

# A Bias-Corrected CD Test for Error Cross-Sectional Dependence in Panel Data Models with Latent Factors<sup>†</sup>

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## Abstract

In a recent paper Juodis and Reese (2022) (JR) show that the application of the CD test proposed by Pesaran (2004) to residuals from panels with latent factors results in over-rejection. They propose a randomized test statistic to correct for over-rejection, and add a screening component to achieve power. This paper considers the same problem but from a different perspective. It shows that the standard CD test remains valid if the latent factors are weak, and proposes a simple bias-corrected CD test, labelled  $CD^*$ , which is shown to be asymptotically normal, irrespective of whether the latent factors are weak or strong. This result is shown to hold for pure latent factor models as well as for panel regressions with latent factors. The case where the errors are serially correlated is also considered. Small sample properties of the  $CD^*$  test are investigated by Monte Carlo experiments and are shown to have the correct size and satisfactory power for both Gaussian and non-Gaussian errors. In contrast, it is found that JR's test tends to over-reject in the case of panels with non-Gaussian errors, and has low power against spatial network alternatives. The use of the  $CD^*$  test is illustrated with two empirical applications from the literature.

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# 1 Introduction

It is now quite standard to use latent multi-factor models to characterize and explain cross-sectional dependence in panels when the cross section dimension ( $n$ ) and the time series dimension ( $T$ ) are both large. However, due to uncertainty regarding the nature of error cross-sectional dependence, it is arguable whether the cross-sectional dependence is fully accounted for by latent factors. Some of the factors could be semi-strong, and the errors might have spatial or network features that are not necessarily captured by common factors alone. Chudik et al. (2011) provide an early discussion of the different sources of cross-sectional dependence, where it is shown that for a factor model to capture spatial dependence one needs a weak factor model where the number of weak factors tends to infinity with  $n$ . It is clearly desirable to test for error cross-sectional dependence once the common factor effects are filtered out.

In a recent paper Juodis and Reese (2022) (JR) show that the application of the  $CD$  test proposed by Pesaran (2004, 2015a) to the residuals from panels with latent factors is invalid and can result in over-rejection of the null of error cross-sectional independence. They propose a randomized  $CD$  test statistic as a solution. Their proposed test is constructed in two steps. First, they multiply the residuals from panel regressions with independent randomized weights to obtain their  $CD_W$  statistic, which will have a zero mean by construction. In this way they avoid the over-rejection problem of the  $CD$  test, but by the very nature of the randomization process they recognize that the  $CD_W$  test will lack power. To overcome the problem of lack of power, JR modify the  $CD_W$  test statistic by adding to it a screening component proposed by Fan et al. (2015) which is expected to tend to zero with probability approaching one under the null hypothesis, but to diverge at a reasonably fast rate under the alternative. This further modification of  $CD_W$  test is denoted by  $CD_{W+}$ . Accordingly, it is presumed that the  $CD_{W+}$  test can overcome both over-rejection and the low power problems. However, JR do not provide a formal proof establishing conditions under which the screening component tends to zero under the null and diverges sufficiently fast under alternatives, including spatial or network dependence type alternatives. Using theoretical results established by Bailey et al. (2019) for correlation coefficients we show that the screening component in JR need not converge to zero. Also, our Monte Carlo simulations show that the  $CD_{W+}$  test tends to over-reject when the errors are non-Gaussian and  $n \gg T$ , and seems to lack power under spatial alternatives, which is likely to be particularly important in empirical applications.

In this paper we show that the standard  $CD$  test is in fact valid for testing error cross-sectional dependence in panel data models with weak latent factors. However, when the latent factors are semi-strong or strong the use of  $CD$  test will result in over-rejection and will no longer be valid, extending JR's results to panels with semi-strong latent factors. In short, whilst the  $CD_{W+}$  is a useful and welcome addition to testing for error cross-sectional dependence, it would be interesting to develop a modified version of the test that simultaneously deals with the over-rejection problem and does not compromise power for a general class of alternatives. To that end, firstly we study testing for error cross-sectional dependence in a pure latent factor model, and derive an explicit expression for the bias of the  $CD$  test statistic in terms of factor loadings and error variances. We then propose a bias-corrected version of the  $CD$  test statistic, denoted by  $CD^*$ , which is shown to have  $N(0, 1)$  asymptotic distribution under the null hypothesis irrespective of whether the latent factors are weak or strong. When the latent factors are weak the correction tends to zero,  $CD$  and  $CD^*$  will be asymptotically equivalent. However,  $CD - CD^*$  diverges if at least one of the underlying latent factors is strong. We show

that  $CD^*$  converges to a standard normal distribution when  $n$  and  $T$  tend to infinity so long as  $n/T \rightarrow \kappa$ , where  $0 < \kappa < \infty$ , and a test based on  $CD^*$  will have the correct size asymptotically. We then consider the application of the  $CD^*$  to test error cross-sectional dependence in the case of panel regressions with latent factors, discussed in Pesaran (2006). It is shown that the asymptotic properties of  $CD^*$  in the case of pure latent factor models also carry over to panel data models with latent factors. We also investigate the application of the  $CD^*$  to panel data models with serially correlated errors, and consider the method proposed by Baltagi et al. (2016) as well as using an autoregressive distributed lag (ARDL) representation which transforms the model with the serially correlated errors to one without error serial correlation.

The finite sample performance of the  $CD^*$  test is investigated by Monte Carlo simulations in the case of pure factor models, panel regressions with latent factors with and without error serial correlation. It is found that the  $CD^*$  test avoids the over-rejection problem under the null and diverges fast under spatial alternatives, and has desirable small sample properties regardless of whether the errors are Gaussian or not, under different combinations of  $n$  and  $T$ . Although computation of  $CD^*$  requires estimation of factors and their loadings, the simulation results suggest that prior information on the number of latent factors is unnecessary so long as the number of estimated (selected) factors is no less than the true number. We also find that both adjustments for dealing with error serial correlation considered in the paper give desirable small sample properties. Finally, as compared to JR's  $CD_{W+}$  test, the proposed bias-corrected CD test is better in controlling the size of the test and has much better power properties against spatial (or network) alternatives.

The use of  $CD^*$  is illustrated by two empirical applications studied in literature. In the first application, we examine modeling real house price changes in the U.S. Because it is evident that real house price changes are driven by macroeconomic trends which can be modeled by latent factors, it is necessary to filter out these factors before testing for spillover effect. By applying  $CD^*$  to real house price changes in the U.S. we are able to show significant existence of weak cross-sectional dependence in addition to latent factors. In the second application, we consider modeling R&D investment in industries. Because there is knowledge spillover between industries as well as other cross-sectional dependencies, modeling R&D investment needs to include latent factors and researchers usually apply the CCE approaches proposed by Pesaran (2006) to estimate coefficients. With  $CD^*$ , we find that the evidence of cross-sectional dependence in the CCE residuals of modeling R&D investment is weak when the number of selected principal components (PCs) is sufficiently large. The robustness of the empirical applications to possible error serial correlation is also investigated using the approach of Baltagi et al. (2016) as well as the proposed ARDL.

The paper is set out as follows. Section 2 considers a pure latent factor model, establishes the limiting properties of the  $CD$  test in the presence of latent factors, derives the bias-corrected test statistic,  $CD^*$ , and establishes its asymptotic distribution. The extension to more general panel data models with observed covariates as well as latent factors are discussed in Section 3. Then two adjustments of  $CD^*$  test for panels with serially correlated errors are discussed in Section 4. Section 5 sets up the Monte Carlo experiments and reports the small sample properties of  $CD$ ,  $CD^*$  and,  $CD_{W+}$  tests. Section 6 provides the empirical illustrations. The proofs of the main theorems and the related lemmas are given in the online supplement.

## 2 CD\* test for a pure latent factor model

We consider the following general linear panel data model which explains  $y_{it}$ , in terms of observed and latent covariates,

$$y_{it} = \boldsymbol{\alpha}'_i \mathbf{d}_t + \boldsymbol{\beta}'_i \mathbf{x}_{it} + \boldsymbol{\gamma}'_i \mathbf{f}_t + u_{it}, \quad (1)$$

for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$  and  $t = 1, 2, \dots, T$ , where  $\mathbf{d}_t$  is a  $k_d \times 1$  vector of observed common factors,  $\mathbf{x}_{it}$  is a  $k_x \times 1$  vector of unit-specific observed covariates, and  $\mathbf{f}_t = (f_{1t}, f_{2t}, \dots, f_{m_0 t})'$  is an  $m_0 \times 1$  vector of unobserved factors.  $\boldsymbol{\alpha}_i = (\alpha_{i1}, \alpha_{i2}, \dots, \alpha_{ik_d})'$ ,  $\boldsymbol{\beta}_i = (\beta_{i1}, \beta_{i2}, \dots, \beta_{ik_x})'$  and  $\boldsymbol{\gamma}_i = (\gamma_{i1}, \gamma_{i2}, \dots, \gamma_{im_0})'$  are the associated vectors of unknown coefficients.  $u_{it}$  is the idiosyncratic error for unit  $i$  at time  $t$ , and its cross-sectional dependence property is the primary object of interest. To simplify the exposition and to highlight the main issue of concern, namely the presence of unobserved factors, initially we focus on the pure factor model,

$$y_{it} = \boldsymbol{\gamma}'_i \mathbf{f}_t + u_{it}, \quad (2)$$

and assume that  $u_{it}$  are serially independent. Both of these restrictions will be relaxed. We also assume that  $m_0$ , the true number of factors, is known, and make the following standard assumptions:

**Assumption 1** (a)  $\mathbf{f}_t$  is a covariance-stationary process with zero means and the covariance matrix,  $E(\mathbf{f}_t \mathbf{f}'_t) = \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{ff} > 0$ . (b)  $T^{-1} \sum_{t=1}^T [\|\mathbf{f}_t\|^j - E(\|\mathbf{f}_t\|^j)] \rightarrow_p 0$ , for  $j = 3, 4$ , as  $T \rightarrow \infty$ . (c) There exists  $T_0$  such that for all  $T > T_0$ ,  $T^{-1} \sum_{t=1}^T \mathbf{f}_t \mathbf{f}'_t = T^{-1} \mathbf{F}' \mathbf{F} = \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{T,ff} > \mathbf{0}$ , and  $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{T,ff} \rightarrow_p \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{ff} > \mathbf{0}$ , where  $\mathbf{F} = (\mathbf{f}_1, \mathbf{f}_2, \dots, \mathbf{f}_T)'$ .

**Assumption 2**  $u_{it} \sim IID(0, \sigma_i^2)$ , where  $\sigma_i^2$  are treated as given such that  $\sup_i \sigma_i^2 < K$ ,  $\inf_i \sigma_i^2 > c$ , and  $E(|u_{it}|^{8+c}) < K$ . (a) There exists a finite integer  $T_0$  such that for all  $T > T_0$ ,  $\inf_i \omega_{i,T}^2 = T^{-1} \inf_i (\mathbf{u}'_i \mathbf{M}_F \mathbf{u}_i) > c$ ,

$$\sup_i E \left( \frac{\mathbf{u}'_i \mathbf{M}_F \mathbf{u}_i}{T} \right)^{-8-\epsilon} < K, \quad (3)$$

for some small  $c$  and  $\epsilon > 0$ , where  $\mathbf{u}_i = (u_{i1}, u_{i2}, \dots, u_{iT})'$  and  $\mathbf{M}_F = \mathbf{I}_T - \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{F}' \mathbf{F})^{-1} \mathbf{F}'$ . (b)  $u_{it}$  and  $u_{jt'}$  are distributed independently for all  $i \neq j$  and  $t \neq t'$ , such that  $E[\lambda_{\max}(\mathbf{V}_T)] = O(1)$ , where  $\mathbf{V}_T = T^{-1} \sum_{t=1}^T \mathbf{u}_t \mathbf{u}'_t$ , and  $\mathbf{u}_t = (u_{1t}, u_{2t}, \dots, u_{nt})'$ . (c) for all  $i$  and  $t$ ,  $u_{it}$  is distributed independently of  $\mathbf{f}_{t'}$ , for all  $i, t$  and  $t'$ .

**Assumption 3** The  $m_0 \times 1$  vector of factor loadings  $\boldsymbol{\gamma}_i$  is bounded such that  $\sup_i \|\boldsymbol{\gamma}_i\| < K$ ,  $n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n \boldsymbol{\gamma}_i \boldsymbol{\gamma}'_i = \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{n,\gamma\gamma} \rightarrow \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{\gamma\gamma} > \mathbf{0}$ , and

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{nT}} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{t=1}^T b_{in} f_{jt} u_{it} \gamma_{ij} = O_p(1), \text{ for } j = 1, 2, \dots, m_0, \quad (4)$$

where  $\{b_{in}\}$  a sequence of bounded constants such that  $n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n b_{in}^2 = O(1)$ . Also

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n a_{i,n}^2 > 0, \quad (5)$$

where

$$a_{i,n} = 1 - \sigma_i \boldsymbol{\varphi}'_n \boldsymbol{\gamma}_i, \quad (6)$$

and  $\boldsymbol{\varphi}_n = n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n \boldsymbol{\gamma}_i / \sigma_i$ .

**Remark 1** Let  $\varepsilon_{it} = u_{it}/\sigma_i$  and  $\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_i = (\varepsilon_{i1}, \varepsilon_{i2}, \dots, \varepsilon_{iT})$ . The fact that there exists a finite  $T_0$  such that (3) holds can be established readily if it is further assumed that  $\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_i \sim IIDN(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{I}_T)$ . In this case  $\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}'_i \mathbf{M}_F \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_i$  is distributed as  $\chi^2_{T-m_0}$  and  $E\left(\frac{T}{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}'_i \mathbf{M}_F \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_i}\right)^8 < K$  so long as  $T > m_0 + 16$ . See Section 4 of Smith (1988). Under non-Gaussian errors a larger value of  $T$  will be typically needed for the moment condition (3) to hold.

**Remark 2** The sequence of bounded constants,  $b_{in}$ , is introduced in (4) for convenience and can be readily absorbed as scalars of  $f_{jt}$  and  $\gamma_{ij}$ , since factors and their loadings are only identified up to rotations.

**Remark 3** Condition (5) is required for the validity of the bias corrected CD test proposed in this paper and, for example, rules out the special case, noted by one of the reviewers, where  $m_0 = 1$ ,  $\sigma_i = \sigma$ ,  $\gamma_i = \gamma = \pm 1$ .

To allow one or more of the latent factors to be weak, following Bailey et al. (2021) we denote the strength of factor  $j$  by  $\alpha_j$  as defined by the rate at which the sum of absolute values of factor loadings rises with  $n$ , namely

$$\sum_{i=1}^n |\gamma_{ij}| = \Theta(n^{\alpha_j}), \text{ for } j = 1, 2, \dots, m_0. \quad (7)$$

The case of strong factors assumed in the principal component analysis (PCA) literature corresponds to  $\alpha_j = 1$ , for  $j = 1, 2, \dots, m_0$ . The CD test does not require any modifications if the factors are weak, namely when  $\alpha_j < 1/2$  for all  $j$ . The intermediate case of semi-strong factors where  $1/2 < \alpha_j < 1$  leads to additional technical challenges and will not be considered in this paper.

Most of the above assumptions relate closely to those made in the literature on CD tests and large dimensional factor models. See, for example, the assumptions in Pesaran (2004, 2015a), and assumptions L and LFE in Bai and Ng (2008). The zero means in Assumption 1 are not restrictive and will be relaxed when we consider panel data models with observed regressors. Under Assumption 3 all factors are required to be strong. Since  $\boldsymbol{\gamma}_i$  and  $\mathbf{f}_t$  are identified only up to an  $m_0 \times m_0$  non-singular rotation matrix, we set  $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{\boldsymbol{\gamma}\boldsymbol{\gamma}} = \mathbf{I}_{m_0}$ , where  $\mathbf{I}_{m_0}$  is an identity matrix of order  $m_0$ . However, later we show that our main Theorem 1 continues to hold so long as the maximum factor strength  $\alpha = \max_j(\alpha_j) = 1$ , namely there is at least one strong factor. It is not required that all  $m_0$  latent factors should be strong, as required when Assumption 3 holds. Assumption 2 is a technical assumption, also made for the proof of the asymptotic normality of the standard CD test.

Under the above assumptions the asymptotic results of Bai (2003) apply, and the latent factors and their loadings can be estimated using PCs, given as the solution to the following optimization problem

$$\min_{\mathbf{F}, \boldsymbol{\Gamma}} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{t=1}^T \left( y_{it} - \boldsymbol{\gamma}'_i \mathbf{f}_t \right)^2,$$

where  $\mathbf{F} = (\mathbf{f}_1, \mathbf{f}_2, \dots, \mathbf{f}_T)'$  and  $\boldsymbol{\Gamma} = (\boldsymbol{\gamma}_1, \boldsymbol{\gamma}_2, \dots, \boldsymbol{\gamma}_n)'$ , with  $\hat{\mathbf{F}}$  and  $\hat{\boldsymbol{\Gamma}}$  satisfying the normalization restrictions:  $n^{-1}\hat{\boldsymbol{\Gamma}}'\hat{\boldsymbol{\Gamma}} = \mathbf{I}_{m_0}$ , and  $T^{-1}\hat{\mathbf{F}}'\hat{\mathbf{F}}$  being a diagonal matrix. The estimators of factors and their loadings are then given by

$$\hat{\boldsymbol{\Gamma}} = \sqrt{n}\hat{\mathbf{Q}}, \text{ and } \hat{\mathbf{F}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}\mathbf{Y}\hat{\mathbf{Q}}, \quad (8)$$

where we define  $\mathbf{y}_i = (y_{i1}, y_{i2}, \dots, y_{iT})'$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$  so that  $\mathbf{Y} = (\mathbf{y}_1, \mathbf{y}_2, \dots, \mathbf{y}_n)$  is the  $T \times n$  matrix of observations on  $y_{it}$  and  $\hat{\mathbf{Q}}$  is  $n \times m_0$  matrix of the associated orthonormal eigenvectors of  $\mathbf{Y}'\mathbf{Y}$ . Then the residuals to be used in the construction of the CD test statistics are given by

$$e_{it} = y_{it} - \hat{\gamma}_i' \hat{\mathbf{f}}_t. \quad (9)$$

## 2.1 The CD test and its JR modification

The *CD* test statistic based on the residuals, (9), is given by

$$CD = \sqrt{\frac{2T}{n(n-1)}} \left( \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \sum_{j=i+1}^n \hat{\rho}_{ij,T} \right), \quad (10)$$

where  $\hat{\rho}_{ij,T} = T^{-1} \sum_{t=1}^T \tilde{e}_{it,T} \tilde{e}_{jt,T}$ ,  $\tilde{e}_{it,T}$  is the scaled residual defined by,

$$\tilde{e}_{it,T} = \frac{e_{it}}{\hat{\sigma}_{i,T}}, \quad (11)$$

and  $\hat{\sigma}_{i,T}^2 = T^{-1} \sum_{t=1}^T e_{it}^2 > c > 0$ . JR consider a panel regression model with latent factors, assuming that all the factors are strong and show that in that case  $CD = O_p(\sqrt{T})$ , and its use will lead to gross over-rejection of the null of error cross-sectional independence. To deal with the over-rejection problem they propose the following randomized CD test based on the random weights,  $w_i$ , drawn independently of the residuals,  $e_{jt}$ , namely

$$CD_W = \sqrt{\frac{2}{Tn(n-1)}} \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{i=2}^n \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} (w_i e_{it}) (w_j e_{jt}), \quad (12)$$

where  $w_i$ , for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$  are independently drawn from a Rademacher distribution. The  $CD_W$  statistic can also be computed using the scaled residuals,  $\tilde{e}_{it,T}$ . The test outcomes do not seem to be much affected by whether scaled or unscaled residuals are used. Here we follow JR and define  $CD_W$  in terms of unscaled residuals. Because of the random properties of the weights, JR show that  $CD_W$  converges to a standard normal distribution regardless of the values of  $e_{it}$ , and as a result the over-rejection problem of the standard *CD* test is avoided if  $CD_W$  statistic is used instead. But as recognized by JR, this is achieved at the expense of power. To overcome this limitation, JR construct another power enhanced test statistic by following Fan et al. (2015), and add the screening component,  $\Delta_{nT}$ , to  $CD_W$ , to obtain  $CD_{W+}$  defined by

$$CD_{W+} = CD_W + \Delta_{nT}, \quad (13)$$

where

$$\Delta_{nT} = \sum_{i=2}^n \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} |\hat{\rho}_{ij,T}| \mathbf{1} \left( |\hat{\rho}_{ij,T}| > 2\sqrt{\frac{\ln(n)}{T}} \right). \quad (14)$$

For the  $CD_{W+}$  test to have the correct size under  $H_0 : \rho_{ij} = 0$ , for all  $i \neq j$ , the screening component  $\Delta_{nT}$  must converge to zero as  $n$  and  $T \rightarrow \infty$ , jointly. To our knowledge, the

conditions under which this holds are not investigated by JR. Whilst it is beyond the scope of the present paper to investigate the limiting properties of  $\Delta_{nT}$  in the case of a general factor model, using results presented in Bailey et al. (2019) (BPS), we will provide sufficient conditions for  $\Delta_{nT} \rightarrow_p 0$  in the case of the simple model  $y_{it} = \mu_i + \sigma_i \varepsilon_{it}$ . By the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality we first note that for all  $i \neq j$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} & E \left[ |\hat{\rho}_{ij,T}| I \left( |\hat{\rho}_{ij,T}| > 2\sqrt{\frac{\ln(n)}{T}} \right) | \rho_{ij} = 0 \right] \\ & \leq [E(|\hat{\rho}_{ij,T}|^2 | \rho_{ij} = 0)]^{1/2} \left[ P \left( |\hat{\rho}_{ij,T}| > 2\sqrt{\frac{\ln(n)}{T}} | \rho_{ij} = 0 \right) \right]^{1/2}, \end{aligned} \quad (15)$$

where  $\rho_{ij} = E(\varepsilon_{it}\varepsilon_{jt})$ . Hence

$$\begin{aligned} & E(\Delta_{nT} | \rho_{ij} = 0, \text{ for all } i \neq j) \\ & \leq \frac{n(n-1)}{2} \sup_{i \neq j} [E(|\hat{\rho}_{ij,T}|^2 | \rho_{ij} = 0)]^{1/2} \sup_{i \neq j} \left[ P \left[ |\hat{\rho}_{ij,T}| > 2\sqrt{\frac{\ln(n)}{T}} | \rho_{ij} = 0 \right] \right]^{1/2}. \end{aligned} \quad (16)$$

Now using results (9) and (10) of BPS, we have

$$E[|\hat{\rho}_{ij,T}|^2 | \rho_{ij} = 0] = O\left(\frac{1}{T}\right), \quad (17)$$

and using result (A.4) in the online supplement of BPS, we also have

$$\sup_{i \neq j} P \left[ |\hat{\rho}_{ij,T}| > \frac{C_p(n, \delta)}{\sqrt{T}} | \rho_{ij} = 0 \right] = O\left(e^{-\frac{1}{2}\frac{C_p^2(n, \delta)}{\varphi_{\max}}}\right) + O\left(T^{-\frac{(s-1)}{2}}\right),$$

where  $C_p(n, \delta) = \Phi^{-1}(1 - \frac{p}{2n\delta})$ ,  $0 < p < 1$ ,  $\Phi^{-1}(\cdot)$  is the inverse of the cumulative distribution of a standard normal variable,  $\delta > 0$ ,  $\varphi_{\max} = \sup_{i \neq j} E(\varepsilon_{it}^2 \varepsilon_{jt}^2)$ , and  $s$  is such that  $\sup_{i \neq j} E|\varepsilon_{it}|^{2s} < K$ , for some integer  $s \geq 3$  (see Assumption 2 of BPS). Also using results in Lemma 2 in the online supplement of BPS, we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{C_p^2(n, \delta)}{\ln(n)} = 2\delta, \text{ and } e^{-\frac{1}{2}\frac{C_p^2(n, \delta)}{\varphi_{\max}}} = O(n^{-\delta/\varphi_{\max}}).$$

Therefore,  $T^{-1/2}C_p(n, \delta)$ , and  $2\sqrt{T^{-1}\ln(n)}$  have the same limiting properties if we set  $\delta = 2$ . Overall, it then follows that

$$\sup_{i \neq j} P \left( |\hat{\rho}_{ij,T}| > 2\sqrt{\frac{\ln(n)}{T}} | \rho_{ij} = 0 \right) = O\left(n^{-\frac{2}{\varphi_{\max}}}\right) + O\left(T^{-\frac{(s-1)}{2}}\right). \quad (18)$$

Using (17) and (18) in (16), we now have

$$E(\Delta_{nT} | \rho_{ij} = 0, \text{ for all } i \neq j) = O\left(\frac{n^{2-\frac{1}{\varphi_{\max}}}}{\sqrt{T}}\right) + O\left(n^2 T^{-\frac{(s+1)}{4}}\right). \quad (19)$$

Therefore,  $\Delta_{nT} \rightarrow_p 0$ , if  $n^2 T^{-\frac{s+1}{4}} \rightarrow 0$  and  $T^{-1/2} n^{2-\frac{1}{\varphi_{\max}}} \rightarrow 0$ . It is easily seen that both of these conditions will be met as  $n$  and  $T \rightarrow \infty$  and  $n = o(\sqrt{T})$  if  $\varepsilon_{it}$  is Gaussian, since under Gaussian errors,  $\varphi_{\max} = 1$  and  $s$  can be taken to be sufficiently large. But, in general the expansion rate of  $T$  relative to  $n$  required to ensure  $\Delta_{nT} \rightarrow_p 0$  will also depend on the degree to which  $E(\varepsilon_{it}^2 \varepsilon_{jt}^2)$  exceeds unity. For example, if  $\varepsilon_{it}$  has a multivariate  $t$ -distribution with degrees of freedom  $v > 4$ , then letting  $T = n^d$ ,  $d > 0$ , and using results in Lemma 5 of BPS's online supplement, we have

$$\varphi_{\max} = \sup_{i \neq j} E(\varepsilon_{it}^2 \varepsilon_{jt}^2 | \rho_{ij} = 0) = \frac{v-2}{v-4}.$$

Hence,  $E(\Delta_{nT} | \rho_{ij} = 0, \text{ for all } i \neq j)$  defined by (19) tends to 0 if  $n^{2-\frac{v-4}{v-2}-d/2} \rightarrow 0$ , or if  $d > \frac{2v}{v-2}$ . Assumption 1 of JR requires  $E|\varepsilon_{it}|^{8+\epsilon} < K$ , for some small positive  $\epsilon$ , and for this to be satisfied in the case of  $t$ -distributed errors we need  $v > 9$ , which yields  $d > 2$  when  $v = 10$ , requiring  $T$  to rise faster than  $n$ .

Finally, for the  $CD_{W+}$  test to have power it is also necessary to show that  $\Delta_{nT}$  diverges in  $n$  and  $T$  sufficiently fast under alternative hypotheses of interest, namely spatial or network dependence. Later in the paper, we provide some Monte Carlo evidence on this issue, which indicates  $\Delta_{nT}$  need not diverge sufficiently fast and can cause the  $CD_{W+}$  test to suffer from low power against spatial or network alternatives. Our Monte Carlo experiments also show that the issue of over-rejection of  $CD_{W+}$  when  $n \gg T$  prevails when the errors are chi-squared distributed and the moment condition in Assumption 1 of JR is met.

## 2.2 The bias-corrected CD test

As shown by JR, the main reason for the failure of the standard CD test in the case of the latent factor models lies in the fact that both the factors and their loadings are unobserved and need to be estimated, for example by PCA as in (8). Essentially the differences between  $\hat{\gamma}'_i \hat{\mathbf{f}}_t$  and  $\gamma'_i \mathbf{f}_t$  do not tend to zero at a sufficiently fast rate for the CD test to be valid, unless the latent factors are weak, namely unless  $\alpha = \max_j(\alpha_j) < 1/2$ . Since the errors from estimation of  $\gamma'_i \mathbf{f}_t$  are included in the residuals  $e_{it}$ , the resultant CD statistic tends to over-state the degree of underlying error cross-sectional dependence. This problem also arises when the latent factors are proxied by cross section averages, as is the case when panel data models are estimated using correlated common effect (CCE) estimators proposed by Pesaran (2006), which we shall address below in Section 3.

We propose a bias-corrected CD test statistic, which we denote by  $CD^*$ , that *directly* corrects the asymptotic bias of the  $CD$  test using the estimates of the factor loadings and error variances. To obtain the expression for the bias we first write the  $CD$  statistic, defined by (10), equivalently as (established in Lemma 8 in the online supplement)

$$CD = \left( \sqrt{\frac{n}{n-1}} \right) \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \sum_{t=1}^T \left[ \frac{\left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{e_{it}}{\hat{\sigma}_{i,T}} \right)^2 - 1}{\sqrt{2}} \right]. \quad (20)$$

We also introduce the following analogue of  $CD$

$$\widetilde{CD} = \left( \sqrt{\frac{n}{n-1}} \right) \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \sum_{t=1}^T \left[ \frac{\left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{e_{it}}{\omega_{i,T}} \right)^2 - 1}{\sqrt{2}} \right], \quad (21)$$

where  $\omega_{i,T}^2 = T^{-1} \mathbf{u}_i' \mathbf{M}_F \mathbf{u}_i$ . Also, using results established in Lemmas 2 and 9 in the online supplement, we have

$$\hat{\sigma}_{i,T}^2 = \omega_{i,T}^2 + O_p\left(\frac{1}{n}\right) + O_p\left(\frac{1}{T}\right),$$

and

$$CD - \widetilde{CD} = o_p(1). \quad (22)$$

Scaling the residuals by  $\omega_{i,T}$  instead of  $\hat{\sigma}_{i,T}$ , we are able to establish a faster rate of convergence which in turn allows us to derive an expression for the asymptotic bias of  $CD$  statistic, considering that  $\widetilde{CD}$  and  $CD$  are asymptotically equivalent.

Now to analyze the asymptotic properties of  $\widetilde{CD}$ , let  $\boldsymbol{\delta}_{i,T} = \boldsymbol{\gamma}_i / \omega_{i,T}$  and  $\hat{\boldsymbol{\delta}}_{i,T} = \hat{\boldsymbol{\gamma}}_i / \omega_{i,T}$ , and note that

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{e_{it}}{\omega_{i,T}} = \psi_{t,nT} - s_{t,nT} \quad (23)$$

where

$$\psi_{t,nT} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{a_{i,nT} u_{it}}{\omega_{i,T}}, \quad a_{i,nT} = 1 - \omega_{i,T} \boldsymbol{\varphi}'_{nT} \boldsymbol{\gamma}_i, \quad (24)$$

$$s_{t,nT} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n \left[ \boldsymbol{\varphi}'_{nT} (\hat{\boldsymbol{\gamma}}_i - \boldsymbol{\gamma}_i) u_{it} + (\hat{\boldsymbol{\delta}}_{i,T} - \boldsymbol{\delta}_{i,T})' \hat{\mathbf{f}}_t + \boldsymbol{\varphi}'_{nT} (\hat{\boldsymbol{\gamma}}_i - \boldsymbol{\gamma}_i) \boldsymbol{\gamma}'_i \mathbf{f}_t \right], \quad (25)$$

with  $\boldsymbol{\varphi}_{nT} = n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n \boldsymbol{\delta}_{i,T}$ . Using the above results, the  $\widetilde{CD}$  statistic defined in (21) can then be decomposed as

$$\begin{aligned} \widetilde{CD} &= \left( \sqrt{\frac{n}{n-1}} \right) \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \sum_{t=1}^T \frac{(\psi_{t,nT} - s_{t,nT})^2 - 1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ &= \left( \sqrt{\frac{n}{n-1}} \right) \left[ \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \sum_{t=1}^T \left( \frac{\psi_{t,nT}^2 - 1}{\sqrt{2}} \right) + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left( T^{-1/2} \sum_{t=1}^T s_{t,nT}^2 \right) - \sqrt{2} \left( T^{-1/2} \sum_{t=1}^T \psi_{t,nT} s_{t,nT} \right) \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Under Assumptions 1-3 the last two terms of  $\widetilde{CD}$  are shown in Lemma 4 in the online supplement to be asymptotically negligible, in the sense that they tend to zero in probability as  $(n, T) \rightarrow \infty$ , so long as  $n/T \rightarrow \kappa$ , and  $0 < \kappa < \infty$ . Hence,  $\widetilde{CD} = z_{nT} + o_p(1)$ , where  $z_{nT} = T^{-1/2} \sum_{t=1}^T \left( \frac{\psi_{t,nT}^2 - 1}{\sqrt{2}} \right)$ . Also, using (22) it can be shown  $CD = z_{nT} + o_p(1)$  and furthermore we have

$$z_{nT} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \sum_{t=1}^T \left( \frac{\xi_{t,n}^2 - 1}{\sqrt{2}} \right) + o_p(1), \quad (26)$$

where

$$\xi_{t,n} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n a_{i,n} \varepsilon_{it}, \quad a_{i,n} = 1 - \sigma_i \boldsymbol{\varphi}'_n \boldsymbol{\gamma}_i, \quad (27)$$

$\boldsymbol{\varphi}_n = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \boldsymbol{\delta}_i$ , and  $\boldsymbol{\delta}_i = \boldsymbol{\gamma}_i/\sigma_i$ , which is established in proof of Theorem 1 in the online supplement. Since  $a_{i,n}$  are given constants, then  $E(\xi_{t,n}) = 0$ ,

$$E(\xi_{t,n}^2) \equiv \omega_n^2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n a_{i,n}^2 = n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (1 - \sigma_i \boldsymbol{\varphi}'_n \boldsymbol{\gamma}_i)^2, \quad (28)$$

and

$$Var(\xi_{t,n}^2) = 2 \left( \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n a_{i,n}^2 \right)^2 - \kappa_2 \left( \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{i=1}^n a_{i,n}^4 \right), \quad (29)$$

where  $\kappa_2 = E(\varepsilon_{it}^4) - 3$ . Clearly, when the errors are Gaussian then  $E(\varepsilon_{it}^4) = 3$ , the second term of  $Var(\xi_{t,n}^2)$  defined by (29) is exactly zero. But even for non-Gaussian errors the second term of  $Var(\xi_{t,n}^2)$  is negligible when  $n$  is sufficiently large. To see this note that

$$\frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{i=1}^n a_{i,n}^4 = \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (1 - \sigma_i \boldsymbol{\varphi}'_n \boldsymbol{\gamma}_i)^4 \leq \frac{K}{n},$$

where  $K$  is a positive constant irrespective of whether the underlying factor(s) are strong or weak. Then we can also compute the mean and the variance of  $z_{nT}$  as

$$\begin{aligned} E(z_{nT}) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \sum_{t=1}^T \left( \frac{\omega_n^2 - 1}{\sqrt{2}} \right) = \sqrt{\frac{T}{2}} (\omega_n^2 - 1), \\ Var(z_{nT}) &= \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T Var \left( \frac{\xi_{t,n}^2}{\sqrt{2}} \right) = \frac{Var(\xi_{t,n}^2)}{2}. \end{aligned}$$

The above expressions for  $E(z_{nT})$  give the source of the asymptotic bias of  $CD$  as  $E(z_{nT})$  rises with  $\sqrt{T}$ , unless

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \omega_n^2 = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (1 - \sigma_i \boldsymbol{\varphi}'_n \boldsymbol{\gamma}_i)^2 = 1.$$

A bias-corrected version of  $CD$  can be defined by

$$CD^*(\theta_n) = \frac{CD + \sqrt{\frac{T}{2}} \theta_n}{1 - \theta_n}, \quad (30)$$

where

$$\theta_n = 1 - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n a_{i,n}^2, \quad (31)$$

with  $a_{i,n}$  defined by (27). Because of condition (5) in Assumption 3,  $\theta_n = 1$  is ruled out and therefore the existence of  $CD^*(\theta_n)$  is guaranteed. The above results are summarized in the following theorem.

**Theorem 1** Consider the model in (2) and assume the number of strong factors included in the panel data model,  $m_0$ , is known. Also suppose Assumptions 1-3 hold. Under the null hypothesis of cross-sectional independence as  $(n, T) \rightarrow \infty$ , such that  $n/T \rightarrow \kappa$ , and  $0 < \kappa < \infty$ ,  $CD^*(\theta_n)$  defined by (30) has the limiting  $N(0, 1)$  distribution.

**Remark 4** It is clear from the definition of  $\theta_n$ , given by (31), that it does not go to zero when there is at least one strong factor in the panel data model. And as shown in Section 3 of the online supplement in general  $\theta_n = \Theta(n^{\alpha-1})$ , where  $\alpha = \max_{j=1,2,\dots,m_0}(\alpha_j)$ , with  $\alpha_j$  representing the strength of the latent factor,  $f_{jt}$ , defined by (7). Thus, the relationship between  $CD$  and  $CD^*(\theta_n)$  is essentially controlled by the maximum factor strength  $\alpha$ . Also the main difference between  $CD$  and  $CD^*(\theta_n)$  relates to the correction in the numerator of (30), the order of which is given by

$$\sqrt{T}\theta_n = O(T^{1/2}n^{\alpha-1}).$$

Suppose now  $T = \Theta(n^d)$  for some  $d > 0$ , then  $\sqrt{T}\theta_n = \Theta(n^{d/2}n^{\alpha-1}) = \Theta(T^{\alpha+d/2-1})$ , and the bias correction becomes negligible if  $\alpha < 1 - d/2$ . Under the required relative expansion rates of  $n$  and  $T$  entertained in this paper, we need to set  $d = 1$ , and for this choice the bias correction term,  $\sqrt{T}\theta_n$ , becomes negligible if  $\alpha < 1/2$ , namely if all latent factors are weak. This result also establishes that the standard  $CD$  test is still valid if all the latent factors are weak, namely  $\alpha < 1/2$ , which confirms an earlier finding of Pesaran (2015a) regarding the implicit null of the standard  $CD$  test when  $d = 1$ .

**Remark 5** Although our mathematical derivations are based on results for standard factor models where the factors are assumed to be strong, as we shall see from the Monte Carlo results reported below, the proposed test will be applicable even if some of the latent factors happen to be weak or semi-weak with  $\alpha < 2/3$ . This is because when a factor is weak it does not matter if its estimation by PCA is not consistent at the standard rate of  $\delta_{nT} = \min(n^{1/2}, T^{1/2})$ , since a weak factor only affects a few of the units and its inclusion or exclusion from the analysis has no material impact on the  $CD^*$  test as  $n$  and  $T \rightarrow \infty$ . In effect, in the mathematical derivations it is sufficient to consider strong factors, and absorb the weak factors in the error term. Additional theoretical derivations are required when some of the latent factors are semi-strong, namely when  $\alpha$  is close to unity. Such an extension is beyond the scope of the present paper.

The bias-corrected test statistic,  $CD^*(\theta_n)$ , depends on the unknown parameter,  $\theta_n$ , which can be estimated by

$$\hat{\theta}_{nT} = 1 - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \hat{a}_{i,nT}^2 \quad (32)$$

where

$$\hat{a}_{i,nT} = 1 - \hat{\sigma}_{i,T} (\hat{\varphi}'_{nT} \hat{\gamma}_i), \quad \hat{\varphi}_{nT} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \hat{\delta}_{i,nT}, \quad (33)$$

and  $\hat{\delta}_{i,nT} = \hat{\gamma}_i / \hat{\sigma}_{i,T}$ . The following corollary establishes the probability order of the difference between  $\hat{\theta}_{nT}$  and  $\theta_n$ .

**Corollary 1** Consider the bias correction term  $\theta_n$  in the  $CD^*$  statistic given by (31) and its estimator  $\hat{\theta}_{nT}$  given by (32). Suppose Assumptions 1-2 hold. Then for  $(n, T) \rightarrow \infty$ , such that  $n/T \rightarrow \kappa$ , where  $0 < \kappa < \infty$ , we have

$$\sqrt{T} (\hat{\theta}_{nT} - \theta_n) = o_p(1). \quad (34)$$

It then readily follows that  $CD^*(\hat{\theta}_{nT}) = CD^*(\theta_n) + o_p(1)$ , where

$$CD^*(\hat{\theta}_{nT}) = CD^* = \frac{CD + \sqrt{\frac{T}{2}}\hat{\theta}_{nT}}{1 - \hat{\theta}_{nT}}. \quad (35)$$

We refer to  $CD^*(\hat{\theta}_{nT})$ , or  $CD^*$  for short, as the bias-corrected CD statistic, and the test based on it as the  $CD^*$  test. The main result of the paper for pure latent factor models is summarized in the following theorem.

**Theorem 2** *Under Assumptions 1-3,  $CD^*$  defined by (35) has the limiting  $N(0, 1)$  distribution, as  $(n, T) \rightarrow \infty$ , such that  $n/T \rightarrow \kappa$ , and  $0 < \kappa < \infty$ .*

**Remark 6** *Estimation of  $\hat{\theta}_{nT}$  requires the investigator to decide on the number of latent factors, say  $\hat{m}$ , when computing the  $CD^*$  statistic. Suppose that  $m_0$  denotes the number of strong factors. Then if  $\hat{m} > m_0$ , the additional assumed number of factors,  $\hat{m} - m_0$ , must be weak by construction and  $CD^* \rightarrow_d N(0, 1)$  under the null hypothesis. The idea of setting  $\hat{m}$  above  $m_0$  was suggested in Pesaran et al. (2013) when testing for unit roots in the context of panels with multi-factor error structure, and was later considered formally by Moon and Weidner (2015) who established that the panel estimators based on  $m_0$  and  $\hat{m}$  factors are asymptotically equivalent so long as  $\hat{m} > m_0$ . We conjecture that the same applies to  $CD^*$ , and recommend setting  $\hat{m} \geq m_0$ . There is no need to have a precise estimate of  $m_0$  which is often unattainable especially when some of the latent factors are semi-strong. In practice the assumed number of factors can be increased to ensure that  $CD^*$  test does not result in spurious rejection.*

**Remark 7** *Despite the robustness of  $CD^*$  test to the choice of  $\hat{m}$ , so long as  $\hat{m} \geq m_0$ , it cannot be used to test if the number of latent factor selected is correct. This is because it cannot distinguish whether the cross-sectional dependence is caused by the missing latent factors or other forms of cross-sectional dependence such as spatial error correlations. Our analysis does not contribute to the problem of estimating  $m_0$  addressed in the literature either based on information criterion of Bai and Ng (2002) or eigenvalue ratio test of Ahn and Horenstein (2013).*

### 3 CD\* tests for error cross-sectional dependence in panel data models with interactive effects

Consider now the general panel regression model (1) which can be rewritten as

$$y_{it} = \boldsymbol{\alpha}'_i \mathbf{d}_t + \boldsymbol{\beta}'_i \mathbf{x}_{it} + v_{it}, \quad v_{it} = \boldsymbol{\gamma}'_i \mathbf{f}_t + u_{it}. \quad (36)$$

To test the cross-sectional independence of error term in a mixed factor model as (36), we need to estimate coefficients  $(\boldsymbol{\alpha}_i, \boldsymbol{\beta}_i)$ . When the regressor  $\mathbf{x}_{it}$  is independent from both factor structure and error term, a simple least squares regression of  $y_{it}$  on  $(1, \mathbf{x}_{it})$  for each  $i$  would be sufficient. However, in a more general scenario,  $\mathbf{x}_{it}$  can be correlated with factor structure. To study this scenario, we adopt the large heterogeneous panel data models discussed in Pesaran (2006), so that the time varying regressor  $\mathbf{x}_{it}$  is assumed to be generated as

$$\mathbf{x}_{it} = \mathbf{A}'_i \mathbf{d}_t + \mathbf{\Gamma}'_i \mathbf{f}_t + \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_{xit},$$

where  $\mathbf{A}_i$  and  $\boldsymbol{\Gamma}_i$  are  $k_d \times k_x$  and  $m_0 \times k_x$  factor loading matrices and  $\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_{xit}$  are the specific components of  $\mathbf{x}_{it}$ , distributed independently of the common effects and across  $i$ , but assumed to follow general covariance stationary process. Then in addition to Assumptions 1-3, we make the following assumptions:

**Assumption 4** (a) *The  $k_d \times 1$  vector  $\mathbf{d}_t$  is a covariance stationary process, with absolute summable autocovariance and  $\mathbf{d}_t$  is distributed independently of  $\mathbf{f}_{t'}$ , for all  $t$  and  $t'$ , such that  $T^{-1}\mathbf{D}'\mathbf{F} = O_p(T^{-1/2})$ , where  $\mathbf{D} = (\mathbf{d}_1, \mathbf{d}_2, \dots, \mathbf{d}_T)'$  and  $\mathbf{F} = (\mathbf{f}_1, \mathbf{f}_2, \dots, \mathbf{f}_T)'$  are matrices of observations on  $\mathbf{d}_t$  and  $\mathbf{f}_t$ . (b)  $(\mathbf{d}_t, \mathbf{f}_t)$  is distributed independently of  $u_{s,i}$  and  $\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_{xis}$  for all  $i, t, s$ .*

**Assumption 5** *The unobserved factor loadings  $\boldsymbol{\Gamma}_i$  are bounded, i.e.  $\|\boldsymbol{\Gamma}_i\|_2 < K$  for all  $i$ .*

**Assumption 6** *The individual-specific errors  $u_{it}$  and  $\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_{xi,t'}$  are distributed independently for all  $i, j, t$  and  $t'$ , and  $\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_{xit}$  follows the linear stationary process  $\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_{xit} = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \mathbf{S}_{il} \eta_{xi,t-l}$ , where for each  $i$ ,  $\eta_{xit}$  is a  $k_x \times 1$  vector of serially uncorrelated random variables with mean zero, the variance matrix  $\mathbf{I}_{k_x}$ , and finite fourth-order cumulants. For each  $i$ , the coefficient matrices  $\mathbf{S}_{il}$  satisfy the condition*

$$Var(\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_{xit}) = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \mathbf{S}_{il} \mathbf{S}_{il}' = \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{xi},$$

where  $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{xi}$  is a positive definite matrix, such that  $\sup_i \|\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{xi}\|_2 < K$ .

**Assumption 7** *Let  $\tilde{\boldsymbol{\Gamma}} = E(\boldsymbol{\gamma}_i, \boldsymbol{\Gamma}_i)$ . We assume that  $Rank(\tilde{\boldsymbol{\Gamma}}) = m_0$ .*

**Assumption 8** *Consider the cross-sectional averages of the individual-specific variables,  $\mathbf{z}_{it} = (y_{it}, \mathbf{x}'_{it})'$  defined by  $\bar{\mathbf{z}}_t = n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{z}_{it}$ , and let  $\bar{\mathbf{M}} = \mathbf{I}_T - \bar{\mathbf{H}} (\bar{\mathbf{H}}' \bar{\mathbf{H}})^{-1} \bar{\mathbf{H}}'$ , and  $\mathbf{M}_g = \mathbf{I}_T - \mathbf{G} (\mathbf{G}' \mathbf{G})^{-1} \mathbf{G}'$ , where  $\bar{\mathbf{H}} = (\mathbf{D}, \bar{\mathbf{Z}})$ ,  $\mathbf{G} = (\mathbf{D}, \mathbf{F})$ , and  $\bar{\mathbf{Z}} = (\bar{\mathbf{z}}_1, \bar{\mathbf{z}}_2, \dots, \bar{\mathbf{z}}_T)$  is the  $T \times (k_x + 1)$  matrix of observations on the cross-sectional averages. Let  $\mathbf{X}_i = (\mathbf{x}_{i1}, \mathbf{x}_{i2}, \dots, \mathbf{x}_{iT})'$ , then the  $k \times k$  matrices  $\hat{\boldsymbol{\Psi}}_{i,T} = T^{-1} \mathbf{X}'_i \bar{\mathbf{M}} \mathbf{X}_i$  and  $\boldsymbol{\Psi}_{ig} = T^{-1} \mathbf{X}'_i \mathbf{M}_g \mathbf{X}_i$  are non-singular, and  $\hat{\boldsymbol{\Psi}}_{i,T}^{-1}$  and  $\boldsymbol{\Psi}_{ig}^{-1}$  have finite second-order moments for all  $i$ .*

**Remark 8** *The above assumptions are standard in the panel data models with multi-factor error structure. See, for example, Pesaran (2006). But in our setup under Assumption 2 we require the error term,  $u_{it}$ , to be serially uncorrelated, since our focus is on testing  $u_{it}$  for cross-sectional dependence, and this assumption is needed for asymptotic normality of the bias-corrected CD test. Later in Section 4, we will consider models with serially correlated errors and show that the bias-corrected CD test remains valid. Nevertheless, we allow  $\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_{xit}$ , the errors in the  $\mathbf{x}_{it}$  equations to be serially correlated. Assumption 4 separates the observed and the latent factors, as in Assumption 11 of Pesaran and Tosetti (2011). This assumption is required to obtain the probability order of estimated residuals needed for computation of CD\* statistic.*

To estimate  $v_{it}$  we first filter out the effects of observed covariates using the CCE estimators proposed in Pesaran (2006), namely for each  $i$  we estimate  $\beta_i$  by

$$\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_{CCE,i} = \left( \mathbf{X}'_i \bar{\mathbf{M}} \mathbf{X}_i \right)^{-1} \left( \mathbf{X}'_i \bar{\mathbf{M}} \mathbf{y}_i \right),$$

and following Pesaran and Tosetti (2011), estimate  $\boldsymbol{\alpha}_i$  by

$$\hat{\boldsymbol{\alpha}}_{CCE,i} = \left( \mathbf{D}' \mathbf{D} \right)^{-1} \mathbf{D}' \left( \mathbf{y}_i - \mathbf{X}_i \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_{CCE,i} \right).$$

Then we have the following estimator of  $v_{it}$

$$\hat{v}_{it} = y_{it} - \hat{\boldsymbol{\alpha}}'_{CCE,i} \mathbf{d}_t - \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}'_{CCE,i} \mathbf{x}_{it}.$$

Using results in Pesaran and Tosetti (2011) (p. 189) it follows that under Assumptions 1-8

$$\hat{v}_{it} = v_{it} + O_p\left(\frac{1}{n}\right) + O_p\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{T}}\right) + O_p\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{nT}}\right). \quad (37)$$

Note when  $\boldsymbol{\alpha}_i = \mathbf{0}$  and  $\boldsymbol{\beta}_i = \mathbf{0}$ , (36) reduces to the the pure latent factor model, (2), where PCA can be applied to  $v_{it}$  directly. In the case of panel regressions  $\hat{v}_{it}$  can be used instead of  $v_{it}$  to compute the bias-corrected CD statistic given by (35). The errors involved will become asymptotically negligible in view of the fast rate of convergence of  $\hat{v}_{it}$  to  $v_{it}$ , uniformly for each  $i$  and  $t$ . Specifically, as in the case of the pure latent factor model, we first compute  $m_0$  PCs of  $\{\hat{v}_{it}; i = 1, \dots, n; \text{ and } t = 1, \dots, T\}$  and the associated factor loadings,  $(\hat{\boldsymbol{\gamma}}_i, \hat{\mathbf{f}}_t)$ , subject to the normalization  $n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n \hat{\boldsymbol{\gamma}}_i \hat{\boldsymbol{\gamma}}_i' = \mathbf{I}_{m_0}$ . The residuals

$$e_{it} = \hat{v}_{it} - \hat{\boldsymbol{\gamma}}_i' \hat{\mathbf{f}}_t, \quad (38)$$

for  $i = 1, \dots, n$  and  $t = 1, \dots, T$  are then used to compute the standard CD statistic, which is then bias-corrected as before using (35).

**Theorem 3** Consider the panel data model (36) and suppose the true factor number  $m_0$  is known. Also suppose Assumptions 1-8 hold. Then as  $(n, T) \rightarrow \infty$ , such that  $n/T \rightarrow \kappa$ , where  $0 < \kappa < \infty$ ,  $CD^*$  has the limiting  $N(0, 1)$  distribution.

**Remark 9** As in the case of the pure latent factor model the  $CD^*$  test will be valid so long as the number of estimated factors is at least as large of  $m_0$ .

## 4 $CD^*$ test for models with serially correlated errors

As shown by Baltagi et al. (2016), when the errors  $u_{it}$  in (1) are serially correlated the variance of standard  $CD$  test statistic is not unity (even asymptotically) and the test is no longer valid. The same also applies to the  $CD^*$  test. To deal with this problem, we propose two solutions which involve different ways of adjusting the  $CD^*$  test so that it will become applicable to panels with serially correlated errors. The first method closely follows the variance adjustment proposed by Baltagi et al. (2016), in which  $CD^*$  is scaled by  $\varpi$  where

$$\varpi^2 = \frac{2T}{n(n-1)} \sum_{i=2}^n \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} \tilde{\mathbf{e}}'_{i,T} (\tilde{\mathbf{e}}_{j,T} - \tilde{\mathbf{e}}_{(ij),T}) \tilde{\mathbf{e}}'_{j,T} (\tilde{\mathbf{e}}_{i,T} - \tilde{\mathbf{e}}_{(ij),T}), \quad (39)$$

with  $\tilde{\mathbf{e}}_{i,T} = (\tilde{e}_{i1,T}, \tilde{e}_{i2,T}, \dots, \tilde{e}_{iT,T})'$ ,  $\tilde{e}_{it,T}$  defined in (11) and

$$\tilde{\mathbf{e}}_{(ij),T} = \frac{1}{n-2} \sum_{1 \leq \tau \neq i, j \leq n} \tilde{\mathbf{e}}_{\tau,T}.$$

The expression in (39) is the equivalent to that provided in Theorem 3 of Baltagi et al. (2016) but the factor of 2 in (39) is missing in their paper. The same adjustment is also applied to the  $CD_{W+}$  test to allow for serially correlated errors.

Alternatively, following Pesaran (2004), we first transform the panel regressions to eliminate the error serial correlation and then apply the  $CD^*$  test to the residuals of the transformed model. This is possible so long as the error serial correlation can be approximated by a finite order stationary autoregressive process. As a simple illustration consider the pure factor model

$$y_{it} = \gamma_i f_t + u_{it},$$

in which factor  $f_t$  and loading  $\gamma_i$  are both latent, and the errors  $u_{it}$  are generated as  $AR(1)$  processes:

$$u_{it} = \rho_i u_{it-1} + \epsilon_{it},$$

where  $\rho_i$  is the autoregression coefficient and  $\epsilon_{it}$  is serially independent, as well as being distributed independently of  $f_{t'}$  for all  $i$  and  $t, t' = 1, 2, \dots, T$ . Testing the cross-sectional independence of  $u_{it}$  is equivalent to testing the cross-sectional independence of  $\epsilon_{it}$  in the following autoregressive distributed lag (ARDL) representation of  $y_{it}$

$$y_{it} = \rho_i y_{i,t-1} + \gamma_i f_t - \rho_i \gamma_i f_{t-1} + \epsilon_{it},$$

which can be written equivalently as a multi-factor AR panel regression

$$y_{it} = \rho_i y_{i,t-1} + \hat{\gamma}'_i \hat{\mathbf{f}}_t + \epsilon_{it}, \quad (40)$$

where  $\hat{\mathbf{f}}_t = (f_t, f_{t-1})'$ , and  $\hat{\gamma}_i = (\gamma_i, -\rho_i \gamma_i)'$ . Since  $y_{i,t-1}$  is weakly exogenous, the transformed model satisfies the setup of panel data model (36) with  $\hat{\mathbf{f}}_t$  viewed as a vector of latent variables with the associated factor loadings,  $\hat{\gamma}_i$ . It therefore follows that the  $CD^*$  test can now be applied to test the cross-sectional independence of  $\epsilon_{it}$  in (40). We refer to this test as *ARDL adjusted  $CD^*$  test*.

The same approach can also be used for panels with observed covariates. In general, testing cross-sectional independence of  $u_{it}$  in model (1) is equivalent to testing the cross-sectional independence of  $\epsilon_{it}$  in

$$y_{it} = \sum_{s=0}^S \boldsymbol{\alpha}'_{i,s} \mathbf{d}_{t-s} + \sum_{s=1}^S \rho_{i,s} y_{it-s} + \sum_{s=0}^S \boldsymbol{\beta}'_{i,s} \mathbf{x}_{it-s} + \mathbf{g}'_i \mathbf{h}_t + \epsilon_{it}, \quad (41)$$

where  $\mathbf{h}_t$  is an extended set of latent factors (that encompass  $\mathbf{f}_t$ ), and  $\mathbf{g}_i$  are the associated factor loadings. The number of lags  $S$  is determined by the order of the AR specification assumed for  $u_{it}$  in (2).

The variance adjustment is simpler to implement but it requires theoretical justification in the context of panel data models with latent factors. The ARDL adjustment is theoretically justified so long as the underlying errors follow finite order AR processes. As we shall see both approaches work well in dealing with serially correlated errors, at least in the context of the limited MC designs that we are considering. Clearly, further theoretical and Monte Carlo investigations are needed for a better understanding of the relative merits of the two approaches.

## 5 Small sample properties of $CD^*$ and $CD_{W^+}$ tests

### 5.1 Data generating process

We consider the following data generating process

$$y_{it} = a_i + \sigma_i \left( \beta_{i1} d_t + \beta_{i2} x_{it} + m_0^{-1/2} \boldsymbol{\gamma}'_i \mathbf{f}_t + \varepsilon_{it} \right), \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n; t = 1, 2, \dots, T, \quad (42)$$

where  $a_i$  is a unit-specific effect,  $d_t$  is the observed common factor,  $x_{it}$  is the observed regressor that varies across  $i$  and  $t$ ,  $\mathbf{f}_t$  is the  $m_0 \times 1$  vector of unobserved factors,  $\boldsymbol{\gamma}_i$  is the vector of associated factor loadings, and  $\varepsilon_{it}$  are the idiosyncratic errors. The scalar constants,  $\sigma_i > 0$ , are generated as  $\sigma_i^2 = 0.5 + \frac{1}{2}(s_i^2 - 1)$ , with  $s_i^2 \sim IID\chi^2(2)$ , which ensures that  $E(\sigma_i^2) = 1$ .

#### 5.1.1 DGP under the null hypothesis

Under the null hypothesis, we consider both serially independent errors and serially correlated errors, which are generated by both Gaussian and non-Gaussian distributions:

- Serially independent errors: Gaussian errors,  $\varepsilon_{it} \sim IIDN(0, 1)$ ; chi-squared distributed errors,  $\varepsilon_{it} \sim IID\left(\frac{\chi^2(2)-2}{2}\right)$ .
- Serially correlated errors:  $\varepsilon_{it} = \rho_\varepsilon \varepsilon_{it-1} + \sqrt{1 - \rho_\varepsilon^2} e_{\varepsilon it}$ , for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$  and  $t = 1, 2, \dots, T$ , where  $\rho_\varepsilon = 0.5$  and  $e_{\varepsilon it}$  are generated as Gaussian errors,  $e_{\varepsilon it} \sim IIDN(0, 1)$ , or chi-squared distributed errors,  $e_{\varepsilon it} \sim IID\left(\frac{\chi^2(2)-2}{2}\right)$ .

The focus of the experiments is on testing the null hypothesis that  $\varepsilon_{it}$  are cross-sectional independent, whilst allowing for the presence of  $m_0$  unobserved factors,  $\mathbf{f}_t = (f_{1t}, f_{2t}, \dots, f_{m_0 t})'$ . We consider  $m_0 = 1$  and  $m_0 = 2$ , and generate the factor loadings  $\boldsymbol{\gamma}_i = (\gamma_{i1}, \gamma_{i2})'$  as:

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma_{i1} &\sim IIDN(0.5, 0.5) \text{ for } i = 1, 2, \dots, [n^{\alpha_1}], \\ \gamma_{i2} &\sim IIDN(1, 1) \text{ for } i = 1, 2, \dots, [n^{\alpha_2}], \\ \gamma_{ij} &= 0 \text{ for } i = [n^{\alpha_j}] + 1, [n^{\alpha_j}] + 2, \dots, n, \text{ and } j = 1, 2. \end{aligned}$$

In the one-factor case ( $m_0 = 1$ ), we only include  $f_{1t}$  as the latent factor and denote its factor strength by  $\alpha$ . Three values of  $\alpha$  are considered, namely  $\alpha = 1, 2/3, 1/2$ , respectively representing strong, semi-strong and weak factor. Similarly, in the two-factor case ( $m_0 = 2$ ), we include both  $f_{1t}$  and  $f_{2t}$  as the latent factors and consider the following combinations of factor strengths, i.e.  $(\alpha_1, \alpha_2) = [(1, 1), (1, 2/3), (2/3, 1/2)]$ . The intercepts  $a_i$  are generated as  $IIDN(1, 2)$  and fixed thereafter. The observed common factor is generated as  $d_t = \rho_d d_{t-1} + \sqrt{1 - \rho_d^2} v_{dt}$ , with  $\rho_d = 0.8$ , and  $v_{dt} \sim IIDN(0, 1)$ , thus ensuring that  $E(d_t) = 0$  and  $Var(d_t) = 1$ . The observed unit-specific regressors,  $x_{it}$ , for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$  are generated to have non-zero correlations with the unobserved factors:

$$x_{it} = \gamma_{xi1} f_{1t} + \gamma_{xi2} f_{2t} + e_{xit}, \quad (43)$$

where  $f_{jt} = r_j f_{j,t-1} + \sqrt{1 - r_j^2} v_{jt}$ , with  $r_j = 0.9$  and  $v_{jt} \sim IID\left(\frac{\chi^2(2)-2}{2}\right)$ , for  $j = 1, 2$ . The factor loadings in (43) are generated as  $\gamma_{xi1} \sim IIDU(0.25, 0.75)$  and  $\gamma_{xi2} \sim IIDU(0.1, 0.5)$ .

The error term of (43) is generated as  $e_{xit} = \rho_i e_{xi,t-1} + \sqrt{1 - \rho_i^2} v_{xit}$ , where  $\rho_i \sim IIDU(0, 0.95)$  and  $v_{xit} \sim IIDN(0, 1)$ .

We will examine the small sample properties of the CD and the bias-corrected CD tests for both the pure latent factor model and for the panel regression model which also includes observed covariates.

- In the case of the pure latent factor model we set  $\beta_{i1} = \beta_{i2} = 0$ .
- In the case of the panel regression model with latent factors, we allow for heterogeneous slopes and generate the slopes of observed covariates,  $d_t$  and  $x_{it}$ , as  $\beta_{i1} \sim IIDN(\mu_{\beta1}, \sigma_{\beta1}^2)$ , and  $\beta_{i2} \sim IIDN(\mu_{\beta2}, \sigma_{\beta2}^2)$  where  $\mu_{\beta1} = \mu_{\beta2} = 0.5$  and  $\sigma_{\beta1}^2 = \sigma_{\beta2}^2 = 0.25$ , respectively.

As our theoretical results show the null distribution of the CD and bias-corrected CD tests do not depend on  $a_i$ ,  $\beta_{i1}$  and  $\beta_{i2}$ , it is therefore innocuous what values are chosen for these parameters. Moreover, the average fit of the panel is controlled in terms of the limiting value of the pooled R-squared defined by

$$PR_{nT}^2 = 1 - \frac{(nT)^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{t=1}^T \sigma_i^2 E(\varepsilon_{it}^2)}{(nT)^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{t=1}^T Var(y_{it})}. \quad (44)$$

Since the underlying processes, (42) and (43), are stationary and  $E(\varepsilon_{it}^2) = 1$ , we have

$$\lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} PR_{nT}^2 = PR_n^2 = \frac{n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i^2 [\beta_{i1}^2 + \beta_{i2}^2 Var(x_{it}) + m_0^{-1} \boldsymbol{\gamma}'_i \boldsymbol{\gamma}_i + 2Cov(x_{it}, \boldsymbol{\gamma}'_i \mathbf{f}_t)]}{n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n Var(y_{it})}.$$

where  $\boldsymbol{\gamma}_i = (\gamma_{i1}, \gamma_{i2})'$ ,  $Var(x_{it}) = \boldsymbol{\gamma}'_{xi} \boldsymbol{\gamma}_{xi} + 1$ ,  $Cov(x_{it}, \boldsymbol{\gamma}'_i \mathbf{f}_t) = \boldsymbol{\gamma}'_{xi} \boldsymbol{\gamma}_i$ ,  $\boldsymbol{\gamma}_{xi} = (\gamma_{xi1}, \gamma_{xi2})'$ , and

$$Var(y_{it}) = \sigma_i^2 [\beta_{i1}^2 + \beta_{i2}^2 Var(x_{it}) + m_0^{-1} \boldsymbol{\gamma}'_i \boldsymbol{\gamma}_i + 2m_0^{-1/2} Cov(x_{it}, \boldsymbol{\gamma}'_i \mathbf{f}_t) + 1].$$

Also since  $\sigma_i^2$  and  $\beta_{ij}$  are independently distributed and  $E(\sigma_i^2) = 1$ , it then readily follows that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} PR_n^2 = \eta^2 / (1 + \eta^2)$ , where

$$\eta^2 = \mu_{\beta1}^2 + \sigma_{\beta1}^2 + (\mu_{\beta2}^2 + \sigma_{\beta2}^2) [1 + E(\boldsymbol{\gamma}'_{xi} \boldsymbol{\gamma}_{xi})] + \frac{2\mu_{\beta2} E(\boldsymbol{\gamma}'_{xi} \boldsymbol{\gamma}_i)}{\sqrt{m_0}} + \frac{E(\boldsymbol{\gamma}'_i \boldsymbol{\gamma}_i)}{m_0}.$$

By controlling the value of  $\eta^2$  across the experiments we ensure that the pooled R<sup>2</sup> in large samples will be fixed, regardless of value of  $\sigma_i$ . In particular, in the case of the pure latent model, we have  $\eta^2 = m_0^{-1} E(\boldsymbol{\gamma}'_i \boldsymbol{\gamma}_i) = O(n^{\alpha-1})$  where  $\alpha = \max(\alpha_1, \alpha_2)$ .

### 5.1.2 DGP under the alternative hypothesis

We consider a spatial alternative representation for errors, and generate  $\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_{ot} = (\varepsilon_{1t}, \varepsilon_{2t}, \dots, \varepsilon_{nt})'$  according to the first order spatial autoregressive process,  $\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_{ot} = c(\mathbf{I}_n - \rho \mathbf{W})^{-1} \boldsymbol{\zeta}_{ot}$ , where  $\mathbf{W} = (w_{ij})$ , and  $\boldsymbol{\zeta}_{ot} = (\zeta_{1t}, \zeta_{2t}, \dots, \zeta_{nt})'$ . Similarly to the DGP under the null hypothesis, for the serially uncorrelated errors, we consider both serially independent errors and serially correlated errors, which are generated by both Gaussian and non-Gaussian distributions. For the case where the errors are serially independent we generate them as  $\zeta_{it} \sim IIDN(0, 1)$  or  $\zeta_{it} \sim IID[\frac{\chi^2(2)-2}{2}]$ . While for the case of serially correlated errors,  $\zeta_{it}$  are generated as  $\zeta_{it} = \rho \zeta_{it-1} +$

$\sqrt{1 - \rho_\zeta^2} e_{\zeta it}$ , for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$  and  $t = 1, 2, \dots, T$ , where  $\rho_\zeta = 0.5$  and  $e_{\zeta it} \sim IIDN(0, 1)$  or  $e_{\zeta it} \sim IID[\frac{\chi^2(2)-2}{2}]$ , covering both Gaussian and non-Gaussian error distributions. For the spatial weights  $w_{ij}$ , we first set  $w_{ij}^0 = 1$  if  $j = i - 2, i - 1, i + 1, i + 2$ , and zero otherwise. We then row normalize the weights such that  $w_{ij} = \left(\sum_{j=1}^n w_{ij}^0\right)^{-1} w_{ij}^0$ . We also set  $c^2 = n/\text{tr}[(\mathbf{I}_n - \rho\mathbf{W})^{-1}(\mathbf{I}_n - \rho\mathbf{W})'^{-1}]$ , which ensures that  $n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n \text{Var}(\varepsilon_{it}) = 1$ , for all values of  $\rho$ .

## 5.2 CD, $CD^*$ and $CD_{W+}$ tests

All experiments are carried out for  $n = 100, 200, 500, 1000$  and  $T = 100, 200, 500$  and the number of replications is set to 2,000. Firstly we consider the DGPs with serially independent errors. For the pure latent factor models, we compute the filtered residuals as  $\hat{v}_{it} = y_{it} - \hat{a}_i$ , where  $\hat{a}_i = T^{-1} \sum_{t=1}^T y_{it}$ . For the panel regressions with latent factors, the filtered residuals are computed as

$$\hat{v}_{it} = y_{it} - \hat{a}_{CCE,i} - \hat{\beta}_{CCE,i1} d_t - \hat{\beta}_{CCE,i2} x_{it}, \quad (45)$$

where  $(\hat{a}_{CCE,i}, \hat{\beta}_{CCE,i1}, \hat{\beta}_{CCE,i2})$  is the CCE estimator of  $a_i$ ,  $\beta_{i1}$  and  $\beta_{i2}$ , as set out in Pesaran (2006). The CCE estimators are consistent as the relevant rank condition is met, which requires that  $m_0 \leq 1 + k = 2$  and is satisfied in the case of our Monte Carlo experiments. Then we will compute the first  $\hat{m}$  PCs  $\{\hat{v}_{it}; i = 1, 2, \dots, n; t = 1, 2, \dots, T\}$  and the associated factor loadings, namely  $(\hat{\gamma}_i, \hat{\mathbf{f}}_t)$ , subject to the normalization,  $n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n \hat{\gamma}_i \hat{\gamma}'_i = \mathbf{I}_{\hat{m}}$ . Finally the residuals, to be used in the computation of three CD test statistics, are computed as  $e_{it} = \hat{v}_{it} - \hat{\gamma}_i \hat{\mathbf{f}}_t$ , for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$  and  $t = 1, 2, \dots, T$ .

As discussed in Section 4,  $CD^*$  is not valid when the errors are serially correlated. In the simulations, we apply the variance and ARDL adjustments to  $CD$ ,  $CD_{W+}$ , and  $CD^*$ . The variance adjusted versions are computed by scaling the original statistics by the standard deviation of the  $CD$  statistics using the expression in (39) with  $e_{it} = \hat{v}_{it} - \hat{\gamma}_i \hat{\mathbf{f}}_t$ . The ARDL adjusted versions of  $CD$ ,  $CD^*$ , and  $CD_{W+}$ , are computed using the residuals from the following dynamic panel data model with latent factors,

$$y_{it} = a_i + \sum_{s=1}^S \rho_{is} y_{i,t-s} + \sum_{s=0}^S \beta_{i1,s} d_{t-s} + \sum_{s=0}^S \beta_{i2,s} x_{i,t-s} + \mathbf{g}'_i \mathbf{h}_t + \epsilon_{it}. \quad (46)$$

In the simulations we set  $S = 1$ , but higher order values can also be considered. The number of latent factors in  $\mathbf{h}_t$  depends on  $S$  and is given by  $m_h = (S + 1)m_0$ . Accordingly, the number of PCs,  $\hat{m}$ , should satisfy  $\hat{m} \geq (S + 1)m_0$ . In the simulations if  $S = 0$ , we consider  $\hat{m} = 1$  and 2 if  $m_0 = 1$ , and  $\hat{m} = 2$  and 4 if  $m_0 = 2$ . But if  $S = 1$  we consider  $\hat{m} = 2$  and 4 if  $m_0 = 1$ , and  $\hat{m} = 4$  and 6 if  $m_0 = 2$ . Seen from this perspective, the variance adjustment is preferable since it does not require specifying the serial dependence of the error process.

## 5.3 Simulation results

We first report the simulation results for the DGPs with normally distributed errors, under which the correction term of JR test, namely  $\Delta_{nT}$  in (13), tends to zero sufficiently fast. Next, we report simulation results for the DGPs with chi-squared distributed errors, allowing us to

investigate the robustness of the JR test and our proposed bias-corrected CD test to departures from Gaussianity. Then we report simulation results for the DGPs with serially correlated errors, using the variance and ARDL adjusted  $CD$  tests discussed in Section 4. Finally, we consider spatial alternatives for the errors, by setting  $\rho = 0.25$ . As to be expected power rises very quickly as  $\rho$  is raised above 0 ( $\rho = 0$  representing the null), and additional simulation results for values of  $\rho > 0.25$  do not seem to add much to our investigation.

### 5.3.1 Serially independent errors: normally distributed errors

The simulation results for the DGPs with the errors following Gaussian distribution are shown in Tables 1-4 in the online supplement. Table 1 reports the test results for the pure single factor models. The top panel gives the results for the case where the number of selected PCs, denoted by  $\hat{m}$ , is the same as the true number of factors,  $m_0$ , while the bottom panel reports the results when  $\hat{m} = 2$ . As to be expected the standard  $CD$  test over-rejects when the factor is strong, namely when  $a = 1$ . By comparison, the rejection frequencies of both  $CD^*$  and  $CD_{W+}$  tests under null ( $\rho = 0$ ) are generally around the nominal size of 5 per cent. Under the alternative (when  $\rho = 0.25$ ), the  $CD^*$  has satisfactory power properties with significantly high rejection frequencies even when the sample size is small. But  $CD_{W+}$  test performs quite poorly under spatial alternatives, especially when  $T$  is small.

Table 2 in the online supplement summarizes the size and power results for the pure factor model with  $m_0 = 2$ , and reports the results when  $\hat{m}$  (the selected number PCs) is set to 2 (the top panel) and 4 (the bottom panel). The results are qualitatively similar to the ones reported for the single factor model. The  $CD$  test over-rejects if at least one of the factors is strong, and the empirical sizes of  $CD^*$  and  $CD_{W+}$  tests are close to their nominal value of 5 per cent, although we now observe some mild over-rejection when  $n = 100$  and the selected number of PCs is 4. In terms of power, the  $CD^*$  performs well, although there is some loss of power as the number of factors and selected PCs rise. Similarly, the power of the  $CD_{W+}$  test is now even lower and quite close to 5 per cent when  $T < 500$  even if the number of PCs is set to  $m_0 = 2$ .

Turning to panel regressions with latent factors estimated by CCE, the associated simulation results are summarized in Tables 3 and 4 in the online supplement. As can be seen, the results are very close to the ones reported in Tables 1 and 2 for the pure factor model, and are in line with the asymptotic result in (37) that underlie the use of CCE approach to filter out the effects of observed covariates, as well as latent factors.

### 5.3.2 Serially independent errors: chi-squared distributed errors

The simulation results for the DGPs with chi-squared errors are provided in Tables 5 to 8 in the online supplement. For standard  $CD$  test and its biased-corrected version,  $CD^*$ , as shown in Tables 5 and 6, the results are very similar to the ones with Gaussian errors, suggesting that  $CD^*$  test is likely to be robust to departures from Gaussianity. As with the experiments with Gaussian errors, the standard  $CD$  test continues to over-reject unless  $\alpha < 2/3$ , and  $CD^*$  has the correct size for all  $n$  and  $T$  combinations, except when the number of selected PCs is large relative to  $m_0$ , and  $T = 100$ . The main difference between the results with and without Gaussian errors is the tendency for the  $CD_{W+}$  test to over-reject when  $n > T$ , which seems to be a universal feature of this test and holds for *all* choices of  $m_0$  and the number of selected PCs, irrespective of whether the factors are strong or weak. As we discussed in Section 2.1, this could be due to the screening component of  $CD_{W+}$  not tending to zero sufficiently fast with

$n$  and  $T$ . Furthermore, the  $CD^*$  test continues to have satisfactory power, but  $CD_{W+}$  clearly lacks power against spatial or network alternatives that are of primary interest.

Similar results are obtained for panel regressions with latent factors, summarized in Tables 7 and 8 in the online supplement.

### 5.3.3 Serially correlated errors

The results for the DGPs with serially correlated errors are summarized in Tables 9-24 in the online supplement. Tables 9 to 16 give the simulation results for the variance adjusted CD tests, whilst Tables 17 to 24 provide the results for the ARDL adjusted tests. Overall, the results corroborate our earlier findings obtained for DGPs with serially independent errors. Both adjustments for serial error correlation work well, with size and power of the adjusted  $CD^*$  tests being quite close to the results already reported for DGPs with serially independent errors. It is also clear that without adjustments for latent factors and error serial correlation, the standard  $CD$  test will lead to large size distortions when the latent factors are strong. But in line with our theoretical results, the standard  $CD$  test, when adjusted for error serial correlation if needed, tends to have the correct size when the latent factors are weak or even semi-weak, namely when  $a < 2/3$ .

Comparing the two types of adjustments for error serial correlations (for pure latent factor models as well as for panel regressions with latent factors), the variance adjusted  $CD^*$  test works particularly well, and only shows mild over-rejection in the case where  $T = 100$  and  $n > T$ . In contrast, the  $CD_{W+}$  with variance adjustment over-rejects for all combinations of  $n$  and  $T$ .

The ARDL adjusted version of the  $CD^*$  test also works well when the number PCs are not too large, and tends to have the correct size for all  $(n, T)$  combinations and only shows slight over-rejection when  $n = 100$ . The  $CD_{W+}$  test using ARDL adjustment does better in controlling for the size when the errors are Gaussian, but tends to over-reject when the errors are chi-squared distributed and  $n > T$ . Both adjusted versions of the  $CD_{W+}$  test continue to lack power against spatial or network alternatives.

## 6 Empirical illustrations

### 6.1 Are there spill-over effects in house price changes?

In our first illustration of the use of CD tests we consider the problem of spillover effects in regional house price changes. It is well known that house price changes are spatially correlated, but it is unclear if such correlations are mainly due to common factors (national or regional) or arise from spatial spillover effects not related to the common factors, a phenomenon also referred to as the ripple effect. See, for example, Tsai (2015), Chiang and Tsai (2016), Holly et al. (2011), and Bailey et al. (2016). To test for the presence of ripple effects the influence of common factors must first be filtered out and this is often a challenging exercise due to the latent nature of regional and national factors. Therefore, to find if there exist local spillover effects, one needs to test for significant residual cross-sectional dependence once the effects of common factors are filtered out.

We consider quarterly data on real house prices in the U.S. at the metropolitan statistical areas (MSAs). There are 381 MSAs, under the February 2013 definition provided by the U.S.

Office of Management and Budget (OMB). We use quarterly data on real house price changes compiled by Yang (2021) which covers  $n = 377$  MSAs from the contiguous United States over the period 1975Q2-2014Q4 ( $T = 160$  quarters). To allow for possible regional factors, we also follow Bailey et al. (2016) and start with the Bureau of Economic Analysis eight regional classification, namely New England, Mideast, Great Lakes, Plains, Southeast, Southwest, Rocky Mountain and Far West. But due to the low number of MSAs in New England and Rocky Mountain regions, we combine New England and Mideast, and Southwest and Rocky Mountain as two regions. We end up with a six region classification ( $R = 6$ ), each covering a reasonable number of MSAs.

Initially, we model house price changes without regional groupings and consider the pure latent factor model with deterministic seasonal dummies to allow for seasonal movements in house prices. Specifically, we suppose

$$\pi_{it} = a_i + \sum_{j=1}^3 \beta_{ij} l\{q_t = j\} + \gamma'_i \mathbf{f}_t + u_{it}, \quad (47)$$

where  $\pi_{it}$  is real house price in MSA  $i$  at time  $t$ , and  $l\{q_t = j\}$  is the index for quarter  $j$ , and  $\mathbf{f}_t$  is the  $m_0 \times 1$  vector of latent factors. To filter out the seasonal effects we first estimate  $a_i$  and  $\beta_{ij}$  by running OLS regression of  $\pi_{it}$  on an intercept and the three seasonal dummies. This is justified since seasonal dummies are independently distributed of the latent factors. We then apply the PCA to  $\{\hat{v}_{it} : i = 1, 2, \dots, n, t = 1, 2, \dots, T\}$ , where  $\hat{v}_{it} = \pi_{it} - \hat{a}_i - \sum_{j=1}^3 \hat{\beta}_{ij} l\{q_t = j\}$ , to obtain the estimates  $\hat{\gamma}_i$  and  $\hat{\mathbf{f}}_t$  for different choices of  $\hat{m}$ . For the case of serially independent errors we compute the standard  $CD$ , its bias-corrected version,  $CD^*$ , and the  $CD_{W+}$  test of JR using the residuals

$$e_{it} = \pi_{it} - \hat{a}_i - \sum_{j=1}^3 \hat{\beta}_{ij} l\{q_t = j\} - \hat{\gamma}'_i \hat{\mathbf{f}}_t. \quad (48)$$

For the case with serially correlated errors, we consider the variance and ARDL adjusted versions of the  $CD$ ,  $CD^*$ , and  $CD_{W+}$ . The variance adjusted versions are computed by scaling the original three CD statistics using expression in (39) and  $e_{it}$  generated from (48), and the ARDL adjusted versions are computed using the residuals from the following dynamic panel data model with latent factors,

$$\pi_{it} = a_i + \rho_i \pi_{it-1} + \sum_{j=1}^3 \beta_{ij} l\{q_t = j\} + \sum_{j=1}^3 \lambda_{ij} l\{q_{t-1} = j\} + \mathbf{g}'_i \mathbf{h}_t + \epsilon_{it}, \quad (49)$$

where the number of lags is set as one, and  $\mathbf{h}_t$  is the vector of latent factors that includes  $\mathbf{f}_t$  and  $\mathbf{f}_{t-1}$ , with associated factor loadings,  $\mathbf{g}_i$ .

Bailey et al. (2016) also find evidence of regional factors in U.S. house price changes which might not be picked up when using PCA. As a robustness check, we also consider an extended factor model containing observed regional and national factors, as well as latent factors:

$$\pi_{irt} = a_{ir} + \sum_{j=1}^3 \beta_{ir,j} l\{q_t = j\} + \delta_{ir,1} \bar{\pi}_{rt} + \delta_{ir,2} \bar{\pi}_t + \gamma'_{ir} \mathbf{f}_t + u_{irt}, \quad (50)$$

where  $\pi_{irt}$  is the real house price changes in MSA  $i$  located in region  $r = 1, 2, \dots, 6$ .  $\bar{\pi}_{rt} = n_r^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^{n_r} \pi_{irt}$  and  $\bar{\pi}_t = n^{-1} \sum_{r=1}^R \sum_{i=1}^{n_r} \pi_{irt}$  are proxies for the regional and national factors.

To filter out the effects of seasonal dummies as well as observed factors, we first run the least squares regression of  $\pi_{irt}$  on an intercept and  $(1\{q_t = j\}, \bar{\pi}_{rt}, \bar{\pi}_t)$  for each  $i$  to generate the residuals

$$\hat{v}_{irt} = \pi_{irt} - \hat{a}_{ir} - \sum_{j=1}^3 \hat{\beta}_{ir,j} 1\{q_t = j\} - \hat{\delta}_{ir,1} \bar{\pi}_{rt} - \hat{\delta}_{ir,2} \bar{\pi}_t, \quad (51)$$

and then apply PCA to  $\{\hat{v}_{irt} : i = 1, \dots, n, r = 1, \dots, R, t = 1, \dots, T\}$  to obtain  $\hat{\gamma}_{ir}$  and  $\hat{\mathbf{f}}_t$ , for different choices of  $\hat{m}$ , yielding the residuals

$$e_{irt} = \pi_{irt} - \hat{a}_{ir} - \sum_{j=1}^3 \hat{\beta}_{ir,j} 1\{q_t = j\} - \hat{\delta}_{ir,1} \bar{\pi}_{rt} - \hat{\delta}_{ir,2} \bar{\pi}_t - \hat{\gamma}'_{ir} \hat{\mathbf{f}}_t. \quad (52)$$

We compute  $CD$ ,  $CD^*$  and  $CD_{W+}$  statistics using the above residuals, without adjusting for error serial correlation. For the case with serially correlated errors, the variance adjusted versions of the three CD statistics are generated by scaling original test statistics using (39) with  $e_{it}$  replaced by  $e_{irt}$  generated from (52), while the ARDL adjusted versions are computed using the residuals from the following dynamic panel data model with latent factors,

$$\begin{aligned} \pi_{irt} = & a_{ir} + \rho_{ir} \pi_{irt-1} + \sum_{j=1}^3 \beta_{ir,j} 1\{q_t = j\} + \delta_{ir,1} \bar{\pi}_{rt} + \delta_{ir,2} \bar{\pi}_t \\ & + \sum_{j=1}^3 \lambda_{ir,j} 1\{q_{t-1} = j\} + \omega_{ir,1} \bar{\pi}_{rt-1} + \omega_{ir,2} \bar{\pi}_{t-1} + \mathbf{g}'_{ir} \mathbf{h}_t + \epsilon_{irt}. \end{aligned} \quad (53)$$

The test results are summarized in Table 1 for values of  $\hat{m} = 1, 2, \dots, 6$ . The panel (a) of the table reports the results for models without regional or national factors, and panel (b) for models with regional and national factors. In both panels, the first three columns report  $CD$ ,  $CD^*$  and  $CD_{W+}$  statistics that are not adjusted for error serial correlation, while the remaining six columns report the variance adjusted and ARDL adjusted versions of these statistics.

Both  $CD^*$  and  $CD_{W+}$  tests reject the null hypothesis of cross-sectional independence for all choices of  $\hat{m}$ , and irrespective of whether we allow for error serial correlation. Adding national and regional factors does not alter the main conclusion that use of latent factors does not seem to be sufficient for dealing with residual error cross-sectional dependence. In contrast, the results based on standard  $CD$  test are quite sensitive on the choice of  $\hat{m}$  and whether we add national and regional factors to the model. It is also interesting that the values of  $CD^*$  statistics fall somewhat as we consider a larger number of latent factors, but even with  $\hat{m} = 6$  we still obtain  $CD^*$  values in excess of 32 (compared to the critical value of 1.96). The  $CD_{W+}$  values are very large indeed, giving values in excess of 545 across all applications.

Overall, the above test results provide strong evidence that in addition to latent factors, spatial modeling of the type carried out in Bailey et al. (2016) is likely to be necessary to account for the remaining cross-sectional dependence.

## 6.2 Testing error cross-sectional dependence in CCE model of R&D investment

A number of recent empirical studies of R&D investment using panel data have resorted to latent factors to take account of knowledge spillover as well as dependencies across industries,

Table 1: Tests of error cross-sectional dependence for the house price application

Panel (a): Without regional or national factors

$\hat{m} \setminus \text{Test}$	Not adjusted for error serial correlation			Adjusted for error serial correlation					
	$CD$	$CD^*$	$CD_{W+}$	$CD$	$CD^*$	$CD_{W+}$	$CD$	$CD^*$	$CD_{W+}$
1	138.7	400.7	3679.0	48.8	140.9	1295.7	38.3	170.5	2585.5
2	8.8	108.5	2643.9	3.2	39.7	967.2	9.2	119.7	2197.7
3	15.5	150.4	2449.2	5.8	56.8	925.3	-1.4	93.1	2166.5
4	4.7	99.1	1754.7	1.9	39.9	707.8	-2.1	83.1	2015.4
5	1.3	92.9	1668.0	0.5	38.4	689.6	-3.4	75.4	1930.9
6	0.1	86.8	1534.6	0.0	36.5	646.1	-2.2	82.3	1859.7

Panel (b): With regional and national factors

$\hat{m} \setminus \text{Test}$	Not adjusted for error serial correlation			Adjusted for error serial correlation					
	$CD$	$CD^*$	$CD_{W+}$	$CD$	$CD^*$	$CD_{W+}$	$CD$	$CD^*$	$CD_{W+}$
1	137.5	139.0	1793.1	58.4	59.0	762.7	61.9	63.4	1742.1
2	107.5	117.6	1582.5	47.2	51.6	693.2	66.2	67.8	1592.0
3	106.5	119.2	1537.7	47.2	52.8	681.5	78.0	79.7	1636.5
4	112.0	122.0	1437.4	50.6	55.1	648.6	80.3	83.2	1559.6
5	124.7	136.6	1315.5	58.3	63.9	613.7	67.9	71.3	1483.1
6	45.8	69.8	1205.8	20.8	31.7	545.5	48.9	54.8	1375.9

Note: In the first panel the tests are applied to residuals from equation (47) for the first six columns and applied to residuals in equation (49) for the last three columns. Both equations de-seasonalize and de-factor real house price change. In the second panel the tests are applied to residuals in equation (50) for the first six columns and applied to residuals in equation (53) for the last three columns. Both equations not only de-seasonalize and de-factor real house price change but also filter out the regional and the national effects.  $CD$  denotes the standard CD test statistic,  $CD^*$  denotes the bias-corrected CD test statistic, and  $CD_{W+}$  denotes JR's power-enhanced randomized CD statistic. The number of selected PCs is denoted by  $\hat{m}$ .

and have applied the CCE approach of Pesaran (2006) to filter out these effects. For instance, Eberhardt et al. (2013) estimate panel data regressions of 12 manufacturing industries across 10 countries including Denmark, Finland, Germany, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, Portugal, Sweden, United Kingdom, and United States, over the period 1981- 2005. They apply the standard  $CD$  test to the residuals of their regressions to check if the CCE approach has been effective in fully capturing the error cross-sectional dependence. Their findings show that the  $CD$  test rejects the null hypothesis of error cross-sectional independence. JR revisit test results of Eberhardt et al. (2013) using their randomized CD test  $CD_{W+}$ , but again reject the null of error cross-sectional independence.

Here we focus on one of the panel regressions considered by Eberhardt et al. (2013) namely (see their Table 5)

$$\ln(Y_{it}) = a + \beta_1 \ln(L_{it}) + \beta_2 \ln(K_{it}) + \beta_3 \ln(R_{it}) + \boldsymbol{\gamma}'_i \mathbf{f}_t + u_{it}, \quad (54)$$

where  $Y_{it}$ ,  $L_{it}$ , and  $K_{it}$  denote production, labor and physical capital inputs, respectively, and  $R_{it}$  is R&D capital. We estimate the panel regression over a balanced panel and compute the

residuals after the CCE estimation:

$$\hat{v}_{it} = \ln(y_{it}) - \hat{a}_{CCE} - \hat{\beta}_{CCE,1}\ln(L_{it}) - \hat{\beta}_{CCE,2}\ln(K_{it}) - \hat{\beta}_{CCE,3}\ln(R_{it}). \quad (55)$$

In both Eberhardt et al. (2013) and JR the residuals in (55) are furthermore filtered out by cross-sectional average of  $(\ln(y_{it}), \ln(L_{it}), \ln(K_{it}), \ln(R_{it}))$ , and then the tests of error cross-sectional dependence are applied. Here, we apply PCA to residuals  $\{\hat{v}_{it} := i = 1, \dots, n, t = 1, \dots, T\}$  to get estimates  $\hat{\gamma}_i$  and  $\hat{\mathbf{f}}_t$ , because PCA is not only required for construction of  $CD^*$  but also can present the change of cross-sectional dependence associated with the number of selected PCs to estimate factors, which is denoted by  $\hat{m}$ . Also, it is implicitly assumed that the number of latent factors in (54) is not larger than the number of time varying regressors (which is 3 in the present application) plus one, to satisfy the rank condition for CCE estimation. Yet it is worth noting that the CCE estimator continues to be consistent even if the rank condition is not met, but requires that factor loadings  $\gamma_i$  in (54) are independently distributed across  $i$ . See Pesaran (2006), Pesaran (2015b), and the more recent contribution by Juodis et al. (2021).

As before, for the case with serially independent errors the three CD statistics are computed using the residuals

$$e_{it} = \ln(y_{it}) - \hat{a}_{CCE} - \hat{\beta}_{CCE,1}\ln(L_{it}) - \hat{\beta}_{CCE,2}\ln(K_{it}) - \hat{\beta}_{CCE,3}\ln(R_{it}) - \hat{\gamma}'_i \hat{\mathbf{f}}_t, \quad (56)$$

where  $\hat{\gamma}_i$  and  $\hat{\mathbf{f}}_t$  are the first  $\hat{m}$  PC of  $\hat{v}_{it}$ , for  $\hat{m} = 1, 2, 3$ , and 4. For the case with serially correlated errors, the variance adjusted versions of the three CD tests are generated by scaling original test statistics using expression in (39) and  $e_{it}$  in (56), while the ARDL adjusted versions are computed using the residuals from the following dynamic panel data model

$$\begin{aligned} \ln(Y_{it}) = & a + \rho \ln(Y_{it-1}) + \beta_1 \ln(L_{it}) + \beta_2 \ln(K_{it}) + \beta_3 \ln(R_{it}) \\ & + \lambda_1 \ln(L_{it-1}) + \lambda_2 \ln(K_{it-1}) + \lambda_3 \ln(R_{it-1}) + \mathbf{g}'_i \mathbf{h}_t + \epsilon_{it}, \end{aligned} \quad (57)$$

where the number of lags is set as one, and  $\mathbf{h}_t$  is the extended vector of latent factors.

The test results are summarized in Table 2 for values of  $\hat{m} = 1, 2, 3, 4$ . As can be seen, the test outcomes are quite sensitive to the number of PCs selected regardless of whether the CD tests are adjusted for error serial correlation. For instance, the  $CD$  and  $CD^*$  tests reject the null of cross-sectional independence when  $\hat{m} = 3$ , but not if  $\hat{m} = 4$ . In comparison, the  $CD_{W+}$  test rejects the null for all values of  $\hat{m}$  when there is no adjustment for serially correlated errors, but the variance adjusted and ARDL adjusted versions of  $CD_{W+}$  only reject the null when  $\hat{m} = 1$ . The  $CD^*$  test does not reject the null hypothesis if  $\hat{m}$  is set to 4; and given the favorable MC results for the  $CD^*$  test, we are inclined to conclude that a latent factor model seems to be adequate for modelling error cross-sectional dependence for this data set.

## 7 Concluding remarks

In this paper we have revisited the problem of testing error cross-sectional dependence in panel data models with latent factors. Starting with a pure multi-factor model we show that the standard CD test proposed by Pesaran (2004) remains valid if the latent factors are weak, but over-reject when one or more of the latent factors are strong. The over-rejection of the CD test in the case of strong factors is also established by Juodis and Reese (2022), who propose a randomized test statistic to correct for over-rejection and add a screening component to

Table 2: Tests of error cross-sectional dependence for panel regressions of R&amp;D investment

$\hat{m} \setminus \text{Test}$	Not adjusted for error serial correlation			Adjusted for error serial correlation					
				variance adjusted			ARDL adjusted		
	$CD$	$CD^*$	$CD_{W+}$	$CD$	$CD^*$	$CD_{W+}$	$CD$	$CD^*$	$CD_{W+}$
1	0.5	2.1	38.4	0.2	1.0	19.1	0.7	1.4	5.4
2	2.1	3.3	3.9	1.3	1.9	0.6	1.8	2.5	0.1
3	4.1	6.3	3.7	2.6	4.0	0.6	3.1	4.6	0.8
4	-0.8	1.7	8.6	-0.5	1.1	0.4	-1.3	0.3	-0.7

Note: The tests are applied to residuals from equation (54) for the first six columns, and applied to residuals from equation (57) for the last three columns. Both equations model R&D investment. See also the notes to Table 1.

achieve power. However, as we show, JR's  $CD_{W+}$  test is not guaranteed to have the correct size and need not be powerful against spatial or network alternatives. Such alternatives are of particular interest in the analyses of ripple effects in housing markets, and clustering of firms within industries in capital or arbitrage asset pricing models. In fact, using Monte Carlo experiments we show that under non-Gaussian errors the JR test continues to over-reject when the cross section dimension ( $n$ ) is larger than the time dimension ( $T$ ), and often has power close to size against spatial alternatives. To overcome some of these shortcomings, we propose a simple bias-corrected CD test, labelled  $CD^*$ , which is shown to be asymptotically  $N(0, 1)$  when  $n$  and  $T \rightarrow \infty$  such that  $n/T \rightarrow \kappa$ , for a fixed constant  $\kappa$ . This result holds for pure latent factor models as well as for panel regressions with latent factors. To deal with possible error serial dependence, following Baltagi et al. (2016), we also consider a variance adjusted version of  $CD^*$ , as well as an alternative ARDL adjusted version that eliminates the error serial dependence before the application of the  $CD^*$  test procedure. Both of these approaches are shown to perform well within the Monte Carlo set up of the paper.

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# Online supplement to

A Bias-Corrected CD Test for Error Cross-Sectional Dependence in Panel Data Model with  
Latent Factors

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This online supplement is in four parts. Section 1 provides the proofs of Theorems 1 to 3, and Corollary 1 of the paper. Section 2 states and establishes the auxiliary lemmas used in these proofs. Section 3 derives the order of  $\theta_n$  in terms of the factor strengths. Section 4 gives the summary result tables for the Monte Carlo simulations discussed in Section 5 of the paper.

**Notations:** For the  $n \times n$  matrix  $\mathbf{A} = (a_{ij})$ , we denote its smallest and largest eigenvalues by  $\lambda_{\min}(\mathbf{A})$  and  $\lambda_{\max}(\mathbf{A})$ , respectively, its trace by  $\text{tr}(\mathbf{A}) = \sum_{i=1}^n a_{ii}$ , its spectral radius by  $\rho(\mathbf{A}) = |\lambda_{\max}(\mathbf{A})|$ , its Frobenius norm by  $\|\mathbf{A}\|_F = (\text{tr}(\mathbf{A}'\mathbf{A}))^{1/2}$ , its spectral norm by  $\|\mathbf{A}\| = \lambda_{\max}^{1/2}(\mathbf{A}'\mathbf{A}) \leq \|\mathbf{A}\|_F$ , its maximum absolute column sum norm by  $\|\mathbf{A}\|_1 = \max_{1 \leq j \leq n} (\sum_{i=1}^n |a_{ij}|)$ , and its maximum absolute row sum norm by  $\|\mathbf{A}\|_\infty = \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} (\sum_{j=1}^n |a_{ij}|)$ . We write  $\mathbf{A} > \mathbf{0}$  when  $\mathbf{A}$  is positive definite. We denote the  $\ell_p$ -norm of the random variable  $x$  by  $\|x\|_p = E(|x|^p)^{1/p}$  for  $p \geq 1$ , assuming that  $E(|x|^p) < K$ .  $\rightarrow_p$  denotes convergence in probability,  $\overset{a.s.}{\rightarrow}$  almost sure convergence,  $\rightarrow_d$  convergence in distribution, and  $\overset{a}{\sim}$  asymptotic equivalence in distribution.  $O_p(\cdot)$  and  $o_p(\cdot)$  denote the stochastic order relations. In particular,  $o_p(1)$  indicates terms that tend to zero in probability as  $(n, T) \rightarrow \infty$ , such that  $n/T \rightarrow \kappa$ , where  $0 < \kappa < \infty$ .  $K$  and  $c$  will be used to denote finite large and non-zero small positive numbers, respectively, that do not depend on  $n$  and  $T$ . They can take different values at different instances.  $\delta_{nT} = \min(\sqrt{n}, \sqrt{T})$ . If  $\{f_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$  is any real sequence and  $\{g_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$  is a sequence of positive real numbers, then  $f_n = O(g_n)$ , if there exists  $K$  such that  $|f_n|/g_n \leq K$  for all  $n$ .  $f_n = o(g_n)$  if  $f_n/g_n \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . If  $\{f_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$  and  $\{g_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$  are both positive sequences of real numbers, then  $f_n = \ominus(g_n)$  if there exists  $n_0 \geq 1$  and positive finite constants  $K_0$  and  $K_1$ , such that  $\inf_{n \geq n_0} (f_n/g_n) \geq K_0$ , and  $\sup_{n \geq n_0} (f_n/g_n) \leq K_1$ .

## 1 Proofs of the Theorems

**Proof of Theorem 1.** We first note that the residuals of the factor model (2) estimated using PCs, given by (8), can be written as:

$$e_{it} = u_{it} - \boldsymbol{\gamma}_i' (\hat{\mathbf{f}}_t - \mathbf{f}_t) - (\hat{\boldsymbol{\gamma}}_i - \boldsymbol{\gamma}_i)' \mathbf{f}_t - (\hat{\boldsymbol{\gamma}}_i - \boldsymbol{\gamma}_i)' (\hat{\mathbf{f}}_t - \mathbf{f}_t). \quad (1)$$

Let  $\boldsymbol{\delta}_{i,T} = \boldsymbol{\gamma}_i/\omega_{i,T}$ , and  $\hat{\boldsymbol{\delta}}_{i,T} = \hat{\boldsymbol{\gamma}}_i/\omega_{i,T}$ , where  $\omega_{i,T}^2 = T^{-1} \mathbf{u}_i' \mathbf{M}_F \mathbf{u}_i$ , then

$$e_{it}/\omega_{i,T} = u_{it}/\omega_{i,T} - \boldsymbol{\delta}_{i,T}' (\hat{\mathbf{f}}_t - \mathbf{f}_t) - (\hat{\boldsymbol{\delta}}_{i,T} - \boldsymbol{\delta}_{i,T})' \mathbf{f}_t - (\hat{\boldsymbol{\delta}}_{i,T} - \boldsymbol{\delta}_{i,T})' (\hat{\mathbf{f}}_t - \mathbf{f}_t). \quad (2)$$

As shown in Lemma 1 in Section 2, and recalling that  $y_{jt} = \gamma'_j f_t + u_{jt}$ , we have

$$\hat{\mathbf{f}}_t - \mathbf{f}_t = \left[ n^{-1} \sum_{j=1}^n (\hat{\gamma}_j - \gamma_j) \gamma'_j \right] \mathbf{f}_t + n^{-1} \sum_{j=1}^n (\hat{\gamma}_j - \gamma_j) u_{jt} + n^{-1} \sum_{j=1}^n \gamma_j u_{jt}.$$

Using this result in (2) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} e_{it}/\omega_{i,T} &= u_{it}/\omega_{i,T} - \boldsymbol{\delta}'_{i,T} \left( n^{-1} \sum_{j=1}^n \gamma_j u_{jt} \right) - \boldsymbol{\delta}'_{i,T} \left[ n^{-1} \sum_{j=1}^n (\hat{\gamma}_j - \gamma_j) \gamma'_j \right] \mathbf{f}_t - \boldsymbol{\delta}'_{i,T} \left[ n^{-1} \sum_{j=1}^n (\hat{\gamma}_j - \gamma_j) u_{jt} \right] \\ &\quad - \left( \hat{\boldsymbol{\delta}}_{i,T} - \boldsymbol{\delta}_{i,T} \right)' \mathbf{f}_t - \left( \hat{\boldsymbol{\delta}}_{i,T} - \boldsymbol{\delta}_{i,T} \right)' \left( \hat{\mathbf{f}}_t - \mathbf{f}_t \right), \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

and summing over  $i$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} n^{-1/2} \sum_{i=1}^n e_{it}/\omega_{i,T} &= n^{-1/2} \sum_{i=1}^n u_{it}/\omega_{i,T} - \boldsymbol{\varphi}'_{nT} \left( n^{-1/2} \sum_{i=1}^n \gamma_i u_{it} \right) - \boldsymbol{\varphi}'_{nT} \left[ n^{-1/2} \sum_{i=1}^n (\hat{\gamma}_i - \gamma_i) \gamma'_i \right] \mathbf{f}_t \\ &\quad - \boldsymbol{\varphi}'_{nT} \left[ n^{-1/2} \sum_{i=1}^n (\hat{\gamma}_i - \gamma_i) u_{it} \right] - \left[ n^{-1/2} \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \hat{\boldsymbol{\delta}}_{i,T} - \boldsymbol{\delta}_{i,T} \right)' \right] \mathbf{f}_t \\ &\quad - \left[ n^{-1/2} \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \hat{\boldsymbol{\delta}}_{i,T} - \boldsymbol{\delta}_{i,T} \right) \right]' \left( \hat{\mathbf{f}}_t - \mathbf{f}_t \right), \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\boldsymbol{\varphi}_{nT} = n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n \boldsymbol{\delta}_{i,T}. \quad (4)$$

Written more compactly

$$h_{t,nT} = n^{-1/2} \sum_{i=1}^n e_{it}/\omega_{i,T} = \psi_{t,nT} - s_{t,nT}, \quad (5)$$

where

$$\psi_{t,nT} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{a_{i,nT} u_{it}}{\omega_{i,T}}, \quad a_{i,nT} = 1 - \omega_{i,T} \boldsymbol{\varphi}'_{nT} \gamma_i, \quad (6)$$

$$s_{t,nT} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n \left[ \boldsymbol{\varphi}'_{nT} (\hat{\gamma}_i - \gamma_i) u_{it} + \left( \hat{\boldsymbol{\delta}}_{i,T} - \boldsymbol{\delta}_{i,T} \right)' \hat{\mathbf{f}}_t + \boldsymbol{\varphi}'_{nT} (\hat{\gamma}_i - \gamma_i) \gamma'_i \mathbf{f}_t \right]. \quad (7)$$

Further, let

$$\xi_{t,n} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n a_{i,n} \varepsilon_{it}, \quad a_{i,n} = 1 - \sigma_i \boldsymbol{\varphi}'_n \gamma_i, \quad (8)$$

where  $\varphi_n = n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n \delta_i$ , and  $\delta_i = \gamma_i/\sigma_i$ . Then  $\psi_{t,nT}$ , given by (6), can be written as

$$\begin{aligned} \psi_{t,nT} &= \xi_{t,n} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n (1 - \omega_{i,T} \boldsymbol{\varphi}'_{nT} \gamma_i) \frac{u_{it}}{\omega_{i,T}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n (1 - \sigma_i \boldsymbol{\varphi}'_n \gamma_i) \varepsilon_{it} \\ &= \xi_{t,n} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n \boldsymbol{\varphi}'_{nT} \gamma_i u_{it} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i \boldsymbol{\varphi}'_n \gamma_i \varepsilon_{it} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \frac{u_{it}}{\omega_{i,T}} - \varepsilon_{it} \right). \end{aligned}$$

Define

$$\zeta_{it} = \left( \frac{1}{(T^{-1}\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}'_i \mathbf{M}_F \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_i)^{1/2}} - 1 \right) \varepsilon_{it}$$

and since  $u_{it} = \sigma_i \varepsilon_{it}$ , then we have

$$\psi_{t,nT} = \xi_{t,n} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n \zeta_{it} - (\boldsymbol{\varphi}_{nT} - \boldsymbol{\varphi}_n)' \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n \boldsymbol{\gamma}_i \sigma_i \varepsilon_{it}.$$

So  $\psi_{t,nT}$  can also be written equivalently as

$$\psi_{t,nT} = \xi_{t,n} + v_{t,nT} - (\boldsymbol{\varphi}_{nT} - \boldsymbol{\varphi}_n)' \kappa_{t,n}, \quad (9)$$

where

$$\xi_{t,n} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n a_{i,n} \varepsilon_{it}, \quad a_{i,n} = 1 - \sigma_i \boldsymbol{\varphi}'_n \boldsymbol{\gamma}_i, \quad (10)$$

$$\kappa_{t,n} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n \boldsymbol{\gamma}_i \sigma_i \varepsilon_{it}, \quad (11)$$

$$v_{t,nT} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n \zeta_{it}. \quad (12)$$

Using (5) in (21) and after some algebra we have

$$\widetilde{CD} = \left( \sqrt{\frac{n}{n-1}} \right) \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \sum_{t=1}^T \left( \frac{\psi_{t,nT}^2 - 1}{\sqrt{2}} \right) + \left( \sqrt{\frac{n}{n-1}} \right) (p_{nT} - q_{nT}),$$

where

$$p_{nT} = T^{-1/2} \sum_{t=1}^T s_{t,nT}^2, \quad (13)$$

$$q_{nT} = T^{-1/2} \sum_{t=1}^T \psi_{t,nT} s_{t,nT}, \quad (14)$$

and by Lemma 4 in Section 2  $p_{nT} = o_p(1)$ , and  $q_{nT} = o_p(1)$ . Hence

$$\widetilde{CD} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \sum_{t=1}^T \left( \frac{\psi_{t,nT}^2 - 1}{\sqrt{2}} \right) + o_p(1). \quad (15)$$

Now consider  $T^{-1/2} \sum_{t=1}^T \psi_{t,nT}^2$  and using (9) note that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \sum_{t=1}^T \psi_{t,nT}^2 &= \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \sum_{t=1}^T \xi_{t,n}^2 \right) \left( 1 + \frac{2 \sum_{t=1}^T \xi_{t,n} v_{t,nT}}{\sum_{t=1}^T \xi_{t,n}^2} \right) + \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \sum_{t=1}^T v_{t,nT}^2 \\ &\quad + \sqrt{T} (\boldsymbol{\varphi}_{nT} - \boldsymbol{\varphi}_n)' \left( \frac{\sum_{t=1}^T \kappa_{t,n} \kappa'_{t,n}}{T} \right) (\boldsymbol{\varphi}_{nT} - \boldsymbol{\varphi}_n) - 2\sqrt{T} (\boldsymbol{\varphi}_{nT} - \boldsymbol{\varphi}_n)' \left( \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \kappa_{t,n} v_{t,nT} \right) \\ &\quad - 2\sqrt{T} (\boldsymbol{\varphi}_{nT} - \boldsymbol{\varphi}_n)' \left( \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \kappa_{t,n} \xi_{t,n} \right) \\ &= g_{1,nT} + g_{2,nT} + g_{3,nT} - 2g_{4,nT} - 2g_{5,nT}. \end{aligned} \quad (16)$$

Starting with the second term,  $g_{2,nT}$ , note that

$$E(g_{2,nT}) = E(|g_{2,nT}|) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \sum_{t=1}^T E(v_{t,nT}^2), \quad (17)$$

where  $v_{t,nT}$  is defined by (12). Based on the cross-sectional independence of  $\varepsilon_{it}$  in Assumption 2 we have

$$E(v_{t,nT}^2) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n E(\zeta_{it}^2) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n E \left[ \left( \frac{1}{(\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}'_i \mathbf{M}_F \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_i / T)^{1/2}} - 1 \right)^2 \varepsilon_{it}^2 \right],$$

where

$$E(\zeta_{it}^2) = E \left( \frac{\varepsilon_{it}^2}{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}'_i \mathbf{M}_F \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_i / T} \right) - 1 - 2 \left[ E \left( \frac{\varepsilon_{it}^2}{(\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}'_i \mathbf{M}_F \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_i / T)^{1/2}} \right) - 1 \right] = O \left( \frac{1}{T} \right), \quad (18)$$

as (96) and (97) in Lemma 7 in Section 2 show

$$E \left( \frac{\varepsilon_{it}^2}{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}'_i \mathbf{M}_F \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_i / T} - 1 \right) = O \left( \frac{1}{T} \right), \text{ and } E \left( \frac{\varepsilon_{it}^2}{(\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}'_i \mathbf{M}_F \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_i / T)^{1/2}} - 1 \right) = O \left( \frac{1}{T} \right),$$

and therefore

$$E(v_{t,nT}^2) = O(T^{-1}). \quad (19)$$

Using this result in (17) we obtain  $E(|g_{2,nT}|) = O(T^{-1/2})$ , which by Markov inequality establishes that  $g_{2,nT} = o_p(1)$ . Consider the three remaining terms,  $g_{3,nT}$ ,  $g_{4,nT}$  and  $g_{5,nT}$  of (16), starting with

$$g_{3,nT} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \left[ \sqrt{T} (\boldsymbol{\varphi}_{nT} - \boldsymbol{\varphi}_n)' \left( \frac{\sum_{t=1}^T \kappa_{t,n} \kappa'_{t,n}}{T} \right) \sqrt{T} (\boldsymbol{\varphi}_{nT} - \boldsymbol{\varphi}_n) \right],$$

and note that by Lemma 5 we have

$$\sqrt{T} (\boldsymbol{\varphi}_n - \boldsymbol{\varphi}_{nT}) = O_p(n^{-1/2}) + O_p(T^{-1/2}). \quad (20)$$

Furthermore

$$E \left\| T^{-1} \sum_{t=1}^T \kappa_{t,n} \kappa'_{t,n} \right\| \leq \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T E \left\| \kappa_{t,n} \kappa'_{t,n} \right\| = \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T E(\kappa'_{t,n} \kappa_{t,n}).$$

Then using (11)

$$E(\kappa'_{t,n} \kappa_{t,n}) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n \boldsymbol{\gamma}'_i \boldsymbol{\gamma}_j \sigma_i \sigma_j E(\varepsilon_{it} \varepsilon_{jt}) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i^2 (\boldsymbol{\gamma}'_i \boldsymbol{\gamma}_i) < K, \quad (21)$$

it then follows that

$$E \left\| T^{-1} \sum_{t=1}^T \kappa_{t,n} \kappa'_{t,n} \right\| \leq \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i^2 (\boldsymbol{\gamma}'_i \boldsymbol{\gamma}_i) < K,$$

and  $T^{-1} \sum_{t=1}^T \kappa_{t,n} \kappa'_{t,n} = O_p(1)$ . Using this result together with (20) we then have

$$g_{3,nT} = o_p(1). \quad (22)$$

Similarly, by Cauchy-Schwarz inequality and using (19) and (21) we have

$$\begin{aligned} E \left\| \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \kappa_{t,n} v_{t,nT} \right\| &\leq \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T E \|\kappa_{t,n} v_{t,nT}\| \leq \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T [E(\kappa'_{t,n} \kappa_{t,n})]^{1/2} [E(v_{t,nT}^2)]^{1/2}, \\ &\leq \left[ \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i^2 (\boldsymbol{\gamma}'_i \boldsymbol{\gamma}_i) \right]^{1/2} \left( \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T [E(v_{t,nT}^2)]^{1/2} \right) = O(T^{-1/2}). \end{aligned}$$

Then using the above results it also follows that

$$g_{4,nT} = \sqrt{T} (\boldsymbol{\varphi}_{nT} - \boldsymbol{\varphi}_n)' \left( \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \kappa_{t,n} v_{t,nT} \right) = o_p(1). \quad (23)$$

Similarly,

$$E \left\| \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \kappa_{nt} \xi_{t,n} \right\| \leq \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T [E(\kappa'_{t,n} \kappa_{t,n})]^{1/2} [E(\xi_{t,n}^2)]^{1/2},$$

where using (8)  $E(\xi_{t,n}^2) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n a_{i,n}^2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (1 - \sigma_i \boldsymbol{\varphi}'_n \boldsymbol{\gamma}_i)^2 < K$ . Hence,  $E \left\| \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \kappa_{t,n} \xi_{t,n} \right\| < K$ , and again using (20) it follows that

$$g_{5,nT} = \sqrt{T} (\boldsymbol{\varphi}_{nT} - \boldsymbol{\varphi}_n)' \left( \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \kappa_{t,n} \xi_{t,n} \right) = o_p(1). \quad (24)$$

Using results (17) to (24) in (16) now yields

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \sum_{t=1}^T \psi_{t,nT}^2 = \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \sum_{t=1}^T \xi_{t,n}^2 \right) \left( 1 + \frac{2 \sum_{t=1}^T \xi_{t,n} v_{t,nT}}{\sum_{t=1}^T \xi_{t,n}^2} \right) + o_p(1). \quad (25)$$

as desired. Consider now the (population) bias-corrected version of  $\widetilde{CD}$  defined by

$$\widetilde{CD}^* = \frac{\widetilde{CD} + \sqrt{\frac{T}{2}} \theta_n}{1 - \theta_n} \quad (26)$$

where  $\theta_n = 1 - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n a_{i,n}^2$ , and  $a_{i,n} = 1 - \sigma_i \boldsymbol{\varphi}'_n \boldsymbol{\gamma}_i$ . Then using (15) in (26), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \widetilde{CD}^* &= \frac{\frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \sum_{t=1}^T \left[ \frac{\psi_{t,nT}^2 - 1}{\sqrt{2}} \right] + \sqrt{\frac{T}{2}} \theta_n}{1 - \theta_n} + o_p(1) \\ &= \frac{\frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \sum_{t=1}^T \frac{\psi_{t,nT}^2}{\sqrt{2}} - \sqrt{\frac{T}{2}} (1 - \theta_n)}{1 - \theta_n} + o_p(1). \end{aligned}$$

Now using (25) in the above and after some re-arrangement of the terms we obtain

$$\widetilde{CD}^* = \frac{\left[ \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \sum_{t=1}^T \left( \frac{\xi_{t,n}^2 - (1-\theta_n)}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \right] \left( 1 + \frac{2}{\sqrt{T}} w_{nT} \right)}{1 - \theta_n} + \sqrt{2} w_{nT} + o_p(1), \quad (27)$$

where

$$w_{nT} = \frac{T^{-1/2} \sum_{t=1}^T \xi_{t,n} v_{t,nT}}{T^{-1} \sum_{t=1}^T \xi_{t,n}^2}. \quad (28)$$

Consider first the denominator of  $w_{nT}$  and using (8) note that  $\xi_{t,n} = n^{-1/2} \sum_{i=1}^n a_{i,n} \varepsilon_{it}$ . Also by Assumption 2 and 3,  $n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n a_{i,n}^2$  and  $E(\varepsilon_{it}^4)$  are bounded and strictly positive, then by Lyapunov's central limit theorem we have

$$\xi_{t,n} \rightarrow_d N(0, \omega_\xi^2),$$

where in view of condition (5) of Assumption 3  $\omega_\xi^2 = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n a_{i,n}^2 \right) > 0$ . Hence, the denominator of  $w_{nT}$  is  $O_p(1)$ . Consider now the numerator of (28), and using (12) we denote  $v_{t,nT} = n^{-1/2} \sum_{i=1}^n \zeta_{it}$  and  $\zeta_{it} = \left[ (T^{-1} \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}'_i \mathbf{M}_F \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_i)^{-1/2} - 1 \right] \varepsilon_{it}$ . Then

$$\xi_{t,n} v_{t,nT} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n a_{in} \varepsilon_{it} \zeta_{jt},$$

where by Assumption 2,  $\varepsilon_{it}$  and  $\zeta_{jt}$  are distributed independently for  $i \neq j$ . Therefore,

$$E(\xi_{t,n} v_{t,nT}) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n a_{in} E \left[ \varepsilon_{it}^2 \left( \frac{1}{(T^{-1} \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}'_i \mathbf{M}_F \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_i)^{1/2}} - 1 \right) \right].$$

Furthermore, since  $a_{in}$  is bounded, and

$$E \left[ \varepsilon_{it}^2 \left( \frac{1}{(T^{-1} \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}'_i \mathbf{M}_F \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_i)^{1/2}} - 1 \right) \right] = O \left( \frac{1}{T} \right)$$

based on result (97), then  $E(\xi_{t,n} v_{t,nT}) = O(T^{-1})$ . Using these results and denoting the numerator of (28) by  $r_{nT}$ ,

$$E(r_{nT}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \sum_{t=1}^T E(\xi_{t,n} v_{t,nT}) = O \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \right). \quad (29)$$

Consider now  $Var(r_{nT})$  and note

$$Var(r_{nT}) = \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{t'=1}^T E(\xi_{t,n} v_{t,nT} \xi_{t',n} v_{t',nT}) - (E(r_{nT}))^2$$

where  $(E(r_{nT}))^2 = O(T^{-1})$  based on (29). Also note

$$\begin{aligned} \xi_{t,n} v_{t,nT} \xi_{t',n} v_{t',nT} &\equiv \left( \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n a_{in} a_{jn} \varepsilon_{it} \varepsilon_{jt} \right) \left( \frac{1}{n} \sum_{r=1}^n \sum_{s=1}^n \zeta_{rt} \zeta_{st} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{r=1}^n \sum_{s=1}^n a_{in} a_{jn} \varepsilon_{it} \varepsilon_{jt} \zeta_{rt} \zeta_{st}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\varepsilon_{it}$ ,  $\zeta_{rt}$  are both cross-sectionally independent based on Assumption 2, then we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{t'=1}^T E(\xi_{t,n} v_{t,nT} \xi_{t',n} v_{t',nT}) \\
&= \frac{1}{Tn^2} \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{t'=1}^T \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{r=1}^n \sum_{s=1}^n E(a_{in} a_{jn} \varepsilon_{it} \varepsilon_{jt'} \zeta_{rt} \zeta_{st'}) \\
&= \frac{1}{Tn^2} \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{t'=1}^T \sum_{i=1}^n a_{in}^2 E(\varepsilon_{it} \varepsilon_{it'} \zeta_{it} \zeta_{it'}) + \frac{1}{Tn^2} \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{t'=1}^T \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{r \neq i}^n a_{in}^2 E(\varepsilon_{it} \varepsilon_{it'}) E(\zeta_{rt} \zeta_{rt'}) + \\
&\quad \frac{1}{Tn^2} \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{t'=1}^T \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j \neq i}^n a_{in} E(\varepsilon_{it} \zeta_{it}) a_{jn} E(\varepsilon_{jt'} \zeta_{jt'}) + \frac{1}{Tn^2} \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{t'=1}^T \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j \neq i}^n a_{in} E(\varepsilon_{it} \zeta_{it'}) a_{jn} E(\varepsilon_{jt'} \zeta_{jt}). 
\end{aligned} \tag{30}$$

Consider the second term of (30) and using the serial independence of  $\varepsilon_{it}$  yields

$$\frac{1}{Tn^2} \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{t'=1}^T \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{r \neq i}^n a_{in}^2 E(\varepsilon_{it} \varepsilon_{it'}) E(\zeta_{rt} \zeta_{rt'}) = \frac{1}{Tn^2} \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{r \neq i}^n a_{in}^2 E(\varepsilon_{it}^2) E(\zeta_{rt}^2) = O\left(\frac{1}{T}\right), \tag{31}$$

in which the second equation holds because  $E(\varepsilon_{it}^2) = 1$  by Assumption 2 and  $E(\zeta_{rt}^2) = O(T^{-1})$  based on (18). Next for the third term of (30), since result (97) shows

$$E(\varepsilon_{it} \zeta_{it}) = E\left[\frac{\varepsilon_{it}^2}{(T^{-1} \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}'_i \mathbf{M}_F \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_i)^{1/2}} - \varepsilon_{it}^2\right] = O\left(\frac{1}{T}\right), \tag{32}$$

then

$$\frac{1}{Tn^2} \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{t'=1}^T \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j \neq i}^n a_{in} E(\varepsilon_{it} \zeta_{it}) a_{jn} E(\varepsilon_{jt'} \zeta_{jt'}) = O\left(\frac{1}{T}\right). \tag{33}$$

For the fourth term of (30), using the serial independence of  $\varepsilon_{it}$  and result (32) yields

$$\frac{1}{Tn^2} \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{t'=1}^T \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j \neq i}^n a_{in} E(\varepsilon_{it} \zeta_{it'}) a_{jn} E(\varepsilon_{jt'} \zeta_{jt}) = \frac{1}{Tn^2} \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j \neq i}^n a_{in} a_{jn} E(\varepsilon_{it} \zeta_{it}) E(\varepsilon_{jt} \zeta_{jt}) = O\left(\frac{1}{T^2}\right). \tag{34}$$

Finally consider the first term of (30) and note

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{1}{Tn^2} \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{t'=1}^T \sum_{i=1}^n a_{in}^2 E(\varepsilon_{it} \varepsilon_{it'} \zeta_{it} \zeta_{it'}) \\
&= \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{i=1}^n a_{in}^2 \left( \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{t'=1}^T E(\varepsilon_{it} \varepsilon_{it'} \zeta_{it} \zeta_{it'}) \right) \\
&= \left[ \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{i=1}^n a_{in}^2 \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T E(\varepsilon_{it}^2 \zeta_{it}^2) \right] + \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{i=1}^n a_{in}^2 \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{t' \neq t}^T E[(\varepsilon_{it} \zeta_{it}) (\varepsilon_{it'} \zeta_{it'})],
\end{aligned}$$

in which the first term is obviously  $O(n^{-1})$ . Consider the second term, and note by Cauchy Schwarz inequality we have

$$\begin{aligned} E[(\varepsilon_{it}\zeta_{it})(\varepsilon_{it'}\zeta_{it'})] &= E\left[\varepsilon_{it}^2\varepsilon_{it'}^2\left(\frac{1}{(T^{-1}\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_i'\mathbf{M}_F\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_i)^{1/2}} - 1\right)^2\right] \\ &\leq [E(\varepsilon_{it}^4\varepsilon_{it'}^4)]^{1/2} \left[E\left(\frac{1}{(T^{-1}\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_i'\mathbf{M}_F\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_i)^{1/2}} - 1\right)^4\right]^{1/2}, \end{aligned}$$

where by Assumption 2 we have  $E(\varepsilon_{it}^4\varepsilon_{it'}^4) = E(\varepsilon_{it}^4)E(\varepsilon_{it'}^4) = O(1)$ . Meanwhile note

$$\begin{aligned} E\left(\frac{1}{(T^{-1}\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_i'\mathbf{M}_F\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_i)^{1/2}} - 1\right)^4 &= E\left[\frac{1}{(T^{-1}\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_i'\mathbf{M}_F\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_i)^2}\right] - 4E\left[\frac{1}{(T^{-1}\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_i'\mathbf{M}_F\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_i)^{3/2}}\right] + 6E\left[\frac{1}{T^{-1}\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_i'\mathbf{M}_F\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_i}\right] \\ &\quad - 4E\left[\frac{1}{(T^{-1}\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_i'\mathbf{M}_F\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_i)^{1/2}}\right] + 1 \\ &= O\left(\frac{1}{T}\right), \end{aligned}$$

given result (94). Overall we have shown  $E[(\varepsilon_{it}\zeta_{it})(\varepsilon_{it'}\zeta_{it'})] = O(T^{-1/2})$  such that

$$\frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{i=1}^n a_{in}^2 \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{t' \neq t}^T E[(\varepsilon_{it}\zeta_{it})(\varepsilon_{it'}\zeta_{it'})] = O\left(\frac{\sqrt{T}}{n}\right),$$

and so is the order of the first term of (30). Hence combining it with (31), (33), (34) establishes the probability order of (30) is  $O(T^{1/2}n^{-1})$ , then with (29) it follows

$$Var(r_{nT}) = O\left(\frac{\sqrt{T}}{n}\right),$$

and by apply Chebyshv's inequality we have

$$r_{nT} = O_p\left(\frac{\sqrt{T}}{n}\right).$$

Using this result in (28) and noting the denominator of  $w_{nT}$  is  $O_p(1)$  then it follows that  $w_{nT} = o_p(1)$ , and as a result (using (27)) we finally have

$$\widetilde{CD}^* = \frac{\frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \sum_{t=1}^T \left(\frac{\xi_{t,n}^2 - (1-\theta_n)}{\sqrt{2}}\right)}{1-\theta_n} + o_p(1),$$

with  $E(\xi_{t,n}^2) = 1 - \theta_n = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n a_{i,n}^2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (1 - \sigma_i \boldsymbol{\varphi}_n' \boldsymbol{\gamma}_i)^2 > 0$ , and

$$Var(\xi_{t,n}^2) = 2 \left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n a_{i,n}^2\right)^2 - \kappa_2 \left(\frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{i=1}^n a_{i,n}^4\right),$$

where  $\kappa_2 = E(\varepsilon_{it}^4) - 3$ . But since  $\frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{i=1}^n a_{i,n}^4 = O(n^{-1})$ , then  $Var(\xi_{t,n}^2) = 2(1 - \theta_n)^2 + o(1)$ , and

$$\begin{aligned}\widetilde{CD}^* &= \frac{\widetilde{CD} + \sqrt{\frac{T}{2}}\theta_n}{1 - \theta_n} + o_p(1) \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \sum_{t=1}^T \left( \frac{\xi_{t,n}^2 - E(\xi_{t,n}^2)}{\sqrt{Var(\xi_{t,n}^2)}} \right) + o_p(1).\end{aligned}$$

Recalling that  $\xi_{t,n}^2$  for  $t = 1, 2, \dots, T$  are distributed independently over  $t$ , then

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \sum_{t=1}^T \left( \frac{\xi_{t,n}^2 - E(\xi_{t,n}^2)}{\sqrt{Var(\xi_{t,n}^2)}} \right) \xrightarrow{d} N(0, 1).$$

Also by Lemma 9 in Section 2,  $CD = \widetilde{CD} + o_p(1)$ . Then it follows that

$$\begin{aligned}CD^*(\theta_n) &= \frac{CD + \sqrt{\frac{T}{2}}\theta_n}{1 - \theta_n} = \frac{\widetilde{CD} + \sqrt{\frac{T}{2}}\theta_n}{1 - \theta_n} + o_p(1) \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \sum_{t=1}^T \left( \frac{\xi_{t,n}^2 - E(\xi_{t,n}^2)}{\sqrt{Var(\xi_{t,n}^2)}} \right) + o_p(1) \xrightarrow{d} N(0, 1),\end{aligned}$$

which establishes Theorem 1. ■

**Proof of Corollary 1.** Note that  $\theta_n$  define by (31) can be written as  $\theta_n = 2g_n - \boldsymbol{\varphi}'_n \mathbf{H}_n \boldsymbol{\varphi}_n$ , where  $g_n = n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i \boldsymbol{\varphi}'_n \boldsymbol{\gamma}_i$ ,  $\mathbf{H}_n = n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i (\boldsymbol{\gamma}_i \boldsymbol{\gamma}'_i)$ ,  $\boldsymbol{\varphi}_n = n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n \boldsymbol{\delta}_i$ , and  $\boldsymbol{\delta}_i = \boldsymbol{\gamma}_i / \sigma_i$ . Similarly using (32) we have  $\hat{\theta}_{nT} = 2\hat{g}_{nT} - \hat{\boldsymbol{\varphi}}'_{nT} \hat{\mathbf{H}}_{nT} \hat{\boldsymbol{\varphi}}_{nT}$ , where  $\hat{g}_{nT} = n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n \hat{\sigma}_{i,T} \hat{\boldsymbol{\varphi}}'_{nT} \hat{\boldsymbol{\gamma}}_i$ ,  $\hat{\mathbf{H}}_{nT} = n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n \hat{\sigma}_{i,T}^2 (\hat{\boldsymbol{\gamma}}_i \hat{\boldsymbol{\gamma}}'_i)$ ,  $\hat{\boldsymbol{\varphi}}_{nT} = n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n \hat{\boldsymbol{\delta}}_{i,nT}$ , and  $\hat{\boldsymbol{\delta}}_{i,nT} = \hat{\boldsymbol{\gamma}}_i / \hat{\sigma}_{i,T}$ . Then

$$\sqrt{T} (\hat{\theta}_{nT} - \theta_n) = 2\sqrt{T} (\hat{g}_{nT} - g_n) - \sqrt{T} (\hat{\boldsymbol{\varphi}}'_{nT} \hat{\mathbf{H}}_{nT} \hat{\boldsymbol{\varphi}}_{nT} - \boldsymbol{\varphi}'_n \mathbf{H}_n \boldsymbol{\varphi}_n). \quad (35)$$

Consider the first term of the above

$$\begin{aligned}2\sqrt{T} (\hat{g}_{nT} - g_n) &= 2\sqrt{T} (\hat{\boldsymbol{\varphi}}_{nT} - \boldsymbol{\varphi}_n) \left( \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i \boldsymbol{\gamma}_i \right) \\ &\quad + 2\sqrt{T} \left[ \hat{\boldsymbol{\varphi}}'_{nT} \left( \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \hat{\sigma}_{i,T} \hat{\boldsymbol{\gamma}}_i - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i \boldsymbol{\gamma}_i \right) \right],\end{aligned} \quad (36)$$

and since  $\sigma_i$  and  $\boldsymbol{\gamma}_i$  are bounded then  $n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i \boldsymbol{\gamma}_i = O_p(1)$ . Also by (88) of Lemma 5 we have  $\sqrt{T} (\hat{\boldsymbol{\varphi}}_{nT} - \boldsymbol{\varphi}_n) = o_p(1)$ , and hence the first term of the above is  $o_p(1)$ . To establish the probability order of the second term of (36), we first note that

$$\begin{aligned}2\sqrt{T} \left[ \hat{\boldsymbol{\varphi}}'_{nT} \left( \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \hat{\sigma}_{i,T} \hat{\boldsymbol{\gamma}}_i - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i \boldsymbol{\gamma}_i \right) \right] &= 2\sqrt{T} \left[ \boldsymbol{\varphi}'_n \left( \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \hat{\sigma}_{i,T} \hat{\boldsymbol{\gamma}}_i - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i \boldsymbol{\gamma}_i \right) \right] \\ &\quad + 2\sqrt{T} \left[ (\hat{\boldsymbol{\varphi}}_{nT} - \boldsymbol{\varphi}_n)' \left( \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \hat{\sigma}_{i,T} \hat{\boldsymbol{\gamma}}_i - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i \boldsymbol{\gamma}_i \right) \right].\end{aligned} \quad (37)$$

But by (117)  $\boldsymbol{\varphi}_n = O_p(1)$ , and by (112) in Lemma 10 in Section 2  $n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (\hat{\sigma}_{i,T} \hat{\gamma}_i - \sigma_i \gamma_i) = O_p(\delta_{nT}^{-2})$ , which also establishes that the second term of (37) is  $o_p(1)$ . Therefore overall we have

$$\sqrt{T}(\hat{g}_{nT} - g_n) = o_p(1). \quad (38)$$

Consider now the second term of (35) and note that

$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt{T}(\hat{\boldsymbol{\varphi}}'_{nT} \hat{\mathbf{H}}_{nT} \hat{\boldsymbol{\varphi}}_{nT} - \boldsymbol{\varphi}'_n \mathbf{H}_n \boldsymbol{\varphi}_n) &= \sqrt{T}(\hat{\boldsymbol{\varphi}}_{nT} - \boldsymbol{\varphi}_n)' \hat{\mathbf{H}}_{nT} (\hat{\boldsymbol{\varphi}}_{nT} - \boldsymbol{\varphi}_n) \\ &\quad + 2\sqrt{T}(\hat{\boldsymbol{\varphi}}_{nT} - \boldsymbol{\varphi}_n)' \hat{\mathbf{H}}_{nT} \boldsymbol{\varphi}_n + \sqrt{T} \boldsymbol{\varphi}'_n (\hat{\mathbf{H}}_{nT} - \mathbf{H}_n) \boldsymbol{\varphi}_n, \end{aligned} \quad (39)$$

where  $\hat{\mathbf{H}}_{nT} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \hat{\sigma}_{i,T}^2 (\hat{\gamma}_i \hat{\gamma}'_i)$ , and

$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt{T}(\hat{\mathbf{H}}_{nT} - \mathbf{H}_n) &= \frac{\sqrt{T}}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i^2 (\hat{\gamma}_i \hat{\gamma}'_i - \gamma_i \gamma'_i) + \frac{\sqrt{T}}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (\hat{\sigma}_{i,T}^2 - \sigma_i^2) (\hat{\gamma}_i \hat{\gamma}'_i - \gamma_i \gamma'_i) \\ &\quad + \frac{\sqrt{T}}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (\hat{\sigma}_{i,T}^2 - \omega_{i,T}^2) \gamma_i \gamma'_i + \frac{\sqrt{T}}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (\omega_{i,T}^2 - \sigma_i^2) \gamma_i \gamma'_i \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^4 \mathbf{D}_{j,nT}. \end{aligned} \quad (40)$$

The first two terms of (39) are  $o_p(1)$ , since  $\|\boldsymbol{\varphi}_n\| < K$ , and  $\sqrt{T}(\hat{\boldsymbol{\varphi}}_{nT} - \boldsymbol{\varphi}_n) = o_p(1)$ , and  $n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n \hat{\sigma}_{i,T}^2 (\hat{\gamma}_i \hat{\gamma}'_i) = O_p(1)$ . To establish the probability order of the third term of (39), since  $\|\boldsymbol{\varphi}_n\| < K$  it is sufficient to consider the four terms of  $\sqrt{T}(\hat{\mathbf{H}}_{nT} - \mathbf{H}_n)$ . It is clear that  $\mathbf{D}_{2,nT}$  is dominated by  $\mathbf{D}_{1,nT}$  and by (113) of Lemma 10,  $\mathbf{D}_{1,nT} = \frac{\sqrt{T}}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i^2 (\hat{\gamma}_i \hat{\gamma}'_i - \gamma_i \gamma'_i) = O_p\left(\frac{\sqrt{T}}{\delta_{nT}^2}\right) = o_p(1)$ . Using (56) of Lemma 2 in Section 2 and replacing  $b_{ni}$  with  $\gamma_{ij} \gamma_{ij'}$  for  $j, j' = 1, 2, \dots, m_0$ , it then follows that

$$\mathbf{D}_{3,nT} = \frac{\sqrt{T}}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (\hat{\sigma}_{i,T}^2 - \omega_{i,T}^2) \gamma_i \gamma'_i = O_p\left(\frac{\sqrt{T}}{\delta_{nT}^2}\right) = o_p(1).$$

Finally, denote the  $(j, j')$  element of  $\mathbf{D}_{4,nT}$  by  $d_{4,nT}(j, j')$  and note that

$$d_{4,nT}(j, j') = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (\sigma_i^2 \gamma_{ij} \gamma_{ij'}) \sqrt{T} \left( \frac{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}'_i \mathbf{M}_F \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_i}{T} - 1 \right), \text{ for } j, j' = 1, 2, \dots, m_0.$$

But under Assumptions 2 and 3,  $|\sigma_i^2 \gamma_{ij} \gamma_{ij'}| < K$ , and  $\sqrt{T}(T^{-1} \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}'_i \mathbf{M}_F \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_i - 1)$ , for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$  are identically and independently distributed across  $i$ , with mean  $1/\sqrt{T}$  and a finite variance<sup>1</sup>. Then by standard law of large numbers, for each  $(j, j')$ ,  $d_{4,nT}(j, j') \rightarrow_p 0$ , as  $n$  and  $T \rightarrow \infty$ , and hence we also have  $\mathbf{D}_{4,nT} = o_p(1)$ . Overall,  $\hat{\mathbf{H}}_{nT} - \mathbf{H}_n = o_p(1)$ , and we have  $\sqrt{T}(\hat{\boldsymbol{\varphi}}'_{nT} \hat{\mathbf{H}}_{nT} \hat{\boldsymbol{\varphi}}_{nT} - \boldsymbol{\varphi}'_n \mathbf{H}_n \boldsymbol{\varphi}_n) = o_p(1)$ . Using this result and (38) in (35) now yields  $\sqrt{T}(\hat{\theta}_{nT} - \theta_n) = o_p(1)$ , as required. ■

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<sup>1</sup>The mean and variance of  $\sqrt{T}(T^{-1} \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}'_i \mathbf{M}_F \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_i - 1)$  can be obtained using (93) and (94) in Lemma 7 in Section 2.

**Proof of Theorem 2.** Recall from (35) that  $CD^*(\hat{\theta}_{nT})$  is given by

$$CD^*(\hat{\theta}_{nT}) = \frac{CD + \sqrt{\frac{T}{2}}\hat{\theta}_{nT}}{1 - \hat{\theta}_{nT}},$$

where  $\hat{\theta}_{nT} = 1 - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \hat{a}_{i,n}^2$ ,  $\hat{a}_{i,n} = 1 - \hat{\sigma}_{i,T}(\boldsymbol{\varphi}'_{nT}\hat{\gamma}_i)$ , and  $\hat{\boldsymbol{\varphi}}_{nT} = n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n \hat{\gamma}_i / \hat{\sigma}_{i,T}$ , subject to the normalization  $n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n \hat{\gamma}_i \hat{\gamma}_i' = \mathbf{I}_{m_0}$ . By Lemma 9 in Section 2 we have  $CD = \widetilde{CD} + o_p(1)$ . Then  $CD^*(\hat{\theta}_{nT})$  can be written as (noting that  $1 - \hat{\theta}_{nT} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \hat{a}_{i,n}^2 > 0$ )

$$CD^*(\hat{\theta}_{nT}) = \frac{CD + \sqrt{\frac{T}{2}}\hat{\theta}_{nT}}{1 - \hat{\theta}_{nT}} = \frac{\widetilde{CD} + \sqrt{\frac{T}{2}}\hat{\theta}_{nT}}{1 - \hat{\theta}_{nT}} + o_p(1).$$

By result (34) of Corollary 1,  $\sqrt{T}(\hat{\theta}_{nT} - \theta_n) = o_p(1)$ , and hence

$$\begin{aligned} CD^*(\hat{\theta}_{nT}) &= \frac{\widetilde{CD} + \sqrt{\frac{T}{2}}\theta_n + \sqrt{\frac{T}{2}}(\hat{\theta}_{nT} - \theta_n)}{1 - \theta_n - (\hat{\theta}_{nT} - \theta_n)} + o_p(1) \\ &= \frac{\widetilde{CD} + \sqrt{\frac{T}{2}}\theta_n}{1 - \theta_n} + o_p(1) = CD^*(\theta_n) + o_p(1) \end{aligned}$$

However, by Theorem 1,  $CD^*(\theta_n) \rightarrow_d N(0, 1)$ , which in turn establishes that  $CD^*(\hat{\theta}_{nT}) \rightarrow_d N(0, 1)$ , considering that  $CD^*(\hat{\theta}_{nT}) - CD^*(\theta_n) = o_p(1)$ . ■

**Proof of Theorem 3.** Let  $v_{it} = y_{it} - \boldsymbol{\beta}'_i \mathbf{x}_{it}$ , and  $u_{it} = y_{it} - \boldsymbol{\beta}'_i \mathbf{x}_{it} - \boldsymbol{\gamma}'_i \mathbf{f}_t = v_{it} - \boldsymbol{\gamma}'_i \mathbf{f}_t$ , and consider the following two optimization problems

$$\min_{\boldsymbol{\Gamma}, \mathbf{F}} \frac{1}{nT} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{t=1}^T (v_{it} - \boldsymbol{\gamma}'_i \mathbf{f}_t)^2, \quad (41)$$

$$\min_{\boldsymbol{\Gamma}, \mathbf{F}} \frac{1}{nT} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{t=1}^T (\hat{v}_{it} - \boldsymbol{\gamma}'_i \mathbf{f}_t)^2, \quad (42)$$

where

$$\hat{v}_{it} = y_{it} - \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}'_{CCE,i} \mathbf{x}_{it} = y_{it} - \boldsymbol{\beta}'_i \mathbf{x}_{it} - (\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_{CCE,i} - \boldsymbol{\beta}_i)' \mathbf{x}_{it} = v_{it} - (\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_{CCE,i} - \boldsymbol{\beta}_i)' \mathbf{x}_{it}. \quad (43)$$

We need to show that solving problem (42) is asymptotically equivalent to solving problem (41). First, using the results in Pesaran (2006) and the fact that  $\mathbf{x}_{it}$  is (stochastically) bounded<sup>2</sup>,

$$\mathbf{x}'_{it} (\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_{CCE,i} - \boldsymbol{\beta}_i) = O_p\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{T}}\right) + O_p\left(\frac{1}{n}\right) + O_p\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{nT}}\right), \quad (44)$$

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<sup>2</sup>See equation (45) in Pesaran (2006).

then rewrite the criterion for (42) with (43),

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{1}{nT} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{t=1}^T (\hat{v}_{it} - \boldsymbol{\gamma}'_i \mathbf{f}_t)^2 = \frac{1}{nT} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{t=1}^T \left( v_{it} - \boldsymbol{\gamma}'_i \mathbf{f}_t - (\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_{CCE,i} - \boldsymbol{\beta}_i)' \mathbf{x}_{it} \right)^2 \\
&= \frac{1}{nT} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{t=1}^T (v_{it} - \boldsymbol{\gamma}'_i \mathbf{f}_t)^2 + \frac{1}{nT} \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{i=1}^n (\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_{CCE,i} - \boldsymbol{\beta}_i)' \mathbf{x}_{it} \mathbf{x}_{it}' (\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_{CCE,i} - \boldsymbol{\beta}_i) \\
&\quad - 2 \frac{1}{nT} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{t=1}^T (v_{it} - \boldsymbol{\gamma}'_i \mathbf{f}_t) (\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_{CCE,i} - \boldsymbol{\beta}_i)' \mathbf{x}_{it} \\
&= A_{nT} + B_{nT} - 2C_{nT}.
\end{aligned} \tag{45}$$

Therefore, using (44) it is obvious  $B_{nT} = O_p\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{T}}\right) + O_p\left(\frac{1}{n}\right) + O_p\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{nT}}\right)$ . Also consider the final term of (45) and note that by Cauchy Schwarz inequality,

$$\begin{aligned}
|C_{nT}| &= \left| \frac{1}{nT} \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{i=1}^n \tilde{u}_{it} (\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_{CCE,i} - \boldsymbol{\beta}_i)' \mathbf{x}_{it} \right| \\
&\leq \left( \frac{1}{nT} \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{i=1}^n \tilde{u}_{it}^2 \right)^{1/2} \left( \frac{1}{nT} \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{i=1}^n \|(\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_{CCE,i} - \boldsymbol{\beta}_i)' \mathbf{x}_{it}\|^2 \right)^{1/2},
\end{aligned}$$

where  $\tilde{u}_{it} = v_{it} - \boldsymbol{\gamma}'_i \mathbf{f}_t = y_{it} - \boldsymbol{\beta}'_i \mathbf{x}_{it} - \boldsymbol{\gamma}'_i \mathbf{f}_t$ . Since in both optimization problems  $\boldsymbol{\gamma}_i$  and  $\mathbf{f}_t$  are only identified up to  $m_0 \times m_0$  rotation matrices,  $\tilde{u}_{it}$  and  $u_{it}$  have similar properties and we also have  $C_{nT} = O_p\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{T}}\right) + O_p\left(\frac{1}{n}\right) + O_p\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{nT}}\right)$ . Overall we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\min_{\mathbf{F}, \mathbf{F}} \frac{1}{nT} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{t=1}^T (v_{it} - \boldsymbol{\gamma}'_i \mathbf{f}_t)^2 &\equiv \min_{\mathbf{F}, \mathbf{F}} \frac{1}{nT} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{t=1}^T (\hat{v}_{it} - \boldsymbol{\gamma}'_i \mathbf{f}_t)^2 \\
&\quad + O_p\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{T}}\right) + O_p\left(\frac{1}{n}\right) + O_p\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{nT}}\right).
\end{aligned}$$

Hence, PCs based on  $\hat{v}_{it}$  are asymptotically equivalent to those based on  $v_{it}$ . The remaining proof of Theorem 3 can follow from the proof of Theorem 2. ■

## 2 Statement and Proofs of the Lemmas

This section provides auxiliary lemmas and the associated proofs, which are required to establish the main results of the paper. Throughout  $\delta_{nT} = \min(\sqrt{n}, \sqrt{T})$ .

**Lemma 1** Suppose that Assumptions 1-3 hold, and the latent factors,  $\mathbf{f}_t$ , and their loadings,  $\boldsymbol{\gamma}_i$ , in model (2) are estimated by principal components,  $\hat{\mathbf{f}}_t$  and  $\hat{\boldsymbol{\gamma}}_i$ , given by (8). Then

$$\left\| \hat{\mathbf{F}} - \mathbf{F} \right\|_F = O_p \left( \frac{\sqrt{T}}{\delta_{nT}} \right), \quad (46)$$

$$\left\| \hat{\boldsymbol{\Gamma}} - \boldsymbol{\Gamma} \right\|_F = O_p \left( \frac{\sqrt{n}}{\delta_{nT}} \right), \quad (47)$$

$$\left\| \mathbf{U}'(\hat{\mathbf{F}} - \mathbf{F}) \right\|_F = O_p \left( \frac{\sqrt{nT}}{\delta_{nT}} \right), \quad (48)$$

$$\left\| \boldsymbol{\Gamma}'(\hat{\boldsymbol{\Gamma}} - \boldsymbol{\Gamma}) \right\| = O_p \left( \frac{n}{\delta_{nT}} \right), \quad (49)$$

$$\left\| \mathbf{F}'(\hat{\mathbf{F}} - \mathbf{F}) \right\| = O_p \left( \frac{T}{\delta_{nT}} \right), \quad (50)$$

$$(\hat{\mathbf{F}} - \mathbf{F})' \mathbf{F} = O_p \left( \frac{T}{\delta_{nT}^2} \right), \quad (51)$$

$$(\hat{\mathbf{F}} - \mathbf{F})' \hat{\mathbf{F}} = O_p \left( \frac{T}{\delta_{nT}^2} \right), \quad (52)$$

$$(\hat{\mathbf{F}} - \mathbf{F})' \mathbf{u}_i = O_p \left( \frac{T}{\delta_{nT}^2} \right), \quad (53)$$

$$(\hat{\boldsymbol{\Gamma}} - \boldsymbol{\Gamma})' \mathbf{u}_t = O_p \left( \frac{n}{\delta_{nT}^2} \right), \quad (54)$$

where  $\boldsymbol{\Gamma} = (\gamma_1, \gamma_2, \dots, \gamma_n)', \hat{\boldsymbol{\Gamma}} = (\hat{\gamma}_1, \hat{\gamma}_2, \dots, \hat{\gamma}_n)', \mathbf{u}_i = (u_{i1}, u_{i2}, \dots, u_{iT})', \mathbf{u}_t = (u_{1t}, u_{2t}, \dots, u_{nt})',$  and  $\mathbf{U} = (\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \dots, \mathbf{u}_n).$

**Proof.** Since Assumptions 1-3 are a sub-set of assumptions made by Bai (2003), results (46) to (49), (51) and (53) follow directly from Lemmas B1, B2 and B3, and Theorem 2 of Bai (2003). The remaining two results, (50) and (54), can be established analogously. ■

**Lemma 2** Consider  $\hat{\sigma}_{i,T}^2 = T^{-1} \mathbf{e}_i' \mathbf{e}_i$ , the estimator of the  $\sigma_i^2$ , the error variance of the  $i^{th}$  unit of the latent factor model, (2), where  $\mathbf{e}_i = (e_{i1}, e_{i2}, \dots, e_{iT})'$  is the principal component estimator of  $\mathbf{u}_i = (u_{i1}, u_{i2}, \dots, u_{iT})'$ , namely  $\mathbf{e}_i = \mathbf{M}_{\hat{\mathbf{F}}} \mathbf{y}_i$ , where  $\mathbf{M}_{\hat{\mathbf{F}}} = \mathbf{I}_T - \hat{\mathbf{F}}(\hat{\mathbf{F}}' \hat{\mathbf{F}})^{-1} \hat{\mathbf{F}}'$ ,  $\mathbf{y}_i =$

$(y_{i1}, y_{i2}, \dots, y_{iT})'$ , and  $\hat{\mathbf{F}}$  is given by (8). Suppose that Assumptions 1-3 hold. Then

$$\hat{\sigma}_{i,T}^2 - \omega_{i,T}^2 = O_p\left(\frac{1}{\delta_{nT}^2}\right), \quad (55)$$

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n b_{in} (\hat{\sigma}_{i,T}^2 - \omega_{i,T}^2) = O_p\left(\frac{1}{\delta_{nT}^2}\right), \quad (56)$$

$$\hat{\sigma}_{i,T} - \omega_{i,T} = O_p\left(\frac{1}{\delta_{nT}^2}\right), \quad (57)$$

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n b_{in} (\hat{\sigma}_{i,T} - \omega_{i,T}) = O_p\left(\frac{1}{\delta_{nT}^2}\right), \quad (58)$$

$$\frac{1}{\hat{\sigma}_{i,T}} - \frac{1}{\omega_{i,T}} = O_p\left(\frac{1}{\delta_{nT}^2}\right), \quad (59)$$

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n b_{in} \left( \frac{1}{\hat{\sigma}_{i,T}} - \frac{1}{\omega_{i,T}} \right) = O_p\left(\frac{1}{\delta_{nT}^2}\right), \quad (60)$$

where  $\omega_{i,T}^2 = T^{-1} \mathbf{u}_i' \mathbf{M}_F \mathbf{u}_i$ ,  $\mathbf{M}_F = \mathbf{I}_T - \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{F}' \mathbf{F})^{-1} \mathbf{F}'$ ,  $\delta_{nT}^2 = \min(n, T)$ , and  $\{b_{in}\}_{i=1}^n$  is a sequence of fixed bounded constants such that  $n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n b_{in}^2 = O(1)$ .

**Proof.** We first note that

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{e}_i &= \mathbf{M}_{\hat{F}} \mathbf{y}_i = \mathbf{M}_{\hat{F}} (\mathbf{F} \boldsymbol{\gamma}_i + \mathbf{u}_i) \\ &= \mathbf{M}_F \mathbf{u}_i + (\mathbf{M}_{\hat{F}} - \mathbf{M}_F) \mathbf{u}_i + \mathbf{M}_{\hat{F}} \mathbf{F} \boldsymbol{\gamma}_i, \end{aligned}$$

which yields the following error variance decomposition

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\sigma}_{i,T}^2 &= \frac{\mathbf{u}_i' \mathbf{M}_F \mathbf{u}_i}{T} + \frac{\boldsymbol{\gamma}_i' \mathbf{F}' \mathbf{M}_{\hat{F}} \mathbf{F} \boldsymbol{\gamma}_i}{T} + \frac{\mathbf{u}_i' (\mathbf{M}_{\hat{F}} - \mathbf{M}_F) (\mathbf{M}_{\hat{F}} - \mathbf{M}_F) \mathbf{u}_i}{T} \\ &\quad + \frac{2\mathbf{u}_i' \mathbf{M}_F (\mathbf{M}_{\hat{F}} - \mathbf{M}_F) \mathbf{u}_i}{T} + \frac{2\mathbf{u}_i' \mathbf{M}_F \mathbf{M}_{\hat{F}} \mathbf{F} \boldsymbol{\gamma}_i}{T} + \frac{2\mathbf{u}_i' (\mathbf{M}_{\hat{F}} - \mathbf{M}_F) \mathbf{M}_{\hat{F}} \mathbf{F} \boldsymbol{\gamma}_i}{T} \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^6 B_{j,iT}. \end{aligned} \quad (61)$$

Starting with the second term, we note that

$$\|B_{2,iT}\| = \left\| \frac{\boldsymbol{\gamma}_i' (\mathbf{F} - \hat{\mathbf{F}})' \mathbf{M}_{\hat{F}} (\mathbf{F} - \hat{\mathbf{F}}) \boldsymbol{\gamma}_i}{T} \right\| \leq \|\boldsymbol{\gamma}_i\|^2 \frac{\|\mathbf{F} - \hat{\mathbf{F}}\|^2}{T} \|\mathbf{M}_{\hat{F}}\|,$$

where  $\|\boldsymbol{\gamma}_i\|$  is bounded by Assumption 3 and  $\|\mathbf{M}_{\hat{F}}\| = 1$ . Then using (46) it follows that  $\|B_{2,iT}\| = O_p(\delta_{nT}^{-2})$ . Before establishing the probability order of the remaining term  $B_{3,iT}$  we first observe that

$$\frac{\hat{\mathbf{F}}' \hat{\mathbf{F}}}{T} - \frac{\mathbf{F}' \mathbf{F}}{T} = \frac{(\hat{\mathbf{F}} - \mathbf{F})' (\hat{\mathbf{F}} - \mathbf{F})}{T} + \frac{(\hat{\mathbf{F}} - \mathbf{F})' \mathbf{F}}{T} + \frac{\mathbf{F}' (\hat{\mathbf{F}} - \mathbf{F})}{T}.$$

Then using results (46) and (50) it follows that

$$\frac{\hat{\mathbf{F}}'\hat{\mathbf{F}}}{T} = \frac{\mathbf{F}'\mathbf{F}}{T} + O_p\left(\frac{1}{\delta_{nT}^2}\right), \text{ and } \left(\frac{\hat{\mathbf{F}}'\hat{\mathbf{F}}}{T}\right)^{-1} = \left(\frac{\mathbf{F}'\mathbf{F}}{T}\right)^{-1} + O_p\left(\frac{1}{\delta_{nT}^2}\right), \quad (62)$$

and in consequence (given that by assumption  $T^{-1}\mathbf{F}'\mathbf{F}$  is a positive definite matrix)

$$\frac{\hat{\mathbf{F}}'\hat{\mathbf{F}}}{T} = O_p(1), \text{ and } \left(\frac{\hat{\mathbf{F}}'\hat{\mathbf{F}}}{T}\right)^{-1} = O_p(1). \quad (63)$$

Consider now  $B_{3,iT}$ , and note that

$$\begin{aligned} & (\mathbf{M}_{\hat{F}} - \mathbf{M}_F)(\mathbf{M}_{\hat{F}} - \mathbf{M}_F) \\ &= \left[ \hat{\mathbf{F}} \left( \hat{\mathbf{F}}' \hat{\mathbf{F}} \right)^{-1} \hat{\mathbf{F}}' - \mathbf{F} \left( \mathbf{F}' \mathbf{F} \right)^{-1} \mathbf{F}' \right] + \left( \mathbf{I}_m - \hat{\mathbf{F}} \left( \hat{\mathbf{F}}' \hat{\mathbf{F}} \right)^{-1} \hat{\mathbf{F}}' \right) \mathbf{F} \left( \mathbf{F}' \mathbf{F} \right)^{-1} \mathbf{F}' \\ &+ \mathbf{F} \left( \mathbf{F}' \mathbf{F} \right)^{-1} \mathbf{F}' \left( \mathbf{I}_m - \hat{\mathbf{F}} \left( \hat{\mathbf{F}}' \hat{\mathbf{F}} \right)^{-1} \hat{\mathbf{F}}' \right), \end{aligned}$$

where the term in the first brackets can be furthermore decomposed as

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\mathbf{F}} \left( \hat{\mathbf{F}}' \hat{\mathbf{F}} \right)^{-1} \hat{\mathbf{F}}' - \mathbf{F} \left( \mathbf{F}' \mathbf{F} \right)^{-1} \mathbf{F}' &= (\hat{\mathbf{F}} - \mathbf{F}) \left( \hat{\mathbf{F}}' \hat{\mathbf{F}} \right)^{-1} (\hat{\mathbf{F}} - \mathbf{F})' + \left[ \mathbf{F} \left( \hat{\mathbf{F}}' \hat{\mathbf{F}} \right)^{-1} \mathbf{F}' - \mathbf{F} \left( \mathbf{F}' \mathbf{F} \right)^{-1} \mathbf{F}' \right] \\ &+ \mathbf{F} \left( \hat{\mathbf{F}}' \hat{\mathbf{F}} \right)^{-1} (\hat{\mathbf{F}} - \mathbf{F})' + (\hat{\mathbf{F}} - \mathbf{F}) \left( \hat{\mathbf{F}}' \hat{\mathbf{F}} \right)^{-1} \mathbf{F}'. \end{aligned}$$

Hence we have

$$B_{3,iT} = T^{-1} \mathbf{u}_i' (\mathbf{M}_{\hat{F}} - \mathbf{M}_F)(\mathbf{M}_{\hat{F}} - \mathbf{M}_F) \mathbf{u}_i = \sum_{s=1}^6 C_{s,iT}, \quad (64)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} C_{1,iT} &= \frac{1}{T} \mathbf{u}_i' (\hat{\mathbf{F}} - \mathbf{F}) \left( \hat{\mathbf{F}}' \hat{\mathbf{F}} \right)^{-1} (\hat{\mathbf{F}} - \mathbf{F})' \mathbf{u}_i, \\ C_{2,iT} &= \frac{1}{T} \mathbf{u}_i' \left[ \mathbf{F} \left( \hat{\mathbf{F}}' \hat{\mathbf{F}} \right)^{-1} \mathbf{F}' - \mathbf{F} \left( \mathbf{F}' \mathbf{F} \right)^{-1} \mathbf{F}' \right] \mathbf{u}_i, \\ C_{3,iT} &= \frac{1}{T} \mathbf{u}_i' \mathbf{F} \left( \hat{\mathbf{F}}' \hat{\mathbf{F}} \right)^{-1} (\hat{\mathbf{F}} - \mathbf{F})' \mathbf{u}_i, \\ C_{4,iT} &= C_{3,iT} = \frac{1}{T} \mathbf{u}_i' (\hat{\mathbf{F}} - \mathbf{F}) \left( \hat{\mathbf{F}}' \hat{\mathbf{F}} \right)^{-1} \mathbf{F}' \mathbf{u}_i, \\ C_{5,iT} &= \frac{1}{T} \mathbf{u}_i' \left( \mathbf{I}_m - \hat{\mathbf{F}} \left( \hat{\mathbf{F}}' \hat{\mathbf{F}} \right)^{-1} \hat{\mathbf{F}}' \right) \mathbf{F} \left( \mathbf{F}' \mathbf{F} \right)^{-1} \mathbf{F}' \mathbf{u}_i, \\ C_{6,iT} &= \frac{1}{T} \mathbf{u}_i' \mathbf{F} \left( \mathbf{F}' \mathbf{F} \right)^{-1} \mathbf{F}' \left( \mathbf{I}_m - \hat{\mathbf{F}} \left( \hat{\mathbf{F}}' \hat{\mathbf{F}} \right)^{-1} \hat{\mathbf{F}}' \right) \mathbf{u}_i. \end{aligned}$$

Consider  $C_{1,iT}$  and note that

$$\|C_{1,iT}\| \leq \frac{\|\mathbf{u}_i\|^2}{T} \left\| \left( \frac{\hat{\mathbf{F}}'\hat{\mathbf{F}}}{T} \right)^{-1} \right\| \left( \frac{\|\hat{\mathbf{F}} - \mathbf{F}\|^2}{T} \right).$$

The first two terms are bounded in probability, since  $T^{-1} \|\mathbf{u}_i\|^2 = T^{-1} \sum_{t=1}^T u_{it}^2 = \sigma_i^2 + O_p(T^{-1/2})$ , and given the results in (63). Using (46) it now follows that  $\|C_{1,iT}\| = O_p(\delta_{nT}^{-2})$ . To establish the order of  $C_{2,iT}$ , we note that

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbf{F} (\hat{\mathbf{F}}' \hat{\mathbf{F}})^{-1} \mathbf{F}' - \mathbf{F} (\mathbf{F}' \mathbf{F})^{-1} \mathbf{F}' \\ &= \mathbf{F} (\mathbf{F}' \mathbf{F})^{-1} [\mathbf{F}' \mathbf{F} - \hat{\mathbf{F}}' \hat{\mathbf{F}}] (\hat{\mathbf{F}}' \hat{\mathbf{F}})^{-1} \mathbf{F}' \\ &= \mathbf{F} (\mathbf{F}' \mathbf{F})^{-1} \left[ \mathbf{F}' \mathbf{F} - (\hat{\mathbf{F}} - \mathbf{F} + \mathbf{F})' (\hat{\mathbf{F}} - \mathbf{F} + \mathbf{F}) \right] (\hat{\mathbf{F}}' \hat{\mathbf{F}})^{-1} \mathbf{F}' \\ &= \mathbf{F} (\mathbf{F}' \mathbf{F})^{-1} \left[ -(\hat{\mathbf{F}} - \mathbf{F})' (\hat{\mathbf{F}} - \mathbf{F}) - (\hat{\mathbf{F}} - \mathbf{F})' \mathbf{F} - \mathbf{F}' (\hat{\mathbf{F}} - \mathbf{F}) \right] (\hat{\mathbf{F}}' \hat{\mathbf{F}})^{-1} \mathbf{F}'. \end{aligned}$$

Then we have

$$C_{2,iT} = \frac{\mathbf{u}_i' \mathbf{F}}{\sqrt{T}} \left( \frac{\mathbf{F}' \mathbf{F}}{T} \right)^{-1} \left[ -\frac{(\hat{\mathbf{F}} - \mathbf{F})' (\hat{\mathbf{F}} - \mathbf{F})}{T} - \frac{(\hat{\mathbf{F}} - \mathbf{F})' \mathbf{F}}{T} - \frac{\mathbf{F}' (\hat{\mathbf{F}} - \mathbf{F})}{T} \right] \left( \frac{\hat{\mathbf{F}}' \hat{\mathbf{F}}}{T} \right)^{-1} \frac{\mathbf{F}' \mathbf{u}_i}{\sqrt{T}},$$

and hence

$$\|C_{2,iT}\| \leq \left\| \frac{\mathbf{u}_i' \mathbf{F}}{\sqrt{T}} \right\| \left\| \left( \frac{\mathbf{F}' \mathbf{F}}{T} \right)^{-1} \right\| \left\| \left( \frac{\hat{\mathbf{F}}' \hat{\mathbf{F}}}{T} \right)^{-1} \right\| \left[ \frac{\|\hat{\mathbf{F}} - \mathbf{F}\|^2}{T} + \frac{2 \|(\hat{\mathbf{F}} - \mathbf{F})' \mathbf{F}\|}{T} \right].$$

Under Assumption 2,  $T^{-1/2} \mathbf{u}_i' \mathbf{F} = O_p(1)$ , and using results (46) and (50) it follows that  $\|C_{2,iT}\| = O_p(\frac{1}{\delta_{nT}^2})$ . Also, by result (53),  $\frac{(\hat{\mathbf{F}} - \mathbf{F})' \mathbf{u}_i}{\sqrt{T}} = O_p(\frac{\sqrt{T}}{\delta_{nT}^2})$ , and therefore

$$\|C_{3,iT}\| = \|C_{4,iT}\| \leq \frac{1}{T} \left\| \frac{\mathbf{u}_i' \mathbf{F}}{\sqrt{T}} \right\| \left\| \left( \frac{\hat{\mathbf{F}}' \hat{\mathbf{F}}}{T} \right)^{-1} \right\| \left\| \frac{(\hat{\mathbf{F}} - \mathbf{F})' \mathbf{u}_i}{\sqrt{T}} \right\| = O_p\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{T} \delta_{nT}}\right).$$

To establish the order of  $C_{5,iT}$ , note that

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbf{u}_i' \hat{\mathbf{F}} (\hat{\mathbf{F}}' \hat{\mathbf{F}})^{-1} \hat{\mathbf{F}}' \mathbf{F} (\mathbf{F}' \mathbf{F})^{-1} \mathbf{F}' \mathbf{u}_i \\ &= [\mathbf{u}_i' (\hat{\mathbf{F}} - \mathbf{F}) + \mathbf{u}_i' \mathbf{F}] (\hat{\mathbf{F}}' \hat{\mathbf{F}})^{-1} [(\hat{\mathbf{F}} - \mathbf{F})' \mathbf{F} + \mathbf{F}' \mathbf{F}] (\mathbf{F}' \mathbf{F})^{-1} (\mathbf{F}' \mathbf{u}_i), \end{aligned}$$

and therefore

$$\begin{aligned} C_{5,iT} &= \frac{\mathbf{u}_i' \mathbf{F}}{T} \left( \frac{\mathbf{F}' \mathbf{F}}{T} \right)^{-1} \frac{\mathbf{F}' \mathbf{u}_i}{T} \\ &- \left[ \frac{\mathbf{u}_i' (\hat{\mathbf{F}} - \mathbf{F})}{T} + \frac{\mathbf{u}_i' \mathbf{F}}{T} \right] \left( \frac{\hat{\mathbf{F}}' \hat{\mathbf{F}}}{T} \right)^{-1} \left[ \frac{(\hat{\mathbf{F}} - \mathbf{F})' \mathbf{F}}{T} + \frac{\mathbf{F}' \mathbf{F}}{T} \right] \left( \frac{\mathbf{F}' \mathbf{F}}{T} \right)^{-1} \left( \frac{\mathbf{F}' \mathbf{u}_i}{T} \right), \end{aligned}$$

hence

$$\begin{aligned}
\|C_{5,iT}\| &\leq \frac{1}{T} \left\| \frac{\mathbf{u}_i' \mathbf{F}}{\sqrt{T}} \right\|^2 \left\| \left( \frac{\mathbf{F}' \mathbf{F}}{T} \right)^{-1} \right\| \\
&+ \left[ \left\| \frac{\mathbf{u}_i' (\hat{\mathbf{F}} - \mathbf{F})}{T} \right\| + \left\| \frac{\mathbf{u}_i' \mathbf{F}}{T} \right\| \right] \left\| \left( \frac{\hat{\mathbf{F}}' \hat{\mathbf{F}}}{T} \right)^{-1} \right\| \\
&\left[ \left\| \frac{(\hat{\mathbf{F}} - \mathbf{F})' \mathbf{F}}{T} \right\| + \left\| \frac{\mathbf{F}' \mathbf{F}}{T} \right\| \right] \left\| \left( \frac{\mathbf{F}' \mathbf{F}}{T} \right)^{-1} \right\| \left\| \frac{\mathbf{u}_i' \mathbf{F}}{T} \right\|,
\end{aligned}$$

and it follows that  $\|C_{5,iT}\| = O_p(T^{-1})$ . Similarly, the probability order of  $C_{6,iT}$  is also established to be  $O_p(T^{-1})$ . Overall,  $B_{3,iT} = O_p\left(\frac{1}{\delta_{nT}^2}\right)$ . Consider now the fourth term of (61),

$$\begin{aligned}
B_{4,iT} &= \frac{\mathbf{u}_i' (\mathbf{I}_m - \mathbf{P}_F) (\mathbf{P}_F - \mathbf{P}_{\hat{F}}) \mathbf{u}_i}{T} = \frac{\mathbf{u}_i' (\mathbf{P}_F - \mathbf{P}_{\hat{F}} + \mathbf{P}_F \mathbf{P}_{\hat{F}}) \mathbf{u}_i}{T} \\
&= \frac{\mathbf{u}_i' (\mathbf{P}_F - \mathbf{P}_{\hat{F}}) \mathbf{u}_i}{T} - \frac{\mathbf{u}_i' \mathbf{P}_F \mathbf{u}_i}{T} + \frac{\mathbf{u}_i' \mathbf{P}_F \mathbf{P}_{\hat{F}} \mathbf{u}_i}{T},
\end{aligned} \tag{65}$$

where  $\mathbf{P}_F = \mathbf{F} (\mathbf{F}' \mathbf{F})^{-1} \mathbf{F}'$ , and  $\mathbf{P}_{\hat{F}} = \hat{\mathbf{F}} (\hat{\mathbf{F}}' \hat{\mathbf{F}}) \hat{\mathbf{F}}'$ . The order of the first term of (65) is the same as that of (64), namely  $O_p(\delta_{nT}^{-2})$ . Since  $\mathbf{F}$  is distributed independently of  $\mathbf{u}_i$ , using (63), then it readily follows that the second term is  $O_p(T^{-1})$ . The third term of (65) can be written as

$$\begin{aligned}
&\left\| \frac{\mathbf{u}_i' \mathbf{F}}{T} \left( \frac{\mathbf{F}' \mathbf{F}}{T} \right)^{-1} \left( \frac{\mathbf{F}' \hat{\mathbf{F}}}{T} \right) \left( \frac{\hat{\mathbf{F}}' \hat{\mathbf{F}}}{T} \right)^{-1} \frac{\hat{\mathbf{F}}' \mathbf{u}_i}{T} \right\| \\
&= \left\| \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \left( \frac{\mathbf{u}_i' \mathbf{F}}{\sqrt{T}} \right) \left( \frac{\mathbf{F}' \mathbf{F}}{T} \right)^{-1} \left( \frac{\mathbf{F}' \mathbf{F}}{T} + \frac{\mathbf{F}' (\hat{\mathbf{F}} - \mathbf{F})}{T} \right) \left( \frac{\hat{\mathbf{F}}' \hat{\mathbf{F}}}{T} \right)^{-1} \left( \frac{\mathbf{F}' \mathbf{u}_i}{T} + \frac{(\hat{\mathbf{F}} - \mathbf{F})' \mathbf{u}_i}{T} \right) \right\| \\
&\leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \left\| \frac{\mathbf{u}_i' \mathbf{F}}{\sqrt{T}} \right\| \left\| \left( \frac{\mathbf{F}' \mathbf{F}}{T} \right)^{-1} \right\| \left( \left\| \frac{\mathbf{F}' \mathbf{F}}{T} \right\| + \left\| \frac{\mathbf{F}' (\hat{\mathbf{F}} - \mathbf{F})}{T} \right\| \right) \left\| \left( \frac{\hat{\mathbf{F}}' \hat{\mathbf{F}}}{T} \right)^{-1} \right\| \\
&\left( \left\| \frac{\mathbf{F}' \mathbf{u}_i}{T} \right\| + \left\| \frac{(\hat{\mathbf{F}} - \mathbf{F})' \mathbf{u}_i}{T} \right\| \right) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} O_p(1) \times O_p\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{T}}\right) = O_p\left(\frac{1}{T}\right).
\end{aligned}$$

Consider now  $B_{5,iT}$  and note that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\gamma'_i \mathbf{F}' \mathbf{M}_{\hat{\mathbf{F}}} \mathbf{M}_F \mathbf{u}_i}{T} &= -\frac{\gamma'_i (\hat{\mathbf{F}} - \mathbf{F})' \mathbf{M}_{\hat{\mathbf{F}}} \mathbf{u}_i}{T} - \frac{\gamma'_i \mathbf{F}' \mathbf{M}_{\hat{\mathbf{F}}} \mathbf{F} (\mathbf{F}' \mathbf{F})^{-1} \mathbf{F}' \mathbf{u}_i}{T} \\ &= -\frac{\gamma'_i (\hat{\mathbf{F}} - \mathbf{F})' \mathbf{u}_i}{T} + \frac{\gamma'_i (\hat{\mathbf{F}} - \mathbf{F})' \hat{\mathbf{F}} \left( \frac{\hat{\mathbf{F}}' \hat{\mathbf{F}}}{T} \right)^{-1} \hat{\mathbf{F}}' \mathbf{u}_i}{T} \\ &\quad + \gamma'_i \frac{\mathbf{F}' \mathbf{M}_{\hat{\mathbf{F}}} (\hat{\mathbf{F}} - \mathbf{F})}{T} \left( \frac{\mathbf{F}' \mathbf{F}}{T} \right)^{-1} \frac{\mathbf{F}' \mathbf{u}_i}{T}. \end{aligned} \quad (66)$$

But, using results in Lemma 1, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| \frac{\gamma'_i (\hat{\mathbf{F}} - \mathbf{F})' \mathbf{u}_i}{T} \right\| &\leq \|\gamma_i\| \left\| \frac{(\hat{\mathbf{F}} - \mathbf{F})' \mathbf{u}_i}{T} \right\| = O_p \left( \frac{1}{\delta_{nT}^2} \right), \\ \left\| \frac{\gamma'_i (\hat{\mathbf{F}} - \mathbf{F})' \hat{\mathbf{F}} \left( \frac{\hat{\mathbf{F}}' \hat{\mathbf{F}}}{T} \right)^{-1} \hat{\mathbf{F}}' \mathbf{u}_i}{T} \right\| &\leq \|\gamma_i\| \left\| \frac{(\hat{\mathbf{F}} - \mathbf{F})' \hat{\mathbf{F}}}{T} \right\| \left\| \left( \frac{\hat{\mathbf{F}}' \hat{\mathbf{F}}}{T} \right)^{-1} \right\| \left\| \frac{\hat{\mathbf{F}}' \mathbf{u}_i}{T} \right\| \\ &= O_p \left( \frac{1}{\delta_{nT}^2 \sqrt{T}} \right), \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| \gamma'_i \frac{\mathbf{F}' \mathbf{M}_{\hat{\mathbf{F}}} (\hat{\mathbf{F}} - \mathbf{F})}{T} \left( \frac{\mathbf{F}' \mathbf{F}}{T} \right)^{-1} \frac{\mathbf{F}' \mathbf{u}_i}{T} \right\| &\leq \|\gamma_i\| \left\| \frac{\hat{\mathbf{F}} - \mathbf{F}}{T} \right\|^2 \left\| \left( \frac{\hat{\mathbf{F}}' \hat{\mathbf{F}}}{T} \right)^{-1} \right\| \left\| \frac{\mathbf{F}' \mathbf{u}_i}{T} \right\| \\ &= O_p \left( \frac{1}{\delta_{nT}^2 \sqrt{T}} \right). \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $B_{5,iT} = T^{-1} \gamma'_i \mathbf{F}' \mathbf{M}_{\hat{\mathbf{F}}} \mathbf{M}_F \mathbf{u}_i = O_p(\delta_{nT}^{-2})$ . Similarly  $B_{6,iT} = O_p(\delta_{nT}^{-2})$ . The above results now establish (55). Result (56) can be obtained similarly, either by directly considering the weighted average of (55) with weights  $b_{in}$ , or by noting that  $\hat{\sigma}_{i,T}^2$  and  $\omega_{i,T}^2$  are both integrable processes and the probability order of the average will be the same as the probability order of the underlying units. Results (57) and (59) follow from (55), noting that under Assumption 2 there exists  $T_0$  such that for all  $T > T_0$ ,  $\hat{\sigma}_{i,T}^2 > c > 0$  and  $\omega_{i,T}^2 > c > 0$ . Furthermore,  $\hat{\sigma}_{i,T} + \omega_{i,T} = O_p(1)$  and  $\omega_{i,T} \hat{\sigma}_{i,T} = O_p(1)$ . More specifically, to establish (57) note that  $|\hat{\sigma}_{i,T} - \omega_{i,T}| \leq |\hat{\sigma}_{i,T}^2 - \omega_{i,T}^2| / (\hat{\sigma}_{i,T} + \omega_{i,T}) \leq c^{-1} |\hat{\sigma}_{i,T}^2 - \omega_{i,T}^2|$ , and hence by (55) we have  $|\hat{\sigma}_{i,T} - \omega_{i,T}| = O_p(\delta_{nT}^{-2})$ . Similarly, result (59) is established noting that

$$\left| \frac{1}{\hat{\sigma}_{i,T}} - \frac{1}{\omega_{i,T}} \right| \leq \frac{|\hat{\sigma}_{i,T} - \omega_{i,T}|}{\omega_{i,T} \hat{\sigma}_{i,T}} \leq c^{-1} |\hat{\sigma}_{i,T} - \omega_{i,T}| = O_p \left( \frac{1}{\delta_{nT}^2} \right). \quad (67)$$

Finally, results (58) and (60) can be obtained, respectively, in a similar way to the proof of (56), since under Assumption 2,  $\hat{\sigma}_{i,T}$ ,  $\omega_{i,T}$ ,  $\hat{\sigma}_{i,T}^{-1}$  and  $\omega_{i,T}^{-1}$  are also integrable processes. ■

**Lemma 3** Suppose that the latent factors,  $\mathbf{f}_t$ , and their loadings,  $\boldsymbol{\gamma}_i$ , in model (2) are estimated by principal components,  $\hat{\mathbf{F}}$  and  $\hat{\boldsymbol{\gamma}}_i$ , given by (8). Then under Assumptions 1-3 with  $n$  and  $T \rightarrow \infty$ , such that  $n/T \rightarrow \kappa$ , for  $0 < \kappa < \infty$ , we have

$$\mathbf{d}_{1,nT} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n b_{in} (\hat{\boldsymbol{\gamma}}_i - \boldsymbol{\gamma}_i) = O_p \left( \frac{1}{\delta_{nT}} \right), \quad (68)$$

$$\mathbf{d}_{2,nT} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n (\omega_{i,T} - \sigma_i) (\hat{\boldsymbol{\gamma}}_i - \boldsymbol{\gamma}_i) = O_p \left( \frac{1}{\delta_{nT}} \right), \quad (69)$$

$$\mathbf{d}_{3,nT} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \frac{1}{\omega_{iT}} - \frac{1}{\sigma_i} \right) (\hat{\boldsymbol{\gamma}}_i - \boldsymbol{\gamma}_i) = O_p \left( \frac{1}{\delta_{nT}} \right), \quad (70)$$

$$\mathbf{d}_{4,nT} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (\hat{\sigma}_{i,T} - \omega_{i,T}) (\hat{\boldsymbol{\gamma}}_i - \boldsymbol{\gamma}_i) = O_p \left( \frac{1}{\delta_{nT}^2} \right), \quad (71)$$

$$\mathbf{d}_{5,nT} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \frac{1}{\hat{\sigma}_{i,T}} - \frac{1}{\omega_{i,T}} \right) (\hat{\boldsymbol{\gamma}}_i - \boldsymbol{\gamma}_i) = O_p \left( \frac{1}{\delta_{nT}^2} \right) \quad (72)$$

$$\mathbf{d}_{6,nT} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (\hat{\boldsymbol{\delta}}_{i,T} - \boldsymbol{\delta}_{i,T}) = O_p \left( \frac{1}{\delta_{nT}} \right), \quad (73)$$

$$\mathbf{d}_{7,nT} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n b_{in} (\hat{\boldsymbol{\gamma}}_i - \boldsymbol{\gamma}_i) \boldsymbol{\gamma}'_i = O_p \left( \frac{1}{\delta_{nT}^2} \right), \quad (74)$$

where  $\{b_{in}\}_{i=1}^n$  is a sequence of fixed values bounded in  $n$ , such that  $n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n b_{in}^2 = O(1)$ ,  $\boldsymbol{\delta}_{i,T} = \boldsymbol{\gamma}_i/\omega_{iT}$ ,  $\hat{\boldsymbol{\delta}}_{i,T} = \hat{\boldsymbol{\gamma}}_i/\omega_{iT}$ , and  $\omega_{iT} = T^{-1} \mathbf{u}'_i \mathbf{M}_F \mathbf{u}_i$ .

**Proof.** Note that in general

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\boldsymbol{\gamma}}_i - \boldsymbol{\gamma}_i &= \left( \frac{\hat{\mathbf{F}}' \hat{\mathbf{F}}}{T} \right)^{-1} \left( \frac{\hat{\mathbf{F}}' \mathbf{F} \boldsymbol{\gamma}_i}{T} + \frac{\hat{\mathbf{F}}' \mathbf{u}_i}{T} \right) - \left( \frac{\hat{\mathbf{F}}' \hat{\mathbf{F}}}{T} \right)^{-1} \left( \frac{\hat{\mathbf{F}}' \hat{\mathbf{F}}}{T} \right) \boldsymbol{\gamma}_i \\ &= - \left( \frac{\hat{\mathbf{F}}' \hat{\mathbf{F}}}{T} \right)^{-1} \left[ \frac{\hat{\mathbf{F}}' (\hat{\mathbf{F}} - \mathbf{F}) \boldsymbol{\gamma}_i}{T} \right] + \left( \frac{\hat{\mathbf{F}}' \hat{\mathbf{F}}}{T} \right)^{-1} \left( \frac{\hat{\mathbf{F}}' \mathbf{u}_i}{T} \right), \end{aligned} \quad (75)$$

and we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{d}_{1,nT} &= n^{-1/2} \sum_{i=1}^n b_{in} (\hat{\boldsymbol{\gamma}}_i - \boldsymbol{\gamma}_i) \\ &= - \left( \frac{\hat{\mathbf{F}}' \hat{\mathbf{F}}}{T} \right)^{-1} \left[ \frac{\sqrt{n}}{T} \hat{\mathbf{F}}' (\hat{\mathbf{F}} - \mathbf{F}) \right] \left( \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n b_{in} \boldsymbol{\gamma}_i \right) + \left( \frac{\hat{\mathbf{F}}' \hat{\mathbf{F}}}{T} \right)^{-1} T^{-1} \left( n^{-1/2} \sum_{i=1}^n b_{in} \hat{\mathbf{F}}' \mathbf{u}_i \right). \end{aligned} \quad (76)$$

By result (63)  $\left( T^{-1} \hat{\mathbf{F}}' \hat{\mathbf{F}} \right)^{-1} = O_p(1)$ , and by result (50) we have

$$\frac{\sqrt{n}}{T} \hat{\mathbf{F}}' (\hat{\mathbf{F}} - \mathbf{F}) = O_p \left( \frac{\sqrt{n}T}{T \delta_{nT}^2} \right) = O_p \left( \frac{\sqrt{n}}{\min(n, T)} \right) = O_p \left( \frac{1}{\delta_{nT}} \right). \quad (77)$$

Also since by assumption  $\|\boldsymbol{\gamma}_i\| < K$ , and

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n b_{in} \boldsymbol{\gamma}_i \right\| &\leq \left( \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n b_{in}^2 \right)^{1/2} \left\| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \boldsymbol{\gamma}_i \boldsymbol{\gamma}_i' \right\|^{1/2} \\ &\leq \left( \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n b_{in}^2 \right)^{1/2} \left( \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \|\boldsymbol{\gamma}_i\|^2 \right)^{1/2} < K. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, the first term of (76) is  $O_p(\delta_{nT}^{-1})$ . For the second term of (76), since  $(T^{-1}\hat{\mathbf{F}}'\hat{\mathbf{F}})^{-1} = O_p(1)$ , we note that

$$T^{-1} (\hat{\mathbf{F}} - \mathbf{F} + \mathbf{F})' \left( n^{-1/2} \sum_{i=1}^n b_{in} \mathbf{u}_i \right) = n^{-1/2} \sum_{i=1}^n b_{in} \left( \frac{\hat{\mathbf{F}} - \mathbf{F}}{T} \right)' \mathbf{u}_i + \frac{1}{T\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n b_{in} \mathbf{F}' \mathbf{u}_i.$$

It is clear that the first term is dominated by the second term, and under Assumptions 2, we have

$$\frac{1}{T\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n b_{in} \mathbf{F}' \mathbf{u}_i = \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{nT}} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{t=1}^T b_{in} \mathbf{f}_t u_{it} \right) \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} = O_p\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{T}}\right). \quad (78)$$

Result (68) now follows using (77) and (78) in (76), and noting that by assumption  $n$  and  $T$  are of the same order. To prove (69) we first write it as

$$\mathbf{d}_{2,nT} = \left( \sqrt{\frac{n}{T}} \right) \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n q_{iT} (\hat{\boldsymbol{\gamma}}_i - \boldsymbol{\gamma}_i),$$

where

$$q_{iT} = \sqrt{T} (\omega_{i,T} - \sigma_i) = \sigma_i \sqrt{T} \left[ \left( \frac{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}'_i \mathbf{M}_F \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_i}{T} \right)^{1/2} - 1 \right],$$

and conditional on  $\mathbf{F}$  and  $\sigma_i$ ,  $q_{iT}$  are independently distributed across  $i$ . Using results in Lemma 7 it is easily seen that  $E(q_{iT}) = O(T^{-1/2})$  and  $Var(q_{iT}) = O(1)$ , and hence  $n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n q_{iT}^2 = O_p(1)$ . Also by Cauchy-Schwarz inequality we have

$$|\mathbf{d}_{2,nT}| \leq \left( \sqrt{\frac{n}{T}} \right) \left( n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n q_{iT}^2 \right)^{1/2} \left( n^{-1/2} \|\hat{\boldsymbol{\Gamma}} - \boldsymbol{\Gamma}\| \right),$$

where  $T^{-1}n = \Theta(1)$ , and by (47)  $n^{-1/2} \|\hat{\boldsymbol{\Gamma}} - \boldsymbol{\Gamma}\| = O_p(\delta_{nT}^{-1})$ , and (69) is established. Result (70) follows similarly, with  $q_{iT}$  re-defined as  $q_{iT} = \sigma_i^{-1} \sqrt{T} \left[ \left( \frac{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}'_i \mathbf{M}_F \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_i}{T} \right)^{-1/2} - 1 \right]$ , and noting that  $\sup_i (1/\sigma_i^2) < K$ , and using results in Lemma 7. To establish (71), using Cauchy-Schwarz inequality, we have<sup>3</sup>

$$|\mathbf{d}_{4,nT}| \leq \left[ n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (\hat{\sigma}_{i,T} - \omega_{i,T})^2 \right]^{1/2} \left( n^{-1/2} \|\hat{\boldsymbol{\Gamma}} - \boldsymbol{\Gamma}\| \right),$$

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<sup>3</sup>The proofs of (69) and (70) are different from that of (71) and (72) due to the fact that  $\omega_{iT}^2 - \sigma_i^2 = O_p(T^{-1/2})$ , but  $\hat{\sigma}_{iT}^2 - \omega_{iT}^2 = O_p(n^{-1}) + O_p(T^{-1})$ .

where by (47)  $n^{-1/2} \|\hat{\boldsymbol{\Gamma}} - \boldsymbol{\Gamma}\| = O_p(\delta_{nT}^{-1})$ , and by (57)  $n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (\hat{\sigma}_{i,T} - \omega_{i,T})^2 = O_p(\delta_{nT}^{-2})$ . Similarly by (47) and (59) we have

$$\begin{aligned} |\mathbf{d}_{5,nT}| &\leq \left[ n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \frac{1}{\hat{\sigma}_{i,T}} - \frac{1}{\omega_{i,T}} \right)^2 \right]^{1/2} \left( n^{-1/2} \|\hat{\boldsymbol{\Gamma}} - \boldsymbol{\Gamma}\| \right), \\ &= O_p\left(\frac{1}{\delta_{nT}}\right) O_p\left(\frac{1}{\delta_{nT}}\right) = O_p\left(\frac{1}{\delta_{nT}^2}\right). \end{aligned}$$

Consider now (73), and note that it can be written as

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n (\hat{\boldsymbol{\delta}}_{i,T} - \boldsymbol{\delta}_{i,T}) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \frac{\hat{\boldsymbol{\gamma}}_i}{\omega_{i,T}} - \frac{\boldsymbol{\gamma}_i}{\omega_{i,T}} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \frac{\hat{\boldsymbol{\gamma}}_i - \boldsymbol{\gamma}_i}{\sigma_i} \right) \left( 1 - \frac{\omega_{i,T} - \sigma_i}{\omega_{i,T}} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \frac{\hat{\boldsymbol{\gamma}}_i - \boldsymbol{\gamma}_i}{\sigma_i} \right) - \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \frac{\hat{\boldsymbol{\gamma}}_i - \boldsymbol{\gamma}_i}{\sigma_i} \right) \left( 1 - \frac{T}{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}'_i \mathbf{M}_F \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_i} \right). \end{aligned}$$

The first term of the above has the same form as (68), and becomes identical to it if we replace  $a_i$  in (68) with  $1/\sigma_i$ , since by assumption  $\inf_i(\sigma_i) > c$ . Hence, the order of the first term is  $O_p(\delta_{nT}^{-1})$ . Also the second term is dominated by the first term, since  $1 - (T^{-1} \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}'_i \mathbf{M}_F \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_i)^{-1} = O_p(T^{-1})$  based on result (94). Therefore (73) is established as required. Finally, consider (74) and note that

$$\begin{aligned} n^{-1/2} \sum_{i=1}^n b_{in} (\hat{\boldsymbol{\gamma}} - \boldsymbol{\gamma}_i) \boldsymbol{\gamma}'_i &= n^{-1/2} \sum_{i=1}^n b_{in} \left[ - \left( \hat{\mathbf{F}}' \hat{\mathbf{F}} \right)^{-1} \hat{\mathbf{F}}' (\hat{\mathbf{F}} - \mathbf{F}) \boldsymbol{\gamma}_i + \left( \hat{\mathbf{F}}' \hat{\mathbf{F}} \right)^{-1} \hat{\mathbf{F}}' \mathbf{u}_i \right] \boldsymbol{\gamma}'_i \\ &= -\sqrt{n} \left( \frac{\hat{\mathbf{F}}' \hat{\mathbf{F}}}{T} \right)^{-1} \frac{\hat{\mathbf{F}}' (\hat{\mathbf{F}} - \mathbf{F})}{T} \left( n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n b_{in} \boldsymbol{\gamma}_i \boldsymbol{\gamma}'_i \right) + \left( \frac{\hat{\mathbf{F}}' \hat{\mathbf{F}}}{T} \right)^{-1} T^{-1} \hat{\mathbf{F}}' \left( n^{-1/2} \sum_{i=1}^n b_{in} \mathbf{u}_i \boldsymbol{\gamma}'_i \right) \\ &= -\sqrt{n} \left( \frac{\hat{\mathbf{F}}' \hat{\mathbf{F}}}{T} \right)^{-1} \frac{\hat{\mathbf{F}}' (\hat{\mathbf{F}} - \mathbf{F})}{T} \left( n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n b_{in} \boldsymbol{\gamma}_i \boldsymbol{\gamma}'_i \right) \\ &\quad + \sqrt{n} \left( \frac{\hat{\mathbf{F}}' \hat{\mathbf{F}}}{T} \right)^{-1} \left( n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n T^{-1} b_{in} (\hat{\mathbf{F}} - \mathbf{F})' \mathbf{u}_i \boldsymbol{\gamma}'_i \right) + \left( \frac{\hat{\mathbf{F}}' \hat{\mathbf{F}}}{T} \right)^{-1} \left( n^{-1/2} \sum_{i=1}^n T^{-1} b_{in} \mathbf{F}' \mathbf{u}_i \boldsymbol{\gamma}'_i \right). \end{aligned} \tag{79}$$

Recall that  $\left( T^{-1} \hat{\mathbf{F}}' \hat{\mathbf{F}} \right)^{-1} = O_p(1)$ , and  $n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n \boldsymbol{\gamma}_i \boldsymbol{\gamma}'_i = O_p(1)$ . Also note that  $b_{in}$  is bounded in  $n$ . Then using (52) it follows that ( $n$  and  $T$  being of the same order)

$$\sqrt{n} \left( \frac{\hat{\mathbf{F}}' \hat{\mathbf{F}}}{T} \right)^{-1} \frac{\hat{\mathbf{F}}' (\hat{\mathbf{F}} - \mathbf{F})}{T} \left( n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n b_{in} \boldsymbol{\gamma}_i \boldsymbol{\gamma}'_i \right) = O_p\left(\frac{\sqrt{n}}{\min(n, T)}\right) = O_p(\delta_{nT}^{-1}).$$

Similarly, using (53)

$$\sqrt{n} \left( \frac{\hat{\mathbf{F}}' \hat{\mathbf{F}}}{T} \right)^{-1} \left( n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n T^{-1} (\hat{\mathbf{F}} - \mathbf{F})' b_{in} \mathbf{u}_i \boldsymbol{\gamma}'_i \right) = O_p\left(\frac{\sqrt{n}}{\delta_{nT}^2}\right) = O_p(\delta_{nT}^{-1}).$$

Also, the last term of (79) can be written as  $T^{-1/2} \left( T^{-1} \hat{\mathbf{F}}' \hat{\mathbf{F}} \right)^{-1} \left( n^{-1/2} T^{-1/2} \sum_{i=1}^n b_{in} \mathbf{F}' \mathbf{u}_i \boldsymbol{\gamma}'_i \right)$ , where by assumption the  $m_0 \times m_0$  matrix,  $n^{-1/2} T^{-1/2} \sum_{i=1}^n b_{in} \mathbf{F}' \mathbf{u}_i \boldsymbol{\gamma}'_i = n^{-1/2} T^{-1/2} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{t=1}^T b_{in} f_{jt} u_{it} \gamma_{ij'} = O_p(1)$ , and hence this last term is also  $O_p(\delta_{nT}^{-1})$ . Thus result (74) is established, as required. ■

**Lemma 4** Suppose that Assumptions 1-3 hold, and as  $(n, T) \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $n/T \rightarrow \kappa$ , with  $0 < \kappa < \infty$ . Then we have

$$p_{nT} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \sum_{t=1}^T s_{t,nT}^2 = o_p(1), \quad (80)$$

$$q_{nT} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \sum_{t=1}^T \psi_{t,nT} s_{t,nT} = o_p(1), \quad (81)$$

where  $\psi_{t,nT}$  and  $s_{t,nT}$  are defined by (6) and (7), respectively.

**Proof.** Using (7), recall that

$$\begin{aligned} s_{t,nT} &= \boldsymbol{\varphi}'_{nT} \left[ n^{-1/2} \sum_{i=1}^n (\hat{\boldsymbol{\gamma}}_i - \boldsymbol{\gamma}_i) u_{it} \right] + \boldsymbol{\varphi}'_{nT} \left[ n^{-1/2} \sum_{i=1}^n (\hat{\boldsymbol{\gamma}}_i - \boldsymbol{\gamma}_i) \boldsymbol{\gamma}'_i \right] \mathbf{f}_t \\ &\quad + \left[ n^{-1/2} \sum_{i=1}^n (\hat{\boldsymbol{\delta}}_{i,T} - \boldsymbol{\delta}_{i,T})' \right] \mathbf{f}_t + \left[ n^{-1/2} \sum_{i=1}^n (\hat{\boldsymbol{\delta}}_{i,T} - \boldsymbol{\delta}_{i,T})' \right] (\hat{\mathbf{f}}_t - \mathbf{f}_t). \end{aligned} \quad (82)$$

We also note that using (9),  $\psi_{t,nT}$  can be written as

$$\psi_{t,nT} = \xi_{t,n} - (\boldsymbol{\varphi}_{nT} - \boldsymbol{\varphi}_n)' \kappa_{t,n} + v_{t,nT} \quad (83)$$

where

$$\xi_{t,n} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n a_{i,n} \varepsilon_{it}, \quad a_{i,n} = 1 - \sigma_i \boldsymbol{\varphi}'_n \boldsymbol{\gamma}_i, \quad (84)$$

$$\kappa_{t,n} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n \boldsymbol{\gamma}_i \sigma_i \varepsilon_{it}, \quad (85)$$

$$v_{t,nT} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n \left[ \frac{1}{(\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}'_i \mathbf{M}_F \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_i / T)^{1/2}} - 1 \right] \varepsilon_{it}. \quad (86)$$

After squaring  $s_{t,nT}$ , we end up with  $p_{nT} = \sum_{j=1}^{10} A_{j,nT}$ , composed of four squared terms and six cross product terms. For the first square term we have

$$A_{1,nT} = \sqrt{T} \boldsymbol{\varphi}'_{nT} \left( \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \mathbf{b}_{t,n} \mathbf{b}'_{t,n} \right) \boldsymbol{\varphi}_{nT},$$

where  $\mathbf{b}_{t,n} = n^{-1/2} \sum_{i=1}^n (\hat{\boldsymbol{\gamma}}_i - \boldsymbol{\gamma}_i) u_{it} = n^{-1/2} (\hat{\boldsymbol{\Gamma}} - \boldsymbol{\Gamma})' \mathbf{u}_t$ . Then

$$|A_{1,nT}| \leq \frac{\sqrt{T}}{n} \|\boldsymbol{\varphi}_{nT}\|^2 \left\| (\hat{\boldsymbol{\Gamma}} - \boldsymbol{\Gamma})' \mathbf{V}_T \right\|,$$

where  $\mathbf{V}_T = T^{-1} \sum_{t=1}^T \mathbf{u}_t \mathbf{u}_t'$ . But by Assumption 2,  $\|\mathbf{V}_T\| = \lambda_{max}(\mathbf{V}_T) = O_p(1)$ , and using (47)  $\|(\hat{\boldsymbol{\Gamma}} - \boldsymbol{\Gamma})\| = O_p\left(\frac{\sqrt{n}}{\delta_{nT}}\right)$ . Note that  $\|(\hat{\boldsymbol{\Gamma}} - \boldsymbol{\Gamma})\| \leq \|(\hat{\boldsymbol{\Gamma}} - \boldsymbol{\Gamma})\|_F$ . Also  $\|\boldsymbol{\varphi}_{nT}\| = O_p(1)$ . Then  $|A_{1,nT}| = \frac{\sqrt{T}}{n} O_p\left(\frac{\sqrt{n}}{\delta_{nT}}\right) = \sqrt{\frac{T}{n}} O_p\left(\frac{1}{\delta_{nT}}\right) = O_p\left(\frac{1}{\delta_{nT}}\right)$ , since  $n$  and  $T$  are of the same order. For the second squared term we have

$$A_{2,nT} = \sqrt{T} \left[ n^{-1/2} \sum_{i=1}^n (\hat{\boldsymbol{\delta}}_{i,T} - \boldsymbol{\delta}_{i,T})' \right] (T^{-1} \mathbf{F}' \mathbf{F}) \left[ n^{-1/2} \sum_{i=1}^n (\hat{\boldsymbol{\delta}}_{i,T} - \boldsymbol{\delta}_{i,T}) \right].$$

By assumption  $T^{-1} \mathbf{F}' \mathbf{F} = O_p(1)$ , and using (73)  $n^{-1/2} \sum_{i=1}^n (\hat{\boldsymbol{\delta}}_{i,T} - \boldsymbol{\delta}_{i,T}) = O_p(\delta_{nT}^{-1})$ . Hence,  $A_{2,nT} = O_p(\sqrt{T} \delta_{nT}^{-2}) = o_p(1)$ . Similarly,

$$\begin{aligned} A_{3,nT} &= \sqrt{T} \boldsymbol{\varphi}'_{nT} \left[ n^{-1/2} \sum_{i=1}^n (\hat{\boldsymbol{\gamma}}_i - \boldsymbol{\gamma}_i) \boldsymbol{\gamma}'_i \right] \left( T^{-1} \sum_{t=1}^T \mathbf{f}_t \mathbf{f}'_t \right) \left[ n^{-1/2} \sum_{i=1}^n \boldsymbol{\gamma}_i (\hat{\boldsymbol{\gamma}} - \boldsymbol{\gamma}_i)' \right] \boldsymbol{\varphi}_{nT} \\ &= \sqrt{T} \boldsymbol{\varphi}'_{nT} \left[ n^{-1/2} \sum_{i=1}^n (\hat{\boldsymbol{\gamma}}_i - \boldsymbol{\gamma}_i) \boldsymbol{\gamma}'_i \right] (T^{-1} \mathbf{F}' \mathbf{F}) \left[ n^{-1/2} \sum_{i=1}^n \boldsymbol{\gamma}_i (\hat{\boldsymbol{\gamma}} - \boldsymbol{\gamma}_i)' \right] \boldsymbol{\varphi}_{nT}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\|\boldsymbol{\varphi}_{nT}\|$  is bounded, and by (74)  $n^{-1/2} \sum_{i=1}^n (\hat{\boldsymbol{\gamma}}_i - \boldsymbol{\gamma}_i) \boldsymbol{\gamma}'_i = O_p(\delta_{nT}^{-1})$ . Hence

$$\begin{aligned} A_{3,nT} &= \sqrt{T} \boldsymbol{\varphi}'_{nT} O_p\left(\frac{1}{\min(\sqrt{n}, \sqrt{T})}\right) (T^{-1} \mathbf{F}' \mathbf{F}) O_p\left(\frac{1}{\min(\sqrt{n}, \sqrt{T})}\right) \boldsymbol{\varphi}_{nT} \\ &= O_p\left(\frac{\sqrt{T}}{\min(n, T)}\right) = o_p(1). \end{aligned}$$

Next

$$A_{4,nT} = \sqrt{T} \left[ \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n (\hat{\boldsymbol{\delta}}_{i,T} - \boldsymbol{\delta}_{i,T}) \right]' \left( \frac{\|\hat{\mathbf{F}} - \mathbf{F}\|^2}{T} \right) \left[ \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n (\hat{\boldsymbol{\delta}}_{i,T} - \boldsymbol{\delta}_{i,T}) \right],$$

where by (46)  $T^{-1} \|\hat{\mathbf{F}} - \mathbf{F}\|_F^2 = O_p(\delta_{nT}^{-2})$ , and by (73)  $n^{-1/2} \sum_{i=1}^n (\hat{\boldsymbol{\delta}}_{i,T} - \boldsymbol{\delta}_{i,T}) = O_p(1)$ . Hence,  $A_{4,nT} = \sqrt{T} O_p(\delta_{nT}^{-2}) = o_p(1)$ . The probability orders of the cross product terms of  $p_{nT}$ , namely  $A_{5,NT}, \dots, A_{10,NT}$ , are also easily seen to be  $o_p(1)$ , by application of the Cauchy Schwarz inequality to the product pairs of the terms  $A_{1,NT}, A_{2,NT}, A_{3,NT}$ , and  $A_{4,NT}$ . Thus, overall  $p_{nT} = o_p(1)$ , as required. Consider now  $q_{nT}$  and note that it can be written as (using (83) in (81))

$$q_{nT} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \sum_{t=1}^T s_{t,nT} \xi_{t,n} - (\boldsymbol{\varphi}_{nT} - \boldsymbol{\varphi}_n)' \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \sum_{t=1}^T s_{t,nT} \kappa_{t,n} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \sum_{t=1}^T s_{t,nT} v_{t,nT},$$

where  $\xi_{t,n}$ ,  $v_{t,nT}$  and  $\kappa_{t,n}$  are given by (84), (85) and (86), respectively. Consider the first term

of the above and using (84) write it as

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \sum_{t=1}^T s_{t,nT} \xi_{t,n} &= \boldsymbol{\varphi}'_{nT} \left[ \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n (\hat{\gamma}_i - \gamma_i) \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \sum_{t=1}^T \xi_{t,n} \mathbf{f}_t \right] \\
&\quad + \boldsymbol{\varphi}'_{nT} \left[ n^{-1/2} \sum_{i=1}^n (\hat{\gamma}_i - \gamma_i) \gamma'_i \right] \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \sum_{t=1}^T \xi_{t,n} \mathbf{f}_t \right) \\
&\quad + \left[ n^{-1/2} \sum_{i=1}^n (\hat{\delta}_{i,T} - \delta_{i,T})' \right] \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \sum_{t=1}^T \xi_{t,n} \mathbf{f}_t \right) \\
&\quad + \left[ n^{-1/2} \sum_{i=1}^n (\hat{\delta}_{i,T} - \delta_{i,T})' \right] \left[ \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \sum_{t=1}^T \xi_{t,n} (\hat{\mathbf{f}}_t - \mathbf{f}_t) \right] \\
&= \sum_{j=1}^4 B_{j,nT}.
\end{aligned}$$

Using (84),  $B_{1,nT}$  can be written as

$$B_{1,nT} = \boldsymbol{\varphi}'_{nT} \left[ \frac{\sqrt{T}}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n (\hat{\gamma}_i - \gamma_i) \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{j=1}^n a_{j,n} \left( \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \sigma_i \varepsilon_{jt} \varepsilon_{it} \right) \right]$$

where  $a_{i,n} = 1 - \sigma_i \boldsymbol{\varphi}'_n \gamma_i$ . Since  $\varepsilon_{it}$  are independently distributed over  $i$  and  $t$ ; and  $n$  and  $T$  are of the same order, and  $\boldsymbol{\varphi}_{nT} = O_p(1)$ , then

$$B_{1,nT} = O_p \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n a_{i,n} \sigma_i (\hat{\gamma}_i - \gamma_i) \right).$$

Further, letting  $b_{in} = a_{i,n} \sigma_i$  and noting that  $n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i^2 (1 - \sigma_i \boldsymbol{\varphi}'_n \gamma_i)^2 < K$ , it follows from (68) that  $n^{-1/2} \sum_{i=1}^n a_{i,n} \sigma_i (\hat{\gamma}_i - \gamma_i) = O_p(\delta_{nT}^{-1})$ , which in turn establishes that  $B_{1,nT} = o_p(1)$ . Similarly, using (84),  $B_{2,nT}$  can be written as

$$B_{2,nT} = \boldsymbol{\varphi}'_{nT} \left[ n^{-1/2} \sum_{i=1}^n (\hat{\gamma}_i - \gamma_i) \gamma'_i \right] \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{nT}} \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{t=1}^T a_{j,n} \mathbf{f}_t \varepsilon_{jt} \right).$$

Recall that  $\boldsymbol{\varphi}_{nT} = O_p(1)$ , and by (74)  $n^{-1/2} \sum_{i=1}^n (\hat{\gamma}_i - \gamma_i) \gamma'_i = O_p(\delta_{nT}^{-1})$ . Also, under Assumption 2  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{nT}} \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{t=1}^T a_{j,n} \mathbf{f}_t \varepsilon_{jt} = O_p(1)$ . Then it follows that  $B_{2,nT} = o_p(1)$ . Similarly, it is established that  $B_{3,nT} = o_p(1)$ , noting that by (73) we have  $n^{-1/2} \sum_{i=1}^n (\hat{\delta}_{i,T} - \delta_{i,T})' = O_p(\delta_{nT}^{-1})$ . The fourth term,  $B_{4,nT}$ , is dominated by the third term and is also  $o_p(1)$ . Thus overall,  $T^{-1/2} \sum_{t=1}^T s_{t,nT} \xi_{t,n} = o_p(1)$ . Using the same line of reasoning, it is also readily established that  $T^{-1/2} \sum_{t=1}^T s_{t,nT} \kappa_{t,n} = o_p(1)$ , considering that,  $\kappa_{t,n} = n^{-1/2} \sum_{i=1}^n \gamma_i \sigma_i \varepsilon_{it}$  has the same format as  $\xi_{t,n}$ , and in addition by (87)  $\boldsymbol{\varphi}_{nT} - \boldsymbol{\varphi}_n = O_p(n^{-1/2} T^{-1/2}) + O_p(T^{-1})$ . Finally, the last

term of  $q_{nT}$  is given by

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \sum_{t=1}^T s_{t,nT} v_{t,nT} &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \sum_{t=1}^T v_{t,nT} \boldsymbol{\varphi}'_{nT} \left[ n^{-1/2} \sum_{i=1}^n (\hat{\gamma}_i - \gamma_i) u_{it} \right] \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \sum_{t=1}^T v_{t,nT} \boldsymbol{\varphi}'_{nT} \left[ n^{-1/2} \sum_{i=1}^n (\hat{\gamma}_i - \gamma_i) \gamma'_i \right] \mathbf{f}_t \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \sum_{t=1}^T v_{t,nT} \left[ n^{-1/2} \sum_{i=1}^n (\hat{\delta}_{i,T} - \delta_{i,T})' \right] \mathbf{f}_t \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \sum_{t=1}^T v_{t,nT} \left[ n^{-1/2} \sum_{i=1}^n (\hat{\delta}_{i,T} - \delta_{i,T})' \right] (\hat{\mathbf{f}}_t - \mathbf{f}_t) \\
&= \sum_{j=1}^4 C_{j,nT}.
\end{aligned}$$

Using (86) we have

$$\begin{aligned}
C_{1,nT} &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \sum_{t=1}^T \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{j=1}^n \left( \frac{1}{(\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}'_j \mathbf{M}_F \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_j / T)^{1/2}} - 1 \right) \varepsilon_{jt} \boldsymbol{\varphi}'_{nT} \left[ n^{-1/2} \sum_{i=1}^n (\hat{\gamma}_i - \gamma_i) u_{it} \right] \\
&= \sqrt{\frac{T}{n}} \boldsymbol{\varphi}'_{nT} \sum_{j=1}^n \left[ n^{-1/2} \sum_{i=1}^n (\hat{\gamma}_i - \gamma_i) \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \sigma_i \left( \frac{1}{(\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}'_j \mathbf{M}_F \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_j / T)^{1/2}} - 1 \right) \varepsilon_{it} \varepsilon_{jt} \right].
\end{aligned}$$

Again, since  $\varepsilon_{it}$  is distributed independently over  $i$  and  $t$ , then

$$\frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \sigma_i \left( \frac{1}{(\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}'_j \mathbf{M}_F \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_j / T)^{1/2}} - 1 \right) \varepsilon_{it} \varepsilon_{jt} \xrightarrow{p} 0, \text{ if } i \neq j,$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
&\frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \sigma_i \left( \frac{1}{(\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}'_j \mathbf{M}_F \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_j / T)^{1/2}} - 1 \right) \varepsilon_{it} \varepsilon_{jt} \\
&\xrightarrow{p} \lim_T \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \sigma_i \left\{ E \left[ \varepsilon_{it}^2 \left( \frac{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}'_i \mathbf{M}_F \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_i}{T} \right)^{-1/2} \right] - 1 \right\}, \text{ if } i = j
\end{aligned}$$

Also by (97),  $E \left[ \varepsilon_{it}^2 \left( \frac{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}'_i \mathbf{M}_F \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_i}{T} \right)^{-1/2} \right] = 1 + O \left( \frac{1}{T} \right)$ ,  $n$  and  $T$  being of the same order, and by (68)  $n^{-1/2} \sum_{i=1}^n (\hat{\gamma}_i - \gamma_i) = O_p(\delta_{nT}^{-1})$ . It then follows that  $C_{1,nT} = o_p(1)$ . Similarly to  $B_{2,nT}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
C_{2,nT} &= \boldsymbol{\varphi}'_{nT} \left[ n^{-1/2} \sum_{i=1}^n (\hat{\gamma}_i - \gamma_i) \gamma'_i \right] \left[ \frac{1}{\sqrt{nT}} \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{t=1}^T \left( \frac{1}{(\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}'_j \mathbf{M}_F \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_j / T)^{1/2}} - 1 \right) \varepsilon_{jt} \mathbf{f}_t \right] \\
&= O_p(\delta_{nT}^{-1}) O_p(1) = o_p(1).
\end{aligned}$$

The same line of reasoning as used for  $B_{3,nT}$  and  $B_{4,nT}$  can be used to establish  $C_{j,nT} = o_p(1)$  for  $j = 3$  and 4. Hence,  $T^{-1/2} \sum_{t=1}^T s_{t,nT} v_{t,nT} = o_p(1)$ , and overall we have  $q_{nT} = o_p(1)$ , as required. ■

**Lemma 5** Under Assumptions 1-3, and as  $(n, T) \rightarrow \infty$ , such that  $n/T \rightarrow \kappa$ , with  $0 < \kappa < \infty$ , we have

$$\sqrt{T}(\boldsymbol{\varphi}_n - \boldsymbol{\varphi}_{nT}) = O_p(n^{-1/2}) + O_p(T^{-1/2}) = o_p(1), \quad (87)$$

$$\sqrt{T}(\hat{\boldsymbol{\varphi}}_{nT} - \boldsymbol{\varphi}_n) = o_p(1) \quad (88)$$

where  $\boldsymbol{\varphi}_n = n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n \boldsymbol{\gamma}_i / \sigma_i$ ,  $\boldsymbol{\varphi}_{nT} = n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n \boldsymbol{\gamma}_i / \omega_{i,T}$ ,  $\hat{\boldsymbol{\varphi}}_{nT} = n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n \hat{\boldsymbol{\gamma}}_i / \hat{\sigma}_{iT}$ ,  $\omega_{iT} = T^{-1} \mathbf{u}'_i \mathbf{M}_F \mathbf{u}_i$ ,  $\hat{\sigma}_{iT}^2 = T^{-1} \mathbf{y}'_i \mathbf{M}_{\hat{F}} \mathbf{y}_i$ , and  $\hat{\boldsymbol{\gamma}}_i$  and  $\hat{\mathbf{F}}$  are the principal component estimators of  $\boldsymbol{\gamma}_i$  and  $\mathbf{F}$ .

**Proof.** First note that

$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt{T}(\boldsymbol{\varphi}_n - \boldsymbol{\varphi}_{nT}) &= \frac{\sqrt{T}}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\boldsymbol{\gamma}_i}{\sigma_i} \left\{ \left( 1 - \frac{\sigma_i}{\omega_{i,T}} \right) - \left[ 1 - E\left(\frac{\sigma_i}{\omega_{i,T}}\right) \right] \right\} + \frac{\sqrt{T}}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\boldsymbol{\gamma}_i}{\sigma_i} \left[ 1 - E\left(\frac{\sigma_i}{\omega_{i,T}}\right) \right], \\ &= \mathbf{d}_{1,nT} + \mathbf{d}_{2,nT}. \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{d}_{1,nT} &= -\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \sqrt{T} \left[ \frac{\sigma_i}{\omega_{i,T}} - E\left(\frac{\sigma_i}{\omega_{i,T}}\right) \right] \frac{\boldsymbol{\gamma}_i}{\sigma_i}, \\ \mathbf{d}_{2,nT} &= \frac{\sqrt{T}}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \left[ 1 - E\left(\frac{\sigma_i}{\omega_{i,T}}\right) \right] \frac{\boldsymbol{\gamma}_i}{\sigma_i}. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\sigma_i / \omega_{i,T} = (T^{-1} \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}'_i \mathbf{M}_F \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_i)^{-1/2}$ ,  $\|\boldsymbol{\gamma}_i\| < K$ ,  $\sigma_i < K$ , then using result (94) in Lemma 7 we have  $E\left(\frac{\sigma_i}{\omega_{i,T}}\right) = 1 + O(T^{-1})$ , and  $\mathbf{d}_{2,nT} = O(T^{-1/2})$ . The first term can be written as  $\mathbf{d}_{1,nT} = n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n \boldsymbol{\gamma}_i \sigma_i^{-1} \chi_{i,T}$ , where  $\chi_{i,T} = -\sqrt{T} [\sigma_i / \omega_{i,T} - E(\sigma_i / \omega_{i,T})]$ . Conditional on  $\mathbf{F}$  and  $\sigma_i$ ,  $\chi_{i,T}$  are distributed independently over  $i$  with mean zero and bounded variances:<sup>4</sup>

$$Var(\chi_{i,T}) = T \left[ E\left(\frac{T}{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}'_i \mathbf{M}_F \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_i}\right) - \left[ E\left(\frac{\sigma_i}{\omega_{i,T}}\right) \right]^2 \right] = T \left[ 1 + O\left(\frac{1}{T}\right) - \left[ 1 + O\left(\frac{1}{T}\right) \right]^{1/2} \right] = O(1).$$

Hence,  $\mathbf{d}_{1,nT} = O_p(n^{-1/2})$ , and the desired result (87) follows. Consider now (88) and note that it can be decomposed as

$$\sqrt{T}(\hat{\boldsymbol{\varphi}}_{nT} - \boldsymbol{\varphi}_n) = \sqrt{T}(\boldsymbol{\varphi}_{nT} - \boldsymbol{\varphi}_n) + \sqrt{T}(\hat{\boldsymbol{\varphi}}_{nT} - \boldsymbol{\varphi}_{nT}), \quad (89)$$

where it is already established that the first term is  $o_p(1)$ . Consider now the probability order of the second term and note that it can be written as

$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt{T}(\hat{\boldsymbol{\varphi}}_{nT} - \boldsymbol{\varphi}_{nT}) &= \frac{\sqrt{T}}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \frac{\hat{\boldsymbol{\gamma}}_i}{\hat{\sigma}_{iT}} - \frac{\boldsymbol{\gamma}_i}{\omega_{iT}} \right) \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{T}}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \boldsymbol{\gamma}_i \left( \frac{1}{\hat{\sigma}_{iT}} - \frac{1}{\omega_{iT}} \right) + \frac{\sqrt{T}}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \frac{1}{\hat{\sigma}_{iT}} - \frac{1}{\omega_{iT}} \right) (\hat{\boldsymbol{\gamma}}_i - \boldsymbol{\gamma}_i). \end{aligned}$$

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<sup>4</sup>When  $\varepsilon_{it}$  are normally distributed we have the exact result  $E\left(\frac{T}{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}'_i \mathbf{M}_F \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_i}\right) = T/(T-m_0-2)$ .

Now using (60) of Lemma 2 we have

$$\frac{\sqrt{T}}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \frac{1}{\hat{\sigma}_{i,T}} - \frac{1}{\omega_{i,T}} \right) \boldsymbol{\gamma}_i = O_p \left( \frac{\sqrt{T}}{\delta_{nT}^2} \right) = o_p(1).$$

Also by Cauchy–Schwarz inequality using (47) and (57) we have

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| \frac{\sqrt{T}}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \frac{1}{\hat{\sigma}_{i,T}} - \frac{1}{\omega_{i,T}} \right) (\hat{\boldsymbol{\gamma}}_i - \boldsymbol{\gamma}_i) \right\| &\leq \sqrt{T} \left[ \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (\hat{\boldsymbol{\gamma}}_i - \boldsymbol{\gamma}_i)' (\hat{\boldsymbol{\gamma}}_i - \boldsymbol{\gamma}_i) \right]^{1/2} \left[ \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \frac{1}{\hat{\sigma}_{i,T}} - \frac{1}{\omega_{i,T}} \right)^2 \right]^{1/2}, \\ &= \sqrt{T} O_p \left( \frac{1}{\delta_{nT}} \right) \times O_p \left( \frac{1}{\delta_{nT}^2} \right) = o_p(1). \end{aligned}$$

Using the above results, we have  $\sqrt{T} (\hat{\boldsymbol{\varphi}}_{nT} - \boldsymbol{\varphi}_{nT}) = o_p(1)$ , which in turn establishes (88), as required. ■

**Lemma 6** Suppose that  $\boldsymbol{\varepsilon} \sim IID(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{I}_T)$ , where  $\boldsymbol{\varepsilon} = (\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2, \dots, \varepsilon_T)'$ ,  $\kappa_2 = E(\varepsilon_t^4) - 3$ , and  $\mathbf{A} = (a_{ij})$  and  $\mathbf{B} = (b_{ij})$  are  $T \times T$  real symmetric matrices and  $\tau_T$  is a  $T \times 1$  vector of ones. Then

$$E(\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}' \mathbf{A} \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}) = \text{tr}(\mathbf{A}) \quad (90)$$

$$E[(\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}' \mathbf{A} \boldsymbol{\varepsilon})(\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}' \mathbf{B} \boldsymbol{\varepsilon})] = \kappa_2 \text{Tr}[(\mathbf{A} \odot \mathbf{B})] + \text{Tr}(\mathbf{A}) \text{Tr}(\mathbf{B}) + 2\text{Tr}(\mathbf{AB}) \quad (91)$$

where  $\mathbf{A} \odot \mathbf{B} = \mathbf{B} \odot \mathbf{A}$  denotes Hadamard product with elements  $a_{ij}b_{ij}$ .

**Proof.** See Appendix A.5 of Ullah (2004). ■

**Lemma 7** Suppose that  $\boldsymbol{\varepsilon} | \mathbf{F} \sim IID(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{I}_T)$ ,  $\boldsymbol{\varepsilon} = (\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2, \dots, \varepsilon_T)'$ , where  $\varepsilon_t$  is independent over  $t$ ,  $\sup_t E(|\varepsilon_t|^{8+\epsilon})$  exists for small  $\epsilon > 0$  and let  $\mathbf{M}_F = \mathbf{I}_T - \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{F}'\mathbf{F})^{-1}\mathbf{F}'$ , where  $\mathbf{F}$  is  $T \times m_0$  matrix such that  $\mathbf{F}'\mathbf{F}$  is non-singular. Also let  $v = T - m_0$  and suppose

$$E \left[ \left( \frac{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}' \mathbf{M}_F \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}}{v} \right)^{-8-\epsilon} \right] < K. \quad (92)$$

for some small  $\epsilon > 0$ . Then there exists  $v_0$  such that for all  $v > v_0$  we have

$$E \left( \frac{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}' \mathbf{M}_F \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}}{v} \right) = 1, \quad (93)$$

$$E \left[ \left( \frac{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}' \mathbf{M}_F \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}}{v} \right)^{s/2} \right] = 1 + O \left( \frac{1}{v} \right), \text{ for } s = 4, 1, -1, -2, -3, -4, \quad (94)$$

$$E \left[ \varepsilon_t^2 \left( \frac{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}' \mathbf{M}_F \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}}{v} \right) \right] = 1 + O \left( \frac{1}{v} \right), \quad (95)$$

$$E \left[ \varepsilon_t^2 \left( \frac{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}' \mathbf{M}_F \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}}{v} \right)^{-1} \right] = 1 + O \left( \frac{1}{v} \right), \quad (96)$$

$$E \left[ \varepsilon_t^2 \left( \frac{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}' \mathbf{M}_F \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}}{v} \right)^{-1/2} \right] = 1 + O \left( \frac{1}{v} \right). \quad (97)$$

**Proof.** Firstly consider result (93) and note it follows immediately from (90) in Lemma 6 as  $\text{tr}(\mathbf{M}_F) = T - m$ . For result (94), when  $s = 4$ , it follows using (91) in Lemma 6, by setting  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{B} = \mathbf{M}_F$ , and noting that  $\text{tr}[(\mathbf{M}_F \odot \mathbf{M}_F)] = \sum_{t=1}^T m^2 = O(T)$ ,  $\text{tr}(\mathbf{M}_F^2) = \text{tr}(\mathbf{M}_F) = T - m_0$ . Next to establish the result for  $s = 1, -1, -2, -3, -4$ , we first note that

$$\frac{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}' \mathbf{M}_F \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}}{v} = 1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{v}} q_v \quad (98)$$

where  $q_v$  is defined as

$$q_v = \sqrt{v} \left( \frac{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}' \mathbf{M}_F \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}}{v} - 1 \right) = \frac{\sum_{t=1}^v (\eta_t^2 - 1)}{\sqrt{v}} \quad (99)$$

with  $\eta_t \sim IID(0, 1)$ . Noting that  $\eta_t^2 - 1$  is independently distributed over  $t$ , with zero means and finite variances, it also follows that there exists a  $v_0$  such that for all  $v > v_0$ ,  $q_v$  is approximately Gaussian. Then based on (98) and (99), and using the Taylor Theorem  $(v^{-1} \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}' \mathbf{M}_F \boldsymbol{\varepsilon})^{s/2}$  can be expanded in terms of  $q_v$  as

$$\begin{aligned} \left( \frac{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}' \mathbf{M}_F \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}}{v} \right)^{s/2} &= \left( 1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{v}} q_v \right)^{s/2} \\ &= 1 + \frac{s}{2} \frac{q_v}{\sqrt{v}} + \left[ \frac{1}{2} \frac{s}{2} \left( \frac{s-2}{2} \right) \frac{1}{v} \right] R_{s,v}, \end{aligned} \quad (100)$$

with the term  $R_{s,v}$  given by

$$R_{s,v} = \left( 1 + \frac{\bar{q}_v}{\sqrt{v}} \right)^{(s-4)/2} q_v^2,$$

where  $\bar{q}_v$  lies in the interval between 0 and  $q_v$ . If  $q_v > 0$ , then  $\bar{q}_v < q_v$ , and if  $q_v < 0$ , then  $\bar{q}_v > q_v$ . Note also that  $q_v$  tends to a mean-zero normal variate as  $v \rightarrow \infty$ , and  $q_v = O_p(1)$ . Taking expectations of both sides of (100) we have (noting that  $E(q_v) = 0$ )

$$E \left( \frac{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}' \mathbf{M}_F \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}}{v} \right)^{s/2} = 1 + \frac{1}{v} \frac{s(s-2)}{8} E(R_{s,v}).$$

Also by Cauchy-Schwarz inequality we have

$$E(R_{s,v}) \leq \left\{ E \left[ \left( 1 + \frac{\bar{q}_v}{\sqrt{v}} \right)^{(s-4)} \right] \right\}^{1/2} [E(q_v^4)]^{1/2}. \quad (101)$$

Since  $q_v$  is approximately Gaussian, then there exists  $v_0$  such that for all  $v > v_0$ ,  $E(q_v^4) < K$ . Consider now the first term of (101), and note that for values of  $s (= 1, -1, -2, -3, -4)$ , under consideration,  $s-4 < 0$ , and  $\left( 1 + \frac{\bar{q}_v}{\sqrt{v}} \right)^{-(4-s)} < K$ , for values of  $\bar{q}_v > 0$ , and  $E(R_v) < K$ . When  $\bar{q}_v < 0$ , for  $s-4 < 0$  we have (recalling that in this case  $q_v < \bar{q}_v$ )

$$E \left[ \left( 1 + \frac{\bar{q}_v}{\sqrt{v}} \right)^{(s-4)} \right] \leq E \left[ \left( 1 + \frac{q_v}{\sqrt{v}} \right)^{(s-4)} \right] = E \left( \frac{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}' \mathbf{M}_F \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}}{v} \right)^{s-4}.$$

Therefore, it follows that  $E(R_v) \leq K$ , irrespective of the sign of  $\bar{q}_v$ , so long as  $E \left( \frac{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}' \mathbf{M}_F \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}}{v} \right)^{s-4} < K$ , and results in (94) follow under the lemma's assumptions. Result (95) follows using (91)

in Lemma 6, and setting  $\varepsilon_t^2 = \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}' \mathbf{A} \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}$ , where  $\mathbf{A}$  has only one non-zero element on its diagonal. Result (96) can be established using a result due to Lieberman (1994) (see Lemmas 5 and 21 of Pesaran and Yamagata (2017)). Finally, to establish (97), using (100) note that

$$E \left[ \varepsilon_t^2 \left( \frac{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}' \mathbf{M}_F \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}}{v} \right)^{-1/2} \right] = E(\varepsilon_t^2) - \frac{1}{2} \frac{E(q_v \varepsilon_t^2)}{\sqrt{v}} + \frac{3}{8v} E(R_{e,v}), \quad (102)$$

where

$$R_{e,v} = \left( 1 + \frac{\bar{q}_v}{\sqrt{v}} \right)^{-5/2} q_v^2 \varepsilon_t^2.$$

$E(\varepsilon_t^2) = 1$ , and using (95) we have

$$E \left[ \varepsilon_t^2 \left( \frac{q_v}{\sqrt{v}} \right) \right] = E \left[ \varepsilon_t^2 \left( \frac{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}' \mathbf{M}_F \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}}{v} - 1 \right) \right] = O \left( \frac{1}{v} \right). \quad (103)$$

Finally, by Cauchy-Schwarz inequality

$$\begin{aligned} E(R_{e,v}) &\leq \left[ E \left( 1 + \frac{\bar{q}_v}{\sqrt{v}} \right)^{-5} \right]^{1/2} [E(\varepsilon_t^4 q_v^4)]^{1/2} \\ &\leq \left[ E \left( 1 + \frac{\bar{q}_v}{\sqrt{v}} \right)^{-5} \right]^{1/2} [E(\varepsilon_t^8)]^{1/4} [E(q_v^8)]^{1/4}. \end{aligned}$$

Using a similar line of reasoning it is easily seen that  $E \left( 1 + \frac{\bar{q}_v}{\sqrt{v}} \right)^{-5} < K$ , under condition (92). Also, since  $q_v$  is asymptotically normally distributed, then there exists  $v_0$  such that for all  $v > v_0$ ,  $E(q_v^8) < K$ , which completes the proof of (97). ■

**Lemma 8** *The CD statistic defined by (10) can be written equivalently as,*

$$CD = \left( \sqrt{\frac{n}{n-1}} \right) \frac{1}{\sqrt{2T}} \sum_{t=1}^T \left[ \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{e_{it}}{\hat{\sigma}_{i,T}} \right)^2 - 1 \right]. \quad (104)$$

**Proof.** Using  $\hat{\rho}_{ij,T} = \left( \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T e_{it} e_{jt} \right) / \hat{\sigma}_{i,T} \hat{\sigma}_{j,T}$  in (10) we have:

$$CD = \sqrt{\frac{2T}{n(n-1)}} \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \sum_{j=i+1}^n \frac{\frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T e_{it} e_{jt}}{\hat{\sigma}_{i,T} \hat{\sigma}_{j,T}} = \sqrt{\frac{2T}{n(n-1)}} \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \left( \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \sum_{j=i+1}^n \left( \frac{e_{it}}{\hat{\sigma}_{i,T}} \right) \left( \frac{e_{jt}}{\hat{\sigma}_{j,T}} \right) \right). \quad (105)$$

Further, we note that

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \sum_{j=i+1}^n \left( \frac{e_{it}}{\hat{\sigma}_{i,T}} \right) \left( \frac{e_{jt}}{\hat{\sigma}_{j,T}} \right) = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{e_{it}}{\hat{\sigma}_{i,T}} \right)^2 - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \frac{e_{it}}{\hat{\sigma}_{i,T}} \right)^2 \right].$$

Then using this result in (105), and after some algebra, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
CD &= \sqrt{\frac{2Tn^2}{n(n-1)}} \frac{1}{2T} \sum_{t=1}^T \left[ \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{e_{it}}{\hat{\sigma}_{i,T}} \right)^2 - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \frac{e_{it}}{\hat{\sigma}_{i,T}} \right)^2 \right] \\
&= \sqrt{\frac{2Tn^2}{n(n-1)}} \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{e_{it}}{\hat{\sigma}_{i,T}} \right)^2 - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \left( \frac{e_{it}}{\hat{\sigma}_{i,T}} \right)^2 \right] \\
&= \left( \sqrt{\frac{n}{n-1}} \right) \frac{1}{\sqrt{2T}} \sum_{t=1}^T \left[ \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{e_{it}}{\hat{\sigma}_{i,T}} \right)^2 - 1 \right],
\end{aligned}$$

as required. ■

**Lemma 9** Consider the  $CD$  and  $\widetilde{CD}$  statistics defined by (20) and (21), respectively and suppose that Assumptions 1-3 hold. Then, as  $(n, T) \rightarrow \infty$ , such that  $n/T \rightarrow \kappa$ , where  $0 < \kappa < \infty$ , we have

$$CD = \widetilde{CD} + o_p(1). \quad (106)$$

**Proof.** Using (20) and (21) we first note that

$$\left( \sqrt{\frac{2(n-1)}{n}} \right) (CD - \widetilde{CD}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \sum_{t=1}^T \left[ \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{e_{it}}{\hat{\sigma}_{i,T}} \right)^2 - \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{e_{it}}{\omega_{i,T}} \right)^2 \right]. \quad (107)$$

Also note that

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{e_{it}}{\hat{\sigma}_{i,T}} = h_{t,nT} + g_{t,nT} \quad (108)$$

where (see also (5))

$$h_{t,nT} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{e_{it}}{\omega_{i,T}} = \frac{\mathbf{c}'_{nT} \mathbf{e}_t}{\sqrt{n}}, \text{ and } g_{t,nT} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n e_{it} \left( \frac{1}{\hat{\sigma}_{i,T}} - \frac{1}{\omega_{i,T}} \right) = \frac{\mathbf{d}'_{nT} \mathbf{e}_t}{\sqrt{n}}$$

$\mathbf{e}_t = (e_{1t}, e_{2t}, \dots, e_{nt})'$ ,  $\mathbf{c}_{nT} = (\omega_{1,T}^{-1}, \omega_{2,T}^{-1}, \dots, \omega_{n,T}^{-1})'$ ,  $\mathbf{d}_{nT} = (d_{1T}, d_{2T}, \dots, d_{nT})'$ , and  $d_{iT} = \hat{\sigma}_{i,T}^{-1} - \omega_{i,T}^{-1}$ . Then squaring both sides of (108) and using the result in (107) we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\left( \sqrt{\frac{2(n-1)}{n}} \right) (CD - \widetilde{CD}) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \sum_{t=1}^T g_{t,nT}^2 + \frac{2}{\sqrt{T}} \sum_{t=1}^T h_{t,nT} g_{t,nT} \\
&= \sqrt{\frac{T}{n}} \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \mathbf{d}'_{nT} \mathbf{V}_{eT} \mathbf{d}_{nT} + \frac{2}{\sqrt{n}} \mathbf{c}'_{nT} \mathbf{V}_{eT} \mathbf{d}_{nT} \right),
\end{aligned} \quad (109)$$

where  $\mathbf{V}_{eT} = T^{-1} \sum_{t=1}^T \mathbf{e}_t \mathbf{e}_t'$ . Now using (1), the error vector  $\mathbf{e}_t$  can be written as

$$\mathbf{e}_t = \mathbf{u}_t - \boldsymbol{\Gamma} (\hat{\mathbf{f}}_t - \mathbf{f}_t) - (\hat{\boldsymbol{\Gamma}} - \boldsymbol{\Gamma}) \mathbf{f}_t - (\hat{\boldsymbol{\Gamma}} - \boldsymbol{\Gamma}) (\hat{\mathbf{f}}_t - \mathbf{f}_t).$$

Using this expression we now have

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbf{V}_{eT} &= T^{-1} \sum_{t=1}^T \mathbf{u}_t \mathbf{u}_t' + \Gamma \left[ T^{-1} \sum_{t=1}^T (\hat{\mathbf{f}}_t - \mathbf{f}_t) (\hat{\mathbf{f}}_t - \mathbf{f}_t)' \right] \Gamma' + (\hat{\Gamma} - \Gamma) \left( T^{-1} \sum_{t=1}^T \mathbf{f}_t \mathbf{f}_t' \right) (\hat{\Gamma} - \Gamma)' \\
&\quad + (\hat{\Gamma} - \Gamma) \left[ T^{-1} \sum_{t=1}^T (\hat{\mathbf{f}}_t - \mathbf{f}_t) (\hat{\mathbf{f}}_t - \mathbf{f}_t)' \right] (\hat{\Gamma} - \Gamma)' - \left[ T^{-1} \sum_{t=1}^T \mathbf{u}_t (\hat{\mathbf{f}}_t - \mathbf{f}_t)' \right] \Gamma' \\
&\quad - \left[ T^{-1} \sum_{t=1}^T \mathbf{u}_t \mathbf{f}_t' \right] (\hat{\Gamma} - \Gamma)' - \left[ T^{-1} \sum_{t=1}^T \mathbf{u}_t (\hat{\mathbf{f}}_t - \mathbf{f}_t)' \right] (\hat{\Gamma} - \Gamma)' \\
&\quad + \Gamma \left[ T^{-1} \sum_{t=1}^T (\hat{\mathbf{f}}_t - \mathbf{f}_t) \mathbf{f}_t' \right] (\hat{\Gamma} - \Gamma)' + \Gamma \left[ T^{-1} \sum_{t=1}^T (\hat{\mathbf{f}}_t - \mathbf{f}_t) (\hat{\mathbf{f}}_t - \mathbf{f}_t)' \right] (\hat{\Gamma} - \Gamma)' \\
&\quad + (\hat{\Gamma} - \Gamma) \left[ T^{-1} \sum_{t=1}^T \mathbf{f}_t (\hat{\mathbf{f}}_t - \mathbf{f}_t)' \right] (\hat{\Gamma} - \Gamma)'.
\end{aligned}$$

or in matrix forms

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbf{V}_{eT} &= \mathbf{V}_T + \Gamma \left[ T^{-1} (\hat{\mathbf{F}} - \mathbf{F})' (\hat{\mathbf{F}} - \mathbf{F}) \right] \Gamma' + (\hat{\Gamma} - \Gamma) \Sigma_{T,ff} (\hat{\Gamma} - \Gamma)' \\
&\quad + (\hat{\Gamma} - \Gamma) \left[ T^{-1} (\hat{\mathbf{F}} - \mathbf{F})' (\hat{\mathbf{F}} - \mathbf{F}) \right] (\hat{\Gamma} - \Gamma)' - T^{-1} \mathbf{U}' (\hat{\mathbf{F}} - \mathbf{F}) \Gamma' \\
&\quad - T^{-1} \mathbf{U}' \mathbf{F} (\hat{\Gamma} - \Gamma)' - T^{-1} \mathbf{U}' (\hat{\mathbf{F}} - \mathbf{F}) (\hat{\Gamma} - \Gamma)' + \Gamma \left[ T^{-1} \mathbf{F}' (\hat{\mathbf{F}} - \mathbf{F}) \right] (\hat{\Gamma} - \Gamma)' \\
&\quad + \Gamma \left[ T^{-1} (\hat{\mathbf{F}} - \mathbf{F})' (\hat{\mathbf{F}} - \mathbf{F}) \right] (\hat{\Gamma} - \Gamma)' + \left[ T^{-1} \mathbf{F}' (\hat{\mathbf{F}} - \mathbf{F}) \right] (\hat{\Gamma} - \Gamma)'
\end{aligned}$$

where  $\mathbf{V}_T = T^{-1} \sum_{t=1}^T \mathbf{u}_t \mathbf{u}_t'$ . Since  $\|\mathbf{V}_T\| = \lambda_{\max}^{1/2}(\mathbf{V}_T \mathbf{V}_T') = \lambda_{\max}(\mathbf{V}_T)$ , then under Assumption 2 we have

$$E \|\mathbf{V}_T\| = E [\lambda_{\max}(\mathbf{V}_T)] = O(1),$$

and therefore  $\|\mathbf{V}_T\| = O_p(1)$  by Markov inequality. Also by results in Lemma 1 all other terms of the  $\mathbf{V}_{eT}$  are either  $O_p(1)$  or of lower order, and we also have  $\mathbf{V}_{eT} = O_p(1)$ . Consider now the terms in (109) and note that

$$\left( \sqrt{\frac{2(n-1)}{n}} \right) |CD - \widetilde{CD}| < K \|\mathbf{V}_{eT}\| \left[ \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \|\mathbf{d}_{nT}\|^2 \right) + \left( \frac{2}{\sqrt{n}} \|\mathbf{c}_{nT}\| \right) \|\mathbf{d}_{nT}\| \right].$$

But

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \|\mathbf{c}_{nT}\| &= \left( n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n \omega_{iT}^{-2} \right)^{1/2}, \\
\|\mathbf{d}_{nT}\| &= \sqrt{n} \left( n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (\hat{\sigma}_{i,T}^{-1} - \omega_{iT}^{-1})^2 \right)^{1/2}.
\end{aligned}$$

By assumption  $\omega_{iT} > c > 0$ , and  $\omega_{iT}^{-2} < c^{-1} < \infty$ , and hence  $n^{-1/2} \|\mathbf{c}_{nT}\| = O_p(1)$ . Also, using (67) we have  $(\hat{\sigma}_{i,T}^{-1} - \omega_{iT}^{-1})^2 = O_p\left(\frac{1}{\delta_{nT}^4}\right)$ , and it follows that  $\|\mathbf{d}_{nT}\| = O_p\left(\frac{\sqrt{n}}{\delta_{nT}^2}\right) = o_p(1)$ , recalling that  $n$  and  $T$  are of the same order. Hence,  $|CD - \widetilde{CD}| = o_p(1)$ , as required. ■

**Lemma 10** Consider the latent factor loadings,  $\boldsymbol{\gamma}_i$ , in model (2) and their estimates  $\hat{\boldsymbol{\gamma}}_i$  given by (8). Then under Assumptions 1-3 with  $n$  and  $T \rightarrow \infty$ , such that  $n/T \rightarrow \kappa$ , for  $0 < \kappa < \infty$ , we have

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\hat{\boldsymbol{\gamma}}_i - \boldsymbol{\gamma}_i}{\sigma_i} = O_p \left( \frac{1}{\delta_{nT}^2} \right), \quad (110)$$

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (\hat{\boldsymbol{\gamma}}_i - \boldsymbol{\gamma}_i) \sigma_i = O_p \left( \frac{1}{\delta_{nT}^2} \right), \quad (111)$$

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \hat{\sigma}_{i,T} \hat{\boldsymbol{\gamma}}_i - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i \boldsymbol{\gamma}_i = O_p \left( \frac{1}{\delta_{nT}^2} \right), \quad (112)$$

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i^2 (\hat{\boldsymbol{\gamma}}_i \hat{\boldsymbol{\gamma}}_i' - \boldsymbol{\gamma}_i \boldsymbol{\gamma}_i') = O_p \left( \frac{1}{\delta_{nT}^2} \right). \quad (113)$$

**Proof.** Results (110) and (111) follow directly from (68) by setting  $b_{in} = \sigma_i^{-1}$  and  $b_{in} = \sigma_i$ , respectively. To prove (112) note that

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \hat{\sigma}_{i,T} \hat{\boldsymbol{\gamma}}_i - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i \boldsymbol{\gamma}_i \\ &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n [(\hat{\sigma}_{i,T} - \omega_{i,T}) + \omega_{i,T}] [\hat{\boldsymbol{\gamma}}_i - \boldsymbol{\gamma}_i + \boldsymbol{\gamma}_i] - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i \boldsymbol{\gamma}_i \\ &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \boldsymbol{\gamma}_i (\omega_{i,T} - \sigma_i) + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \boldsymbol{\gamma}_i (\hat{\sigma}_{i,T} - \omega_{i,T}) + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i (\hat{\boldsymbol{\gamma}}_i - \boldsymbol{\gamma}_i) \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (\omega_{i,T} - \sigma_i) (\hat{\boldsymbol{\gamma}}_i - \boldsymbol{\gamma}_i) + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (\hat{\sigma}_{i,T} - \omega_{i,T}) (\hat{\boldsymbol{\gamma}}_i - \boldsymbol{\gamma}_i) \\ &= \mathbf{A}_{1,nT} + \mathbf{A}_{2,nT} + \mathbf{A}_{3,nT} + \mathbf{A}_{4,nT} + \mathbf{A}_{5,nT}. \end{aligned} \quad (114)$$

Recall also that under Assumptions 2 and 3  $\sigma_i$  and  $\boldsymbol{\gamma}_i$  are bounded and  $\omega_{i,T} = T^{-1} \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_i' \mathbf{M}_F \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_i$ , for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$  are distributed independently across  $i$ , and from  $\sigma_i$  and  $\boldsymbol{\gamma}_i$ . Starting with  $\mathbf{A}_{1,nT}$ , and using (94) we have

$$E \left( \sqrt{nT} \mathbf{A}_{1,nT} \right) = \frac{\sqrt{nT}}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (\boldsymbol{\gamma}_i \sigma_i) E \left[ \left( \frac{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_i' \mathbf{M}_F \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_i}{T} \right)^{1/2} - 1 \right] = O \left( \frac{\sqrt{nT}}{T} \right),$$

Since  $n$  and  $T$  are assumed to be of the same order then  $E \left( \sqrt{nT} \mathbf{A}_{1,nT} \right) = O(1)$ . Also, using results (93) and (94)

$$Var \left( \sqrt{nT} \mathbf{A}_{1,nT} \right) = \frac{nT}{n^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (\sigma_i^2 \boldsymbol{\gamma}_i \boldsymbol{\gamma}_i') Var \left[ \left( \frac{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_i' \mathbf{M}_F \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_i}{T} \right)^{1/2} \right] = O(1).$$

Therefore,  $\sqrt{nT} \mathbf{A}_{1,nT} = O_p(1)$  and it follows that  $\mathbf{A}_{1,nT} = O_p[(nT)^{-1/2}]$ . Further, using (58) setting  $b_{in} = \gamma_{ij}$ , for  $j = 1, 2, \dots, m_0$ , then it follows that

$$\mathbf{A}_{2,nT} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \boldsymbol{\gamma}_i (\hat{\sigma}_{i,T} - \omega_{i,T}) = O_p \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{n} \delta_{nT}} \right).$$

Since  $\mathbf{A}_{3,nT}$  is the same as the result in (111), which is already established, then  $\mathbf{A}_{3,nT} = O_p(\delta_{nT}^{-2})$ . Using result (69) it follows that

$$\mathbf{A}_{4,nT} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (\omega_{i,T} - \sigma_i) (\hat{\gamma}_i - \gamma_i) = O_p\left(\frac{1}{\delta_{nT}^2}\right).$$

Using result (71) we have

$$\mathbf{A}_{5,nT} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (\hat{\sigma}_{i,T} - \omega_{i,T}) (\hat{\gamma}_i - \gamma_i) = O_p\left(\frac{1}{\delta_{nT}^2}\right).$$

Result (112) now follows since  $\mathbf{A}_{j,nT} = O_p(\delta_{nT}^{-2})$ , for  $j = 1, 2, \dots, 5$ . Finally, consider (113) and note that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i^2 (\hat{\gamma}_i \hat{\gamma}'_i - \gamma_i \gamma'_i) &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i^2 (\hat{\gamma}_i - \gamma_i) (\hat{\gamma}_i - \gamma_i)' \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i^2 (\hat{\gamma}_i - \gamma_i) \gamma'_i + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i^2 \gamma_i (\hat{\gamma}_i - \gamma_i)'. \end{aligned} \quad (115)$$

Since  $\sigma_i^2$  is bounded, then

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i^2 (\hat{\gamma}_i - \gamma_i) (\hat{\gamma}_i - \gamma_i)' \right\| &\leq \left( \sup_{1 \leq i \leq n} \sigma_i^2 \right) \left\| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (\hat{\gamma}_i - \gamma_i) (\hat{\gamma}_i - \gamma_i)' \right\| \\ &\leq \left( \sup_{1 \leq i \leq n} \sigma_i^2 \right) \left( \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \|\hat{\gamma}_i - \gamma_i\|^2 \right), \end{aligned}$$

and using (47) it follows that

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i^2 (\hat{\gamma}_i - \gamma_i) (\hat{\gamma}_i - \gamma_i)' = O_p\left(\frac{1}{\delta_{nT}^2}\right).$$

Now using (74), setting  $b_{in} = \sigma_i$ , we have

$$\left\| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i^2 (\hat{\gamma}_i - \gamma_i) \gamma'_i \right\| = \left\| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i^2 \gamma_i (\hat{\gamma}_i - \gamma_i)' \right\| = O_p\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{n} \delta_{nT}}\right),$$

and (113) follows. ■

### 3 Derivation of $\theta_n$ in terms of factor strengths

Consider  $\theta_n$  defined by (31), and note that it can be written as

$$\begin{aligned} \theta_n &= 1 - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n a_{i,n}^2 = 1 - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (1 - \sigma_i \varphi'_n \gamma_i)^2 \\ &= 2\varphi'_n \left( \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i \gamma_i \right) - \varphi'_n \left( \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i^2 \gamma_i \gamma'_i \right) \varphi_n, \end{aligned} \quad (116)$$

where  $\boldsymbol{\varphi}_n = n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n \boldsymbol{\gamma}_i / \sigma_i$ . Then

$$|\theta_n| \leq \sup_i(\sigma_i^2) \|\boldsymbol{\varphi}_n\|_1^2 \left( \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \|\boldsymbol{\gamma}_i\|_1^2 \right) + 2 \sup_i(\sigma_i) \|\boldsymbol{\varphi}_n\|_1 \left( \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \|\boldsymbol{\gamma}_i\|_1 \right).$$

$\|\boldsymbol{\gamma}_i\|_1 = \sum_{j=1}^{m_0} |\gamma_{ij}|$ , and

$$\|\boldsymbol{\varphi}_n\|_1 \leq \inf_i(\sigma_i) \left( \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \|\boldsymbol{\gamma}_i\|_1 \right) = \inf_i(\sigma_i) \left[ \sum_{j=1}^{m_0} \left( \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n |\gamma_{ij}| \right) \right]. \quad (117)$$

Since by assumption  $\inf_i(\sigma_i) > c > 0$ , and  $\sup_i(\sigma_i^2) < K < \infty$ , then the order of  $|\theta_n|$  is determined by  $\sum_{j=1}^{m_0} (\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n |\gamma_{ij}|)$ , where  $m_0$  is a fixed integer. Hence,  $|\theta_n| = \Theta(n^{\alpha-1})$  as required, where  $\alpha = \max_j(\alpha_j)$ , and  $\alpha_j$  is defined by  $\sum_{i=1}^n |\gamma_{ij}| = \Theta(n^{\alpha_j})$ . See (7).

## 4 Simulation results

This section provides Monte Carlo simulation results for the experiments discussed in Section 5 of the main paper. Tables 1-8 report the results for the DGPs with serially independent errors. Tables 9-16 report the results for the DGPs with serially correlated errors using variance adjustment. Tables 17-24 report the results for the DGPs with serially correlated errors using ARDL adjustment.





















Table 11: Size and power of variance adjusted tests of error cross-sectional dependence for panel regression with one latent factor ( $m_0 = 1$ ) with serially correlated Gaussian errors

$\hat{m} = 1$

Tests	$n \setminus T$	Size ( $H_o : \rho = 0$ )				$\alpha = 1/2$	Power ( $H_1 : \rho = 0.25$ )				$\alpha = 1/2$
		$\alpha = 1$	200	500	$\alpha = 2/3$		100	200	500	100	
Variance adjusted $CD$	100	44.1	73.2	94.5	8.0	5.6	11.5	6.4	5.6	14.5	24.7
	200	39.6	74.0	97.0	5.2	5.4	8.3	6.1	7.1	9.3	43.0
	500	32.9	77.8	96.3	8.9	5.1	5.0	8.7	6.0	4.9	5.3
	1000	27.7	76.2	77.2	8.4	6.4	5.3	7.3	5.3	4.0	5.0
Variance adjusted $CD^*$	100	5.0	4.1	5.4	8.6	5.9	5.8	7.0	6.2	5.4	40.8
	200	5.3	6.6	5.0	5.9	6.5	5.8	6.4	7.0	5.1	42.5
	500	5.7	5.1	4.9	9.5	6.3	4.8	8.8	6.7	5.0	48.1
	1000	8.9	4.0	4.2	9.2	6.8	5.1	7.3	5.2	4.2	51.7
Variance adjusted $CD_{W+}$	100	14.4	16.1	12.5	14.7	15.8	15.0	13.6	16.2	16.1	19.6
	200	16.1	25.2	20.6	18.2	25.1	22.8	20.5	26.9	19.8	22.6
	500	26.6	50.1	50.7	26.8	48.8	52.6	26.0	54.1	50.8	31.0
	1000	29.0	75.5	76.0	34.1	74.3	85.6	34.4	78.2	82.1	35.2

$\hat{m} = 2$

Tests	$n \setminus T$	Size ( $H_o : \rho = 0$ )				$\alpha = 1/2$	Power ( $H_1 : \rho = 0.25$ )				$\alpha = 1/2$
		$\alpha = 1$	200	500	$\alpha = 2/3$		100	200	500	100	
Variance adjusted $CD$	100	43.4	72.9	93.8	7.2	5.7	11.3	6.0	5.9	7.3	15.6
	200	40.1	73.7	96.9	4.7	5.8	8.0	5.4	6.8	4.7	10.4
	500	34.4	77.7	96.3	7.5	5.0	5.1	7.8	5.5	5.2	5.1
	1000	27.1	75.2	75.9	7.1	5.3	4.8	6.0	5.8	3.8	5.5
Variance adjusted $CD^*$	100	5.5	4.4	5.7	8.4	6.5	6.6	6.9	7.1	7.0	40.4
	200	5.2	6.0	5.8	6.0	6.9	5.3	6.0	6.9	5.3	41.4
	500	6.0	5.3	5.1	8.3	6.4	5.7	7.8	5.7	5.3	47.7
	1000	9.1	4.3	4.4	7.5	6.0	5.6	6.2	5.8	4.1	51.2
Variance adjusted $CD_{W+}$	100	11.6	15.2	14.8	12.5	15.7	15.5	14.5	14.7	16.4	30.5
	200	19.3	22.3	19.7	18.3	21.9	20.8	15.3	23.8	22.6	21.8
	500	23.8	46.9	50.5	25.7	47.0	46.7	26.9	50.6	52.3	28.7
	1000	30.4	75.9	76.0	31.2	74.4	83.5	32.0	74.4	83.8	32.8

Note: The DGP is given by (42) with  $\beta_{i1}$  and  $\beta_{i2}$  both generated from normal distribution, and contains a single latent factor with factor strength  $\alpha = 1, 2/3, 1/2$ .  $\rho$  is the spatial autocorrelation coefficient of the error term  $\varepsilon_{it}$ .  $m_0$  is the true number of factors and  $\hat{m}$  is the number of selected PCs used to estimate factors.  $CD$  denotes the standard CD test statistic while  $CD^*$  denotes the bias-corrected CD test statistic.  $CD_{W+}$  denotes the power-enhanced randomized CD test statistic.















Table 19: Size and power of ARDL adjusted tests of error cross-sectional dependence for panel regression with one latent factor ( $m_0 = 1$ ) with serially correlated Gaussian errors

		$\hat{m} = 2$																	
		Tests		Size ( $H_o : \rho = 0$ )															
				$\alpha = 1$			$\alpha = 2/3$			$\alpha = 1/2$			$\alpha = 1$						
	$n \setminus T$	100	200	500	100	200	500	100	200	500	100	200	500	100	200	500			
ARDL adjusted $CD$	100	69.1	91.0	98.9	7.0	9.2	22.1	8.1	7.4	9.4	29.5	49.6	67.5	58.3	70.8	82.5	66.6	79.9	86.2
	200	69.6	93.5	99.9	7.0	6.6	11.9	7.4	6.8	5.6	18.5	34.7	60.2	71.6	89.6	98.4	82.2	94.9	99.5
	500	67.2	96.4	100.0	7.1	4.6	7.9	8.0	6.6	5.1	11.4	25.4	53.4	82.8	96.6	100.0	87.2	98.7	100.0
	1000	69.0	96.8	100.0	7.6	6.0	6.2	8.0	6.7	5.1	10.5	22.2	51.2	85.5	98.3	100.0	87.3	99.1	100.0
ARDL adjusted $CD^*$	100	5.7	6.1	7.8	7.9	7.6	6.9	9.4	8.6	7.4	55.8	81.6	98.9	82.6	98.1	100.0	85.3	99.0	100.0
	200	5.1	5.7	5.1	8.3	6.7	5.3	8.4	8.3	5.4	58.7	84.3	99.6	85.9	98.4	100.0	88.4	98.9	100.0
	500	6.5	6.2	5.2	8.6	6.5	5.8	8.0	7.4	5.7	61.8	85.6	99.6	87.6	99.0	100.0	89.2	99.1	100.0
	1000	6.2	4.7	4.6	8.3	6.0	6.4	8.2	7.0	5.9	60.1	85.3	99.5	88.3	99.0	100.0	88.3	99.3	100.0
ARDL adjusted $CD_{W+}$	100	5.4	6.4	6.4	5.3	5.9	5.9	5.6	5.5	6.3	5.4	8.0	29.1	6.7	7.8	33.7	6.8	8.5	32.7
	200	6.5	5.9	5.3	6.6	6.4	5.0	5.3	5.7	5.5	7.0	7.4	34.7	7.3	8.2	40.7	5.9	6.4	39.0
	500	5.8	5.6	4.7	5.4	6.2	5.1	5.1	5.4	4.4	6.0	5.8	44.3	5.5	6.6	47.5	5.3	6.0	46.4
	1000	6.7	5.6	4.9	5.9	5.3	5.8	6.7	6.0	5.2	6.5	5.5	42.0	5.5	6.3	48.2	6.7	6.8	47.9
		$\hat{m} = 4$														Power ( $H_1 : \rho = 0.25$ )			
		Tests		Size ( $H_o : \rho = 0$ )												$\alpha = 1/2$			
				100	200	500	100	200	500	100	200	500	100	200	500	100	200	500	
ARDL adjusted $CD$	100	69.6	90.3	99.2	6.7	10.4	23.7	7.1	7.3	10.8	38.9	60.2	80.9	38.7	47.8	60.3	44.8	58.5	65.8
	200	69.5	93.8	100.0	6.7	6.9	11.6	7.1	5.9	6.8	23.4	42.0	70.1	58.1	77.6	91.6	68.5	87.9	95.8
	500	67.9	96.0	100.0	6.3	4.7	7.8	6.9	6.6	5.1	14.1	28.0	58.8	74.9	95.0	100.0	80.3	97.9	100.0
	1000	68.5	96.6	100.0	7.0	5.7	6.1	8.0	6.5	5.8	12.2	24.8	54.7	77.9	97.3	100.0	81.7	98.8	100.0
ARDL adjusted $CD^*$	100	6.7	8.3	12.0	9.0	10.3	11.9	9.3	10.5	12.6	55.9	83.0	99.4	77.2	96.7	99.9	80.3	97.9	100.0
	200	5.4	6.6	6.6	8.1	7.6	6.4	8.6	8.8	8.1	57.4	84.1	99.5	81.5	97.5	100.0	85.1	98.3	100.0
	500	6.6	7.0	5.4	7.1	6.2	6.1	7.6	7.6	6.2	58.9	84.8	99.7	83.6	98.7	100.0	85.3	98.8	100.0
	1000	6.6	5.4	5.1	7.6	6.1	6.5	8.2	7.1	6.2	59.1	84.2	99.6	82.6	98.7	100.0	83.7	98.9	100.0
ARDL adjusted $CD_{W+}$	100	7.0	6.5	9.5	5.8	4.2	7.3	6.6	6.6	7.6	7.1	8.3	20.5	6.4	6.1	17.8	6.5	8.1	17.8
	200	5.3	5.9	4.9	6.5	5.5	6.3	5.7	5.4	5.7	6.6	21.6	7.0	6.7	20.5	7.0	6.8	20.0	
	500	5.5	5.1	5.3	4.8	5.7	4.9	6.4	5.5	5.1	6.1	30.0	5.8	5.5	34.4	6.5	6.5	32.1	
	1000	6.0	5.6	5.5	5.8	5.4	6.3	5.6	5.0	5.5	6.3	6.5	39.7	5.4	5.0	40.3	5.8	5.1	38.5

Note: The DGP is given by (42) with  $\beta_{11}$  and  $\beta_{22}$  both generated from normal distribution, and contains a single latent factor with factor strength  $\alpha = 1, 2/3, 1/2$ .  $\rho$  is the spatial autocorrelation coefficient of the error term  $\varepsilon_{it}$ .  $m_0$  is the true number of factors and  $\hat{m}$  is the number of selected PCs used to estimate factors.  $CD$  denotes the standard CD test statistic while  $CD^*$  denotes the bias-corrected CD test statistic.  $CD_{W+}$  denotes the power-enhanced randomized CD test statistic.

Table 20: Size and power of ARDL adjusted tests of error cross-sectional dependence for panel regression with two latent factors ( $m_0 = 2$ ) with serially correlated Gaussian errors

$\hat{m} = 4$																			
Tests	$n \setminus T$	Size ( $H_o : \rho = 0$ )																	
		$\alpha_1 = 1, \alpha_2 = 1$		$\alpha_1 = 1, \alpha_2 = 2/3$		$\alpha_1 = 2/3, \alpha_2 = 1/2$		$\alpha_1 = 1, \alpha_2 = 1$											
ARDL adjusted $CD$	100	100.0	100.0	98.4	100.0	8.8	12.0	37.8	99.4	100.0	92.7	98.7	100.0	35.9	41.8	49.9			
	200	100.0	100.0	99.3	100.0	7.7	8.4	19.6	99.8	100.0	92.3	99.6	100.0	60.6	74.2	87.6			
	500	100.0	100.0	99.6	100.0	6.8	6.1	8.3	99.9	100.0	92.2	99.8	100.0	78.0	95.1	99.7			
	1000	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	8.3	6.0	6.9	100.0	100.0	91.6	99.9	100.0	82.0	97.1	100.0			
ARDL adjusted $CD^*$	100	7.7	7.7	7.8	8.8	11.6	11.9	11.4	12.4	29.3	51.8	84.9	37.2	64.2	92.2	77.8	96.4	100.0	
	200	6.1	7.0	6.0	6.6	6.3	6.1	11.6	9.3	6.7	29.3	48.8	81.9	40.1	61.5	91.4	83.4	97.7	100.0
	500	7.2	5.7	6.0	7.4	5.7	4.7	10.1	8.6	6.6	29.6	41.9	78.6	40.0	60.9	92.4	86.4	98.6	100.0
	1000	5.9	5.8	5.2	7.3	5.6	5.5	9.0	8.4	6.5	27.1	41.6	76.6	42.6	62.1	91.9	86.5	98.4	100.0
ARDL adjusted $CD_{W+}$	100	6.4	6.8	10.2	5.7	6.9	9.4	5.7	6.3	9.1	8.3	9.1	25.2	6.4	7.2	24.9	7.0	7.7	24.9
	200	5.8	5.9	6.0	5.1	5.9	5.3	5.8	4.7	5.5	6.2	6.8	24.3	5.6	6.9	24.1	5.5	5.5	25.1
	500	5.9	5.8	5.5	6.4	5.5	5.6	5.8	5.7	5.5	5.9	7.0	34.3	6.9	5.9	36.0	5.6	5.7	37.1
	1000	5.9	5.2	4.9	6.5	5.6	6.2	5.5	5.6	5.7	6.2	6.1	38.7	6.6	6.7	38.2	5.9	6.1	40.1
$\hat{m} = 6$									Size ( $H_o : \rho = 0$ )										
Tests	$n \setminus T$	$\alpha_1 = 1, \alpha_2 = 1$		$\alpha_1 = 1, \alpha_2 = 2/3$		$\alpha_1 = 2/3, \alpha_2 = 1/2$		$\alpha_1 = 1, \alpha_2 = 1$		Power ( $H_1 : \rho = 0.25$ )		$\alpha_1 = 1, \alpha_2 = 1$		$\alpha_1 = 1, \alpha_2 = 2/3$		$\alpha_1 = 2/3, \alpha_2 = 1/2$			
		100	200	500	100	200	500	100	200	500	100	200	500	100	200	500	100	200	500
ARDL adjusted $CD$	100	100.0	100.0	98.5	100.0	90.0	13.0	38.7	99.8	100.0	100.0	93.5	99.3	100.0	23.9	32.2	48.7		
	200	100.0	100.0	99.4	100.0	8.3	8.5	20.2	99.8	100.0	100.0	94.0	99.8	100.0	48.2	62.1	73.2		
	500	100.0	100.0	99.7	100.0	7.3	5.7	8.4	100.0	100.0	100.0	92.4	99.8	100.0	70.7	91.5	99.5		
	1000	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	6.9	6.1	7.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	92.6	99.9	100.0	75.9	96.2	100.0		
ARDL adjusted $CD^*$	100	10.1	13.8	28.7	10.5	14.2	26.9	13.1	15.3	19.1	32.0	59.4	91.6	41.9	69.9	96.2	73.7	95.8	100.0
	200	7.4	8.0	9.7	8.0	8.0	9.0	11.4	10.4	9.3	30.1	50.9	86.9	40.4	62.9	93.7	78.4	96.2	100.0
	500	7.8	5.7	6.8	8.0	6.0	5.4	9.5	8.7	7.3	29.3	42.4	79.4	39.8	61.2	93.2	82.1	98.3	100.0
	1000	6.3	6.2	5.1	8.3	6.5	5.6	8.4	7.7	6.4	27.7	42.4	77.8	41.2	63.1	91.1	82.1	98.2	100.0
ARDL adjusted $CD_{W+}$	100	6.3	6.8	22.5	6.9	7.2	16.9	5.5	7.1	10.7	6.9	8.6	32.1	7.9	8.4	28.0	6.7	8.9	20.8
	200	5.9	5.9	6.5	6.4	6.6	5.3	6.2	5.6	6.2	7.0	16.8	6.7	5.9	15.8	6.9	6.2	16.0	
	500	7.4	5.8	6.7	5.8	5.7	4.9	4.2	6.9	6.3	28.4	7.1	6.5	26.4	6.5	5.7	25.5		
	1000	5.9	5.9	5.2	6.4	6.3	5.3	6.1	5.8	5.3	6.1	6.5	33.1	6.2	6.8	32.9	6.6	5.9	34.4

Note: The DGP is given by (42) with  $\beta_{11}$  and  $\beta_{12}$  both generated from normal distribution, and contains two latent factors with factor strengths  $(\alpha_1, \alpha_2) = [(1, 1), (1, 2/3), (2/3, 1/2)]$ .  $\rho$  is the spatial autocorrelation coefficient of the error term  $\varepsilon_{it}$ .  $m_0$  is the true number of factors and  $\hat{m}$  is the number of selected PCs used to estimate factors.  $CD$  denotes the standard CD test statistic while  $CD^*$  denotes the bias-corrected CD test statistic.  $CD_{W+}$  denotes the power-enhanced randomized CD test statistic.









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