Bootstrap Probability Errors of the Whittle MLE for Linear Regression Processes with Strongly Dependent Disturbances

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Abstract

This paper determines bounds on the asymptotic orders of the coverage probability errors of parametric bootstrap confidence intervals (CIs) and tests for the covariance parameters of a time series generated by a regression model with Gaussian, stationary, and strongly dependent errors. The CIs and tests are based on the plug-in Whittle maximum likelihood (PWML) estimators. It is shown that, under some sets of conditions on the regression coefficients, the spectral density function, and the parameter values, the bounds on the coverage probability errors of symmetric two-sided and one-sided parametric bootstrap confidence intervals on the plug-in Whittle log-likelihood function are shown to be $O(n^{-3/2} \ln n)$ and $O(n^{-1} \ln n)$, respectively. Apart from the $\ln n$ term, the magnitudes of the coverage probability errors of the one-sided bootstrap confidence intervals for our model is shown to be essentially the same as that of the independent and identically distributed (iid) data. The error for the two-sided confidence intervals is not as small as the error $O(n^{-2})$ that has been established for many confidence intervals in the literature, see Hall (1992), pp 102-108.

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1. Introduction

Introduced by Efron (1979), the bootstrap approximation technique has a history of less than half a century. Most research work in the literature during the last few decades of the introduction of the bootstrap was geared towards its application in the iid case or short memory time series in the nonparametric context. During subsequent years Efron and others have expanded the applicability of the bootstrap for confidence intervals, hypothesis testing, regression models, and more complex problems. Such ideas were explored in Efron (1982), Efron and Gong (1983), Diaconis and Efron (1983), and Efron and Tibshirani (1986). The explosion of Bootstrap papers grew at an exponential rate during the 1980s and 1990s when more key results appeared in the works of Singh (1981), Bickel and Freedman (1981, 1984), Beran (1982), Martin (1990), Hall (1986, 1988), Hall and Martin (1988), and Navidi (1989) among others. Today bootstrapping has become a popular technique for approximating the distribution of many statistics of time series mainly in situations of short term persistence. While its use with long memory time series has increased significantly over the last two decades, there exist few theoretical justifications of its validity in the context of long memory processes.

Time series exhibiting long range dependence have applications in a variety of fields including astronomy, hydrology, economics, and finance where correlations may decrease particularly slowly between observations over time (see Hurst (1951), Mandelbrot and Van Ness (1968), and Beran (1994) among others.) While the bulk of material in the literature on linear regression models is focused on data whose error components are short memory, regression models whose error terms exhibit long-range disturbances have also been studied extensively; see for example, Kunsch (1986), Yajima (1988, 1991), Dalhaus (1995), Robinson and Hidalgo (1997), Sibbertsen (2001), Koul, Baillie, and Surgailis (2004), Choy and Taniguchi (2001), Ivanov and Leonenko (2008) among others. Yajima (1988) investigated estimation of the regression parameters by the least square estimator (LSE) and those describing the correlation structure of the error terms by using the residuals obtained from the LSE. Yajima (1991) established many asymptotic results for least squares error estimators and best linear unbiased estimators. Dalhaus (1995) studied the estimation of the coefficients of a regression model in which the error terms exhibit long-range dependence. Robinson and Hidalgo (1997) investigated stochastic regressors where the components of the design matrix follow stationary process in the presence of long-range dependence in both errors and stochastic regressors.

Among the works towards the justification of the application of bootstrap on long memory time series are Lahiri (1993), Hidalgo (2003), Franco et al. (2004), Andrews et al. (2006), Aga et al. (2007), Hidalgo (2021) and some other more recent publications. Lahiri (1993) has shown that the moving block bootstrap provides valid approximation to the distribution of the normalized sample mean for a class of long-range dependent observations if and only if the underlying...
Using the properties (a) through (d), the PWLL function can now be written as
\[
\text{L}(\theta, \mu) = -\frac{n}{2} \ln(2\pi) - \frac{n}{2} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \ln(f_\theta(\lambda))d\lambda - \frac{1}{2}(Y - \mu)'T_n^{-1}(f_\theta)(Y - \mu).
\]

Based on the fact that
\[
\frac{1}{n} \ln(\det(T_n(f_\theta))) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \ln(f_\theta(\lambda))d\lambda
\]
as \(n \to \infty\) and
\[
T_n((2\pi)^{-2}f_\theta^{-1}) \to T_\infty^{-1}(f_\theta)
\]
as \(n \to \infty\) (Beran, 1994), the log-likelihood function (1.2) can now be approximated by
\[
\text{L}_w(\theta, \hat{\mu}) = -\frac{n}{2} \ln(2\pi) - \frac{n}{4\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \ln(f_\theta(\lambda))d\lambda - \frac{1}{2}(Y - \hat{\mu})'T_n((2\pi)^{-2}f_\theta^{-1})(Y - \hat{\mu}).
\]

We refer to \(\text{L}_w(\theta, \hat{\mu})\), where \(\hat{\mu}\) is replaced for \(\mu\) in (1.5) above, as the plug-in Whittle log-likelihood (PWLL) function. Let
\[
R_n = ZV^{-1}Z'\quad\text{and let } M_n = I_n - R_n, \quad \text{where } I_n \text{ is the } n \times n \text{ identity matrix. One can easily verify that the matrices } M_n \text{ and } R_n \text{ have the following properties: (a) Both } M_n \text{ and } R_n \text{ are symmetric. (b) } Y'M_n = (Y - \hat{\mu})'. \quad \text{(c) If } U = Y - \mu, \quad \text{then } M_n Y = M_n U. \quad \text{(d) There exists an } n \times p \text{ matrix } B \text{ such that}
\]
\[
R_n = BB'.
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\]
On the other hand, the last term in (1.5) can be approximated as

\[
\frac{1}{2}(Y - \mu)^T T_n ((2\pi)^{-2} f_0^{-1})(Y - \mu) \approx \sum_{j=1}^{n} (Y_j - \mu_j) \frac{1}{8\pi^2} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f_0^{-1}(\lambda) e^{i(\lambda - j\lambda)} d\lambda (Y_i - \mu_i) \\
= \frac{1}{8\pi^2} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f_0^{-1}(\lambda) \sum_{j=1}^{n} (Y_j - \mu_j) (Y_i - \mu_i) e^{i(\lambda - j\lambda)} d\lambda \\
= \frac{1}{8\pi^2} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f_0^{-1}(\lambda) \left| \sum_{j=1}^{n} (Y_j - \mu_j) e^{i\lambda j} \right|^2 d\lambda \\
= \frac{n}{4\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f_0^{-1}(\lambda) I(\lambda) d\lambda,
\]  

(1.8)

and therefore, the PWLL function becomes

\[
L_W(\theta, \hat{\mu}) = -\frac{n}{2} \ln(2\pi) - \frac{n}{4\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} (\ln(f_0(\lambda) + f_0^{-1}(\lambda) I_n(\lambda))) d\lambda,
\]

(1.9)

where \( I_n(\lambda) = \frac{1}{2\pi n} \sum_{j=1}^{n} e^{i\lambda(Y_j - \hat{\mu}_j)} \) is the periodogram.

By definition, the Whittle Maximum Likelihood Estimator (WMLE), \( \hat{\theta}_n \), solves the equation:

\[
\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_r} (\ln(f_0(\lambda) + f_0^{-1}(\lambda) I_n(\lambda))) d\lambda = 0
\]

(1.10)

for \( r = 1, \ldots, d_\theta \), where \( d_\theta = \text{dim}(\theta) \).

Andrews et al. (2006) have established the coverage probability errors of the symmetric two-sided and one-sided parametric bootstrap confidence intervals based on the Plug-in maximum likelihood (PML) and plug-in Whittle maximum likelihood (PWML) estimators of the parameter of the error component \( \{e_i, t \geq 1\} \) given above. In this paper we extend the work of Andrews et al. (2006) and establish the asymptotic order of magnitude of the coverage probability errors of the parametric bootstrap based on the PWML estimator of the linear regression processes described above by imposing an additional condition on the regression coefficients and a mild additional condition on the spectral density function.

The remainder of the paper proceeds as follows. Section 2 provides some preliminaries and background assumptions. In this section we present some preliminaries on cumulants and Edgeworth expansions, introduce the general set-up of parametric bootstrap confidence intervals and tests, describe the Whittle log-likelihood derivatives, and state the background assumptions. Section 3 presents and proves several lemmas and two main theorems on the coverage probability errors of the parametric bootstrap of the PWML estimator of our linear regression model.

2. Preliminaries and Assumptions

2.1 Cumulants and Edgeworth Expansions

For a random variable \( Y \) with a characteristic function \( \chi(t) = E(e^{itY}) \), the \( j \)th cumulant, \( \kappa_j \), of \( Y \) is defined to be the coefficient of \( \frac{1}{j!}(it)^j \) in a power series expansion of \( \log \chi(t) = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{j!} \kappa_j (it)^j \). Moreover, the \( j \)th moment \( \mu_j \) of \( Y \) is defined by \( \mu_j = E(Y^j) \). Using these notations we have

\[
\chi(t) = E(e^{itY}) = 1 + \mu_1 it + \frac{1}{2!} \mu_2 (it)^2 + \ldots + \frac{1}{j!} \mu_j (it)^j + \ldots,
\]

(2.1)

and

\[
\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{j!} \kappa_j (it)^j = \log \left( 1 + \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{j!} \mu_j (it)^j \right)
= \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{k+1} \frac{1}{k!} \left( \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{j!} \mu_j (it)^j \right)^k.
\]

(2.2)

By equating the coefficients \( \frac{1}{j!}(it)^j \) we obtain \( \kappa_1 = \mu_1, \kappa_2 = \mu_2 - \mu_1^2, \kappa_3 = \mu_3 - 3\mu_1 \mu_2 + 2\mu_1^3, \kappa_4 = \mu_4 - 4\mu_1 \mu_3 - 3\mu_2^2 + 12\mu_1^2 \mu_2 - 6\mu_1^4 \), and so on.
Let $X_1, ..., X_n$ be independent and identically distributed with mean $\theta_0$ and finite variance $\sigma^2$ and let $\hat{\theta}$ be the sample mean. Then by the Central Limit Theorem $S_n = \sqrt{n}(\hat{\theta} - \theta_0)/\sigma$ is asymptotically normally distributed with zero mean and unit variance and the characteristic function $\chi_n(t)$ of $S_n$ can be written as

$$
\chi_n(t) = E(\exp(itS_n)) = \exp\left[\frac{1}{2}t^2 + n^{-1/2} \frac{1}{3!} \kappa_3(it)^3 + ... + n^{-(j-2)/2} \frac{1}{j!} \kappa_j(it)^j + ...ight] \tag{2.2}
$$

where $\kappa_j$ is a polynomial with real coefficients depending on the cumulants $\kappa_3, ..., \kappa_{j+2}$. Using the inverse Fourier transform of (2.2) we obtain

$$P(S_n \leq x) = \Phi(x) + n^{-1/2} \pi_1(x) \phi(x) + n^{-1} \pi_2(x) \phi(x) + ... + n^{-j/2} \pi_j(x) \phi(x) + ...$$

where the polynomial $\pi_j$ is in terms of cumulants, $\Phi$ and $\phi$ denote the standard normal cumulative distribution function and probability distribution function, respectively. The right hand side (rhs) of the last equation above is an Edgeworth expansion of the distribution function $P(S_n \leq x)$. (For more general Edgeworth expansion theory see Hall (1992), pp 39-81.)

2.2 Confidence Intervals and Tests of the Parametric Bootstrap

To help us introduce the bootstrap coverage probability errors, we first define the parametric bootstrap sample and formulate the general set up of bootstrap confidence intervals and tests.

Bootstrapping is one of the different re-sampling techniques in which a series of random samples are drawn a large number of times with replacement from an original sample $X$ obtained from the population of interest. The statistic of interest is then calculated from each of the bootstrap samples and an approximate of the sampling distribution of the statistic is obtained from the calculated values. This is what is known as the non-parametric bootstrap. When the distribution $F_{\theta_0}$ of the population is assumed to be completely known up to a vector $\theta_0$ of unknown parameters, then a parametric bootstrap may be used. If $\hat{\theta}$ is an estimate of $\theta_0$ computed from the sample $X$, then a parametric bootstrap sample $X^*$ is obtained by drawing from the distribution $F_{\hat{\theta}}$. Then, a large number of parametric bootstrap samples are generated in this way and the statistic of interest to be computed from these samples (see Hall (1992) for details).

Now, let $Y = (Y_1, Y_2, ..., Y_n)^T$ be a sample from our linear regression model with strongly dependent errors as described in section 1 above. Then, the parametric bootstrap sample $Y^* = (Y_1^*, ..., Y_n^*)$ is the same as the distribution of the original sample except that the true parameters are $(\hat{\theta}_n, \hat{\mu})$ instead of $(\theta_0, \mu)$. In other words, $Y^*$ consists of random variables from a linear regression process with stationary, Gaussian, and strongly dependent errors having mean $\hat{\mu}$ and spectral density $f_{\hat{\theta}_n}(\lambda)$ conditional on the original sample $Y$.

In order to establish the coverage probability errors of the bootstrap confidence intervals, we will need to define the bootstrap analogues of sample mean, the PWLL function, the bootstrap estimator of the true parameter $\theta_0$, the bootstrap t-statistic, and the one-sided and two-sided bootstrap confidence intervals.

(a) The bootstrap sample mean $\hat{\mu}^*$ is then given by $\hat{\mu}^* = (\bar{Y}_1^*, ..., \bar{Y}_n^*)$, where, for $t = 1, ..., n, \bar{Y}_t^* = \sum Z_t^* \hat{\beta}_t^*, \hat{\beta}_t^* = V^{-1} \sum_{t=1}^n Y_t^* Z_t,$ where $V = \sum_{t=1}^n (Z_t Z_t^\top)^{-1}$ as defined in section 1.

(b) The bootstrap PWLL function $L_{\hat{\theta}_n}(\theta, \hat{\mu}^*)$ is defined in the same way as the PWLL function $L_{\hat{\theta}}(\theta, \hat{\mu})$ (see (1.7) above) but with $Y^*$ and $\hat{\mu}^*$ replacing $Y$ and $\hat{\mu}$, respectively.

(c) Let $\Theta^*$ denote the set of solutions in the parameter space $\Theta$ to the first order conditions for the bootstrap PWLL function. The bootstrap estimator $\hat{\theta}_n^*$ can now be defined as that value of $\theta$ that maximizes the bootstrap PWLL function $L_{\hat{\theta}_n}(\theta, \hat{\mu}^*)$. Observe that the true parameter of the bootstrap sample is $\hat{\theta}_n$, and hence $\hat{\theta}_n^*$ is a PWML estimator of $\hat{\theta}_n$.

Let $\theta_0$ denote some element of $\Theta$, the parameter space. Let $\theta_{0,r}$, $\theta_{0,c}$, and $\hat{\theta}_n$ denote the $r$-th elements of $\theta_0$, $\theta_0$, and $\hat{\theta}_n$, respectively. The asymptotic covariance matrix of a consistent PWML estimator $\hat{\theta}_n$ is $\Sigma(\theta_0)$, where

$$
\Sigma(\theta_0) = \left(1/4\pi \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \ln(f_\theta(\lambda)) \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \ln(f_\theta(\lambda)) d\lambda \right)^{-1}.
$$

A consistent estimator of $\Sigma(\theta_0)$ is $\hat{\Sigma}(\hat{\theta}_n)$, provided that $f_\theta(\lambda)$ is smooth with respect of $\theta$. Let $\Sigma_{r,c}(\hat{\theta}_n)$ denote the $(r,c)$-th element of $\Sigma(\hat{\theta}_n)$. Let $z_{\alpha}$ denote the $1-\alpha$ quantile of the standard normal distribution.

(d) We define the $t$-statistic by

$$
\tau_n(\theta_{0,r}) = \frac{n^{1/2}(\hat{\theta}_{n,r} - \theta_{0,r})}{\Sigma_{r,c}(\hat{\theta}_n)} \tag{2.3}
$$
and the bootstrap t-statistic by
\[ \tau_n^*(\hat{\theta}_{n,r}) = \frac{\sqrt{n}(\hat{\theta}_{n,r} - \hat{\theta}_{n,r})}{\Sigma_{n,r}(\hat{\theta}_{n})} \] (2.4).

where \( \hat{\theta}_{n,r} \) denotes the r-th element of \( \hat{\theta}_{n} \).

(e) Let \( z_{1,1}^*, z_{1,2}^* \) denote the \( 1 - \alpha \) quantiles of \( |\tau_n^*(\hat{\theta}_{n,r})| \) and \( \tau_n^*(\hat{\theta}_{n,r}) \), respectively. To be precise, \( z_{1,1}^* \) is defined to be a value that minimizes \( |P^*(\tau_n^*(\hat{\theta}_{n,r}))| - (1 - \alpha) \) over \( z \in \mathbb{R} \). (The precise definition of \( z_{1,2}^* \) is analogous.)

(f) The symmetric two-sided bootstrap CI for \( \theta_{0,r} \) with approximate confidence level \( 100(1 - \alpha)\% \) based on the PWML estimator \( \hat{\theta}_{n} \) is
\[ I_2(\hat{\theta}_{n}) = \left[ \hat{\theta}_{n,r} - z_{1,1}^*\Sigma_{n,r}(\hat{\theta}_{n}), \hat{\theta}_{n,r} + z_{1,1}^*\Sigma_{n,r}(\hat{\theta}_{n}) \right]. \]

(g) The upper one-sided bootstrap \( 100(1 - \alpha)\% \) CI for \( \theta_{0,r} \) is
\[ I_1(\hat{\theta}_{n}) = \left[ \hat{\theta}_{n,r} - z_{1,1}^*\Sigma_{n,r}(\hat{\theta}_{n}), \infty \right). \]

(h) The symmetric two-sided bootstrap t test of \( H_0 : \theta_{0,r} = \theta_{n,r} \) versus \( H_1 : \theta_{0,r} \neq \theta_{n,r} \) with significance level \( \alpha \) rejects \( H_0 \) if \( |\tau_n(\theta_{0,r})| > z_{1,1}^* \).

(i) The one sided bootstrap t test of \( H_0 : \theta_{0,r} \leq \theta_{n,r} \) versus \( H_1 : \theta_{0,r} > \theta_{n,r} \) with significance level \( \alpha \) rejects \( H_0 \) if \( \tau_n(\theta_{0,r}) > z_{1,1}^* \).

2.3 The Whittle Log-likelihood Derivatives

Let \( \nu = (r_1, r_2, ..., r_q)' \) denote a q-vector of positive integers each less than or equal to \( \text{dim}(\theta) \). Let \( \mathcal{L}_W(\theta, \hat{\mu}) \) be as defined in (1.9) and let \( \mathcal{M}_n \) be as in the paragraph preceding (1.6). We write the real valued q-th order partial derivative of the PWLL function indexed by \( \nu \) as
\[ \mathcal{L}_{W,\nu} = D_\nu \mathcal{L}_W(\theta, \hat{\mu}) = \frac{\partial^{\nu}}{\partial \theta_{r_1} \cdots \partial \theta_{r_q}} \mathcal{L}_W(\theta, \hat{\mu}) = \mathcal{F}_{n,\nu}(\theta) + \mathcal{Y}' \mathcal{M}_n \mathcal{G}_{n,\nu}(\theta) \mathcal{M}_n \mathcal{Y} \] (2.5)

where
\[ \mathcal{F}_{n,\nu}(\theta) = -\frac{n}{4\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} D_\nu \ln(f_0(\lambda))d\lambda \] (2.6)
and
\[ \mathcal{G}_{n,\nu}(\theta) = -\frac{1}{2} D_\nu \mathcal{J}_n((2\pi)^{-2} f_0^{-1}). \] (2.7)

Equations (2.5)-(2.7) are modified versions of equations (A.3) and (A.4) of Andrews et al. [2006] in which we used the matrix \( \mathcal{M}_n \) and the estimator \( \hat{\mu} \) of our sample \( \mathcal{Y} \) as defined in section 1 above. We shall introduce some more notations. Let
\[ \mathcal{U}_n(\theta) = (\mathcal{L}_{W,\nu(1)}(\theta), ..., \mathcal{L}_{W,\nu(r)}(\theta)), \] (2.8)
where each vector \( \nu(j) \) is of the same form as \( \nu \) defined in (2.5)-(2.7) above for \( r = \text{dim}(\mathcal{U}_n(\theta)) \) and \( j = 1, 2, ..., r \). Let
\[ \mathcal{W}_n(\theta) = n^{-1/2}(\mathcal{U}_n(\theta) - E_0 \mathcal{U}_n(\theta)). \] (2.9)

Without loss of generality we may assume that \( E_0 \mathcal{U}_n(\theta) = 0 \). Let
\[ \mathcal{D}_n(\theta) = E[\mathcal{W}_n(\theta)' \mathcal{W}_n(\theta)] \] (2.10)
and let \( D(\theta) = \lim_{n \to \infty} \mathcal{D}_n(\theta) \).

Because \( \mathcal{W}_n(\theta) \) is a vector of centenal quadratic forms in Gaussian variables plus a vector of nonrandom quantities we have
\[ \mathcal{D}_n(\theta)i, j = tr(\mathcal{G}_{n,\nu}) \mathcal{F}_{n,\nu}(f_0) \mathcal{G}_{n,\nu}(f_0) \] (2.11).

(See Anderson, 1984 for details.)
2.4 Assumptions

In this subsection we present the assumptions for which the results of this paper hold. Assumptions A1-A3 impose conditions on the parameter space. In particular the PWML estimators for which we establish bootstrap coverage probability errors are required to be consistent by A2 and the matrices $\mathcal{D}_n(\theta)$ and $\mathcal{D}(\theta)$ in (2.10) are required to be positive definite by A3. Assumptions A4-A9 are needed to control the behavior of the spectral density function, its inverse, and their derivatives in the neighborhood of the origin. These assumptions depend on a positive integer $s \geq 3$ that indexes the order of the Whittle Log-likelihood Derivatives (WLLDs) that are used in the construction of the bootstrap confidence intervals. Assumption A10 gives some restriction on the design matrix. It is mainly due to this assumption that we extend the results of Andrews et al. (2006) on establishing the magnitude of errors of the bootstrap confidence intervals and tests to our current model. In particular, Theorem 3.3 of Aga (2021) uses this assumption to establish that the rth cumulants $\kappa_r(\theta)$ of the WLLDs in the Edgeworth expansion are bounded by $O(n)$ which in turn are used to prove lemmas presented in section 3 of this paper.

A1. The parameter space $\Theta$ is a subset of $\mathbb{R}^r$ where $r = \dim(\theta_0)$ with non-empty interior, where $\theta_0$ is the true parameter.

A2. For all $\varepsilon > 0$ and all compact subsets $\Theta_\varepsilon$ of $\Theta$, the sequence of PWML estimators $\{\hat{\theta}_n : n \geq 1\}$ for which the results of this paper hold satisfy

$$\sup_{\theta_0 \in \Theta_\varepsilon} P_{\theta_0}(||\hat{\theta}_n - \theta_0|| > n^{-1/2} \ln(n) \varepsilon) = o(n^{1-s/2}) \text{ as } n \to \infty$$

for some integer $s \geq 3$.

A3. The matrices $\mathcal{D}_n(\theta)$ and $\mathcal{D}(\theta)$ in (2.10) are defined by (1.6) above, there exists a constant $A6$. For all $\lambda \neq 0$, $f_0^{-1}(\lambda)$ is continuous at all $\lambda$, and $\forall \delta > 0, \exists c_1(\theta, \delta) < \infty$ such that

$$|f_0(\lambda)| \leq c_1(\theta, \delta)|\lambda|^{2d-\delta}$$

for all $\lambda$ in the neighborhood $N_\delta$ of the origin, where $\theta = (\theta_1, \theta_2, ..., \theta_r)$ and $d \in (0, 1/2)$.

A4. For some integer $s \geq 3$, $g(\theta) = \int_0^\pi \ln f_0(\lambda) d\lambda$ and $h(\theta) = \int_0^\pi f_0^{-1}(\lambda) I_n(\lambda) d\lambda$ can be differentiated $s + 1$ times under the integral sign.

A5. $f_0(\lambda)$ is continuous at all $\lambda$ for which $\lambda \neq 0$, $f_0^{-1}(\lambda)$ is continuous at all $\lambda$, and $\forall \delta > 0, \exists c_2(\theta, \delta) < \infty$ such that

$$\left|\frac{\partial^s f_0^{-1}(\lambda)}{\partial \theta_{j_1}...\partial \theta_{j_r}}\right| \leq c_2(\theta, \delta)|\lambda|^{2d-\delta}, \forall \lambda \in N_\delta.$$
Let first we introduce some additional notations. In this section we present the main result of establishing the bootstrap coverage probability errors of the Whittle maximum likelihood estimators.

Lemma 3.1 of Aga et al. (2007) provides a useful example of design matrix that satisfies this assumption, we do not for example Hall (1992), pp. 41-45).

Let $\kappa_\eta$ be a polynomial in $\Delta = \partial/\partial x$ whose coefficients are polynomials in the elements of $k_\eta$ and for which $P_j(\Delta, k_\eta(\eta))(\Phi(x))$ is an even function of $x$ when $j$ is odd and an odd function of $x$ when $j$ is even for $j = 1, 2, ..., s - 2$. (see for example Hall (1992), pp. 41-45).

**Lemma 3.1.** Let $\{\xi_\eta(\theta_0) \in \mathbb{R}^d : n \geq 1\}$ and $\{\zeta_\eta(\theta_0) \in \mathbb{R}^d : n \geq 1\}$ be a sequence of random vectors such that $\sup_{\theta_0 \in \Theta} P_\eta(\|\xi_\eta(\theta_0)\| > \epsilon_n) = \epsilon_n$ and $\{\zeta_\eta(\theta_0) \in \mathbb{R}^d : n \geq 1\}$ have Edgeworth expansions for each $\theta_0 \in \Theta$, with coefficients of order $O(1)$ and remainders of order $\epsilon_n = o(n^{-s/2})$ both uniformly over $\theta_0 \in \Theta$. Then,

$$
\sup_{\theta_0 \in \Theta} \sup_{C \in C_d} \left| P_\eta(\xi_\eta(\theta_0) \in C) - P_\eta(\zeta_\eta(\theta_0) \in C) \right| = o(n^{-s/2}),
$$

(3.1)

where $C_d$ denotes the class of all convex sets in $\mathbb{R}^d$.

**Proof.**

Let $P(\zeta, \theta_0) = 1 + \sum_{i=1}^{s-2} n^{-i/2} \pi_{\eta_i}(\zeta, \theta_0) \phi(\zeta)$ be an Edgeworth expansion to order $s - 2$ of $\{\zeta_\eta(\theta_0) : n \geq 1\}$ where $\{\pi_{\eta_i}(\zeta, \theta_0) : i = 1, ..., s - 2, n \geq 1\}$ are polynomials in $\zeta$ whose coefficients are $O(1)$ uniformly over $\theta_0 \in \Theta$, such that

$$
\sup_{\theta_0 \in \Theta} \sup_{C \in C_d} \left| \int_C (P(\zeta, \theta_0))d\zeta \right| = o(n^{-s/2}),
$$

(3.2)

where $\phi(\zeta)$ is the density function of a $N(0, \Sigma_\eta(\theta_0))$ random vector, $\Sigma_\eta(\theta_0)$ has eigenvalues that are bounded away from zero and infinity as $n \to \infty$ uniformly over $\theta_0 \in \Theta$. Now, for any convex set $C \in \mathbb{R}^d$ and $r > 0,$ let $C^*_r = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^d : \|x - y\| \leq r\}$ for some $y \in C$. Let $A_\eta(\theta_0) = \sup_{\theta_0 \in \Theta} A_\eta(\theta_0) = A_\eta$, and let $\Omega_\eta = P_\eta(A_\eta(\theta_0) = C) - P_\eta(A_\eta(\theta_0) \in C)$. Then

$$
\sup_{\theta_0 \in \Theta} \Omega_\eta = \sup_{\theta_0 \in \Theta} \left( \sup_{\theta_0 \in \Theta} \left( \sup_{\theta_0 \in \Theta} \left( \sup_{\theta_0 \in \Theta} \right) \right) \right).
$$

(3.3)

By assumption, $P_\eta(\|\xi_\eta(\theta_0)\| > \epsilon_n) = o(n^{-s/2})$. Because $\zeta_\eta(\theta_0)$ has an Edgeworth expansion with remainder $\epsilon_n$, the expression

$$
\sup_{\theta_0 \in \Theta} \sup_{C \in C_d} (P_\eta(\zeta_\eta(\theta_0) \in C^*_r) - P_\eta(\zeta_\eta(\theta_0) \in C)) \text{ in (3.3) is less than or equal to}
$$

$$
\sup_{\theta_0 \in \Theta} \sup_{C \in C_d} \left\{ \int_{C^*_r} (P(\zeta, \theta_0))d\zeta - \int_C (P(\zeta, \theta_0))d\zeta \right\} + \epsilon_n.
$$

(3.4)

We observe that $\phi(\zeta)$ and its derivatives of all orders are bounded over $\zeta \in \mathbb{R}^d$ and that by assumption the polynomials $\{\pi_{\eta_i}(\zeta, \theta_0) : i = 1, ..., s - 2\}$ have coefficient that are $O(1)$ uniformly for $\theta_0 \in \Theta$. Therefore, the expression in (3.4) is $O(\omega_n) = o(n^{-s/2})$ and consequently, $\sup_{\theta_0 \in \Theta} \sup_{C \in C_d} (P_\eta(\zeta_\eta(\theta_0) \in \Omega_\eta \in C) - P_\eta(\zeta_\eta(\theta_0) \in \Omega_\eta \in C)) \leq \epsilon_n$ holds.
The t-statistic is given by $\tau_n(\theta_0)$ as in equation (2.3). Let $\frac{1}{n}\mathcal{U}_n(\theta_0)$ denote the vector $\frac{1}{n}\mathcal{U}_n(\theta_0)$ of normalized Whittle log-likelihood derivatives augmented to include the vector of expected values of all partial derivatives with respect to $\theta$ of order $s$ of $\frac{1}{n}\mathcal{L}_n(\theta_0, \mu)$ (see (1.9)). The next lemma shows that $\tau_n(\theta_0)$ can be approximated by a smooth function of $\frac{1}{n}\mathcal{U}_n(\theta_0)$.

**Lemma 3.2.** Suppose Assumptions A1-A10 hold. Then, there is an infinitely differentiable function $\tilde{\Gamma}$ that satisfies $\tilde{\Gamma}(n^{-1}E_{\theta_0}\mathcal{U}_n^*(\theta_0)) = 0$ for $n$ sufficiently large and $\forall \theta_0 \in \Theta$, where $\Theta$ is some compact subset of the parameter space $\Theta$, and

$$\sup_{\theta_0 \in B_0} \sup_{C \in \mathcal{C}_2} |P_{\theta_0}(\tau_n(\theta_0), \tilde{\theta}_n) \in C| = o(n^{-1/2}).$$

**Proof.**
Let $h_n(\theta) = \frac{1}{n}\mathcal{L}_n(\theta, \bar{\mu})$ and $\tilde{h}_n(\theta) = \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta}h_n(\tilde{\theta}_n)$. By Assumption A2, we have $\inf_{\theta_0 \in \Theta^0} P_{\theta_0}(\tilde{\theta}_n \in \Theta^0) = 1 - o(n^{-1/2})$, where $\Theta^0$ denotes the interior of $\Theta$ and

$$\inf_{\theta_0 \in \Theta^0} P_{\theta_0}(\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta}h_n(\tilde{\theta}_n) = 0) = 1 - o(n^{-1/2}).$$

By Taylor’s expansion of $\tilde{h}_n(\theta)$ about $\theta_0$ of order $s - 1$, there exists $\bar{\theta}_n$ that lies between $\tilde{\theta}_n$ and $\theta_0$ such that

$$\tilde{h}_n(\bar{\theta}_n) = h_n(\theta_0) + \sum_{j=1}^{s-1} D^j h_n(\theta_0) f_j (\tilde{\theta}_n - \theta_0, \ldots, \tilde{\theta}_n - \theta_0) + D^{s-1} \tilde{h}_n(\theta_0) (\tilde{\theta}_n - \theta_0, \ldots, \tilde{\theta}_n - \theta_0),$$

where $D^j \tilde{h}_n(\theta_0)(\tilde{\theta}_n - \theta_0, \ldots, \tilde{\theta}_n - \theta_0)$ denotes $D^j \tilde{h}_n(\theta_0)$ as a j-linear map, whose coefficients are partial derivatives of $\tilde{h}_n(\theta_0)$ of order $j$, applied to the $j$-tuple $(\tilde{\theta}_n - \theta_0, \ldots, \tilde{\theta}_n - \theta_0)$.

Let,

$$e_1(\theta_0) = \frac{1}{(s-1)!} (D^{s-1} \tilde{h}_n(\theta_0) - D^{s-1} \tilde{h}_n(\theta_0))(\tilde{\theta}_n - \theta_0, \ldots, \tilde{\theta}_n - \theta_0),$$

and

$$e_2(\theta_0) = \frac{1}{(s-1)!} (D^{s-1} \tilde{h}_n(\theta_0) - ED^{s-1} \tilde{h}_n(\theta_0))(\tilde{\theta}_n - \theta_0, \ldots, \tilde{\theta}_n - \theta_0).$$

Then, (3.7) above can be written as

$$\tilde{h}_n(\bar{\theta}_n) = h_n(\theta_0) + \sum_{j=1}^{s-1} D^j h_n(\theta_0) f_j (\tilde{\theta}_n - \theta_0, \ldots, \tilde{\theta}_n - \theta_0) + \frac{1}{(s-1)!} ED^{s-1} h_n(\theta_0)(\tilde{\theta}_n - \theta_0, \ldots, \tilde{\theta}_n - \theta_0) + e_1(\theta_0) + e_2(\theta_0) = 0. $$

Note that, by definition, $\frac{1}{n}\mathcal{U}_n^*(\theta_0)$ is the column vector whose elements are the non-redundant components of $\tilde{h}_n(\theta_0)$, $D^j \tilde{h}_n(\theta_0), \ldots, D^{s-1} \tilde{h}_n(\theta_0)$ plus the components of $ED^{s-1} \tilde{h}_n(\theta_0)$. Let $\xi_n(\theta_0) = ((e_1(\theta_0) + e_2(\theta_0))', 0, \ldots, 0)'$ be conformable with $\mathcal{U}_n^*(\theta_0)$. Then, (3.8) can be written as

$$g \left( \frac{1}{n} E_{\theta_0} \mathcal{U}_n^*(\theta_0) + \xi_n(\theta_0), \tilde{\theta}_n - \theta_0 \right) = 0,$$

where $g(\cdot, \cdot)$ is an infinitely differentiable function that satisfies

$$g \left( \frac{1}{n} E_{\theta_0} \mathcal{U}_n^*(\theta_0), 0 \right) = 0,$$

for all $n \geq 1$. From (3.8), we can see that the function $g$ also satisfies

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} g \left( \frac{1}{n} E_{\theta_0} \mathcal{U}_n^*(\theta_0), x \right) \bigg|_{x=0} = \frac{1}{n} E_{\theta_0} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \tilde{h}_n(\theta_0),$$

where $x = \tilde{\theta}_n - \theta_0$. Using the information matrix equality, the right hand side of (3.11) converges to $-\Sigma^{-1}(\theta_0)$ as $n \to \infty$, and, hence, is negative definite for $n$ large because the later is negative definite by Assumption A3, where $\Sigma(\theta)$ is the asymptotic covariance matrix of the PWML estimator. Thus, since $g(n^{-1}E_{\theta_0} \mathcal{U}_n^*(\theta_0), 0) = 0$, the Implicit Function Theorem can be applied to the function $g(\cdot, \cdot)$ at the point $(n^{-1}E_{\theta_0} \mathcal{U}_n^*(\theta_0), 0)$. That is, there is an infinitely differentiable function $\Psi$, defined near $n^{-1}E_{\theta_0} \mathcal{U}_n^*(\theta_0)$, and that does not depend on $n$ or $\theta_0$ such that

$$g(n^{-1}Z_n^*(\theta_0) + \xi_n(\theta_0), \Psi(n^{-1}Z_n^*(\theta_0) + \xi_n(\theta_0))) = 0,$$
where \( \Psi \) satisfies \( \Psi(n^{-1}E_0\mathcal{U}_n^*(\theta_0)) = 0 \). Combining (3.6), (3.9), and (3.12) we obtain

\[
\inf_{\theta_0 \in \Theta} P_{\theta_0}(\hat{\theta}_n - \theta_0 = \Psi(n^{-1}\mathcal{U}_n^*(\theta_0) + \zeta_n(\theta_0))) = 1 - o(n^{-1/2}).
\]  

(3.13)

We now apply Lemma 3.1 with \( Z_n(\theta_0) = \sqrt{n}\Psi(n^{-1}\mathcal{U}_n^*(\theta_0)) \) and \( \xi_n(\theta_0) = \sqrt{n}(\Psi(n^{-1}\mathcal{U}_n^*(\theta_0) + \zeta_n(\theta_0)) - \Psi(n^{-1}\mathcal{U}_n^*(\theta_0))) \) to obtain

\[
|P_{\theta_0}(\sqrt{n}\Psi(n^{-1}\mathcal{U}_n^*(\theta_0) + \zeta_n(\theta_0)) \in C) - P_{\theta_0}(\sqrt{n}\Psi(n^{-1}\mathcal{U}_n^*(\theta_0)) \in C)| = o(n^{-(s-2)/2}),
\]

(3.14)

uniformly over \( \theta_0 \in \Theta \) and \( C \in \mathcal{C}_d \).

We are now ready to approximate the t-statistic \( \tau_n(\theta_0, \epsilon) \) by a smooth function of \( \mathcal{U}_n^*(\theta_0) \). Because the \( \tau_n(\theta_0, \epsilon) \) is a function of \( \hat{\theta}_n \) (see (2.3)), taking a Taylor expansion of \( \tau_n(\theta_0, \epsilon) / \sqrt{n} \) about \( \hat{\theta}_n = \theta_0 \) to order \( s - 1 \), where the highest-order term involves the expectation of the partial derivatives, we obtain

\[
\tau_n(\theta_0, \epsilon) = \sqrt{n}C(\hat{\theta}_n - \theta_0) + \hat{\rho}_n(\theta_0),
\]

(3.15)

where \( C \) is an infinitely differentiable function that does not depend on \( \theta_0, \hat{\theta}_n(\mathcal{U}_n^*(\theta_0), \theta_0, 0 \) for large \( n, \hat{\rho}_n(\theta_0) \) is the remainder term in the Taylor expansion, and \( ||\hat{\rho}_n(\theta_0)|| = O(||\hat{\theta}_n - \theta_0||^2) \). Combining (3.11) with (3.15) gives

\[
\tau_n(\theta_0, \epsilon) = \sqrt{n}(\mathcal{U}_n^*(\theta_0), \mathcal{U}_n^*(\theta_0) + \epsilon_n(\theta_0)) + \hat{\rho}_n(\theta_0)).
\]

(3.16)

Again we apply Lemma 3.1 with \( Z_n(\theta_0) = \sqrt{n}\mathcal{U}_n^*(\theta_0), \mathcal{U}_n^*(\theta_0), \mathcal{U}_n^*(\theta_0)) \) to obtain

\[
\sup_{\theta_0 \in \Theta, \epsilon \in \mathcal{C}_d} |P_{\theta_0}(Z_n(\theta_0) + \hat{\rho}_n(\theta_0) \in C) - P_{\theta_0}(Z_n(\theta_0) \in C)| = o(n^{-(s-2)/2}).
\]

(3.17)

Define a function \( \Psi' \) by \( \Psi'(x) = (\mathcal{A}(x), \Psi(x)) \). Then \( \Psi'(. \) is infinitely differentiable and satisfies

\[
\Psi'(n^{-1}E_0\mathcal{U}_n^*(\theta_0))), \mathcal{A}(n^{-1}E_0\mathcal{U}_n^*(\theta_0)), \mathcal{U}(n^{-1}E_0\mathcal{U}_n^*(\theta_0)) = \mathcal{A}(n^{-1}E_0\mathcal{U}_n^*(\theta_0), 0), 0 = 0,
\]

(3.18)

for all \( n \) large. Combining (3.17) and (3.18) gives the result of Lemma 3.2.

Let \( \delta > 0 \) and let \( dist(\theta, \Theta_c) = \inf ||\theta - \theta_c: \theta_c \in \Theta_c \). For \( \Theta_c \) a compact subset of the parameter space let \( \Theta^*_c = \{ \theta \in \Theta' : dist(\theta, \Theta_c) \leq \delta \} \) be a compact subset of the parameter space \( \Theta \) that is larger than \( \Theta_c \) by a radius of \( \delta \). Let \( B(\theta, \epsilon) \) denote an open ball of radius \( \epsilon > 0 \) centered at \( \theta \). To obtain the coverage probability errors of bootstrap confidence intervals we need to establish asymptotic expansion of the bootstrap t-statistic of our model that holds uniformly for the true parameter lying in the larger set \( \Theta^*_c \). The next lemma is essentially Lemma 11 of Andrews et al. (2006) and is used to establish such expansion of the bootstrap t-statistic provided in Lemma 3.4 (b) below which in turn is used in the proof of the main results of this paper given in Theorems 3.6 and 3.7.

**Lemma 3.3.** Suppose \( \sup_{\theta_0 \in \Theta} P_{\theta_0}(\hat{\theta}_n \notin B(\theta_0, \delta)) = o(n^{-(s-2)/2}) \), where \( \Theta_c \) is a compact subset of \( \Theta \) and \( \delta \) is as in the definition of \( \Theta^*_c \), and \( \{ \lambda_n(\theta) : n \geq 1 \} \) is a sequence of non-random real functions on \( \Theta^*_c \) that satisfies \( \sup_{\theta \in \Theta^*_c} |\lambda_n(\theta)| = o(n^{-(s-2)/2}) \). Then, for all \( \delta > 0 \),

\[
\sup_{\theta_0 \in \Theta} \lambda_n(\hat{\theta}_n) > n^{-(s-2)/2} = o(n^{-(s-2)/2}).
\]

We now determine the error bounds between the parametric bootstrap t-statistic and its formal asymptotic expansion. We first introduce some additional notations. Let \( G(x) = P_{\theta_0}(\tau_n(\theta_0, \epsilon) \leq x), \hat{G}(x) = \Phi(x) + \sum_{j=1}^{n-2} n^{-1/2}P_{\theta_0}(\Delta, \xi_n(\theta_0))\Phi(x), \quad G^*(x) = P_{\theta_0}(\tau_n(\theta_0, \epsilon) \leq x), \quad \hat{G}^*(x) = \Phi(x) + \sum_{j=1}^{n-2} n^{-1/2}P_{\theta_0}(\Delta, \xi_n(\theta_0))\Phi(x), \) where \( \hat{G} \) and \( G^* \) are formal Edgeworth expansions of \( G(x) \) and \( G^*(x) \), respectively.

**Lemma 3.4.** Suppose Assumptions A1-A10 hold, and let \( s \geq 3 \) be an integer which satisfies assumptions A2 and A4. Then, for all \( \delta > 0 \),

(a) \( \sup_{\theta_0 \in \Theta} \sup_{\epsilon \in \mathbb{R}} |G(x) - \hat{G}(x)| = o(n^{(s-2)/2}) \),

(b) \( \sup_{\theta_0 \in \Theta} \sup_{\epsilon \in \mathbb{R}} [G^*(x) - \hat{G}^*(x)] > n^{(s-2)/2} = o(n^{(s-2)/2}) \)

uniformly over \( \theta_0 \in \Theta_c \).

**Proof.**

(a) We observe that

\[
|G(x) - \hat{G}(x)| \leq |G(x) - P_{\theta_0}(\sqrt{n}\Psi(n^{-1}\mathcal{U}_n^*(\theta_0)) \leq x)| + |P_{\theta_0}(\sqrt{n}\Psi(n^{-1}\mathcal{U}_n^*(\theta_0)) \leq z)| - \hat{G}(x).
\]

(3.19)
The first term of the right hand side of (3.19) is \( o(n^{1-\epsilon/2}) \) because it is just the statement of (3.5) proved in Lemma 3.2, and the second term is also \( o(n^{1-\epsilon/2}) \) because it is shown in the proof of Lemma 3.2 that \( n^{1/2} \Psi(n^{-1} U^*_{\theta}(\theta_0)) \) possesses an Edgeworth expansion with an error \( o(n^{1-\epsilon/2}) \), and thus (3.19) follows.

Part (b) of the lemma follows from Lemma 3.3 above with

\[
\lambda_o(\hat{\theta}_n) = \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}} |G^*(x) - \bar{G}^*(x)|.
\]  

(3.20)

upon checking the conditions of the lemma. The first condition of Lemma 3.3 holds by Assumption A2 and the second condition holds by Lemma 3.2.

**Lemma 3.5.** Suppose Assumptions A1-A10 hold, and let \( \Theta_{c} \) and \( s \geq 3 \) be as given in Assumptions A2 and A4. Then, for all \( \epsilon > 0 \),

\[
\sup_{\theta \in \Theta_{c} \cup \Theta^s} \left| \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_i} \kappa_o(\theta) \right| = O(n)
\]  

(3.22)

for all \( i \leq \dim(\theta) \).

We first show that \( K_n \) is a constant that satisfies \( \limsup_{n \to \infty} K_n < \infty \). But this holds provided that

\[
\gamma < \frac{\epsilon}{\sqrt{\dim(\kappa)}} \limsup_{n \to \infty} K_n < \infty,
\]

where, \( \dim(\kappa) \) denotes the dimension of \( \kappa_o(\theta) \). We have

\[
\sup_{\theta \in \Theta_{c} \cup \Theta^s} \left| \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_i} \kappa_o(\theta) \right| = O(n)
\]  

(3.22)

for all \( i \leq \dim(\theta) \).

We assume for the moment that (3.22) holds and establish the lemma. Let \( \gamma > 0 \) satisfy

\[
\gamma < \frac{\epsilon}{\sqrt{\dim(\kappa)}} \limsup_{n \to \infty} K_n < \infty,
\]

where, \( \dim(\kappa) \) denotes the dimension of \( \kappa_o(\theta) \). We have

\[
\sup_{\theta \in \Theta_{c} \cup \Theta^s} P_{\theta_i}(\sqrt{n}||\bar{\kappa}_o(\hat{\theta}_n) - \bar{\kappa}_o(\theta_0)|| > ln(n)\epsilon) \\
\leq \sup_{\theta \in \Theta_{c} \cup \Theta^s} P_{\theta}(\sqrt{n}||\bar{\kappa}_o(\hat{\theta}_n) - \bar{\kappa}_o(\theta_0)|| > ln(n)\epsilon, \sqrt{n}||\theta - \theta_0|| \leq ln(n)\gamma) \\
+ \sup_{\theta \in \Theta_{c} \cup \Theta^s} P_{\theta}(\sqrt{n}||\theta - \theta_0|| > ln(n)\gamma) \\
\leq \sup_{\theta \in \Theta_{c} \cup \Theta^s} P_{\theta}(\sqrt{n}||\theta - \theta_0|| > ln(n)\epsilon, \sqrt{n}||\theta - \theta_0|| \leq ln(n)\gamma) \\
+ O(n^{-(\gamma/2)})
\]  

(3.23)

where, the second inequality above uses (3.21) and Assumption A2 and the last equality holds because

\[
P_{\theta_i}(\sqrt{n}||\theta - \theta_0|| > ln(n)\epsilon, n^{1/2}||\theta - \theta_0|| \leq ln(n)\gamma) = 0,
\]

since \( \gamma < \frac{\epsilon}{\sqrt{\dim(\kappa)}} \limsup_{n \to \infty} K_n \). To complete the proof it remains to prove that (3.22) holds. Suppose \( \kappa_o(\theta) \) is a cumulant of order two or greater. By Lemma 6 (c) of Andrew et al. (2006) and the chain rule, \( \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \kappa_o(\theta) \) is a finite sum of terms of the form

\[
C_{\epsilon} \left( \prod_{r=1}^{q} (M_{\epsilon} G_r M_{\epsilon} T_r) \right),
\]

where \( M_{\epsilon} \), \( G_r \), and \( T_r \) are as given in equations (2.5-2.7), \( \bar{G}_r \) equals either \( G_{n,r,\epsilon}(\theta) \) or \( \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} G_{n,r,\epsilon}(\theta) \) and \( \bar{T}_r \) equals either \( T_{n,((2\pi)^{-2})f_{0}^{-1}} \) or \( \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} T_{n,((2\pi)^{-2})f_{0}^{-1}} \).
et al. (2006). □

We now state the main bootstrap coverage probability results of this paper.

**Theorem 3.6.** Suppose Assumptions A1-A10 hold, and let \( s \geq 3 \) be an integer which satisfies assumptions A2 and A4. Let \( \Theta_s \) be a compact subset of \( \Theta \) as stated in Assumptions A2 and A9. Then, for \( s = 5 \) we have

\[
\sup_{\theta_0 \in \Theta_s} |P_{\theta_0}(\theta_0 \in I_3(\tilde{\theta}_n)) - (1 - \alpha)| = o(n^{-3/2} \ln(n)).
\] (3.24)

**Proof.**

We first note that \( P_{\theta_0}(\theta_0 \in I_3(\tilde{\theta}_n)) = P_{\theta_0}(t_n(\theta_0) \leq z^*_{\tau,\alpha}) \). To prove (3.24) it suffices to show that the later equals \( 1 - \alpha + o(n^{-3/2} \ln(n)) \) uniformly over \( \theta_0 \in \Theta_s \).

Let \( H_3(\tilde{\theta}_n) = 1 + \sum_{i=1}^{3} n^{-1/2} P_2(\Delta, \tilde{\kappa}_n(\tilde{\theta}_n)) \) where \( P_2(\Delta, \tilde{\kappa}_n(\theta)) \) is as defined in the paragraph preceding Lemma 3.1. Using Lemma 3.4 (b) with \( s = 5 \) and the fact that \( P_{\theta_0}(t_n^*(\tilde{\theta}_n) \leq z) = P_{\theta_0}(t_n^*(\tilde{\theta}_n) \leq z) - P_{\theta_0}(t_n^*(\tilde{\theta}_n) \leq -z) \), we obtain for all \( \epsilon > 0 \):

\[
\sup_{\theta_0 \in \Theta} \left\{ \sup_{z \in \mathbb{R}} |P_{\theta_0}(|t_n^*(\tilde{\theta}_n)| \leq z) - [H_3(\tilde{\theta}_n)](\Phi(z) - \Phi(-z))] > n^{-3/2} \epsilon \right\} = o(n^{-3/2}).
\] (3.25)

We observe that because \( P_2(\Delta, \tilde{\kappa}_n(\tilde{\theta}_n))(\Phi(z)) \) is an even function for odd \( j \) (see the paragraph preceding Lemma 3.1), it follows that \( P_1(\Delta, \tilde{\kappa}_n(\tilde{\theta}_n))(\Phi(z) - \Phi(-z)) = P_3(\Delta, \tilde{\kappa}_n(\tilde{\theta}_n))(\Phi(z) - \Phi(-z)) = 0 \). Therefore, (3.25) above is equivalent to:

\[
\sup_{\theta_0 \in \Theta} \left\{ \sup_{z \in \mathbb{R}} |P_{\theta_0}(|t_n^*(\tilde{\theta}_n)| \leq z) - [1 + n^{-1} P_2(\Delta, \tilde{\kappa}_n(\tilde{\theta}_n))](\Phi(z) - \Phi(-z))] > n^{-3/2} \epsilon \right\}
\] = o(n^{-3/2}).

(3.26)

Likewise, using Lemma 3.4 (a) and Lemma 3.5 we obtain, respectively, (3.27) and (3.28) below

\[
\sup_{\theta_0 \in \Theta} \sup_{z \in \mathbb{R}} |P_{\theta_0}(|t_n(\theta_0)| \leq z) - [1 + n^{-1} P_2(\Delta, \tilde{\kappa}_n(\theta_0))](\Phi(z) - \Phi(-z))] = o(n^{-3/2}),
\] (3.27)

\[
\sup_{\theta_0 \in \Theta} \left\{ \sup_{z \in \mathbb{R}} [|P_2(\Delta, \tilde{\kappa}_n(\tilde{\theta}_n)) - P_2(\Delta, \tilde{\kappa}_n(\theta_0))|(\Phi(z) - \Phi(-z))] > n^{-1/2} \ln(n) \epsilon \right\}
\] = o(n^{-3/2}).

(3.28)

Combining (3.26), (3.27), and (3.28) above we obtain:

\[
\sup_{\theta_0 \in \Theta} \left\{ \sup_{z \in \mathbb{R}} |P_{\theta_0}(|t_n^*(\tilde{\theta}_n)| \leq z) - P_{\theta_0}(|t_n(\theta_0)| \leq z)| > n^{-3/2} \ln(n) \epsilon \right\} = o(n^{-3/2}).
\] (3.29)

Now, let \( S = H_3(\tilde{\theta}_n) \Phi(z) \). \( S \) is essentially an Edgeworth expansion of the bootstrap t-statistic \( t_n^*(\tilde{\theta}_n) \) given in Lemma 3.4 (b). Since \( S \) is continuous in \( z \), there exists \( \tilde{z}_{\tau,\alpha} \) such that \( S(\tilde{z}_{\tau,\alpha}) = 1 - \alpha \). Using this and the definition of \( z^*_{\tau,\alpha} \) (see the last paragraph of section (2.2)), we have:

\[
|P_{\theta_0}(t_n^*(\tilde{\theta}_n) \leq \tilde{z}_{\tau,\alpha}) - S(\tilde{z})| = |P_{\theta_0}(t_n^*(\tilde{\theta}_n) \leq \tilde{z}_{\tau,\alpha}) - (1 - \alpha)|
\] \[
\geq \left| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \left( \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^{n} \left( \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^{n} \right) \right) \right| - (1 - \alpha).
\] (3.30)

Moreover, by Lemma 3.4 (b) we obtain:

\[
\sup_{\theta_0 \in \Theta} \left\{ \sup_{z \in \mathbb{R}} |P_{\theta_0}(|t_n^*(\tilde{\theta}_n)| \leq z^*_{\tau,\alpha}) - (1 - \alpha)| > n^{-3/2} \epsilon \right\} = o(n^{-3/2}).
\] (3.31)

Taking \( z = z^*_{\tau,\alpha} \) in (3.29) and combining it with (3.31) yields:

\[
\sup_{\theta_0 \in \Theta} (|1 - \alpha - P_{\theta_0}(t_n(\theta_0) \leq z^*_{\tau,\alpha})| > n^{-3/2} \ln(n) \epsilon) = o(n^{-3/2}).
\] (3.32)

Hence for large \( n \), (3.32) reduces to:
$|1 - \alpha - P_{\theta_0}(t_n(\theta_{0,r}) \leq z_{\alpha}^+)| < n^{-3/2} \ln(n)e$, which establishes (3.24). □

**Theorem 3.7.** Suppose Assumptions A1-A10 hold, and let $s \geq 3$ be an integer which satisfies assumptions A2 and A4. Let $\Theta_0$ be a compact subset of $\Theta$ as stated in Assumptions A2 and A9. Then, for $s = 4$ we have

$$\sup_{\theta_0 \in \Theta_0} |P_{\theta_0}(\theta_0 \in I_1(\hat{\theta}_n)) - (1 - \alpha)| = o(n^{-1} \ln(n)).$$

(3.33)

**Proof.** The proof is analogous to that of Theorem 3.6 above and therefore some details are omitted. Let $H_4(\hat{\theta}_n) = 1 + \sum_{i=2}^{s} n^{-1/2} P_j(\Delta, \kappa_n(\hat{\theta}_n^2))$. By Lemma 3.4 (b) with $s = 4$ we obtain for all $\epsilon > 0$:

$$\sup_{\theta_0 \in \Theta_0} P_{\theta_0} \left( \sup_{\epsilon \in \mathbb{R}} |P_{\theta_0}^*(t_n^*(\hat{\theta}_n^2, \epsilon)) \leq z - |H_4(\hat{\theta})| |(\Phi(z) - \Phi(-z))| > n^{-1/2} \epsilon \right) = o(n^{-1}).$$

(3.34)

Moreover, by Lemma 3.4 (a) and Lemma 3.5 with $s = 4$, respectively, and using the evenness of $P_j(\Delta, \kappa_n(\theta)) |(\Phi(z) - \Phi(-z))|$ for $j = 1$ we obtain:

$$\sup_{\theta_0 \in \Theta_0} P_{\theta_0} \left( \sup_{\epsilon \in \mathbb{R}} |P_{\theta_0}^*(t_n(\theta_{0,r})) \leq z - H_4(\hat{\theta}_0)| |(\Phi(z) - \Phi(-z))| = o(n^{-1}),$$

(3.35)

and

$$\sup_{\theta_0 \in \Theta_0} P_{\theta_0} \left( \sup_{\epsilon \in \mathbb{R}} |P_{\theta_0}^*(t_n^*(\hat{\theta}_n^2, \epsilon)) \leq z - P_{\theta_0}(t_n(\theta_{0,r})) \leq z| > n^{-1} \ln(n)e \right) = o(n^{-1}).$$

(3.36)

Combining (3.34), (3.35), and (3.36) above we obtain:

$$\sup_{\theta_0 \in \Theta_0} P_{\theta_0} \left( \sup_{\epsilon \in \mathbb{R}} |P_{\theta_0}^*(t_n^*(\hat{\theta}_n^2, \epsilon)) \leq z - P_{\theta_0}(t_n(\theta_{0,r})) \leq z| > n^{-1} \ln(n)e \right) = o(n^{-1}).$$

(3.37)

Observing the similarities between equations (3.37) above and (3.29) in the proof of Theorem 3.6 we can see that the remainder of the proof follows analogously to establish (3.33). □

**Comments:**
1. For $s = 3$ it can be analogously shown that the error in (3.24) and (3.33) is $o(n^{-1/2})$.
2. Theorems 3.6 and 3.7 provide coverage probability errors for parametric bootstrap confidence intervals as well as bootstrap tests based on the t-statistic $t_n(\theta_{0,r})$. For parametric values $\theta_0$ for which $\theta_{0,r} = \theta_{h,r}$, we have $P_{\theta_0}(t_n(\theta_{0,r}) \in I_2(\hat{\theta}_n)) = P_{\theta_0}(t_n(\theta_{h,r}) \leq z_{\alpha}^+).$ Similar results hold for upper level bootstrap confidence intervals and tests. Therefore, Theorems 3.6 and 3.7 also establish bounds, respectively, on the rejection error rates of symmetric two-sided and upper one-sided bootstrap tests.

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