

# LONG-RUN STRUCTURAL MODELLING\*

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## Abstract

The paper develops a general framework for identification, estimation, and hypothesis testing in cointegrated systems when the cointegrating coefficients are subject to (possibly) non-linear and cross-equation restrictions, obtained from economic theory or other relevant *a priori* information. It provides a proof of the consistency of the quasi maximum likelihood estimators (QMLE), establishes the relative rates of convergence of the QMLE of the short-run and the long-run parameters, and derives their asymptotic distribution; thus generalizing the results already available in the literature for the linear case. The paper also develops tests of the over-identifying (possibly) non-linear restrictions on the cointegrating vectors. The estimation and hypothesis testing procedures are applied to an Almost Ideal Demand System estimated on U.K. quarterly observations. Unlike many other studies of consumer demand this application does not treat relative prices and real per capita expenditures as exogenously given.

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# 1 Introduction

There are two main system approaches to the estimation of cointegrating relations: Johansen's (1988, 1991) fully parametric approach based on a vector autoregressive error correction model, and Phillips' (1991, 1995) semi-parametric procedure based on a triangular formulation of a vector error correction model. In the general case where there are  $r$  cointegrating (or long-run) relations amongst the  $m$  ( $> r$ ) integrated (or  $I(1)$ ) variables in the error correction model, the exact identification of the long-run relations requires the imposition of  $r$  linearly independent *a priori* restrictions on each of the  $r$  cointegrating relations. Johansen's solution to the identification problem, often referred to as the "empirical" or "statistical" approach, is implicit in the choice of the numerical solution to the reduced rank regression problem. In contrast, the scheme employed by Phillips is based on an *a priori* decomposition of the  $I(1)$  variables,  $\mathbf{x}_t$ , into an  $r \times 1$  vector,  $\mathbf{x}_{1t}$ , and an  $(m-r) \times 1$  vector,  $\mathbf{x}_{2t}$ , such that  $\mathbf{x}_{2t}$  are not cointegrated amongst themselves, namely it is assumed that the variables  $\mathbf{x}_{2t}$  are the common stochastic trends.<sup>1</sup> Both of these approaches are based on restrictive assumptions and cannot accommodate the diversity of long-run relations encountered in practice.<sup>2</sup> They seem to have been adopted for their mathematical convenience rather than their plausibility from the perspective of *a priori* theory. A more general approach is desirable.

In this paper we consider the problem of identification, estimation, and hypothesis testing in cointegrated systems subject to general non-linear restrictions on the cointegrating vectors. We explicitly deal with the long-run identification problem and derive rank and order conditions for identification of the cointegrating vectors, allowing for parametric restrictions across the cointegrating relations as well as for restrictions on individual cointegrating vectors. Our approach emphasizes the use of economic theory and does not require the *a priori* decomposition of the system variables as in Phillips (1991). Nor does it involve the type of empirical identification implicit in Johansen's (1988, 1991) reduced rank regression approach to estimation of the long-run relations.

It is often taken for granted that the quasi maximum likelihood estimators (QMLE) in a cointegrated vector autoregressive (VAR) model are consistent, but to our knowledge no general proof of the consistency of QMLE of the cointegrating vectors is available in the literature.<sup>3</sup> The difficulty lies in the fact that the average log-likelihood function does not have a finite limit when the underlying variables are trended, and standard proofs of consistency and asymptotic normality of the QMLE are therefore not applicable. This problem has been addressed in Saikkonen (1995) in the context of a relatively simple model, where he provides a proof of the consistency of the QMLE of the long-run parameters *conditional* on the true values of the short-run parameters and *vice versa*, and establishes the asymptotic normality of the QMLE. Building on Saikkonen's (1993b, 1995) work, this paper provides a formal proof of the consistency and super-consistency of the QMLE of short-run and long-run parameters, respectively, allowing for general *non-linear* restrictions on the

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<sup>1</sup>Alternatively, such variables can be viewed as long-run forcing with respect to  $\mathbf{x}_{1t}$ , to use the terminology in Pesaran, Shin and Smith (2000).

<sup>2</sup>On this see also Pesaran (1997), and Garratt *et al.* (2001).

<sup>3</sup>A proof of the consistency of the least squares estimator of an exactly identified cointegrating vector is given by Stock (1987).

cointegrating coefficients. It further establishes stochastic equicontinuity conditions for the weak convergence of the sample information matrix and derives the asymptotic distribution of the QMLE. Finally, it establishes the validity of the standard  $\chi^2$  tests for testing general non-linear over-identifying restrictions on the cointegrating vectors.

The estimation and testing procedures are then applied to an Almost Ideal Demand System estimated for three non-durable expenditure categories using U.K. quarterly observations over the period 1955(1) - 1993(2). This application provides an example where economic theory predicts cross-equation restrictions on the long-run relations.

The plan of the paper is as follows. Section 2 sets out the vector error correction model, distinguishes between the identification of the short-run and long-run coefficients, and derives rank and order conditions for identification of the long-run parameters. Section 3 introduces the quasi log-likelihood function and briefly reviews the approaches of Johansen and Phillips to the identification problem. Section 4 provides the asymptotic theory of the QMLE under general non-linear restrictions on the cointegrating vectors. The proof of consistency of the QMLE and their relative rates of convergence are established in sub-section 4.1. Sub-section 4.2 derives the asymptotic distribution of the QMLE. Section 5 gives the asymptotic theory relevant to testing the over-identifying restrictions on cointegrating vectors. Section 6 presents the empirical application, and Section 7 offers some concluding remarks. Some of the mathematical derivations and proofs are provided in the Appendix.

The following notation will be used throughout: The symbol  $\Rightarrow$  signifies weak convergence in probability measure,  $\overset{a}{\sim}$  asymptotic equality in distributions,  $MN$  mixture normal,  $I(d)$  an integrated variable of order  $d$ ,  $\text{Tr}(\cdot)$  the trace of a matrix,  $\text{vec}(\cdot)$  columns of a matrix stacked into a column vector,  $\text{vech}(\cdot)$  elements on and below the main diagonal of a symmetric matrix stacked into a column vector,  $\mathbf{I}_m$  an identity matrix of order  $m$ ,  $\text{diag}[\cdot]$  a diagonal matrix, and  $\|\mathbf{A}\| = [\text{Tr}(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}')]^{1/2}$  the Euclidean norm of  $\mathbf{A}$ .

## 2 The Model and the Two Identification Problems

Consider the following VAR( $p$ ) model in an  $m \times 1$  vector of  $I(1)$  variables,  $\mathbf{x}_t$ :

$$\mathbf{A}_0 \mathbf{x}_t = \mathbf{b}_0 + \mathbf{b}_1 t + \mathbf{A}_1 \mathbf{x}_{t-1} + \dots + \mathbf{A}_p \mathbf{x}_{t-p} + \boldsymbol{\zeta}_t, \quad t = 1, 2, \dots, T, \quad (2.1)$$

where  $p$ , the order of the VAR, is assumed known,  $\mathbf{b}_0$  and  $\mathbf{b}_1$  are  $m \times 1$  vectors of unknown coefficients,  $\mathbf{A}_i$ ,  $i = 0, 1, \dots, p$ , are  $m \times m$  matrices of unknown parameters,  $\mathbf{A}_0$  is non-singular,  $\boldsymbol{\zeta}_t$  is an  $m \times 1$  vector of (structural) disturbances, and the initial values,  $\mathbf{x}_0, \mathbf{x}_{-1}, \dots, \mathbf{x}_{-p+1}$ , are assumed to be given. For cointegration analysis it is convenient to rewrite (2.1) as

$$\mathbf{A}_0 \Delta \mathbf{x}_t = \mathbf{b}_0 + \mathbf{b}_1 t - \mathbf{A}(1) \mathbf{x}_{t-1} + \sum_{i=1}^{p-1} \Psi_i \Delta \mathbf{x}_{t-i} + \boldsymbol{\zeta}_t, \quad t = 1, 2, \dots, T, \quad (2.2)$$

where  $\Psi_i = -\sum_{j=i+1}^p \mathbf{A}_j$ , and  $\mathbf{A}(1) = \mathbf{A}_0 - \sum_{i=1}^p \mathbf{A}_i$ . The equilibrium properties of (2.2) are characterized by the rank of  $\mathbf{A}(1)$ . If  $\mathbf{A}(1)$  is of rank  $r$  ( $0 < r < m$ ), then  $\mathbf{A}(1)$  can be expressed as

$$\mathbf{A}(1) = \boldsymbol{\alpha}_* \boldsymbol{\beta}',$$

where  $\alpha_*$  and  $\beta$  are  $m \times r$  matrices of full column rank, and  $\beta' \mathbf{x}_t$  gives the  $r$  linear combinations of  $\mathbf{x}_t$  that are cointegrated.

The two forms of the model given by (2.1) and (2.2) highlight the two types of identification problem that are present in structural modelling with  $I(1)$  variables. The first is the traditional identification problem and involves the identification of the contemporaneous coefficients,  $\mathbf{A}_0$ , and the short-run dynamic coefficients,  $\mathbf{A}_1, \dots, \mathbf{A}_p$ . The second concerns the identification of the long-run coefficients,  $\beta$ , which arises only when the  $\mathbf{x}_t$ 's are  $I(1)$ . As the above derivations make clear, the identification of the coefficients in  $\mathbf{A}_j$ ,  $j = 0, 1, \dots, p$ , does not provide information on those of  $\beta$ , and knowledge of  $\beta$  does not necessarily provide information with which to identify the short-run dynamics. For example, without *a priori* restrictions the cointegrating vectors of the model are only identified up to a non-singular linear transformation, since for any non-singular  $r \times r$  matrix,  $\mathbf{Q}$ ,  $\tilde{\alpha}_* = \alpha_* \mathbf{Q}'^{-1}$  and  $\tilde{\beta} = \beta \mathbf{Q}$  give the same value of  $\mathbf{A}(1)$ , and therefore  $(\tilde{\alpha}_*, \tilde{\beta})$  and  $(\alpha_*, \beta)$  cannot be distinguished using data alone.

The focus of this paper is on long-run structural modelling. It considers the problem of identification and estimation of the long-run coefficients,  $\beta$ , and assumes that the short-run coefficients,  $\mathbf{A}_0, \mathbf{A}_1, \dots, \mathbf{A}_p$ , as well as the structural loading coefficients,  $\alpha_*$ , are unrestricted.<sup>4</sup> Consequently, we pre-multiply (2.2) by  $\mathbf{A}_0^{-1}$ , and work with the autoregressive vector error correction (VEC) model,

$$\Delta \mathbf{x}_t = \mathbf{a}_0 + \mathbf{a}_1 t - \Pi \mathbf{x}_{t-1} + \sum_{i=1}^{p-1} \Gamma_i \Delta \mathbf{x}_{t-i} + \varepsilon_t, \quad t = 1, 2, \dots, T, \quad (2.3)$$

where  $\mathbf{a}_0 = \mathbf{A}_0^{-1} \mathbf{b}_0$ ,  $\mathbf{a}_1 = \mathbf{A}_0^{-1} \mathbf{b}_1$ ,  $\Gamma_i = \mathbf{A}_0^{-1} \Psi_i$ ,  $\Pi = \mathbf{A}_0^{-1} \mathbf{A}(1)$  and  $\varepsilon_t = \mathbf{A}_0^{-1} \zeta_t$ . Notice that

$$\Pi = \alpha \beta', \quad (2.4)$$

where  $\alpha = \mathbf{A}_0^{-1} \alpha_*$ .

We develop a general maximum likelihood (ML) theory for the analysis of cointegrated systems subject to non-linear restrictions on the cointegrating coefficients in the context of the following VAR version of the model (2.3):

$$\Phi(L) \mathbf{x}_t = \mathbf{a}_0 + \Phi(1) \mathbf{c} t + \varepsilon_t, \quad t = 1, 2, \dots, T, \quad (2.5)$$

where  $\Phi(L) = \mathbf{I}_m - \sum_{i=1}^p \Phi_i L^i$ ,  $\Phi_i = \mathbf{A}_0^{-1} \mathbf{A}_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, p$ ,  $\mathbf{c}$  is an  $m \times 1$  vector of unknown coefficients and the trend coefficients,  $\mathbf{a}_1 = \Phi(1) \mathbf{c}$ , are appropriately restricted so that the deterministic component of  $\mathbf{x}_t$  is linearly trended for all values of  $r$ .<sup>5</sup>

To ensure that  $\mathbf{x}_t$  are at most  $I(1)$  and to rule out the possibility of explosive or seasonal unit roots we assume:

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<sup>4</sup>Identification of the structural parameters can also be achieved by decomposing the variables into endogenous and exogenous and/or by restricting the loading coefficients and the covariance matrix of the structural errors,  $\zeta_t$ . See, for example, Pesaran and Smith (1998) and Wickens and Motto (2001).

<sup>5</sup>If  $\mathbf{a}_1$  is left unrestricted, as shown in Pesaran, Shin and Smith (2000), the mean of the process  $\{\mathbf{x}_t\}_{t=1}^\infty$  will be a function of  $m-r$  independent quadratic trend terms, with  $\mathbf{x}_t$  having different deterministic trending behavior for different values of the cointegrating rank  $r$ .

**Assumption 2.1** All the roots of the characteristic equation,  $|\mathbf{I}_m - \Phi_1 z - \dots - \Phi_p z^p| = 0$ , are either on or outside the unit circle.

**Assumption 2.2**  $\alpha'_\perp \Gamma(1) \beta_\perp$  has full rank, where  $\Gamma(1) = \mathbf{I}_m - \sum_{i=1}^{p-1} \Gamma_i$ , and  $\alpha_\perp$  and  $\beta_\perp$  are  $m \times (m - r)$  matrices of full column rank such that  $\alpha' \alpha_\perp = \mathbf{0}$  and  $\beta' \beta_\perp = \mathbf{0}$ .

Under the above assumptions we have<sup>6</sup>

$$\Delta \mathbf{x}_t = \boldsymbol{\mu} + \mathbf{C}(L) \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_t, \quad t = 1, 2, \dots, T, \quad (2.6)$$

where  $\boldsymbol{\mu} = \mathbf{C}(1) \mathbf{a}_0 + \mathbf{c}$ ,

$$\mathbf{C}(L) = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \mathbf{C}_i L^i = \mathbf{C}(1) + (1 - L) \mathbf{C}^*(L), \quad \mathbf{C}_0 = \mathbf{I}_m, \quad (2.7)$$

$$\mathbf{C}^*(L) = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \mathbf{C}_i^* L^i, \quad (2.8)$$

and<sup>7</sup>

$$\mathbf{C}(1) \Phi(1) = \mathbf{C}(1) \Pi = \mathbf{0}, \quad \mathbf{C}^*(1) \Pi = \mathbf{I}_m. \quad (2.9)$$

Solving for  $\mathbf{x}_t$ , we now have

$$\mathbf{x}_t = \mathbf{x}_0 + \boldsymbol{\mu} t + \mathbf{C}(1) \mathbf{s}_t + \mathbf{C}^*(L) \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_t, \quad t = 1, 2, \dots, T, \quad (2.10)$$

where  $\mathbf{s}_t = \sum_{j=1}^t \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_j$ . The condition for cointegration is given by<sup>8</sup>

$$\mathbf{C}'(1) \boldsymbol{\beta} = \mathbf{0}. \quad (2.11)$$

Finally, pre-multiplying (2.10) by  $\boldsymbol{\beta}'$  we have

$$\boldsymbol{\beta}' \mathbf{x}_t = \boldsymbol{\beta}' \mathbf{x}_0 + (\boldsymbol{\beta}' \mathbf{c}) t + \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \boldsymbol{\beta}' \mathbf{B}_i \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_{t-i}, \quad (2.12)$$

where  $\mathbf{B}_i = \sum_{j=0}^i \mathbf{C}_j$ . It is clear that the cointegrating relations  $\boldsymbol{\beta}' \mathbf{x}_t$  will contain  $r$  different deterministic trends, characterized by the  $r \times 1$  vector,  $\boldsymbol{\beta}' \mathbf{c}$ .

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<sup>6</sup>See Johansen (1991, Theorem 4.1, p. 1559).

<sup>7</sup> $\mathbf{C}_i^*$  satisfy the recursions,  $\mathbf{C}_i^* = \mathbf{C}_{i-1}^* \Phi_1 + \mathbf{C}_{i-2}^* \Phi_2 + \dots + \mathbf{C}_{i-p}^* \Phi_p$ , for  $i = 1, 2, \dots$ , with  $\mathbf{C}_0^* = \mathbf{I}_m - \mathbf{C}(1)$  and  $\mathbf{C}_i^* = \mathbf{0}$ ,  $i < 0$ . Summing these relations across  $i = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ , it follows that  $\mathbf{C}^*(1) \Pi = \mathbf{I}_m$ .

<sup>8</sup>See Engle and Granger (1987).

## 2.1 Identification of the Long Run Parameters: Rank and Order Conditions

When  $\Pi$  is of full rank  $m$ , then  $\Pi$  and the other parameters of (2.3) are identified under fairly general conditions, and can be consistently estimated by OLS. See, for example, Lütkepohl (1991). However, if the rank of  $\Pi$  is  $r < m$ , then  $\Pi$  is subject to  $(m - r)^2$  non-linear restrictions, and therefore determined uniquely in terms of the  $m^2 - (m - r)^2 = 2mr - r^2$  underlying unknown parameters.

We shall assume that  $\alpha$  is unrestricted and has full column rank and concentrate on the case where the identifying restrictions are imposed only on  $\beta$ . We suppose that an  $mr \times 1$  vector  $\theta = \text{vec}(\beta)$  satisfies the non-linear restrictions,

$$\theta = \mathbf{f}(\phi), \quad (2.13)$$

where  $\phi$  is an  $s \times 1$  vector of unknown parameters. In particular we assume:

**Assumption 2.3**  $\kappa = \text{vec}(\alpha') \in \Upsilon_\kappa$  and  $\phi \in \Upsilon_\phi$  where  $\Upsilon_\kappa$  and  $\Upsilon_\phi$  are compact subsets of  $\mathbb{R}^{mr}$  and  $\mathbb{R}^s$ , respectively, with their true values,  $\kappa_0$  and  $\phi_0$ , being interior points of  $\Upsilon_\kappa$  and  $\Upsilon_\phi$ .  $\alpha$  has the full column rank  $r$  for all  $\kappa \in \Upsilon_\kappa$ , and the mapping  $\mathbf{f}$ , defined by (2.13), is continuously differentiable such that an  $mr \times s$  matrix  $\mathbf{F}(\phi) = \partial \mathbf{f}(\phi) / \partial \phi'$  has the full column rank  $s$  for all  $\phi \in \Upsilon_\phi$ .

A necessary and sufficient condition for identification of the long-run coefficients can be derived using (2.11). Denoting the true value of  $\mathbf{C}(1)$  by  $\mathbf{C}_0(1)$ , it must be the case that

$$\mathbf{C}'_0(1)\beta(\phi) = \mathbf{0} \text{ if and only if } \phi = \phi_0. \quad (2.14)$$

Vectorizing the left hand side of (2.14), and using the mean-value expansion of  $\theta = \mathbf{f}(\phi)$  around  $\phi_0$ , we have

$$\text{vec}[\mathbf{C}'_0(1)\beta(\phi)] = [\mathbf{I}_r \otimes \mathbf{C}'_0(1)] \mathbf{f}(\phi) = [\mathbf{I}_r \otimes \mathbf{C}'_0(1)] \mathbf{F}(\bar{\phi}) (\phi - \phi_0), \quad (2.15)$$

where the  $(i, j)$  element of  $\mathbf{F}(\bar{\phi})$  is evaluated at  $(\bar{\phi}_i, \bar{\phi}_j)$ , and  $\bar{\phi}_i$  is a convex combination of  $\phi_{0i}$  and  $\phi_i$ . For (2.14) to hold, an  $mr \times s$  matrix  $[\mathbf{I}_r \otimes \mathbf{C}'_0(1)] \mathbf{F}(\phi)$  must have full column rank for all  $\phi \in \Upsilon_\phi$ , namely the following rank condition must be satisfied

$$\text{Rank} \{[\mathbf{I}_r \otimes \mathbf{C}'_0(1)] \mathbf{F}(\phi)\} = s \text{ for all } \phi \in \Upsilon_\phi, \quad (2.16)$$

where  $s \leq mr - r^2$ .

The above identification condition is difficult to use in practice, but is needed in our proof of the consistency of the QMLE. (See Section 4.1 below.) Theory restrictions on the cointegrating vectors,  $\theta = \text{vec}(\beta)$ , often take the form of direct zero-one type restrictions on the elements of  $\theta$  rather than indirectly through  $\mathbf{f}(\phi)$ .<sup>9</sup> It is therefore useful to consider the problem of identification and testing of over-identifying restrictions when  $\theta$  is subject to the following  $k$  general non-linear restrictions:

$$\mathbf{h}(\theta) = \mathbf{0}, \quad (2.17)$$

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<sup>9</sup>See, for example, the theory restrictions on the five long-run relations in Garratt *et al.* (2001).

where  $\boldsymbol{\theta} \in \Theta$ ,  $\Theta \subset \mathbb{R}^{mr}$ ,  $\mathbf{h}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = (h_1(\boldsymbol{\theta}), h_2(\boldsymbol{\theta}), \dots, h_k(\boldsymbol{\theta}))'$ , and  $h_i(\boldsymbol{\theta})$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, k$ , is a known continuously differentiable scalar function of  $\boldsymbol{\theta}$ . Let  $\boldsymbol{\theta}_0 = \mathbf{f}(\boldsymbol{\phi}_0)$  be the true value of  $\boldsymbol{\theta}$ , and assume that  $\mathbf{H}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \partial \mathbf{h}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) / \partial \boldsymbol{\theta}'$  has the full rank  $k (\leq mr)$  for all  $\boldsymbol{\theta} \in \Upsilon_\theta$ , where  $\Upsilon_\theta = \Theta \cap \{\mathbf{h}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \mathbf{0}\}$ . (See also Assumption 5.2 below.)

The analysis of identification of the cointegrating vectors can now be approached noting that  $\Pi_0 = \boldsymbol{\alpha}_0 \boldsymbol{\beta}_0' = \boldsymbol{\alpha}_0 \mathbf{Q}'^{-1} \mathbf{Q}' \boldsymbol{\beta}_0' = \boldsymbol{\alpha} \boldsymbol{\beta}'$ , where  $\mathbf{Q}$  is any arbitrary  $r \times r$  non-singular matrix. Vectorizing  $\boldsymbol{\beta} = \boldsymbol{\beta}_0 \mathbf{Q}$  we obtain

$$\boldsymbol{\theta} = (\mathbf{I}_r \otimes \boldsymbol{\beta}_0) \text{vec}(\mathbf{Q}). \quad (2.18)$$

Consider now the mean value expansion of  $\mathbf{h}(\boldsymbol{\theta})$  around  $\boldsymbol{\theta}_0$ ,

$$\mathbf{h}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \mathbf{h}(\boldsymbol{\theta}_0) + \mathbf{H}(\bar{\boldsymbol{\theta}})(\boldsymbol{\theta} - \boldsymbol{\theta}_0), \quad (2.19)$$

where the  $(i, j)$  element of  $\mathbf{H}(\bar{\boldsymbol{\theta}})$  is evaluated at  $(\bar{\theta}_i, \bar{\theta}_j)$ , and  $\bar{\theta}_i$  is a convex combination of  $\theta_{0i}$  and  $\theta_i$ . Under (2.17) we have

$$\mathbf{H}(\bar{\boldsymbol{\theta}})\boldsymbol{\theta} = \mathbf{b}(\bar{\boldsymbol{\theta}}, \boldsymbol{\theta}_0), \quad (2.20)$$

where  $\mathbf{b}(\bar{\boldsymbol{\theta}}, \boldsymbol{\theta}_0) = \mathbf{H}(\bar{\boldsymbol{\theta}})\boldsymbol{\theta}_0 - \mathbf{h}(\boldsymbol{\theta}_0) \neq \mathbf{0}$ . Substituting for  $\boldsymbol{\theta}$  from (2.18) in (2.20) yields

$$\mathbf{H}(\bar{\boldsymbol{\theta}})(\mathbf{I}_r \otimes \boldsymbol{\beta}_0) \text{vec}(\mathbf{Q}) = \mathbf{b}(\bar{\boldsymbol{\theta}}, \boldsymbol{\theta}_0), \quad (2.21)$$

and a unique solution exists for  $\text{vec}(\mathbf{Q})$  if and only if

$$\text{Rank}\{\mathbf{H}(\boldsymbol{\theta})(\mathbf{I}_r \otimes \boldsymbol{\beta}_0)\} = r^2, \text{ for all } \boldsymbol{\theta} \in \Upsilon_\theta. \quad (2.22)$$

This condition can be viewed as the dual of the rank condition (2.16).

A necessary condition for (2.22) to hold is given by the order condition,  $k \geq r^2$ . Since  $s + k = mr$ , this order condition is equivalent to the order condition implied by (2.16). It is important, however, to note that for the rank condition to be satisfied the  $r^2$  exact identifying restrictions must be distributed across the  $r$  different cointegrating vectors such that there are  $r$  restrictions per each of the  $r$  cointegrating vectors.

### 3 The Quasi Maximum Likelihood Estimators

Writing the VEC model, (2.3), in matrix notation, we have the following system of regression equations:

$$\Delta \mathbf{X} = \mathbf{Z}\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{Y}\boldsymbol{\Gamma} - \mathbf{X}_{-1}\boldsymbol{\Pi}' + \mathbf{E}, \quad (3.1)$$

where  $\mathbf{X} = (\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \dots, \mathbf{x}_T)'$ ,  $\boldsymbol{\tau} = (1, 1, \dots, 1)'$ ,  $\mathbf{t} = (1, 2, \dots, T)'$ ,  $\mathbf{Z} = (\boldsymbol{\tau}, \mathbf{t})$ ,  $\mathbf{Y} = (\Delta \mathbf{X}_{-1}, \Delta \mathbf{X}_{-2}, \dots, \Delta \mathbf{X}_{-p+1})$ ,  $\mathbf{E} = (\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_1, \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_2, \dots, \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_T)'$ ,  $\mathbf{A} = (\mathbf{a}_0, \mathbf{a}_1)'$ , and  $\boldsymbol{\Gamma} = (\boldsymbol{\Gamma}_1, \boldsymbol{\Gamma}_2, \dots, \boldsymbol{\Gamma}_{p-1})'$  are  $2 \times m$  and  $m(p-1) \times m$  matrices of unknown coefficients, respectively. Conditional on the initial values,  $\mathbf{x}_{-p+1}, \dots, \mathbf{x}_0$ , and proceeding as if the disturbances were normally distributed the quasi log-likelihood function associated with (3.1) is given by

$$\ell_T(\mathbf{a}, \boldsymbol{\varphi}) \propto -\frac{T}{2} \ln |\Omega| - \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr} \left[ \Omega^{-1} (\Delta \mathbf{X} - \mathbf{Z}\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{Y}\boldsymbol{\Gamma} + \mathbf{X}_{-1}\boldsymbol{\Pi}')' (\Delta \mathbf{X} - \mathbf{Z}\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{Y}\boldsymbol{\Gamma} + \mathbf{X}_{-1}\boldsymbol{\Pi}') \right], \quad (3.2)$$

where  $\mathbf{a} = \text{vec}(\mathbf{A})$ ,  $\boldsymbol{\varphi} = (\boldsymbol{\gamma}', \boldsymbol{\kappa}', \boldsymbol{\phi}', \boldsymbol{\omega}')'$ , with  $\boldsymbol{\gamma} = \text{vec}(\Gamma)$ ,  $\boldsymbol{\kappa} = \text{vec}(\boldsymbol{\alpha}')$ , and  $\boldsymbol{\omega} = \text{vech}(\Omega)$ . The computation of the quasi maximum likelihood estimators (QMLE) is complicated due to the rank deficiency of  $\Pi$ . To deal with problem Johansen (1988,1991) uses the reduced rank regression method originally developed by Anderson (1951). He first concentrates out all the unknown parameters except for  $\boldsymbol{\beta}$  to obtain the following concentrated log-likelihood function

$$\ell_T(\boldsymbol{\beta}) \propto -\frac{T}{2} \ln \left| \hat{\Omega}(\boldsymbol{\beta}) \right|, \quad (3.3)$$

where

$$\left| \hat{\Omega}(\boldsymbol{\beta}) \right| = \frac{|\mathbf{S}_{00}| |\boldsymbol{\beta}' \mathbf{A}_T \boldsymbol{\beta}|}{|\boldsymbol{\beta}' \mathbf{B}_T \boldsymbol{\beta}|}, \quad (3.4)$$

$$\mathbf{A}_T = \mathbf{S}_{11} - \mathbf{S}_{10} \mathbf{S}_{00}^{-1} \mathbf{S}_{01}, \quad \mathbf{B}_T = \mathbf{S}_{11}, \quad (3.5)$$

$$\mathbf{S}_{ij} = T^{-1} \sum_{t=1}^T \mathbf{r}_{it} \mathbf{r}_{jt}', \quad i, j = 0, 1, \quad (3.6)$$

and  $\mathbf{r}_{0t}$  and  $\mathbf{r}_{1t}$  are the residual vectors from the regressions of

$$\Delta \mathbf{x}_t \text{ and } \mathbf{x}_{t-1} \text{ on } (1, t, \Delta \mathbf{x}_{t-1}, \dots, \Delta \mathbf{x}_{t-p+1}),$$

respectively.<sup>10</sup> Substituting (3.4) in (3.3) we have

$$\ell_T(\boldsymbol{\beta}) \propto -\frac{T}{2} \ln \{ |\boldsymbol{\beta}' \mathbf{A}_T \boldsymbol{\beta}| - \ln |\boldsymbol{\beta}' \mathbf{B}_T \boldsymbol{\beta}| \}. \quad (3.7)$$

It is now easily seen that unconstrained maximization of  $\ell_T(\boldsymbol{\beta})$  will not lead to a unique estimator of  $\boldsymbol{\beta}$ . For any QMLE of  $\boldsymbol{\beta}$ , say  $\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_A, \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_B = \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_A \mathbf{Q}$  will also give the same value for the maximized log-likelihood function, where  $\mathbf{Q}$  is any arbitrary non-singular  $r \times r$  matrix. More formally, independently of the observation matrices,  $\mathbf{A}_T$  and  $\mathbf{B}_T$ , we have  $\ell_T(\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_A) = \ell_T(\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_B)$ .

### 3.1 Johansen's Empirical Identification Scheme

The just-identifying restrictions utilized in Johansen's estimation procedure involve observation matrices,  $\mathbf{A}_T$  and  $\mathbf{B}_T$ , and are often referred to as "empirical" or "statistical" identifying

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<sup>10</sup>In general, the computation of  $\mathbf{A}_T$  and  $\mathbf{B}_T$  depends on the intercept-trend specifications used in the VEC model. There are five different cases: Case (1) No intercepts and no trends. Case (2) Restricted intercepts and no trends. Case (3) Unrestricted intercepts and no trends. Case (4) Unrestricted intercepts and restricted trends. Case (5) Unrestricted intercepts and unrestricted trends. For details see Pesaran, Shin and Smith (2000). For example, in the case of model (2.3), where the trend coefficients are restricted,  $\mathbf{r}_{0t}$  should be computed as residuals from the regression of  $\Delta \mathbf{x}_t$  on  $(1, \Delta \mathbf{x}_{t-1}, \dots, \Delta \mathbf{x}_{t-p+1})$ , and  $\mathbf{r}_{1t}$  as the residuals from the regression of  $(t, \mathbf{x}_{t-1})'$  on  $(1, \Delta \mathbf{x}_{t-1}, \dots, \Delta \mathbf{x}_{t-p+1})$ . In the case of the empirical application provided in Section 6, Case 2 is relevant and  $\mathbf{r}_{0t}$  should be computed as residuals from the regression of  $\Delta \mathbf{x}_t$  on  $(\Delta \mathbf{x}_{t-1}, \dots, \Delta \mathbf{x}_{t-p+1})$ , and  $\mathbf{r}_{1t}$  as the residuals from the regression of  $(1, \mathbf{x}_{t-1})'$  on  $(\Delta \mathbf{x}_{t-1}, \dots, \Delta \mathbf{x}_{t-p+1})$ .

restrictions, as compared to *a priori* restrictions on  $\beta$  specified, for example, by (2.13) which are independent of particular sample values of  $\mathbf{A}_T$  and  $\mathbf{B}_T$ . The  $r^2$  exact identifying restrictions employed by Johansen are implicit in the eigenvector problem associated with Anderson's solution to the reduced rank regression problem. Johansen's exactly identified estimator of  $\beta$ , which we denote by  $\hat{\beta}_J$ , are obtained as the first  $r$  eigenvectors of  $\mathbf{B}_T - \mathbf{A}_T$  with respect to  $\mathbf{B}_T$ , subject to the following “(ortho-)normalization” and “orthogonalization” restrictions:

$$\hat{\beta}'_J \mathbf{B}_T \hat{\beta}_J = \mathbf{I}_r, \quad (3.8)$$

$$\hat{\beta}'_{Ji} (\mathbf{B}_T - \mathbf{A}_T) \hat{\beta}_{Jj} = 0, \quad i \neq j, \quad i, j = 1, 2, \dots, r, \quad (3.9)$$

where  $\hat{\beta}_{Ji}$  represents an  $i$ -th column of  $\hat{\beta}_J$ . The conditions (3.8) and (3.9) together exactly impose the  $r^2$  just-identifying restrictions on  $\beta$ , with (3.8) supplying  $r(r+1)/2$  restrictions and (3.9) further  $r(r-1)/2$  restrictions. See Anderson (1984, Appendix A.2). It is clear that the above  $r^2$  restrictions are adopted for their mathematical convenience and not because they are inherently of interest in econometric applications.

### 3.2 Phillips' Identification Procedure

The identification scheme employed by Phillips (1991,1995) is based on an *a priori* decomposition of  $\mathbf{x}_t$  into an  $r \times 1$  vector  $\mathbf{x}_{1t}$ , and an  $(m-r) \times 1$  vector  $\mathbf{x}_{2t}$ , such that  $\mathbf{x}_{2t}$  are *not* cointegrated among themselves. Under this decomposition the number of the cointegrating relations,  $r$ , is *a priori* known.<sup>11</sup> In the context of the VEC model (2.3) this decomposition implies the following restrictions on  $\Pi$

$$\Pi = \begin{pmatrix} \Pi_{11} & \Pi_{12} \\ r \times r & r \times m-r \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \\ m-r \times r & m-r \times m-r \end{pmatrix} = \alpha \beta',$$

where  $\Pi_{11}$  is a non-singular matrix,

$$\alpha = \begin{pmatrix} \Pi_{11} \\ \mathbf{0} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \beta = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{I}_r \\ \mathbf{P} \end{pmatrix},$$

and  $\mathbf{P} = (\Pi_{11}^{-1} \Pi_{12})'$ . Under Phillips's identification scheme the  $r^2$  exactly identifying restrictions are placed on the first  $r$  rows of  $\beta$ , by setting the coefficients of  $\mathbf{x}_{1t}$  in long-run relations,  $\beta' \mathbf{x}_{t-1}$ , equal to an identity matrix. Notice also that the scheme imposes further  $(m-r) \times r$  restrictions on the loading coefficient matrix,  $\alpha$ . The latter restrictions are not necessary for identification of the long-run relations and stem from the subsidiary assumption that  $\mathbf{x}_{2t}$  are not cointegrated among themselves.

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<sup>11</sup> A similar set up is also considered more recently by Wickens and Motto (2001).

Phillips' procedure differs from Johansen's in two respects. First, Johansen requires a fully-specified dynamic model, while Phillips does not.<sup>12</sup> Second, more importantly from the perspective of this paper, Johansen employs "empirical" identification restrictions, while Phillips relies on the triangular characterization to achieve the  $r^2$  just-identifying restrictions needed for a unique estimation of the cointegrating vectors. Though the identification restrictions used by Phillips do not involve sample observations, it is based on a secondary set of restrictions on  $\alpha$  that are not needed for identification of the long-run relations and in general need not hold in practice.

More recently, Johansen (1995) has developed an eigenvalue routine for testing linear homogeneous restrictions imposed on one cointegrating vector at a time, implicitly assuming that the unrestricted part of the cointegrating space is exactly-identified. But he does not allow for non-linear restrictions or restrictions across different cointegrating vectors. Using Phillips' triangular framework, Saikkonen (1993a) has considered estimation of cointegrating vectors subject to linear restrictions, and develops tests of the validity of the restrictions. His procedure, however, requires *a priori* decomposition of  $m$  integrated variables in the system into  $r$  and  $m - r$  subsets, such that the variables in the latter are not cointegrated, as in Phillips.

## 4 Asymptotic Theory for QMLE Under General Non-Linear Restrictions

### 4.1 Consistency of the QMLE

In the literature it is taken for granted that the QMLE of a cointegrated VAR model are consistent. But to our knowledge no general proof of the consistency of the QMLE of the cointegrating vectors is available in the literature.<sup>13</sup> Here we provide such a proof which is valid under relatively general assumptions about the distribution of the error process and irrespective of the trending or cointegrating properties of  $\mathbf{x}_t$ .<sup>14</sup> Due to the unit-root and cointegrating properties of the model the consistency proof involves two stages. In the first stage we establish that the QMLE of the long-run coefficients,  $\beta(\phi)$ , are consistent. Based on this result we shall then proceed to prove the super-consistency of the long-run coefficients and the consistency of the short-run coefficients. To simplify the exposition we shall abstract from the analysis of the deterministic coefficients,  $\mathbf{a}_0$  and  $\mathbf{a}_1$ , and work with a likelihood function that concentrate out these parameters. Using (3.2) we have:

$$\ell_T(\varphi) \propto \frac{-T}{2} \ln |\Omega| - \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr} [\Omega^{-1} (\Delta \mathbf{X} - \mathbf{Y} \Gamma + \mathbf{X}_{-1} \Pi')' \mathbf{M} (\Delta \mathbf{X} - \mathbf{Y} \Gamma + \mathbf{X}_{-1} \Pi')], \quad (4.1)$$

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<sup>12</sup>However, Johansen's approach allows one to test for the number of cointegrating relations while in Phillips' framework the number of cointegrating relations are assumed as given.

<sup>13</sup>As noted in the introduction, the difficulty lies in the fact that the average log-likelihood function does not have a finite limit when  $\mathbf{x}_t$  is trended, and hence the usual proof of the consistency of the QMLE along the lines set out, for example, in Davidson and MacKinnon (1993, Section 8.4) will not be applicable.

<sup>14</sup>This approach can be readily applied to the analysis of models with more complicated trends, or to cases where the nature of the trend depends on the values of one or more unknown parameters of the model.

where  $\mathbf{M} = \mathbf{I}_T - \mathbf{Z}(\mathbf{Z}'\mathbf{Z})^{-1}\mathbf{Z}'$ .

We now provide a proof of the consistency of the QMLE of  $\boldsymbol{\varphi}$  under the following assumptions:

**Assumption 4.1** *The  $m \times 1$  vector of errors,  $\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_t$ , is such that*

(a)  $E(\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_t|F_{t-1}) = \mathbf{0}$  and  $\text{Var}(\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_t|F_{t-1}) = \Omega$ , where  $F_{t-1} = (\mathbf{x}_{t-1}, \mathbf{x}_{t-2}, \mathbf{x}_{t-3}, \dots)$  is a non-decreasing information set, and  $\Omega$  is a positive definite symmetric matrix;

(b)  $\sup_t E(\|\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_t\|^j) < \infty$  for some  $j > 2$ .<sup>15</sup>

**Assumption 4.2**  $\boldsymbol{\varphi} \in \Upsilon_{\boldsymbol{\varphi}}$ , where  $\Upsilon_{\boldsymbol{\varphi}} = \Upsilon_{\gamma} \times \Upsilon_{\kappa} \times \Upsilon_{\phi} \times \Upsilon_{\omega}$  is a compact subset of  $\mathbb{R}^{h_{\boldsymbol{\varphi}}}$  with  $h_{\boldsymbol{\varphi}} = m^2(p-1) + mr + s + \frac{1}{2}m(m+1)$ . The true value of  $\boldsymbol{\varphi}$ , denoted by  $\boldsymbol{\varphi}_0 = (\boldsymbol{\gamma}'_0, \boldsymbol{\kappa}'_0, \boldsymbol{\phi}'_0, \boldsymbol{\omega}'_0)'$ , is an interior point of  $\Upsilon_{\boldsymbol{\varphi}}$ .

Partition  $\boldsymbol{\varphi} = (\boldsymbol{\phi}', \boldsymbol{\rho}')'$  into the long-run parameters,  $\boldsymbol{\phi}$ , and the short-run parameters,  $\boldsymbol{\rho} = (\boldsymbol{\gamma}', \boldsymbol{\kappa}', \boldsymbol{\omega}')'$ . Let  $\hat{\boldsymbol{\varphi}}$  be the QMLE of  $\boldsymbol{\varphi}$ . As noted by Saikkonen (1993b, 1995), proving the consistency of  $\hat{\boldsymbol{\varphi}}$  is complicated in models with unit roots due to the fact that the QMLE of the short-run parameters,  $\hat{\boldsymbol{\rho}} = (\hat{\boldsymbol{\gamma}}', \hat{\boldsymbol{\kappa}}', \hat{\boldsymbol{\omega}}')'$ , and those of the long-run parameters,  $\hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}}$ , converge to their true values at different rates. In the context of a relatively simple model, Saikkonen (1995, Section 5.3) provides a proof of consistency of the QMLE of the long-run parameters *conditional* on the true values of the short-run parameters and *vice versa*.

In this sub-section we consider the convergence properties of

$$T^{-1}[\ell_T(\boldsymbol{\varphi}_0) - \ell_T(\boldsymbol{\varphi})]$$

and show that

$$\hat{\boldsymbol{\rho}} - \boldsymbol{\rho}_0 = o_p(1), \text{ and } \hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}} - \boldsymbol{\phi}_0 = o_p(T^{-1/2}). \quad (4.2)$$

Using (4.1), it is easily seen that

$$T^{-1}[\ell_T(\boldsymbol{\varphi}_0) - \ell_T(\boldsymbol{\varphi})] = \frac{1}{2}(\mathcal{A}_T + \mathcal{B}_T), \quad (4.3)$$

where

$$\mathcal{A}_T = -\ln |\Omega^{-1}\Omega_0| - \text{Tr}[(\Omega_0^{-1} - \Omega^{-1})T^{-1}\mathbf{E}'\mathbf{M}\mathbf{E}], \quad (4.4)$$

and

$$\mathcal{B}_T = \text{Tr}\left\{\Omega^{-1}\left[T^{-1}(\Delta\mathbf{X} - \mathbf{Y}\Gamma + \mathbf{X}_{-1}\Pi')'\mathbf{M}(\Delta\mathbf{X} - \mathbf{Y}\Gamma + \mathbf{X}_{-1}\Pi') - T^{-1}\mathbf{E}'\mathbf{M}\mathbf{E}\right]\right\}. \quad (4.5)$$

But under the data generating process  $\Delta\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{Z}\mathbf{A}_0 + \mathbf{Y}\Gamma_0 - \mathbf{X}_{-1}\Pi'_0 + \mathbf{E}$ , and noting that  $\mathbf{M}\mathbf{Z} = \mathbf{0}$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{B}_T &= T^{-1}\text{Tr}\left\{\Omega^{-1}\left[\mathbf{Y}(\Gamma_0 - \Gamma) - \mathbf{X}_{-1}(\Pi_0 - \Pi)'\right]'\mathbf{M}\left[\mathbf{Y}(\Gamma_0 - \Gamma) - \mathbf{X}_{-1}(\Pi_0 - \Pi)'\right] + \mathbf{E}\right\} \\ &\quad - \text{Tr}\left[\Omega^{-1}(T^{-1}\mathbf{E}'\mathbf{M}\mathbf{E})\right] \end{aligned} \quad (4.6)$$

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<sup>15</sup>For a discussion of this assumption in the VEC models see, for example, Pesaran, Shin and Smith (2000).

Also

$$\Pi - \Pi_0 = \alpha\beta' - \alpha_0\beta_0' = (\alpha - \alpha_0)\beta_0' + \alpha(\beta - \beta_0)',$$

where for notational convenience we are denoting  $\beta(\phi)$  and  $\beta(\phi_0)$  by  $\beta$  and  $\beta_0$ , respectively. Using this result in (4.6) and noting that  $\text{Tr}(\mathbf{ABCD}) = (\text{vec}\mathbf{D})'(\mathbf{A} \otimes \mathbf{C}')\text{vec}\mathbf{B}'$ ,<sup>16</sup> then after some algebra we obtain:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{B}_T = & (\gamma - \gamma_0)' \left( \Omega^{-1} \otimes \frac{\mathbf{Y}'\mathbf{M}\mathbf{Y}}{T} \right) (\gamma - \gamma_0) + (\kappa - \kappa_0)' \left( \Omega^{-1} \otimes \frac{\beta_0'\mathbf{X}'_{-1}\mathbf{M}\mathbf{X}_{-1}\beta_0}{T} \right) (\kappa - \kappa_0) \\ & + (\theta - \theta_0)' \left( \alpha'\Omega^{-1}\alpha \otimes \frac{\mathbf{X}'_{-1}\mathbf{M}\mathbf{X}_{-1}}{T} \right) (\theta - \theta_0) - 2(\gamma - \gamma_0)' \left( \Omega^{-1} \otimes \frac{\mathbf{Y}'\mathbf{M}\mathbf{X}_{-1}\beta_0}{T} \right) (\kappa - \kappa_0) \\ & - 2(\gamma - \gamma_0)' \left( \Omega^{-1}\alpha \otimes \frac{\mathbf{Y}'\mathbf{M}\mathbf{X}_{-1}}{T} \right) (\theta - \theta_0) + 2(\kappa - \kappa_0)' \left( \Omega^{-1}\alpha \otimes \frac{\beta_0'\mathbf{X}'_{-1}\mathbf{M}\mathbf{X}_{-1}}{T} \right) (\theta - \theta_0) \\ & - 2(\gamma - \gamma_0)' \left( \Omega^{-1} \otimes \frac{\mathbf{Y}'\mathbf{M}\mathbf{E}}{T} \right) \text{vec}(\mathbf{I}_m) + 2(\kappa - \kappa_0)' \left( \Omega^{-1} \otimes \frac{\beta_0'\mathbf{X}'_{-1}\mathbf{M}\mathbf{E}}{T} \right) \text{vec}(\mathbf{I}_m) \\ & + 2(\theta - \theta_0)' \left[ \alpha'\Omega^{-1} \otimes \frac{\mathbf{X}'_{-1}\mathbf{M}\mathbf{E}}{T} \right] \text{vec}(\mathbf{I}_m). \end{aligned} \quad (4.7)$$

Define the open balls,

$$\begin{aligned} B(\gamma_0, \delta_\gamma) &= \{\gamma \in \Upsilon_\gamma : \|\gamma - \gamma_0\| < \delta_\gamma\}, \\ B(\kappa_0, \delta_\kappa) &= \{\kappa \in \Upsilon_\kappa : \|\kappa - \kappa_0\| < \delta_\kappa\}, \\ B(\phi_0, \delta_\phi) &= \{\phi \in \Upsilon_\phi : \|\phi - \phi_0\| < \delta_\phi\}, \\ B(\omega_0, \delta_\omega) &= \{\omega \in \Upsilon_\omega : \|\omega - \omega_0\| < \delta_\omega\}, \end{aligned}$$

and their complements

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{B}(\gamma_0, \delta_\gamma) &= \{\gamma \in \Upsilon_\gamma : \|\gamma - \gamma_0\| \geq \delta_\gamma\}, \\ \overline{B}(\kappa_0, \delta_\kappa) &= \{\kappa \in \Upsilon_\kappa : \|\kappa - \kappa_0\| \geq \delta_\kappa\}, \\ \overline{B}(\phi_0, \delta_\phi) &= \{\phi \in \Upsilon_\phi : \|\phi - \phi_0\| \geq \delta_\phi\}, \\ \overline{B}(\omega_0, \delta_\omega) &= \{\omega \in \Upsilon_\omega : \|\omega - \omega_0\| \geq \delta_\omega\}. \end{aligned}$$

To prove the consistency of the QMLE of the long-run parameters  $\phi$  (namely  $\hat{\phi}$ ), it is sufficient to show that for all values of  $\rho \in \Upsilon_\rho = \Upsilon_\gamma \times \Upsilon_\kappa \times \Upsilon_\omega$  and for every  $\delta_\phi > 0$ ,<sup>17</sup>

$$\lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \Pr \left\{ \inf_{\varphi \in \overline{B}(\phi_0, \delta_\phi) \times \Upsilon_\rho} T^{-1} [\ell_T(\varphi_0) - \ell_T(\varphi)] > 0 \right\} = 1. \quad (4.8)$$

<sup>16</sup>See, for example, Magnus and Neudecker (1988, p. 31).

<sup>17</sup>The sufficiency of (4.8) for consistency of the extremum estimators such as QMLE is established for example by Wu (1981). See also Saikkonen (1995, p.903).

Using (A.4), (A.8), (A.9) and (A.10) in Appendix A.2, and under Assumption 4.2, it is easily seen that except for the third term in (4.7), all other terms of  $T^{-1} [\ell_T(\boldsymbol{\varphi}_0) - \ell_T(\boldsymbol{\varphi})]$  are at most  $O_p(1)$ . Therefore,

$$2T^{-1} [\ell_T(\boldsymbol{\varphi}_0) - \ell_T(\boldsymbol{\varphi})] = T(\boldsymbol{\theta} - \boldsymbol{\theta}_0)' \left[ \boldsymbol{\alpha}' \Omega^{-1} \boldsymbol{\alpha} \otimes \mathbf{C}_0(1) \frac{\mathbf{S}'_{-1} \mathbf{M} \mathbf{S}_{-1}}{T^2} \mathbf{C}_0(1)' \right] (\boldsymbol{\theta} - \boldsymbol{\theta}_0) + O_p(1), \quad (4.9)$$

where  $\mathbf{S}_{-1} = (\mathbf{s}_0, \mathbf{s}_1, \dots, \mathbf{s}_{T-1})'$ ,  $\mathbf{s}_t = \mathbf{s}_{t-1} + \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_t$ ,  $t = 1, 2, \dots$ , with  $\mathbf{s}_0 = \mathbf{0}$ . Hence upon using (2.15),

$$2T^{-1} [\ell_T(\boldsymbol{\varphi}_0) - \ell_T(\boldsymbol{\varphi})] = T(\boldsymbol{\phi} - \boldsymbol{\phi}_0)' \mathbf{Q}_{T,\phi\phi} (\boldsymbol{\phi} - \boldsymbol{\phi}_0) + O_p(1),$$

where

$$\mathbf{Q}_{T,\phi\phi} = \{[\mathbf{I}_r \otimes \mathbf{C}_0(1)'] \mathbf{F}(\bar{\boldsymbol{\phi}})\}' \left\{ \boldsymbol{\alpha}' \Omega^{-1} \boldsymbol{\alpha} \otimes \frac{\mathbf{S}'_{-1} \mathbf{M} \mathbf{S}_{-1}}{T^2} \right\} \{[\mathbf{I}_r \otimes \mathbf{C}_0(1)'] \mathbf{F}(\bar{\boldsymbol{\phi}})\}, \quad (4.10)$$

and the  $(i, j)$  element of  $\mathbf{F}(\bar{\boldsymbol{\phi}})$  is evaluated at  $(\bar{\phi}_i, \bar{\phi}_j)$ , and  $\bar{\phi}_i$  is a convex combination of  $\phi_{0i}$  and  $\phi_i$ . By the rank condition (2.16),  $[\mathbf{I}_r \otimes \mathbf{C}_0(1)'] \mathbf{F}(\bar{\boldsymbol{\phi}})$  has the full column rank  $s$  ( $\leq mr - r^2$ ), and  $T^{-2} \mathbf{S}'_{-1} \mathbf{M} \mathbf{S}_{-1}$  weakly converges to the positive definite (with probability 1) matrix  $\mathbf{Q}_{SS}$  defined by (A.6) in the appendix, and by assumption  $\boldsymbol{\alpha}' \Omega^{-1} \boldsymbol{\alpha}$  is an  $r \times r$  positive definite matrix for all values of  $\boldsymbol{\kappa}$  and  $\boldsymbol{\omega}$  in  $\Upsilon_\rho$ . Hence,  $\mathbf{Q}_{T,\phi\phi}$  also weakly converges (with probability 1) to the positive definite matrix  $\mathbf{Q}_{\phi\phi}$  defined by

$$\mathbf{Q}_{\phi\phi} = \{[\mathbf{I}_r \otimes \mathbf{C}_0(1)'] \mathbf{F}(\bar{\boldsymbol{\phi}})\}' \{ \boldsymbol{\alpha}' \Omega^{-1} \boldsymbol{\alpha} \otimes \mathbf{Q}_{SS} \} \{[\mathbf{I}_r \otimes \mathbf{C}_0(1)'] \mathbf{F}(\bar{\boldsymbol{\phi}})\}. \quad (4.11)$$

Therefore,

$$\inf_{\boldsymbol{\varphi} \in \bar{B}(\boldsymbol{\phi}_0, \delta_\phi) \times \Upsilon_\rho} T^{-1} [\ell_T(\boldsymbol{\varphi}_0) - \ell_T(\boldsymbol{\varphi})] \geq T \delta_\phi^2 \lambda_{\min}(\mathbf{Q}_{T,\phi\phi}) + O_p(1), \quad (4.12)$$

where  $\lambda_{\min}(\mathbf{A})$  denotes the minimum eigenvalue of matrix  $\mathbf{A}$ . As  $T \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $\lambda_{\min}(\mathbf{Q}_{T,\phi\phi})$  weakly converges to  $\lambda_{\min}(\mathbf{Q}_{\phi\phi}) > 0$ , and the right hand side of (4.12) will increase without bounds with probability 1. This first establishes the consistency of  $\hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}}$ , *i.e.*,  $\hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}} - \boldsymbol{\phi}_0 = o_p(1)$  and also shows that the presence of stationary regressors does not affect the consistency of the long-run parameters.

Next, we prove both the super-consistency of  $\hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}}$ , and the consistency of  $\hat{\boldsymbol{\rho}}$ , simultaneously. Since the consistency of  $\hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}}$  has already been established, we now focus on values of  $\boldsymbol{\phi}$  that are sufficiently close to  $\boldsymbol{\phi}_0$ . Formally we define<sup>18</sup>

$$\boldsymbol{\phi} = \boldsymbol{\phi}_0 + T^{-1/2} \mathbf{d}, \quad (4.13)$$

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<sup>18</sup>The choice of  $\delta = 1/2$  is made ensuring that all the decomposed terms of the average log-likelihood can be of the same order of magnitude at most. Notice that the order of consistency of  $\hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}}$  is determined by the rate at which this ball shrinks to zero.

where we take  $\mathbf{d}$  to be an  $s \times 1$  vector of fixed constants defined on a compact set.<sup>19</sup> Also following Saikkonen (1995) we define the open shrinking ball

$$N_T(\phi_0, \delta_d) = \{\phi \in \Upsilon_\phi : T^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\phi - \phi_0\| < \delta_d\},$$

and its complement

$$\overline{N}_T(\phi_0, \delta_d) = \{\phi \in \Upsilon_\phi : T^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\phi - \phi_0\| \geq \delta_d\},$$

and note that on  $\overline{N}_T(\theta_0, \delta_d)$  we also have  $\|\mathbf{d}\| \geq \delta_d$ . Let

$$C(\varphi_0, \delta_d, \delta_\rho) = \cup_{\delta_d, \delta_\rho} (\overline{N}_T(\phi_0, \delta_d) \times \overline{B}(\rho_0, \delta_\rho)),$$

where  $\overline{B}(\rho_0, \delta_\rho) = \{\rho \in \Upsilon_\rho : \|\rho - \rho_0\| \geq \delta_\rho\}$ , and the union is taken over all values of  $\delta_d$  and  $\delta_\rho$  such that  $\delta_\varphi = (\delta_d^2 + \delta_\rho^2)^{1/2}$  and  $\delta_\rho = (\delta_\gamma^2 + \delta_\kappa^2 + \delta_\omega^2)^{1/2}$ . We then prove that for every  $\delta_\varphi > 0$ ,

$$\lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \Pr \left\{ \inf_{\varphi \in C(\varphi_0, \delta_d, \delta_\rho)} T^{-1} [\ell_T(\varphi_0) - \ell_T(\varphi)] > 0 \right\} = 1. \quad (4.14)$$

Using (2.15), we rewrite (4.7) compactly as

$$\mathcal{B}_T = (\boldsymbol{\eta} - \boldsymbol{\eta}_0)' \mathbf{Q}_{1T} (\boldsymbol{\eta} - \boldsymbol{\eta}_0) + 2(\boldsymbol{\eta} - \boldsymbol{\eta}_0)' \mathbf{Q}_{2T} \boldsymbol{\nu}, \quad (4.15)$$

where  $\boldsymbol{\eta} - \boldsymbol{\eta}_0 = [(\gamma - \gamma_0)', (\kappa - \kappa_0)', (\phi - \phi_0)']'$ ,  $\boldsymbol{\nu} = [(vec(\mathbf{I}_m))', (vec(\mathbf{I}_m))', (vec(\mathbf{I}_m))']'$ ,

$$\mathbf{Q}_{1T} = \begin{bmatrix} \Omega^{-1} \otimes \frac{\mathbf{Y}' \mathbf{M} \mathbf{Y}}{T} & -\Omega^{-1} \otimes \frac{\mathbf{Y}' \mathbf{M} \mathbf{X}_{-1} \beta_0}{T} & -\left(\Omega^{-1} \alpha \otimes \frac{\mathbf{Y}' \mathbf{M} \mathbf{X}_{-1}}{T}\right) \mathbf{F}(\bar{\phi}) \\ -\Omega^{-1} \otimes \frac{\beta_0' \mathbf{X}_{-1}' \mathbf{M} \mathbf{Y}}{T} & \Omega^{-1} \otimes \frac{\beta_0' \mathbf{X}_{-1}' \mathbf{M} \mathbf{X}_{-1} \beta_0}{T} & \left(\Omega^{-1} \alpha \otimes \frac{\beta_0' \mathbf{X}_{-1}' \mathbf{M} \mathbf{X}_{-1}}{T}\right) \mathbf{F}(\bar{\phi}) \\ -\mathbf{F}(\bar{\phi})' \left(\alpha' \Omega^{-1} \otimes \frac{\mathbf{X}_{-1}' \mathbf{M} \mathbf{Y}}{T}\right) & \mathbf{F}(\bar{\phi})' \left(\alpha' \Omega^{-1} \otimes \frac{\mathbf{X}_{-1}' \mathbf{M} \mathbf{X}_{-1} \beta_0}{T}\right) & \mathbf{F}(\bar{\phi})' \left(\alpha' \Omega^{-1} \alpha \otimes \frac{\mathbf{X}_{-1}' \mathbf{M} \mathbf{X}_{-1}}{T}\right) \mathbf{F}(\bar{\phi}) \end{bmatrix},$$

$$\mathbf{Q}_{2T} = \begin{bmatrix} \Omega^{-1} \otimes \frac{\mathbf{Y}' \mathbf{M} \mathbf{E}}{T} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \Omega^{-1} \otimes \frac{\beta_0' \mathbf{X}_{-1}' \mathbf{M} \mathbf{E}}{T} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{F}(\bar{\phi})' \left(\alpha' \Omega^{-1} \otimes \frac{\mathbf{X}_{-1}' \mathbf{M} \mathbf{E}}{T}\right) \end{bmatrix}.$$

Using (4.15) in (4.3), we note that

$$2 \inf T^{-1} [\ell_T(\varphi_0) - \ell_T(\varphi)] \geq \inf(\mathcal{A}_T) + \inf[(\boldsymbol{\eta} - \boldsymbol{\eta}_0)' \mathbf{Q}_{1T} (\boldsymbol{\eta} - \boldsymbol{\eta}_0)] + 2 \inf[(\boldsymbol{\eta} - \boldsymbol{\eta}_0)' \mathbf{Q}_{2T} \boldsymbol{\nu}], \quad (4.16)$$

where all the inf operations are taken over the set  $\varphi \in C(\varphi_0, \delta_d, \delta_\rho)$ . Defining  $\mathbf{K}_T = \text{diag}(\mathbf{I}_{m^2(p-1)}, \mathbf{I}_{mr}, T^{1/2} \mathbf{I}_s)$ , then

$$(\boldsymbol{\eta} - \boldsymbol{\eta}_0)' \mathbf{Q}_{1T} (\boldsymbol{\eta} - \boldsymbol{\eta}_0) = [\mathbf{K}_T (\boldsymbol{\eta} - \boldsymbol{\eta}_0)]' (\mathbf{K}_T^{-1} \mathbf{Q}_{1T} \mathbf{K}_T^{-1}) [\mathbf{K}_T (\boldsymbol{\eta} - \boldsymbol{\eta}_0)], \quad (4.17)$$

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<sup>19</sup>The case where elements of  $\mathbf{d}$  are allowed to increase without bound is covered in the proof of (4.8).

$$(\boldsymbol{\eta} - \boldsymbol{\eta}_0)' \mathbf{Q}_{2T} \boldsymbol{\nu} = [\mathbf{K}_T(\boldsymbol{\eta} - \boldsymbol{\eta}_0)]' \mathbf{K}_T^{-1} \mathbf{Q}_{2T} \boldsymbol{\nu}, \quad (4.18)$$

where for  $\boldsymbol{\varphi} \in C(\boldsymbol{\varphi}_0, \delta_d, \delta_\rho)$ ,  $\|\mathbf{K}_T(\boldsymbol{\eta} - \boldsymbol{\eta}_0)\| \geq \delta_\vartheta$  with  $\delta_\vartheta = (\delta_\gamma^2 + \delta_\kappa^2 + \delta_d^2)^{1/2}$ . Using (A.4), (A.8), (A.9) and (A.10), it is then easily seen that

$$\mathbf{K}_T^{-1} \mathbf{Q}_{1T} \mathbf{K}_T^{-1} = \mathcal{J}_{T,\eta\eta} + o_p(1) \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{K}_T^{-1} \mathbf{Q}_{2T} = o_p(1), \quad (4.19)$$

where

$$\mathcal{J}_{T,\eta\eta} = \begin{bmatrix} \Omega^{-1} \otimes \frac{\mathbf{Y}' \mathbf{M} \mathbf{Y}}{T} & \Omega^{-1} \otimes \frac{\mathbf{Y}' \mathbf{M} \mathbf{X}_{-1} \beta_0}{T} & \mathbf{0} \\ \Omega^{-1} \otimes \frac{\beta_0' \mathbf{X}_{-1}' \mathbf{M} \mathbf{Y}}{T} & \Omega^{-1} \otimes \frac{\beta_0' \mathbf{X}_{-1}' \mathbf{M} \mathbf{X}_{-1} \beta_0}{T} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{Q}_{T,\phi\phi} \end{bmatrix},$$

and  $\mathbf{Q}_{T,\phi\phi}$  is defined in (4.10). Using (4.19) and recalling that  $\mathbf{d}$  and  $\boldsymbol{\rho}$  are defined on compact sets, it follows that  $(\boldsymbol{\eta} - \boldsymbol{\eta}_0)' \mathbf{Q}_{2T} \boldsymbol{\nu} = o_p(1)$ , and therefore,

$$2 \inf \{T^{-1} [\ell_T(\boldsymbol{\varphi}_0) - \ell_T(\boldsymbol{\varphi})]\} \geq \inf(\mathcal{A}_T) + \inf \{[\mathbf{K}_T(\boldsymbol{\eta} - \boldsymbol{\eta}_0)]' \mathcal{J}_{T,\eta\eta} [\mathbf{K}_T(\boldsymbol{\eta} - \boldsymbol{\eta}_0)]\} + o_p(1), \quad (4.20)$$

where as before all the inf operations are taken over the set  $\boldsymbol{\varphi} \in C(\boldsymbol{\varphi}_0, \delta_d, \delta_\rho)$ .

Consider  $\mathcal{A}_T$  defined by (4.4), which can be rewritten as

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{A}_T &= \text{Tr}(\Omega^{-1} \Omega_0) - m - \ln |\Omega^{-1} \Omega_0| - \text{Tr}[(\Omega_0^{-1} - \Omega^{-1})(T^{-1} \mathbf{E}' \mathbf{M} \mathbf{E} - \Omega_0)], \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^m (\lambda_i - 1 - \ln \lambda_i) - \text{Tr}[(\Omega_0^{-1} - \Omega^{-1})(T^{-1} \mathbf{E}' \mathbf{M} \mathbf{E} - \Omega_0)], \end{aligned} \quad (4.21)$$

where  $\lambda_i > 0$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, m$ , denote the eigenvalues of  $\Omega^{-1} \Omega_0$ . Since  $T^{-1} \mathbf{E}' \mathbf{M} \mathbf{E}$  uniformly converges to  $\Omega_0$ , the second term in (4.21) uniformly converges to 0. Notice also that  $\lambda_i - 1 - \ln \lambda_i$  attains its unique minimum at  $\lambda_i = 1$ , and is strictly positive for all feasible values of  $\lambda_i$  not equal to unity. When  $\lambda_i = 1$  for all  $i$ , we must have  $\Omega = \Omega_0$ . Therefore

$$\inf(\mathcal{A}_T) > 0 \Leftrightarrow \delta_\omega > 0. \quad (4.22)$$

For the second term in (4.20), we have<sup>20</sup>

$$\inf_{\boldsymbol{\varphi} \in C(\boldsymbol{\varphi}_0, \delta_d, \delta_\rho)} \{[\mathbf{K}_T(\boldsymbol{\eta} - \boldsymbol{\eta}_0)]' \mathcal{J}_{T,\eta\eta} [\mathbf{K}_T(\boldsymbol{\eta} - \boldsymbol{\eta}_0)]\} \geq \delta_\vartheta^2 \lambda_{\min}(\mathcal{J}_{T,\eta\eta}). \quad (4.23)$$

As  $T \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $\lambda_{\min}(\mathcal{J}_{T,\eta\eta})$  converges weakly to  $\lambda_{\min}(\mathcal{J}_{\eta\eta}) > 0$ , which is the smallest eigenvalue of the positive definite (with probability 1) matrix  $\mathcal{J}_{\eta\eta}$  given by

$$\mathcal{J}_{\eta\eta} = \begin{bmatrix} \Omega^{-1} \otimes \mathbf{Q}_{yy} & \Omega^{-1} \otimes \mathbf{Q}_{y\beta_0} & \mathbf{0} \\ \Omega^{-1} \otimes \mathbf{Q}_{y\beta_0} & \Omega^{-1} \otimes \mathbf{Q}_{\beta_0\beta_0} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{Q}_{\phi\phi} \end{bmatrix},$$

where  $\mathbf{Q}_{yy} = \text{plim}_{T \rightarrow \infty} T^{-1} \mathbf{Y}' \mathbf{M} \mathbf{Y}$ ,  $\mathbf{Q}_{y\beta_0} = \text{plim}_{T \rightarrow \infty} T^{-1} \mathbf{Y}' \mathbf{M} \mathbf{X}_{-1} \beta_0$ , and  $\mathbf{Q}_{\beta_0\beta_0} = \text{plim}_{T \rightarrow \infty} T^{-1} \beta_0' \mathbf{X}_{-1}' \mathbf{M} \mathbf{X}_{-1} \beta_0$  (see Appendix A.2). Using (4.22) and (4.23) in (4.20), and recalling that  $\delta_\varphi = (\delta_\vartheta^2 + \delta_\omega^2)^{1/2}$  we obtain (4.14) for  $\delta_\vartheta > 0$  and/or  $\delta_\omega > 0$ . This establishes the desired result given by (4.2), which we summarize:

**Theorem 4.1** *Under Assumptions 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 4.1 and 4.2, and the identification condition (2.16), the QMLE of  $\boldsymbol{\varphi}$ , obtained from the VEC model (3.1), is consistent. Furthermore, the QMLE of the long-run parameters is super-consistent such that  $\hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}} - \boldsymbol{\phi}_0 = o_p(T^{-1/2})$ .*

<sup>20</sup>Recall that  $\|\mathbf{K}_T(\boldsymbol{\eta} - \boldsymbol{\eta}_0)\| \geq \delta_\vartheta$ , where  $\delta_\vartheta = (\delta_\gamma^2 + \delta_\kappa^2 + \delta_d^2)^{1/2}$ .

## 4.2 Asymptotic Distribution of the QMLE

Under Assumptions 2.1 and 2.2,  $\Delta \mathbf{x}_{t-1}, \dots, \Delta \mathbf{x}_{t-p+1}$ , and  $\beta'_0 \mathbf{x}_{t-1}$  are stationary, and using the results in Phillips and Durlauf (1986) on the application of the Central Limit Theorem for martingale differences it is then easily seen that  $\Delta \mathbf{x}_{t-1}, \dots, \Delta \mathbf{x}_{t-p+1}$ , and  $\beta'_0 \mathbf{x}_{t-1}$  are asymptotically distributed independently of  $\varepsilon_t$ . Hence, using the results in Sections A.1 and A.2 of the Appendix we have<sup>21</sup>

$$T^{-\frac{1}{2}} \frac{\partial \ell_T(\varphi_0)}{\partial \gamma} = (\Omega_0^{-1} \otimes \mathbf{I}_{m(p-1)}) \text{vec}(T^{-\frac{1}{2}} \mathbf{Y}' \mathbf{M} \mathbf{E}) \stackrel{a}{\sim} N(\mathbf{0}, \Omega_0^{-1} \otimes \mathbf{Q}_{yy}),$$

$$T^{-\frac{1}{2}} \frac{\partial \ell_T(\varphi_0)}{\partial \kappa} = (\Omega_0^{-1} \otimes \mathbf{I}_r) \text{vec}(T^{-\frac{1}{2}} \beta'_0 \mathbf{X}'_{-1} \mathbf{M} \mathbf{E}) \stackrel{a}{\sim} N(\mathbf{0}, \Omega_0^{-1} \otimes \mathbf{Q}_{\beta_0 \beta_0}),$$

and

$$T^{-\frac{1}{2}} \frac{\partial \ell_T(\varphi_0)}{\partial \omega} = \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{D}'_m (\Omega_0^{-1} \otimes \Omega_0^{-1}) \mathbf{D}_m \text{vec}[T^{-\frac{1}{2}} (\mathbf{E}' \mathbf{M} \mathbf{E} - T \Omega_0)] \stackrel{a}{\sim} N(0, \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{D}'_m [\Omega_0^{-1} \otimes \Omega_0^{-1}] \mathbf{D}_m).$$

where  $\mathbf{D}_m$  is an  $m \times \frac{1}{2}m(m+1)$  duplication matrix.

The asymptotic distribution of  $T^{-1} \partial \ell_T(\varphi_0) / \partial \phi$  is more complicated and involves functionals of Brownian motions. From (A.1) in the appendix, we have

$$T^{-1} \frac{\partial \ell_T(\varphi_0)}{\partial \phi} = \mathbf{F}'(\phi_0) (\alpha'_0 \Omega_0^{-1} \otimes \mathbf{I}_m) \text{vec}(T^{-1} \mathbf{X}'_{-1} \mathbf{M} \mathbf{E}),$$

which upon using (A.8) yields

$$T^{-1} \frac{\partial \ell_T(\varphi_0)}{\partial \phi} \stackrel{a}{\sim} \mathbf{F}'(\phi_0) \text{vec} \left[ \int_0^1 \mathbf{v}_1(a) d\mathbf{v}'_2(a) \right], \quad (4.24)$$

where  $\mathbf{v}_1(a) = \mathbf{C}_0(1) \mathbf{w}^*(a)$ ,  $\mathbf{v}_2(a) = \alpha'_0 \Omega_0^{-1} \mathbf{w}(a)$ , and  $\mathbf{w}(a)$  and  $\mathbf{w}^*(a)$ ,  $a \in [0, 1]$ , are the standard and the demeaned and detrended Brownian motions, respectively (see (A.7) in Appendix A.2). But, noting from (2.9) that  $\mathbf{C}_0(1) \alpha_0 \beta'_0 = \mathbf{0}$  and  $\text{Rank}(\beta_0) = r$ , then

$$E[\mathbf{v}_1(a) \mathbf{v}'_2(a)] = \mathbf{C}_0(1) E[\mathbf{w}^*(a) \mathbf{w}'(a)] \Omega_0^{-1} \alpha_0 = \mathbf{C}_0(1) \alpha_0 = \mathbf{0}.$$

Hence,  $\mathbf{v}_1(a)$  and  $\mathbf{v}_2(a)$  are independently distributed, and the locally asymptotically mixed normal (LAMN) theory of Jeganathan (1982) is directly applicable to (4.24). (See also Phillips, 1991, p. 289). Therefore,

$$T^{-1} \frac{\partial \ell_T(\varphi_0)}{\partial \phi} \stackrel{a}{\sim} MN\{\mathbf{0}, \mathfrak{I}_{\phi\phi}(\varphi_0)\}, \quad (4.25)$$

where

$$\mathfrak{I}_{\phi\phi}(\varphi_0) = \mathbf{F}'(\phi_0) [\alpha'_0 \Omega_0^{-1} \alpha_0 \otimes \mathbf{C}_0(1) \mathbf{Q}_{ss} \mathbf{C}'_0(1)] \mathbf{F}(\phi_0), \quad (4.26)$$

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<sup>21</sup>These results are obtained mainly using the multivariate invariance results derived by Phillips and Durlauf (1986) and Phillips (1991).

and  $\mathbf{Q}_{SS}$ , defined by (A.6), is a positive definite matrix with probability 1. Similarly, as  $T \rightarrow \infty$

$$\mathbf{D}_T \left\{ \frac{-\partial^2 \ell_T(\varphi_0)}{\partial \varphi \partial \varphi'} \right\} \mathbf{D}_T \Rightarrow \mathfrak{I}(\varphi_0), \quad (4.27)$$

where  $\mathbf{D}_T = \text{diag} \left( T^{-\frac{1}{2}} \mathbf{I}_{m^2(p-1)}, T^{-\frac{1}{2}} \mathbf{I}_{mr}, T^{-1} \mathbf{I}_s, T^{-\frac{1}{2}} \mathbf{I}_{m(m+1)/2} \right)$ , and

$$\mathfrak{I}(\varphi_0) = \begin{bmatrix} \Omega_0^{-1} \otimes \mathbf{Q}_{yy} & \Omega_0^{-1} \otimes \mathbf{Q}_{y\beta_0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \\ \Omega_0^{-1} \otimes \mathbf{Q}'_{y\beta_0} & \Omega_0^{-1} \otimes \mathbf{Q}_{\beta_0\beta_0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathfrak{I}_{\phi\phi}(\varphi_0) & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{D}'_m (\Omega_0^{-1} \otimes \Omega_0^{-1}) \mathbf{D}_m \end{bmatrix}. \quad (4.28)$$

Combining the above results, and making use of the results in Sections A.1 and A.2 of the Appendix we have

**Theorem 4.2** *In the context of the VEC model (3.1), and under Assumptions 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 4.1 and 4.2, and the identification condition (2.16),*

$$\mathbf{D}_T \left\{ \frac{\partial \ell_T(\varphi_0)}{\partial \varphi_0} \right\} \stackrel{a}{\sim} MN \{0, \mathfrak{I}(\varphi_0)\}, \quad (4.29)$$

where  $\mathfrak{I}(\varphi_0)$ , defined by (4.28), is a positive definite matrix with probability 1.

Consider the mean-value expansion of  $\partial \ell_T(\hat{\varphi})/\partial \varphi$  around  $\varphi_0$ :

$$\frac{\partial \ell_T(\hat{\varphi})}{\partial \varphi} = \frac{\partial \ell_T(\varphi_0)}{\partial \varphi} + \frac{\partial^2 \ell_T(\bar{\varphi})}{\partial \varphi \partial \varphi'} (\hat{\varphi} - \varphi_0),$$

where the  $(i, j)$  element of  $\partial^2 \ell_T(\bar{\varphi})/\partial \varphi \partial \varphi'$  is evaluated at  $(\bar{\varphi}_i, \bar{\varphi}_j)$ , and  $\bar{\varphi}_i$  is a convex combination of  $\varphi_{i0}$  and  $\hat{\varphi}_i$ . Using the first-order conditions,  $\partial \ell_T(\hat{\varphi})/\partial \varphi = \mathbf{0}$ , we have:

$$\frac{\partial \ell_T(\varphi_0)}{\partial \varphi} = \left\{ -\frac{\partial^2 \ell_T(\bar{\varphi})}{\partial \varphi \partial \varphi'} \right\} (\hat{\varphi} - \varphi_0). \quad (4.30)$$

Define

$$\mathfrak{I}_T(\bar{\varphi}) = \mathbf{D}_T \frac{-\partial^2 \ell_T(\bar{\varphi})}{\partial \varphi \partial \varphi'} \mathbf{D}_T, \quad (4.31)$$

and write (4.30) as

$$\mathbf{D}_T \frac{\partial \ell_T(\varphi_0)}{\partial \varphi} = \mathfrak{I}_T(\bar{\varphi}) \mathbf{D}_T^{-1} (\hat{\varphi} - \varphi_0).$$

To derive the asymptotic distribution of  $\mathbf{D}_T^{-1} (\hat{\varphi} - \varphi_0)$  it now remains to show that  $\mathfrak{I}_T(\bar{\varphi}) \Rightarrow \mathfrak{I}(\varphi_0)$ . Unlike the standard QML method, in the case of integrated and cointegrated systems the consistency of  $\hat{\varphi}$  is not sufficient to guarantee the weak convergence of  $\mathfrak{I}_T(\bar{\varphi})$  to  $\mathfrak{I}(\varphi_0)$ ,

and additional conditions are needed. In particular, as shown by Saikkonen (1995, Proposition 3.2)  $\mathfrak{I}_T(\bar{\varphi}) \Rightarrow \mathfrak{I}(\varphi_0)$ , if  $\mathbf{D}_T^{-1}(\hat{\varphi} - \varphi_0) = o_p(1)$  and if the sample information matrix  $\mathfrak{I}_T(\varphi)$  satisfies his stochastic equicontinuity condition.<sup>22</sup> The former condition is already established (see Theorem 4.1). The latter is proved in the Appendix (Section A.3), under the following assumption:

**Assumption 4.3** For  $\phi_* \in \Upsilon_\phi$ ,  $\beta(\phi)$  and  $\mathbf{F}(\phi)$  satisfy the Lipschitz conditions:

$$\|\beta(\phi_*) - \beta(\phi)\| \leq c_\beta \|\phi_* - \phi\|, \quad (4.32)$$

$$\|\mathbf{F}(\phi_*) - \mathbf{F}(\phi)\| \leq c_F \|\phi_* - \phi\|, \quad (4.33)$$

where  $c_\beta$  and  $c_F$  are positive constants.

These conditions impose a certain degree of smoothness on the non-linear dependence of  $\beta(\phi)$  and its derivatives,  $\mathbf{F}(\phi)$ , on  $\phi$ , and are clearly satisfied when the restrictions on  $\beta$  are linear. The following theorem summarizes the main result on the asymptotic distribution of the QMLE:

**Theorem 4.3** Consider the VEC model given by (3.1). Suppose that Assumptions 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 4.1, 4.2 and 4.3, and the identification condition (2.16) hold. Then, the sample information matrix  $\mathfrak{I}_T(\bar{\varphi})$  defined by (4.31) weakly converges to  $\mathfrak{I}(\varphi_0)$ , defined by (4.28), and the QMLE of  $\varphi$ , obtained subject to the general non-linear restrictions  $\text{vec}(\beta) = \theta = \mathbf{f}(\phi)$ , asymptotically has the mixture normal distribution:

$$\mathbf{D}_T^{-1}(\hat{\varphi} - \varphi_0) \overset{a}{\sim} MN\{\mathbf{0}, \mathfrak{I}^{-1}(\varphi_0)\}. \quad (4.34)$$

It is worth noting that when  $\text{vec}(\beta) = \theta$  is unrestricted, its associated information matrix,  $\alpha'_0 \Omega_0^{-1} \alpha_0 \otimes \mathbf{C}_0(1) \mathbf{Q}_{SS} \mathbf{C}'_0(1)$ , is singular, having rank  $mr - r^2$  with probability 1. Therefore, we need at least  $r^2$  independent restrictions to identify  $\theta$ . This represents a generalization of the result obtained by Rothenberg (1971) for the case where the underlying processes are stationary.

Also, given that  $\mathfrak{I}(\varphi_0)$  is block-diagonal, the QMLE of the short-run parameters,  $\hat{\rho}$ , are asymptotically distributed independently of  $\hat{\phi}$ . Therefore, for large enough  $T$ , inferences on the short-run parameters can be carried out treating  $\hat{\phi}$  as if they were given. Thus, the results obtained in the literature for the case where the restrictions on  $\theta$  are linear extend readily to models with non-linear (over-identifying) restrictions.

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<sup>22</sup>On the concept of stochastic equicontinuity and its use in establishing uniform convergence results in econometrics see Davidson (1994, pp. 335-340) and references cited therein; in particular Andrews (1987, 1992) and Pötscher and Prucha (1994).

## 5 Testing Over-Identifying Restrictions on Cointegrating Vectors

In this section we consider the problem of testing over-identifying restrictions imposed directly on the cointegrating vectors.<sup>23</sup> Consider the following partition of  $\mathbf{h}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \mathbf{0}$ , the  $k$  ( $> r^2$ ) restrictions on  $\boldsymbol{\theta}$  given by (2.17):

$$\mathbf{h}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = [\mathbf{h}'_A(\boldsymbol{\theta}), \mathbf{h}'_B(\boldsymbol{\theta})] = \mathbf{0},$$

where  $\mathbf{h}_A(\boldsymbol{\theta})$  and  $\mathbf{h}_B(\boldsymbol{\theta})$  are  $r^2 \times 1$  and  $(k - r^2) \times 1$  vector functions, respectively. Without loss of generality,  $\mathbf{h}_A(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \mathbf{0}$  can be regarded as one set of many possible  $r^2$  just-identifying restrictions, and the remaining restrictions,  $\mathbf{h}_B(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \mathbf{0}$ , then constitute the  $k - r^2$  over-identifying restrictions.<sup>24</sup>

Let  $\boldsymbol{\psi} = (\boldsymbol{\rho}', \boldsymbol{\theta}')$ , where  $\boldsymbol{\rho} = (\boldsymbol{\gamma}', \boldsymbol{\kappa}', \boldsymbol{\omega}')$  and  $\boldsymbol{\theta}$  are the short-run and the long-run parameters, respectively, and consider the following assumptions that correspond to the Assumptions 2.3, 4.2 and 4.3 of the previous sections:

**Assumption 5.1**  $\boldsymbol{\theta} \in \Theta$  where  $\Theta \subset \mathbb{R}^{mr}$  and  $\mathbf{h}(\boldsymbol{\theta})$  is a continuously differentiable function of  $\boldsymbol{\theta}$ . Under  $\mathbf{h}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \mathbf{0}$ ,  $\boldsymbol{\theta} \in \Upsilon_\theta$ , where  $\Upsilon_\theta$  is a compact subset of  $\Theta$ , and the  $k \times mr$  Jacobian matrix,  $\mathbf{H}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \partial \mathbf{h}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) / \partial \boldsymbol{\theta}'$ , has full rank  $k \leq mr$  for all  $\boldsymbol{\theta} \in \Upsilon_\theta$ .

**Assumption 5.2**  $\boldsymbol{\psi} \in \Upsilon_\psi$ , where  $\Upsilon_\psi = \Upsilon_\rho \times \Upsilon_\theta$ , is a compact subset of  $\mathbb{R}^{h_\psi}$  with  $h_\psi = m^2(p-1) + mr + \frac{1}{2}m(m+1) + mr$ . The true value of  $\boldsymbol{\psi}$ , denoted by  $\boldsymbol{\psi}_0 = (\boldsymbol{\rho}'_0, \boldsymbol{\theta}'_0)'$ , is an interior point of  $\Upsilon_\psi$ .

**Assumption 5.3** For  $\boldsymbol{\theta}_* \in \Upsilon_\theta$ ,  $\mathbf{h}(\boldsymbol{\theta})$  and  $\mathbf{H}(\boldsymbol{\theta})$  satisfy the Lipschitz conditions:

$$\|\mathbf{h}(\boldsymbol{\theta}_*) - \mathbf{h}(\boldsymbol{\theta})\| \leq c_h \|\boldsymbol{\theta}_* - \boldsymbol{\theta}\|, \quad (5.1)$$

$$\|\mathbf{H}(\boldsymbol{\theta}_*) - \mathbf{H}(\boldsymbol{\theta})\| \leq c_H \|\boldsymbol{\theta}_* - \boldsymbol{\theta}\|, \quad (5.2)$$

where  $c_h$  and  $c_H$  are positive constants.

Using similar results as in Section 4.2, we have

$$\mathbf{D}_{\psi T} \frac{\partial \ell_T(\boldsymbol{\psi}_0)}{\partial \boldsymbol{\psi}} \equiv \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{d}(\boldsymbol{\rho}_0) \\ \mathbf{d}(\boldsymbol{\theta}_0) \end{bmatrix} \stackrel{a}{\sim} MN\{\mathbf{0}, \mathfrak{I}(\boldsymbol{\psi}_0)\}, \quad (5.3)$$

where  $\mathbf{D}_{\psi T} = \text{diag}\left(T^{-\frac{1}{2}}\mathbf{I}_{h_\rho}, T^{-1}\mathbf{I}_{mr}\right)$ ,  $h_\rho = m^2(p-1) + mr + m(m+1)/2$ ,  $\mathbf{d}(\boldsymbol{\rho}_0) = T^{-\frac{1}{2}} \frac{\partial \ell_T(\boldsymbol{\psi}_0)}{\partial \boldsymbol{\rho}}$ ,  $\mathbf{d}(\boldsymbol{\theta}_0) = T^{-1} \frac{\partial \ell_T(\boldsymbol{\psi}_0)}{\partial \boldsymbol{\theta}}$ , and  $\mathfrak{I}(\boldsymbol{\psi}_0)$  is defined by

$$\mathbf{D}_{\psi T} \left\{ -\frac{\partial^2 \ell_T(\boldsymbol{\psi}_0)}{\partial \boldsymbol{\psi} \partial \boldsymbol{\psi}'} \right\} \mathbf{D}_{\psi T} \Rightarrow \mathfrak{I}(\boldsymbol{\psi}_0) = \begin{bmatrix} \mathfrak{I}_{\rho\rho}(\boldsymbol{\psi}_0) & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathfrak{I}_{\theta\theta}(\boldsymbol{\psi}_0) \end{bmatrix}. \quad (5.4)$$

<sup>23</sup>See also the discussion at the end of Section 2.1.

<sup>24</sup>It can be shown that the log-likelihood ratio statistic for the test of over-identifying restrictions is invariant to the choice of the exact identifying restrictions. See also the sub-section 5.1 below.

Note that  $\mathcal{I}_{\rho\rho}(\psi_0)$  is a positive definite matrix, but

$$\mathcal{I}_{\theta\theta}(\psi_0) = \alpha'_0 \Omega_0^{-1} \alpha_0 \otimes \mathbf{C}_0(1) \mathbf{Q}_{SS} \mathbf{C}'_0(1) \quad (5.5)$$

is singular, having rank  $mr - r^2$  with probability 1.<sup>25</sup>

Let  $\tilde{\psi} = (\tilde{\rho}', \tilde{\theta}')'$  and  $\hat{\psi} = (\hat{\rho}', \hat{\theta}')'$  be the QMLE of  $\psi$  obtained subject to the  $r^2$  exactly-identifying restrictions (say,  $\mathbf{h}_A(\theta) = \mathbf{0}$ ), and subject to the  $k$  restrictions,  $\mathbf{h}(\theta) = \mathbf{0}$ , respectively. Then, the  $k - r^2$  over-identifying restrictions on  $\theta$  can be tested using the log-likelihood ratio statistic

$$LR_T = 2 \left\{ \ell_T(\tilde{\psi}) - \ell_T(\hat{\psi}) \right\}, \quad (5.6)$$

where  $\ell_T(\hat{\psi})$  and  $\ell_T(\tilde{\psi})$  represent the maximized values of the log-likelihood function obtained under  $\mathbf{h}(\theta) = \mathbf{0}$  and  $\mathbf{h}_A(\theta) = \mathbf{0}$ , respectively.

Under Assumptions 2.1, 2.2, 4.1, and 5.1 through 5.3, and using a similar line of reasoning as in Sections 4.1 and 4.2, it can be shown that  $\hat{\rho} - \rho_0 = o_p(1)$  and  $\hat{\theta} - \theta_0 = o_p(T^{-\frac{1}{2}})$ , and the sample information matrix,  $\mathcal{I}_T(\psi) = \mathbf{D}_{\psi T} \left\{ -\frac{\partial^2 \ell_T(\psi)}{\partial \psi \partial \psi'} \right\} \mathbf{D}_{\psi T}$ , also satisfies Saikkonen's (1995) stochastic equicontinuity condition  $SE_o$ . Therefore, we have

**Theorem 5.1** *Under Assumptions 2.1, 2.2, 4.1, and 5.1 through 5.3,*

$$\sqrt{T}(\hat{\rho} - \rho_0) \overset{a}{\sim} N\{\mathbf{0}, \mathcal{I}_{\rho\rho}^{-1}(\psi_0)\} \quad \text{and} \quad T(\hat{\theta} - \theta_0) \overset{a}{\sim} MN\{\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{V}_{\theta\theta}(\psi_0)\}, \quad (5.7)$$

where

$$\mathbf{V}_{\theta\theta}(\psi_0) = \mathbf{J}_{\theta\theta}^{-1}(\psi_0) - \mathbf{J}_{\theta\theta}^{-1}(\psi_0) \mathbf{H}'(\theta_0) \{ \mathbf{H}(\theta_0) \mathbf{J}_{\theta\theta}^{-1}(\psi_0) \mathbf{H}'(\theta_0) \}^{-1} \mathbf{H}(\theta_0) \mathbf{J}_{\theta\theta}^{-1}(\psi_0), \quad (5.8)$$

is a singular random matrix having rank  $mr - k$  with probability 1, and

$$\mathbf{J}_{\theta\theta}(\psi_0) = \mathcal{I}_{\theta\theta}(\psi_0) + \mathbf{H}'_A(\theta_0) \mathbf{H}_A(\theta_0), \quad (5.9)$$

is a positive definite matrix.

**Proof.** See Section A.4 in the Appendix .

**Theorem 5.2** *Under Assumptions 2.1, 2.2, 4.1, and 5.1 through 5.3, the log-likelihood ratio statistic for testing  $\mathbf{h}(\theta) = \mathbf{0}$ , defined in (5.6), is asymptotically distributed as a  $\chi^2$  variate with  $k - r^2$  degrees of freedom.*

**Proof.** See Section A.5 in the Appendix.

The Wald statistic ( $W$ ) for testing the  $k - r^2$  over-identifying restrictions,  $\mathbf{h}_B(\theta) = \mathbf{0}$ , is given by

$$W = T^2 \mathbf{h}'_B(\tilde{\theta}) [\mathbf{H}_B(\tilde{\theta}) \mathbf{V}_{\theta\theta}^A(\tilde{\psi}) \mathbf{H}'_B(\tilde{\theta})]^{-1} \mathbf{h}_B(\tilde{\theta}), \quad (5.10)$$

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<sup>25</sup>For a general analysis of ML estimation in the case of singular information matrices see Silvey (1959, Section 6) and Breusch (1986). However, their analysis is not directly applicable to models with unit roots.

where  $\mathbf{H}_B(\tilde{\boldsymbol{\theta}}) = \partial \mathbf{h}_B(\tilde{\boldsymbol{\theta}}) / \partial \boldsymbol{\theta}'$ . Since

$$\mathbf{h}_B(\tilde{\boldsymbol{\theta}}) = \mathbf{H}_B(\boldsymbol{\theta}_0)(\tilde{\boldsymbol{\theta}} - \boldsymbol{\theta}_0) + o_p(1),$$

hence using (A.22) in the Appendix,

$$T\mathbf{h}_B(\tilde{\boldsymbol{\theta}}) \stackrel{a}{\sim} MN\{\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{H}_B(\boldsymbol{\theta}_0)\mathbf{V}_{\theta\theta}^A(\boldsymbol{\psi}_0)\mathbf{H}_B'(\boldsymbol{\theta}_0)\}.$$

Therefore,  $W \stackrel{a}{\sim} \chi_{k-r}^2$ .

Next, the Lagrange Multiplier statistic ( $LM$ ) for testing the over-identifying restrictions can be written as

$$LM = \hat{\boldsymbol{\lambda}}' \{\mathbf{V}_{\lambda\lambda}(\hat{\boldsymbol{\psi}})\}^{-1} \hat{\boldsymbol{\lambda}}, \quad (5.11)$$

where  $\hat{\boldsymbol{\lambda}}$  is the QMLE of the Lagrange multipliers  $\boldsymbol{\lambda}$  obtained under  $\mathbf{h}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \mathbf{0}$  (see (A.13)), and  $\mathbf{V}_{\lambda\lambda}(\hat{\boldsymbol{\psi}})$  is defined by (A.21). Then, using similar methods as used in the proof of Lemma 6 in Silvey (1959), it can be shown that  $LM \stackrel{a}{\sim} \chi_{k-r}^2$ .

## 5.1 Testing Over-identifying Restrictions on a Sub-set of Cointegrating Vectors

The log-likelihood ratio statistic tests the validity of the joint hypotheses of over-identifying restrictions on the cointegrating vectors in the system simultaneously. However, there are situations when we are interested in testing over-identifying restrictions on a single cointegrating vector or a subset of cointegrating vectors only. For ease of exposition, we deal with the single equation case, and partition  $\boldsymbol{\beta} = (\boldsymbol{\beta}_1, \boldsymbol{\beta}_{*1})$  such that the dimensions of  $\boldsymbol{\beta}_1$  and  $\boldsymbol{\beta}_{*1}$  are  $m \times 1$  and  $m \times (r-1)$ , respectively, and partition  $\boldsymbol{\theta} = (\boldsymbol{\theta}'_1, \boldsymbol{\theta}'_{*1})'$ , conformably. Suppose that there are  $k_1 > r$  restrictions on  $\boldsymbol{\beta}_1$ , characterized by

$$\mathbf{h}_1(\boldsymbol{\theta}_1) = \mathbf{0}, \quad (5.12)$$

and the remaining cointegrating vectors,  $\boldsymbol{\beta}_{*1}$ , are subject to  $r(r-1)$  exactly identifying restrictions. Therefore, only  $\boldsymbol{\beta}_1$  is subject to  $(k_1 - r)$  over-identifying restrictions. Denote the QMLE of  $\boldsymbol{\theta}$  obtained under the above  $k_1$  restrictions on  $\boldsymbol{\theta}_1$  and the  $r(r-1)$  exactly-identifying restrictions on the remaining  $r-1$  cointegrating vectors, by  $\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_s$ , and as before let  $\tilde{\boldsymbol{\theta}}$  be the QMLE of  $\boldsymbol{\theta}$  obtained under the  $r^2$  exactly-identifying restrictions on  $\boldsymbol{\theta}$ . Then, the log-likelihood ratio statistic for testing the validity of  $\mathbf{h}_1(\boldsymbol{\theta}_1) = \mathbf{0}$  is given by

$$LR_s = 2\{\ell_T(\tilde{\boldsymbol{\theta}}) - \ell_T(\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_s)\}. \quad (5.13)$$

By Theorem 3.2,  $LR_s$  has an asymptotic  $\chi^2$  distribution with  $k_1 - r$  degrees of freedom. Note that this result is invariant to how the remaining cointegrating vectors,  $\boldsymbol{\beta}_{*1}$ , are exactly identified.

It is also worth noting that the log-likelihood ratio statistic,  $LR_s$ , reduces to the same log-likelihood ratio statistic proposed by Johansen and Juselius (1992), when testing restrictions on a single cointegrating vector  $\boldsymbol{\beta}_i$ . This is due to the fact that there are no over-identifying

restrictions imposed on the remaining  $r - 1$  cointegrating vectors, and therefore, the QMLE of  $\beta_{*1}$  can be chosen to be equal to any one of the many possible exactly-identified estimators of  $\beta_{*1}$ .

The above result can be readily extended to the more general case of testing over-identifying restrictions imposed only on a subset of the cointegrating vectors. Partition  $\beta = (\beta_1, \beta_2)$ , where the dimensions of  $\beta_1$  and  $\beta_2$  are  $m \times r_1$  and  $m \times (r - r_1)$  with  $r > r_1$ . Suppose that there are  $k_1$  over-identifying restrictions on  $\beta_1$ . Defining  $\hat{\beta}_A = (\hat{\beta}_1, \tilde{\beta}_{2A})$ , and  $\hat{\beta}_B = (\hat{\beta}_1, \tilde{\beta}_{2B})$ , it can be shown that the value of the log-likelihood ratio statistic for testing the validity of  $k_1$  over-identifying restrictions obtained using either  $\hat{\beta}_A$  or  $\hat{\beta}_B$  is the same.

## 6 An Empirical Application: Long-Run Estimates of Consumer Demand Equations for the UK

In this section we apply the long-run structural modelling techniques to Almost Ideal Demand Systems (AIDS) estimated for three non-durable expenditure categories using the UK quarterly observations over the period 1956(1)-1993(2). (The available observations before 1956 were used to create the necessary lagged variables). This application provides a good example where economic theory provides strong testable restrictions (such as homogeneity and symmetry) on the long-run equilibrium relations. The symmetry restrictions are of particular interest, since they provide an example of cross-equation restrictions.

Under the AIDS model of Deaton and Muellbauer (1980), the expenditure share of the  $i$ -th commodity group,  $w_{it}$ , is determined in the long run by

$$w_{it} = \alpha_i + \sum_{j=1}^n \gamma_{ji} \ln P_{jt} + \delta_i \ln(Y_t/P_t), \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n, \quad t = 1, 2, \dots, T, \quad (6.1)$$

where  $P_{jt}$  is the price deflator of the commodity group  $j$ ,  $Y_t$  is the per capita expenditure on all  $n$  commodities, and  $P_t$  is a general price index which we approximate using the Stone formula:<sup>26</sup>  $\ln P_t = \sum_{j=1}^n w_{j0} \ln P_{jt}$ , where  $w_{j0}$  refer to budget shares in the base year.

Consumer theory imposes the following restrictions on the parameters of the share equations:

- Adding-up restrictions:  $\sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i = 1$ ,  $\sum_{i=1}^n \gamma_{ji} = 0$ ,  $\sum_{i=1}^n \delta_i = 0$ .
- Homogeneity restrictions:  $\sum_{j=1}^n \gamma_{ji} = 0$ .
- Symmetry restrictions:  $\gamma_{ji} = \gamma_{ij}$ .

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<sup>26</sup>The exact expression for  $\ln P_t$  is given by (see Deaton and Muellbauer, 1980):

$$\ln P_t = \alpha_0 + \sum_{k=1}^n \alpha_k \ln P_{kt} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n \gamma_{kj} \ln P_{kt} \ln P_{jt}.$$

Its use in our work will give rise to a non-linear VAR model, the analysis of which is outside the scope of this paper. For an empirical application of Stone's approximation in a static AIDS model see Pashardes (1993).

The adding-up restrictions are not testable, and are imposed indirectly by first estimating the  $n - 1$  share equations, and then estimating the parameters of the remaining equation from the adding-up restrictions. In system estimation of the share equations the results are invariant to the choice of the  $n - 1$  commodities included in the analysis. Although there have been a number of attempts to deal with the dynamics of the AIDS model, these analyses invariably consider rather restricted set-ups, and all treat prices and real per capita expenditure as exogenously given.<sup>27</sup>

The long-run structural modelling approach of this paper considers the share equations, (6.1), as the long-run equilibrium relations of a VAR model in the  $2n$  variables,  $\mathbf{x}_t = (w_{1t}, w_{2t}, \dots, w_{n-1,t}, \ln P_{1t}, \dots, \ln P_{nt}, \ln(Y_t/P_t))$ . This approach has two important advantages. Firstly, apart from the order of the VAR, it does not impose any arbitrary restrictions not supported by *a priori* theory on the short-run dynamics. Secondly, it allows for any possible interdependencies that may exist among the budget shares, prices, and the real per capita expenditure. This approach has, however, one important limitation: due to its highly data-intensive nature, only demand systems with a few commodity groups can be analyzed in a satisfactory manner. Here we estimate a three-commodity system on the UK quarterly seasonally adjusted data over the period 1956(1)-1993(2). The three commodity groups are (1) food, drink and tobacco; (2) services (including rents and rates); and (3) energy and other non-durables.<sup>28</sup>

Since the analysis of the cointegrated VAR model pre-assumes  $\mathbf{x}_t$  to be  $I(1)$ , we computed augmented Dickey-Fuller (1979) and Phillips-Perron (1988) statistics for the three budget shares ( $w_{1t}$ ,  $w_{2t}$ ,  $w_{3t}$ ), the price variables ( $\ln P_{1t}$ ,  $\ln P_{2t}$ ,  $\ln P_{3t}$ ), and the per capita real expenditure variable,  $\ln(Y_t/P_t)$ . The results are summarized in Table 1, and show that for none of the variables it is possible to reject the unit root hypothesis at the 95 percent level.<sup>29</sup>

Table 1 about here

Consumer theory predicts that there should be two cointegrating relations among the six variables,  $w_{1t}$ ,  $w_{2t}$ ,  $\ln P_{1t}$ ,  $\ln P_{2t}$ ,  $\ln P_{3t}$ , and  $\ln(Y_t/P_t)$ . To test this hypothesis, in what follows, we consider a VAR(4) model with restricted intercepts and no trends to ensure that there exist steady state values for the budget shares both under the null and the alternative

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<sup>27</sup>The most general dynamic model used is by Anderson and Blundell (1983), which is a VAR(1) in budget shares, and is estimated assuming exogenously given prices and per capita real expenditures.

<sup>28</sup>Consumer expenditures at current and constant 1990 prices for the three commodity groups were taken from Central Statistical Office's (CSO) quarterly Macroeconomic Database. Quarterly observations on population were obtained by interpolation of annual population figures taken from the CSO Annual Database. Price indices of individual commodity groups were obtained as implicit deflators of relevant expenditure categories. The general price index was approximated by the Stone index. All the data were converted into indices with base equal to 1 in 1990. This ensures that the estimates of the  $\alpha$ 's in (6.1) are close to the budget shares in the base year.

<sup>29</sup>We also computed unit root statistics for all the variables not including trends in the underlying regressions, but could not reject the unit root hypothesis in any case. Since budget shares are bounded between zero and unity, it may be argued that the non-rejection of the unit root hypothesis is due to the relatively small sample used and the lack of power of unit root tests. Nevertheless, it seems reasonable to proceed assuming that the budget shares can be approximated as unit-root processes (see also Chambers and Nowman, 1997).

hypotheses. In this case, we have

$$\Delta \mathbf{x}_t = \sum_{i=1}^3 \Gamma_i \Delta \mathbf{x}_{t-i} - \boldsymbol{\alpha} \boldsymbol{\beta}' \mathbf{x}_{t-1}^* + \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_t, \quad (6.2)$$

where  $\mathbf{x}_{t-1}^* = (\mathbf{x}_{t-1}', 1)'$  is an  $(m+1) \times 1$  vector, and  $\boldsymbol{\beta}$  is an  $(m+1) \times r$  matrix. The last row of  $\boldsymbol{\beta}$  gives the steady state values of the budget shares. Using (6.2) we computed the log-likelihood Trace and Maximum eigenvalue statistics over the period 1956(1)-1993(2). The test results are summarized in Table 2.

Table 2 about here

At the five percent significance level, the Trace statistic ( $\lambda_{trace}$ ) suggests two cointegrating vectors, while the Maximum eigenvalue statistic ( $\lambda_{max}$ ) does not reject the hypothesis that there is only one cointegrating vector among the six variables. At the ten percent level, neither statistic rejects the hypothesis that there are two cointegrating vectors.<sup>30</sup>

Given the fact that the evidence against theory's prediction is rather weak we proceed assuming that  $r = 2$ . Denote the corresponding cointegrating vectors on  $w_{1t}$ ,  $w_{2t}$ ,  $\ln P_{1t}$ ,  $\ln P_{2t}$ ,  $\ln P_{3t}$ ,  $\ln(Y_t/P_t)$  and the intercept by  $\boldsymbol{\beta}_1 = (\beta_{11}, \beta_{21}, \beta_{31}, \beta_{41}, \beta_{51}, \beta_{61}, \beta_{71})'$  and  $\boldsymbol{\beta}_2 = (\beta_{12}, \beta_{22}, \beta_{32}, \beta_{42}, \beta_{52}, \beta_{62}, \beta_{72})'$ , respectively. The exact (theory) identifying restrictions implicit in the specification of the share equations in the AIDS model are given by<sup>31</sup>

$$H_E : \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \beta_{11} = -1, & \beta_{12} = 0 \\ \beta_{21} = 0, & \beta_{22} = -1 \end{array} \right\},$$

and the exactly identified estimates of the two cointegrating vectors are

$\tilde{\boldsymbol{\beta}}'_E =$	-1	0	.2734 (.0372)	-.2215 (.0235)	-.0516 (.0433)	-.1761 (.0303)	.2866 (.0027)
	0	-1	-.1672 (.0637)	.0536 (.0395)	.1030 (.0754)	.3218 (.0521)	.5196 (.0044)

with the maximized value of the log-likelihood function being 3404.5, where the asymptotic standard errors are given in brackets.<sup>32</sup> The estimates in the last column of  $\tilde{\boldsymbol{\beta}}'_E$  correspond to the steady-state budget shares for the first two expenditure categories, namely “food, drink, and tobacco” and “services and rent”.

Next, we provide tests of the homogeneity and symmetry restrictions, taking  $\tilde{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_E$  as the appropriate exactly identified estimates. Estimation of the cointegrating relations subject to

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<sup>30</sup>We obtained similar results when we estimated lower order VAR models. We did not consider models of order higher than 4 on grounds of data limitations.

<sup>31</sup>This choice of exact-identifying restrictions rules out the possibility of placing (testing) zero restrictions on  $\beta_{11}$  and  $\beta_{22}$ . This seems plausible considering that the primary objective here is to test the homogeneity and symmetry restrictions of consumer demand functions. Demand functions will not be defined if  $\beta_{11}$  (or  $\beta_{22}$ ) is set to zero, and the homogeneity and symmetry restrictions can no longer be meaningfully formulated.

<sup>32</sup>For details of the computational algorithms see Pesaran and Pesaran (1997, Section 19.8)

the homogeneity restrictions (namely,  $\beta_{31} + \beta_{41} + \beta_{51} = 0$ , and  $\beta_{32} + \beta_{42} + \beta_{52} = 0$ ) yielded the following results:

$$\tilde{\beta}'_H = \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|} \hline -1 & 0 & .2722 & -.2218 & -.0504 & -.1753 & .2866 \\ & & (.0166) & (.0208) & (.0216) & (.0164) & (.0028) \\ \hline 0 & -1 & -.1160 & .0721 & .0439 & .2825 & .5191 \\ & & (.0289) & (.0358) & (.0378) & (.0281) & (.0048) \\ \hline \end{array},$$

with the maximized value of the log-likelihood function being 3404.0. Therefore, the log-likelihood ratio statistic for testing the homogeneity hypothesis is equal to  $2(3404.5 - 3404.0) = 1.0$ , which is well below the 95 percent critical value of the Chi-Squared test with 2 degrees of freedom.<sup>33</sup>

Turning to the symmetry hypothesis, the relevant restriction is the cross-equation restriction  $\beta_{41} = \beta_{32}$ .<sup>34</sup> The estimates of the cointegrating vectors subject to the homogeneity and symmetry restrictions are as follows.<sup>35</sup>

$$\tilde{\beta}'_{HS} = \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|} \hline -1 & 0 & .2565 & -.2150 & -.0415 & -.1771 & .2848 \\ & & (.0399) & (.0281) & (.0411) & (.0222) & (.0066) \\ \hline 0 & -1 & -.2150 & .0977 & .1173 & .2837 & .5072 \\ & & (.0281) & (.1111) & (.1295) & (.0955) & (.0188) \\ \hline \end{array},$$

with the maximized log-likelihood value of 3402.8. The  $LR$  statistic for testing this joint hypothesis is equal to 3.37, which is well below the 95 percent critical value of the Chi-Squared test with three degrees of freedom, and does not support a rejection of this joint hypothesis.

Finally, the estimates of the price and income elasticities for the specification that imposes both the homogeneity and symmetry restrictions are presented in Table 3.

Table 3 about here

The income elasticities all have the correct signs and plausible magnitudes. The estimated price elasticities are generally reasonable, except for the own price elasticity of the “food, drink and tobacco” category which is slightly positive but statistically insignificant. Finally, the estimates of the restricted intercepts, given in the last row of  $\hat{\beta}_{HS}$ , namely .285 and .507, for the  $w_1$  and  $w_2$  share equations match closely the average budget shares of .286 and .519 in the base year (1990).

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<sup>33</sup>As shown in Section 5.1, tests of the over-identifying restrictions are invariant to the choice of the exact identifying restrictions. As an illustration we tested the homogeneity restrictions conditional on the following alternative set of exactly identifying restrictions:  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \beta_{11} = -1, \quad \beta_{12} = 0 \\ \beta_{21} = 0, \quad \beta_{62} = -1 \end{array} \right\}$ , and obtained identical test results.

<sup>34</sup>In the case where  $\beta_{11}$  or  $\beta_{22}$  are not normalized to  $-1$ , the symmetry restriction needs to be expressed as  $\beta_{41}/\beta_{11} = \beta_{32}/\beta_{22}$ , which is meaningful only if  $\beta_{11} \neq 0$  and  $\beta_{22} \neq 0$ . Also see footnote 31.

<sup>35</sup>Using the adding-up condition the third (cointegrating) share equation is given by

$$\hat{w}_{3t} = 0.2080 - .0415 \ln P_{1t} + 0.1173 \ln P_{2t} - .0758 \ln P_{3t} - 0.1066 \ln(Y_t/P_t).$$

## 7 Concluding Remarks

We have argued that in cointegrated VAR models where there is more than one cointegrating relation, the statistical approach to identification of the long run cointegrating relations advanced in the literature is not satisfactory, and as far as the interpretation of the results and their use in policy analysis is concerned, can be misleading. Identification of the long-run relations requires *a priori* information, in the form predicted by economic theory, market arbitrage conditions or institutional characteristics. When there are  $r$  cointegrating relations, there must be at least  $r$  independent *a priori* restrictions (including one normalization restriction) on each of the  $r$  cointegrating relations. This paper provides a general theory for the identification of the cointegrating vectors when they are subject to non-linear parametric restrictions. It gives a rigorous proof of the consistency of the QML estimators, establishes the relative rates of convergence of the QML estimators of the short-run and the long-run coefficients, and derives their asymptotic distribution; thus providing a formal proof for many of the results routinely used in the literature. The empirical application in the paper also shows that the econometric and computational methods advanced in the paper are readily applicable to a wide variety of applied economic problems.

**Table 1: Unit Root Test Results over 1956(1)-1993(2)**

Variables	ADF( $p$ )*					PP( $\ell$ )+				
	0	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	5
$w_1$	-2.18	-1.91	-1.83	-1.90	-1.85	-1.81	-1.69	-1.73	-1.82	-2.00
$w_2$	-1.24	-1.10	-1.25	-1.26	-1.22	-1.05	-1.16	-1.21	-1.31	-1.37
$w_3$	-1.76	-1.21	-1.07	-0.99	-1.03	-1.01	-.077	-0.65	-0.60	-0.36
$\ln P_1$	-2.68	-2.12	-2.10	-2.18	-2.33	-2.58	-2.57	-2.60	-2.65	-2.70
$\ln P_2$	-1.93	-1.71	-1.74	-1.75	-2.09	-1.97	-2.07	-2.15	-2.26	-2.35
$\ln P_3$	-1.91	-1.79	-1.96	-2.16	-2.03	-2.02	-2.15	-2.27	-2.37	-2.46
$\ln(Y/P)$	-1.60	-1.54	-1.89	-1.94	-2.45	-1.53	-1.85	-1.99	-2.23	-2.41

\* The ADF (augmented Dickey-Fuller) statistics are computed using the ADF( $p$ ), ( $p = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4$ ) regressions containing intercepts and linear trends. + The PP (Phillips-Perron) statistics are computed using an AR(1) regression containing an intercept and a linear trend, where the Bartlett window is used in computing the long-run variance of the residual, and  $\ell$  denotes the lag truncation parameter,  $\ell = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5$ . The 95% critical value for both statistics is -3.44.

**Table 2: Johansen's Cointegration Rank Test Statistics for the AID System Applied to UK Non-Durable Consumption Expenditures over 1956(1)-1993(2)\***

$H_0$	Eigenvalues	$\lambda_{trace}$		$\lambda_{max}$	
$r = 0$	.2404	119.61	[102.56]	41.24	[40.53]
$r = 1$	.1938	78.38	[75.98]	32.31	[34.40]
$r = 2$	.1074	46.06	[53.48]	17.04	[28.27]
$r = 3$	.0892	29.03	[34.87]	14.01	[22.04]
$r = 4$	.0615	15.02	[20.18]	9.52	[15.87]
$r = 5$	.0360	5.50	[9.16]	5.50	[9.16]

\*  $\lambda_{trace}$  and  $\lambda_{max}$  are the trace and the maximum eigenvalue statistics, respectively.  $r$  is the number of cointegrating relations. These values are estimated using the VAR(4) model with restricted intercepts and no trends in the six variables,  $w_1$ ,  $w_2$ ,  $\ln P_1$ ,  $\ln P_2$ ,  $\ln P_3$ , and  $\ln(Y/P)$ . The values in  $[\cdot]$  are the 95% critical values.

**Table 3: Own and Cross Price Elasticities and Income Elasticities of Main Three Non-Durable Expenditure Categories in the UK over 1956(1)-1993(2)\***

	Price Elasticities			Income Elasticities
	Food	Services	Others	
Food	.0413 (.1384)	-.4228 (.1255)	-.0216 (0.1300)	.4042 (.0745)
Services	-.5932 (.0980)	-1.0902 (.3044)	.1211 (.2264)	1.5623 (.1892)
Others	-.0495 (.3221)	.8638 (.9020)	-1.2760 (.6766)	.4617 (.5609)

\* Elasticities are estimated using the VAR(4) model with restricted intercepts and no trends, imposing homogeneity and symmetry restrictions, at the 1990 budget shares. Asymptotic standard errors are given in brackets.

# Appendix: Mathematical Derivations and Proofs

## A.1 Derivatives of the Log-Likelihood Function

The first-order differential of  $\ell_T(\boldsymbol{\varphi})$ , defined by (4.1), is given by (recall that  $\mathbf{MZ} = \mathbf{0}$ )

$$\begin{aligned} d\ell_T(\boldsymbol{\varphi}) &= -\frac{T}{2}d\ln|\Omega| - \frac{1}{2}\text{Tr}\{(d\Omega^{-1})\mathbf{E}'\mathbf{M}\mathbf{E}\} - \frac{1}{2}\text{Tr}\{\Omega^{-1}d(\mathbf{E}'\mathbf{M}\mathbf{E})\}, \\ &= -\frac{T}{2}\text{Tr}\{\Omega^{-1}(d\Omega)\} + \frac{1}{2}\text{Tr}\{\Omega^{-1}(d\Omega)\Omega^{-1}\mathbf{E}'\mathbf{M}\mathbf{E}\} - \text{Tr}\{\Omega^{-1}\mathbf{E}'\mathbf{M}(d\mathbf{E})\}, \\ &= \frac{1}{2}\text{Tr}\{\Omega^{-1}(\mathbf{E}'\mathbf{M}\mathbf{E} - T\Omega)\Omega^{-1}(d\Omega)\} - \text{Tr}\{\Omega^{-1}\mathbf{E}'\mathbf{M}(d\mathbf{E})\}, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$d\mathbf{E} = -\mathbf{Y}(d\Gamma) + \mathbf{X}_{-1}(d\boldsymbol{\beta})\boldsymbol{\alpha}' + \mathbf{X}_{-1}\boldsymbol{\beta}(d\boldsymbol{\alpha}').$$

Next, the second-order differential of  $\ell_T(\boldsymbol{\varphi})$  is derived as

$$\begin{aligned} d^2\ell_T(\boldsymbol{\varphi}) &= -\text{Tr}\{\Omega^{-1}(d\Omega)\Omega^{-1}(\mathbf{E}'\mathbf{M}\mathbf{E} - T\Omega)\Omega^{-1}(d\Omega)\} - \frac{T}{2}\text{Tr}[\Omega^{-1}(d\Omega)\Omega^{-1}(d\Omega)] \\ &\quad + \text{Tr}\left\{\Omega^{-1}[-\mathbf{Y}(d\Gamma) + \mathbf{X}_{-1}(d\boldsymbol{\beta})\boldsymbol{\alpha}' + \mathbf{X}_{-1}\boldsymbol{\beta}(d\boldsymbol{\alpha}')]'\mathbf{M}\mathbf{E}\Omega^{-1}(d\Omega)\right\} \\ &\quad + \text{Tr}\{\Omega^{-1}(d\Omega)\Omega^{-1}\mathbf{E}'\mathbf{M}[-\mathbf{Y}(d\Gamma) + \mathbf{X}_{-1}(d\boldsymbol{\beta})\boldsymbol{\alpha}' + \mathbf{X}_{-1}\boldsymbol{\beta}(d\boldsymbol{\alpha}')]'\} \\ &\quad - \text{Tr}\{\Omega^{-1}[(d\Gamma)'(\mathbf{Y}'\mathbf{M}\mathbf{Y})(d\Gamma) - (d\Gamma)'(\mathbf{Y}'\mathbf{M}\mathbf{X}_{-1}\boldsymbol{\beta})(d\boldsymbol{\alpha}') - (d\Gamma)'(\mathbf{Y}'\mathbf{M}\mathbf{X}_{-1})(d\boldsymbol{\beta})\boldsymbol{\alpha}']\} \\ &\quad - \text{Tr}\{\Omega^{-1}[-(d\boldsymbol{\alpha})(\boldsymbol{\beta}'\mathbf{X}_{-1}'\mathbf{M}\mathbf{Y})(d\Gamma) + (d\boldsymbol{\alpha})(\boldsymbol{\beta}'\mathbf{X}_{-1}'\mathbf{M}\mathbf{X}_{-1}\boldsymbol{\beta})(d\boldsymbol{\alpha}') + (d\boldsymbol{\alpha})(\boldsymbol{\beta}'\mathbf{X}_{-1}'\mathbf{M}\mathbf{X}_{-1})(d\boldsymbol{\beta})\boldsymbol{\alpha}']\} \\ &\quad - \text{Tr}\{\Omega^{-1}[-\boldsymbol{\alpha}(d\boldsymbol{\beta}')(\mathbf{X}_{-1}'\mathbf{M}\mathbf{Y})(d\Gamma) + \boldsymbol{\alpha}(d\boldsymbol{\beta}')(\mathbf{X}_{-1}'\mathbf{M}\mathbf{X}_{-1}\boldsymbol{\beta})(d\boldsymbol{\alpha}') + \boldsymbol{\alpha}(d\boldsymbol{\beta}')(\mathbf{X}_{-1}'\mathbf{M}\mathbf{X}_{-1})(d\boldsymbol{\beta})\boldsymbol{\alpha}']\}. \end{aligned}$$

Using Theorem 3 on p. 31 and Theorem 1 on p. 192 in Magnus and Neudecker (1988), and also noting that

$$d\text{vec}(\boldsymbol{\beta}) = \mathbf{F}(\boldsymbol{\phi})d\boldsymbol{\phi}, \quad d\text{vec}(\Omega) = \mathbf{D}_m\boldsymbol{\omega}, \quad \text{vec}(\mathbf{E}'\mathbf{M}\mathbf{E} - T\Omega) = \mathbf{D}_m\text{vech}(\mathbf{E}'\mathbf{M}\mathbf{E} - T\Omega),$$

where  $\mathbf{D}_m$  is an  $m \times \frac{1}{2}m(m+1)$  duplication matrix, then the first and the second partial derivatives of  $\ell_T(\boldsymbol{\varphi})$  are given by

$$\frac{\partial\ell_T(\boldsymbol{\varphi})}{\partial\boldsymbol{\varphi}} = \begin{bmatrix} \partial\ell_T(\boldsymbol{\varphi})/\partial\boldsymbol{\gamma} \\ \partial\ell_T(\boldsymbol{\varphi})/\partial\boldsymbol{\kappa} \\ \partial\ell_T(\boldsymbol{\varphi})/\partial\boldsymbol{\phi} \\ \partial\ell_T(\boldsymbol{\varphi})/\partial\boldsymbol{\omega} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} (\Omega^{-1} \otimes \mathbf{I}_{m(p-1)}) \text{vec}(\mathbf{Y}'\mathbf{M}\mathbf{E}) \\ (\Omega^{-1} \otimes \mathbf{I}_r) \text{vec}(\boldsymbol{\beta}'\mathbf{X}_{-1}'\mathbf{M}\mathbf{E}) \\ \mathbf{F}'(\boldsymbol{\phi})(\boldsymbol{\alpha}'\Omega^{-1} \otimes \mathbf{I}_m) \text{vec}(\mathbf{X}_{-1}'\mathbf{M}\mathbf{E}) \\ \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{D}_m'(\Omega^{-1} \otimes \Omega^{-1})\mathbf{D}_m \text{vech}(\mathbf{E}'\mathbf{M}\mathbf{E} - T\Omega) \end{bmatrix}, \quad (\text{A.1})$$

$$-\frac{\partial^2\ell_T(\boldsymbol{\varphi})}{\partial\boldsymbol{\varphi}\partial\boldsymbol{\varphi}'} = \begin{bmatrix} \Lambda_{11} & \Lambda_{12}\mathbf{D}_m \\ \mathbf{D}_m'\Lambda_{12}' & \mathbf{D}_m'\Lambda_{22}\mathbf{D}_m \end{bmatrix}, \quad (\text{A.2})$$

where  $\Lambda_{11}$  is the symmetric matrix

$$\Lambda_{11} = \begin{bmatrix} \Omega^{-1} \otimes \mathbf{Y}'\mathbf{M}\mathbf{Y} & \Omega^{-1} \otimes \mathbf{Y}'\mathbf{M}\mathbf{X}_{-1}\boldsymbol{\beta} & (\Omega^{-1}\boldsymbol{\alpha} \otimes \mathbf{Y}'\mathbf{M}\mathbf{X}_{-1})\mathbf{F}(\boldsymbol{\phi}) \\ \cdot & \Omega^{-1} \otimes \boldsymbol{\beta}'\mathbf{X}_{-1}'\mathbf{M}\mathbf{X}_{-1}\boldsymbol{\beta} & (\Omega^{-1}\boldsymbol{\alpha} \otimes \boldsymbol{\beta}'\mathbf{X}_{-1}'\mathbf{M}\mathbf{X}_{-1})\mathbf{F}(\boldsymbol{\phi}) \\ \cdot & \cdot & \mathbf{F}'(\boldsymbol{\phi})(\boldsymbol{\alpha}'\Omega^{-1}\boldsymbol{\alpha} \otimes \mathbf{X}_{-1}'\mathbf{M}\mathbf{X}_{-1})\mathbf{F}(\boldsymbol{\phi}) \end{bmatrix},$$

$$\Lambda_{12} = \begin{bmatrix} \Omega^{-1} \otimes \mathbf{Y}'\mathbf{M}\mathbf{E}\Omega^{-1} \\ \Omega^{-1} \otimes \boldsymbol{\beta}\mathbf{X}_{-1}'\mathbf{M}\mathbf{E}\Omega^{-1} \\ (\Omega^{-1} \otimes \mathbf{X}_{-1}'\mathbf{M}\mathbf{E}\Omega^{-1})\mathbf{F}(\boldsymbol{\phi}) \end{bmatrix},$$

$$\Lambda_{22} = \frac{T}{2}\{(\Omega^{-1} \otimes \Omega^{-1}) + (\Omega^{-1} \otimes \Omega^{-1})(T^{-1}\mathbf{E}'\mathbf{M}\mathbf{E} - \Omega)\Omega^{-1}\}.$$

## A.2 Probability Limits Involving Unit Root Processes

Under Assumption 2.4 and using the multivariate invariance principle (see Phillips and Durlauf, 1986)

$$T^{-\frac{1}{2}} \mathbf{s}_{[Ta]} \Rightarrow \mathbf{w}(a), \quad a \in [0, 1], \quad (\text{A.3})$$

where  $\mathbf{s}_{[Ta]} = \sum_{j=1}^{[Ta]} \varepsilon_j$ ,  $[Ta]$  is the largest integer part of  $Ta$ , and  $\mathbf{w}(a)$  is an  $m \times 1$  vector of Brownian motion with the covariance matrix,  $\Omega_0$ . Next, applying the continuous mapping theorem,

$$\begin{aligned} T^{-\frac{3}{2}} \sum_{t=1}^T \mathbf{s}_t &\Rightarrow \int_0^1 \mathbf{w}(a) da, \\ T^{-2} \sum_{t=1}^T \mathbf{s}_t \mathbf{s}_t' &\Rightarrow \int_0^1 \mathbf{w}(a) \mathbf{w}'(a) da. \end{aligned}$$

From (2.7) and (2.10) we have

$$\mathbf{X}_{-1} = \boldsymbol{\tau}(\mathbf{x}_0 - \boldsymbol{\mu})' + \mathbf{t} \boldsymbol{\mu}' + \mathbf{S}_{-1} \mathbf{C}_0(1)' + \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \mathbf{E}_{-i-1} \mathbf{C}_{0i}^{*'},$$

where  $\mathbf{S}_{-1} = (\mathbf{s}_0, \mathbf{s}_1, \dots, \mathbf{s}_{T-1})'$  and  $\mathbf{E}_{-i} = (\varepsilon_{1-i}, \varepsilon_{2-i}, \dots, \varepsilon_{T-i})'$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots$ , and

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{X}_{-1}' \mathbf{M} \mathbf{X}_{-1} &= \mathbf{C}_0(1) \mathbf{S}_{-1}' \mathbf{M} \mathbf{S}_{-1} \mathbf{C}_0'(1) + \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \mathbf{C}_0(1) \mathbf{S}_{-1}' \mathbf{M} \mathbf{E}_{-i-1} \mathbf{C}_{0i}^{*'} \\ &\quad + \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \mathbf{C}_{0i}^{*'} \mathbf{E}_{-i-1}' \mathbf{M} \mathbf{S}_{-1} \mathbf{C}_0'(1) + \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \mathbf{C}_{0i}^{*'} \mathbf{E}_{-i-1}' \mathbf{M} \mathbf{E}_{-j-1} \mathbf{C}_{0j}^{*'}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\mathbf{M} = \mathbf{I}_T - \mathbf{Z}(\mathbf{Z}'\mathbf{Z})^{-1}\mathbf{Z}'$  (see also (3.1)). Then, it is easily seen that

$$\begin{aligned} T^{-2} \mathbf{X}_{-1}' \mathbf{M} \mathbf{X}_{-1} &= T^{-2} \mathbf{C}_0(1) \mathbf{S}_{-1}' \mathbf{M} \mathbf{S}_{-1} \mathbf{C}_0'(1) + O_p(T^{-1}), \\ T^{-1} \mathbf{X}_{-1}' \mathbf{M} \mathbf{E} &= T^{-1} \mathbf{C}_0(1) \mathbf{S}_{-1}' \mathbf{M} \mathbf{E} + o_p(1). \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A.4})$$

Defining  $\mathbf{D}_Z = \text{diag} \left[ T^{-\frac{1}{2}}, T^{-\frac{3}{2}} \right]$ , and using (A.3) and (A.4), as  $T \rightarrow \infty$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} T^{-1} \mathbf{S}_{-1}' \mathbf{Z} \mathbf{D}_Z &\Rightarrow \left[ \int_0^1 \mathbf{w}(a) da, \int_0^1 a \mathbf{w}(a) da \right], \\ T^{-2} \mathbf{S}_{-1}' \mathbf{Z} (\mathbf{Z}' \mathbf{Z})^{-1} \mathbf{Z}' \mathbf{S}_{-1} &\Rightarrow \left[ \int_0^1 \mathbf{w}(a) da, \int_0^1 a \mathbf{w}(a) da \right] \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -6 \\ -6 & 12 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \int_0^1 \mathbf{w}'(a) da \\ \int_0^1 a \mathbf{w}'(a) da \end{bmatrix}, \\ T^{-1} \mathbf{S}_{-1}' \mathbf{M} \mathbf{E} &\Rightarrow \int_0^1 \mathbf{w}^*(a) d\mathbf{w}'(a), \quad T^{-2} \mathbf{S}_{-1}' \mathbf{M} \mathbf{S}_{-1} \Rightarrow \mathbf{Q}_{SS}, \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A.5})$$

where

$$\mathbf{Q}_{SS} = \int_0^1 \mathbf{w}^*(a) \mathbf{w}^{*'}(a) da \quad (\text{A.6})$$

is a positive definite random matrix with probability 1 (see Phillips, 1991), and

$$\mathbf{w}^*(a) = \mathbf{w}(a) + (6a - 4) \int_0^1 \mathbf{w}(a) da + (-12a + 6) \int_0^1 a \mathbf{w}(a) da \quad (\text{A.7})$$

is an  $m \times 1$  vector of demeaned and detrended Brownian motion with the covariance matrix,  $\Omega_0$ . Using the above results in (A.4), as  $T \rightarrow \infty$ ,

$$T^{-1}\mathbf{X}'_{-1}\mathbf{M}\mathbf{E} \Rightarrow \mathbf{C}_0(1) \left\{ \int_0^1 \mathbf{w}^*(a) d\mathbf{w}'(a) \right\}, \quad (\text{A.8})$$

$$T^{-2}\mathbf{X}'_{-1}\mathbf{M}\mathbf{X}_{-1} \Rightarrow \mathbf{C}_0(1)\mathbf{Q}_{SS}\mathbf{C}'_0(1). \quad (\text{A.9})$$

Finally, noting that  $\mathbf{Y}=(\Delta\mathbf{X}_{-1}, \Delta\mathbf{X}_{-2}, \dots, \Delta\mathbf{X}_{-p+1})$  and  $\beta'_0\mathbf{X}_{-1}$  are stationary processes and asymptotically uncorrelated with  $\mathbf{E}$ , it is also easily verified (see also Phillips and Durlauf, 1986) that

$$T^{-1}\mathbf{Y}'\mathbf{M}\mathbf{E} = o_p(1), \quad T^{-1}\beta'_0\mathbf{X}'_{-1}\mathbf{M}\mathbf{E} = o_p(1), \quad T^{-1}\mathbf{Y}'\mathbf{M}\mathbf{X}_{-1} = O_p(1), \quad T^{-1}\beta'_0\mathbf{X}'_{-1}\mathbf{M}\mathbf{X}_{-1} = O_p(1). \quad (\text{A.10})$$

Furthermore, the following probability limits can be shown to exist:

$$\mathbf{Q}_{yy} = \text{plim}_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\mathbf{Y}'\mathbf{M}\mathbf{Y}}{T}, \quad \mathbf{Q}_{y\beta_0} = \text{plim}_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\mathbf{Y}'\mathbf{M}\mathbf{X}_{-1}\beta_0}{T}, \quad \mathbf{Q}_{\beta_0\beta_0} = \text{plim}_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\beta'_0\mathbf{X}'_{-1}\mathbf{M}\mathbf{X}_{-1}\beta_0}{T}. \quad (\text{A.11})$$

### A.3 Stochastic Equicontinuity of $\mathfrak{I}_T(\varphi)$

Let  $\boldsymbol{\rho} = (\gamma', \kappa', \omega')'$  and define the open ball,  $B(\boldsymbol{\rho}, \delta) = \{\boldsymbol{\rho}_* \in \Upsilon_\rho : \|\boldsymbol{\rho}_* - \boldsymbol{\rho}\| < \delta\}$ , with  $\Upsilon_\rho = \Upsilon_\gamma \times \Upsilon_\kappa \times \Upsilon_\omega$ , and the open shrinking ball,  $N_T(\boldsymbol{\phi}, \delta) = \{\boldsymbol{\phi}_* \in \Upsilon_\phi : T^{1/2}\|\boldsymbol{\phi}_* - \boldsymbol{\phi}\| < \delta\}$ , where  $\delta$  is a positive real number.<sup>36</sup> The sample information matrix,  $\mathfrak{I}_T(\varphi)$ , is given by

$$\mathfrak{I}_T(\varphi) = \mathbf{D}_T \frac{-\partial^2 \ell_T(\varphi)}{\partial \varphi \partial \varphi'} \mathbf{D}_T,$$

where  $\mathbf{D}_T = T^{-\frac{1}{2}} \text{diag} \left( \mathbf{I}_{m^2(p-1)}, \mathbf{I}_{mr}, T^{-\frac{1}{2}}\mathbf{I}_s, \mathbf{I}_{m(m+1)/2} \right)$  and  $-\partial^2 \ell_T(\varphi)/\partial \varphi \partial \varphi'$  is defined by (A.2).  $\mathfrak{I}_T(\varphi)$  satisfies Saikkonen's (1995) stochastic equicontinuity condition  $SE_0$  if

$$\sup_{\varphi_* \in B(\boldsymbol{\rho}_0, \delta) \times N_T(\boldsymbol{\phi}_0, \delta)} \|\mathfrak{I}_T(\varphi_*) - \mathfrak{I}_T(\varphi_0)\| = O_p(1). \quad (\text{A.12})$$

In the case where the long-run coefficients  $\boldsymbol{\phi}_0$  (or  $\boldsymbol{\beta}_0 = \boldsymbol{\beta}(\boldsymbol{\phi}_0)$ ) are known the sample information matrix of the short-run coefficients  $\boldsymbol{\rho}$  involve only stationary variables and the standard asymptotic theory is applicable. Therefore, in what follows we shall focus on establishing the condition  $SE_0$  for those components of  $\mathfrak{I}_T(\varphi)$  that involve the long-run coefficients,  $\boldsymbol{\phi}$ . These are  $T^{-1}\mathbf{Y}'\mathbf{M}\mathbf{X}_{-1}\boldsymbol{\beta}$ ,  $T^{-1}\boldsymbol{\beta}'\mathbf{X}'_{-1}\mathbf{M}\mathbf{X}_{-1}\boldsymbol{\beta}$ ,  $(\Omega^{-1}\boldsymbol{\alpha} \otimes T^{-3/2}\boldsymbol{\beta}'\mathbf{X}'_{-1}\mathbf{M}\mathbf{X}_{-1})\mathbf{F}(\boldsymbol{\phi})$  and  $\mathbf{F}'(\boldsymbol{\phi})(\boldsymbol{\alpha}'\Omega^{-1}\boldsymbol{\alpha} \otimes T^{-2}\mathbf{X}'_{-1}\mathbf{M}\mathbf{X}_{-1})\mathbf{F}(\boldsymbol{\phi})$ . Consider the first term. Denoting  $\boldsymbol{\beta}(\boldsymbol{\phi}_*)$  and  $\boldsymbol{\beta}(\boldsymbol{\phi}_0)$  by  $\boldsymbol{\beta}_*$  and  $\boldsymbol{\beta}_0$ , respectively, and using the Lipschitz condition (4.32) we have

$$\sup_{\boldsymbol{\phi}_* \in N_T(\boldsymbol{\phi}_0, \delta)} \|T^{-1}\mathbf{Y}'\mathbf{M}\mathbf{X}_{-1}\boldsymbol{\beta}_* - T^{-1}\mathbf{Y}'\mathbf{M}\mathbf{X}_{-1}\boldsymbol{\beta}_0\| < c_\beta \delta \|T^{-3/2}\mathbf{Y}'\mathbf{M}\mathbf{X}_{-1}\|.$$

But using (A.10),  $T^{-3/2}\mathbf{Y}'\mathbf{M}\mathbf{X}_{-1} = o_p(1)$ , and hence  $T^{-1}\mathbf{Y}'\mathbf{M}\mathbf{X}_{-1}\boldsymbol{\beta}$  clearly satisfies the  $SE_0$  condition.

To prove the stochastic equicontinuity of  $T^{-1}\boldsymbol{\beta}'\mathbf{X}'_{-1}\mathbf{M}\mathbf{X}_{-1}\boldsymbol{\beta}$ , let  $\mathbf{Q}_{T,XX} = T^{-2}\mathbf{X}'_{-1}\mathbf{M}\mathbf{X}_{-1}$  and note that

$$T(\boldsymbol{\beta}'_*\mathbf{Q}_{T,XX}\boldsymbol{\beta}_* - \boldsymbol{\beta}'_0\mathbf{Q}_{T,XX}\boldsymbol{\beta}_0) = T(\boldsymbol{\beta}_* - \boldsymbol{\beta}_0)'\mathbf{Q}_{T,XX}\boldsymbol{\beta}_0 + T\boldsymbol{\beta}'_0\mathbf{Q}_{T,XX}(\boldsymbol{\beta}_* - \boldsymbol{\beta}_0) + T(\boldsymbol{\beta}_* - \boldsymbol{\beta}_0)'\mathbf{Q}_{T,XX}(\boldsymbol{\beta}_* - \boldsymbol{\beta}_0).$$

Hence,

$$\sup_{\boldsymbol{\phi}_* \in N_T(\boldsymbol{\phi}_0, \delta)} \|T\boldsymbol{\beta}'_*\mathbf{Q}_{T,XX}\boldsymbol{\beta}_* - T\boldsymbol{\beta}'_0\mathbf{Q}_{T,XX}\boldsymbol{\beta}_0\| < 2c_\beta \delta \|T^{-3/2}\mathbf{X}'_{-1}\mathbf{M}\mathbf{X}_{-1}\boldsymbol{\beta}_0\| + c_\beta^2 \delta^2 \|T^{-2}\mathbf{X}'_{-1}\mathbf{M}\mathbf{X}_{-1}\|.$$

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<sup>36</sup>Notice that in the construction of  $B(\boldsymbol{\rho}, \delta)$  and  $N_T(\boldsymbol{\phi}, \delta)$  the same  $\delta$  is used as required by Saikkonen's (1995, p. 894) stochastic equicontinuity condition,  $SE_0$ .

Again using (A.10),  $T^{-3/2}\mathbf{X}'_{-1}\mathbf{M}\mathbf{X}_{-1}\boldsymbol{\beta}_0 = o_p(1)$ , and  $\mathbf{Q}_{T,XX} = T^{-2}\mathbf{X}'_{-1}\mathbf{M}\mathbf{X}_{-1} = O_p(1)$ . Therefore,  $T^{-1}\boldsymbol{\beta}'\mathbf{X}'_{-1}\mathbf{M}\mathbf{X}_{-1}\boldsymbol{\beta}$  satisfies the  $SE_0$ , in the sense that the above supremum can be made as small as desired by choosing a small enough value for  $\delta$ .

Let  $\Psi_* = (\Omega^{-1}\boldsymbol{\alpha} \otimes T^{1/2}\boldsymbol{\beta}'_*\mathbf{Q}_{T,XX})$ ,  $\Psi_0 = (\Omega^{-1}\boldsymbol{\alpha} \otimes T^{1/2}\boldsymbol{\beta}'_0\mathbf{Q}_{T,XX})$ ,  $\mathbf{F}_* = \mathbf{F}(\phi_*)$ , and  $\mathbf{F}_0 = \mathbf{F}(\phi_0)$ . Then

$$\|\Psi_*\mathbf{F}_* - \Psi_0\mathbf{F}_0\| \leq \|\Psi_* - \Psi_0\| \times \|\mathbf{F}_* - \mathbf{F}_0\| + \|\Psi_* - \Psi_0\| \times \|\mathbf{F}_0\| + \|\Psi_0\| \times \|\mathbf{F}_* - \mathbf{F}_0\|,$$

$$\|\Psi_* - \Psi_0\| = \|\Omega^{-1}\boldsymbol{\alpha}\| \times \|T^{1/2}(\boldsymbol{\beta}_* - \boldsymbol{\beta}_0)'\mathbf{Q}_{T,XX}\|,$$

and

$$\|\Psi_0\| = \|\Omega^{-1}\boldsymbol{\alpha}\| \times \|T^{1/2}\boldsymbol{\beta}'_0\mathbf{Q}_{T,XX}\|.$$

Hence

$$\sup_{\phi_* \in N_T(\phi_0, \delta)} \|\Psi_* - \Psi_0\| < c_\beta \delta \|\Omega^{-1}\boldsymbol{\alpha}\| \times \|\mathbf{Q}_{T,XX}\|.$$

Similarly, using (4.33)

$$\sup_{\phi_* \in N_T(\phi_0, \delta)} \|\mathbf{F}_* - \mathbf{F}_0\| < T^{-1/2}c_F\delta.$$

Hence, under Assumption 4.3 we have

$$\sup_{\phi_* \in N_T(\phi_0, \delta)} \|\Psi_*\mathbf{F}_* - \Psi_0\mathbf{F}_0\| < \delta \|\Omega^{-1}\boldsymbol{\alpha}\| \left\{ c_\beta \|\mathbf{Q}_{T,XX}\| \times \|\mathbf{F}_0\| + c_F \|T^{-2}\mathbf{X}'_{-1}\mathbf{M}\mathbf{X}_{-1}\boldsymbol{\beta}_0\| + T^{-1/2}c_\beta c_F \delta \|\mathbf{Q}_{T,XX}\| \right\}.$$

Now using (A.10), and recalling that under our assumptions  $\|\Omega^{-1}\boldsymbol{\alpha}\|$  and  $\|\mathbf{F}_0\|$  are bounded, it follows that

$$\sup_{\phi_* \in N_T(\phi_0, \delta)} \|(\Omega^{-1}\boldsymbol{\alpha} \otimes T^{1/2}\boldsymbol{\beta}'_*\mathbf{Q}_{T,XX})\mathbf{F}(\phi_*) - (\Omega^{-1}\boldsymbol{\alpha} \otimes T^{1/2}\boldsymbol{\beta}'_0\mathbf{Q}_{T,XX})\mathbf{F}(\phi_0)\|$$

is bounded by an  $O_p(1)$  variable and therefore  $(\Omega^{-1}\boldsymbol{\alpha} \otimes T^{1/2}\boldsymbol{\beta}'\mathbf{Q}_{T,XX})\mathbf{F}(\phi)$  satisfies the  $SE_0$  condition.

Finally, for the term  $\mathbf{F}'(\phi)(\boldsymbol{\alpha}'\Omega^{-1}\boldsymbol{\alpha} \otimes T^{-2}\mathbf{X}'_{-1}\mathbf{M}\mathbf{X}_{-1})\mathbf{F}(\phi)$ , we first note that

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbf{F}'(\phi_*)(\mathbf{A} \otimes \mathbf{Q}_{T,XX})\mathbf{F}(\phi_*) - \mathbf{F}'(\phi_0)(\mathbf{A} \otimes \mathbf{Q}_{T,XX})\mathbf{F}(\phi_0) \\ &= [\mathbf{F}(\phi_*) - \mathbf{F}(\phi_0)]' (\mathbf{A} \otimes \mathbf{Q}_{T,XX})\mathbf{F}(\phi_0) + \mathbf{F}(\phi_0)' (\mathbf{A} \otimes \mathbf{Q}_{T,XX}) [\mathbf{F}(\phi_*) - \mathbf{F}(\phi_0)] \\ & \quad + [\mathbf{F}(\phi_*) - \mathbf{F}(\phi_0)]' (\mathbf{A} \otimes \mathbf{Q}_{T,XX}) [\mathbf{F}(\phi_*) - \mathbf{F}(\phi_0)], \end{aligned}$$

where  $\mathbf{A} = \boldsymbol{\alpha}'\Omega^{-1}\boldsymbol{\alpha}$  belongs to a compact set. Hence

$$\begin{aligned} & \sup_{\phi_* \in N_T(\phi_0, \delta)} \|\mathbf{F}'(\phi_*)(\mathbf{A} \otimes \mathbf{Q}_{T,XX})\mathbf{F}(\phi_*) - \mathbf{F}'(\phi_0)(\mathbf{A} \otimes \mathbf{Q}_{T,XX})\mathbf{F}(\phi_0)\| \\ & < 2T^{-1/2}c_F\delta \|\mathbf{A} \otimes \mathbf{Q}_{T,XX}\| \times \|\mathbf{F}(\phi_0)\| + T^{-1}c_F^2\delta^2 \|\mathbf{A} \otimes \mathbf{Q}_{T,XX}\|. \end{aligned}$$

It then readily follows that  $\mathbf{F}'(\phi)(\boldsymbol{\alpha}'\Omega^{-1}\boldsymbol{\alpha} \otimes T^{-2}\mathbf{X}'_{-1}\mathbf{M}\mathbf{X}_{-1})\mathbf{F}(\phi)$  also satisfies the  $SE_0$  condition.

## A.4 Proof of Theorem 5.1

Using the Lagrangean function,

$$\Lambda(\boldsymbol{\psi}, \boldsymbol{\lambda}) = \ell_T(\boldsymbol{\psi}) - T\boldsymbol{\lambda}'\mathbf{h}(\boldsymbol{\theta}), \quad (\text{A.13})$$

where  $\boldsymbol{\lambda}$  is a  $k \times 1$  vector of the Lagrange multipliers, the constrained ML estimators,  $\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}$  and  $\hat{\boldsymbol{\lambda}}$ , satisfy the following first order-conditions:

$$\frac{\partial \ell_T(\hat{\boldsymbol{\psi}})}{\partial \boldsymbol{\rho}} = \mathbf{0}, \quad \frac{\partial \ell_T(\hat{\boldsymbol{\psi}})}{\partial \boldsymbol{\theta}} - T\mathbf{H}'(\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}})\hat{\boldsymbol{\lambda}} = \mathbf{0}, \quad \mathbf{h}(\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}) = \mathbf{0}. \quad (\text{A.14})$$

Using the mean-value expansion of  $\partial \ell_T(\hat{\boldsymbol{\psi}})/\partial \boldsymbol{\psi}$  around  $\boldsymbol{\psi}_0$ , we have

$$\begin{bmatrix} \partial \ell_T(\hat{\boldsymbol{\psi}})/\partial \boldsymbol{\rho} \\ \partial \ell_T(\hat{\boldsymbol{\psi}})/\partial \boldsymbol{\theta} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \partial \ell_T(\boldsymbol{\psi}_0)/\partial \boldsymbol{\rho} \\ \partial \ell_T(\boldsymbol{\psi}_0)/\partial \boldsymbol{\theta} \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} -\partial^2 \ell_T(\bar{\boldsymbol{\psi}})/\partial \boldsymbol{\rho} \partial \boldsymbol{\rho}' & -\partial^2 \ell_T(\bar{\boldsymbol{\psi}})/\partial \boldsymbol{\rho} \partial \boldsymbol{\theta}' \\ -\partial^2 \ell_T(\bar{\boldsymbol{\psi}})/\partial \boldsymbol{\theta} \partial \boldsymbol{\rho}' & -\partial^2 \ell_T(\bar{\boldsymbol{\psi}})/\partial \boldsymbol{\theta} \partial \boldsymbol{\theta}' \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} (\hat{\boldsymbol{\rho}} - \boldsymbol{\rho}_0) \\ (\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}} - \boldsymbol{\theta}_0) \end{bmatrix}, \quad (\text{A.15})$$

where the  $(i, j)$  element of  $(-\partial^2 \ell_T(\bar{\boldsymbol{\psi}})/\partial \boldsymbol{\psi} \partial \boldsymbol{\psi}')$  is evaluated at  $(\bar{\boldsymbol{\psi}}_i, \bar{\boldsymbol{\psi}}_j)$ , and  $\bar{\boldsymbol{\psi}}_i$  is a convex combination of  $\hat{\boldsymbol{\psi}}_i$  and  $\boldsymbol{\psi}_{i0}$ . In view of the consistency results in Theorem 4.1 and the stochastic equicontinuity for the sample information matrix proved in Section A.3 above, we have

$$\mathfrak{I}_T(\bar{\boldsymbol{\psi}}) = \mathbf{D}_{\boldsymbol{\psi}T} \frac{-\partial^2 \ell_T(\bar{\boldsymbol{\psi}})}{\partial \boldsymbol{\psi} \partial \boldsymbol{\psi}'} \mathbf{D}_{\boldsymbol{\psi}T} \Rightarrow \mathfrak{I}(\boldsymbol{\psi}_0), \quad (\text{A.16})$$

where  $\mathfrak{I}(\boldsymbol{\psi}_0)$  is defined by (5.4). Similarly,

$$\mathbf{H}(\boldsymbol{\theta}_0)(\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}} - \boldsymbol{\theta}_0) = \mathbf{h}(\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}) - \mathbf{h}(\boldsymbol{\theta}_0) + o_p(1). \quad (\text{A.17})$$

Notice that under the null hypothesis  $\mathbf{h}(\boldsymbol{\theta}_0) = \mathbf{0}$ . Using the first-order conditions (A.14) in (A.15) and (A.17), and then using (A.16) we obtain (after some algebra)

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathfrak{I}_{\rho\rho}(\boldsymbol{\psi}_0) & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathfrak{I}_{\theta\theta}(\boldsymbol{\psi}_0) & \mathbf{H}'(\boldsymbol{\theta}_0) \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{H}(\boldsymbol{\theta}_0) & \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{T}(\hat{\boldsymbol{\rho}} - \boldsymbol{\rho}_0) \\ T(\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}} - \boldsymbol{\theta}_0) \\ \hat{\boldsymbol{\lambda}} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{d}(\boldsymbol{\rho}_0) \\ \mathbf{d}(\boldsymbol{\theta}_0) \\ \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix} + o_p(1), \quad (\text{A.18})$$

Because  $\mathfrak{I}_{\theta\theta}(\boldsymbol{\psi}_0)$  is singular, a direct manipulation of (A.18) is not possible. However, this problem can be overcome following Silvey's (1959) approach. Since  $\mathbf{H}(\boldsymbol{\theta}_0)T(\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}} - \boldsymbol{\theta}_0) = o_p(1)$ , and therefore  $\mathbf{H}_A(\boldsymbol{\theta}_0)T(\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}} - \boldsymbol{\theta}_0) = o_p(1)$ , we can rewrite (A.18) as

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathfrak{I}_{\rho\rho}(\boldsymbol{\psi}_0) & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{J}_{\theta\theta}(\boldsymbol{\psi}_0) & \mathbf{H}'(\boldsymbol{\theta}_0) \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{H}(\boldsymbol{\theta}_0) & \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{T}(\hat{\boldsymbol{\rho}} - \boldsymbol{\rho}_0) \\ T(\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}} - \boldsymbol{\theta}_0) \\ \hat{\boldsymbol{\lambda}} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{d}(\boldsymbol{\rho}_0) \\ \mathbf{d}(\boldsymbol{\theta}_0) \\ \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix} + o_p(1), \quad (\text{A.19})$$

where  $\mathbf{J}_{\theta\theta}(\boldsymbol{\psi}_0) = \mathfrak{I}_{\theta\theta}(\boldsymbol{\psi}_0) + \mathbf{H}'_A(\boldsymbol{\theta}_0)\mathbf{H}_A(\boldsymbol{\theta}_0)$  is a positive definite matrix with probability 1. Note that  $\mathbf{H}_A(\boldsymbol{\theta}_0)$  has rank  $r^2$ , and the rank of  $\mathfrak{I}_{\theta\theta}(\boldsymbol{\psi}_0)$  is equal to  $mr - r^2$ , with probability 1. Therefore,

$$\begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{T}(\hat{\boldsymbol{\rho}} - \boldsymbol{\rho}_0) \\ T(\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}} - \boldsymbol{\theta}_0) \\ \hat{\boldsymbol{\lambda}} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathfrak{I}_{\rho\rho}^{-1}(\boldsymbol{\psi}_0) & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{V}_{\theta\theta}(\boldsymbol{\psi}_0) & \mathbf{V}_{\theta\lambda}(\boldsymbol{\psi}_0) \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{V}'_{\theta\lambda}(\boldsymbol{\psi}_0) & \mathbf{V}_{\lambda\lambda}(\boldsymbol{\psi}_0) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{d}(\boldsymbol{\rho}_0) \\ \mathbf{d}(\boldsymbol{\theta}_0) \\ \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix} + o_p(1), \quad (\text{A.20})$$

where  $\mathbf{V}_{\theta\theta}(\boldsymbol{\psi}_0)$  is defined by (5.8) and

$$\mathbf{V}_{\theta\lambda}(\boldsymbol{\psi}_0) = \mathbf{J}_{\theta\theta}^{-1}(\boldsymbol{\psi}_0)\mathbf{H}'(\boldsymbol{\theta}_0) \{ \mathbf{H}(\boldsymbol{\theta}_0)\mathbf{J}_{\theta\theta}^{-1}(\boldsymbol{\psi}_0)\mathbf{H}'(\boldsymbol{\theta}_0) \}^{-1}, \quad \mathbf{V}_{\lambda\lambda}(\boldsymbol{\psi}_0) = - \{ \mathbf{H}(\boldsymbol{\theta}_0)\mathbf{J}_{\theta\theta}^{-1}(\boldsymbol{\psi}_0)\mathbf{H}'(\boldsymbol{\theta}_0) \}^{-1}. \quad (\text{A.21})$$

Then, (5.7) readily follows from (5.3) and (5.4). The expression for the covariance matrix in (5.8) can also be easily obtained using the following results:

$$\mathbf{V}_{\theta\theta}(\boldsymbol{\psi}_0)\mathbf{H}'(\boldsymbol{\theta}_0) = \mathbf{0}, \quad \mathbf{V}_{\theta\theta}(\boldsymbol{\psi}_0)\mathfrak{I}_{\theta\theta}(\boldsymbol{\psi}_0)\mathbf{V}_{\theta\theta}(\boldsymbol{\psi}_0) = \mathbf{V}_{\theta\theta}(\boldsymbol{\psi}_0) [\mathbf{I}_{mr} - \mathbf{H}'(\boldsymbol{\theta}_0)\mathbf{V}_{\theta\lambda}(\boldsymbol{\psi}_0)] = \mathbf{V}_{\theta\theta}(\boldsymbol{\psi}_0),$$

which can be derived from inversion of the bordered matrix in (A.19). ■

## A.5 Proof of Theorem 5.2

Using a similar procedure as in the proof of Theorem 5.1, we have

$$\sqrt{T}(\tilde{\boldsymbol{\rho}} - \boldsymbol{\rho}_0) \stackrel{a}{\sim} N\{\mathbf{0}, \mathfrak{I}_{\rho\rho}^{-1}(\boldsymbol{\psi}_0)\} \quad \text{and} \quad T(\tilde{\boldsymbol{\theta}} - \boldsymbol{\theta}_0) \stackrel{a}{\sim} MN\{\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{V}_{\theta\theta}^A(\boldsymbol{\psi}_0)\}, \quad (\text{A.22})$$

where

$$\mathbf{V}_{\theta\theta}^A(\psi_0) = \mathbf{J}_{\theta\theta}^{-1}(\psi_0) - \mathbf{J}_{\theta\theta}^{-1}(\psi_0)\mathbf{H}'_A(\theta_0)\{\mathbf{H}_A(\theta_0)\mathbf{J}_{\theta\theta}^{-1}(\psi_0)\mathbf{H}'_A(\theta_0)\}^{-1}\mathbf{H}_A(\theta_0)\mathbf{J}_{\theta\theta}^{-1}(\psi_0), \quad (\text{A.23})$$

is a random matrix, having rank  $mr - r^2$  with probability 1.

Also in view of the consistency results in Theorem 4.1 and the stochastic equicontinuity results established in Section A.3, we are justified to write down the following Taylor series approximations of  $\ell_T(\hat{\psi})$  and  $\ell_T(\tilde{\psi})$  around  $\psi_0$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \ell_T(\hat{\psi}) &= \ell_T(\psi_0) + \mathbf{d}'(\rho_0)\sqrt{T}(\hat{\rho} - \rho_0) + \mathbf{d}'(\theta_0)T(\hat{\theta} - \theta_0) \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \sqrt{T}(\hat{\rho} - \rho_0)' \mathfrak{I}_{\rho\rho}(\psi_0) \sqrt{T}(\hat{\rho} - \rho_0) + T(\hat{\theta} - \theta_0)' \mathfrak{I}_{\theta\theta}(\psi_0) T(\hat{\theta} - \theta_0) \right\} + o_p(1), \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A.24})$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \ell_T(\tilde{\psi}) &= \ell_T(\psi_0) + \mathbf{d}'(\rho_0)\sqrt{T}(\tilde{\rho} - \rho_0) + \mathbf{d}'(\theta_0)T(\tilde{\theta} - \theta_0) \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \sqrt{T}(\tilde{\rho} - \rho_0)' \mathfrak{I}_{\rho\rho}(\psi_0) \sqrt{T}(\tilde{\rho} - \rho_0) + T(\tilde{\theta} - \theta_0)' \mathfrak{I}_{\theta\theta}(\psi_0) T(\tilde{\theta} - \theta_0) \right\} + o_p(1). \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A.25})$$

Using (5.7) in (A.24), and (A.22) in (A.25), substituting the results in (5.6), now yields

$$LR_T = \mathbf{d}'(\theta_0) [\mathbf{V}_{\theta\theta}^A(\psi_0) - \mathbf{V}_{\theta\theta}(\psi_0)] \mathbf{d}(\theta_0) + o_p(1). \quad (\text{A.26})$$

Next, let  $\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{I}_k - \mathbf{H}_*(\mathbf{H}'_*\mathbf{H}_*)^{-1}\mathbf{H}'_*$  and  $\mathbf{P}_A = \mathbf{I}_k - \mathbf{H}_{A*}(\mathbf{H}'_{A*}\mathbf{H}_{A*})^{-1}\mathbf{H}'_{A*}$ , where  $\mathbf{H}_* = \mathbf{J}_{\theta\theta}^{-\frac{1}{2}}(\psi_0)\mathbf{H}'(\theta_0)$  and  $\mathbf{H}_{A*} = \mathbf{J}_{\theta\theta}^{-\frac{1}{2}}(\psi_0)\mathbf{H}'_A(\theta_0)$ . Then, using (5.8) and (A.23), we have

$$\mathbf{V}_{\theta\theta}(\psi_0) = \mathbf{J}_{\theta\theta}^{-\frac{1}{2}}(\psi_0)\mathbf{P}\mathbf{J}_{\theta\theta}^{-\frac{1}{2}}(\psi_0) \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{V}_{\theta\theta}^A(\psi_0) = \mathbf{J}_{\theta\theta}^{-\frac{1}{2}}(\psi_0)\mathbf{P}_A\mathbf{J}_{\theta\theta}^{-\frac{1}{2}}(\psi_0).$$

Substituting these results in (A.26) we have

$$LR = \mathbf{u}'(\mathbf{P}_A - \mathbf{P})\mathbf{u} + o_p(1), \quad (\text{A.27})$$

where  $\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{J}_{\theta\theta}^{-\frac{1}{2}}(\psi_0)\mathbf{d}(\theta_0)$ . Using (5.3) and (4.31) it is then easily seen that  $\mathbf{u} \stackrel{a}{\sim} N(\mathbf{0}, \Sigma_u)$ , where  $\Sigma_u = \mathbf{J}_{\theta\theta}^{-\frac{1}{2}}(\psi_0)\mathfrak{I}_{\theta\theta}(\psi_0)\mathbf{J}_{\theta\theta}^{-\frac{1}{2}}(\psi_0) = \mathbf{I}_{mr} - \mathbf{H}'_A(\theta_0)\mathbf{H}_A(\theta_0)$ . Notice that  $\Sigma_u$  is a non-stochastic matrix with rank  $mr - r^2$ . Then, by Theorem 9.21 of Rao and Mitra (1971, p. 171), it follows that the quadratic form,  $\mathbf{u}'(\mathbf{P}_A - \mathbf{P})\mathbf{u}$ , is  $\chi^2$  distributed with degrees of freedom equal to  $\text{Tr}[(\mathbf{P}_A - \mathbf{P})\Sigma_u]$  if and only if  $\Sigma_u(\mathbf{P}_A - \mathbf{P})\Sigma_u(\mathbf{P}_A - \mathbf{P})\Sigma_u = \Sigma_u(\mathbf{P}_A - \mathbf{P})\Sigma_u$ , or  $[\Sigma_u(\mathbf{P}_A - \mathbf{P})]^3 = [\Sigma_u(\mathbf{P}_A - \mathbf{P})]^2$ . Now note that

$$\begin{aligned} \Sigma_u(\mathbf{P}_A - \mathbf{P}) &= \{\mathbf{I}_{mr} - \mathbf{H}'_A(\theta_0)\mathbf{H}_A(\theta_0)\}(\mathbf{P}_A - \mathbf{P}) \\ &= \mathbf{P}_A - \mathbf{P} - \mathbf{H}'_A(\theta_0)\mathbf{H}_A(\theta_0)\mathbf{P}_A + \mathbf{H}'_A(\theta_0)\mathbf{H}_A(\theta_0)\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{P}_A - \mathbf{P}. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\mathbf{P}_A - \mathbf{P}$  is an idempotent matrix, we also have

$$[\Sigma_u(\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{P}_A)]^2 = [\Sigma_u(\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{P}_A)]^3 = \mathbf{P} - \mathbf{P}_A.$$

Therefore, the quadratic term in (A.27) is asymptotically  $\chi^2$  distributed with degrees of freedom equal to  $\text{Tr}[(\mathbf{P}_A - \mathbf{P})\Sigma_u] = \text{Tr}(\mathbf{P}_A - \mathbf{P}) = k - r^2$ . ■

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