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**ABSTRACT.** This paper derives asymptotic power envelopes for tests of the unit root hypothesis in a zero-mean AR(1) model. The power envelopes are derived using the limits of experiments approach and are semiparametric in the sense that the underlying error distribution is treated as an unknown infinite-dimensional nuisance parameter. Adaptation is shown to be possible when the error distribution is known to be symmetric and to be impossible when the error distribution is unrestricted. In the latter case, two conceptually distinct approaches to nuisance parameter elimination are employed in the derivation of the semiparametric power bounds. One of these bounds, derived under an invariance restriction, is shown by example to be sharp, while the other, derived under a similarity restriction, is conjectured not to be globally attainable.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

The unit root testing problem is one of the most intensively studied testing problems in econometrics.<sup>1</sup> During the past decade or so, considerable effort has been devoted to the construction of unit root tests enjoying good power properties.<sup>2</sup> Asymptotic power envelopes for unit root tests in the Gaussian AR(1) model were obtained by

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<sup>1</sup>Important early contributions include Dickey and Fuller (1979, 1981) and Phillips (1987), and Phillips and Perron (1988). For reviews, see Stock (1994), Phillips and Xiao (1998), and Haldrup and Jansson (2006).

<sup>2</sup>In parallel with the literature exploring power issues, a different branch of the unit root literature has focused on improving the size properties of unit root tests. Noteworthy contributions in that direction include Ng and Perron (1995, 2001), Perron and Ng (1996), Paparoditis and Politis (2003), and Park (2003).

Elliott, Rothenberg, and Stock (1996, henceforth ERS) and Rothenberg (2000), while Rothenberg and Stock (1997) derived asymptotic power envelopes under rather general distributional assumptions. Rothenberg and Stock (1997) found that significant power gains (relative to the Gaussian case) are available in cases where the underlying distribution is non-Gaussian and known and pointed out that this finding is in perfect analogy with well known properties of the location model and the stable AR(1) model. The purpose of this paper is to investigate the extent to which departures from normality can be exploited for power purposes also in the (arguably) more realistic case where the error distribution is unknown. To do so, the paper develops asymptotic power envelopes that are semiparametric in the sense that they explicitly account for the fact that the underlying error distribution is known only to belong to some “big” set of error distributions.

An interesting methodological conclusion emerging from the existing literature on optimality theory for unit root testing is that although there is a fundamental sense in which the unit root testing problem is nonstandard, the problem is still amenable to analysis using existing tools (such as those developed for exponential families and elegantly summarized in Lehmann and Romano (2005)). An important methodological motivation for the present work is the general question of whether semiparametric power envelopes for nonstandard testing problems can be obtained by a conceptually straightforward adaptation of semiparametric methods developed for standard problems. For a variety of reasons, the unit root testing problem seems like a natural starting point for such an investigation and although some of the results obtained in this paper are likely to be somewhat specific to unit root testing, it is hoped that interesting general methodological lessons can be learned from studying that particular problem.

Semiparametric testing theory has been developed for models admitting locally asymptotically normal (LAN) likelihood ratios (e.g., Choi, Hall, and Schick (1996)). In those models, testing theory “has little more to offer than the comforting conclusion that tests based on efficient estimators are efficient” (van der Vaart (1998)). On the other hand, little (if any) work has been done for models outside the LAN class, such as the AR(1) model with a root close to, and possibly equal to, unity. The latter model, which is the model under study here, admits likelihood ratios which are locally asymptotically quadratic (LAQ) in the sense of Jeganathan (1995). No universally accepted definition of estimator efficiency exists for LAQ models.<sup>3</sup> Moreover, the duality between point estimation and hypothesis testing typically breaks down in models whose likelihood ratios are LAQ but not LAN.<sup>4</sup> For these reasons, it appears

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<sup>3</sup>Gushchin (1995) establishes an optimality property of maximum likelihood estimators. See also Jeganathan (1995) and Ling and McAleer (2003).

<sup>4</sup>An exception occurs in models where the limiting experiment becomes a member of a linear exponential family upon conditioning on statistics with certain ancillarity properties. A well known

necessary to develop semiparametric envelopes for the unit root testing problem from first principles.

As is the approach to semiparametric efficiency in standard estimation problems (e.g., Begun, Hall, Huang, and Wellner (1983), Bickel, Klaassen, Ritov, and Wellner (1998), Newey (1990)), the approach to optimality theory taken in this paper is based on Stein's (1956) insight that a testing problem is no easier in a semiparametric model than in any parametric submodel of the semiparametric model. Consequently, the semiparametric power envelope will be defined as the infimum of the power envelopes associated with smooth parametric submodels embedding the true error density. Although the unit root testing problem differs from standard testing problems in important respects, it turns out that some of the qualitative findings obtained from the least favorable submodel approach bear a noticeable resemblance to the well known results for the location model, a possibly surprising result in light of the fact that the semiparametric properties of the stable AR(1) model are substantially different from those of the location model. Specifically, it is shown in this paper that although the unit root testing problem admits adaptive procedures when the error distribution is known to be symmetric, adaptation is impossible when the error distribution is (essentially) unrestricted. Nevertheless, and in sharp contrast to the location model, the unit root model with an unrestricted error distribution has the property that although adaptation is impossible, departures from normality can be exploited for efficiency purposes. (The magnitude of the available power gains depends on the shape of the error distribution through its Fisher information for location and can be quite substantial when the error distribution has fat tails.)

The paper proceeds as follows. To set the stage, Section 2 introduces the model and the testing problem under consideration, while Section 3 studies unit root testing under the assumption that the error distribution is known. Section 4 extends the results of Section 3 to parametric submodels. Employing those results, Sections 5 and 6 obtain semiparametric power envelopes for the cases of symmetric and (essentially) unrestricted error distributions, respectively. The consequences of accommodating deterministic components and/or serial correlation in the error are briefly explored in Section 7, while Section 8 offers concluding remarks. Mathematical proofs have been relegated to an Appendix.

## 2. PRELIMINARIES

Suppose the observed data  $y_1, \dots, y_T$  is generated by the zero-mean AR(1) model

$$y_t = \rho y_{t-1} + \varepsilon_t, \tag{1}$$

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example are models with locally asymptotically mixed normal (LAMN) likelihood ratios, which arise in cointegration analysis (e.g., Phillips (1991), Stock and Watson (1993)). For an example that does not belong to the LAMN class, see Elias (2004) and Jansson and Moreira (2006).

where  $y_0 = 0$  and the  $\varepsilon_t$  are unobserved *i.i.d.* errors from an unknown continuous distribution with full support, zero mean, and finite variance. Let  $f$  denote the unknown error density. Furthermore, and without loss of generality, let the (unknown) error variance be normalized to one.

The objective of this paper is to develop asymptotic power envelopes for the unit root testing problem in the zero-mean AR(1) model, treating  $f$  as an unknown nuisance parameter. In other words, the testing problem under consideration is

$$H_0 : \rho = 1 \quad \text{vs.} \quad H_1 : \rho < 1,$$

and it is assumed to be known that  $f$  lies in some set  $\mathcal{F}$  of densities. The main goal of the paper is to develop sharp upper bounds on the asymptotic performance of unit root testing procedures in models of this type, with special attention being devoted to semiparametric cases in which  $\mathcal{F}$  is infinite-dimensional.

By Donsker's theorem (e.g., Billingsley (1999)), the assumptions  $y_0 = 0$  and  $\varepsilon_t \sim i.i.d. (0, 1)$  ensure that if  $\rho = 1$ , then  $y_t$  is  $I(1)$  in the sense that the weak limit of  $T^{-1/2}y_{[T\cdot]}$  is a Brownian motion, where  $[\cdot]$  denotes the integer part of the argument. While Donsker's theorem is valid without the additional assumption that the error distribution is continuous and has full support, most of the statistical analysis conducted in this paper would be invalid without an assumption of this kind.<sup>5</sup> Specifically, the additional assumption on the error distribution implies that the distributions of  $\{y_1, \dots, y_T\}$  induced by different values of  $\rho$  are mutually absolutely continuous. Mutual absolute continuity is a finite sample counterpart of the property of (mutual) contiguity, which plays a prominent role in Le Cam's (1972) theory of limits of experiments and will be utilized throughout this paper.<sup>6</sup>

Because the purpose of this paper is to elucidate the role of  $\mathcal{F}$  in optimality theory for unit root tests, Sections 3-6 study the zero-mean AR(1) model, which deliberately assumes away deterministic components and serial correlation in the error.<sup>7</sup> Section

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<sup>5</sup>If the innovation distribution has bounded support, then the conditional distribution of  $y_t$  given  $y_{t-1}$  has parameter-dependent support, a property which introduces nontrivial complications even in models with *i.i.d.* data (e.g., Hirano and Porter (2003), Chernozhukov and Hong (2004)).

<sup>6</sup>The property of mutual contiguity is useful in part because it makes it possible to derive conclusion about local asymptotic power functions from assumptions concerning the behavior of certain statistics "under the null", an attractive feature because assumptions of the latter kind tend to be relatively easy to verify. Examples of readily verifiable assumptions required to hold "under the null" are provided by Assumptions LAQ and LAQ\* of Sections 3 and 4, respectively, and the condition (26) underlying the definition of adaptation employed in Section 5.

<sup>7</sup>The model (1) furthermore sets the initial condition  $y_0$  equal to zero and assumes away conditional heteroskedasticity. Proceeding along the lines of Müller and Elliott (2003) and Boswijk (2005), respectively, it may be possible to relax these assumptions, but no attempts to do so will be

7 explores the consequences of relaxing these (implausible) assumptions and finds, in perfect analogy with ERS's results for the Gaussian case, that the results obtained for the zero-mean AR(1) model extend readily to a model with an unknown mean and serial correlation in the error, whereas the presence of a time trend affects the asymptotic power envelope(s).

### 3. KNOWN ERROR DISTRIBUTION

In an attempt to further motivate the question addressed by this paper and facilitate the interpretation of the main results, this section discusses asymptotic optimality theory for the unit root testing problem under the counterfactual assumption that the underlying error distribution is known (i.e., that  $\mathcal{F}$  is a singleton). Even if  $f$  is known, the unit root testing problem is nonstandard. A well known manifestation of the nonstandard nature of the unit root testing problem is that contiguous alternatives to the unit root null are of the form  $\rho = 1 + O(1/T)$ . Accordingly, the parameter of interest is henceforth taken to be  $c = T(\rho - 1)$ , the associated formulation of the unit root testing problem being  $H_0 : c = 0$  vs.  $H_1 : c < 0$ .

Any (possibly randomized) unit root test can be represented by means of a test function  $\phi_T : \mathbb{R}^T \rightarrow [0, 1]$  such that  $H_0$  is rejected with probability  $\phi_T(Y)$  whenever  $Y_T := (y_1, \dots, y_T)' = Y$ . The power function (with argument  $c$ ) associated with  $\phi_T$  is given by  $E_{\rho_T(c)}\phi_T(Y_T)$ , where  $\rho_T(c) := 1 + c/T$  and the subscript on “ $E$ ” indicates the distribution with respect to which the expectation is taken.

Define the log likelihood ratio function

$$L_T^f(c) := \sum_{t=2}^T \log f\left(\Delta y_t - \frac{c}{T} y_{t-1}\right) - \sum_{t=2}^T \log f(\Delta y_t). \quad (2)$$

For any  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$  and any sample size  $T$ , it follows from the Neyman-Pearson lemma that the optimal size  $\alpha$  unit root test against the point alternative  $c = \bar{c} < 0$  rejects for large values of  $L_T^f(\bar{c})$ . The power (against the alternative  $c = \bar{c}$ ) of this point optimal test gives the value of the size  $\alpha$  power envelope at  $c = \bar{c}$ .

Under mild assumptions on  $f$ , the finite sample power envelope has an asymptotic counterpart which depends on  $f$  only through a scalar functional. A sequence of unit root tests  $\phi_T$  is said to have asymptotic size  $\alpha$  if

$$\lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} E_{\rho_T(0)}\phi_T(Y_T) = \alpha. \quad (3)$$

The asymptotic power envelope for unit root tests of asymptotic size  $\alpha$  will be derived under the following high-level assumption on  $f$ , in which “ $o_{p_0, f}(1)$ ” is shorthand for

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made in this paper.

“ $o_p(1)$  when  $H_0$  holds and  $\varepsilon$  has density  $f$ ” and  $\mathcal{L}_f$  denotes the set of functions  $\ell_f$  for which  $E[\ell_f(\varepsilon)] = 0$ ,  $E[\varepsilon \ell_f(\varepsilon)] = 1$ , and  $1 \leq E[\ell_f(\varepsilon)^2] < \infty$ .

**Assumption LAQ.** If  $c_T$  is a bounded sequence, then

$$L_T^f(c_T) = c_T S_T^f - \frac{1}{2} c_T^2 H_T^{ff} + o_{p_{0,f}}(1),$$

where, for some  $\ell_f \in \mathcal{L}_f$ ,

$$S_T^f := \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=2}^T y_{t-1} \ell_f(\Delta y_t), \quad H_T^{ff} := \frac{\mathcal{I}_{ff}}{T^2} \sum_{t=2}^T y_{t-1}^2, \quad \mathcal{I}_{ff} := E[\ell_f(\varepsilon)^2].$$

Assumption LAQ is in the spirit of Jeganathan (1995) and implies that the likelihood ratios are LAQ at  $\rho = 1$  in the sense of that paper. In particular, it follows from Donsker’s theorem and Chan and Wei (1988, Theorem 2.4) that

$$L_T^f(c) \rightarrow_{d_{0,f}} \Lambda_f(c) := c \mathcal{S}_f - \frac{1}{2} c^2 \mathcal{H}_{ff} \quad \forall c, \quad (4)$$

where

$$\mathcal{S}_f := \int_0^1 W(r) dB_f(r), \quad \mathcal{H}_{ff} := \mathcal{I}_{ff} \int_0^1 W(r)^2 dr,$$

$(W, B_f)$  is a bivariate Brownian motion with

$$\text{Var} \begin{pmatrix} W(1) \\ B_f(1) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & \mathcal{I}_{ff} \end{pmatrix},$$

and “ $\rightarrow_{d_{0,f}}$ ” is shorthand for “ $\rightarrow_d$  when  $H_0$  holds and  $\varepsilon$  has density  $f$ ”. Additional discussion of Assumption LAQ, including sufficient conditions for its validity, will be given at the end of this section.

Prohorov’s theorem (e.g., Billingsley (1999)) and Le Cam’s third lemma (e.g., van der Vaart (2002b)) can be used to show that if (4) holds, then every subsequence  $\phi_{T'}$  admits a further subsequence  $\phi_{T''}$  and a  $[0, 1]$ -valued function  $\psi$  for which

$$\lim_{T'' \rightarrow \infty} E_{\rho_{T''}(c)} \phi_{T''}(Y_{T''}) = E[\psi(\mathcal{S}_f, \mathcal{H}_{ff}) \exp(\Lambda_f(c))] \quad \forall c. \quad (5)$$

If  $\phi_T$  has asymptotic size  $\alpha$ , then  $\psi$  in (5) satisfies  $E[\psi(\mathcal{S}_f, \mathcal{H}_{ff})] = \alpha$  and it follows

from the Neyman-Pearson lemma that  $E[\psi(\mathcal{S}_f, \mathcal{H}_{ff}) \exp(\Lambda_f(c))]$  is bounded from above by

$$\Psi_f(c, \alpha) := E[\psi_f(\mathcal{S}_f, \mathcal{H}_{ff}|c, \alpha) \exp(\Lambda_f(c))], \quad (6)$$

where

$$\psi_f(\mathcal{S}_f, \mathcal{H}_{ff}|c, \alpha) := 1[\Lambda_f(c) > K_\alpha(c; \mathcal{I}_{ff})],$$

$1[\cdot]$  is the indicator function, and  $K_\alpha(c; \mathcal{I}_{ff})$  is the  $1 - \alpha$  quantile of  $\Lambda_f(c)$ . These facts yield the following theorem, which generalizes a result of ERS to non-Gaussian error distributions.<sup>8</sup>

**Theorem 1.** *If Assumption LAQ holds and  $\phi_T$  has asymptotic size  $\alpha$ , then*

$$\overline{\lim}_{T \rightarrow \infty} E_{\rho_T(c)} \phi_T(Y_T) \leq \Psi_f(c, \alpha) \quad \forall c < 0. \quad (7)$$

The proof of Theorem 1 given above is based on Le Cam's (1972) theory of limits of experiments. Because  $f$  is assumed to be known, a Neyman-Pearson test exists for every  $T$  and the use of the theory of limits of experiments can be avoided (e.g., Rothenberg and Stock (1997)). On the other hand, the use of the limits of experiments approach seems unavoidable when studying the models under consideration in the following sections. Specifically, the presence of a nuisance parameter governing distributional shape makes it very difficult (if not impossible) to derive a Neyman-Pearson-type test for any given  $T$ . In contrast, the limits of experiments approach is applicable also when  $f$  depends on a nuisance parameter because the limiting experiments associated with such models do admit Neyman-Pearson-type tests.

The asymptotic power bound  $\Psi_f(c, \alpha)$  is attainable pointwise (in  $c$ ) when  $f$  is known,  $\overline{\lim}_{T \rightarrow \infty}$  on the left-hand side of (7) equaling  $\lim_{T \rightarrow \infty}$  and the inequality being sharp when  $\phi_T(Y_T)$  equals

$$\phi_{f,T}(Y_T|c, \alpha) := 1 \left[ cS_T^f - \frac{1}{2}c^2 H_T^{ff} > K_\alpha(c; \mathcal{I}_{ff}) \right], \quad (8)$$

the natural finite sample counterpart of  $\psi_f(\mathcal{S}_f, \mathcal{H}_{ff}|c, \alpha)$ . Moreover, it was found by

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<sup>8</sup>Theorem 1 is essentially due to Rothenberg and Stock (1997), who obtained a result equivalent to (7) under the (somewhat stronger) assumptions that (i)  $E[|\varepsilon|^k + |\ell_f(\varepsilon)|^k] < \infty$  for some  $k > 2$ , where  $\ell_f(\varepsilon) := \partial \log f(\varepsilon - \theta) / \partial \theta|_{\theta=0}$ , and (ii)  $\ell_{ff}$  satisfies a linear Lipschitz condition, where  $\ell_{ff}(\varepsilon) := \partial^2 \log f(\varepsilon - \theta) / \partial \theta^2|_{\theta=0}$ .



Rothenberg and Stock (1997) that the local asymptotic power function associated with  $\phi_{f,T}(\cdot|\bar{c}, \alpha)$  is uniformly (in  $c$ ) “close” to  $\Psi_f(c, \alpha)$  if  $\bar{c}$  is chosen appropriately. By implication,  $\Psi_f$  is a relevant benchmark.

The envelope  $\Psi_f$  depends on  $f$  only through  $\mathcal{I}_{ff}$ . It can be shown that  $\Psi_f$  is strictly increasing in  $\mathcal{I}_{ff}$  and that  $\mathcal{I}_{ff} \geq 1$  with equality if and only if  $f$  is the standard normal density. Moreover, ERS’s unit root tests, based on the Gaussian (quasi-)likelihood, have local asymptotic power functions that are invariant with respect to  $f$ . As a consequence, the Gaussian power envelopes derived by ERS provide a lower bound on maximal attainable local asymptotic power in models with non-Gaussian errors.

### FIGURE 1 ABOUT HERE

Figure 1 plots  $\Psi_f(\cdot, 0.05)$  for various values of  $\mathcal{I}_{ff}$ , hereby quantifying the magnitude of the potential power gains, relative to procedures based on a Gaussian quasi-likelihood, available in applications with non-normal errors.<sup>9</sup> Evidently, substantial power gains will be available (for models with  $\mathcal{I}_{ff}$  well above unity) if it is possible to construct a unit root test which is computable without knowledge of  $f$  and attains  $\Psi_f$  for every  $f \in \mathcal{F}$ . Section 5 shows that this situation occurs when  $\mathcal{F}$  consists only of symmetric error densities. More generally, Figure 1 suggests that non-trivial power gains will be available in situations where (attainable) semiparametric power envelopes are qualitatively similar to  $\Psi_f$  in the sense that they lie well above the envelope corresponding to the Gaussian distribution. Section 6 shows that this occurs even when  $\mathcal{F}$  is unrestricted.

Assumption LAQ holds for a wide range of error distributions. For instance, Jeganathan (1995) shows that Assumption LAQ is satisfied (with  $\ell_f = -\dot{f}/f$ ) under the following absolute continuity condition on  $f$ .

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<sup>9</sup>Consider the density given by  $f_\lambda(\varepsilon) := C_\lambda^0 \exp(-C_\lambda^1 |\varepsilon|^\lambda)$ , where  $\lambda > 1/2$  and the pair of constants  $(C_\lambda^0, C_\lambda^1)$  is determined by the requirement

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_\lambda(\varepsilon) d\varepsilon = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \varepsilon^2 f_\lambda(\varepsilon) d\varepsilon = 1.$$

The values  $\lambda = 2$  and  $\lambda = 1$  correspond to the standard normal and rescaled double exponential distributions, respectively, and the associated values of  $\mathcal{I}_{ff}$  are 1 and 2, respectively. More generally, it can be shown that the value of  $\mathcal{I}_{ff}$  associated with  $f_\lambda$  is given by

$$\mathcal{I}_{ff}(\lambda) := \lambda^2 \frac{\left[ \int_0^\infty r^2 \exp(-r^\lambda) dr \right] \left[ \int_0^\infty r^{2(\lambda-1)} \exp(-r^\lambda) dr \right]}{\left[ \int_0^\infty \exp(-r^\lambda) dr \right]^2}.$$

Because  $\lim_{\lambda \downarrow 1/2} \mathcal{I}_{ff}(\lambda) = \infty$  and  $\mathcal{I}_{ff}(\cdot)$  is continuous, the range of  $\mathcal{I}_{ff}(\cdot)$  is  $[1, \infty)$ . Numerical evaluation shows that  $\mathcal{I}_{ff}(0.7709) \approx 5$  and  $\mathcal{I}_{ff}(0.6818) \approx 10$ , respectively.

**Assumption AC.** The density  $f$  admits a function  $\dot{f}$  such that  $f(\varepsilon) = \int_{-\infty}^{\varepsilon} \dot{f}(r) dr$  for every  $\varepsilon \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} [\dot{f}(\varepsilon)^2 / f(\varepsilon)] d\varepsilon < \infty$ .

Under Assumption AC,  $\ell_f$  is the score function, evaluated at  $\theta = 0$ , for  $\theta$  in the location model

$$X_i = \theta + \varepsilon_i, \quad (9)$$

where the  $\varepsilon_i$  are *i.i.d.* with density  $f$ . Similarly,  $\mathcal{I}_{ff}$  is the Fisher information for location associated with  $f$ . As a consequence, both  $\ell_f$  and  $\mathcal{I}_{ff}$  are readily interpretable. In the location model (9), Assumption AC serves dual purposes: it delivers the LAN property (i.e., a quadratic expansion of the log likelihood ratio function) and enables nonparametric estimation of  $\ell_f$ . Assumption AC will serve similar purposes in Theorems 4 and 6 of this paper.

The following Le Cam (1970)-type of assumption is implied by Assumption AC.<sup>10</sup>

**Assumption DQM.** The density  $f$  admits a function  $\ell_f$  such that, as  $|\theta| \rightarrow 0$ ,

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left( \sqrt{\frac{f(\varepsilon - \theta)}{f(\varepsilon)}} - 1 - \frac{1}{2} \theta \ell_f(\varepsilon) \right)^2 f(\varepsilon) d\varepsilon = o(\theta^2).$$

For the purposes of establishing just the LAN property (in the location model), it is well known that differentiability in quadratic mean (Assumption DQM) suffices.<sup>11</sup> It seems natural to ask if the model studied in this paper exhibits a similar feature. An affirmative answer to that question is provided by the following lemma, which therefore shows that the usefulness of Assumption DQM extends beyond the class of models whose likelihood ratios enjoy the LAN property.

**Lemma 2.** *Assumption LAQ is implied by Assumption DQM.*

#### 4. PARAMETRIC SUBMODELS

Relaxing the assumption that the error density is known, this section studies unit root testing in parametric submodels. In the present context, a parametric submodel is a model of the form (1) with  $f$  embedded in a parametric family  $F := \{f(\cdot|\eta) : \eta \in \mathbb{R}\}$  of density functions satisfying

<sup>10</sup>Additional discussion of the relation between assumptions of the AC and DQM variety can be found in Le Cam (1986, Section 17.3) and Le Cam and Yang (2000, Section 7.3).

<sup>11</sup>Indeed, van der Vaart (2002b, p. 676) argues that Assumption DQM is “exactly right for getting the LAN expansion (in the location model)”. For an appreciation of differentiability in quadratic mean, see Pollard (1997).

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \varepsilon f(\varepsilon|\eta) d\varepsilon = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \varepsilon^2 f(\varepsilon|\eta) d\varepsilon < \infty$$

for each value of the (nuisance) parameter  $\eta$ .

It is assumed that  $f(\cdot) = f(\cdot|0)$ ; that is, it is assumed that the true (but unknown) value of  $\eta$  is zero. Moreover, the family  $F$  is assumed to be “smooth” at  $\eta = 0$ . Among other things, “smoothness” will imply that the contiguous alternatives to  $\eta = 0$  are of the form  $\eta = O(1/\sqrt{T})$ . In recognition of this fact, all subsequent formulations will employ a local reparameterization of the form  $\eta = \eta_T(h) := h/\sqrt{T}$ , where the true (but unknown) value of the local parameter  $h$  is zero.

Let the log likelihood ratio function associated with  $F$  be denoted by

$$L_T^F(c, h) := \sum_{t=2}^T \log f \left[ \Delta y_t - \frac{c}{T} y_{t-1} | \eta_T(h) \right] - \sum_{t=2}^T \log f [\Delta y_t | \eta_T(0)], \quad (10)$$

and let  $\mathcal{L}_\eta$  denote the class of functions  $\ell_\eta$  for which  $E[\ell_\eta(\varepsilon)] = 0$ ,  $E[\varepsilon \ell_\eta(\varepsilon)] = 0$ , and  $E[\ell_\eta(\varepsilon)^2] < \infty$ . The degree of smoothness assumed on the part of  $F$  is made precise by the following high-level assumption, which generalizes Assumption LAQ to parametric submodels.

**Assumption LAQ\*.** If  $(c_T, h_T)$  is a bounded sequence, then

$$L_T^F(c_T, h_T) = (c_T, h_T) S_T^F - \frac{1}{2} (c_T, h_T) H_T^F (c_T, h_T)' + o_{p_{0,f}}(1),$$

where, for some  $\ell_F := (\ell_f, \ell_\eta)' \in \mathcal{L}_f \times \mathcal{L}_\eta$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} S_T^F &:= \begin{pmatrix} S_T^f \\ S_T^\eta \end{pmatrix} := \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=2}^T y_{t-1} \ell_f(\Delta y_t) \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \sum_{t=2}^T \ell_\eta(\Delta y_t) \end{pmatrix}, \\ H_T^F &:= \begin{pmatrix} H_T^{ff} & H_T^{f\eta} \\ H_T^{f\eta} & H_T^{\eta\eta} \end{pmatrix} := \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\mathcal{I}_{ff}}{T^2} \sum_{t=2}^T y_{t-1}^2 & \frac{\mathcal{I}_{f\eta}}{T^{3/2}} \sum_{t=2}^T y_{t-1} \\ \frac{\mathcal{I}_{f\eta}}{T^{3/2}} \sum_{t=2}^T y_{t-1} & \mathcal{I}_{\eta\eta} \end{pmatrix}, \\ \mathcal{I}_F &:= \begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{I}_{ff} & \mathcal{I}_{f\eta} \\ \mathcal{I}_{f\eta} & \mathcal{I}_{\eta\eta} \end{pmatrix} := E[\ell_F(\varepsilon) \ell_F(\varepsilon)']. \end{aligned}$$

The requirement  $E[\ell_F(\varepsilon)] = (0, 0)'$  of Assumption LAQ\* is the familiar zero mean property of scores, while  $E[\varepsilon \ell_F(\varepsilon)] = e_1 := (1, 0)'$  will be a consequence of the requirement  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \varepsilon f(\varepsilon|\eta) d\varepsilon = 0$  under mild smoothness conditions. As is true of

Assumption LAQ, Assumption LAQ\* is in the spirit of Jegannathan (1995) and implies that the likelihood ratios are LAQ in the sense of that paper. Moreover, proceeding as in the proof of Lemma 2 it can be shown that Assumption LAQ\* is implied by the following generalization of Assumption DQM.

**Assumption DQM\*.** The family  $F$  admits functions  $\ell_f$  and  $\ell_\eta$  such that, as  $|\theta| + |\eta| \rightarrow 0$ ,

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left( \sqrt{\frac{f(\varepsilon - \theta|\eta)}{f(\varepsilon)}} - 1 - \frac{1}{2} [\theta \ell_f(\varepsilon) + \eta \ell_\eta(\varepsilon)] \right)^2 f(\varepsilon) d\varepsilon = o(\theta^2 + \eta^2).$$

The LAQ property delivered by Assumption LAQ\* makes it possible to use the limits of experiments approach to derive asymptotic power envelopes for the unit root testing problem in a model where it is assumed to be known only that  $f \in F$ . To describe the salient properties of the limiting experiment, let  $(W, B'_F) := (W, B_f, B_\eta)$  be a trivariate Brownian motion with

$$\text{Var} \begin{pmatrix} W(1) \\ B_F(1) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & e'_1 \\ e_1 & \mathcal{I}_F \end{pmatrix}. \quad (11)$$

It follows from standard weak convergence results that

$$(S_T^F, H_T^F) \rightarrow_{d_{0,f}} (\mathcal{S}_F, \mathcal{H}_F),$$

where

$$\mathcal{S}_F := \begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{S}_f \\ \mathcal{S}_\eta \end{pmatrix} := \begin{pmatrix} \int_0^1 W(r) dB_f(r) \\ B_\eta(1) \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\mathcal{H}_F := \begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{H}_{ff} & \mathcal{H}_{f\eta} \\ \mathcal{H}_{f\eta} & \mathcal{H}_{\eta\eta} \end{pmatrix} := \begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{I}_{ff} \int_0^1 W(r)^2 dr & \mathcal{I}_{f\eta} \int_0^1 W(r) dr \\ \mathcal{I}_{f\eta} \int_0^1 W(r) dr & \mathcal{I}_{\eta\eta} \end{pmatrix}.$$

Using Prohorov's theorem, Le Cam's third lemma, and the result

$$L_T^F(c, h) \rightarrow_{d_{0,f}} \Lambda_F(c, h) := (c, h) \mathcal{S}_F - \frac{1}{2} (c, h) \mathcal{H}_F(c, h)' \quad \forall (c, h), \quad (12)$$

it can be shown that every subsequence  $\phi_{T'}$  admits a further subsequence  $\phi_{T''}$  and a  $[0, 1]$ -valued function  $\psi$  for which

$$\lim_{T'' \rightarrow \infty} E_{\rho_{T''}(c), \eta_{T''}(h)} \phi_{T''}(Y_{T''}) = E[\psi(\mathcal{S}_F, \mathcal{H}_F) \exp(\Lambda_F(c, h))] \quad \forall (c, h). \quad (13)$$

Because the true, but unknown, value of  $h$  has been normalized to zero, asymptotic power envelopes provide sharp upper bounds on  $\overline{\lim}_{T \rightarrow \infty} E_{\rho_T(c), \eta_T(0)} \phi_T(Y_T)$ . In view of (13), these bounds can be obtained by maximizing

$$E[\psi(\mathcal{S}_F, \mathcal{H}_F) \exp(\Lambda_F(c, 0))] = E[\psi(\mathcal{S}_F, \mathcal{H}_F) \exp(\Lambda_f(c))]$$

with respect to  $\psi$ . As in Section 3, the tests under consideration will be assumed to be such that the limiting test functions  $\psi$  satisfy

$$E[\psi(\mathcal{S}_F, \mathcal{H}_F)] = \alpha. \quad (14)$$

In an attempt to furthermore ensure that the power envelopes account for the presence of the unknown nuisance parameter  $h$ , some additional restrictions will be placed on  $\psi$ .

Two classes of test functions, motivated by two conceptually distinct approaches to nuisance parameter elimination in the limiting experiment, will be considered. The first class is motivated by the fact that  $\psi$  is  $\alpha$ -similar in the limiting experiment if and only if

$$E[\psi(\mathcal{S}_F, \mathcal{H}_F) \exp(\Lambda_F(0, h))] = \alpha \quad \forall h. \quad (15)$$

Accordingly, a sequence  $\phi_T$  is said to be locally asymptotically  $\alpha$ -similar (in  $F$ ) if any  $\psi$  satisfying (13) also satisfies (15). The second class is motivated by a location invariance property enjoyed by testing problems involving  $c$  in the limiting experiment. As explained in a remark following the proof of Theorem 3, any (location) invariant test in the limiting experiment admits a representation in which  $\psi(\mathcal{S}_F, \mathcal{H}_F)$  depends on  $(\mathcal{S}_F, \mathcal{H}_F)$  only through  $(\mathcal{S}_{f,\eta}, \mathcal{H}_F)$ , where

$$\mathcal{S}_{f,\eta} := \mathcal{S}_f - \frac{\mathcal{H}_{f\eta}}{\mathcal{H}_{\eta\eta}} \mathcal{S}_\eta.$$

Accordingly, a sequence  $\phi_T$  is said to be locally asymptotically  $\alpha$ -invariant (in  $F$ ) if any  $\psi$  satisfying (13) also satisfies (14) and can be chosen such that

$$\psi(\mathcal{S}_F, \mathcal{H}_F) = E[\psi(\mathcal{S}_F, \mathcal{H}_F) | \mathcal{S}_{f,\eta}, \mathcal{H}_F]. \quad (16)$$

It is shown in the proof of Theorem 3 that if (16) holds, then

$$E[\psi(\mathcal{S}_F, \mathcal{H}_F) \exp(\Lambda_F(c, h))] = E[\psi(\mathcal{S}_F, \mathcal{H}_F) \exp(\Lambda_{f,\eta}(c))], \quad (17)$$

where

$$\Lambda_{f,\eta}(c) := c\mathcal{S}_{f,\eta} - \frac{1}{2}c^2\mathcal{H}_{ff,\eta}, \quad \mathcal{H}_{ff,\eta} := \mathcal{H}_{ff} - \frac{\mathcal{H}_{f\eta}^2}{\mathcal{H}_{\eta\eta}}.$$

Because the right-hand side of (17) does not depend on  $h$ , the class of locally asymptotically  $\alpha$ -invariant tests is contained in the class of locally asymptotically  $\alpha$ -similar tests. Both classes of tests contain most (if not all) existing unit root tests. In particular, it can be shown that both classes of tests contain the point optimal tests of ERS as well as the “robust” unit root tests based on M-estimators and/or ranks proposed by Herce (1996), Hasan and Koenker (1997), Thompson (2004), and Koenker and Xiao (2004). On the other hand, the restrictions imposed are not entirely vacuous, as it follows from Theorem 3 that they are violated by the “oracle” test based on  $\phi_{f,T}$  unless the submodel satisfies  $\mathcal{I}_{f\eta} \neq 0$ .

The next result generalizes Theorem 1 to parametric submodels. It is shown in part (a) that

$$\Psi_F^S(c, \alpha) := E \left[ \psi_F^S(\mathcal{S}_F, \mathcal{H}_F | c, \alpha) \exp(\Lambda_f(c)) \right] \quad (18)$$

provides an upper bound on local asymptotic power for locally asymptotically  $\alpha$ -similar tests, where

$$\psi_F^S(\mathcal{S}_F, \mathcal{H}_F | c, \alpha) := 1 \left[ \Lambda_f(c) > K_\alpha^S(\mathcal{S}_\eta, c; \mathcal{I}_F) \right]$$

and  $K_\alpha^S$  is the continuous function satisfying  $E \left[ \psi_F^S(\mathcal{S}_F, \mathcal{H}_F | c, \alpha) | \mathcal{S}_\eta \right] = \alpha$ .<sup>12</sup> The envelope for locally asymptotically  $\alpha$ -invariant tests is shown in part (b) to be given by

$$\Psi_F^I(c, \alpha) := E \left[ \psi_F^I(\mathcal{S}_F, \mathcal{H}_F | c, \alpha) \exp(\Lambda_f(c)) \right], \quad (19)$$

where

$$\psi_F^I(\mathcal{S}_F, \mathcal{H}_F | c, \alpha) := 1 \left[ \Lambda_{f,\eta}(c) > K_\alpha^I(c; \mathcal{I}_F) \right]$$

and  $K_\alpha^I(c; \mathcal{I}_F)$  is the  $1 - \alpha$  quantile of  $\Lambda_{f,\eta}(c)$ .

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<sup>12</sup>A more explicit characterization of  $K_\alpha^S$  is given in the proof of Lemma 7 in the Appendix.

**Theorem 3.** (a) *If Assumption LAQ\* holds and  $\phi_T$  is locally asymptotically  $\alpha$ -similar, then*

$$\overline{\lim}_{T \rightarrow \infty} E_{\rho_T(c), \eta_T(0)} \phi_T(Y_T) \leq \Psi_F^S(c, \alpha) \quad \forall c < 0. \quad (20)$$

(b) *If, moreover,  $\phi_T$  is locally asymptotically  $\alpha$ -invariant, then*

$$\overline{\lim}_{T \rightarrow \infty} E_{\rho_T(c), \eta_T(0)} \phi_T(Y_T) \leq \Psi_F^I(c, \alpha) \quad \forall c < 0. \quad (21)$$

The bounds derived in Theorem 3 are attainable pointwise if  $F$  is known,  $\overline{\lim}_{T \rightarrow \infty}$  on the left-hand sides of (20) and (21) equaling  $\lim_{T \rightarrow \infty}$  and the inequalities becoming equalities when  $\phi_T(Y_T)$  is given by<sup>13</sup>

$$\phi_{F,T}^S(Y_T|c, \alpha) := 1 \left[ cS_T^f - \frac{1}{2}c^2 H_T^{ff} > K_\alpha^S(S_T^\eta, c; \mathcal{I}_F) \right] \quad (22)$$

and

$$\phi_{F,T}^I(Y_T|c, \alpha) := 1 \left[ cS_T^{f \cdot \eta} - \frac{1}{2}c^2 H_T^{ff \cdot \eta} > K_\alpha^I(c; \mathcal{I}_F) \right], \quad (23)$$

respectively, where

$$S_T^{f \cdot \eta} := S_T^f - \frac{H_T^{f\eta}}{\mathcal{I}_{\eta\eta}} S_T^\eta, \quad H_T^{ff \cdot \eta} := H_T^{ff} - \frac{H_T^{f\eta^2}}{\mathcal{I}_{\eta\eta}}.$$

Because the class of locally asymptotically  $\alpha$ -invariant tests is contained in the class of locally asymptotically  $\alpha$ -similar tests, the power envelopes satisfy  $\Psi_F^I \leq \Psi_F^S$  by construction. Moreover, the inequality is strict whenever  $\mathcal{I}_{f\eta} \neq 0$ , implying that the present model differs in an interesting way from models with LAN likelihood ratios. In a Gaussian shift experiment (the limiting experiment in a model with LAN likelihood ratios) with one element of the mean vector being the parameter of interest and the others being unknown nuisance parameters, the class of  $\alpha$ -similar tests contains the class of size  $\alpha$  location invariant tests. In other words, the natural counterparts of the restrictions (15) and (16) are nested in the same way as they are here. Unlike the limiting experiment of the model studied here, however, the two classes of restrictions give rise to identical power envelopes in a Gaussian shift experiment (because the best  $\alpha$ -similar test is location invariant) and there is no

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<sup>13</sup>The functions  $\phi_{F,T}^S$  and  $\phi_{F,T}^I$  are the natural finite sample counterparts of  $\psi_F^S$  and  $\psi_F^I$ , respectively.

ambiguity about what the “correct” power envelope is.<sup>14</sup> In contrast, because  $\Psi_F^I$  and  $\Psi_F^S$  differ whenever  $\mathcal{I}_{f\eta} \neq 0$  it is unclear which (if any) of these envelopes is the “correct” envelope in the present context.

A potential problem with the power envelope  $\Psi_F^S$  is that it is perhaps “too local” in the sense that it fails to adequately reflect the fact that the nuisance parameter  $h$  is unknown in the limiting experiment. Specifically, whereas  $E[\psi(\mathcal{S}_F, \mathcal{H}_F) \exp(\Lambda_F(c, h))]$  will depend on  $h$  in general even if  $\psi$  satisfies (15), the object being maximized,  $E[\psi(\mathcal{S}_F, \mathcal{H}_F) \exp(\Lambda_f(c))]$ , does not depend on  $h$ . One way to avoid this potential problem, which furthermore helps clarify the relation between (15) and (16), is to consider a minimax criterion. Using the Hunt-Stein theorem (e.g., Lehmann and Romano (2005, Theorem 8.5.1)), it can be shown that if  $\psi$  satisfies (15), then

$$\inf_{h \in \mathbb{R}} E[\psi(\mathcal{S}_F, \mathcal{H}_F) \exp(\Lambda_F(c, h))] \leq \Psi_F^I(c, \alpha), \quad (24)$$

where the inequality becomes an equality when  $\psi = \psi_F^I(\cdot | c, \alpha)$ . By implication,  $\Psi_F^I$  can be interpreted as a minimax power envelope for locally asymptotically  $\alpha$ -similar tests. Indeed, if  $\phi_T$  is locally asymptotically  $\alpha$ -similar, then

$$\inf_H \overline{\lim}_{T \rightarrow \infty} \min_{h \in H} E_{\rho_T(c), \eta_T(h)} \phi_T(Y_T) \leq \Psi_F^I(c, \alpha) \quad \forall c < 0, \quad (25)$$

where the inf is taken over all finite subsets  $H$  of  $\mathbb{R}$ . (Moreover, the inequality becomes an equality and  $\overline{\lim}_{T \rightarrow \infty}$  can be replaced by  $\lim_{T \rightarrow \infty}$  when  $\phi_T(\cdot) = \phi_{F,T}^I(\cdot | c, \alpha)$ .) This fact, a proof of which can be based on (24) and the methods of van der Vaart (1991), would appear to support the conjecture that  $\Psi_F^I$  is the “correct” power envelope. Additional substantiation of that conjecture is provided by a remark at the end of this section.

Because profile likelihood procedures “work” in conventional (parametric or even semiparametric) problems (e.g., Murphy and van der Vaart (1997, 2000)), it may be worth noting that  $\Psi_F^I$  has a profile likelihood interpretation. Specifically, the function  $\Lambda_{f,\eta}$  appearing in the definition of  $\Psi_F^I$  satisfies

$$\Lambda_{f,\eta}(c) = \max_h \Lambda_F(c, h) - \max_h \Lambda_F(0, h).$$

This is not merely a coincidence, as it follows from Lehmann and Romano (2005,

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<sup>14</sup>This observation combined with the fact that (the counterpart of) local asymptotic  $\alpha$ -similarity is a weaker restriction than (the counterpart of) local asymptotic  $\alpha$ -invariance in models with LAN likelihood ratios would appear to explain why the latter restriction has received little (if any) attention in the existing literature on semiparametric testing theory.



Problem 6.9) that best location invariant tests are of the profile likelihood variety whenever the log likelihood is quadratic in the location parameter.

Comparing the power envelopes of Theorems 1 and 3, it is seen that  $\Psi_F^S \leq \Psi_f$ , the inequality being strict unless  $\mathcal{I}_{f\eta} = 0$ . Therefore, the asymptotic power bound(s) for unit root tests in a parametric submodel will be strictly lower than the power bound in the model with a known error density unless the submodel satisfies  $\mathcal{I}_{f\eta} = 0$ . Because the assumption  $\ell_\eta \in \mathcal{L}_\eta$  implies  $E[\ell_f(\varepsilon)\ell_\eta(\varepsilon)] = 0$  only when  $\ell_f(\varepsilon) = \varepsilon$ , the only distribution (with full support and unit variance) for which the condition  $\mathcal{I}_{f\eta} = 0$  is satisfied for every smooth submodel is the Gaussian distribution. Therefore, the point optimal tests of ERS are locally asymptotically  $\alpha$ -similar/ $\alpha$ -invariant in any smooth parametric submodel for which  $f(\cdot|0)$  is the Gaussian distribution. Conversely, if  $f$  is not Gaussian, then the test  $\phi_{f,T}(\cdot|c, \alpha)$  of the previous section violates (15) for some smooth parametric submodel  $F$  with  $f(\cdot|0)$  equal to the (true) density  $f$ . By implication, the concept of point optimality, which has proven successful when dealing with the curvature in the unit root model with a known density, cannot be used to handle the nuisance parameter  $f$ . Specifically, a test of the form  $\phi_{\bar{f},T}(\cdot|c, \alpha)$  will not be “nearly efficient” even if  $\bar{f}$  is chosen “carefully”.

The results mentioned in the preceding paragraph bear a noticeable resemblance to the point estimation results for the location model, but differ in one important respect from the results for the stable AR(1) model. In the location model, the Cramér-Rao bound is given by  $\mathcal{I}_{ff}^{-1}$  when  $f$  is known and by  $(\mathcal{I}_{ff} - \mathcal{I}_{f\eta}^2/\mathcal{I}_{\eta\eta})^{-1}$  in parametric submodels, implying that the bounds coincide if and only if  $\mathcal{I}_{f\eta} = 0$ . Moreover, the sample mean, the quasi-maximum likelihood estimator of  $\theta$  based on the Gaussian distribution, is regular in any submodel, whereas the quasi-maximum likelihood estimator  $\hat{\theta}_f := \arg \max_\theta \sum_i \log f(X_i - \theta)$  based on the true density  $f$  is regular in a submodel  $F$  with  $f(\cdot|0) = f$  if and only if the submodel has  $\mathcal{I}_{f\eta} = 0$ , a condition which is violated by some smooth submodels unless the true distribution happens to be Gaussian.

In the location model, the condition that  $\mathcal{I}_{f\eta} = 0$  in all smooth submodels permitted by the set  $\mathcal{F}$  of densities to which  $f$  is assumed to belong is simply Stein’s (1956) necessary condition for adaptation. As is well known, this condition is satisfied when  $f$  is assumed to be symmetric, but is violated when  $f$  is unrestricted. In fact, adaptive estimation is possible in the symmetric location model under Assumption AC (e.g., Beran (1974, 1978), Stone (1975)), whereas the sample average attains the semiparametric efficiency bound in the location model with an (essentially) unrestricted  $f$  (e.g., Levit (1975), Newey (1990)), implying in particular that departures from normality cannot be exploited for efficiency purposes in that model. The latter property is not shared by the stable AR(1) model, which admits adaptive estimators even when  $f$  is required only to satisfy Assumption AC (e.g., Kreiss

(1987a, 1987b), Drost, Klaassen, and Werker (1997)). Therefore, although the stable AR(1) model and the location model exhibit qualitatively identical behavior when the density is known and/or symmetric, they exhibit drastically different behavior in the semiparametric case where  $f$  is treated as an unrestricted nuisance parameter.

Utilizing the results of this section, the following two sections develop power envelopes in the semiparametric cases where  $f$  is either assumed to be symmetric or is left unrestricted. It will be shown in Section 5 that the unit root model admits adaptive testing procedures when the errors are assumed to be symmetric and satisfy Assumption AC. Consequently, the analogies pointed out by Rothenberg and Stock (1997, p. 278) extend in a predictable way to the semiparametric model in which only symmetry is assumed on the part of the error distributions. In contrast, it is obvious from the results cited in the previous paragraph that these analogies will not extend to the model in which the error distribution is unrestricted. Studying the unit root model with an (essentially) unrestricted  $f$ , Section 6 finds that the semiparametric properties of the unit root model are related to the semiparametric properties of both the location model and the stable AR(1) model. On the one hand, a numerical evaluation of the semiparametric power envelopes will show that these can be well above the power envelope corresponding to the Gaussian distribution. By implication, the unit root model shares some of the semiparametric properties of the stable AR(1) model. On the other hand, the analytical characterization of the semiparametric power envelope for the unit root model turns out to be intimately related to the corresponding characterization of the semiparametric power envelope for the location model (and seemingly unrelated to the characterization of the semiparametric power envelope for the stable AR(1) model).

**Remark.** A simple heuristic argument (which can easily be made rigorous) shows that “plug-in” versions of  $\phi_{F,T}^S(Y_T|c, \alpha)$  will typically fail to attain  $\Psi_F^S$ . Indeed, consider

$$\tilde{\phi}_{F,T}^S(Y_T|c, \alpha) := 1 \left[ c\tilde{S}_T - \frac{1}{2}c^2 H_T^{ff} > K_\alpha^S \left( \tilde{S}_T^\eta, c; \mathcal{I}_F \right) \right],$$

where, for some estimator  $\tilde{\eta}_T$  of  $\eta$  (and assuming the derivatives exist),

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{S}_T &:= \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=2}^T y_{t-1} \ell_f(\Delta y_t | \tilde{\eta}_T), & \ell_f(\Delta y_t | \eta) &:= \left. \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \log f(\Delta y_t - \theta | \eta) \right|_{\theta=0}, \\ \tilde{S}_T^\eta &:= \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \sum_{t=2}^T \ell_\eta(\Delta y_t | \tilde{\eta}_T), & \ell_\eta(\Delta y_t | \eta) &:= \frac{\partial}{\partial \eta} \log f(\Delta y_t | \eta). \end{aligned}$$

If  $\tilde{\eta}_T$  is asymptotically efficient (i.e., best regular), then  $T^{1/2}\tilde{\eta}_T = \mathcal{I}_{\eta\eta}^{-1}S_T^\eta + o_{p_{0,f}}(1)$ , and  $\ell_f(\cdot|\tilde{\eta}_T)$  should be asymptotically equivalent to

$$\ell_f(\cdot) + \ell_{f\eta}(\cdot)\tilde{\eta}_T, \quad \ell_{f\eta}(\cdot) := \left. \frac{\partial}{\partial \eta} \ell_f(\cdot|\eta) \right|_{\eta=0},$$

in the sense that

$$\tilde{S}_T = \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=2}^T y_{t-1} [\ell_f(\Delta y_t) + \ell_{f\eta}(\Delta y_t)\tilde{\eta}_T] + o_{p_{0,f}}(1) = S_T^{f,\eta} + o_{p_{0,f}}(1).$$

Moreover,  $\tilde{S}_T^\eta$  should be  $o_{p_{0,f}}(1)$ , so it should be the case that

$$\tilde{\phi}_{F,T}^S(Y_T|c, \alpha) = 1 \left[ cS_T^{f,\eta} - \frac{1}{2}c^2H_T^{ff} > K_\alpha^S(0, c; \mathcal{I}_F) \right] + o_{p_{0,f}}(1).$$

Replacing  $\eta = 0$  by an asymptotically efficient estimator is seen to have a non-negligible impact on the properties of the test. Indeed, the statistics  $\tilde{\phi}_{F,T}^S(Y_T|c, \alpha)$  and  $\phi_{F,T}^S(Y_T|c, \alpha)$  are asymptotically equivalent if and only if  $\mathcal{I}_{f\eta} = 0$ . By implication, “plug-in” versions of  $\phi_{F,T}^S(Y_T|c, \alpha)$  generally fail to attain  $\Psi_F^S$ . In fact, it follows from the preceding display that  $\tilde{\phi}_{F,T}^S(\cdot|c, \alpha)$  is locally asymptotically  $\alpha$ -invariant in  $F$  and therefore satisfies

$$\overline{\lim}_{T \rightarrow \infty} E_{\rho_T(c), \eta_T(0)} \tilde{\phi}_T^S(Y_T|c, \alpha; F) \leq \Psi_F^I(c, \alpha).$$

The failure of the “plug-in” approach in this example casts serious doubt on the relevance of the power envelope  $\Psi_F^S$ . In contrast,  $\Psi_F^I$  is easily shown to be attained by “plug-in” versions of  $\phi_{F,T}^I(Y_T|c, \alpha)$ . It will be shown in Section 6 that this property extends to semiparametric models.

## 5. SYMMETRIC ERROR DISTRIBUTIONS

This section studies unit root testing in the case where  $f$  is assumed to belong to  $\mathcal{F}_{AC}^S$ , the set of symmetric densities satisfying Assumption AC. As discussed in the previous section, Stein’s (1956) necessary condition for adaptation in the location model is also necessary and sufficient for the power envelopes  $\Psi_f$ ,  $\Psi_F^S$ , and  $\Psi_F^I$  to coincide for every smooth submodel  $F$  permitted by the set  $\mathcal{F}$  of densities to which  $f$  is assumed to belong. This necessary condition is satisfied when  $f$  is assumed to

belong to  $\mathcal{F}_{AC}^{\mathbb{S}}$ . Theorem 4, the main result of this section, shows that the assumption  $f \in \mathcal{F}_{AC}^{\mathbb{S}}$  is also sufficient for adaptive unit root testing to be possible.

In models with LAN likelihood ratios, the duality between point estimation and hypothesis testing in Gaussian shift experiments (e.g., Choi et al. (1996)) implies that associated with any “reasonable” definition of adaptation for point estimators (e.g., Bickel (1982), Begun et al. (1983)) there is a “reasonable” definition of adaptation for hypothesis tests. On the other hand, because the duality between point estimation and hypothesis testing breaks down in models with LAQ (but not LAN/LAMN) likelihood ratios, some care must be exercised when defining adaptation in the context of the model studied in this paper. In particular, although Ling and McAleer’s (2003) definition of adaptation for point estimators generalizes Bickel’s (1982) definition to models of the form considered in this paper, it is unclear whether that definition can be translated into a “reasonable” definition of adaptation for hypothesis tests.

It is by no means difficult to give a “reasonable” definition of adaptation for tests of the unit root hypothesis. Nevertheless, it seems more attractive to work with a notion of adaptation that depends only on the model under consideration and makes no reference to any particular type of inference (e.g., point estimation or hypothesis testing). Accordingly, the collection  $\mathcal{F}_{AC}^{\mathbb{S}}$  is said to permit adaptive inference if there exists a pair  $(\hat{S}_T, \hat{H}_T)$  of statistics such that

$$(\hat{S}_T, \hat{H}_T) = (S_T^f, H_T^f) + o_{p_{0,f}}(1) \quad \forall f \in \mathcal{F}_{AC}^{\mathbb{S}}. \quad (26)$$

Because  $(S_T^f, H_T^f)$  is asymptotically sufficient when  $f$  is known and satisfies Assumption LAQ, the present definition is a natural formalization of the requirement that no information is lost (asymptotically) when the density is treated as an unknown nuisance parameter belonging to the set  $\mathcal{F}_{AC}^{\mathbb{S}}$ .<sup>15</sup>

Theorem 4 shows that  $\mathcal{F}_{AC}^{\mathbb{S}}$  permits adaptive inference and uses that result to derive an adaptation result for unit root tests. To describe the latter result, suppose  $(\hat{S}_T, \hat{H}_T)$  satisfies (26) and let

$$\hat{\phi}_T(Y_T|c, \alpha) := 1 \left[ c\hat{S}_T - \frac{1}{2}c^2\hat{H}_T > K_\alpha(c; \hat{\mathcal{I}}_T) \right], \quad \hat{\mathcal{I}}_T := \frac{\hat{H}_T}{\frac{1}{T^2} \sum_{t=2}^T y_{t-1}^2}. \quad (27)$$

If (26) holds, then a test based on  $\hat{\phi}_T(\cdot|c, \alpha)$  will be asymptotically equivalent to the “oracle” test based on  $\phi_{f,T}(\cdot|c, \alpha)$ , an adaptation property in view of the fact

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<sup>15</sup>Moreover, the definition generalizes in an obvious way to (other classes of densities and to) other models with a finite-dimensional asymptotically sufficient statistic and the resulting definition agrees with standard definitions in models where the likelihood ratios happen to be LAN.

that  $\phi_{f,T}(\cdot|c, \alpha)$  attains  $\Psi_f(\cdot)$  and is locally asymptotically  $\alpha$ -invariant in  $F \subseteq \mathcal{F}_{AC}^{\mathbb{S}}$  whenever  $F$  satisfies Assumption DQM\*.

As candidate “estimators” of  $S_T^f$  and  $H_T^f$ , consider

$$\hat{S}_T := \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=2}^T y_{t-1} \hat{\ell}_{Tt}^{\mathbb{S}}(\Delta y_t) \quad (28)$$

and

$$\hat{H}_T := \frac{\hat{\mathcal{I}}_T}{T^2} \sum_{t=2}^T y_{t-1}^2, \quad \hat{\mathcal{I}}_T := \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \hat{\ell}_{Tt}^{\mathbb{S}}(\Delta y_t)^2, \quad (29)$$

where  $\{\hat{\ell}_{Tt}^{\mathbb{S}} : 2 \leq t \leq T\}$  are estimators of  $\ell_f$ . Evidently,  $(\hat{S}_T, \hat{H}_T)$  satisfies (26) provided the  $\hat{\ell}_{Tt}^{\mathbb{S}}$  are such that  $(\hat{S}_T, \hat{\mathcal{I}}_T) = (S_T^f, \mathcal{I}_{ff}) + o_{p_{0,f}}(1)$  for every  $f \in \mathcal{F}_{AC}^{\mathbb{S}}$ .

This requirement is met by sample splitting estimators of the form

$$\hat{\ell}_{Tt}^{\mathbb{S}}(\Delta y_t) := \begin{cases} \tilde{\ell}_{T-\tau_T}^{\mathbb{S}}(\Delta y_t | \Delta y_{\tau_T+1}, \dots, \Delta y_T), & t = 1, \dots, \tau_T, \\ \tilde{\ell}_{\tau_T}^{\mathbb{S}}(\Delta y_t | \Delta y_1, \dots, \Delta y_{\tau_T}), & t = \tau_T + 1, \dots, T, \end{cases} \quad (30)$$

where  $\tau_T$  are integers with

$$0 < \underline{\lim}_{T \rightarrow \infty} \tau_T/T \leq \overline{\lim}_{T \rightarrow \infty} \tau_T/T < 1 \quad (31)$$

and  $\tilde{\ell}_T^{\mathbb{S}}$  is a sequence of estimators such that, as  $T \rightarrow \infty$ ,

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left[ \tilde{\ell}_T^{\mathbb{S}}(\varepsilon | \varepsilon_1, \dots, \varepsilon_T) - \ell_f(\varepsilon) \right]^2 f(\varepsilon) d\varepsilon = o_p(1) \quad (32)$$

and

$$\sqrt{T} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \tilde{\ell}_T^{\mathbb{S}}(\varepsilon | \varepsilon_1, \dots, \varepsilon_T) f(\varepsilon) d\varepsilon = o_p(1), \quad (33)$$

whenever  $\varepsilon_1, \dots, \varepsilon_T$  are *i.i.d.* with density  $f \in \mathcal{F}_{AC}^{\mathbb{S}}$ .

**Theorem 4.** (a) If  $(\hat{S}_T, \hat{H}_T)$  is defined as in (28) – (33), then (26) holds.  
 (b) In particular, if  $f \in \mathcal{F}_{AC}^S$  and  $\hat{\phi}_T$  is defined as in (27) – (33), then

$$\lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} E_{\rho_T(c)} \hat{\phi}_T(Y_T | \bar{c}, \alpha) = \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} E_{\rho_T(c)} \phi_{f,T}(Y_T | \bar{c}, \alpha) \quad \forall c \leq 0, \bar{c} < 0.$$

**Remarks.** (i) The main purpose of Theorem 4 is to demonstrate by example that the bound  $\Psi_f$  is sharp when the errors are known to be symmetric. Sample splitting estimators of  $\ell_f$  (with the null hypothesis imposed) are employed because such estimators make it possible to give a relatively elementary proof of adaptation under fairly minimal conditions on  $f$ . In practice, it may be desirable to use the full sample (along with some estimator of  $\rho$ ) when estimating  $\ell_f$ . It seems plausible that the methods of Koul and Schick (1997) can be used to justify the use of such an estimator, but an investigation along these lines will not be pursued in this paper. Also left for future work is a numerical investigation of the extent to which the asymptotic power gains documented here are available in small samples when  $\ell_f$  needs to be estimated. A similar remark applies to Theorem 6 of the next section.

(ii) Estimators  $\hat{\ell}_T^S$  satisfying (32) – (33) can be found in Bickel (1982) and Bickel et al. (1998). For further discussion of these high-level assumptions, see Schick (1986) and Klaassen (1987).

## 6. UNRESTRICTED ERROR DISTRIBUTIONS

This section obtains semiparametric power envelopes for tests of the unit root hypothesis in the case where  $f$  is (essentially) unrestricted in the sense that is assumed to be known only that  $f$  belongs to  $\mathcal{F}_{DQM}$ , the class of densities satisfying Assumption DQM. In the spirit of Stein (1956), the semiparametric power envelopes will be defined as the infimum of the power envelopes associated with parametric submodels embedding the true error density. In light of the striking similarities between the results derived so far and the corresponding results for the location model, it seems plausible that these asymptotic power envelopes should admit an interpretation analogous to the interpretation of the semiparametric power envelope for tests in the location model. That conjecture turns out to be correct. Specifically, it turns out that the least favorable submodels in the unit root model coincide with the least favorable submodels in the location model.

In the location model, a least favorable submodel is any submodel for which the associated  $\ell_\eta$  maximizes the squared correlation  $\mathcal{I}_{f\eta}^2 \mathcal{I}_{ff}^{-1} \mathcal{I}_{\eta\eta}^{-1}$  of  $\ell_f(\varepsilon)$  and  $\ell_\eta(\varepsilon)$  subject to the restriction  $\ell_\eta \in \mathcal{L}_\eta$ . As was seen in Section 4, this property is shared by the unit root model in the Gaussian case, where  $\mathcal{I}_{ff} = 1$  and any submodel has  $\mathcal{I}_{f\eta} = 0$  (and is least favorable). Presuming that the property is shared by the unit root model also if  $\mathcal{I}_{ff} > 1$ , it follows that the semiparametric power envelopes for tests of the

unit hypothesis “should” be given by the envelopes  $\Psi_F^S$  and  $\Psi_F^I$  associated with a submodel  $F$  for which  $\ell_\eta(\varepsilon) = \ell_f(\varepsilon) - \varepsilon$ .

Theorem 5 makes the preceding heuristics precise. Let  $(W, B_f)$  and  $(\Lambda_f, \mathcal{S}_f, \mathcal{H}_{ff})$  be as in Section 3 and define

$$\Psi_f^S(c, \alpha) := E \left[ \psi_f^S(\mathcal{S}_f, \mathcal{H}_{ff}, \mathcal{S}_f^S | c, \alpha) \exp(\Lambda_f(c)) \right], \quad (34)$$

$$\Psi_f^I(c, \alpha) := E \left[ \psi_f^I(\mathcal{S}_f^I, \mathcal{H}_{ff}^I | c, \alpha) \exp(\Lambda_f(c)) \right], \quad (35)$$

where<sup>16</sup>

$$\begin{aligned} \psi_f^S(\mathcal{S}_f, \mathcal{H}_{ff}, \mathcal{S}_f^S | c, \alpha) &:= 1 \left[ \Lambda_f(c) > K_\alpha^S(\mathcal{S}_f^S, c; \mathcal{J}_f^{LF}) \right], \\ \psi_f^I(\mathcal{S}_f^I, \mathcal{H}_{ff}^I | c, \alpha) &:= 1 \left[ \Lambda_f^I(c) > K_\alpha^I(c; \mathcal{J}_f^{LF}) \right], \quad \Lambda_f^I(c) := c\mathcal{S}_f^I - \frac{1}{2}c^2\mathcal{H}_{ff}^I, \\ \mathcal{S}_f^S &:= B_f(1) - W(1), \quad \mathcal{J}_f^{LF} := \begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{I}_{ff} & \mathcal{I}_{ff} - 1 \\ \mathcal{I}_{ff} - 1 & \mathcal{I}_{ff} - 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ \mathcal{S}_f^I &:= \mathcal{S}_f - \left( \int_0^1 W(r) dr \right) \mathcal{S}_f^S, \quad \mathcal{H}_{ff}^I := \mathcal{H}_{ff} - (\mathcal{I}_{ff} - 1) \left( \int_0^1 W(r) dr \right)^2. \end{aligned}$$

Finally, for any  $f \in \mathcal{F}_{DQM}$ , let  $\mathcal{J}_f$  denote the set of matrices  $\mathcal{I}_F$  associated with submodels  $F$  satisfying Assumption DQM\*.

**Theorem 5.** *If  $f \in \mathcal{F}_{DQM}$ , then*

$$\inf_{F: \mathcal{I}_F \in \mathcal{J}_f} \Psi_F^S(c, \alpha) = \Psi_f^S(c, \alpha) \quad \forall c < 0, \quad (36)$$

$$\inf_{F: \mathcal{I}_F \in \mathcal{J}_f} \Psi_F^I(c, \alpha) = \Psi_f^I(c, \alpha) \quad \forall c < 0. \quad (37)$$

The proof of (36) first shows that

$$\inf_{F: \mathcal{I}_F \in \mathcal{J}_f} \Psi_F^S(c, \alpha) \geq \Psi_f^S(c, \alpha) \quad \forall c < 0. \quad (38)$$

The proof of (38) is constructive in the sense that it shows that the test based on

$$\phi_{f,T}^S(Y_T | c, \alpha) := 1 \left[ cS_T^f - \frac{1}{2}c^2 H_T^{ff} > K_\alpha^S \left( S_T^{f,S}, c; \mathcal{J}_f^{LF} \right) \right] \quad (39)$$

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<sup>16</sup>As defined,  $\psi_f^S$  and  $\psi_f^I$  are the test functions  $\psi_F^S$  and  $\psi_F^I$  of Section 4 corresponding to a submodel with  $\ell_\eta(\varepsilon) = \ell_f(\varepsilon) - \varepsilon$ .

attains  $\Psi_f^S$  and is locally asymptotically  $\alpha$ -similar in any smooth submodel, where

$$S_T^{f,S} := T^{-1/2} \sum_{t=2}^T [\ell_f(\Delta y_t) - \Delta y_t].$$

Then, using the fact that  $\Psi_F^S$  is continuous in  $\mathcal{I}_F$ , an inequality in the opposite direction is obtained by showing that  $\mathcal{J}_f^{LF}$  belongs to the closure of  $\mathcal{J}_f$ . A similar strategy is used to obtain (37).

### FIGURES 2 AND 3 ABOUT HERE

Figures 2 and 3 plot  $\Psi_f^S(\cdot, 0.05)$  and  $\Psi_f^I(\cdot, 0.05)$  for various values of  $\mathcal{I}_{ff}$ . Comparing Figures 2 and 3 to Figure 1, the semiparametric power envelopes are seen to lie well above the power envelope corresponding to the Gaussian distribution.<sup>17</sup> In spite of the fact that there is no obvious connection between the analytical semiparametric efficiency results for the unit root model and those for the stable AR(1) model, the numerical results displayed in Figures 2 and 3 are therefore qualitatively similar to the well known results for the stable AR(1) model insofar as Figures 2 and 3 suggest that nonnormality can be a source of potentially substantial power gains in unit root tests even in the absence of knowledge of the error distribution.

It is therefore of significant interest to investigate whether the power bounds reported in Figures 2 and 3 are sharp. The fact that completely consistent (in the terminology of Andrews (1986)) goodness of fit tests exist can be used to show that for any  $\bar{f} \in \mathcal{F}_{DQM}$  it is possible to construct tests that are locally efficient at  $\bar{f}$  in the sense that they are locally asymptotically  $\alpha$ -similar/ $\alpha$ -invariant in any smooth submodel  $F$  with  $f(\cdot|0) \in \mathcal{F}_{DQM}$  and attain  $\Psi_f^S/\Psi_f^I$  when  $f = \bar{f}$ . For instance, consider

$$\phi_{\bar{f},T}^*(Y_T|c, \alpha) := \varphi_T(Y_T|\bar{f}) \phi_{\bar{f},T}^S(Y_T|c, \alpha) + [1 - \varphi_T(Y_T|\bar{f})] \phi_T^{ERS}(Y_T|c, \alpha),$$

where  $\phi_T^{ERS}(Y_T|c, \alpha)$  is the test function of ERS's point optimal test and  $\varphi_T(\cdot|\bar{f})$  is a (goodness of fit) test function for which

$$\varphi_T(Y_T|\bar{f}) = 1 \text{ (} f = \bar{f} \text{)} + o_{p_{0,f}}(1) \quad \forall f \in \mathcal{F}_{DQM}.$$

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<sup>17</sup>The difference between the ‘‘oracle’’ bounds  $\Psi_f(\cdot, 0.05)$ ,  $\Psi_f^S(\cdot, 0.05)$ , and  $\Psi_f^I(\cdot, 0.05)$  is noticeable in most of the cases considered. Numerical evaluation shows that  $\sup_c |\Psi_f(c, 0.05) - \Psi_f^S(c, 0.05)| \approx 0.02, 0.05, 0.07$  and  $\sup_c |\Psi_f(c, 0.05) - \Psi_f^I(c, 0.05)| \approx 0.09, 0.15, 0.16$  for  $\mathcal{I}_{ff} = 2, 5, 10$ .



This “shrinkage” test is asymptotically equivalent to  $\phi_{\bar{f},T}^S(Y_T|c, \alpha)$  when  $f = \bar{f}$  and asymptotically equivalent to ERS’s test otherwise. In particular, the test is locally asymptotically  $\alpha$ -similar in any smooth submodel  $F$  with  $f(\cdot|0) \in \mathcal{F}_{DQM}$  and attains  $\Psi_f^S$  when  $f = \bar{f}$ . A similar construction can be used to show that  $\Psi_f^I$  provides a (pointwise) sharp upper bound on the local asymptotic power attainable by means of tests that are locally asymptotically  $\alpha$ -invariant in any smooth submodel  $F$  with  $f(\cdot|0) \in \mathcal{F}_{DQM}$ .

The preceding construction is of theoretical interest because it demonstrates by example that the bounds  $\Psi_f^S$  and  $\Psi_f^I$  are pointwise sharp. (In light of this it seems reasonable to refer to  $\Psi_f^S$  and  $\Psi_f^I$  as semiparametric power envelopes.) Nevertheless, the “shrinkage” test based on  $\phi_{\bar{f},T}^{S*}(Y_T|c, \alpha)$  is obviously not recommended for actual use and a more interesting question is therefore whether globally (in  $f$ ) efficient testing procedures exist. On the one hand, reasoning similar to that of the remark at the end of Section 4 shows that “plug-in” versions of  $\phi_{f,T}^S(Y_T|c, \alpha)$  generally fail to attain  $\Psi_f^S$  even if a valid parametric submodel is postulated. In contrast, Theorem 6 will show that the assumption  $f \in \mathcal{F}_{AC}$  is sufficient for the envelope  $\Psi_f^I$  to be globally attainable.

Global attainability of  $\Psi_f^I$  follows from arguments analogous to those used by Bickel (1982) to show feasibility of adaptive estimation of the slope coefficients in a standard regression model. The proof of (37) uses a finite sample counterpart of  $\mathcal{S}_f^I$  given by

$$S_T^{f,I} := S_T^f - \left( \frac{1}{T^{3/2}} \sum_{t=2}^T y_{t-1} \right) \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \sum_{t=2}^T [\ell_f(\Delta y_t) - \Delta y_t]. \quad (40)$$

Because

$$S_T^{f,I} = \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=2}^T y_{t-1}^\mu \ell_f(\Delta y_t) + \left( \frac{1}{T^{3/2}} \sum_{t=2}^T y_{t-1} \right) \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} (y_T - y_1), \quad y_{t-1}^\mu := y_{t-1} - \frac{\sum_{s=2}^T y_{s-1}}{T-1},$$

consistent “estimation” of  $S_T^{f,I}$  turns out to be feasible even though  $\ell_f$  cannot be estimated with small bias. Specifically, the fact that  $\sum_{t=2}^T y_{t-1}^\mu = 0$  implies that (the natural counterpart of) the assumption (33) can be avoided when constructing a consistent “estimator” of  $S_T^{f,I}$ .<sup>18</sup>

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<sup>18</sup>Because adaptive estimation is impossible in the location model with an (essentially) unrestricted  $f$ , it follows from Klaassen (1987) that there exists no  $\sqrt{T}$ -unbiased estimator of  $\ell_f$  when  $f$  is (essentially) unrestricted; that is, the natural counterpart of (33) cannot hold when  $f$  is (essentially)

To demonstrate by example that the bound  $\Psi_f^I$  is globally (in  $f$ ) sharp, let

$$\hat{\phi}_T^I(Y_T|c, \alpha) := 1 \left[ c\hat{S}_T^I - \frac{1}{2}c^2\hat{H}_T^I > K_\alpha^I \left( c; \hat{\mathcal{J}}_T^{LF} \right) \right], \quad (41)$$

where, for some integers  $\tau_T$  with

$$\lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \tau_T = \infty \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \tau_T/T = 0, \quad (42)$$

and for some estimator  $\hat{\ell}_T$  of  $\ell_f$ ,

$$\hat{S}_T^I := \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=\tau_T+1}^T y_{t-1} \hat{\ell}_T(\Delta y_t) - \left( \frac{1}{T^{3/2}} \sum_{t=\tau_T+1}^T y_{t-1} \right) \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \sum_{t=\tau_T+1}^T [\hat{\ell}_T(\Delta y_t) - \Delta y_t] \right), \quad (43)$$

$$\hat{H}_T^I := \frac{\hat{\mathcal{I}}_T}{T^2} \sum_{t=\tau_T+1}^T y_{t-1}^2 - (\hat{\mathcal{I}}_T - 1) \left( \frac{1}{T^{3/2}} \sum_{t=\tau_T+1}^T y_{t-1} \right)^2, \quad (44)$$

$$\hat{\mathcal{J}}_T^{LF} := \begin{pmatrix} \hat{\mathcal{I}}_T & \hat{\mathcal{I}}_T - 1 \\ \hat{\mathcal{I}}_T - 1 & \hat{\mathcal{I}}_T - 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \hat{\mathcal{I}}_T := \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=\tau_T+1}^T \hat{\ell}_T(\Delta y_t)^2. \quad (45)$$

As defined,  $\hat{\phi}_T^I(Y_T|c, \alpha)$  is a “plug-in” version of the test  $\phi_{f,T}^I(Y_T|c, \alpha)$  used in the proof of Theorem 5 (b). In the spirit of Bickel (1982), suppose

$$\hat{\ell}_T(\Delta y_t) := \tilde{\ell}_{\tau_T}(\Delta y_t | \Delta y_1, \dots, \Delta y_{\tau_T}), \quad (46)$$

where  $\tilde{\ell}_T$  is a sequence of estimators such that, as  $T \rightarrow \infty$ ,

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left[ \tilde{\ell}_T(\varepsilon | \varepsilon_1, \dots, \varepsilon_T) - \ell_f(\varepsilon) \right]^2 f(\varepsilon) d\varepsilon = o_p(1) \quad (47)$$

whenever  $\varepsilon_1, \dots, \varepsilon_T$  are *i.i.d.* with density  $f \in \mathcal{F}_{AC}$ .

**Theorem 6.** *If  $f \in \mathcal{F}_{AC}$  and  $\hat{\phi}_T^I$  is defined as in (41) – (47), then*

$$\lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} E_{\rho_T(c)} \hat{\phi}_T^I(Y_T|\bar{c}, \alpha) = E \left[ \psi_f^I(\mathcal{S}_f^I, \mathcal{H}_{ff}^I | \bar{c}, \alpha) \exp(\Lambda_f(c)) \right] \quad \forall c \leq 0, \bar{c} < 0.$$

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unrestricted. In contrast, it follows from Bickel (1982) that the natural counterpart of (32) is compatible with the assumption  $f \in \mathcal{F}_{AC}$ , so (47) is not void.

By showing that  $\Psi_f^I$  is sharp, Theorem 6 demonstrates in particular that there is a sense in which the tests of ERS are asymptotically inadmissible if the assumption of Gaussian errors is relaxed. This result and the analogous inadmissibility result deducible from Theorem 4 can be viewed as a unit root counterparts the inadmissibility of the least squares estimator of  $\beta$  in the model

$$Y_i = \beta X_i + \varepsilon_i, \quad (48)$$

where the  $\varepsilon_i$  are *i.i.d.* with density  $f$  and independent of the *i.i.d.* regressor  $X_i$  whose mean is assumed to be different from zero. Specifically, Bickel (1982, Example 2) shows that adaptive estimation of  $\beta$  is possible when  $f$  is symmetric, while Schick (1987, Example 2) presents the efficient influence function for  $\beta$  without assuming symmetry of  $f$  and shows in particular that departures from normality can be exploited for efficiency purposes also in that case.

## 7. EXTENSIONS

Sections 3-6 study a model which assumes away the presence of deterministic components and/or serial correlation in the error. In the Gaussian case, the consequences of relaxing these assumptions are well understood from the work of ERS: parameters governing serial correlation in the error can be treated “as if” they are known, as can the value of a constant mean in the observed process, whereas the presence of a time trend affects the asymptotic power envelope. This section briefly explores whether these qualitative conclusions remain valid in models with non-Gaussian errors and finds that they do. In addition, and in perfect analogy with Section 4, it is found that also in models with a time trend the properties of parametric submodels depend on whether or not Stein’s (1956) necessary condition for adaptation in the location model is satisfied.

The consequences of accommodating deterministic components and/or serial correlation in the error will be explored by studying a model in which the observed data  $y_1, \dots, y_T$  is generated as

$$y_t = \mu + \delta t + u_t, \quad (1 - \rho L) \gamma(L) u_t = \varepsilon_t, \quad (49)$$

where  $\mu$  and  $\delta$  are the parameters governing the deterministic component, the lag polynomial  $\gamma(L) = 1 - \gamma_1 L - \dots - \gamma_p L^p$  is of (known, finite) order  $p$ ,<sup>19</sup> the initial conditions are  $u_0 = u_{-1} = \dots = u_{1-p} = 0$ , and the  $\varepsilon_t$  are unobserved *i.i.d.* errors from

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<sup>19</sup>Adapting the methods of Jeganathan (1997), it should be possible to allow  $\gamma(L)$  to be a smoothly parameterized lag polynomial of infinite order. The qualitative conclusions of this section will not be affected by such an extension, so to conserve space it will not be pursued here.

a continuous distribution with full support, zero mean, unit variance, and density  $f$ . It is assumed that  $\min_{|z| \leq 1} |\gamma(z)| > 0$  so that the unit root testing problem is that of testing  $H_0 : \rho = 1$  vs.  $H_1 : \rho < 1$ . As in Section 4, the density  $f$  is embedded in a smooth family of densities.

As before, local reparameterizations will be employed in the asymptotic analysis. The appropriate reparameterizations of  $\mu$ ,  $\delta$ , and  $\gamma(L)$  are of the form

$$\mu = \mu_T(m) := \mu_0 + m, \quad \delta = \delta_T(d) := \delta_0 + \frac{\gamma_0(1)}{\sqrt{T}}d, \quad (50)$$

$$\gamma(L) = \gamma_T(L; g) := \gamma_0(L) + \frac{g(L)}{\sqrt{T}}, \quad (51)$$

where  $\mu_0$  and  $\delta_0$  are known constants,  $\gamma_0(L) := 1 - \gamma_{1,0}L - \dots - \gamma_{p,0}L^p$  is a known lag polynomial with  $\min_{|z| \leq 1} |\gamma_0(z)| > 0$ , whereas the unknown parameters are  $m$ ,  $d$ , and the coefficients  $g := (g_1, \dots, g_p)'$  of the lag polynomial  $g(L) := -g_1L - \dots - g_pL^p$ .<sup>20</sup> Without loss of generality, it is assumed that  $\mu_0$  and  $\delta_0$  are equal to zero.

The log likelihood ratio function associated with the chosen reparameterization is of the form

$$\begin{aligned} L_T^{\mathbf{F}}(c, m, d, g, h) &:= L_T^0(c, m, d, g, h) \\ &+ \sum_{t=p+2}^T \log f[\varepsilon_t(c, m, d, g) | \eta_T(h)] - \sum_{t=p+2}^T \log f[\varepsilon_t(0, 0, 0, 0) | \eta_T(0)], \end{aligned}$$

where  $L_T^0(c, h, m, d, g)$  represents the contribution of  $y_1, \dots, y_{p+1}$  and

$$\varepsilon_t(c, m, d, g) := [1 - \rho_T(c)L] \gamma_T(L; g) \left[ y_t - m - \frac{d}{\sqrt{T}}t \right], \quad t \geq p+2.$$

If  $y_t$  is generated by (49),  $(c_T, h_T, m_T, d_T, g_T)$  is a bounded sequence, and mild smoothness conditions on  $F$  hold, then  $L_T^{\mathbf{F}}$  admits an expansion of the form

$$L_T^{\mathbf{F}}(c_T, m_T, d_T, g_T, h_T) = L_T^{f\delta\eta}(c_T, d_T, h_T) + L^\mu(m_T) + L_T^\gamma(g_T) + o_{p_{0,f}}(1), \quad (52)$$

where “ $o_{p_{0,f}}(1)$ ” is shorthand for “ $o_p(1)$  when  $H_0$  holds,  $(m, d, g) = (0, 0, 0)$ , and  $\varepsilon$  has density  $f$ ” and the functions  $L_T^{f\delta\eta}$ ,  $L^\mu$ , and  $L_T^\gamma$  are given by

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<sup>20</sup>The term  $\gamma_0(1)$  appears in the definition of  $\delta_T(d)$  because the resulting definition gives rise to a limiting experiment which depends on  $d$  in a particularly simple way.

$$\begin{aligned}
L_T^{f\delta\eta}(c, d, h) &:= cS_T^f - \frac{1}{2}c^2H_T^{ff} + d \left[ S_T^\delta(c) - cH_T^{f\delta}(c) \right] - \frac{1}{2}d^2\mathcal{H}_{\delta\delta}(c) \\
&\quad + h \left[ S_T^\eta - cH_T^{f\eta} - d\mathcal{H}_{\delta\eta}(c) \right] - \frac{1}{2}h^2\mathcal{H}_{\eta\eta}, \\
L^\mu(m) &:= \sum_{j=0}^p \log f(\Delta x_{1+j} + \gamma_{j,0}m) - \sum_{j=0}^p \log f(\Delta x_{1+j}), \quad \gamma_{0,0} := -1, \\
L_T^\gamma(g) &:= g'S_T^\gamma - \frac{1}{2}g'\mathcal{H}_{\gamma\gamma}g,
\end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
S_T^f &:= \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=p+2}^T x_{t-1} \ell_f(\Delta x_t), & H_T^{ff} &:= \frac{\mathcal{I}_{ff}}{T^2} \sum_{t=p+2}^T x_{t-1}^2, \\
S_T^\delta(c) &:= \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \sum_{t=p+2}^T \xi_c \left( \frac{t-1}{T} \right) \ell_f(\Delta x_t), & H_T^{f\delta}(c) &:= \frac{\mathcal{I}_{ff}}{T^{3/2}} \sum_{t=p+2}^T x_{t-1} \xi_c \left( \frac{t-1}{T} \right), \\
S_T^\eta &:= \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \sum_{t=p+2}^T \ell_\eta(\Delta x_t), & H_T^{f\eta} &:= \frac{\mathcal{I}_{f\eta}}{T^{3/2}} \sum_{t=p+2}^T x_{t-1}, \\
S_T^\gamma &:= \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \sum_{t=p+2}^T (\Delta y_{t-1}, \dots, \Delta y_{t-p})' \ell_f(\Delta x_t),
\end{aligned}$$

$(\ell_f, \ell_\eta)$  and  $(\mathcal{I}_{ff}, \mathcal{I}_{f\eta}, \mathcal{H}_{\eta\eta})$  are as in Section 4,  $x_t := \gamma_0(L)y_t$ ,<sup>21</sup>  $\xi_c(r) := 1 - cr$ ,  $\mathcal{H}_{\delta\delta}(c) := \mathcal{I}_{ff}(1 - c + c^2/3)$ ,  $\mathcal{H}_{\delta\eta}(c) := \mathcal{I}_{f\eta}(1 - c/2)$ ,  $\mathcal{H}_{\gamma\gamma} := \Sigma_{\gamma\gamma}\mathcal{I}_{ff}$ , and  $\Sigma_{\gamma\gamma}$  is a  $p \times p$  matrix with element  $(i, j)$  given by  $E[\gamma_0(L)^{-1}\varepsilon_{t-i}\gamma_0(L)^{-1}\varepsilon_{t-j}]$ .

Because neither  $L^\mu(\cdot)$  nor  $L_T^{f\delta\eta}(\cdot)$  is quadratic, the model with a deterministic component does not admit LAQ likelihood ratios. Nevertheless, the model is well suited for analysis using the limits of experiments approach, as the interesting part of the limiting experiment belongs to a curved exponential family and is amenable to analysis using existing tools. Indeed, for every  $(c, h, m, d, g)$ ,

$$\left[ L_T^{f\delta\eta}(c, d, h), L^\mu(m), L_T^\gamma(g) \right] \rightarrow_{d_{0,f}} [\Lambda_{f\delta\eta}(c, d, h), \Lambda_\mu(m), \Lambda_\gamma(g)], \quad (53)$$

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<sup>21</sup>The (presample) values of  $y_0, \dots, y_{1-p}$  are set equal to zero in the definition of  $x_1, \dots, x_p$ . Because  $x_t = y_t$  when  $p = 0$ , the present definitions of  $S_T^f$ ,  $H_T^{ff}$ ,  $S_T^\eta$ , and  $H_T^{f\eta}$  are consistent with those of the previous sections.

where “ $\rightarrow_{d_{0,f}}$ ” is shorthand for “ $\rightarrow_d$  when  $H_0$  holds,  $(m, d, g) = (0, 0, 0)$ , and  $\varepsilon$  has density  $f$ ” and  $\Lambda_{f\delta\eta}(c, d, h)$ ,  $\Lambda_\mu(m)$ , and  $\Lambda_\gamma(g)$  are mutually independent with

$$\begin{aligned}\Lambda_\gamma(g) &:= g' \mathcal{S}_\gamma - \frac{1}{2} g' \mathcal{H}_{\gamma\gamma} g, & \mathcal{S}_\gamma &\sim \mathcal{N}(0, \mathcal{H}_{\gamma\gamma}), \\ \Lambda_\mu(m) &\sim \sum_{j=0}^p \log f(\varepsilon_{1+j} + \gamma_{j,0} m) - \sum_{j=0}^p \log f(\varepsilon_{1+j}),\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}\Lambda_{f\delta\eta}(c, d, h) &:= c \mathcal{S}_f - \frac{1}{2} c^2 \mathcal{H}_{ff} + d [\mathcal{S}_\delta(c) - c \mathcal{H}_{f\delta}(c)] - \frac{1}{2} d^2 \mathcal{H}_{\delta\delta}(c) \\ &\quad + h [\mathcal{S}_\eta - c \mathcal{H}_{f\eta} - d \mathcal{H}_{\delta\eta}(c)] - \frac{1}{2} h^2 \mathcal{H}_{\eta\eta},\end{aligned}$$

where  $(\mathcal{S}_f, \mathcal{H}_{ff}, \mathcal{S}_\eta, \mathcal{H}_{f\eta})$  and  $(W, B_f, B_\eta)$  are as in Section 4 and

$$\mathcal{S}_\delta(c) := \int_0^1 \xi_c(r) dB_f(r), \quad \mathcal{H}_{f\delta}(c) := \mathcal{I}_{ff} \int_0^1 W(r) \xi_c(r) dr.$$

The mutual independence of  $\Lambda_{f\delta\eta}(c, d, h)$  and  $[\Lambda_\mu(m), \Lambda_\gamma(g)]$  and the additively separable structure of the right-hand side of (52) imply that the derivation of asymptotic power envelopes for tests of the unit root hypothesis can proceed under the “as if” assumption that  $\mu$  and the coefficients of  $\gamma(L)$  are known. Moreover, the distribution of  $\Lambda_{f\delta\eta}(c, d, h)$  does not depend on the coefficients of  $\gamma_0(L)$ , so the power bounds developed in the previous sections (under the assumption that  $d$  is known to equal zero) are valid also in the presence of a constant mean and/or serial correlation in the error. Furthermore, the presence of a constant mean and/or serial correlation in the error does not weaken the sense in which the bounds are sharp because

$$\frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=p+2}^T \hat{x}_{t-1} \ell_f(\Delta \hat{x}_t) = S_T^f + o_{p_{0,f}}(1), \quad \frac{\mathcal{I}_{ff}}{T^2} \sum_{t=p+2}^T \hat{x}_{t-1}^2 = H_T^{ff} + o_{p_{0,f}}(1),$$

and so on, where  $\hat{x}_t := \hat{\gamma}(L)(y_t - \hat{\mu})$ ,  $\hat{\mu} := y_1$ , and  $\hat{\gamma}(L)$  is a discretized,  $\sqrt{T}$ -consistent estimator of  $\gamma(L)$ . These qualitative conclusions, which are in perfect agreement with those obtained by ERS in the Gaussian case, show in particular that the inability to do adaptive unit root testing when  $f$  is (essentially) unrestricted

is not an artifact of the assumption that the deterministic component is known. Nevertheless, it is of some interest to investigate whether the condition  $\mathcal{I}_{f\eta} = 0$  continues to play an important role also in models with a time trend.

In the case where a time trend is accommodated, the relevant limiting experiment is an extended version of that studied in Section 4. The extended limiting experiment involves the three-dimensional parameter  $(c, d, h)$  and is characterized by log likelihood ratios of the form  $\Lambda_{f\delta\eta}(c, d, h)$ . As in Section 4, a location invariance restriction can be used to remove the nuisance parameter  $h$ , the associated log likelihood ratio being given by

$$\begin{aligned}\Lambda_{f\delta,\eta}(c, d) &:= \max_h \Lambda_{f\delta\eta}(c, d, h) - \max_h \Lambda_{f\delta\eta}(0, 0, h) \\ &= c\mathcal{S}_{f,\eta} - \frac{1}{2}c^2\mathcal{H}_{ff,\eta} + d[\mathcal{S}_{\delta,\eta}(c) - c\mathcal{H}_{f\delta,\eta}(c)] - \frac{1}{2}d^2\mathcal{H}_{\delta\delta,\eta}(c),\end{aligned}$$

where  $(\mathcal{S}_{f,\eta}, \mathcal{H}_{ff,\eta})$  is as in Section 4 and

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{S}_{\delta,\eta}(c) &:= \mathcal{S}_\delta(c) - \frac{\mathcal{H}_{\delta\eta}(c)}{\mathcal{H}_{\eta\eta}}\mathcal{S}_\eta, & \mathcal{H}_{f\delta,\eta}(c) &:= \mathcal{H}_{f\delta}(c) - \frac{\mathcal{H}_{f\eta}\mathcal{H}_{\delta\eta}(c)}{\mathcal{H}_{\eta\eta}}, \\ \mathcal{H}_{\delta\delta,\eta}(c) &:= \mathcal{H}_{\delta\delta}(c) - \frac{\mathcal{H}_{\delta\eta}(c)^2}{\mathcal{H}_{\eta\eta}}.\end{aligned}$$

Similarly, the remaining nuisance parameter  $d$  can be removed using the principle of invariance.<sup>22</sup> Indeed, in perfect analogy with ERS's analysis of the Gaussian case, Lehmann and Romano (2005, Problem 6.9) and the fact that  $\Lambda_{f\delta,\eta}(c, d)$  is quadratic in  $d$  for any fixed  $c$  can be used to show that the power envelope associated with  $\alpha$ -invariant tests in the extended limiting experiment is given by

$$\Psi_F^\delta(c, \alpha) := E \left[ 1 \left( \Lambda_{f,\delta\eta}(c) > K_\alpha^\delta(c; \mathcal{I}_F) \right) \exp(\Lambda_f(c)) \right], \quad (54)$$

where  $K_\alpha^\delta(c; \mathcal{I}_F)$  is the  $1 - \alpha$  quantile of

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<sup>22</sup>The invariance condition in question is an asymptotic counterpart of the restriction that inference should be invariant under transformations of the form

$$y_t \rightarrow y_t + b_\delta t, \quad b_\delta \in \mathbb{R}.$$

(This transformation induces a transformation on the parameter  $\delta$  of the form  $\delta \rightarrow \delta + b_\delta$ , but leaves all other parameters unchanged.)

$$\begin{aligned}
\Lambda_{f,\delta\eta}(c) &:= \max_d \Lambda_{f\delta,\eta}(c, d) - \max_d \Lambda_{f\delta,\eta}(0, d) \\
&= c\mathcal{S}_{f,\eta} - \frac{1}{2}c^2\mathcal{H}_{ff,\eta} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{[\mathcal{S}_{\delta,\eta}(c) - c\mathcal{H}_{f\delta,\eta}(c)]^2}{\mathcal{H}_{\delta\delta,\eta}(c)} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\mathcal{S}_{\delta,\eta}(0)^2}{\mathcal{H}_{\delta\delta,\eta}(0)}.
\end{aligned}$$

Analogous reasoning shows that if  $h$  is assumed to be known to equal zero, then the power envelope associated with  $\alpha$ -invariant tests in the relevant limiting experiment is given by

$$\bar{\Psi}_F^\delta(c, \alpha) := E \left[ 1 \left( \bar{\Lambda}_{f,\delta}(c) > \bar{K}_\alpha^\delta(c; \mathcal{I}_{ff}) \right) \exp(\Lambda_f(c)) \right], \quad (55)$$

where  $\bar{K}_\alpha^\delta(c; \mathcal{I}_{ff})$  is the  $1 - \alpha$  quantile of

$$\begin{aligned}
\bar{\Lambda}_{f,\delta}(c) &:= \max_d \Lambda_{f\delta\eta}(c, d, 0) - \max_d \Lambda_{f\delta\eta}(0, d, 0) \\
&= c\mathcal{S}_f - \frac{1}{2}c^2\mathcal{H}_{ff} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{[\mathcal{S}_\delta(c) - c\mathcal{H}_{f\delta}(c)]^2}{\mathcal{H}_{\delta\delta}(c)} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\mathcal{S}_\delta(0)^2}{\mathcal{H}_{\delta\delta}(0)}.
\end{aligned}$$

By inspection, it is seen that  $\bar{\Lambda}_{f,\delta}(\cdot)$  and  $\Lambda_{f,\delta\eta}(\cdot)$  coincide if and only if  $\mathcal{I}_{f\eta} = 0$ . In other words, Stein's (1956) necessary condition for adaptation in the location model remains a necessary condition for adaptive unit root testing even when a time trend is included in the deterministic component.

**Remark.** Proceeding as in Section 6, it should be possible to give an explicit characterization of the semiparametric power envelope  $\Psi_f^\delta(c, \alpha) := \inf_{F: \mathcal{I}_F \in \mathcal{J}_f} \Psi_F^\delta(c, \alpha)$  obtained by minimizing  $\Psi_F^\delta(c, \alpha)$  with respect to the submodel  $F$  and to demonstrate by example that the envelope is sharp. To conserve space, the details of these extensions are left for future work.

## 8. CONCLUSION

This paper has derived asymptotic power envelopes for tests of the unit root hypothesis in a zero-mean AR(1) model. The power envelopes have been derived using the limits of experiments approach and are semiparametric in the sense that the underlying error distribution is treated as an unknown infinite-dimensional nuisance parameter. Adaptation has been shown to be possible when the error distribution is known to be symmetric and to be impossible when the error distribution is (essentially)



unrestricted. In the latter case, two conceptually distinct approaches to nuisance parameter elimination were employed in the derivation of the semiparametric power envelopes. One of these power bounds, derived under an invariance restriction, was shown by example to be sharp, while the other, derived under a similarity restriction, was conjectured not to be globally attainable.

Both sets of restrictions imposed when deriving the semiparametric power envelopes have natural counterparts in models with LAN likelihood ratios and give rise to identical power envelopes in such models. The fact that the two sets of restrictions give rise to distinct power envelopes in the present context is perhaps surprising and clearly shows that not all methodological conclusions from the existing literature on semiparametrics will generalize to models not admitting LAN likelihood ratios. On the other hand, it is interesting that one approach to nuisance parameter elimination (albeit one that has not received much attention in the existing literature) “works” both in conventional models and in the model studied herein. It would be of interest to investigate whether this approach to nuisance parameter elimination also “works” in other nonstandard hypothesis testing problems involving infinite-dimensional nuisance parameters.

## 9. APPENDIX: PROOFS

**Proof of Lemma 2.** Suppose  $f$  satisfies Assumption DQM.

The result  $\ell_f \in \mathcal{L}_f$  follows from standard arguments. Specifically,  $E[\ell_f(\varepsilon)] = 0$  and  $E[\ell_f(\varepsilon)^2] < \infty$  by van der Vaart (2002a, Lemma 1.8). Furthermore, using van der Vaart (2002a, Example 1.15) the property  $E[\varepsilon \ell_f(\varepsilon)] = 1$  can be deduced from the fact that the functional  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(\varepsilon - \theta) d\varepsilon = \theta$  is differentiable in the ordinary sense and the sense of van der Vaart (2002a, Definition 1.14). Finally, by the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality,  $E[\ell_f(\varepsilon)^2] \geq E[\varepsilon^2] / E[\varepsilon \ell_f(\varepsilon)]^2 = 1$ .

To establish the LAQ property, let  $c_T$  be a bounded sequence. The log likelihood ratio  $L_T^f(c_T)$  admits the expansion

$$L_T^f(c_T) = \frac{c_T}{T} \sum_{t=2}^T y_{t-1} \ell_f(\Delta y_t) + \sum_{t=2}^T R_{Tt} - \frac{1}{4} \sum_{t=2}^T \left[ \frac{c_T}{T} y_{t-1} \ell_f(\Delta y_t) + R_{Tt} \right]^2 (1 + \beta_{Tt}),$$

where

$$R_{Tt} := R_f\left(\Delta y_t, \frac{c_T}{T} y_{t-1}\right), \quad \beta_{Tt} := \beta\left[\frac{c_T}{T} y_{t-1} \ell_f(\Delta y_t) + R_{Tt}\right],$$

and the defining properties of  $R_f(\cdot)$  and  $\beta(\cdot)$  are

$$\sqrt{\frac{f(\varepsilon - \theta)}{f(\varepsilon)}} = 1 + \frac{1}{2} \theta \ell_f(\varepsilon) + \frac{1}{2} R_f(\varepsilon, \theta), \quad \log(1 + r) = r - \frac{1}{2} r^2 [1 + \beta(2r)].$$

The proof of Lemma 2 will be completed by showing that

$$\sum_{t=2}^T R_{Tt} = -\frac{1}{4} c_T^2 \frac{\mathcal{I}_{ff}}{T^2} \sum_{t=2}^T y_{t-1}^2 + o_{p_{0,f}}(1), \quad (56)$$

$$\sum_{t=2}^T \left[ \frac{c_T}{T} y_{t-1} \ell_f(\Delta y_t) + R_{Tt} \right]^2 (1 + \beta_{Tt}) = c_T^2 \frac{\mathcal{I}_{ff}}{T^2} \sum_{t=2}^T y_{t-1}^2 + o_{p_{0,f}}(1). \quad (57)$$

In the rest of the proof, suppose  $H_0$  holds and let  $\vartheta_T$  be any positive sequence for which  $\vartheta_T \rightarrow 0$  and  $\sqrt{T} \vartheta_T \rightarrow \infty$  (as  $T \rightarrow \infty$ ).

*Proof of (56).* Let

$$\tilde{R}_{Tt} := 1 \left( \left| \frac{c_T}{T} y_{t-1} \right| \leq \vartheta_T \right) R_{Tt}$$

denote a truncated version of  $R_{Tt}$ . Because  $\max_{2 \leq t \leq T} |c_T y_{t-1} / \sqrt{T}| = O_p(1)$  and  $\sqrt{T} \vartheta_T \rightarrow \infty$ , the sequences  $\tilde{R}_{Tt}$  and  $R_{Tt}$  are asymptotically equivalent in the sense that

$$\sum_{t=2}^T R_{Tt} = \sum_{t=2}^T \tilde{R}_{Tt} + o_p(1). \quad (58)$$

Now,

$$E_{t-1}(\tilde{R}_{Tt}^2) = 1 \left( \left| \frac{c_T}{T} y_{t-1} \right| \leq \vartheta_T \right) E_{t-1} \left[ R_f \left( \varepsilon_t, \frac{c_T}{T} y_{t-1} \right)^2 \right] \leq V_f(\vartheta_T) \frac{c_T^2}{T^2} y_{t-1}^2,$$

where

$$V_f(\vartheta) := \sup_{|\theta| \leq \vartheta, \theta \neq 0} \theta^{-2} E[R_f(\varepsilon, \theta)^2]$$

and  $E_{t-1}[\cdot]$  denotes conditional expectation given  $\{\varepsilon_1, \dots, \varepsilon_{t-1}\}$ . By Assumption DQM,  $\lim_{\vartheta \downarrow 0} V_f(\vartheta) = 0$ . As a consequence, using  $\vartheta_T = o(1)$  and  $E(y_{t-1}^2) = t - 1$ ,

$$\sum_{t=2}^T E_{t-1}(\tilde{R}_{Tt}^2) \leq V_f(\vartheta_T) E \left( \frac{c_T^2}{T^2} \sum_{t=2}^T y_{t-1}^2 \right) = V_f(\vartheta_T) O(1) = o(1),$$

implying that

$$\sum_{t=2}^T \tilde{R}_{Tt} = \sum_{t=2}^T E_{t-1}(\tilde{R}_{Tt}) + o_p(1). \quad (59)$$

Moreover,

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{t=2}^T E_{t-1}(\tilde{R}_{Tt}) &= -\frac{1}{4} \mathcal{I}_{ff} \frac{c_T^2}{T^2} \sum_{t=2}^T 1 \left( \left| \frac{c_T}{T} y_{t-1} \right| \leq \vartheta_T \right) y_{t-1}^2 \\ &\quad + \sum_{t=2}^T 1 \left( \left| \frac{c_T}{T} y_{t-1} \right| \leq \vartheta_T \right) r_f \left( \frac{c_T}{T} y_{t-1} \right), \end{aligned} \quad (60)$$

where

$$r_f(\theta) := \frac{1}{4} \mathcal{I}_{ff} \theta^2 + E[R_f(\varepsilon, \theta)]$$

and

$$\frac{1}{T^2} \sum_{t=2}^T 1 \left( \left| \frac{c_T}{T} y_{t-1} \right| \leq \vartheta_T \right) y_{t-1}^2 = \frac{1}{T^2} \sum_{t=2}^T y_{t-1}^2 + o_p(1)$$

because  $\max_{2 \leq t \leq T} |c_T y_{t-1} / \sqrt{T}| = O_p(1)$  and  $\sqrt{T} \vartheta_T \rightarrow \infty$ . The proof of (56) can therefore be completed by showing that

$$\sum_{t=2}^T 1 \left( \left| \frac{c_T}{T} y_{t-1} \right| \leq \vartheta_T \right) r_f \left( \frac{c_T}{T} y_{t-1} \right) = o_p(1).$$

The relation in the preceding display follows from  $\vartheta_T = o(1)$  and the fact that

$$\left| \sum_{t=2}^T 1 \left( \left| \frac{c_T}{T} y_{t-1} \right| \leq \vartheta_T \right) r_f \left( \frac{c_T}{T} y_{t-1} \right) \right| \leq v_f(\vartheta_T) \frac{c_T^2}{T^2} \sum_{t=2}^T y_{t-1}^2 = v_f(\vartheta_T) O_p(1),$$

where  $v_f(\vartheta) := \sup_{|\theta| \leq \vartheta, \theta \neq 0} \theta^{-2} |r_f(\theta)| = o(1)$  as  $\vartheta \downarrow 0$  (Pollard (1997, Lemma 1)).

*Proof of (57).* To prove (57), it suffices to show that

$$\sum_{t=2}^T \left[ \frac{c_T}{T} y_{t-1} \ell_f(\varepsilon_t) + R_{Tt} \right]^2 = c_T^2 \frac{\mathcal{I}_{ff}}{T^2} \sum_{t=2}^T y_{t-1}^2 + o_p(1)$$

and

$$\max_{2 \leq t \leq T} |\beta [c_T T^{-1} y_{t-1} \ell_f(\varepsilon_t) + R_{Tt}]| = o_p(1).$$

By Taylor's Theorem,  $\beta(r) \rightarrow 0$  as  $|r| \rightarrow 0$ . Moreover,

$$\max_{2 \leq t \leq T} \left| \frac{y_{t-1}}{T} \ell_f(\varepsilon_t) \right| \leq \max_{2 \leq t \leq T} \left| \frac{y_{t-1}}{\sqrt{T}} \right| \max_{2 \leq t \leq T} \left| \frac{\ell_f(\varepsilon_t)}{\sqrt{T}} \right| = O_p(1) o_p(1) = o_p(1),$$

and  $\max_{2 \leq t \leq T} |R_{Tt}| \leq \sqrt{\sum_{t=2}^T R_{Tt}^2}$ . Therefore, the desired result will follow from

$$\frac{1}{T^2} \sum_{t=2}^T y_{t-1}^2 \ell_f(\varepsilon_t)^2 = \frac{\mathcal{I}_{ff}}{T^2} \sum_{t=2}^T y_{t-1}^2 + o_p(1) \quad (61)$$

and

$$\sum_{t=2}^T R_{Tt}^2 = o_p(1). \quad (62)$$

As noted by Jegannathan (1995, Lemma 24), (61) can be deduced with the help of the proof of Hall and Heyde (1980, Theorem 2.23) if it can be shown that

$$\frac{1}{T^2} \sum_{t=2}^T E_{t-1} \left[ y_{t-1}^2 \ell_f(\varepsilon_t)^2 1 \left( \left| \frac{y_{t-1}}{T} \ell_f(\varepsilon_t) \right| > \varrho \right) \right] = o_p(1) \quad \forall \varrho > 0.$$

To do so, let  $\varrho > 0$  be given and define  $Q_f(r) := E \left[ \ell_f(\varepsilon)^2 1(|\ell_f(\varepsilon)| > r) \right]$ . Because  $Q_f$  is nonincreasing and  $\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} Q_f(r) = 0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{T^2} \sum_{t=2}^T E_{t-1} \left[ y_{t-1}^2 \ell_f(\varepsilon_t)^2 1 \left( \left| \frac{y_{t-1}}{T} \ell_f(\varepsilon_t) \right| > \varrho \right) \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{T^2} \sum_{t=2}^T y_{t-1}^2 Q_f \left( \frac{\sqrt{T} \varrho}{|y_{t-1}/\sqrt{T}|} \right) \leq \left( \frac{1}{T^2} \sum_{t=2}^T y_{t-1}^2 \right) \max_{2 \leq t \leq T} Q_f \left( \frac{\sqrt{T} \varrho}{|y_{t-1}/\sqrt{T}|} \right) \\ &= O_p(1) o_p(1) = o_p(1), \end{aligned}$$

where the penultimate equality uses  $\max_{2 \leq t \leq T} |y_{t-1}/\sqrt{T}| = O_p(1)$ .

It can be shown that  $\sum_{t=2}^T R_{Tt}^2 = \sum_{t=2}^T \tilde{R}_{Tt}^2 + o_p(1)$ . Moreover,

$$\sum_{t=2}^T E_{t-1} \left[ \tilde{R}_{Tt}^2 1 \left( |\tilde{R}_{Tt}| > \varrho \right) \right] \leq \sum_{t=2}^T E_{t-1} \left( \tilde{R}_{Tt}^2 \right) = o_p(1) \quad \forall \varrho > 0,$$

where the equality was established in the proof of (56). A second application of the proof of Hall and Heyde (1980, Theorem 2.23) therefore establishes (62).  $\blacksquare$

**Proof of Theorem 3.** Let  $c < 0$  be given.

*Proof of (a).* Because  $\Lambda_F(0, h) = h\mathcal{S}_\eta - \frac{1}{2}h^2\mathcal{I}_{\eta\eta}$ , it follows from the completeness properties of linear exponential families (e.g., Lehmann and Romano (2005, Theorem 4.3.1)) that  $\psi$  satisfies (15) if and only if  $E[\psi(\mathcal{S}_F, \mathcal{H}_F) | \mathcal{S}_\eta] = \alpha$ . Using this characterization of (15) and the properties of curved exponential families (e.g., Lehmann

and Romano (2005, Lemma 2.7.2)), the Neyman-Pearson lemma can be used to show that if  $\psi$  satisfies (15), then  $E[\psi(\mathcal{S}_F, \mathcal{H}_F) \exp(\Lambda_f(c))] \leq \Psi_F^S(c, \alpha)$ .

*Proof of (b).* By the Neyman-Pearson lemma, the right-hand side in (17) is no greater than  $\Psi_F^I(c, \alpha)$  if (14) holds. To complete the proof, it therefore suffices to show that (17) holds whenever (16) does. Now,

$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{S}_f \\ \mathcal{S}_\eta \end{pmatrix} \sim \mathcal{N} \left[ \begin{pmatrix} \int_0^1 W(r) dW(r) \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} (\mathcal{I}_{ff} - 1) \int_0^1 W(r)^2 dr & \mathcal{I}_{f\eta} \int_0^1 W(r) dr \\ \mathcal{I}_{f\eta} \int_0^1 W(r) dr & \mathcal{I}_{\eta\eta} \end{pmatrix} \right]$$

conditional on  $W$ . As a consequence,  $\mathcal{S}_\eta \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \mathcal{I}_{\eta\eta})$  is independent of  $(\mathcal{S}_{f,\eta}, \mathcal{H}_F)$ . Furthermore,

$$\Lambda_F(c, h) = \Lambda_{f,\eta}(c) + \left( c \frac{\mathcal{H}_{f\eta}}{\mathcal{H}_{\eta\eta}} + h \right) \mathcal{S}_\eta - \frac{1}{2} \left( c \frac{\mathcal{H}_{f\eta}}{\mathcal{H}_{\eta\eta}} + h \right)^2 \mathcal{I}_{\eta\eta} \quad \forall (c, h). \quad (63)$$

These facts imply that  $E[\exp(\Lambda_F(c, h)) | \mathcal{S}_{f,\eta}, \mathcal{H}_F] = \exp(\Lambda_{f,\eta}(c))$  for any  $(c, h)$ , from which the desired conclusion follows.  $\blacksquare$

**Remark.** Using (63) and the fact that  $\mathcal{S}_\eta \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \mathcal{I}_{\eta\eta})$  is independent of  $(\mathcal{S}_{f,\eta}, \mathcal{H}_F)$ , it can be shown that, for any  $c, h, b_\eta$  and for any bounded, measurable function  $\varkappa$ ,

$$E[\varkappa(\mathcal{S}_{f,\eta}, \mathcal{S}_\eta + b_\eta, \mathcal{H}_F) \Lambda_F(c, h)] = E \left[ \varkappa(\mathcal{S}_{f,\eta}, \mathcal{S}_\eta, \mathcal{H}_F) \Lambda_F \left( c, h + \frac{b_\eta}{\mathcal{I}_{\eta\eta}} \right) \right].$$

Let  $(S_\infty^{f,\eta}, S_\infty^\eta, H_\infty^F)$  denote the weak limit of  $(S_T^{f,\eta}, S_T^\eta, H_T^F)$  (under a sequence of parameterizations of the form  $(\rho, \eta) = (\rho_T(c), \eta_T(h))$  for some fixed  $(c, h)$ ).<sup>23</sup> In view of the preceding display, any transformation of the form

$$(S_\infty^{f,\eta}, S_\infty^\eta, H_\infty^F) \rightarrow (S_\infty^{f,\eta}, S_\infty^\eta + b_\eta, H_\infty^F), \quad b_\eta \in \mathbb{R}, \quad (64)$$

induces a transformation of the parameter  $(c, h)$  given by

$$(c, h) \rightarrow \left( c, h + \frac{b_\eta}{\mathcal{I}_{\eta\eta}} \right).$$

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<sup>23</sup>When  $(c, h) = (0, 0)$ ,  $(S_\infty^{f,\eta}, S_\infty^\eta, H_\infty^F) \sim (\mathcal{S}_{f,\eta}, \mathcal{S}_\eta, \mathcal{H}_F)$ .

Because  $h$  is a nuisance parameter, the testing problem under consideration is invariant with respect to (location) transformations of the form (64). The associated maximal invariant is  $(S_\infty^{f,\eta}, H_\infty^F)$ . Condition (16) on the test function  $\psi$  asserts that the test depends on  $(S_\infty^{f,\eta}, S_\infty^\eta, H_\infty^F)$  only through this maximal invariant.

The following simple lemma is used in the proofs of Theorems 4 and 5.

**Lemma 7.** *There exists a (unique) continuous function  $K_\alpha^S$  such that  $\psi_F^S$  satisfies  $E[\psi_F^S(\mathcal{S}_F, \mathcal{H}_F|c, \alpha)|\mathcal{S}_\eta] = \alpha$ .*

**Proof.** For any  $b$ , any  $c < 0$ , any  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ , and any symmetric  $2 \times 2$  matrix  $\mathcal{I}_F$  for which (11) is positive semidefinite, let  $K_\alpha^S(b, c; \mathcal{I}_F)$  be the  $1 - \alpha$  quantile of

$$G(W, Z, b, c; \mathcal{I}_F) := c \left[ \int_0^1 W(r) dW(r) + \frac{\mathcal{H}_{f\eta}}{\mathcal{H}_{\eta\eta}} b + \sqrt{\mathcal{H}_{ff\eta} - \int_0^1 W(r)^2 dr} Z \right] - \frac{1}{2} c^2 \mathcal{H}_{ff},$$

where  $Z \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$  is independent of  $W$  and  $\mathcal{H}_{f\eta}$ ,  $\mathcal{H}_{\eta\eta}$  etc. are as in Section 4.

The function  $K_\alpha^S$  satisfies  $E[\psi_F^S(\mathcal{S}_F, \mathcal{H}_F|c, \alpha)|\mathcal{S}_\eta] = \alpha$  because it follows from elementary facts about Brownian motions that

$$\frac{\mathcal{S}_{f,\eta} - \int_0^1 W(r) dW(r)}{\sqrt{\mathcal{H}_{ff\eta} - \int_0^1 W(r)^2 dr}} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$$

independent of  $W$  and  $\mathcal{S}_\eta$ , where  $\mathcal{S}_{f,\eta}$  and  $\mathcal{S}_\eta$  are as in Section 4.

Continuity of  $K_\alpha^S$  follows from the fact that  $G(W, Z, b_n, c_n; \mathcal{I}_{F,n})$  converges in distribution to a continuous random variable whenever the sequence  $(b_n, c_n, \mathcal{I}_{F,n})$  is convergent (and  $G(W, Z, b_n, c_n; \mathcal{I}_{F,n})$  is well defined for each  $n$ ). ■

**Proof of Theorem 4.** If (a) holds, then (b) holds because it follows from (a) and the continuity theorem (for convergence in probability) that if  $f \in \mathcal{F}_{AC}^S$ , then

$$\hat{\phi}_T(Y_T|\bar{c}, \alpha) = \phi_{f,T}(Y_T|\bar{c}, \alpha) + o_{p_{0,f}}(1).$$

(The continuity theorem is applicable because it follows from Lemma 7 that  $K_\alpha$  is continuous.)

To prove (a) it suffices to show that

$$\left(\hat{S}_T, \hat{\mathcal{I}}_T\right) = \left(S_T^f, \mathcal{I}_{ff}\right) + o_{p0,f}(1) \quad \forall f \in \mathcal{F}_{AC}^{\mathbb{S}}.$$

Throughout the proof, suppose  $H_0$  holds and let  $f \in \mathcal{F}_{AC}^{\mathbb{S}}$  be given.

The result  $\hat{\mathcal{I}}_T = \mathcal{I}_{ff} + o_p(1)$  is (essentially) a special case of Drost et al. (1997, Lemma 3.1) and can be proved in exactly the same way.

The result  $\hat{S}_T = S_T^f + o_p(1)$  will be established by showing that

$$\left(\hat{S}_{T,\tau}, \hat{S}_T - \hat{S}_{T,\tau}\right) = \left(S_{T,\tau}^f, S_T^f - S_{T,\tau}^f\right) + o_p(1),$$

where

$$\hat{S}_{T,\tau} := T^{-1} \sum_{t=2}^{\tau_T} y_{t-1} \hat{\ell}_{Tt}^{\mathbb{S}}(\Delta y_t), \quad S_{T,\tau}^f := T^{-1} \sum_{t=2}^{\tau_T} y_{t-1} \ell_f(\Delta y_t).$$

Let  $E_{t-1}^{\tau}[\cdot]$  denote conditional expectation given  $\{\varepsilon_1, \dots, \varepsilon_{t-1}\}$  and  $\{\varepsilon_{\tau_T+1}, \dots, \varepsilon_T\}$ . By construction,  $\sqrt{T} E_{t-1}^{\tau}[\hat{\ell}_{Tt}^{\mathbb{S}}(\Delta y_t)]$  is the same for every  $t \leq \tau_T$ , namely

$$\sqrt{T} E_{t-1}^{\tau}[\hat{\ell}_{Tt}^{\mathbb{S}}(\Delta y_t)] = \sqrt{T} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \tilde{\ell}_{T-\tau_T}^{\mathbb{S}}(\varepsilon | \varepsilon_{\tau_T+1}, \dots, \varepsilon_T) f(\varepsilon) d\varepsilon = o_p(1),$$

where the last equality uses (33). Furthermore,  $E_{t-1}^{\tau}[\ell_f(\Delta y_t)] = E[\ell_f(\varepsilon)] = 0$  and  $\sum_{t=2}^{\tau_T} y_{t-1} = O_p(T^{3/2})$ , so

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=2}^{\tau_T} E_{t-1}^{\tau} \left[ y_{t-1} \left( \hat{\ell}_{Tt}^{\mathbb{S}}(\Delta y_t) - \ell_f(\Delta y_t) \right) \right] \\ &= \left( \frac{1}{T^{3/2}} \sum_{t=2}^{\tau_T} y_{t-1} \right) \left( \sqrt{T} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \tilde{\ell}_{T-\tau_T}^{\mathbb{S}}(\varepsilon | \varepsilon_{\tau_T+1}, \dots, \varepsilon_T) f(\varepsilon) d\varepsilon \right) = o_p(1). \end{aligned}$$

It now follows from Drost et al. (1997, Lemma 2.2) that  $\hat{S}_{T,\tau} = S_{T,\tau}^f + o_p(1)$  because

$$\frac{1}{T^2} \sum_{t=2}^{\tau_T} E_{t-1}^{\tau} \left[ y_{t-1}^2 \left( \hat{\ell}_{Tt}^{\mathbb{S}}(\Delta y_t) - \ell_f(\Delta y_t) \right)^2 \right] = \left( \frac{1}{T^2} \sum_{t=2}^{\tau_T} y_{t-1}^2 \right) o_p(1) = o_p(1),$$

where the first equality uses the fact that, for every  $t \leq \tau_T$ ,



$$E_{t-1}^T \left[ \left( \hat{\ell}_{Tt}^S(\Delta y_t) - \ell_f(\Delta y_t) \right)^2 \right] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left[ \hat{\ell}_{T-\tau_T}^S(\varepsilon | \varepsilon_{\tau_T+1}, \dots, \varepsilon_T) - \ell_f(\varepsilon) \right]^2 f(\varepsilon) d\varepsilon = o_p(1),$$

the last equality being a consequence of (32).

Analogous reasoning can be used to show that  $\hat{S}_T - \hat{S}_{T,\tau} = S_T^f - S_{T,\tau}^f + o_p(1)$ . ■

**Proof of Theorem 5.** Let  $f \in \mathcal{F}_{DQM}$  be given.

*Proof of (36).* The result will be established by proving the inequalities (38) and

$$\inf_{F: \mathcal{I}_F \in \mathcal{J}_f} \Psi_F^S(c, \alpha) \leq \Psi_f^S(c, \alpha) \quad \forall c < 0. \quad (65)$$

To establish (38), let  $c < 0$  be given, suppose  $F$  satisfies Assumption DQM\*, and let  $(S_T^F, H_T^F)$ ,  $(W, B_f, B_\eta)$  etc. be as in Section 4. Because  $K_\alpha^S$  is continuous (Lemma 7) and

$$\left( S_T^f, H_T^{ff}, S_T^{f,S}, S_T^\eta \right) \rightarrow_{d_{0,f}} \left( \mathcal{S}_f, \mathcal{H}_{ff}, \mathcal{S}_f^S, \mathcal{S}_\eta \right),$$

the sequence  $\phi_{f,T}^S(\cdot | c, \alpha)$  defined in (39) satisfies

$$\phi_{f,T}^S(Y_T | c, \alpha) \rightarrow_{d_{0,f}} \psi_f^S(\mathcal{S}_f, \mathcal{H}_{ff}, \mathcal{S}_f^S | c, \alpha).$$

It follows from these convergence results, Le Cam's third lemma, and (12) that

$$\lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} E_{\rho_T(c'), \eta_T(h)} \phi_T^S(Y_T | c, \alpha; f) = E \left[ \psi_f^S(\mathcal{S}_f, \mathcal{H}_{ff}, \mathcal{S}_f^S | c, \alpha) \exp(\Lambda_F(c', h)) \right]$$

for every  $(c', h)$ . In particular,  $\lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} E_{\rho_T(c), \eta_T(0)} \phi_T^S(Y_T | c, \alpha; f) = \Psi_f^S(c, \alpha)$ , implying that the proof of (38) can be completed by showing that  $\phi_{f,T}^S(\cdot | c, \alpha)$  is locally asymptotically  $\alpha$ -similar in  $F$ .

To do so, it suffices to show that  $E \left[ \psi_f^S(\mathcal{S}_f, \mathcal{H}_{ff}, \mathcal{S}_f^S | c, \alpha) | \mathcal{S}_\eta \right] = \alpha$ . Let

$$\mathcal{S}_\eta^\perp := \mathcal{S}_\eta - \frac{\mathcal{I}_{f\eta}}{\mathcal{I}_{ff} - 1} \mathcal{S}_f^S.$$

Because  $B_\eta - \mathcal{I}_{f\eta}(\mathcal{I}_{ff} - 1)^{-1}(B_f - W)$  and  $(W, B_f)$  are independent,  $\mathcal{S}_\eta^\perp$  is independent of  $(\mathcal{S}_f, \mathcal{H}_{ff}, \mathcal{S}_f^S)$  and

$$E [\psi_f^S (\mathcal{S}_f, \mathcal{H}_{ff}, \mathcal{S}_f^S | c, \alpha) | \mathcal{S}_f^S, \mathcal{S}_\eta^\perp] = E [\psi_f^S (\mathcal{S}_f, \mathcal{H}_{ff}, \mathcal{S}_f^S | c, \alpha) | \mathcal{S}_f^S] = \alpha,$$

where the second equality is the defining property of  $K_\alpha^S$ . Because  $\mathcal{S}_\eta$  is a function of  $(\mathcal{S}_f^S, \mathcal{S}_\eta^\perp)$ , it therefore follows from the law of iterated expectations that

$$E [\psi_f^S (\mathcal{S}_f, \mathcal{H}_{ff}, \mathcal{S}_f^S | c, \alpha) | \mathcal{S}_\eta] = E (E [\psi_f^S (\mathcal{S}_f, \mathcal{H}_{ff}, \mathcal{S}_f^S | c, \alpha) | \mathcal{S}_f^S, \mathcal{S}_\eta^\perp] | \mathcal{S}_\eta) = \alpha,$$

as was to be shown.

Next, because  $f \in \mathcal{F}_{DQM}$ , it can be embedded in a family  $F$  satisfying Assumption DQM\* and it follows from standard spanning arguments (e.g., Newey (1990, Appendix B)) that the collection of functions  $\ell_\eta$  (defined as in Assumption DQM\*) associated with such families  $F$  are dense in  $\mathcal{L}_\eta$ . As a consequence, the set  $\mathcal{J}_f$  is dense in the set of symmetric  $2 \times 2$  matrices  $\mathcal{I}_F$  for which the first diagonal element equals  $\mathcal{I}_{ff}$  and (11) is positive semidefinite. In particular, the fact that  $f \in \mathcal{F}_{DQM}$  implies that  $\mathcal{J}_f^{LF}$  belongs to the closure of  $\mathcal{J}_f$ .

To complete the proof of (65), it therefore suffices to show that  $\Psi_F^S(c, \alpha)$  is a continuous function of  $\mathcal{I}_F$ . Because  $K_\alpha^S$  is continuous, the continuous mapping theorem can be used to show that if the sequence  $\mathcal{I}_{F,n}$  is convergent, then  $\psi_{F,n}^S(\mathcal{S}_{F,n}, \mathcal{H}_{F,n} | c, \alpha)$  (defined from  $\mathcal{I}_{F,n}$  in the natural way) converges in distribution. Using this fact and the dominated convergence theorem, it can be shown that  $\Psi_F^S(c, \alpha)$  is a continuous function of  $\mathcal{I}_F$ .

*Proof of (37).* The proof is similar to that of (36) and proceeds by showing that

$$\inf_{F: \mathcal{I}_F \in \mathcal{J}_f} \Psi_F^I(c, \alpha) \geq \Psi_f^I(c, \alpha) \quad \forall c < 0 \quad (66)$$

and

$$\inf_{F: \mathcal{I}_F \in \mathcal{J}_f} \Psi_F^I(c, \alpha) \leq \Psi_f^I(c, \alpha) \quad \forall c < 0. \quad (67)$$

Inequality (67) follows from arguments analogous to those used to prove (65).

To establish (66), let  $c < 0$  be given and let  $F$  be any submodel satisfying assumption LAQ\*. Also, let  $(S_T^F, H_T^F)$ ,  $(W, B_f, B_\eta)$  etc. be as in Section 4 and define

$$\phi_{f,T}^I(Y_T | c, \alpha) := 1 \left[ c S_T^{f,I} - \frac{1}{2} c^2 H_T^{ff,I} > K_\alpha^I(c; \mathcal{J}_f^{LF}) \right], \quad (68)$$

where  $S_T^{f,I}$  is defined in (40) and

$$H_T^{ff,I} := H_T^{ff} - (\mathcal{I}_{ff} - 1) \left( T^{-3/2} \sum_{t=2}^T y_{t-1} \right)^2.$$

The statistic  $\phi_{f,T}^I(Y_T|c, \alpha)$  satisfies

$$\lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} E_{\rho_T(c'), \eta_T(h)} \phi_T^I(Y_T|c, \alpha; f) = E \left[ \psi_f^I(\mathcal{S}_f^I, \mathcal{H}_{ff}^I|c, \alpha) \exp(\Lambda_F(c', h)) \right]$$

for every  $(c', h)$ . In particular,  $\lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} E_{\rho_T(c), \eta_T(0)} \phi_T^I(Y_T|c, \alpha; f) = \Psi_f^I(c, \alpha)$ , so the proof of (66) can be completed by showing that  $\phi_{f,T}^I(\cdot|c, \alpha)$  is locally asymptotically  $\alpha$ -invariant in  $F$ .

To do so, it suffices to show that

$$E \left[ \psi_f^I(\mathcal{S}_f^I, \mathcal{H}_{ff}^I|c, \alpha) | \mathcal{S}_F, \mathcal{H}_F \right] = E \left[ \psi_f^I(\mathcal{S}_f^I, \mathcal{H}_{ff}^I|c, \alpha) | \mathcal{S}_{f,\eta}, \mathcal{H}_F \right].$$

A sufficient condition for this to hold is that  $(\mathcal{S}_f^I, \mathcal{H}_{ff}^I)$  is independent of  $\mathcal{S}_\eta$  conditional on  $(\mathcal{S}_{f,\eta}, \mathcal{H}_F)$ . In turn, this conditional independence property follows from simple algebra and the fact that the conditional distribution of  $(\mathcal{S}_f, \mathcal{S}_f^S, \mathcal{S}_\eta)'$  given  $W$  is normal with mean  $\left( \int_0^1 W(r) dW(r), 0, 0 \right)'$  and variance

$$\begin{pmatrix} (\mathcal{I}_{ff} - 1) \int_0^1 W(r)^2 dr & (\mathcal{I}_{ff} - 1) \int_0^1 W(r) dr & \mathcal{I}_{f\eta} \int_0^1 W(r) dr \\ (\mathcal{I}_{ff} - 1) \int_0^1 W(r) dr & \mathcal{I}_{ff} - 1 & \mathcal{I}_{f\eta} \\ \mathcal{I}_{f\eta} \int_0^1 W(r) dr & \mathcal{I}_{f\eta} & \mathcal{I}_{\eta\eta} \end{pmatrix}. \quad \blacksquare$$

**Proof of Theorem 6.** Suppose  $H_0$  holds and let  $f \in \mathcal{F}_{AC}$  and  $\bar{c} < 0$  be given.

It suffices to show that

$$\hat{\phi}_T^I(Y_T|\bar{c}, \alpha) = \phi_{f,T}^I(Y_T|\bar{c}, \alpha) + o_p(1),$$

where  $\phi_{f,T}^I(\cdot|\bar{c}, \alpha)$  was defined in the proof of Theorem 5. The displayed result will follow from the convergence theorem (for convergence in probability) if it can be shown that

$$\hat{S}_T^I = S_{T,\tau}^{f,I} + o_p(1) = S_T^{f,I} + o_p(1), \quad (69)$$

$$\hat{H}_T^I = H_{T,\tau}^{ff,I} + o_p(1) = H_T^{ff,I} + o_p(1), \quad (70)$$

$$\hat{\mathcal{I}}_T = \mathcal{I}_{ff} + o_p(1), \quad (71)$$

where  $S_T^{f,I}$  and  $H_T^{ff,I}$  are as in the proof of Theorem 5 and

$$S_{T,\tau}^{f,I} := \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=\tau_T+1}^T y_{t-1} \ell_f(\Delta y_t) - \left( \frac{1}{T^{3/2}} \sum_{t=\tau_T+1}^T y_{t-1} \right) \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \sum_{t=\tau_T+1}^T [\ell_f(\Delta y_t) - \Delta y_t] \right),$$

$$H_{T,\tau}^{ff,I} := \frac{\mathcal{I}_{ff}}{T^2} \sum_{t=\tau_T+1}^T y_{t-1}^2 - (\mathcal{I}_{ff} - 1) \left( \frac{1}{T^{3/2}} \sum_{t=\tau_T+1}^T y_{t-1} \right)^2.$$

The result (71) follows from Bickel (1982, Section 6.2 (i)), while (70) follows from (71),  $\lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \tau_T/T = 0$ , and simple algebra. The second equality in (69) follows from  $\lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \tau_T/T = 0$  and simple algebra. Finally, to establish the first equality in (69), let  $\check{\ell}_T$  be a “bias-corrected” version of  $\hat{\ell}_T$  given by

$$\check{\ell}_T(\Delta y_t) := \tilde{\ell}_{\tau_T}(\Delta y_t | \Delta y_1, \dots, \Delta y_{\tau_T}) - \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \tilde{\ell}_{\tau_T}(\varepsilon | \Delta y_1, \dots, \Delta y_{\tau_T}) f(\varepsilon) d\varepsilon.$$

Reasoning analogous to that of the proof of Theorem 4 can be used to show that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=\tau_T+1}^T y_{t-1} [\check{\ell}_T(\Delta y_t) - \ell_f(\Delta y_t)] &= o_p(1), \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \sum_{t=\tau_T+1}^T [\check{\ell}_T(\Delta y_t) - \ell_f(\Delta y_t)] &= o_p(1). \end{aligned}$$

The first equality in (69) can be established using these results and the fact that

$$\hat{S}_T^I = \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=\tau_T+1}^T y_{t-1} \check{\ell}_T(\Delta y_t) - \left( \frac{1}{T^{3/2}} \sum_{t=\tau_T+1}^T y_{t-1} \right) \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \sum_{t=\tau_T+1}^T [\check{\ell}_T(\Delta y_t) - \Delta y_t] \right). \quad \blacksquare$$

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## 10. FIGURES

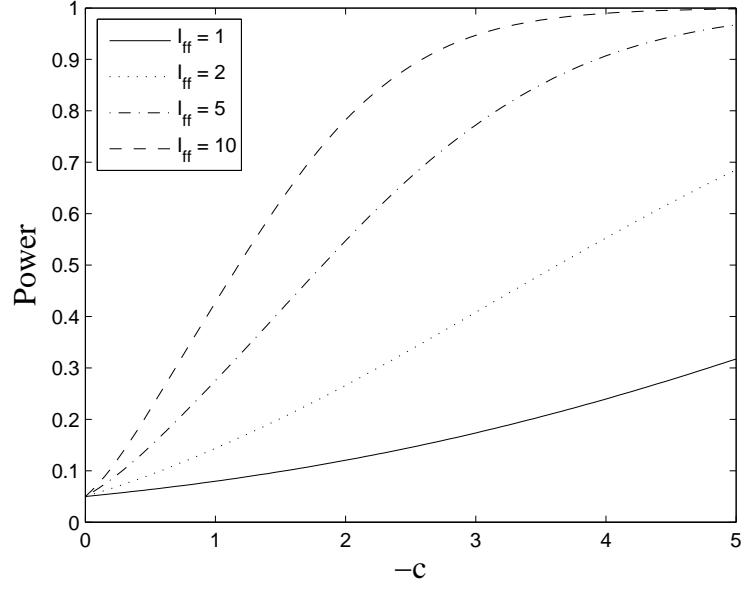


FIGURE 1: POWER ENVELOPES, KNOWN ERROR DISTRIBUTION

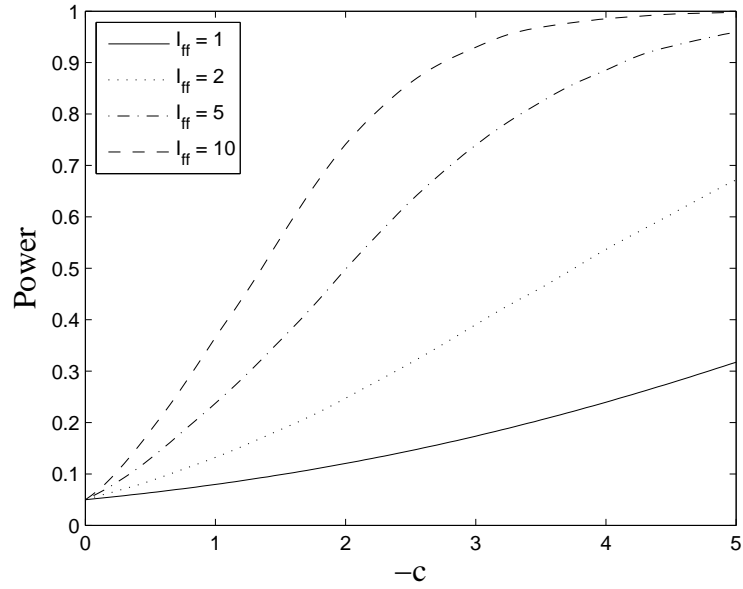


FIGURE 2: SEMIPARAMETRIC POWER ENVELOPES, SIMILAR TESTS

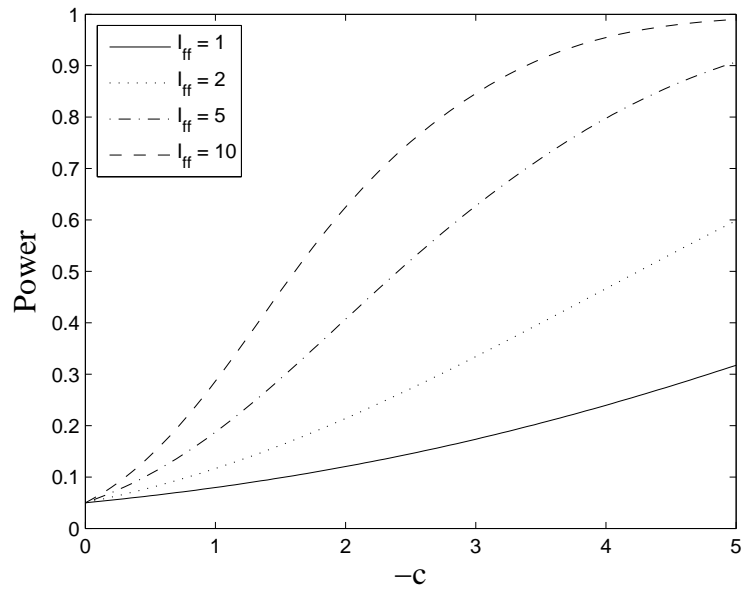


FIGURE 3: SEMIPARAMETRIC POWER ENVELOPES, INVARIANT TESTS

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