

# Hypothesis testing based on a vector of statistics

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**Abstract:** This paper presents a new approach to hypothesis testing based on a vector of statistics. It involves simulating the statistics under the null hypothesis and then estimating the joint density of the statistics. This allows the  $p$ -value of the smallest acceptance region test to be estimated. We prove this  $p$ -value is a consistent estimate under some regularity conditions. The small-sample properties of the proposed procedure are investigated in the context of testing for autocorrelation, testing for normality, and testing for model misspecification through the information matrix. We find that our testing procedure has appropriate sizes and good powers.

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# 1 Introduction

Statistical hypothesis testing is an extremely important technique in the practice of econometrics, particularly with respect to diagnostic checking of model specification. This is how econometricians are best able to combat the severe problem of uncertainty in model specification. Such testing procedures need to be as accurate as possible due to constraints on data availability. Fortunately, advances in computer power and simulation based methods have allowed greater scope in the design of high quality tests. The purpose of any test is to accurately control the probability of wrongly rejecting the null hypothesis (known as the size of the test), while at the same time ensuring a high probability of correctly rejecting the null hypothesis (known as the power of the test).

There are a number of popular tests whose construction involves a desire to test whether a  $d \times 1$  vector of statistics denoted by  $t(\mathbf{y})$ , where  $\mathbf{y}$  is a  $T \times 1$  vector of observations, is significantly different from zero. Examples include the Lagrange multiplier test (see [Godfrey, 1991](#)) where  $t(\mathbf{y})$  is a vector of Lagrange multipliers, the Wald test (see [Engle, 1984](#)) where  $t(\mathbf{y})$  is a vector of parameter estimates minus their null hypothesis values, the Durbin-Wu-Hausman test (see [Davidson and MacKinnon, 1993](#), Section 7.9) in which  $t(\mathbf{y})$  is a vector of differences between two types of parameter estimates, the information matrix test ([White, 1982](#)) where  $t(\mathbf{y})$  is vector of differences between the corresponding elements of the negative Hessian matrix and the outer product of the score vector, and conditional moment tests (see [Pagan and Vella, 1989](#)) where  $t(\mathbf{y})$  is a set of sample moments. The general method of test construction then involves determining the asymptotic covariance matrix  $V$  of  $t(\mathbf{y})$  and using a consistent estimate of  $V$ , denoted as  $\hat{V}$ , to obtain the quadratic form

$$t(\mathbf{y})' \hat{V}^{-1} t(\mathbf{y}). \tag{1}$$

Under suitable regularity conditions, the latter can be shown to have a  $\chi^2$  asymptotic distribution when the null hypothesis holds, which can be used to test whether  $t(\mathbf{y})$  is significantly different from zero.

Unfortunately, these tests can have poor size and power properties, particularly in small samples, because of  $\hat{V}$  being a poor estimate of the true covariance matrix of  $t(\mathbf{y})$ . Research that have found such outcomes include papers by [Gregory and Veall \(1985, 1986, 1987\)](#), [Lafontaine and White \(1986\)](#), [Mantel \(1987\)](#), [Taylor \(1987\)](#), [Orme \(1990\)](#), [Chesher and Spady \(1991\)](#), [Davidson and MacKinnon \(1992\)](#) and [Dhaene and Hoorelbeke \(2004\)](#). In the case of testing non-linear restrictions in the parameters of a linear model using the Wald test, [Breusch and Schmidt \(1988\)](#) were able to demonstrate the possibility of obtaining any value for the Wald statistic by rewriting the restrictions. In fact, the involvement of  $\hat{V}$  in (1) is purely for standardization and the convenience of reducing a vector of statistics,  $t(\mathbf{y})$ , to a scalar test statistic. This does raise the question of whether this can be done in a better and less harmful way.

There are similarities with this particular test construction problem and multiple testing of a common null hypothesis using the same data also known as induced testing (or combined testing). A very large and growing literature on diagnostic testing of all kinds of econometric models (see, for example, [Breusch and Pagan, 1980](#); [Engle, 1984](#); [Tauchen, 1985](#); [Wooldridge, 2001](#); [Godfrey, 2009](#)) allows researchers to check the adequacy of a chosen model by applying a range of diagnostic tests, each of which is designed to detect a particular form of model inadequacy. A major problem is how best to control the overall probability of rejecting the model when it is true. For example, five statistically independent tests applied at the 5% level will result in a 22.6% chance of at least one rejection when the null hypothesis model is true. Of course, it is unlikely that five diagnostic tests applied to the same model will be mutually independent, so in actual fact, this probability could be higher or lower than 22.6%. The core issue is how we should conduct these tests in order to control the overall probability of rejecting the model when it is true with an eye to having good power to reject the model when it is not true. For this type of application,  $t(\mathbf{y})$  denotes the vector of test statistics.

An early solution to this problem involves the use of the Bonferroni inequality to set an upper bound on the overall probability of rejecting the model. Unfortunately, this approach is known to be conservative and therefore to have reduced power, particularly when some of the individual

tests are highly correlated. There have been a number of attempts to improve this approach (see, for example, [Holm, 1979](#); [Simes, 1986](#)), but it is still regarded as a conservative approach to the problem. We have also seen the development of joint LM tests which test for multiple forms of misspecification (see, for example, [Bera and Jarque, 1982](#); [Baltagi and Li, 1995](#); [Baltagi, Bresson, and Pirotte, 2006](#); [Baltagi, Jung, and Song, 2010](#)).

Dufour and his coauthors<sup>2</sup> developed a framework to address this problem based on Monte Carlo testing introduced by [Dwass \(1957\)](#) and [Barnard \(1963\)](#). It requires being able to calculate a  $p$ -value (or approximate  $p$ -value) for each individual test statistic  $t_i(\mathbf{y})$  and then combining the  $m$   $p$ -values either by calculating the minimum  $p$ -value, the product of  $p$ -values or a weighted product of  $p$ -values (or some other variation of these approaches) to produce a single value that can be used as test statistic in a Monte Carlo test. The latter involves a Monte Carlo simulation to calculate an empirical  $p$ -value of this new test statistic. When it can be shown that all the individual tests that give rise to the  $m$   $p$ -values are similar tests (i.e., their distributions under the null hypothesis do not depend on nuisance parameters), then this approach leads to an exact  $\alpha$ -level test provided  $\alpha(N + 1)$  is an integer where  $\alpha$  is the desired significance level and  $N$  is the number of Monte Carlo replications.

In the case where the null distribution of  $t(\mathbf{y})$  depends on nuisance parameters, [Dufour \(2006\)](#) proposed the maximized Monte Carlo (MMC) test which involves maximizing the simulated  $p$ -value with respect to the nuisance parameters. This results in an exact test in the sense that the test's size, which is a function of the nuisance parameters, is always less than or equal to  $\alpha$ . Unfortunately, because the size of this test is likely to be less than  $\alpha$  at the true (unknown) value of the nuisance parameters, it is likely to be a conservative test with some loss of power. In view of this, Dufour also suggested the Consistent Set Estimate MMC test, which involves restricting the maximization search to a confidence set for the nuisance parameters under the null hypothesis. A further suggestion involves obtaining a consistent estimate of the nuisance

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<sup>2</sup>[Dufour, Farhat, Gardiol, and Khalaf \(1998\)](#); [Dufour and Khalaf \(2001, 2002\)](#); [Dufour, Khalaf, and Beaulieu \(2003, 2010\)](#); [Dufour, Khalaf, Bernard, and Genest \(2004\)](#); [Dufour, Farhat, and Khalaf \(2004\)](#); [Dufour \(2006\)](#); [Beaulieu, Dufour, and Khalaf \(2007, 2009\)](#); [Bernard, Idoudi, Khalaf, and Yélou \(2007\)](#); [Dufour, Khalaf, and Voia \(2015\)](#).

parameters and using these estimates in the Monte Carlo simulations to apply the Monte Carlo test. Both alternatives have asymptotic justifications.

A bootstrap solution has been outlined by [Westfall and Young \(1993\)](#), [Godfrey \(2005\)](#) and [Godfrey \(2009, Section 4.3\)](#). Godfrey's procedure involves first calculating  $p$ -values for each of the individual tests, preferably via a series of first-stage bootstrap sampling. These  $p$ -values are then combined via the minimum  $p$ -values approach and a second-stage of bootstrap sampling is used to calculate an approximate overall  $p$ -value that is asymptotically justified.

This paper proposes an alternative approach to hypothesis testing based on a vector of statistics,  $\mathbf{t}(\mathbf{y}): R^T \rightarrow R^d$  ( $T > d$ ). It assumes that each of the elements of  $\mathbf{t}(\mathbf{y})$  has been chosen because individually they have good power to detect a particular deviation from the null hypothesis. It is further assumed that collectively  $\mathbf{t}(\mathbf{y})$  provides a good summary of the evidence contained in  $\mathbf{y}$  that might point to the null hypothesis being false. The approach involves asking the question based on the observed value of  $\mathbf{t}(\mathbf{y})$ , do we think the null hypothesis is true? If we know the joint density function for  $\mathbf{t}(\mathbf{y})$  under the null hypothesis denoted as  $f(\mathbf{t})$ , then following [Hyndman \(1996\)](#) we can calculate the  $p$ -value for the observed value of  $\mathbf{t}(\mathbf{y})$ . Typically we do not know this joint density function, and even if we did, it is possible that  $f(\mathbf{t})$  will depend on unknown nuisance parameter values. Our approach is to simulate independent values of  $\mathbf{t}(\mathbf{y})$  under the null hypothesis using consistent estimates of any nuisance parameters that  $f(\mathbf{t})$  depends on, and then use a multivariate kernel density estimator to estimate the density.

The contribution we make in this paper can be viewed as a way to use simulation methods to (approximately) control the probability of falsely rejecting the null hypothesis based on a vector of statistics. This is done by approximating the smallest acceptance region test. We prove that under some regularity conditions, the estimated  $p$ -value of our proposed test procedure is a consistent estimate of the true  $p$ -value, thus proving our test is an asymptotic smallest acceptance region test. We show that one version of our test can be regarded as a Monte Carlo test as outlined by [Dufour \(2006\)](#) and therefore can be an exact test when  $f(\mathbf{t})$  does not depend on unknown nuisance parameters. When  $f(\mathbf{t})$  does depend on nuisance parameters, [Dufour's](#)

(2006) MMC procedure can be applied to a version of our test to yield an exact, but potentially conservative test. We also investigate the small-sample size and power properties of the new test through simulation studies. The most revealing study involves applying the procedure to the information matrix test which is of the form of (1) where  $\mathbf{t}(\mathbf{y})$  is a vector of differences between corresponding elements of the negative Hessian matrix and the outer product of the score vector. The new procedure's estimated sizes are not significantly different from their nominal sizes, and its powers are almost always higher than, and in some cases more than double that of the best of two existing tests.

The rest of this paper is organized as follows. Section 2 presents the new testing procedure when  $f(\mathbf{t})$  is independent of nuisance parameters and discusses its properties. In Section 3, we examine the performance of the new testing procedure through Monte Carlo simulations by comparing its size and power with that of a well known existing test and two-sided versions of Dufour's (2006) minimum  $p$ -value and product of  $p$ -value tests. In Section 4, we present the testing procedure when  $f(\mathbf{t})$  depends on nuisance parameters. Section 5 briefly describes the information matrix test and its limitations. We present a simulation study of the new testing procedure applied to the information matrix test in Section 6. An empirical application of the proposed test is conducted through the information matrix test in Section 7. Section 8 concludes the paper.

## 2 The test procedure for statistics independent of nuisance parameters

### 2.1 Test procedure

We shall begin by first describing the main ideas behind our new testing procedure. Assume that we wish to test the null hypothesis that the  $T \times 1$  vector of observations  $\mathbf{y}$  has a particular parametric data generating process (DGP) using  $d$  statistics denoted as  $t_i$ , for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, d$ . Let  $\mathbf{t} = (t_1, t_2, \dots, t_d)'$  represent the  $d \times 1$  vector of statistics called the test vector hereafter. We

also assume that each of the component tests is a two-sided test<sup>3</sup> based on accepting the null hypothesis if

$$c_{1i} < t_i < c_{2i},$$

where  $c_{1i}$  and  $c_{2i}$  are critical values, for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, d$ . Let the joint density function of  $\mathbf{t}$  under the null hypothesis be denoted by  $f(\mathbf{t})$ . For the moment, we assume that  $f(\mathbf{t})$  does not depend on nuisance parameters. Let  $\hat{\mathbf{t}}$  denote the calculated value of the test vector  $\mathbf{t}$  using the available data.

Essentially, we wish to ask the question, is the observed value of  $\hat{\mathbf{t}}$  consistent with the null hypothesis being true? The  $p$ -value is a useful tool for answering this question. It is defined as the probability under the null hypothesis of finding a value of the test vector as extreme as or more extreme than the value we have found from the data, namely  $\hat{\mathbf{t}}$ . Thus, if we have the joint density of  $\mathbf{t}$  denoted by  $f(\mathbf{t})$ , under the null hypothesis, the  $p$ -value of the test vector is the probability of obtaining a value of  $\mathbf{t}$  such that  $f(\mathbf{t}) < f(\hat{\mathbf{t}})$  holds. Once calculated, the  $p$ -value can be used to conduct the test at any level of significance. For example, at the 5% significance level, if the  $p$ -value is less than 0.05 then the null hypothesis is rejected. Otherwise, it cannot be rejected. The resultant acceptance region is optimal in the sense that by its construction, it is the smallest  $(1 - \alpha)$  acceptance region in the  $d$ -dimensional sample space of  $\mathbf{t}$ . If we believe  $\mathbf{t}(\mathbf{y})$  provides a good summary of the evidence contained in  $\mathbf{y}$  that might point to the null hypothesis being false then this is a desirable property to have. We call a test with this property a smallest acceptance region (SAR) test.

Typically the  $d$ -dimensional density  $f(\mathbf{t})$  is unknown. We can estimate it by applying a multivariate kernel density estimator to a sample of independent drawings from  $f(\mathbf{t})$  which can be obtained by repeatedly simulating the DGP under the null hypothesis and then calculating  $\mathbf{t}$  for each simulated data set. Because  $f(\mathbf{t})$  does not depend on unknown parameters, we can set unknown parameters in the DGP to any value we wish in order to conduct these simulations. Let  $\{\mathbf{t}_1, \mathbf{t}_2, \dots, \mathbf{t}_m\}$  denote such a sample. The general form of the kernel density estimator of  $\mathbf{t}$  is

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<sup>3</sup>Some preliminary results for one-sided component tests are reported in [King et al. \(2009\)](#).

given by

$$\hat{f}_{m,H}(\mathbf{t}) = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m |H|^{-1/2} K(H^{-1/2}(\mathbf{t} - \mathbf{t}_i)), \quad (2)$$

where  $K(\cdot)$  is a kernel function, and  $H$  is a positive definite matrix of bandwidths known as the bandwidth matrix (see, for example, [Wand and Jones, 1995](#); [Scott, 2015](#)).

There are two ways in which the new testing procedure can be implemented in practice. The first, which we call the double simulation (DS) method, involves two separate rounds of simulation as follows:

- (i) Based on the data under test, calculate  $\hat{\mathbf{t}}$ .
- (ii) Using any convenient form of the data generating process under the null hypothesis, simulate the model  $m$  times and calculate  $m$  independent values of  $\mathbf{t}$  denoted as  $\mathbf{t}_1, \mathbf{t}_2, \dots, \mathbf{t}_m$ .
- (iii) Use the sample generated in (ii) to estimate the joint density  $f(\mathbf{t})$  by  $\hat{f}_{m,H}(\mathbf{t})$  via (2).
- (iv) Repeat (ii) to generate a second sample of  $n$  values of  $\mathbf{t}$  denoted as  $\mathbf{t}^{(1)}, \mathbf{t}^{(2)}, \dots, \mathbf{t}^{(n)}$ , which are independent of those originally calculated in step (ii).
- (v) Use this second sample to calculate  $\hat{f}_{m,H}(\mathbf{t}^{(i)})$ , for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . The  $p$ -value of the joint test is estimated by the relative frequency for which  $\hat{f}_{m,H}(\mathbf{t}^{(i)}) < \hat{f}_{m,H}(\hat{\mathbf{t}})$  holds.

The second test procedure involves only one round of simulation and is therefore called the single simulation (SS) method. After completing steps (i) and (ii) above, the remaining steps are as follows:

- (iii')
- (iii') Use the sample generated in (ii) to estimate the joint density  $f(\mathbf{t})$  at  $\mathbf{t}_1, \mathbf{t}_2, \dots, \mathbf{t}_m$  by the leave-one-out kernel density estimator

$$\hat{g}_{m,H}(\mathbf{t}_i) = \frac{1}{m-1} \sum_{j=1; j \neq i}^m |H|^{-1/2} K(H^{-1/2}(\mathbf{t}_i - \mathbf{t}_j)). \quad (3)$$

- (iv')
- (iv') The  $p$ -value of the joint test is estimated by the relative frequency for which  $\hat{g}_{m,H}(\mathbf{t}_i) < \hat{f}_{m,H}(\hat{\mathbf{t}})$  holds.



If  $f(\mathbf{t})$  were known, the  $p$ -value of the proposed SAR testing procedure would be

$$p_0 = \Pr \{ \mathbf{t} : f(\mathbf{t}) < f(\hat{\mathbf{t}}) | f(\mathbf{t}) \}. \quad (4)$$

In our testing procedure, the  $p$ -value denoted as  $\hat{p}_{T,m}$ , is defined via the kernel density estimator under the probability measure implied by the true density of  $\mathbf{t}$ . This means that<sup>4</sup>

$$\hat{p}_{T,m} = \Pr \{ \mathbf{t} : \hat{f}_{m,H}(\mathbf{t}) < \hat{f}_{m,H}(\hat{\mathbf{t}}) | f(\mathbf{t}) \}. \quad (5)$$

In our proposed testing procedure,  $\hat{p}_{T,m}$  is approximated by  $\hat{p}_{T,m,n}$  that is the relative frequency of observing  $\hat{f}_{m,H}(\mathbf{t}) < \hat{f}_{m,H}(\hat{\mathbf{t}})$  in the second-round simulation of Step (v). Because we need to estimate  $f(\mathbf{t})$  and  $p_0$ , the resultant test is no longer a SAR test, but we can consider it to be an approximate SAR test.

The DS method can be regarded as a Monte Carlo test as it fulfills the requirements outlined by [Dufour \(2006\)](#). To confirm this, we first need to view  $\hat{f}_{m,H}(\mathbf{t})$  as our test statistic and observe that

$$\hat{f}_{m,H}(\mathbf{t}^{(i)}), \text{ for } i = 1, 2, \dots, n \text{ and } \hat{f}_{m,H}(\hat{\mathbf{t}})$$

all share the same distribution and are exchangeable by construction. Because neither the function  $\hat{f}_{m,H}(\cdot)$  nor  $\mathbf{t}^{(i)}$ , for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ , depend on unknown parameter values, this shared distribution is independent of unknown parameters. In the case where there is a zero probability that any two  $\hat{f}_{m,H}(\mathbf{t}^{(i)})$  values, for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ , will be equal, our test procedure applied at the  $\alpha$  level of significance is an exact test provided  $\alpha(n+1)$  is an integer ([Dufour, 2006](#), Proposition 2.2). This does not require  $n$  to be particularly large. If there is a non-zero probability of two  $\hat{f}_{m,H}(\mathbf{t}^{(i)})$  values being equal, then our procedure can be amended as outline in [Dufour's \(2006\)](#) Proposition 2.3 to make it exact.

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<sup>4</sup>Equation (4) defines a low density region which is the complement of a high density region. [Samworth and Wand \(2010\)](#) investigated the asymptotic properties of the plug-in type bandwidth selector for kernel density estimation that aims to define a high density region. Recent studies on high density regions include [Tsybakov \(1997\)](#), [Cadre \(2006\)](#), [Mason and Polonik \(2009\)](#) and [Cadre, Pelletier, and Pudlo \(2013\)](#) among others.

## 2.2 Bandwidth selection

The multivariate kernel density estimator depends on the choice of a bandwidth matrix and the choice of a kernel function. It is generally accepted in the statistical literature that the performance of the kernel density estimator is mainly determined by the bandwidth matrix, and only in a minor way by the choice of a kernel function. The bandwidth matrix can be either a full matrix or a diagonal matrix. A full bandwidth matrix is able to incorporate any possible correlation between any pair of the  $d$  dimensions. However, the number of nonzero bandwidths to be estimated in a full bandwidth matrix grows dramatically as  $d$  increases. Consequently, a full bandwidth matrix encounters more computing complexity in selecting a bandwidth matrix that is optimal with respect to a chosen criterion than a diagonal bandwidth matrix does. As discussed by [Wand and Jones \(1993\)](#) in the situation of bivariate kernel density estimation, a diagonal bandwidth matrix allows for the flexibility of choosing a different bandwidth in each dimension and is often appropriate. Therefore, we use a diagonal bandwidth matrix in this new testing procedure, where the bandwidth matrix is denoted as  $H = \text{diag}\{h_1^2, h_2^2, \dots, h_d^2\}$ .

According to [Scott \(2015\)](#) and [Bowman and Azzalini \(1997\)](#), when data are observed from the multivariate normal density and the diagonal bandwidth matrix is used, the optimal bandwidth matrix that minimizes the mean integrated squared error (MISE) between the true density and its estimator can be approximated by

$$h_i = \sigma_i \left\{ \frac{4}{(d+2)m} \right\}^{1/(d+4)},$$

for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, d$ , where  $\sigma_i$  is the standard deviation of the  $i$ th variate and can be replaced by its sample estimator in practice. We call this the normal reference rule (NRR) which is also known as the rule-of-thumb method in the literature. This bandwidth selection method is often used in many applications of multivariate kernel density estimation in the absence of any other practical bandwidth selection methods, despite the fact that the data might not be Gaussian.

[Zhang, King, and Hyndman \(2006\)](#) presented a Markov chain Monte Carlo (MCMC) sampling algorithm to estimate the bandwidth matrix in multivariate kernel density estimation. The

bandwidth matrix chosen through this sampling algorithm tends to produce a more accurate density estimator than that chosen through the NRR. However, the MCMC bandwidth selector is far more computationally costly than the NRR. A general guideline for selecting one of the two bandwidth selectors is as follows. When the required computing time is not of serious concern in the testing procedure, one may use the MCMC bandwidth selector. Otherwise, one may use the NRR to choose bandwidths.

As the performance of the kernel density estimator is only slightly affected by the choice of a kernel function, we will not investigate the issue of the choice of kernel. Throughout this paper, we use the product of  $d$  univariate Gaussian kernels in the kernel density estimator of  $f(\mathbf{t})$ .

### 3 Monte Carlo experiments for invariant test statistics

We conducted two separate Monte Carlo experiments in order to study the small sample size and power performance of the new test procedure, where the test vector's null distribution does not depend on nuisance parameters. The testing problems involved are (i) testing for serial correlation in a stationary time series; and (ii) testing for normality in a simple random sample. In each case we compared the performance of four versions of our test procedure, the double and single simulation methods, each using the MCMC bandwidth selector and the NRR bandwidth vector with three existing tests.

As simulations of simulations can be very time consuming, we used the following approach to estimate the size and power of the test procedure in the case of the DS method.

- (a) Choose convenient values of the parameters in the DGP under the null hypothesis and repeatedly simulate the DGP to obtain two independent simple random samples of  $m$  values of  $\mathbf{t}$ , denoted as  $\mathbf{t}_1, \mathbf{t}_2, \dots, \mathbf{t}_m$ , and  $\mathbf{t}_1^*, \mathbf{t}_2^*, \dots, \mathbf{t}_m^*$ .
- (b) For the particular choice of bandwidth matrix (NRR or MCMC), compute the value of kernel density given by (2), for  $\mathbf{t}_i^*$ , namely  $\hat{f}_{m,H}(\mathbf{t}_i^*)$ , for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, m$ .
- (c) Simulate the DGP under which size or power is to be estimated and calculate a third simple

random sample of  $n$  values of  $\mathbf{t}$  denoted as  $\mathbf{t}^{(1)}, \mathbf{t}^{(2)}, \dots, \mathbf{t}^{(n)}$ . For each  $\mathbf{t}^{(j)}$ , count the number of  $\hat{f}_{m,H}(\mathbf{t}_i^*)$  values, for which  $\hat{f}_{m,H}(\mathbf{t}_i^*) < \hat{f}_{m,H}(\mathbf{t}^{(j)})$ . The estimated probability of rejection of the null hypothesis is the relative frequency that

$$(\text{count} + 1)/(n + 1) < \alpha,$$

holds for  $j = 1, 2, \dots, n$ .

For the SS method, only one simple random sample at Step (a) is calculated, denoted as  $\mathbf{t}_1, \mathbf{t}_2, \dots, \mathbf{t}_m$ . In place of  $\hat{f}_{m,H}(\mathbf{t}_i^*)$  in Steps (b) and (c), values of the leave-one-out kernel density  $\hat{g}_{m,H}(\mathbf{t}_i)$ , for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, m$ , are used.

### 3.1 Testing for serial correlation of unknown order and form

#### 3.1.1 Experiment design

The first Monte Carlo experiment involves the classical problem of testing the null hypothesis that an observed time series is white noise against the alternative that it contains serial correlation of unknown order and form (see [King, 1987](#)). The null hypothesis is of the form

$$y_t = \mu + \varepsilon_t, \quad \text{for } t = 1, 2, \dots, T, \quad (6)$$

where  $\mu$  is an unknown parameter and  $\varepsilon_t$  are independent and identically distributed (iid) as  $N(0, \sigma^2)$ . The alternative is that there is some serial correlation in  $\varepsilon_t$  and it is assumed that it can best be detected by examining  $r_j$ , the  $j$ th order autocorrelation coefficient, for  $j = 1, 2, \dots, d$ , where

$$r_j = \frac{\sum_{t=j+1}^T \hat{\varepsilon}_t \hat{\varepsilon}_{t-j}}{\sum_{t=1}^T \hat{\varepsilon}_t^2},$$

in which  $\hat{\varepsilon}_t$ , for  $t = 1, 2, \dots, T$ , are the ordinary least squares (OLS) residuals from fitting (6) to the observed time series. In other words,

$$t_j = r_j, \quad \text{for } j = 1, 2, \dots, d,$$

in this problem. Note that  $r_j$  is invariant to the values of  $\mu$  and  $\sigma^2$  under (6) and so  $f(\mathbf{t})$  does not depend on nuisance parameters.

A standard testing procedure for this problem is to use the Portmanteau test proposed by [Box and Pierce \(1970\)](#) and extended by [Ljung and Box \(1978\)](#). It involves rejecting the null hypothesis for large values of the Portmanteau test statistic given by

$$Q_d = T(T+2) \sum_{j=1}^d \frac{r_j^2}{T-j}. \quad (7)$$

The Monte Carlo experiment involved comparing sizes and powers of the Portmanteau test based on (7) applied using simulated critical values with four forms of the new procedure, the first two being the SS and DS methods using NRR bandwidth parameters and the second two being the SS and DS methods using MCMC bandwidth parameters for  $d = 4$  and  $d = 6$ , respectively.

Also included in the comparison are two-sided versions of the minimum  $p$ -value and product of  $p$ -value tests from [Dufour, Khalaf, and Voia \(2015\)](#). Because both the Portmanteau test and our new procedure are two-sided in nature, we applied two-sided versions of the minimum  $p$ -value and product of  $p$ -value tests as follows:

- (i) Assume under  $H_0$ ,  $\sqrt{T}r_j \sim N(0, 1)$  asymptotically (equation (39) in [Dufour, Khalaf, and Voia, 2015](#)). Let  $s_j = \sqrt{T}r_j$ . If  $r_j > 0$ , then calculate

$$\delta_j = \Pr(z > s_j | z \sim N(0, 1)),$$

otherwise ( $r_j \leq 0$ ), calculate

$$\delta_j = \Pr(z < s_j | z \sim N(0, 1)),$$

for  $j = 1, \dots, d$ .

- (ii) The required individual  $p$ -values are  $p_j = 2\delta_j$ , and the test statistic for the minimum  $p$ -value test is

$$p = \min_{j=1, \dots, d} p_j,$$

while that of the product of  $p$ -values test is

$$q = \prod_{j=1}^d p_j.$$

(iii) The tests are applied by first calculating  $p$  and  $q$  (denoted as  $\hat{p}$  and  $\hat{q}$ ) using the actual data and then simulating the calculation of  $p$  and  $q$   $n$  times under the null hypothesis. The number of simulated values of  $p$  (and  $q$ ) smaller than  $\hat{p}$  (and  $\hat{q}$ ) is counted (denoted as count), allowing the empirical  $p$ -value to be calculated as

$$\hat{p}_n = (\text{count} + 1)/(n + 1).$$

Provided  $n$  is chosen so that  $\alpha(n + 1)$  is an integer, then these two tests are exact tests at the  $\alpha$  level of significance. We set  $n = 19,999$ .

Sizes were calculated by simulating the DGP using (6) with  $\varepsilon_t \sim IN(0, 1)$  and  $\mu = 1$ . Powers were calculated for four different DGPs for  $\varepsilon_t$  in (6), these being  $\varepsilon_t$  generated by

(i) the stationary first-order autoregressive (AR(1)) process given by

$$\varepsilon_t = \rho\varepsilon_{t-1} + u_t,$$

or equivalently  $(1 - \rho L)\varepsilon_t = u_t$ , where  $\rho = 0.25$ ,  $u_t \sim IN(0, 1)$  and  $L$  is the lag operator;

(ii) the stationary second-order autoregressive (AR(2)) process given by

$$(1 - \rho_1 L)(1 - \rho_2 L)\varepsilon_t = u_t$$

with  $(\rho_1, \rho_2) = (0.05, 0.1)$  and  $(0.05, 0.2)$  and  $u_t \sim IN(0, 1)$ ;

(iii) the stationary third-order autoregressive (AR(3)) process given by

$$(1 - \rho_1 L)(1 - \rho_2 L)(1 - \rho_3 L)\varepsilon_t = u_t$$

with  $(\rho_1, \rho_2, \rho_3) = (0.05, 0.1, 0.15)$  and  $(0.05, 0.1, 0.2)$  and  $u_t \sim IN(0, 1)$ ; and

(iv) the stationary fourth-order autoregressive (AR(4)) process given by

$$(1 - \rho_1 L)(1 - \rho_2 L)(1 - \rho_3 L)(1 - \rho_4 L)\varepsilon_t = u_t$$

with  $(\rho_1, \rho_2, \rho_3, \rho_4) = (0.05, 0.1, 0.15, 0.15)$ ,  $(0.05, 0.1, 0.05, 0.05)$  and  $(0.05, 0.05, 0.05, 0.05)$  and  $u_t \sim IN(0, 1)$ .

All DGPs were run for  $T = 50, 100, 200$  and  $500$ ; all tests were applied at the 10%, 5% and 1% significance levels and, for the new test procedure,  $m$  and  $n$  were set to 19,999.

### 3.1.2 Simulation results

The size and power results are presented in Tables 1–3. With respect to sizes, all seven tests have appropriate sizes for  $T = 50, 100$  and  $200$ . There is a tendency for all tests to be slightly under size for  $T = 500$ . Given the exact tests also show this tendency, we believe it is caused by randomness. While there are minor differences in sizes between the SS and DS methods, none are statistically significant. In fact there are no discernible differences in sizes between any pair of tests. All appear to be doing an excellent job of controlling size.

With respect to power, the new test does very well for  $T = 50$  with all versions almost always being more powerful than the best of the existing tests. For larger sample sizes, they perform relatively better for larger significance levels. There is also a tendency for their relative power performance to be better for  $d = 4$  compared to  $d = 6$ . The MCMC based versions typically are slightly more powerful than their respective NRR based test. Overall there is a pattern of the new tests being more powerful than the existing tests. This is best illustrated by the following summary statistics for the MCMC based DS (SS) versions. Out of the 64 combinations of  $d$ ,  $T$  and AR process, the new test is more powerful or at least as powerful as the most powerful of the existing tests on 51 (52) occasions when  $\alpha = 0.1$ , 46 (46) times when  $\alpha = 0.05$ , and 35 (31) occasions when  $\alpha = 0.01$ .

The minimum  $p$ -value test is almost always the most powerful test for  $T \geq 100$  against the AR(1) process with its relative performance being better for  $d = 6$  compared to  $d = 4$ . It also has the best power for  $T = 500$  against near AR(1) processes. On the other hand, for all AR(4) processes, as well as the AR(3) process with equal  $\rho_j$  values, it has the worst power of all seven tests. The product of  $p$ -values test is the best only occasionally when  $d = 6$  and more often for  $d = 4$  when it favors lower values of  $\alpha$ , larger samples and more complicated AR processes.

## 3.2 Testing for normality

### 3.2.1 Experiment design

In many statistical situations, random observations are often assumed to be normally distributed for the purpose of statistical inferences. Therefore, it is important to be able to test for normality (see, for example, [Shapiro and Wilk, 1965](#); [D'Agostino, 1971, 1972](#); [Bowman and Shenton, 1975](#); [Pearson, D'Agostino, and Bowman, 1977](#); [Jarque and Bera, 1980, 1987](#); [Spiegelhalter, 1980](#); [Thode, 2002](#); [Dufour, Khalaf, and Beaulieu, 2003](#); [Dufour, Farhat, and Khalaf, 2004](#)).

The second Monte Carlo experiment involved the problem of testing the null hypothesis that a simple random sample is independently and identically normally distributed with unknown mean ( $\mu$ ) and unknown variance ( $\sigma^2$ ) against the alternative that it is non-normally distributed. In other words, (6) is the model for the null hypothesis. Evidence of non-normality is often obtained from sample measures of skewness and kurtosis denoted as  $\sqrt{b_1}$  and  $b_2$ , respectively, where

$$b_1 = \hat{\mu}_3^2 / \hat{\mu}_2^3, \quad b_2 = \hat{\mu}_4 / \hat{\mu}_2^2,$$

and  $\hat{\mu}_i = \sum_{t=1}^T (y_t - \hat{\mu})^i / T$ , for  $i = 2, 3, 4$ , with  $\hat{\mu} = \sum_{t=1}^T y_t / T$ . [Jarque and Bera \(1980, 1987\)](#), [D'Agostino and Stephens \(1986\)](#), [Urzúa \(1996\)](#) and [Thode \(2002\)](#) have discussed omnibus tests for normality that combine information from  $\sqrt{b_1}$  and  $b_2$ , and Monte Carlo tests have been recommended by [Dufour, Farhat, Gardiol, and Khalaf \(1998\)](#), [Dufour and Khalaf \(2001\)](#), [Dufour, Khalaf, and Beaulieu \(2010\)](#) and [Dufour, Farhat, and Khalaf \(2004\)](#). As [Dufour and Khalaf \(2001\)](#) observe, the joint distribution of  $\sqrt{b_1}$  and  $b_2$  under the null hypothesis of normality, is independent of nuisance parameters

This experiment involves comparing the small-sample properties of four versions of our test procedure based on the test vector  $(\sqrt{b_1}, b_2)'$  in which  $\sqrt{b_1}$  takes the sign of  $\hat{\mu}_3$ , with the Jarque-Bera test ([Jarque and Bera, 1980, 1987](#)) whose test statistics is

$$JB = T \left[ \frac{(\sqrt{b_1})^2}{6} + \frac{(b_2 - 3)^2}{24} \right]. \quad (8)$$

The versions of the new test procedure used are the four combinations of the DS and SS methods



with the NRR or MCMC bandwidth selector. Note that the DS method yields an exact test in this case because  $n$  was set to 19,999.

A small number of simulation studies have revealed that the size of the JB test is incorrect for small- and moderate-sized samples particularly in the context of the linear regression model. A more straightforward solution is to use Monte Carlo simulations to obtain correct critical values, which is the approach we used in this study (see, for example, [Dufour and Khalaf, 2001](#); [Poitras, 2006](#)).

Also included in the comparison were two-sided versions of the minimum  $p$ -value and product of  $p$ -value tests from [Dufour, Farhat, and Khalaf \(2004\)](#) and [Dufour \(2006\)](#). We used

$$\sqrt{T/6}\sqrt{b_1} \sim N(0, 1) \text{ and } \sqrt{T/24}(b_2 - 3) \sim N(0, 1), \text{ asymptotically,}$$

in order to calculate the individual  $p$ -values required for these tests.

Sizes were calculated by simulating (6) with  $\varepsilon_t \sim IN(0, 1)$ . Powers were calculated for four alternative distributions for  $\varepsilon_t$ , these being the Student's  $t$  distribution with 5 degrees of freedom denoted  $t_5$ , the  $\chi^2$  distribution with 3 degrees of freedom denoted  $\chi_3^2$ , the Gamma distribution with shape and scale parameters being 2 and 1, and the log normal distribution with mean zero and standard deviation 0.5. These tests were compared for sample sizes of  $T = 30, 50, 75$ , and 100 with the values of  $m$  and  $n$  both being 19,999.

### 3.2.2 Simulation results

The size and power results are given in Table 4. All seven tests have excellent sizes, and there is no discernible difference between the estimated sizes of the seven tests, including between the SS and DS versions of our test.

With regards to power, a version of the new test procedure is more often than not the most powerful (or equal most powerful) of the seven tests. Across the 48 combinations of  $\alpha$ ,  $T$  and non-normality, an existing test is more powerful than every version of the new test on only 14 occasions. Unlike for the previous case of testing for autocorrelation, no particular version of the new test dominates. Collectively, the relative power of the new tests are best against  $t_5$  and

$\chi_3^2$  distributions and weakest against the log-normal distribution, particularly for  $T = 30$  and  $50$ . Against all distributions, the relative power of the new test is poorest for  $T = 30$  and for  $\alpha = 0.10$  when the true distribution is non-symmetric. With a few exceptions, the product of  $p$ -values test is typically the least powerful of the seven tests for  $\alpha = 0.01$  and  $0.05$ , while the minimum  $p$ -value test is generally the least powerful for  $\alpha = 0.10$  and  $T \geq 50$ , except against the log-normal distribution. The JB test has best power against non-symmetric distributions for larger  $T$  values and  $\alpha = 0.10$ ,

Out of the three existing tests, the minimum  $p$ -value test has the highest power almost always for  $\alpha = 0.01$  and against non-symmetric distributions for  $\alpha = 0.05$ . The JB test is typically the most powerful of the three when  $\alpha = 0.10$ . The product of  $p$ -values test also performs relatively well for  $\alpha = 0.10$  and has good relative power for  $\alpha = 0.05$  against the  $t_5$  distribution.

## 4 The testing procedure for non-invariant test statistics

### 4.1 Testing procedure

So far we have concentrated on statistics whose distribution under the null hypothesis does not depend on nuisance parameters. In this case, there is no issue of how to simulate  $\mathbf{t}$  under the null hypothesis in order to estimate its density because we can choose any null hypothesis DGP for this purpose. When the distribution of  $\mathbf{t}$  under the null hypothesis depends on the value of one or more nuisance parameters, which we denote by  $\gamma$ , then we have a more complex testing problem. In particular, the unknown density  $f(\mathbf{t})$  now becomes a function of  $\gamma$  and will be denoted as  $f(\mathbf{t}, \gamma)$ . We are assuming that the DGP under the null hypothesis is fully parameterized in the sense that if  $\gamma$  is known then  $f(\mathbf{t}, \gamma)$  is a single distribution for all DGPs under the null hypothesis with this value of  $\gamma$ .

Conditional on a value for  $\gamma$ , denoted as  $\gamma^*$ , we can apply either of the procedures outlined in Section 2.1, by simulating the DGP under the null hypothesis, with  $\gamma$  being set to  $\gamma^*$  and any remaining parameters being set to convenient values because  $f(\mathbf{t}, \gamma)$  does not depend on their values. The kernel density  $\hat{f}_{m,H}(\mathbf{t})$  given by (2) and the leave-one-out kernel density estimator

(3) now become functions of  $\gamma^*$ , denoted as  $\widehat{f}_{m,H}(\mathbf{t}, \gamma^*)$  and  $\widehat{g}_{m,H}(\mathbf{t}, \gamma^*)$ , respectively. In both cases, the resultant  $p$ -value is dependent on our choice of  $\gamma^*$  and does not result in a test that effectively controls size, either exactly or approximately, unless  $\gamma^*$  is chosen with controlling size in mind.

In the case of the DS procedure, we can view  $\widehat{f}_{m,H}(\mathbf{t}, \gamma^*)$  as our statistic and note that there is a value of  $\gamma^*$  (namely  $\gamma_0$ , the true value of  $\gamma$  under the null hypothesis) for which, conditional on  $\gamma^*$ ,

$$\widehat{f}_{m,H}(\mathbf{t}^{(i)}, \gamma^*), \text{ for } i = 1, 2, \dots, n \text{ and } \widehat{f}_{m,H}(\hat{\mathbf{t}}, \gamma^*)$$

all share the same distribution and are exchangeable. Assuming there is a zero probability of any two  $\widehat{f}_{m,H}(\mathbf{t}^{(i)}, \gamma^*)$  values being exactly equal, this implies that our DS test procedure fulfils the conditions of [Dufour \(2006\)](#) Proposition 4.1 so that the MMC test is an exact  $\alpha$ -level test provided  $n$  is chosen so that  $\alpha(n+1)$  is an integer.

If we denote the  $p$ -value from the DS procedure with  $\gamma = \gamma^*$  as  $\widehat{p}_{T,m,n}(\gamma^*)$ , the MMC test in this case involves calculating

$$\sup_{\gamma^*} \widehat{p}_{T,m,n}(\gamma^*) \tag{9}$$

and using it as the test's  $p$ -value. As noted in the Introduction, the MMC test is very likely to be a conservative test with the probability of a Type I error being well below the desired level,  $\alpha$ , when  $\gamma = \gamma_0$ . Also, our experience with the simulated annealing algorithm which is used to solve (9), is that it can be a very computationally demanding algorithm. [Dufour's \(2006\)](#) Consistent Set Estimate MMC test mitigates these concerns to some degree although this test is only exact asymptotically.

The ideal solution is to set  $\gamma^*$  to the true value of  $\gamma$ , namely  $\gamma_0$ , under the null hypothesis. Unfortunately, it is very unlikely we will know  $\gamma_0$ . Our preferred approach involves what might be considered the next best option and that is to set  $\gamma^*$  equal to a consistent estimate of  $\gamma$  under the null. This involves the following variation to Step (ii) in the procedure given in Section 2.1:

(ii') Estimate  $\gamma$  using the available  $T$  observations and assuming the null hypothesis is true

and denote this estimate as  $\hat{\gamma}_T$ . Using  $\gamma = \hat{\gamma}_T$  and any convenient values of the remaining parameters in the model under the null hypothesis, simulate the model  $m$  times and calculate  $m$  independent values of  $\mathbf{t}$  denoted as  $\mathbf{t}_1, \mathbf{t}_2, \dots, \mathbf{t}_m$ .

The remainder of the procedure is as outlined in Section 2.1. There can be situations in which it is difficult to determine which parameters  $\mathbf{t}$  depends on under the null hypothesis. In these cases, we can use estimated values of all the model's parameters to be safe when simulating  $\mathbf{t}$ , without any loss.

## 4.2 Consistency of the estimated $p$ -value

Let  $\hat{f}_m(\mathbf{t}, \hat{\gamma}_T)$  denote the kernel density estimator of  $f(\mathbf{t}, \gamma)$  obtained during the first-round simulation involving  $m$  replications, where the bandwidth symbol  $H$  is omitted for simplicity. Let  $p_0$  denote the  $p$ -value defined through the true density of  $\mathbf{t}$  as follows.

$$p_0 = \Pr \{ \mathbf{t} : f(\mathbf{t}, \gamma_0) < f(\hat{\mathbf{t}}, \gamma_0) | f(\mathbf{t}, \gamma_0) \}, \quad (10)$$

which in our testing procedure, is estimated by  $\hat{p}_{T,m}$ , the  $p$ -value defined via the kernel density estimator under the probability measure implied by the true density of  $\mathbf{t}$ . This means that

$$\hat{p}_{T,m} = \Pr \{ \mathbf{t} : \hat{f}_m(\mathbf{t}, \hat{\gamma}_T) < \hat{f}_m(\hat{\mathbf{t}}, \hat{\gamma}_T) | f(\mathbf{t}, \hat{\gamma}_T) \}. \quad (11)$$

In our testing procedure,  $\hat{p}_{T,m}$  is approximated by  $\hat{p}_{T,m,n}$ , the relative frequency of observing  $\hat{f}_m(\mathbf{t}^{(i)}, \hat{\gamma}_T) < \hat{f}_m(\hat{\mathbf{t}}, \hat{\gamma}_T)$ , for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ , during the second-round simulation of Step (v).

**Assumption 1:**  $\hat{\gamma}_T$  is a strongly consistent estimate of  $\gamma_0$  under  $H_0$ .

**Assumption 2:**  $f(\mathbf{t}, \gamma)$  is continuous in  $\gamma$ .

**Assumption 3:**  $f(\mathbf{t}, \gamma)$  as a density function of  $\mathbf{t}$ , meets the smoothness conditions given in [Masry \(1996\)](#).

**Assumption 4:** The kernel function  $K(\cdot)$  and the bandwidth matrix  $H$  are chosen to ensure the kernel density estimator is uniformly consistent on a bounded set in which  $f(\mathbf{t}, \gamma) > 0$ .

**Theorem 1:** Under the assumptions 1 to 4, as  $T \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $m \rightarrow \infty$  and  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , the estimated  $p$ -value denoted as  $\hat{p}_{T,m,n}$  is a consistent estimate of the true  $p$ -value of our testing procedure.

**Proof:** The proof of Theorem 1 is given in the Appendix.

Assumptions 1–4 are different to those imposed by Dufour (2006, Section 6). In our set up, his condition relate to  $\hat{f}_{m,H}(\mathbf{t}^{(i)}, \gamma^*)$  and  $\hat{f}_{m,H}(\hat{\mathbf{t}}, \gamma^*)$ . Our assumption 1 is satisfied by many standard econometric estimators, although each comes with its own regularity conditions. Assumption 2 imposes some restrictions on the type of testing problem we can consider. Assumption 3 is rather mild and requires the absolute difference between the joint density of any two components of  $\mathbf{t}$  and the product of their marginal densities to be bounded. Our choices of kernel function and bandwidth selectors satisfy Assumption 4.

We have therefore shown that the DS procedure based on using a strongly consistent estimate of the nuisance parameter  $\gamma$  in order to simulate  $\mathbf{t}$  when required, results in an asymptotically justified test. It is also an asymptotically SAR (ASAR) test given that  $p_0$  is the  $p$ -value for a SAR test.

## 5 Information matrix test

It is often important to test whether a model is correctly specified. [White \(1982\)](#) showed that when a model is correctly specified and estimated by maximizing the likelihood function, the information matrix should be asymptotically equal to the negative Hessian matrix. The information matrix test introduced by [White \(1982\)](#), aims to test the significance of the discrepancy between the negative Hessian and the outer product of the score vector, where the lower triangular components of the matrix of such differences are organized into a vector which we call the test vector in this paper. [Chesher \(1984\)](#) showed that the IM test can be viewed as a Lagrange multiplier (LM) test for specification error against the alternative of parameter heterogeneity. [Chesher \(1983\)](#) and [Lancaster \(1984\)](#) presented an  $TR^2$  version of the IM test, where  $T$  is the sample size and  $R^2$  is the goodness of fit obtained through the OLS regression of a column of ones on a matrix whose elements are functions of the first and second derivatives of the log-likelihood function. For the normal fixed regressor linear model, [Hall \(1987\)](#) showed that the LM version of the IM test can be asymptotically decomposed into the sum of three components, where one is

the general test for heteroscedasticity proposed by [White \(1982\)](#), and the other two components aim to test certain forms of normality.

The use of the IM test in applied econometrics is limited because its actual size obtained according to the asymptotic critical value often differs greatly from its nominal size. This phenomenon has been detected in Monte Carlo experiments conducted by [Taylor \(1987\)](#), [Orme \(1990\)](#), [Chesher and Spady \(1991\)](#) and [Davidson and MacKinnon \(1992\)](#). [Davidson and MacKinnon \(1992\)](#) proposed to deal with this problem by using the double-length artificial regressions to compute a variant of the IM test statistic, but models for discrete, censored or truncated data cannot be dealt with via this method. [Chesher and Spady \(1991\)](#) suggested obtaining the critical value for the IM test from the Edgeworth expansion through order  $O(T^{-1})$  of the finite-sample distribution of the test statistic. Their Monte Carlo investigation indicates that such a critical value provides a good approximation to the true critical value obtained through the exact distribution of the IM test, and such an approximation was found to be superior to the usual  $\chi^2$  approximation in some cases. In the examples considered by [Chesher and Spady \(1991\)](#), the Edgeworth expansions are independent of the parameters of the models being tested, and therefore, the IM test statistic is pivotal ([Horowitz, 1994](#)). However, this is not a general case, and it is often very difficult to decide whether the IM test statistic is pivotal.

[Horowitz \(1994\)](#) proposed a bootstrapping procedure to obtain critical values for the IM test and demonstrated the capability of bootstrapping to overcome the incorrect-size problem in finite samples. He showed that one can easily obtain good finite-sample critical values for the IM test through bootstrapping rather than through Edgeworth expansions or other algebraically complicated manipulations. Moreover, he discussed the power performance of three versions of the IM test through Monte Carlo simulation. His results showed that all three versions of the IM test considered have much lower powers computed using size-corrected critical values than those computed according to asymptotic critical values. Therefore, it seems that getting the size right and achieving higher power are different tasks.

Most existing versions of the IM test rely on an estimate of the asymptotic covariance matrix

of the test vector. The analytical form of the asymptotic covariance matrix is complicated and involves the third derivative of the log-likelihood function. Lancaster (1984) showed that the covariance matrix of White's (1982) IM test can be estimated without calculating the third derivative of the log-likelihood. Dhaene and Hoorelbeke (2004) indicated that the incorrect-size problem results from the inaccurate estimate of the covariance matrix. They proposed to estimate the covariance matrix of the test vector through parametric bootstrapping.

Let  $f(y|\theta)$  denote the density for a postulated model where  $\theta$  is a  $r \times 1$  vector of parameters. Let  $\mathbf{y} = (y_1, y_2, \dots, y_T)'$  be the vector of observations, and  $\ell(\mathbf{y}|\theta) = \log f(\mathbf{y}|\theta)$  the logarithmic density. We introduce the following notation.

$$\begin{aligned} A(\theta) &= E \left[ \frac{\partial^2 \ell(\mathbf{y}|\theta)}{\partial \theta \partial \theta'} \right], & A_T(\mathbf{y}, \theta) &= \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \frac{\partial^2 \ell(y_t|\theta)}{\partial \theta \partial \theta'}, \\ B(\theta) &= E \left[ \frac{\partial \ell(\mathbf{y}|\theta)}{\partial \theta} \frac{\partial \ell(\mathbf{y}|\theta)}{\partial \theta'} \right], & B_T(\mathbf{y}, \theta) &= \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \frac{\partial \ell(y_t|\theta)}{\partial \theta} \frac{\partial \ell(y_t|\theta)}{\partial \theta'}, \end{aligned}$$

where expectations are taken with respect to the true density. When the model is correctly specified, the true density is  $f(\mathbf{y}|\theta)$ . Let  $\theta_0$  be the true value of  $\theta$ .

The information matrix test is based on the information-matrix equality, which states that  $A(\theta_0) + B(\theta_0) = 0$  when the model is correctly specified. Given the vector of  $T$  independent observations,  $\mathbf{y}$ , the information-matrix test investigates the statistical significance of  $A_T(\mathbf{y}, \hat{\theta}) + B_T(\mathbf{y}, \hat{\theta})$ , where  $\hat{\theta}$  is the maximum likelihood estimator of  $\theta$ .

Let  $\mathbf{t}$  denote the vector of indicators (test vector) whose elements are  $D_{ij}$ , for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, r$ , and  $j = 1, \dots, i$ , where

$$D_{ij} = \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \left[ \frac{\partial \ell(y_t|\theta)}{\partial \theta_i} \frac{\partial \ell(y_t|\theta)}{\partial \theta_j} + \frac{\partial^2 \ell(y_t|\theta)}{\partial \theta_i \partial \theta_j} \right] \Big|_{\theta=\hat{\theta}}. \quad (12)$$

White (1982) shows that under regularity conditions, the IM test statistic is of the form

$$\xi = T \mathbf{t}' \hat{V}^{-1} \mathbf{t}, \quad (13)$$

where  $\hat{V}$  is the consistent estimator of the covariance matrix of  $\mathbf{t}$  under  $H_0$ . Under the null hypothesis,  $\xi$  is distributed asymptotically  $\chi_q^2$  with  $q = r(r+1)/2$ , and this is based on the

asymptotic null distribution of  $\mathbf{t} \sim N(0, V(\theta))$ . The IM test statistic depends on the estimate of the covariance matrix which in turn depends on the estimate of  $\theta$ .

Our proposed IM testing procedure aims to estimate the joint density of the test vector,  $\mathbf{t}$ , and does not depend on  $\widehat{V}$ . We believe basing the test directly on the vector  $\mathbf{t}$  and not needing an estimate of the covariance matrix of  $\mathbf{t}$  under  $H_0$  will give our proposed test a clear advantage. However, the null distribution of  $\mathbf{t}$  is highly dependent on  $\theta$ , the unknown model parameters.

Since  $A_T(\mathbf{y}, \widehat{\theta}) + B_T(\mathbf{y}, \widehat{\theta})$  is a symmetric matrix, a test of the complete IM identity can be based on the lower triangular elements of  $A_T(\mathbf{y}, \widehat{\theta}) + B_T(\mathbf{y}, \widehat{\theta})$  (or  $D_{ij}$ ). However, according to [White \(1982\)](#), in many situations it is inappropriate to base the test on all  $q$  indicators because some indicators may be identically zero, furthermore, some indicators may be linear combinations of other indicators. In either case, it is appropriate to ignore such indicators. In the remainder of this paper, the IM tests are based on the maximum number of linearly independent non-zero indicators.

## 6 Simulation study of the new test applied to the IM test

This section reports a Monte Carlo simulation study which aims to compare the finite-sample size and power performance of our proposed SS method based on  $\mathbf{t}$  with the [Lancaster \(1984\)](#) form of the IM test denoted by  $IM_L$  and the [Dhaene and Hoorelbeke \(2004\)](#) form of the IM test denoted by  $IM_{DH}$ .

### 6.1 Null and alternative hypotheses

The study covers two different settings. The null hypothesis in the first setting is the normal linear regression model given by

$$y_t = x_t' \beta + u_t, \tag{14}$$

for  $t = 1, 2, \dots, T$ , where  $u_t \sim IN(0, \sigma^2)$ ,  $x_t$  is a  $k \times 1$  vector of regressors, and  $\beta$  is a  $k \times 1$  vector of parameters. Following [Dhaene and Hoorelbeke \(2004\)](#), we examine the power of the IM test



under the heteroscedastic alternative of

$$y_t = x_t' \beta + u_t, \quad u_t \sim N(0, |x_t' \beta|), \quad \text{for } t = 1, 2, \dots, T. \quad (15)$$

In the second setting, the null model is the Tobit model given by

$$y_t = \begin{cases} x_t' \beta + u_t & \text{if } x_t' \beta + u_t > 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } x_t' \beta + u_t \leq 0 \end{cases}, \quad (16)$$

for  $t = 1, 2, \dots, T$ ,  $u_t \sim N(0, \sigma^2)$ ,  $x_t$  is a  $k \times 1$  vector of regressors, and  $\beta$  is a  $k \times 1$  vector of parameters. It will be convenient to re-parameterize the model as

$$hy_t = \begin{cases} x_t' b + v_t & \text{if } x_t' b + v_t > 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } x_t' b + v_t \leq 0 \end{cases}, \quad (17)$$

where  $h = 1/\sigma$ ,  $b = \beta/\sigma$ , and  $v_t \sim N(0, 1)$ , for  $t = 1, 2, \dots, T$ .

Following [Horowitz \(1994\)](#), we examine the power of the IM tests under the models given by

$$y_t = \max(0, x_t' \beta + u_t), \quad u_t \sim N(0, \exp(0.5 x_t' \beta)), \quad (18)$$

and

$$y_t = \max(0, x_t' \beta + 0.75x_{t,2}x_{t,3} + u_t), \quad u_t \sim N(0, 1), \quad (19)$$

for  $t = 1, 2, \dots, T$ , where  $x_{t,2}$  and  $x_{t,3}$  are the two non-intercept components of  $x_t$ . Note that model (18) involves a heteroscedastic alternative while model (19) has an incorrect mean function.

The experiments consist of applying both forms of IM tests along with the proposed method of testing to the linear regression and Tobit models. In both models,  $x_t$  consists of an intercept component and either one or two additional variables. The values of  $x_t$  are fixed in repeated samples. The values of the  $\beta$  parameters are  $(0.75, 1)'$  and  $(0.75, 1, 1)'$  when  $x_t$  is  $2 \times 1$  and  $3 \times 1$ , respectively. The non-intercept components of  $x_t$  are sampled independently from the standard normal distribution. The value of  $\sigma^2$  is set to 1 in all of the experiments. The sample sizes are 50, 100, 200 and 300, and  $n = m = 1000$ . The  $t$  vector is  $5 \times 1$  in the one-regressor case and  $9 \times 1$  in the two-regressor case. Size-corrected critical values, which were obtained via simulation under

the null hypothesis with known true parameters, were used for computing the powers of the  $IM_L$  and  $IM_{DH}$  tests. For the  $IM_{DH}$  test statistic, we used 50 parametric bootstrap samples to estimate the covariance matrix,  $\hat{V}$ , following [Dhaene and Hoorelbeke \(2004\)](#). It should be noted that when the IM test statistic is not pivotal (i.e. for the Tobit model), these size-corrected critical values for the  $IM_L$  and  $IM_{DH}$  tests cannot be calculated in a practical application because the true parameter values under the null hypothesis are unknown. We have used these critical values in the simulation so that the powers of the respective tests can be compared fairly.

In a separate simulation using recommended  $\chi^2$  critical values, we found estimated sizes for the  $IM_L$  test and  $\alpha = 0.10, 0.05$  and  $0.01$  of  $0.712, 0.611$  and  $0.417$  respectively, when  $T = 50$  and  $0.553, 0.462$  and  $0.298$  when  $T = 100$ . For the  $IM_{DH}$  test we did see an improvement in these estimated sizes to, respectively,  $0.164, 0.114$  and  $0.064$  when  $T = 50$  and for  $T = 100$ , to  $0.151, 0.104$  and  $0.048$ . All these estimated sizes are highly significantly larger than their nominal sizes. Clearly the use of  $\chi^2$  critical values for these two tests is not appropriate, particularly if we wish to compare powers.

## 6.2 Simulation results from the linear model

The results for the linear model are presented in [Tables 5 and 6](#) for sizes and powers, respectively. From [Table 5](#), we see that the sizes derived through the proposed test and both versions of IM test are very close to their corresponding nominal sizes for both one-regressor and two-regressors models. In fact none of the estimated sizes are significantly different from their nominal values. This is particularly encouraging for the new procedure given it involves estimation of a nine-dimensional joint density in the two-regressor case.

From [Table 6](#), we see that the power of the proposed method is, with one exception when  $T = 50$  and  $\alpha = 0.10$  in the two-regressor case, always more powerful than both the  $IM_L$  and  $IM_{DH}$  tests, typically by a large margin. We see settings in which the new test provides four or five-fold increases in power, although this advantage declines as the powers approach one. The fact that the  $IM_{DH}$  test is always more powerful than the  $IM_L$  test demonstrates that there is a

power advantage in using bootstrap methods to estimate the covariance matrix. Our proposed procedure, which by-passes this estimation problem, provides an even bigger power advantage.

### 6.3 Simulation results from the Tobit model

The size and power results for the Tobit model are presented in Tables 7–9. In Table 7, we see that the estimated sizes for the proposed testing procedure are not significantly different to their nominal sizes for both the one-regressor and two-regressor models. On the other hand, the sizes for the  $IM_L$  and  $IM_{DH}$  tests have mixed behavior. At the 1% level, the sizes seem to be over rejecting the null hypothesis particularly for smaller sample sizes. At the 5% and 10%, levels, the sizes are close to their nominal levels with only one occurrence of significant over rejection.

Table 8 presents the estimated powers of the tests, when model (18) is the true alternative hypothesis. The new test is always more powerful than both the  $IM_L$  and  $IM_{DH}$  tests with the one exception of when the powers reach their maximum of one. The biggest improvements in power occur for smaller sample sizes and smaller significant levels when the new test often has more than double the power of the best existing test. The test is typically more powerful than the  $IM_L$  test. Also, the powers of all three tests are generally higher for the two-regressor model than for the one-regressor model. This is likely to be because the two-regressor model has a higher degree of heteroscedasticity.

Table 9 presents the estimated powers of the  $IM_L$ ,  $IM_{DH}$  and the new test when model (19) is the true model. With the exception of a couple of cases when  $\alpha = 0.01$  and the sample size is small, the new test is always the most powerful of the three tests with  $IM_{DH}$  test typically being the second most powerful.

Overall, the results of our simulation study suggest that at least in the context of IM testing, the new test has excellent finite sample size and power properties. There is no evidence to suggest the sizes are different from their nominal sizes and in some cases the powers can be more than double those of the existing tests. The requirement in the two-regressor model case of needing to estimate a nine-dimensional joint density function does not seem to hinder the

performance of the proposed test.

## 7 Test for misspecification of cross-market prediction models

Stock market analysts have found that the Australian stock market often follows the overnight US stock market, and sometimes major European stock markets as well. Therefore, it is possible to forecast the Australian stock market daily return based on the overnight stock market returns on the US stock index and a major European stock index. Such a cross-market predictive relationship is one type of cross-market relationship, which is a broad area that has been extensively studied in the finance literature (see, for example, [Forbes and Rigobon, 2002](#); [Longstaff, 2010](#); [Rapach, Strauss, and Zhou, 2013](#); [Bekaert, Ehrmann, Fratzscher, and Mehl, 2014](#)). In order to model such a predictive relationship, one possible model is

$$y_t = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_{t-1} + \beta_2 z_{t-1} + \varepsilon_t, \quad (20)$$

for  $t = 1, 2, \dots, T$ , where  $y_t$  is the daily return on the Australian S&P/ASX 200 index, and  $x_{t-1}$  and  $z_{t-1}$  are the lagged US S&P 500 and German DAX daily returns standardized by the corresponding daily VIX measures, respectively.<sup>5</sup>

In order to capture the stylized facts of  $y_t$ , one reasonable specification is to assume that  $\varepsilon_t$ , for  $t = 1, 2, \dots, T$ , are conditional heteroscedastic. Another way to capture the stylized facts of  $y_t$  is to standardize  $y_t$  by its daily VIX and assume that  $\varepsilon_t$ , for  $t = 1, 2, \dots, T$ , are iid  $N(0, \sigma^2)$ . The latter specification might be inappropriate when there exists a remaining GARCH effect even after the standardization of  $y_t$ . Nonetheless, the latter specification can be tested through each of the three versions of the IM test discussed in the previous section.

We collected a sample of these three stock daily returns from the 5th January 2010 to the 31st July 2014 with the sample size being 1110. All three daily return series were standardized by their respective daily VIX measures and the errors,  $\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2, \dots, \varepsilon_T$ , were assumed to be iid  $N(0, \sigma^2)$ . The model was estimated using OLS, and the parameter vector  $(\beta_0, \beta_1, \beta_2, \sigma)$  estimate

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<sup>5</sup>If the regressors are not standardized, the cross-market linear relationship is very likely to be twisted by high volatilities, which usually occur when stock returns are extremely negative or positive values.

was (0.0054, 0.7879, 0.1295, 0.6331). Applying the Lagrange multiplier test for GARCH effects to the residuals<sup>6</sup>, we find that the  $p$ -values are 0.0000 for lags up to five, 0.0002 for lags up to ten, and 0.0058 for lags up to twenty. Thus, the Lagrange multiplier test rejects the null hypothesis of no GARCH effect in the residual series of (20) at the 1% significance level.

According to this finding, the model given by (20) with iid  $N(0, \sigma^2)$  errors is likely to be misspecified. The IM test based on our testing procedure, as well as the other two versions of the IM test, were carried out to test for such misspecification. Our testing procedure produces a  $p$ -value of 0.0094, while the  $p$ -values of  $IM_{DH}$  and  $IM_L$  tests are 0.0073 and 0.3573, respectively. Thus, our test and the  $IM_{DH}$  test both reject this specification at the 1% significance level. However, the Lancaster version of the IM test does not reject this specification.

Investors sometimes may be interested in how positive daily returns in the Australian stock market are affected by the overnight daily returns in the US market and a major European market. Such a cross-market relationship might be explained by a Tobit model:

$$y_t = \begin{cases} \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_{t-1} + \beta_2 z_{t-1} + u_t & \text{if } \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_{t-1} + \beta_2 z_{t-1} + u_t > 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_{t-1} + \beta_2 z_{t-1} + u_t \leq 0 \end{cases}, \quad (21)$$

where  $u_t$ , for  $t = 1, 2, \dots, T$ , are iid  $N(0, 1/h^2)$ . Note that there is no evidence supporting the Tobit specification of this model. Using the maximum likelihood estimation method, we fitted the model to a shorter sample of daily returns from the 3rd January 2013 to the 31st July 2014, a sample of 382 observations. The parameter vector  $(\beta_0, \beta_1, \beta_2, h)$  was estimated as (0.0075, 0.8752, 0.0879, 1.4937).

To test whether the Tobit specification is misspecified, we carried out the IM test based on our testing procedure together with the other two versions of the IM test. The  $p$ -value of our test is 0.0001, and the null hypothesis of no misspecification is rejected. However, the  $p$ -values of the  $IM_{DH}$  and  $IM_L$  tests are respectively, 0.1312 and 0.3989, which do not reject the null hypothesis at significance levels of 10% and less.

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<sup>6</sup>See, for example, Engle (1982) and Lee and King (1993) for discussion of the Lagrange multiplier test.

## 8 Conclusion

This paper presents a new procedure for hypothesis testing based on a vector of statistics. It involves simulating the statistics under the null hypothesis and then estimating their joint density using a multivariate kernel density estimator. This allows the  $p$ -value of the vector of statistics to be estimated giving rise to an ASAR test. Simulation is straight forward when the null distribution of the vector of statistics is independent of nuisance parameters, and it is possible to conduct the test in such a way that it is an exact size test. In the case where the null distribution of the test vector is dependent on nuisance parameters, these parameters are first estimated assuming the null hypothesis is true and then these parameter estimates are used to simulate the vector of statistics under the null hypothesis. We prove that the resultant  $p$ -value is a consistent estimate of the true  $p$ -value under some regularity conditions. The small-sample properties of the proposed procedure were investigated via simulation in the context of testing for autocorrelation, testing for normality, and testing for model misspecification through the information matrix. We find that our testing procedure has appropriate sizes and that powers that are typically better than, or in some cases as good as those of existing tests.

It appears that for relatively simple testing problems with few nuisance parameters, such as testing for autocorrelation and non-normality in a random sample, the new procedure typically has a slight advantage in terms of power. We see clear evidence of that advantage increasing as we turn to the more difficult problem of testing for misspecification via the information matrix in the linear regression model and the Tobit model. The standard approach in these more complicated settings is to derive the asymptotic distribution of the vector of statistics, estimate the asymptotic covariance matrix and calculate the usual quadratic form that has an asymptotic  $\chi^2$  distribution under the null hypothesis and assuming regularity conditions hold. Each of the steps of test construction involves an approximation that has the potential to affect the power of the resultant test. Our approach focuses directly on estimating the small-sample null distribution of the vector of statistics in order to estimate the overall  $p$ -value. When that

distribution is known, our test is optimal in the sense that by its construction, it has the smallest acceptance region of tests of that size in the  $d$ -dimensional sample space of  $t$ .

An important step in our procedure is the selection of bandwidth values for kernel density estimation. We found that the MCMC based approach is slightly better than the NRR particularly for large values of  $d$ , although there is a very big difference in the computational time required. So if this is an issue then the use of the NRR can provide very acceptable results.

We applied three versions of the information test for misspecification to some cross-market prediction models of daily returns on the Australian stock market. We find the three tests can have quite different estimated  $p$ -values which can result in different test outcomes. The results of tests for GARCH effects in the model's residuals tend to support the reliability of our proposed test procedure over the other two tests.

There are two possible weaknesses of the procedure that deserve comment. The first is the curse of dimensionality when estimating the joint density function. It is well documented (see [Epanechnikov, 1969](#); [Scott, 2015](#)) that as the dimension,  $d$ , of the joint density increases, the difficulty of estimating the density increases. To achieve the same level of accuracy larger samples are needed as  $d$  increases. Fortunately we have control over the number of simulations of  $t$  used to estimate the density. For larger values of  $d$ , we therefore recommend using as many simulations as possible. Also, as might be expected, the level of accuracy does depend on the smoothness/regularity of the true density. This suggests that the procedure might work better for larger sample sizes of the observed data,  $T$ , when  $d$  is large. We don't yet have an answer to the obvious question of how large can  $d$  be. Our simulations for the IM test showed that the procedure worked extremely well for  $d = 9$  using only 1000 simulations of  $t$ . We suspect it will work well for bigger values of  $d$ , particularly if a much higher number of simulations is used. Further research is needed to determine guidelines for working with large  $d$  values.

The second issue concerns the distributional assumption made about the disturbances in the model being simulated. For example, with respect to testing for serial correlation, we assumed

that the null hypothesis was given by (6) with  $\varepsilon_t$  being iid  $N(0, \sigma^2)$ . This normality assumption<sup>7</sup> has been questioned by many in literature (see, for example, [Godfrey, 2009](#)). An obvious question is how might our procedure be applied when we wish to make a much less specific assumption about  $\varepsilon_t$ . Our suggestion is to assume the density of  $\varepsilon_t$  is a member of a family of distributions such as the Pearson family (see [Bera and Jarque, 1982](#), for an application) or the Student's  $t$  family if one is willing to assume a symmetric heavy-tailed distribution for  $\varepsilon_t$  (see [Zhang and King, 2008](#)). Assuming membership of a family of distributions does then require estimation of unknown parameters (such as  $c_0$ ,  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  for the Pearson family and the degrees of freedom,  $\tau$ , for the Student's  $t$  family) to determine which member of the family we need to simulate from. Again, further research is needed to determine how well this approach works in practice.

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## Appendix: Proof of Theorem 1

For multivariate kernel density estimation, [Li and Racine \(2007\)](#) showed that under the smoothness conditions on the true density given in [Masry \(1996\)](#), the kernel density estimator is uniformly consistent on a bounded set, in which the true density is greater than zero. This implies

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<sup>7</sup>We could have made the more general assumption that the vector  $\varepsilon = (\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2, \dots, \varepsilon_n)'$  follows a spherically symmetric distribution with a joint density of the form  $\phi(\varepsilon' \varepsilon)$  which includes  $N(0, \sigma^2 I_n)$  with  $I_n$  denoting the  $n \times n$  identity matrix as a special case. As [King \(1981\)](#) notes, all statistics that are invariant to the scale of  $\varepsilon$  have the same distribution for all spherically symmetric distributions including normality.



that for any  $\gamma$  value of interest,

$$\sup |\hat{f}_m(\mathbf{t}, \gamma) - f(\mathbf{t}, \gamma)| \longrightarrow 0, \text{ almost surely,} \quad (22)$$

as  $m \longrightarrow \infty$ .

Let

$$I_1 = \{\mathbf{t} : f(\mathbf{t}, \gamma_0) < f(\hat{\mathbf{t}}, \gamma_0)\}, \quad \text{and} \quad I_2 = \{\mathbf{t} : \hat{f}_m(\mathbf{t}, \hat{\gamma}_T) < \hat{f}_m(\hat{\mathbf{t}}, \hat{\gamma}_T)\}.$$

Then

$$p_0 = \int_{I_1} f(\mathbf{t}, \gamma_0) d\mathbf{t}, \quad \text{and} \quad \hat{p}_{T,m,n} = \sum_{\mathbf{t}^{(i)} \in I_2} 1/n,$$

where  $\mathbf{t}^{(i)}$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ , are  $n$  simulated values of  $\mathbf{t}$  from  $f(\mathbf{t}, \hat{\gamma}_T)$ . Note that as  $n \longrightarrow \infty$ ,

$$\hat{p}_{T,m,n} \rightarrow \hat{p}_{T,m},$$

where

$$\hat{p}_{T,m} = \int_{I_2} f(\mathbf{t}, \hat{\gamma}_T) d\mathbf{t}.$$

Hence we need to show that  $\hat{p}_{T,m} \rightarrow p_0$  as  $T \rightarrow \infty$  and  $m \rightarrow \infty$ .

Note that  $I_2$  can be rewritten as

$$I_2 = \{\mathbf{t} : \hat{f}_m(\hat{\mathbf{t}}, \hat{\gamma}_T) - f(\hat{\mathbf{t}}, \hat{\gamma}_T) + f(\hat{\mathbf{t}}, \hat{\gamma}_T) - f(\mathbf{t}, \hat{\gamma}_T) + f(\mathbf{t}, \hat{\gamma}_T) - \hat{f}_m(\mathbf{t}, \hat{\gamma}_T) > 0\}.$$

As  $m \rightarrow \infty$ ,

$$I_2 \rightarrow I_3 = \{\mathbf{t} : f(\mathbf{t}, \hat{\gamma}_T) < f(\hat{\mathbf{t}}, \hat{\gamma}_T)\}, \text{ almost surely,}$$

because from (22),

$$\hat{f}_m(\hat{\mathbf{t}}, \hat{\gamma}_T) - f(\hat{\mathbf{t}}, \hat{\gamma}_T) \rightarrow 0, \text{ almost surely,}$$

and

$$f(\mathbf{t}, \hat{\gamma}_T) - \hat{f}_m(\mathbf{t}, \hat{\gamma}_T) \rightarrow 0, \text{ almost surely.}$$

Therefore, we now need to show that  $\hat{p}_T \rightarrow p_0$  as  $T \rightarrow \infty$ , where

$$\hat{p}_T = \int_{I_3} f(\mathbf{t}, \hat{\gamma}_T) d\mathbf{t}.$$

We have

$$\begin{aligned}
p_0 - \hat{p}_T &= \int_{I_1 \cap I_3} (f(\mathbf{t}, \gamma_0) - f(\mathbf{t}, \hat{\gamma}_T)) dt + \int_{I_1 \cap \bar{I}_3} f(\mathbf{t}, \gamma_0) dt - \int_{\bar{I}_1 \cap I_3} f(\mathbf{t}, \hat{\gamma}_T) dt \\
&\stackrel{\Delta}{=} A_{1,T} + A_{2,T} - A_{3,T}.
\end{aligned} \tag{23}$$

Let  $I_s = \bigcup_T (I_1 \cap I_3)$  where  $\bigcup_T (A)$  denotes the union for all values of  $T$  of the set  $A$ . It follows that

$$\begin{aligned}
|A_{1,T}| &= \left| \int_{I_1 \cap I_3} (f(\mathbf{t}, \gamma_0) - f(\mathbf{t}, \hat{\gamma}_T)) dt \right| \\
&\leq \int_{I_1 \cap I_3} |f(\mathbf{t}, \gamma_0) - f(\mathbf{t}, \hat{\gamma}_T)| dt \\
&\leq \int_{I_s} |f(\mathbf{t}, \gamma_0) - f(\mathbf{t}, \hat{\gamma}_T)| dt \\
&\rightarrow 0, \text{ almost surely,}
\end{aligned}$$

as  $T \rightarrow \infty$  because of strong consistency of  $\hat{\gamma}_T$  and because  $f(\mathbf{t}, \gamma)$  is continuous in  $\gamma$ .

Note that  $\mathbf{t} \in I_1 \cap \bar{I}_3$  implies

$$f(\mathbf{t}, \gamma_0) < f(\hat{\mathbf{t}}, \gamma_0), \text{ and } f(\mathbf{t}, \hat{\gamma}_T) \geq f(\hat{\mathbf{t}}, \hat{\gamma}_T).$$

Given that  $\hat{\gamma}_T$  is strongly consistent,  $\hat{\gamma}_T$  almost surely converges to  $\gamma_0$ . It suggests that  $I_1 \cap \bar{I}_3$  has measure zero as  $T \rightarrow \infty$ . Therefore,  $A_{2,T} \rightarrow 0$  as  $T \rightarrow \infty$ .

Similarly, we can show that  $\bar{I}_1 \cap I_3$  has measure zero as  $T \rightarrow \infty$ , which implies  $A_{3,T} \rightarrow 0$  as  $T \rightarrow \infty$ . This completes the proof.

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Table 1: The estimated sizes of the new test procedures and the Portmanteau test when  $d = 4$  and  $d = 6$ .

Dimension	$T$	$\alpha$	Single simulation		Double simulation		Minimum	Product	Q
			NRR	MCMC	NRR	MCMC	$p$	$p$	
$d=4$	50	0.10	0.100	0.099	0.101	0.101	0.098	0.100	0.100
		0.05	0.051	0.051	0.048	0.048	0.050	0.051	0.052
		0.01	0.010	0.010	0.010	0.010	0.009	0.010	0.010
	100	0.10	0.098	0.101	0.101	0.101	0.103	0.101	0.102
		0.05	0.048	0.049	0.047	0.049	0.051	0.051	0.051
		0.01	0.009	0.009	0.009	0.009	0.010	0.010	0.011
	200	0.10	0.101	0.102	0.103	0.105	0.103	0.104	0.102
		0.05	0.050	0.050	0.050	0.051	0.053	0.051	0.052
		0.01	0.010	0.011	0.011	0.011	0.012	0.010	0.010
500	0.10	0.097	0.095	0.093	0.096	0.097	0.095	0.095	
	0.05	0.045	0.046	0.045	0.045	0.046	0.045	0.045	
	0.01	0.009	0.009	0.009	0.009	0.010	0.009	0.009	
$d=6$	50	0.10	0.104	0.103	0.102	0.102	0.100	0.104	0.104
		0.05	0.054	0.054	0.053	0.052	0.052	0.052	0.053
		0.01	0.010	0.010	0.010	0.010	0.010	0.011	0.010
	100	0.10	0.099	0.100	0.100	0.101	0.102	0.103	0.103
		0.05	0.049	0.050	0.050	0.050	0.051	0.049	0.050
		0.01	0.010	0.010	0.010	0.011	0.011	0.011	0.011
	200	0.10	0.101	0.100	0.102	0.102	0.102	0.102	0.103
		0.05	0.052	0.052	0.053	0.053	0.053	0.052	0.051
		0.01	0.012	0.011	0.010	0.011	0.012	0.009	0.010
	500	0.10	0.093	0.092	0.092	0.090	0.091	0.095	0.094
		0.05	0.044	0.045	0.045	0.046	0.046	0.044	0.046
		0.01	0.008	0.008	0.009	0.009	0.011	0.008	0.009

Table 2: Estimated powers of the new tests and three competing tests when  $d = 4$ .

DGP	$T$	$\alpha$	Single simulation		Double simulation		Minimum	Product	Q
			NRR	MCMC	NRR	MCMC	$p$	$p$	
AR(1): $\rho_1=0.25$	50	0.10	0.411	0.417	0.418	0.423	0.387	0.365	0.370
		0.05	0.294	0.299	0.298	0.309	0.278	0.259	0.263
		0.01	0.128	0.134	0.124	0.131	0.115	0.106	0.103
	100	0.10	0.645	0.651	0.656	0.659	0.658	0.610	0.627
		0.05	0.520	0.529	0.519	0.531	0.549	0.482	0.504
		0.01	0.276	0.288	0.268	0.282	0.326	0.259	0.277
	200	0.10	0.898	0.900	0.903	0.906	0.918	0.881	0.897
		0.05	0.835	0.838	0.838	0.847	0.868	0.805	0.833
		0.01	0.633	0.653	0.616	0.646	0.728	0.586	0.633
500	0.10	0.999	0.999	0.999	0.999	1.000	0.999	0.999	
	0.05	0.997	0.998	0.997	0.989	0.999	0.996	0.998	
	0.01	0.985	0.988	0.988	0.989	0.994	0.983	0.989	
AR(2): $\rho_1=0.05$ $\rho_2=0.10$	50	0.10	0.208	0.210	0.212	0.214	0.154	0.172	0.170
		0.05	0.125	0.126	0.125	0.126	0.088	0.105	0.104
		0.01	0.041	0.042	0.036	0.038	0.022	0.031	0.030
	100	0.10	0.256	0.261	0.263	0.266	0.214	0.235	0.234
		0.05	0.163	0.166	0.167	0.169	0.132	0.149	0.148
		0.01	0.055	0.057	0.056	0.058	0.037	0.053	0.052
	200	0.10	0.363	0.369	0.382	0.388	0.324	0.348	0.352
		0.05	0.249	0.255	0.261	0.265	0.221	0.243	0.246
		0.01	0.097	0.099	0.099	0.101	0.084	0.093	0.097
500	0.10	0.638	0.645	0.647	0.651	0.616	0.628	0.639	
	0.05	0.521	0.531	0.523	0.531	0.489	0.507	0.519	
	0.01	0.284	0.298	0.275	0.286	0.273	0.293	0.302	
AR(2): $\rho_1=0.05$ $\rho_2=0.20$	50	0.10	0.370	0.374	0.381	0.382	0.294	0.315	0.313
		0.05	0.261	0.263	0.266	0.273	0.199	0.221	0.222
		0.01	0.117	0.119	0.107	0.113	0.070	0.089	0.087
	100	0.10	0.542	0.551	0.553	0.557	0.490	0.499	0.507
		0.05	0.419	0.424	0.418	0.429	0.373	0.378	0.387
		0.01	0.214	0.222	0.196	0.210	0.176	0.189	0.197
	200	0.10	0.789	0.797	0.800	0.804	0.777	0.758	0.774
		0.05	0.692	0.701	0.698	0.704	0.683	0.650	0.672
		0.01	0.445	0.464	0.458	0.469	0.466	0.413	0.443
500	0.10	0.990	0.990	0.990	0.990	0.991	0.985	0.988	
	0.05	0.978	0.979	0.978	0.979	0.981	0.969	0.976	
	0.01	0.911	0.923	0.923	0.929	0.938	0.900	0.919	

Table 2: Estimated powers of the new tests and three competing tests when  $d = 4$  (continued).

DGP	$T$	$\alpha$	Single simulation		Double simulation		Minimum	Product	Q	
			NRR	MCMC	NRR	MCMC	$p$	$p$		
AR(3): $\rho_1=0.10$	50	0.10	0.347	0.352	0.356	0.360	0.253	0.298	0.292	
		$\rho_2=0.10$	0.05	0.241	0.249	0.251	0.254	0.164	0.217	0.212
		$\rho_3=0.10$	0.01	0.110	0.121	0.106	0.113	0.057	0.100	0.094
	100	0.10	0.488	0.484	0.494	0.496	0.405	0.470	0.467	
		0.05	0.371	0.374	0.372	0.380	0.291	0.369	0.365	
		0.01	0.192	0.184	0.190	0.202	0.121	0.207	0.203	
	200	0.10	0.707	0.717	0.708	0.720	0.635	0.714	0.712	
		0.05	0.599	0.604	0.599	0.611	0.513	0.620	0.614	
		0.01	0.367	0.361	0.377	0.394	0.287	0.425	0.421	
500	0.10	0.964	0.963	0.966	0.967	0.934	0.968	0.967		
	0.05	0.933	0.931	0.934	0.939	0.881	0.946	0.943		
	0.01	0.807	0.830	0.803	0.828	0.712	0.870	0.865		
AR(3): $\rho_1=0.05$	50	0.10	0.379	0.380	0.376	0.380	0.289	0.309	0.312	
		$\rho_2=0.05$	0.05	0.271	0.271	0.269	0.270	0.190	0.214	0.219
		$\rho_3=0.20$	0.01	0.122	0.121	0.117	0.120	0.064	0.086	0.083
	100	0.10	0.566	0.570	0.559	0.562	0.508	0.506	0.519	
		0.05	0.449	0.451	0.438	0.442	0.385	0.388	0.401	
		0.01	0.234	0.242	0.218	0.223	0.181	0.195	0.205	
	200	0.10	0.816	0.822	0.811	0.816	0.793	0.780	0.797	
		0.05	0.720	0.727	0.706	0.719	0.702	0.683	0.703	
		0.01	0.480	0.500	0.490	0.501	0.488	0.449	0.481	
500	0.10	0.992	0.993	0.992	0.993	0.993	0.989	0.992		
	0.05	0.983	0.984	0.982	0.983	0.985	0.978	0.982		
	0.01	0.940	0.945	0.929	0.942	0.950	0.932	0.943		
AR(4): $\rho_1=0.05$	50	0.10	0.533	0.533	0.533	0.533	0.390	0.454	0.452	
		$\rho_2=0.10$	0.05	0.422	0.424	0.424	0.429	0.283	0.367	0.367
		$\rho_3=0.15$	0.01	0.255	0.258	0.247	0.252	0.122	0.217	0.208
	100	0.10	0.745	0.748	0.734	0.737	0.625	0.699	0.698	
		0.05	0.649	0.656	0.648	0.650	0.510	0.610	0.607	
		0.01	0.444	0.457	0.463	0.474	0.280	0.436	0.434	
	200	0.10	0.934	0.937	0.935	0.936	0.881	0.922	0.922	
		0.05	0.890	0.895	0.890	0.894	0.806	0.880	0.878	
		0.01	0.745	0.765	0.761	0.769	0.605	0.756	0.757	
500	0.10	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	0.998	1.000	0.999		
	0.05	0.998	0.999	0.999	0.999	0.995	0.998	0.998		
	0.01	0.990	0.993	0.993	0.994	0.973	0.994	0.994		

Table 2: Estimated powers of the new tests and three competing tests when  $d = 4$  (continued).

DGP	$T$	$\alpha$	Single simulation		Double simulation		Minimum	Product	Q		
			NRR	MCMC	NRR	MCMC	$p$	$p$			
AR(4): $\rho_1=0.05$	50	0.10	0.334	0.337	0.339	0.342	0.233	0.278	0.275		
		$\rho_2=0.10$	0.05	0.236	0.237	0.238	0.242	0.149	0.198	0.198	
		$\rho_3=0.05$	0.01	0.106	0.108	0.104	0.105	0.047	0.087	0.082	
	100	0.10	$\rho_3=0.10$	0.464	0.469	0.454	0.459	0.355	0.421	0.421	
				0.05	0.343	0.350	0.343	0.349	0.252	0.319	0.317
				0.01	0.164	0.172	0.165	0.167	0.096	0.171	0.169
		200	0.10	0.657	0.664	0.657	0.663	0.564	0.641	0.636	
			0.05	0.542	0.551	0.548	0.556	0.438	0.539	0.535	
			0.01	0.304	0.324	0.325	0.343	0.222	0.345	0.344	
	500	0.10	0.936	0.939	0.936	0.939	0.890	0.935	0.935		
		0.05	0.889	0.896	0.890	0.896	0.811	0.895	0.893		
		0.01	0.731	0.750	0.747	0.756	0.603	0.783	0.776		
AR(4): $\rho_1=0.05$	50	0.10	0.218	0.219	0.219	0.222	0.149	0.173	0.170		
		$\rho_2=0.05$	0.05	0.137	0.138	0.138	0.139	0.085	0.110	0.108	
		$\rho_3=0.05$	0.01	0.048	0.048	0.043	0.045	0.021	0.036	0.034	
	100	0.10	$\rho_3=0.05$	0.265	0.269	0.265	0.270	0.204	0.235	0.232	
				0.05	0.172	0.175	0.168	0.171	0.124	0.155	0.152
				0.01	0.061	0.064	0.060	0.063	0.033	0.062	0.060
		200	0.10	0.356	0.362	0.363	0.368	0.290	0.344	0.339	
			0.05	0.249	0.253	0.246	0.252	0.189	0.247	0.243	
			0.01	0.100	0.106	0.102	0.106	0.066	0.109	0.106	
	500	0.10	0.611	0.613	0.602	0.611	0.513	0.612	0.606		
		0.05	0.483	0.496	0.485	0.496	0.377	0.504	0.496		
		0.01	0.250	0.264	0.273	0.298	0.170	0.314	0.302		

Table 3: Estimated powers of the new tests and three competing tests when  $d = 6$ .

DGP	$T$	$\alpha$	Single simulation		Double simulation		Minimum	Product	Q
			NRR	MCMC	NRR	MCMC	$p$	$p$	
AR(1): $\rho_1=0.25$	50	0.10	0.366	0.374	0.358	0.371	0.350	0.326	0.327
		0.05	0.256	0.269	0.249	0.265	0.247	0.225	0.228
		0.01	0.102	0.110	0.099	0.109	0.101	0.085	0.083
	100	0.10	0.566	0.582	0.568	0.591	0.616	0.539	0.560
		0.05	0.437	0.453	0.434	0.455	0.500	0.402	0.430
		0.01	0.217	0.226	0.213	0.221	0.293	0.203	0.218
	200	0.10	0.850	0.864	0.859	0.872	0.895	0.827	0.855
		0.05	0.765	0.790	0.778	0.798	0.841	0.737	0.775
		0.01	0.564	0.587	0.570	0.597	0.691	0.492	0.546
500	0.10	0.997	0.998	0.997	0.998	0.999	0.996	0.998	
	0.05	0.993	0.995	0.992	0.995	0.999	0.992	0.995	
	0.01	0.974	0.977	0.968	0.973	0.994	0.961	0.977	
AR(2): $\rho_1=0.05$ $\rho_2=0.10$	50	0.10	0.196	0.197	0.196	0.199	0.143	0.159	0.157
		0.05	0.117	0.121	0.121	0.124	0.082	0.093	0.091
		0.01	0.037	0.037	0.038	0.039	0.019	0.027	0.026
	100	0.10	0.223	0.233	0.237	0.244	0.195	0.210	0.209
		0.05	0.139	0.144	0.137	0.141	0.116	0.124	0.126
		0.01	0.045	0.046	0.039	0.040	0.033	0.042	0.042
	200	0.10	0.319	0.328	0.329	0.340	0.289	0.310	0.314
		0.05	0.214	0.223	0.219	0.227	0.191	0.209	0.211
		0.01	0.080	0.081	0.079	0.085	0.069	0.072	0.076
500	0.10	0.575	0.588	0.576	0.599	0.558	0.564	0.578	
	0.05	0.440	0.458	0.435	0.459	0.441	0.435	0.455	
	0.01	0.225	0.234	0.217	0.232	0.240	0.222	0.241	
AR(2): $\rho_1=0.05$ $\rho_2=0.20$	50	0.10	0.336	0.342	0.333	0.341	0.266	0.285	0.284
		0.05	0.233	0.240	0.227	0.238	0.177	0.193	0.193
		0.01	0.091	0.095	0.090	0.095	0.062	0.072	0.069
	100	0.10	0.472	0.490	0.475	0.486	0.447	0.442	0.449
		0.05	0.351	0.365	0.352	0.362	0.333	0.314	0.325
		0.01	0.164	0.168	0.162	0.165	0.153	0.150	0.156
	200	0.10	0.719	0.733	0.720	0.737	0.734	0.689	0.714
		0.05	0.604	0.620	0.606	0.625	0.637	0.575	0.603
		0.01	0.382	0.382	0.381	0.392	0.422	0.339	0.368
500	0.10	0.978	0.982	0.979	0.983	0.987	0.971	0.979	
	0.05	0.952	0.961	0.955	0.964	0.973	0.943	0.960	
	0.01	0.859	0.870	0.864	0.876	0.925	0.835	0.874	

Table 3: Estimated powers of the new tests and three competing tests when  $d = 6$  (continued).

DGP	$T$	$\alpha$	Single simulation		Double simulation		Minimum	Product	Q	
			NRR	MCMC	NRR	MCMC	$p$	$p$		
AR(3): $\rho_1=0.10$	50	0.10	0.320	0.327	0.321	0.333	0.229	0.272	0.267	
		$\rho_2=0.10$	0.05	0.222	0.227	0.226	0.234	0.148	0.191	0.187
		$\rho_3=0.10$	0.01	0.097	0.100	0.092	0.096	0.050	0.083	0.077
	100	0.10	0.432	0.446	0.427	0.443	0.367	0.423	0.419	
		0.05	0.323	0.335	0.305	0.320	0.257	0.316	0.315	
		0.01	0.160	0.167	0.144	0.148	0.106	0.172	0.167	
	200	0.10	0.643	0.660	0.641	0.662	0.582	0.660	0.660	
		0.05	0.529	0.553	0.523	0.544	0.463	0.562	0.560	
		0.01	0.320	0.329	0.321	0.337	0.249	0.363	0.364	
500	0.10	0.935	0.947	0.937	0.948	0.911	0.951	0.951		
	0.05	0.886	0.903	0.892	0.906	0.849	0.918	0.920		
	0.01	0.749	0.765	0.764	0.778	0.675	0.811	0.816		
AR(3): $\rho_1=0.05$	50	0.10	0.343	0.347	0.353	0.359	0.258	0.282	0.281	
		$\rho_2=0.05$	0.05	0.242	0.249	0.249	0.257	0.171	0.192	0.195
		$\rho_3=0.20$	0.01	0.102	0.105	0.106	0.108	0.057	0.075	0.072
	100	0.10	0.504	0.514	0.504	0.515	0.460	0.452	0.465	
		0.05	0.388	0.400	0.385	0.393	0.341	0.333	0.347	
		0.01	0.199	0.203	0.190	0.195	0.159	0.167	0.172	
	200	0.10	0.749	0.765	0.730	0.748	0.751	0.724	0.746	
		0.05	0.640	0.664	0.620	0.642	0.656	0.617	0.642	
		0.01	0.423	0.433	0.389	0.408	0.445	0.385	0.413	
500	0.10	0.983	0.986	0.983	0.986	0.990	0.981	0.985		
	0.05	0.965	0.971	0.963	0.969	0.979	0.962	0.972		
	0.01	0.901	0.913	0.887	0.898	0.936	0.883	0.911		
AR(4): $\rho_1=0.05$	50	0.10	0.492	0.498	0.494	0.504	0.356	0.422	0.419	
		$\rho_2=0.10$	0.05	0.390	0.398	0.387	0.401	0.254	0.333	0.331
		$\rho_3=0.15$	0.01	0.223	0.227	0.217	0.219	0.110	0.194	0.185
	100	0.10	0.685	0.700	0.677	0.692	0.582	0.655	0.655	
		0.05	0.582	0.600	0.572	0.585	0.463	0.555	0.557	
		0.01	0.377	0.389	0.382	0.396	0.250	0.386	0.382	
	200	0.10	0.902	0.912	0.899	0.908	0.848	0.895	0.895	
		0.05	0.844	0.858	0.840	0.851	0.767	0.845	0.845	
		0.01	0.689	0.699	0.697	0.708	0.561	0.705	0.707	
500	0.10	0.998	0.999	0.998	0.999	0.997	0.999	0.999		
	0.05	0.995	0.997	0.996	0.997	0.993	0.996	0.997		
	0.01	0.982	0.995	0.987	0.988	0.965	0.989	0.990		

Table 3: Estimated powers of the new tests and three competing tests when  $d = 6$  (continued).

DGP	$T$	$\alpha$	Single simulation		Double simulation		Minimum	Product	Q		
			NRR	MCMC	NRR	MCMC	$p$	$p$			
AR(4): $\rho_1=0.05$	50	0.10	0.314	0.319	0.315	0.323	0.214	0.253	0.252		
		$\rho_2=0.10$	0.05	0.219	0.224	0.215	0.223	0.134	0.175	0.173	
		$\rho_3=0.05$	0.01	0.091	0.094	0.087	0.091	0.042	0.073	0.069	
	100	0.10	$\rho_3=0.10$	0.403	0.418	0.418	0.430	0.323	0.377	0.375	
				0.05	0.296	0.307	0.302	0.313	0.220	0.276	0.276
				0.01	0.138	0.142	0.139	0.146	0.082	0.143	0.141
		200	0.10	0.595	0.611	0.597	0.609	0.509	0.588	0.587	
				0.05	0.473	0.497	0.488	0.505	0.392	0.487	0.485
				0.01	0.263	0.271	0.286	0.300	0.190	0.293	0.293
	500	0.10	0.899	0.912	0.898	0.908	0.854	0.909	0.909		
			0.05	0.834	0.854	0.838	0.851	0.768	0.856	0.858	
			0.01	0.666	0.685	0.683	0.694	0.561	0.714	0.718	
AR(4): $\rho_1=0.05$	50	0.10	0.211	0.212	0.207	0.210	0.140	0.159	0.157		
		$\rho_2=0.05$	0.05	0.131	0.135	0.126	0.129	0.080	0.098	0.095	
		$\rho_3=0.05$	0.01	0.044	0.043	0.039	0.040	0.019	0.031	0.028	
	100	0.10	$\rho_3=0.05$	0.234	0.240	0.234	0.242	0.185	0.209	0.209	
				0.05	0.152	0.158	0.154	0.158	0.110	0.132	0.132
				0.01	0.051	0.052	0.050	0.051	0.029	0.051	0.050
		200	0.10	0.320	0.329	0.327	0.339	0.257	0.312	0.309	
				0.05	0.217	0.230	0.222	0.233	0.164	0.221	0.217
				0.01	0.085	0.088	0.089	0.093	0.055	0.089	0.087
	500	0.10	0.541	0.561	0.550	0.565	0.452	0.559	0.556		
			0.05	0.413	0.429	0.434	0.443	0.330	0.442	0.440	
			0.01	0.213	0.221	0.240	0.245	0.144	0.254	0.251	

Table 4: Estimated sizes and powers of the new test procedures, Dufour's (2006) exact tests and JB test.

Dimension	$T$	$\alpha$	Single simulation		Double simulation		Minimum	Product	Q
			NRR	MCMC	NRR	MCMC	$p$	$p$	
Size	30	0.10	0.099	0.099	0.100	0.100	0.101	0.099	0.099
		0.05	0.051	0.051	0.050	0.050	0.050	0.050	0.051
		0.01	0.010	0.010	0.010	0.010	0.011	0.011	0.011
	50	0.10	0.099	0.098	0.098	0.097	0.099	0.099	0.101
		0.05	0.046	0.046	0.047	0.048	0.048	0.048	0.048
		0.01	0.011	0.011	0.011	0.010	0.011	0.011	0.011
	75	0.10	0.104	0.104	0.103	0.103	0.102	0.103	0.104
		0.05	0.051	0.051	0.051	0.052	0.051	0.051	0.052
		0.01	0.010	0.010	0.009	0.009	0.010	0.010	0.011
	100	0.10	0.103	0.103	0.103	0.102	0.101	0.100	0.100
		0.05	0.053	0.053	0.053	0.053	0.054	0.055	0.054
		0.01	0.011	0.011	0.011	0.011	0.011	0.011	0.011
Student $t_5$	30	0.10	0.416	0.414	0.417	0.416	0.385	0.397	0.396
		0.05	0.324	0.322	0.320	0.319	0.299	0.310	0.309
		0.01	0.177	0.178	0.179	0.177	0.179	0.179	0.180
	50	0.10	0.542	0.544	0.540	0.539	0.502	0.519	0.519
		0.05	0.442	0.445	0.444	0.445	0.421	0.433	0.432
		0.01	0.289	0.290	0.284	0.283	0.287	0.278	0.280
	75	0.10	0.665	0.666	0.664	0.664	0.620	0.637	0.637
		0.05	0.568	0.569	0.569	0.569	0.547	0.558	0.556
		0.01	0.379	0.381	0.383	0.382	0.389	0.374	0.379
	100	0.10	0.743	0.743	0.738	0.739	0.704	0.717	0.718
		0.05	0.659	0.659	0.663	0.663	0.641	0.652	0.652
		0.01	0.480	0.480	0.478	0.480	0.489	0.469	0.475
$\chi_3^2$	30	0.10	0.829	0.834	0.832	0.835	0.848	0.845	0.844
		0.05	0.730	0.740	0.738	0.744	0.745	0.647	0.683
		0.01	0.489	0.503	0.478	0.481	0.478	0.395	0.399
	50	0.10	0.976	0.976	0.977	0.977	0.970	0.977	0.978
		0.05	0.948	0.945	0.947	0.947	0.930	0.880	0.900
		0.01	0.818	0.809	0.804	0.805	0.759	0.635	0.647
	75	0.10	0.999	0.666	0.664	0.664	0.620	0.637	0.637
		0.05	0.997	0.997	0.996	0.996	0.992	0.990	0.991
		0.01	0.973	0.971	0.976	0.976	0.922	0.823	0.841
	100	0.10	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
		0.05	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	0.999	1.000	1.000
		0.01	0.998	0.998	0.998	0.998	0.986	0.941	0.956



Table 4: Estimated sizes and powers of the new test procedures, Dufour's (2006) exact tests and JB test (continued).

Dimension	$T$	$\alpha$	Single simulation		Double simulation		Minimum	Product	Q
			NRR	MCMC	NRR	MCMC	$p$	$p$	
Gamma	30	0.10	0.720	0.723	0.724	0.726	0.764	0.745	0.749
		0.05	0.601	0.608	0.612	0.616	0.639	0.545	0.576
		0.01	0.359	0.370	0.349	0.350	0.366	0.302	0.305
	50	0.10	0.933	0.933	0.935	0.935	0.930	0.936	0.938
		0.05	0.874	0.869	0.876	0.877	0.864	0.786	0.815
		0.01	0.670	0.660	0.654	0.656	0.632	0.514	0.523
	75	0.10	0.993	0.993	0.994	0.994	0.990	0.994	0.994
		0.05	0.981	0.981	0.981	0.981	0.972	0.954	0.962
		0.01	0.905	0.902	0.909	0.910	0.829	0.702	0.720
100	0.10	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	0.999	1.000	1.000	
	0.05	0.998	0.998	0.998	0.998	0.995	0.994	0.995	
	0.01	0.980	0.979	0.980	0.979	0.949	0.859	0.881	
log normal	30	0.10	0.718	0.720	0.722	0.723	0.773	0.746	0.754
		0.05	0.616	0.619	0.625	0.628	0.670	0.598	0.622
		0.01	0.420	0.430	0.407	0.407	0.436	0.385	0.388
	50	0.10	0.920	0.921	0.923	0.923	0.934	0.927	0.932
		0.05	0.869	0.866	0.873	0.874	0.880	0.822	0.843
		0.01	0.704	0.699	0.696	0.697	0.694	0.609	0.614
	75	0.10	0.988	0.988	0.990	0.990	0.989	0.990	0.990
		0.05	0.975	0.974	0.975	0.975	0.975	0.956	0.963
		0.01	0.905	0.903	0.907	0.907	0.869	0.787	0.798
	100	0.10	0.999	0.999	0.998	0.998	0.998	0.999	0.999
		0.05	0.996	0.996	0.996	0.996	0.995	0.993	0.994
		0.01	0.977	0.977	0.976	0.975	0.961	0.909	0.921

Table 5: Estimated sizes of the IM tests with samples generated from the linear regression model.

Test	Sample size	One-regressor			Two-regressor		
		0.01	0.05	0.10	0.01	0.05	0.10
New test	50	0.010	0.051	0.100	0.011	0.048	0.098
	100	0.009	0.046	0.095	0.010	0.050	0.099
	200	0.009	0.051	0.097	0.008	0.049	0.099
	300	0.010	0.050	0.102	0.009	0.048	0.097
IM <sub>L</sub>	50	0.011	0.052	0.103	0.010	0.051	0.102
	100	0.011	0.050	0.100	0.011	0.051	0.100
	200	0.008	0.051	0.103	0.011	0.052	0.101
	300	0.011	0.050	0.103	0.009	0.048	0.103
IM <sub>DH</sub>	50	0.010	0.053	0.102	0.011	0.051	0.102
	100	0.011	0.049	0.097	0.010	0.049	0.098
	200	0.010	0.051	0.101	0.009	0.050	0.101
	300	0.010	0.054	0.107	0.010	0.048	0.096

Table 6: Estimated powers of the IM tests with samples generated from the linear model.

Tests	Sample size	One-regressor			Two-regressor		
		0.01	0.05	0.10	0.01	0.05	0.10
New test	50	0.106	0.363	0.533	0.030	0.121	0.216
	100	0.491	0.801	0.913	0.243	0.572	0.743
	200	0.975	0.998	1.000	0.738	0.944	0.976
	300	0.999	1.000	1.000	0.927	0.991	0.998
IM <sub>L</sub>	50	0.017	0.074	0.154	0.014	0.055	0.107
	100	0.034	0.268	0.475	0.022	0.130	0.263
	200	0.422	0.803	0.914	0.202	0.500	0.680
	300	0.751	0.962	0.993	0.396	0.781	0.911
IM <sub>DH</sub>	50	0.025	0.133	0.281	0.020	0.104	0.219
	100	0.078	0.473	0.713	0.051	0.287	0.500
	200	0.580	0.948	0.986	0.196	0.649	0.832
	300	0.910	0.993	0.999	0.485	0.873	0.952

Table 7: Estimated sizes of the IM tests with samples generated from the Tobit model.

Tests	Sample size	One-regressor			Two-regressor		
		0.01	0.05	0.10	0.01	0.05	0.10
New test	50	0.011	0.055	0.109	0.009	0.049	0.104
	100	0.009	0.048	0.097	0.009	0.055	0.112
	200	0.011	0.057	0.106	0.012	0.046	0.098
	300	0.013	0.047	0.087	0.011	0.054	0.107
IM <sub>L</sub>	50	0.018	0.058	0.105	0.012	0.047	0.089
	100	0.016	0.056	0.108	0.015	0.051	0.092
	200	0.016	0.052	0.100	0.013	0.049	0.098
	300	0.014	0.049	0.100	0.017	0.065	0.124
IM <sub>DH</sub>	50	0.020	0.052	0.102	0.016	0.056	0.100
	100	0.020	0.060	0.100	0.019	0.053	0.107
	200	0.016	0.055	0.112	0.010	0.045	0.116
	300	0.015	0.057	0.111	0.015	0.054	0.107

Table 8: Estimated powers of the IM tests with samples generated from (18).

Test	Sample size	One-regressor			Two-regressor		
		0.01	0.05	0.10	0.01	0.05	0.10
New test	50	0.156	0.362	0.503	0.120	0.330	0.471
	100	0.247	0.501	0.629	0.259	0.598	0.726
	200	0.454	0.782	0.866	0.647	0.926	0.951
	300	0.699	0.917	0.948	0.818	0.992	1.000
IM <sub>L</sub>	50	0.054	0.128	0.197	0.052	0.103	0.187
	100	0.062	0.198	0.320	0.120	0.234	0.351
	200	0.196	0.425	0.572	0.311	0.652	0.766
	300	0.396	0.674	0.782	0.706	0.841	0.952
IM <sub>DH</sub>	50	0.043	0.167	0.307	0.029	0.110	0.223
	100	0.112	0.349	0.536	0.097	0.315	0.506
	200	0.365	0.712	0.858	0.475	0.795	0.930
	300	0.622	0.891	0.943	0.762	0.976	1.000

Table 9: Estimated powers of the IM tests with samples generated from (19).

Test	Sample size	Significance level		
		0.01	0.05	0.10
New test	50	0.025	0.115	0.201
	100	0.041	0.184	0.320
	200	0.222	0.580	0.742
	300	0.476	0.844	0.930
$IM_L$	50	0.033	0.077	0.144
	100	0.056	0.117	0.182
	200	0.139	0.291	0.395
	300	0.258	0.440	0.578
$IM_{DH}$	50	0.022	0.074	0.135
	100	0.029	0.120	0.238
	200	0.142	0.422	0.589
	300	0.428	0.752	0.872