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Asymptotic normality of the additive regression components for continuous time processes

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Abstract

In multivariate regression estimation, the rate of convergence depends on the dimension of the regressor. This fact, known as the *curse of the dimensionality*, motivated several works. The additive model, introduced by Stone [C.J. Stone, Additive regression and other nonparametric models, *Ann. Statist.* 13 (2) (1985) 689–705. [9]], offers an efficient response to this problem. In the setting of continuous time processes, using the marginal integration method, we obtain the quadratic convergence rate and the asymptotic normality of the components of the additive model. **To cite this article:** *M. Debbarh, B. Maillot, C. R. Acad. Sci. Paris, Ser. I 346 (2008).*

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Résumé

Normalité asymptotique des composantes d'un modèle additif de régression dans le cas de processus en temps continu. Dans l'estimation de la régression multivariée, la vitesse de convergence dépend de la dimension du régresseur. Ce phénomène, connu sous le nom de *fléau de la dimension*, a motivé plusieurs travaux. Le modèle additif, introduit par Stone [C.J. Stone, Additive regression and other nonparametric models, *Ann. Statist.* 13 (2) (1985) 689–705. [9]], propose une réponse à ce problème. Dans le cadre des processus à temps continu, nous utilisons la méthode d'intégration marginale pour obtenir la vitesse de convergence quadratique et la normalité asymptotique des composantes additives. **Pour citer cet article :** *M. Debbarh, B. Maillot, C. R. Acad. Sci. Paris, Ser. I 346 (2008).*

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Soit $(\mathbf{X}_t, Y_t)_{(t \in \mathbb{R})}$ un processus stationnaire à temps continu défini dans l'espace probabilisé (Ω, \mathcal{A}, P) , à valeurs dans $\mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R}$ et observé pour $t \in [0, T]$. Soit, par ailleurs, ψ une fonction mesurable à valeurs dans \mathbb{R} . Nous nous intéressons à la fonction de régression additive définie par

$$m_\psi(\mathbf{x}) = E(\psi(Y) | \mathbf{X} = \mathbf{x}) := \mu + \sum_{l=1}^d m_l(x_l), \quad \forall \mathbf{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_d) \in \mathcal{C}^\delta,$$

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où $\mathcal{C}^\delta = \{\mathbf{x} : \inf_{\mathbf{z} \in \mathcal{C}} \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{z}\|_{\mathbb{R}^d} < \delta\}$, est le δ -voisinage du compact \mathcal{C} de \mathbb{R}^d et $\|\cdot\|_{\mathbb{R}^d}$ est la norme euclidienne sur \mathbb{R}^d . Pour $1 \leq l \leq d$, posons $\mathbf{x}_{-l} = (x_1, \dots, x_{l-1}, x_{l+1}, \dots, x_d)$ où $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_d) \in \mathcal{C}^\delta$. Pour estimer les composantes additives, nous utilisons la méthode d'intégration marginale (voir Linton et Nielsen [7] et Newey [8]). Pour cela, introduisons d densités q_1, \dots, q_d , k -fois dérivables sur \mathbb{R} et posons $q(\mathbf{x}) = \prod_{l=1}^d q_l(x_l)$ et $q_{-l}(\mathbf{x}_{-l}) = \prod_{j \neq l} q_j(x_j)$, $\{l = 1, \dots, d\}$. Nous pouvons alors écrire

$$m_\psi(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{l=1}^d \eta_l(x_l) + \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} m_\psi(\mathbf{z})q(\mathbf{z}) \, d\mathbf{z},$$

avec $\eta_l(x_l) := \int_{\mathbb{R}^{d-1}} m_\psi(\mathbf{x})q_{-l}(\mathbf{x}_{-l}) \, d\mathbf{x}_{-l} - \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} m_\psi(\mathbf{x})q(\mathbf{x}) \, d\mathbf{x} = m_l(x_l) - \int_{\mathbb{R}} m_l(z)q_l(z) \, dz$, $l = 1, \dots, d$.

La normalité asymptotique de l'estimateur de la régression multivariée pour les processus à temps continu a été obtenue par Cheze-Payaud [5], avec une normalisation dépendant de la dimension d de la covariable \mathbf{X} . Cela justifie notre étude dans le cadre des modèles additifs. Nous traitons alors dans cette Note la convergence en moyenne quadratique puis établissons la normalité asymptotique des estimateurs des composantes de la fonction de régression additive, comme cela fut fait par Camlong et al. [4] pour les processus à temps discret faiblement mélangeants. Soit $\hat{\eta}_{l,T}(x_l)$, défini en (7), l'estimateur de $\eta_l(x_l)$, et Q_α le quantile d'ordre α d'une loi normale centrée réduite. Nous obtenons aussi sous des conditions moins contraignantes le résultat suivant, pour tout $(\alpha, \beta) \in]0; 0, 5[\times]0, 5; 1[$,

$$\liminf_{T \rightarrow \infty} P\left(\left\{T^{\frac{k}{2k+1}}(\hat{\eta}_{l,T}(x_l) - \eta_l(x_l))\right\} - b_l(x_l) \in [AQ_\alpha; AQ_\beta]\right) \geq \beta - \alpha, \tag{1}$$

où

$$A^2 = \limsup_{T \rightarrow +\infty} T^{\frac{2k}{2k+1}} \text{Var}(\hat{\eta}_{l,T}(x_l)), \quad b_l(x_l) = \frac{c_1^k}{k!} \int_{\mathbb{R}} u^k K_l(u) \, du \left((-1)^k m_l^{(k)}(x_l) - \int_{\mathbb{R}} m_l(z)q_l^{(k)}(z) \, dz \right),$$

avec c_1 une constante et K_l un noyau à valeur dans \mathbb{R} .

1. Introduction

Let $\mathbf{Z}_t = (\mathbf{X}_t, Y_t)_{(t \in \mathbb{R})}$ be a $\mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R}$ -valued measurable stationary process defined on a probability space (Ω, \mathcal{A}, P) and observed for $t \in [0, T]$. Let $\mathcal{C}_1, \dots, \mathcal{C}_d$, be d compact intervals of \mathbb{R} and set $\mathcal{C} = \mathcal{C}_1 \times \dots \times \mathcal{C}_d$. Set now $\delta > 0$ and introduce the δ -neighborhood \mathcal{C}^δ of \mathcal{C} , namely $\mathcal{C}^\delta = \{\mathbf{x} : \inf_{\mathbf{z} \in \mathcal{C}} \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{z}\|_{\mathbb{R}^d} < \delta\}$, with $\|\cdot\|_{\mathbb{R}^d}$ standing for the Euclidean norm on \mathbb{R}^d . Let ψ be a real valued measurable function. Consider the regression function m_ψ defined by,

$$m_\psi(\mathbf{x}) = E(\psi(Y) \mid \mathbf{X} = \mathbf{x}), \quad \forall \mathbf{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_d) \in \mathcal{C}^\delta. \tag{2}$$

Let K be a kernel defined on \mathbb{R}^d and having a compact support. Let \hat{f}_T be the estimate of f , the density function of the covariable \mathbf{X} (see Banon [1]), defined by,

$$\hat{f}_T(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{Th_T^d} \int_0^T K\left(\frac{\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{X}_s}{h_T}\right) \, ds,$$

where h_T is a positive parameter. In the sequel, to estimate the regression function defined in (2), we use the following estimator (see, for example, Bosq [3] and Jones et al. [6])

$$\tilde{m}_{\psi,T}(\mathbf{x}) = \int_0^T W_{T,t}(\mathbf{x})\psi(\mathbf{Y}_t) \, dt \quad \text{with } W_{T,t}(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{\prod_{l=1}^d \frac{1}{h_{l,T}} K_l\left(\frac{x_l - X_{l,t}}{h_{l,T}}\right)}{T \hat{f}_T(\mathbf{X}_t)}, \tag{3}$$

where $(h_{j,T})_{1 \leq j \leq d}$ are positive parameters and $(K_l)_{1 \leq j \leq d}$ are d kernels defined on \mathbb{R} with compact supports. Consider now that the nonparametric regression function (2) may be written as a sum of univariate functions, i.e.

$$m_\psi(\mathbf{x}) \equiv \mu + \sum_{l=1}^d m_l(x_l) =: m_{\psi,\text{add}}(\mathbf{x}), \quad \forall \mathbf{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_d) \in \mathcal{C}^\delta, \tag{4}$$

where, for $1 \leq l \leq d$, $Em_l(X_l) = 0$. For $1 \leq l \leq d$ and any $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_d) \in \mathcal{C}^\delta$ set $\mathbf{x}_{-l} = (x_1, \dots, x_{l-1}, x_{l+1}, \dots, x_d)$. To estimate the additive components, we use the marginal integration method (see Linton and Nielsen [7] and Newey [8]). To this aim, we introduce d densities q_1, \dots, q_d defined on \mathbb{R} and set $q(\mathbf{x}) = \prod_{l=1}^d q_l(x_l)$ and $q_{-l}(\mathbf{x}_{-l}) = \prod_{j \neq l} q_j(x_j)$, with $l = 1, \dots, d$. We can then write

$$m_\psi(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{l=1}^d \eta_l(x_l) + \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} m_\psi(\mathbf{z})q(\mathbf{z}) \, d\mathbf{z}, \tag{5}$$

with

$$\eta_l(x_l) := \int_{\mathbb{R}^{d-1}} m_\psi(\mathbf{x})q_{-l}(\mathbf{x}_{-l}) \, d\mathbf{x}_{-l} - \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} m_\psi(\mathbf{x})q(\mathbf{x}) \, d\mathbf{x} = m_l(x_l) - \int_{\mathbb{R}} m_l(z)q_l(z) \, dz, \quad 1 \leq l \leq d. \tag{6}$$

Making use of the statements (3) and (6), it follows that a natural estimate of the l th component is given by

$$\hat{\eta}_{l,T}(x_l) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^{d-1}} \tilde{m}_{\psi,T}(\mathbf{x})q_{-l}(\mathbf{x}_{-l}) \, d\mathbf{x}_{-l} - \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \tilde{m}_{\psi,T}(\mathbf{x})q(\mathbf{x}) \, d\mathbf{x}, \quad 1 \leq l \leq d. \tag{7}$$

2. Hypotheses and notations

In order to state our results, we introduce some assumptions and additional notations:

- (C.1) There exists a positive constant M such that, for any $y \in \mathbb{R}$, $|\psi(y)| \leq M < \infty$,
- (C.2) m_ψ is a k -times continuously differentiable function, $k \geq 1$, and $\sup_{\mathbf{x}} |\frac{\partial^k m_\psi}{\partial x_l^k}(\mathbf{x})| < \infty, \forall l \in \{1, \dots, d\}$.

For $1 \leq l \leq d$, we denote by f_l , the density function of X_l and we suppose that the functions f and f_l are continuous and bounded. We need the additional conditions:

- (F.1) $\forall \mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{C}^\delta, f(\mathbf{x}) > 0$ and $f_l(x_l) > 0, l = 1, \dots, d$,
- (F.2) f is k' -times continuously differentiable on $\mathcal{C}^\delta, k' > kd$,
- (F.3) for some $0 < \lambda \leq 1, |\frac{\partial f^{(k')}}{\partial x_1^{j_1} \dots \partial x_d^{j_d}}(\mathbf{x}') - \frac{\partial f^{(k')}}{\partial x_1^{j_1} \dots \partial x_d^{j_d}}(\mathbf{x})| \leq L \|\mathbf{x}' - \mathbf{x}\|_{\mathbb{R}^d}^\lambda$ with $j_1 + \dots + j_d = k'$, and L a positive constant. We use the notation $r := k' + \lambda$.

The kernels K and $K_j, 1 \leq j \leq d$ are assumed to fulfill the following conditions:

- (K.1) For $1 \leq j \leq d, K$ and K_j are continuous on compact supports \mathcal{S} and $\mathcal{S}_j \subset \mathcal{C}_j$, respectively,
- (K.2) $\int K = 1$ and $\int K_j = 1, 1 \leq j \leq d$,
- (K.3) $\prod_{j=1}^d K_j$ is of order k ,
- (K.4) K is of order k' and is Lipschitzian.

The known integration density functions $q_l, 1 \leq l \leq d$, satisfy the following assumption:

- (Q.1) q_l has k continuous and bounded derivatives, with compact support included in $\mathcal{C}_l, 1 \leq l \leq d$.

There exists $\Gamma \in \mathcal{B}_{\mathbb{R}^2}$ containing $D = \{(s, t) \in \mathbb{R}^2: s = t\}$ such that:

- (D.1) $f(\mathbf{X}_s, Y_s)(\mathbf{X}_t, Y_t) - f(\mathbf{X}_s, Y_s) \otimes f(\mathbf{X}_t, Y_t)$ exists everywhere for $(s, t) \in \Gamma^C$, where Γ^C is the complement of Γ ,
- (D.2) $A_\Gamma := \sup_{(s,t) \in \Gamma^C} \sup_{\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in \mathcal{C}^\delta \times \mathcal{C}^\delta} \int_{u,v \in \mathbb{R}^2} |f(\mathbf{X}_s, Y_s)(\mathbf{X}_t, Y_t)(\mathbf{x}, u, \mathbf{y}, v) - f(\mathbf{X}_s, Y_s)(\mathbf{x}, u) f(\mathbf{X}_t, Y_t)(\mathbf{y}, v)| \, du \, dv < \infty$,
- (D.3) there exists $\ell_\Gamma < \infty$ and T_0 such that, $\forall T > T_0, \frac{1}{T} \int_{[0,T]^2 \cap \Gamma} ds \, dt \leq \ell_\Gamma$.

We will work under the following conditions on the smoothing parameters h_T and $h_{j,T}, j = 1, \dots, d$:

(H.1) $h_T = c'(\frac{\log T}{T})^{1/(2k'+d)}$, for a fixed $0 < c' < \infty$,

(H.2) $h_{j,T} = c_1 T^{-1/(2k+1)}$, for fixed $0 < c_1 < \infty$.

We will use the α -mixing coefficient defined in [2, p. 17]. For all Borel set $I \subset \mathbb{R}^+$ the σ -algebra defined by $(Z_t, t \in I)$ will be denoted by $\sigma(Z_t, t \in I)$. Writing $\alpha(u) = \sup_{t \in \mathbb{R}^+} \alpha(\sigma(Z_v, v \leq t), \sigma(Z_v, v \geq t+u))$, we will use the condition

(A.1) $\alpha(t) = \mathcal{O}(t^{-b})$ with $b > \frac{7r+5d}{2r}$.

We denote by $\hat{\eta}_{l,T}$ and $\tilde{m}_{\psi,T}(\mathbf{x})$ the versions of $\hat{\eta}_{l,T}$ and $\tilde{m}_{\psi,T}(\mathbf{x})$ corresponding to a known density f . Introduce now the following quantities (see, for the discrete case, Camlong et al. [4]):

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{Y}_{\psi,T,t,l} &= \psi(Y_t) \int_{\mathbb{R}^{d-1}} \prod_{j \neq l}^d \left(\frac{1}{h_{j,T}} K_j \left(\frac{\mathbf{x}_j - \mathbf{X}_{t,j}}{h_{j,T}} \right) \frac{q_{-l}(\mathbf{x}_{-l})}{f(\mathbf{X}_{t,-l} | X_{t,l})} \right) d\mathbf{x}_{-l}; \quad \tilde{m}_{\psi,l}^T(x_l) = E(\tilde{Y}_{\psi,T,t,l} | X_{t,l} = x_l); \\ \hat{a}_l(x_l) &= \frac{1}{Th_{l,T}} \int_0^T \frac{\tilde{Y}_{\psi,T,t}}{f_1(X_{t,l})} K_l \left(\frac{x_l - X_{t,l}}{h_{l,T}} \right) dt; \quad \mathcal{G}_l(\mathbf{u}_{-l}) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^{d-1}} \prod_{j \neq l}^d \left(\frac{1}{h_{j,T}} K_j \left(\frac{\mathbf{x}_j - \mathbf{u}_j}{h_{j,T}} \right) q_{-l}(\mathbf{x}_{-l}) \right) d\mathbf{x}_{-l}; \\ C_{T,l} &= \mu + \int_{\mathbb{R}^{d-1}} \sum_{j \neq l} m_j(u_j) \mathcal{G}_l(\mathbf{u}_{-l}) d\mathbf{u}_{-l}; \quad \hat{C}_T = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \tilde{m}_{\psi,T}(\mathbf{x}) q(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x}; \quad C_l = \int_{\mathbb{R}} m_l(x_l) q_l(x_l) dx_l; \\ b_l(x_l) &= \frac{1}{k!} \int_{\mathbb{R}} u^k K_l(u) du \left((-1)^k m_l^{(k)}(x_l) + \int_{\mathbb{R}} m_l(z) q_l^{(k)}(z) dz \right). \end{aligned}$$

3. Results

Theorem 3.1. Under assumptions (C.1)–(C.2), (F.1)–(F.3), (K.1)–(K.4), (Q.1), (D.1)–(D.3), (H.1)–(H.2) and (A.1) we have

$$E(\hat{\eta}_{l,T}(x_l) - \eta_l(x_l))^2 = \mathcal{O}(T^{-2k/(2k+1)}).$$

The next theorem needs the following additional hypothesis:

(V) $\liminf_{T \rightarrow \infty} Th_{l,T} \text{Var}(\hat{\eta}_{l,T}(x_l)) > 0$ where $(\log(T)/T)^{k'/(2k'+d)} = o(h_{l,T}^k)$.

Theorem 3.2. Under the hypotheses of Theorem 3.1 and (V) we have, for every $l \in \{1, \dots, d\}$ and for any $x_l \in \mathcal{C}_l$,

$$\frac{\hat{\eta}_{l,T}(x_l) - \eta_l(x_l) - h_{l,T}^k b_l(x_l)}{\sqrt{\text{Var}(\hat{\eta}_{l,T}(x_l))}} \xrightarrow{\mathcal{L}} \mathcal{N}(0, 1).$$

Proposition 3.3. Under the conditions (C.1)–(C.4), (F.1)–(F.2), (K.1), (Q.1)–(Q.2) and (H.1)–(H.2), we have, for every $l \in \{1, \dots, d\}$, for any $x_l \in \mathcal{C}_l$ and every $(\alpha, \beta) \in]0; 0, 5[\times]0, 5; 1[$,

$$\liminf_{T \rightarrow \infty} P(T^{\frac{k}{2k+1}} \{ \hat{\eta}_{l,T}(x_l) - \eta_l(x_l) - h_{l,T}^k b_l(x_l) \} \in [A Q_\alpha; A Q_\beta]) \geq \beta - \alpha, \tag{8}$$

where $A := (\limsup_{T \rightarrow +\infty} T^{\frac{2k}{2k+1}} \text{Var}(\hat{\eta}_{l,T}(x_l)))^{1/2}$ and Q_u is such that $P(\mathcal{N}(0, 1) < Q_u) = u$.

The proofs of our theorems are split into two steps. We first consider the density as known, and then treat the general case where f is unknown by using the decomposition $1/f = 1/\hat{f}_T - (f - \hat{f}_T)/f \hat{f}_T$ and the following lemma:

Lemma 3.4. Under the assumptions (F.1)–(F.3), (K.1), (K.2), (K.4), (D.1)–(D.3), (H.1) and (A.1), we have

$$\sup_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{C}} |\hat{f}_T(\mathbf{x}) - f(\mathbf{x})| = \mathcal{O}\left(\left(\frac{\log T}{T}\right)^{k'/(2k'+d)}\right) \quad a.s. \tag{9}$$

Proof of Lemma. It is easily seen that under our assumptions, the result follows by using the arguments used in the demonstration of Theorem 4.9. in [2, p. 112] and by replacing \log_m by 1. \square

Sketch of the proof of Theorem 3.1. Observe that

$$\hat{\eta}_{l,T}(x_l) - \eta_l(x_l) = \{\hat{\eta}_{l,T}(x_l) - \hat{\eta}_{l,T}(x_l)\} + \{\hat{a}_l(x_l) - E\hat{a}_l(x_l)\} + \{E\hat{a}_l(x_l) - \tilde{m}_{\psi,l}^T(x_l)\} + E\{\hat{C}_T - C_{T,l} - C_l\}.$$

It follows that

$$E\{\hat{\eta}_{l,T}(x_l) - \eta_l(x_l)\}^2 \leq 4E\{\hat{\eta}_{l,T}(x_l) - \hat{\eta}_{l,T}(x_l)\}^2 + 4E\{\hat{a}_l(x_l) - E\hat{a}_l(x_l)\}^2 + 4\{E\hat{a}_l(x_l) - \tilde{m}_{\psi,l}^T(x_l)\}^2 + 4E^2\{\hat{C}_T - C_{T,l} - C_l\}.$$

To prove the Theorem 3.1, it suffices to establish the following statements

$$E(\hat{\eta}_{l,T}(x_l) - \hat{\eta}_{l,T}(x_l))^2 = \mathcal{O}(T^{-2k/(2k+1)}), \tag{10}$$

$$\text{Var}(\hat{a}_l(x_l)) = \mathcal{O}(T^{-2k/(2k+1)}), \tag{11}$$

$$E\hat{a}_l(x_l) - \tilde{m}_{\psi,l}^T(x_l) = \mathcal{O}(T^{-k/(2k+1)}), \tag{12}$$

$$E\{\hat{C}_T - C_{T,l} + C_l\} = \mathcal{O}(T^{-k/(2k+1)}). \tag{13}$$

Proof of (10). By combining the definitions of $\hat{\eta}_{1,T}$ and $\hat{\eta}_{l,T}$ and the result of Lemma 3.4, we easily obtain, under the conditions on the kernel, the statement (10). \square

Proof of (11). Set $\phi(t, s) = \text{Cov}\left(\frac{\tilde{Y}_{\psi,T,t}}{f_1(X_{t,1})h_{1,T}}K_1\left(\frac{x_1 - X_{t,1}}{h_{1,T}}\right), \frac{\tilde{Y}_{\psi,T,s}}{f_1(X_{s,1})h_{1,T}}K_1\left(\frac{x_1 - X_{s,1}}{h_{1,T}}\right)\right)$ and $S = \{(s, t) \in \mathbb{R}^2; |t - s| \leq h_T^{-1}\}$. We use the following decomposition

$$\text{Var}(\hat{a}_l(x_l)) = \int_{[0,T]^2 \cap \Gamma} \phi(t, s) dt ds + \int_{[0,T]^2 \cap \Gamma^c \cap S} \phi(t, s) dt ds + \int_{[0,T]^2 \cap \Gamma^c \cap S^c} \phi(t, s) dt ds := A + E + F.$$

Under (C.1), (F.1), (K.1)–(K.2) and (Q.1), we have, for T large enough,

$$A = \mathcal{O}(1/Th_{1,T}) \quad \text{and} \quad E = \mathcal{O}(h_T^{-1} \|K_1\|_{L_1}^2 A_T/T). \tag{14}$$

Using the Billingsley’s inequality, it follows that

$$F = \mathcal{O}(1/Th_{1,T}). \tag{15}$$

Combining (14) and (15), we obtain (11). To prove the statements (12) and (13), we use similar arguments as in the discrete case (see Camlong et al. [4]). \square

Sketch of the proof of Theorem 3.2. To obtain our theorem it suffices to show that

$$\sup_{x_l \in \mathcal{C}_l} |\hat{\eta}_{l,T}(x_l) - \hat{\eta}_{l,T}(x_l)| = \mathcal{O}\left(\sup_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{C}} |\hat{f}_T(\mathbf{x}) - f(\mathbf{x})|\right) \quad a.s., \tag{16}$$

$$\frac{\{\hat{a}_l(x_l) - E(\hat{a}_l(x_l))\}}{\sqrt{\text{Var}(\hat{a}_l(x_l))}} \rightarrow \mathcal{N}(0, 1), \tag{17}$$

$$E\hat{a}_l(x_l) - \tilde{m}_{\psi,l}^T(x_l) = \frac{(-h_{l,T})^k}{k!} m_l^{(k)}(x_l) \int_{\mathbb{R}} v_l^k K_l(v_l) dv_l + o(h_{l,T}^k), \tag{18}$$

$$\text{and} \quad E\{\hat{C}_T - C_{T,l} + C_l\} = \frac{h_{l,T}^k}{k!} \int_{\mathbb{R}} q_l^{(k)}(x_l) m_l(x_l) dx_l \int_{\mathbb{R}} v_l^k K_l(v_l) dv_l + o(h_{l,T}^k). \tag{19}$$

Proof of (16). The result arises directly from the definitions of estimates of η_l and the conditions on the kernels K_l , $1 \leq l \leq d$. \square

Proof of (17). Set $\frac{\hat{a}_l(x_l) - E(\hat{a}_l(x_l))}{\sqrt{\text{Var}(\hat{a}_l(x_l))}} = \int_0^T Z_t dt =: S_T$. We employ then the big block–small block procedure. Indeed setting, $S_T = \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} (v_j + \xi_j) =: S'_T + S''_T$ where $v_j = \int_{j(p+q)}^{(j+1)(p+q)} Z_t dt$ and $\xi_j = \int_{j(p+q)+p}^{(j+1)(p+q)} Z_t dt$. Now, it suffices to prove the following statements,

$$E S_T'^2 \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } T \rightarrow +\infty, \quad (20)$$

$$\left| E(e^{iS'_T}) - \prod_{j=0}^{k-1} E(e^{iv_j}) \right| \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } T \rightarrow +\infty, \quad (21)$$

$$\sum_{j=0}^{k-1} E[v_j^2] \rightarrow 1 \quad \text{as } T \rightarrow +\infty, \quad (22)$$

$$\text{and } \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} E[v_j^2 \mathbb{I}_{\{v_j^2 > \epsilon\}}] \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } T \rightarrow +\infty. \quad (23)$$

To show (22) and (23), we use the same arguments as those deployed in the discrete case. \square

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