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ADDRESSING ENDOGENEITY ISSUES IN A SAR MODEL USING COPULAS

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## S.1 Direct Extension of Park and Gupta (2012)'s approach

In this section, we consider a direct extension of Park and Gupta (2012)'s approach to a SAR model and show the additional assumptions (Assumptions S.1-S.2) needed to guarantee the consistency of the estimation methods proposed in the main draft.

**Assumption S.1.**  $x_i$  and  $z_i^*$  are uncorrelated.

**Assumption S.2.** Non-normality of  $z_{l,i}$  ( $l = 1, \dots, p$ ) when  $z_i$  are added as endogenous explanatory variables.

### S.1.1 Copula modelling

Unlike the approaches in Haschka (2022) and Yang et al. (2022), Park and Gupta (2012) only model the correlations between the endogenous variables  $z_i$  and the error term  $v_i$  using a parametric copula. Given the known marginal distributions of  $z_{1,i}, \dots, z_{p,i}$  and  $v_i$ , denoted as  $H_1(z_{1,i}), \dots, H_p(z_{p,i})$  and  $G(v_i)$ , by Sklar's theorem (Sklar, 1959), we can construct a multivariate joint distribution,

$$F(v_i, z_{1,i}, \dots, z_{p,i}) = C(U_{v_i}, U_{z_{1,i}}, \dots, U_{z_{p,i}}) \quad (\text{S.1})$$

where  $C(\cdot) : [0, 1]^{p+1} \rightarrow [0, 1]$  is a  $p+1$ -dimensional copula function,  $U_{v_i} = G(v_i)$ ,  $U_{z_{1,i}} = H_1(z_{1,i}), \dots, U_{z_{p,i}} = H_p(z_{p,i})$ . The joint density function is

$$f(v_i, z_{1,i}, \dots, z_{p,i}) = c(U_{v_i}, U_{z_{1,i}}, \dots, U_{z_{p,i}})g(v_i) \prod_{l=1}^p h_l(z_{l,i}) \quad (\text{S.2})$$

where  $c(U_{v_i}, U_{z_{1,i}}, \dots, U_{z_{p,i}}) = \frac{\partial^{p+1} C(U_{v_i}, U_{z_{1,i}}, \dots, U_{z_{p,i}})}{\partial v_i \partial z_{1,i} \dots \partial z_{p,i}}$ ,  $g(\cdot)$  and  $h_l(\cdot)$  ( $l = 1, \dots, p$ ) are marginal density functions of  $G(\cdot)$  and  $H_l(\cdot)$  ( $l = 1, \dots, p$ ) respectively. As in Park and Gupta (2012), we consider

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the Gaussian copula. The  $(p + 1)$ - dimensional Gaussian copula with a correlation matrix  $P \in [-1, 1]^{(p+1) \times (p+1)}$ , where  $P = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \rho'_{vz} \\ \rho_{vz} & P_z \end{pmatrix}$  with  $\rho_{vz} = (\rho_{vz_1}, \dots, \rho_{vz_p})'$  and  $P_z = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \rho_{z_1 z_2} & \cdots & \rho_{z_1 z_p} \\ * & 1 & \cdots & \rho_{z_2 z_p} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ * & * & \cdots & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ ,

can be written as

$$C_P^{\text{Gaussian}}(U_{v_i}, U_{z_{1,i}}, \dots, U_{z_{p,i}}) = \Phi_P(v_i^*, z_{1,i}^*, \dots, z_{p,i}^*) \quad (\text{S.3})$$

where  $v_i^* = \Phi^{-1}(U_{v_i})$ ,  $z_{l,i}^* = \Phi^{-1}(U_{z_{l,i}})$  ( $l = 1, \dots, p$ ),  $\Phi^{-1}(\cdot)$  is a quantile function of standard Gaussian,  $\Phi_P(\cdot)$  is the joint CDF of a multivariate normal distribution with mean vector of zero and the covariance matrix  $\Sigma$  equal to the correlation matrix  $P$ . From (S.2) and (S.3), the joint density function of  $v_i$  and  $z_i = (z_{1,i}, \dots, z_{p,i})'$  is

$$f(v_i, z_i) = \frac{1}{|P|^{\frac{1}{2}}} \exp \left[ -\frac{(v_i^*, z_{1,i}^*, \dots, z_{p,i}^*)(P^{-1} - I_{p+1})(v_i^*, z_{1,i}^*, \dots, z_{p,i}^*)'}{2} \right] g(v_i) \prod_{l=1}^p h_l(z_{l,i}) \quad (\text{S.4})$$

The corresponding log-likelihood function for a SAR model with endogenous  $W_n$  is

$$\ln L_n(\{v_i, z_i\} | \lambda, \beta, \sigma_v^2, P) = -\frac{n}{2} \ln |P| - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n (v_i^*, z_{1,i}^*, \dots, z_{p,i}^*)(P^{-1} - I_{p+1})(v_i^*, z_{1,i}^*, \dots, z_{p,i}^*)' + \sum_{i=1}^n \ln \phi_{(0, \sigma_v^2)}(v_i(\lambda, \beta)) \quad (\text{S.5})$$

where  $\phi_{(0, \sigma_v^2)}(\cdot)$  is the normal density with mean 0 and variance  $\sigma_v^2$ . The nonparametric densities  $h_l(z_{l,i})$  ( $l = 1, \dots, p$ ) disappear from the log-likelihood function as they do not include any parameters. For the endogenous heterogeneity specification, the scalar spatial coefficient  $\lambda$  should be replaced by the vector of parameters  $\zeta$ . The pseudo-maximum likelihood estimation (PMLE) method in the following subsection is based on (S.5).

The Gaussian copula models  $(v_i^*, z_{1,i}^*, \dots, z_{p,i}^*)'$  as the standard multivariate normal distribution with correlation matrix  $P$ . When there is one endogenous variable  $z_{1,i}$ ,  $(v_i^*, z_{1,i}^*)' \sim N \left( \mathbf{0}_{2 \times 1}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \rho \\ \rho & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right)$ , which can be written as

$$\begin{pmatrix} v_i^* \\ z_{1,i}^* \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ \rho & \sqrt{1 - \rho^2} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \varpi_{1,i} \\ \varpi_{2,i} \end{pmatrix}$$

with  $(\varpi_{1,i}, \varpi_{2,i})' \sim N(\mathbf{0}_{2 \times 1}, I_2)$ , where  $I_2$  is a  $2 \times 2$  identity matrix. We have  $v_i^* = \varpi_{1,i}$ ,  $z_{1,i}^* = \rho \varpi_{1,i} + \sqrt{1 - \rho^2} \varpi_{2,i}$ , then  $v_i^* = \frac{1}{\rho} z_{1,i}^* - \frac{\sqrt{1 - \rho^2}}{\rho} \varpi_{2,i}$ . Because  $v_i = \Phi_{(0, \sigma_v^2)}^{-1}(\Phi(v_i^*)) = \sigma_v v_i^* = \gamma_1 z_{1,i}^* + \eta \varpi_{2,i}$ , where  $\Phi_{(0, \sigma_v^2)}(\cdot)$  is the normal distribution with mean 0 and variance  $\sigma_v^2$ ,  $\gamma_1 = \sigma_v \cdot \frac{1}{\rho}$ , and  $\eta = -\sigma_v \cdot \frac{\sqrt{1 - \rho^2}}{\rho}$ . A SAR model with endogeneous spatial weights (Eq.(1) in the main draft) can be rewritten as

$$y_i = \lambda \sum_{j \neq i} w_{ij} y_j + x_i' \beta + z_{1,i}^* \gamma_1 + \eta \varpi_{2,i}$$

where  $z_{1,i}^*$  is an additional regressor to correct for the endogeneity bias, then  $W_n$  can be treated as predetermined or exogenous. The above approach can be easily extended to accommodate multiple

endogenous variables  $z_i^* = (z_{1,i}^*, \dots, z_{p,i}^*)'$ , i.e,  $(v_i^*, z_i^*)' \sim N(\mathbf{0}_{(p+1) \times 1}, P)$ . By Cholesky decomposition,

$$P = \begin{pmatrix} L_{11} & 0 \\ L_{21} & L_{22} \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} L_{11} & 0 \\ L_{21} & L_{22} \end{pmatrix}' = \begin{pmatrix} L_{11}L'_{11} & L_{11}L'_{21} \\ L_{21}L'_{11} & L_{21}L'_{21} + L_{22}L'_{22} \end{pmatrix}.$$

From this, we have that

$$\begin{pmatrix} v_i^* \\ z_i^* \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} L_{11} = 1 & \mathbf{0}_{1 \times p} \\ L_{21} = \rho_{vz} & L_{22} = \text{Chol}(P_z - \rho_{vz}\rho'_{vz}) \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} \varpi_{1,i} \\ \varpi_{2,i} \end{pmatrix}$$

with  $(\varpi_{1,i}, \varpi_{2,i})' \sim N(\mathbf{0}_{(p+1) \times 1}, I_{p+1})$ , where  $\text{Chol}(\cdot)$  represents the Cholesky decomposition. Then we have the specification for the endogenous  $w_{ij}$  case below

$$\begin{aligned} y_i &= \lambda \sum_{j \neq i} w_{ij} y_j + x'_i \beta + \sigma_v v_i^* \\ &= \lambda \sum_{j \neq i} w_{ij} y_j + x'_i \beta + \sigma_v (\rho'_{vz} \rho_{vz})^{-1} \rho'_{vz} z_i^* - \sigma_v (\rho'_{vz} \rho_{vz})^{-1} \rho'_{vz} \text{Chol}(P_z - \rho_{vz} \rho'_{vz}) \varpi_{2,i} \\ &= \lambda \sum_{j \neq i} w_{ij} y_j + x'_i \beta + z_i^{*'} \gamma + \epsilon_i \end{aligned} \quad (\text{S.6})$$

where  $\gamma = \sigma_v \rho_{vz} (\rho'_{vz} \rho_{vz})^{-1}$ ,  $\epsilon_i = \eta \varpi_{p,i}$  with  $\eta = -\sigma_v (\rho'_{vz} \rho_{vz})^{-1} \rho'_{vz} \text{Chol}(P_z - \rho_{vz} \rho'_{vz})$ . Similarly, the specifications for Eq.(4) and (5) in the main draft are

$$y_i = \lambda (\zeta, z_i) \sum_{j \neq i} w_{ij} y_j + x'_i \beta + z_i^{*'} \gamma + \epsilon_i \quad (\text{S.7})$$

and

$$y_i = \lambda \sum_{j \neq i} w_{ij} y_j + x'_i \beta_1 + z'_i \beta_2 + z_i^{*'} \gamma + \epsilon_i \quad (\text{S.8})$$

respectively. (S.6)-(S.8) indicate that the models can also be estimated by an IV estimation approach to account for the endogenous  $W_n Y_n$ .

### S.1.2 Estimation

Denote  $z_i^* = (z_{1,i}^*, \dots, z_{p,i}^*)'$ , by the partitioned quadratic formulation

$$(v_i^*, z_i^{*'}) P^{-1} (v_i^*, z_i^{*'})' = (v_i^* - \rho'_{vz} P_z^{-1} z_i^*)' (1 - \rho'_{vz} P_z^{-1} \rho_{vz})^{-1} (v_i^* - \rho'_{vz} P_z^{-1} z_i^*) + z_i^{*'} P_z^{-1} z_i^*, \quad (\text{S.9})$$

alternatively, the above log-likelihood function (S.5) can be written as

$$\begin{aligned} \ln L_n \left( \{v_i, z_i'\} \mid \lambda, \beta, \sigma_v^2, \kappa, \delta, P_z \right) &= -\frac{n}{2} \ln \kappa - \frac{n}{2} \ln |P_z| - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n \left[ \frac{1}{\kappa} (v_i^* - z_i^* \delta)' (v_i^* - z_i^* \delta) + z_i^* (P_z^{-1} - I_p) z_i^* - v_i^{*'} v_i^* \right] \\ &\quad + \sum_{i=1}^n \ln \phi_{(0, \sigma_v^2)}(v_i(\lambda, \beta)) \end{aligned} \quad (\text{S.10})$$

where  $\kappa = 1 - \rho'_{vz} P_z^{-1} \rho_{vz}$  and  $\delta = P_z^{-1} \rho_{vz}$ . Since  $z_i^*$  in (S.6)-(S.8) and (S.10) are unobservables but can be consistently estimated, we propose a two-stage estimation method for the three model settings in the main draft.

### S.1.2.1 The first stage estimation

In the first stage, we get estimates for the marginal transformations  $\tilde{h}_\iota(z) = \Phi^{-1}(H_\iota(z))$  ( $\iota = 1, \dots, p$ ). For the purpose of this paper, any estimation method that yields an estimator  $\hat{z}_{\iota,i}^*$  satisfying  $\sup_{z_{\iota,i}} |\hat{z}_{\iota,i}^* - z_{\iota,i}^*| = o_p(1)$  can be chosen. Let  $\hat{H}_\iota(z) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n I(z_{\iota,i} \leq z)$  be the empirical distribution function of  $z_\iota$ . As in the main draft, we consider the estimator proposed in Liu et al. (2012):

$$\hat{h}_\iota(z) := \Phi^{-1}\left(T_{1/(2n)}[\hat{H}_\iota(z)]\right) \quad (\text{S.11})$$

where  $T_{1/(2n)}[\hat{H}_\iota(z)] := \frac{1}{2n} \cdot I(\hat{H}_\iota(z) < \frac{1}{2n}) + \hat{H}_\iota(z) \cdot I(\frac{1}{2n} \leq \hat{H}_\iota(z) \leq 1 - \frac{1}{2n}) + (1 - \frac{1}{2n}) \cdot I(\hat{H}_\iota(z) > 1 - \frac{1}{2n})$  is a Winsorization (or truncation) operator, the truncation level  $\frac{1}{2n}$  is chosen to control the trade-off of bias and variance in high dimensions. Therefore,  $\hat{z}_{\iota,i}^* = \hat{h}_\iota(z_{\iota,i})$  for  $i = 1, \dots, n$  and  $\iota = 1, \dots, p$ . By Theorem 4.6 in Liu et al. (2012), we have  $\sup_{z_{\iota,i}} |\hat{z}_{\iota,i}^* - z_{\iota,i}^*| = o_p(1)$ , the errors coming from the estimation of  $z_{\iota,i}^*$  by  $\hat{z}_{\iota,i}^*$  are asymptotically negligible.

### S.1.2.2 The second stage estimation

#### S.1.2.3 2-Stage pseudo-maximum likelihood estimation

Denote  $\omega = (\lambda, \beta)'$  (or  $\omega = (\zeta', \beta)'$  for Eq.(4) in the main draft), given  $\hat{z}_i^*$  from the first stage estimation, as  $v_i^* = \Phi^{-1}\left(\Phi_{(0, \sigma_v^2)}(v_i(\omega))\right) = \frac{v_i(\omega)}{\sigma_v}$ , note that

$$\begin{aligned} & -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n \left[ \frac{1}{\kappa} \left( \frac{v_i(\omega)}{\sigma_v} - \hat{z}_i^* \delta \right)' \left( \frac{v_i(\omega)}{\sigma_v} - \hat{z}_i^* \delta \right) + \hat{z}_i^* (P_z^{-1} - I_p) \hat{z}_i^* - \frac{v_i(\omega)^2}{\sigma_v^2} \right] \\ & = -\frac{1}{2\kappa\sigma_v^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (v_i(\omega) - \hat{z}_i^* \delta \sigma_v)' (v_i(\omega) - \hat{z}_i^* \delta \sigma_v) - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n \hat{z}_i^* (P_z^{-1} - I_p) \hat{z}_i^* + \frac{1}{2\sigma_v^2} \sum_{i=1}^n v_i(\omega)^2 \quad (\text{S.12}) \\ & = -\frac{1}{2\kappa\sigma_v^2} (V_n(\omega) - \hat{Z}_n^* \delta \sigma_v)' (V_n(\omega) - \hat{Z}_n^* \delta \sigma_v) - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n \hat{z}_i^* (P_z^{-1} - I_p) \hat{z}_i^* + \frac{1}{2\sigma_v^2} V_n(\omega)' V_n(\omega), \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \ln \phi_{(0, \sigma_v^2)}(v_i(\omega)) = \ln \phi \left( \frac{Y_n - S_n^{-1}(\lambda) X_n \beta}{\sqrt{S_n^{-1}(\lambda) S_n^{-1}(\lambda) \sigma_v^2}} \right) = -\frac{n}{2} \ln(2\pi) - \frac{n}{2} \ln \sigma_v^2 + \ln |S_n(\lambda)| - \frac{1}{2\sigma_v^2} V_n(\omega)' V_n(\omega),$$

where  $V_n(\omega) = S_n(\lambda) Y_n - X_n \beta$ . For the endogenous heterogeneity setting,  $V_n(\omega) = S_n(\zeta) Y_n - X_n \beta$ , where  $S_n(\zeta) = I_n - \Lambda(\zeta, Z_n) W_n$  with  $\Lambda(\zeta, Z_n) \equiv \text{diag}\{\lambda(\zeta, z_1), \dots, \lambda(\zeta, z_n)\}$ . Therefore, the log-

likelihood function can be rewritten as

$$\begin{aligned} \ln L_n(\theta_{ML}) &= -\frac{n}{2} \ln(2\pi) - \frac{n}{2} \ln \sigma_\xi^2 - \frac{n}{2} \ln |P_z| + \ln |S_n(\lambda)| - \frac{1}{2\sigma_\xi^2} (V_n(\omega) - \hat{Z}_n^* \varphi)' (V_n(\omega) - \hat{Z}_n^* \varphi) \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n \hat{z}_i^{*'} (P_z^{-1} - I_p) \hat{z}_i^* \end{aligned} \quad (\text{S.13})$$

where  $\theta_{ML} = (\omega', \sigma_\xi^2, \alpha', \varphi)'$  with  $\sigma_\xi^2 = \kappa \sigma_v^2$ ,  $\varphi = \delta \sigma_v$  and  $\alpha$  is an  $J(= \frac{(p-1)(p-2)}{2})$ -dimensional column vector of distinct element in  $P_z$ . The 2SPML estimator  $\hat{\theta}_{ML} = \arg \max \ln L_n(\theta_{ML})$ .

For a SAR model with endogenous spatial weights, the first order derivatives at  $\theta_{ML,0}^w$  are

$$\frac{\partial \ln L_n(\theta_{ML,0}^w)}{\partial \theta_{ML}} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial \ln L_n(\theta_{ML,0}^w)}{\partial \lambda} \\ \frac{\partial \ln L_n(\theta_{ML,0}^w)}{\partial \beta} \\ \frac{\partial \ln L_n(\theta_{ML,0}^w)}{\partial \sigma_{\xi,0}^2} \\ \frac{\partial \ln L_n(\theta_{ML,0}^w)}{\partial \alpha} \\ \frac{\partial \ln L_n(\theta_{ML,0}^w)}{\partial \varphi} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sigma_{\xi,0}^2} (W_n Y_n)' (V_n - \hat{Z}_n^* \varphi_0) - \text{tr}[W_n S_n^{-1}] \\ \frac{1}{\sigma_{\xi,0}^2} X_n' (V_n - \hat{Z}_n^* \varphi_0) \\ -\frac{n}{2\sigma_{\xi,0}^2} + \frac{1}{2\sigma_{\xi,0}^4} (V_n - \hat{Z}_n^* \varphi_0)' (V_n - \hat{Z}_n^* \varphi_0) \\ -\frac{n}{2} \frac{\partial \ln |P_{z,0}|}{\partial \alpha} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha} \text{tr}[P_{z,0}^{-1} \hat{Z}_n^* \hat{Z}_n^*] \\ \frac{1}{\sigma_{\xi,0}^2} \hat{Z}_n^{*'} (V_n - \hat{Z}_n^* \varphi_0) \end{pmatrix}, \quad (\text{S.14})$$

where the  $J$ -dimensional vector  $\frac{\partial \ln |P_{z,0}|}{\partial \alpha}$  has the  $j$ th element  $\text{tr}(P_{z,0}^{-1} \frac{\partial P_{z,0}}{\partial \alpha_j})$  and  $\frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha} \text{tr}[P_{z,0}^{-1} \hat{Z}_n^* \hat{Z}_n^*]$  has its  $j$ th element  $-\text{tr}(P_{z,0}^{-1} \frac{\partial P_{z,0}}{\partial \alpha_j} P_{z,0}^{-1} \hat{Z}_n^* \hat{Z}_n^*)$  for  $j = 1, \dots, J$ . From items in (S.14) and the reduced form Eq.(3) in the main draft, denote  $G_n = W_n S_n^{-1}$ , we have  $\frac{\partial \ln L_n(\theta_{ML,0}^w)}{\partial \theta_{ML}} = \frac{\partial \ln L_n^{uw}(\theta_{ML,0})}{\partial \theta_{ML}} + \Lambda_n^w$ , where

$$\frac{\partial \ln L_n^{uw}(\theta_{ML,0})}{\partial \theta_{ML}} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sigma_{\xi,0}^2} [(G_n V_n)' (V_n - \hat{Z}_n^* \varphi_0)] - \text{tr}(G_n) \\ \frac{1}{\sigma_{\xi,0}^2} X_n' V_n \\ -\frac{n}{2\sigma_{\xi,0}^2} + \frac{1}{2\sigma_{\xi,0}^4} (V_n - \hat{Z}_n^* \varphi_0)' (V_n - \hat{Z}_n^* \varphi_0) \\ -\frac{n}{2} \frac{\partial \ln |P_{z,0}|}{\partial \alpha} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha} \text{tr}[P_{z,0}^{-1} \hat{Z}_n^* \hat{Z}_n^*] \\ \frac{1}{\sigma_{\xi,0}^2} \hat{Z}_n^{*'} (V_n - \hat{Z}_n^* \varphi_0) \end{pmatrix}, \quad (\text{S.15})$$

and

$$\Lambda_n^w = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{\sigma_{\xi,0}^2} [(G_n X_n \beta_0)' (\hat{Z}_n^* \varphi_0)], -\frac{1}{\sigma_{\xi,0}^2} [X_n' (\hat{Z}_n^* \varphi_0)], 0, \mathbf{0}'_{J \times 1}, \mathbf{0}'_{p \times 1} \end{pmatrix}'. \quad (\text{S.16})$$

For a SAR model with endogenous heterogeneity, the differences are that  $V_n(\omega) = S_n(\zeta) Y_n - X_n \beta$ , where  $S_n(\zeta) = I_n - \Lambda(\zeta, Z_n) W_n$  and  $\zeta$  is a  $p_0$ -dimensional vector of parameters, and that  $\frac{\partial \ln L_n(\theta_{ML,0})}{\partial \lambda}$  should be replaced by

$$\frac{\partial \ln L_n(\theta_{ML,0})}{\partial \zeta_\iota} = \frac{1}{\sigma_{\xi,0}^2} \left[ \text{diag} \left( \frac{\partial \lambda(\zeta_0, z_i)}{\partial \zeta_\iota} \right) W_n Y_n \right]' (V_n - \hat{Z}_n^* \varphi_0) - \text{tr} \left[ \text{diag} \left( \frac{\partial \lambda(\zeta_0, z_i)}{\partial \zeta_\iota} \right) W_n S_n^{-1} \right], \quad \iota = 1, \dots, p_0.$$

By the reduced form,  $Y_n = S_n^{-1} (X_n \beta_0 + V_n)$  with  $S_n = I_n - \Lambda(\zeta_0, Z_n) W_n$ , denote  $\tilde{G}_{n,\iota} = \text{diag} \left( \frac{\partial \lambda(\zeta_0, z_i)}{\partial \zeta_\iota} \right) G_n$

with  $G_n = W_n S_n^{-1}$ , we have  $\frac{\partial \ln L_n(\theta_{ML,0}^h)}{\partial \theta_{ML}} = \frac{\partial \ln L_n^{uh}(\theta_{ML,0})}{\partial \theta_{ML}} + \Lambda_n^h$ , where

$$\frac{\partial \ln L_n^{uh}(\theta_{ML,0})}{\partial \theta_{ML}} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sigma_{\xi,0}^2} (\tilde{G}_{n,1} V_n)' (V_n - \hat{Z}_n^* \varphi_0) - \text{tr}(\tilde{G}_{n,1}) \\ \vdots \\ \frac{1}{\sigma_{\xi,0}^2} (\tilde{G}_{n,p_0} V_n)' (V_n - \hat{Z}_n^* \varphi_0) - \text{tr}(\tilde{G}_{n,p_0}) \\ \frac{1}{\sigma_{\xi,0}^2} X_n' V_n \\ -\frac{n}{2\sigma_{\xi,0}^2} + \frac{1}{2\sigma_{\xi,0}^4} (V_n - \hat{Z}_n^* \varphi_0)' (V_n - \hat{Z}_n^* \varphi_0) \\ -\frac{n}{2} \frac{\partial \ln |P_{z,0}|}{\partial \alpha} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha} \text{tr}[P_{z,0}^{-1} \hat{Z}_n^* \hat{Z}_n^*] \\ \frac{1}{\sigma_{\xi,0}^2} \hat{Z}_n^{*'} (V_n - \hat{Z}_n^* \varphi_0) \end{pmatrix}, \quad (\text{S.17})$$

and

$$\Lambda_n^h = \left( -\frac{1}{\sigma_{\xi,0}^2} (\tilde{G}_{n,1} X_n \beta_0)' (\hat{Z}_n^* \varphi_0), \dots, -\frac{1}{\sigma_{\xi,0}^2} (\tilde{G}_{n,p_0} X_n \beta_0)' (\hat{Z}_n^* \varphi_0), -\frac{1}{\sigma_{\xi,0}^2} X_n' (\hat{Z}_n^* \varphi_0), 0, \mathbf{0}'_{J \times 1}, \mathbf{0}'_{p \times 1} \right)'. \quad (\text{S.18})$$

For a SAR model with endogenous regressors (Eq.(5) in the main draft),  $V_n(\omega) = S_n(\lambda) Y_n - X_n \beta_1 - Z_n \beta_2$ , the first order derivatives at  $\theta_{ML,0}^z$  are

$$\frac{\partial \ln L_n(\theta_{ML,0}^z)}{\partial \theta_{ML}} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial \ln L_n(\theta_{ML,0}^z)}{\partial \lambda} \\ \frac{\partial \ln L_n(\theta_{ML,0}^z)}{\partial \beta_1} \\ \frac{\partial \ln L_n(\theta_{ML,0}^z)}{\partial \beta_2} \\ \frac{\partial \ln L_n(\theta_{ML,0}^z)}{\partial \sigma_{\xi}^2} \\ \frac{\partial \ln L_n(\theta_{ML,0}^z)}{\partial \alpha} \\ \frac{\partial \ln L_n(\theta_{ML,0}^z)}{\partial \varphi} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sigma_{\xi,0}^2} (W_n Y_n)' (V_n - \hat{Z}_n^* \varphi_0) - \text{tr}[W_n S_n^{-1}] \\ \frac{1}{\sigma_{\xi,0}^2} X_n' (V_n - \hat{Z}_n^* \varphi_0) \\ \frac{1}{\sigma_{\xi,0}^2} Z_n' (V_n - \hat{Z}_n^* \varphi_0) \\ -\frac{n}{2\sigma_{\xi,0}^2} + \frac{1}{2\sigma_{\xi,0}^4} (V_n - \hat{Z}_n^* \varphi_0)' (V_n - \hat{Z}_n^* \varphi_0) \\ -\frac{n}{2} \frac{\partial \ln |P_{z,0}|}{\partial \alpha} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha} \text{tr}[P_{z,0}^{-1} \hat{Z}_n^* \hat{Z}_n^*] \\ \frac{1}{\sigma_{\xi,0}^2} \hat{Z}_n^{*'} (V_n - \hat{Z}_n^* \varphi_0) \end{pmatrix}, \quad (\text{S.19})$$

then we have  $\frac{\partial \ln L_n(\theta_{ML,0}^z)}{\partial \theta_{ML}} = \frac{\partial \ln L_n^{uz}(\theta_{ML,0})}{\partial \theta_{ML}} + \Lambda_n^z$ , where

$$\frac{\partial \ln L_n^{uz}(\theta_{ML,0})}{\partial \theta_{ML}} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sigma_{\xi,0}^2} [(G_n V_n)' (V_n - \hat{Z}_n^* \varphi_0)] - \text{tr}(G_n) \\ \frac{1}{\sigma_{\xi,0}^2} X_n' V_n \\ \mathbf{0}_{p \times 1} \\ -\frac{n}{2\sigma_{\xi,0}^2} + \frac{1}{2\sigma_{\xi,0}^4} (V_n - \hat{Z}_n^* \varphi_0)' (V_n - \hat{Z}_n^* \varphi_0) \\ -\frac{n}{2} \frac{\partial \ln |P_{z,0}|}{\partial \alpha} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha} \text{tr}[P_{z,0}^{-1} \hat{Z}_n^* \hat{Z}_n^*] \\ \frac{1}{\sigma_{\xi,0}^2} \hat{Z}_n^{*'} (V_n - \hat{Z}_n^* \varphi_0) \end{pmatrix}, \quad (\text{S.20})$$

and

$$\Lambda_n^z = \left( -\frac{1}{\sigma_{\xi,0}^2} [(G_n (X_n \beta_{1,0} + Z_n \beta_{2,0}))]' (\hat{Z}_n^* \varphi_0), -\frac{1}{\sigma_{\xi,0}^2} [X_n' (\hat{Z}_n^* \varphi_0)], -\frac{1}{\sigma_{\xi,0}^2} [Z_n' (V_n - \hat{Z}_n^* \varphi_0)], 0, \mathbf{0}'_{J \times 1}, \mathbf{0}'_{p \times 1} \right)'. \quad (\text{S.21})$$

**Remark 1 (the impacts of the two assumptions for 2SPMLE).** First, we consider the first and second variants of a SAR model. Assumption S.2 are not required for the identification of those two settings because the endogenous  $z_i$  are not included as explanatory variables directly. Although  $E\left(\frac{\partial \ln L_n^{uw}(\theta_{ML,0})}{\partial \theta_{ML}}\right) = \mathbf{0}_{(k+p+J+2) \times 1}$  and  $E\left(\frac{\partial \ln L_n^{uh}(\theta_{ML,0})}{\partial \theta_{ML}}\right) = \mathbf{0}_{(k+2p+J+1) \times 1}$ , Assumption S.1 determines whether the two parts  $E(\Lambda_n^w)$  and  $E(\Lambda_n^h)$  would cause asymptotic bias of the 2SPML estimator or not. When Assumption S.1 holds,  $x_i$  and  $z_i^*$  are uncorrelated,  $E[(G_n X_n \beta_0)'(\hat{Z}_n^* \varphi_0)] = 0$ ,  $E[X_n'(\hat{Z}_n^* \varphi_0)] = \mathbf{0}_{k \times 1}$ , and  $E[(\tilde{G}_{n,1} X_n \beta_0)'(\hat{Z}_n^* \varphi_0)] = 0, \dots, E[(\tilde{G}_{n,p} X_n \beta_0)'(\hat{Z}_n^* \varphi_0)] = 0$ , which implies  $E(\Lambda_n^w) = \mathbf{0}_{(k+p+J+2) \times 1}$  and  $E(\Lambda_n^h) = \mathbf{0}_{(k+2p+J+1) \times 1}$ , then  $\frac{\partial \ln L_n(\theta_{ML,0}^w)}{\partial \theta_{ML}}$  and  $\frac{\partial \ln L_n(\theta_{ML,0}^h)}{\partial \theta_{ML}}$  have zero mean and are asymptotically normally distributed. Otherwise, when Assumption S.1 is violated, i.e.,  $x_i$  and  $z_i^*$  are correlated,  $E[(G_n X_n \beta_0)'(\hat{Z}_n^* \varphi_0)] \neq 0$ ,  $E[X_n'(\hat{Z}_n^* \varphi_0)] \neq \mathbf{0}_{k \times 1}$ , and  $E[(\tilde{G}_{n,1} X_n \beta_0)'(\hat{Z}_n^* \varphi_0)] \neq 0, \dots, E[(\tilde{G}_{n,p} X_n \beta_0)'(\hat{Z}_n^* \varphi_0)] \neq 0$ , then  $E(\Lambda_n^w) \neq \mathbf{0}_{(k+p+J+2) \times 1}$  and  $E(\Lambda_n^h) \neq \mathbf{0}_{(k+2p+J+1) \times 1}$ , which will cause the asymptotic bias of the 2SMPL estimator. Second, we consider the third variant of a SAR model. We need both Assumption S.1 and Assumption S.2 to guarantee the consistency of the 2SMPL estimator. To see this, if Assumption S.1 doesn't hold, although  $E\left(\frac{\partial \ln L_n^{uz}(\theta_{ML,0})}{\partial \theta_{ML}}\right) = \mathbf{0}_{(k+2p+J+2) \times 1}$ , the part  $\Lambda_n^z$  might cause asymptotic bias as  $E[(G_n X_n \beta_{1,0})'(\hat{Z}_n^* \varphi_0)] \neq 0$ ,  $E[X_n'(\hat{Z}_n^* \varphi_0)] \neq \mathbf{0}_{k \times 1}$  (and also because  $E[(G_n Z_n \beta_{2,0})'(\hat{Z}_n^* \varphi_0)] \neq 0$  and it's possible that  $E[Z_n'(V_n - Z_n^* \varphi_0)] \neq \mathbf{0}_{p \times 1}$ ). When Assumption S.2 doesn't hold, i.e., for  $\iota = 1, \dots, p$ , each  $z_{\iota,i}$  follows a normal distribution,  $z_{\iota,i}^*$  is a linear transformation of  $z_{\iota,i}$  because  $z_{\iota,i}^* = \Phi^{-1}(H_\iota(z_{\iota,i}))$ . Then  $V_n(\omega) - \hat{Z}_n^* \varphi$  in the log-likelihood function (S.13) becomes  $S_n(\lambda)Y_n - X_n \beta_1 - Z_n \beta_2 - \hat{Z}_n^* \varphi$  and  $\frac{\partial \ln L_n(\theta_{ML,0}^z)}{\partial \beta_2}$  and  $\frac{\partial \ln L_n(\theta_{ML,0}^z)}{\partial \varphi}$  might be proportional to each other, we can't separately identify  $\beta_2$  and  $\varphi$ .

#### S.1.2.4 2-Stage IV estimation

Given  $\hat{Z}_n^*$  from the first stage estimation, by substituting  $\hat{Z}_n^*$  for  $Z_n^*$  in (S.6)-(S.8), we have

$$Y_n = \lambda W Y_n + X_n \beta + \hat{Z}_n^* \gamma + \hat{\epsilon}_n, \quad (\text{S.22})$$

$$Y_n = \Lambda(\zeta, Z_n) W Y_n + X_n \beta + \hat{Z}_n^* \gamma + \hat{\epsilon}_n, \quad (\text{S.23})$$

$$Y_n = \lambda W Y_n + X_n \beta_1 + Z_n \beta_2 + \hat{Z}_n^* \gamma + \hat{\epsilon}_n, \quad (\text{S.24})$$

where  $\hat{\epsilon}_n = \epsilon_n + (Z_n^* - \hat{Z}_n^*) \gamma$ . We consider the IV estimators for the three models separately. For a SAR model with endogenous  $W_n$  (S.22), denote  $\theta_{IV,w} = (\lambda, \beta', \gamma)'$ ,  $\hat{M}_{n,w} = (W_n Y_n, X_n, \hat{Z}_n^*)$  and  $\hat{T}_{n,w} = (Q_{n,w}, X_n, \hat{Z}_n^*)$ , where  $Q_{n,w}$  is an instrument variable matrix for the endogenous  $W_n Y_n$ , for example, the column vectors of  $Q_{n,w}$  can be linear combinations of  $X_n, W_n X_n, W_n^2 X_n, \dots$  and columns in  $\hat{Z}_n^*$ . The 2SIV estimator of  $\theta_{IV,w}$  is

$$\hat{\theta}_{IV,w} = \left[ \hat{M}_{n,w}' \hat{T}_{n,w} \left( \hat{T}_{n,w}' \hat{T}_{n,w} \right)^{-1} \hat{T}_{n,w}' \hat{M}_{n,w} \right]^{-1} \hat{M}_{n,w}' \hat{T}_{n,w} \left( \hat{T}_{n,w}' \hat{T}_{n,w} \right)^{-1} \hat{T}_{n,w}' Y_n \quad (\text{S.25})$$

For a SAR model with endogenous heterogeneity (S.23), the IV estimation approach can only be applied to the case when  $\lambda(\zeta, z_i) = \varrho_1 F_1(z_{1,i}) + \dots + \varrho_p F_p(z_{p,i})$ , where  $F_\iota(\cdot)$  ( $\iota = 1, \dots, p$ ) are some

globally bounded functions, e.g., continuous probability functions. Denote  $\theta_{IV,h} = (\zeta', \beta', \gamma')'$  with  $\zeta = (\varrho_1, \dots, \varrho_p)'$ ,  $\hat{M}_{n,h} = (\Lambda_1(z_1)W_n Y_n, \dots, \Lambda_p(z_p)W_n Y_n, X_n, \hat{Z}_n^*)$  with  $\Lambda_\iota(z_\iota) = \text{diag}\{F_\iota(z_{\iota,1}), \dots, F_\iota(z_{\iota,n})\}$  ( $\iota = 1, \dots, p$ ),  $\hat{T}_{n,h} = (Q_{1n,h}, \dots, Q_{pn,h}, X_n, \hat{Z}_n^*)$ , where  $Q_{\iota n,h}$  is an instrument variable matrix for  $\Lambda_\iota(z_\iota)W_n Y_n$ , for instance, instruments  $Q_{1n,h}, \dots, Q_{pn,h}$  may be constructed as subsets of the linearly independent columns of

$$X_n, \Lambda_1(z_1)W_n X_n, (\Lambda_1(z_1)W_n)^2 X_n, \dots, \Lambda_2(z_2)W_n X_n, (\Lambda_2(z_2)W_n)^2 X_n, \dots, \Lambda_p(z_p)W_n X_n, (\Lambda_p(z_p)W_n)^2 X_n, \dots$$

and columns in  $\hat{Z}_n^*$ .<sup>1</sup> Denote  $Q_{n,h} = (Q_{1n,h}, \dots, Q_{pn,h})$ . The 2SIV estimator of  $\theta_{IV,h}$  is

$$\hat{\theta}_{IV,h} = \left[ \hat{M}'_{n,h} \hat{T}_{n,h} \left( \hat{T}'_{n,h} \hat{T}_{n,h} \right)^{-1} \hat{T}'_{n,h} \hat{M}_{n,h} \right]^{-1} \hat{M}'_{n,h} \hat{T}_{n,h} \left( \hat{T}'_{n,h} \hat{T}_{n,h} \right)^{-1} \hat{T}'_{n,h} Y_n. \quad (\text{S.26})$$

For a SAR model with endogenous regressor  $Z_n$  (S.24), denote  $\theta_{IV,z} = (\lambda, \beta'_1, \beta'_2, \gamma')'$ ,  $\hat{M}_{n,z} = (W_n Y_n, X_n, Z_n, \hat{Z}_n^*)$  and  $\hat{T}_{n,z} = (Q_n, X_n, Z_n, \hat{Z}_n^*)$ , where  $Q_{n,z}$  is an instrument variable matrix for the endogenous  $W_n Y_n$ , for example,  $Q_{n,z}$  can be linear combinations of  $X_n, W_n X_n, W_n^2 X_n, \dots$  and columns in  $Z_n$  and  $\hat{Z}_n^*$ . The 2SIV estimator of  $\theta_{IV,z}$  is

$$\hat{\theta}_{IV,z} = \left[ \hat{M}'_{n,z} \hat{T}_{n,z} \left( \hat{T}'_{n,z} \hat{T}_{n,z} \right)^{-1} \hat{T}'_{n,z} \hat{M}_{n,z} \right]^{-1} \hat{M}'_{n,z} \hat{T}_{n,z} \left( \hat{T}'_{n,z} \hat{T}_{n,z} \right)^{-1} \hat{T}'_{n,z} Y_n. \quad (\text{S.27})$$

**Remark 2 (the impacts of the two assumptions for 2SIVE).** Denote  $G_n = W_n S_n^{-1}$  and  $\tilde{G}_{n,\iota} = \Lambda_\iota(z_\iota)G_n$  for  $\iota = 1, \dots, p$ . For identification of the 2SIV estimators, two assumptions are needed (Kelejian and Prucha, 1998):  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \text{E}(Q'_n, Q_n, \cdot)$  is nonsingular and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \text{E}(Q'_n, \hat{M}_{n,\cdot})$  has full column rank, where  $\hat{M}_{n,w} = (G_n(X_n \beta_0 + Z_n^* \gamma_0), X_n, Z_n^*)$ ,  $\hat{M}_{n,h} = (\tilde{G}_{n,1}(X_n \beta_0 + Z_n^* \gamma_0), \dots, \tilde{G}_{n,p}(X_n \beta_0 + Z_n^* \gamma_0), X_n, Z_n^*)$ , and  $\hat{M}_{n,z} = (G_n(X_n \beta_0 + Z_n^* \gamma_0), X_n, Z_n, Z_n^*)$ . When Assumption S.1 holds for (S.22)-(S.23), and Assumptions S.1-S.2 hold for (S.24), the two identification assumptions would be satisfied. Otherwise, if Assumptions S.1-S.2 are violated, i.e.,  $X_n$  and  $Z_n^*$  are correlated and/or  $Z_n$  is normally distributed so that  $Z_n^*$  are linear transformations of  $Z_n$ , then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \text{E}(Q'_n, Q_n, \cdot)$  can be singular and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \text{E}(Q'_n, \hat{M}_{n,\cdot})$  would not have full column rank.

## S.2 A sufficient identification result for a SAR model with endogenous $W_n$

Denote  $\mathbf{X}_n = (X_n, (\mathcal{O}_n^\perp Z_n^*))$ , for MLE with a finite sample, identification is equivalent to  $P(\ln L_n(\theta_{ML,0}) \neq \ln L_n(\theta_{ML})) > 0$  for any  $\theta_{ML,0} \neq \theta_{ML}$  (Rothenberg, 1971). Below is a sufficient identification result.

**Lemma S.1.** *Under Assumptions 1, 2 and 4 in the main draft, if  $\mathbf{X}'_n \mathbf{X}_n$  is invertible with probability 1,  $W_n + W'_n \neq 0$ , and there exists  $j \neq j'$  such that  $\sum_{i=1}^n w_{ij}^2 \neq \sum_{i=1}^n w_{ij'}^2$ , then  $\theta_{ML,0} = (\lambda_0, \beta'_0, \sigma_\xi^2, \chi'_0, \alpha'_0, \delta'_0)'$  is identified.*

1. We may also employ columns of  $X_n$  pre-multiplied by cross-products of the  $\Lambda_\iota(z_\iota)W_n$  and columns in  $\hat{Z}_n^*$ .



*Proof.* By the similar argument in the proof of Lemma 3 in the main draft, we have  $\frac{1}{n} \ln L_{n0}(\theta_{ML}) + o_p(1) = \frac{1}{n} \ln L_{n0}(\theta_{ML,0}) + o_p(1)$  almost surely, i.e.,

$$\begin{aligned}
& -\frac{n}{2} \ln \sigma_\xi^2 - \frac{n}{2} \ln |P_x| - \frac{n}{2} \ln |\Xi| + \ln |I_n - \lambda W_n| - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n (z_i^* - \Gamma' x_i^*)' \Xi^{-1} (z_i^* - \Gamma' x_i^*) - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^{*'} P_x^{-1} x_i^* \\
& - \frac{1}{2\sigma_\xi^2} [(I_n - \lambda W_n) Y_n - X_n \beta - (\mathcal{O}_n^\perp Z_n^*) \chi]' [(I_n - \lambda W_n) Y_n - X_n \beta - (\mathcal{O}_n^\perp Z_n^*) \chi] \\
= & -\frac{n}{2} \ln \sigma_{\xi,0}^2 - \frac{n}{2} \ln |P_{x,0}| - \frac{n}{2} \ln |\Xi_0| + \ln |I_n - \lambda_0 W_n| - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n (z_i^* - \Gamma'_0 x_i^*)' \Xi_0^{-1} (z_i^* - \Gamma'_0 x_i^*) - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^{*'} P_{x,0}^{-1} x_i^* \\
& - \frac{1}{2\sigma_{\xi,0}^2} [(I_n - \lambda_0 W_n) Y_n - X_n \beta_0 - (\mathcal{O}_n^\perp Z_n^*) \chi_0]' [(I_n - \lambda_0 W_n) Y_n - X_n \beta_0 - (\mathcal{O}_n^\perp Z_n^*) \chi_0]
\end{aligned} \tag{S.28}$$

holds for  $Y_n$ ,  $Z_n$ , and  $X_n$  almost surely. Differentiate Eq.(S.28) with respect to  $y_j$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sigma_\xi^{-2} \left\{ y_j - \lambda w_j \cdot Y_n - x_j \beta - (\mathcal{O}_n^\perp Z_n^*)_j \chi - \lambda \sum_{i=1}^n \left[ y_i - \lambda w_i \cdot Y_n - x_i \beta - (\mathcal{O}_n^\perp Z_n^*)_i \chi \right] w_{ij} \right\} \\
= & \sigma_{\xi,0}^{-2} \left\{ y_j - \lambda_0 w_j \cdot Y_n - x_j \beta_0 - (\mathcal{O}_n^\perp Z_n^*)_j \chi_0 - \lambda_0 \sum_{i=1}^n \left[ y_i - \lambda_0 w_i \cdot Y_n - x_i \beta_0 - (\mathcal{O}_n^\perp Z_n^*)_i \chi_0 \right] w_{ij} \right\}.
\end{aligned} \tag{S.29}$$

Differentiate Eq.(S.29) with respect to  $y_j$  once more,

$$\sigma_\xi^{-2} (1 - \lambda w_{jj} + \lambda^2 \sum_{i=1}^n w_{ij}^2) = \sigma_{\xi,0}^{-2} (1 - \lambda_0 w_{jj} + \lambda_0^2 \sum_{i=1}^n w_{ij}^2),$$

since  $w_{jj} = 0$  and there exists  $j \neq j'$  such that  $\sum_{i=1}^n w_{ij}^2 \neq \sum_{i=1}^n w_{ij'}^2$ , we have that  $1/\sigma_\xi^2 = 1/\sigma_{\xi,0}^2$  and  $\lambda^2/\sigma_\xi^2 = \lambda_0^2/\sigma_{\xi,0}^2$ . Hence,  $\sigma_\xi = \sigma_{\xi,0}$  and  $|\lambda| = |\lambda_0|$ . Differentiate Eq.(S.29) with respect to  $y_k (k \neq j)$ ,

$$\sigma_\xi^{-2} (\lambda^2 \sum_{i=1}^n w_{ik} w_{ij} - \lambda (w_{kj} + w_{jk})) = \sigma_{\xi,0}^{-2} (\lambda_0^2 \sum_{i=1}^n w_{ik} w_{ij} - \lambda_0 (w_{kj} + w_{jk})),$$

Thus,  $\lambda (w_{kj} + w_{jk}) = \lambda_0 (w_{kj} + w_{jk})$ . Because  $W_n + W_n' \neq 0$  and  $w_{ii} = 0$ , we have  $\lambda = \lambda_0$ . Eq.(S.29) implies that

$$\begin{aligned}
& (x_j \beta - \lambda \sum_{i=1}^n w_{ij} x_i \beta) + [(\mathcal{O}_n^\perp Z_n^*)_j \chi - \lambda \sum_{i=1}^n w_{ij} (\mathcal{O}_n^\perp Z_n^*)_i \chi] \\
= & (x_j \beta_0 - \lambda_0 \sum_{i=1}^n w_{ij} x_i \beta_0) + [(\mathcal{O}_n^\perp Z_n^*)_j \chi_0 - \lambda_0 \sum_{i=1}^n w_{ij} (\mathcal{O}_n^\perp Z_n^*)_i \chi_0],
\end{aligned}$$

which is equivalent to  $(I_n - \lambda_0 W_n') X_n \beta + (I_n - \lambda_0 W_n') (\mathcal{O}_n^\perp Z_n^*) \chi = (I_n - \lambda_0 W_n') X_n \beta_0 + (I_n - \lambda_0 W_n') (\mathcal{O}_n^\perp Z_n^*) \chi_0$ . As  $(I_n - \lambda_0 W_n')$  is invertible,  $X_n$  and  $\mathcal{O}_n^\perp Z_n^*$  are not linearly independent, it must be that  $X_n \beta = X_n \beta_0$  and  $(\mathcal{O}_n^\perp Z_n^*) \chi = (\mathcal{O}_n^\perp Z_n^*) \chi_0$ . Therefore,  $\beta = \beta_0$  and  $\chi = \chi_0$ . The identification of  $\Xi$  and  $P_x$  (or the related distinct elements  $\alpha$  and  $\delta$ ) follows the similar argument for the proof (Lemma 3) in the main draft for the endogenous heterogeneity case.  $\square$

### S.3 Taylor expansions of $\ln|I_n - \lambda W_n|$ and $\ln|I_n - \Lambda(\zeta, Z_n)W_n|$

First,  $\ln|I_n - \lambda W_n| = -\sum_{l=1}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda^l}{l} \text{tr}(W_n^l) = -\sum_{l=1}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda^l}{l} \sum_{i=1}^n (W_n^l)_{ii}$ , the proof of which is provided in Appendix A of Qu and Lee (2013). Second, we consider the Taylor series of  $\mathcal{P}(\zeta) = \ln|I_n - \Lambda(\zeta, Z_n)W_n|$ . As  $\Lambda(\zeta, Z_n) \equiv \text{diag}\{\lambda(\zeta, z_1), \dots, \lambda(\zeta, z_n)\} = \text{diag}(\lambda(\zeta, z_i))$ , under the assumptions that  $\lambda(\zeta, \cdot)$  is smooth and strict monotonic for all elements in  $\zeta$  and that  $\lambda(\zeta^0, Z_n) \equiv 0$  with  $\zeta^0 = \mathbf{0}_{p_0 \times 1}$ , we can use the Taylor expansion  $\mathcal{P}(\zeta) = \mathcal{P}(\zeta^0) + \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} \sum_{l_1+\dots+l_{p_0}=l} \frac{\zeta_1^{l_1} \dots \zeta_{p_0}^{l_{p_0}}}{l_1! \dots l_{p_0}!} \cdot \frac{\partial^{l_1} \dots \partial^{l_{p_0}} \mathcal{P}(\zeta^0)}{\partial \zeta_1^{l_1} \dots \partial \zeta_{p_0}^{l_{p_0}}}$  where  $0 \leq l_1, \dots, l_{p_0} \leq l$ . As  $\mathcal{P}(\zeta^0) = \ln|I_n| = 0$ , it remains to consider the derivatives. Notice that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \mathcal{P}(\zeta)}{\partial \zeta_{\iota}} &= -\text{tr} \left[ \text{diag} \left( \frac{\partial \lambda(\zeta, z_i)}{\partial \zeta_{\iota}} \right) W_n S_n^{-1}(\zeta) \right] = -\text{tr} \left[ \text{diag} \left( \frac{\partial \lambda(\zeta, z_i)}{\partial \lambda_p} \right) W_n \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} (\Lambda(\zeta, Z_n) W_n)^j \right] \\ &= -\text{tr} \left[ \text{diag} \left( \frac{\partial \lambda(\zeta, z_i)}{\partial \zeta_{\iota}} \right) W_n \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} (\Lambda(\zeta, Z_n) W_n)^j \right], \quad \iota = 1, \dots, p_0, \end{aligned}$$

the last equality holds because  $\text{tr} \left[ \text{diag} \left( \frac{\partial \lambda(\zeta, z_i)}{\partial \zeta_{\iota}} \right) W_n \right] = 0$ . For any  $\iota_1, \iota_2 = 1, \dots, p_0$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial^2 \mathcal{P}(\zeta)}{\partial \zeta_{\iota_1} \partial \zeta_{\iota_2}} &= -\text{tr} \left[ \text{diag} \left( \frac{\partial^2 \lambda(\zeta, z_i)}{\partial \zeta_{\iota_1} \partial \zeta_{\iota_2}} \right) W_n \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} (\Lambda(\zeta, Z_n) W_n)^j \right] \\ &\quad - \text{tr} \left[ \text{diag} \left( \frac{\partial \lambda(\zeta, z_i)}{\partial \zeta_{\iota_1}} \cdot \frac{\partial \lambda(\zeta, z_i)}{\partial \zeta_{\iota_2}} \right) W_n^2 \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} j (\Lambda(\zeta, Z_n) W_n)^{j-1} \right], \quad \iota_1, \iota_2 = 1, \dots, p_0, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial^3 \mathcal{P}(\zeta)}{\partial \zeta_{\iota_1} \partial \zeta_{\iota_2} \partial \zeta_{\iota_3}} &= -\text{tr} \left[ \text{diag} \left( \frac{\partial^3 \lambda(\zeta, z_i)}{\partial \zeta_{\iota_1} \partial \zeta_{\iota_2} \partial \zeta_{\iota_3}} \right) W_n \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} (\Lambda(\zeta, Z_n) W_n)^j \right] \\ &\quad - \text{tr} \left[ \text{diag} \left( \frac{\partial^2 \lambda(\zeta, z_i)}{\partial \zeta_{\iota_1} \partial \zeta_{\iota_2}} \cdot \frac{\partial \lambda(\zeta, z_i)}{\partial \zeta_{\iota_3}} \right) W_n^2 \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} j (\Lambda(\zeta, Z_n) W_n)^{j-1} \right] \\ &\quad - \text{tr} \left[ \text{diag} \left( \frac{\partial^2 \lambda(\zeta, z_i)}{\partial \zeta_{\iota_1} \partial \zeta_{\iota_3}} \cdot \frac{\partial \lambda(\zeta, z_i)}{\partial \zeta_{\iota_2}} + \frac{\partial \lambda(\zeta, z_i)}{\partial \zeta_{\iota_1}} \cdot \frac{\partial^2 \lambda(\zeta, z_i)}{\partial \zeta_{\iota_2} \partial \zeta_{\iota_3}} \right) W_n^2 \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} j (\Lambda(\zeta, Z_n) W_n)^{j-1} \right] \\ &\quad - \text{tr} \left[ \text{diag} \left( \frac{\partial \lambda(\zeta, z_i)}{\partial \zeta_{\iota_1}} \cdot \frac{\partial \lambda(\zeta, z_i)}{\partial \zeta_{\iota_2}} \cdot \frac{\partial \lambda(\zeta, z_i)}{\partial \zeta_{\iota_3}} \right) W_n^3 \sum_{j=2}^{\infty} j(j-1) (\Lambda(\zeta, Z_n) W_n)^{j-2} \right], \quad \iota_1, \iota_2, \iota_3 = 1, \dots, p_0. \end{aligned}$$

At  $\zeta^0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \mathcal{P}(\zeta^0)}{\partial \zeta_{\iota}} &= 0, \quad \frac{\partial^2 \mathcal{P}(\zeta^0)}{\partial \zeta_{\iota_1} \partial \zeta_{\iota_2}} = -\sum_{i=1}^n \left[ \frac{\partial \lambda(\zeta^0, z_i)}{\partial \zeta_{\iota_1}} \frac{\partial \lambda(\zeta^0, z_i)}{\partial \zeta_{\iota_2}} (W_n^2)_{ii} \right], \\ \frac{\partial^3 \mathcal{P}(\zeta^0)}{\partial \zeta_{\iota_1} \partial \zeta_{\iota_2} \partial \zeta_{\iota_3}} &= -\sum_{i=1}^n \left[ \left( \frac{\partial^2 \lambda(\zeta^0, z_i)}{\partial \zeta_{\iota_1} \partial \zeta_{\iota_2}} \frac{\partial \lambda(\zeta^0, z_i)}{\partial \zeta_{\iota_3}} + \frac{\partial^2 \lambda(\zeta^0, z_i)}{\partial \zeta_{\iota_1} \partial \zeta_{\iota_3}} \frac{\partial \lambda(\zeta^0, z_i)}{\partial \zeta_{\iota_2}} + \frac{\partial \lambda(\zeta^0, z_i)}{\partial \zeta_{\iota_1}} \frac{\partial^2 \lambda(\zeta^0, z_i)}{\partial \zeta_{\iota_2} \partial \zeta_{\iota_3}} \right) (W_n^2)_{ii} \right] \\ &\quad - \sum_{i=1}^n \left[ \frac{\partial \lambda(\zeta^0, z_i)}{\partial \zeta_{\iota_1}} \frac{\partial \lambda(\zeta^0, z_i)}{\partial \zeta_{\iota_2}} \frac{\partial \lambda(\zeta^0, z_i)}{\partial \zeta_{\iota_3}} (W_n^3)_{ii} \right]. \end{aligned}$$

By induction,  $\frac{\partial^{l_1 \dots l_{p_0}} \mathcal{P}(\zeta^0)}{\partial \zeta_1^{l_1} \dots \partial \zeta_{p_0}^{l_{p_0}}} = -\sum_{i=1}^n \left[ \mathcal{L}_i^{(2)}(\zeta^0, z_i, l_1, \dots, l_{p_0})(W_n^2)_{ii} + \dots + \mathcal{L}_i^{(l)}(\zeta^0, z_i, l_1, \dots, l_{p_0})(W_n^l)_{ii} \right]$ , where  $\mathcal{L}_i^{(h)}(\zeta^0, z_i, l_1, \dots, l_{p_0})$ ,  $h = 1, \dots, l$  are some combinations of the first, second, and higher order ( $< l$ ) partial derivatives of  $\lambda(\zeta, \cdot)$  evaluated at  $\zeta^0$  and obviously

$$\mathcal{L}_i^{(l)}(\zeta^0, z_i, l_1, \dots, l_{p_0}) = \underbrace{\frac{\partial \lambda(\zeta^0, z_i)}{\partial \zeta_{l_1}} \dots \frac{\partial \lambda(\zeta^0, z_i)}{\partial \zeta_{l_1}}}_{l_1} \dots \underbrace{\frac{\partial \lambda(\zeta^0, z_i)}{\partial \zeta_{l_{p_0}}} \dots \frac{\partial \lambda(\zeta^0, z_i)}{\partial \zeta_{l_{p_0}}}}_{l_{p_0}}.$$

Therefore,  $\ln|I_n - \Lambda(\zeta, Z_n)W_n| = -\sum_{l=1}^{\infty} \sum_{l_1+\dots+l_{p_0}=l} \frac{\zeta_1^{l_1} \dots \zeta_{p_0}^{l_{p_0}}}{l_1! \dots l_{p_0}!} \sum_{i=1}^n \left[ \mathcal{L}_i^{(2)}(\zeta^0, z_i, l_1, \dots, l_{p_0})(W_n^2)_{ii} + \dots + \mathcal{L}_i^{(l)}(\zeta^0, z_i, l_1, \dots, l_{p_0})(W_n^l)_{ii} \right]$ .

## S.4 Useful properties for a SAR model with endogenous heterogeneity

The following lemma is about the uniform convergence of the log-determinant term in the log pseudo-likelihood function.

**Lemma S.2.** *Under Assumptions 4(i)-(iii) and 5 in the main draft,  $\sup_{\zeta \in \Theta_\zeta} \frac{1}{n} (\ln|I_n - \Lambda(\zeta, Z_n)W_n| - \mathbb{E} \ln|I_n - \Lambda(\zeta, Z_n)W_n|) \xrightarrow{P} 0$ .*

*Proof.* First, we consider the pointwise convergence  $\text{plim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} (\ln|I_n - \Lambda(\zeta, Z_n)W_n| - \mathbb{E} \ln|I_n - \Lambda(\zeta, Z_n)W_n|) = 0$ , by the WLLN in Jenish and Prucha (2012), we only need to check the NED property and uniform  $L_p$  boundedness of  $\ln|I_n - \Lambda(\zeta, Z_n)W_n|$ . Based on the Taylor expansion in Section S.3, we show that  $\mathcal{L}_i^{(h)}(\zeta^0, z_i, l_1, \dots, l_{p_0})(W_n^h)_{ii} \leq \tilde{c}_i^{*(h)} s^{-c_0 d_0}$  for some constant  $\tilde{c}_i^{*(h)} > 0$ . Given any distance  $s$ , the product terms in the summation  $\sum_{j_1} \dots \sum_{j_{h-1}}$  can be separated into two parts: the first part  $\mathcal{P}(1)$ , with the distance of each pair of successive nodes in the chain  $i \rightarrow j_1 \rightarrow j_2 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow j_{h-1} \rightarrow i$  less than  $s/h$ , while the second part  $\mathcal{P}(2)$  consists of the other product terms. Then in  $\mathcal{P}(2)$ , there exists at least one element among  $\{w_{ij_1}, w_{j_1 j_2}, \dots, w_{j_{h-1} i}\}$  that is  $\leq c_1 (s/h)^{-c_0 d_0}$ . Define  $W_{1n}$  as follows:  $w_{ij,1} = w_{ij}$  when  $w_{ij} \leq c_1 (s/h)^{-c_0 d_0}$ ;  $w_{ij,1} = 0$  when  $w_{ij} > c_1 (s/h)^{-c_0 d_0}$ .  $W_{2n}$  is defined by  $w_{ij,2} = w_{ij} - w_{ij,1}$ . Thus every element in  $W_{2n}$  is either 0 or  $> c_1 (s/h)^{-c_0 d_0}$ . Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\mathcal{P}(2)} w_{ij_1} w_{j_1 j_2} \dots w_{j_{h-1} i} &\leq [(W_{1n} + W_{2n})^h]_{ii} - (W_{1n}^h)_{ii} \leq c_1 (s/h)^{-c_0 d_0} \sum_{k=0}^{h-1} \|W_{2n}\|_\infty^k \|W_{1n}\|_1^{h-k-1} \\ &\leq \left[ c_1 h^{c_0 d_0} \sum_{k=0}^{h-1} \|W_{1n}\|_\infty^k \tilde{c}^*(h-k-1) c_w^{h-k-1} \right] s^{-c_0 d_0} \\ &\leq \left[ \tilde{c}^* c_1 c_w^{h-1} h^{c_0 d_0} \sum_{k=0}^{h-1} (h-k-1) \right] s^{-c_0 d_0} \leq \left[ \tilde{c}^* c_1 c_w^{h-1} h^{c_0 d_0 + 1} (h-1)/2 \right] s^{-c_0 d_0} \\ &= \tilde{c}_{2h}^* s^{-c_0 d_0} \text{ for some constant } \tilde{c}_{2h}^* > 0, \end{aligned}$$

where the second and third inequalities follow from Lemma A.3 and Lemma 1 in Xu and Lee (2015)

respectively. Denote  $g_{i,h} \equiv \mathcal{L}_i^{(h)}(\zeta^0, z_i, l_1, \dots, l_{p_0})(W_n^h)_{ii}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|g_{i,h} - \mathbb{E}[g_{i,h} | \mathcal{F}_i(s)]\|_2 &\leq \sum_{\mathcal{P}(1)} w_{ij_1} w_{j_1 j_2} \dots w_{j_{h-1} i} \cdot \|\mathcal{L}_i^{(h)}(\zeta^0, z_i, l_1, \dots, l_{p_0}) - \mathbb{E}[\mathcal{L}_i^{(h)}(\zeta^0, z_i, l_1, \dots, l_{p_0}) | \mathcal{F}_i(s)]\|_2 \\ &\quad + \sum_{\mathcal{P}(2)} w_{ij_1} w_{j_1 j_2} \dots w_{j_{h-1} i} \\ &\leq 2c_w^h b_{\mathcal{L}_i^h} + \tilde{c}_{2h}^* s^{-c_0 d_0} \leq \tilde{c}_i^{*(h)} s^{-c_0 d_0} \text{ for some constant } \tilde{c}_i^{*(h)} > 0, \end{aligned}$$

where the second inequality holds because the partial derivatives (and their combinations) in  $\mathcal{L}_i^{(h)}(\zeta^0, z_i, l_1, \dots, l_{p_0})$  are bounded under Assumption 4(iii) in the main draft, then  $\mathcal{L}_i^{(h)}(\zeta^0, z_i, l_1, \dots, l_{p_0})$  is bounded (suppose by  $b_{\mathcal{L}_i^h}$ ). The NED property of  $\ln |I_n - \Lambda(\zeta, Z_n) W_n|$  follows from

$$\begin{aligned} &\|\ln |I_n - \Lambda(\zeta, Z_n) W_n| - \mathbb{E}[\ln |I_n - \Lambda(\zeta, Z_n) W_n| | \mathcal{F}_i(s)]\|_2 \\ &\leq \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} \sum_{l_1 + \dots + l_{p_0} = l} \frac{\zeta_1^{l_1} \dots \zeta_{p_0}^{l_{p_0}}}{l_1! \dots l_{p_0}!} \sum_{i=1}^n [\|g_{i,2} - \mathbb{E}[g_{i,2} | \mathcal{F}_i(s)]\|_2 + \dots + \|g_{i,l} - \mathbb{E}[g_{i,l} | \mathcal{F}_i(s)]\|_2] \\ &\leq \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} \sum_{l_1 + \dots + l_{p_0} = l} \frac{\zeta_1^{l_1} \dots \zeta_{p_0}^{l_{p_0}}}{l_1! \dots l_{p_0}!} \sum_{i=1}^n (\tilde{c}_i^{*(2)} s^{-c_0 d_0} + \dots + \tilde{c}_i^{*(l)} s^{-c_0 d_0}) \\ &\leq s^{-c_0 d_0} \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} \sum_{l_1 + \dots + l_{p_0} = l} \frac{\zeta_1^{l_1} \dots \zeta_{p_0}^{l_{p_0}}}{l_1! \dots l_{p_0}!} \sum_{i=1}^n (\tilde{c}_i^{*(2)} + \dots + \tilde{c}_i^{*(l)}) \\ &\leq \tilde{C}_0^* s^{-c_0 d_0} \text{ for some constant } \tilde{C}_0^* > 0. \end{aligned}$$

As

$$\begin{aligned} &|\ln |I_n - \Lambda(\zeta, Z_n) W_n|| \\ &= \left| \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} \sum_{l_1 + \dots + l_{p_0} = l} \frac{\zeta_1^{l_1} \dots \zeta_{p_0}^{l_{p_0}}}{l_1! \dots l_{p_0}!} \sum_{i=1}^n [\mathcal{L}_i^{(2)}(\zeta^0, z_i, l_1, \dots, l_{p_0})(W_n^2)_{ii} + \dots + \mathcal{L}_i^{(l)}(\zeta^0, z_i, l_1, \dots, l_{p_0})(W_n^l)_{ii}] \right| \\ &\leq \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} \sum_{l_1 + \dots + l_{p_0} = l} \frac{\zeta_1^{l_1} \dots \zeta_{p_0}^{l_{p_0}}}{l_1! \dots l_{p_0}!} \sum_{i=1}^n \left[ \|\mathcal{L}_i^{(2)}(\zeta^0, z_i, l_1, \dots, l_{p_0})\| \|W_n\|_{\infty}^2 + \dots + \|\mathcal{L}_i^{(l)}(\zeta^0, z_i, l_1, \dots, l_{p_0})\| \|W_n\|_{\infty}^l \right] \\ &\leq \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} \sum_{l_1 + \dots + l_{p_0} = l} \frac{\zeta_1^{l_1} \dots \zeta_{p_0}^{l_{p_0}}}{l_1! \dots l_{p_0}!} \sum_{i=1}^n (b_{\mathcal{L}_i^2} c_w^2 + \dots + b_{\mathcal{L}_i^l} c_w^l) < \infty, \end{aligned}$$

By Minkowski's inequality, we have the uniform  $L_p$  boundedness  $\|\ln |I_n - \Lambda(\zeta, Z_n) W_n|\|_p < \infty$ .

Second, it remains to check the stochastic equicontinuity of  $\frac{1}{n} \ln |I_n - \Lambda(\zeta, Z_n) W_n|$ . Applying the mean value theorem,

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{1}{n} (\ln |I_n - \Lambda(\zeta_1, Z_n) W_n| - \ln |I_n - \Lambda(\zeta_2, Z_n) W_n|) \\ &= \left| (\zeta_{1,1} - \zeta_{1,2}) \frac{1}{n} \text{tr}(G_n(\bar{\zeta}_1)) + \dots + (\zeta_{p_0,1} - \zeta_{p_0,2}) \frac{1}{n} \text{tr}(G_n(\bar{\zeta}_{p_0})) \right| \\ &\leq |\zeta_{1,1} - \zeta_{1,2}| \cdot \tilde{C}_1^* + \dots + |\zeta_{p_0,1} - \zeta_{p_0,2}| \cdot \tilde{C}_{p_0}^* \end{aligned}$$

where  $\zeta$  is between  $\zeta_1$  and  $\zeta_2$ ,  $G_n(\zeta_\iota) = \text{diag}(\frac{\partial \lambda(\zeta, z_i)}{\partial \zeta_\iota})W_n$  for  $\iota = 1, \dots, p_0$ , and  $\tilde{C}_\iota^*$  is a constant. The inequality holds because  $\sup_\zeta \|G_n(\zeta)\|_\infty < \infty$ . This completes the argument for the desired uniform convergence result.  $\square$

The two claims below are the NED properties for relevant statistics under the endogenous heterogeneity specification.

**Claim S.1.** *Let  $t_i(m)$  be the  $i$ th element of the vector  $\mathcal{D}_n[\Lambda(\zeta, Z_n)W_n]^m \varphi_n^* a$ , where  $\mathcal{D}_n$  is a diagonal matrix with bounded elements, which can be an identity matrix  $I_n$  or a diagonal matrix of some globally bounded functions of  $\zeta$  and  $z$ , i.e.,  $\text{diag}(\mathbf{d}(\zeta, z_i))$ , with  $b_{\mathcal{D}} = \sup_{\zeta, z} |\mathbf{d}(\zeta, z)|$ ;  $\varphi_i^* = f_i(v_i, X_n, Z_n)$  and  $a$  is any conformable vector of constants. Under Assumptions 3, 4(i), 4(iii), and (5) in the main draft, suppose  $\sup_{n,i} \|\varphi_i^*\|_p < \infty$ , then  $\sup_{n,i} \|t_i(m)\|_p < \infty$  and  $\sup_{n,i} \|t_i(m) - \mathbb{E}(t_i(m)|\mathcal{F}_i(s))\|_p \leq C_{a\varphi} m^{c_0 d_0 + 2} (b_\lambda c_w)^m s^{(1-c_0)d_0}$  with  $C_{a\varphi}$  being a finite constant.*

*Proof.* Denote  $|A| = (|a_{ij}|)$  for any matrix  $A = (a_{ij})$ .

$$|t_i(m)| = \left| \sum_{j=1}^n \mathbf{d}_i(\zeta, z_i) ([\Lambda(\zeta, Z_n)W_n]^m)_{ij} \varphi_j^* a \right| \leq \sum_{j=1}^n b_{\mathcal{D}} \left| ([\Lambda(\zeta, Z_n)W_n]^m)_{ij} \right| |\varphi_j^* a| \leq b_{\mathcal{D}} \sum_{j=1}^n (|b_\lambda W_n|^m)_{ij} |\varphi_j^* a|,$$

the second inequality holds by Assumption 4(iii) in the main draft. By Minkowski's inequality,  $\|t_i(m)\|_p \leq b_{\mathcal{D}} \sum_{j=1}^n (|b_\lambda W_n|^m)_{ij} \|\varphi_j^* a\|_p < \infty$ . By Proposition 1 and its proof in Jenish and Prucha (2012),

$$\sup_{n,i} \|t_i(m) - \mathbb{E}(t_i(m)|\mathcal{F}_i(s))\|_p \leq b_{\mathcal{D}} \cdot \sup_{n,i} \sum_{j: d_{ij} > s} (|b_\lambda W_n|^m)_{ij} \sup_{n,j} \|\varphi_j^* a\|_p.$$

Under Assumption 5 in the main draft, by Eq.(C.1) in the proof of Claim C.1.6 in Qu and Lee (2015),  $(W_n^m)_{ij} \leq c_2 m^{c_0 d_0 + 2} c_w^m d_{ij}^{-c_0 d_0}$  for some constant  $c_2 > 0$ . Then, for any  $j \neq i$ ,  $(|b_\lambda W_n|^m)_{ij} \leq c_2 m^{c_0 d_0 + 2} b_\lambda^m c_w^m d_{ij}^{-c_0 d_0}$ . As  $|\{j : \mathcal{K} \leq d_{ij} < \mathcal{K} + 1\}| \leq c_3 \mathcal{K}^{d_0 - 1}$  for some constant  $c_3 > 0$  by Lemma A.1 in Jenish and Prucha (2009), when  $s$  is large enough,

$$\begin{aligned} \sup_{n,i} \sum_{j: d_{ij} > s} (|b_\lambda W_n|^m)_{ij} &\leq c_2 m^{c_0 d_0 + 2} (b_\lambda c_w)^m \sup_{n,i} \sum_{\mathcal{K}=[s]}^{\infty} \sum_{j: \mathcal{K} \leq d_{ij} < \mathcal{K} + 1} d_{ij}^{-c_0 d_0} \\ &\leq c_2 c_3 m^{c_0 d_0 + 2} (b_\lambda c_w)^m \sum_{\mathcal{K}=[s]}^{\infty} \mathcal{K}^{d_0 - 1} \mathcal{K}^{-c_0 d_0} \leq c_2 c_3 m^{c_0 d_0 + 2} (b_\lambda c_w)^m \sum_{\mathcal{K}=[s]}^{\infty} (\mathcal{K} + 1)^{d_0 - 1} [(\mathcal{K} + 1)/2]^{-c_0 d_0} \\ &\leq c_2 c_3 m^{c_0 d_0 + 2} (b_\lambda c_w)^m 2^{c_0 d_0} \int_s^\infty x^{-c_0 d_0 + d_0 - 1} dx = c_2 c_3 m^{c_0 d_0 + 2} (b_\lambda c_w)^m 2^{c_0 d_0} (c_0 d_0 - d_0)^{-1} s^{(1-c_0)d_0}, \end{aligned}$$

which implies that  $\sup_{n,i} \|t_i(m) - \mathbb{E}(t_i(m)|\mathcal{F}_i(s))\|_p \leq c_2 c_3 c_{a\varphi} b_{\mathcal{D}} m^{c_0 d_0 + 2} (b_\lambda c_w)^m 2^{c_0 d_0} (c_0 d_0 - d_0)^{-1} s^{(1-c_0)d_0}$ , where  $c_{ap} = \sup_{n,j} \|\varphi_j^* a\|_p$ .  $\square$

**Claim S.2.** *Let  $\tilde{g}_i(m) = e_i' \mathcal{D}_{1n} \tilde{G}_n^m(\zeta) \varphi_n^* a$ , where  $e_i = (0, \dots, 0, 1, 0, \dots, 0)'$ ,  $\tilde{G}_n(\zeta) = \mathcal{D}_{2n} W_n [I_n - \Lambda(\zeta, Z_n)W_n]^{-1}$  with  $\mathcal{D}_{1n} = \text{diag}(\mathbf{d}_1(\zeta, z_i))$  and  $\mathcal{D}_{2n} = \text{diag}(\mathbf{d}_2(\zeta, z_i))$  being two diagonal matrices of some globally bounded functions of  $\zeta$  and  $z$  with  $b_{\mathcal{D}_1} = \sup_{\zeta, z} |\mathbf{d}_1(\zeta, z)|$  and  $b_{\mathcal{D}_2} = \sup_{\zeta, z} |\mathbf{d}_2(\zeta, z)|$ . Under Assumption 3, 4(i), 4(iii), and 5 in the main draft, suppose  $\sup_{n,i} \|\varphi_i^*\|_p < \infty$ , then  $\sup_{n,i} \|\tilde{g}_i(m)\|_p < \infty$  and  $\sup_{n,i} \|\tilde{g}_i(m) - \mathbb{E}(\tilde{g}_i(m)|\mathcal{F}_i(s))\|_p \leq C_{a\varphi m} s^{(1-c_0)d_0}$  with  $C_{a\varphi m}$  being a finite constant.*

*Proof.* By the proof of Claim C.1.7 in Qu and Lee (2015),  $\tilde{G}_n^m(\zeta) = [I_n - \Lambda(\zeta, Z_n)W_n]^{-m}(\mathcal{D}_{2n}W_n)^m = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} C_l^{l+m-1}[\Lambda(\zeta, Z_n)W_n]^l(\mathcal{D}_{2n}W_n)^m \leq b_{\mathcal{D}_2}^m \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} C_l^{l+m-1}b_\lambda^l W_n^{l+m}$ , where  $C_l^{l+m-1}$  is a binomial coefficient. Using the result for  $t_i(l+m)$  in Claim S.1, we have

$$\sup_{n,i} \|\tilde{g}_i(m)\|_p \leq b_{\mathcal{D}_1} b_{\mathcal{D}_2}^m b_\lambda^{-m} \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} C_l^{l+m-1} \sup_{n,i} \|t_i(l+m)\|_p < \infty,$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \sup_{n,i} \|\tilde{g}_i(m) - \mathbb{E}(\tilde{g}_i(m)|\mathcal{F}_i(s))\|_p &\leq b_{\mathcal{D}_1} b_{\mathcal{D}_2}^m b_\lambda^{-m} \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} C_l^{l+m-1} \sup_{n,i} \|t_i(l+m) - \mathbb{E}(t_i(l+m)|\mathcal{F}_i(s))\|_p \\ &\leq b_{\mathcal{D}_1} b_{\mathcal{D}_2}^m C_{a\varphi} \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} b_\lambda^l c_w^{l+m} (l+m)^{m+1+c_0 d_0} s^{(1-c_0)d_0} \leq C_{a\varphi m} s^{(1-c_0)d_0}. \end{aligned}$$

□

Let  $\tilde{M}_n = \tilde{A}'_n \tilde{B}_n$ , where  $\tilde{A}_n$  and  $\tilde{B}_n$  are either  $\mathcal{D}_n[\Lambda(\zeta, Z_n)W_n]^{m_1}$  or  $\tilde{G}_n^{m_2}(\zeta)$  with  $m_1$  and  $m_2$  being finite non-negative integers. The NED property of the statistic  $a'\varphi_n^* \tilde{M}_n \varphi_n^* b$  for some constant vectors  $a$  and  $b$  with  $\varphi_i^*$  as the basis for the NED is established in Claim S.1-S.2. Then we have the following LLN, ULLN and CLT based on the asymptotic inference under NED.

**Proposition S.1.** *Under Assumptions 1-5 and 8 in the main draft (i) suppose  $\sup_{n,i} \|\varphi_i^*\|_4 < \infty$ , then  $\frac{1}{n} \mathbb{E}[a'\varphi_n^* \tilde{M}_n \varphi_n^* b] = O(1)$  and  $\frac{1}{n} [a'\varphi_n^* \tilde{M}_n \varphi_n^* b - \mathbb{E}(a'\varphi_n^* \tilde{M}_n \varphi_n^* b)] = o_p(1)$ . (ii) suppose  $\sup_{n,i} \|\varphi_i^*\|_4 < \infty$ , and denote  $\varphi_n^*(\theta) = f_i(v_i, Z_n, X_n, \theta)$  with  $\theta$  entering  $f_i$  polynomially, then  $\frac{1}{n} a'\varphi_n^*(\theta)' \tilde{G}_n^{m_1}(\zeta)' \mathcal{D}_{1n}^2 \tilde{G}_n^{m_2}(\zeta) \varphi_n^*(\theta) b$  (and  $\frac{1}{n} a'\varphi_n^*(\theta)' \tilde{G}_n^{m_1}(\zeta)' \tilde{G}_n^{m_2}(\zeta) \varphi_n^*(\theta) b$ ) is stochastic equicontinuous and  $\sup_{\theta \in \Theta} \frac{1}{n} |a'\varphi_n^*(\theta)' \tilde{G}_n^{m_1}(\zeta)' \mathcal{D}_{1n}^2 \tilde{G}_n^{m_2}(\zeta) \varphi_n^*(\theta) b - \mathbb{E}(a'\varphi_n^*(\theta)' \tilde{G}_n^{m_1}(\zeta)' \mathcal{D}_{1n}^2 \tilde{G}_n^{m_2}(\zeta) \varphi_n^*(\theta) b)| = o_p(1)$ . (iii) suppose  $\sup_{n,i} \|\varphi_i^*\|_{4+\mathfrak{d}} < \infty$  for some  $\mathfrak{d} > 0$ , and  $\inf_n \frac{1}{n} \sigma_{\mathcal{S}_n}^2 > 0$ , where  $\mathcal{S}_n = \sum_{j=1}^m [a'_j \varphi_n^* \tilde{M}_j \varphi_n^* b_j - \mathbb{E}(a'_j \varphi_n^* \tilde{M}_j \varphi_n^* b_j)] = \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{s}_i$  and  $\sigma_{\mathcal{S}_n}^2 = \text{Var}(\sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{s}_i)$ , then  $\mathcal{S}_n / \sigma_{\mathcal{S}_n} \xrightarrow{d} N(0, 1)$ .*

*Proof.* We show the stochastic equicontinuity of  $\frac{1}{n} a'\varphi_n^* \tilde{G}_n^{m_1}(\zeta)' \mathcal{D}_{1n}^2 \tilde{G}_n^{m_2}(\zeta) \varphi_n^* b$  as all the other results follow the similar arguments in the proofs of Proposition 1, Corollary 1 and Proposition 2 in Qu and Lee (2015) given the results of Claim S.1 and Claim S.2. By the mean value theorem,

$$\begin{aligned} &|a'\varphi_n^* \tilde{G}_n^{m_1}(\zeta_1)' \mathcal{D}_{1n}^2 \tilde{G}_n^{m_2}(\zeta_1) \varphi_n^* b - a'\varphi_n^* \tilde{G}_n^{m_1}(\zeta_2)' \mathcal{D}_{1n}^2 \tilde{G}_n^{m_2}(\zeta_2) \varphi_n^* b| \\ &= |(\zeta_{1,1} - \zeta_{1,2}) a'\varphi_n^* A_n(\bar{\zeta}_1) \varphi_n^* b + \dots + (\zeta_{p_0,1} - \zeta_{p_0,2}) a'\varphi_n^* A_n(\bar{\zeta}_{p_0}) \varphi_n^* b| \\ &\leq |\zeta_{1,1} - \zeta_{1,2}| (a'\varphi_n^* \varphi_n^* a)^{\frac{1}{2}} (b'\varphi_n^* A_n(\bar{\zeta}_1)' A_n(\bar{\zeta}_1) \varphi_n^* b)^{\frac{1}{2}} + \dots + |\zeta_{p_0,1} - \zeta_{p_0,2}| (a'\varphi_n^* \varphi_n^* a)^{\frac{1}{2}} (b'\varphi_n^* A_n(\bar{\zeta}_{p_0})' A_n(\bar{\zeta}_{p_0}) \varphi_n^* b)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &\leq |\zeta_{1,1} - \zeta_{1,2}| (a'\varphi_n^* \varphi_n^* a)^{\frac{1}{2}} (b'\varphi_n^* \varphi_n^* b)^{\frac{1}{2}} [\mu_{\max}(A_n(\bar{\zeta}_1)' A_n(\bar{\zeta}_1))]^{\frac{1}{2}} + \dots \\ &\quad + |\zeta_{p_0,1} - \zeta_{p_0,2}| (a'\varphi_n^* \varphi_n^* a)^{\frac{1}{2}} (b'\varphi_n^* \varphi_n^* b)^{\frac{1}{2}} [\mu_{\max}(A_n(\bar{\zeta}_{p_0})' A_n(\bar{\zeta}_{p_0}))]^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &\leq |\zeta_{1,1} - \zeta_{1,2}| (a'\varphi_n^* \varphi_n^* a)^{\frac{1}{2}} (b'\varphi_n^* \varphi_n^* b)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left( \sup_{\zeta \in \Theta_\zeta} \|A'_n(\zeta) A_n(\zeta)\|_\infty \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} + \dots \\ &\quad + |\zeta_{p_0,1} - \zeta_{p_0,2}| (a'\varphi_n^* \varphi_n^* a)^{\frac{1}{2}} (b'\varphi_n^* \varphi_n^* b)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left( \sup_{\zeta \in \Theta_\zeta} \|A'_n(\zeta_{p_0}) A_n(\zeta_{p_0})\|_\infty \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \end{aligned} \tag{S.30}$$

where  $\bar{\zeta}$  is between  $\zeta_1$  and  $\zeta_2$ ,  $A_n(\zeta_\iota) = \tilde{G}_n^{m_1}(\zeta)'[m_1 G_n'(\zeta_\iota) \mathcal{D}_{1n}^2 + m_2 \mathcal{D}_{1n}^2 G_n(\zeta_\iota)] \tilde{G}_n^{m_2}(\zeta)$  with  $G_n(\zeta_\iota) = \text{diag}(\frac{\partial \lambda(\zeta, z_i)}{\partial \zeta}) W_n S_n^{-1}(\zeta)$  for  $\iota = 1, \dots, p_0$  and  $\mu_{max}(\cdot)$  is the largest eigenvalue of the matrix inside. The first inequality is from the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality, the second inequality holds as  $A_n(\bar{\zeta})' A_n(\bar{\zeta})$  ( $\iota = 1, \dots, p_0$ ) are non-negative definite, and the last inequality holds by spectrum radius theorem. The stochastic equicontinuity of  $\frac{1}{n} a' \varphi_n^*(\theta)' \tilde{G}_n^{m_1}(\zeta)' \tilde{G}_n^{m_2}(\zeta) \varphi_n^*(\theta) b$  can be shown in a similar fashion.  $\square$

## S.5 Additional Simulations

**The IV-estimable endogenous heterogeneity setting with different sample sizes.** In this case, we have a slightly different model  $y_i = \varrho F(z_i) \sum_{j \neq i} w_{ij} y_j + x_i' \beta + v_i$  so that the IV method can be applied (as shown in Section 3.3.2), where the bounded function  $F(z_i)$  is a Logistic function with the location parameter  $\mu = 0$  and the scale parameter  $s = 1$ . To generate the data, we follow equation (39) in the main draft for the joint distribution of  $(x_i^*, z_i^*, v_i^*)$ . As for regressors, we have  $x_i = (x_{1,i}, x_{2,i}, x_{3,i})'$ , where  $x_{1,i} = 1$ ,  $x_{2,i} \sim N(0, 1)$ , and  $x_{3,i} = R_3^{-1}(\Phi(x_{3,i}^*))$ , with  $R_3$  being the CDF for the Exponential distribution with  $\mu = 2$ <sup>2</sup>.  $z_i = H^{-1}(\Phi(z_i^*)) = \Phi^{-1}(\Phi(z_i^*)) = z_i^*$ . The spatial weight matrix is  $W_n^d$  in the main text. Table S.1 displays that our estimator gives precise estimates in this setting with different sample sizes.

**MLE with group fixed effect.** In this experiment, we provide estimates for the endogenous heterogeneity model with group fixed effects as in Section 5 in the main draft. We stick to the setting for endogenous heterogeneity in Table 2 (main draft) and divide the  $n = 144$  cross-sectional units into 15 fixed groups. Group fixed effect  $c_g$  is uncorrelated with any observable and is distributed exponentially<sup>3</sup>. Table S.2 evaluates two estimators – Raw refers to  $\theta_{ML}$  and Correction is  $\hat{\theta}_{ML}^c$  in equation (38) in the main draft. In this specific example, the bias in  $\theta_{ML}$  is already small, which does not leave enough room for improvement. Even so, the correction in  $\theta_{ML}^c$  pulls the estimates to the true values in three or four decimal places and provides an improvement in the coverage of  $\sigma_v$ . Therefore, we still recommend the use of correction for robustness.

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2. This is no longer normally distributed since  $F(z_i)$  is highly correlated with  $z_i$ , which may create identification problem as in the cases with linear regressors.

3. Results in Table S.2 are robust to the distribution of fixed effects. We omitted further simulations due to limited space.

		n = 49			n = 144			n = 361			n = 529			n = 1024		
True		MLE	IV	MLE	IV	MLE	IV	MLE	IV	MLE	IV	MLE	IV	MLE	IV	
$\beta_0$	Mean	0.9454 (0.2614)	0.9635 (0.2656)	0.9868 (0.1417)	0.9935 (0.1438)	0.9937 (0.0942)	0.9963 (0.0948)	0.9953 (0.0726)	0.9973 (0.0729)	0.9953 (0.0726)	0.9973 (0.0729)	0.9953 (0.0532)	0.9961 (0.0536)	0.9953 (0.0532)	0.9961 (0.0536)	
	Std	[0.2354]	[0.2363]	[0.1332]	[0.1345]	[0.0797]	[0.0847]	[0.0632]	[0.0701]	[0.0632]	[0.0701]	[0.0461]	[0.0503]	[0.0461]	[0.0503]	
	Coverage	0.9490	0.9520	0.9510	0.9540	0.9500	0.9570	0.9500	0.9470	0.9470	0.9500	0.9470	0.9480	0.9440	0.9480	0.9440
$\beta_1$	Mean	3.9985 (0.1234)	3.9983 (0.1233)	3.9995 (0.0713)	3.9994 (0.0714)	4.0018 (0.0445)	4.0017 (0.0445)	3.9998 (0.0354)	3.9997 (0.0354)	3.9998 (0.0354)	3.9997 (0.0354)	3.9996 (0.0250)	3.9995 (0.0250)	3.9996 (0.0250)	3.9995 (0.0250)	
	Std	[0.0974]	[0.1196]	[0.0681]	[0.0688]	[0.0438]	[0.0432]	[0.0369]	[0.0356]	[0.0369]	[0.0356]	[0.0255]	[0.0255]	[0.0255]	[0.0255]	
	Coverage	0.9440	0.9440	0.9530	0.9530	0.9520	0.9520	0.9460	0.9460	0.9460	0.9460	0.9490	0.9500	0.9490	0.9500	
$\beta_2$	Mean	-2.0011 (0.0817)	-1.9987 (0.0823)	-2.0032 (0.0435)	-2.0023 (0.0436)	-2.0005 (0.0270)	-2.0001 (0.0271)	-2.0003 (0.0226)	-2.0000 (0.0226)	-2.0000 (0.0226)	-2.0003 (0.0226)	-1.9996 (0.0158)	-1.9995 (0.0158)	-1.9996 (0.0158)	-1.9995 (0.0158)	
	Std	[0.0451]	[0.0762]	[0.0318]	[0.0428]	[0.0214]	[0.0268]	[0.0189]	[0.0220]	[0.0220]	[0.0189]	[0.0135]	[0.0158]	[0.0135]	[0.0158]	
	Coverage	0.9530	0.9550	0.9420	0.9380	0.9420	0.9460	0.9510	0.9470	0.9470	0.9510	0.9510	0.9530	0.9530	0.9530	
$\varrho$	Mean	0.4828 (0.0991)	0.4948 (0.1041)	0.4940 (0.0525)	0.4984 (0.0546)	0.4981 (0.0338)	0.4998 (0.0343)	0.4989 (0.0270)	0.5002 (0.0278)	0.4989 (0.0270)	0.5002 (0.0278)	0.4995 (0.0191)	0.5001 (0.0194)	0.4995 (0.0191)	0.5001 (0.0194)	
	Std	[0.0724]	[0.0936]	[0.0361]	[0.0524]	[0.0281]	[0.0327]	[0.0232]	[0.0272]	[0.0272]	[0.0232]	[0.0177]	[0.0196]	[0.0177]	[0.0196]	
	Coverage	0.9460	0.9470	0.9520	0.9520	0.9440	0.9510	0.9500	0.9470	0.9470	0.9500	0.9510	0.9530	0.9510	0.9530	
$\rho_{vz}$	Mean	0.4709 (0.1058)	-	0.4899 (0.0587)	-	0.4955 (0.0380)	-	0.4959 (0.0317)	-	0.4959 (0.0317)	-	0.4983 (0.0229)	-	0.4983 (0.0229)	-	
	Std	[0.1103]	-	[0.0654]	-	[0.0415]	-	[0.0343]	-	[0.0343]	-	[0.0247]	-	[0.0247]	-	
	Coverage	0.9420	-	0.9430	-	0.9480	-	0.9510	-	0.9510	-	0.9450	-	0.9450	-	
$\sigma_v$	Mean	0.9579 (0.1069)	-	0.9862 (0.0617)	-	0.9944 (0.0392)	-	0.9956 (0.0318)	-	0.9956 (0.0318)	-	0.9977 (0.0230)	-	0.9977 (0.0230)	-	
	Std	[0.0968]	-	[0.0581]	-	[0.0370]	-	[0.0306]	-	[0.0306]	-	[0.0220]	-	[0.0220]	-	
	Coverage	0.9370	-	0.9410	-	0.9510	-	0.9460	-	0.9460	-	0.9540	-	0.9540	-	

Table S.1: Estimates from the IV-estimable setting under different sample sizes.



	True	Mean	Std	Coverage	p10	p30	p50	p70	p90
$\beta_1$	Raw	3.9965	(0.0738)	0.9410	-0.0957	-0.0398	-0.0029	0.0309	0.0901
	Correction	3.9959	(0.0738) [0.0705]	0.9410	-0.0958	-0.0400	-0.0032	0.0305	0.0897
$\beta_2$	Raw	-2.0067	(0.0554)	0.9570	-0.0787	-0.0376	-0.0074	0.0203	0.0667
	Correction	-2.0064	(0.0554) [0.0342]	0.9570	-0.0788	-0.0375	-0.0071	0.0212	0.0667
$\rho$	Raw	0.7877	(0.0589)	0.9350	-0.0908	-0.0398	-0.0099	0.0172	0.0596
	Correction	0.7943	(0.0589) [0.0540]	0.9350	-0.0847	-0.0333	-0.0036	0.0234	0.0665
$\varrho$	Raw	0.5396	(0.1583)	0.9420	-0.1538	-0.0458	0.0275	0.1120	0.2480
	Correction	0.5341	(0.1561) [0.1525]	0.9420	-0.1563	-0.0499	0.0228	0.1058	0.2369
$\rho_{vz}$	Raw	0.4937	(0.0941)	0.9500	-0.1281	-0.0447	0.0041	0.0459	0.1021
	Correction	0.4781	(0.0933) [0.0656]	0.9430	-0.1427	-0.0606	-0.0124	0.0292	0.0863
$\sigma_v$	Raw	0.9481	(0.0944)	0.9190	-0.1673	-0.1051	-0.0569	-0.0051	0.0639
	Correction	0.9795	(0.0932) [0.0578]	0.9470	-0.1349	-0.0716	-0.0253	0.0263	0.0941

Table S.2: Estimates from the endogenous heterogeneity setting with group fixed effects.  $n = 144$ .

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