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## ABSTRACT

This paper investigates the asymptotic validity of the bootstrap for Durbin-Wu-Hausman (DWH) specification tests when instrumental variables (IVs) may be arbitrary weak. It is shown that under strong identification, the bootstrap offers a better approximation than the usual asymptotic  $\chi^2$  distributions. However, the bootstrap provides only a first-order approximation when instruments are weak. These results show unlike the Wald-statistic based on a  $k$ -class type estimator (Moreira et al., 2009), the bootstrap is valid even for the Wald-type of DWH statistics in the presence of weak instruments.

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# 1. Introduction

Specification tests of the type proposed by Durbin (1954), Wu (1973, 1974), and Hausman (1978), henceforth DWH tests, are widely used in applied work to decide whether the ordinary least squares (OLS) or instrumental variables (IV) method is appropriate. Although research on exogeneity testing in linear IV regressions is widespread<sup>1</sup>, most studies in this topic usually consider the case of strong instruments. Recent studies focusing on the behavior of the DWH-type tests document that they never over-rejects the null hypothesis of exogeneity when IVs are weak. However, some of these tests can be overly conservative even in large-sample, and have low power when identification is weak.<sup>2</sup> Doko Tchatoka and Dufour (2011b) propose a size correction of these tests through the exact Monte carlo test procedure [Dufour (2006)], which remains valid even when identification is weak and the sample size is small. However, the Monte Carlo test procedure suggested requires the a priori knowledge of the distribution of model disturbance, at least up to an unknown scale factor. But in practice, researchers usually do not know the exact distribution of the errors and implementing the simulated method can be difficult, even infeasible.

This paper aims to relax this distributional assumption by resorting to bootstrap methods. We mainly focus on linear structural models and establish the asymptotic validity of the bootstrap for DWH exogeneity tests, when IVs may be arbitrary weak (weak instruments).

Moreira and Suarez (2009) show in the context of hypotheses specified on struc-

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<sup>1</sup>See, for example, Durbin (1954), Wu (1973, 1974, 1983a, 1983b), Revankar and Hartley (1973), Farebrother (1976), Hausman (1978), Revankar (1978), Dufour (1979, 1987), Hwang (1980), Kariya and Hodoshima (1980), Hausman and Taylor (1981), Spencer and Berk (1981), Nakamura and Nakamura (1981), Engle (1982), Holly (1982), Reynolds (1982), Smith (1983, 1984), Thurman (1986), Smith and Pesaran (1990), Ruud (1984, 2000), Newey (1985a, 1985b), Wong (1996), Ahn (1997), Baum, Schaffer and Stillman (2003).

<sup>2</sup>See, for examples, Staiger and Stock (1997), Guggenberger (2010), and Doko Tchatoka and Dufour (2011a, 2011b). Staiger and Stock (1997, Section D) show that with weak IVs, the size of Hausman (1978) tests that exploit the residuals from the 2SLS estimation, and that of the Wu (1973)  $\mathcal{T}_3$  test depends on identification strength through the concentration matrix. Since the concentration matrix cannot be estimated consistently when IVs are weak, Staiger and Stock (1997) conclude that size adjustment of these statistics is infeasible. But Doko Tchatoka and Dufour (2011b) show the size of all DWH-type statistics can be adjusted using the simulated methods; see also Dufour (2006).

tural parameters, that the bootstrap is valid for the score test. This not however the case for Wald-type tests based on the 2SLS or LIML estimators when IVs are weak. We use the *LM* and Wald interpretation of the DWH staistics in Engle (1982) and Smith (1983) to propose a slight modification of Moreira et al.'s (2009) bootstrap. Our analysis of the bootstrap validity provides some new insights and extensions of Moreira et al.'s (2009). We show that when identification is strong, the bootstrap offers a better approximation than the usual asymptotic  $\chi^2$  distributions (similar to Moreira et al., 2009). However, the bootstrap provides only a first-order approximation when identification is weak, meaning that the bootstrap is valid even for the Wald-type of the DWH test, despite the lack of identifiability. This contrasts with the bootstrap of the Wald-statistic based on the 2SLS or LIML estimators, which is invalid with weak IVs (Moreira et al., 2009).

The paper is organized as follows. Section 2 formulates the model and assumptions, and presents the statistics studied. Section 3 presents the statistics and provides their Lagrange multiplier or Wald interpretation, following Engle (1982) and Smith (1983). Section 4 details the proposed bootstrap implemented as well as its validity in both strong and weak instrument setups. Conclusions are drawn in Section 5 and the proofs and auxiliary lemmas are presented in the Appendix.

## 2. Framework

We consider the standard linear structural model described by the following equations:

$$y_1 = y_2\beta + Z_1\gamma + u, \tag{2.1}$$

$$y_2 = Z_2\pi_2 + Z_1\pi_1 + v_2 \tag{2.2}$$

where  $y_1$  and  $y_2$  are  $n \times 1$  vectors of observations on two endogenous variables,  $Z_1$  is a  $n \times k_1$  matrix of included exogenous variables,  $Z_2$  is a  $n \times k_2$  matrix instruments,  $u = (u_1, \dots, u_n)' \in \mathbb{R}^n$  is a vector of structural disturbances,  $v_2 = [v_{21}, \dots, v_{2n}]' \in \mathbb{R}^n$  is

a vector of reduced form disturbances,  $\beta, \gamma \in \mathbb{R}$  are unknown structural parameters, while  $\pi_1 \in \mathbb{R}^{k_1}$  and  $\pi_2 \in \mathbb{R}^{k_2}$  is the unknown reduced-form coefficient vector. The results in this paper can easily be extended to setups where  $y_2$  contains more than one regressors. We assume that  $Z = [Z_1 : Z_2] : n \times k$  has full column-rank  $k = k_1 + k_2$ .

The reduced-forms for  $y_1$  and  $y_2$  can be expressed from (2.1)-(2.2) as:

$$\begin{aligned} y_1 &= Z_1(\pi_1\beta + \gamma) + Z_2\pi_2\beta + v_1 \\ y_2 &= Z_1\pi_1 + Z_2\pi_2 + v_2, \end{aligned} \quad (2.3)$$

where  $v_1 = u + v_2\beta$ . For any random matrix  $X$ , let  $X_i$  denote the  $i$ -th row of  $X$ , written as column vector. Let  $Y = [y_1 : y_2]$  and define

$$\mathcal{Q}_n = \text{vech} \left( (Y'_n, Z'_n)'(Y'_n, Z'_n) \right) = (f_1(Y'_n, Z'_n), f_1(Y'_n, Z'_n), \dots, f_l(Y'_n, Z'_n)), \quad (2.4)$$

where  $f_i, i = 1, \dots, l, l = (k+2)(k+3)/2, k = k_1 + k_2$ , are elements of the matrix  $(Y'_n, Z'_n)'(Y'_n, Z'_n)$ . Let  $\bar{\mathcal{Q}}_n = n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathcal{Q}_i$  denote the empirical mean of the  $\mathcal{Q}_i$ . The following assumptions are made on the behavior of model variables.

**Assumption 2.1** (a)  $\mathcal{Q}_n$  in (2.4) satisfies:  $\mathbb{E}[\|\mathcal{Q}_n\|^s] < \infty$  for some  $s \geq 3$ ,  $\limsup_{\|t\| \rightarrow \infty} |\mathbb{E}[\exp(it'Q_n)]| < 1$ ; and (b) when the sample size  $n$  converges to infinity, the following convergence results hold jointly:

$$M1. \quad n^{-1}[u : v_2]'[u : v_2] \xrightarrow{p} \Sigma = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_u^2 & \delta \\ \delta & \sigma_{v_2}^2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad n^{-1}Z'Z \xrightarrow{p} Q_Z, \quad n^{-1}Z'[u : v_2] \xrightarrow{p} 0$$

$$M2. \quad n^{-1/2}Z'[u : v_2] \xrightarrow{d} [\psi_{Zu} : \psi_{Zv_2}], \quad \text{where } \psi_{Zu} = (\psi'_{Z_1u}, \psi'_{Z_2u})' : k \times 1,$$

$$\psi_{Zv_2} = (\psi'_{Z_1v_2}, \psi'_{Z_2v_2})' : k \times 1, \quad \text{and } \text{vech}([\psi_{Zu} : \psi_{Zv_2}]) \sim N(0, \Sigma \otimes Q_Z).$$

The first moment condition in Assumption 2.1-(a) holds if  $\mathbb{E}[\|(Y'_n, Z'_n)\|^{2s}] < \infty$ , and the second is the commonly used Cramér's condition [see Bhattacharya and Ghosh

(1978)]. In Assumption **2.1**-(b),  $M1$  is the weak law of large numbers (WLLN) property, where IVs and disturbances are asymptotically uncorrelated, while  $M2$  is the central limit theorem (CLT) property.

From Assumption **2.1**, the exogeneity hypothesis of  $y_2$  can be expressed as:

$$H_0 : \delta = 0. \tag{2.5}$$

We are concerned with the asymptotic validity of the bootstrap for the DWH statistics often used to assess  $H_0$ , especially when identification is weak. Section 3 presents the DWH statistics and their  $LM$  or Wald interpretation.

### 3. Lagrange Multiplier and Wald Nature of the Standard DWH Tests

We consider the statistics  $\mathcal{T}_l$ ,  $l = 2, 3, 4$ , by Wu (1973, 1974) and three alternative Hausman (1978) type statistics, namely,  $\mathcal{H}_j$ ,  $j = 1, 2, 3$ . Let  $A_1 = I_n - Z_1(Z_1'Z_1)^{-1}Z_1'$  and  $A_2 = I_n - Z(Z'Z)^{-1}Z'$  denote the orthogonal matrices to the spaces spanned by the columns of  $Z_1$  and  $Z$ , respectively. The statistics  $\mathcal{T}_l$  and  $\mathcal{H}_j$  can be expressed in the unified formulation as:

$$\mathcal{T}_l = \kappa_l(\tilde{\beta} - \hat{\beta})^2/\tilde{\omega}_l^2, \quad l = 2, 3, 4, \tag{3.1}$$

$$\mathcal{H}_j = n(\tilde{\beta} - \hat{\beta})^2/\hat{\omega}_j^2, \quad j = 1, 2, 3 \tag{3.2}$$

where  $\hat{\beta} = (y_2'A_1y_2)^{-1}y_2'A_1y_1$  and  $\tilde{\beta} = [y_2'(A_1 - A_2)y_2]^{-1}y_2'(A_1 - A_2)y_1$  are the OLS and IV estimators of  $\beta$ , respectively, and

$$\tilde{\omega}_2^2 = \tilde{\sigma}_2^2\hat{\Delta}, \quad \tilde{\omega}_3^2 = \tilde{\sigma}^2\hat{\Delta}, \quad \tilde{\omega}_4^2 = \hat{\sigma}^2\hat{\Delta},$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\hat{\omega}_1^2 &= \tilde{\sigma}^2 \hat{\omega}_{iv}^{-1} - \hat{\sigma}^2 \hat{\omega}_{ls}^{-1}, \hat{\omega}_2^2 = \tilde{\sigma}^2 \hat{\Delta}, \hat{\omega}_3^2 = \hat{\sigma}^2 \hat{\Delta}, \\
\hat{\Delta} &= \hat{\omega}_{iv}^{-1} - \hat{\omega}_{ls}^{-1}, \hat{\omega}_{iv} = y_2'(A_1 - A_2)y_2/n, \hat{\omega}_{ls} = y_2'A_1y_2/n, \\
\tilde{\sigma}^2 &= (y_1 - y_2\tilde{\beta})'A_1(y_1 - y_2\tilde{\beta})/n, \hat{\sigma}^2 = (y_1 - y_2\hat{\beta})'A_1(y_1 - y_2\hat{\beta})/n, \\
\tilde{\sigma}_2^2 &= \hat{\sigma}^2 - (\tilde{\beta} - \hat{\beta})^2/\hat{\Delta}, \kappa_2 = n - 2 - k_1, \kappa_3 = \kappa_4 = n - 1 - k_1.
\end{aligned}$$

Engle (1982) and Smith (1983) show that each statistic in (3.1)-(3.2) has a score or Wald interpretation. The statistics  $\mathcal{T}_2$ ,  $\mathcal{T}_4$ , and  $\mathcal{H}_3$  are *LM*-type, while  $\mathcal{T}_3$ ,  $\mathcal{H}_1$ , and  $\mathcal{H}_2$  are quasi-Wald type.<sup>3</sup> Under  $H_0$  and if further Assumption **2.1**-(b) holds, all DWH statistics have the usual chi-square asymptotic distributions if model identification is strong. However,  $\mathcal{T}_3$ ,  $\mathcal{H}_1$ , and  $\mathcal{H}_2$  are overly conservative, and all DWH tests have a low power if IVs are weak, even in large-sample. We question whether a bootstrap technique can improve<sup>4</sup> the properties of the DWH tests, with or without weak instruments.

## 4. Bootstrap Validity for DWH Tests

Let  $\hat{\pi} = (Z'Z)^{-1}Z'y_2$  denotes the OLS estimator of  $\pi = (\pi'_1, \pi'_2)'$  in the first stage regression (2.2). Let  $\hat{\theta}$  be an estimator of  $\beta$  and  $\hat{\gamma}$  those of  $\gamma$ . The bootstrap procedure consists of the following steps:

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<sup>3</sup>See Smith (1983) for the score interpretation (Eqs. [6] and [9]) and for the quasi-Wald interpretation (Eqs. [7], [8] and [10]). The regression interpretation of these statistics is provided in Hausman (1978), Dufour (1979, 1987), Wooldridge (2009), and Doko Tchatoka and Dufour (2011b).

<sup>4</sup>Due to the *LM* nature of  $\mathcal{T}_2$ ,  $\mathcal{T}_4$ ,  $\mathcal{H}_3$ , and the result in Moreira et al. (2009), one can project the bootstrap validity for these statistics. But formal proof needs to be established, especially because the primary focus in Moreira et al. (2009) is not exogeneity testing, and there is no discussion in Moreira et al. (2009) related to exogeneity testing. On the other hand, because of the Wald nature of  $\mathcal{T}_1$ ,  $\mathcal{T}_3$ ,  $\mathcal{H}_1$ ,  $\mathcal{H}_2$ , and the bootstrap invalidity result for the Wald-statistic in Moreira et al. (2009), it is not clear whether the bootstrap applies to these statistics. Hence, this note is useful in clarifying these issues. Wong (1996) illustrates through a Monte Carlo experiment that bootstrapping the Hausman (1978) exogeneity test improves both the size and power of the test. Li (2006) extends Wong's (1996) results by allowing for serial correlated errors. Both papers are referenced in the weak instrument literature. However, neither Wong (1996) nor Li (2006) provides a formal proof of the large-sample validity of their bootstrap, even when IVs are strong. Furthermore, the Monte Carlo designs in both papers exclude cases where IVs are poor, because the smallest correlation between each IV and the (possibly) endogenous regressors is set at 0.1. Although a correlation of 0.1 is not tight, it is not zero or close to either.



1. From observed data, compute  $\hat{\pi}$  and  $\hat{\theta}$  along with all other things necessary to get the realizations of the statistics  $\mathcal{T}_l$ ,  $\mathcal{H}_j$ , and the residuals from the reduced-form equation (2.3):  $\hat{v}_1 = y_1 - Z_1(\hat{\pi}_1\hat{\theta} + \hat{\gamma}) - Z_2\hat{\pi}_2\hat{\theta}$ ,  $\hat{v}_2 = y_2 - Z\hat{\pi}$ . These residuals are then re-centered by subtracting sample means to yield  $(\tilde{v}_1, \tilde{v}_2)$ .

2. For each bootstrap sample  $r = 1, \dots, B$ , data are generated as:

$$y_1^* = Z_1^*(\hat{\pi}_1\hat{\theta} + \hat{\gamma}) + Z_2^*\hat{\pi}_2\hat{\theta} + v_1^*, \quad y_2^* = Z^*\hat{\pi} + v_2^* \quad (4.1)$$

where  $Z^* = [Z_1^* : Z_2^*]$  and  $(v_1^*, v_2^*)$  are drawn independently from the empirical distribution of  $Z$  and  $(\tilde{v}_1, \tilde{v}_2)$ . The corresponding bootstrap statistics  $\mathcal{T}_l^{*r}$  and  $\mathcal{H}_j^{*r}$  are then computed for each bootstrap sample  $r = 1, \dots, B$ .

3. The simulated bootstrap  $p$ -value is obtained as the proportion of bootstrap statistics that are more extreme than the statistics computed from observed data.

4. The bootstrap test rejects the null hypothesis of exogeneity at level  $\alpha$  if its  $p$ -value is less than  $\alpha$ .

The above bootstrap steps, though similar to those by Moreira et al. (2009), have a slight difference in the appropriate<sup>5</sup> estimator of  $\hat{\theta}$  to be used; see fn.4 for further details. We now show the asymptotic validity of the bootstrap.

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<sup>5</sup>Moreira et al. (2009) show that  $\hat{\theta}$  must be strongly consistent, i.e.,

$$\hat{\pi} \xrightarrow{P} \pi \quad \text{and} \quad \hat{\theta}\hat{\pi} \xrightarrow{P} \theta\pi, \quad (4.2)$$

for the bootstrap to be valid. In a linear classical setting, the 2SLS and LIML estimators satisfy the sufficient conditions for strong consistency; see Moreira et al (2009, Proposition 4 and fn.3, p.55). The OLS estimator is not qualified for (4.2) if  $\delta \neq 0$  (endogeneity). However, under the null hypothesis of exogeneity ( $\delta = 0$ ), as it is the case here, the OLS estimator is consistent and further efficient, no matter how weak the IVs are. For this reason, we prefer OLS to an alternative 2SLS or LIML estimator.

## 4.1. High-order approximation with strong instruments

In this section, we focus on the case where  $\pi \neq 0$  is fixed (strong IVs). We can express the bootstrap DHW statistics  $\mathcal{T}_l^*$  and  $\mathcal{H}_j^*$  based on the re-centering residuals as:

$$\mathcal{T}_l^* = \left( \sqrt{n}G(\bar{Q}_n^*) \right)^2, \mathcal{H}_j^* = \left( \sqrt{n}\tilde{G}(\bar{Q}_n^*) \right)^2 \quad \text{for all } l \text{ and } j \quad (4.3)$$

where  $\bar{Q}_n$  and  $\bar{Q}_n^*$  are analogous of  $\bar{Q}_n$  in (2.4).  $\bar{Q}_n$  is based on the sample re-centering residuals and  $\bar{Q}_n^*$  is based on the bootstrap sample residuals. The functions  $G(\cdot)$  and  $\tilde{G}(\cdot)$  are real-valued Borel measurable functions on  $\mathbb{R}^l$ , which satisfy  $G(\bar{Q}_n) = 0$  and  $\tilde{G}(\bar{Q}_n) = 0$ , due to the re-centered mechanism [similar to Eqs. (A.5)-(A.6) in the Appendix]. Under strong identification, all derivatives of order  $s$  and less of the functions  $G(\cdot)$  and  $\tilde{G}(\cdot)$  are continuous. So, Edgeworth-type expansion<sup>6</sup> applies and we have the following theorem.

**Theorem 4.1** BOOTSTRAP VALIDITY WITH STRONG IVs. *Suppose Assumption 2.1 is satisfied. Under  $H_0$  and if further  $\pi \neq 0$  is fixed, we have:*

$$\begin{aligned} \|\mathbb{P}^*(\mathcal{T}_l^* \leq x) - [\Phi(x) + \sum_{m=1}^{s-2} n^{-m/2} p_{\mathcal{T}_l}^m(x; F_n, \hat{\beta}, \hat{\pi})\phi(x)]^2\|_\infty &= o(n^{-(s-2)}), \\ \|\mathbb{P}^*(\mathcal{H}_j^* \leq x) - [\Phi(x) + \sum_{m=1}^{s-2} n^{-m/2} p_{\mathcal{H}_j}^m(x; F_n, \hat{\beta}, \hat{\pi})\phi(x)]^2\|_\infty &= o(n^{-(s-2)}) \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty \end{aligned}$$

for all  $l$  and  $j$ , where  $p_{\mathcal{T}_l}^m$  and  $p_{\mathcal{H}_j}^m$  are polynomials in  $x$  with coefficients depending on  $\hat{\beta}$ ,  $\hat{\pi}$ , and the moments of the distribution  $F_n$  of  $\tilde{Q}_n^* = \text{vech} \left( (\tilde{Y}_n^*, \tilde{Z}_n^*)' (\tilde{Y}_n^*, \tilde{Z}_n^*) \right)$  conditional on  $\hat{\mathcal{F}}_n = \{(Y'_1, Z'_1), \dots, (Y'_n, Z'_n)\}$ ;  $\Phi(\cdot)$  and  $\phi(\cdot)$  are the cdf and pdf of a  $N(0, 1)$  respectively, while  $\|\cdot\|_\infty$  stands for the supremum norm.

First, Theorem 4.1 shows that the bootstrap approximates the empirical Edgeworth expansion in Lemma A.1 up to the  $o(n^{-(s-2)})$  order. This is not surprising because the conditional moments of  $\mathcal{Q}_n^*$ , given the data  $\hat{\mathcal{F}}_n$ , converge almost surely

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<sup>6</sup>Such as in Bhattacharya and Ghosh (1978, Theorem 2).

to those of  $\mathcal{Q}_n$  when identification is strong. Second, the results shows that the error based on the bootstrap simulation is of order  $n^{-1}$ . Therefore, the bootstrap offers a better approximation than the usual asymptotic  $\chi^2$  distributions, even for the Wald-type versions of the DWH statistics.

## 4.2. First-order Validity with Weak Instruments

High-order approximation of the limiting distributions of the bootstrap as in Theorem 4.1 is not achievable now due to the lack of identification. Indeed, when  $\pi_2 = \pi_0/\sqrt{n}$  where  $\pi_0$  is a  $k_2 \times 1$  constant vector, the functions  $G(\cdot)$  and  $\tilde{G}(\cdot)$  in (4.3) are non-differentiable.<sup>7</sup> So, the Edgeworth expansion is not applicable. However, we can prove the following theorem on the first-order approximation of the bootstrap when IVs are weak.

**Theorem 4.2** BOOTSTRAP VALIDITY WITH WEAK IVs. *Suppose Assumptions 2.1 and  $H_0$  are satisfied. If for some  $\delta > 0$ ,  $\mathbb{E}(\|Z_i\|^{4+\delta}, \|v_i\|^{2+\delta}) < \infty$ , then we have:*

$$\mathcal{T}_l^* | \hat{\mathcal{F}}_n \xrightarrow{d} \chi^2(1), \quad \mathcal{H}_j^* | \hat{\mathcal{F}}_n \xrightarrow{d} \chi^2(1) \text{ a.s., for all } l = 2, 3, 4; j = 1, 2, 3$$

when  $\pi = \pi_0/\sqrt{n}$ ,  $\pi_0$  is a  $k \times 1$  constant vector, and  $\hat{\mathcal{F}}_n = \{(Y'_1, Z'_1), \dots, (Y'_n, Z'_n)\}$ .

First, since the statistics  $\mathcal{T}_2$ ,  $\mathcal{T}_4$ , and  $\mathcal{H}_3$  are LM-type and following Moreira et al. (2009), the bootstrap validity for these statistics is predictable. However, the result of the Wald-type of the DWH statistics,  $\mathcal{T}_3$ ,  $\mathcal{H}_1$ , and  $\mathcal{H}_2$ , is less obvious, because the bootstrap is not valid for the Wald-statistic of  $H_\beta : \beta = \beta_0$  (see Moreira et al., 2009). The key reason behind the bootstrap validity for the Wald-statistic here is that their asymptotic distributions, even when  $\delta \neq 0$ , do not depend on the unknown nuisance parameter<sup>8</sup>  $\beta$ , with or without weak IVs. Meanwhile, the asymptotic distribution of

<sup>7</sup>Note that all DWH statistics depends on  $y'_2(A_1 - A_2)y_2/n$ . However, it is straightforward to see that the derivative of the functions  $G(\cdot)$  and  $\tilde{G}(\cdot)$  with respect to  $y'_2(A_1 - A_2)y_2/n$  is not well-defined when  $\pi = 0$  or does not exist if  $\pi = \pi_0 c_n$  for any sequence  $c_n \downarrow 0$ . So,  $G(\cdot)$  and  $\tilde{G}(\cdot)$  are not smooth when IVs are weak, and Edgeworth-type expansion does not apply.

<sup>8</sup>See Wu(1973, Section 3; 1974, Eqs. [3.11]-[3.16]) and Doko Tchatoka and Dufour (2011a, 2011b).

the Wald-statistic of  $H_\beta : \beta = \beta_0$ , based on 2SLS or LIML, depends heavily<sup>9</sup> on  $\beta$  under the weak instrument scenario.

### 4.3. Monte Carlo experiment

We use simulation to examine the size performance of the proposed bootstrap. The DGP is described<sup>10</sup> by Eqs. (2.1) and (2.2) where the  $n$  rows of  $[u, v_2]$  are drawn i.i.d. with mean zero and unit variance, and the correlation between  $u_i$  and  $v_{2i}$  is set at  $\rho = 0$  under  $H_0$ .  $Z_2$  contains  $k_2$  instruments, each generated i.i.d  $\mathbf{N}(0, 1)$  independently of  $[u, v_2]$ . We vary  $k_2$  in  $\{2, 5, 20\}$  within the experiment, but the results are consistent with alternative values. The true value of  $\beta$  is set at 2 and the reduced-form coefficient  $\pi_2$  is chosen as  $\pi_2 = \left(\frac{\mu^2}{n\|Z_2\pi_0\|}\right)^{1/2}\pi_0$ , where  $\pi_0$  is a vector of ones,  $\mu^2$  is the concentration parameter characterizing the strength of the IVs. In this experiment,  $\mu^2$  varies in  $\{0, 413, 1000\}$ .<sup>11</sup> To account for non-normal errors,  $[u, v_2]$  is generated following Kotz et al. (2000):

$$u_i = a + b\varepsilon_{1i} + c\varepsilon_{1i}^2 + d\varepsilon_{1i}^3, \quad v_{2i} = a + b\varepsilon_{2i} + c\varepsilon_{2i}^2 + d\varepsilon_{2i}^3 \quad (4.4)$$

where  $(\varepsilon_{1i}, \varepsilon_{2i})' \stackrel{i.i.d.}{\sim} \mathbf{N}(0, I_2)$  for all  $i = 1, \dots, n$ . We consider two setups: (1)  $a = c = d = 0$  and  $b = 1$  (normal errors), and  $a = c = 0, b = d = 1/\sqrt{22}$  (non-normal errors) such that<sup>12</sup>  $Sknew = 0$  and  $Kurt \approx 27.72$ .

Table 1 presents the results for the standard DWH tests, and Table 2 reports those of the bootstrap tests. The first column of each table contains the test statistics, the second reports the number of IVs  $k_2$ , while the others present, for each sample size ( $n$ )

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<sup>9</sup>See Nelson and Startz (1990); Staiger and Stock (1997); Dufour (1997, 2003); Wang and Zivot (1998), among others.

<sup>10</sup>There is no exogenous  $Z_1$  in the simulations but the results do not alter when such exogenous IVs are included.

<sup>11</sup>Following Hansen et al. (2008),  $\mu^2 = 0$  is a design of complete non-identification,  $\mu^2 = 413$  designs weak identification, and  $\mu^2 = 1000$  is for strong identification.

<sup>12</sup>We run the simulations with alternative values of ( $Skew, Kurt$ ) and the results are qualitatively similar.

and the IV strength ( $\mu^2$ ), the empirical rejections of the tests. The bootstrap rejection probability is estimated using 10,000 pseudo-sample sets, each of size  $n$  varying in  $\{50, 100, 200, 500, 1000\}$ . The nominal level for both the standard and bootstrap tests is 5%. It is clear from Table 1 that the standard Wald-type of the DWH tests, namely,  $\mathcal{T}_3$ ,  $\mathcal{H}_1$ , and  $\mathcal{H}_2$ , are highly conservative with weak IVs (see columns  $\mu^2 = 0$  and  $\mu^2 = 413$ ). The rejection frequencies of the *LM*-type tests — $\mathcal{T}_2$ ,  $\mathcal{T}_4$ , and  $\mathcal{H}_3$ — are close to the nominal level of 5% even when IVs are weak. These results are similar for normal and non-normal errors. Meanwhile, Table 2 shows clearly that the bootstrap method improves the size of the tests, especially for the Wald-type of the DWH tests. As seen, even the rejection frequencies of  $\mathcal{T}_3$ ,  $\mathcal{H}_1$ , and  $\mathcal{H}_2$  are very close to the nominal level, no matter how weak the IVs are, with or without normal errors, even with relatively small-sample sizes.

## 5. Conclusion

This paper considers the standard linear IV models and investigates the asymptotic validity of the bootstrap for the standard DWH exogeneity tests. We propose a slight modification of Moreira et al.’s (2009) bootstrap, which provides some new insights and extensions of earlier results. When identification is strong, we show that the bootstrap offers a better approximation of the distributions of the statistics than the usual asymptotic  $\chi^2$  distributions. However, it provides only a first-order approximation when instruments are weak. Unlike the Wald-statistic based on the 2SLS estimator (see Moreira et al., 2009), our results show that the bootstrap is valid even for the Wald-type of the DWH statistics. This is mainly because even when identification is weak, the asymptotic distributions of all DWH statistics, including the Wald-type ones, do not depend on the unknown structural parameters, while those of the Wald-statistic based on 2SLS or LIML estimator do.

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Table 1. Rejection frequencies (in %) of the standard DWH tests

Normal errors																
Statistics	$k_2 \downarrow \mu^2 \rightarrow$	$n = 50$			$n = 100$			$n = 200$			$n = 500$			$n = 1000$		
		0	413	1000	0	413	1000	0	413	1000	0	413	1000	0	413	1000
$\mathcal{T}_2$	2	6.3	6.4	7.1	5.7	5.2	5.7	6.0	5.6	5.7	6.2	5.6	5.6	6.1	5.5	5.6
$\mathcal{T}_2$	2	5.6	5.4	5.0	5.1	5.1	5.4	4.9	5.2	5.0	4.9	5.2	5.0	4.9	4.7	4.9
$\mathcal{T}_3$	2	0.1	4.0	4.2	0.0	3.7	4.6	0.0	3.7	4.2	0.1	2.9	3.8	0.0	2.0	3.6
$\mathcal{T}_4$	2	4.7	4.7	4.3	4.8	4.7	4.9	4.7	5.0	4.8	4.9	5.1	4.9	4.9	4.7	4.9
$\mathcal{H}_1$	2	0.1	3.5	3.6	0.0	3.4	4.2	0.0	3.6	4.0	0.1	2.8	3.7	0.0	1.9	3.6
$\mathcal{H}_2$	2	0.1	4.2	4.3	0.0	3.8	4.7	0.0	3.8	4.3	0.1	2.9	3.8	0.0	2.0	3.6
$\mathcal{H}_3$	2	5.0	4.9	4.5	4.9	4.8	5.1	4.8	5.1	4.9	4.9	5.1	4.9	4.9	4.7	4.9
$\mathcal{T}_2$	5	5.5	5.5	5.4	5.3	5.4	5.4	4.9	5.5	5.1	4.7	5.2	5.0	5.3	4.9	5.2
$\mathcal{T}_3$	5	0.3	4.5	4.7	0.3	4.9	5.0	0.3	4.6	4.8	0.4	4.2	4.6	0.3	3.9	4.5
$\mathcal{T}_4$	5	5.0	4.8	4.8	4.9	5.2	5.1	4.8	5.3	5.0	4.6	5.1	5.0	5.3	4.9	5.1
$\mathcal{H}_1$	5	0.2	3.9	4.0	0.3	4.5	4.6	0.2	4.5	4.6	0.3	4.2	4.6	0.2	3.8	4.5
$\mathcal{H}_2$	5	0.3	4.8	4.9	0.3	4.9	5.1	0.3	4.7	4.8	0.4	4.2	4.7	0.3	3.9	4.5
$\mathcal{H}_3$	5	5.2	5.1	5.0	5.1	5.2	5.2	4.8	5.4	5.0	4.6	5.2	5.0	5.3	4.9	5.1
$\mathcal{T}_2$	20	5.6	5.1	5.7	5.0	5.3	5.4	5.0	5.2	5.1	4.9	4.5	5.1	5.2	4.9	5.2
$\mathcal{T}_3$	20	3.3	4.5	5.1	3.0	4.9	5.0	2.8	5.0	4.8	2.9	4.3	4.9	2.8	4.6	5.1
$\mathcal{T}_4$	20	4.8	4.5	5.1	4.7	4.9	5.0	4.9	5.1	4.9	4.8	4.5	5.0	5.2	4.9	5.2
$\mathcal{H}_1$	20	2.7	3.9	4.4	2.7	4.6	4.6	2.7	4.8	4.6	2.8	4.2	4.9	2.8	4.5	5.1
$\mathcal{H}_2$	20	3.5	4.6	5.3	3.1	5.0	5.1	2.8	5.0	4.9	2.9	4.3	5.0	2.9	4.6	5.1
$\mathcal{H}_3$	20	5.0	4.7	5.3	4.8	5.1	5.2	4.9	5.2	5.0	4.9	4.5	5.0	5.2	4.9	5.2
Non-normal errors																
Statistics	$k_2 \downarrow \mu^2 \rightarrow$	$n = 50$			$n = 100$			$n = 200$			$n = 500$			$n = 1000$		
		0	413	1000	0	413	1000	0	413	1000	0	413	1000	0	413	1000
$\mathcal{T}_2$	2	5.0	6.3	6.1	5.2	5.0	5.6	4.8	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	4.7	4.9	4.9	5.4
$\mathcal{T}_3$	2	0.0	5.0	5.4	0.0	3.8	5.0	0.0	3.4	4.3	0.1	2.8	3.8	0.0	2.2	4.0
$\mathcal{T}_4$	2	4.2	5.6	5.6	4.8	4.7	5.4	4.6	4.9	4.8	5.0	5.0	4.6	4.9	4.9	5.4
$\mathcal{H}_1$	2	0.0	4.4	4.8	0.0	3.5	4.7	0.0	3.3	4.1	0.0	2.8	3.7	0.0	2.1	3.9
$\mathcal{H}_2$	2	0.0	5.2	5.6	0.0	3.9	5.0	0.0	3.5	4.4	0.1	2.8	3.8	0.0	2.2	4.0
$\mathcal{H}_3$	2	4.5	5.9	5.7	5.0	4.9	5.5	4.7	5.0	4.9	5.0	5.0	4.6	4.9	4.9	5.4
$\mathcal{T}_2$	5	5.3	6.0	5.9	5.2	5.4	5.9	5.2	5.1	5.0	5.0	4.3	5.2	4.9	4.8	5.0
$\mathcal{T}_3$	5	0.3	5.3	5.2	0.3	4.8	5.6	0.3	4.3	4.5	0.2	3.6	4.7	0.2	3.7	4.5
$\mathcal{T}_4$	5	4.6	5.5	5.3	4.8	5.2	5.7	5.0	4.8	4.9	4.9	4.3	5.2	4.9	4.8	5.0
$\mathcal{H}_1$	5	0.2	4.7	4.6	0.2	4.5	5.2	0.2	4.2	4.3	0.2	3.5	4.6	0.2	3.7	4.5
$\mathcal{H}_2$	5	0.3	5.5	5.4	0.3	4.9	5.6	0.3	4.4	4.6	0.2	3.6	4.7	0.2	3.7	4.5
$\mathcal{H}_3$	5	4.8	5.6	5.4	4.9	5.2	5.8	5.1	4.9	4.9	4.9	4.3	5.2	4.9	4.8	5.0
$\mathcal{T}_2$	20	5.5	5.8	5.8	5.1	5.2	5.6	5.2	5.1	5.4	4.9	5.2	5.0	4.8	4.9	4.8
$\mathcal{T}_3$	20	3.5	5.2	5.1	2.8	4.8	5.1	3.1	4.8	5.1	2.7	4.8	4.8	2.6	4.6	4.7
$\mathcal{T}_4$	20	4.9	5.2	5.2	4.8	4.9	5.2	5.0	4.9	5.1	4.8	5.1	4.9	4.8	4.9	4.8
$\mathcal{H}_1$	20	2.8	4.6	4.5	2.6	4.5	5.0	2.9	4.6	5.0	2.7	4.8	4.8	2.6	4.6	4.7
$\mathcal{H}_2$	20	3.8	5.4	5.3	2.9	4.9	5.3	3.1	4.8	5.2	2.8	4.9	4.9	2.6	4.7	4.7
$\mathcal{H}_3$	20	5.1	5.5	5.3	4.9	5.0	5.3	5.1	5.0	5.2	4.9	5.1	5.0	4.8	4.9	4.8

Table 2. Rejection frequencies (in %) of the bootstrap DWH tests

Normal errors																
Statistics	$k_2 \downarrow \mu^2 \rightarrow$	$n = 50$			$n = 100$			$n = 200$			$n = 500$			$n = 1000$		
		0	413	1000	0	413	1000	0	413	1000	0	413	1000	0	413	1000
$\mathcal{T}_2^*$	2	6.3	6.4	7.1	5.7	5.2	5.7	6.0	5.6	5.7	6.2	5.6	5.6	6.1	5.5	5.6
$\mathcal{T}_3^*$	2	6.5	6.4	7.1	5.9	5.2	5.7	6.1	5.6	5.7	6.3	5.6	5.6	6.2	5.5	5.6
$\mathcal{T}_4^*$	2	6.3	6.4	7.1	5.7	5.2	5.7	6.0	5.6	5.7	6.2	5.6	5.6	6.1	5.5	5.6
$\mathcal{H}_1^*$	2	6.5	6.4	7.1	5.9	5.2	5.7	6.1	5.6	5.7	6.3	5.6	5.6	6.2	5.5	5.6
$\mathcal{H}_2^*$	2	6.5	6.4	7.1	5.9	5.2	5.7	6.1	5.6	5.7	6.3	5.6	5.6	6.2	5.5	5.6
$\mathcal{H}_3^*$	2	6.3	6.4	7.1	5.7	5.2	5.7	6.0	5.6	5.7	6.2	5.6	5.6	6.1	5.5	5.6
$\mathcal{T}_2^*$	5	6.8	5.9	5.9	6.6	6.0	6.7	7.2	5.6	5.4	6.2	5.8	5.6	7.6	5.8	5.1
$\mathcal{T}_3^*$	5	6.8	5.9	5.9	6.6	6.0	6.7	7.2	5.6	5.4	6.2	5.8	5.6	7.6	5.8	5.1
$\mathcal{T}_4^*$	5	6.8	5.9	5.9	6.6	6.0	6.7	7.2	5.6	5.4	6.2	5.8	5.6	7.6	5.8	5.1
$\mathcal{H}_1^*$	5	6.8	5.9	5.9	6.6	6.0	6.7	7.2	5.6	5.4	6.2	5.8	5.6	7.6	5.8	5.1
$\mathcal{H}_2^*$	5	6.8	5.9	5.9	6.6	6.0	6.7	7.2	5.6	5.4	6.2	5.8	5.6	7.6	5.8	5.1
$\mathcal{H}_3^*$	5	6.8	5.9	5.9	6.6	6.0	6.7	7.2	5.6	5.4	6.2	5.8	5.6	7.6	5.8	5.1
$\mathcal{T}_2^*$	20	6.0	5.9	6.1	7.1	6.3	6.7	6.6	6.3	6.3	6.7	5.2	5.1	7.1	5.8	5.5
$\mathcal{T}_3^*$	20	6.0	5.9	6.1	7.1	6.3	6.7	6.6	6.3	6.3	6.7	5.2	5.1	7.1	5.8	5.5
$\mathcal{T}_4^*$	20	6.0	5.9	6.1	7.1	6.3	6.7	6.6	6.3	6.3	6.7	5.2	5.1	7.1	5.8	5.5
$\mathcal{H}_1^*$	20	6.0	5.9	6.1	7.1	6.3	6.7	6.6	6.3	6.3	6.7	5.2	5.1	7.1	5.8	5.5
$\mathcal{H}_2^*$	20	6.0	5.9	6.1	7.1	6.3	6.7	6.6	6.3	6.3	6.7	5.2	5.1	7.1	5.8	5.5
$\mathcal{H}_3^*$	20	6.0	5.9	6.1	7.1	6.3	6.7	6.6	6.3	6.3	6.7	5.2	5.1	7.1	5.8	5.5
Non-normal errors																
Statistics	$k_2 \downarrow \mu^2 \rightarrow$	$n = 50$			$n = 100$			$n = 200$			$n = 500$			$n = 1000$		
		0	413	1000	0	413	1000	0	413	1000	0	413	1000	0	413	1000
$\mathcal{T}_2^*$	2	6.4	5.8	6.4	6.0	5.7	6.0	5.7	5.2	5.2	5.5	5.3	5.8	5.5	5.0	5.2
$\mathcal{T}_3^*$	2	6.4	5.8	6.4	5.9	5.7	6.0	5.9	5.2	5.2	5.7	5.3	5.8	5.7	5.0	5.2
$\mathcal{T}_4^*$	2	6.4	5.8	6.4	6.0	5.7	6.0	5.7	5.2	5.2	5.5	5.3	5.8	5.5	5.0	5.2
$\mathcal{H}_1^*$	2	6.4	5.8	6.4	5.9	5.7	6.0	5.9	5.2	5.2	5.7	5.3	5.8	5.7	5.0	5.2
$\mathcal{H}_2^*$	2	6.4	5.8	6.4	5.9	5.7	6.0	5.9	5.2	5.2	5.7	5.3	5.8	5.7	5.0	5.2
$\mathcal{H}_3^*$	2	6.4	5.8	6.4	6.0	5.7	6.0	5.7	5.2	5.2	5.5	5.3	5.8	5.5	5.0	5.2
$\mathcal{T}_2^*$	5	6.9	6.6	5.9	6.0	5.3	6.0	6.3	5.3	5.5	6.7	5.8	5.1	6.9	5.5	5.4
$\mathcal{T}_3^*$	5	6.9	6.6	5.9	6.0	5.3	6.0	6.3	5.3	5.5	6.7	5.8	5.1	6.9	5.5	5.4
$\mathcal{T}_4^*$	5	6.9	6.6	5.9	6.0	5.3	6.0	6.3	5.3	5.5	6.7	5.8	5.1	6.9	5.5	5.4
$\mathcal{H}_1^*$	5	6.9	6.6	5.9	6.0	5.3	6.0	6.3	5.3	5.5	6.7	5.8	5.1	6.9	5.5	5.4
$\mathcal{H}_2^*$	5	6.9	6.6	5.9	6.0	5.3	6.0	6.3	5.3	5.5	6.7	5.8	5.1	6.9	5.5	5.4
$\mathcal{H}_3^*$	5	6.9	6.6	5.9	6.0	5.3	6.0	6.3	5.3	5.5	6.7	5.8	5.1	6.9	5.5	5.4
$\mathcal{T}_2^*$	20	6.1	6.2	6.2	6.2	6.2	6.5	6.4	5.9	6.2	7.1	5.9	5.8	6.9	5.7	5.1
$\mathcal{T}_3^*$	20	6.1	6.2	6.2	6.2	6.2	6.5	6.4	5.9	6.2	7.1	5.9	5.8	6.9	5.7	5.1
$\mathcal{T}_4^*$	20	6.1	6.2	6.2	6.2	6.2	6.5	6.4	5.9	6.2	7.1	5.9	5.8	6.9	5.7	5.1
$\mathcal{H}_1^*$	20	6.1	6.2	6.2	6.2	6.2	6.5	6.4	5.9	6.2	7.1	5.9	5.8	6.9	5.7	5.1
$\mathcal{H}_2^*$	20	6.1	6.2	6.2	6.2	6.2	6.5	6.4	5.9	6.2	7.1	5.9	5.8	6.9	5.7	5.1
$\mathcal{H}_3^*$	20	6.1	6.2	6.2	6.2	6.2	6.5	6.4	5.9	6.2	7.1	5.9	5.8	6.9	5.7	5.1



## APPENDIX

### A. Auxiliary Lemmata and Proofs

This appendix presents some useful auxiliary lemmas and their proofs, as well as the proofs of the main theorems in the text.

#### A.1. Auxiliary Lemmata

**Lemma A.1** *Suppose Assumption 2.1 is satisfied and that  $\pi \neq 0$  is fixed. Under  $H_0$ , we have:*

$$(a) \quad \left\| \mathbb{P}\left(\sqrt{n} \frac{(\tilde{\beta} - \hat{\beta})}{\tilde{\omega}_l} \leq x\right) - [\Phi(x) + \sum_{m=1}^{s-2} n^{-m/2} p_{\mathcal{T}_l}^m(x; \tilde{F}, \pi)\Phi(x)] \right\|_{\infty} = o(n^{-(s-2)/2}) \quad (\text{A.1})$$

$$\left\| \mathbb{P}\left(\sqrt{n} \frac{(\tilde{\beta} - \hat{\beta})}{\tilde{\omega}_j} \leq x\right) - [\Phi(x) + \sum_{m=1}^{s-2} n^{-m/2} p_{\mathcal{H}_j}^m(x; \tilde{F}, \pi)\Phi(x)] \right\|_{\infty} = o(n^{-(s-2)/2}) \quad (\text{A.2})$$

$$(b) \quad \left\| \mathbb{P}(\mathcal{T}_l \leq x) - [\Phi(x) + \sum_{m=1}^{s-2} n^{-m/2} p_{\mathcal{T}_l}^m(x; F, \boldsymbol{\pi})\Phi(x)]^2 \right\|_{\infty} = o(n^{-(s-2)}) \quad , \quad (\text{A.3})$$

$$\left\| \mathbb{P}(\mathcal{H}_j \leq x) - [\Phi(x) + \sum_{m=1}^{s-2} n^{-m/2} p_{\mathcal{H}_j}^m(x; \tilde{F}, b_0, \boldsymbol{\pi})\Phi(x)]^2 \right\|_{\infty} = o(n^{-(s-2)}) \quad (\text{A.4})$$

for all  $l$  and  $j$ , where  $p_{\mathcal{T}_l}^m$  and  $p_{\mathcal{H}_j}^m$  are polynomials in  $x$  with coefficients depending on moments of the distribution  $F$  of  $\mathcal{Q}_n$  and  $\boldsymbol{\pi}$ , and  $\Phi(\cdot)$  is the cdf of a standard normal random variable.

**Lemma A.2** *Suppose Assumption 2.1 is satisfied. If for some  $\delta > 0$ , we have  $\mathbb{E}(\|Z_i\|^{2+\delta}, \|v_i\|^{2+\delta}) < \infty$ , then  $\mathbb{E}^*(|Z_{ji}^* v_{mi}^*|^{2+\delta})$  is bounded a.s. under  $H_0$ , for all  $j = 1, \dots, k$  and  $m = 1, 2$ ; where  $Z^*$  and  $v^* = [v_1^* : v_2^*]$  are the bootstrap draws from the empirical distribution of  $Z$  and the re-centered residuals  $\tilde{v} = [\tilde{v}_1 : \tilde{v}_2]$ .*

**Corollary A.3** *Under the assumptions of Lemma A.2,  $\mathbb{E}^*(|Z_{ji}^* u_i^*|^{2+\delta})$  is bounded a.s. under  $H_0$  for all  $j = 1, \dots, k$  and  $m = 1, 2$ ; where  $u^* = v_1^* - v_2^* \beta$ .*

**Lemma A.4** *Suppose Assumption 2.1 is satisfied. If for some  $\delta > 0$ ,  $\mathbb{E}(\|Z_i\|^{4+\delta}, \|v_i\|^{2+\delta}) < \infty$ , then under  $H_0$ , we have:*

$$\begin{pmatrix} Z^*u^*/\sqrt{n} \\ Z^*v_2^*/\sqrt{n} \\ \sqrt{n}(\frac{W^*\mathbf{1}}{n} - \frac{W'\mathbf{1}}{n}) \end{pmatrix} | \hat{\mathcal{F}}_n \xrightarrow{d} \mathbf{N} \left[ 0, \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{diag}(\sigma_u^2, \sigma_{v_2}) \otimes Q_Z & 0 \\ 0 & \Sigma_w \end{pmatrix} \right] \text{ a.s.}$$

where  $W = (w_1, \dots, w_n)$ ,  $w_i = \text{vech}(Z_i Z_i')$ ,  $W^* = (w_1^*, \dots, w_n^*)$ ,  $w_i^* = \text{vech}(Z_i^* Z_i^{*\prime}) \in \mathbb{R}^{k(k+1)/2}$ ,  $\Sigma_w = \text{var}(w_i)$ , and  $\mathbf{1}$  is a  $(n \text{ by } 1)$  constant vector of ones,  $\hat{\mathcal{F}}_n = \{(Y_1', Z_1'), \dots, (Y_n', Z_n')\}$ .

**Lemma A.5** *Suppose Assumption 2.1 is satisfied. If for some  $\delta > 0$ ,  $\mathbb{E}(\|Z_i\|^{4+\delta}, \|v_i\|^{2+\delta}) < \infty$ , then under  $H_0$ , we have:*

$$\frac{\sqrt{n}(\tilde{\beta}^* - \hat{\beta}^*)}{\tilde{\omega}_i^*} | \hat{\mathcal{F}}_n \xrightarrow{d} \mathbf{N}(0, 1), \quad \frac{\sqrt{n}(\tilde{\beta}^* - \hat{\beta}^*)}{\tilde{\omega}_j^*} | \hat{\mathcal{F}}_n \xrightarrow{d} \mathbf{N}(0, 1) \text{ a.s.}$$

when  $\pi = \pi_0/\sqrt{n}$ ,  $\pi_0$  is a  $(k \text{ by } 1)$  constant vector (and  $\pi_0 = 0$  is allowed), where  $\tilde{\beta}^*$ ,  $\hat{\beta}^*$ ,  $\tilde{\omega}_i^*$ ,  $\hat{\omega}_j^*$  are the bootstrap counterparts of  $\tilde{\beta}$ ,  $\hat{\beta}$ ,  $\tilde{\omega}_l$ , and  $\hat{\omega}_j$  defined in (3.1)-(3.2).

## A.2. Proofs

To shorten the exposition, note that the proofs of Theorem 4.1 and Lemma A.2 are similar to those in Moreira et al. (2009) and are omitted.

**PROOF OF LEMMA A.1** First, it is easy to see that  $\mathcal{T}_l = c_{n_l} \left( \sqrt{n} \frac{(\tilde{\beta} - \hat{\beta})}{\tilde{\omega}_l} \right)^2$  and  $\mathcal{H}_j = \left( \sqrt{n} \frac{(\tilde{\beta} - \hat{\beta})}{\tilde{\omega}_j} \right)^2$  for all  $l$  and  $j$ , where  $c_{n_l} = 1 + o(1)$ . Now, we can observe  $\sqrt{n} \frac{(\tilde{\beta} - \hat{\beta})}{\tilde{\omega}_l}$  and  $\sqrt{n} \frac{(\tilde{\beta} - \hat{\beta})}{\tilde{\omega}_j}$  as:

$$\begin{aligned} & \sqrt{n} \frac{(\tilde{\beta} - \hat{\beta})}{\tilde{\omega}_l} \\ &= \sqrt{n} \frac{(y_2' y_2 / n)^{-1} (y_2' y_1 / n) - [(y_2' Z / n)(Z' Z / n)^{-1} (Z' y_2 / n)]^{-1} [(y_2' Z / n)(Z' Z / n)^{-1} (Z' y_1 / n)]}{\sqrt{y_1' M y_2 y_1 \left[ \left( \frac{y_2' P_Z y_2}{n} \right)^{-1} - \left( \frac{y_2' y_2}{n} \right)^{-1} \right] - \left[ \left( \frac{y_2' y_2}{n} \right)^{-1} \left( \frac{y_2' y_1}{n} \right) - \left( \frac{y_2' P_Z y_2}{n} \right)^{-1} \left( \frac{y_2' P_Z y_1}{n} \right) \right]^2}} \\ &= \sqrt{n} \frac{(y_2' y_2 / n)^{-1} (y_2' u / n) - [(y_2' Z / n)(Z' Z / n)^{-1} (Z' y_2 / n)]^{-1} [(y_2' Z / n)(Z' Z / n)^{-1} (Z' u / n)]}{\sqrt{y_1' M y_2 y_1 \left[ \left( \frac{y_2' P_Z y_2}{n} \right)^{-1} - \left( \frac{y_2' y_2}{n} \right)^{-1} \right] - \left[ \left( \frac{y_2' y_2}{n} \right)^{-1} \left( \frac{y_2' y_1}{n} \right) - \left( \frac{y_2' P_Z y_2}{n} \right)^{-1} \left( \frac{y_2' P_Z y_1}{n} \right) \right]^2}} \\ &= \sqrt{n} G(\bar{Q}_n) \stackrel{\text{under } H_0}{=} \sqrt{n} [G(\bar{Q}_n) - G(\mu)] \end{aligned} \tag{A.5}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sqrt{n} \frac{(\tilde{\beta} - \hat{\beta})}{\hat{\omega}_j} \\
&= \sqrt{n} \frac{(y_2' y_2 / n)^{-1} (y_2' y_1 / n) - [(y_2' Z / n)(Z' Z / n)^{-1} (Z' y_2 / n)]^{-1} [(y_2' Z / n)(Z' Z / n)^{-1} (Z' y_1 / n)]}{\sqrt{\frac{y_1' M_{y_2} y_1}{n} [(y_2' P_Z y_2 / n)^{-1} - (y_2' y_2 / n)^{-1]}} \\
&= \sqrt{n} \frac{(y_2' y_2 / n)^{-1} (y_2' u / n) - [(y_2' Z / n)(Z' Z / n)^{-1} (Z' y_2 / n)]^{-1} [(y_2' Z / n)(Z' Z / n)^{-1} (Z' u / n)]}{\sqrt{\frac{y_1' M_{y_2} y_1}{n} [(y_2' P_Z y_2 / n)^{-1} - (y_2' y_2 / n)^{-1]}} \\
&= \sqrt{n} \tilde{G}(\bar{Q}_n) \stackrel{\text{under } H_0}{=} \sqrt{n} [\tilde{G}(\bar{Q}_n) - \tilde{G}(\mu)] \tag{A.6}
\end{aligned}$$

where  $G(\cdot)$  and  $\tilde{G}(\cdot)$  are real-valued Borel measurable functions in  $\mathbb{R}^l$  such that  $G(\mu) = G(\mathbb{E}[\mathcal{Q}_n]) = 0$  and  $\tilde{G}(\mu) = \tilde{G}(\mathbb{E}[\mathcal{Q}_n]) = 0$  under  $H_0$ .<sup>13</sup> Since  $\pi \neq 0$  is fixed (strong identification), all derivatives of  $G(\cdot)$  and  $\tilde{G}(\cdot)$  of order  $s$  and less are continuous in the neighborhood of  $\mu = 0$ . So, if further Assumption **2.1**-(b) holds, then (A.1)-(A.2) follow directly from Bhattacharya and Ghosh (1978, Theorem 2) and (A.3)-(A.4) hold by the definition of  $\mathcal{T}_i$  and  $\mathcal{H}_j$ . □

**PROOF OF LEMMA A.4** Let  $(c', d')'$  be a nonzero vector with  $c = (c_1', c_2')' \in \mathbb{R}^{2k}$  and  $d \in \mathbb{R}^{k(k+1)/2}$ . Define

$$X_{ni} = c_1' Z_i^* u_i^* / \sqrt{n} + c_2' Z_i^* v_{2i}^* / \sqrt{n} + d'(w_i^* - \bar{w}) / \sqrt{n}$$

where  $[u_i^* : v_{2i}^*]$  is the  $i$ -th bootstrap draw of the (re-centered) residuals, and  $\bar{w} = n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n w_i$ ,  $w_i = \text{vech}(Z_i Z_i') \in \mathbb{R}^{k(k+1)/2}$ , and  $w_i^* = \text{vech}(Z_i^* Z_i^{*'}) \in \mathbb{R}^{k(k+1)/2}$ .

We want to use the Cramér-Wold device. For this, it suffices to show  $X_{ni}$  satisfies all the conditions of the Liapunov Central Limit Theorem.

1. The first condition is obvious. Indeed, we have  $\mathbb{E}^*(X_{ni}) = 0$  by the independence between  $Z^*$  and  $[u_i^* : v_{2i}^*]$ , and the fact that  $\mathbb{E}^*\{[u_i^* : v_{2i}^*]\} = 0$ .
2. The second condition is  $\mathbb{E}^*(X_{ni}^2) < \infty$ . Again, by the independence between  $Z^*$

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<sup>13</sup>This holds because  $\mathbb{E}(y_2' u) = 0$  under  $H_0$  and  $\mathbb{E}(Z' u) = 0$  by Assumption **2.1**-(a).

and  $[u_i^* : v_{2i}^*]$  and because  $u^*$  is uncorrelated with  $v_2^*$  under  $H_0$ , we have

$$\mathbb{E}^*(X_{ni}^2) = n^{-1} \left\{ c_1' \left( \frac{Z' \tilde{u} \tilde{u}' Z}{n} \right) c_1 + c_2' \left( \frac{Z' \tilde{v}_2 \tilde{v}_2' Z}{n} \right) c_2 + d' \tilde{\Sigma}_w d \right\} < \infty \quad a.s.,$$

where  $\tilde{\Sigma}_w = n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (w_i - \bar{w})(w_i - \bar{w})'$ .

3. To check the final condition of the Liapunov Central Limit Theorem, it requires to show that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=2}^n \mathbb{E}^*(|X_{ni}|^{2+\delta}) = 0$  a.s. for some  $\delta > 0$ . Now, note that

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=2}^n \mathbb{E}^*[|X_{ni}|^{2+\delta}] &= n^{-\delta/2} n^{-1} \sum_{i=2}^n \mathbb{E}^* \left[ |c_1' Z_i^* u_i^* + c_2' Z_i^* v_{2i}^* + d'(w_i^* - \bar{w})|^{2+\delta} \right] \\ &\leq C_1 n^{-\delta/2} \mathbb{E}^* \left[ |c_1' Z_i^* u_i^*|^{2+\delta} + |c_2' Z_i^* v_{2i}^*|^{2+\delta} + |d'(w_i^* - \bar{w})|^{2+\delta} \right] \\ &\leq C_2 n^{-\delta/2} \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^k |c_{1j}|^{2+\delta} \mathbb{E}^*[|Z_{ji}^* u_i^*|^{2+\delta}] + \sum_{j=1}^k |c_{2j}|^{2+\delta} \mathbb{E}^*[|Z_{ji}^* v_{2i}^*|^{2+\delta}] + \right\} \\ &\quad + C_2 n^{-\delta/2} \left\{ \sum_{p=1}^{k(k+1)/2} |d_p|^{2+\delta} \mathbb{E}^* \left[ \left| w_{pi}^* - \left( \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n w_{ji} \right) \right|^{2+\delta} \right] \right\} \\ &= C_2 n^{-\delta/2} [A_1 + A_2 + A_3] \end{aligned}$$

for large enough constants  $C_1$  and  $C_2$ . From Lemma **A.2** and Corollary **A.3**, we have  $A_1 = O(1)$  and  $A_2 = O(1)$  a.s. If further  $\mathbb{E}[|Z_i|^{4+\delta}] < \infty$ , then we have  $A_3 = O(1)$  a.s. Therefore, we get  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=2}^n \mathbb{E}^*[|X_{ni}|^{2+\delta}] = 0$  a.s., and the last condition of the Liapunov Central Limit Theorem is satisfied. Lemma **A.4** is the Central Limit Theorem property once we realize that  $p \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{Z' \tilde{u} \tilde{u}' Z}{n} \right) = \sigma_u^2 Q_Z$ ,  $p \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{Z' \tilde{v}_2 \tilde{v}_2' Z}{n} \right) = \sigma_{v_2}^2 Q_Z$ , and  $p \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\tilde{\Sigma}_w) = \Sigma_w$ .

□

**PROOF OF LEMMA A.5** First, note that  $\mathbb{E}^*(Z^{*'} Z^*/n) = Z' Z/n$ ,  $\mathbb{E}^*(Z^{*'} u^*/n) = Z' \tilde{u}/n$ ,  $\mathbb{E}^*(Z^{*'} v_2^*/n) = Z' \tilde{v}_2/n$ , and  $\mathbb{E}^*[(u^* : v_2^*)'(u^* : v_2^*)/n] = (\tilde{u} : \tilde{v}_2)'(\tilde{u} : \tilde{v}_2)/n$ . So,

the Markov law of large numbers entails that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{Z^{*'}Z^*}{n} - \frac{Z'Z}{n} \mid \hat{\mathcal{F}}_n \xrightarrow{a.s.} 0, \quad \frac{Z^{*'}u^*}{n} - \frac{Z'\tilde{u}}{n} \mid \hat{\mathcal{F}}_n \xrightarrow{a.s.} 0, \quad \frac{Z^{*'}v_2^*}{n} - \frac{Z'\tilde{v}_2}{n} \mid \hat{\mathcal{F}}_n \xrightarrow{a.s.} 0 \\ \frac{1}{n}(u^* : v_2^*)'(u^* : v_2^*) - \frac{1}{n}(\tilde{e} : \tilde{v}_2)'(\tilde{u} : \tilde{v}_2) \mid \hat{\mathcal{F}}_n \xrightarrow{a.s.} 0; \quad a.s. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $Z'Z/n \xrightarrow{p} Q_Z$ , and  $Z'\tilde{v}_2/n \xrightarrow{p} 0$ , we have  $Z'\tilde{u}/n \xrightarrow{p} 0$  and if  $H_0$  holds,  $(\tilde{u} : \tilde{v}_2)'(\tilde{u} : \tilde{v}_2)/n \xrightarrow{p} \mathbf{diag}(\sigma_u^2, \sigma_{v_2}^2)$ . So, it is clear that:  $Z^*Z^*/n \xrightarrow{a.s.} Q_Z$ ,  $Z^*u^*/n \xrightarrow{a.s.} 0$ ,  $Z^*v_2^*/n \xrightarrow{a.s.} 0$ , and  $(u^* : v_2^*)'(u^* : v_2^*)/n \xrightarrow{a.s.} \mathbf{diag}(\sigma_u^2, \sigma_{v_2}^2)$  under  $H_0$ .

Now, from the above results along with Lemma **A.4** and the fact that  $\pi = c/\sqrt{n}$ , we have:  $y_2^*y_2^*/n = \pi_0'(Z^*Z^*/n^2)\pi_0 + 2\pi_0'Z^*v_2^*/n^{3/2} + v_2^*v_2^*/n \mid \hat{\mathcal{F}}_n \xrightarrow{a.s.} \sigma_{v_2}^2$  and  $y_2^*P_{Z^*}y_2^* = (y_2^*Z^*/\sqrt{n})(Z^*Z^*/n)^{-1}(Z^*y_2^*/\sqrt{n}) \mid \hat{\mathcal{F}}_n \xrightarrow{d} (\psi_{Z_{v_2}} + Q_Z\pi_0)'Q_Z^{-1}(\psi_{Z_{v_2}} + Q_Z\pi_0)$  a.s., where  $\psi_{Z_{v_2}} \sim \mathbf{N}(0, \sigma_{v_2}^2Q_Z)$ . Therefore, we have  $\tilde{\beta}^* - \hat{\beta}^* = (y_2^*P_{Z^*}y_2^*)^{-1}(y_2^*P_{Z^*}u^*) - (y_2^*y_2^*/n)^{-1}(y_2^*u^*/n) = (y_2^*P_{Z^*}y_2^*)^{-1}(y_2^*P_{Z^*}u^*) + o_p(1) \mid \hat{\mathcal{F}}_n \xrightarrow{d} [(\psi_{Z_{v_2}} + Q_Z\pi_0)'Q_Z^{-1}(\psi_{Z_{v_2}} + Q_Z\pi_0)]^{-1}(\psi_{Z_{v_2}} + Q_Z\pi_0)'Q_Z^{-1}\psi_{Z_u}$  a.s. under  $H_0$ . Similarly, we can show that  $\tilde{\omega}_l^{*2}/n, \hat{\omega}_j^{*2}/n \mid \hat{\mathcal{F}}_n \xrightarrow{a.s.} \sigma_u^2[(\pi_0\psi_{Z_{v_2}} + Q_Z)'Q_Z^{-1}(\psi_{Z_{v_2}} + Q_Z\pi_0)]^{-1}$  a.s. for all  $l$  and  $j$ . Thus we get

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\sqrt{n}(\tilde{\beta}^* - \hat{\beta})}{\tilde{\omega}_l^*} \mid \hat{\mathcal{F}}_n \xrightarrow{d} \frac{1}{\sigma_u} [(\psi_{Z_{v_2}} + Q_Z\pi_0)'Q_Z^{-1}(\psi_{Z_{v_2}} + Q_Z\pi_0)]^{-1/2} (\psi_{Z_{v_2}} + Q_Z\pi_0)'Q_Z^{-1}\psi_{Z_u} \\ \frac{\sqrt{n}(\tilde{\beta}^* - \hat{\beta}^*)}{\hat{\omega}_j^*} \mid \hat{\mathcal{F}}_n \xrightarrow{d} \frac{1}{\sigma_u} [(\psi_{Z_{v_2}} + Q_Z\pi_0)'Q_Z^{-1}(\psi_{Z_{v_2}} + Q_Z\pi_0)]^{-1/2} (\psi_{Z_{v_2}} + Q_Z\pi_0)'Q_Z^{-1}\psi_{Z_u} \quad a.s. \end{aligned}$$

Moreover,  $\psi_{Z_u}$  and  $\psi_{Z_{v_2}}$  are independent and jointly normal under  $H_0$  (see also Lemma **A.4**), thus we have  $\frac{1}{\sigma_u} [(\psi_{Z_{v_2}} + Q_Z\pi_0)'Q_Z^{-1}(\psi_{Z_{v_2}} + Q_Z\pi_0)]^{-1/2} (\psi_{Z_{v_2}} + Q_Z\pi_0)'Q_Z^{-1}\psi_{Z_u} \mid \psi_{Z_{v_2}} \sim \mathbf{N}(0, 1)$ . Because the conditional distribution of  $\frac{1}{\sigma_u} [(\psi_{Z_{v_2}} + Q_Z\pi_0)'Q_Z^{-1}(\psi_{Z_{v_2}} + Q_Z\pi_0)]^{-1/2} (\psi_{Z_{v_2}} + Q_Z\pi_0)'Q_Z^{-1}\psi_{Z_u}$ , given  $\psi_{Z_{v_2}}$ , does not depend on  $\psi_{Z_{v_2}}$ , it is equal to the unconditional distribution. It follows that  $\frac{\sqrt{n}(\tilde{\beta}^* - \hat{\beta})}{\tilde{\omega}_l^*} \mid \hat{\mathcal{F}}_n \xrightarrow{d} \mathbf{N}(0, 1)$  and  $\frac{\sqrt{n}(\tilde{\beta}^* - \hat{\beta}^*)}{\hat{\omega}_j^*} \mid \hat{\mathcal{F}}_n \xrightarrow{d} \mathbf{N}(0, 1)$  for all  $l = 2, 3, 4$  and  $j = 1, 2, 3$ .

□

PROOF OF THEOREM 4.2 First, recall that  $\mathcal{T}_l^* = \left(\frac{\sqrt{n}(\tilde{\beta}^* - \hat{\beta}^*)}{\hat{\omega}_l^*}\right)^2$  and  $\mathcal{H}_j^* = \left(\frac{\sqrt{n}(\tilde{\beta}^* - \hat{\beta}^*)}{\hat{\omega}_j^*}\right)^2$ . By Lemma A.5, we have  $\frac{\sqrt{n}(\tilde{\beta}^* - \hat{\beta}^*)}{\hat{\omega}_l^*} \mid \hat{\mathcal{F}}_n \xrightarrow{d} \mathbf{N}(0, 1)$  and  $\frac{\sqrt{n}(\tilde{\beta}^* - \hat{\beta}^*)}{\hat{\omega}_j^*} \mid \hat{\mathcal{F}}_n \xrightarrow{d} \mathbf{N}(0, 1)$  a.s. It is clear that  $\mathcal{T}_l^* \mid \hat{\mathcal{F}}_n \xrightarrow{d} [\mathbf{N}(0, 1)]^2 \equiv \chi^2(1)$  and  $\mathcal{H}_j^* \mid \hat{\mathcal{F}}_n \xrightarrow{d} [\mathbf{N}(0, 1)]^2 \equiv \chi^2(1)$  a.s.  $\square$

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