{13}B^{-1} = 0.$$

Plug them back in, so we have  $\hat{\Delta}_{\beta_a} + \Sigma_{11}^{-1}\Sigma_{13}\hat{\Delta}_{\gamma} = \frac{1}{2}f(0)^{-1}\Sigma_{11}^{-1}\xi_n + o_p(1)$ , or the Lemma is proved.  $\square$

**Lemma .7.**  $RSS_1^*/n = \sigma + o_p(1)$

*Proof.* Plug in the definition of  $RSS_1^*$ , we can see that

$$\begin{aligned} RSS_1^*/n &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n |y_i - x'_{i'}\hat{\beta} - z'_i\hat{\gamma}| \\ &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n |y_i - x'_{ia}\hat{\beta}_a - x'_{ib}\hat{\beta}_b - z'_i\hat{\gamma}| \\ &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n |y_i - x'_{ia}\hat{\beta}_a - z'_i\hat{\gamma}| + o_p(1) \\ &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n |\varepsilon_i - n^{-\frac{1}{2}}x'_{ia}\hat{\Delta}_{\beta_a} - n^{-\frac{1}{2}}z'_i\hat{\Delta}_{\gamma}| + o_p(1), \end{aligned}$$

since  $P(\hat{\beta}_b = 0) \rightarrow 1$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

Define  $\hat{\varepsilon}_i \triangleq \varepsilon_i - n^{-\frac{1}{2}}x'_{ia}\hat{\Delta}_{\beta_a} - n^{-\frac{1}{2}}z'_i\hat{\Delta}_{\gamma}$ , and according to the LLN theorem,

$$RSS_1^*/n \xrightarrow{p} E|\hat{\varepsilon}_i|.$$

Let  $I \triangleq \sum_{i=1}^n (|\varepsilon_i - n^{-\frac{1}{2}}x'_{ia}\hat{\Delta}_{\beta_a} - n^{-\frac{1}{2}}z'_i\hat{\Delta}_{\gamma}| - |\varepsilon_i|)$ . According to Wang et al. (2007),

it holds that

$$I = -\eta'_n \begin{pmatrix} \hat{\Delta}_{\beta_a} \\ \hat{\Delta}_{\gamma} \end{pmatrix} + f(0)(\hat{\Delta}'_{\beta_a}, \hat{\Delta}'_{\gamma})\Sigma \begin{pmatrix} \hat{\Delta}_{\beta_a} \\ \hat{\Delta}_{\gamma} \end{pmatrix} + o_p(1). \quad (16)$$

From Equation (14) and (15), we have

$$\begin{pmatrix} \hat{\Delta}_{\beta_a} \\ \hat{\Delta}_{\gamma} \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{2}f(0)^{-1}\Sigma^{-1}\eta_n + o_p(1). \quad (17)$$

Plug in (17) back to (16), we can get  $I = -\frac{1}{4f(0)}\eta_n'\Sigma^{-1}\eta_n + o_p(1)$ . Since  $\eta_n \xrightarrow{d} N(0, \Sigma)$ , then  $\eta_n'\Sigma^{-1}\eta_n \xrightarrow{d} \chi_{p_0+q}^2$ . Thus,  $I \xrightarrow{d} -\frac{1}{4f(0)}\chi_{p_0+q}^2 \Rightarrow I = O_p(1) \Rightarrow I/n = o_p(1)$ .

Using the definition of  $I$  and the LLN theorem,  $I/n \xrightarrow{p} E|\hat{\varepsilon}_i| - E|\varepsilon_i|$ . Thus,  $E|\hat{\varepsilon}_i| = E|\varepsilon_i| + o_p(1) \Rightarrow RSS_1^*/n = E|\varepsilon_i| + o_p(1) = \sigma + o_p(1)$ .  $\square$

**Lemma .8.**  $\hat{\Delta}_{\gamma} \xrightarrow{d} N(0, \frac{1}{4f(0)^2}B^{-1})$

*Proof.* According to Equation (15),  $\hat{\Delta}_{\gamma} = \frac{1}{2}f(0)^{-1}(\Sigma^{31}, \Sigma^{33})\eta_n + o_p(1)$  where  $\eta_n \xrightarrow{d} N(0, \Sigma)$ . In order to calculate the variance of  $\hat{\Delta}_{\gamma}$ , we need to calculate the matrix  $(\Sigma^{31}, \Sigma^{33})\Sigma(\Sigma^{31}, \Sigma^{33})'$ . According to Lemma 5, it can be shown that the matrix  $(\Sigma^{31}, \Sigma^{33})\Sigma(\Sigma^{31}, \Sigma^{33})' = B^{-1}$ . Thus  $\hat{\Delta}_{\gamma} \xrightarrow{d} N(0, \frac{1}{4f(0)^2}B^{-1})$ .  $\square$

### Proof of Theorem 2.3

*Proof.* Consider  $\frac{RSS_0^* - RSS_1^*}{2}$  under  $H_0$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{RSS_0^* - RSS_1^*}{2} &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n (|y_i - x'_i \hat{\beta}_0 - z'_i \gamma_0| - |y_i - x'_i \hat{\beta} - z'_i \hat{\gamma}|) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n (|y_i - x'_{ia} \hat{\beta}_{0a} - x'_{ib} \hat{\beta}_{0b} - z'_i \gamma_0| - |y_i - x'_{ia} \hat{\beta}_a - x'_{ib} \hat{\beta}_b - z'_i \hat{\gamma}|) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n (|y_i - x'_{ia} \hat{\beta}_{0a} - z'_i \gamma_0| - |y_i - x'_{ia} \hat{\beta}_a - z'_i \hat{\gamma}|) + o_p(1), \end{aligned}$$

since  $P(\hat{\beta}_{0b} = 0) \rightarrow 1$  and  $P(\hat{\beta}_b = 0) \rightarrow 1$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

Continue the derivation, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{RSS_0^* - RSS_1^*}{2} &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n (|\varepsilon_i - n^{-\frac{1}{2}} x'_{ia} \hat{\Delta}_{\beta_{0a}}| - |\varepsilon_i - n^{-\frac{1}{2}} x'_{ia} \hat{\Delta}_{\beta_a} - n^{-\frac{1}{2}} z'_i \hat{\Delta}_{\gamma}|) \\
&= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n (|\varepsilon_i - n^{-\frac{1}{2}} x'_{ia} \hat{\Delta}_{\beta_{0a}}| - |\varepsilon_i|) - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n (|\varepsilon_i - n^{-\frac{1}{2}} x'_{ia} \hat{\Delta}_{\beta_a} - n^{-\frac{1}{2}} z'_i \hat{\Delta}_{\gamma}| - |\varepsilon_i|) \\
&= \frac{I_1 - I_2}{2}.
\end{aligned}$$

According to Wang et al. (2007),  $I_1$  can be written as

$$\begin{aligned}
I_1 &= \sum_{i=1}^n (|\varepsilon_i - n^{-\frac{1}{2}} x'_{ia} \hat{\Delta}_{\beta_{0a}}| - |\varepsilon_i|) \\
&= -\xi'_n \hat{\Delta}_{\beta_{0a}} + f(0) \hat{\Delta}'_{\beta_{0a}} \Sigma_{11} \hat{\Delta}_{\beta_{0a}} + o_p(1).
\end{aligned} \tag{18}$$

$I_2$  can be written as

$$\begin{aligned}
I_2 &= \sum_{i=1}^n (|\varepsilon_i - n^{-\frac{1}{2}} x'_{ia} \hat{\Delta}_{\beta_a} - n^{-\frac{1}{2}} z'_i \hat{\Delta}_{\gamma}| - |\varepsilon_i|) \\
&= -\eta'_n (\hat{\Delta}'_{\beta_a}, \hat{\Delta}'_{\gamma})' + f(0) (\hat{\Delta}'_{\beta_a}, \hat{\Delta}'_{\gamma}) \Sigma (\hat{\Delta}'_{\beta_a}, \hat{\Delta}'_{\gamma})' + o_p(1).
\end{aligned} \tag{19}$$

From Equation (13), we can get

$$\xi_n = 2f(0) \Sigma_{11} \hat{\Delta}_{\beta_{0a}} + o_p(1) \tag{20}$$

From Equation (17), we can get

$$\eta_n = 2f(0) \Sigma (\hat{\Delta}'_{\beta_a}, \hat{\Delta}'_{\gamma})' + o_p(1) \tag{21}$$

Plug Equation (20) and (21) back to (18) and (19), then we have

$$I_1 = -f(0)\hat{\Delta}'_{\beta_{0a}}\Sigma_{11}\hat{\Delta}_{\beta_{0a}} + o_p(1), \text{ and } I_2 = -f(0)(\hat{\Delta}'_{\beta_a}, \hat{\Delta}'_{\gamma})\Sigma(\hat{\Delta}'_{\beta_a}, \hat{\Delta}'_{\gamma})' + o_p(1).$$

$$\begin{aligned} I_1 - I_2 &= f(0)[(\hat{\Delta}'_{\beta_a}, \hat{\Delta}'_{\gamma})\Sigma(\hat{\Delta}'_{\beta_a}, \hat{\Delta}'_{\gamma})' - \hat{\Delta}'_{\beta_{0a}}\Sigma_{11}\hat{\Delta}_{\beta_{0a}}] + o_p(1) \\ &= f(0)(\hat{\Delta}'_{\beta_a}\Sigma_{11}\hat{\Delta}_{\beta_a} + \hat{\Delta}'_{\gamma}\Sigma_{31}\hat{\Delta}_{\beta_a} + \hat{\Delta}'_{\beta_a}\Sigma_{13}\hat{\Delta}_{\gamma} + \hat{\Delta}'_{\gamma}\Sigma_{33}\hat{\Delta}_{\gamma} - \hat{\Delta}'_{\beta_{0a}}\Sigma_{11}\hat{\Delta}_{\beta_{0a}}) + o_p(1). \end{aligned}$$

Applying Lemma 6, we can get

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\Delta}'_{\beta_{0a}}\Sigma_{11}\hat{\Delta}_{\beta_{0a}} &= \hat{\Delta}'_{\beta_a}\Sigma_{11}\hat{\Delta}_{\beta_a} + \hat{\Delta}'_{\gamma}\Sigma_{31}\hat{\Delta}_{\beta_a} + \hat{\Delta}'_{\beta_a}\Sigma_{13}\hat{\Delta}_{\gamma} + \hat{\Delta}'_{\gamma}\Sigma_{31}\Sigma_{11}^{-1}\Sigma_{13}\hat{\Delta}_{\gamma}, \\ I_1 - I_2 &= f(0)\hat{\Delta}'_{\gamma}(\Sigma_{33} - \Sigma_{31}\Sigma_{11}^{-1}\Sigma_{13})\hat{\Delta}_{\gamma} + o_p(1) = f(0)\hat{\Delta}'_{\gamma}B\hat{\Delta}_{\gamma} + o_p(1). \end{aligned}$$

By applying Lemma 7, we can get  $T_n = \frac{I_1 - I_2}{2\sigma} + o_p(1)$  under  $H_0$ . In addition, using Lemma 8, we can get  $I_1 - I_2 \xrightarrow{d} \frac{1}{4f(0)}\chi_q^2$ . Thus,  $T_n \xrightarrow{d} \frac{1}{8f(0)\sigma}\chi_q^2$  under  $H_0$ .  $\square$

#### Proof of Theorem 2.4

*Proof.* Consider  $\frac{RSS_0^* - RSS_1^*}{2}$  under  $H_{1n}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{RSS_0^* - RSS_1^*}{2} &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n (|y_i - x'_i \hat{\beta}_0 - z'_i \gamma_0| - |y_i - x'_i \hat{\beta} - z'_i \hat{\gamma}|) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n (|y_i - x'_{ia} \hat{\beta}_{0a} - x'_{ib} \hat{\beta}_{0b} - z'_i \gamma_0| - |y_i - x'_{ia} \hat{\beta}_a - x'_{ib} \hat{\beta}_b - z'_i \hat{\gamma}|) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n (|y_i - x'_{ia} \hat{\beta}_{0a} - z'_i \gamma_0| - |y_i - x'_{ia} \hat{\beta}_a - z'_i \hat{\gamma}|) + o_p(1), \end{aligned}$$

since  $P(\hat{\beta}_{0b} = 0) \rightarrow 1$  and  $P(\hat{\beta}_b = 0) \rightarrow 1$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

Continue the derivation, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{RSS_0^* - RSS_1^*}{2} &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n (|\varepsilon_i - n^{-\frac{1}{2}} x'_{ia} \hat{\Delta}_{\beta_{0a}} + n^{-r} z'_i \Delta \gamma| - |\varepsilon_i - n^{-\frac{1}{2}} x'_{ia} \hat{\Delta}_{\beta_a} - n^{-\frac{1}{2}} z'_i \hat{\Delta}_{\gamma}|) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n (|\varepsilon_i - n^{-\frac{1}{2}} x'_{ia} \hat{\Delta}_{\beta_{0a}} + n^{-r} z'_i \Delta \gamma| - |\varepsilon_i|) - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n (|\varepsilon_i - n^{-\frac{1}{2}} x'_{ia} \hat{\Delta}_{\beta_a} - n^{-\frac{1}{2}} z'_i \hat{\Delta}_{\gamma}| \\ &\quad - |\varepsilon_i|) = \frac{I_3 - I_4}{2}. \end{aligned}$$

According to Wang et al. (2007),

$$\begin{aligned}
I_3 &= \sum_{i=1}^n (|\varepsilon_i - n^{-\frac{1}{2}}x'_{ia}\hat{\Delta}_{\beta_{0a}} + n^{-r}z'_i\Delta\gamma| - |\varepsilon_i|) \\
&= -\eta'_n(\hat{\Delta}'_{\beta_{0a}}, -n^{1/2-r}\Delta'_\gamma)' + f(0)(\hat{\Delta}'_{\beta_{0a}}, -n^{1/2-r}\Delta'_\gamma)\Sigma(\hat{\Delta}'_{\beta_{0a}}, -n^{1/2-r}\Delta'_\gamma)' + o_p(1),
\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
I_4 &= \sum_{i=1}^n (|\varepsilon_i - n^{-\frac{1}{2}}x'_{ia}\hat{\Delta}_{\beta_a} - n^{-\frac{1}{2}}z'_i\hat{\Delta}_\gamma| - |\varepsilon_i|) \\
&= -\eta'_n(\hat{\Delta}'_{\beta_a}, \hat{\Delta}'_\gamma)' + f(0)(\hat{\Delta}'_{\beta_a}, \hat{\Delta}'_\gamma)\Sigma(\hat{\Delta}'_{\beta_a}, \hat{\Delta}'_\gamma)' + o_p(1).
\end{aligned}$$

By using Equation (21), we can get

$$\begin{aligned}
I_3 &= -2f(0)(\hat{\Delta}'_{\beta_a}, \hat{\Delta}'_\gamma)\Sigma(\hat{\Delta}'_{\beta_{0a}}, -n^{1/2-r}\Delta'_\gamma)' \\
&+ f(0)(\hat{\Delta}'_{\beta_{0a}}, -n^{1/2-r}\Delta'_\gamma)\Sigma(\hat{\Delta}'_{\beta_{0a}}, -n^{1/2-r}\Delta'_\gamma)' + o_p(1),
\end{aligned}$$

and

$$I_4 = -f(0)(\hat{\Delta}'_{\beta_a}, \hat{\Delta}'_\gamma)\Sigma(\hat{\Delta}'_{\beta_a}, \hat{\Delta}'_\gamma)' + o_p(1).$$

Replacing  $\hat{\Delta}_{\beta_{0a}}$  with  $\hat{\Delta}_{\beta_a}$  and  $\hat{\Delta}_\gamma$  by using Lemma 6, we can get

$$\begin{aligned}
I_3 - I_4 &= f(0)\hat{\Delta}'_\gamma B \hat{\Delta}_\gamma + 2f(0)n^{1/2-r}\Delta'_\gamma B \hat{\Delta}_\gamma + f(0)n^{1-2r}\Delta'_\gamma \Sigma_{33}\Delta_\gamma + o_p(1) \\
&= f(0)(\hat{\Delta}_\gamma + n^{1/2-r}\Delta_\gamma)'B(\hat{\Delta}_\gamma + n^{1/2-r}\Delta_\gamma) + f(0)n^{1-2r}\Delta'_\gamma \Sigma_{31}\Sigma_{11}^{-1}\Sigma_{13}\Delta_\gamma + o_p(1) \\
&= I_3^* + I_4^* + o_p(1).
\end{aligned}$$

From Lemma 8 we can see that  $\hat{\Delta}_\gamma + n^{1/2-r}\Delta_\gamma \xrightarrow{d} N(n^{1/2-r}\Delta_\gamma, \frac{1}{4f(0)^2}B^{-1})$  which leads

to  $I_3^* \xrightarrow{d} \frac{1}{4f(0)}\chi_q^2(\rho^2)$  where the non-centrality parameter  $\rho^2 = 4f(0)^2n^{1-2r}\Delta'_\gamma B \Delta_\gamma$ .

$I_4^* \rightarrow \infty$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  when  $r < 1/2$ . By Slutsky's Theorem and Lemma 7, we can get

$T_n \xrightarrow{d} \frac{I_3^* + I_4^*}{2\sigma}$  under  $H_1$ .  $P(T_n > \frac{1}{8f(0)\sigma}\chi_{q,1-\alpha}^2 | H_{1n}) \rightarrow 1$  where  $\chi_{q,1-\alpha}^2$  is the  $(1-\alpha)$ th

quantile of  $\chi_q^2$  if  $r < 1/2$ . □

### Proof of Theorem 2.5

*Proof.* According to the proof of Theorem 2.4, if  $r = 1/2$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 I_3 - I_4 &= f(0)\hat{\Delta}'_{\gamma}B\hat{\Delta}_{\gamma} + 2f(0)\Delta'_{\gamma}B\hat{\Delta}_{\gamma} + f(0)\Delta'_{\gamma}\Sigma_{33}\Delta_{\gamma} + o_p(1) \\
 &= f(0)(\hat{\Delta}_{\gamma} + \Delta_{\gamma})'B(\hat{\Delta}_{\gamma} + \Delta_{\gamma}) + f(0)\Delta'_{\gamma}\Sigma_{31}\Sigma_{11}^{-1}\Sigma_{13}\Delta_{\gamma} + o_p(1) \\
 &= I_3^* + I_4^* + o_p(1).
 \end{aligned}$$

Then  $I_3^* \xrightarrow{d} \frac{1}{4f(0)}\chi_q^2(\rho^2)$  where the non-centrality parameter  $\rho^2 = 4f(0)^2\Delta'_{\gamma}B\Delta_{\gamma}$ .

Thus, by Slutsky's Theorem and Lemma 7,  $T_n \xrightarrow{d} \frac{1}{8f(0)\sigma}\chi_q^2(\rho^2) + C^2$  where

$$C^2 = \frac{f(0)}{2\sigma}\Delta'_{\gamma}\Sigma_{31}\Sigma_{11}^{-1}\Sigma_{13}\Delta_{\gamma} \text{ under } H_{1n}.$$

□