

Supplementary Methods to

Geographically weighted temporally correlated logistic regression model

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Tetrachoric Correlation

The tetrachoric correlation approach, proposed by Lecessie and Vanhouwelingen¹, is adopted to accommodate the potential association among the observations. The tetrachoric correlation will replace the original definition of correlation to describe the temporal correlation of the binary variables $Y_{i,t,j}$ defined in the main text.

Suppose there is a random pair of binary variables $Y = (Y_1, Y_2)$ of which Y is a realization of a bivariate continuous random variable $Z = (Z_1, Z_2)$, so that the correlation of Y_1 and Y_2 can be represented by that of Z . Suppose Z follows a standard bivariate normal distribution with correlation ρ , then we call ρ as the tetrachoric correlation of Y . To be more specific, let

$$\begin{aligned} P(Y_1 = 1) &= \pi_1, P(Y_2 = 1) = \pi_2, \\ g_1 &= \Phi^{-1}(\pi_1), g_2 = \Phi^{-1}(\pi_2), \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

where Φ is the cumulative distribution function of a standard normal distribution.

Suppose that

$$\begin{aligned} P(Y_1 = 1, Y_2 = 1) &= \pi_{11}; \\ P(Y_1 = 1, Y_2 = 0) &= \pi_{10}; \\ P(Y_1 = 0, Y_2 = 1) &= \pi_{01}; \\ P(Y_1 = 0, Y_2 = 0) &= \pi_{00}, \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

and let $\varphi_m(z, u, \Sigma)$ be the probability density function of bivariate normal distribution with dimension m , mean u and covariance matrix Σ . Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \pi_{11} &= P(Z_1 < g_1, Z_2 < g_2) = \int_{-\infty}^{g_1} \int_{-\infty}^{g_2} \varphi_2 \left((z_1, z_2), 0, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \rho \\ \rho & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right) dz_1 dz_2; \\ \pi_{10} &= P(Z_1 < g_1, Z_2 > g_2) = \int_{-\infty}^{g_1} \int_{g_2}^{+\infty} \varphi_2 \left((z_1, z_2), 0, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \rho \\ \rho & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right) dz_1 dz_2; \\ \pi_{01} &= P(Z_1 > g_1, Z_2 < g_2) = \int_{g_1}^{+\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{g_2} \varphi_2 \left((z_1, z_2), 0, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \rho \\ \rho & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right) dz_1 dz_2; \\ \pi_{00} &= P(Z_1 > g_1, Z_2 > g_2) = \int_{g_1}^{+\infty} \int_{g_2}^{+\infty} \varphi_2 \left((z_1, z_2), 0, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \rho \\ \rho & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right) dz_1 dz_2. \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

Pseudo-Likelihood

In Section ‘‘Model Construction’’, the spatio-temporal local log-likelihood is rather complicated and difficult to differentiate. Here we use the pseudo-likelihood introduced in literature¹ to approximate the true likelihood.

Remember in the joint event $Y_{i,t_k} = (Y_{i,t_k}, \dots, Y_{N_{i,t_k}})$ defined in the main text, we have N_{i,t_k}

marginal events. We will now divide the joint event to a set of $C_{N_{i,t_k}}^2$ pairwise events. Similar to Le

Cessie and van Houwelingen¹, define $l_{i,t_k,(p,q)}$ as the pairwise log likelihood for the pairwise event (Y_p, Y_q) with sampling time (t_p, t_q) and independent covariate vector (X_p, X_q) . Then, let the pseudo likelihood that simplifies l_{i,t_k} be

$$l_{i,t_k}^{pse} = \frac{1}{N_{i,t_k} - 1} \sum_{q=2}^{N_{i,t_k}} \sum_{p=1}^{q-1} l_{i,t_k,(p,q)}, \quad (4)$$

where

$$l_{i,t_k,(p,q)} = \sum_{a=0}^1 \sum_{b=0}^1 1_{\{Y_p=a, Y_q=b\}} \log(\pi_{ab,(pq)}), \quad (5)$$

such that

$$\begin{aligned} \pi_{11,(pq)} &= \int_{-\infty}^{g_p} \int_{-\infty}^{g_q} \varphi_2 \left(z_1, z_2, 0, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & c_i(|t_p - t_q|) \\ c_i(|t_p - t_q|) & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right) dz_1 dz_2; \\ \pi_{10,(pq)} &= \int_{-\infty}^{g_p} \int_{g_q}^{+\infty} \varphi_2 \left(z_1, z_2, 0, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & c_i(|t_p - t_q|) \\ c_i(|t_p - t_q|) & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right) dz_1 dz_2; \\ \pi_{01,(pq)} &= \int_{g_p}^{+\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{g_q} \varphi_2 \left(z_1, z_2, 0, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & c_i(|t_p - t_q|) \\ c_i(|t_p - t_q|) & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right) dz_1 dz_2; \\ \pi_{00,(pq)} &= \int_{g_p}^{+\infty} \int_{g_q}^{+\infty} \varphi_2 \left(z_1, z_2, 0, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & c_i(|t_p - t_q|) \\ c_i(|t_p - t_q|) & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right) dz_1 dz_2, \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

with $g_p = \Phi^{-1} \left(\frac{\exp(X_p \beta)}{1 + \exp(X_p \beta)} \right)$ and $g_q = \Phi^{-1} \left(\frac{\exp(X_q \beta)}{1 + \exp(X_q \beta)} \right)$. Then, the pseudo temporal local

log likelihood function for location i and time t_k is given by

$$\bar{l}_{i,t_k}^{pse} = \sum_{j=1}^M W_{ij} l_{j,t_k}^{pse}, \quad (7)$$

and the maximum pseudo local likelihood estimate for $\beta(u_i, v_i, t_k)$ is given by

$$\hat{b}(u_i, v_i, t_k) = \operatorname{argmax}_{\beta} \bar{l}_{i,t_k}^{pse}. \quad (8)$$

In order to get the estimate, we need to differentiate \bar{l}_{i,t_k}^{pse} respect to β . This is equivalent to obtain the derivative of each $l_{i,t_k,(p,q)}$. We have

$$\frac{\partial l_{i,t_k,(p,q)}}{\partial \beta} = \sum_{a=0}^1 \sum_{b=0}^1 \frac{1_{\{Y_p=a, Y_q=b\}}}{\pi_{ab,(pq)}} \frac{\partial \pi_{ab,(pq)}}{\partial \beta}. \quad (9)$$

Taking expectation of the second order derivative, we have

$$E \left\{ \frac{\partial^2 l_{i,t_k,(p,q)}}{\partial \beta^2} \right\} = - \left\{ \sum_{a=0}^1 \sum_{b=0}^1 \frac{1}{\pi_{ab,(pq)}} \left(\frac{\partial \pi_{ab,(pq)}}{\partial \beta} \right) \left(\frac{\partial \pi_{ab,(pq)}}{\partial \beta} \right)' \right\}, \quad (10)$$

with

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\partial \pi_{11,(pq)}}{\partial \beta} &= \Phi \left(\frac{g_q - g_p c_i(|t_p - t_q|)}{\sqrt{1 - c_i(|t_p - t_q|)^2}} \right) \frac{\partial \left(\frac{\exp(X_p \beta)}{1 + \exp(X_p \beta)} \right)}{\partial \beta} + \Phi \left(\frac{g_p - g_q c_i(|t_p - t_q|)}{\sqrt{1 - c_i(|t_p - t_q|)^2}} \right) \frac{\partial \left(\frac{\exp(X_q \beta)}{1 + \exp(X_q \beta)} \right)}{\partial \beta}; \\
\frac{\partial \pi_{10,(pq)}}{\partial \beta} &= \Phi \left(\frac{-g_q + g_p c_i(|t_p - t_q|)}{\sqrt{1 - c_i(|t_p - t_q|)^2}} \right) \frac{\partial \left(\frac{\exp(X_p \beta)}{1 + \exp(X_p \beta)} \right)}{\partial \beta} - \Phi \left(\frac{g_p - g_q c_i(|t_p - t_q|)}{\sqrt{1 - c_i(|t_p - t_q|)^2}} \right) \frac{\partial \left(\frac{\exp(X_q \beta)}{1 + \exp(X_q \beta)} \right)}{\partial \beta}; \\
\frac{\partial \pi_{01,(pq)}}{\partial \beta} &= -\Phi \left(\frac{g_q - g_p c_i(|t_p - t_q|)}{\sqrt{1 - c_i(|t_p - t_q|)^2}} \right) \frac{\partial \left(\frac{\exp(X_p \beta)}{1 + \exp(X_p \beta)} \right)}{\partial \beta} + \Phi \left(\frac{-g_p + g_q c_i(|t_p - t_q|)}{\sqrt{1 - c_i(|t_p - t_q|)^2}} \right) \frac{\partial \left(\frac{\exp(X_q \beta)}{1 + \exp(X_q \beta)} \right)}{\partial \beta}; \\
\frac{\partial \pi_{00,(pq)}}{\partial \beta} &= -\Phi \left(\frac{-g_q + g_p c_i(|t_p - t_q|)}{\sqrt{1 - c_i(|t_p - t_q|)^2}} \right) \frac{\partial \left(\frac{\exp(X_p \beta)}{1 + \exp(X_p \beta)} \right)}{\partial \beta} - \Phi \left(\frac{-g_p + g_q c_i(|t_p - t_q|)}{\sqrt{1 - c_i(|t_p - t_q|)^2}} \right) \frac{\partial \left(\frac{\exp(X_q \beta)}{1 + \exp(X_q \beta)} \right)}{\partial \beta}.
\end{aligned}$$

We can attain the MLE using Fisher Scoring method based on the iteration function

$$\beta^{(k+1)} = \beta^{(k)} + \mathbf{I}(\beta^{(k)})^{-1} \left[\frac{\partial \bar{l}_{i,t_k}^{pse}}{\partial \beta}(\beta^{(k)}) \right], \quad (11)$$

the iteration stops when the solution converges and we obtain the raw estimates $\hat{b}(u_i, v_i, t_k)$.

Proof of Theorem 1

We write $l_M(\beta)$ and $\bar{l}_M(\beta)$ as following

$$l_M(\beta) = \bar{l}_{i,t_k}(\beta) = \sum_{j=1}^M W_{ij} \log(f_{j,t_k}(Y_{j,t_k} | \beta, X_{j,t_k})),$$

$$\bar{l}_M(\beta) = E_0(\bar{l}_{i,t_k}(\beta)) = \sum_{j=1}^M E_0(W_{ij} \log(f_{j,t_k}(Y_{j,t_k} | \beta, X_{j,t_k}))),$$

since $\beta(u_i, v_i, t_k)$ is the true parameter, $\forall \beta \in B$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \bar{l}_M(\beta) - \bar{l}_M(\beta(u_i, v_i, t_k)) \\
&= \sum_{j=1}^M W_{ij} E_0 \left(\log \left(f_{j,t_k}(Y_{j,t_k} | \beta, X_{j,t_k}) \right) - \log \left(f_{j,t_k}(Y_{j,t_k} | \beta(u_i, v_i, t_k), X_{j,t_k}) \right) \right) \\
&= \sum_{j=1}^M W_{ij} E_0 \left(\log \left(\frac{f_{j,t_k}(Y_{j,t_k} | \beta, X_{j,t_k})}{f_{j,t_k}(Y_{j,t_k} | \beta(u_i, v_i, t_k), X_{j,t_k})} \right) \right) \\
&= \sum_{j=1}^M W_{ij} \sum_{Y_{j,t_k}} \log \left(\frac{f_{j,t_k}(Y_{j,t_k} | \beta, X_{j,t_k})}{f_{j,t_k}(Y_{j,t_k} | \beta(u_i, v_i, t_k), X_{j,t_k})} \right) f_{j,t_k}(Y_{j,t_k} | \beta(u_j, v_j, t_k), X_{j,t_k}) \\
&\leq \sum_{j=1}^M W_{ij} \sum_{Y_{j,t_k}} \left(\frac{f_{j,t_k}(Y_{j,t_k} | \beta, X_{j,t_k})}{f_{j,t_k}(Y_{j,t_k} | \beta(u_i, v_i, t_k), X_{j,t_k})} - 1 \right) f_{j,t_k}(Y_{j,t_k} | \beta(u_j, v_j, t_k), X_{j,t_k}) \\
&= \sum_{j=1}^M W_{ij} \sum_{Y_{j,t_k}} \left(f_{j,t_k}(Y_{j,t_k} | \beta, X_{j,t_k}) \frac{f_{j,t_k}(Y_{j,t_k} | \beta(u_j, v_j, t_k), X_{j,t_k})}{f_{j,t_k}(Y_{j,t_k} | \beta(u_i, v_i, t_k), X_{j,t_k})} - f_{j,t_k}(Y_{j,t_k} | \beta(u_j, v_j, t_k), X_{j,t_k}) \right).
\end{aligned}$$

When the bandwidth of the geographical weight function is small enough, then for those $\beta(u_j, v_j, t_k)$ which is significantly different to $\beta(u_i, v_i, t_k)$ (e.g. when the geographical distance between location j and i is long enough) will have a weight function W_{ij} close to 0. Also, since $\beta(u_i, v_i, t_k)$ is smooth related to u_i, v_i , for those neighbor locations where $\beta(u_j, v_j, t_k)$ are not significantly different to $\beta(u_i, v_i, t_k)$, and in practice the trivial difference can be ignored. We simply set $\beta(u_j, v_j, t_k) = \beta(u_i, v_i, t_k)$, for those neighbor location under small bandwidth. Then we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{f_{j,t_k}(Y_{j,t_k} | \beta(u_j, v_j, t_k), X_{j,t_k})}{f_{j,t_k}(Y_{j,t_k} | \beta(u_i, v_i, t_k), X_{j,t_k})} = 1 \\
& \bar{l}_M(\beta) - \bar{l}_M(\beta(u_i, v_i, t_k)) \\
& \leq \sum_{j=1}^M W_{ij} 1_{\{W_{ij} > 0\}} \sum_{Y_{j,t_k}} \left(f_{j,t_k}(Y_{j,t_k} | \beta, X_{j,t_k}) - f_{j,t_k}(Y_{j,t_k} | \beta(u_j, v_j, t_k), X_{j,t_k}) \right) = 0.
\end{aligned}$$

So when bandwidth is sufficiently small, we have

$$\bar{l}_M(\beta(u_i, v_i, t_k)) \geq \bar{l}_M(\beta), \forall M > 0, \beta \in B.$$

Now consider for an open neighborhood

$$B_r(\beta(u_i, v_i, t_k)) = \{\beta | \beta - \beta(u_i, v_i, t_k) < r\} \subset B, \forall r,$$

under assumption 1 and by Kolmogorov strong law of large numbers, we have

$$P\left(\lim_{M \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{1}{M} (l_M(\beta) - \bar{l}_M(\beta)) = 0\right) = 1, \forall \beta \in B.$$

In other words, for any $\beta \in B_r(\beta(u_i, v_i, t_k))$, we have

$$\frac{1}{M} (l_M(\beta) - l_M(\beta(u_i, v_i, t_k))) \xrightarrow{a.s.} \lim_{M \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{M} (\bar{l}_M(\beta) - \bar{l}_M(\beta(u_i, v_i, t_k))) \leq 0,$$

because $l_M(\beta)$ is continuous with respect to β in $B_r(\beta(u_i, v_i, t_k))$. Therefore when M is sufficiently large, it must have a local maximum point, denoted by $\hat{\beta}(u_i, v_i, t_k)$. Since $l_M(\beta)$ is

differentiable, hence when M is sufficiently large, we must have

$$\frac{dl_M(\beta)}{d\beta} \Big|_{\beta=\hat{b}(u_i, v_i, t_k)} = 0.$$

Now because of arbitrary value of r and $\|\hat{b}(u_i, v_i, t_k) - \beta(u_i, v_i, t_k)\| < r$, we have

$$\hat{b}(u_i, v_i, t_k) \xrightarrow{P} \beta(u_i, v_i, t_k) \text{ when } M \rightarrow +\infty \quad \square$$

Proof of Theorem 2

We explicitly write the vector form $\beta = (\beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_p)^T$, because $\hat{b}(u_i, v_i, t_k)$ is the MLE of $\bar{l}_{i,t_k}(\beta)$, so by the mean value theorem, for every $j \in \{1, 2, \dots, p\}$

$$0 = \frac{\partial \bar{l}_{i,t_k}(\beta)}{\partial \beta_j} \Big|_{\beta=\hat{b}(u_i, v_i, t_k)} = \frac{\partial \bar{l}_{i,t_k}(\beta)}{\partial \beta_j} \Big|_{\beta=\beta(u_i, v_i, t_k)} + \nabla \frac{\partial \bar{l}_{i,t_k}(\beta)}{\partial \beta_j} \Big|_{\beta=\beta^*} (\hat{b}(u_i, v_i, t_k) - \beta(u_i, v_i, t_k)).$$

Then write the above equation in vector form, we have

$$0 = \frac{\partial \bar{l}_{i,t_k}(\beta)}{\partial \beta} \Big|_{\beta=\hat{b}(u_i, v_i, t_k)} = \frac{\partial \bar{l}_{i,t_k}(\beta)}{\partial \beta} \Big|_{\beta=\beta(u_i, v_i, t_k)} + \frac{\partial^2 \bar{l}_{i,t_k}(\beta^*)}{\partial \beta^2} (\hat{b}(u_i, v_i, t_k) - \beta(u_i, v_i, t_k)),$$

where

$$\frac{\partial^2 \bar{l}_{i,t_k}(\beta^*)}{\partial \beta^2} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial^2 \bar{l}_{i,t_k}(\beta)}{\partial \beta_1^2} \Big|_{\beta=\beta_1^*} & \frac{\partial^2 \bar{l}_{i,t_k}(\beta)}{\partial \beta_1 \partial \beta_2} \Big|_{\beta=\beta_1^*} & \cdots & \frac{\partial^2 \bar{l}_{i,t_k}(\beta)}{\partial \beta_1 \partial \beta_p} \Big|_{\beta=\beta_1^*} \\ \frac{\partial^2 \bar{l}_{i,t_k}(\beta)}{\partial \beta_2 \partial \beta_1} \Big|_{\beta=\beta_2^*} & \frac{\partial^2 \bar{l}_{i,t_k}(\beta)}{\partial \beta_2^2} \Big|_{\beta=\beta_2^*} & \cdots & \frac{\partial^2 \bar{l}_{i,t_k}(\beta)}{\partial \beta_2 \partial \beta_p} \Big|_{\beta=\beta_2^*} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial^2 \bar{l}_{i,t_k}(\beta)}{\partial \beta_p \partial \beta_1} \Big|_{\beta=\beta_p^*} & \frac{\partial^2 \bar{l}_{i,t_k}(\beta)}{\partial \beta_p \partial \beta_2} \Big|_{\beta=\beta_p^*} & \cdots & \frac{\partial^2 \bar{l}_{i,t_k}(\beta)}{\partial \beta_p^2} \Big|_{\beta=\beta_p^*} \end{pmatrix},$$

and

$$\begin{cases} \beta_1^* = c_1 \hat{b}(u_i, v_i, t_k) + (1 - c_1) \beta(u_i, v_i, t_k), \\ \beta_2^* = c_2 \hat{b}(u_i, v_i, t_k) + (1 - c_2) \beta(u_i, v_i, t_k), \\ \vdots \\ \beta_p^* = c_p \hat{b}(u_i, v_i, t_k) + (1 - c_p) \beta(u_i, v_i, t_k), \end{cases} \quad 0 \leq c_1, \dots, c_p \leq 1.$$

So we have

$$\hat{b}(u_i, v_i, t_k) - \beta(u_i, v_i, t_k) = - \left(\frac{\partial^2 \bar{l}_{i,t_k}(\beta^*)}{\partial \beta^2} \right)^{-1} \left(\frac{\partial \bar{l}_{i,t_k}(\beta)}{\partial \beta} \Big|_{\beta=\beta(u_i, v_i, t_k)} \right).$$

Consider $\frac{\partial \bar{l}_{i,t_k}(\beta)}{\partial \beta} \Big|_{\beta=\beta(u_i, v_i, t_k)}$, under assumption 2 *ii, iii*, and by the multivariate Lindeberg-

Feller Central Limit Theorem², we have

$$\sqrt{M} \left(\frac{1}{M} \frac{\partial \bar{l}_{i,t_k}(\beta)}{\partial \beta} \Big|_{\beta=\beta(u_i, v_i, t_k)} - \frac{1}{M} E_0 \left(\frac{\partial \bar{l}_{i,t_k}(\beta)}{\partial \beta} \Big|_{\beta=\beta(u_i, v_i, t_k)} \right) \right) \xrightarrow{d} N(0, \Sigma)$$

or equivalently,

$$\sqrt{M} \frac{1}{M} \frac{\partial \bar{l}_{i,t_k}(\beta)}{\partial \beta} \Big|_{\beta=\beta(u_i, v_i, t_k)} \sim AN \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{M}} E_0 \left(\frac{\partial \bar{l}_{i,t_k}(\beta)}{\partial \beta} \Big|_{\beta=\beta(u_i, v_i, t_k)} \right), \overline{\Sigma}_M \right).$$

Now we have:

$$\begin{aligned} & E_0 \left(\frac{\partial \bar{l}_{i,t_k}(\beta)}{\partial \beta} \Big|_{\beta=\beta(u_i, v_i, t_k)} \right) \\ &= E_0 \left(\sum_{j=1}^M W_{ij} \frac{\frac{\partial f_{j,t_k}(Y_{j,t_k} | \beta, X_{j,t_k})}{\partial \beta} \Big|_{\beta=\beta(u_i, v_i, t_k)}}{f_{j,t_k}(Y_{j,t_k} | \beta(u_i, v_i, t_k), X_{j,t_k})} \right) \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^M W_{ij} \sum_{Y_{j,t_k}} \left(\left(\frac{\partial f_{j,t_k}(Y_{j,t_k} | \beta, X_{j,t_k})}{\partial \beta} \Big|_{\beta=\beta(u_i, v_i, t_k)} \right) \frac{f_{j,t_k}(Y_{j,t_k} | \beta(u_j, v_j, t_k), X_{j,t_k})}{f_{j,t_k}(Y_{j,t_k} | \beta(u_i, v_i, t_k), X_{j,t_k})} \right) \end{aligned}$$

As in the proof of Theorem 1, under the condition with large sample size and small bandwidth, $W_{ij} = 0$ for a distant location j . While for a neighbor location j , by the smoothing property of $\beta(u, v, t)$, we have

$$\frac{f_{j,t_k}(Y_{j,t_k} | \beta(u_j, v_j, t_k))}{f_{j,t_k}(Y_{j,t_k} | \beta(u_i, v_i, t_k))} = 1,$$

then

$$\begin{aligned} E_0 \left(\frac{\partial \bar{l}_{i,t_k}(\beta)}{\partial \beta} \Big|_{\beta=\beta(u_i, v_i, t_k)} \right) &= \sum_{j=1}^M W_{ij} 1_{\{W_{ij}>0\}} \sum_{Y_{j,t_k}} \left(\frac{\partial f_{j,t_k}(Y_{j,t_k} | \beta, X_{j,t_k})}{\partial \beta} \Big|_{\beta=\beta(u_i, v_i, t_k)} \right), \\ &\because \sum_{Y_{j,t_k}} f_{j,t_k}(Y_{j,t_k} | \beta, X_{j,t_k}) = 1, \forall \beta \in B, \end{aligned}$$

therefore

$$E_0 \left(\frac{\partial \bar{l}_{i,t_k}(\beta)}{\partial \beta} \Big|_{\beta=\beta(u_i, v_i, t_k)} \right) = 0,$$

and hence

$$\sqrt{M} \frac{1}{M} \frac{\partial \bar{l}_{i,t_k}(\beta)}{\partial \beta} \Big|_{\beta=\beta(u_i, v_i, t_k)} \xrightarrow{d} N(0, \Sigma).$$

Now, consider $\frac{\partial^2 \bar{l}_{i,t_k}(\beta^*)}{\partial \beta^2}$, with assumption 2.iv and by Kolmogorov strong law of large numbers, we have

$$\frac{1}{M} \left(\frac{\partial^2 \bar{l}_{i,t_k}(\beta)}{\partial \beta^2} \Big|_{\beta=\beta(u_i, v_i, t_k)} \right)^P \rightarrow I.$$

By Theorem 1, we know that $\hat{b}(u_i, v_i, t_k) \xrightarrow{P} \beta(u_i, v_i, t_k)$, and because β_n^* lies between $\hat{b}(u_i, v_i, t_k)$ and $\beta(u_i, v_i, t_k)$ for $1 \leq n \leq p$, then we have

$$\frac{1}{M} \frac{\partial^2 \bar{l}_{i,t_k}(\beta^*)}{\partial \beta^2} \xrightarrow{P} I.$$

As we have already attained the asymptotic property of $\frac{\partial \bar{l}_{i,t_k}(\beta)}{\partial \beta} \Big|_{\beta=\beta(u_i, v_i, t_k)}$ and $\frac{\partial^2 \bar{l}_{i,t_k}(\beta^*)}{\partial \beta^2}$,

then by Slutsky's theorem, we have

$$\sqrt{M} \left(\hat{b}(u_i, v_i, t_k) - \beta(u_i, v_i, t_k) \right) \xrightarrow{d} N(0, I^{-1} \Sigma I^{-1}),$$

or equivalently, when sample size is large enough, we have

$$\sqrt{M} \left(\hat{b}(u_i, v_i, t_k) - \beta(u_i, v_i, t_k) \right) \sim AN(0, M I_M^{-1} \Sigma_M I_M^{-1}). \quad \square$$

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