

Online Supplement for “Conditional Score Approach to Errors-in-variable Current Status Data Under the Proportional Odds Model”

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Appendix: Proof of theorems

Proof of theorem 1. We prove the case where σ^2 is known. The extension of the proof to the case where σ^2 is estimated by $\hat{\sigma}^2$ is straightforward given the consistency of $\hat{\sigma}^2$. Let $\hat{H}_{\boldsymbol{\eta}}$ be the maximizer of the log conditional likelihood, defined in equation (5) in the main text as a function H with fixed $\boldsymbol{\eta}$. We apply the Wald’s theorem (van der Vaart, 1998, Theorem 5.14) to prove that $\hat{H}_{\boldsymbol{\eta}_0}(t)$ is consistent for $H_0(t)$ for every $\tau_1 < t < \tau_2$. By arguments similar to those in Huang (1996), we consider $F \equiv e^H/(1 + e^H)$ and $F_0 \equiv e^{H_0}/(1 + e^{H_0})$. Write the conditional likelihood $L(\boldsymbol{\eta}, H, \sigma^2)$ defined in (2) in the main text as $L(\boldsymbol{\eta}, F, \sigma^2)$ and define

$$m(F)(\mathbf{Y}) = \log \frac{L(\boldsymbol{\eta}_0, F, \sigma_0^2)(\mathbf{Y}) + L(\boldsymbol{\eta}_0, F_0, \sigma_0^2)(\mathbf{Y})}{2L(\boldsymbol{\eta}_0, F_0, \sigma_0^2)(\mathbf{Y})}.$$

Then $m(F)$ is uniformly bounded. Also, the map $F \mapsto m(F)(\mathbf{Y})$ is continuous at F , relative to the weak topology, for every $\mathbf{Y} = (C, \Delta, \mathbf{Z}, \mathcal{W})$ such that C is a continuous point of F . By assumption (A1) in Section 3.1, this includes almost every \mathbf{Y} , for every given F . Let $\hat{F}_{\boldsymbol{\eta}_0} = \exp(\hat{H}_{\boldsymbol{\eta}_0})/\{1 + \exp(\hat{H}_{\boldsymbol{\eta}_0})\}$. By the definition of $\hat{H}_{\boldsymbol{\eta}_0}$, $\hat{F}_{\boldsymbol{\eta}_0}$ maximizes $P_n \log L(\boldsymbol{\eta}_0, F, \sigma_0^2)$. Therefore

$$P_n m(\hat{F}_{\boldsymbol{\eta}_0}) \geq P_n \left(\frac{1}{2} \log \frac{L(\boldsymbol{\eta}_0, \hat{F}_{\boldsymbol{\eta}_0}, \sigma_0^2)}{L(\boldsymbol{\eta}_0, F_0, \sigma_0^2)} + \frac{1}{2} \log 1 \right) \geq 0 = P_n m(F_0).$$

On the other hand, by the concavity of the mapping $u \mapsto \log((u + 1)/2)$ and Jensen’s inequality, we have $P_0 m(F) \leq 0$, and the equality holds only if $F = F_0$ on (τ_1, τ_2) . Therefore,

it follows directly from Theorem 5.14 of van der Vaart (1998) that $\hat{F}_{\boldsymbol{\eta}_0}(t) \xrightarrow{p} F_0(t)$ for every $\tau_1 < t < \tau_2$. By the continuous mapping theorem (van der Vaart, 1998, Theorem 18.11), we obtain $\hat{H}_{\boldsymbol{\eta}_0}(t) \xrightarrow{p} H_0(t)$ for every $\tau_1 < t < \tau_2$.

With the consistency of $\hat{H}_{\boldsymbol{\eta}_0}$, we now restrict $\boldsymbol{\eta}$ to $\mathcal{N}_{\boldsymbol{\eta}_0}$, a neighborhood of $\boldsymbol{\eta}_0$, and restrict H to $\mathcal{H}_0 = \{H \in \mathcal{H} \mid -M \leq H(\tau_1) \leq H(\tau_2) \leq M\}$. Since the class of monotone and uniformly bounded functions is a Donsker class, by Theorem 2.10.6 of van der Vaart and Wellner (1996), we can show that the class $\{\ell_{\boldsymbol{\eta}}(\boldsymbol{\eta}, H, \sigma_0^2) \mid (\boldsymbol{\eta}, H) \in \mathcal{N}_{\boldsymbol{\eta}_0} \times \mathcal{H}_0\}$ is Donsker and hence Glivenko-Cantelli. By the fact that $P_0 \ell_{\boldsymbol{\eta}}(\boldsymbol{\zeta}_0) = 0$ and the consistency of $\hat{H}_{\boldsymbol{\eta}_0}$ shown above, it is easy to see that $P_n \ell_{\boldsymbol{\eta}}(\boldsymbol{\eta}_0, \hat{H}_{\boldsymbol{\eta}_0}, \sigma_0^2) = o_p(1)$. This together with assumption (A4) implies the existence of a consistent solution of $\boldsymbol{\eta}$ to the conditional score estimating equation $0 = P_n \ell_{\boldsymbol{\eta}}(\boldsymbol{\eta}, \hat{H}_{\boldsymbol{\eta}}, \sigma_0^2)$.

Proof of theorem 2. We shall claim that

$$\|\hat{H}_{\boldsymbol{\eta}} - H_0\|_Q = O_p(\|\boldsymbol{\eta} - \boldsymbol{\eta}_0\| + n^{-1/3})$$

by verifying the conditions (3.5) and (3.6) in Theorem 3.2 of Murphy and van der Vaart (1999). Let the symbol \preceq mean smaller than, up to a constant. A Taylor series argument gives $P_0\{\log L(\boldsymbol{\zeta}_0) - \log L(\boldsymbol{\eta}, H_0, \sigma_0^2)\} \preceq \|\boldsymbol{\eta} - \boldsymbol{\eta}_0\|^2$, which, in conjunction with assumption (A3), can verify $P_0\{\log L(\boldsymbol{\eta}, H, \sigma_0^2) - \log L(\boldsymbol{\eta}, H_0, \sigma_0^2)\} \preceq -\|H - H_0\|_Q^2 + \|\boldsymbol{\eta} - \boldsymbol{\eta}_0\|^2$, the condition (3.5) of Murphy and van der Vaart (1999).

Let $\Psi = \{\log L(\boldsymbol{\eta}, H, \sigma_0^2) \mid (\boldsymbol{\eta}, H) \in \mathcal{N}_{\boldsymbol{\eta}_0} \times \mathcal{H}_0\}$. It is easy to see that the element in Ψ is uniformly bounded and satisfies $P_0\{\log L(\boldsymbol{\eta}, H, \sigma_0^2) - \log L(\boldsymbol{\eta}, H_0, \sigma_0^2)\}^2 \preceq \|\boldsymbol{\eta} - \boldsymbol{\eta}_0\|^2 + \|H - H_0\|_Q^2$. Furthermore, we can check that the bracketing number $N_{[\cdot]}(\varepsilon, \Psi, L_2(P))$ (see van der Vaart, 1998, p. 412) is $O(1/\varepsilon)$, and hence the bracketing integral $J(\delta, \Psi, L_2(P)) \equiv \int_0^\delta \{1 + \log N_{[\cdot]}(\varepsilon, \Psi, L_2(P))\}^{1/2} d\varepsilon$ is $O(\delta^{1/2})$. It then follows from Lemma 3.3 of Murphy and van der Vaart (1999) that their condition (3.6) is satisfied for $\phi_n(\delta) = \delta^{1/2}$. This completes the proof.

Proof theorem 3. Define

$$\check{\ell}(\boldsymbol{\zeta}) = \ell_{\boldsymbol{\eta}}(\boldsymbol{\zeta}) - \ell_H(\boldsymbol{\zeta})[\check{\mathbf{g}}_0],$$

where $\check{\mathbf{g}}_0 = \check{\mathbf{g}}(\boldsymbol{\zeta}_0)$. We first verify

$$\sqrt{n}P_0\check{\ell}(\boldsymbol{\eta}_0, \hat{H}, \sigma_0^2) = o_p(1), \tag{1}$$

similar to the ‘no bias condition’ in Murphy and van der Vaart (2000). It is easy to see that $P_{\zeta}\check{\ell}(\zeta) = 0$. Therefore

$$P_0\check{\ell}(\boldsymbol{\eta}_0, H, \sigma_0^2) = (P_0 - P_{\boldsymbol{\eta}_0, H, \sigma_0^2})\{\check{\ell}(\boldsymbol{\eta}_0, H, \sigma_0^2) - \check{\ell}(\zeta_0)\} - P_{\boldsymbol{\eta}_0, H, \sigma_0^2}\check{\ell}(\zeta_0). \quad (2)$$

Both the two terms on the right side of (2) are bounded by a multiple of $\|H - H_0\|_{\mathcal{Q}}^2$; the bound for the first term is obtained by using the mean value theorem twice, and the bound for the second term is obtained if we claim $|E_{(\boldsymbol{\eta}_0, H, \sigma_0^2)}\{\check{\ell}(\zeta_0)|C, S(\boldsymbol{\eta}_0, \sigma_0^2)\}| \preceq (H - H_0)^2(C)$. Note that

$$\begin{aligned} & |E_{(\boldsymbol{\eta}_0, H, \sigma_0^2)}\{\check{\ell}(\zeta_0)|C, S(\boldsymbol{\eta}_0, \sigma_0^2)\}| \\ &= |E_{(\boldsymbol{\eta}_0, H, \sigma_0^2)}\{\check{\ell}(\zeta_0)|C, S(\boldsymbol{\eta}_0, \sigma_0^2)\} - E_{(\zeta_0)}\{\check{\ell}(\zeta_0)|C, S(\boldsymbol{\eta}_0, \sigma_0^2)\}|. \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

Hence the claim is obtained by first applying Taylor expansion for $H(C) \mapsto L(\boldsymbol{\eta}_0, H, \sigma_0^2)$ around $H_0(C)$, i.e., $|L(\boldsymbol{\eta}_0, H, \sigma_0^2) - L(\zeta_0) - \ell_H(\zeta_0)[H - H_0]L(\zeta_0)| \preceq (H - H_0)^2(C)$, and then employing the fact that $\check{\ell}(\zeta_0)$ is the efficient conditional score $\tilde{\ell}_{\boldsymbol{\eta}_0, 0}$. Applying the rate of convergence on \hat{H} to (2), we have $P_0\check{\ell}(\boldsymbol{\eta}_0, \hat{H}, \sigma_0^2) = O_P(\|\hat{\boldsymbol{\eta}} - \boldsymbol{\eta}_0\|^2 + n^{-2/3})$, which implies (1).

It is known that the class of uniformly bounded functions of bounded variations is a Donsker class. Applying assumption (A5) and Theorem 2.10.6 of van der Vaart and Wellner (1996), it can be verified that $\{\check{\ell}(\zeta)|\zeta \in \mathcal{N}_{\boldsymbol{\eta}_0} \times \mathcal{H}_0 \times \mathcal{Q}\}$ and $\{\varphi(\sigma^2)|\sigma^2 \in \mathcal{Q}\}$, where \mathcal{Q} denotes the parameter space for σ^2 , are uniformly bounded Donsker classes; the proof of which is technical and hence omitted here. Combining this with the consistency of $\hat{\zeta} \equiv (\hat{\boldsymbol{\eta}}, \hat{H}, \hat{\sigma}^2)$ leads to

$$\sqrt{n}(P_n - P_0) \begin{bmatrix} \check{\ell}(\hat{\zeta}) - \check{\ell}(\zeta_0) \\ \varphi(\hat{\sigma}^2) - \varphi(\sigma_0^2) \end{bmatrix} = o_p(1).$$

Adding (1) to the first row of preceding display and using the facts that $P_0\check{\ell}(\zeta_0) = P_0\varphi(\sigma_0^2) = 0$, $P_n\check{\ell}(\hat{\zeta}) = P_n\varphi(\hat{\sigma}^2) = 0$, and $\check{\ell}(\zeta_0) = \tilde{\ell}_{\boldsymbol{\eta}_0, 0}$, it is seen that

$$-\sqrt{n}P_0 \begin{bmatrix} \check{\ell}(\hat{\zeta}) - \check{\ell}(\boldsymbol{\eta}_0, \hat{H}, \sigma_0^2) \\ \varphi(\hat{\sigma}^2) - \varphi(\sigma_0^2) \end{bmatrix} = \sqrt{n}P_n \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{\ell}_{\boldsymbol{\eta}_0, 0} \\ \varphi_0 \end{bmatrix} + o_p(1).$$

By the mean value theorem, there exists $(\tilde{\boldsymbol{\eta}}, \tilde{\sigma}^2)$ lying between $(\hat{\boldsymbol{\eta}}, \hat{\sigma}^2)$ and $(\boldsymbol{\eta}_0, \sigma_0^2)$ such that

$$-\sqrt{n} \left\{ P_0 \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial \boldsymbol{\eta}} \check{\ell}(\tilde{\boldsymbol{\eta}}, \hat{H}, \tilde{\sigma}^2) & \frac{\partial}{\partial \sigma^2} \check{\ell}(\tilde{\boldsymbol{\eta}}, \hat{H}, \tilde{\sigma}^2) \\ 0 & \frac{\partial}{\partial \sigma^2} \varphi(\tilde{\sigma}^2) \end{bmatrix} \right\} \begin{bmatrix} \hat{\boldsymbol{\eta}} - \boldsymbol{\eta}_0 \\ \hat{\sigma}^2 - \sigma_0^2 \end{bmatrix} = \sqrt{n}P_n \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{\ell}_{\boldsymbol{\eta}_0, 0} \\ \varphi_0 \end{bmatrix} + o_p(1).$$

By the consistency of $\hat{\boldsymbol{\zeta}}$, we have

$$\sqrt{n} \begin{bmatrix} \hat{\boldsymbol{\eta}} - \boldsymbol{\eta}_0 \\ \hat{\sigma}^2 - \sigma_0^2 \end{bmatrix} = \mathcal{I}_*^{-1} \sqrt{n} P_n \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{\ell}_{\boldsymbol{\eta},0} \\ \varphi_0 \end{bmatrix} + o_P(1) \xrightarrow{d} N(0, \mathcal{I}_*^{-1} \mathcal{I} (\mathcal{I}_*^{-1})'),$$

where $\mathcal{I} = P_0\{(\tilde{\ell}_{\boldsymbol{\eta},0}, \varphi_0)'(\tilde{\ell}_{\boldsymbol{\eta},0}, \varphi_0)\}$ and

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{I}_* &= P_0 \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{\partial}{\partial \boldsymbol{\eta}} \check{\ell}(\boldsymbol{\zeta}_0) & -\frac{\partial}{\partial \sigma^2} \check{\ell}(\boldsymbol{\zeta}_0) \\ 0 & -\frac{\partial}{\partial \sigma^2} \varphi(\sigma_0^2) \end{bmatrix} \\ &= P_0 \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{\partial}{\partial \boldsymbol{\eta}} \tilde{\ell}_{\boldsymbol{\eta}}(\boldsymbol{\zeta}_0) & -\frac{\partial}{\partial \sigma^2} \tilde{\ell}_{\boldsymbol{\eta}}(\boldsymbol{\zeta}_0) \\ 0 & -\frac{\partial}{\partial \sigma^2} \varphi(\sigma_0^2) \end{bmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

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