

# Low Frequency Cointegrating Regression with Local to Unity Regressors and Unknown Form of Serial Dependence \*

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## Abstract

This paper develops new  $t$  and  $F$  tests in a low-frequency transformed triangular cointegrating regression when one may not be certain that the economic variables are exact unit root processes. We first show that the low-frequency transformed and augmented OLS (TA-OLS) method exhibits an asymptotic bias term in its limiting distribution. As a result, the test for the cointegration vector can have substantially large size distortion, even with minor deviations from the unit root regressors. To correct the asymptotic bias of the TA-OLS statistics for the cointegration vector, we develop modified TA-OLS statistics that adjust the bias and take account of the estimation uncertainty of the long-run endogeneity arising from the bias correction. Based on the modified test statistics, we provide Bonferroni-based tests of the cointegration vector using standard  $t$  and  $F$  critical values. Monte Carlo results show that our approach has the correct size and reasonable power for a wide range of local-to-unity parameters. Additionally, our method has advantages over the IVX approach when the serial dependence and the long-run endogeneity in the cointegration system are important.

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## 1 Introduction

In economic theory, we often attempt to verify a long-run structural relationship among economic variables over long periods of time. When economic time series possess an exact unit root, the structural relationships between the nonstationary  $I(1)$  variables are captured by the seminal concept of cointegration in Engle and Granger (1987). In most macroeconomic applications, it is arguable that fundamental economic variables follow an exact unit root process, e.g., Christiano and Eichenbaum (1990). Modeling key variables in the cointegration system using the unit roots assumption usually arises in practice from a failure to reject the unit root hypothesis with a limited span of time series data (Elliott, 1998). Thus, the assumption of a unit root in the cointegration model may simply represent a lack of knowledge about the economic interactions underlying the common stochastic trends. For further details, see Christiano and Eichenbaum (1990), Elliott (1998), and Müller and Watson (2008, 2013).

The time series literature has well established that several problems arise from the standard OLS procedure when the cointegration system has nonexact unit root regressors. First, the nonstationary cointegration regressors are endogenously correlated with the cointegration errors. This results in a lack of mixed normality along with an unknown nuisance parameter (Park and Phillips, 1988; Phillips and Hansen, 1990). Second, a local-to-unity autoregressive specification for the nonunit root regressor induces a bias in the limiting distribution, which are functions of several unknown nuisance parameters (Cavanagh et al., 1995; Elliott, 1998).

Many studies attempt to solve these problems and search for robust inference methods. Cavanagh et al. (1995) introduce a pretest for identifying conditions under which the conventional  $t$ -test is invalid and propose a Bonferroni method as a possible solution. Campbell and Yogo (2006) further utilize the idea of the Bonferroni method by employing the fully modified OLS (FM-OLS) approach as in Phillips and Hansen (1990). Alterna-

tively, Jansson and Moreira (2006) suggest a conditional likelihood test that uses sufficient statistics in a Gaussian bivariate regression model with a persistent regressor. Elliott (2011) proposes a control function approach to help stabilize the nonstandard limits. Phillips and Magdalinos (2009), Kostakis et al. (2015), and Phillips and Lee (2016) develop an instrumental variable procedure, called IVX, for a variety of classes of persistent and endogenous regressors.

The methods mentioned above require a consistent estimation of the long-run variance of errors in the cointegration system. However, it is well known that the estimation of the long-run variance is exposed to severe finite-sample noise in time series data with an unknown form of serial dependence. As a result, the test for the cointegration vector can have a large size distortion in finite samples, e.g., Jin et al. (2006), Vogelsang and Wagner (2014), and Hwang and Sun (2017).

In this paper, we develop robust  $t$  and  $F$  tests and confidence intervals in triangular cointegrated regression using a low-frequency transformation approach. To maintain generality, we allow the short-run dynamics in the cointegrated system to have serial dependence of unknown forms. Our analysis is conducted in the domain of frequencies, such as short- or long-run business cycles. Compared to the existing time domain approaches, the low-frequency framework enables us to automate the estimation of long-run variance parameters in the cointegrating regression.

Following Hwang and Sun (2017, HS hereafter), we transform the original nonstationary time series data and their first differences using low-frequency basis functions. With these low-frequency observations, we run transformed and augmented ordinary least squares (TA-OLS) for the cointegrated system. Our paper relaxes the exact unit root regressors in HS's TA-OLS and adopts a local-to-unity approximation of cointegration regressors in the TA-OLS framework. Instead of maintaining a strict dichotomy between integrated and nonintegrated regressors, the assumption of local-to-unity allows for a smoother transition between the two processes, e.g., Bobinski (1983) and Phillips (1987). Thus, our approach can be treated as a more reasonable approximation to TA-OLS methods, especially when the time series length is small.

Under the local-to-unity assumption, we derive the fixed- $K$  limiting distributions of

TA-OLS and show that TA-OLS remains super consistent and shares a common mixture of the normal distribution. However, due to the local-to-unity regressor, the limits of the TA-OLS estimator have an asymptotic bias term. The asymptotic bias is a product of two important characteristics of our cointegration model: the deviation from the exact unit root and the degree of long-run endogeneity within the cointegration system. We demonstrate analytically that the limiting distributions of TA-OLS statistics are mixtures of noncentral  $t$  and  $F$  distributions, where the random noncentrality parameter depends on the asymptotic bias from the local-to-unity regressors. As a result, the standard  $t$  and  $F$  approximations in HS are no longer valid asymptotically. This result is consistent with Elliott (1998), whose approximation of the cointegration model is based on the time domain. Our numerical results also show that the empirical size distortion of the TA-OLS method to test the cointegration vector can be large for even very small deviations from a unit root regressor. On the other hand, we find that the TA-OLS estimator of the long-run endogeneity coefficient in the augmented cointegrated system remains asymptotically centered on its true value.

To make a valid inference for the cointegration vector, we provide modified TA-OLS statistics that correct the asymptotic bias. The modified statistics not only adjust for the bias but also correct the estimation uncertainty of the long-run endogeneity parameter in the bias correction term. After we consider both effects on the plugged-in bias correction formula, we show that the modified statistics have the standard  $t$  and  $F$  limits.

The modified test statistics require knowledge of the local-to-unity parameter, which is not consistently estimable in general. However, several approaches have been developed in the time series literature to measure the uncertainty of the local-to-unity parameter in the context of the unit root testing problem. See, for example, Stock (1991), Andrews (1993), Elliott and Stock (2001), Mikusheva (2007), and Andrews and Guggenberger (2014) for the construction of a confidence interval (CI) of the unknown local-to-unity parameter. However, all of these methods, except Elliott and Stock (2001), require the autoregressive error to be i.i.d. or a martingale difference sequence (m.d.s.), which is more restrictive than our general cointegration error assumption. Therefore, we implement Elliott and Stock's (2001) approach that allows an unknown form of serial correlation by inverting a sequence

of optimal tests in Gaussian autoregressions.

One concern with Elliott and Stock’s (2001) CI is that it is subject to the uniformity critique in Phillips (2014b) when the true local-to-unity parameter deviates substantially from zero. On the other hand, the parametric and nonparametric grid-bootstrap methods, which are proposed by Andrews (1993) and Hansen (1999), respectively, do not suffer this drawback (Mikusheva, 2007; Phillips, 2014b). However, the CIs of Andrews (1993) and Hansen (1999) have poor coverage probabilities when we ignore the serial dependence of the autoregressive error. Thus, we propose a modification of Hansen’s (1999) CI, which approximates the unknown dependence structure by a finite-order autoregressive process. Our modification of Hansen (1999) applies the grid-bootstrap method to an (approximated) augmented Dickey-Fuller (ADF) form with reparametrized autoregressive coefficients. This allows us to overcome the uniformity critique of Elliott and Stock (2001) and construct a CI that is robust to an unknown form of serial dependence.

Using the CIs of the local-to-unity parameter and the modified TA-OLS, we develop Bonferroni-based confidence intervals for the cointegration parameter. By Bonferroni’s inequality, our CI for the cointegration parameter yields asymptotically correct coverage probability with at least the nominal coverage rate. The idea of the Bonferroni CI has been widely used in various contexts in statistics and econometrics. See, for example, Cavanagh et al. (1995), Campbell and Yogo (2006), and McCloskey (2017). Recent works by Franchi and Johansen (2017) and Duffy and Simons (2020) also use Bonferroni adjustments when performing inference on cointegrating parameters. Both papers impose parametric vector autoregressive (VAR) structures in the time domain to accommodate dependent cointegration errors. In contrast, our Bonferroni-based inference in the frequency domain addresses unknown forms of the distribution and dependence structure for cointegration errors, which relates to the literature on the semiparametric estimation of the cointegration system, e.g., Phillips and Hansen (1990), Phillips (1991a&b), and Saikkonen (1991).

Our Monte Carlo results show that the unmodified TA-OLS methods suffer from severe size distortions under the local-to-unity regressor, especially when the long-run endogeneity increases. We further show that the infeasible modified TA-OLS statistic, using the true local-to-unity parameter, successfully controls the size distortions. The feasible versions of

the modified TA-OLS, using the Bonferroni-based tests, have asymptotically correct sizes but are mildly undersized for most of the data generating processes (DGPs) we consider. We also show that the use of Hansen’s (1999) CI, which ignores the dependence structure, in Bonferroni-based inference can drive severe size distortions for testing cointegrating parameters.

In our simulations, we also compare our modified TA-OLS with the IVX test (Phillips and Magdalinos, 2009), which is known to also be robust in the presence of the local-to-unity regressor and serial dependence. We show that the IVX can become size distorted in finite samples as the serial dependence of errors increases. This is because the normal critical value in the IVX test does not consider the estimation uncertainty from the nonparametric estimators of the long-run variance. The size distortions of the IVX are amplified when the local-to-unity parameter and the degree of long-run endogeneity increase. We also find that the IVX test can work the best when there is a low serial correlation in the errors and the cointegration regressor does not deviate much from the unit root.

Our paper contributes to recent literature in low-frequency econometrics (Müller and Watson; 2008, 2017, 2022). In the context of cointegrated time series, Phillips (1991) estimates the cointegration parameter using frequency domain techniques, and Bierens (1997) proposes nonparametric tests for the number of cointegrations using a transformed time series. More recently, Phillips (2014a) develops an optimal estimation of cointegration using trend instrumental variables, and Müller and Watson (2013) use the Neyman-Pearson decision-theoretic framework to design robust and nearly optimal tests of the cointegration vectors using a fixed number of transformed data. The low-frequency approach has also been used in the recent heteroskedasticity and autocorrelation robust inference (HAR) literature for time series models, e.g., Phillips (2005), Müller (2007), and Sun et al. (2008). See also Lazarus et al. (2018) and Hwang and Valdés (2022) for practical recommendations for HAR inference. In this paper, we develop new  $t$  and  $F$  tests and confidence intervals that are robust in triangular cointegrated regression when the economic variables are not exact unit root processes and exhibit an unknown form of serial dependence and long-run endogeneity. In recent independent work, Sun (2020) also recovers the asymptotic  $t$  and  $F$  tests of (infeasible) TA-OLS under the local-to-unity regressor. While Sun (2020) uses

a transformed quasi-differenced process of the TA regression, our approach recovers the standard  $t$  and  $F$  limits by correcting the asymptotic bias of the TA-OLS estimator using the estimated long-run endogeneity coefficient. Our approach to treating the asymptotic bias of cointegrating regression is similar in spirit to the popular Campbell and Yogo's (2006) Q-test in predictive regression.

The remainder of the paper is organized as follows. Section 2 introduces an idea of low-frequency transformed regression analysis of cointegration and the fixed- $K$  asymptotics for the TA-OLS estimator and the corresponding  $t$  and  $F$  tests. Section 3 extends the low-frequency transformed cointegration system in the presence of a local-to-unity regressor. The next sections provide a method to correct the asymptotic bias of TA-OLS test statistics and suggest feasible Bonferroni-based confidence intervals. Section 6 presents simulation evidence. The last section concludes the paper. The Supplemental Appendix provides proofs of the main results, discussions on nonlinear and joint testing using the modified TA-OLS, detailed procedures for calculating the confidence sets of the local-to-unity parameter, and tables and figures referenced in the paper.

## 2 Low-Frequency Transformation of the Cointegrated System

We start by illustrating the idea of the low-frequency analysis of the triangular cointegration system.<sup>1</sup> We consider the following DGP:

$$y_t = \alpha_0 + x_t' \beta_0 + u_{0t} \tag{1}$$

$$x_t = x_{t-1} + u_{xt} \text{ for } t = 1, \dots, T, \tag{2}$$

where  $y_t$  is a scalar time series and  $x_t$  is a  $d \times 1$  vector of  $I(1)$  time series with a stationary innovation  $u_{xt}$  such that  $x_0 = O_p(1)$ . We assume that there exists a cointegrating relation between  $(y_t, x_t)'$  with cointegrating vector  $(1, \beta_0)' \in \mathbb{R}^{d+1}$ , which is the focus of interest in this paper. To maintain generality, we allow the  $I(0)$  errors  $u_t \equiv (u_{0t}, u_{xt})' \in \mathbb{R}^{d+1}$  to

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<sup>1</sup>Readers are also referred to Müller and Watson (2017, 2020), who review applications of low-frequency analysis in other econometric models.

be weakly stationary with serial dependence of unknown forms. Let  $\Omega = \sum_{j=-\infty}^{\infty} E u_t u'_{t-j}$  denote the long run variance (LRV) matrix of  $u_t$ . We partition  $\Omega$  conformably with  $u_t = (u_{0t}, u'_{xt})'$  as

$$\Omega_{(d+1) \times (d+1)} = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_0^2 & \sigma_{0x} \\ 1 \times 1 & 1 \times d \\ \sigma_{x0} & \Omega_{xx} \\ d \times 1 & d \times d \end{pmatrix}.$$

Throughout the paper, we assume that  $\Omega_{xx}$  is positive definite and, hence, that  $x_t$  is a full-rank integrated process. Then, we can rewrite the cointegrated regression equation in (1) in the following augmented form:

$$y_t = \alpha_0 + x'_t \beta_0 + \delta'_0 \Delta x_t + u_{0 \cdot xt} \text{ for } t = 1, \dots, T, \quad (3)$$

where  $\delta_0 = \Omega_{xx}^{-1} \sigma_{x0}$ ,  $\Delta x_t = x_t - x_{t-1}$ , and  $u_{0 \cdot xt} = u_{0t} - \delta'_0 u_{xt}$  is a long-run projection of  $u_{0t}$  onto  $u_{xt}$ . Our low-frequency analysis begins with transforming (3) into the following transformed and augmented (TA) regression:

$$\mathbb{W}_{y,i} = \mathbb{W}'_{x,i} \beta_0 + \mathbb{W}'_{\Delta x,i} \delta_0 + \mathbb{W}_{0 \cdot x,i} \text{ for } i = 1, \dots, K, \quad (4)$$

where  $\{\mathbb{W}_{y,i}, \mathbb{W}'_{x,i}, \mathbb{W}'_{\Delta x,i}\}_{i=1}^K$  is a set of transformed data, which is defined as

$$\mathbb{W}_{y,i} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \sum_{t=1}^T y_t \phi_i \left( \frac{t}{T} \right), \quad \mathbb{W}_{x,i} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \sum_{t=1}^T x_t \phi_i \left( \frac{t}{T} \right), \quad \mathbb{W}_{\Delta x,i} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \sum_{t=1}^T \Delta x_t \phi_i \left( \frac{t}{T} \right). \quad (5)$$

Similarly, we define  $\mathbb{W}_{0 \cdot x,i} := T^{-1/2} \sum_{t=1}^T \phi_i(t/T) u_{0 \cdot xt}$ .<sup>2</sup> The transformation projects  $\{y_t, x'_t, \Delta x'_t\}_{t=1}^T$  onto a space spanned by  $K$  orthonormal basis functions,  $\{\phi_i(\cdot)\}_{i=1}^K$ , which can concentrate on the low-frequency components of the original time series data. Examples of orthonormal basis functions include the Fourier basis functions considered in Sun (2013, 2014):

$$\left\{ \phi_{2j-1} \left( \frac{t}{T} \right) = \sqrt{2} \cos \left( \frac{2j\pi t}{T} \right), \quad \phi_{2j} = \sqrt{2} \sin \left( \frac{2j\pi t}{T} \right), \quad j = 1, \dots, K/2 \right\}, \quad (6)$$

and the cosine basis functions in Müller and Watson (2008, 2013):

$$\left\{ \phi_j \left( \frac{t}{T} \right) = \sqrt{2} \cos \left( \frac{j\pi(t-1/2)}{T} \right), \quad j = 1, \dots, K \right\}. \quad (7)$$

Because the low-frequency transformed data in (5) can effectively capture the long-run behaviors of the original time series, the TA regression has substantive empirical content in

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<sup>2</sup>The intercept terms,  $\alpha_0$ , transforms to zero because  $T^{-1} \sum_{t=1}^T \phi_i(t/T) = 0$  for  $i = 1, \dots, K$ .



the context of the original cointegration system, which seeks a long-run relationship among economic variables (Müller and Watson, 2017). Specifically, let

$$\Phi_i = [\phi_i(1/T), \dots, \phi_i((T-1)/T), \phi_i(1)]' \in \mathbb{R}^T$$

denote a basis vector corresponding to the basis functions in (6) and (7), and  $\Phi = [l_T, \Phi_1, \dots, \Phi_K] \in \mathbb{R}^{T \times (K+1)}$  denote a matrix of  $K$  basis vectors including the column of ones  $l_T = (1, \dots, 1)' \in \mathbb{R}^T$ . Because both (6) and (7) satisfy  $T^{-1} \sum_{t=1}^T \phi_i(t/T) \phi_j(t/T) = 1$  ( $i = j$ ) and  $T^{-1} \sum_{t=1}^T \phi_i(t/T) = 0$ , i.e.,  $\Phi' \Phi = T \cdot I_{K+1}$ , the (scaled) low-frequency transformed data are equal to components of the following OLS regression coefficient:

$$(\Phi' \Phi)^{-1} \Phi' X = \frac{\Phi' X}{T} = \left( \bar{x}_T, \check{\mathbb{W}}'_{x,1}, \dots, \check{\mathbb{W}}'_{x,K} \right)',$$

where  $X = (x_1, \dots, x_T)'$ ,  $\bar{x}_T = T^{-1} \sum_{j=1}^T x_t$ , and  $\check{\mathbb{W}}_{x,i} = \mathbb{W}_{x,i} / \sqrt{T}$ . Then, the low-frequency movement of the time series can be formulated by the low-frequency transformed data multiplied by the nonstochastic trend predictor  $\Phi$ , i.e.,

$$x_t = \bar{x}_T + \underbrace{\phi_1 \left( \frac{t}{T} \right) \check{\mathbb{W}}_{x,1} + \dots + \phi_K \left( \frac{t}{T} \right) \check{\mathbb{W}}_{x,K}}_{\text{low-frequency components}} + \tilde{u}_{xt}. \quad (8)$$

The low-frequency component in (8) captures the long run fluctuation of the original data with periodicity longer than  $2T/j$  for  $j = 1, \dots, K$  years of cycles. A useful rule of thumb introduced in Müller (2014) and Müller and Watson (2017) suggests a choice of  $K = 16$  to capture the low-frequency movements of  $T = 65$  years of post World War II macro data with periodicity higher than the commonly accepted business cycle period of  $T / (K/2) \simeq 8$  years.

To investigate the asymptotic properties of the TA regression system, we assume the following functional central limit theorem (FCLT) for  $\{u_t\}$ :

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \sum_{t=1}^{[T \cdot]} u_t \Rightarrow B(\cdot) := \Omega^{1/2} W(\cdot) = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_{0 \cdot x} w_0(\cdot) + \sigma_{0x} \Omega_{xx}^{-1/2} W_x(\cdot) \\ \Omega_{xx}^{1/2} W_x(\cdot) \end{pmatrix}, \quad (9)$$

where  $\Rightarrow$  indicates the weak convergence of stochastic process,  $W(\cdot) := (w_0(\cdot), W_x'(\cdot))'$  is a  $(d+1)$ -dimensional standard Brownian process,  $\sigma_{0 \cdot x}^2 = \sigma_0^2 - \sigma_{0x} \Omega_{xx}^{-1} \sigma_{x0}$ , and  $\Omega^{1/2}$  is a Cholesky decomposition of the LRV  $\Omega$ . Phillips and Durlauf (1986) and Davidson (1994)

provide some primitive conditions that are necessary to maintain the FCLT assumption. With (9), we can use summation by parts, the continuous mapping theorem, and integration by parts to obtain

$$\mathbb{W}_{\Delta x, i} \Rightarrow \Omega_{xx}^{1/2} \int_0^1 \phi_i(r) dW_x(r) \stackrel{d}{=} N(0, \Omega_{xx}), \quad (10)$$

$$\mathbb{W}_{0 \cdot x, i} \Rightarrow \sigma_{0 \cdot x} \int_0^1 \phi_i(r) dw_0(r) \stackrel{d}{=} N(0, \sigma_{0 \cdot x}^2) \quad (11)$$

for  $i = 1, \dots, K$ . Additionally, invoking the continuous mapping theorem together with (9), we have that

$$\frac{\mathbb{W}_{x, i}}{T} = \frac{1}{T^{3/2}} \sum_{s=1}^T \phi_i\left(\frac{s}{T}\right) x_s \Rightarrow \Omega_{xx}^{1/2} \int_0^1 \phi_i(r) W_x(r) dr \stackrel{d}{=} N(0, \Omega_{xx}^{1/2} \Sigma \Omega_{xx}^{1/2}), \quad (12)$$

where  $\Sigma = \int_0^1 \int_0^1 \phi_i(r) \phi_i(s) \min(r, s) dr ds \cdot I_d$ , for  $i = 1, \dots, K$ . Since the weak convergences in (10)–(12) hold jointly, the TA regression in (4) naturally connects to the following small-sample Gaussian linear regression model:

$$\mathbb{W}_{y, i} \simeq \mathbb{S}'_{x, i} \beta_{T, 0} + \mathbb{S}'_{\Delta x, i} \delta_0 + \mathbb{S}_{0 \cdot x, i} \text{ for } i = 1, \dots, K, \quad (13)$$

where  $\beta_{T, 0} = T\beta_0$ ,  $\mathbb{S}_{\Delta x, i}$ ,  $\mathbb{S}_{0 \cdot x, i}$ , and  $\mathbb{S}_{x, i}$  are the Gaussian weak convergence limits of  $\mathbb{W}_{\Delta x, i}$ ,  $\mathbb{W}_{0 \cdot x, i}$ , and  $\mathbb{W}_{x, i}/T$ , which are specified in (10), (11), and (12), respectively. Note that  $\{\mathbb{S}_{x, i}, \mathbb{S}_{\Delta x, i}\}_{i=1}^K$  and  $\{\mathbb{S}_{0 \cdot x, i}\}_{i=1}^K$  are independent, because they are functionals of independent stochastic processes,  $W_x(\cdot)$  and  $w_0(\cdot)$ , respectively. Furthermore, the orthonormal property of the basis functions  $\{\phi_i(\cdot)\}_{i=1}^K$  ensures that the errors of regression  $\{\mathbb{S}_{0 \cdot x, i}\}_{i=1}^K$  are i.i.d. normal with zero mean and variance  $\sigma_{0 \cdot x}^2$ . Therefore, the standard OLS framework of the sample Gaussian linear regression model can be applied to estimate the parameters  $\beta_{T, 0}$  and  $\delta_0$ .

HS run the OLS estimator for  $\gamma_0 = (\beta_0', \delta_0')'$  based on (4) and define the TA-OLS estimator of  $\gamma_0$  as

$$\hat{\gamma} = (\hat{\beta}', \hat{\delta}')' = (\mathbb{W}'_X \mathbb{W}_X)^{-1} \mathbb{W}'_X \mathbb{W}_y,$$

where  $\mathbb{W}_X = (\mathbb{W}_x, \mathbb{W}_{\Delta x})$ ,  $\mathbb{W}_x = (\mathbb{W}_{x, 1}, \dots, \mathbb{W}_{x, K})'$ , and  $\mathbb{W}_{\Delta x} = (\mathbb{W}_{\Delta x, 1}, \dots, \mathbb{W}_{\Delta x, K})'$ . HS show that

$$\hat{\beta} \stackrel{A}{\sim} N[\beta_0, \sigma_{0 \cdot x}^2 (\mathbb{W}'_x M_{\Delta x} \mathbb{W}_x)^{-1}], \quad (14)$$

and

$$\hat{\delta} \stackrel{A}{\sim} N[\delta_0, \sigma_{0 \cdot x}^2 (\mathbb{W}'_{\Delta x} M_x \mathbb{W}_{\Delta x})^{-1}], \quad (15)$$

where  $M_{\Delta x} = I_K - \mathbb{W}_{\Delta x} (\mathbb{W}'_{\Delta x} \mathbb{W}_{\Delta x})^{-1} \mathbb{W}'_{\Delta x}$  and  $M_x = I_K - \mathbb{W}_x (\mathbb{W}'_x \mathbb{W}_x)^{-1} \mathbb{W}'_x$ . To test a hypothesis of

$$H_0^\beta : R_\beta \beta_0 = r_\beta \text{ vs. } H_1 : R_\beta \beta_0 \neq r_\beta, \quad (16)$$

where  $R_\beta$  is a  $p_\beta \times d$  matrix, HS construct the following (unmodified) Wald statistic and derive its limiting distribution by

$$\begin{aligned} F(\hat{\beta}) &= \frac{1}{\hat{\sigma}_{0 \cdot x}^2} (R_\beta \hat{\beta} - r_\beta)' [R_\beta (\mathbb{W}'_x M_{\Delta x} \mathbb{W}_x)^{-1} R_\beta']^{-1} (R_\beta \hat{\beta} - r_\beta) / p_\beta \\ &\Rightarrow \frac{K}{K - 2d} \cdot F_{p_\beta, K-2d}, \end{aligned} \quad (17)$$

where  $F_{p_\beta, K-2d}$  is the  $F$  distribution with degrees of freedom  $p_\beta$  and  $K - 2d$ . When  $p_\beta = 1$ , the t-statistic can be constructed in a similar manner. Here,  $\hat{\sigma}_{0 \cdot x}^2 = K^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^K \hat{\mathbb{W}}_{0 \cdot x, i}^2$  is a natural variance estimate of the regression error, where  $\hat{\mathbb{W}}_{0 \cdot x, i} = \mathbb{W}_{y, i} - \mathbb{W}'_{x, i} \hat{\beta} - \mathbb{W}'_{\Delta x, i} \hat{\delta}$  is a residual of the small-sample regression in (13).

The asymptotic variances in (14) and (15) are different, with convergence orders  $(\mathbb{W}'_x M_{\Delta x} \mathbb{W}_x)^{-1} = O_p(T^{-2})$ , while  $(\mathbb{W}'_{\Delta x} M_x \mathbb{W}_{\Delta x})^{-1} = O_p(1)$ . The different convergence rates imply different orders of convergence for estimators  $\hat{\beta}$  and  $\hat{\delta}$  with  $T(\hat{\beta} - \beta_0) = O_p(1)$  and  $\hat{\delta} - \delta_0 = O_p(1)$ , respectively. The latter estimator  $\hat{\delta}$  for the long-run endogeneity parameter is inconsistent but yields asymptotically valid  $t$  and  $F$  tests for

$$H_0^\delta : R_\delta \delta_0 = r_\delta \text{ vs. } H_1^\delta : R_\delta \delta_0 \neq r_\delta, \quad (18)$$

where  $R_\delta$  is a  $p_\delta \times d$  matrix. The corresponding Wald statistic and its limiting distribution are

$$\begin{aligned} F(\hat{\delta}) &= \frac{1}{\hat{\sigma}_{0 \cdot x}^2} (R_\delta \hat{\delta} - r_\delta)' [R_\delta (\mathbb{W}'_{\Delta x} M_x \mathbb{W}_{\Delta x})^{-1} R_\delta']^{-1} (R_\delta \hat{\delta} - r_\delta) / p_\delta \\ &\Rightarrow \frac{K}{K - 2d} \cdot F_{p_\delta, K-2d}. \end{aligned} \quad (19)$$

### 3 Asymptotic Behavior of TA-OLS with Local-to-Unity Regressors

The standard  $t$  and  $F$  tests in the TA-OLS method are very convenient for practitioners. However, it is questionable whether using the standard  $t$  and  $F$  critical values is still valid

when the cointegration system departs from the unit root assumption. To answer this, we adopt a local-to-unity approximation of the cointegration regressor

$$x_t = \rho_T x_{t-1} + u_{xt} \text{ and } \rho_T = I_d - \frac{C_0}{T}, \quad (20)$$

where  $C_0 = \text{diag}(c_{0,1}, \dots, c_{0,d})$  denotes the local-to-unity coefficients in the regressor vector  $x_t = (x_{1t}, \dots, x_{dt})'$ . For simplicity of exposition, we assume a common local-to-unity parameter  $c_{0,1} = \dots = c_{0,d} = c_0 \geq 0$  for each component of  $x_{it}$ . A generalization to a potentially different  $c_{0,i}$  for each  $x_{it}$  is discussed later in Section 5. When  $c_0 = 0$ , the regressor  $x_t$  is the exact I(1) process. Modeling the cointegration regressor  $x_t$  as in (20) allows for a smooth transition between stationary but highly persistent series and the “exact” I(1) nonstationary series and provides a more reasonable approximation to the TA cointegration system in (4). This is especially the case when the length of the time series is insufficient to identify the exact nature of the autoregressive root of  $x_t$  (Elliott, 1998).

With the local-to-unity approximation of regressor  $x_t$  in (20), the differenced process  $\Delta x_t$  becomes

$$\Delta x_t = -\frac{c_0 x_{t-1}}{T} + u_{x,t} \text{ for } t = 1, \dots, T.$$

The low-frequency transformation  $\{\mathbb{W}_{\Delta x,i}\}_{i=1}^K$  is no longer the same as  $\{\mathbb{W}_{u_{x,i}}\}_{i=1}^K$ . Instead, it becomes a combination of two transformed datasets as below:

$$\mathbb{W}_{\Delta x,i} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \sum_{t=1}^T u_{xt} \phi_i \left( \frac{t}{T} \right) - c_0 \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \sum_{t=1}^T \left[ \frac{x_{t-1}}{T} \right] \phi_i \left( \frac{t}{T} \right) \quad (21)$$

for  $i = 1, \dots, K$ . Also, the augmented cointegration regression in (3) is modified to

$$y_t = \alpha_0 + x_t' \beta_0 + \delta_0' \Delta x_t + \tilde{u}_{0 \cdot xt} \text{ for } t = 1, \dots, T,$$

where  $\tilde{u}_{0 \cdot xt} := u_{0 \cdot xt} + c_0(\delta_0' x_{t-1}/T)$ , which induces the following TA regression model:

$$\mathbb{W}_{y,i} = \mathbb{W}_{x,i}' \beta_0 + \mathbb{W}_{\Delta x,i}' \delta_0 + \tilde{\mathbb{W}}_{0 \cdot x,i} \text{ for } i = 1, \dots, K, \quad (22)$$

where

$$\tilde{\mathbb{W}}_{0 \cdot x,i} := \mathbb{W}_{0 \cdot x,i} + \frac{c_0}{T^{3/2}} \left[ \sum_{t=1}^T \delta_0' x_{t-1} \phi_i \left( \frac{t}{T} \right) \right].$$

Compared to (4), the error term,  $\tilde{\mathbb{W}}_{0 \cdot x,i}$ , includes an additional term,  $c_0 T^{-3/2} \sum_{t=1}^T \delta_0' x_{t-1} \phi_i(t/T)$ , which is a (scaled) low-frequency transformation of  $x_{t-1}$ . Because of this extra term, we

cannot guarantee the standard  $t$  and  $F$  limits, as in (17) and (19), under the local-to-unity assumption. To formally establish the asymptotic properties of TA-OLS estimator  $\hat{\gamma} = (\hat{\beta}', \hat{\delta}')'$ , we make the following assumptions.

**Assumption 1** *The vector process  $\{u_t = (u_{0t}, u'_{xt})'\}_{t=1}^T$  satisfies the FCLT in (9).*

**Assumption 2** *(i) For  $i = 1, \dots, K$ , each function  $\phi_i(\cdot)$  is continuously differentiable; (ii) for  $i = 1, \dots, K$ , each function  $\phi_i(\cdot)$  satisfies  $\int_0^1 \phi_i(x) dx = 0$ ; and (iii) the functions  $\{\phi_i(\cdot)\}_{i=1}^K$  are orthonormal in  $L^2[0, 1]$ .*

Along with the local-to-unity regressors in (20), Assumption 1 of FCLT enables us to invoke the result in Phillips (1987) and obtain

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{T}}x_{[Tr]} \Rightarrow \Omega_{xx}^{1/2}J_{c_0}(r), \quad (23)$$

where  $J_{c_0}(r) = \int_0^r \exp(-c_0(r-s))dW_x(s)$ . is the Ornstein-Uhlenbeck (OU) process. Since Assumption 2 holds in both (6) and (7), we can repeat the weak convergence approximations in (12) under the local-to-unity assumption in (20) and obtain that

$$\frac{\mathbb{W}_{x,i}}{T} \Rightarrow \Omega_{xx}^{1/2} \int_0^1 \phi_i(r) J_{c_0}(r) dr \stackrel{d}{=} N(0, \Omega_{xx}^{1/2} \Sigma_{c_0} \Omega_{xx}^{1/2}), \quad (24)$$

where  $\Sigma_{c_0} = \frac{1}{2c_0} \int_0^1 \int_0^1 \phi_i(r)\phi_i(s) \{\exp[-c_0|r-s|] - \exp[-c_0(r+s)]\} dr ds \cdot I_d$ , for  $i = 1, \dots, K$ . The above weak convergence shows that the local-to-unity assumption does not change the weak Gaussian limits but results in a different asymptotic variance from (11). In the proof of Proposition 1, we show that

$$\frac{1}{T^{3/2}} \sum_{t=1}^T x_{t-1} \phi_i \left( \frac{t}{T} \right) = \frac{\mathbb{W}_{x,i}}{T} + O_p \left( \frac{1}{T} \right).$$

Thus, the transformed first difference  $\mathbb{W}_{\Delta x, i}$  and the regression error  $\tilde{\mathbb{W}}_{0 \cdot x, i}$  have the following weak convergence limits of

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{W}_{\Delta x, i} &\Rightarrow \Omega_{xx}^{1/2} \left[ \int_0^1 \phi_i(r) dW_x(r) - c_0 \cdot \int_0^1 \phi_i(r) J_{c_0}(r) dr \right], \\ \tilde{\mathbb{W}}_{0 \cdot x, i} &\Rightarrow \sigma_{0 \cdot x} \int_0^1 \phi_i(r) dw_0(r) + c_0 \cdot [\Omega_{xx}^{1/2} \delta_0]' \int_0^1 \phi_i(r) J_{c_0}(r) dr \end{aligned} \quad (25)$$

for  $i = 1, \dots, K$ , respectively. Combining these results, the TA regression in (22) is now asymptotically equivalent to:

$$\mathbb{W}_{y,i} \simeq \mathbb{S}'_{x,i}\beta_{T,0} + \mathbb{S}'_{\Delta x,i}\delta_0 + [\mathbb{S}_{0\cdot x,i} + c\delta'_0\mathbb{S}_{x,i}] \text{ for } i = 1, \dots, K,$$

where  $\mathbb{S}_{x,i}$ ,  $\mathbb{S}_{\Delta x,i}$ , and  $\mathbb{S}_{0\cdot x,i}$  are the Gaussian random limits of  $\mathbb{W}_{x,i}/T$ ,  $\mathbb{W}_{\Delta x,i}$ , and  $\mathbb{W}_{0\cdot x,i}$ , which are specified in (24), (25), and (11), respectively. Then, the asymptotic behavior of the TA-OLS estimator is captured by

$$\begin{aligned} T(\hat{\beta} - \beta_0) &= \left[ \frac{\mathbb{W}'_x}{T}(I_K - P_{\Delta x}) \frac{\mathbb{W}_x}{T} \right]^{-1} \left[ \frac{\mathbb{W}'_x}{T}(I_K - P_{\Delta x}) \tilde{\mathbb{W}}_{0\cdot x} \right] \\ &\Rightarrow [\mathbb{S}'_x(I_K - P_{\mathbb{S}_{\Delta x}})\mathbb{S}_x]^{-1} \mathbb{S}'_x(I_K - P_{\mathbb{S}_{\Delta x}})\mathbb{S}_{0\cdot x} + c_0\delta_0, \end{aligned}$$

where  $P_{\mathbb{S}_{\Delta x}} = \mathbb{S}_{\Delta x}(\mathbb{S}'_{\Delta x}\mathbb{S}_{\Delta x})^{-1}\mathbb{S}'_{\Delta x}$ . Conditioning on  $\mathbb{S}_x$  and  $\mathbb{S}_{\Delta x}$ , the first majorant term characterizes the weak Gaussian limit of the TA-OLS estimator under the unit root regressors, which is centered on the true parameter  $\beta_0$ . This limit has the same form as what is derived under the exact unit root regressor in HS, except for the covariance structure of the conditioning random variables  $\mathbb{S}_x$  and  $\mathbb{S}_{\Delta x}$ . The second term  $c_0\delta_0$  indicates that the asymptotic distribution of  $\hat{\beta}$  possesses a bias term  $c_0\delta_0$ . We formally state the weak convergences result of TA-OLS estimator including  $\hat{\delta}$  in the following Proposition. Define

$$\Upsilon_T = \begin{pmatrix} T \cdot I_d & 0 \\ 0 & I_d \end{pmatrix}_{d \times d}. \quad (26)$$

**Proposition 1** *Let  $\mathbb{S}_X = [\mathbb{S}'_x, \mathbb{S}'_{\Delta x}]'$ . Under Assumptions 1 and 2, the local-to-unity regressors in (20), and as  $T \rightarrow \infty$  but holding  $K$  fixed, we have that*

$$\Upsilon_T(\hat{\gamma} - \gamma_0) = \begin{pmatrix} T(\hat{\beta} - \beta_0) \\ \hat{\delta} - \delta_0 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} c_0\delta_0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + MN(0, \sigma_{0\cdot x}^2(\mathbb{S}'_X\mathbb{S}_X)^{-1}).$$

From the result of Proposition 1, we have that

$$\begin{aligned} T(\hat{\beta} - \beta_0) &\Rightarrow MN[c_0\delta_0, \sigma_{0\cdot x}^2(\mathbb{S}'_x M_{\mathbb{S}_{\Delta x}} \mathbb{S}_x)^{-1}], \\ \hat{\delta} - \delta_0 &\Rightarrow MN[0, \sigma_{0\cdot x}^2(\mathbb{S}'_{\Delta x} M_{\mathbb{S}_x} \mathbb{S}_{\Delta x})^{-1}], \end{aligned}$$

where the convergences hold jointly. Since the local-to-unity regressor affects the limit behavior of  $\hat{\beta}$  by shifting the center of the weak limit  $T(\hat{\beta} - \beta_0)$  from zero to the asymptotic bias term  $c\delta_0$ , the TA-OLS estimator  $\hat{\beta}$  is asymptotically unbiased only if i) the regressors have the exact unit root processes, i.e.,  $c_0 = 0$ , or ii) there is no long-run simultaneity

between  $u_t$  and  $u_{xt}$ , i.e.,  $\delta_0 = 0$ . Both of these cases, however, are unlikely to arise in practice. The results are similar to those of Elliott (1998), who identifies the fragility of time domain cointegration inference in the presence of local-to-unity regressors. Our work also shows that the same asymptotic bias terms appear in a low-frequency domain.

The limiting distribution of  $\hat{\beta}$  is affected by the local-to-unity regressor. In contrast, the result in Proposition 1 indicates that  $\hat{\delta}$  is still asymptotically centered on  $\delta_0$  and has the same asymptotic behavior as the case of exact unit root regressors. Under the null hypotheses in (16) and (18), these results lead to

$$\begin{aligned} T(R_\beta \hat{\beta} - r_\beta) &\Rightarrow MN(c_0 R_\beta \delta_0, \sigma_{0 \cdot x}^2 [R_\beta (\mathbb{S}'_x M_{\mathbb{S}_{\Delta x}} \mathbb{S}_x)^{-1} R'_\beta]), \\ R_\delta \hat{\delta} - r_\delta &\Rightarrow MN(0, \sigma_{0 \cdot x}^2 [R_\delta (\mathbb{S}'_{\Delta x} M_{\mathbb{S}_x} \mathbb{S}_{\Delta x})^{-1} R'_\delta]). \end{aligned} \quad (27)$$

In view of the joint weak convergence results in (24) and (25), it is easy to check that

$$\begin{aligned} R_\beta [(\mathbb{W}'_x/T) M_{\Delta x} (\mathbb{W}'_x/T)]^{-1} R'_\beta &\Rightarrow R_\beta [\mathbb{S}'_x M_{\mathbb{S}_{\Delta x}} \mathbb{S}_x]^{-1} R'_\beta, \\ R_\delta (\mathbb{W}'_{\Delta x} M_x \mathbb{W}_{\Delta x})^{-1} R'_\delta &\Rightarrow R_\delta [\mathbb{S}'_{\Delta x} M_{\mathbb{S}_x} \mathbb{S}_{\Delta x}]^{-1} R'_\delta. \end{aligned} \quad (28)$$

Thus, if one finds asymptotic behavior of  $\hat{\sigma}_{0 \cdot x}^2$  under the near-unity regressor in (20), we are able to find a weak limit of the Wald and  $t$  statistics for the parameters  $\gamma = (\beta'_0, \delta'_0)$ . The results are summarized in the following proposition.

**Proposition 2** *Let Assumptions 1 and 2 and the null hypotheses in (16)-(18) hold. Define  $\theta = c_0 [R_\beta [\mathbb{S}'_x M_{\mathbb{S}_{\Delta x}} \mathbb{S}_x]^{-1} R'_\beta]^{-1/2} (R_\beta \delta_0 / \sigma_{0 \cdot x})$ . Then, under the fixed- $K$  asymptotics, we have*

$$\begin{aligned} (a) \quad F(\hat{\beta}) &\Rightarrow \frac{K}{K-2d} \cdot F_{p_\beta, K-2d}(\|\theta\|^2); \\ (b) \quad t(\hat{\beta}) &\Rightarrow \sqrt{\frac{K}{K-2d}} \cdot t_{K-2d}(\theta); \\ (c) \quad F(\hat{\delta}) &\Rightarrow \frac{K}{K-2d} \cdot F_{p_\delta, K-2d}; \\ (d) \quad t(\hat{\delta}) &\Rightarrow \sqrt{\frac{K}{K-2d}} \cdot t_{K-2d}. \end{aligned}$$

In the proof of Proposition 2, we show that the asymptotic variance estimate  $\hat{\sigma}_{0 \cdot x}^2$  for the long-run projected variance  $\sigma_{0 \cdot x}^2$  weakly converges to the  $\chi_{K-2d}^2$  limiting distribution. Since all other components of the test statistics, except the bias term  $c_0 R_\beta \delta_0$ , behave in the same way as in the case of the exact unit root regressors, we can capture the effect of the local-to-unity regressors on the hypothesis tests of  $\beta_0$  only by considering the random noncentrality parameter  $\|\theta\|^2$  in the limiting  $F$  and  $t$  distributions. Let  $r^2 = (\sigma_{0x} \Omega_{xx}^{-1} \sigma_{x0}) / \sigma_0$  denote a

squared long-run correlation vector between  $\{u_{0t}\}$  and  $\{u_{xt}\}$ . When  $d = p_\beta = 1$ , a simple algebra can show that the nonrandom part of  $\|\theta\|^2$  is equal to  $c_0^2 \cdot r^2 / (1 - r^2)$ , which implies that the null rejection rate for the TAOLS  $t$ -test approaches one as the squared long-run correlation  $r^2$  approaches one.

The presence of a nonzero  $\|\theta\|^2$  implies that the hypothesis test using the Wald statistics in (17) will tend to overreject. However, the results in Proposition 2 (c) and (d) indicate that we can still perform asymptotically valid Wald and  $t$  tests on the long-run endogeneity coefficient  $\delta_0$ . This is expected from our previous investigation on the limit behavior of  $\hat{\delta}$ , which is not affected by the local-to-unity regressors. These theoretical implications are numerically supported in the Monte Carlo simulation in Section 6.

## 4 Bias-corrected Inference for $\beta_0$

In this section, we provide a method to correct the asymptotic bias of TA-OLS test statistics for  $\beta_0$ . The modification not only adjusts the asymptotic bias of the TA-OLS estimator but also fully accounts for the estimation uncertainties embodied in the bias correction term. Let  $\Gamma_{c_0} = (R_\beta, -c_0 R_\beta)$  be a  $p \times 2d$  matrix formed by the hypothesis matrix  $R_\beta$  and the local-to-unity parameter  $c_0$ . Under  $H_0^\beta : R_\beta \beta_0 = r_\beta$ , we have that

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma_{c_0} \Upsilon_T [\hat{\gamma} - \gamma_0] &= \begin{pmatrix} R_\beta & -c_0 R_\beta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} T(\hat{\beta} - \beta_0) \\ \hat{\delta} - \delta_0 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= T \left[ R_\beta (\hat{\beta} - c_0 \cdot \hat{\delta} / T) - r_\beta \right] + c_0 R_\beta \delta_0. \end{aligned} \quad (29)$$

Using the joint convergence result in Proposition 1 and the continuous mapping theorem, we obtain that

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma_{c_0} \Upsilon_T [\hat{\gamma} - \gamma_0] &= T(R_\beta (\hat{\beta} - c_0 \cdot \hat{\delta} / T) - r_\beta) + c_0 R_\beta \delta_0 \\ &\Rightarrow \Gamma_{c_0} \begin{bmatrix} c_0 \delta_0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \Gamma_{c_0} (\mathbb{S}'_X \mathbb{S}_X)^{-1} \mathbb{S}'_X \mathbb{S}_{0 \cdot x} \\ &\stackrel{d}{=} MN(c_0 R_\beta \delta_0, \sigma_{0 \cdot x}^2 \Gamma_{c_0} (\mathbb{S}'_X \mathbb{S}_X)^{-1} \Gamma'_{c_0}). \end{aligned} \quad (30)$$



Therefore, the plugged-in estimator of  $\hat{\beta} - c_0(\hat{\delta}/T)$  is able to correct the bias of  $c_0(\delta_0/T)$  in the limiting distribution of  $T(\hat{\beta} - \beta_0)$ , because of

$$T(R_\beta(\hat{\beta} - c_0 \cdot \hat{\delta}/T) - r_\beta) \Rightarrow MN(0, \sigma_{0,x}^2 \Gamma_{c_0} (\mathbb{S}'_X \mathbb{S}_X)^{-1} \Gamma'_{c_0}). \quad (31)$$

Importantly, the asymptotic variance of the plugged-in estimator  $\hat{\beta} - c_0(\hat{\delta}/T)$  is no longer the same as that of  $\hat{\beta}$  in (27). This is because the asymptotic variance of the plugged-in estimator has to consider the estimation uncertainty of  $\hat{\delta}$  in its limiting distribution. This motivates us to construct the following modified Wald statistic:

$$\begin{aligned} F(\hat{\beta}; c_0) &= \frac{T^2}{\hat{\sigma}_{0,x}^2} (R_\beta[\hat{\beta} - c_0 \cdot (\hat{\delta}/T)] - r_\beta)' [\Gamma_{c_0} (\Upsilon_T^{-1} \mathbb{W}'_X \mathbb{W}_X \Upsilon_T^{-1})^{-1} \Gamma'_{c_0}]^{-1} \\ &\quad \times (R_\beta[\hat{\beta} - c_0 \cdot \hat{\delta}/T] - r_\beta)/p. \end{aligned} \quad (32)$$

When  $p = 1$ , we construct the modified  $t$  statistic for a one-sided alternative as follows:

$$t(\hat{\beta}; c_0) = \frac{T(R_\beta[\hat{\beta} - c_0 \cdot \hat{\delta}/T] - r_\beta)}{\sqrt{\hat{\sigma}_{0,x}^2 \Gamma_{c_0} (\Upsilon_T^{-1} \mathbb{W}'_X \mathbb{W}_X \Upsilon_T^{-1})^{-1} \Gamma'_{c_0}}}. \quad (33)$$

Note that the estimations of  $\delta_0$  and  $\sigma_{0,x}^2$ , which are necessary for the modified TA-OLS test statistics, are automated in our TA-OLS framework. Thus, practitioners simply need to run a classical OLS regression with the transformed data  $\{\mathbb{W}_{y,i}, \mathbb{W}'_{x,i}, \mathbb{W}'_{\Delta x,i}\}_{i=1}^K$  and obtain  $\hat{\beta}, \hat{\delta}$ , and  $\hat{\sigma}_{0,x}^2$  at once. The theorem below establishes the limiting null distributions of  $F(\hat{\beta}; c_0)$  and  $t(\hat{\beta}; c_0)$  under the fixed- $K$  asymptotics.

**Theorem 3** *Under Assumptions 1 and 2 and  $T \rightarrow \infty$  but holding  $K$  fixed, we have that*

$$F(\hat{\beta}; c_0) \Rightarrow \frac{K}{K - 2d} \cdot F_{p, K-2d} \text{ and } t(\hat{\beta}; c_0) \Rightarrow \sqrt{\frac{K}{K - 2d}} \cdot t_{K-2d}.$$

Theorem 3 indicate one can construct valid  $t$  and  $F$  tests using the modified  $t$  and Wald statistics. The modified statistics not only adjust the asymptotic bias but also reflect the estimation uncertainty of the  $\hat{\delta}$  in the bias correction term. After we consider the effect of the plugged-in bias correction  $c_0(\hat{\delta}/T)$  on the modified statistics, we are able to recover the same asymptotic  $t$  and  $F$  limits. Importantly, the resulting  $t$  and  $F$  limits also capture the estimation uncertainties for the LRV term  $\sigma_{0,x}^2$ . Also, the result in Theorem 3 implies that

one can conveniently implement the modified test statistics,  $F(\hat{\beta}; c_0)$  and  $t(\hat{\beta}; c_0)$ , using the standard  $t$  and  $F$  testing methods.

When  $p_\beta = 1$ , Theorem 3 indicates that a valid  $100(1-\alpha)\%$  CI for the testing parameter  $R\beta_0$  is

$$CI_{R\beta_0}(c_0; 1-\alpha) = \left[ r_{\beta,l}^{1-\alpha/2}(c_0), r_{\beta,h}^{1-\alpha/2}(c_0) \right], \quad (34)$$

where

$$r_{\beta,l}^{1-\alpha/2}(c_0) = R_\beta \left[ \hat{\beta} - \frac{c_0 \hat{\delta}}{T} \right] - \frac{1}{T} \sqrt{\hat{\sigma}_{0,x}^2 \Gamma_{c_0} [\Upsilon_T^{-1} \mathbb{W}'_X \mathbb{W}_X \Upsilon_T^{-1}]^{-1} \Gamma'_{c_0}} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{K}{K-2d}} \cdot t_{K-2d}^{1-\alpha/2}, \quad (35)$$

$$r_{\beta,h}^{1-\alpha/2}(c_0) = R_\beta \left[ \hat{\beta} - \frac{c_0 \hat{\delta}}{T} \right] + \frac{1}{T} \sqrt{\hat{\sigma}_{0,x}^2 \Gamma_{c_0} [\Upsilon_T^{-1} \mathbb{W}'_X \mathbb{W}_X \Upsilon_T^{-1}]^{-1} \Gamma'_{c_0}} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{K}{K-2d}} \cdot t_{K-2d}^{1-\alpha/2}, \quad (36)$$

and  $t_{K-2d}^{1-\alpha/2}$  is the  $(1-\alpha/2)$  quantile of the  $t_{p,K-2d}$  distribution. With the nearly integrated regressors, the modified CI above shifts the location of the interval up to  $-c_0(R\hat{\delta}/T)$ . Also, with some additional algebra, we can express the scale adjustment term in (35) and (36) by

$$\Gamma_{c_0} [\Upsilon_T^{-1} \mathbb{W}'_X \mathbb{W}_X \Upsilon_T^{-1}]^{-1} \Gamma'_{c_0} = R_\beta \left[ \Lambda_1(c_0) (\mathbb{W}'_x M_{\Delta x} \mathbb{W}_x)^{-1} + \Lambda_2(c_0) (\mathbb{W}'_{\Delta x} M_x \mathbb{W}_{\Delta x})^{-1} \right] R'_\beta, \quad (37)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \Lambda_1(c_0) &= T^2(I_d + c_0 T^{-1} [\mathbb{W}'_{\Delta x} \mathbb{W}_{\Delta x}]^{-1} \mathbb{W}'_{\Delta x} \mathbb{W}_x), \\ \Lambda_2(c_0) &= c_0^2 I_d + c_0 T [\mathbb{W}'_x \mathbb{W}_x]^{-1} \mathbb{W}'_x \mathbb{W}_{\Delta x}. \end{aligned}$$

That is, the measure of uncertainty in the modified CI is a weighted average of standard error terms for  $\hat{\beta}$  and  $\hat{\delta}$ , where the weights are given by  $\Lambda_1(c_0) = O_p(T^2)$  and  $\Lambda_2(c_0) = O_p(1)$ , respectively. The relative difference in the order of magnitude between these weights is based on the different convergence rates of the variance estimates  $(\mathbb{W}'_x M_{\Delta x} \mathbb{W}_x)^{-1} = O_p(T^{-2})$  and  $(\mathbb{W}'_{\Delta x} M_x \mathbb{W}_{\Delta x})^{-1} = O_p(1)$  for the estimators  $\hat{\beta}$  and  $\hat{\delta}$ , respectively. Interestingly, the weights are functions of the OLS coefficients from the two transformed regressors,  $\mathbb{W}_x$  and  $\mathbb{W}_{\Delta x}$ , and the local-to-unity parameter  $c_0$ .

Readers are referred to Section S.4 of the Supplementary Appendix, which applies the bias-corrected inference of modified TA-OLS to test simultaneous restrictions on  $\beta_0$  and  $\delta_0$  and discuss a nonlinear testing hypothesis.

When  $c_0 = 0$ , i.e., the regressor  $x_t$  has an exact unit root, it is easy to check that the above CI of  $\beta_0$  reduces to the standard form of symmetric CI,

$$R_\beta \hat{\beta} \pm \sqrt{\hat{\sigma}_{0,x}^2 R_\beta (\mathbb{W}'_X M_{\Delta x} \mathbb{W}_X)^{-1} R'_\beta} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{K}{K-2d}} \cdot t_{K-2d}^{1-\alpha/2},$$

which is same as the TA-OLS tests in Section 2.

In the standard time domain framework, one can show that a popular endogeneity bias correct method such as fully modified (FM)-OLS estimator, e.g., Phillips and Hansen (1990), yields

$$T(\hat{\beta}_{\text{FM}} - \beta_0) \Rightarrow MN \left( c_0 \delta_0, \sigma_{0,x}^2 \left[ \int_0^1 B_x(r) B'_x(r) dr \right]^{-1} \right)$$

under the local-to-unity assumption in (20). Using this result, Campbell and Yogo (2006) provide feasible bias-corrected estimation and inference based on

$$\frac{T(\hat{\beta}_{\text{FM}} - c_0 \hat{\delta}_{\text{HAC}} - \beta_0)}{\sqrt{\hat{\sigma}_{0,x,\text{HAC}}^2 \left[ \frac{1}{T^2} \sum_{t=1}^T x_t x'_t \right]}} \Rightarrow N(0, 1).$$

A key step behind the Campbell and Yogo's (2006) method is heteroskedasticity autocorrelation consistent (HAC) estimators, including  $\hat{\delta}_{\text{HAC}}$  and  $\hat{\sigma}_{0,x,\text{HAC}}^2$ , and the asymptotic normal critical value for the test statistics. In our cointegration setting,  $\delta_0$  and  $\sigma_{0,x}^2$  are functions of the long-run variance matrix  $\Omega$ . However, it is well known that the consistent HAC approach, e.g., Newey and West (1987), is exposed to severe finite-sample noises in time series data, e.g., Kiefer and Vogelsang (2005), Müller (2007), and Sun et al. (2008). The severity of these issues is demonstrated through Monte Carlo simulation in HS. The low-frequency transformed TA-OLS framework in this paper explicitly avoids these issues because it does not need the separate estimation step for  $\delta_0$  and  $\sigma_{0,x}^2$ . Moreover, the result in Theorem 3 that our modified TA-OLS and corresponding  $t$  and  $F$  limits successfully catch the finite-sample uncertainties embodied in  $\hat{\sigma}_{0,x}^2$  and  $\hat{\delta}_0$ .

## 5 Bonferroni-based Inference for Modified TA-OLS

### 5.1 Robust confidence intervals for $c_0$

The near-unity approximation of the modified test statistics,  $F(\hat{\beta}; c_0)$  and  $t(\hat{\beta}; c_0)$ , requires knowledge of the true local-to-unity parameter,  $c_0$ , which is not consistently estimable in general. However, one can construct a nontrivial and informative CI for the unknown parameter  $c_0$  using several methods developed in the literature. Examples include Stock (1991), Andrews (1993), Hansen (1999), Elliott and Stock (2001), Mikusheva's (2007) modification of Stock (1991), and Andrews and Guggenberger (2014). However, all these methods, except Elliott and Stock (2001), have limitations on their application to (20) because they restrict the error process,  $\{u_{xt}\}$ , to be i.i.d. or an m.d.s.. Therefore, we construct the CI as in Elliott and Stock (2001), which allows for an unknown form of dependence in  $\{u_{xt}\}$ , by inverting a sequence of asymptotically optimal tests in the Gaussian autoregressive model. In Section S.3 of the Supplemental Appendix, we provide a detailed procedure for constructing the CI in Elliott and Stock (2001).

One concern with Elliott and Stock's (2001) method is that its CI is subject to the uniformity critique raised in Phillips (2014b) when the true local-to-unity parameter  $c_0$  deviates substantially from zero, thereby having a poor coverage rate<sup>3</sup>. This drawback of Elliott and Stock (2001) can be addressed by using parametric and nonparametric grid-bootstrap methods, which are proposed by Andrews (1993) and Hansen (1999), respectively. This is because the CIs in the latter two methods are constructed by using the centered statistics on different null values of parameters in the grids, which is crucial for achieving uniformity (Mikusheva, 2007).

However, the CIs in Andrews (1993) and Hansen (1999) are subject to undercoverage bias when we ignore the serial dependence of  $\{u_{xt}\}$ . Thus, we propose a modified version of the CI of Hansen (1999), which addresses both the bias arising from the serial dependence as in Andrews (1993) and Hansen (1999) and the uniformity issue in Elliott and Stock (2001). The modification of Hansen (1999) proceeds as follows. We first approximate the unknown dependence structure in  $\{u_{xt}\}$  by a finite-order autoregressive process and

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<sup>3</sup>We thank an anonymous referee for bringing this issue to our attention.

translate (20) to an (approximated) ADF form. We then apply the grid-bootstrap method in Hansen (1999) to the ADF equation and construct a CI for  $c_0$  using a reparameterization of autoregressive coefficients. The detailed implementation of this procedure is provided in Section S.3 of the Supplemental Appendix.

We present some simulation evidence on the CIs that are discussed above. We generate data from (20) with  $T = 200$ , where  $u_{xt}$  is drawn from AR(1) and MA(1) processes, and construct the CIs of Hansen (1999), Elliott and Stock (2001), and our modification of Hansen (1999) with 90% nominal coverage rate. Tables S.1 and S.2 in Section S.5 of the Supplemental Appendix report the empirical coverage rates and average estimates of CIs under different degrees of dependence for the autoregressive errors and the true local-to-unity parameter,  $c_0$ . The parameter  $\psi$  controls the persistence of individual components in  $u_t = (u_{0t}, u'_{xt})' \in \mathbb{R}^{d+1}$ , which is a coefficient of AR(1) and MA(1) processes. The results are summarized below.

When  $c_0$  is close to zero, e.g.,  $c_0 = 5$ , the method in Elliott and Stock (2001) yields accurate and narrower CIs than other methods. However, the CIs in Elliott and Stock (2001) suffer from undercoverage biases in Table S.2, varying from 53.1% to 74.7%, when  $c_0$  grows to 20. The CI of Hansen (1999) shows accurate coverage rates for all ranges of  $c_0$  if there is no serial dependence, i.e.,  $\psi = 0$ . However, it is prone to poor coverage rates when  $\psi$  is nonzero. For instance, Table S.1 shows that the CI of Hansen (1999) has almost zero coverage when the  $\psi$  for the AR(1) error grows to 0.75. On the other hand, our modified Hansen (1999) CI shows more accurate coverage rates for all ranges of  $c_0$ . For example, when  $c_0 = 20$ , the coverage rates of the modified Hansen (1999) CI, varying from 75.7% to 85.6%, significantly improve on those of Elliott and Stock (2001).

In summary, we propose implementing the two methods, Elliott and Stock (2001) and the modified version of Hansen (1999), to construct robust CIs in the presence of an unknown form of serial dependence. When the true autoregressive parameter is close to the unity, i.e.,  $c_0 \approx 0$ , we verify that the CI of Elliott and Stock (2001) performs well in terms of coverage and length. When  $c_0$  is large, however, it suffers poor coverage rates due to the lack of uniformity. We also find that our modified Hansen (1999) CI, which is robust to serial dependence, addresses the uniformity issue in Elliott and Stock (2001) and improves

the coverage probability of the CI in Elliott and Stock (2001).

## 5.2 Bonferroni-based confidence intervals for $\beta_0$

Let  $S_T(\eta_1)$  denote a CI for  $c_0$  with a  $100(1 - \eta_1)\%$  asymptotic coverage rate. With  $p_\beta = 1$ , which is of the utmost importance in empirical research, we propose the following Bonferroni CI for  $R_\beta\beta_0$  as

$$CI_{R_\beta\beta_0}^B(\eta_1, \eta_2) = \bigcup_{c \in S_T(\eta_1)} CI_{R_\beta\beta_0}(c; 1 - \eta_2) \quad (38)$$

$$= \left[ \min_{c \in S_T(\eta_1)} r_{\beta,l}^{1-\eta_2/2}(c), \max_{c \in S_T(\eta_1)} r_{\beta,h}^{1-\eta_2/2}(c) \right], \quad (39)$$

where  $\eta_1, \eta_2 \geq 0$  such that  $\eta_1 + \eta_2 = \alpha$ , and  $r_{\beta,l}^{1-\eta_2/2}(c)$  and  $r_{\beta,h}^{1-\eta_2/2}(c)$  are defined in (35) and (36), respectively. The idea of Bonferroni-based inference has been used in various contexts in statistics and econometrics, e.g., Cavanagh et al. (1995), Campbell and Yogo (2006), and McCloskey (2017). By Bonferroni's inequality, the above Bonferroni CI yields an asymptotic coverage rate of at least  $100(1 - \alpha)\%$ , i.e.,

$$\liminf_{T \rightarrow \infty} P \left[ R_\beta\beta_0 \in CI_{R_\beta\beta_0}^B(\eta_1, \eta_2) \right] \geq 1 - \alpha. \quad (40)$$

The infeasible CI,  $[r_{\beta,l}^{1-\eta_2/2}(c), r_{\beta,h}^{1-\eta_2/2}(c)]$ , depends on  $c$  only through  $T^{-1}c\hat{\delta}$  and  $\Gamma_c$ . Thus, the computational cost of finding (39) is not too high when we search for the maximum and minimum of  $r_{\beta,h}^{1-\eta_2/2}(c)$  and  $r_{\beta,l}^{1-\eta_2/2}(c)$  over  $S_T(\eta_1)$ . In Section S.4 of the Supplemental Appendix, we characterize some conditions when the lower (or upper) bound is monotone in  $c$ , making the minimization (or maximization) much simpler when computing our Bonferroni CI.

As an alternative to the Bonferroni CI in (38), we can consider Bonferroni critical values by taking the maximum and minimum over the asymptotic critical values of the unmodified  $t(\hat{\beta})$ , as a function of  $c$ , e.g., McCloskey (2017). The result in Proposition 2-(b) shows that  $t(\hat{\beta})$  has a mixed noncentral  $t$  limit,  $t_{K-2d}(\theta)$ , where the random noncentrality parameter  $\theta$  depends on  $c_0$ ,  $\delta_0$ , and  $\sigma_{0.x}^2$ . This leads us to formulate the following Bonferroni critical values:

$$\min_{c \in S_T(\eta_1)} \left( \sqrt{\frac{K}{K-2d}} \cdot t_{K-2d}^{\eta_2/2}(\hat{\theta}(c)) \right) \text{ and } \max_{c \in S_T(\eta_1)} \left( \sqrt{\frac{K}{K-2d}} \cdot t_{K-2d}^{1-\eta_2/2}(\hat{\theta}(c)) \right),$$

where

$$\hat{\theta}(c) = \frac{c \cdot R_\beta \hat{\delta}_{\text{HAC}}}{\hat{\sigma}_{0,x,\text{HAC}} \sqrt{R_\beta [(\mathbb{W}'_x/T) M_{\Delta x} (\mathbb{W}'_x/T)]^{-1} R'_\beta}}.$$

The corrected critical value via  $\hat{\theta}(c)$  can be exposed to the estimation uncertainty of the nonparametric HAC estimators,  $\hat{\delta}_{\text{HAC}}$  and  $\hat{\sigma}_{0,x,\text{HAC}}$ . In contrast, the Bonferroni steps in (38) and (39) avoid the estimation issues involved in  $\hat{\delta}_{\text{HAC}}$  and  $\hat{\sigma}_{0,x,\text{HAC}}$  because they make use of the modified TA-OLS statistics, which induce the Bonferroni CI in (35) and (36).<sup>4</sup>

When we allow different  $c_{0,i}$  for each cointegration regressor  $x_{it}$ , the presence of multidimensional nuisance parameters is a potential challenge in calculating our Bonferroni intervals. However, one can follow the general Bonferroni principle with a joint confidence set,  $S_T(\eta_1) \in \mathbb{R}^d$ , which yields asymptotically correct coverage for the true local-to-unity parameters, i.e.,

$$\liminf_{T \rightarrow \infty} P(\mathbf{c}_0 \in S_T(\eta_1)) \geq 1 - \eta_1,$$

where  $\mathbf{c}_0 = (c_{0,1}, c_{0,2}, \dots, c_{0,d})'$  represents the true local-to-unity parameters. Then, the corresponding Bonferroni CI for testing  $H_0^\beta : R_\beta \beta_0$  is:

$$\begin{aligned} CI_{R\beta_0}^B(\eta_1, \eta_2) &= \bigcup_{\mathbf{c}=(c_1, \dots, c_d) \in S_T(\eta_1)} CI_{R\beta_0}(\mathbf{c}; 1 - \eta_2) \\ &= \left[ \min_{\mathbf{c} \in S_T(\eta_1)} r_{\beta,l}^{1-\eta_2/2}(\mathbf{c}), \max_{\mathbf{c} \in S_T(\eta_1)} r_{\beta,h}^{1-\eta_2/2}(\mathbf{c}) \right], \end{aligned} \quad (41)$$

where  $[r_{\beta,l}^{1-\eta_2/2}(\mathbf{c}), r_{\beta,h}^{1-\eta_2/2}(\mathbf{c})]$  is a generalized version of the bias-corrected CI in (34), which is defined as

$$\begin{aligned} r_{\beta,l}^{1-\eta_2/2}(\mathbf{c}) &:= \left[ R_\beta \hat{\beta} - \frac{R_\beta \text{diag}(\mathbf{c}) \hat{\delta}}{T} \right] \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{T} \sqrt{\hat{\sigma}_{0,x}^2 \Gamma_{\mathbf{c}} [\Upsilon_T^{-1} \mathbb{W}'_X \mathbb{W}_X \Upsilon_T^{-1}]^{-1} \Gamma'_{\mathbf{c}}} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{K}{K-2d}} \cdot t_{K-2d}^{1-\eta_2/2}, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} r_{\beta,h}^{1-\eta_2/2}(\mathbf{c}) &:= \left[ R_\beta \hat{\beta} - \frac{R_\beta \text{diag}(\mathbf{c}) \hat{\delta}}{T} \right] \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{T} \sqrt{\hat{\sigma}_{0,x}^2 \Gamma_{\mathbf{c}} [\Upsilon_T^{-1} \mathbb{W}'_X \mathbb{W}_X \Upsilon_T^{-1}]^{-1} \Gamma'_{\mathbf{c}}} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{K}{K-2d}} \cdot t_{K-2d}^{1-\eta_2/2}, \end{aligned}$$

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<sup>4</sup>We thank an anonymous referee who motivated us to clarify this subtlety in Bonferroni-based inference using TA-OLS.

with  $\Gamma_{\mathbf{c}} := (R_{\beta}, -R_{\beta}\text{diag}(\mathbf{c}))$ . By construction, both  $r_{\beta,l}^{1-\eta_2/2}(\mathbf{c})$  and  $r_{\beta,h}^{1-\eta_2/2}(\mathbf{c})$  are functions of  $R_{\beta}\text{diag}(\mathbf{c})$ . Thus, only a subset of  $\mathbf{c} = (c_1, \dots, c_d)$  which corresponds to non-zero components in  $R_{\beta}$  is relevant. This implies that the number of specific components for  $\beta$ , in which the researcher specifies in  $R_{\beta}$ , will determine the computational complexity of constructing the Bonferroni interval. In many empirical applications, it is not unreasonable to pay attention to only a few components of  $\beta$ , e.g.,  $R_{\beta} = [1, 0, \dots, 0]$  and  $R_{\beta} = [1, -1, \dots, 0]$ , which does not add much computational burden in calculating the Bonferroni interval.

For the joint confidence set,  $S_T(\eta_1)$ , one feasible approach is to construct a product set of  $[\underline{c}_i, \bar{c}_i]$  for  $i = 1, \dots, d$ , where  $[\underline{c}_i, \bar{c}_i]$  is a CI for  $c_{0,i}$  with a  $100(1 - \eta_1/d)\%$  coverage rate. Then, the resulting confidence set  $S_T(\eta_1) = [\underline{c}_1, \bar{c}_1] \times \dots \times [\underline{c}_d, \bar{c}_d]$  satisfies

$$\begin{aligned} \limsup_{T \rightarrow \infty} P(\mathbf{c}_0 \notin S_T(\eta_1)) &= \limsup_{T \rightarrow \infty} P(c_{0,i} \notin [\underline{c}_i, \bar{c}_i] \text{ for some } i = 1, \dots, d) \\ &\leq \sum_{i=1}^d \limsup_{T \rightarrow \infty} P(c_{0,i} \notin [\underline{c}_i, \bar{c}_i]) = \eta_1, \end{aligned}$$

which implies that the rectangular confidence set can formulate a valid Bonferroni inference with the vector-valued cointegrating regressor  $x_t$ . However, the above construction of the joint confidence set is conservative. In principle, an exact joint confidence set can be constructed if we extend Proposition 1 in Elliott and Stock (2001) to a vector-valued  $x_t$  and invert their Neyman-Pearson tests for the vector-valued Gaussian autoregression model. We conjecture that this construction approach will yield an elliptical shape of  $S_T(\eta_1)$ . However, to our knowledge, there is no existing work that generalizes Elliott and Stock (2001) to the vector-valued case. We also note the absence of a multivariate version of Hansen's (1999) grid-bootstrap method in the literature. It would be interesting to develop an exact confidence set for  $\mathbf{c}$  and apply it to our Bonferroni method, and we leave this for future research.

Finally, the Bonferroni-based CIs in (38) are often too wide with a higher coverage rate than the nominal CI (Cavanagh et al., 1995). To conveniently avoid excessive conservatism, we implement a refined version of (39) that chooses a larger tuning parameter  $\tilde{\eta}_1$  such that the refined  $CI_{R\beta_0}^B(\tilde{\eta}_1, \eta_2)$  becomes a subset of the original  $CI_{R\beta_0}^B(\eta_1, \eta_2)$ . As a result, the Bonferroni inequality in (40) has less slack. This refinement approach is also implemented in Campbell and Yogo (2006) in their predictive regression model. Regarding the choice of



the Bonferroni tuning parameters, Campbell and Yogo (2006) fix  $\eta_2 = \alpha$  and numerically search for the  $\tilde{\eta}_1$  that satisfies (40) by simulating the asymptotic coverage probabilities of the Bonferroni CI. In our Bonferroni-based inference, we choose the values of  $\tilde{\eta}_1 = 0.10$  and  $\eta_2 = \alpha$ , which show good performance for empirical sizes over a wide range of DGPs simulated in Section 6. The detailed numerical results are summarized in Figures S.1–S.4 in Section S.5 of the Supplemental Appendix. However, the simulation-based method might be challenging in practical applications because it requires the knowledge of several unknown model parameters such as  $\Omega$ ,  $\rho_T$ , and the distribution of  $\{u_t\}$ . There are several ways to overcome this difficulty and select a data-adaptive value of the Bonferroni tuning parameters. For example, one may simulate the (asymptotic) coverage probabilities based on parametric approximation of the true DGP and use them to find the tuning parameters of Bonferroni CI, e.g., Franchi and Johansen (2017). We leave this for future research.

## 6 Monte Carlo Evidence

In this section, we evaluate the performance of the modified TA-OLS methods and corresponding Bonferroni-based tests in finite samples. We compare them with several other methods, including the unmodified TA-OLS approach in HS and the IVX test developed in Phillips and Magdalinos (2009) and Phillips and Lee (2016).

### 6.1 Data generating process

For a DGP of the cointegration regression, we consider the following triangular cointegration system as in Phillips (2014a) and HS:

$$\begin{aligned} y_t &= \alpha_0 + x_t' \beta_0 + u_{0t} \\ x_t &= \rho_T x_{t-1} + u_{xt} \end{aligned}, u_t = \begin{pmatrix} u_{0t} \\ u_{xt} \end{pmatrix} = \Theta u_{t-1} + \epsilon_t, \quad (42)$$

with a local-to-unity coefficient  $\rho_T = I_d - C_0/T$  with  $C_0 = \text{diag}(c_{0,1}, \dots, c_{0,d})$ , and

$$\epsilon_t = \begin{pmatrix} \epsilon_{0t} \\ \epsilon_{xt} \end{pmatrix} \stackrel{i.i.d}{\sim} N(0, \Sigma), \quad \Theta = \psi \cdot I_{d+1}, \quad \Sigma = J_{d+1, d+1} \cdot \phi + I_{d+1} \cdot (1 - \phi),$$

and  $J_{d+1, d+1}$  is the  $(d+1) \times (d+1)$  matrix of ones. The initial value of the error process  $u_t$  is drawn from the standard normal distribution. To minimize the initialization effect,

we generate a time series of length  $2T$  and drop the first  $T$  observations. We set the values of  $\psi$  as  $\{0.25, 0.50, 0.75\}$ , so that the stationary cointegration error  $u_t$  is in an empirically reasonable range of persistency. The parameter  $\phi$  is a pairwise correlation coefficient between the elements of  $u_t$  and characterizes the degree of endogeneity. With some additional algebra, the squared long-run correlation  $r^2 = \sigma_{0x}\Omega_{xx}^{-1}\sigma_{x0}/\sigma_0^2$  is expressed by  $d\phi^2/((1-\phi) + d\phi)$ . Using this formula, we set  $\phi$  to satisfy  $r^2 \in \{0, 0.25, 0.50, 0.75\}$ .

We consider  $d \in \{1, 2\}$  as a dimension of the cointegration regressor  $x_t$ , and set the true regression coefficients as  $\alpha_0 = 1$ , and  $\beta_0 = 1$  or  $\beta_0 = (1, 1)'$ . When  $d = 1$ , we take the AR(1) coefficients of  $x_t$  in  $\{1, 0.975, 0.95, 0.90\}$  with sample size  $T = 200$ , and set the corresponding pairs of local-to-unity parameters  $c_0 \in \{0, 5, 10, 20\}$ . For the case of the multiple regressors, with  $d = 2$ , we take the same values of  $c_{0,1}$  for the first regressor and set the second regressor as a unit root process with  $c_{0,2} = 0$ . Although we have the exact I(1) process in the second regressor, our feasible Bonferroni methods do not impose this knowledge of  $c_{0,2}$  to reflect a practical empirical application. Instead, they construct the joint rectangular confidence set for  $(c_{0,1}, c_{0,2})$ , which is described in subsection 5.2.

## 6.2 Choices of tests

The null hypotheses of interest for the true parameter,  $\beta_0 = (\beta_{01}, \dots, \beta_{0d})'$ , are

$$H_0^\beta : \beta_{01} = 1 \text{ vs } H_1^\beta : \beta_{01} \neq 1 \text{ with } d = 1, \quad (43)$$

$$H_0^\beta : \beta_{01} = \beta_{02} \text{ vs } H_1^\beta : \beta_{01} \neq \beta_{02} \text{ with } d = 2, \quad (44)$$

and the corresponding testing matrix is  $R_\beta = (1, 0)$  with  $r_\beta = 1$ , and  $R_\beta = (1, -1)$  with  $r_\beta = 0$ , respectively. We also test the long-run endogeneity parameter with the following null hypothesis of

$$H_0^\delta : \delta_0 = 0 \text{ and } H_1^\delta : \delta_0 \neq 0.$$

We consider the Fourier basis functions given in (6) for our TA-OLS framework, as the same numerical evidence holds for the cosine transformation in (7). For fixed values of  $K$ , we set  $K = 8$ ,  $K = 16$ , and  $K = 24$  for the AR(1) parameters  $\psi = 0.75$ ,  $\psi = 0.50$ , and  $\psi = 0.25$ , respectively. These choices of  $K$  are shown to have good finite sample performances in various studies on fixed smoothing asymptotics with extensive numerical experiments. See,

for example, Müller and Watson (2013, 2017), HS, and Lazarus et al. (2018). In all of our simulations, the number of simulation replications is 10,000, but it is 5,000 in Table S.6 and Figures S.8–S.11 to save the computation times.

In our simulations, we consider the empirical size of five different types of TA-OLS  $t$ -tests studied in this paper at a nominal size of 5%. The first test is the unmodified TA-OLS test, (**TAOLS** hereafter), considered in HS. The second test is an infeasible version of the modified TA-OLS  $t$ -test in Theorem 3, (**M-TAOLS** hereafter), which utilizes the true local-to-unity parameter. The next three tests are feasible versions of the modified TA-OLS test that implement the Bonferroni-based CI in Section 5, but they use different methods to construct CIs for the local-to-unity parameter: the first (**Bonf-M-TAOLS (Hansen)** hereafter) uses Hansen’s (1999) grid-bootstrap method, the second (**Bonf-M-TAOLS (M-Hansen)** hereafter) uses our modification of Hansen’s (1999) grid-bootstrap method, and the third (**Bonf-M-TAOLS (ES)** hereafter) uses Elliott and Stock’s (2001) method. These three Bonferroni tests reject when the null hypothesized value does not fall into the Bonferroni CIs. Note that **Bonf-M-TAOLS (Hansen)** ignores the temporal dependence in  $\{u_{xt}\}$ . On the other hand, **Bonf-M-TAOLS (M-Hansen)** reflects the dependence structure in  $\{u_{xt}\}$  in the construction of the CI for  $c_0$  by a finite-order (approximated) autoregressive process. For the choice of the Bonferroni tuning parameters, we fix  $\eta_2 = 0.05$  and set the value of  $\tilde{\eta}_1$  as 0.10.

As the last test in our simulation, we consider the IVX estimator in Phillips and Magdalinos (2009) and Phillips and Lee (2016). Statistical inference via the IVX estimator has been known to solve the difficulty of the cointegration regression with a near-unity regressor, which is presented in our setting. The IVX estimator for  $\beta_0$  is

$$\hat{\beta}_{\text{IVX}} = \left( \sum_{t=1}^T \tilde{z}_t \tilde{x}_t' \right)^{-1} \left( \sum_{t=1}^T \tilde{z}_t \tilde{y}_t - T \hat{\Lambda}_{x0} \right),$$

where  $\tilde{x}_t = x_t - T^{-1} \sum_{t=1}^T x_t$ ,  $\tilde{y}_t = y_t - T^{-1} \sum_{t=1}^T y_t$  are demeaned observations.  $\hat{\Lambda}_{x0}$  is the estimator for the one-sided long-run covariance  $\Lambda_{x0} = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} E[u_{xt} u_{0t-j}]$ . The  $\tilde{z}_{it}$ s are the self-generated instrumental variables, defined as:

$$\tilde{z}_{it} = \sum_{j=1}^t \left( 1 - \frac{c_z}{T^\gamma} \right)^{t-j} \Delta x_j.$$

For the tuning parameters,  $\gamma$  and  $c_z$ , we follow Phillips and Lee (2016) and use  $\gamma \in \{0.85, 0.90, 0.95\}$  and  $c_z = 5$ , respectively. Here, we only report results with  $\gamma = 0.85$ , as the quantitative results with other choices of  $\gamma$  are very similar. With  $\hat{\beta}_{\text{IVX}}$ , the IVX t-test uses the asymptotic normal critical value with the following t-statistics:

$$t_{\text{IVX}} = \frac{R_\beta \hat{\beta}_{\text{IVX}} - r}{\sqrt{R_\beta \{ (X' P_z X)^{-1} \hat{\sigma}_0^2 \} R_\beta' }},$$

where  $\hat{\sigma}_0^2$  is the LRV estimator of  $\sigma_0^2 = \sum_{j=-\infty}^{\infty} E[u_{0t} u_{0t-j}]$ . To nonparametrically estimate the nuisance parameters,  $\hat{\Lambda}_{x0}$  and  $\hat{\sigma}_0^2$ , we use the Bartlett kernel with the optimal bandwidth rule in Andrews (1991). Note that this external procedure to the nonparametric LRV estimators is required to implement the IVX test. In contrast, the TA-OLS methods developed in our paper automate the estimation of the long-run nuisance parameters such as  $\hat{\delta}$  and  $\hat{\sigma}_{0,x}^2$ . In fact, our simulation results below show that the finite sample uncertainties embodied in the nonparametric long-run variance estimators have crucial impacts on the performance of the IVX test in finite samples.

### 6.3 Results for finite sample sizes

To test (43) in the single-dimensional case, Tables S.3–S.5 and Figures S.5–S.7 report the empirical sizes (Type I error) of five different TA-OLS and the IVX tests for  $c_0 \in \{0, 5, 10, 20\}$ . For the multi-dimensional case in (44), we only report the results for  $(c_{0,1}, c_{0,2}) = (20, 0)$  in Table S.6, as the quantitative implications of the other cases are quite similar.

In the unit root case, that is  $c_0 = 0$ , both **TAOLS** and **M-TAOLS** have empirical sizes close to the nominal size of 5%. This is not surprising given that **TAOLS** is asymptotically valid under the exact unit root assumption. The results also show that **Bonf-M-TAOLS (Hansen)**, which ignores the dependence structure in  $\{u_{xt}\}$ , suffers from size distortions varying from 7%–23%. The size distortion of **Bonf-M-TAOLS (Hansen)** is emphasized when the degree of serial dependence,  $\psi$ , is significant, e.g.,  $\psi \in \{0.50, 0.75\}$ . On the other hand, the Bonferroni-based methods that reflect the dependency in  $\{u_{xt}\}$ , **Bonf-M-TAOLS (M-Hansen)** and **Bonf-M-TAOLS (ES)** yield correct empirical sizes, although **Bonf-M-TAOLS (M-Hansen)** is mildly undersized, varying from 3.6% to 4.9%. The variations between these two Bonferroni-based methods can be explained by the different ways of constructing CIs for

$c_0$ . While **Bonf-M-TAOLS (ES)** inverts the asymptotically efficient GLS-based unit root test, **Bonf-M-TAOLS (M-Hansen)** implements the grid-bootstrap  $t$ -test in the ADF equation.

Second, as  $c_0$  deviates from zero, **TAOLS** suffers from severe size distortions, especially when the squared long-run correlation,  $(r^2)$ , and the local-to-unity parameter,  $(c_0)$ , increase. When  $r^2 = 0.75$ , our numerical results in Tables S.3–S.5 show that the size distortions of **TAOLS** can be significant, e.g., 37.0%–49.3%, even for slight deviation from a unit root regressor, e.g.,  $c_0 = 5$ . This result is consistent with our theoretical results in Proposition 2. Additionally, Tables S.3–S.5 show that the **IVX** test (**IVX**), which is known to be robust in the presence of the local-to-unity regressor, can be size distorted in finite samples when  $\psi$  is large. This is because the normal critical value in the **IVX** test statistics does not reflect the estimation uncertainty in the nonparametric estimators  $\hat{\Lambda}_{x0}$  and  $\hat{\sigma}_0^2$ . HS highlight a similar message, finding poor performance of fully modified (FM) cointegration in the unit root cointegration regressors. Our results also show that the size distortions of **IVX** can be amplified when the local-to-unity parameter  $(c_0)$  and the degree of long-run endogeneity  $(r^2)$  increase. We find that the **IVX** test performs the best when  $u_{0t}$  has a low serial correlation, e.g.,  $\psi = 0.25$ , and the cointegration regressor  $x_t$  is not overly deviated from the unit root, e.g.,  $c_0 = 5$ .

We also find that the infeasible **M-TAOLS** has the most accurate finite sample sizes for all values of  $r^2$  and  $c_0$  considered in our simulations. Moreover, the feasible Bonferroni-based methods, **Bonf-M-TAOLS (M-Hansen)** and **Bonf-M-TAOLS (ES)**, have correct sizes, with ranges of 1.2%–4.2% and 1.3%–7.2%, respectively. The conservatism of Bonferroni comes from the Bonferroni step in (38) and (39). While **Bonf-M-TAOLS (M-Hansen)** and **Bonf-M-TAOLS (ES)** show similar performance for  $c_0 \in \{5, 10\}$ , Tables S.3–S.5 indicate that **Bonf-M-TAOLS (ES)** can be size distorted when  $c_0$  is large, e.g.,  $c_0 = 20$ . This is because Elliott and Stock’s (2001) CI is subject to the uniformity critique when the true local-to-unity parameter  $c$  deviates substantially from zero. In contrast, **Bonf-M-TAOLS (M-Hansen)** does not suffer from this drawback because it uses a uniform CI for  $c_0$  and reflects the dependency in  $\{u_{xt}\}$ .

In summary, first, there is a large amount of size distortions for **TAOLS** in the local-to-unity case with nonzero  $r^2$ . Second, treating  $c_0$  as known, the infeasible **M-TAOLS** suc-

cessfully corrects the size distortions of TAOLS. When  $c_0$  is unknown, the feasible versions of our modified TA-OLS, Bonf-M-TAOLS (ES) and Bonf-M-TAOLS (M-Hansen), have correct sizes. However, our results indicate that ignoring the dependence structure in  $\{u_{xt}\}$  in Bonf-M-TAOLS (Hansen) drives severe size distortions in the Bonferroni-based method. Additionally, the valid Bonferroni-based TA-OLS methods outperform IVX by large margins when  $\psi$  is 0.75. Finally, our unreported results, which are available upon request, indicate that we can precisely perform the endogeneity test, i.e., a test of whether  $\delta_0 = 0$ , regardless of the local-to-unity parameter  $c_0$ . This is consistent with our fixed- $K$  asymptotic results in Proposition 2 (c) and (d).

## 6.4 Results for finite sample power

Since our feasible Bonferroni-based TA-OLS methods are mildly undersized in most of our DGPs, we expect that this conservatism results in some power loss compared to other types of tests. To investigate this aspect, we simulate local power curves while assuming that the true parameter of cointegration is from the local alternative hypothesis  $\beta = \beta_0 + b/T$ , where  $b \in [-25, 25]$  measures the magnitude of the local departure. To make meaningful power comparisons between different methods, we investigate size-adjusted power curves for M-TAOLS, Bonf-M-TAOLS (M-Hansen), Bonf-M-TAOLS (ES), and IVX. We implement the size adjustments for M-TAOLS and IVX by computing empirical quantiles of their test statistics under  $\beta = \beta_0$ . For Bonf-M-TAOLS (M-Hansen) and Bonf-M-TAOLS (ES), we adjust their empirical rejection probabilities under  $\beta = \beta_0$  to be the nominal level 5% by numerically searching for values of the tuning parameter  $\tilde{\eta}_1$ , given  $\eta_2 = 0.05$ . The values of  $\tilde{\eta}_2$  depend on the choices of  $c_0$ ,  $\psi$ , and  $r^2$  in true DGPs. We compute the finite sample power curve of each procedure for  $c_0 \in \{0, 5, 10, 20\}$  with various degrees of  $r^2$  and  $\psi$  considered in the previous subsection. To save space, we only report the results for  $\psi = 0.50$  in Figures S.8–S.11, as qualitative implications for other values of  $\psi$  can be delivered in a similar way.

The results in Figures S.8–S.11 first indicate that the power of M-TAOLS outperforms the feasible Bonferroni-based TA-OLS and IVX tests in all cases. Thus, the cost of the lack of knowledge of  $c_0$  is reflected in the relative power loss of the Bonferroni-based TA-OLS tests. Figures S.8–S.11 also indicate that the relative power losses increase with

respect to the squared long-run correlation  $r^2$ . Moreover, the Bonferroni-based TA-OLS tests are slightly more powerful than the IVX test when  $c_0$  is small, e.g.,  $c_0 \in \{0, 5\}$ . However, Figure S.11 for  $c_0 = 20$  indicates that the IVX has better power when the long-run correlations are small, e.g.,  $r^2 \in \{0.00, 0.25\}$ . Finally, we check that the two Bonferroni-based methods, **Bonf-M-TAOLS (ES)** and **Bonf-M-TAOLS (M-Hansen)**, have quite similar power in most cases, but **Bonf-M-TAOLS (ES)** has some power gain over **Bonf-M-TAOLS (M-Hansen)** when  $c_0 = 5$  and  $r^2 = 0.75$ . However, the power advantage of **Bonf-M-TAOLS (ES)** over **Bonf-M-TAOLS (M-Hansen)** disappears when  $c_0$  increases to 20.

Ultimately, the feasible versions of the modified TA-OLS with the Bonferroni procedures shown in this paper have advantages over the IVX test when we consider the balance between size and power. The two Bonferroni-based TA-OLS methods, **Bonf-M-TAOLS (ES)** and **Bonf-M-TAOLS (M-Hansen)**, outperform the IVX test on a wide range of DGPs considered in our simulations. When the true  $c_0$  is small, **Bonf-M-TAOLS (ES)** is less conservative than **Bonf-M-TAOLS (M-Hansen)** and can be more powerful. However, **Bonf-M-TAOLS (ES)** can be size distorted when  $c_0$  deviates substantially from zero. On the other hand, **Bonf-M-TAOLS (M-Hansen)** shows stable performance with correct sizes and favorable power for broad ranges of  $c_0$ .

## 7 Conclusion

In this paper, we develop a theory that adopts local-to-unity approximations to a triangular cointegrated system. Our analysis is conducted in the low-frequency domain by transforming data from the original time domain. We show that the unmodified TA-OLS in Hwang and Sun (2017) possesses an asymptotic bias term in the limiting distribution. As a result, the unmodified TA-OLS suffers from severe size distortions, especially when the degree of long-run endogeneity grows or the cointegration regressor deviates from the exact unit root.

We develop modified TA-OLS test statistics, which yield convenient asymptotic  $t$  and  $F$  critical values for the cointegrating vector and long-run endogeneity parameter. The modified TA-OLS not only adjusts for the asymptotic bias arising from the local-to-unity regressor but also corrects the uncertainty of the plugged-in bias correction term. When the local-to-unity parameter is unknown, we also provide feasible versions of modified TA-

OLS that consider Bonferroni-based confidence intervals. The Bonferroni-based methods require confidence intervals for the local-to-unity parameter. We note that implementation of Elliott and Stock's (2001) CI can be subject to the uniformity critique in Phillips (2014b) when the true local-to-unity parameter is large. To overcome this issue, we propose a modification of Hansen's (1999) CI. The corresponding Bonferroni-based method overcomes the uniformity critique and shows correct size and appealing power in finite samples.

Our numerical results also show that the size distortions of the existing IVX test can be amplified when the local-to-unity parameter ( $c_0$ ) and the degree of the long-run endogeneity ( $r^2$ ) are important. Furthermore, we find that the proposed Bonferroni-based TA-OLS tests have favorable finite sample properties compared to the IVX test when we consider the balance between size and power.

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# Supplemental Appendix: “Low-Frequency Cointegrating Regression with Local-to-Unity Regressors and Unknown Form of Serial Dependence”

The first part of this supplementary appendix (Section S.1) provides proofs of the main results. The following section discusses nonlinear and joint tests using the modified TA-OLS. Section S.3 presents detailed procedures for calculating the modified Hansen (1999) and Elliott and Stock (2001) confidence intervals in our Bonferroni-based inferences. Section S.4 provides conditions that simplify the computation of our Bonferroni intervals. Finally, Section S.5 presents numerical results in tables and figures that are referenced in the main text of the paper.

## S.1 Proofs of Main Results

**Proof of Proposition 1.** We begin by showing the asymptotic equivalence between  $\frac{1}{T^{3/2}} \sum_{t=1}^T x_{t-1} \phi_i\left(\frac{t}{T}\right)$  and the transformed regressor  $\mathbb{W}_x/T$  in (25), that is,

$$\frac{1}{T^{3/2}} \sum_{t=1}^T x_{t-1} \phi_i\left(\frac{t}{T}\right) = \frac{1}{T^{3/2}} \sum_{t=1}^T x_t \phi_i\left(\frac{t}{T}\right) + O_p\left(\frac{1}{T}\right).$$

The left side of the equation is

$$\frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \frac{x_{t-1}}{\sqrt{T}} \phi_i\left(\frac{t}{T}\right) = \frac{1}{T} \sum_{s=0}^{T-1} \frac{x_s}{\sqrt{T}} \phi_i\left(\frac{s}{T}\right) + \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \frac{x_{t-1}}{\sqrt{T}} \left[ \phi_i\left(\frac{t}{T}\right) - \phi_i\left(\frac{t-1}{T}\right) \right]. \quad (\text{B.1})$$

By the mean value theorem,

$$\phi_i\left(\frac{t}{T}\right) = \phi_i\left(\frac{t-1}{T}\right) + \phi'_i(r_t^*) \left(\frac{1}{T}\right) \text{ for some } r_t^* \in \left[\frac{t-1}{T}, \frac{t}{T}\right],$$

and Assumption 2 yields

$$\phi_i\left(\frac{t}{T}\right) - \phi_i\left(\frac{t-1}{T}\right) = \frac{\phi'_i(r_t^*)}{T} \leq \frac{M}{T}$$

for some  $M > 0$  uniformly over  $t$ . Therefore, the second term in (B.1) satisfies

$$\frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \frac{x_{t-1}}{\sqrt{T}} \left[ \phi_i\left(\frac{t}{T}\right) - \phi_i\left(\frac{t-1}{T}\right) \right] \leq \left(\frac{M}{T}\right) \left[ \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=0}^{T-1} \frac{x_t}{\sqrt{T}} \right] = O_p\left(\frac{1}{T}\right).$$

For the first term in (B.1),

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{T} \sum_{s=0}^{T-1} \frac{x_s}{\sqrt{T}} \phi_i \left( \frac{s}{T} \right) &= \frac{1}{T} \sum_{s=1}^T \frac{x_s}{\sqrt{T}} \phi_i \left( \frac{s}{T} \right) + \frac{x_0}{T^{3/2}} \phi_i(0) - \frac{x_T}{T^{3/2}} \phi_i(1) \\ &= \frac{1}{T} \sum_{s=1}^T \frac{x_s}{\sqrt{T}} \phi_i \left( \frac{s}{T} \right) + O_p \left( \frac{1}{T} \right), \end{aligned} \quad (\text{B.2})$$

where the second equality follows from  $x_0 = O_p(1)$  and equation (23). With this result and the weak convergences in (10), (11), and (12), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \Upsilon_T^{-1} \mathbb{W}_X &= (\mathbb{W}_x/T, \mathbb{W}_{\Delta x}) \Rightarrow \mathbb{S}_X = (\mathbb{S}_x, \mathbb{S}_{\Delta x}), \\ \tilde{\mathbb{W}}_x &\Rightarrow \mathbb{S}_{0 \cdot x} + c_0 \cdot \mathbb{S}_x \delta_0, \end{aligned} \quad (\text{B.3})$$

where  $\tilde{\mathbb{W}}_x = (\tilde{\mathbb{W}}_{x,1}, \dots, \tilde{\mathbb{W}}_{x,K})'$ . Then, by the definition of  $\hat{\gamma}$  and  $\Upsilon_T$ , we have that

$$\begin{aligned} \Upsilon_T (\hat{\gamma} - \gamma_0) &= (\Upsilon_T^{-1} \mathbb{W}'_X \mathbb{W}_X \Upsilon_T^{-1})^{-1} \Upsilon_T^{-1} \mathbb{W}'_X \tilde{\mathbb{W}}_{0 \cdot x} \\ &\Rightarrow (\mathbb{S}'_X \mathbb{S}_X)^{-1} \mathbb{S}'_X [\mathbb{S}_{0 \cdot x} + c_0 \cdot \mathbb{S}_x \delta_0] \\ &= (\mathbb{S}'_X \mathbb{S}_X)^{-1} \mathbb{S}'_X \mathbb{S}_{0 \cdot x} + c_0 \cdot (\mathbb{S}'_X \mathbb{S}_X)^{-1} \mathbb{S}'_X \mathbb{S}_x \delta_0. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\{\mathbb{S}_{0 \cdot x, i}\}_{i=1}^K$  represents *i.i.d* normal random variables with variance  $\sigma_{0 \cdot x}^2$  and is independent of  $\mathbb{S}_X = (\mathbb{S}_x, \mathbb{S}_{\Delta x})$ , the latter component can be expressed by a mixture of the normal distribution

$$MN(0, \sigma_{0 \cdot x}^2 (\mathbb{S}'_X \mathbb{S}_X)^{-1}).$$

The second component can be written more explicitly as

$$\begin{aligned} c_0 \cdot (\mathbb{S}'_X \mathbb{S}_X)^{-1} \mathbb{S}'_X \mathbb{S}_x \delta_0 &= c_0 \cdot \begin{pmatrix} \mathbb{S}'_x \mathbb{S}_x & \mathbb{S}'_x \mathbb{S}_{\Delta x} \\ \mathbb{S}'_{\Delta x} \mathbb{S}_x & \mathbb{S}'_{\Delta x} \mathbb{S}_{\Delta x} \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbb{S}'_x \mathbb{S}_x \delta_0 \\ \mathbb{S}'_{\Delta x} \mathbb{S}_x \delta_0 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} c_0 \cdot (\mathbb{S}'_x M_{\mathbb{S}_{\Delta x}} \mathbb{S}_x)^{-1} \mathbb{S}'_x M_{\mathbb{S}_{\Delta x}} \mathbb{S}_x \delta_0 \\ c_0 \cdot (\mathbb{S}'_{\Delta x} M_{\mathbb{S}_x} \mathbb{S}_{\Delta x})^{-1} \mathbb{S}'_{\Delta x} M_{\mathbb{S}_x} \mathbb{S}_x \delta_0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} c_0 \delta_0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \end{aligned}$$

which completes the proof. ■

**Proof of Proposition 2.** We prove the result for the Wald statistic only, as the result

for the t-statistic can be proved in a similar manner. Note that

$$\begin{aligned}
\hat{\sigma}_{0 \cdot x}^2 &= \frac{1}{K} \sum_{i=1}^K \hat{\omega}_{0 \cdot x, i}^2 = \frac{1}{K} \mathbb{W}'_Y [I_K - \mathbb{W}_X (\mathbb{W}'_X \mathbb{W}_X)^{-1} \mathbb{W}'_X] \mathbb{W}_Y \\
&= \frac{1}{K} \tilde{\mathbb{W}}'_{0 \cdot x} [I_K - \mathbb{W}_X (\mathbb{W}'_X \mathbb{W}_X)^{-1} \mathbb{W}'_X] \tilde{\mathbb{W}}_{0 \cdot x} \\
&\Rightarrow \frac{1}{K} [\mathbb{S}_{0 \cdot x} + c_0 \cdot \mathbb{S}_x \delta_0]' [I_K - \mathbb{S}_X (\mathbb{S}'_X \mathbb{S}_X)^{-1} \mathbb{S}'_X] [\mathbb{S}_{0 \cdot x} + c_0 \cdot \mathbb{S}_x \delta_0].
\end{aligned} \tag{B.4}$$

Since  $P_{\mathbb{S}_X} = \mathbb{S}_X (\mathbb{S}'_X \mathbb{S}_X)^{-1} \mathbb{S}'_X$  is a projection matrix onto a space generated by  $[\mathbb{S}_x, \mathbb{S}_{\Delta x}]$ , it is easy to check whether

$$[I_K - \mathbb{S}_X (\mathbb{S}'_X \mathbb{S}_X)^{-1} \mathbb{S}'_X] [c_0 \cdot \mathbb{S}_x \delta_0] = 0.$$

Therefore, the weak convergence limit of the estimator  $\hat{\sigma}_{0 \cdot x}^2$  simplifies to

$$\hat{\sigma}_{0 \cdot x}^2 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{K} \mathbb{S}'_{0 \cdot x} M_{\mathbb{S}_X} \mathbb{S}_{0 \cdot x} \stackrel{d}{=} \frac{\sigma_{0 \cdot x}^2}{K} \chi_{K-2d}^2,$$

where  $M_{\mathbb{S}_X} := I_K - \mathbb{S}_X (\mathbb{S}'_X \mathbb{S}_X)^{-1} \mathbb{S}'_X$ . Combining this result with

$$T(R_\beta \hat{\beta} - r_\beta) \Rightarrow R_\beta [\mathbb{S}'_x M_{\mathbb{S}_{\Delta x}} \mathbb{S}_x]^{-1} \mathbb{S}'_x M_{\mathbb{S}_{\Delta x}} \mathbb{S}_{0 \cdot x} + c_0 R_\beta \delta_0$$

and

$$R_\beta [(\mathbb{W}'_x / T) M_{\Delta x} (\mathbb{W}_x / T)]^{-1} R'_\beta \Rightarrow R_\beta [\mathbb{S}'_x M_{\mathbb{S}_{\Delta x}} \mathbb{S}_x]^{-1} R'_\beta,$$

we have that

$$F(\hat{\beta}) \Rightarrow \frac{K \left\| \frac{Z}{\sigma_{0 \cdot x}} + c_0 \cdot [R_\beta [\mathbb{S}'_x M_{\mathbb{S}_{\Delta x}} \mathbb{S}_x]^{-1} R'_\beta]^{-1/2} \cdot \left[ \frac{R_\beta \delta_0}{\sigma_{0 \cdot x}} \right] \right\|^2}{p_\beta \left[ \frac{\mathbb{S}'_{0 \cdot x} M_{\mathbb{S}_X} \mathbb{S}_{0 \cdot x}}{\sigma_{0 \cdot x}^2} \right]}, \tag{B.5}$$

where

$$Z = \left[ R_\beta [\mathbb{S}'_x M_{\mathbb{S}_{\Delta x}} \mathbb{S}_x]^{-1} R_\beta \right]^{-1/2} R_\beta [\mathbb{S}'_x M_{\mathbb{S}_{\Delta x}} \mathbb{S}_x]^{-1} \mathbb{S}'_x M_{\mathbb{S}_{\Delta x}} \mathbb{S}_{0 \cdot x} \sim N(0, \sigma_{0 \cdot x}^2 \cdot I_K).$$

Conditional on  $\mathbb{S}_X = (\mathbb{S}_x, \mathbb{S}_{\Delta x})$ ,  $M_{\mathbb{S}_X} \mathbb{S}_{0 \cdot x}$  and  $\mathbb{S}_x M_{\mathbb{S}_{\Delta x}} \mathbb{S}_{0 \cdot x}$  being independent, as both  $M_{\mathbb{S}_X} \mathbb{S}_{0 \cdot x}$  and  $\mathbb{S}'_x M_{\mathbb{S}_{\Delta x}} \mathbb{S}_{0 \cdot x}$  are normal and its conditional covariance is

$$\text{cov}(M_{\mathbb{S}_X} \mathbb{S}_{0 \cdot x}, \mathbb{S}'_x M_{\mathbb{S}_{\Delta x}} \mathbb{S}_{0 \cdot x}) = \sigma_{0 \cdot x}^2 [I_K - \mathbb{S}_X (\mathbb{S}'_X \mathbb{S}_X)^{-1} \mathbb{S}'_X] M_{\mathbb{S}_{\Delta x}} \mathbb{S}_x = 0.$$

This implies that  $Z$  is independent of  $\mathbb{S}'_{0 \cdot x} M_{\mathbb{S}_X} \mathbb{S}_{0 \cdot x}$  conditional on  $\mathbb{S}_X = (\mathbb{S}_x, \mathbb{S}_{\Delta x})$ , and hence

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{K \left\| \frac{Z}{\sigma_{0 \cdot x}} + c_0 \cdot [R_\beta [\mathbb{S}'_x M_{\mathbb{S}_{\Delta x}} \mathbb{S}_x]^{-1} R'_\beta]^{-1/2} \cdot \left[ \frac{R_\beta \delta_0}{\sigma_{0 \cdot x}} \right] \right\|^2}{p_\beta \left[ \frac{\mathbb{S}'_{0 \cdot x} M_{\mathbb{S}_X} \mathbb{S}_{0 \cdot x}}{\sigma_{0 \cdot x}^2} \right]} \\ & \stackrel{d}{=} \frac{K}{K - 2d} F_{p_\beta, K-2d} (\|\theta\|^2), \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\theta = \left[ R_\beta [\mathbb{S}'_x M_{\mathbb{S}_{\Delta x}} \mathbb{S}_x]^{-1} R'_\beta \right]^{-1/2} \times \left[ \frac{c_0 R_\beta \delta_0}{\sigma_{0 \cdot x}} \right].$$

Similarly, with  $Z = [R_\delta [\mathbb{S}'_{\Delta x} M_{\mathbb{S}_X} \mathbb{S}_{\Delta x}]^{-1} R'_\delta]^{-1/2} R_\delta [\mathbb{S}'_{\Delta x} M_{\mathbb{S}_X} \mathbb{S}_{\Delta x}]^{-1} \mathbb{S}'_{\Delta x} M_{\mathbb{S}_X} \mathbb{S}_{0 \cdot x}$ , we obtain

$$F(\hat{\delta}) \Rightarrow \frac{K}{p_\delta} \frac{\left\| \frac{Z}{\sigma_{0 \cdot x}} \right\|^2}{\left[ \frac{\mathbb{S}'_{0 \cdot x} M_{\mathbb{S}_X} \mathbb{S}_{0 \cdot x}}{\sigma_{0 \cdot x}^2} \right]} \stackrel{d}{=} \frac{K}{K - 2d} F_{p_\delta, K-2d}.$$

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**Proof of Theorem 3.** We prove the result for the Wald statistics only, as the same proof carries through for the  $t$ -statistics with obvious modifications. From (30) and (31), we have

$$\begin{aligned} T \left( R_\beta \left[ \hat{\beta} - c_0 \cdot \frac{\hat{\delta}}{T} \right] - r_\beta \right) & \Rightarrow \Gamma_{c_0} (\mathbb{S}'_X \mathbb{S}_X)^{-1} \mathbb{S}'_X \mathbb{S}_{0 \cdot x}, \\ \Gamma_{c_0} (\Upsilon_T^{-1} \mathbb{W}'_X \mathbb{W}_X \Upsilon_T^{-1})^{-1} \Gamma'_{c_0} & \Rightarrow \Gamma_{c_0} (\mathbb{S}'_X \mathbb{S}_X)^{-1} \Gamma'_{c_0}. \end{aligned}$$

Combining these results with (B.4), we have

$$\begin{aligned} F(\hat{\beta}; c_0) &= \frac{T^2}{\hat{\sigma}_{0 \cdot x}^2} (R_\beta [\hat{\beta} - c_0 \cdot \hat{\delta}/T] - r_\beta)' [\Gamma_{c_0} (\Upsilon_T^{-1} \mathbb{W}'_X \mathbb{W}_X \Upsilon_T^{-1})^{-1} \Gamma'_{c_0}]^{-1} \\ &\quad \times (R_\beta [\hat{\beta} - c_0 \cdot \hat{\delta}/T] - r_\beta) / p. \\ &\Rightarrow \left( \frac{K}{p_\beta} \right) \cdot \frac{[\Gamma_{c_0} (\mathbb{S}'_X \mathbb{S}_X)^{-1} \mathbb{S}'_X \mathbb{S}_{0 \cdot x}]' [\Gamma_{c_0} (\mathbb{S}'_X \mathbb{S}_X)^{-1} \Gamma'_{c_0}]^{-1} [\Gamma_{c_0} (\mathbb{S}'_X \mathbb{S}_X)^{-1} \mathbb{S}'_X \mathbb{S}_{0 \cdot x}]}{\mathbb{S}'_{0 \cdot x} M_{\mathbb{S}_X} \mathbb{S}_{0 \cdot x}} \end{aligned}$$

Using a similar argument as in the proof of Proposition 2, the conditional limit of the Wald statistics  $F(\hat{\beta}; c_0)$  can be expressed as

$$\begin{aligned} & \left( \frac{K}{p_\beta} \right) \cdot \frac{[\Gamma_{c_0} (\mathbb{S}'_X \mathbb{S}_X)^{-1} \mathbb{S}'_X \mathbb{S}_{0 \cdot x}]' [\Gamma_{c_0} (\mathbb{S}'_X \mathbb{S}_X)^{-1} \Gamma'_{c_0}]^{-1} [\Gamma_{c_0} (\mathbb{S}'_X \mathbb{S}_X)^{-1} \mathbb{S}'_X \mathbb{S}_{0 \cdot x}]}{\mathbb{S}'_{0 \cdot x} M_{\mathbb{S}_X} \mathbb{S}_{0 \cdot x}} \\ & \stackrel{d}{=} \frac{K}{p} \frac{\chi_{p_\beta}^2}{\chi_{K-2d}^2}, \quad \chi_p^2 \perp \chi_{K-2d}^2 \end{aligned}$$



which is invariant to the conditioning variable  $\mathbb{S}_X$ . Thus, it is also the unconditional distribution, which proves

$$F(\hat{\beta}; c_0) \Rightarrow \frac{K}{K - 2d} F_{p, K-2d}.$$

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## S.2 Discussion on testing for $\beta_0$ and $\delta_0$

In this section, we apply the bias-corrected inference of modified TA-OLS to test simultaneous restrictions on  $\beta_0$  and  $\delta_0$  and discuss a nonlinear testing hypothesis.<sup>1</sup>

For  $R_\beta \in \mathbb{R}^{p_\beta \times d}$  and  $R_\delta \in \mathbb{R}^{p_\delta \times d}$  such that  $p_\beta, p_\delta \leq d$ , we first consider the following form of hypothesis:

$$H_0^\gamma : R_\beta \beta_0 = r_\beta \text{ and } R_\delta \delta_0 = r_\delta. \quad (\text{B.6})$$

We reformulate the matrix  $\Gamma_{c_0}$  as

$$\Gamma_{c_0} = \begin{pmatrix} R_\beta & -c_0 R_\beta \\ 0 & R_\delta \end{pmatrix}, \quad (\text{B.7})$$

and apply Proposition 1 to obtain that

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma_{c_0} \Upsilon_T [\hat{\gamma} - \gamma_0] &= \begin{pmatrix} R_\beta & -c_0 R_\beta \\ 0 & R_\delta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} T(\hat{\beta} - \beta_0) \\ \hat{\delta} - \delta_0 \end{pmatrix} \\ &\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} R_\beta & -c_0 R_\beta \\ 0 & R_\delta \end{pmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_0 \delta_0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + MN(0, \sigma_{0 \cdot x}^2 \Gamma_{c_0} (\mathbb{S}'_X \mathbb{S}_X)^{-1} \Gamma'_{c_0}), \end{aligned}$$

where  $\Upsilon_T$  is defined in (26). This implies that

$$\Upsilon_T \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} R_\beta \left( \hat{\beta} - \frac{c_0 \hat{\delta}}{T} \right) \\ R_\delta \hat{\delta} \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} r_\beta \\ r_\delta \end{pmatrix} \right\} \Rightarrow MN(0, \sigma_{0 \cdot x}^2 \Gamma_{c_0} (\mathbb{S}'_X \mathbb{S}_X)^{-1} \Gamma'_{c_0}),$$

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<sup>1</sup>We thank an anonymous referee who pointed out this issue.

which leads us to formulate the modified Wald test for (B.6) as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
F(\hat{\gamma}; c_0) &= \frac{\Upsilon_T}{\hat{\sigma}_{0 \cdot x}^2} \left[ \begin{pmatrix} R_\beta \left( \hat{\beta} - \frac{c_0 \hat{\delta}}{T} \right) \\ R_\delta \hat{\delta} \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} r_\beta \\ r_\delta \end{pmatrix} \right]' [\Gamma_{c_0} (\Upsilon_T^{-1} \mathbb{W}'_X \mathbb{W}_X \Upsilon_T^{-1})^{-1} \Gamma'_{c_0}]^{-1} \quad (\text{B.8}) \\
&\times \left[ \begin{pmatrix} R_\beta \left( \hat{\beta} - \frac{c_0 \hat{\delta}}{T} \right) \\ R_\delta \hat{\delta} \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} r_\beta \\ r_\delta \end{pmatrix} \right] \Upsilon'_T / p \\
&\Rightarrow \frac{K}{K - 2d} \cdot F_{p, K-2d}
\end{aligned}$$

for  $p = p_\beta + p_\delta$ . Note that we scale  $F(\hat{\gamma}; c_0)$  by the matrix  $\Upsilon_T$ , which reflects the different rates of convergence between  $\hat{\beta}$  and  $\hat{\delta}$ . The result also implies that joint testing is possible but that the accuracy of testing the restriction  $r_\gamma = (r'_\beta, r'_\delta)'$  will be different from testing the single restriction  $R_\beta \beta_0 = r_\beta$ . This is mainly because  $\hat{\delta}$  is  $O_p(1)$  and  $\hat{\beta} = O_p(1/T)$  under our fixed- $K$  asymptotics. This means that the component,  $r_\beta$ , is more accurately tested than the component  $r_\delta$  in the joint inference.

However, the differing rates of convergences between  $\hat{\beta}$  and  $\hat{\delta}$  can make the joint testing problem challenging in other types of hypotheses. For example, consider the following simultaneous restrictions on  $\beta_0$  and  $\delta_0$ :

$$H_0^\gamma : R_\beta \beta_0 + R_\delta \delta_0 = r_\beta + r_\delta. \quad (\text{B.9})$$

Analogously to (B.7), we choose the matrix

$$\Gamma_{c_0} = \begin{pmatrix} I_{p_\beta} & I_{p_\delta} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} R_\beta & -c_0 R_\beta \\ 0 & R_\delta \end{pmatrix},$$

which yields the following joint convergence result:

$$\Gamma_{c_0} \Upsilon_T [\hat{\gamma} - \gamma_0] \Rightarrow c_0 R_\beta \delta_0 + MN(0, \sigma_{0 \cdot x}^2 \Gamma_{c_0} (\mathbb{S}'_X \mathbb{S}_X)^{-1} \Gamma'_{c_0}).$$

Thus, with the plugged-in estimator of  $\hat{\beta} - c_0(\hat{\delta}/T)$  and  $\hat{\delta}$ , we have that

$$\left( TR_\beta (\hat{\beta} - c_0 \hat{\delta}/T) + R_\delta \hat{\delta} \right) - (Tr_\beta + r_\delta) \Rightarrow MN(0, \sigma_{0 \cdot x}^2) MN(0, \sigma_{0 \cdot x}^2 \Gamma_{c_0} (\mathbb{S}'_X \mathbb{S}_X)^{-1} \Gamma'_{c_0}).$$

Since the second term on left-hand side,  $Tr_\beta + r_\delta$ , is different from  $r_\beta + r_\delta$ , the bias-corrected inference for testing (B.9) is not possible, as long as  $r_\beta \asymp r_\delta$ , i.e.,  $r_\beta/r_\delta$  and  $r_\delta/r_\beta$

are  $O(1)$ . This is because the hypothesis in (B.6) consists of only one testing restriction by combining two sets of parameters,  $r_\beta$  and  $r_\delta$ , which are estimated with different orders of uncertainty under our fixed- $K$  asymptotics. This contrasts to the joint hypothesis in (B.6), which enables us to separate the different orders of uncertainty in  $\hat{\beta}$  and  $\hat{\delta}$  and make a valid joint inference via (B.9).

For the nonlinear hypothesis, we consider  $H_0^\beta : g_\beta(\beta_0) = r_\beta$ , where the nonlinear function  $g_\beta(\cdot) : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^p$  is continuously differentiable at  $\beta_0$ . Then, one can apply the Delta method to convert the nonlinear restriction into the linear restriction in an asymptotic sense. Specifically, we use mean value theorem and obtain that

$$\begin{aligned} T(g_\beta(\hat{\beta}) - r_\beta) &= T(g_\beta(\hat{\beta}) - g_\beta(\beta_0)) \\ &= \frac{\partial g_\beta(\beta_T^*)}{\partial \beta'} T(\hat{\beta} - \beta_0), \end{aligned}$$

where  $\beta_T^*$  lies between  $\hat{\beta}$  and  $\beta_0$ . Since  $\hat{\beta} \xrightarrow{p} \beta_0$ , and  $\partial g_\beta(\beta_T^*)/\partial \beta' \xrightarrow{p} \partial g_\beta(\beta_0)/\partial \beta'$ , we can apply the Delta method to obtain that

$$T(g_\beta(\hat{\beta}) - r_\beta) \Rightarrow \left( \frac{\partial g_\beta(\beta_0)}{\partial \beta'} \right) [\mathbb{S}'_x M_{\mathbb{S}_{\Delta x}} \mathbb{S}_x]^{-1} \mathbb{S}'_x M_{\mathbb{S}_{\Delta x}} \mathbb{S}_{0 \cdot x} + c \left( \frac{\partial g_\beta(\beta_0)}{\partial \beta'} \right) \delta_0.$$

Therefore, by simply replacing the matrix  $R_\beta$  with  $\partial g_\beta(\beta_0)/\partial \beta' \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times d}$ , we can extend Theorem 3 to test nonlinear restrictions on  $\beta_0$ . On the other hand, we cannot apply the Delta method to nonlinear testing for  $\delta_0$ , i.e.,  $H_0^\delta : g_\delta(\delta_0) = r_\delta$ . This is because  $\partial g_\delta(\delta_T^*)/\partial \delta' \xrightarrow{p} \partial g_\delta(\delta_0)/\partial \delta'$  does not hold. Instead, we have that

$$g(\hat{\delta}) \Rightarrow g(\delta_0 + [\mathbb{S}'_{\Delta x} M_{\mathbb{S}_X} \mathbb{S}_{\Delta x}]^{-1} \mathbb{S}'_{\Delta x} M_{\mathbb{S}_X} \mathbb{S}_{0 \cdot x}) \quad (\text{B.10})$$

by the continuous mapping theorem. Other than relying on the Delta method, one can make use of a proper simulation-based or resampling method and directly compute a critical value from the nonstandard distribution implied by (B.10). Nevertheless, it is necessary to further investigate its feasibility, which involves the unknown nuisance parameters,  $\sigma_{0 \cdot x}^2$  and  $\Omega_{xx}$ , on the right-hand side of (B.10). This remains an interesting open question, and we leave it for future research.

### S.3 Construction of Confidence Interval for $c_0$ under Dependent Errors

We consider the following autoregressive model:

$$x_t = \mu_x + \rho x_{t-1} + u_{xt}, \quad (\text{B.11})$$

where  $x_t$  is a scalar time series,  $|\rho| \leq 1$ , and  $\mu_x = 0$ . The serial dependence of  $u_{xt}$  has important roles when we construct valid asymptotic confidence sets for  $\rho$ . Specifically, Elliott and Stock's (2001) approach requires a consistent estimation of the LRV,  $\Omega_{xx}$ , in their test statistic,  $P_T(0, \bar{c})$ . Additionally, as shown in our numerical results in Tables S.1 and S.2, the confidence interval (CI) constructed by the grid-bootstrap approach in Hansen (1999) is invalid when we ignore the serial dependence of  $u_{xt}$ . To address these issues, we first approximate the unknown dependence structure of  $u_{xt}$  by the following AR( $p_T$ ) process:

$$u_{xt} = b_1 u_{xt-1} + \dots + b_{p_T} u_{xt-p_T} + e_t, \quad (\text{B.12})$$

where  $e_t \stackrel{i.i.d.}{\sim} (0, \sigma_e^2)$ . Under suitable regular conditions, one can translate the true dependence (covariance) structure of weakly stationary process to an infinite order autoregressive (AR) process, e.g., den Haan and Levin (1998). Thus, we can justify the approximated process in (B.12) by assuming that the selected lag order grows to infinity as  $T \rightarrow \infty$  such that  $p_T^3/T = o(1)$  (Berk, 1974).

Using (B.12), we can reformulate (B.11) by the following (approximated) ADF equation:

$$\Delta x_t = \tau + (\varphi - 1)x_{t-1} + \sum_{i=1}^{p_T} \pi_i \Delta x_{t-i} + e_t, \quad (\text{B.13})$$

where  $\tau = \mu_x(1 - \sum_{i=1}^{p_T} b_i)$ ,  $\varphi := 1 + (\rho - 1)(1 - \sum_{i=1}^{p_T} b_i)$ , and  $\pi_i = b_i - (1 - \rho) \sum_{j=i}^{p_T} b_j$  for  $i = 1, \dots, p_T$ . Regarding the choice of  $p_T$ , one can apply the Bayesian information criterion (BIC) to the ADF equation in (B.13), e.g., Campbell and Yogo (2006). However, Ng and Perron (1995) and Lopez (1997) note that selection rules such as the BIC and Akaike information criterion (AIC) tend to select values of  $p_T$  that are generally too small for inferring the AR coefficient  $(\varphi - 1)$  in (B.13) with persistent data. To resolve this issue, Ng and Perron (2001) propose a modified AIC (MAIC) selection rule, which accounts for

the bias in the sum of the regression coefficient for the persistent regressor  $x_{t-1}$ . The MAIC rule is implemented as below:

$$p_T^* = \arg \min_k \left\{ \log(\hat{\sigma}_k^2) + \frac{2(\tau_T(k) + k)}{T - k_{\max}} \right\},$$

where

$$\hat{\sigma}_k^2 = \frac{\sum_{t=k_{\max}+1}^T \hat{e}_{tk}^2}{T - k_{\max}} \text{ and } \tau_T(k) = \frac{\hat{\lambda}^2}{\hat{\sigma}_k^2} \sum_{t=k_{\max}+1}^T x_{t-1}.$$

$\hat{\lambda}$  is the estimated value for the coefficient  $(\varphi - 1)$ , and the  $\hat{e}_{tk}$  is the residual of the following ADF regressions:

$$\Delta x_t = \tau + (\varphi - 1)x_{t-1} + \sum_{i=1}^k \psi_i \Delta x_{t-i} + e_{tk}.$$

## Modified grid-bootstrap method in Hansen (1999)

Given  $p_T^*$ , we can reformulate (B.11) by the following (approximated) augmented ADF equation:

$$x_t = \tau + \varphi x_{t-1} + \sum_{i=1}^{p_T^*} \pi_i \Delta x_{t-i} + e_t. \quad (\text{B.14})$$

Let  $\hat{\varphi}$  denote the estimate of  $\varphi$  from the OLS estimation of (B.14). Let  $\{\hat{e}_t\}$  be the OLS residuals in (B.14) and  $\text{s.e}(\hat{\varphi})$  be the least squares standard error for  $\hat{\varphi}$ . The corresponding t-statistic, under  $\varphi$ , is then defined by  $t(\hat{\varphi}; \varphi) = (\hat{\varphi} - \varphi)/\text{s.e}(\hat{\varphi})$ . Furthermore, given  $\varphi$ , we also compute  $\hat{\tau}(\varphi)$  and  $\hat{\pi}_i(\varphi)$  for  $i = 1, \dots, p_T^*$ , which represents the OLS estimates in the following restricted regression model:

$$x_t - \varphi x_{t-1} = \tau + \sum_{i=1}^{p_T^*} \pi_i \Delta x_{t-i} + e_t. \quad (\text{B.15})$$

Below, we propose an algorithm to compute the CI for the coefficient  $\varphi$  with a  $100 \cdot (1 - \eta)\%$  coverage rate using the grid-bootstrap approach in Hansen (1999).

Step 1: Given  $\varphi$  in the grid, generate bootstrapped residuals  $\{e_t^*\}_{t=1}^T$ . According to Mikusheva (2007), there are at least two ways to perform the nonparametric grid bootstrap. The first method is drawn from the empirical distribution of the residuals  $\{\hat{e}_t\}_{t=1}^T$  from (B.14). The second method is to draw from the centered residuals,  $\{\hat{e}_t(\varphi) - T^{-1} \sum_{t=1}^T \hat{e}_t(\varphi)\}_{t=1}^T$ , where  $\hat{e}_t(\varphi)$  is obtained by the OLS regression in (B.15), i.e.,

$$\hat{e}_t(\varphi) := x_t - \varphi x_{t-1} - \hat{\tau}(\varphi) - \sum_{i=1}^{p_T^*} \hat{\pi}_i(\varphi) \Delta x_{t-i}.$$

Our Monte Carlo analysis in Section 6 only reports the results using the first method, as the second method yields very similar outputs.

Step 2: Using  $\{e_t^*\}_{t=1}^T$ , generate the bootstrapped samples as follows:

$$x_t^* = \hat{\tau}(\varphi) + \theta x_{t-1}^* + \sum_{i=1}^{p_T^*} \hat{\pi}_i(\varphi) \Delta x_{t-i}^* + e_t^*$$

where  $(x_0^*, x_{-1}^*, \dots, x_{-p_T^*}^*)$  is set to be a zero vector, or  $(x_0, x_{-1}, \dots, x_{-p_T^*})$ .

Step 3: Using the bootstrapped samples, compute the bootstrapped t-statistic under  $\varphi$ :

$$t^*(\hat{\varphi}^*; \varphi) = \frac{\hat{\varphi}^* - \varphi}{\text{s.e}(\hat{\varphi}^*)},$$

where  $\hat{\varphi}^*$  is from the OLS estimation of (B.15) using bootstrapped samples  $\{x_t^*\}_{t=1}^T$ , and  $\text{s.e}(\hat{\varphi}^*)$  is the corresponding OLS standard error estimated from the bootstrapped samples. Given  $\varphi$  in the grid chosen in Step 1, repeat Steps 1–3,  $B$  times for some large number of  $B$ , say  $B = 200$ .

Step 4: Based on the  $B$  number of the bootstrapped t-statistic,  $t^*(\hat{\varphi}^*; \varphi)$ , compute the  $\eta/2$  and the  $(1 - \eta/2)$  quantiles of  $t^*(\varphi)$ , which are denoted  $q_T^*(\eta/2, \varphi)$  and  $q_T^*(1 - \eta/2, \varphi)$ , respectively.

Step 5: Repeat Steps 1–4 for different grid points of  $\varphi$ , and draw the estimated quantile curves of  $q_T^*(\eta/2, \varphi)$  and  $q_T^*(1 - \eta/2, \varphi)$  with respect to  $\varphi$ .

Step 6: Using the OLS estimate,  $\hat{\varphi}$ , based on the original sample  $\{x_t\}_{t=1}^T$ , construct the CI for the parameter  $\varphi$  as a set of values for which the corresponding hypothesis is not rejected at  $100\eta\%$ , i.e., .

$$S_{T,\varphi}(\eta) = \{\varphi : q_T^*(\eta/2, \varphi) \leq t(\hat{\varphi}; \varphi) \leq q_T^*(1 - \eta/2, \varphi)\}.$$

Step 7: After we construct the uniform confidence set of  $\varphi$ , we transform it to the CI for  $c_0$  as below:

$$S_T(\eta) = \left\{ c = T(1 - \rho) : \rho = 1 + \left( \frac{\varphi - 1}{1 - \sum_{i=1}^{p_T^*} \hat{b}_i} \right) \text{ such that } \varphi \in S_{T,\varphi}(\eta) \right\},$$

where  $\hat{b}_i$ s are estimated by the following OLS regression

$$\hat{u}_{xt} = b_1 \hat{u}_{xt-1} + \dots + b_{p_T^*} \hat{u}_{xt-p_T^*} + e_t$$

with  $\hat{u}_{xt} = (x_t - T^{-1} \sum_{t=1}^T x_t) - \hat{\rho}_{\text{ols}}(x_{t-1} - T^{-1} \sum_{t=1}^T x_t)$ .

## Inversion of efficient tests in Elliott and Stock (2001)

Considering (B.11) with  $\rho = 1 - c_0/T$ , a CI for the local-to-unity parameter  $c_0$ , proposed by Elliott and Stock (2001), builds on the idea of inverting asymptotically optimal Neyman-Pearson tests in the Gaussian autoregression model. Below, we describe a procedure to compute the CI of Elliott and Stock (2001) for  $c_0$  with a  $100(1 - \eta)\%$  coverage rate.

Step 1: Obtain a heteroskedasticity autocorrelation robust estimator of  $\Omega_{xx}$ , which is based on the approximated process in (B.14):

$$\hat{\Omega}_{xx} = \frac{\hat{\sigma}_e^2}{\left(1 - \sum_{i=1}^{p_T^*} \hat{b}_i\right)^2},$$

where  $\hat{\sigma}_e^2 = T^{-1} \sum_{t=1}^T \hat{e}_t$  and  $\hat{e}_t = \hat{u}_{xt} - (\hat{b}_1 \hat{u}_{xt-1} + \dots + \hat{b}_{p_T^*} \hat{u}_{xt-p_T^*})$ . Note that one can also estimate  $\hat{\Omega}_{xx}$  by the nonparametric kernel type HAC estimation, e.g., Newey and West (1987), using an optimal bandwidth rule suggested by Andrews (1991).

Step 2: Following Elliott and Stock (2001, pp161), choose  $\bar{c} = 13.5$  with  $\bar{\rho} = 1 - \bar{c}/T$ , and construct the following test statistics:

$$P_T(0, \bar{c}) := \frac{1}{\hat{\Omega}_{xx}} \left[ \sum_{t=1}^T (u_{\text{GLS},t}(\bar{\rho}))^2 - \bar{\rho} \sum_{t=1}^T (u_{\text{GLS},t}(1))^2 \right],$$

where  $u_{\text{GLS},t}(\rho) = x_t(\rho) - z_t(\rho)' \beta(\rho)$  for  $t = 1, \dots, T$ , and

$$\beta(\rho) = (Z'(\rho)Z(\rho))^{-1}Z'(\rho)X(\rho);$$

$$Z(\rho) = \begin{bmatrix} z_1(\rho) \\ z_2(\rho) \\ \vdots \\ z_T(\rho) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 - \rho \\ \vdots \\ 1 - \rho \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad X(\rho) = \begin{bmatrix} x_1(\rho) \\ x_2(\rho) \\ \vdots \\ x_T(\rho) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 - \rho x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_T - \rho x_{T-1} \end{bmatrix}.$$

Step 3: Let  $W(\cdot)$  be a standard Wiener process and  $J_c(\cdot)$  be OU-process  $J_c(r) = \int_0^r \exp(-c(r-s))dW(s)$ . Given  $c$  in the grid, we obtain the following two quantities:

$$\begin{aligned} p(c, \epsilon_1) &: \epsilon_1 \text{ quantile of } P(c, \bar{c}); \\ p(c, 1 - \epsilon_2) &: 1 - \epsilon_2 \text{ quantile of } P(c, \bar{c}), \end{aligned}$$

where  $\eta = \epsilon_1 + \epsilon_2$ , and

$$P(c, \bar{c}) = \bar{c}^2 \int_0^1 (J_c(s))^2 ds + \bar{c} J_c^2(1).$$

For  $\eta = 0.10$ , we choose  $\epsilon_1 = 0.06$  and  $\epsilon_2 = 0.04$ , which are suggested in Elliott and Stock (2001). To simulate  $p(c, \epsilon_1)$  and  $p(c, 1 - \epsilon_2)$ , we draw the random variable,  $\hat{P}_{B_1}(c, \bar{c})$ ,  $B_2$  times:

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{P}_{B_1}(c, \bar{c}) &:= \frac{\bar{c}^2}{B_1} \sum_{b=1}^{B_1} \left( \hat{J}_c \left( \frac{b}{B_1} \right) \right)^2 + \bar{c} \left( \hat{J}_c(1) \right)^2, \\ \hat{J}_c \left( \frac{s}{B_1} \right) &:= \frac{1}{\sqrt{B_1}} \sum_{b=1}^s \exp \left( c \left( \frac{s-b}{B_1} \right) \right) e_b, \end{aligned}$$

where  $e_b \stackrel{i.i.d}{\sim} N(0, 1)$ , and  $B_1$  and  $B_2$  are large numbers, say,  $B_1 = 500$  and  $B_2 = 5000$ . Then,  $p(c, \epsilon_1)$  and  $p(c, 1 - \epsilon_2)$  can be obtained by the  $\epsilon_1$  and  $(1 - \epsilon_2)$  quantiles of  $\hat{P}_{B_1}(c, \bar{c})$ , respectively.

Step 4: Construct the CI for parameter  $c$ ,  $S_T(\eta)$ , which is a set of values for which the corresponding hypothesis,  $H_0 : \rho = 1 - c/T$ , is not rejected at  $100\eta\%$ , i.e.,

$$S_T(\eta) = \{c : p(c, \epsilon_1) \leq P_T(0, \bar{c}) \leq p(c, 1 - \epsilon_2)\}.$$

Note that the above definition allows the possibility of disconnected sets. In this case, we use a conservative CI that can be defined as the convex hull of  $S_T(\eta)$ .

## S.4 Computation of Bonferroni Intervals

Recall that the upper and lower bounds of the Bonferroni CI in (40) are the maximum and minimum of



$$r_{\beta,l}^{1-\alpha/2}(c) = R_{\beta}\hat{\beta} - \frac{1}{T} \left( cR_{\beta}\hat{\delta} + \sqrt{\hat{\sigma}_{0,x}^2 D(c)} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{K}{K-2d}} \cdot t_{K-2d}^{1-\alpha/2} \right), \quad (\text{B.16})$$

and

$$r_{\beta,h}^{1-\alpha/2}(c) = R_{\beta}\hat{\beta} - \frac{1}{T} \left( cR_{\beta}\hat{\delta} - \sqrt{\hat{\sigma}_{0,x}^2 D(c)} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{K}{K-2d}} \cdot t_{K-2d}^{1-\alpha/2} \right), \quad (\text{B.17})$$

respectively, where

$$\begin{aligned} D(c) &= \Gamma_{c_0} [\Upsilon_T^{-1} \mathbb{W}'_X \mathbb{W}_X \Upsilon_T^{-1}]^{-1} \Gamma'_{c_0} \\ &= R_{\beta} \left[ \Lambda_1(c) (\mathbb{W}'_x M_{\Delta x} \mathbb{W}_x)^{-1} + \Lambda_2(c) (\mathbb{W}'_{\Delta x} M_x \mathbb{W}_{\Delta x})^{-1} \right] R'_{\beta}, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \Lambda_1(c) &= T^2 (I_d + cT^{-1} [\mathbb{W}'_{\Delta x} \mathbb{W}_{\Delta x}]^{-1} \mathbb{W}'_{\Delta x} \mathbb{W}_x), \\ \Lambda_2(c) &= c^2 I_d + cT [\mathbb{W}'_x \mathbb{W}_x]^{-1} \mathbb{W}'_x \mathbb{W}_{\Delta x}. \end{aligned}$$

Let  $\underline{c}$  and  $\bar{c}$  denote the minimum and maximum values of  $S_T(\eta)$ , respectively. Below, we characterize the conditions that guarantee that  $r_{\beta,l}^{1-\alpha/2}(c)$  ( $r_{\beta,h}^{1-\alpha/2}(c)$ ) is monotone in  $c$ .

i) When  $R_{\beta}\hat{\delta} \geq 0$ ,  $(\mathbb{W}'_{\Delta x} \mathbb{W}_{\Delta x}^{-1}) \mathbb{W}'_{\Delta x} \mathbb{W}_x \geq 0$ , and  $[\mathbb{W}'_x \mathbb{W}_x]^{-1} \mathbb{W}'_x \mathbb{W}_{\Delta x} \geq 0$ :

Both  $cR_{\beta}\hat{\delta}$  and  $\sqrt{D(c)}$  in (B.16) are increasing in  $c$  for  $c \geq 0$ , so  $r_{\beta,l}^{1-\alpha/2}(c)$  is decreasing in  $c \geq 0$ . This leads us to compute the lower bound of the Bonferroni CI as follows:

$$\min_{c \in S_T(\eta)} r_{\beta,l}^{1-\alpha/2}(c) = r_{\beta,l}^{1-\alpha/2}(\underline{c}).$$

ii) When  $R_{\beta}\hat{\delta} \leq 0$ ,  $(\mathbb{W}'_{\Delta x} \mathbb{W}_{\Delta x}^{-1}) \mathbb{W}'_{\Delta x} \mathbb{W}_x \geq 0$ , and  $[\mathbb{W}'_x \mathbb{W}_x]^{-1} \mathbb{W}'_x \mathbb{W}_{\Delta x} \geq 0$ :

Both  $cR_{\beta}\hat{\delta}$  and  $-\sqrt{D(c)}$  in (B.17) are decreasing in  $c$  for  $c \geq 0$ , so  $r_{\beta,h}^{1-\alpha/2}(c)$  is increasing in  $c \geq 0$ . This leads us to compute the upper bound of the Bonferroni CI as follows:

$$\max_{c \in S_T(\eta)} r_{\beta,h}^{1-\alpha/2}(c) = r_{\beta,h}^{1-\alpha/2}(\bar{c}).$$

## S.5 Tables and Figures

Table S.1: Empirical coverage rates and averaged estimates of 90% CIs for autoregressive parameter  $\rho \in \{0.975, 0.950, 0.90\}$  using various methods with  $T = 200$ , AR(1) error, and  $\psi \in \{0.00, 0.25, 0.50, 0.75\}$ .

AR(1) process for autoregressive error:						
$\rho_T = 0.975$ with $c_0 = 5$ and $T = 200$						
	Hansen (1999)		Modified Hansen (1999)		Elliott and Stock (2001)	
$\psi$	Coverage	Averaged CI	Coverage	Averaged CI	Coverage	Averaged CI
0.00	0.898	[0.930, 0.997]	0.892	[0.926, 0.997]	0.896	[0.932, 0.994]
0.25	0.777	[0.957, 1.000]	0.891	[0.928, 0.997]	0.906	[0.934, 0.995]
0.50	0.413	[0.977, 1.000]	0.891	[0.929, 0.997]	0.897	[0.933, 0.994]
0.75	0.066	[0.991, 1.000]	0.883	[0.931, 0.997]	0.895	[0.934, 0.994]
$\rho_T = 0.950$ with $c_0 = 10$ and $T = 200$						
	Hansen (1999)		Modified Hansen (1999)		Elliott and Stock (2001)	
$\psi$	Coverage	Averaged CI	Coverage	Averaged CI	Coverage	Averaged CI
0.00	0.896	[0.899, 0.990]	0.878	[0.895, 0.990]	0.855	[0.904, 0.985]
0.25	0.674	[0.937, 0.999]	0.875	[0.898, 0.990]	0.852	[0.907, 0.987]
0.50	0.191	[0.965, 1.000]	0.866	[0.902, 0.991]	0.852	[0.907, 0.986]
0.75	0.004	[0.986, 1.000]	0.841	[0.907, 0.992]	0.837	[0.909, 0.987]
$\rho_T = 0.90$ with $c_0 = 20$ and $T = 200$						
	Hansen (1999)		Modified Hansen (1999)		Elliott and Stock (2001)	
$\psi$	Coverage	Averaged CI	Coverage	Averaged CI	Coverage	Averaged CI
0.00	0.896	[0.839, 0.957]	0.856	[0.832, 0.958]	0.747	[0.854, 0.961]
0.25	0.515	[0.896, 0.992]	0.846	[0.842, 0.962]	0.727	[0.861, 0.966]
0.50	0.041	[0.939, 1.000]	0.817	[0.852, 0.967]	0.707	[0.866, 0.967]
0.75	0.000	[0.974, 1.000]	0.720	[0.869, 0.977]	0.651	[0.875, 0.972]

Table S.2: Empirical coverage rates and averaged estimates of 90% CIs for autoregressive parameter  $\rho \in \{0.975, 0.950, 0.90\}$  using various methods with  $T = 200$ , MA(1) error, and  $\psi \in \{0.00, 0.25, 0.50, 0.75\}$ .

MA(1) process for autoregressive error:						
$\rho_T = 0.975$ with $c_0 = 5$ and $T = 200$						
	Hansen (1999)		Modified Hansen (1999)		Elliott and Stock (2001)	
$\psi$	Coverage	Averaged CI	Coverage	Averaged CI	Coverage	Averaged CI
0.00	0.898	[0.930, 0.997]	0.892	[0.926, 0.997]	0.896	[0.932, 0.994]
0.25	0.832	[0.952, 1.000]	0.889	[0.926, 0.996]	0.903	[0.932, 0.994]
0.50	0.734	[0.961, 1.000]	0.886	[0.929, 0.997]	0.895	[0.936, 0.995]
0.75	0.678	[0.964, 1.000]	0.880	[0.934, 0.998]	0.904	[0.941, 0.997]
$\rho_T = 0.95$ with $c_0 = 10$ and $T = 200$						
	Hansen (1999)		Modified Hansen (1999)		Elliott and Stock (2001)	
$\psi$	Coverage	Averaged CI	Coverage	Averaged CI	Coverage	Averaged CI
0.00	0.896	[0.899, 0.990]	0.878	[0.895, 0.990]	0.855	[0.904, 0.985]
0.25	0.762	[0.929, 0.998]	0.871	[0.895, 0.989]	0.850	[0.905, 0.986]
0.50	0.600	[0.942, 1.000]	0.864	[0.900, 0.991]	0.837	[0.911, 0.988]
0.75	0.519	[0.947, 1.000]	0.839	[0.908, 0.994]	0.797	[0.921, 0.992]
$\rho_T = 0.90$ with $c_0 = 20$ and $T = 200$						
	Hansen (1999)		Modified Hansen (1999)		Elliott and Stock (2001)	
$\psi$	Coverage	Averaged CI	Coverage	Averaged CI	Coverage	Averaged CI
0.00	0.896	[0.839, 0.957]	0.856	[0.832, 0.958]	0.747	[0.854, 0.961]
0.25	0.655	[0.885, 0.987]	0.842	[0.836, 0.958]	0.736	[0.857, 0.964]
0.50	0.395	[0.905, 0.995]	0.813	[0.847, 0.966]	0.669	[0.874, 0.971]
0.75	0.285	[0.913, 0.997]	0.757	[0.861, 0.976]	0.531	[0.891, 0.980]

Table S.3: Empirical size of 5% various TA-OLS methods with  $T = 200$ ,  $K = 8$  and AR(1) error with  $\psi = 0.75$  with a single regressor.

$H_0 : \beta_1 = 1$ with $c_0 = 0$ , $\psi = 0.75$ , and $K = 8$						
$r^2$	TAOLS	M-TAOLS (Infeasible)	Bonf-M-TAOLS			IVX
			(Hansen)	(M-Hansen)	(ES)	
0	0.055	0.055	0.228	0.036	0.056	0.074
0.25	0.055	0.055	0.226	0.042	0.058	0.052
0.50	0.054	0.054	0.226	0.042	0.058	0.031
0.75	0.054	0.054	0.236	0.044	0.058	0.014
$H_0 : \beta_1 = 1$ with $c_0 = 5$ , $\psi = 0.75$ , and $K = 8$						
$r^2$	TAOLS	M-TAOLS (Infeasible)	Bonf-M-TAOLS			IVX
			(Hansen)	(M-Hansen)	(ES)	
0	0.057	0.055	0.148	0.026	0.027	0.094
0.25	0.092	0.055	0.162	0.020	0.022	0.077
0.50	0.172	0.056	0.200	0.016	0.017	0.051
0.75	0.370	0.055	0.300	0.014	0.013	0.029
$H_0 : \beta_1 = 1$ with $c_0 = 10$ , $\psi = 0.75$ , and $K = 8$						
$r^2$	TAOLS	M-TAOLS (Infeasible)	Bonf-M-TAOLS			IVX
			(Hansen)	(M-Hansen)	(ES)	
0	0.057	0.054	0.085	0.022	0.027	0.101
0.25	0.143	0.055	0.135	0.020	0.025	0.104
0.50	0.301	0.056	0.234	0.019	0.021	0.105
0.75	0.637	0.054	0.454	0.021	0.022	0.106
$H_0 : \beta_1 = 1$ with $c_0 = 20$ , $\psi = 0.75$ , and $K = 8$						
$r^2$	TAOLS	M-TAOLS (Infeasible)	Bonf-M-TAOLS			IVX
			(Hansen)	(M-Hansen)	(ES)	
0	0.057	0.050	0.046	0.023	0.029	0.104
0.25	0.202	0.052	0.136	0.028	0.032	0.179
0.50	0.458	0.053	0.297	0.032	0.037	0.280
0.75	0.825	0.056	0.592	0.045	0.061	0.409

Table S.4: Empirical size of 5% various TA-OLS methods with  $T = 200$ ,  $K = 16$  and AR(1) error with  $\psi = 0.50$  with a single regressor.

$H_0 : \beta_1 = 1$ with $c_0 = 0$ , $\psi = 0.50$ , and $K = 16$						
$r^2$	TAOLS	M-TAOLS (Infeasible)	Bonf-M-TAOLS			IVX
			(Hansen)	(M-Hansen)	(ES)	
0	0.054	0.054	0.134	0.040	0.049	0.063
0.25	0.053	0.053	0.129	0.045	0.049	0.045
0.50	0.053	0.053	0.126	0.043	0.049	0.029
0.75	0.055	0.055	0.130	0.048	0.050	0.016
$H_0 : \beta_1 = 1$ with $c_0 = 5$ , $\psi = 0.50$ , and $K = 16$						
$r^2$	TAOLS	M-TAOLS (Infeasible)	Bonf-M-TAOLS			IVX
			(Hansen)	(M-Hansen)	(ES)	
0	0.054	0.055	0.064	0.028	0.031	0.085
0.25	0.101	0.051	0.064	0.016	0.018	0.066
0.50	0.209	0.052	0.086	0.014	0.013	0.048
0.75	0.467	0.052	0.149	0.017	0.014	0.033
$H_0 : \beta_1 = 1$ with $c_0 = 10$ , $\psi = 0.50$ , and $K = 16$						
$r^2$	TAOLS	M-TAOLS (Infeasible)	Bonf-M-TAOLS			IVX
			(Hansen)	(M-Hansen)	(ES)	
0	0.055	0.053	0.040	0.024	0.028	0.093
0.25	0.173	0.050	0.069	0.017	0.019	0.083
0.50	0.406	0.051	0.127	0.015	0.016	0.080
0.75	0.788	0.053	0.260	0.018	0.022	0.075
$H_0 : \beta_1 = 1$ with $c_0 = 20$ , $\psi = 0.50$ , and $K = 16$						
$r^2$	TAOLS	M-TAOLS (Infeasible)	Bonf-M-TAOLS			IVX
			(Hansen)	(M-Hansen)	(ES)	
0	0.056	0.050	0.032	0.025	0.028	0.104
0.25	0.296	0.049	0.091	0.020	0.029	0.142
0.50	0.656	0.051	0.202	0.022	0.038	0.191
0.75	0.956	0.058	0.420	0.032	0.072	0.247

Table S.5: Empirical size of 5% various TA-OLS methods with  $T = 200$ ,  $K = 24$  and AR(1) error with  $\psi = 0.25$  with a single regressor.

$H_0 : \beta_1 = 1$ with $c_0 = 0$ , $\psi = 0.25$ , and $K = 24$						
$r^2$	TAOLS	M-TAOLS (Infeasible)	Bonf-M-TAOLS			IVX
			(Hansen)	(M-Hansen)	(ES)	
0	0.052	0.052	0.075	0.043	0.047	0.052
0.25	0.053	0.053	0.072	0.046	0.046	0.038
0.50	0.052	0.052	0.071	0.042	0.045	0.030
0.75	0.051	0.051	0.071	0.049	0.046	0.019
$H_0 : \beta_1 = 1$ with $c_0 = 5$ , $\psi = 0.25$ , and $K = 24$						
$r^2$	TAOLS	M-TAOLS (Infeasible)	Bonf-M-TAOLS			IVX
			(Hansen)	(M-Hansen)	(ES)	
0	0.053	0.053	0.040	0.028	0.030	0.074
0.25	0.100	0.049	0.028	0.015	0.017	0.056
0.50	0.217	0.050	0.030	0.012	0.014	0.046
0.75	0.493	0.052	0.050	0.018	0.015	0.035
$H_0 : \beta_1 = 1$ with $c_0 = 10$ , $\psi = 0.25$ , and $K = 24$						
$r^2$	TAOLS	M-TAOLS (Infeasible)	Bonf-M-TAOLS			IVX
			(Hansen)	(M-Hansen)	(ES)	
0	0.054	0.051	0.032	0.025	0.028	0.081
0.25	0.183	0.050	0.029	0.014	0.018	0.073
0.50	0.435	0.052	0.041	0.012	0.016	0.072
0.75	0.828	0.054	0.075	0.020	0.022	0.066
$H_0 : \beta_1 = 1$ with $c_0 = 20$ , $\psi = 0.25$ , and $K = 24$						
$r^2$	TAOLS	M-TAOLS (Infeasible)	Bonf-M-TAOLS			IVX
			(Hansen)	(M-Hansen)	(ES)	
0	0.053	0.049	0.028	0.026	0.029	0.091
0.25	0.333	0.051	0.042	0.018	0.030	0.129
0.50	0.722	0.055	0.065	0.018	0.038	0.170
0.75	0.975	0.065	0.128	0.027	0.071	0.215

Table S.6: Empirical size of 5% various TA-OLS methods with  $T = 200$ ,  $K = 8, 16, 24$  and AR(1) error with  $\psi \in \{0.75, 0.50, 0.25\}$  with two regressors.

$H_0 : \beta_1 = \beta_2$ with $(c_{0,1}, c_{0,2}) = (20, 0)$ , $\psi = 0.75$ and $K = 8$						
$r^2$	TAOLS	M-TAOLS (Infeasible)	Bonf-M-TAOLS			IVX
			(Hansen)	(M-Hansen)	(ES)	
0	0.042	0.045	0.177	0.016	0.026	0.100
0.25	0.074	0.049	0.178	0.022	0.035	0.167
0.50	0.092	0.048	0.184	0.023	0.032	0.279
0.75	0.118	0.049	0.198	0.019	0.028	0.494
$H_0 : \beta_1 = \beta_2$ with $(c_{0,1}, c_{0,2}) = (20, 0)$ , $\psi = 0.50$ and $K = 16$						
$r^2$	TAOLS	M-TAOLS (Infeasible)	Bonf-M-TAOLS			IVX
			(Hansen)	(M-Hansen)	(ES)	
0	0.053	0.052	0.086	0.023	0.029	0.098
0.25	0.100	0.049	0.097	0.020	0.029	0.130
0.50	0.154	0.047	0.103	0.019	0.025	0.183
0.75	0.253	0.058	0.132	0.019	0.030	0.313
$H_0 : \beta_1 = \beta_2$ with $(c_{0,1}, c_{0,2}) = (20, 0)$ , $\psi = 0.25$ and $K = 24$						
$r^2$	TAOLS	M-TAOLS (Infeasible)	Bonf-M-TAOLS			IVX
			(Hansen)	(M-Hansen)	(ES)	
0	0.047	0.051	0.040	0.024	0.030	0.074
0.25	0.107	0.056	0.044	0.023	0.029	0.096
0.50	0.191	0.052	0.048	0.018	0.025	0.154
0.75	0.311	0.060	0.056	0.015	0.029	0.264

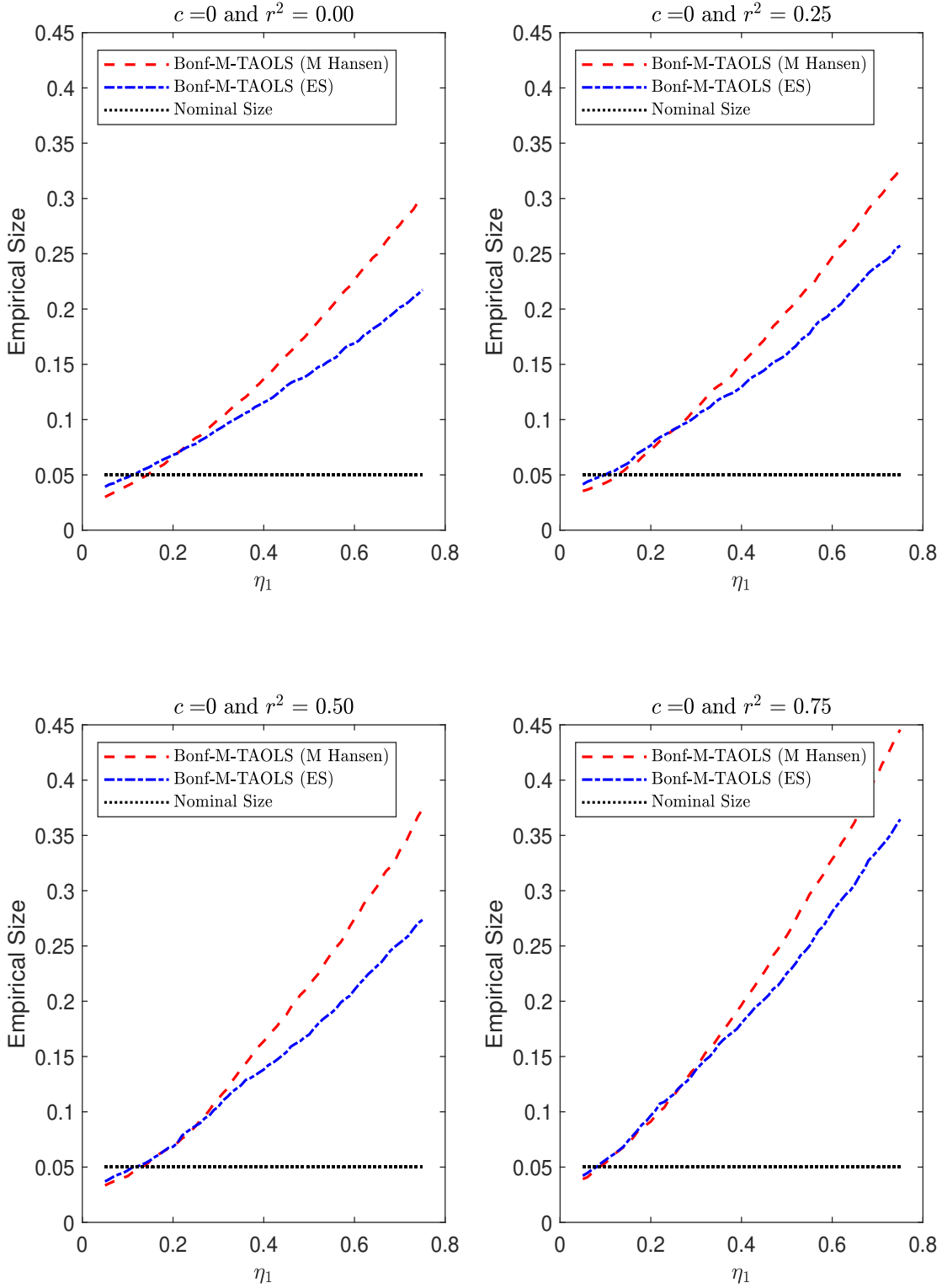


Figure S.1: Empirical sizes of Bonf M TAOLS (M Hansen) and Bonf M TAOLS (ES) for different values of tuning parameters  $\eta_1$  and  $\eta_2 = 0.05$  when  $c_0 = 0$ , where the DGP is (43) with  $\psi = 0.50$ ,  $T = 200$ , and  $r^2 \in \{0.00, 0.25, 0.50, 0.75\}$ . The number of simulation replications is 5,000.



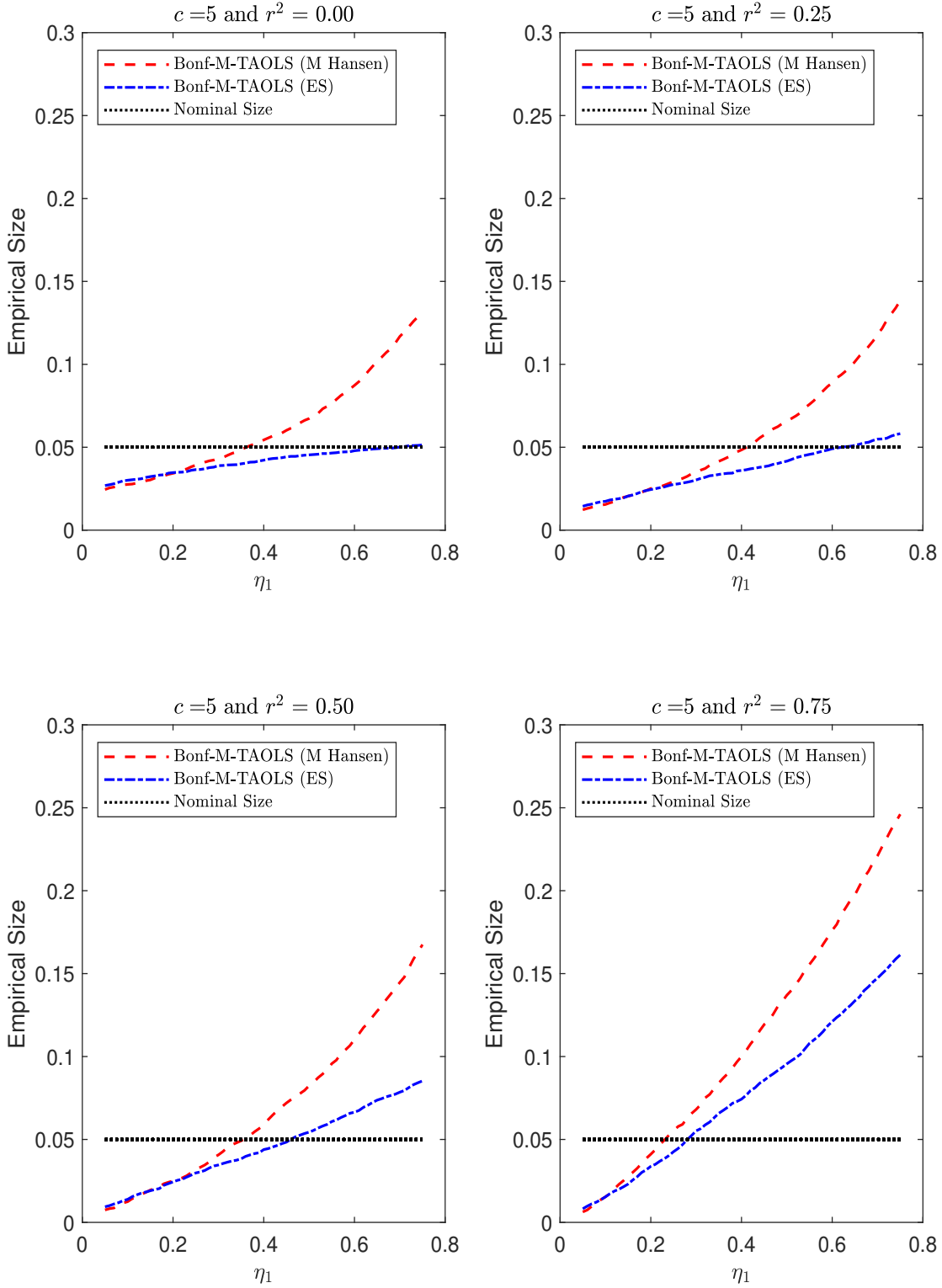


Figure S.2: Empirical sizes of Bonf M TAOLS (M Hansen) and Bonf M TAOLS (ES) for different values of tuning parameters  $\eta_1$  and  $\eta_2 = 0.05$  when  $c_0 = 5$ , where the DGP is (43) with  $\psi = 0.50$ ,  $T = 200$ , and  $r^2 \in \{0.00, 0.25, 0.50, 0.75\}$ . The number of simulation replications is 5,000.

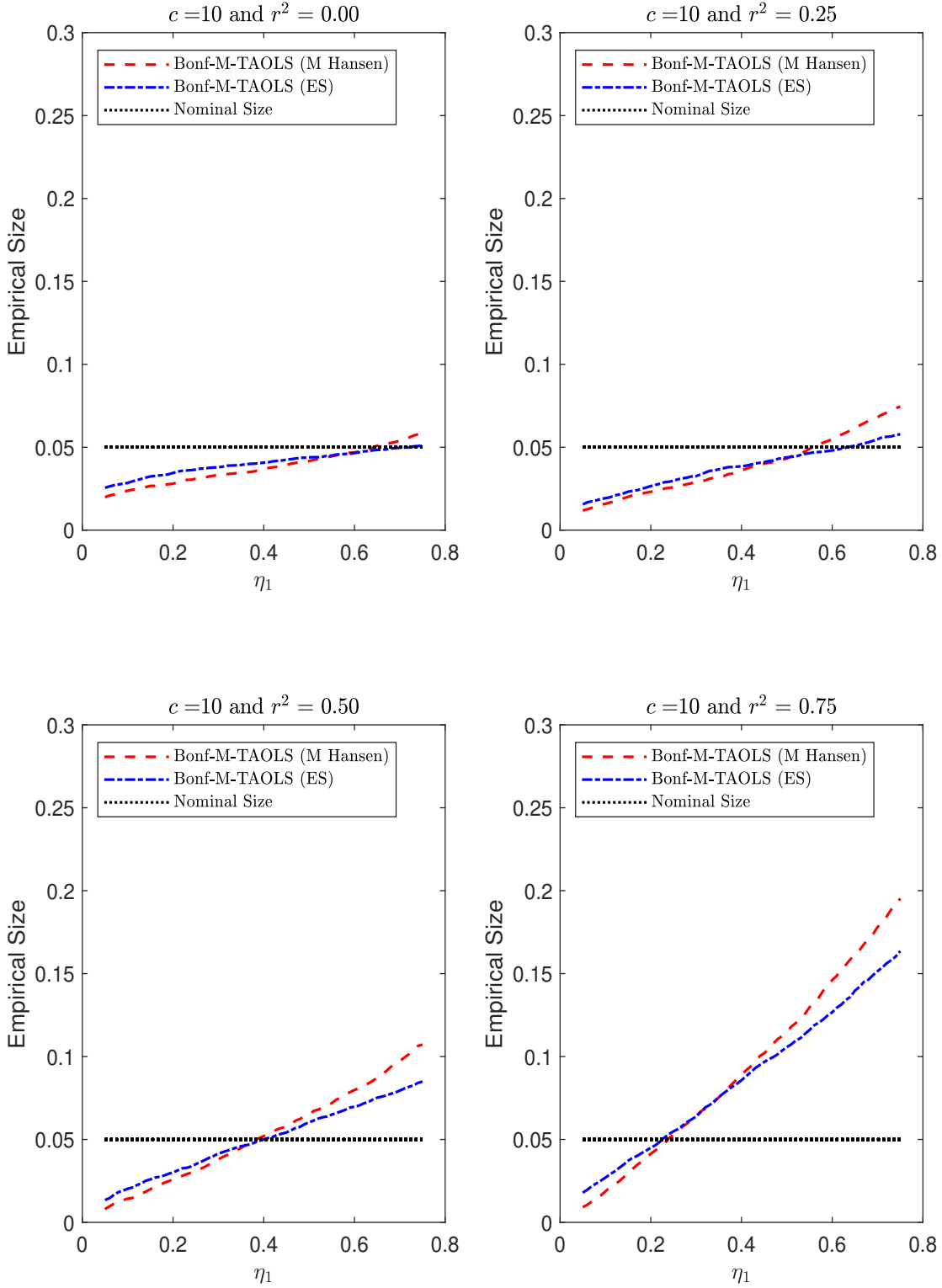


Figure S.3: Empirical sizes of Bonf M TAOLS (M Hansen) and Bonf M TAOLS (ES) for different values of tuning parameters  $\eta_1$  and  $\eta_2 = 0.05$  when  $c_0 = 10$ , where the DGP is (43) with  $\psi = 0.50$ ,  $T = 200$ , and  $r^2 \in \{0.00, 0.25, 0.50, 0.75\}$ . The number of simulation replications is 5,000.

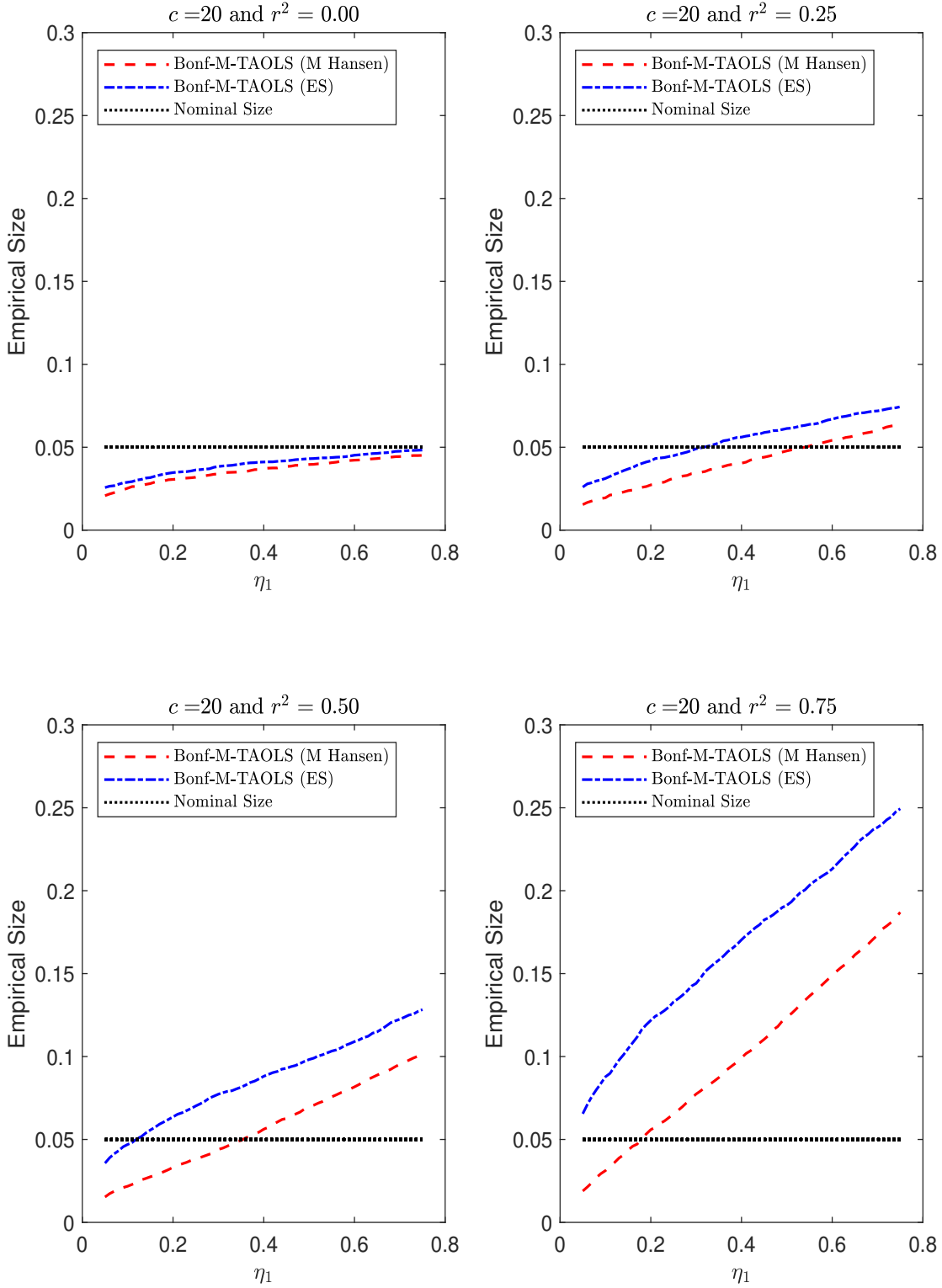


Figure S.4: Empirical sizes of Bonf M TAOLS (M Hansen) and Bonf M TAOLS (ES) for different values of tuning parameters  $\eta_1$  and  $\eta_2 = 0.05$  when  $c_0 = 20$ , where the DGP is (43) with  $\psi = 0.50$ ,  $T = 200$ , and  $r^2 \in \{0.00, 0.25, 0.50, 0.75\}$ . The number of simulation replications is 5,000.

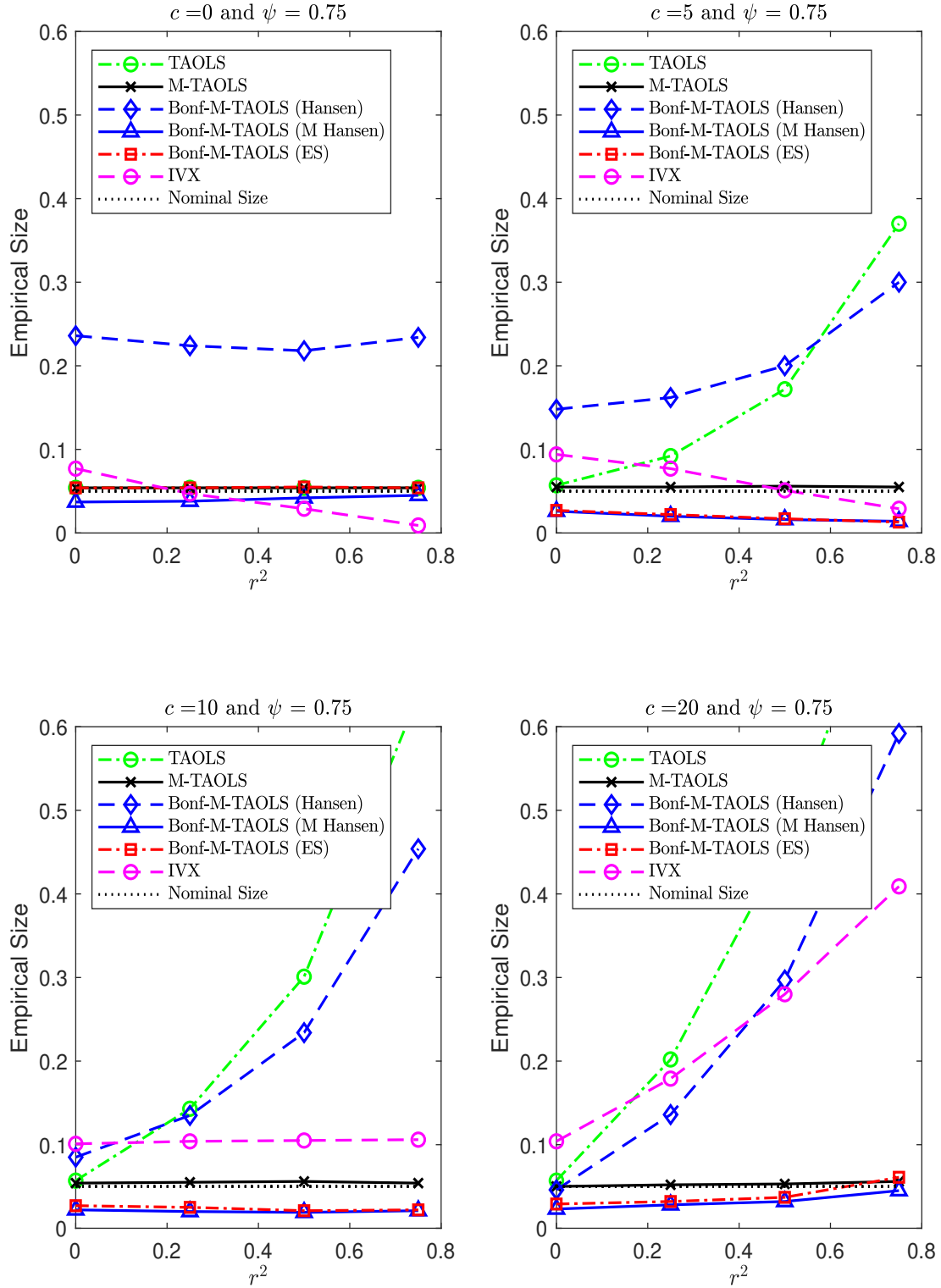


Figure S.5: Empirical sizes of TAOLS, M-TAOLS, Bonf-M-TAOLS (Hansen), Bonf-M-TAOLS (Hansen), Bonf-M-TAOLS (M-Hansen), Bonf-M-TAOLS (ES), and IVX with a single regressor,  $K = 8$ , and  $\psi = 0.75$ .

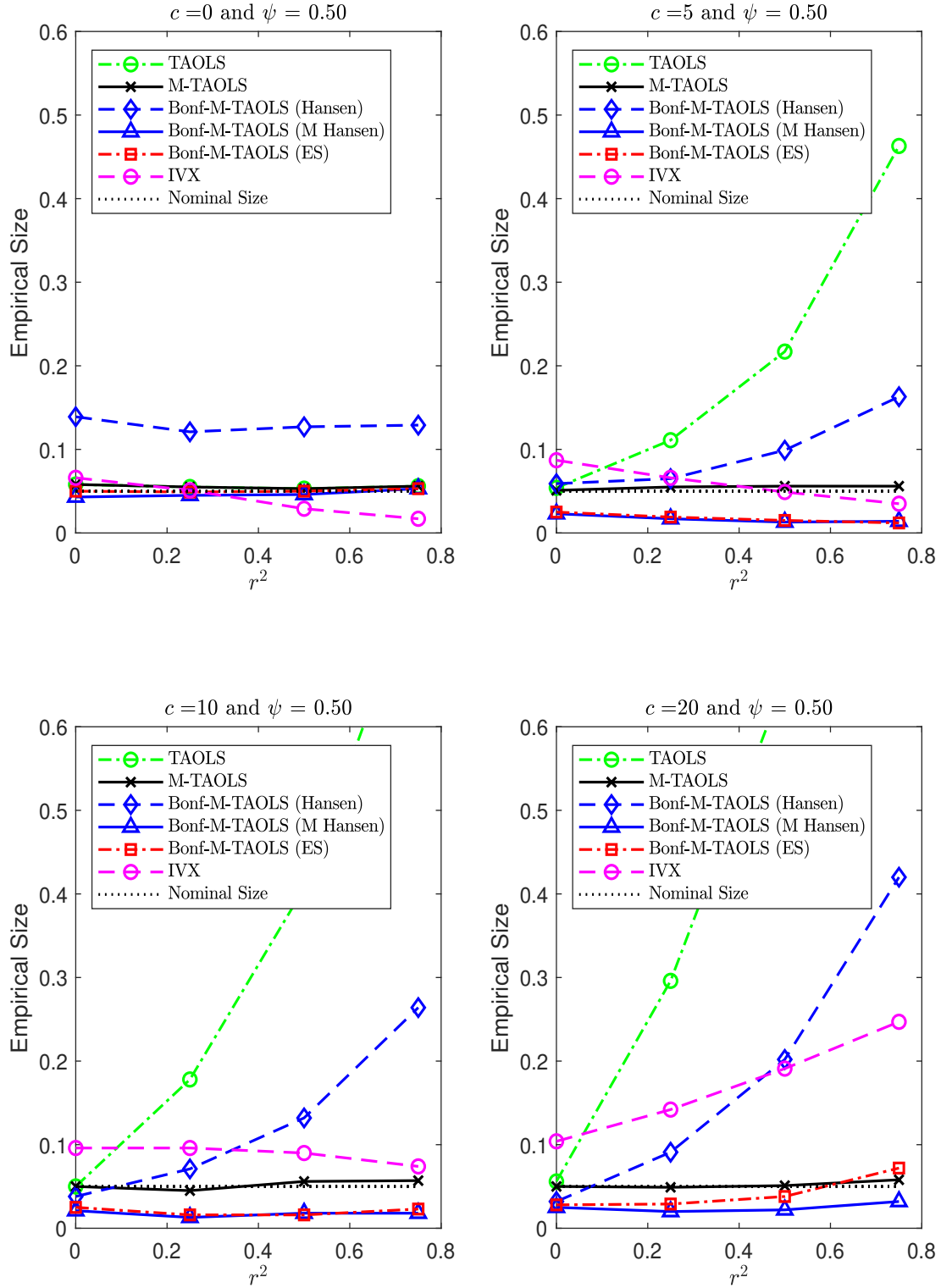


Figure S.6: Empirical sizes of TAOLS, M-TAOLS, Bonf-M-TAOLS (Hansen), Bonf-M-TAOLS (Hansen), Bonf-M-TAOLS (M-Hansen), Bonf-M-TAOLS (ES), and IVX with a single regressor,  $K = 16$ , and  $\psi = 0.50$ .

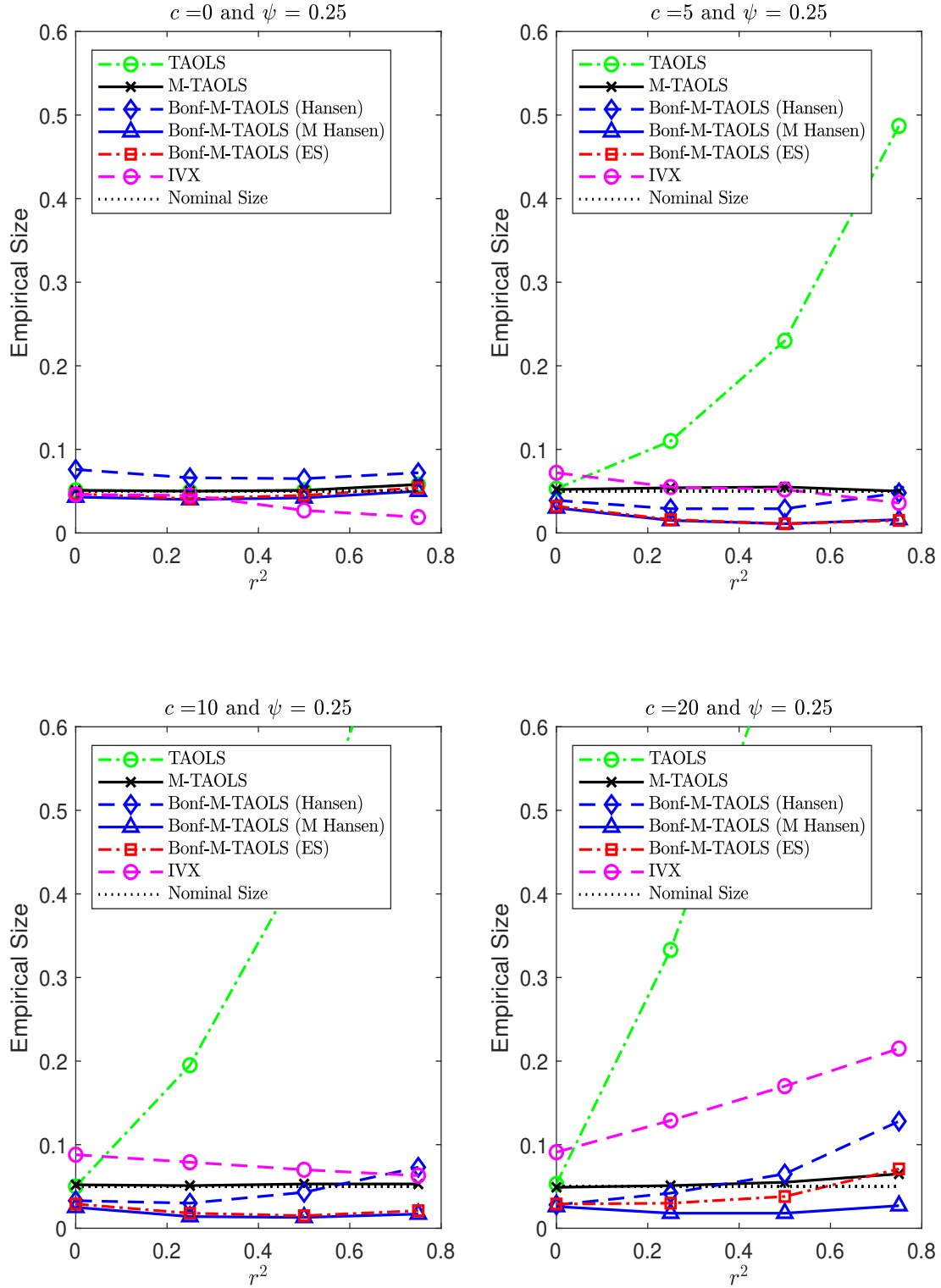


Figure S.7: Empirical sizes of TAOLS, M-TAOLS, Bonf-M-TAOLS (Hansen), Bonf-M-TAOLS (Hansen), Bonf-M-TAOLS (M-Hansen), Bonf-M-TAOLS (ES), and IVX with a single regressor,  $K = 24$ , and  $\psi = 0.25$ .

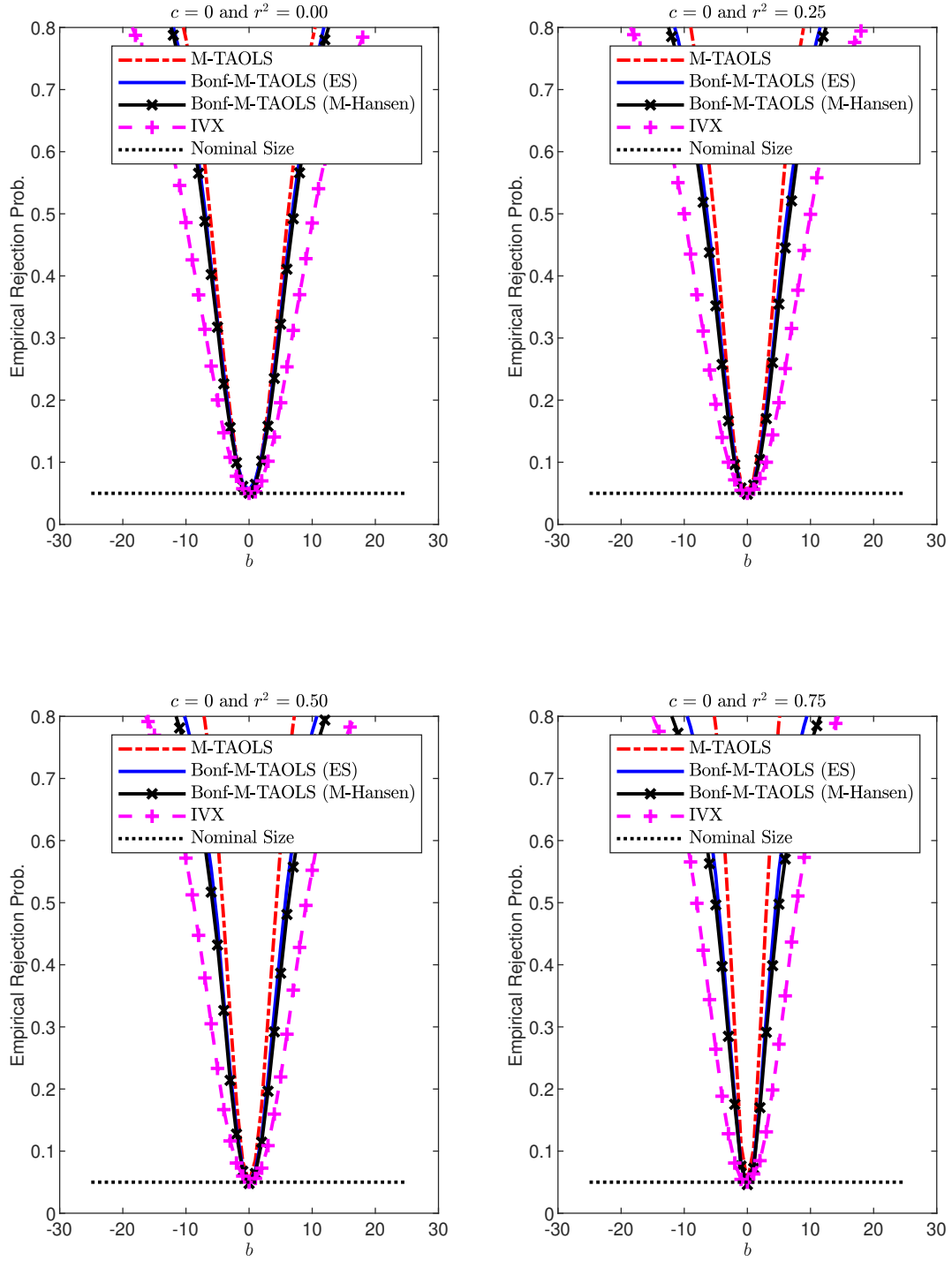


Figure S.8: Finite sample size-adjusted power curves of M-TAOLS (infeasible), Bonf-M-TAOLS (M-Hansen), Bonf-M-TAOLS (ES), and IVX with  $K = 16$ ,  $\psi = 0.50$ , and  $c_0 = 0$ .

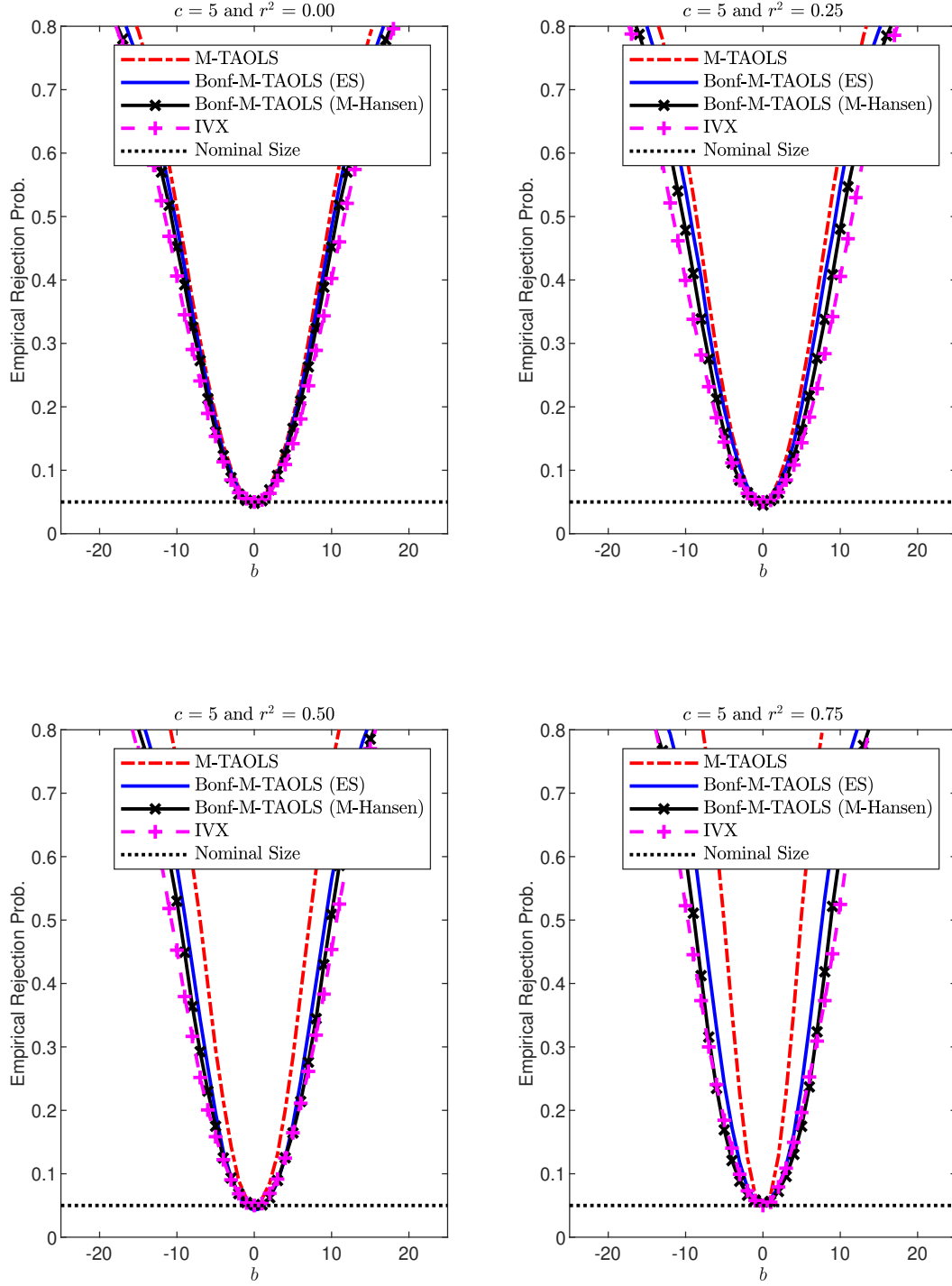


Figure S.9: Finite sample size-adjusted power curves of M-TAOLS (infeasible), Bonf-M-TAOLS (M-Hansen), Bonf-M-TAOLS (ES), and IVX with  $K = 16$ ,  $\psi = 0.50$ , and  $c_0 = 5$ .



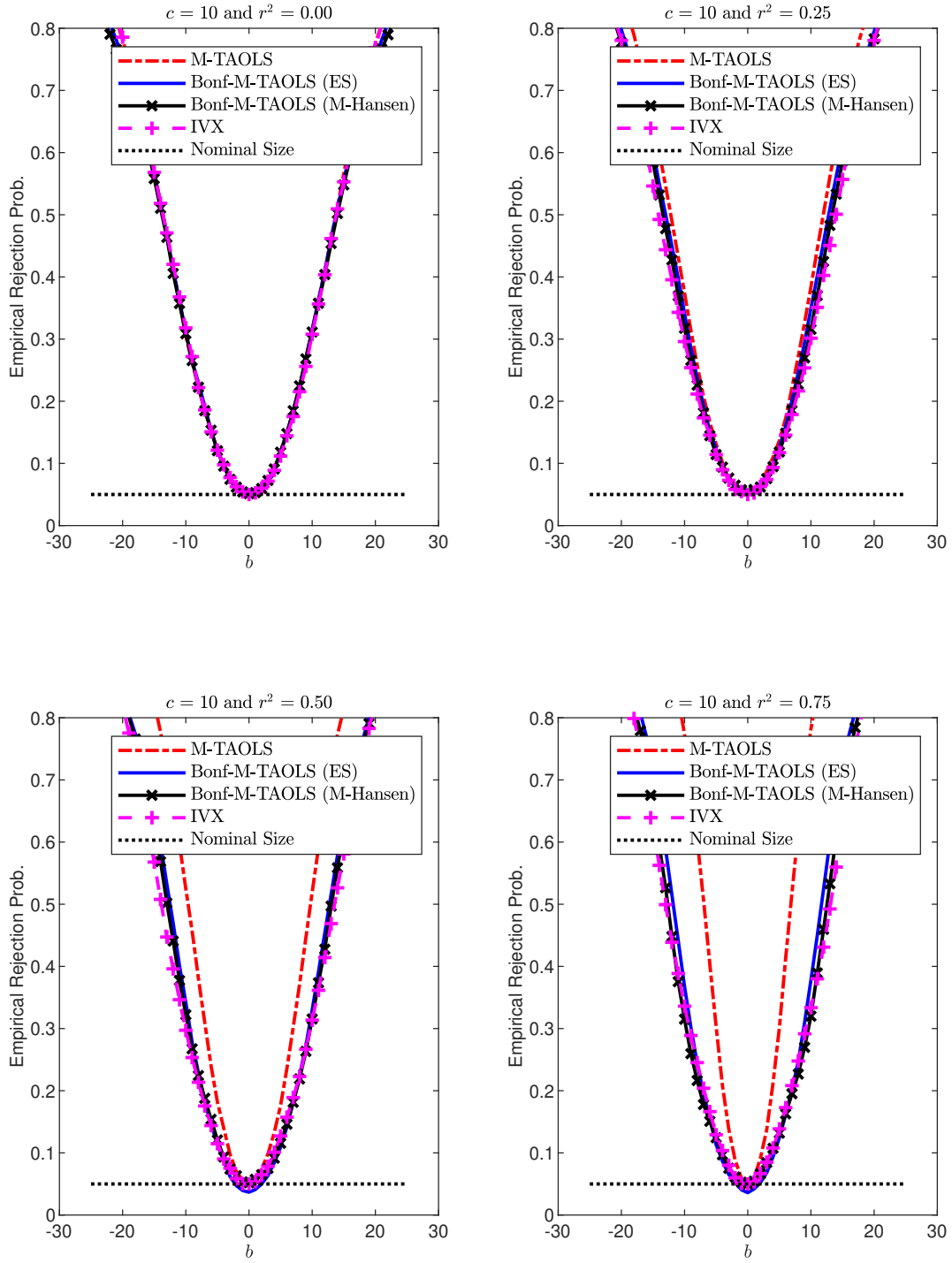


Figure S.10: Finite sample size-adjusted power curves of M-TAOLS (infeasible), Bonf-M-TAOLS (M-Hansen), Bonf-M-TAOLS (ES), and IVX with  $K = 16$ ,  $\psi = 0.50$ , and  $c_0 = 10$ .

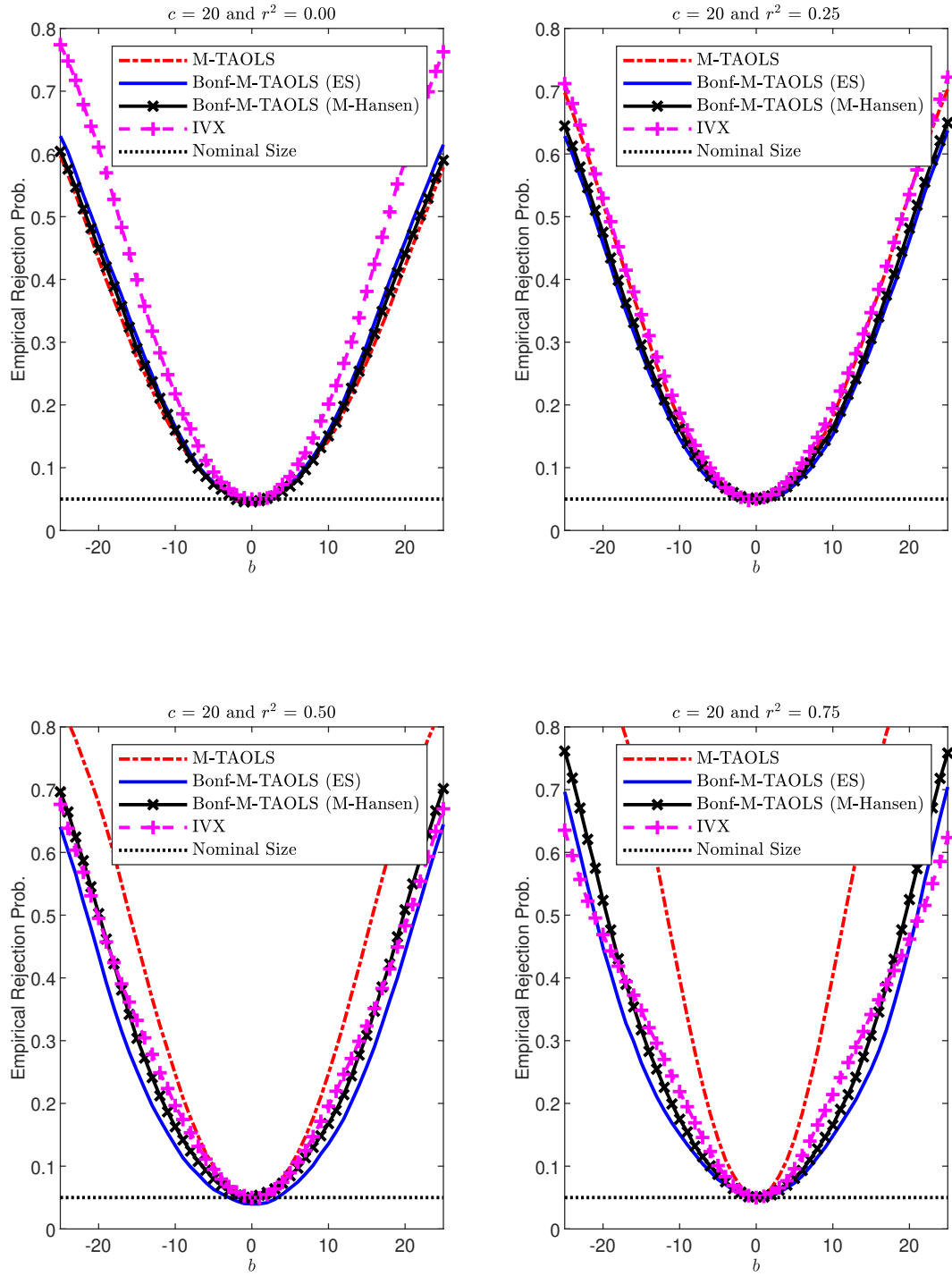


Figure S.11: Finite sample size-adjusted power curves of M-TAOLS (infeasible), Bonf-M-TAOLS (M-Hansen), Bonf-M-TAOLS (ES), and IVX with  $K = 16$ ,  $\psi = 0.50$ , and  $c_0 = 20$ .

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