

# SUPPLEMENT TO “INTEGRATED-QUANTILE-BASED ESTIMATION FOR FIRST-PRICE AUCTION MODELS”

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ABSTRACT. This supplement provides the details of the proofs which were omitted from the main text. Section 1 provides auxiliary lemmas for the proof of Theorem 1. Section 2 provides auxiliary lemmas for the proof of Theorem 2. The proofs to corollaries are collected in Section 3.

We first re-introduce the assumptions made in the main text.

**Assumption 1.** *There are  $L \rightarrow \infty$  identical auctions, and for each auction, there are  $I$  symmetric and risk neutral bidders. Their private values are i.i.d. draws from a common distribution  $F(\cdot)$ .*

**Assumption 2.**  *$F(\cdot)$  is continuously differentiable over its compact support  $[\underline{v}, \bar{v}]$ . There exists  $\lambda > 0$  such that  $\inf_{v \in [\underline{v}, \bar{v}]} f(v) \geq \lambda > 0$ .*

**Assumption 3.** *The valuation density  $f$  is continuously differentiable.*

**Assumption 4.** *Let  $K'$  be the first order derivative of  $K$ . Then  $K$  satisfies (1)  $K$  has compact support and take value zero on the boundary, (2)  $\int K'(u)du = \int u^2 K'(u)du = 0$ , (3)  $\int u K'(u)du = -1$ , (4)  $\int u^3 K'(u)du \neq 0$ .*

## 1. AUXILIARY LEMMAS FOR THEOREM 1

**Lemma 1.** *Suppose that Assumptions 1 and 2 hold, then for any  $\alpha_0 \in (0, 1)$  and uniformly over  $t \in \mathcal{T}$ , where  $\mathcal{T}$  is a compact subset of  $\mathbb{R}$ ,*

$$n^{2/3} \left\{ \int_{\alpha_0}^{\alpha_0 + t/n^{1/3}} Q_{b,n}(\tau) d\tau - \int_{\alpha_0}^{\alpha_0 + t/n^{1/3}} Q_b(\tau) d\tau \right\} \xrightarrow{p} 0.$$

*Proof.* Assumption 2 implies that  $Q_b$  is twice continuously differentiable (see [Guerra, Perrigne, and Vuong, 2000](#), Proposition 1-(iv)). By the Bahadur representation for quantile functions (see, e.g. [Bahadur, 1966](#); [Kiefer, 1967](#)), we know that uniform in  $\tau \in [\delta, 1 - \delta]$ ,

$$Q_{b,n}(\tau) - Q_b(\tau) = \frac{\tau - \frac{1}{n} \sum_i \mathbf{1}[b_i \leq Q_b(\tau)]}{g(Q_b(\tau))} + O_{a.s.} \left( n^{-3/4} (\log n)^{1/2} (\log \log n)^{1/4} \right).$$

Since  $\alpha_0 \in (0, 1)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} n^{2/3} \int_{\alpha_0}^{\alpha_0 + t/n^{1/3}} (Q_{b,n}(\tau) - Q_b(\tau)) d\tau &= n^{2/3} \int_{\alpha_0}^{\alpha_0 + t/n^{1/3}} \left( \frac{\tau - \frac{1}{n} \sum_i \mathbf{1}[b_i \leq Q_b(\tau)]}{g(Q_b(\tau))} \right) d\tau + o_p(1) \\ &= n^{2/3} \int_{Q_b(\alpha_0)}^{Q_b(\alpha_0 + t/n^{1/3})} \left( F(u) - \frac{1}{n} \sum_i \mathbf{1}[b_i \leq u] \right) du + o_p(1) \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_i n^{1/6} \int_{Q_b(\alpha_0)}^{Q_b(\alpha_0 + t/n^{1/3})} (F(u) - \mathbf{1}[b_i \leq u]) du + o_p(1) \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_i \zeta_n(b_i, t) + o_p(1), \end{aligned}$$

where  $\zeta_n(b_i, t) = n^{1/6} \int_{Q_b(\alpha_0)}^{Q_b(\alpha_0 + t/n^{1/3})} (F(u) - \mathbf{1}[b_i \leq u]) du$ . It is sufficient to show that  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_i \zeta_n(b_i, t)$  converges uniformly to zero in probability.

Note that  $\mathbb{E}[\zeta_n(b_i, t)] = 0$  and the summand are i.i.d.. For each  $n$ , define a class of functions indexed by  $t$ :  $\Xi_n \equiv \{\zeta_n(\cdot, t) : t \in \mathcal{T}\}$ . Then we can have the following observations.

(i) Let  $t^* = \operatorname{argmax}_{t \in \mathcal{T}} |Q_b(\alpha_0 + t/n^{1/3}) - Q_b(\alpha_0)|$  and let  $\bar{\zeta}(b) \equiv n^{1/6} |Q_b(\alpha_0 + t^*/n^{1/3}) - Q_b(\alpha_0)| (F(u) - \mathbf{1}[b \leq u])$ . Then  $\bar{\zeta}(b)$  is an envelope function for  $\Xi_n$ . We also have  $\mathbb{E}[\bar{\zeta}^2(b)] = O(1)$  since  $|Q_b(\alpha_0 + t^*/n^{1/3}) - Q_b(\alpha_0)| = O(n^{-1/3})$ .

(ii) For any  $\epsilon > 0$ , we have  $\mathbb{E}[\bar{\zeta}^2(b) \mathbf{1}[\bar{\zeta}(b) > \epsilon \sqrt{n}]] = o(1)$ . This is because  $\bar{\zeta}(b) > \epsilon \sqrt{n}$  if and only if  $|Q_b(\alpha_0 + t^*/n^{1/3}) - Q_b(\alpha_0)| (F(u) - \mathbf{1}[b \leq u]) > \epsilon n^{1/3}$  and the latter is a probability event with probability approaches zero, whereas  $\mathbb{E}[\bar{\zeta}^2]$  is bounded.

(iii) For any  $\epsilon_n \downarrow 0$ , there is  $\sup_{(t,s) \in \mathcal{T}^2: |t-s| \leq \epsilon_n} \mathbb{E}\{\zeta_n(b, t) - \zeta_n(b, s)\}^2 = o(1)$ . To verify this claim, assume without loss of generality that  $t > 0$  and  $s < 0$ . Then  $\zeta_n(b, t) -$

$\xi_n(b, s) = n^{1/6} \int_{Q_b(\alpha_0+s/n^{1/3})}^{Q_b(\alpha_0+t/n^{1/3})} (F(u) - \mathbf{1}[b_i \leq u]) du$  and almost surely

$$\begin{aligned} \{\xi_n(b, t) - \xi_n(b, s)\}^2 &= n^{1/3} \left\{ \int_{Q_b(\alpha_0+s/n^{1/3})}^{Q_b(\alpha_0+t/n^{1/3})} (F(u) - \mathbf{1}[b_i \leq u]) du \right\}^2 \\ &\leq n^{1/3} \left\{ \int_{Q_b(\alpha_0+s/n^{1/3})}^{Q_b(\alpha_0+t/n^{1/3})} |F(u) - \mathbf{1}[b_i \leq u]| du \right\}^2 \\ &\leq 4n^{1/3} \left\{ Q_b(\alpha_0 + t/n^{1/3}) - Q_b(\alpha_0 + s/n^{1/3}) \right\}^2 = n^{-1/3} O(|t - s|), \end{aligned}$$

where the second inequity holds because  $|F(u) - \mathbf{1}[b_i \leq u]| \leq \sup_u F(u) + 1 \leq 2$ . The claim is therefore verified.

(iv) Let  $\mathcal{N}(\epsilon, \Xi_n, \mathbb{L}^2(\mathcal{P}))$  be the  $\mathbb{L}^2$ -covering number for  $\Xi_n$  with respect to probability measure  $\mathcal{P}$ , then for every  $\epsilon_n \downarrow 0$ , we have  $\sup_{\mathcal{P}^*} \int_0^{\epsilon_n} \sqrt{\log \mathcal{N}(\epsilon \|\bar{\xi}(b)\|_{\mathcal{P}^*, 2}, \Xi_n, \mathbb{L}^2(\mathcal{P}^*))} d\epsilon = o(1)$ . This claim holds by observing that  $\xi_{b,t}$  is continuously differentiable with respect to  $t$  and hence  $\Xi_n$  belongs to the parametric class (see [Van der Vaart, 2000](#), Example 19.7), which implies the convergences of the integral.

(v) We derive the limit of the covariance function. Take  $t, s \in \mathcal{T}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[\xi_n(b_i, t)\xi_n(b_i, s)] &= \mathbb{E} \left[ n^{1/3} \int_{Q_b(\alpha_0)}^{Q_b(\alpha_0+t/n^{1/3})} \mathbf{1}[b_i \leq u] du \int_{Q_b(\alpha_0)}^{Q_b(\alpha_0+s/n^{1/3})} \mathbf{1}[b_i \leq u] du \right] + o(1) \\ &= n^{1/3} \int_{Q_b(\alpha_0)}^{Q_b(\alpha_0+t/n^{1/3})} \int_{Q_b(\alpha_0)}^{Q_b(\alpha_0+s/n^{1/3})} \mathbb{E} \{ \mathbf{1}[\min\{u, v\} \geq b_i] \} dudv + o(1) \\ &= n^{1/3} \int_{Q_b(\alpha_0)}^{Q_b(\alpha_0+t/n^{1/3})} \int_{Q_b(\alpha_0)}^{Q_b(\alpha_0+s/n^{1/3})} G(\min\{u, v\}) dudv \rightarrow 0, \end{aligned}$$

where  $G$  is the c.d.f. of the bid distribution. Therefore,  $H(t, s) \equiv \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{E}[\xi_n(b_i, t)\xi_n(b_i, s)] = 0$  for any  $t, s \in \mathcal{T}$ .

Based on (i)-(v) and [Van Der Vaart and Wellner \(1996, Theorem 2.11.22\)](#),  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_i \xi_n(b_i, t)$  converges weakly to a zero mean Gaussian process  $\mathbf{G}$  with sample path define on  $\mathcal{T}$  and with covariance function  $H(t, s)$ . By the property of Gaussian process,  $H(t, s) = 0$  implies that the limit process  $\mathbf{G}(t) = 0$  for all  $t$  almost surely. Because the mapping

$\sup_{t \in \mathcal{T}} f(\cdot) : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  (from the set of continuous functions defined on compact set to  $\mathbb{R}$ ) is continuous with respect to the sup-norm, we can further apply the continuous mapping theorem and have

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_i \tilde{\xi}_n(b_i, \cdot) \xrightarrow{w} \mathbf{G} \Rightarrow \sup_{t \in \mathcal{T}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_i \tilde{\xi}_n(b_i, t) \xrightarrow{d} \sup_{t \in \mathcal{T}} \mathbf{G}(t) = 0 \Rightarrow \sup_{t \in \mathcal{T}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_i \tilde{\xi}_n(b_i, t) \xrightarrow{p} 0.$$

The conclusion of the Lemma holds.

**Lemma 2.** *Suppose that Assumptions 1 and 2 hold, then*

$$n^{2/3} \alpha_0 \left\{ Q_{b,n}(\alpha_0 + tn^{-1/3}) - Q_{b,n}(\alpha_0) - Q_b(\alpha_0 + tn^{-1/3}) + Q_b(\alpha_0) \right\} \xrightarrow{w} \frac{\alpha_0}{g(Q_b(\alpha_0))} \mathbb{B}(t),$$

where  $\mathbb{B}$  is a two-sided Brownian motion.

*Proof.* By [Van Der Vaart and Wellner \(1996, Theorem 1.6.1\)](#), it is sufficient to show the result holds for a sequence of compact sets  $\mathcal{T}_1 \subseteq \mathcal{T}_2 \subseteq \dots \subseteq \mathcal{T}_k \subseteq \dots$  such that  $0 \in \mathcal{T}_1$  and  $\cup_{k=1}^{\infty} \mathcal{T}_k = \mathbb{R}$ . Denote  $\mathcal{T}_k^+ = \mathcal{T}_k \cap \mathbb{R}^+$  and  $\mathcal{T}_k^- = \mathcal{T}_k \cap \mathbb{R}^-$ . Given Assumption 2, we can apply Bahadur representation again (see Lemma 1) and know that uniform in  $\tau$ ,

$$Q_{b,n}(\tau) - Q_b(\tau) = \frac{\tau - \frac{1}{n} \sum_i \mathbf{1}[b_i \leq Q_b(\tau)]}{g(Q_b(\tau))} + O_{a.s.}(n^{-3/4}(\log n)^{1/2}(\log \log n)^{1/4}).$$

We consider  $t \geq 0$  first. Let  $r_{1n} = O_{a.s.}(n^{-1/12}(\log n)^{1/2}(\log \log n)^{1/4})$ , we have uniformly in  $t \in \mathcal{T}_k^+$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} & n^{2/3} \left\{ Q_{b,n}(\alpha_0 + tn^{-1/3}) - Q_{b,n}(\alpha_0) - Q_b(\alpha_0 + tn^{-1/3}) + Q_b(\alpha_0) \right\} \\ &= \frac{n^{1/6}}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_i \left( \frac{\alpha_0 + tn^{-1/3} - \mathbf{1}[b_i \leq Q_b(\alpha_0 + tn^{-1/3})]}{g(Q_b(\alpha_0 + tn^{-1/3}))} - \frac{\alpha_0 - \mathbf{1}[b_i \leq Q_b(\alpha_0)]}{g(Q_b(\alpha_0))} \right) + r_{1n} \\ &= \frac{n^{1/6}}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_i \left( \frac{tn^{-1/3} - \mathbf{1}[Q_b(\alpha_0) < b_i \leq Q_b(\alpha_0 + tn^{-1/3})]}{g(Q_b(\alpha_0))} \right) + r_{1n} + r_{2n}, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} r_{2n} &= \frac{n^{1/6}}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_i \left( \frac{\alpha_0 + tn^{-1/3} - \mathbf{1}[b_i \leq Q_b(\alpha_0 + tn^{-1/3})]}{g(Q_b(\alpha_0 + tn^{-1/3}))} - \frac{\alpha_0 + tn^{-1/3} - \mathbf{1}[b_i \leq Q_b(\alpha_0 + tn^{-1/3})]}{g(Q_b(\alpha_0))} \right) \\ &= n^{1/6} \left( \frac{1}{g(Q_b(\alpha_0 + tn^{-1/3}))} - \frac{1}{g(Q_b(\alpha_0))} \right) \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_i \xi_i = n^{1/6} O(n^{-1/3}) O_p(1) = o_p(1), \end{aligned}$$

where  $\xi_i = \alpha_0 + tn^{-1/3} - \mathbf{1}[b_i \leq Q_b(\alpha_0 + tn^{-1/3})]$ . For the leading term, it is can be shown by standard method (e.g. [Kim and Pollard, 1990](#)) that

$$\frac{n^{1/6}}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_i \left( \frac{tn^{-1/3} - \mathbf{1}[Q_b(\alpha_0) < b_i \leq Q_b(\alpha_0 + tn^{-1/3})]}{g(Q_b(\alpha_0))} \right) \xrightarrow{w} \frac{1}{g(Q_b(\alpha_0))} \mathbb{B}(t),$$

where  $\mathbb{B}$  is a Brownian motion over a sequence of compact sets  $\mathcal{T}_1^+ \subseteq \mathcal{T}_2^+ \subseteq \dots \subseteq \mathcal{T}_k^+ \subseteq \dots$ .

When  $t < 0$ , we have uniformly in  $t \in \mathcal{T}_k^-$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} & n^{2/3} \left\{ Q_{b,n}(\alpha_0 + tn^{-1/3}) - Q_{b,n}(\alpha_0) - Q_b(\alpha_0 + tn^{-1/3}) + Q_b(\alpha_0) \right\} \\ &= \frac{n^{1/6}}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_i \left( \frac{\alpha_0 + tn^{-1/3} - \mathbf{1}[b_i \leq Q_b(\alpha_0 + tn^{-1/3})]}{g(Q_b(\alpha_0 + tn^{-1/3}))} - \frac{\alpha_0 - \mathbf{1}[b_i \leq Q_b(\alpha_0)]}{g(Q_b(\alpha_0))} \right) + \tilde{r}_{1n} \\ &= \frac{n^{1/6}}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_i \left( \frac{tn^{-1/3} + \mathbf{1}[Q_b(\alpha_0 + tn^{-1/3}) < b_i \leq Q_b(\alpha_0)]}{g(Q_b(\alpha_0))} \right) + \tilde{r}_{1n} + \tilde{r}_{2n}, \end{aligned}$$

where the two asymptotically negligible terms  $\tilde{r}_{1n}$  and  $\tilde{r}_{2n}$  are analogously defined as  $r_{1n}$  and  $r_{2n}$  in the proof of the case  $t \geq 0$ , respectively. The convergence result holds analogously over a sequence of compact sets  $\mathcal{T}_1^- \subseteq \mathcal{T}_2^- \subseteq \dots \subseteq \mathcal{T}_k^- \subseteq \dots$ .

The conclusion follows by combining the results for both  $t \geq 0$  and  $t < 0$ .

**Lemma 3.** *Suppose that Assumptions 1 and 2 hold, then*

$$n^{\frac{2}{3}} \left[ V_n(\alpha_0 + tn^{-\frac{1}{3}}) - V_n(\alpha_0) \right] - n^{\frac{2}{3}} \left[ V(\alpha_0 + tn^{-\frac{1}{3}}) - V(\alpha_0) \right] \xrightarrow{w} \frac{\alpha_0}{(I-1)g(Q_b(\alpha_0))} \mathbb{B}(t)$$

where  $\mathbb{B}$  is a two-sided Brownian motion.

*Proof.* Recall that for any  $\tau \in (0, 1)$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} V_n(\tau) &= \frac{1}{n} \frac{I-2}{I-1} \sum_i b_i \mathbf{1}[b_i \leq Q_{b,n}(\tau)] + \frac{1}{I-1} \tau Q_{b,n}(\tau) + O_p(1/n) \\ &\equiv \frac{I-2}{I-1} V_{1n}(\tau) + \frac{1}{I-1} V_{2n}(\tau) + O_p(1/n). \end{aligned}$$

Likewise,

$$V(\tau) = \frac{I-2}{I-1} \int_0^\tau Q_v(t) dt + \frac{1}{I-1} \tau Q_b(\tau) \equiv \frac{I-2}{I-1} V_1(\tau) + \frac{1}{I-1} V_2(\tau).$$

The part associates with  $V_{1n}$ , that is,  $n^{\frac{2}{3}} [V_{1n}(\alpha_0 + tn^{-\frac{1}{3}}) - V_{1n}(\alpha_0)] - n^{\frac{2}{3}} [V_1(\alpha_0 + tn^{-\frac{1}{3}}) - V_1(\alpha_0)]$  converges in probability to zero by Lemma 1. For the part associated with  $V_{2n}$ , note that

$$\begin{aligned} &n^{\frac{2}{3}}(I-1) [V_{2n}(\alpha_0 + tn^{-\frac{1}{3}}) - V_{2n}(\alpha_0)] - n^{\frac{2}{3}} [V_2(\alpha_0 + tn^{-\frac{1}{3}}) - V_2(\alpha_0)] \\ &= n^{2/3} Q_{b,n}(\alpha_0 + tn^{-1/3})(\alpha_0 + tn^{-1/3}) - n^{2/3} Q_{b,n}(\alpha_0)\alpha_0 - n^{2/3} Q_b(\alpha_0 \\ &\quad + tn^{-1/3})(\alpha_0 + tn^{-1/3}) + n^{2/3} Q_b(\alpha_0)\alpha_0 \\ &= n^{2/3} \alpha_0 \left\{ Q_{b,n}(\alpha_0 + tn^{-1/3}) - Q_{b,n}(\alpha_0) - Q_b(\alpha_0 + tn^{-1/3}) + Q_b(\alpha_0) \right\} \\ &\quad + n^{1/3} t \left\{ Q_{b,n}(\alpha_0 + tn^{-1/3}) - Q_b(\alpha_0 + tn^{-1/3}) \right\} \end{aligned}$$

The second right hand side term, for  $|t| < K$ , is uniformly bounded by order  $n^{1/3} \times n^{-1/2} \times O_p(1) \xrightarrow{p} 0$ . The first right hand side term is dealt with by Lemma 2.

## 2. AUXILIARY LEMMAS FOR THEOREM 2

Lemmas 4 to 8 shows that the sup distance between  $V_n$  and  $\widehat{V}$  is small, which we adapted from Pal and Woodroffe (2006). Lemma 9 is an intermediate step for establishing the limiting distribution of the smoothed quantile estimator.

We introduce some notation. Let  $k_n$  be a sequence of integers such that  $k_n \rightarrow \infty$  and  $n/k_n \rightarrow \infty$ . Without loss of generality we assume  $k_n$  divides  $n$  and let  $\ell_n = n/k_n$ . We therefore can divide  $[0, n]$  into  $k_n$  equal size intervals with each interval contains  $\ell_n$

consecutive integers. Let  $\{s_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, k_n\}$  be the set of upper boundary of those intervals such that  $s_i = i\ell_n$ .

For  $(i-1)\ell_n \leq s < i\ell_n, i = 1, 2, \dots, k_n$ , define

$$L(s) = \frac{s - (i-1)\ell_n}{\ell_n} V\left(\frac{i}{n}\right) + \frac{i\ell_n - s}{\ell_n} V\left(\frac{i-1}{n}\right),$$

and

$$L_n(s) = \frac{s - (i-1)\ell_n}{\ell_n} V_n\left(\frac{i}{n}\right) + \frac{i\ell_n - s}{\ell_n} V_n\left(\frac{i-1}{n}\right),$$

That is,  $L$  and  $L_n$  are the linear interpolation of  $V$  and  $V_n$  on  $k_n$  knots  $\{s_1/n, s_2/n, \dots, s_{k_n}/n\}$ , respectively. Note that since  $V$  is convex,  $L$  is necessarily convex. However  $L_n$  may not be convex since  $V_n$  is not necessarily convex. Let  $A_n$  be the event such that  $L_n$  is convex. Since  $L_n$  is convex if and only if each segment is convex, the complement of  $A_n$  can be written as

$$\begin{aligned} A_n^c &= \bigcup_{i=2}^{k_n-1} \left\{ V_n\left(\frac{(i-1)\ell_n}{n}\right) + V_n\left(\frac{(i+1)\ell_n}{n}\right) < 2V_n\left(\frac{i\ell_n}{n}\right) \right\} \\ &= \bigcup_{i=2}^{k_n} \left\{ V\left(\frac{(i-1)\ell_n}{n}\right) + V\left(\frac{(i+1)\ell_n}{n}\right) - 2V\left(\frac{i\ell_n}{n}\right) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \Delta_n\left(\frac{(i-1)\ell_n}{n}\right) + \Delta_n\left(\frac{(i+1)\ell_n}{n}\right) - 2\Delta_n\left(\frac{i\ell_n}{n}\right) < 0 \right\}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\Delta_n \equiv V_n - V$ . [Pal and Woodroffe \(2006, Proposition 2\)](#) shows that  $A_n^c$  has probability approaching zero, thus it is sufficient to consider derive the bounds of the distance conditional on  $A_n$  (see also [Kiefer and Wolfowitz, 1976, Lemma 4](#)).

**Lemma 4.** *Suppose that Assumption 3 is satisfied, then there exists a positive  $c_1$  such that*

$$\min_{i=2, \dots, k_n-1} \left| V\left(\frac{(i-1)\ell_n}{n}\right) + V\left(\frac{(i+1)\ell_n}{n}\right) - 2V\left(\frac{i\ell_n}{n}\right) \right| \geq \frac{c_1}{k_n^2}.$$

*Proof.* By Assumption 3, there exists  $c_1 > 0$  such that  $Q'_v(\alpha) \geq c_1 > 0$  for all  $\alpha \in [0, 1]$ .

Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} & V\left(\frac{(i-1)\ell_n}{n}\right) + V\left(\frac{(i+1)\ell_n}{n}\right) - 2V\left(\frac{i\ell_n}{n}\right) \\ &= \int_{\frac{i\ell_n}{n}}^{\frac{(i+1)\ell_n}{n}} Q_v(\alpha) d\alpha - \int_{\frac{(i-1)\ell_n}{n}}^{\frac{i\ell_n}{n}} Q_v(\alpha) d\alpha \geq \int_{\frac{i\ell_n}{n}}^{\frac{(i+1)\ell_n}{n}} \left[ Q_v(\alpha) - Q_v\left(\frac{i\ell_n}{n}\right) \right] d\alpha \\ &= \frac{\ell_n}{n} \left[ Q_v(\alpha_n^*) - Q_v\left(\frac{i\ell_n}{n}\right) \right] \geq c_1 \frac{\ell_n^2}{n^2} = \frac{c_1}{k_n^2}. \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

**Lemma 5.** Let  $\|\cdot\|$  denote the sup norm. Conditional on  $A_n$ , there is

$$\|V_n - \widehat{V}\| \leq 2\|(V_n - L_n) - (V - L)\| + 2\|V - L\|.$$

*Proof.* By Marshall's Lemma (see [Kiefer and Wolfowitz, 1976](#), Lemma 3), for any convex function  $m$ ,  $\|\widehat{V} - m\| \leq \|V_n - m\|$ . Therefore,

$$\|V_n - \widehat{V}\| \leq \|V_n - L_n\| + \|L_n - \widehat{V}\| \leq 2\|V_n - L_n\| \leq 2\|(V_n - L_n) - (V - L)\| + 2\|V - L\|,$$

where the first and third inequalities holds by triangular inequality, the second one holds by Marshall's Lemma.  $\square$

**Lemma 6.** Suppose that Assumption 3 is satisfied, then there exists  $c_3 > 0$  such that for all  $s \in [0, n]$ ,

$$0 \leq L(s) - V(s) \leq \frac{c_3}{k_n^2}.$$

*Proof.*  $L(s) > V(s)$  follows immediately by the convexity of  $V$ . The other inequality holds follows from a similar argument as in Lemma 4 and the fact that  $Q'_v(\alpha)$  is bounded from above uniformly.

**Lemma 7.** Suppose that Assumptions 1 and 3 is satisfied, then

$$\|V_n - L_n - V + L\| = O_p\left(\sqrt{\frac{\log k_n}{nk_n}}\right) + O_p\left(\frac{\log n}{n}\right).$$



*Proof.* Define function  $V_P$  such that  $V_P(j/n) = V(j/n)$  for each  $j/n$  and otherwise equals to its own interpolation. It is obvious that  $\|V_P - V\| = O(1/n)$ . It is then sufficient to focus on  $V_n - L_n - V_P + L$ . Note that all four functions are piece-wise linear, and so does there linear combinations. Therefore, the sup must be achieved at some knot(s). Based on this observations, we can write

$$\begin{aligned} & \|V_n - L_n - V_P + L\| \\ &= \max_{i=1, \dots, K_n} \max_{(i-1)\ell_n \leq j \leq i\ell_n} \left| \Delta_n(j/n) - \frac{j - (i-1)\ell_n}{\ell_n} \Delta_n(i/n) - \frac{i\ell_n - j}{\ell_n} \Delta_n((i-1)/n) \right|, \end{aligned}$$

where for  $t \in [0, 1]$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta_n(t) &= V_n(t) - V_P(t) = V_n(t) - V(t) + O(1/n) \\ &= \frac{I-2}{I-1} \underbrace{\left\{ \sum_{i=1}^{\lfloor tn \rfloor} \frac{b(i)}{n} - \int_0^t Q_b(\alpha) d\alpha \right\}}_{\Delta_A(t)} + \frac{1}{I-1} \underbrace{\left\{ \frac{\lfloor tn \rfloor}{n} b(j) - t Q_b(t) \right\}}_{\Delta_B(t)} + O(1/n) \end{aligned}$$

where  $\lfloor x \rfloor$  denotes the integer part of  $x$ . Note that  $\Delta_A$  is an integrated quantile process. By [Tse \(2009, Theorem 2.1\)](#), there exists a Gaussian process  $\mathbb{G}_n$  and Brownian bridge  $\mathbb{B}_n^A$  defined on proper measurable space such that for any  $\tau < 1/6$ ,

$$\|\sqrt{n}\Delta_A - \psi_n\| \stackrel{a.s.}{=} O(n^{-\tau}),$$

where  $\psi_n(t) = \mathbb{G}_n(t) + \int_0^t \mathbb{B}_n^A(u) dQ_b(u)$ . On the other hand, by [Csorgo and Revesz \(1978, Theorem 6\)](#), there exists a sequence of Brownian bridge  $B_n$  such that  $\sup_{\delta_n \leq t \leq 1-\delta_n} |g(Q_b(t))\sqrt{n}\Delta_B(t) -$

$B_n(t) \stackrel{a.s.}{=} O_p(n^{-1/2} \log n)$ . We can then conclude

$$\begin{aligned}
& \|V_n - L_n - V_P + L\| \\
& \leq \max_{i=1, \dots, K_n} \max_{(i-1)\ell_n \leq j \leq i\ell_n} \left| \Delta_A(j/n) - \frac{j - (i-1)\ell_n}{\ell_n} \Delta_A(i/n) - \frac{i\ell_n - j}{\ell_n} \Delta_A((i-1)/n) \right| \\
& + \max_{i=1, \dots, K_n} \max_{(i-1)\ell_n \leq j \leq i\ell_n} \left| \Delta_B(j/n) - \frac{j - (i-1)\ell_n}{\ell_n} \Delta_B(i/n) - \frac{i\ell_n - j}{\ell_n} \Delta_B((i-1)/n) \right| + O_p(1/n) \\
& \stackrel{d}{=} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \max_{i=1, \dots, K_n} \max_{(i-1)\ell_n \leq j \leq i\ell_n} \left| \psi_n(j/n) - \frac{j - (i-1)\ell_n}{\ell_n} \psi_n(i/n) - \frac{i\ell_n - j}{\ell_n} \psi_n((i-1)/n) \right| + O_p(n^{-\tau-1/2}) \\
& + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \max_{i=1, \dots, K_n} \max_{(i-1)\ell_n \leq j \leq i\ell_n} \left| B_n(j/n) - \frac{j - (i-1)\ell_n}{\ell_n} B_n(i/n) - \frac{i\ell_n - j}{\ell_n} B_n((i-1)/n) \right| + O_p(\log n/n) \\
& \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sup_{0 \leq t-s \leq \frac{1}{k_n}} |\psi_n(t) - \psi_n(s)| + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sup_{0 \leq t-s \leq \frac{1}{k_n}} |B_n(t) - B_n(s)| + O_p(\log n/n) + O_p(n^{-\tau-1/2}) \\
& \leq \frac{\sqrt{2 \log \log n}}{\sqrt{n}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{k_n}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \frac{\sqrt{\log \log K_n}}{\sqrt{k_n}} + O_p(\log n/n) + O_p(n^{-\tau-1/2})
\end{aligned}$$

where the last two inequalities result from the continuity module of Gaussian processes and the fact that  $g(b) \geq \underline{b} > 0$  for all  $b$  (GPV Proposition 1). Recall that  $k_n \propto \frac{n}{\log n}$ , we can conclude that the right hand side is of order  $O_p((n/\log n)^{-2/3})$ .

**Lemma 8.** *Suppose Assumptions 3 and 4 are satisfied, the  $\|\widehat{V} - V_n\| = O_p((n/\log n)^{-2/3})$ .*

*Proof.* The conclusion holds by Lemmas 5 to 7.  $\square$

**Lemma 9.** *Let  $z_{(i)} = n(b_{(i)} - b_{(i-1)})$  and  $w_i = ((i-1)/n - \alpha) \int_{\frac{i-1}{n}}^{\frac{i}{n}} K_h(u - \alpha) du$ . Suppose Assumption 3 is satisfied, then  $\sum_i z_{(i)} w_i = o_p(1/\sqrt{nh})$ .*

*Proof.* Since  $b_i$  has bounded support, it is without loss of generality to prove the case when  $b_i$  follows the uniform distribution. Pyke (1965, Section 2.1) shows that  $z_{(i)}$  are identically distributed across  $i$ . Furthermore,  $\mathbb{E}[z_{(i)}] = n(n+1)^{-1}$ ,  $V(z_{(i)}) = n^3(n+1)^{-2}(n+2)^{-1}$  and  $\text{Cov}(z_{(i)}z_{(j)}) = -n^2(n+1)^{-2}(n+2)^{-1}$ . Let  $\rho_{ij}$  be the correlation coefficient, so  $\rho_{ij} = 1$  if  $i = j$ , and  $\rho_{ij} = -1/n$  otherwise.

Note first that  $\mathbb{E}[\sum_i z_{(i)} w_i] = n(n+1)^{-1} \sum_i w_i = (1/h) \left( \int_0^1 (u - \alpha) K(u - \alpha/h) du + O(1/n) \right) = O(1/nh) = o_p(1/\sqrt{nh})$  since  $\int u K(u) = 0$  by assumption. Next consider

$$V(\sum_i z_{(i)} w_i) = \sum_i w_i^2 V(z_{(i)}) + 2 \sum_{i \neq j} w_i w_j \text{Cov}(z_{(i)}, z_{(j)}) = V(z_{(i)}) \left( \sum_i w_i^2 + 2 \sum_{i \neq j} w_i w_j \rho_{ij} \right).$$

Consider  $w_i$ , there exists a  $u_i^* \in ((i-1)/n, i/n)$  such that

$$w_i = \left( \frac{i-1}{n} - \alpha \right) \int_{\frac{i-1}{n}}^{\frac{i}{n}} K_h(u - \alpha) du = \frac{1}{nh} \left( \frac{i-1}{n} - \alpha \right) K \left( \frac{u_i^* - \alpha}{h} \right),$$

Since the kernel function has bounded support, that is,  $K(u) = 0$  if  $|u| > \bar{K}$ . Then  $w_i \neq 0$  only if  $|u_i^* - \alpha| \leq \bar{K}h$ . Therefore the quantity  $i - 1/n$  for nonzero  $w_i$  is around  $h$  neighborhood of  $\alpha$ , which implies that each of the nonzero  $|w_i|$  is of order  $\frac{1}{nh} \times h = \frac{1}{n}$ . Let  $i_\alpha$  be the nearest integer to  $n\alpha$ , then we know  $w_i \neq 0$  only if  $|i - i_\alpha| \leq Cnh$  for some constant  $C$ , which implies that in the expression of  $V(\sum_i z_{(i)} w_i)$ , there are of order  $nh$  nonzero summands. Since each  $w_i$  is of order  $1/n$ ,  $\rho_{ij} = -1/n$  when  $i \neq j$ ,  $V(z_{(i)}) = O(1)$ , the order of  $V(\sum_i z_{(i)} w_i)$  is  $O(nh \times (1/n)^2 + (nh)^2 \times (1/n)^3) = O(h/n)$ , which is of smaller order than  $1/nh$ .

The above argument shows that  $\mathbb{E}[\sum_i z_{(i)} w_i] = o_p(1/\sqrt{nh})$  and  $V(\sum_i z_{(i)} w_i) = o_p(1/nh)$ , therefore we can conclude that  $\sum_i z_{(i)} w_i = o_p(1/\sqrt{nh})$ .

### 3. PROOFS TO COROLLARIES

**3.1. Proof of Corollary 1.** Consider a  $J \times 1$  vector of mutually different quantile levels  $(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_J)$ , following the arguments in the proof of Theorem 1, the following events are equivalent:

$$\bigcap_{j=1,2,\dots,J} \{n^{\frac{1}{3}}(\widehat{Q}_v(\alpha_j) - Q_v(\alpha_j)) \leq z_j\} \Leftrightarrow \bigcap_{j=1,2,\dots,J} \left\{ \underset{t \in [-\alpha_j n^{\frac{1}{3}}, (1-\alpha_j) n^{\frac{1}{3}}]}{\text{argmin}} \{W_{jn}(t) - z_j t\} \geq 0 \right\},$$

where for  $j = 1, 2, \dots, J$

$$W_{jn}(t) = n^{\frac{2}{3}} \left[ V_n(\alpha_j + tn^{-\frac{1}{3}}) - V_n(\alpha_j) \right] - n^{\frac{2}{3}} \left[ V(\alpha_j + tn^{-\frac{1}{3}}) - V(\alpha_j) \right] \\ + n^{\frac{2}{3}} \left[ V(\alpha_j + tn^{-\frac{1}{3}}) - V(\alpha_j) - Q_v(\alpha_j)tn^{-\frac{1}{3}} \right].$$

Following the same arguments, we have the convergence of each single component:

$$W_{jn}(t) \xrightarrow{w} \frac{\alpha_j}{(I-1)g(Q_b(\alpha_j))} \mathbb{B}_j(t) + \frac{1}{2} Q'_v(\alpha_j) t^2.$$

where  $\mathbb{B}_j$  is a two sided Brownian motion. Since  $\mathbb{B}_j$  is Gaussian, it remains to find their covariance. Following the arguments in Lemmas 1 to 3 and ignoring the small order terms, we know that for each given  $t$ , the joint limiting distribution of  $W_{jn}$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, J$ , is determined by the joint limiting distribution of

$$n^{2/3} \left\{ Q_{b,n}(\alpha_j + tn^{-1/3}) - Q_{b,n}(\alpha_j) - Q_b(\alpha_j + tn^{-1/3}) + Q_b(\alpha_j) \right\}, \quad j = 1, \dots, J,$$

or alternatively, the joint limiting distribution of (for  $t > 0$ , the case of  $t < 0$  is similar)

$$\frac{n^{1/6}}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_i \left( \frac{tn^{-1/3} - \mathbf{1}[Q_b(\alpha_j) < b_i \leq Q_b(\alpha_j + tn^{-1/3})]}{g(Q_b(\alpha_j))} \right), \quad j = 1, \dots, J,$$

To calculate the limit of covariance of above expression at different quantile levels, it is sufficient to focus on same observation index  $i$  since bids are i.i.d.. Since all the  $\alpha_j$  are mutually different, then we have for  $j \neq j'$ , there is  $Q_b(\alpha_j) \neq Q_b(\alpha_{j'})$  by the strict monotonicity of  $Q_b$ . Therefore,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n^{1/3} \mathbb{E} \left[ \left( tn^{-1/3} - \mathbf{1}[Q_b(\alpha_j) < b_i \leq Q_b(\alpha_j + tn^{-1/3})] \right) \right. \\ \left. \times \left( tn^{-1/3} - \mathbf{1}[Q_b(\alpha_{j'}) < b_i \leq Q_b(\alpha_{j'} + tn^{-1/3})] \right) \right] \\ = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{E} \left[ -t^2 n^{-1/3} + n^{1/3} \mathbf{1}[Q_b(\alpha_j) < b_i \leq Q_b(\alpha_j + tn^{-1/3})] \right. \\ \left. \times \mathbf{1}[Q_b(\alpha_{j'}) < b_i \leq Q_b(\alpha_{j'} + tn^{-1/3})] \right] = 0.$$

Therefore, we can conclude that  $\mathbb{B}_j$  are asymptotically uncorrelated and hence independent.

Let constants  $(a_j, b_j)$  be defined as

$$a_j = \frac{\alpha_j}{(I-1)g(Q_b(\alpha_j))}, \quad b_j = \frac{1}{2}Q'_v(\alpha_j).$$

Then we have the joint limiting distribution be given by

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbb{P} \left( \bigcap_{j=1,2,\dots,J} \{n^{\frac{1}{3}}(\widehat{Q}_v(\alpha_j) - Q_v(\alpha_j)) \leq z_j\} \right) \\ & \rightarrow \mathbb{P} \left( \bigcap_{j=1,2,\dots,J} \left\{ \operatorname{argmax}_{t \in \mathbb{R}} \{\mathbb{B}_j(t) - t^2\} \leq \frac{z_j}{2b_j} \left( \frac{b_j}{a_j} \right)^{2/3} \right\} \right) \\ & = \prod_{j=1,\dots,J} \mathbb{P} \left( \operatorname{argmax}_{t \in \mathbb{R}} \{\mathbb{B}_j(t) - t^2\} \leq \frac{z_j}{2b_j} \left( \frac{b_j}{a_j} \right)^{2/3} \right). \end{aligned}$$

**3.2. Proof to Corollary 2.** Consider inverting  $\widehat{Q}(\cdot)$  first. Recall that  $\widehat{F}(v_0) = \sup\{\alpha : \widehat{Q}_v(\alpha) \leq v_0\}$ . Consistency of  $\widehat{F}(v_0)$  holds by the consistency of  $\widehat{Q}_v$  and the continuity of the sup operator. It remains to work out the convergence rate and limiting distribution. Let  $Z = \operatorname{argmax}_{t \in \mathbb{R}} \{\mathbb{B}(t) - t^2\}$ . Now,

$$\mathbb{P} \left( n^{1/3}(\widehat{F}(v_0) - F(v_0)) < x \right) = \mathbb{P} \left( \widehat{F}(v_0) < n^{-1/3}x + F(v_0) \right)$$

Note that the event  $\{\widehat{F}(v_0) < n^{-1/3}x + F(v_0)\}$  is equivalent to  $\{v_0 < \widehat{Q}_v(n^{-1/3}x + F(v_0))\}$ . Using the fact that  $F(v_0) = \alpha_0$ ,  $Q_v(\alpha_0) = v_0$ , and  $(Q'_v(\alpha_0))^{-1} = f(v_0)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbb{P} \left( \widehat{F}(v_0) < n^{-1/3}x + F(v_0) \right) = \mathbb{P} \left( \widehat{Q}_v(n^{-1/3}x + F(v_0)) > v_0 \right) \\ & = \mathbb{P} \left( \widehat{Q}_v(n^{-1/3}x + \alpha_0) - Q_v(n^{-1/3}x + \alpha_0) > v_0 - Q_v(n^{-1/3}x + \alpha_0) \right) \\ & = \mathbb{P} \left( \widehat{Q}_v(n^{-1/3}x + \alpha_0) - Q_v(n^{-1/3}x + \alpha_0) > -n^{-1/3}Q'_v(\alpha_0)x + O(n^{-2/3}) \right) \\ & = \mathbb{P} \left( f(v_0)n^{1/3}(\widehat{Q}_v(n^{-1/3}x + \alpha_0) - Q_v(n^{-1/3}x + \alpha_0)) < x + O(n^{-1/3}) \right) \end{aligned}$$

Repeat the proof of Theorem 1 shows that for each  $x$ ,  $n^{1/3}(\widehat{Q}_v(n^{-1/3}x + \alpha_0) - Q_v(n^{-1/3}x + \alpha_0))$  has the same limiting distribution as  $n^{1/3}(\widehat{Q}_v(\alpha_0) - Q_v(\alpha_0))$ . Therefore, we have

$$\mathbb{P}\left(n^{1/3}(\widehat{F}(v_0) - F(v_0)) < x\right) \rightarrow \mathbb{P}(f(v_0)C(\alpha_0)Z < x).$$

Next, by the definition of  $\widehat{F}$ , we have for any positive  $\eta_n \downarrow 0$ ,

$$\mathbb{P}\left(n^{1/3}(\widehat{F}(v_0) - F(v_0)) = x\right) \leq \mathbb{P}\left(\widehat{Q}_v(n^{-1/3}x + F(v_0)) \leq v_0 < \widehat{Q}_v(n^{-1/3}x + F(v_0) + \eta_n)\right),$$

the right hand side coverages to zero. Observe that  $Z$  is continuous, we have

$$\mathbb{P}\left(n^{1/3}(\widehat{F}(v_0) - F(v_0)) \leq x\right) \rightarrow \mathbb{P}(f(v_0)C(\alpha_0)Z \leq x).$$

Lastly, because  $\hat{q}(\cdot)$  is continuous and strictly increasing, the result for  $\widehat{F}^S$  follows essentially the same (but simpler) argument as above and therefore omitted.

**3.3. Proof to Corollary 3.** We give the sketch of the proof for brevity. Let  $\gamma_n$  be a deterministic diverging sequence whose rate will be determined later. For a given  $x$ , define

$$W_n(t|x) = \gamma_n^2 \left[ V_n(\alpha_0 + t\gamma_n^{-1}|x) - V_n(\alpha_0|x) - Q_v(\alpha_0|x)t\gamma_n^{-1} \right].$$

Following the same argument as in Theorem 1, we have

$$\gamma_n^{-1}(\widehat{Q}_v(\alpha_0|x) - Q_v(\alpha_0|x)) \leq z \Leftrightarrow \underset{t \in [-\alpha_0\gamma_n, (1-\alpha_0)\gamma_n]}{\operatorname{argmin}} \{W_n(t|x) - zt\} \geq 0$$

Then we conduct the same decomposition:

$$\begin{aligned} W_n(t|x) &= \underbrace{\gamma_n^2 \left[ V_n(\alpha_0 + t\gamma_n^{-1}|x) - V_n(\alpha_0|x) \right]}_{\equiv W_n^A(t)} - \gamma_n^2 \left[ V(\alpha_0 + t\gamma_n^{-1}|x) - V(\alpha_0|x) \right] \\ &\quad + \underbrace{\gamma_n^2 \left[ V(\alpha_0 + t\gamma_n^{-1}|x) - V(\alpha_0|x) - Q_v(\alpha_0|x)t\gamma_n^{-1} \right]}_{= \frac{1}{2}Q_v'(\alpha_0|x)t^2 + o(1)}. \end{aligned}$$

It remains to analyze the asymptotic behavior of  $W_n^A$ . It can be observed from the definition of  $V_n(\cdot|x)$  that for any  $\tau \in (0, 1)$ ,

$$V_n(\tau|x) = \frac{I-2}{I-1} \int_0^\tau Q_{n,b}(t|x) dt + \frac{1}{I-1} \tau Q_{n,b}(\tau|x) + O(1/n),$$

where  $Q_{n,b}(\tau|x)$  is chosen to be the local polynomial estimator of [Guerre and Sabbah \(2012\)](#), whose Assumptions X, F and K can be verified to hold in our context. In particular, Assumption F is satisfied since the continuous differentiability of  $F(\cdot|x)$  implies that  $Q_b(\cdot|x)$  is twice continuously differentiable, as shown in [Guerre, Perrigne, and Vuong \(2000\)](#), Proposition 1-iv).

Since we only need to estimate the quantile function, we choose the order  $\nu$  of the polynomial as  $\nu = 0$ . Using [Guerre and Sabbah \(2012, page 98\)](#)'s uniform Bahadur representation, we have for any  $\tau \in (0, 1)$ ,

$$Q_{n,b}(\tau|x) - Q_b(\tau|x) = \frac{\beta_n(\tau)}{(nh^d)^{1/2}} + O(h^2) + O_p\left(\frac{\log n}{nh^d}\right)^{3/4},$$

where the first right hand side (RHS) is the first order approximation, the second RHS term is the bias and its order is determined by the twice continuous differentiability of  $Q_b$ , and the third RHS term is the Bahadur representation error, and  $\beta_n$  is defined as

$$\beta_n(\tau) = J_n^{-1} \frac{2}{(nh^d)^{1/2}} \sum_i^n \{\mathbf{1}[b_i \leq Q_b^*(\tau|x)] - \tau\} K\left(\frac{X_i - x}{h}\right),$$

where  $J_n \xrightarrow{p} J$  for some constant,  $K(\cdot)$  is the kernel function and  $Q_b^*$  is the argmin of the population criterion function of the local polynomial regression.

Following similar argument as in Lemmas 1 to 3, we need to make sure that both the bias term and the Bahadur representation error term converges (in probability) to zero faster than  $\gamma_n^2$ . Take  $\gamma_n = (nh^d)^{1/3}$ , then  $O(\gamma_n^2 h^2) = o(1)$  since  $h$  is chosen such that  $nh^{d+3} \rightarrow 0$ ;  $\gamma_n^2 \left(\frac{\log n}{nh^d}\right)^{3/4} = o_p(1)$  since  $nh^d \rightarrow \infty$ . As the consequence, the limiting behavior of  $W_n^A(t)$  when  $t \geq 0$  (the case of  $t < 0$  similar) depends on the following dominant term (up to additive asymptotically negligible and some multiplicative constant terms):

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{nh^d}} \sum_i^n \underbrace{(nh^d)^{1/6} \left\{ t(nh^d)^{-1/3} - \mathbf{1}[Q_b^*(\alpha_0|x) < b_i \leq Q_b^*(\alpha_0 + t(nh^d)^{-1/3}|x)] \right\}}_{\equiv \tilde{\zeta}_i(t)} K\left(\frac{X_i - x}{h}\right).$$

Guerre and Sabbah (2012, Lemma A.1) shows that  $\tilde{\zeta}_i(t)$  has zero mean. Furthermore, for arbitrary  $t, s > 0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} h^{-d} \mathbb{E}[\tilde{\zeta}_i(t)\tilde{\zeta}_i(s)] &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} h^{-d} \mathbb{E}\{\mathbb{E}[\tilde{\zeta}_i(t)\tilde{\zeta}_i(s)|X_i]\} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} h^{-d} \mathbb{E} \left\{ K^2\left(\frac{X_i - x}{h}\right) [\min\{t, s\} + O(\gamma_n^{-1})] \right\} \\ &= f_X(x) \min\{t, s\} \int K^2(u) du. \end{aligned}$$

It follows that  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{nh^d}} \sum_i \tilde{\zeta}_i(t)$  converges in distribution to normal for each  $t$  and given  $\tilde{\zeta}_i(t)$  is sum of indicator functions,  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{nh^d}} \sum_i \tilde{\zeta}_i(\cdot)$  weakly converge to a constant multiplied by a Brownian motion process. The rest of the proof follows similarly from Theorem 1.



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