# Supplementary material to "Semi-parametric transformation boundary regression models"\*

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## C Proofs of asymptotic results in the fixed design case

#### C.1 Proof of Lemma 5

To prove Lemma 5, we first need the following technical lemma.

Lemma 1. Assume model (2) holds under assumptions (A1'), (A2') and (A4'). Then we have

$$\sup_{x \in [0,1]} \min_{\substack{i \in \{1,\dots,n\}\\|x_{i,n}-x| \le b_n}} |\varepsilon_{i,n}| = o_P(1).$$

**Proof.** The proof is similar to the proof of Lemma A.2 in Drees et al. (2018) but some adaptations are needed to deal with non-equidistant fixed design points. Let  $Z_1, Z_2, \ldots$  be iid with the same distribution as  $-\varepsilon_{i,n}$  with cumulative distribution function U. To prove the result, we shall show that

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \mathbb{P}\left(\sup_{\substack{x \in [0,1] \ |x_{i,n}-x| \le b_n}} Z_i > \epsilon\right) = 0, \quad \epsilon > 0.$$

For  $n \ge 1$ , let  $0 < k \le n$ ,  $x \in [0, 1]$  and set  $I_n = [x - b_n, x + b_n]$ . Assume that exactly k points lie in  $I_n$ , say

 $x_{m+1,n} < \dots < x_{m+k,n} \in I_n$ 

for some m < n + 1 - k. We shall distinguish two cases.

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(1) If  $(x_{m,n}, x_{m+k+1,n}) \in [0,1]^2$ , it means that

$$2b_n = |I_n| < x_{m+k+1,n} - x_{m,n} = \sum_{j=m}^{m+k} (x_{j+1,n} - x_{j,n}) \le (k+1)\bar{\Delta}_n$$

since  $\overline{\Delta}_n \ge x_{j,n} - x_{j-1,n}$  for any  $1 \le j \le n+1$ .

(2) If  $x_{m,n}$  or  $x_{m+k+1,n}$  do not exist, which means that either  $x_{m+1,n} = x_{0,n} = 0$  or  $x_{m+k+1,n} = x_{n+1,n} = 1$ . Consider the first case  $x_{m+1,n} = x_{0,n}$  (the extremal case is x = 0). Then we have

$$b_n = \frac{|I_n|}{2} < x_{k,n} - x_{0,n} = \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} (x_{j+1,n} - x_{j,n}) \le k\bar{\Delta}_n.$$

A similar inequality holds for  $x_{m+k+1,n} = x_{n+1,n} = 1$  (with the extremal case x = 1). In both cases, (1) and (2) yield to

$$b_n < k\bar{\Delta}_n \Rightarrow k > \frac{b_n}{\bar{\Delta}_n}, \quad n \ge 1.$$

Then, for all y > 0, we have with  $d_n := \left\lceil \frac{b_n}{\overline{\Delta}_n} \right\rceil$ 

$$\mathbb{P}\left(\sup_{x\in[0,1]}\min_{\substack{i\in\{1,\dots,n\}\\|x_{i,n}-x|\leq b_{n}}} Z_{i} > y\right) \leq \mathbb{P}\left(\left\{\max_{j\in\{1,\dots,n-d_{n}\}}\min_{i\in\{j,\dots,j+d_{n}\}} Z_{i} > y\right\}\right)$$
$$\leq \sum_{j=1}^{n-d_{n}} \mathbb{P}\left(\min_{i\in\{j,\dots,j+d_{n}\}} Z_{i} > y\right)$$
$$= (n-d_{n})\mathbb{P}\left(\min_{i\in\{1,\dots,d_{n}+1\}} Z_{i} > y\right)$$
$$= (n-d_{n})\overline{U}(y)^{d_{n}+1}.$$

Thus it remains to show that for all  $\epsilon > 0$ 

$$(n-d_n)\overline{U}(\epsilon)^{d_n+1} \xrightarrow[n \to \infty]{} 0$$

which is true since  $d_n \underset{n \to \infty}{\sim} \frac{b_n}{\Delta_n}$  and

$$\frac{b_n}{\overline{\Delta}_n} \log(\overline{U}(\epsilon)) + \log(n - d_n) \leq \frac{b_n}{\overline{\Delta}_n} \log(\overline{U}(\epsilon)) + \log(n) \\
= \log(n) \left( \frac{b_n}{\overline{\Delta}_n \log(n)} \log(\overline{U}(\epsilon)) + 1 \right) \\
\xrightarrow[n \to \infty]{} -\infty$$

since  $\overline{U}(\epsilon) < 1$  under (A1') and  $\frac{b_n}{\overline{\Delta}_n \log(n)} \xrightarrow[n \to \infty]{} \infty$  under (A4'). This concludes the proof.

The **proof of Lemma 5** is analogous to the proof of Lemma 3.

#### C.2 Proof of Theorem 6 in the fixed design case

The first part of the proof is similar to the random design case. Here, we use

$$\begin{split} \sup_{\vartheta \in \Theta} |M_n(\vartheta) - M(\vartheta)| &\leq \sup_{\vartheta \in \Theta} \|G_n(\vartheta, \hat{h}_\vartheta) - \bar{G}_n(\vartheta, \hat{h}_\vartheta)\| + \sup_{\vartheta \in \Theta} \|\bar{G}_n(\vartheta, \hat{h}_\vartheta) - \tilde{G}_n(\vartheta, \hat{h}_\vartheta)\| \\ &+ \sup_{\vartheta \in \Theta} \|\tilde{G}_n(\vartheta, \hat{h}_\vartheta) - G(\vartheta, \hat{h}_\vartheta)\| + \sup_{\vartheta \in \Theta} \|G(\vartheta, \hat{h}_\vartheta) - G(\vartheta, h_\vartheta)\|, \end{split}$$

where the definition for M and G is as in the random case, and

$$\bar{G}_n(\vartheta, h)(y, s) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n I\{\Lambda_\vartheta(Y_{i,n}) - h(x_{i,n}) \le y\} (I\{x_{i,n} \le s\} - F_X(s)).$$

Further,

$$\tilde{G}_{n}(\vartheta,h)(y,s) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} F_{0} \left( \Lambda_{0}(\Lambda_{\vartheta}^{-1}(y+h(x_{i,n}))) - h_{0}(x_{i,n}) \right) I\{x_{i,n} \leq s\}$$
(C.1)  
$$- F_{X}(s) \sum_{i=1}^{n} F_{0} \left( \Lambda_{0}(\Lambda_{\vartheta}^{-1}(y+h(x_{i,n}))) - h_{0}(x_{i,n}) \right)$$

is a Riemann-sum approximation of  $G(\vartheta, h)(y, s)$ . Note that for any deterministic function h we have  $\tilde{G}_n(\vartheta, h) = \mathbb{E}[\bar{G}_n(\vartheta, h)]$ . The assertion of the theorem follows from

$$\sup_{\vartheta \in \Theta} \|G_n(\vartheta, \hat{h}_\vartheta) - \bar{G}_n(\vartheta, \hat{h}_\vartheta)\| \le \sup_{s \in [0, 1]} |\hat{F}_{X, n}(s) - F_X(s)| = o(1)$$
(C.2)

and from Lemmas 2–4 by an application of the arg-max theorem. For (C.2) note that with assumption (A2")

$$\sup_{s \in [0,1]} |\hat{F}_{X,n}(s) - F_X(s)| = \sup_{s \in [0,1]} \left| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n I\{x_{i,n} \le s\} - \int_0^s f_X(x) \, dx \right|$$

$$\leq \sup_{s \in [0,1]} \left| \sum_{i=1}^n \int_{x_{i-1,n}}^{x_{i,n}} f_X(x) \, dx I\{x_{i,n} \le s\} - \int_0^s f_X(x) \, dx \right| + o(1)$$

$$= \sup_{s \in [0,1]} \left| \int_{\max\{x_{i,n} | x_{i,n} \le s\}}^s f_X(x) \, dx \right| + o(1)$$

$$= \bar{\Delta}_n \sup_{x \in [0,1]} f_X(x) + o(1) = o(1).$$
(C.3)

Lemma 2. Under the assumptions of Theorem 6 (ii),

$$\sup_{\vartheta \in \Theta} \|\bar{G}_n(\vartheta, \hat{h}_\vartheta) - \tilde{G}_n(\vartheta, \hat{h}_\vartheta)\| = o_P(1).$$

**Proof.** As in the proof of Lemma 10 we assume in what follows that (25) holds. We only consider the difference between the first sum in the definitions of  $G_n(\vartheta, h)$  and the first sum in  $\tilde{G}_n(\vartheta, h)$  (see (8) and (C.1), respectively). The difference of the second sums can be treated similarly. Applying (25) the first sum in  $G_n(\vartheta, \hat{h}_\vartheta)(y, s)$  can be nested as

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} I\{\Lambda_{\vartheta}(Y_{i,n}) - h_{\vartheta}(x_{i,n}) \le y - a_n\}I\{x_{i,n} \le s\}$$
$$\le \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} I\{\Lambda_{\vartheta}(Y_{i,n}) - \hat{h}_{\vartheta}(x_{i,n}) \le y\}I\{x_{i,n} \le s\}$$
$$\le \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} I\{\Lambda_{\vartheta}(Y_{i,n}) - h_{\vartheta}(x_{i,n}) \le y + a_n\}I\{x_{i,n} \le s\}$$

while the first sum in  $\tilde{G}_n(\vartheta, \hat{h}_\vartheta)(y, s)$  can be nested as

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} F_0 \left( \Lambda_0 (\Lambda_\vartheta^{-1} (y - a_n + h_\vartheta(x_{i,n}))) - h_0(x_{i,n}) \right) I\{x_{i,n} \le s\} \\
\le \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} F_0 \left( \Lambda_0 (\Lambda_\vartheta^{-1} (y + \hat{h}_\vartheta(x_{i,n}))) - h_0(x_{i,n}) \right) I\{x_{i,n} \le s\} \\
\le \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} F_0 \left( \Lambda_0 (\Lambda_\vartheta^{-1} (y + a_n + h_\vartheta(x_{i,n}))) - h_0(x_{i,n}) \right) I\{x_{i,n} \le s\}.$$

Thus we have to consider

$$H_{n,\vartheta}^{(1)}(y,s) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \left( I\{\Lambda_{\vartheta}(Y_{i,n}) - h_{\vartheta}(x_{i,n}) \le y + a_{n}\} - F_{0}\left(\Lambda_{0}(\Lambda_{\vartheta}^{-1}(y + a_{n} + h_{\vartheta}(x_{i,n}))) - h_{0}(x_{i,n})\right) \right) I\{x_{i,n} \le s\}$$

$$H_{n,\vartheta}^{(2)}(y,s) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \left( F_{0}\left(\Lambda_{0}(\Lambda_{\vartheta}^{-1}(y + a_{n} + h_{\vartheta}(x_{i,n}))) - h_{0}(x_{i,n})\right) - F_{0}\left(\Lambda_{0}(\Lambda_{\vartheta}^{-1}(y + h_{\vartheta}(x_{i,n}))) - h_{0}(x_{i,n})\right) \right) I\{x_{i,n} \le s\}$$

and the same terms with  $y + a_n$  replaced by  $y - a_n$ , which can be treated completely analo-

gously. We have to show that  $\sup_{\vartheta \in \Theta} \|H_{n,\vartheta}^{(1)}\| = o_P(1)$  and  $\sup_{\vartheta \in \Theta} \|H_{n,\vartheta}^{(2)}\| = o(1)$ . Recall condition (**N1**) and note that  $\sup_{\vartheta \in \Theta} \sup_{\substack{s \in [0,1] \\ y \in C}} |H_{n,\vartheta}^{(2)}(y,s)| = o(1)$  follows from uniform continuity of  $F_0$  and of  $\Lambda_0 \circ \Lambda_{\vartheta}^{-1}$  uniformly in  $\vartheta$  (see (**B5**) and (**B4**)), from the representation  $h_{\vartheta} = \Lambda_{\vartheta} \circ \Lambda_0^{-1} \circ h_0$  and uniform continuity of  $\Lambda_{\vartheta}$  uniformly in  $\vartheta$  (see (**B3**)), and  $a_n \to 0$ .

Now to prove  $\sup_{\vartheta \in \Theta} \|H_{n,\vartheta}^{(1)}\| = o_P(1)$ , let  $\epsilon > 0$  and for the moment fix  $s \in [0,1], \ \vartheta \in \Theta$ and  $y \in C$ . Choose  $\delta > 0$  corresponding to  $\epsilon$  as in assumption (**B5**). Let n be large enough such that  $|a_n| \leq \tau$  for  $\tau$  both from (**B5**) and (**B4**).

Partition [0, 1] into finitely many intervals  $[s_j, s_{j+1}]$  such that  $F_X(s_{j+1}) - F_X(s_j) < \epsilon$  for all j. For the fixed s, denote the interval containing s by  $[s_j, s_{j+1}] = [s^{\ell}, s^u]$ .

Now choose a finite sup-norm bracketing of length  $\gamma$  for the class  $\mathcal{L}_S = \{\Lambda_\vartheta|_S : \vartheta \in \Theta\}$ according to (10) with  $\gamma$  as in assumption (**B4**) corresponding to the above chosen  $\delta$ . For the fixed  $\vartheta$  this gives a bracket  $h^\ell \leq h_\vartheta \leq h^u$  of sup-norm length  $\gamma$ .

Choose a finite sup-norm bracketing of length  $\delta$  for the class  $\mathcal{L}_{\tilde{S}}^1 = \{\Lambda_0 \circ \Lambda_\vartheta^{-1} |_{\tilde{S}} : \vartheta \in \Theta\}$ according to (10). For the fixed  $\vartheta$  this gives a bracket  $V^\ell \leq \Lambda_0 \circ \Lambda_\vartheta^{-1} \leq V^u$ .

Then consider the bounded and increasing function

$$D_n(y) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n F_0(V^\ell(y + a_n + h^\ell(x_{i,n})) - h_0(x_{i,n}))$$

and choose a finite partition of the compact C in intervals  $[y_k, y_{k+1}]$  such that  $D_n(y_{k+1}) - D_n(y_k) < \epsilon$ . For the fixed y, denote the interval containing y by  $[y_k, y_{k+1}] = [y^{\ell}, y^{u}]$ . Note that the brackets depend on n. This is suppressed in the notation because it is not relevant for the remainder of the proof because the number of brackets is  $O(\epsilon^{-1})$ , uniformly in n.

Now we can nest as follows

$$I\{\Lambda_{0}(Y_{i,n}) \leq V^{\ell}(y^{\ell} + a_{n} + h^{\ell}(x_{i,n}))\}I\{x_{i,n} \leq s^{\ell}\}$$
  
$$\leq I\{\Lambda_{\vartheta}(Y_{i,n}) - h_{\vartheta}(x_{i,n}) \leq y + a_{n}\}I\{x_{i,n} \leq s\}$$
  
$$= I\{Y_{i,n} \leq \Lambda_{\vartheta}^{-1}(y + a_{n} + h_{\vartheta}(x_{i,n}))\}I\{x_{i,n} \leq s\}$$
  
$$\leq I\{\Lambda_{0}(Y_{i,n}) \leq V^{u}(y^{u} + a_{n} + h^{u}(x_{i,n}))\}I\{x_{i,n} \leq s^{u}\},$$

and have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \left( \mathbb{E} [I\{\Lambda_{0}(Y_{i,n}) \leq V^{u}(y^{u} + a_{n} + h^{u}(x_{i,n}))]I\{x_{i,n} \leq s^{u}\}] \\ &- \mathbb{E} [I\{\Lambda_{0}(Y_{i,n}) \leq V^{\ell}(y^{\ell} + a_{n} + h^{\ell}(x_{i,n}))]I\{x_{i,n} \leq s^{\ell}\}] \right) \\ &\leq \hat{F}_{X,n}(s^{u}) - \hat{F}_{X,n}(s^{\ell}) \\ &+ \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \left| F_{0}\left(V^{u}(y^{u} + a_{n} + h^{u}(x_{i,n})) - h_{0}(x_{i,n})\right) - F_{0}\left(V^{\ell}(y^{\ell} + a_{n} + h^{\ell}(x_{i,n})) - h_{0}(x_{i,n})\right) \right| \\ &\leq 2\epsilon + o(1) \\ &+ \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \left| F_{0}\left(V^{u}(y^{u} + a_{n} + h^{u}(x_{i,n})) - h_{0}(x_{i,n})\right) - F_{0}\left(V^{\ell}(y^{u} + a_{n} + h^{\ell}(x_{i,n})) - h_{0}(x_{i,n})\right) \right| \end{aligned}$$

by (C.3) and the definitions of  $[s^{\ell}, s^{u}]$  and  $[y^{\ell}, y^{u}]$ . Further, we can bound the last sum by

$$\frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^{n} \left| F_0\left( V^u(y^u + a_n + h^u(x_{i,n})) - h_0(x_{i,n}) \right) \right|$$

$$-F_{0}\left(\Lambda_{0}(\Lambda_{\vartheta}^{-1}(y^{u}+a_{n}+h^{u}(x_{i,n})))-h_{0}(x_{i,n})\right)\Big|$$
  
+
$$\frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^{n}\left|F_{0}\left(\Lambda_{0}(\Lambda_{\vartheta}^{-1}(y^{u}+a_{n}+h^{\ell}(x_{i,n})))-h_{0}(x_{i,n})\right)\right|$$
  
-
$$F_{0}\left(V^{\ell}(y^{u}+a_{n}+h^{\ell}(x_{i,n}))-h_{0}(x_{i,n})\right)\Big|$$
  
+
$$\frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^{n}\left|F_{0}\left(\Lambda_{0}(\Lambda_{\vartheta}^{-1}(y^{u}+a_{n}+h^{\ell}(x_{i,n})))-h_{0}(x_{i,n})\right)\right|$$
  
-
$$F_{0}\left(\Lambda_{0}(\Lambda_{\vartheta}^{-1}(y^{u}+a_{n}+h^{\ell}(x_{i,n})))-h_{0}(x_{i,n})\right)\Big|$$
  
\$\le\$ 3\$\epsilon\$

using the construction of brackets above (note that  $\|V^u - \Lambda_0 \circ \Lambda_\vartheta^{-1}\|_\infty \leq \delta$ ,  $\|\Lambda_0 \circ \Lambda_\vartheta^{-1} - V^\ell\|_\infty \leq \delta$ ,  $\|h^u - h^\ell\|_\infty \leq \gamma$  and recall assumptions (**B5**) and (**B4**)).

Thus  $\sup_{\substack{\vartheta \in \Theta}} \sup_{\substack{s \in [0,1]\\ y \in C}} |H_{n,\vartheta}^{(1)}(y,s)|$  can be bounded by  $O(\epsilon) + o(1)$  plus a finite maximum over the absolute value of terms

$$\frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^{n} \left( I\{\Lambda_0(Y_{i,n}) \le V^u(y^u + a_n + h^u(x_{i,n}))\} - \mathbb{E}[I\{\Lambda_0(Y_{i,n}) \le V^u(y^u + a_n + h^u(x_{i,n}))\}] \right)$$

and

$$\frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^{n} \Big( I\{\Lambda_0(Y_{i,n}) \le V^{\ell}(y^{\ell} + a_n + h^{\ell}(x_{i,n}))\} - \mathbb{E}[I\{\Lambda_0(Y_{i,n}) \le V^{\ell}(y^{\ell} + a_n + h^{\ell}(x_{i,n}))\}] \Big).$$

However, those converge to zero in probability by a simple application of Chebychev's inequality.

This completes the proof of  $\sup_{\vartheta \in \Theta} \|H_{n,\vartheta}^{(1)}\| = o_P(1)$  and thus of the lemma.  $\Box$ 

**Lemma 3.** Under the assumptions of Theorem 6 (ii),

$$\sup_{\vartheta \in \Theta} \|G(\vartheta, h_{\vartheta}) - G(\vartheta, \hat{h}_{\vartheta})\| = o_P(1).$$

**Proof.** The proof is analogous to the proof of Lemma 11.

**Lemma 4.** Under the assumptions of Theorem 6 (ii),

$$\sup_{\vartheta \in \Theta} \|\tilde{G}_n(\vartheta, \hat{h}_\vartheta) - G(\vartheta, \hat{h}_\vartheta)\| = o_P(1).$$

**Proof.** According to assumption (N1) it suffices to show

$$\sup_{\vartheta \in \Theta} \sup_{\substack{s \in [0,1]\\ y \in C}} |\tilde{G}_n(\vartheta, \hat{h}_\vartheta)(y, s) - G(\vartheta, \hat{h}_\vartheta)(y, s)| = o_P(1).$$

Recalling the definitions of  $\tilde{G}_n$  in (C.1) and G in (7) we only consider the first sum and first integral, respectively. It holds by the mean value theorem for integration

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} F_{0} \left( \Lambda_{0}(\Lambda_{\vartheta}^{-1}(y + \hat{h}_{\vartheta}(x_{i,n}))) - h_{0}(x_{i,n}) \right) I\{x_{i,n} \leq s\} \\ &- \int F_{0} \left( \Lambda_{0}(\Lambda_{\vartheta}^{-1}(y + \hat{h}_{\vartheta}(x))) - h_{0}(x) \right) I\{x \leq s\} f_{X}(x) \, dx \right| \\ &= \left| \sum_{i=1}^{n} \left( \frac{1}{n} F_{0} \left( \Lambda_{0}(\Lambda_{\vartheta}^{-1}(y + \hat{h}_{\vartheta}(x_{i,n}))) - h_{0}(x_{i,n}) \right) \right. \\ &- \int_{x_{i-1,n}}^{x_{i,n}} F_{0} \left( \Lambda_{0}(\Lambda_{\vartheta}^{-1}(y + \hat{h}_{\vartheta}(x))) - h_{0}(x) \right) f_{X}(x) \, dx \right) I\{x_{i,n} \leq s\} \\ &- \int_{\max\{x_{i,n} \mid x_{i,n} \leq s\}}^{s} F_{0} \left( \Lambda_{0}(\Lambda_{\vartheta}^{-1}(y + \hat{h}_{\vartheta}(x))) - h_{0}(x) \right) f_{X}(x) \, dx \right| \\ &\leq \sum_{i=1}^{n} \left| \frac{1}{n} F_{0} \left( \Lambda_{0}(\Lambda_{\vartheta}^{-1}(y + \hat{h}_{\vartheta}(x_{i,n}))) - h_{0}(x_{i,n}) \right) \\ &- F_{0} \left( \Lambda_{0}(\Lambda_{\vartheta}^{-1}(y + \hat{h}_{\vartheta}(\xi_{i,n}))) - h_{0}(\xi_{i,n}) \right) f_{X}(\xi_{i,n})(x_{i,n} - x_{i-1,n}) \right| \\ &+ O(\bar{\Delta}_{n}) \end{aligned}$$

for some  $\xi_{i,n} \in [x_{i-1,n}, x_{i,n}]$ . Now the assertion follows from assumption (A2"), uniform continuity of  $F_0$  and of  $\Lambda_0 \circ \Lambda_{\vartheta}^{-1}$  (uniformly in  $\vartheta$ ) and from

$$|\hat{h}_{\vartheta}(x_{i,n}) - \hat{h}_{\vartheta}(\xi_{i,n})| \leq ||\hat{h}_{\vartheta} - h_{\vartheta}||_{\infty} + |\Lambda_{\vartheta}(\Lambda_0^{-1}(h_0(x_{i,n})) - \Lambda_{\vartheta}(\Lambda_0^{-1}(h_0(\xi_{i,n})))|$$

in connection with Lemma 7 and assumptions (A3), (B3).

# D Identifiability of the model in the fixed design case

To prove identifiability in the case of deterministic covariates as in Remark 3 one starts similarly to the proof in section B of the appendix (main paper) with the cdf of  $\varepsilon_{i,n}(\vartheta_1) = \Lambda_{\vartheta_1}(Y_{i,n}) - h_{\vartheta_1}(x_{i,n})$  in y to obtain that  $H^{-1}(y + H(h_{\vartheta_0}(x_{i,n}))) - h_{\vartheta_0}(x_{i,n})$  does not depend on  $x_{i,n}$  for  $y \in (-\infty, 0]$ . Due to continuity of the functions and  $\overline{\Delta}_n \to 0$  one obtains that  $H^{-1}(y + H(h_{\vartheta_0}(x))) - h_{\vartheta_0}(x)$  does not depend on  $x \in [0, 1]$  for  $y \in (-\infty, 0]$ . The remainder of the proof is as in section B.

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# **E** Figures and Tables



Figure 5: Data corresponding to the model in Figure 1. The true curve is dotted, while the local constant estimator is given by the solid line and the smoothed estimator (with bandwidths  $b_n = n^{-1/3}$  and  $a_n = b_n/2$ ) by the dashed line.

n = 50	TKS	TCM	TKSCM	TCMKS
$\vartheta_0 = 0$	$0.192 \ 0.197 \ (0.102)$	<b>0.001</b> 0.009 ( <u>0.037</u> )	-0.038 -0.139 (0.118)	$0.225 \ 0.208 \ (0.118)$
$\vartheta_0 = 0.5$	$0.778 \ 0.691 \ (0.191)$	<b>0.378</b> 0.402 ( <u>0.092</u> )	$0.239\ 0.302\ (0.410)$	$0.858 \ 0.798 \ (0.274)$
$\vartheta_0 = 1$	$1.290 \ 1.340 \ (0.233)$	<b>0.728</b> 0.741 ( <u>0.232</u> )	$0.388 \ 0.264 \ (1.000)$	$1.370 \ 1.350 \ (0.308)$
$\vartheta_0 = 1.5$	<b>1.750</b> 1.790 ( $\underline{0.195}$ )	$1.160 \ 1.290 \ (0.368)$	$0.507 \ 0.292 \ (1.810)$	$1.790 \ 1.790 \ (0.222)$
$\vartheta_0 = 2$	$1.940 \ 2.060 \ (0.201)$	$1.590 \ 1.750 \ (0.478)$	$0.585 \ 0.424 \ (2.880)$	<b>1.970</b> 2.060 ( <u>0.141</u> )

n = 100	TKS	ТСМ	TKSCM	TCMKS
$\vartheta_0 = 0$	<b>0.017</b> 0.018 (0.037)	$0.080 \ 0.079 \ (\underline{0.014})$	$0.061 \ 0.073 \ (0.022)$	-0.020 -0.004 (0.020)
$\vartheta_0 = 0.5$	<b>0.496</b> 0.517 ( <u>0.028</u> )	$0.338 \ 0.346 \ (0.042)$	$0.516 \ 0.578 \ (0.080)$	$0.521 \ 0.548 \ (0.032)$
$\vartheta_0 = 1$	$0.973 \ 0.979 \ (\underline{0.044})$	$0.745 \ 0.745 \ (0.092)$	$0.906 \ 1.050 \ (0.225)$	<b>1.030</b> 1.020 (0.054)
$\vartheta_0 = 1.5$	$1.480 \ 1.460 \ (\underline{0.059})$	1.210 1.230 (0.123)	1.310 1.510 (0.412)	<b>1.510</b> 1.490 (0.060)
$\vartheta_0 = 2$	<b>1.960</b> 2.000 (0.059)	$1.690 \ 1.740 \ (0.144)$	$1.550 \ 1.860 \ (0.822)$	$1.920 \ 1.940 \ (\underline{0.058})$

Table 6: Mean, median and MISE for Model (12) for n = 50 and n = 100 with  $a_n = b_n/2$ .

n = 50	TKS	TCM	TKSCM	TCMKS
$\vartheta_0 = 0$	$0.156 \ 0.167 \ (0.076)$	-0.050 - 0.062 (0.031)	<b>0.022</b> 0.103 (0.095)	$0.191 \ 0.198 \ (0.0,86)$
$\vartheta_0 = 0.5$	$0.713 \ 0.646 \ (0.130)$	<b>0.324</b> 0.336 ( <u>0.088</u> )	$0.268 \ 0.407 \ (0.348)$	$0.781 \ 0.695 \ (0.197)$
$\vartheta_0 = 1$	1.260 1.310 ( <u>0.191</u> )	$0.655 \ 0.646 \ (0.242)$	$0.447 \ 0.511 \ (0.919)$	<b>1.330</b> 1.350 (0.258)
$\vartheta_0 = 1.5$	<b>1.720</b> 1.780 (0.188)	$1.100 \ 1.180 \ (0.365)$	$0.619 \ 0.559 \ (1.660)$	<b>1.720</b> 1.780 ( <u>0.177</u> )
$\vartheta_0 = 2$	<b>1.970</b> 2.060 (0.141)	$1.550 \ 1.660 \ (0.442)$	$0.726 \ 0.619 \ (2.630)$	$1.960 \ 2.060 \ (\underline{0.111})$

n = 100	TKS	TCM	TKSCM	TCMKS
$\vartheta_0=0$	<b>0.001</b> 0.050 (0.044)	0.129 0.128 (0.023)	$0.028 \ 0.037 \ (\underline{0.016})$	-0.014 - 0.042 (0.015)
$\vartheta_0 = 0.5$	$0.467 \ 0.474 \ (\underline{0.033})$	$0.282 \ 0.287 \ (0.063)$	<b>0.497</b> 0.533 (0.057)	$0.481 \ 0.486 \ (\underline{0.034})$
$\vartheta_0 = 1$	$0.934 \ 0.942 \ (\underline{0.043})$	$0.674 \ 0.649 \ (0.130)$	$0.878 \ 0.999 \ (0.190)$	<b>0.965</b> 0.960 (0.049)
$\vartheta_0 = 1.5$	$1.420 \ 1.390 \ (0.056)$	$1.120 \ 1.130 \ (0.185)$	$1.320 \ 1.500 \ (0.336)$	<b>1.440</b> 1.400 ( <u>0.053</u> )
$\vartheta_0 = 2$	<b>1.910</b> 1.920 ( <u>0.071</u> )	$1.590 \ 1.610 \ (0.228)$	$1.560 \ 1.850 \ (0.790)$	$1.850 \ 1.790 \ (0.079)$

Table 7: Mean, median and MISE for Model (12) for n = 50 and n = 100 with  $a_n = b_n/20$ .

n = 50	TKS	TCM	TKSCM	TCMKS
$\vartheta_0 = 0$	$0.141 \ 0.010 \ (0.309)$	<b>0.020</b> 0.012 ( <u>0.008</u> )	-0.056 -0.053 (0.016)	0.137 0.028 (0.260)
$\vartheta_0 = 0.5$	$0.519 \ 0.549 \ (0.039)$	<b>0.518</b> 0.506 ( <u>0.023</u> )	$0.521 \ 0.532 \ (0.040)$	$0.546 \ 0.574 \ (0.038)$
$\vartheta_0 = 1$	$1.010 \ 1.010 \ (0.085)$	<b>1.000</b> 0.996 ( $\underline{0.040}$ )	$0.996 \ 0.998 \ (0.071)$	$1.040 \ 1.030 \ (0.077)$
$\vartheta_0 = 1.5$	$1.530 \ 1.530 \ (0.125)$	<b>1.500</b> 1.490 ( <u>0.066</u> )	<b>1.500</b> 1.510 (0.113)	$1.550 \ 1.570 \ (0.110)$
$\vartheta_0 = 2$	$1.960 \ 2.060 \ (0.118)$	<b>2.010</b> 2.040 ( <u>0.069</u> )	$1.950 \ 2.000 \ (0.156)$	$1.970 \ 2.050 \ (0.093)$

n = 100	TKS	TCM	TKSCM	TCMKS
$\vartheta_0 = 0$	$0.019 \ 0.009 \ (0.022)$	<b>0.006</b> 0.000 ( <u>0.004</u> )	$0.043 \ 0.038 \ (0.007)$	-0.014 -0.007 (0.013)
$\vartheta_0 = 0.5$	$0.522 \ 0.524 \ (0.023)$	<b>0.505</b> 0.498 ( <u>0.013</u> )	$0.562 \ 0.555 \ (0.020)$	$0.528 \ 0.524 \ (0.022)$
$\vartheta_0 = 1$	1.030 1.030 (0.042)	<b>1.010</b> 1.000 ( <u>0.021</u> )	1.080 1.080 (0.038)	1.030 1.020 (0.042)
$\vartheta_0 = 1.5$	$1.550 \ 1.550 \ (0.061)$	<b>1.510</b> 1.510 ( <u>0.030</u> )	$1.600 \ 1.590 \ (0.055)$	$1.550 \ 1.550 \ (0.061)$
$\vartheta_0=2$	$2.040 \ 2.060 \ (0.066)$	<b>2.000</b> 2.000 ( <u>0.037</u> )	$2.070 \ 2.070 \ (0.061)$	$2.020 \ 2.050 \ (0.058)$

Table 8: Mean, median and MISE for Model (13) for n = 50 and n = 100 with  $a_n = b_n/2$ .

n = 50	TKS	TCM	TKSCM	TCMKS
$\vartheta_0 = 0$	$0.097 \ 0.031 \ (0.223)$	<b>0.005</b> 0.016 ( <u>0.008</u> )	-0.037 -0.030 (0.013)	-0.087 - 0.001 (0.174)
$\vartheta_0 = 0.5$	$0.487 \ 0.506 \ (0.039)$	$0.479 \ 0.462 \ (\underline{0.021})$	<b>0.506</b> 0.508 (0.036)	$0.514 \ 0.522 \ (0.035)$
$\vartheta_0 = 1$	$0.976 \ 0.978 \ (0.092)$	$0.965 \ 0.962 \ (\underline{0.044})$	<b>0.984</b> 0.997 (0.074)	$1.020 \ 1.020 \ (0.078)$
$\vartheta_0 = 1.5$	<b>1.499</b> 1.469 (0.120)	$1.440 \ 1.430 \ (\underline{0.063})$	$1.450 \ 1.470 \ (0.119)$	$1.530 \ 1.500 \ (0105)$
$\vartheta_0 = 2$	$1.920 \ 1.990 \ (0.105)$	<b>1.960</b> 1.960 ( <u>0.069</u> )	$1.940 \ 1.940 \ (0.127)$	$1.930 \ 1.970 \ (0.086)$

n = 100	TKS	TCM	TKSCM	TCMKS
$\vartheta_0 = 0$	$0.017 \ 0.004 \ (0.016)$	<b>0.004</b> 0.000 ( <u>0.004</u> )	$0.042 \ 0.039 \ (0.007)$	-0.010 -0.007 (0.007)
$\vartheta_0 = 0.5$	$0.530 \ 0.537 \ (0.021)$	<b>0.507</b> 0.497 ( <u>0.011</u> )	$0.563 \ 0.554 \ (0.019)$	$0.534 \ 0.539 \ (0.021)$
$\vartheta_0 = 1$	$1.020 \ 1.020 \ (0.042)$	<b>1.000</b> 1.000 ( <u>0.020</u> )	$1.080 \ 1.070 \ (0.035)$	$1.020 \ 1.010 \ (0.039)$
$\vartheta_0 = 1.5$	$1.550 \ 1.560 \ (0.064)$	<b>1.510</b> 1.510 ( <u>0.031</u> )	$1.600 \ 1.600 \ (0.054)$	$1.560 \ 1.550 \ (0.064)$
$\vartheta_0 = 2$	$2.050 \ 2.060 \ (0.069)$	<b>2.020</b> 2.040 ( <u>0.041</u> )	$2.090 \ 2.100 \ (0.064)$	$2.030 \ 2.060 \ (0.059)$

Table 9: Mean, median and MISE for Model (13) for n = 50 and n = 100 with  $a_n = b_n/20$ .



Figure 6: The setting is similar to Figure 5 with model from Figure 2 in the main paper.

Method	Pearson	Kendall	Spearman
Original data	-0.634	-0.456	-0.612
True parameter $\vartheta_0$	0.001	0.001	0.001
TKS	0.001	0.001	0.001
TCM	0.009	0.006	0.008
TKSCM	0.005	0.002	0.004
TCMKS	0.002	0.001	0.001

Table 10: Pearson's, Kendall's and Spearman's correlation coefficients (the average over 1000 iterations) between the covariates and the errors for the model (13) when n = 100. The first line corresponds to the correlations for the original data while the second line is for the true transformation parameter ( $\vartheta_0 = 0.5$ ). The last four lines correspond to the correlations for each estimator.