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We propose a \sqrt{N} -consistent estimator for binary response panel data where the individual specific effect may be correlated with the regressors. The estimator is asymptotically normal with a simple variance matrix. The estimator does not require specifying the error term distribution nor depends on a smoothing parameter as in other nonparametric methods; it, however, puts restrictions on the relationship between the level of the regression function and its increment over time. Extensions to fixed effect ordered response panel data are considered.

Key words: fixed effect, panel data, binary response, single index, semiparametrics, ordered response.

1. Introduction.

Consider a "fixed-effect" binary response panel data (y_{it}, x_{it}') , where $y_{it} = 1[y_{it}^* > 0]$ with $1[A] = 1$ if the event A holds and 0 otherwise,

$$(1.1) \quad y_{it}^* = x_{it}'\beta + \alpha_i + u_{it}, \quad i=1 \dots N, \quad t=1,2,$$

x_{it} is a $k \times 1$ regressor vector and α_i is an unobserved unit-specific effect possibly correlated with $x_i \equiv (x_{i1}', x_{i2}')$. Chamberlain (1980) proposed a parametric estimator for β under the independence of $u_i \equiv (u_{i1}, u_{i2})'$ from x_i and u_{i1} and u_{i2} being iid Logistic. Manski (1987) proposed a semiparametric estimator ("panel maximum score" estimator (PMSE)) for β without specifying the distribution of the error terms under the following restrictions: with $x_{i2} - x_{i1} \equiv \Delta x_i = (\Delta x_{i1} \dots \Delta x_{ik})'$,

$$(1.2) \quad u_{i1} | (\alpha_i, x_i') \text{ and } u_{i2} | (\alpha_i, x_i') \text{ follow the same distribution,}$$

and the support of $u_{i1} | (\alpha_i, x_i')$ is R^1 for a.e. (α_i, x_i') .

$$(1.3) \quad E\{(\Delta x_i - E\Delta x_i)(\Delta x_i - E\Delta x_i)'\} \text{ is p.d., and there is a regressor, say}$$

the k th, such that $\beta_k \neq 0$ and $\Delta x_{ik} | (\Delta x_{i1} \dots \Delta x_{i,k-1})$ has an everywhere positive Lebesgue density for a.e. $(\Delta x_{i1} \dots \Delta x_{i,k-1})$.

Charlier et al. (1995) and Kyriazidou (1994) smooth PMSE as Horowitz (1992) smooths the (cross-section) maximum score estimator (MSE) of Manski (1985). MSE is $N^{1/3}$ -consistent with no practical asymptotic distribution (Kim and Pollard (1990)); PMSE is likely to have a similar asymptotic behavior. The smoothed PMSE is asymptotically normal, but still short of being \sqrt{N} -consistent and depends on a smoothing parameter.

In this paper, we propose a \sqrt{N} -consistent semiparametric estimator for (1.1). In the semiparametric econometric literature, it has been difficult to extend various \sqrt{N} -consistent estimators for single equation

models to fixed-effect panel, with the only exception being Honoré (1992) for panel Tobit models. In addition to being useful for (1.1) itself, our estimator can be used also as a first stage estimator for panel sample selection models with a fixed effect in the selection equation, the kind of model analyzed in Kyriazidou (1994). There however is a price to pay: the estimator restrains the relationship between the level of the regression function and its increment over time; also certain restriction on the relation between α and x is necessary.

In Section 2, the estimator is introduced. In Section 3, the identification and consistency are shown. In Section 4, its asymptotic distribution is derived. In Section 5, efficiency and other interesting aspects of the distribution are discussed. In Section 6, two extensions are considered: (1.1) with more than two waves, and fixed effect ordered response panel data. Finally, in Section 7, conclusions are drawn.

2. The Estimator.

Define

$$(2.1) \quad \Delta y_i \equiv y_{i2} - y_{i1} \quad (\text{and recall } \Delta x_i \equiv x_{i2} - x_{i1}).$$

PMSE is obtained by maximizing

$$(2.2) \quad (1/N) \sum_i \text{sgn}(\Delta x_i' b) \cdot \Delta y_i$$

with respect to (wrt) b , and its consistency is based upon

$$(2.3) \quad \text{Med}(\Delta y_i | x_i, \Delta y_i \neq 0) = \text{sgn}(\Delta x_i' \beta),$$

where $\text{Med}(y|A)$ is the median of y conditional on A , and $\text{sgn}(B)=1$ if $B>0$, 0 if $B=0$ and -1 if $B<0$. Note that Δy_i given $\Delta y_i \neq 0$ can take only ± 1 .

Our estimator is obtained by maximizing

$$(2.4) \quad \{N(N-1)\}^{-1} \sum_{i \neq j} \text{sgn}(\Delta x_i' b - \Delta x_j' b) \cdot (\Delta y_i - \Delta y_j) \cdot \Delta y_i^2 \Delta y_j^2$$

$$(2.5) \quad = \binom{N}{2}^{-1} \sum_{i < j, \Delta y_i \neq \Delta y_j, \Delta y_i \neq 0, \Delta y_j \neq 0} \text{sgn}(\Delta x_i' b - \Delta x_j' b) \cdot (\Delta y_i - \Delta y_j)$$

wrt b , and its consistency is based on the following key equation

$$(2.6) \quad \text{Med}(\Delta y_i - \Delta y_j \mid \Delta x_i, \Delta x_j, \Delta y_i \neq \Delta y_j, \Delta y_i \neq 0, \Delta y_j \neq 0) = 2 \cdot \text{sgn}(\Delta x_i' \beta - \Delta x_j' \beta).$$

The step from (2.3) to (2.6) is not trivial, for median is not a linear functional; even if so, we would get $\text{sgn}(\Delta x_i' \beta) - \text{sgn}(\Delta x_j' \beta)$, not the right-hand side of (2.6).

Although $\Delta y_i - \Delta y_j$ can take five values $(0, \pm 1, \pm 2)$, the conditioning event in (2.6) excludes the middle three values $(0, \pm 1)$ to make $\Delta y_i - \Delta y_j$ binary, which is one of the key ideas behind (2.6). The main impetus for the \sqrt{N} -consistency of our estimator is the double sums where one sum turns the non-smooth optimand into the smooth function

$$(2.7) \quad E\{\text{sgn}(\Delta x' b - \Delta x_j' b) \cdot (\Delta y - \Delta y_j) \cdot \Delta y^2 \Delta y_j^2 \mid \Delta x_j, \Delta y_j\}.$$

Then the usual extremum estimator theory is applicable to $(1/\sqrt{N})\sum_j(2.7)$; this is not exactly true, for the form of $E\{\cdot \mid \Delta x_j, \Delta y_j\}$ is a nuisance parameter (Newey and McFadden (1994, p.2200-2202)), resulting in variance four times larger than that of the maximizer of $(1/\sqrt{N})\sum_j(2.7)$ as shown in Theorem 2 below. Interpersonal comparison in the double sums provides more information than that used in PMSE, leading to the \sqrt{N} -consistency.

For a latent linear cross-section model

$$(2.8) \quad z_i^* = w_i' \beta + u_i,$$

Han (1987)'s "maximum rank correlation estimator" (RCE) maximizes

$$(2.9) \quad \{N(N-1)\}^{-1} \sum_{i \neq j} 1[w_i' b > w_j' b] \cdot 1[z_i^* > z_j^*]$$

wrt b under the independence of u and x where $z = \tau(z^*)$ with τ being a non-decreasing transformation. Sherman (1993) proved the asymptotic

normality of RCE and derived the variance, despite the apparent non-smoothness of the maximand.

The summand in (2.4) takes ± 2 depending on whether the sign of $\Delta x_i' b - \Delta x_j' b$ agrees with that of $\Delta y_i - \Delta y_j$ given $\{\Delta y_i \neq 0, \Delta y_j \neq 0\}$. Adding 2 to the summand and dividing it by 4, the summand takes 1 or 0. Then maximizing (2.4) is equivalent to maximizing

$$(2.10) \quad \{N(N-1)\}^{-1} \sum_{i \neq j} 1[\Delta x_i' b > \Delta x_j' b] \cdot 1[\Delta y_i > \Delta y_j] \cdot \Delta y_i^2 \Delta y_j^2.$$

From this, our estimator may be viewed as a panel data analog of RCE, but the analogy holds only for binary response. For any non-decreasing transformation $\tau(\cdot)$ for which RCE is good, (2.10) is not applicable since $\Delta y = \tau(y_2^*) - \tau(y_1^*) \neq \tau(\Delta y^*)$ in general; the appearance of $1[\Delta y_i > \Delta y_j]$ in (2.10) is an artifact due to the event $\{\Delta y_i \neq \Delta y_j, \Delta y_i \neq 0, \Delta y_j \neq 0\}$.

3. Identification and Consistency.

In this section, we state assumptions and discuss identification of our estimator from which its consistency easily follows. Since β is identified only up to a scale, normalize β by setting $\beta_k = 1$, which requires $\beta_k \neq 0$ a priori; from now on, we use

$$\beta = (\beta_1 \dots \beta_{k-1}, 1)' \equiv (\beta_c', 1)', \quad b = (b_1 \dots b_{k-1}, 1)' \equiv (b_c', 1)'$$

In practice, one has to try both $\beta_k = 1$ and $\beta_k = -1$, for $\text{sgn}(\beta_k)$ is unknown. But since $\text{sgn}(\beta_k)$ is estimated at a faster rate than \sqrt{N} , the remainder of the paper is not affected by omitting the case $\beta_k = -1$; see Horowitz (1992) for this point.

Corresponding to β_c , define Δx_{ic} as the components of Δx_i other than the last one Δx_{ik} . Time-invariant variables (e.g. intercept) drop out in Δx_i , and time-variant but "unit-invariant" variables (e.g. time

dummies and macro-economic shocks common to all units) drop out in $\Delta x_i - \Delta x_j$, which can reduce the dimension of the parameters further below $k-1$; to simplify the notation, however, we will ignore this. Let $|H|^2 \equiv \sum_i \sum_j h_{ij}^2$ for a matrix $H = [h_{ij}]$.

Assumption 1:

- (a) The parameter space B is a compact subset of R^{k-1} .
- (b) $(y_{i1}, y_{i2}, x_{i1}', x_{i2}')$, $i=1 \dots N$, are iid.
- (c) (1.3).
- (d) $(u_1, u_2) | \alpha$ is independent of $(x_1', x_2') | \alpha$ and the support of $(u_1, u_2) | \alpha$ is R^2 for a.e. α .
- (e) $P(\Delta y = 1 | \Delta x' \beta)$ is an increasing function of $\Delta x' \beta$ and $P(\Delta y = -1 | \Delta x' \beta)$ is a decreasing function of $\Delta x' \beta$ for a.e. $\Delta x' \beta$.
- (f) "Index increment sufficiency" of $(x_1' \beta, \alpha)$:

$$P(x_1' \beta, \alpha | \Delta x) = P(x_1' \beta, \alpha | \Delta x' \beta) \quad \text{for a.e. } \Delta x$$

where $P(\cdot | \cdot)$ denotes the conditional distributions.

(a) and (b) are self-explanatory. The second part of (c) involving $\Delta x_{ik} | (\cdot)$ is in fact stronger than necessary, for what we need is

- (c)' the k th component of $\Delta x_i - \Delta x_j$ has an everywhere positive Lebesgue density conditional on the other components of $\Delta x_i - \Delta x_j$ a.e.

To see this (and to simplify notations), let

$$(3.1) \quad \Delta x_i \equiv w_i = (w_{i1} \dots w_{ik})' \equiv (w_{ic}', w_{ik}')', \quad \Delta y_i \equiv z_i$$

where $w_{ic} (\equiv \Delta x_{ic})$ is the first $k-1$ components of w_i , and observe

$$(3.2) \quad f_{(w_{ik} - w_{jk}) | w_{ic}, w_{jc}}(a_0) = \int f_{w_k | w_{ic}}(a_0 + w_{jk}) \cdot f_{w_k | w_{jc}}(w_{jk}) dw_{jk}$$

where $f_{a|b}(a_0)$ denote a conditional density of $a|b$ at $a=a_0$. From (3.2),

we can see that the second part of (c) implies (c)', but not necessarily the other way around; the second part of (c) is however more primitive.

The assumption (d) is weaker than (1.2) in that (d) does not restrict the marginal distributions, while (d) is stronger than (1.2) in that it requires the conditional independence. In PMSE, only one person i matters, which makes it possible to prove (2.3) by conditioning on x_1 and α_i . For our estimator, however, two persons with different x and α appear, so we cannot condition on $x_1, \alpha_i, x_j, \alpha_j$ in proving (2.6); (d) is used to leave only $\Delta x_1' \beta$ and $\Delta x_j' \beta$ in the conditioning set. (d) allows correlation between u_1 and u_2 as well as between (u_1, u_2) and α .

The conditional independence in (d) does not necessarily imply the unconditional independence; e.g. u_1, u_2, x_1 and x_2 may be independently drawn from $N(0, 1 + \alpha^2)$. This example shows that u_1 and u_2 can have heteroskedasticity of an unknown form, so long as the conditional variance depends only on α . Considering that RCE requires independence between the error term and the regressor, (d) is the natural analog for panel data, and looks difficult to relax. Finally, (d) does not allow the lagged dependent variable as a regressor, for having y_1 in x_2 implies a correlation between u_1 and x_2 .

As for Assumption (e), observe that

$$(3.3) \quad P(\Delta y = 1 | x_1' \beta, \Delta x' \beta, \alpha) = P(u_1 < -x_1' \beta - \alpha, u_2 > -x_1' \beta - \Delta x' \beta - \alpha | x_1' \beta, \Delta x' \beta, \alpha)$$

is an increasing function of $\Delta x' \beta$ for a given $x_1' \beta$ and α . Integrate this wrt $(x_1' \beta, \alpha) | \Delta x' \beta$ to get the "weighted average" $P(\Delta y = 1 | \Delta x' \beta)$:

$$(3.4) \quad \int P(\Delta y = 1 | x_1' \beta, \Delta x' \beta, \alpha) \cdot f_{x_1' \beta | (\alpha, \Delta x' \beta)}(x_1' \beta) \cdot F_{\alpha | \Delta x' \beta}(d\alpha) \cdot d(x_1' \beta)$$

where the weight is the product of $f_{x_1' \beta | (\alpha, \Delta x' \beta)}$ and $F_{\alpha | \Delta x' \beta}$, a conditional density for $x_1' \beta | (\alpha, \Delta x' \beta)$ and conditional distribution for

$\alpha|\Delta x'\beta$ respectively. Since α is time-invariant and $\Delta x'\beta$ is an increment over time, α can be independent of $\Delta x'\beta$, in which case (3.4) becomes

$$(3.5) \quad \int P(\Delta y=1|x_1'\beta, \Delta x'\beta, \alpha) \cdot f_{x_1'\beta|(\alpha, \Delta x'\beta)}(x_1'\beta) \cdot F_\alpha(d\alpha) \cdot d(x_1'\beta).$$

Thus one overly sufficient condition for Assumption (e) is

$$(e)' \quad \alpha \text{ is independent of } \Delta x'\beta, \text{ and } f_{x_1'\beta|(\alpha, \Delta x'\beta)} \text{ is a non-decreasing function of } \Delta x'\beta \text{ for a.e. } (\alpha, \Delta x'\beta)'$$

Note that $f_{x_1'\beta|(\alpha, \Delta x'\beta)}$ is in fact allowed to be decreasing in $\Delta x'\beta$ for some $\Delta x'\beta$ so long as $f_{x_1'\beta|(\alpha, \Delta x'\beta)}$ is increasing in $\Delta x'\beta$ for some other $\Delta x'\beta$ such that the weighted average $P(\Delta y=1|\Delta x'\beta)$ remains increasing in $\Delta x'\beta$. A similar argument holds for $P(\Delta y=-1|\Delta x'\beta)$.

To understand the second part of (e)' better, consider a labor force participation decision where x consists of age, age², yearly job-experience, the other household income, marital-status (dummy), and the number of dependents. Assume that unemployment is voluntary to call $x_1'\beta$ "desire to work" at time 1. If a higher $\Delta x'\beta$ implies the lower desire to work for a.e. α , then (e)' fails. If a higher $\Delta x'\beta$ implies the higher desire to work for a.e. α , then (e)' holds. In mixed-cases, (e) depends on which case dominates in the weighted average (3.4). If $x_1'\beta$ and $x_2'\beta$ are iid for a.e. α , then $x_1'\beta$ and $\Delta x'\beta = x_2'\beta - x_1'\beta$ are negatively related, leading to a failure of (e)'. But iid is an exception rather than a rule for micro panel data.

The following is sufficient for (e)' (and so (e)):

$$(e)'' \quad \alpha \text{ is independent of } \Delta x'\beta, \text{ and each component of } \Delta x \text{ is independent of its level at } t=1 \text{ for a.e. } \alpha,$$

which can be easier to check than (e)'. Recall the labor example ahead.

First, $\Delta \text{age}=1$ and it is independent of the age satisfying (e)", but $\Delta \text{age}=1$ violates (1.3). Second, $\Delta \text{age}^2 = (\text{age}_1 + 1)^2 - \text{age}_1^2 = 2 \cdot \text{age}_1 + 1$; the increment is positively related to the level, which is good for (e) and (e)'. Third, if income increases by 5%, then $\text{income} = 0.05 \cdot \text{income}_1$; the increment is positively related to the level (if $\log(\text{income})$ is used, the increment would be independent of the level). Fourth, Δjob (increment in job experience) is 0 or 1; Δjob is likely to be positively correlated with the level (seniority). Fifth, for marital status dummy ($m=1$ if married), Δm is negatively related with m_1 when $\Delta m \neq 0$, for $\Delta m=1$ (-1) is associated with $m_1=0$ (1), but $P(\Delta m=0)$ is far greater than $P(\Delta m \neq 0)$ so that Δm may weigh little for $\Delta x' \beta$. Sixth, as for the number of dependents d , the relation between Δd and d_1 is not clear. If x includes only those variables whose increment is independent of its level at $t=1$ for a.e. α , then (e)" holds.

Assumption (f) is used to prove Lemma 1 below: $P(\Delta y=1 | \Delta x_c, \Delta x' \beta) = P(\Delta y=1 | \Delta x' \beta)$ for a.e. Δx . Without Lemma 1, $\Delta x' \beta$ would not be the only determinant for Δy : our estimator would not be then valid. Since α is time-invariant and Δx is increment over time, we may assume that α is independent of Δx , as we argued analogously for Assumption (e) ahead. The following (f)' is sufficient for (f) and easier to grasp:

(f)' α is independent of Δx , and (integrating out α in (f)),

$$P(x_1' \beta | \Delta x) (=P(x_1' \beta | \Delta x_c, \Delta x' \beta)) = P(x_1' \beta | \Delta x' \beta) \quad \text{for a.e. } \Delta x.$$

In the labor example, (f)' dictates that, given the increment in the desire to work, no other increments should give information for the level of desire at $t=1$. First, since $\Delta \text{age}=1$ always, Δage does not give any information for $x_1' \beta$; but as mentioned ahead, age violates (1.3). Second, $\Delta \text{age}^2 = 2 \cdot \text{age}_1 + 1$ shows age_1 and this may give information about

$x_1'\beta$, if the desire to work depends on age. Third, if $\Delta\text{income}=5\%$ for everybody, then Δincome does not give any information for $x_1'\beta$. Fourth, it is not clear whether Δjob gives any information on $x_1'\beta$; one could argue for both negative and positive relations with $x_1'\beta$. Fifth, if $\Delta m=1$ or $\Delta d=1$, then this may imply relatively higher $x_1'\beta$ for males and lower $x_1'\beta$ for females. Overall, this example illustrates that, while some of Δx_c may be related to $x_1'\beta$ (so violating (f)'), it is not clear whether the relations are positive or negative, in which case (f)' may not be too farfetched.

The proofs for the following two lemmas are in the appendix.

Lemma 1: Under Assumption 1, Δy is independent of Δx_c given $\Delta x'\beta$:

$$P(\Delta y \mid \Delta x_c, \Delta x'\beta) = P(\Delta y \mid \Delta x'\beta), \quad \text{a.e. } \Delta x.$$

The lemma is a panel analog of index (increment) sufficiency: with $\Delta x'\beta (=w'\beta)$ given, $\Delta x_c (=w_c)$ does not provide any new information for $\Delta y (=z)$. In cross-section models as (2.8) with the same notation w and z , index sufficiency is an assumption, while Lemma 1 is a derived result, for $1[\Delta y=1]$ depends on $x_1'\beta$ and $x_2'\beta$ (and others) not just on $\Delta x'\beta$.

Lemma 2: Under Assumption 1, (2.6) holds.

In essence, (2.6) "identifies" $(\Delta x_i - \Delta x_j)'\beta$. To separate β from $\Delta x_i - \Delta x_j$, $P(X_{id}) > 0$ is sufficient where

$$X_{id} \equiv \{(x_i', x_j') : \text{sgn}(\Delta x_i'\beta - \Delta x_j'\beta) \neq \text{sgn}(\Delta x_i'b - \Delta x_j'b) \text{ for any } b \neq \beta, b \in B\}.$$

$P(X_{id}) > 0$ can be proven under Assumption 1, following Manski (1985). With the identification, the a.s. consistency follows from the uniform convergence of U-processes in Sherman (1994) and the continuity of the

population version of (2.4). We state this as a theorem:

Theorem 1: Under Assumption 1, β is identified, and the estimator maximizing (2.4) is a.s. consistent for β .

4. The Asymptotic Distribution.

The asymptotic distribution is derived following Sherman (1993) who builds on the techniques in Pollard (1984) and Pakes and Pollard (1989); see also Arcones et al. (1994). It may be done as well following Honoré and Powell (1994) with the technique of Huber (1967).

The key expression is (recall the definitions in (3.1))

$$(4.1) \quad \tau(z_j, w_j, b_c) \equiv E_{i|j} \{ \text{sgn}(w_i' b - w_j' b) \cdot (z_i - z_j) \cdot z_i^2 z_j^2 \}, \quad i \neq j,$$

where $i|j$ means that the integral is wrt (z_i, w_i') conditional on (z_j, w_j') . Denote the gradient of $\tau(z_j, w_j, b_c)$ wrt b_c as $\nabla_1 \tau(z_j, w_j, b_c)$. Denote the second order derivative matrix wrt b_c as $\nabla_2 \tau(z_j, w_j, b_c)$. We need the following Assumption 2; near the end of this section, we provide a more primitive Assumption 3 that implies Assumption 2.

Assumption 2:

- (a) $\nabla_2 \tau(z_j, w_j, b_c)$ exists for a.e. (z_j, w_j') in a neighborhood N_β of β_c .
- (b) There is an integrable function $M(z_j, w_j)$ such that for all $b_c \in N_\beta$

$$|\nabla_2 \tau(z_j, w_j, b_c) - \nabla_2 \tau(z_j, w_j, \beta_c)| \leq M(z_j, w_j) \cdot |b_c - \beta_c|.$$

- (c) $E|\nabla_1 \tau(z_j, w_j, \beta_c)|^2 < \infty$.
- (d) $E\nabla_2 \tau(z_j, w_j, \beta_c)$ is n.d.

Let $E^{-1}(\lambda) \equiv \{E(\lambda)\}^{-1}$. Denoting the estimator as b_{cN} and omitting z_j ,

w_j and β_c in τ , Sherman (1993) proves (for RCE)

$$(4.2) \quad \sqrt{N}(b_{cN} - \beta_c) = {}^d N(0, 2^2 \cdot E^{-1} \nabla_2 \tau \cdot E(\nabla_1 \tau \nabla_1 \tau') \cdot E^{-1} \nabla_2 \tau)$$

under Assumption 2, consistency of β_c , the a.s. continuity of the $\psi(b) \equiv 1[w_1' b > w_j' b] \cdot 1[z_1 > z_j]$ wrt the product measure for "i and j", and that $\{\psi(b), b \in B\}$ is a "Euclidean class" in the sense of Pakes and Pollard (1989). Since the Euclidean property easily holds for our estimator and Assumption 1 and 2 are sufficient for the other conditions, (4.2) can be used for our estimator. 2^2 in (4.2) is due to the order of the U-process (2.4) being 2; if the order were 3, we would get 3^2 .

Deriving $\nabla_1 \tau$ and $\nabla_2 \tau$ in the appendix, we obtain

Theorem 2: Under the assumptions 1 and 2, $\sqrt{N}(b_{cN} - \beta_c)$ is asymptotically normal with the variance matrix $4 \cdot E^{-1} \nabla_2 \tau \cdot E(\nabla_1 \tau \nabla_1 \tau') \cdot E^{-1} \nabla_2 \tau$,

$$E \nabla_2 \tau = -8 \cdot E[\{w_c - E(w_c | w' \beta)\} \{w_c - E(w_c | w' \beta)\}' \cdot g_o(w' \beta) \cdot \eta(w' \beta)],$$

$$E(\nabla_1 \tau \nabla_1 \tau') = 16 \cdot E[\{w_c - E(w_c | w' \beta)\} \{w_c - E(w_c | w' \beta)\}' \cdot g_o(w' \beta)^2 \cdot P(z=-1 | w' \beta) P(z=1 | w' \beta) \cdot \{P(z=-1 | w' \beta) + P(z=1 | w' \beta)\}]$$

where $g_o(\cdot)$ is a Lebesgue density of $w' \beta$,

$$(4.3) \quad \eta(w' \beta) = P'(z=1 | w' \beta) P(z=-1 | w' \beta) - P'(z=-1 | w' \beta) P(z=1 | w' \beta),$$

and $P'(\cdot | w' \beta) \equiv dP(z=1 | w' \beta) / d(w' \beta)$ which exists as shown in the proof for the sufficiency of Assumption 3 for Assumption 2.

$E \nabla_2 \tau$ is n.d. because, due to Assumption 1(e),

$$(4.4) \quad P'(z=1 | w' \beta) > 0 > P'(z=-1 | w' \beta).$$

The variance of RCE for the binary response model $z=1[z^* > 0]$ with z^* in (2.8) has the same format as in (4.2) with (Sherman (1993, p.134))

$$(4.5) \quad E\bar{V}_2\tau = -4 \cdot E[\{w_c - E(w_c | w'\beta)\} \{w_c - E(w_c | w'\beta)\}' \cdot g_0(w'\beta) \cdot P'(z=1|w'\beta)],$$

$$E(\bar{V}_1\tau\bar{V}_1\tau') = 16 \cdot E[\{w_c - E(w_c | w'\beta)\} \{w_c - E(w_c | w'\beta)\}' \cdot g_0(w'\beta)^2 \\ \cdot P(z=0|w'\beta)P(z=1|w'\beta) \cdot \{P(z=0|w'\beta)+P(z=1|w'\beta)\}].$$

These are almost the same as those of our estimator except at four aspects. First, $z=0$ occurs in RCE while $z=-1$ occurs in our case. Second, $P(z=0|w'\beta)+P(z=1|w'\beta)=1$ for RCE, while $P(z=-1|w'\beta)+P(z=1|w'\beta)<1$ for our estimator, which is a "normalizing factor" since only $z=\pm 1$ is used for our estimator. Third, $P'(z=1|w'\beta)$ appears in RCE instead of $\eta(w'\beta)$. To see $\eta(w'\beta)=P'(z=1|w'\beta)$ for the binary case, replace $z=-1$ with $z=0$ to get

$$(4.6) \quad \eta(w'\beta) = P'(z=1|w'\beta)P(z=0|w'\beta) - P'(z=0|w'\beta)P(z=1|w'\beta) \\ = P'(z=1|w'\beta)\{P(z=0|w'\beta)+P(z=1|w'\beta)\} = P'(z=1|w'\beta)$$

due to $P'(z=1|w'\beta)=-P'(z=0|w'\beta)$ in the binary response. Fourth, $E\bar{V}_2\tau$ in (4.5) has 4 while $E\bar{V}_2\tau$ in Theorem 2 has $8=4 \times 2$; the number 4 in RCE is an error which should be 8 (Sherman agrees with this error (personal communication)). Having 2 multiplied into 4 in $E\bar{V}_2\tau$ of Theorem 2 gets rids of 2^2 in (4.2). In Example 3.3 of Arcones et al. (1994,p.1472) where 3^2 appears for a third order U-process, 3^2 is cancelled by 3 in $E\bar{V}_2\tau$, which supports our argument.

In $E(\bar{V}_1\tau\bar{V}_1\tau')$ of Theorem 2, it looks as if the variance becomes larger as $P(z=-1|w'\beta)+P(z=1|w'\beta)$ goes up, which is counter-intuitive for $z=\pm 1$ is the informative part of z . To see that this is not the case, define

$$(4.7) \quad P_1=P(z=1|w'\beta), \quad P_{-1}=P(z=-1|w'\beta), \quad P_1'=P'(z=1|w'\beta), \\ P_{-1}'=P'(z=-1|w'\beta), \quad P_{\pm 1}=P_1+P_{-1}.$$

Then it is shown in the appendix that

$$(4.8) \quad \eta(w'\beta) = [\partial \ln\{(P_1/P_{\pm 1})/(P_{-1}/P_{\pm 1})\}/\partial(w'\beta)] \cdot (P_{-1}/P_{\pm 1}) \cdot (P_1/P_{\pm 1})P_{\pm 1}^2.$$

Also rewrite $P_1P_{-1}P_{\pm 1}$ in $E(\nabla_1\tau\nabla_1\tau')$ as $(P_1/P_{\pm 1})(P_{-1}/P_{\pm 1}) \cdot P_{\pm 1}^3$.

Substituting this and (4.8) into the variance of our estimator (i.e., replacing P_1 and P_{-1} with the normalized versions $P_1/P_{\pm 1}$ and $P_{-1}/P_{\pm 1}$ respectively), overall we get $P_{\pm 1}^{-1}$ in the variance heuristically, implying that a larger $P_{\pm 1}$ can lead to a smaller variance.

The variance matrix can be estimated by plugging in nonparametric estimates for $E(w_c|w'\beta)$, $g_o(w'\beta)$, $P(z=1|w'\beta)$, $P(z=-1|w'\beta)$, $P'(z=1|w'\beta)$ and $P'(z=-1|w'\beta)$ and invoking theorems in Andrews (1995) as done in Lee (1996) for instance. But this requires many regularity conditions. A theoretically easier way is using numerical derivatives twice to estimate $\nabla_1\tau$ and $\nabla_2\tau$, because one sum in the double sums already plays the role of a nonparametric estimate for the smooth summand in (2.7). Only new condition needed is the speed of the bandwidth parameter ϵ in the numerical derivatives: $N^{1/2}\epsilon \rightarrow \infty$ for $\nabla_1\tau$ and $N^{1/4}\epsilon \rightarrow \infty$ for $\nabla_2\tau$; see Section 7 of Sherman (1993).

To be specific, for a given i , estimate $\nabla_1\tau(z_i, w_i, \beta_c)$ with $\nabla_{1N}\tau(z_i, w_i, b_{cN})$ which is a numerical first derivative vector of

$$(4.9) \quad (1/N)\sum_{j=1, j \neq i}^N \text{sgn}(\Delta x_i' b_{cN} - \Delta x_j' b_{cN}) (\Delta y_i - \Delta y_j) \Delta y_i^2 \Delta y_j^2,$$

and then estimate $E(\nabla_1\tau\nabla_1\tau')$ with

$$(4.10) \quad (1/N)\sum_{i=1}^N \nabla_{1N}\tau(z_i, w_i, b_{cN}) \cdot \nabla_{1N}\tau(z_i, w_i, b_{cN})'.$$

Denoting a numerical second order derivative matrix for (4.9) as

$\nabla_{2N}\tau(z_i, w_i, b_{cN})$, $E\nabla_2\tau$ can be estimated by $(1/N)\sum_i \nabla_{2N}\tau(z_i, w_i, b_{cN})$.

Although we proposed numerical derivatives, this does not necessarily mean that they will work better in practice than a variance

estimate with conditional means replaced by kernel estimates. Note that both ideas require smoothing parameters. For numerical derivatives, it is hard to choose a proper one unless the derivatives tend to get "stabilized" as the smoothing parameter gets smaller. On the other hand, for the kernel-based method, since the conditioning variable is one-dimensional, one can choose a bandwidth easily using graphs, which can be an important advantage in practice.

The following Assumption 3 implies Assumption 2; the proof is in the appendix.

Assumption 3: There exists a Lebesgue density $h(w_k | w_c, z)$ for $w_k | (w_c', z)$ which is everywhere positive for a.e. $(w_c', z)'$ and satisfies:

- (a) $h(w_k | w_c, z)$, $\partial h(w_k | w_c, z) / \partial w_k$, $\partial^2 h(w_k | w_c, z) / \partial w_k^2$ are respectively bounded by M_0 , M_1 and M_2 a.e. (w_c', z) ; M_0 , M_1 , M_2 are constants not depending on (w', z) .
- (b) $|\partial h(w_k | w_c, z) / \partial w_k| < h(w_k | w_c, z) \cdot \zeta_1$ where ζ_1 is a constant not depending on (w', z) .
- (c) $|\partial^2 h(w_k | w_c, z) / \partial w_k^2| < h(w_k | w_c, z) \cdot \zeta_2$ where ζ_2 is a constant not depending on (w', z) .
- (d) $E|w| < \infty$.

What we actually need for Assumption 2 is various differentiability and Lipschitz continuity conditions wrt $w'\beta$ for $P(z|w'\beta)$ and a density $g(w'\beta | w_c)$ for $w'\beta | w_c$. But because $1[z=1]$ depends on $x_1'\beta$ and $x_2'\beta$ (and on others), assumptions put directly on $P(z|w'\beta)$ can be difficult to check. Instead, observe the following three facts. First,

$$(4.11) \quad P(z|w'\beta) = f(w'\beta|z) \cdot P(z)/g_0(w'\beta)$$

where $f(w'\beta|z)$ is a density for $w'\beta|z$. Second,

$$(4.12) \quad h(t-w_c'\beta_c|w_c, z) = \gamma(t|w_c, z)$$

where $\gamma(w'\beta|w_c, z)$ is a density for $w'\beta|(w_c', z)$. Third, $f(w'\beta|z)$, $g(w'\beta|w_c)$ and $g_0(w'\beta)$ are derived from $\gamma(w'\beta|w_c, z)$ (thus from h) by integrating out some variables. This explains why we choose to impose assumptions on h . The everywhere positivity of h is not necessary; it is sufficient for $f(w'\beta|z)$ to be so a.e. z , but we chose the former to be coherent. (b) and (c) are used only once in proving a Lipschitz continuity of $P'(z|w'\beta)$ which is used for Assumption 2(b).

5. More on Asymptotic Distribution.

Chamberlain (1992) shows that,

$$(5.1) \quad \begin{aligned} &\text{if } u_1 \text{ and } u_2 \text{ are iid given } (x', \alpha)' \\ &\text{and if the support of } x \text{ is all of } R^{2k}, \end{aligned}$$

then only logistic distributions for the distribution of $u_1|(x, \alpha)$ are allowed for any \sqrt{N} -consistent "pure fixed-effect" estimator for β , which makes the conditional logit of Chamberlain (1980) attractive. For this, we make the following three remarks, the last of which is further discussed (in relation to efficiency of our estimator) later.

First, Assumption 1(e) and (f) restrict the relation between α and x somewhat, deviating from the pure fixed-effect assumed by Chamberlain (1992). This seems to give enough information for our \sqrt{N} -consistency despite the unknown distribution of (u_1, u_2) . Thus, Chamberlain (1992)'s and our results are not contradictory under (5.1).

Second, Chamberlain (1992) does not address the case of u_1 and u_2 given (x, α) being dependent. With the lagged dependent variable not allowed in the regressor, serial correlation is more likely than not, and u_1 and u_2 are highly unlikely to be logistic in this case. Although our estimator does not allow for the lagged dependent variable, it does allow for serial correlation that is excluded by (5.1).

Third, consider maximizing a conditional log-likelihood function:

$$(5.2) \quad (1/N) \sum_i \{ 1[z_i = -1] \cdot \ln(P_{-1|\pm}) + 1[z_i = 1] \cdot \ln(P_{1|\pm}) \}$$

which includes the conditional logit as a special case, where (recall the notations in (4.7))

$$P_{-1|\pm} \equiv P(z = -1 | z \neq 0, w_i' b) = P_{-1} / P_{\pm 1}, \quad P_{1|\pm} \equiv P(z = 1 | z \neq 0, w_i' b) = P_1 / P_{\pm 1}.$$

In the appendix, it is shown that the variance matrix for the conditional maximum likelihood estimator (MLE) is

$$(5.3) \quad E^{-1} [w w' \cdot \eta(w' \beta)^2 \cdot (P_{-1} P_1 P_{\pm 1})^{-1}].$$

Later, we show heuristically that this variance with w replaced by $w_c - E(w_c | w' \beta)$ can be attained by taking one-step from our estimator. That is, even if (5.1) holds, asymptotically there is not much to lose using our estimator, if Assumption 1 and 2 hold.

As well known, the asymptotic variance matrix of an estimator b_N maximizing an objective function $Q_N(b) \equiv (1/N) \sum_i q(\theta_i, b)$ where θ_i are iid has the form $H^{-1} G H^{-1}$ where

$$G \equiv E(q_b q_b'), \quad q_b \equiv \partial q(\beta) / \partial b, \quad H \equiv -E(q_{bb}), \quad q_{bb} \equiv \partial^2 q_b / \partial b^2.$$

If $H=G$ as in MLE, then the remaining H^{-1} is often an efficiency bound for some models. One intuitive way to achieve the simplification from $H^{-1} G H^{-1}$ to H^{-1} is maximizing $(1/N) \sum_i \omega_i q(\theta_i, b)$ where ω_i is a weight to be

chosen such that $-E^{-1}(\omega \cdot \mathbf{q}_{bb},) = E(\omega^2 \mathbf{q}_{bb}')$. The weighting is just "taking one step" from the first estimator, and an elementary example is a weighted least squares estimator.

If we apply this intuition to our estimator, we get the asymptotic variance matrix (with $\omega = \{g_0(w'\beta) \cdot P_{-1}P_1P_{\pm 1}\}^{-1} \cdot \eta(w'\beta)$)

$$(5.4) \quad E^{-1} [\{w_c - E(w_c | w'\beta)\} \{w_c - E(w_c | w'\beta)\}' \cdot \eta(w'\beta)^2 \cdot (P_{-1}P_1P_{\pm 1})^{-1}];$$

compare this to (5.3).

For the cross-section binary response model (2.8), using (4.6) and replacing $z=-1$ with $z=0$, (5.4) becomes (note that $P_{\pm 1}=1$ now)

$$(5.5) \quad E^{-1} [\{w_c - E(w_c | w'\beta)\} \{w_c - E(w_c | w'\beta)\}' \cdot (P_1')^2 \cdot (P_0P_1)^{-1}],$$

which is the semiparametric efficiency bound (under independence between the error term and the regressors) derived by Chamberlain (1986) and Cosslett (1987); Klein and Spady (1993) show an estimator attaining this bound. This suggests that (5.4) may be an efficiency bound for some model with (1.1). In fact, it is not difficult to show that (5.5) is attained also by taking one step (weighting) from RCE.

Taking one step from our estimator to get a new estimator with the variance (5.4) may improve efficiency in view of the above discussion, but this will ruin one nice feature of our estimator: since the weight ω depends $g_0(w'\beta)$ and $\eta(w'\beta)$, estimating ω requires smoothing, and hence the one-step "improved" estimator will depend on a bandwidth. This was the main reason not to pursue this line of extension seriously; but it will be still interesting to find out whether (5.4) is indeed the semiparametric efficiency bound for (1.1) under Assumption 1 and 2.

6. Extensions to Multiple Waves and Fixed Effect Ordered Response.

We consider two ways to extend (1.1) for more than two periods ("waves"). One is using a minimum distance estimation idea after each adjacent two periods are used. For instance, if $t=1,2,3$, then β can be estimated by b_{12} using $t=1,2$ and by b_{23} using $t=2,3$. Since the population parameters for b_{12} and b_{13} should be equal, this leads to a minimum distance estimation; see Lee (1995) to see how these can be implemented in practice. The other way is to follow Charlier et al (1995): maximize

$$(6.1) \quad \sum_{s < t} \sum_{i \neq j} \text{sgn}(\Delta x_{ist} - b - \Delta x_{jst} - b) \cdot (\Delta y_{ist} - \Delta y_{jst}) \cdot \Delta y_{ist}^2 \Delta y_{jst}^2$$

where s runs 1 to T (the last period), t runs 2 to T and

$$(6.2) \quad \Delta x_{ist} \equiv x_{it} - x_{is}, \quad \text{and} \quad \Delta y_{ist} \equiv y_{it} - y_{is}.$$

If the panel is unbalanced, then we can attach a product of dummy variables, say $d_{ist} d_{jst}$, to the summand in (6.1), where $d_{ist} = 1$ if i is observed at s and t , and 0 otherwise.

We consider two ways to extend our estimator to fixed effect ordered response panel data. One is a minimum distance estimation after the ordered response has been collapsed into binary responses around different thresholds. But this requires getting the influence functions that depend on smoothing parameters, and the estimate itself will depend on smoothing parameters. The other, explained in the following, avoids this problem and is simple in deriving its asymptotic variance.

Suppose that y_{it} takes three values 0, 1, and 2, and $y_{it} = 2$ if $y_{it}^* > \gamma > 0$, where γ is a (un)known threshold. There are two kinds of adjacent moves in y_{it} :

0 to 1, or 1 to 0 and 1 to 2, or 2 to 1.

Define indicator functions for these two as d_{01i} and d_{12i} respectively.

Maximize

$$(6.3) \quad \{N(N-1)\}^{-1} \sum_{i \neq j} \text{sgn}(\Delta x_i' b - \Delta x_j' b) \cdot (\Delta y_i - \Delta y_j) \cdot (d_{01i} d_{01j} + d_{12i} d_{12j})$$

wrt b . If there are M categories, then this estimator can be extended straightforwardly by considering all adjacent moves (0 to 1, 1 to 2, ... $M-2$ to $M-1$); namely, there will be $M-1$ terms in the maximand.

The estimator for (6.3) is \sqrt{N} -consistent and asymptotically normal. Due to no overlap between the moves from 0 to 1 and 1 to 2, the variance matrix is simple: it is $4 \cdot E^{-1} \nabla_2 \tau \cdot E(\nabla_1 \tau \nabla_1 \tau') \cdot E^{-1} \nabla_2 \tau$, where

$$E \nabla_2 \tau = -8 \cdot E[\{w_c - E(w_c | w' \beta)\} \{w_c - E(w_c | w' \beta)\}' \cdot g_o(w' \beta) \cdot \eta(w' \beta)],$$

$$E(\nabla_1 \tau \nabla_1 \tau') = 16 \cdot E(\{w_c - E(w_c | w' \beta)\} \{w_c - E(w_c | w' \beta)\}' \cdot g_o(w' \beta)^2 \\ \cdot [P(1 \text{ to } 0 | w' \beta) \cdot P(0 \text{ to } 1 | w' \beta) \cdot \{P(1 \text{ to } 0 | w' \beta) + P(0 \text{ to } 1 | w' \beta)\} \\ + P(2 \text{ to } 1 | w' \beta) \cdot P(1 \text{ to } 2 | w' \beta) \cdot \{P(2 \text{ to } 1 | w' \beta) + P(1 \text{ to } 2 | w' \beta)\}]),$$

$$\eta(w' \beta) = P'(0 \text{ to } 1 | w' \beta) \cdot P(1 \text{ to } 0 | w' \beta) - P'(1 \text{ to } 0 | w' \beta) \cdot P(0 \text{ to } 1 | w' \beta) \\ + P'(1 \text{ to } 2 | w' \beta) \cdot P(2 \text{ to } 1 | w' \beta) - P'(2 \text{ to } 1 | w' \beta) \cdot P(1 \text{ to } 2 | w' \beta).$$

It may be possible to design a more efficient estimator because two types of information are not used in (6.3). One is non-adjacent moves such as 0 to 2. The other is the information on the thresholds. For instance, when the thresholds are equally spaced in the M category case, $\Delta x' \beta$ for a move 0 to $M-1$ should be larger than that for a move 0 to 1; Lee (1992) considers other intermediate possibilities for thresholds. It seems difficult to accommodate these pieces of information in our framework which is critically built on binary response.

7 Conclusions.

We proposed a semiparametric \sqrt{N} -consistent estimator for fixed effect binary response panel data which was then extended to fixed effect ordered response. The estimator does not depend on a smoothing parameter and is asymptotically normal with a simple variance matrix. The estimator, however, imposes restrictions on the relationship between the level of regression function and its increment, and on the relationship between the individual-specific term and regressors.

Appendix

Proof of Lemma 1 and Lemma 2.

(x_1', x_2') is one-to-one to $(x_{1c}', x_1'\beta, x_{2c}', x_2'\beta)$ which is in turn one-to-one to $(x_{1c}', x_1'\beta, \Delta x_c', \Delta x'\beta)$ where the index i is omitted,

$$x_{tc}' = (x_{t1}' \dots x_{t,k-1}')', \quad t=1,2 \quad \text{and} \quad \Delta x_c' = x_{2c}' - x_{1c}'.$$

Observe

$$(a.1) \quad P(\Delta y=1|x, \alpha) = P(u_1 < -x_1'\beta - \alpha, u_2 > -x_1'\beta - \Delta x'\beta - \alpha | x_{1c}', x_1'\beta, \Delta x_c', \Delta x'\beta, \alpha).$$

Under the independence of $(u_1, u_2) | \alpha$ from $(x_1', x_2') | \alpha$, this becomes

$$(a.2) \quad P(u_1 < -x_1'\beta - \alpha, u_2 > -x_1'\beta - \Delta x'\beta - \alpha | x_1'\beta, \Delta x'\beta, \alpha).$$

Integrate (a.2) wrt $(x_1'\beta, \alpha) | (\Delta x_c', \Delta x'\beta)$ and invoke Assumption 1(f) to get Lemma 1.

Turning to Lemma 2, on $C = \{\Delta x_i, \Delta x_j, \Delta y_i \neq 0, \Delta y_j \neq 0, \Delta y_i \neq \Delta y_j\}$, Δy_i can take only ± 1 and $\Delta y_i - \Delta y_j$ can take only ± 2 . We need to prove

$$(a.3) \quad P(\Delta y_i > \Delta y_j | C) > (<) P(\Delta y_i < \Delta y_j | C) \quad \text{iff} \quad \Delta x_i'\beta > (<) \Delta x_j'\beta.$$

$P(\Delta y_i > \Delta y_j | C)$ is

$$(a.4) \quad \begin{aligned} & P(\Delta y_i = 1, \Delta y_j = -1 | \Delta x_i, \Delta x_j, \Delta y_i \neq 0, \Delta y_j \neq 0, \Delta y_i \neq \Delta y_j) \\ &= P(\Delta y_i = 1, \Delta y_j = -1, \Delta y_i \neq \Delta y_j | \Delta x_i, \Delta x_j, \Delta y_i \neq 0, \Delta y_j \neq 0) / \pi \\ &= P(\Delta y_i = 1, \Delta y_j = -1 | \Delta x_i, \Delta x_j, \Delta y_i \neq 0, \Delta y_j \neq 0) / \pi \end{aligned}$$

$$(a.5) \quad = P(\Delta y_i = 1 | \Delta x_i, \Delta y_i \neq 0) \cdot P(\Delta y_j = -1 | \Delta x_j, \Delta y_j \neq 0) / \pi$$

where

$$\pi = P(\Delta y_i \neq \Delta y_j | \Delta x_i, \Delta x_j, \Delta y_i \neq 0, \Delta y_j \neq 0).$$

Likewise,

$$(a.6) \quad P(\Delta y_i < \Delta y_j | C) = P(\Delta y_i = -1 | \Delta x_i, \Delta y_i \neq 0) \cdot P(\Delta y_j = 1 | \Delta x_j, \Delta y_j \neq 0) / \pi.$$

Since π appears in both (a.5) and (a.6), it can be ignored. Also instead

of comparing (a.5) and (a.6), we can compare

$$(a.7) \quad P(\Delta y_1=1|\Delta x_1) \cdot P(\Delta y_j=-1|\Delta x_j) \text{ vs. } P(\Delta y_1=-1|\Delta x_1) \cdot P(\Delta y_j=1|\Delta x_j)$$

due to $P(\Delta y_1=1|\Delta x_1, \Delta y_1 \neq 0) = P(\Delta y_1=1|\Delta x_1)/P(\Delta y_1 \neq 0|\Delta x_1)$ and the appearance of $P(\Delta y_1 \neq 0|\Delta x_1)$ in both terms in (a.7). Furthermore, due to Lemma 1, we can compare as well

$$(a.8) \quad P(\Delta y_1=1|\Delta x_1' \beta) \cdot P(\Delta y_j=-1|\Delta x_j' \beta) \text{ vs. } P(\Delta y_1=-1|\Delta x_1' \beta) \cdot P(\Delta y_j=1|\Delta x_j' \beta).$$

The two terms in (a.8) are equal whenever $\Delta x_1' \beta = \Delta x_j' \beta$. In (a.2), $P(\Delta y=1 | x_1' \beta, \Delta x' \beta, \alpha)$ is increasing in $\Delta x' \beta$ for all given $x_1' \beta$ and α . Either combining this with Assumption 1(e)' or simply invoking Assumption 1(e), $P(\Delta y=1|\Delta x' \beta)$ is increasing in $\Delta x' \beta$. Likewise,

$$(a.9) \quad P(\Delta y=-1|\Delta x' \beta) = P(u_1 > -x_1' \beta - \alpha, u_2 < -x_1' \beta - \Delta x' \beta - \alpha | \Delta x' \beta)$$

which is decreasing in $\Delta x' \beta$. This proves Lemma 2.

Proof for Theorem 2.

Using $w_k = w' \beta - w_c' \beta_c$, rewrite $\tau(z_j, w_j, b_c)$ as

$$(b.1) \quad E_{w|j} [1[w_c' (b_c - \beta_c) + w' \beta > w_{jc}' (b_c - \beta_c) + w_j' \beta] \cdot E(z_j^2 z - z_j z^2 | w, z_j) \\ - 1[w_c' (b_c - \beta_c) + w' \beta < w_{jc}' (b_c - \beta_c) + w_j' \beta] \cdot E(z_j^2 z - z_j z^2 | w, z_j)];$$

note that $(z - z_j) \cdot z^2 z_j^2 = z^3 z_j^2 - z_j^3 z^2 = z_j^2 z - z_j z^2$. Recalling that $g(\cdot | \cdot)$ is the density of $w' \beta | w_c$, $\tau(z_j, w_j, b_c)$ is

$$(b.2) \quad E_{w_c | j} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (w_{jc} - w_c)' (b_c - \beta_c) + w_j' \beta \cdot E(z_j^2 z - z_j z^2 | w' \beta, z_j) \cdot g(w' \beta | w_c) d(w' \beta) \\ - \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (w_{jc} - w_c)' (b_c - \beta_c) + w_j' \beta \cdot E(z_j^2 z - z_j z^2 | w' \beta, z_j) \cdot g(w' \beta | w_c) d(w' \beta)]$$

where $\cdot | j$ means that z_j and w_j are fixed. Differentiating this wrt b_c ,

$$(b.3) \quad \nabla_1 \tau(z_j, w_j, b_c) = 2 \cdot E_{w_c | j} [E\{z_j^2 z - z_j z^2 | (w_{jc} - w_c)' (b_c - \beta_c) + w_j' \beta, z_j\}$$

$$\cdot g\{(w_{jc} - w_c)'(b_c - \beta_c) + w_j' \beta\} | w_c\} \cdot (w_c - w_{jc}) \}.]$$

With $b_c = \beta_c$,

$$\nabla_1 \tau(z_j, w_j, \beta_c) = 2 \cdot E_{w_c | j} [E(z_j^2 z_j^2 | w' \beta = w_j' \beta, z_j) \cdot g(w_j' \beta | w_c) (w_c - w_{jc})]$$

$$(b.4) \quad = 2 \cdot E_{w_c | j} [\{E(z | w_j' \beta) z_j^2 - z_j E(z^2 | w_j' \beta)\} \cdot g(w_j' \beta | w_c) w_c]$$

$$(b.5) \quad - 2 \cdot E_{w_c | j} [\{E(z | w_j' \beta) z_j^2 - z_j E(z^2 | w_j' \beta)\} \cdot g(w_j' \beta | w_c) w_{jc}] .$$

The term $w_j' \beta$ in $E(\cdot)$ and $g(\cdot)$ takes the place of $w' \beta$ and thus should be regarded as $w' \beta = w_j' \beta$ here and below.

Due to $E_{w_c | j} g(w_j' \beta | w_c) = g_o(w_j' \beta)$, rewrite (b.5) as

$$(b.6) \quad - 2 \cdot \{E(z | w_j' \beta) z_j^2 - z_j E(z^2 | w_j' \beta)\} \cdot g_o(w_j' \beta) \cdot w_{jc} .$$

Examine (b.4). Multiplying and dividing by $g_o(w_j' \beta)$, the first term is

$$= 2 z_j^2 g_o(w_j' \beta) \cdot E(z | w_j' \beta) \cdot \int w_c g(w_j' \beta | w_c) dF(w_c) / g_o(w_j' \beta)$$

$$= 2 z_j^2 g_o(w_j' \beta) \cdot E(z | w_j' \beta) \int w_c dF(w_c | w_j' \beta) = 2 z_j^2 g_o(w_j' \beta) E(z | w_j' \beta) E(w_c | w_j' \beta)$$

where $F(w_c)$ and $F(w_c | w_j' \beta)$ denote respectively the distribution of w_c and $w_c | w_j' \beta$. Doing analogously for the second term of (b.4), (b.4) becomes

$$(b.7) \quad 2 \cdot \{E(z | w_j' \beta) z_j^2 - z_j E(z^2 | w_j' \beta)\} \cdot g_o(w_j' \beta) \cdot E(w_c | w_j' \beta) .$$

Thus, putting (b.6) to (b.7) together,

$$(b.8) \quad \nabla_1 \tau(z_j, w_j, \beta_c) = -2 \cdot \{w_{jc} - E(w_{jc} | w_j' \beta)\} \cdot g_o(w_j' \beta)$$

$$\cdot \{z_j^2 E(z | w_j' \beta) - z_j E(z^2 | w_j' \beta)\} .$$

Note that

$$(b.9) \quad E(z | w' \beta) = P(z=1 | w' \beta) - P(z=-1 | w' \beta) \quad \text{and} \quad E(z^2 | w' \beta) = P(z=\pm 1 | w' \beta) .$$

From $\nabla_1 \tau$, (now drop the subscript j and denote $\{E(\lambda)\}^2$ as $E^2(\lambda)$)

$$E(\nabla_1 \tau \nabla_1 \tau') = E[4 \{g_o(w' \beta)\}^2 \cdot \{w_c - E(w_c | w' \beta)\} \{w_c - E(w_c | w' \beta)\}']$$

$$\cdot \{z^2 E^2(z|w'\beta) + z^2 E^2(z^2|w'\beta) - 2zE(z|w'\beta)E(z^2|w'\beta)\}]$$

for z takes only 0 and ± 1 . Define W , a function of w_c and $w'\beta$, as

$$W \equiv 4\{g_0(w'\beta)\}^2 \{w_c - E(w_c|w'\beta)\} \{w_c - E(w_c|w'\beta)\}'.$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} E(\nabla_1 \tau \nabla_1 \tau' | w'\beta) &= E(z^2 W | w'\beta) \cdot E^2(z | w'\beta) + E(z^2 W | w'\beta) \cdot E^2(z^2 | w'\beta) \\ &\quad - 2E(zW | w'\beta) \cdot E(z | w'\beta) \cdot E(z^2 | w'\beta) \\ &= E(W | w'\beta) \cdot E(z^2 | w'\beta) \cdot E^2(z | w'\beta) + E(W | w'\beta) \cdot E^3(z^2 | w'\beta) \\ &\quad - 2E(W | w'\beta) \cdot E(z^2 | w'\beta) \cdot E^2(z | w'\beta) \quad \text{due to Lemma 1} \\ &= E(W | w'\beta) \cdot \{E^3(z^2 | w'\beta) - E(z^2 | w'\beta) \cdot E^2(z | w'\beta)\}. \end{aligned}$$

The term $\{\dots\}$ is (recall (b.9))

$$(P_1 + P_{-1})^3 - (P_1 + P_{-1}) \cdot (P_1 - P_{-1})^2 = 4(P_1 + P_{-1})P_1 P_{-1}.$$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} E(\nabla_1 \tau \nabla_1 \tau') &= E\{ E(\nabla_1 \tau \nabla_1 \tau' | w'\beta) \} = E\{ E(W | w'\beta) \cdot 4(P_1 + P_{-1})P_1 P_{-1} \} \\ &= E[E\{W \cdot 4(P_1 + P_{-1})P_1 P_{-1} | w'\beta\}] = E[W \cdot 4(P_1 + P_{-1})P_1 P_{-1}] \\ \text{(b.10)} \quad &= 16 \cdot E[\{w_c - E(w_c | w'\beta)\} \{w_c - E(w_c | w'\beta)\}' \cdot \{g_0(w'\beta)\}^2 \\ &\quad \cdot \{P(z=-1 | w'\beta)P(z=1 | w'\beta) \cdot \{P(z=-1 | w'\beta) + P(z=1 | w'\beta)\} \}]. \end{aligned}$$

Turning to $E\nabla_2 \tau$, observe that

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla_2 \tau(z_j, w_j, b_c) &= \\ &= -2 \cdot E_{w_c} | j [\partial E(z_j^2 z - z_j z^2 | w'\beta = (w_{jc} - w_c)'(b_c - \beta_c) + w_j'\beta, z_j) / \partial(w'\beta) \\ &\quad \cdot g\{(w_{jc} - w_c)'(b_c - \beta_c) + w_j'\beta | w_c\} \cdot (w_c - w_{jc})(w_c - w_{jc})' \\ &\quad + E\{z_j^2 z - z_j z^2 | w'\beta = (w_{jc} - w_c)'(b_c - \beta_c) + w_j'\beta, z_j\} \\ &\quad \cdot \partial g\{w'\beta = (w_{jc} - w_c)'(b_c - \beta_c) + w_j'\beta | w_c\} / \partial(w'\beta) \cdot (w_c - w_{jc})(w_c - w_{jc})']. \end{aligned}$$

With $b_c = \beta_c$,

$$(b.11) \quad \nabla_2 \tau(z_j, w_j, \beta_c) =$$

$$-2E_{w_c | j} [\partial E(z_j^2 z - z_j z^2 | w' \beta = w_j' \beta, z_j) / \partial (w' \beta) \cdot g(w_j' \beta | w_c) \cdot (w_c - w_{jc}) (w_c - w_{jc})']$$

$$+ E(z_j^2 z - z_j z^2 | w_j' \beta, z_j) \cdot \partial g(w' \beta = w_j' \beta | w_c) / \partial (w' \beta) \cdot (w_c - w_{jc}) (w_c - w_{jc})'] .$$

The second term can be ignored as far as $E \nabla_2 \tau$ is concerned for it becomes zero due to $E(z_j^2 z - z_j z^2 | w_j' \beta, z_j)$ and Lemma 1. As for the first term of (b.11), it is

$$(b.12) \quad -2 \cdot \partial E(z_j^2 z - z_j z^2 | w' \beta = w_j' \beta, z_j) / \partial (w' \beta)$$

$$\cdot E_{w_c | j} \{ g(w_j' \beta | w_c) \cdot (w_c - w_{jc}) (w_c - w_{jc})' \} .$$

Taking $E_{z_j | w_j' \beta}$ on (b.12), the second term that depends only on $w_j' \beta$ can be taken out of the expectation. As for the first term, we get

$$(b.13) \quad -2 \cdot E(z_j^2 | w_j' \beta) \cdot \partial E(z | w' \beta = w_j' \beta) / \partial (w' \beta)$$

$$+ 2 \cdot E(z_j | w_j' \beta) \cdot \partial E(z^2 | w' \beta = w_j' \beta) / \partial (w' \beta)$$

$$(b.14) \quad = -2 \cdot (P_1 + P_{-1}) \cdot (P_1' - P_{-1}') + 2 \cdot (P_1 - P_{-1}) \cdot (P_1' + P_{-1}')$$

$$= -2P_1 P_1' + 2P_1 P_{-1}' - 2P_{-1} P_1' + 2P_{-1} P_{-1}' + 2P_1 P_1' - 2P_{-1} P_1' + 2P_1 P_{-1}' - 2P_{-1} P_{-1}'$$

$$= -4 \cdot (P_{-1} P_1' - P_1 P_{-1}') = -4\eta(w_j' \beta) .$$

Hence

$$(b.15) \quad E_{z_j | w_j' \beta} \{ (b.12) \} = -4\eta(w_j' \beta) \cdot E_{w_c | j} \{ g(w_j' \beta | w_c) \cdot (w_c - w_{jc}) (w_c - w_{jc})' \} .$$

Rewrite $E_{w_c | j} \{ \cdot \}$ in (b.15) as

$$(b.16) \quad E_{w_c | w_j' \beta} \{ g(w_j' \beta | w_c) \cdot (w_c w_c' - w_{jc} w_c' - w_c w_{jc}' + w_{jc} w_{jc}') \}$$

which has four terms. The first term of (b.16) is

$$(b.17) \quad \int w_c w_c' g(w_j' \beta | w_c) \cdot F(dw_c)$$

$$= g_0(w_j' \beta) \cdot \int w_c w_c' g(w_j' \beta | w_c) \cdot F(dw_c) / g_0(w_j' \beta)$$

$$= g_o(w_j', \beta) \cdot \int w_c w_c' F(dw_c | w_j', \beta) = g_o(w_j', \beta) \cdot E(w_c w_c' | w_j', \beta).$$

Analogously, the last three terms in (b.16) are respectively

$$(b.18) \quad -g_o(w_j', \beta) \cdot w_{jc} \cdot E(w_c' | w_j', \beta), \quad -g_o(w_j', \beta) \cdot E(w_c | w_j', \beta) w_{jc}', \\ g_o(w_j', \beta) \cdot w_{jc} w_{jc}'.$$

Insert (b.17) and (b.18) into (b.15) and take $E_{w_j', \beta}$ on (b.15) to get

$$(b.19) \quad E \nabla_2 \tau = -8 \cdot E[\eta(w', \beta) g_o(w', \beta) \cdot \{E(w_c w_c' | w', \beta) - E(w_c | w', \beta) E(w_c' | w', \beta)\}];$$

note that 4 in (b.15) is replaced by 8 at this step.

As the final step, we show that (b.19) is the same as $E \nabla_2 \tau$ in Theorem 2 which is

$$(b.20) \quad -8 \cdot E[\eta(w', \beta) g_o(w', \beta) \cdot \{w_c - E(w_c | w', \beta)\} \{w_c - E(w_c | w', \beta)\}'] \\ = -8 E[\eta(w', \beta) g_o(w', \beta) \{w_c w_c' - E(w_c | w', \beta) w_c' - w_c E(w_c' | w', \beta) + E(w_c | w', \beta) E(w_c' | w', \beta)\}] \\ = -8 \cdot E[\eta(w', \beta) g_o(w', \beta) \cdot \{E(w_c w_c' | w', \beta) - E(w_c | w', \beta) E(w_c' | w', \beta)\}]. \blacksquare$$

Proof for the sufficiency of Assumption 3 for Assumption 2.

Assumption 2(d) was already proven. 2(c) is implied by 3(a). For 2(a), it is enough for the following to be bounded for any $b_c \in N_\beta$:

$$(c.1) \quad \partial P\{z=1 | w', \beta = (w_{jc} - w_c) \cdot (b_c - \beta_c) + w_j', \beta\} / \partial(w', \beta).$$

Before we proceed, recall (4.12) implying the followings. First, $g(w', \beta | w_c)$, $g_o(w', \beta)$ and $f(w', \beta | z)$ are bounded by M_0 when h is bounded by M_0 ; the same can be said for the first derivatives $\partial h / \partial w_k$, $g' \equiv \partial g / \partial(w', \beta)$, $g_o' \equiv \partial g_o / \partial(w', \beta)$, $f' \equiv \partial f / \partial(w', \beta)$ and the bound M_1 for $\partial h / \partial w_k$. Second, $g(w', \beta | w_c)$, $g_o(w', \beta)$ and $f(w', \beta | z)$ are Lipschitz continuous wrt w', β with the Lipschitz constant M_1 , when $h(w_k | w_c, z)$ is so wrt w_k . Third, since

$$(c.2) \quad g(w', \beta | w_c) = \int \gamma(w', \beta | w_c, z) F(dz), \quad g_o(w', \beta) = \int \gamma(w', \beta | w_c, z) F(dw_c, dz),$$

reversing the order of integration and differentiation, γ , g and g_0 are twice differentiable wrt $w'\beta$. Fourth, because $\partial h(w_k|w_c, z)/\partial w_k$ is Lipschitz-continuous wrt w_k with the Lipschitz-constant M_2 , g' , f' and g_0' are so as well wrt $w'\beta$.

Take log on (4.11) and differentiate wrt $w'\beta$ to get

$$(c.3) \quad P'(z|w'\beta) = P(z|w'\beta) \cdot \{ f'(w'\beta|z)/f(w'\beta|z) - g_0'(w'\beta)/g_0(w'\beta) \}.$$

Under 3(b),

$$|f'(w'\beta|z)| \leq \int |\partial \gamma(w'\beta|w_c, z)/\partial(w'\beta)| F(dw_c) \leq \zeta_1 \cdot \int h(w_k|w_c, z) F(dw_c) \\ \Rightarrow |f'(w'\beta|z)|/f(w'\beta|z) \leq \zeta_1 \quad \text{for all } z.$$

Also

$$|g_0'(w'\beta)| \leq \sum_{q=-1}^1 |f'(w'\beta|z=q)| P(z=q) \leq \zeta_1 g_0(w'\beta) \\ \Rightarrow |g_0'(w'\beta)|/g_0(w'\beta) \leq \zeta_1.$$

Therefore

$$(c.4) \quad |P'(z|w'\beta)| \leq 2\zeta_1 \quad \text{for a.e. } w'\beta,$$

proving that (c.1) is bounded for any $b_c \in N_\beta$.

Before turning to 2(b), we establish a Lipschitz continuity of $P'(z|w'\beta)$ wrt $w'\beta$. Differentiate $P'(z|w'\beta)$ in (c.3) wrt $w'\beta$ to get

$$P'(z|w'\beta) \cdot \{ f''(w'\beta|z)/f(w'\beta|z) - g_0''(w'\beta)/g_0(w'\beta) \} \\ + P(z|w'\beta) \cdot \partial \{ f'(w'\beta|z)/f(w'\beta|z) - g_0'(w'\beta)/g_0(w'\beta) \} / \partial(w'\beta) \\ \leq 4\zeta_1^2 + 2\zeta_1 \cdot |\partial \{ f'(w'\beta|z)/f(w'\beta|z) - g_0'(w'\beta)/g_0(w'\beta) \} / \partial(w'\beta)|.$$

Focus on the last term, which is (use " to denote second derivatives)

$$f''(w'\beta|z)/f(w'\beta|z) - \{ f'(w'\beta|z)/f(w'\beta|z) \}^2 \\ - [g_0''(w'\beta)/g_0(w'\beta) - \{ g_0'(w'\beta)/g_0(w'\beta) \}^2].$$

Under 3(c),

$$|f''(w'\beta|z)| \leq \int |\partial^2 \gamma(w'\beta|w_c, z)/\partial(w'\beta)^2| F(dw_c) \leq \zeta_2 \cdot \int h(w_k|w_c, z) F(dw_c)$$

$$\Rightarrow |f''(w'\beta|z)|/f(w'\beta|z) \leq \zeta_2 \quad \text{for all } z.$$

Also

$$|g_0''(w'\beta)| \leq \sum_{q=-1}^1 |f''(w'\beta|z=q)|P(z=q) \leq \zeta_2 g_0'(w'\beta).$$

$$\Rightarrow |g_0''(w'\beta)|/g_0'(w'\beta) \leq \zeta_2.$$

Therefore

$$(c.5) \quad |P''(z|w'\beta)| \leq 4\zeta_1^2 + 4\zeta_1(\zeta_2 + \zeta_1^2) \quad \text{for a.e. } w'\beta.$$

This implies that $P'(z|w'\beta)$ is Lipschitz continuous wrt $w'\beta$.

Turning to 2(b), rewrite $\nabla_2 \tau(z_j, w_j, b_c) - \nabla_2 \tau(z_j, w_j, \beta_c)$ as

$$(c.6) \quad -2 \cdot E_{w_c} |j| \left[\frac{\partial E\{z^2 z_j - z_j^2 z | w'\beta = (w_{jc} - w_c)'\ (b_c - \beta_c) + w_j'\beta, z_j\}}{\partial (w'\beta)} \right. \\ \left. \cdot g\{(w_{jc} - w_c)'\ (b_c - \beta_c) + w_j'\beta | w_c\} \cdot (w_c - w_{jc})(w_c - w_{jc})' \right]$$

$$+ 2 \cdot E_{w_c} |j| \left[\frac{\partial E\{z^2 z_j - z_j^2 z | w'\beta = (w_{jc} - w_c)'\ (b_c - \beta_c) + w_j'\beta, z_j\}}{\partial (w'\beta)} \right. \\ \left. \cdot g\{w_j'\beta | w_c\} \cdot (w_c - w_{jc})(w_c - w_{jc})' \right]$$

$$(c.7) \quad -2 \cdot E_{w_c} |j| \left[\frac{\partial E\{z^2 z_j - z_j^2 z | w'\beta = (w_{jc} - w_c)'\ (b_c - \beta_c) + w_j'\beta, z_j\}}{\partial (w'\beta)} \right. \\ \left. \cdot g\{w_j'\beta | w_c\} \cdot (w_c - w_{jc})(w_c - w_{jc})' \right]$$

$$+ 2 \cdot E_{w_c} |j| \left[\frac{\partial E\{z^2 z_j - z_j^2 z | w'\beta = w_j'\beta, z_j\}}{\partial (w'\beta)} \right. \\ \left. \cdot g\{w_j'\beta | w_c\} \cdot (w_c - w_{jc})(w_c - w_{jc})' \right]$$

$$(c.8) \quad + 2 \cdot E_{w_c} |j| \left[E\{z^2 z_j - z_j^2 z | w'\beta = (w_{jc} - w_c)'\ (b_c - \beta_c) + w_j'\beta, z_j\} \right. \\ \left. \cdot \frac{\partial g\{w'\beta = (w_{jc} - w_c)'\ (b_c - \beta_c) + w_j'\beta | w_c\}}{\partial (w'\beta)} \cdot (w_c - w_{jc})(w_c - w_{jc})' \right]$$

$$- 2 \cdot E_{w_c} |j| \left[E\{z^2 z_j - z_j^2 z | w'\beta = w_j'\beta, z_j\} \right. \\ \left. \cdot \frac{\partial g\{w'\beta = (w_{jc} - w_c)'\ (b_c - \beta_c) + w_j'\beta | w_c\}}{\partial (w'\beta)} \cdot (w_c - w_{jc})(w_c - w_{jc})' \right]$$

$$(c.9) \quad + 2 \cdot E_{w_c} |j| \left[E\{z^2 z_j - z_j^2 z | w'\beta = w_j'\beta, z_j\} \right. \\ \left. \cdot \frac{\partial g\{w'\beta = (w_{jc} - w_c)'\ (b_c - \beta_c) + w_j'\beta | w_c\}}{\partial (w'\beta)} \cdot (w_c - w_{jc})(w_c - w_{jc})' \right]$$

$$- 2 \cdot E_{w_c | j} [E \{ z_j^2 z_j - z_j^2 z_j | w' \beta = w_j' \beta, z_j \} \\ \cdot \partial g \{ w_j' \beta | w_c \} / \partial (w' \beta) \cdot (w_c - w_{jc}) (w_c - w_{jc})' \cdot].$$

| (c.6) | to | (c.9) | are less than respectively

$$(c.10) \quad 12 \cdot \zeta_1 M_1 \cdot E_{w_c | j} | w_c - w_{jc} |^3 \cdot | b_c - \beta_c |,$$

$$(c.11) \quad 2 \cdot \{ 4 \zeta_1^2 + 4 \zeta_1 (\zeta_2 + \zeta_1^2) \} \cdot M_0 \cdot E_{w_c | j} | w_c - w_{jc} |^3 \cdot | b_c - \beta_c |,$$

$$(c.12) \quad 4 \zeta_1 M_1 \cdot E_{w_c | j} | w_c - w_{jc} |^3 \cdot | b_c - \beta_c |,$$

$$(c.13) \quad 6 \cdot M_2 \cdot E_{w_c | j} | w_c - w_{jc} |^3 \cdot | b_c - \beta_c |,$$

which proves 2(b). ■

Proof for (4.8).

Rewrite $\eta = P_1' P_{-1} - P_{-1}' P_1$ as

$$(d.1) \quad \{ (P_1' / P_{\pm 1}) (P_{-1} / P_{\pm 1}) - (P_{-1}' / P_{\pm 1}) (P_1 / P_{\pm 1}) \} \cdot P_{\pm 1}^2.$$

Observe that, with $t \equiv w' \beta$,

$$(d.2) \quad \partial (P_1 / P_{\pm 1}) / \partial t = P_1' / P_{\pm 1} - (P_1 / P_{\pm 1}) \cdot \{ (P_1' + P_{-1}') / P_{\pm 1} \},$$

$$(d.3) \quad \partial (P_{-1} / P_{\pm 1}) / \partial t = P_{-1}' / P_{\pm 1} - (P_{-1} / P_{\pm 1}) \cdot \{ (P_1' + P_{-1}') / P_{\pm 1} \}.$$

Multiplying (d.2) by $P_{-1} / P_{\pm 1}$ and (d.3) by $P_1 / P_{\pm 1}$, and taking the difference, the second terms in (d.2) and (d.3) are eliminated, and

$$\eta = [\{ \partial (P_1 / P_{\pm 1}) / \partial t \} \cdot (P_{-1} / P_{\pm 1}) - \{ \partial (P_{-1} / P_{\pm 1}) / \partial t \} \cdot (P_1 / P_{\pm 1})] \cdot P_{\pm 1}^2 \\ = [\{ \partial \ln (P_1 / P_{\pm 1}) / \partial t \} \cdot (P_1 / P_{\pm 1}) P_{-1} / P_{\pm 1} \\ - \{ \partial \ln (P_{-1} / P_{\pm 1}) / \partial t \} \cdot (P_{-1} / P_{\pm 1}) P_1 / P_{\pm 1}] \cdot P_{\pm 1}^2 \\ (d.4) \quad = \{ \partial \ln (P_1 / P_{-1}) / \partial t \} \cdot (P_{-1} / P_{\pm 1}) \cdot (P_1 / P_{\pm 1}) \cdot P_{\pm 1}^2. \blacksquare$$

Proof for (5.3).

The score vector is

$$(e.1) \quad w \cdot \{ 1[z=-1] \cdot P_{-1|\pm}' / P_{-1|\pm} + 1[z=1] \cdot P_{1|\pm}' / P_{1|\pm} \}.$$

Observe

$$(e.2) \quad P_{1|\pm}' = \partial(P_1/P_{\pm 1})/\partial b = (P_1' P_{-1}^{-1} P_1 P_{-1}') / P_{\pm 1}^2$$

$$P_{-1|\pm}' = \partial(P_{-1}/P_{\pm 1})/\partial b = (P_{-1}' P_1^{-1} P_{-1} P_1') / P_{\pm 1}^2 = -P_{1|\pm}'.$$

Using this, $P_{-1|\pm} = P_{-1}/P_{\pm 1}$ and $P_{1|\pm} = P_1/P_{\pm 1}$, the score vector is

$$(e.3) \quad w \cdot \{ -1[z=-1] \cdot P_{-1}^{-1} + 1[z=1] \cdot P_1^{-1} \} \cdot (P_1' P_{-1}^{-1} P_1 P_{-1}') / P_{\pm 1}$$

$$= w \cdot \{ -1[z=-1] \cdot P_{-1}^{-1} + 1[z=1] \cdot P_1^{-1} \} \cdot \eta / P_{\pm 1}.$$

Thus, the outer product is

$$(e.4) \quad ww' \cdot \{ 1[z=-1] \cdot P_{-1}^{-2} + 1[z=1] \cdot P_1^{-2} \} \cdot \eta^2 / P_{\pm 1}^2.$$

Take $E(\cdot|w)$ to get

$$(e.5) \quad ww' \cdot \{ P_{-1}^{-1} + P_1^{-1} \} \cdot \eta^2 / P_{\pm 1}^2 = ww' \cdot \{ P_{\pm 1} / (P_{-1} P_1) \} \cdot \eta^2 / P_{\pm 1}^2$$

$$= ww' \cdot \eta^2 \cdot (P_{-1} P_1 P_{\pm 1})^{-1}.$$

Take $E_w(\cdot)$ to get (5.3). ■

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