

RESIDUAL EMPIRICAL PROCESS FOR DIFFUSION PROCESSES

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ABSTRACT. In this paper, we study the asymptotic behavior of the residual empirical process from diffusion processes. For this task, adopting the discrete sampling scheme as in Florens-Zmirou [9], we calculate the residuals and construct the residual empirical process. It is shown that the residual empirical process converges weakly to a Brownian bridge.

1. Introduction

The diffusion process has long been popular in analyzing random phenomena occurring in a variety of fields such as finance, engineering, physical and medical sciences. During the past decades, the theory for diffusion processes has been enriched in a remarkable way, and the diffusion process has become a representative keyword for stochastic analysis, especially in stochastic finance. See, for instance, Karatzas and Shreve [11] and Shiriyayev [26]. Despite of the importance, there has been a tendency that statistical inferences for diffusion models have not drawn much attention from researchers as classical statistical problems. However, nowadays it is becoming a core area of statistics, and relevant fundamental results are available from the literature: see the books by Prakasa Rao [23], Lipster and Shiriyayev [1] and Kutoyants [15].

From experiences in empirical analysis of financial time series data, practitioners notice that time series data is not well fitted by diffusion models. For this reason, they introduced other class of stochastic models like jump diffusion processes and Lévy processes. See Sato [24], Barndorff-Nielsen, Mikosch and Resnick [1], Schoutens [25], and Cont and Tankov [6]. Also, see Chan [5], Eberlin, and Raible [8], and Hong and Wee [10]. These models are now widely accepted as a promising alternative to diffusion models for modeling financial time series. Meanwhile, it is well known that time series often suffer from structural changes in underlying models owing to changes of monetary policy and critical social events (see, for instance, Lee, Ha, Na, and Na [16], Lee and Na [17], Lee, Toktsu, and Maekawa [20], and Lee, Nishiyama, and Yoshida [18]).

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Hence, it is somewhat natural to ask whether or not the diffusion models are suitable for modeling time series data.

In this paper, motivated by the issue mentioned above, we consider the goodness of fit test problem for diffusion models. For this task, we study the empirical process from diffusion processes since it is one of the most popular tools to check the validity of proposed statistical models (see Thode [28] for the Gaussian goodness of fit test), and provides rich statistical theories. For a general review of the empirical process, we refer to Durbin [7] and the textbooks, such as Shorack and Wellner [27], van der Vaart and Wellner [30], and van de Geer [29].

In handling the continuous time stochastic process for statistical inference, one can choose one of the two approaches: the one is to use all continuous sample path as in Kutoyants [15] and the other is to use the sampling scheme as in Flores-Zmirou [9], Yoshida [31] and Kessler [12]. Here, we adopt the latter since it makes the situation much more tractable in defining the residuals and investigating the asymptotic behavior of the residual empirical process. The idea to employ such a residual empirical process is based on the fact that if the data is generated from a pure diffusion model, the residuals obtained from the sampled observations should behave like normal r.v.'s and thus, through the normality test one can judge the well-fitness of the diffusion model. The residual empirical process has been studied in time series models by many authors. We refer to Boldin ([3], [4]), Kreiss [14], Ling [22], Lee and Wei [21], Lee and Taniguchi [19], Koul [13] and the papers cited therein. However, to our knowledge, there are no literatures handling the residual empirical process in diffusion models, which, therefore, deserves special attention considering its wide applicability.

In Section 2, we state the main result. It is shown that the residual empirical process converges weakly to a Brownian bridge under regularity conditions. In Section 3, we provide the proof for the main theorem.

2. Main result

Let us consider the stochastic differential equation

$$(2.1) \quad dX_t = a(X_t; \theta)dt + \sigma dW_t, \quad X_0 = x_0, \quad t \geq 0,$$

where θ is a p -dimensional unknown parameter, σ is a constant, a is a real valued function, and $\{W_t; t \geq 0\}$ is a standard Wiener process. This model has been studied by Flores-Zmirou [9] and the result is summarized in Prakasa Rao [23], pages 143–144 and 153–158. For instance, the model in (2.1) includes the Ornstein-Uhlenbeck process

$$dX_t = (\alpha - \mu X_t)dt + \sigma dW_t.$$

We assume that the following conditions hold.

(A1) There exist constants $C, m > 0$ such that for any θ, x, y ,

$$\begin{aligned} |a(x; \theta) - a(y; \theta)| &\leq C|x - y|, \\ \sup_{\theta' \in N_\theta} \|\dot{a}(x; \theta')\| &\leq C(1 + |x|^m), \\ \sup_{\theta' \in N_\theta} \|\ddot{a}(x; \theta')\| &\leq C(1 + |x|^m), \end{aligned}$$

where $\dot{a} = \partial a / \partial \theta$, $\ddot{a} = \partial^2 a / \partial \theta^2$, and N_θ is an open neighborhood of θ .

(A2) $\sup_t E|X_t|^\gamma < \infty$ for all $\gamma > 0$.

The issue here is to test the adequacy of the model in (1) for a give time series data. Suppose that $\{X_t\}$ is observed at discrete times $t_i = ih_n, i = 1, \dots, n$, where $\{h_n\}$ is a sequence of positive real numbers such that $h_n \rightarrow 0$ and $nh_n \rightarrow \infty$. Let $\hat{\theta}_n$ be an estimator of θ such that $\sqrt{nh_n}(\hat{\theta}_n - \theta)$ is asymptotically normal. A sufficient condition for the normality condition can be found in Flores-Zmirou [9] and Kessler [12]. We implicitly assume those without specification. Besides, we impose the condition on the sequence $\{h_n\}$:

(A3) $nh_n^2 \rightarrow 0$ and $(nh_n)^{1/2} / \log n \rightarrow \infty$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

By noticing

$$\begin{aligned} (2.2) \quad X_{t_i} - X_{t_{i-1}} &= h_n a(X_{t_{i-1}}; \theta) + \int_{t_{i-1}}^{t_i} (a(X_s; \theta) - a(X_{t_{i-1}}; \theta)) ds + \sigma(W_{t_i} - W_{t_{i-1}}) \\ &\simeq h_n a(X_{t_{i-1}}; \theta) + \sigma \sqrt{h_n} r_i, \end{aligned}$$

where r_i are iid standard normal r.v.'s. we define the residuals

$$(2.3) \quad \hat{r}_i = \{X_{t_i} - X_{t_{i-1}} - h_n a(X_{t_{i-1}}; \hat{\theta}_n)\} / \hat{\sigma}_n \sqrt{h_n},$$

where

$$(2.4) \quad \hat{\sigma}_n^2 = \frac{1}{nh_n} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_{t_i} - X_{t_{i-1}} - h_n a(X_{t_{i-1}}; \hat{\theta}_n))^2,$$

which is a consistent estimator of σ^2 (cf. Flores-Zmirou [9]). The residual empirical process is then defined by

$$(2.5) \quad Y_n(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n_h}} \sum_{i=1}^{n_h} \{I(\hat{r}_i \leq x) - \Phi(x)\}, \quad x \in \mathbf{R},$$

where n_h is the largest integer that does not exceed nh_n . The main goal of this section is to figure out the limiting distribution of Y_n .

Put

$$\begin{aligned}\eta_{ni} &= \frac{W_{t_i} - W_{t_{i-1}}}{\sqrt{h_n}}, \\ \Delta_{ni} &= \int_{t_{i-1}}^{t_i} \{a(X_s; \theta) - a(X_{t_{i-1}}; \theta)\} ds, \\ d_{ni} &= a(X_{t_{i-1}}; \hat{\theta}_n) - a(X_{t_{i-1}}; \theta).\end{aligned}$$

Note that Δ_{ni} can be viewed as a model bias in the regression model in (2.1). By (A1),

$$\begin{aligned}(2.6) \quad E|\Delta_{ni}| &\leq C' \int_{t_{i-1}}^{t_i} E|X_s - X_{t_{i-1}}| ds \\ &\leq C' \int_{t_{i-1}}^{t_i} E^{1/2}|X_s - X_{t_{i-1}}|^2 ds = O(h_n^{\frac{3}{2}}), \quad C' > 0,\end{aligned}$$

where we have used Lemma 3.4.2 of Prakara Rao [23], p.156. Similarly, we can show that for every integer $k \geq 1$,

$$(2.7) \quad E|\Delta_{ni}|^{2k} = O(h_n^{2k+1}).$$

Write that $Y_n(x) = I_n(x) + II_n(x) + III_n(x)$, where

$$\begin{aligned}I_n(x) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{n_h}} \sum_{i=1}^{n_h} \{I(\eta_{ni} \leq x) - \Phi(x)\}, \\ II_n(x) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{n_h}} \sum_{i=1}^{n_h} \left\{ \Phi \left(\frac{\hat{\sigma}_n}{\sigma} x - \frac{\Delta_{ni}}{\sigma \sqrt{h_n}} - \frac{\sqrt{h_n}}{\sigma} d_{ni} \right) - \Phi(x) \right\}, \\ III_n(x) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{n_h}} \sum_{i=1}^{n_h} \left\{ I \left(\eta_{ni} \leq \frac{\hat{\sigma}_n}{\sigma} x - \frac{\Delta_{ni}}{\sigma \sqrt{h_n}} - \frac{\sqrt{h_n}}{\sigma} d_{ni} \right) \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \Phi \left(\frac{\hat{\sigma}_n}{\sigma} x - \frac{\Delta_{ni}}{\sigma \sqrt{h_n}} - \frac{\sqrt{h_n}}{\sigma} d_{ni} \right) + \Phi(x) - I(\eta_{ni} \leq x) \right\}.\end{aligned}$$

Since by (A1)-(A3) and the mean value theorem,

$$\sqrt{n}(\hat{\sigma}_n^2 - \sigma^2) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n (\eta_{ni}^2 - 1)\sigma^2 + o_P(1),$$

we can write that

$$\begin{aligned}II_n(x) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{n_h}} \sum_{i=1}^{n_h} \left(\frac{\hat{\sigma}_n}{\sigma} - 1 \right) x \phi(x) + \sum_{i=1}^3 II_{ni}(x), \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^3 II_{ni}(x) + o_P(1),\end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} II_{n1}(x) &= \frac{-1}{\sqrt{n_h}} \sum_{i=1}^{n_h} \frac{\Delta_{ni}}{\sigma \sqrt{h_n}} \phi(x), \\ II_{n2}(x) &= \frac{-1}{\sqrt{n_h}} \sum_{i=1}^{n_h} \frac{\sqrt{h_n}}{\sigma} d_{ni} \phi(x), \\ II_{n3}(x) &= \frac{1}{2\sqrt{n_h}} \sum_{i=1}^{n_h} \left(\frac{\Delta_{ni}}{\sigma \sqrt{h_n}} + \frac{\sqrt{h_n}}{\sigma} d_{ni} \right)^2 \phi'(\xi_{ni}(x)), \end{aligned}$$

where $\xi_{ni}(x)$ is a number lying between x and $\frac{\hat{\sigma}_n}{\sigma} x - \frac{\Delta_{ni}}{\sigma \sqrt{h_n}} + \frac{h_n}{\sigma} d_{ni}$. Note that by (2.6) and (A.3),

$$(2.8) \quad \sup_x |II_{n1}(x)| = o_P(1).$$

Using Taylor's theorem, we can write $d_{ni} = d_{ni}^{(1)} + d_{ni}^{(2)}$ with

$$d_{ni}^{(1)} = \dot{a}(X_{t_{i-1}}; \theta)(\hat{\theta}_n - \theta) \text{ and } d_{ni}^{(2)} = \frac{1}{2}(\hat{\theta}_n - \theta)' \ddot{a}(X_{t_{i-1}}; \theta_{ni}^*)(\hat{\theta}_n - \theta),$$

where θ_{ni}^* is an intermediate point of $\hat{\theta}_n$ and θ . Since by (A1),

$$\sqrt{n_h} \|\hat{\theta}_n - \theta\|^2 \max_{1 \leq i \leq n_h} \sup_{\theta' \in N_\theta} \|\ddot{a}(X_{t_{i-1}}; \theta')\| = o_P(1),$$

we have

$$(2.9) \quad \sup_x \left| \frac{1}{\sqrt{n_h}} \sum_{i=1}^{n_h} \frac{\sqrt{h_n}}{\sigma} d_{ni}^{(2)} \right| = o_P(1).$$

Also,

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{n_h}} \sum_{i=1}^{n_h} \frac{\sqrt{h_n}}{\sigma} d_{ni}^{(1)} \phi(x) = o_P(1).$$

Hence,

$$(2.10) \quad \sup_x |II_{n2}(x)| = o_P(1).$$

In a similar fashion, we can see that

$$(2.11) \quad \sup_x |II_{n3}(x)| = o_P(1).$$

Combining (2.8), (2.10), (2.11), and the fact that

$$(2.12) \quad \sup_x |III_n(x)| = o_P(1),$$

of which proof is in Section 3, we have the following.

Theorem 2.1. *Assume that (A1) – (A3) hold. Then, as $n \rightarrow \infty$,*

$$Y_n(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n_h}} \sum_{i=1}^{n_h} \{I(\eta_{ni} \leq x) - \Phi(x)\} + \xi_n(x),$$

where $\sup_x |\xi_n(x)| = o_P(1)$. Thus, $Y_n(\Phi^{-1}(u))$ converges weakly to a Brownian bridge $W^o(u)$.

Remark. One can ask whether n_h in Y_n can be replaced by the sample size n since it is always desired to use the whole observations. According to our analysis, the answer is negative since the model bias terms Δ_{ni} cannot be regarded negligible uniformly. Recall that h_n should not be so small since nh_n must go to infinity, and so there is a limit to reducing the model bias in view of (2.6). Using n_h may not cause a serious trouble in actual practice as far as a large number of observations are utilized. If the sample size is small, the whole statistical inference may not be reliable since the $\hat{\theta}_n$ itself is unreliable.

Usually, the estimator of scale parameter affects the limiting distribution as seen in Durbin [7]. In our case, however, it disappears as we saw in Theorem 2.1. This happens since the $\hat{\sigma}_n^2$ is \sqrt{n} -consistent unlike the estimator of θ , and behaves as if it were a super efficient estimator since only n_h number of observations are involved in the residual empirical process.

One can utilize the above result to perform a goodness of fit test. For example, one can use the Kolmogorov-Smirnov test and Cramer-von Mises test since by the continuous mapping theorem,

$$KS_n := \sup_{1 \leq u \leq 1} |Y_n(\Phi^{-1}(u))| \rightarrow \sup_{0 \leq u \leq 1} |W^o(u)|$$

and

$$CV_n := \int_0^1 |Y_n(\Phi^{-1}(u))|^2 du \rightarrow \int_0^1 |W^o(u)|^2 du \text{ in distribution.}$$

We reject the null hypothesis \mathcal{H}_0 : $\{X_t\}$ follows the diffusion model in (2.1) if KS_n and CV_n are large.

Here, we only considered the case that the dispersion part is a constant. In fact, one may consider the diffusion model with more general dispersion coefficients, say,

$$(2.13) \quad dX_t = a(X_t; \theta)dt + b(X_t; \sigma)dW_t.$$

This model is used widely in financial time series analysis, and becomes Feller's square model when $a(X_t; \theta) = \alpha(\beta - X_t)$ and $b(X_t; \sigma) = \sigma\sqrt{X_t}$. Though one can easily guess that our result will extend to this model, a careful analysis is needed according to the result in Lee and Taniguchi [19] which shows that the varying dispersion components in ARCH models affect the limiting distribution of the residual empirical process. We leave the task of extension as a future study.

3. Proof

In this section, we prove $\sup_x |III_n(x)| = o_P(1)$. Observe that by the monotonicity of the indicator function,

$$\begin{aligned} & I\left(\eta_{ni} \leq \frac{\hat{\sigma}_n}{\sigma}x + \frac{\sqrt{h_n}}{\sigma}d_{ni}^{(1)} - \max_{1 \leq i \leq n_h} \left\{ \frac{\sqrt{h_n}}{\sigma}|d_{ni}^{(2)}| + \frac{|\Delta_{ni}|}{\sigma\sqrt{h_n}} \right\}\right) \\ & \leq I\left(\eta_{ni} \leq \frac{\hat{\sigma}_n}{\sigma}x - \frac{\Delta_{ni}}{\sigma\sqrt{h_n}} + \frac{\sqrt{h_n}}{\sigma}d_{ni}\right) \\ & \leq I\left(\eta_{ni} \leq \frac{\hat{\sigma}_n}{\sigma}x + \frac{\sqrt{h_n}}{\sigma}d_{ni}^{(1)} + \max_{1 \leq i \leq n_h} \left\{ \frac{\sqrt{h_n}}{\sigma}|d_{ni}^{(2)}| + \frac{|\Delta_{ni}|}{\sigma\sqrt{h_n}} \right\}\right). \end{aligned}$$

Also, note that from (2.7),

$$(3.1) \quad E\{\sqrt{n} \max_{1 \leq i \leq n_h} |\Delta_{ni}|\}^4 = O((nh_n^2)^3) = o(1).$$

From (2.9), (3.1) and Taylor's theorem, we have that

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{n_h}} \sum_{i=1}^{n_h} \Phi\left(\frac{\hat{\sigma}_n}{\sigma}x - \frac{\Delta_{ni}}{\sigma\sqrt{h_n}} + \frac{\sqrt{h_n}}{\sigma}d_{ni}\right) \\ & = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n_h}} \sum_{i=1}^{n_h} \Phi\left(\frac{\hat{\sigma}_n}{\sigma}x + \frac{\sqrt{h_n}}{\sigma}d_{ni}^{(1)}\right) + \rho_n(x) \\ & = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n_h}} \sum_{i=1}^{n_h} \Phi\left(\frac{\hat{\sigma}_n}{\sigma}x + \frac{\sqrt{h_n}}{\sigma}d_{ni}^{(1)} \pm \max_{1 \leq i \leq n_h} \left\{ \frac{\sqrt{h_n}}{\sigma}|d_{ni}^{(2)}| + \frac{|\Delta_{ni}|}{\sigma\sqrt{h_n}} \right\}\right) + \tilde{\rho}_n(x), \end{aligned}$$

where $\sup_x |\rho_n(x)| = o_P(1)$ and $\sup_x |\tilde{\rho}_n(x)| = o_P(1)$. In view of this and the following two facts:

$$\sup_x \left| \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n \left\{ I(\eta_{ni} \leq x + \xi_{ni}) - \Phi(x + \xi_{ni}) + \Phi(x) - I(\eta_{ni} \leq x) \right\} \right| = o_P(1)$$

for any double array of r.v.'s $\{\xi_{ni}\}$ with $\sqrt{n} \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} |\xi_{ni}| = o_P(1)$ (cf. Lemma 2.2 of Lee and Wei [21]), and

$$\sup_x \left| \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n \left\{ I(\eta_{ni} \leq \frac{\hat{\sigma}_n}{\sigma}x) - \Phi\left(\frac{\hat{\sigma}_n}{\sigma}x\right) + \Phi(x) - I(\eta_{ni} \leq x) \right\} \right| = o_P(1)$$

(cf. Billingsley [2], p. 106), we can see that (2.12) follows if

$$(3.2) \quad \sup_x |\widetilde{III}_n(x)| = o_P(1),$$

where

$$\widetilde{III}_n(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n_h}} \sum_{i=1}^{n_h} \left\{ I\left(\eta_{ni} \leq x + \frac{\sqrt{h_n}}{\sigma}d_{ni}^{(1)}\right) - \Phi\left(x + \frac{\sqrt{h_n}}{\sigma}d_{ni}^{(1)}\right) + \Phi(x) - I(\eta_{ni} \leq x) \right\}.$$

Let x_j be such that $-\infty = x_0 < \dots < x_{N_n} = \infty$ and $\Phi(x_j) = \frac{j}{N_n}, j = 0, \dots, N_n$, where $N_n = n^2$. Since

$$\max_{1 \leq j \leq N_n} \sup_{x_j \leq x \leq x_{j+1}} \left| \frac{1}{\sqrt{n_h}} \sum_{i=1}^{n_h} \{I(\eta_{ni} \leq x_j) - \Phi(x_j) + \Phi(x) - I(\eta_{ni} \leq x)\} \right| = o_P(1),$$

(3.2) follows if

$$(3.3) \quad \max_{1 \leq j \leq N_n} |III'_{nj}| = o_P(1),$$

where

$$III'_{nj} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n_h}} \sum_{i=1}^{n_h} \left\{ I\left(\eta_{ni} \leq x_j + \frac{\sqrt{h_n}}{\sigma} d_{ni}^{(1)}\right) - \Phi\left(x_j + \frac{\sqrt{h_n}}{\sigma} d_{ni}^{(1)}\right) + \Phi(x_j) - I(\eta_{ni} \leq x_j) \right\}.$$

Since $\sqrt{n_h}(\hat{\theta}_n - \theta) = O_P(1)$, (4.3) holds if for any $K > 0$,

$$(3.4) \quad \sup_{\|s\| \leq K} \max_{1 \leq j \leq N_n} \left| \frac{1}{\sqrt{n_h}} \sum_{i=1}^{n_h} \{I(\eta_{ni} \leq x_j + n^{-1/2} s' \dot{a}(X_{t_{j-1}}; \theta)) - \Phi(x_j + n^{-1/2} s' \dot{a}(X_{t_{j-1}}; \theta)) + \Phi(x_j) - I(\eta_{ni} \leq x_j)\} \right| = o_P(1).$$

Partitioning $S_k = \{y \in \mathcal{R}^p; \|y\| \leq K\}$ by vertices $(y_{1\nu_1}, \dots, y_{p\nu_p})$ with $y_{q,\nu_q} = -K + \frac{2K\nu_q}{n^2}, \nu_q = 1, \dots, n^2$, one can obtain the disjoint rectangles Q_1, \dots, Q_{τ_n} with $Q_l \cap S_k \neq \emptyset$ and $S_k \subset \cup_{l=1}^{\tau_n} Q_l$, where $\tau_n = O(n^{2p})$. Then, one can readily show that (4.4) holds if

$$W_n : = \max_{1 \leq l \leq \tau_n} \max_{1 \leq j \leq N_n} \left| \frac{1}{\sqrt{n_h}} \sum_{i=1}^{n_h} \{I(\eta_{ni} \leq x_j + n^{-1/2} u_{il}^\pm) - \Phi(x_j + n^{-1/2} u_{il}^\pm) + \Phi(x_j) - I(\eta_{ni} \leq x_j)\} \right| = o_P(1),$$

where

$$u_{il}^+ = \sup_{s \in Q_l} s' \dot{a}(X_{t_{i-1}}; \theta) \text{ and } u_{il}^- = \inf_{s \in Q_l} s' \dot{a}(X_{t_{i-1}}; \theta).$$

Here, we only prove the u_{il}^+ case. Put

$$e_{ni} = I(\eta_{ni} \leq x_j + n^{-1/2} u_{il}^+) - \Phi(x_j + n^{-1/2} u_{il}^+) + \Phi(x_j) - I(\eta_{ni} \leq x_j).$$

In view of the fact that $\sum_{i=1}^n |u_{il}^+| = O_P(n)$ for any $\delta > 0$, there exists $B > 0$ such that $P(V_n) > 1 - \delta$, where $V_n = (\sum_{i=1}^{n_h} |u_{il}^+| \leq Bn_h)$. Then if we put

$$e'_{ni} = e_{ni} I\left(\sum_{k=1}^i |u_{kl}^+| \leq Bn_h\right),$$

$\{e'_{ni}, \mathcal{F}_{n_i}\}$ forms a sequence of martingale differences where $\mathcal{F}_{n_i} = \sigma(\eta_{n_1}, \dots, \eta_{n_i})$. Note that

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^{n_h} E((e'_{ni})^2 | \mathcal{F}_{n_{i-1}}) &\leq n^{-1/2} K \sum_{i=1}^{n_h} |u_{il}^+| I\left(\sum_{k=1}^i |u_{kl}^+| \leq Bn_h\right) \\ &\leq B' \sqrt{n} h_n, \quad B' > 0. \end{aligned}$$

Applying Freedman's inequality for martingales, we obtain that for any $\lambda > 0$,

$$\begin{aligned} P\left(\left|\sum_{i=1}^{n_h} e'_{ni}\right| > \lambda \sqrt{n_h}\right) &\leq 2 \exp\left\{-\frac{(1/2)n_h \lambda^2}{(B' \sqrt{n} h_n + (2/3)\lambda \sqrt{n_h})}\right\} \\ &= O(e^{-\kappa \sqrt{n_h}}), \end{aligned}$$

where κ is a positive constant. Since $P(e_{ni} \neq e'_{ni} \text{ for some } i = 1, \dots, n_h, V_n) = 0$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} P(W_n > \lambda) &\leq P(W_n > \lambda, V_n) + P(V_n^c) \\ &\leq \sum_{l=1}^{\tau_n} \sum_{j=1}^{N_n} P\left(\left|\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n e_{ni}\right| > \lambda, V_n\right) + \delta \\ &\leq \sum_{l=1}^{\tau_n} \sum_{j=1}^{N_n} P\left(\left|\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n e'_{ni}\right| > \lambda\right) + \delta \\ &= o(1) + \delta \end{aligned}$$

by the second condition of (A3). Since δ is arbitrarily chosen, we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(W_n > \lambda) = 0.$$

This completes the proof. \square

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