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## Abstract

The asymptotic local powers of various panel unit root tests are investigated. The power envelope is obtained under homogeneous and heterogeneous alternatives. It is compared with asymptotic power functions of the pooled t- test, the Ploberger-Phillips (2002) test, and a point optimal test in neighborhoods of unity that are of order  $n^{-1/4}T^{-1}$  and  $n^{-1/2}T^{-1}$ , depending on whether or not incidental trends are extracted from the panel data. In the latter case, when the alternative hypothesis is homogeneous across individuals, it is shown that the point optimal test and Ploberger-Phillips test both achieve the power envelope and are uniformly most powerful, in contrast to point optimal unit root tests for time series. Some simulations examining the finite sample performance of the tests are reported.

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# 1 Introduction

In the past decade, much research has been conducted on panels in which both the cross-sectional and time dimensions are large. Testing for a unit root in such panels has been a major focus of this research. For example, Quah (1994), Levin *et al* (2002), Im *et al* (1997), Maddala and Wu (1999), and Choi (2001) have all proposed various tests. These studies derived the limit theory for the tests under the null hypothesis of a common panel unit root and power properties were investigated by simulation.

The asymptotic local power properties of some panel unit root tests have become known quite recently. Moon and Perron (2003a) show that *without incidental trends* in the panel, their panel unit root test which is based on a  $t$ -ratio type statistic has significant asymptotic local power in a neighborhood of unity that shrinks to the null at the rate of  $n^{-1/2}T^{-1}$  (where  $n$  and  $T$  denote the size of the cross-section and time dimensions, respectively). However, *in the presence of incidental trends*, the  $t$ -ratio type test statistic constructed from ordinary least squares (OLS) detrended data has no power (beyond size) in a  $n^{-\kappa}T^{-1}$ - neighborhood of unity with  $\kappa > 1/6$ . For a panel with incidental trends, Ploberger and Phillips (2002) proposed an optimal invariant panel unit root test that maximizes average local power. They show that the optimal invariant test has asymptotic local power in a neighborhood of unity that shrinks at the rate  $n^{-1/4}T^{-1}$ , thereby substantially dominating the  $t$ -ratio test when there are incidental trends.

The present study makes three contributions. First, the local asymptotic power envelope of the panel unit root testing problem is derived for three scenarios: (i) with no fixed effects; (ii) with fixed effects that are parameterized by heterogeneous intercept terms (deemed incidental parameters); and (iii) with fixed effects that are parameterized by heterogeneous linear deterministic trends (deemed incidental trends). For cases (ii) and (iii) we restrict the class of tests to be invariant with respect to the incidental parameters and trends. We show that in cases (i) and (ii), the power envelope is defined within  $n^{-1/2}T^{-1}$ - neighborhoods of unity and that it depends on the first two moments of the local to unity parameters. On the other hand, in case (iii), the power envelope is defined within  $n^{-1/4}T^{-1}$ - neighborhoods of unity and it depends on the first four moments of the local to unity parameters.

Second, we derive the asymptotic local power of some existing panel unit root tests and compare these to the power envelope. For case (i), we investigate the  $t$ -ratio statistics studied by Quah (1994), Levin *et al*, and Moon and Perron (2003a). For case (ii), we investigate a modified  $t$ -ratio statistic that is asymptotically equivalent to the test proposed by Levin *et al*. For case (iii), we compare the optimal invariant test proposed by Ploberger and Phillips (2002) and the LM test proposed by Moon and Phillips (2002). First, we show that in all three cases the existing tests do not achieve the optimal power. Next, when the alternative hypothesis is homogeneous across individuals, it is shown that some tests (the  $t$  -  $test$  in case (i) and the optimal invariant test by Ploberger and Phillips (2002) in cases (ii) and (iii) ) do achieve the power envelope and

are uniformly most powerful.

Third, we propose a simple point optimal invariant panel unit root test for each case. These tests are optimal when the alternative hypothesis is homogeneous, in contrast to point optimal unit root tests for time series (Elliot et al., 1996).

The paper is organized as follows. Section 2 lays out the model, the hypotheses to test, and the assumptions maintained throughout the paper. Section 3 studies the model where there are no fixed effects (or fixed effects are known), develops the power envelope, gives a point optimal test and performs some power comparisons. Sections 4 and 5 perform similar analyses for panel models with fixed effects and incidental trends. Section 6 reports some simulations comparing the finite sample properties of the main tests studied in Section 5. Section 7 concludes and the Appendix contains technical derivations and proofs.

## 2 Model

The observed panel  $z_{it}$  is assumed to be generated by the following component model

$$\begin{aligned} z_{it} &= b_i' g_t + y_{it} \\ y_{it} &= \rho_i y_{it-1} + u_{it}, \quad i = 1, \dots, n; \quad t = 1, \dots, T, \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

where  $u_{it}$  is a mean zero error,  $g_t = (1, t)'$ , and  $b_i = (b_{0i}, b_{1i})'$ .

The focus of interest is the problem of testing for the presence of a common unit root in the panel against local alternatives when both  $n$  and  $T$  are large. For a local alternative specification we assume that

$$\rho_i = 1 - \frac{\theta_i}{n^\kappa T} \text{ for some constant } \kappa > 0, \tag{2}$$

where  $\theta_i$  is a sequence of iid random variables. The main goal of the paper is to find efficient tests for the null hypothesis

$$\mathbb{H}_0 : \theta_i = 0 \text{ a.s. (i.e., } \rho_i = 1) \text{ for all } i, \tag{3}$$

against the alternative

$$\mathbb{H}_1 : \theta_i \neq 0 \text{ (i.e., } \rho_i \neq 1) \text{ for some } i\text{'s}. \tag{4}$$

A common special case of interest for the alternative hypothesis  $\mathbb{H}_1$  is

$$\mathbb{H}_2 : \theta_i = \theta > 0 \text{ for all } i, \tag{5}$$

where the local to unity coefficients take on a common value  $\theta > 0$  for all  $i$ . In this case, the series are then locally stationary, that is  $\rho_i = \rho = 1 - \frac{\theta}{n^\kappa T} < 1$  for all  $i$ .

In (1) the nonstationary panel  $z_{it}$  has two different types of trends. The first component  $b_i' g_t$  is a deterministic linear trend that is heterogeneous across

individuals  $i$ . This component characterizes individual effects in the panel. The second component  $y_{it}$  is a stochastic trend or near unit-root process with  $\rho_i$  close to unity.

The following sections look at three different cases. In the first case  $b_{0i}$  and  $b_{1i}$  are observable, so that  $y_{it}$  is observable. This is essentially a situation where there are no fixed effects in the panel. The second case arises when  $b_{0i}$  are unobserved but  $b_{1i}$  are observable. In this case, the panel data  $z_{it}$  contain fixed effects that are parameterized by heterogeneous intercept terms  $b_{0i}$ , which are incidental parameters to be estimated. The third case arises when both  $b_{0i}$  and  $b_{1i}$  are unobserved, so the panel contains fixed effects that are parameterized by heterogeneous linear deterministic trends,  $b_{0i} + b_{1i}t$  where both sets of parameters  $b_{0i}$  and  $b_{1i}$  are to be estimated.

Before proceeding, we introduce the following notation. Define

$$\begin{aligned} z_t &= (z_{1t}, \dots, z_{nt})', \quad y_t = (y_{1t}, \dots, y_{nt})', \quad u_t = (u_{1t}, \dots, u_{nt})' \\ Z &= (z_1, \dots, z_T), \quad Y = (y_1, \dots, y_T), \quad Y_{-1} = (y_0, y_1, \dots, y_{T-1}), \quad U = (u_1, \dots, u_T), \end{aligned}$$

so the  $(i, t)^{th}$  elements of  $Z, Y, Y_{-1}$ , and  $U$  are  $z_{it}, y_{it}, y_{it-1}$ , and  $u_{it}$ , respectively. Define the  $T$ -vectors  $G_0 = (1, \dots, 1)'$ ,  $G_1 = (1, 2, \dots, T)'$ , set  $G = (G_0, G_1) = (g_1, \dots, g_T)'$ , and define

$$\begin{aligned} \beta_0 &= (b_{01}, \dots, b_{0n})', \quad \beta_1 = (b_{11}, \dots, b_{1n})', \\ \beta &= (\beta_0, \beta_1) = (b_1, \dots, b_n)'. \end{aligned}$$

Let  $\underline{Z}_i, \underline{Y}_i, \underline{Y}_{-1,i}$ , and  $\underline{U}_i$  denote the transpose of the  $i^{th}$  row of  $Z, Y, Y_{-1}$ , and  $U$ , respectively, and write the model in matrix form as

$$\begin{aligned} Z &= \beta G' + Y, \\ Y &= \rho Y_{-1} + U, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\rho = \text{diag}(\rho_1, \dots, \rho_n)$ .

**Assumption 1**  $u_{it} \sim \text{iid}(0, \sigma^2)$  with finite fourth moment for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$  and over  $t = 1, 2, \dots, T$ .

**Assumption 2** The initial observations  $y_{i0}$  are iid with  $E|y_{i0}|^\nu < \infty$  for some  $\nu > 2$  and are independent of  $u_{it}$ ,  $t \geq 1$  for all  $i$ .

**Assumption 3**  $\frac{1}{T} + \frac{1}{n} + \frac{n^{3/4}}{T} \rightarrow 0$ .

Assumption 1 imposes a restrictive error structure that will often be unrealistic. The main reason for using it here is to facilitate analytical derivations and focus on more essential elements in power calculations. In Section 4 we briefly discuss how it may be relaxed.

The error variance  $\sigma^2$  is usually unknown. Most tests depend on suitable estimates of  $\sigma^2$  and, in what follows, we may replace  $\sigma^2$  with any estimator  $\hat{\sigma}^2$  that is consistent under both the null and alternative hypotheses. An example

of such an estimator is provided in Moon and Phillips (2003). They show that  $\hat{\sigma}^2 - \sigma^2 = O_p\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \max\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}}\right)\right)$ , where  $\hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{1}{nT} \text{tr}(\hat{e}'\hat{e})$  and  $\hat{e}$  is the matrix of residuals from a pooled autoregression on demeaned or detrended data<sup>1</sup>. For our purpose in this paper, it is convenient to make the following generic assumption about the variance estimate  $\hat{\sigma}^2$ .

**Assumption 4**  $\hat{\sigma}^2 - \sigma^2 = O_p\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \max\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}}\right)\right)$ .

### 3 Without Fixed Effects

This section investigates the model in which  $b'_i g_t$  is observable or equivalently that  $g_t = 0$  and  $y_{it}$  is observable. We consider local neighborhoods of unity that shrink at the rate of  $\frac{1}{n^{1/2}T}$  and one sided alternatives, as indicated in the following assumptions.

**Assumption 5**  $\kappa = 1/2$  in (2).

**Assumption 6**  $\theta_i$  is a sequence of iid random variables on a non-negative bounded support  $[0, M_\theta]$  for some  $M_\theta \geq 0$ .

Let  $\mu_{\theta,k} = E\left(\theta_i^k\right)$ . The assumption of a bounded support for  $\theta_i$  is made for convenience, and could be relaxed at the cost of stronger moment conditions. It is also convenient to assume that the  $\theta_i$  are identically distributed, and this assumption could be relaxed as long as cross sectional averages of the moments  $\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n E\left(\theta_i^k\right)$  have limits like  $\mu_{\theta,k}$ .

According to Assumption 6,  $\theta_i \geq 0$  for all  $i$ , so that  $\rho_i \leq 1$ . In this case, the null hypothesis of a unit root in (3) is equivalent to  $\mu_{\theta,1} = 0$  or  $M_\theta = 0$  (i.e.  $\theta_i = 0$  a.s.), and the alternative hypothesis in (7) implies  $\mu_{\theta,1} > 0$ . Hence, in this section we set the hypotheses in terms of the first moment  $\theta_i$  as follows:

$$\mathbb{H}_0 : \mu_{\theta,1} = 0, \tag{6}$$

and

$$\mathbb{H}_1 : \mu_{\theta,1} > 0. \tag{7}$$

To test these hypotheses, Moon and Perron (2003a) propose  $t$  - ratio tests based on a modified pooled OLS estimator of the autoregressive coefficient and show that they have significant asymptotic local power in neighborhoods of unity shrinking at the rate  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{nT}}$ . In this section we first derive the (asymptotic) power envelope and show that the power function of a point optimal test for  $\mathbb{H}_0$  achieves the envelope for the hypotheses above. We then derive compare the asymptotic local power of this point-optimal test with that of the Moon-Perron test.

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<sup>1</sup>See Lemma 2 of Moon and Phillips (2003).

### 3.1 Power Envelope

The power envelope is found by computing the upper bound of the power of all point optimal tests for each local alternative. To proceed, we define

$$\rho_{c_i} = 1 - \frac{c_i}{n^{1/2}T},$$

where  $c_i$  is an *iid* sequence of random variables on  $[0, M_c]$  for some  $M_c > 0$ . Denote by  $\mu_{c,k}$  the  $k^{th}$  raw moment of  $c_i$ , *i.e.*,  $\mu_{c,k} = E(c_i^k)$ . Let

$$\mathbb{C} = \text{diag}(c_1, \dots, c_n) \quad (8)$$

and

$$\Delta_{\mathbb{C}} = \text{diag}(1 - \rho_{c_i}L), \quad (9)$$

where  $L$  denote the lag operator. Define

$$\Delta_{\mathbb{C}}Y = (y_0, \Delta_{\mathbb{C}}y_1, \dots, \Delta_{\mathbb{C}}y_t, \dots, \Delta_{\mathbb{C}}y_T).$$

so that for  $t \geq 1$ , the  $(i, t)^{th}$  element of  $\Delta_{\mathbb{C}}Y$  is  $y_{it} - y_{it-1} + \frac{c_i}{n^{1/2}T}y_{it-1}$ , a quasi difference of  $y_{it}$ . For notational simplicity, let  $\Delta = \Delta_0$ .

Define

$$V_{nT}(\mathbb{C}) = \frac{1}{\hat{\sigma}^2} [tr(\Delta_{\mathbb{C}}Y(\Delta_{\mathbb{C}}Y)') - tr(\Delta Y(\Delta Y)')] - \frac{1}{2}\mu_{c,2}.$$

The statistic  $V_{nT}(\mathbb{C})$  is the (Gaussian) likelihood ratio statistic of the null hypothesis  $\rho_i = 1$  against an alternative hypothesis  $\rho_i = \rho_{c_i}$  for  $i = 1, \dots, n$ . According to the Neyman-Pearson lemma, rejecting the null hypothesis for small values of  $V_{nT}(\mathbb{C})$  is the most powerful test of the null hypothesis  $\mathbb{H}_0$  against the alternative hypothesis  $\rho_i = \rho_{c_i}$ . When the alternative hypothesis is given by  $\mathbb{H}_1$ , the test is a point optimal test (see, *e.g.*, King (1988)). Let  $\Psi_{nT}(\mathbb{C})$  be the test that rejects  $\mathbb{H}_0$  for small values of  $V_{nT}(\mathbb{C})$ .

Since  $\Delta y_{it} = -\frac{\theta_i}{n^{1/2}T}y_{it-1} + u_{it}$  under Assumption 5,

$$\begin{aligned} & V_{nT}(\mathbb{C}) \\ &= \frac{1}{\hat{\sigma}^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \left[ y_{i0}^2 + \sum_{t=1}^T (\Delta_{c_i} y_{it})^2 \right] - \frac{1}{\hat{\sigma}^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \left[ y_{i0}^2 + \sum_{t=1}^T (\Delta y_{it})^2 \right] - \frac{1}{2}\mu_{c,2} \\ &= \frac{2}{n^{1/2}T\hat{\sigma}^2} \sum_{i=1}^n c_i \sum_{t=1}^T \Delta y_{it} y_{it-1} + \frac{1}{nT^2\hat{\sigma}^2} \sum_{i=1}^n c_i^2 \sum_{t=1}^T y_{it-1}^2 - \frac{1}{2}\mu_{c,2} \\ &= -\frac{2}{nT^2\hat{\sigma}^2} \sum_{i=1}^n c_i \theta_i \sum_{t=1}^T y_{it-1}^2 + \frac{2}{n^{1/2}T\hat{\sigma}^2} \sum_{i=1}^n c_i^2 \sum_{t=1}^T u_{it} y_{it-1} \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{nT^2\hat{\sigma}^2} \sum_{i=1}^n c_i^2 \sum_{t=1}^T y_{it-1}^2 - \frac{1}{2}\mu_{c,2}. \end{aligned}$$

Direct calculation shows that under Assumptions 1 – 4,

$$-\frac{2}{nT^2\hat{\sigma}^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{t=1}^T c_i \theta_i y_{it-1}^2 \rightarrow_p -E(c_i \theta_i),$$

$$\frac{1}{nT^2\hat{\sigma}^2} \sum_{i=1}^n c_i^2 \sum_{t=1}^T y_{it-1}^2 \rightarrow_p \frac{1}{2} \mu_{c,2},$$

and

$$\frac{2}{n^{1/2}T\hat{\sigma}^2} \sum_{i=1}^n c_i \sum_{t=1}^T u_{it} y_{it-1} \Rightarrow N(0, 2\mu_{c,2}),$$

thereby giving the following result.

**Theorem 7** *Suppose that Assumptions 1 – 6 hold. Then,*

$$V_{nT}(\mathbb{C}) \Rightarrow N(-E(c_i \theta_i), 2\mu_{c,2}).$$

The asymptotic critical values of the test  $\Psi_{nT}(\mathbb{C})$  can be readily computed. Let  $\bar{z}_\alpha$  denote the  $(1 - \alpha)$ -quantile of the standard normal distribution, i.e.,  $P(Z \leq -\bar{z}_\alpha) = \alpha$ , where  $Z \sim N(0, 1)$ . Then, the size  $\alpha$  asymptotic critical value  $\psi(\mathbb{C}, \alpha)$  of the test  $\Psi_{nT}(\mathbb{C})$  is

$$\psi(\mathbb{C}, \alpha) = -\sqrt{2\mu_{c,2}} \bar{z}_\alpha,$$

and its asymptotic local power is

$$\Phi\left(\frac{E(c_i \theta_i)}{\sqrt{2\mu_{c,2}}} - \bar{z}_\alpha\right), \quad (10)$$

where  $\Phi(x)$  is the cumulative distribution function of  $Z$ .

>From (10), it is easy to find the power envelope, i.e., the values of  $c_i$  for which power is maximized. By the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality

$$\Phi\left(\frac{E(c_i \theta_i)}{\sqrt{2\mu_{c,2}}} - \bar{z}_\alpha\right) \leq \Phi\left(\sqrt{\frac{\mu_{\theta,2}}{2}} - \bar{z}_\alpha\right),$$

and the upper bound of the power  $\Phi\left(\sqrt{\frac{\mu_{\theta,2}}{2}} - \bar{z}_\alpha\right)$  is achieved with  $c_i = \theta_i$ .

Then, by the Neyman-Pearson lemma,  $\Phi\left(\sqrt{\frac{\mu_{\theta,2}}{2}} - \bar{z}_\alpha\right)$  is the power envelope.

We have the following theorem.

**Theorem 8** *Assume that the trends  $b'_i g_t$  in (1) are known. Suppose that Assumptions 1 – 6 hold. Then, the power envelope for testing for  $\mathbb{H}_0$  in (3) against  $\mathbb{H}_1$  in (4) is  $\Phi\left(\sqrt{\frac{\mu_{\theta,2}}{2}} - \bar{z}_\alpha\right)$ , where  $\mu_{\theta,2} = E(\theta_i^2)$  and  $\bar{z}_\alpha$  is the  $(1 - \alpha)$ -quantile of the standard normal distribution.*

Note that a necessary condition for attaining the power envelope is  $c_i = \theta_i$  a.s., which in turn requires that the support of  $c_i$  be the same as the support of  $\theta_i$ , i.e.,  $M_c = M_\theta$ .



## 3.2 Power Comparison

### 3.2.1 The $t$ -ratio Test

We start by investigating the  $t$ -ratio test of Quah (1994), Levin *et al* (2002), and Moon and Perron (2003a), which is based on the pooled OLS estimator<sup>2</sup>. Let

$$\hat{\rho} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{t=1}^T y_{it} y_{it-1}}{\sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{t=1}^T y_{it-1}^2},$$

be the pooled OLS estimator and the corresponding  $t$  statistic

$$t = \frac{\hat{\rho} - 1}{\sqrt{\frac{\hat{\sigma}^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{t=1}^T y_{it-1}^2}}}.$$

Under the conditions assumed above, we have

$$t \Rightarrow N\left(-\frac{\mu_{\theta,1}}{\sqrt{2}}, 1\right).$$

The power of the  $t$  test with size  $\alpha$  is then

$$\Phi\left(\frac{\mu_{\theta,1}}{\sqrt{2}} - \bar{z}_\alpha\right). \quad (11)$$

#### Remarks

- (a) By the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality, it is straightforward to show that

$$\Phi\left(\frac{\mu_{\theta,1}}{\sqrt{2}} - \bar{z}_\alpha\right) \leq \Phi\left(\sqrt{\frac{\mu_{\theta,2}}{2}} - \bar{z}_\alpha\right). \quad (12)$$

In view of (12), the  $t$  ratio test achieves optimal power only when the alternative is homogeneous as in  $\mathbb{H}_2$ , that is when  $\theta_i = \theta$  *a.s.*, so that  $E(\theta_i) = \sqrt{E(\theta_i^2)}$ . Otherwise, the power of the  $t$  ratio test is strictly less than the optimal power. This implies that  $t$ -ratio test is uniformly most powerful test for testing  $\mathbb{H}_0$  against  $\mathbb{H}_2$  but not against  $\mathbb{H}_1$ . The result is not surprising since the  $t$  ratio test is constructed based on the pooled OLS estimator and pooling is efficient under the homogeneous alternative.

- (b) Notice from (10) that the asymptotic local power envelope is determined by  $\mu_{\theta,1}$ , the mean of the local to unity parameters  $\theta_i$ . In the given formulation, the local alternative is restricted to be one sided in Assumption 6. Allowing for two-sided alternatives opens the possibility that  $\mu_{\theta,1} = 0$  even under the alternative hypothesis, in which case the power of the pooled  $t$ -test is equivalent to size.

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<sup>2</sup>When the error term  $u_{it}$  is serially correlated, one can use a modified version of the pooled OLS estimator. For details of this modification, refer to Moon and Perron (2003a).

### 3.2.2 A Common-Point Optimal Test with $c_i = c$

As shown earlier, to achieve the power envelope, one needs to choose  $c_i = \theta_i$  a.s. for  $\Psi_{nT}(\mathbb{C})$ . Denote this test  $\Psi_{nT}(\Theta)$ . Of course, the test  $\Psi_{nT}(\Theta)$  is infeasible because it is not possible to identify the distribution of  $\theta_i$  in the panel and generate a sequence from its distribution. Indeed, if the  $\theta_i$  were known, there would of course be no need to test the null of a panel unit root.

One way of implementing the test  $\Psi_{nT}(\mathbb{C})$  is to use randomly generated  $c_i$ 's from some domain that is considered relevant. The variates  $c_i$  are independent of  $\theta_i$  and the power of the test  $\Psi_{nT}(\mathbb{C})$  is

$$\Phi\left(\frac{\mu_{c,1}\mu_{\theta,1}}{\sqrt{2}\mu_{c,2}} - \bar{z}_\alpha\right). \quad (13)$$

Since  $\mu_{c,1} \leq \sqrt{\mu_{c,2}}$ , the power (13) is bounded by

$$\Phi\left(\frac{\mu_{\theta,1}}{\sqrt{2}} - \bar{z}_\alpha\right), \quad (14)$$

which is achieved if we choose  $c_i = c$ , where  $c$  is any positive constant. We denote this test  $\Psi_{nT}(c)$ .

#### Remarks

- (a) Not surprisingly, the power (14) of the test  $\Psi_{nT}(c)$  is identical to that of the  $t$ -ratio test in the previous section. Of course, both tests are based on the homogeneous alternative hypothesis.
- (b) Note that the power of the test  $\Psi_{nT}(c)$  does not depend on  $c$ . The test is optimal against the special homogeneous alternative hypothesis  $\mathbb{H}_2$  for any choice of  $c$ . This result is in contrast to the power of the point optimal test for unit root time series in Elliot *et al* (1996), where the power of the test does depend on the value of  $c$ . The reason is that the local alternative in the panel unit root case is  $\rho_{c_i} = 1 - \frac{c}{n^{1/2}T}$  which is closer to the null hypothesis than the alternative  $\rho_{c_i} = 1 - \frac{c}{T}$  that applies in the case where there is only time series data. In effect, when we are this close to the null hypothesis with a homogeneous local alternative, it suffices to use any common local alternative in setting up the panel point optimal test.

## 4 Fixed Effects I: Incidental Parameters Case

The model we consider in this section assumes that the fixed effects  $b_i'g_t = b_{0i}$ , so that  $g_t = 1$  or that the incidental trend term  $b_{1i}t$  is known but the incidental parameter term  $b_{0i}$  is unknown. In this case, the model has the matrix form

$$Z = \beta_0 G_0' + Y.$$

## 4.1 Power Envelope

This section derives the power envelope of panel unit root tests for  $\mathbb{H}_0$  that are invariant to the transformation  $Z \rightarrow Z + \beta_0^* G_0'$  for arbitrary  $\beta_0^*$ . Recall the definition of the notation  $\Delta_{\mathbb{C}}$  in (9). Define  $\Delta_{\mathbb{C}}Z = (z_0, \Delta_{\mathbb{C}}z_1, \dots, \Delta_{\mathbb{C}}z_T)$  and  $\Delta_{\mathbb{C}}\beta_0 G_0' = (\beta_0, \Delta_{\mathbb{C}}\beta_0, \dots, \Delta_{\mathbb{C}}\beta_0)$ . Let

$$L_{nT}(\mathbb{C}, \beta_0) = \text{tr}(\Delta_{\mathbb{C}}Z - \Delta_{\mathbb{C}}\beta_0 G_0')(\Delta_{\mathbb{C}}Z - \Delta_{\mathbb{C}}\beta_0 G_0')'.$$

A (Gaussian) point optimal invariant test statistic for this fixed effects I case can be constructed as follows (see, for example, Lehmann (1959), Dufour and King (1991), and Elliott *et al* (1996)):

$$V_{fe1,nT}(\mathbb{C}) = \frac{1}{\hat{\sigma}^2} \left[ \min_{\beta_0} L_{nT}(\mathbb{C}, \beta_0) - \min_{\beta} L_{nT}(0, \beta_0) \right] - \frac{1}{2} \mu_{c,2}$$

For given  $c_i$ 's, the point optimal invariant test, say  $\Psi_{fe1,nT}(\mathbb{C})$ , rejects the null hypothesis for small values of  $V_{fe1,nT}(\mathbb{C})$ .

Letting  $\hat{b}_{0i}(c_i) = (\Delta_{c_i} G_0' \Delta_{c_i} G_0)^{-1} (\Delta_{c_i} G_0' \Delta_{c_i} \underline{Z}_i)$  and  $\hat{Y}_i(c_i) = \underline{Z}_i - G_0 \hat{b}_{0i}(c_i) = \underline{Y}_i - G_0 (\hat{b}_{0i}(c_i) - b_{0i})$ , we can rewrite  $V_{fe1,nT}(\mathbb{C})$  as

$$\begin{aligned} & V_{fe1,nT}(\mathbb{C}) \\ &= \frac{1}{\hat{\sigma}^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \left[ \begin{array}{c} \left( \hat{Y}_i(c_i) - \rho_{c_i} \hat{Y}_{-1,i}(c_i) \right) \left( \hat{Y}_i(c_i) - \rho_{c_i} \hat{Y}_{-1,i}(c_i) \right) \\ - \left( \hat{Y}_i(0) - \hat{Y}_{-1,i}(0) \right) \left( \hat{Y}_i(0) - \hat{Y}_{-1,i}(0) \right) \end{array} \right] - \frac{1}{2} \mu_{c,2} \\ &= \frac{1}{\hat{\sigma}^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \left[ \begin{array}{c} \left( \Delta_{c_i} \underline{Y}_i - \Delta_{c_i} G_0 (\hat{b}_{0i}(c_i) - b_{0i}) \right) \left( \Delta_{c_i} \underline{Y}_i - \Delta_{c_i} G_0 (\hat{b}_{0i}(c_i) - b_{0i}) \right) \\ - \left( \Delta \underline{Y}_i - \Delta G_0 (\hat{b}_{0i}(c_i) - b_{0i}) \right) \left( \Delta \underline{Y}_i - \Delta G_0 (\hat{b}_{0i}(c_i) - b_{0i}) \right) \end{array} \right] \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{2} \mu_{c,2} \\ &= \frac{1}{\hat{\sigma}^2} V_{fe11,nT}(\mathbb{C}) + \frac{1}{\hat{\sigma}^2} V_{fe12,nT}(\mathbb{C}) - \frac{1}{2} \mu_{c,2}, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} V_{fe11,nT}(\mathbb{C}) &= \sum_{i=1}^n [(\Delta_{c_i} \underline{Y}_i)' (\Delta_{c_i} \underline{Y}_i) - (\Delta \underline{Y}_i)' (\Delta \underline{Y}_i)] \\ &= \frac{1}{n^{1/2}} \sum_{i=1}^n c_i \left( \frac{2}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \Delta y_{it} y_{it-1} \right) + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n c_i^2 \left( \frac{1}{T^2} \sum_{t=1}^T y_{it-1}^2 \right). \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} V_{fe12,nT}(\mathbb{C}) &= \sum_{i=1}^n \left[ - \frac{(\Delta \underline{Y}_i' \Delta G_0) (\Delta G_0' \Delta G_0)^{-1} (\Delta G_0' \Delta \underline{Y}_i)}{(\Delta_{c_i} \underline{Y}_i' \Delta_{c_i} G_0) (\Delta_{c_i} G_0' \Delta_{c_i} G_0)^{-1} (\Delta_{c_i} G_0' \Delta_{c_i} \underline{Y}_i)} \right] \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n \left[ y_{i0}^2 - \frac{1}{1 + \frac{c_i^2}{n} \frac{1}{T}} \left( y_{i0} + \frac{c_i}{n^{1/2}} \frac{1}{T} (y_{iT} - y_{i0}) + \frac{c_i^2}{n} \frac{1}{T^2} \sum_{t=1}^T y_{it-1} \right)^2 \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Then, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & V_{fe1,nT}(\mathbb{C}) \\ &= \frac{1}{n^{1/2}} \sum_{i=1}^n c_i \left[ \left( \frac{2}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \Delta y_{it} y_{it-1} \right) - 2 \left( \frac{y_{i0}}{\sqrt{T}} \right) \left( \frac{y_{iT}}{\sqrt{T}} - \frac{y_{i0}}{\sqrt{T}} \right) \right] \\ & \quad + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n c_i^2 \left[ \frac{1}{T^2} \sum_{t=1}^T y_{it-1}^2 \right] - \frac{1}{2} \mu_{c,2} + O_p \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \right). \end{aligned}$$

In the Appendix, we show that

$$\frac{1}{n^{1/2}} \sum_{i=1}^n c_i \left( \frac{y_{i0}}{\sqrt{T}} \right) \left( \frac{y_{iT}}{\sqrt{T}} - \frac{y_{i0}}{\sqrt{T}} \right) = O_p \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \right), \quad (15)$$

and so

$$V_{fe1,nT}(\mathbb{C}) = V_{nT}(\mathbb{C}) + o_p(1).$$

In view of Theorems 7 and 8 we have the following result.

**Theorem 9** *Suppose Assumptions 1 – 6 hold and that  $b_{1,t}$  is known. Then, as  $(n, T) \rightarrow \infty$*

- (a)  $V_{fe1,nT}(\mathbb{C}) \Rightarrow N(-E(c_i \theta_i), 2\mu_{c,2})$ .
- (b) *The power envelope for invariant testing of  $\mathbb{H}_0$  in (3) against  $\mathbb{H}_1$  in (4) is  $\Phi \left( \sqrt{\frac{\mu_{\theta,2}}{2}} - \bar{z}_\alpha \right)$ , where  $\mu_{\theta,2} = E(\theta_i^2)$  and  $\bar{z}_\alpha$  is the  $(1 - \alpha)$ -quantile of the standard normal distribution.*

### Remarks

- (a) As in the case of  $\Psi_{nT}(c)$ , we define the test  $\Psi_{fe1,nT}(c)$  with a common point  $c_i = c$ , a constant. Then, the power of the test  $\Psi_{fe1,nT}(c)$  is

$$\Phi \left( \frac{\mu_{\theta,1}}{\sqrt{2}} - \bar{z}_\alpha \right). \quad (16)$$

- (b) With the incidental parameters in the model, Levin et al. (2002) proposed a panel unit root test based on the pooled OLS estimator. Let  $\tilde{z}_{it} = z_{it} - \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T z_{it}$  and  $\tilde{z}_{it-1} = z_{it-1} - \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T z_{it-1}$ . The  $t$ -statistic proposed by Levin et al. is asymptotically equivalent to the following  $t$ -statistic

$$t^+ = \frac{\sqrt{\sum_{t=1}^T \tilde{z}_{it-1}^2} \left( \hat{\rho}_{pool}^+ - 1 \right)}{\frac{\hat{\sigma}}{\sqrt{2}}},$$

where

$$\hat{\rho}_{pool}^+ = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{t=1}^T \tilde{z}_{it} \tilde{z}_{it-1} + \frac{nT}{2} \hat{\sigma}^2}{\sum_{t=1}^T \tilde{z}_{it-1}^2}.$$

According to Moon and Perron (2003b), the  $t^+$  test has significant asymptotic local power within  $n^{-1/4}T^{-1}$  neighborhoods of unity. Since  $\Psi_{fe1,nT}(c)$  has power in neighborhoods shrinking to unity at the faster rate  $n^{-1/2}T^{-1}$ , the  $t^+$  test is inadmissible and asymptotically dominated by  $\Psi_{fe1,nT}(c)$ .

## 5 Fixed Effects II: Incidental Trends Case

This section considers the important practical case where the heterogeneous linear trends  $b'_{ig_t}$  are not observable and need to be estimated. We start by considering local neighborhoods of unity that shrink at the rate  $\frac{1}{n^{1/4}T}$ .

**Assumption 10**  $\kappa = 1/4$  in (2).

We next relax Assumption 6 by allowing the time series of the panel  $y_{it}$  to be either stationary or explosive under the alternative hypothesis.

**Assumption 11**  $\theta_i \sim iid$  with mean  $\mu_\theta$  and variance  $\sigma_\theta^2$  on a bounded support  $[-M_{l\theta}, M_{u\theta}]$ , where  $M_{l\theta}, M_{u\theta} \geq 0$ .

Under Assumption 11, we can re-express hypotheses (3) and (4) using the second raw moment of  $\theta_i$  as follows:

$$\mathbb{H}_0 : \mu_{\theta,2} = 0, \tag{17}$$

and

$$\mathbb{H}_1 : \mu_{\theta,2} > 0. \tag{18}$$

After deriving the power envelope for this case, we investigate three panel unit root tests, derive their asymptotic local power and compare them.

### 5.1 Power Envelope

This section derives the power envelope of panel unit root tests for  $\mathbb{H}_0$  that are invariant to the transformation  $Z \rightarrow Z + \beta^*G'$  for arbitrary  $\beta^*$ . Let  $\Delta_{\mathbb{C}}Z = (z_0, \Delta_{\mathbb{C}}z_1, \dots, \Delta_{\mathbb{C}}z_T)$  and  $\Delta_{\mathbb{C}}\beta G' = (\beta g_0, \Delta_{\mathbb{C}}\beta g_1, \dots, \Delta_{\mathbb{C}}\beta g_t, \dots, \Delta_{\mathbb{C}}\beta g_T)$ . Define

$$L_{nT}(\mathbb{C}, \beta) = tr(\Delta_{\mathbb{C}}Z - \Delta_{\mathbb{C}}\beta G')(\Delta_{\mathbb{C}}Z - \Delta_{\mathbb{C}}\beta G')'.$$

As above, a (Gaussian) point optimal invariant test statistic can be constructed as:

$$\begin{aligned} V_{fe2,nT}(\mathbb{C}) &= \frac{1}{\hat{\sigma}^2} \left[ \min_{\beta} L_{nT}(\mathbb{C}, \beta) - \min_{\beta} L_{nT}(0, \beta) \right] \\ &+ \left( \frac{1}{n^{1/4}} \sum_{i=1}^n c_i \right) + \left( \frac{1}{n^{1/2}} \sum_{i=1}^n c_i^2 \right) \omega_{p2T} + \left( \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n c_i^4 \right) \omega_{p4T}, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}\omega_{p2T} &= -\frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \frac{t-1}{T} + \frac{2}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \left( \frac{t-1}{T} \right)^2 - \frac{1}{3} \\ \omega_{p4T} &= \frac{1}{T^2} \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{s=1}^T \frac{t-1}{T} \frac{s-1}{T} \min \left( \frac{t-1}{T}, \frac{s-1}{T} \right) - \frac{2}{3} \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \left( \frac{t-1}{T} \right)^2 + \frac{1}{9}.\end{aligned}$$

For given  $c_i$ 's, the point optimal invariant test, say  $\Psi_{fe2,nT}(\mathbb{C})$ , rejects the null hypothesis for small values of  $V_{fe2,nT}(\mathbb{C})$ .

Let  $\hat{b}_i(c_i) = (\Delta_{c_i} G' \Delta_{c_i} G)^{-1} (\Delta_{c_i} G' \Delta_{c_i} \underline{Z}_i)$  and  $\hat{\underline{Y}}_i(c_i) = \underline{Z}_i - G \hat{b}_i(c_i)' = \underline{Y}_i - G (\hat{b}_i(c_i) - b_i)'$ , and rewrite  $V_{fe2,nT}(\mathbb{C})$  as

$$\begin{aligned}V_{fe2,nT}(\mathbb{C}) &= \frac{1}{\hat{\sigma}^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \hat{\underline{Y}}_i(c_i) - \rho_{c_i} \hat{\underline{Y}}_{-1,i}(c_i) \right)' \left( \hat{\underline{Y}}_i(c_i) - \rho_{c_i} \hat{\underline{Y}}_{-1,i}(c_i) \right) \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{\hat{\sigma}^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \hat{\underline{Y}}_i(0) - \hat{\underline{Y}}_{-1,i}(0) \right)' \left( \hat{\underline{Y}}_i(0) - \hat{\underline{Y}}_{-1,i}(0) \right) \\ &\quad + \left( \frac{1}{n^{1/4}} \sum_{i=1}^n c_i \right) + \left( \frac{1}{n^{1/2}} \sum_{i=1}^n c_i^2 \right) \omega_{p2T} + \left( \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n c_i^4 \right) \omega_{p4T}.\end{aligned}$$

In the Appendix, we show that  $V_{fe2,nT}(\mathbb{C})$  can be written as

$$\begin{aligned}V_{fe2,nT}(\mathbb{C}) &= \frac{1}{n^{1/4} \hat{\sigma}^2} \sum_{i=1}^n c_i \left[ \frac{2}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \Delta y_{it} y_{it-1} - \left( \frac{y_{iT}}{\sqrt{T}} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{y_{i0}}{\sqrt{T}} \right)^2 + \hat{\sigma}^2 \right] \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{n^{1/2} \hat{\sigma}^2} \sum_{i=1}^n c_i^2 \left[ \frac{1}{T^2} \sum_{t=1}^T y_{it-1}^2 - 2 \left( \frac{y_{iT}}{\sqrt{T}} \right) \left( \frac{1}{T\sqrt{T}} \sum_{t=1}^T \frac{t}{T} y_{it-1} \right) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{1}{3} \left( \frac{y_{iT}}{\sqrt{T}} \right)^2 + \frac{1}{3} \left( \frac{y_{i0}}{\sqrt{T}} \right) \left( \frac{y_{iT} - y_{i0}}{\sqrt{T}} \right) + \hat{\sigma}^2 \omega_{p2T} \right] \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{n \hat{\sigma}^2} \sum_{i=1}^n c_i^4 \left[ - \left( \frac{1}{T\sqrt{T}} \sum_{t=1}^T \frac{t}{T} y_{it-1} \right)^2 + \frac{2}{3} \left( \frac{y_{iT}}{\sqrt{T}} \right) \left( \frac{1}{T\sqrt{T}} \sum_{t=1}^T \frac{t}{T} y_{it-1} \right) \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \frac{1}{9} \left( \frac{y_{iT}}{\sqrt{T}} \right)^2 + \hat{\sigma}^2 \omega_{p4T} \right] \\ &\quad + o_p(1)\end{aligned} \tag{19}$$

when  $(n, T \rightarrow \infty)$  with  $\frac{n^{3/4}}{T} \rightarrow 0$ .

**Lemma 12** *Under Assumptions 1 – 4, 10, and 11, the following hold:*

$$(a) \frac{1}{n^{1/4} \hat{\sigma}^2} \sum_{i=1}^n c_i \left[ \frac{2}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \Delta y_{it} y_{it-1} - \left( \frac{y_{iT}}{\sqrt{T}} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{y_{i0}}{\sqrt{T}} \right)^2 + \hat{\sigma}^2 \right] = o_p(1);$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{(b)} \quad & \frac{1}{n^{1/2} \hat{\sigma}^2} \sum_{i=1}^n c_i^2 \left[ \begin{aligned} & \left( \frac{1}{T^2} \sum_{t=1}^T y_{it-1}^2 - \hat{\sigma}^2 \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \frac{t-1}{T} \right) + \frac{1}{3} \left\{ \left( \frac{y_{iT}}{\sqrt{T}} \right)^2 - \hat{\sigma}^2 \right\} \\ & - \left\{ 2 \left( \frac{y_{iT}}{\sqrt{T}} \right) \left( \frac{1}{T\sqrt{T}} \sum_{t=2}^T \frac{t-1}{T} y_{it-1} \right) - \hat{\sigma}^2 \frac{2}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \left( \frac{t-1}{T} \right)^2 \right\} \\ & \quad + \frac{1}{3} \left( \frac{y_{i0}}{\sqrt{T}} \right) \left( \frac{y_{iT} - y_{i0}}{\sqrt{T}} \right) \end{aligned} \right] \\
& \Rightarrow N \left( -\frac{1}{90} E(c_i^2 \theta_i^2), \frac{1}{45} E(c_i^2) \right); \\
\text{(c)} \quad & \frac{1}{n\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n c_i^4 \left[ \begin{aligned} & - \left( \frac{1}{T\sqrt{T}} \sum_{t=1}^T \frac{t}{T} y_{it-1} \right)^2 + \frac{2}{3} \left( \frac{y_{iT}}{\sqrt{T}} \right) \left( \frac{1}{T\sqrt{T}} \sum_{t=1}^T \frac{t}{T} y_{it-1} \right) \\ & \quad - \frac{1}{9} \left( \frac{y_{iT}}{\sqrt{T}} \right)^2 + \hat{\sigma}^2 \omega_{p4T} \end{aligned} \right] = \\
& o_p(1).
\end{aligned}$$

In view of these results, we have the following theorem.

**Theorem 13** *Suppose that Assumptions 1 – 4, 10, and 11. Then,  $V_{fe2, nT}(\mathbb{C}) \Rightarrow N\left(-\frac{1}{90} E(c_i^2 \theta_i^2), \frac{1}{45} E(c_i^4)\right)$ .*

>From Theorem 13, we find that the size  $\alpha$  asymptotic critical value is

$$\psi_{fe2}(\mathbb{C}, \alpha) = -\sqrt{\frac{\mu_{c,4}}{45}} \bar{z}_\alpha,$$

and the asymptotic power is

$$\Phi \left( \frac{1}{6\sqrt{5}} \frac{E(c_i^2 \theta_i^2)}{\sqrt{E(c_i^4)}} - \bar{z}_\alpha \right). \quad (20)$$

By the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality, we have

$$\Phi \left( \frac{1}{6\sqrt{5}} \frac{E(c_i^2 \theta_i^2)}{\sqrt{E(c_i^4)}} - \bar{z}_\alpha \right) \leq \Phi \left( \frac{1}{6\sqrt{5}} \sqrt{\mu_{\theta,4}} - \bar{z}_\alpha \right). \quad (21)$$

Again, maximal power,  $\Phi \left( \frac{1}{6\sqrt{5}} \sqrt{\mu_{\theta,4}} - \bar{z}_\alpha \right)$ , is achieved by choosing  $c_i = \theta_i$ .

According to the Neyman-Pearson lemma,  $\Phi \left( \frac{1}{6\sqrt{5}} \sqrt{\mu_{\theta,4}} - \bar{z}_\alpha \right)$  is the power envelope. Summarizing, we have the following theorem.

**Theorem 14** *Suppose that the trends  $b'_t g_t$  in (1) are unknown and Assumptions 1 – 4, 10, and 11 hold. Then, the power envelope for testing the null hypothesis  $\mathbb{H}_0$  in (3) against the alternative hypothesis  $\mathbb{H}_1$  in (4) is  $\Phi \left( \frac{1}{6\sqrt{5}} \sqrt{\mu_{\theta,4}} - \bar{z}_\alpha \right)$ , where  $\mu_{\theta,4} = E(\theta_i^4)$  and  $\bar{z}_\alpha$  is the  $(1 - \alpha)$ -quantile of the standard normal distribution.*

### Remarks

- (a) The power envelope of invariant tests of  $\mathbb{H}_0$  in (3) against  $\mathbb{H}_1$  depends on the fourth moment of the local to unity parameters  $\theta'_i$ s.

- (b) When the alternative hypothesis is the homogeneous alternative  $\mathbb{H}_2$  (i.e.,  $\theta_i = \theta$ ), the power envelope is

$$\Phi \left( \frac{1}{6\sqrt{5}} \theta^2 - \bar{z}_\alpha \right). \quad (22)$$

The power envelope is attained in this case by using  $c_i = c$  for any choice of  $c$ .

- (c) If the  $\theta_i$  are symmetrically distributed about  $\mu_{\theta,1}$  and  $\kappa_4$  is the 4<sup>th</sup> cumulant, then  $\sqrt{\mu_{\theta,4}} = \mu_{\theta,1}^2 \left\{ 1 + \frac{6\sigma_\theta^2}{\mu_{\theta,1}^2} + \frac{3\sigma_\theta^4 + \kappa_4}{\mu_{\theta,1}^4} \right\}^{1/2}$  and this will be close to  $\mu_{\theta,1}^2$  when the ratios  $\frac{6\sigma_\theta^2}{\mu_{\theta,1}^2}$  and  $\frac{3\sigma_\theta^4 + \kappa_4}{\mu_{\theta,1}^4}$  are both small. In such cases, it is clear from (21) that the test with  $c_i = c$  for any choice of  $c$  will be close to the power envelope.

## 5.2 Power Comparison

We compare the powers of three tests, which we consider in turn.

### 5.2.1 The Optimal Invariant Test of Ploberger and Phillips (2002)

We start with the optimal invariant panel unit root test proposed by Ploberger and Phillips (2002). Let  $\Delta G' = (g_0, \Delta g_1, \dots, \Delta g_T)$  and  $\Delta Z = (z_0, \Delta z_1, \dots, \Delta z_T)$ . Under the null hypothesis,  $\Delta G$  and  $\Delta Z$  deliver generalized least squares (GLS) transformations of the trends  $G$  and the panel data  $Z$ , respectively. To construct the test statistic, we first estimate the trend coefficients  $\beta$  by

$$\bar{\beta} = (\Delta Z \Delta G') (\Delta G' \Delta G)^{-1},$$

and detrend the panel data  $Z$  using this GLS estimate giving

$$E = Z - \bar{\beta} G'.$$

Define

$$V_{g,nT} = \frac{\sqrt{n}}{\hat{\sigma}^2} \left( \frac{1}{nT^2} \text{tr}(EE') - \hat{\sigma}^2 \omega_{1T} \right), \quad (23)$$

where  $\omega_{1T} = \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \frac{t}{T} (1 - \frac{t}{T})$ . In summation notation,

$$V_{g,nT} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n \left[ \frac{1}{T\hat{\sigma}^2} \sum_{t=1}^T \bar{Z}_{it,T}^2 - \omega_{1T} \right], \quad (24)$$

where

$$\bar{Z}_{it,T} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \left[ (z_{it} - z_{i0}) - \frac{t}{T} (z_{iT} - z_{i0}) \right],$$

a maximal invariant statistic. In view of (23) and (24), we may interpret  $V_{g,nT}$  as the standardized *information* of the GLS detrended panel data. The test



$\Psi_{g,nT}$  proposed by Ploberger and Phillips (2002) rejects the null hypothesis  $\mathbb{H}_0$  for small values of  $V_{g,nT}$ .

To investigate the asymptotic power of  $\Psi_{g,nT}$ , we first derive the asymptotic distribution of  $V_{g,nT}$ .

**Lemma 15** *Suppose Assumptions 1 – 4, 10, and 11 hold. Then,  $V_{g,nT} \Rightarrow N\left(-\frac{1}{90}\mu_{\theta,2}, \frac{1}{45}\right)$ .*

Using Lemma 15, it is quite straightforward to find the size  $\alpha$  asymptotic critical values  $\phi_g(\alpha)$  of the test  $\Psi_{g,nT}$ . For  $\bar{z}_\alpha$ , the  $(1 - \alpha)$ -quantile of  $Z$  is

$$\phi_g(\alpha) = -\frac{1}{3\sqrt{5}}\bar{z}_\alpha,$$

and the asymptotic local power is

$$\Phi\left(\frac{\mu_{\theta,2}}{6\sqrt{5}} - \bar{z}_\alpha\right), \quad (25)$$

showing that the test  $\Psi_{g,nT}$  has significant asymptotic power against the local alternative  $\mathbb{H}_1$ .

### Remarks

- (a) Notice that the asymptotic power of the test  $\Psi_{g,nT}$  is determined by the second moment of  $\theta_i$ ,  $\mu_{\theta,2}$ , so that it relies on the variance of  $\theta_i$  as well as the mean of  $\theta_i$ .
- (b) According to Ploberger and Phillips (2002), the test  $\Psi_{g,nT}$  is an optimal invariant test. Let  $Q_{\theta,nT}(\theta)$  be the joint probability measure of the data for the given  $\theta_i$ 's and let  $v$  be the probability measure on the space of  $\theta_i$ . Ploberger and Phillips (2002) show that the test  $\Psi_{g,nT}$  is asymptotically the optimal invariant test that maximizes the average power  $\int (\int \Psi_{g,nT} dQ_{\theta,nT}(\theta)) dv$ , a quantity which also represents the power of  $\Psi_{g,nT}$  against the Bayesian mixture  $\int Q_{\theta,nT}(\theta) dv$ .
- (c) Comparing the power (25) of the test  $\Psi_{g,nT}$  to the power envelope is straightforward. By the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality we have

$$\Phi\left(\frac{\mu_{\theta,2}}{6\sqrt{5}} - \bar{z}_\alpha\right) \leq \Phi\left(\frac{\sqrt{\mu_{\theta,4}}}{6\sqrt{5}} - \bar{z}_\alpha\right).$$

The test  $\Psi_{g,nT}$  achieves the power envelope if the  $\theta_i$  are constant *a.s.*, that is, the power envelope is achieved against the special alternative hypothesis  $\mathbb{H}_2$ .

### 5.2.2 The LM Test in Moon and Phillips (2003)

The second test we investigate is the LM test proposed by Moon and Phillips (2003), which is constructed in a fashion similar to  $V_{g,nT}$ . The main difference is that Moon and Phillips (2003) use ordinary least squares (OLS) to detrend the data. To fix ideas, define  $Q_G = I_T - P_G$  with  $P_G = G(G'G)^{-1}G$ . Let  $D_T = \text{diag}(1, T)$ . and

$$V_{o,nT} = \frac{\sqrt{n}}{\hat{\sigma}^2} \left( \frac{1}{nT^2} \text{tr}(ZQ_G Z') - \hat{\sigma}^2 \omega_{2T} \right),$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \omega_{2T} &= \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \frac{t}{T} - \frac{1}{T^2} \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{s=1}^T \frac{\min(t, s)}{T} h_T(t, s), \\ h_T(t, s) &= g'_t D_T^{-1} \left( \frac{1}{T} \sum_{p=1}^T D_T^{-1} g_p g'_p D_T^{-1} \right)^{-1} D_T^{-1} g_s. \end{aligned}$$

Define

$$\tilde{Z}_{it,T} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \left[ z_{it} - g'_t \left( \sum_{t=1}^T g_t g'_t \right)^{-1} \left( \sum_{t=1}^T g'_t z_{it} \right) \right],$$

a scaled version of the OLS detrended panel. Then, we can write

$$V_{o,nT} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n \left[ \frac{1}{T\hat{\sigma}^2} \sum_{t=1}^T \tilde{Z}_{it,T}^2 - \omega_{2T} \right],$$

which can be interpreted as the standardized *information* of the detrended panel data. The LM test, say  $\Psi_{o,nT}$ , of Moon and Phillips (2003) is to reject the null hypothesis  $\mathbb{H}_0$  for small values of  $V_{o,nT}(c)$ .

The following theorem gives the limit distribution of  $V_{o,nT}(c)$ .

**Lemma 16** *Suppose Assumptions 1 – 4, 10, and 11 hold. Then,  $V_{o,nT} \Rightarrow N\left(-\frac{1}{420}\mu_{\theta,2}, \frac{11}{6300}\right)$ .*

The size  $\alpha$  asymptotic critical value of  $\Psi_{o,nT}$ , say  $\phi_o(\alpha)$ , is given by

$$\phi_o(\alpha) = -\sqrt{\frac{11}{6300}} \bar{z}_\alpha,$$

and the asymptotic power is

$$\Phi\left(\frac{\mu_{\theta,2}}{2\sqrt{77}} - \bar{z}_\alpha\right).$$

**Remarks**

- (a) The test  $\Psi_{o,nT}$  has significant asymptotic power against the local alternative  $\mathbb{H}_1$  and its power depends on the second moment of  $\theta_i$ ,  $\mu_{\theta,2}$  just as the power of the test  $\Psi_{g,nT}$ .
- (b) We also find that the asymptotic power of the optimal invariant test  $\Psi_{g,nT}$  dominates that of the test  $\Psi_{o,nT}$  because  $\frac{\mu_{\theta}^2 + \sigma_{\theta}^2}{2\sqrt{77}} < \frac{\mu_{\theta}^2 + \sigma_{\theta}^2}{2\sqrt{45}}$ . This is perhaps not surprising since the optimal invariant test  $\Psi_{g,nT}$  is based on GLS-detrended data, while the test  $\Psi_{o,nT}$  is based on OLS-detrended data.

### 5.2.3 A Common-Point Optimal Invariant Test

As with the test  $\Psi_{nT}(\Theta)$ , implementation of the test  $V_{fe2,nT}(\Theta)$  that achieves the power envelope is infeasible. If we use randomly generated  $c'_i$ s that are independent of  $\theta_i$  and the panel data  $z_{it}$ , according to (20), the power of the test  $V_{fe2,nT}(\mathbb{C})$  is

$$\Phi\left(\frac{1}{6\sqrt{5}}\frac{\mu_{c,2}\mu_{\theta,2}}{\sqrt{\mu_{c,4}}} - \bar{z}_{\alpha}\right). \quad (26)$$

Since  $\mu_{c,2} \leq \sqrt{\mu_{c,4}}$ , the power (26) is bounded by

$$\Phi\left(\frac{1}{6\sqrt{5}}\mu_{\theta,2} - \bar{z}_{\alpha}\right), \quad (27)$$

which is achieved when we choose  $c_i = c$  for  $V_{fe2,nT}(\mathbb{C})$ , where  $c$  is any positive constant. We denote this test  $V_{fe2,nT}(c)$ .

#### Remarks

- (a) The power (27) of the test  $V_{fe2,nT}(c)$  is identical to that of the Ploberger-Phillips optimal invariant test  $V_{g,nT}$ .
- (b) The power of the test  $V_{fe2,nT}(c)$  also does not depend on  $c$ . It is optimal against the special homogeneous alternative hypothesis  $\mathbb{H}_2$  for any choice of  $c$ .
- (c) As remarked earlier the test  $V_{fe2,nT}(c)$  will achieve power close to the power envelope when the ratios  $\frac{6\sigma_{\theta}^2}{\mu_{\theta,1}^2}$  and  $\frac{3\sigma_{\theta}^4 + \kappa_4}{\mu_{\theta,1}^4}$  are both small.

**Remark** To simplify analysis, the panel errors  $u_{it}$  in model (1) were assumed to be iid across  $i$  and  $t$ . In empirical applications, we can expect the  $u_{it}$  to be serially correlated and possibly heterogeneous across  $i$  and sometimes even cross-sectionally dependent. When the  $u_{it}$  are cross sectionally independent but not identical and serially correlated, we may replace  $\hat{\sigma}^2$  in the test statistics with an estimator of the cross-sectional average of the long-run variances of the  $u_{it}$ . An example of such an estimator can be found in Moon and Perron (2003a). When the data are cross section dependent through the presence of some unobservable

common factors, one can apply the orthogonalization procedure proposed by Moon and Perron (2003a) and Phillips and Sul (2003) to the panel data after the removal of deterministic components, and then construct the tests discussed here using the de-factored data. Alternatively, one can also apply the testing procedure proposed by Bai and Ng (2001).

## 6 Simulations

This section reports the results of a small Monte Carlo experiment designed to assess and compare the finite-sample properties of the tests presented earlier in the paper. For this purpose, we use the following data generating process:

$$\begin{aligned} z_{it} &= b_{0i} + b_{1i}t + y_{it}, \\ y_{it} &= \rho_i y_{it-1} + u_{it}, \\ y_{i0} &= 0, \quad b_{0i}, b_{1i}, u_{it} \sim iid N(0, 1). \end{aligned}$$

We consider both the incidental parameters case ( $b_{1i} = 0$ ) of section 4 and the incidental trends case ( $b_{1i} \neq 0$ ) of section 5.

We focus our analysis on three main questions. The first is the sensitivity of the point-optimal invariant test to the choice of  $c_i$ . The second is how far the feasible and infeasible point-optimal tests are from the theoretical power envelope in finite samples. Finally, we look at the impact of the distribution of the local-to-unity parameters under the alternative hypothesis. Accordingly, we consider the following nine distributions for the local-to-unity parameters:

- (0)  $\theta_i = 0 \quad \forall i$  (size),
- (1)  $\theta_i \sim iidU [0, 2]$ ,
- (2)  $\theta_i \sim iidU [0, 4]$ ,
- (3)  $\theta_i \sim iidU [0, 8]$ ,
- (4)  $\theta_i \sim iid\chi^2(1)$ ,
- (5)  $\theta_i \sim iid\chi^2(2)$ ,
- (6)  $\theta_i \sim iid\chi^2(4)$ ,
- (7)  $\theta_i = \theta \sim U [0, 2]$ ,
- (8)  $\theta_i = \theta \sim \chi^2(1)$ .

These distributions enable us to examine performance of the tests as the mass of the distribution of the localizing parameters moves away from the null hypothesis. We can also look at the effect of homogeneous versus heterogeneous alternatives (case (1) versus (7), and case (4) versus (8)) together with the role of the higher-order moments of the distribution. For instance, case (1) has the

same mean as case (4) but smaller higher-order moments. The same situation arises for cases (2) and (5), and cases (3) and (6).

We consider two values for  $n$  (10 and 30) and three values for  $T$  (100, 300, and 500). All tests are carried out at the 5% significance level, and the number of replications is set at 10,000.

Table 1 presents the results for the incidental parameters case. The tests we consider are the infeasible point-optimal test with  $c_i = \theta_i$  (the finite-sample analog of the power envelope), our common point-optimal (CPO) invariant test for three values of  $c$ , that is 1, 2, and 0.5, the point-optimal test with randomly generated values of  $c_i$ 's, and the  $t$ -ratio type test as in Moon and Perron (2003b). The first panel provides the size and power predicted by the asymptotic theory in section 4 using the moments of  $\theta_i$  and  $c_i$ . The other panels in the table report the size and size-adjusted power of the tests for the various combinations of  $n$  and  $T$ . In the first panel, the second column gives the ratio  $\frac{\sqrt{\mu_{\theta,2}}}{\mu_{\theta,1}}$  which controls how far away the asymptotic power of the CPO test is from the power envelope. A high ratio implies that the power of the CPO test is much below the power envelope. The main theoretical predictions for our simulation experiment are:

- The power envelope is higher for the  $\chi^2$  alternatives than for the uniform alternatives with the same mean. This is because the power envelope depends on the second uncentered moment of  $\theta_i$  and since the  $\chi^2$  distribution has fatter tails, its second moment is larger;
- The  $\chi^2$  alternatives tend to be further below their power envelope than the uniform alternatives;
- The power of the feasible CPO test is the same for the uniform and  $\chi^2$  alternatives since power in this case depends only on the mean of  $\theta_i$ ;
- There is substantial loss of power from using randomly-generated values of  $c_i$ ;
- The  $t$ -test has no power beyond size: its rejection probability is the same under the null and alternative hypotheses.

For the other panels of the table, the second column gives the expected value of the autoregressive parameter implied by the distribution of the local-to-unity parameter and the values of  $n$  and  $T$ . As can be seen, the alternatives that we look at are very close to 1 on average. The results match closely the theoretical predictions qualitatively. The main conclusions are:

- The size properties of the point-optimal test appear to be mildly sensitive to the choice of  $c$ . The test tends to underreject for  $c = 1$  and 0.5 and to slightly overreject for  $c = 2$ . The two tests with random  $c_i$ 's tend to overreject. This is most apparent for  $c_i \sim U[0, 8]$ , a case where there is quite severe size distortion;

- However, in terms of power, the choice of  $c$  is much less important, as predicted by asymptotic theory. In fact, most of the variation is within 2 simulation standard deviations, and much of the difference is probably due to experimental randomness;
- In all cases, power is much below what is predicted by theory and below the power envelope defined by  $c_i = \theta_i$ ;
- However, in the homogeneous cases, there is less power difference between the CPO tests and the optimal test. This is expected since the CPO test is most powerful against these alternatives;
- Finally, despite the theoretical predictions that they should be equal, the actual power for the  $\chi^2$  alternatives is below that of the corresponding uniform alternatives.

Table 2 reports the same information as Table 1 for the incidental trends case. In addition to the above tests, we also consider the optimal test of Ploberger and Phillips (2002) and the  $LM$  test of Moon and Phillips (2003). Once again, the first panel gives the theoretical predictions for size and power using the asymptotic theory. The second column gives the ratio  $\frac{\sqrt{\mu_{0,4}}}{\mu_{0,2}}$ , which controls the distance between the power of the CPO test and the asymptotic power envelope. This distance tends to be much higher in this case than in the incidental parameters case above.

Just as in unit root testing with time series models, power is much lower when trends are present. In fact, power is much lower than what transpires in the table since the local alternative approaches the null hypothesis at a slower rate than for the incidental parameters case. Thus, for the same distribution of the local-to-unity parameters, we have an alternative hypothesis that is further away from unity than in Table 1.

The main theoretical predictions contained in the first panel for the incidental trends case are:

- In contrast to the incidental parameters case, the power of the CPO test is higher for the  $\chi^2$  alternatives than for the uniform ones since power depends on higher-order moments in this case;
- The Moon and Phillips test, although dominated, is expected to perform well;
- Once again the  $t$ -type ratio test has no power beyond size.

Simulation results in the remaining panels of table 2 do not conform as well to the theoretical predictions as the incidental parameters case. Our findings for this case are:

- The size properties of the point-optimal test are much more sensitive to the choice of  $c$  and values of  $n$  and  $T$  than for the incidental parameters

case. It is therefore difficult to come up with a good choice of  $c$  based on these results, although values between 1 and 2 seem to provide a good balance for all values of  $n$  and  $T$ ;

- Both the Ploberger-Phillips and Moon-Phillips tests tend to underreject, sometimes quite severely;
- The  $t$ -type test has good size properties;
- As in the incidental parameters case, the power properties of the CPO test do not appear sensitive to the choice of  $c$ . There is a tendency for  $c = 2$  to achieve highest power, but all rejection probabilities are close to one another for the three choices of  $c$  considered;
- For cases (3), (5) and (6), the CPO test typically achieves higher power in finite samples than the infeasible (asymptotically) optimal test. These differences occur for the most distant alternatives;
- As discussed above and contrary to the incidental parameters case, the fatter-tailed distributions have higher power than the corresponding uniform distributions for the two closest alternatives. For the alternatives that are furthest away (cases (3) and (6)), the reverse is however true. This is surprising but might be another sign that the departures in the case of these distributions are such that they are less well approximated by the local-to-unity world;
- In all cases, using randomly-generated values for  $c_i$ 's distorts size and reduces power and should not be used in practice;
- The Ploberger-Phillips test behaves in a similar way to the CPO test, as predicted by the asymptotics. However, it almost always has a lower size-adjusted power than the CPO test with  $c = 2$ ;
- The  $LM$  test of Moon and Phillips has good power but appears to be slightly dominated by the other two tests, as again predicted by the theory;
- The  $t$ -type test has no power beyond size as shown by Moon and Perron (2003a);
- When the alternative hypothesis is homogeneous (cases (7) and (8)), the tests based on a common value of  $c_i$  have higher power than for the corresponding heterogeneous alternative case. This phenomenon is more pronounced for the  $\chi^2$  alternative hypothesis. The power properties of the tests with randomly generated  $c_i$  are not different in the homogeneous and heterogeneous cases.

These results suggest that our asymptotic theory generally predicts well the qualitative behavior of tests statistics in the vicinity of the panel unit root null hypothesis. The presence of more complex deterministic components and

increasing distance from the null hypothesis reduces the accuracy of the analytic results from asymptotic theory. The simulation findings generally support the analytic results and strongly suggest that the use of the CPO test (and the Ploberger-Phillips test in the trends case) improves power over the more commonly-used  $t$ -ratio type statistics.

## 7 Conclusion

In terms of their asymptotic power functions, the Ploberger-Phillips (2002) test and the point optimal test have good discriminatory power against a unit root null in shrinking neighborhoods of unity. When the alternative is homogeneous it is possible to attain the asymptotic power envelope and both the Ploberger-Phillips test and the point optimal test are uniformly most powerful in this case. Interestingly, the point optimal test has this property irrespective of the common alternative point chosen to set up the test. This is in contrast to point optimal tests of a unit root that are based solely on time series data (Elliot et al. 1996), where no test is uniformly most powerful and an arbitrary selection of a common point is needed in the construction of the test.

An important empirical consequence of the present investigation is that increasing the complexity of the fixed effects in a panel model inevitably reduces the potential power of unit root tests. This reduction in power has a quantitative manifestation in the radial order of the shrinking neighborhoods around unity for which asymptotic power is non negligible. When there are no fixed effects or constant fixed effects, tests have power in a neighborhood of unity of order  $n^{-1/2}T^{-1}$ . When incidental trends are fitted, the tests only have power in a larger neighborhood of order  $n^{-1/4}T^{-1}$ . A continuing reduction in power is to be expected as higher order incidental trends are fitted in a panel model. The situation is analogous to what happens in time series models where unit root nonstationary data is fitted by a lagged variable and deterministic trends. In such cases, both the lagged variable and the deterministic trends compete to model the nonstationarity in the data with the upshot that the rate of convergence is affected. In particular, Phillips (2001) showed that rate of convergence to a unit root is slowed by the presence of increasing numbers of deterministic regressors. In the panel model context, the present paper shows that discriminatory power against a unit root is weakened as more complex deterministic regressors are included in the panel model.



## 8 Appendix: Technical Proofs

We let  $z_{it}(0)$  and  $y_{it}(0)$ , respectively, denote the panel observations  $z_{it}$  and  $y_{it}$  that are generated by model (1) with  $\rho_i = 1$ , that is,  $\theta_i = 0$ . We also define  $Z(0)$ ,  $Y(0)$ ,  $Y_{-1}(0)$ , respectively, in similar fashion from  $Z$ ,  $Y$ , and  $Y_{-1}$ . Also, for notational simplicity, we write  $u_{i1} = y_{i1}$ . Finally, define

$$h(r, s) = (1, r) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \int_0^1 r dr \\ \int_0^1 r dr & \int_0^1 r^2 dr \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ s \end{pmatrix} = 4 - 6r - 6s + 12rs.$$

### 8.1 Preliminary Results

First, we introduce a lemma that is useful in the proof of the main results. Suppose that  $c_i$  are sequence of *iid* random variables whose supports are the same of those of  $\theta_i$ 's and are independent of  $u_{it}$  for all  $i$  and  $t$ .

**Lemma 17** *Suppose that Assumptions 1 – 4, 10, and 11 hold. Then, the following hold as  $(n, T \rightarrow \infty)$  with  $\frac{\sqrt{n}}{T} \rightarrow 0$ .*

$$(a) \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n c_i^2 \left[ \frac{1}{T^2 \sigma^2} \sum_{t=1}^T \left\{ (y_{it} - y_{i0}) - \frac{t}{T} (y_{iT} - y_{i0}) \right\}^2 - \omega_{1T} \right] \Rightarrow N \left( -\frac{E(c_i^2 \theta_i^2)}{90}, \frac{E(c_i^4)}{45} \right)$$

$$(b) \frac{1}{\sqrt{n} \sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \left[ \frac{1}{T^2} \sum_{t=1}^T y_{it}^2 - \frac{1}{T^3} \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{s=1}^T y_{it} y_{is} h_T(t, s) - \omega_{2T} \right] \Rightarrow N \left( -\frac{E(\theta_i^2)}{420}, \frac{11}{6300} \right).$$

#### Proof of Lemma 17

**Part (a):** For notational simplicity let  $\bar{Y}_{it,T} = (y_{it} - y_{i0}) - \frac{t}{T} (y_{iT} - y_{i0})$  and  $\bar{Y}_{it,T}(0) = (y_{it}(0) - y_{i0}(0)) - \frac{t}{T} (y_{iT}(0) - y_{i0}(0))$ . Using this notation, we decompose

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n c_i^2 \left[ \frac{1}{T^2 \sigma^2} \sum_{t=1}^T \left\{ (y_{it} - y_{i0}) - \frac{t}{T} (y_{iT} - y_{i0}) \right\}^2 - \omega_{1T} \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n c_i^2 \left( \frac{1}{T^2 \sigma^2} \sum_{t=1}^T \bar{Y}_{it,T}^2(0) - \omega_{1T} \right) + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n c_i^2 \left( \frac{1}{T^2 \sigma^2} \sum_{t=1}^T (\bar{Y}_{it,T} - \bar{Y}_{it,T}(0))^2 \right) \\ & \quad + \frac{2}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n c_i^2 \left( \frac{1}{T^2 \sigma^2} \sum_{t=1}^T \bar{Y}_{it,T}(0) (\bar{Y}_{it,T} - \bar{Y}_{it,T}(0)) \right) \\ &= I_a + II_a + III_a, \text{ say.} \end{aligned}$$

Notice by a direct calculation that

$$E \left[ c_i^2 \left( \frac{1}{T^2 \sigma^2} \sum_{t=1}^T \bar{Y}_{it,T}^2(0) - \omega_{2T} \right) \right] = O \left( \frac{1}{T} \right).$$

Since  $\frac{\sqrt{n}}{T} \rightarrow 0$ , by applying Theorem 3 in Phillips and Moon (1999), we have

$$I_a \Rightarrow N \left( 0, \frac{1}{45} E(c_i^4) \right). \quad (28)$$

For term  $II_a$ , by definition we have

$$\begin{aligned}
II_a &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n c_i^2 \left( \frac{1}{T^2 \sigma^2} \sum_{t=1}^T (y_{it} - y_{it}(0))^2 \right) \\
&\quad - \frac{2}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n c_i^2 \left( \frac{1}{T^2 \sigma^2} \sum_{t=1}^T \left( \frac{t}{T} \right) (y_{it} - y_{it}(0)) (y_{iT} - y_{iT}(0)) \right) \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n c_i^2 \left( \frac{1}{T^2 \sigma^2} \sum_{t=1}^T \left( \frac{t}{T} \right)^2 (y_{iT} - y_{iT}(0))^2 \right) \\
&= II_{a1} + II_{a2} + II_{a3}, \text{ say.}
\end{aligned}$$

Notice by definition that

$$\begin{aligned}
y_{it} - y_{it}(0) &= \sum_{p=0}^{t-1} (\rho_i^{t-p} - 1) u_{ip} = \sum_{p=0}^{t-1} \left[ \sum_{l=1}^{t-p} \binom{t-p}{l} \left( \frac{-\theta_i}{n^\kappa T} \right)^l \right] u_{ip} \text{ for } t \geq 1 \\
&= 0 \text{ for } t = 0,
\end{aligned} \tag{29}$$

where we set  $u_{i0} = y_{i0}$  for notational convenience. Recall that  $\kappa = \frac{1}{4}$ . By (29) and applying Corollary 1 in Phillips and Moon (1999), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
II_{a1} &\sim \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n c_i^2 \theta_i^2 \frac{1}{T \sigma^2} \sum_{t=1}^T \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \sum_{p=0}^{t-1} \left( \frac{t-p}{T} \right) u_{ip} \right)^2 \\
&\rightarrow_p E(c_i^2 \theta_i^2) \int_0^1 \int_0^r (r-s)^2 ds dr = \frac{1}{12} E(c_i^2 \theta_i^2),
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
II_{a2} &\sim -\frac{2}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n c_i^2 \theta_i^2 \left( \frac{1}{T \sigma^2} \sum_{t=1}^T \left( \frac{t-1}{T} \right) \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \sum_{p=0}^{t-1} \left( \frac{t-p}{T} \right) u_{ip} \right) \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \sum_{q=0}^{T-1} \left( \frac{T-q}{T} \right) u_{iq} \right) \right) \\
&\rightarrow_p -2E(c_i^2 \theta_i^2) \int_0^1 r \int_0^r (r-s)(1-s) ds dr = -\frac{11}{60} E(c_i^2 \theta_i^2),
\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
II_{a3} &\sim \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n c_i^2 \theta_i^2 \frac{1}{T \sigma^2} \sum_{t=1}^T \left( \frac{t}{T} \right)^2 \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \sum_{p=0}^{T-1} \left( \frac{T-p}{T} \right) u_{ip} \right)^2 \\
&\rightarrow_p E(c_i^2 \theta_i^2) \int_0^1 r^2 dr \int_0^1 (1-r)^2 dr = \frac{1}{9} E(c_i^2 \theta_i^2).
\end{aligned}$$

Combining the limits of  $II_{a1}$ ,  $II_{a2}$ , and  $II_{a3}$ , we have

$$I_2 \rightarrow_p \frac{1}{90} E(c_i^2 \theta_i^2). \tag{30}$$

Next, for  $III_a$ , write  $X_{iT} = \frac{1}{T^2\sigma^2} \sum_{t=1}^T \bar{Y}_{it,T}(0) (\bar{Y}_{it,T} - \bar{Y}_{it,T}(0))$ . Also define

$$X_{1iT} = \frac{1}{T\sigma^2} \sum_{t=1}^T \begin{bmatrix} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \sum_{p=0}^t u_{ip}\right) \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \sum_{q=0}^{t-1} \left(\frac{t-q}{T}\right) u_{iq}\right) \\ - \left(\frac{t}{T}\right) \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \sum_{p=0}^t u_{ip}\right) \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \sum_{q=0}^{T-1} \left(\frac{T-q}{T}\right) u_{iq}\right) \\ - \left(\frac{t}{T}\right) \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \sum_{p=0}^T u_{ip}\right) \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \sum_{q=0}^{t-1} \left(\frac{t-q}{T}\right) u_{iq}\right) \\ + \left(\frac{t}{T}\right)^2 \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \sum_{p=0}^T u_{ip}\right) \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \sum_{q=0}^{T-1} \left(\frac{T-q}{T}\right) u_{iq}\right) \end{bmatrix},$$

and

$$X_{2iT} = \frac{1}{T\sigma^2} \sum_{t=1}^T \begin{bmatrix} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \sum_{p=0}^t u_{ip}\right) \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \sum_{q=0}^{t-2} \left(\frac{t-q}{T}\right) \left(\frac{t-q-1}{T}\right) u_{iq}\right) \\ - \left(\frac{t}{T}\right) \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \sum_{p=0}^t u_{ip}\right) \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \sum_{q=0}^{T-2} \left(\frac{T-q}{T}\right) \left(\frac{T-q-1}{T}\right) u_{iq}\right) \\ - \left(\frac{t}{T}\right) \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \sum_{p=0}^T u_{ip}\right) \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \sum_{q=0}^{t-2} \left(\frac{t-q}{T}\right) \left(\frac{t-q-1}{T}\right) u_{iq}\right) \\ + \left(\frac{t}{T}\right)^2 \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \sum_{p=0}^T u_{ip}\right) \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \sum_{q=0}^{T-2} \left(\frac{T-q}{T}\right) \left(\frac{T-q-1}{T}\right) u_{iq}\right) \end{bmatrix}.$$

Then, by (29), we have

$$III_a \sim -\frac{2}{n^{3/4}} \sum_{i=1}^n c_i^2 \theta_i X_{1iT} + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n c_i^2 \theta_i^2 X_{2iT} = -2III_{a1} + III_{a2}, \text{ say.}$$

A direct calculation shows that

$$\begin{aligned} & EIII_{a1} \\ &= \frac{E(c_i^2 \theta_i)}{n^{3/4}} \sum_{i=1}^n EX_{1iT} \\ &= E(c_i^2 \theta_i) n^{1/4} \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{T} \sum_{p=0}^{t-1} \frac{t-p}{T} - \left(\frac{t}{T}\right) \frac{1}{T} \sum_{p=0}^{t-1} \left(\frac{T-p}{T}\right) \\ - \left(\frac{t}{T}\right) \frac{1}{T} \sum_{p=0}^{t-1} \left(\frac{t-p}{T}\right) + \left(\frac{t}{T}\right)^2 \frac{1}{T} \sum_{p=0}^{T-1} \left(\frac{T-p}{T}\right) \end{bmatrix} \\ &= E(c_i^2 \theta_i) n^{1/4} \int_0^1 \left( \int_0^r (r-s) ds - r \int_0^r (1-s) ds - r \int_0^r (r-s) ds + r^2 \int_0^1 (1-s) ds \right) dr \\ &\quad + O\left(\frac{n^{1/4}}{T}\right) \\ &= o(1), \end{aligned}$$

since  $\int_0^1 \left( \int_0^r (r-s) ds - r \int_0^r (1-s) ds - r \int_0^r (r-s) ds + r^2 \int_0^1 (1-s) ds \right) dr = 0$  and  $\frac{n^{1/4}}{T} \rightarrow 0$  by Assumption 3. Also,

$$\begin{aligned} & E(c_i^4 \theta_i^2 X_{1iT}^2) \\ & \leq \frac{2E(c_i^4 \theta_i^2)}{T\sigma^2} \sum_{t=1}^T \left\{ \begin{aligned} & E \left[ \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \sum_{p=0}^t u_{ip} \right) \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \sum_{q=0}^{t-1} \left( \frac{t-q}{T} \right) u_{iq} \right) \right]^2 \\ & + E \left[ \left( \frac{t}{T} \right) \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \sum_{p=0}^t u_{ip} \right) \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \sum_{q=0}^{T-1} \left( \frac{T-q}{T} \right) u_{iq} \right) \right]^2 \\ & + E \left[ \left( \frac{t}{T} \right) \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \sum_{p=0}^T u_{ip} \right) \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \sum_{q=0}^{t-1} \left( \frac{t-q}{T} \right) u_{iq} \right) \right]^2 \\ & + E \left[ \left( \frac{t}{T} \right)^2 \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \sum_{p=0}^T u_{ip} \right) \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \sum_{q=0}^{T-1} \left( \frac{T-q}{T} \right) u_{iq} \right) \right]^2 \end{aligned} \right\} \\ & = M \text{ for some finite constant } M. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} E(III_{a1}^2) &= \text{Var}(III_{a1}) + (E(III_{a1}))^2 \\ &\leq \frac{1}{n\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n E(c_i^2 \theta_i) E(X_{i1T}^2) + (EI_3)^2 \\ &= O\left(\frac{1}{n^{1/2}}\right) + O\left(\frac{n^{1/2}}{T^2}\right) = o(1), \end{aligned}$$

which yields

$$III_{a1} = o_p(1).$$

Next, applying Corollary 1 in Phillips and Moon (1999), we have

$$\begin{aligned} III_{a2} &\rightarrow_p E(c_i^2 \theta_i^2) \left[ \begin{aligned} & \int_0^1 \int_0^r (r-s)^2 ds dr - \int_0^1 r \int_0^r (1-s)^2 ds dr \\ & - \int_0^1 r \int_0^r (r-s)^2 ds dr + \int_0^1 r^2 dr \left( \int_0^1 (1-s)^2 ds \right) \end{aligned} \right] \\ &= -\frac{1}{45} E(c_i^2 \theta_i^2). \end{aligned}$$

Combining the limits of  $I_{31}$  and  $I_{32}$ , we have

$$III_a \rightarrow_p -\frac{1}{45} E(c_i^2 \theta_i^2). \quad (31)$$

>From (28), (30), and (31), we have the required result for Part (a). ■

**Part (b):** In matrix notation write

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \left[ \frac{1}{T^2} \sum_{t=1}^T y_{it}^2 - \frac{1}{T^3} \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{s=1}^T y_{it} y_{is} h_T(t, s) - \omega_{2T} \right] \\
&= \sqrt{n} \left( \frac{1}{nT^2\sigma^2} \text{tr}(Y Q_G Y') - \omega_{2T} \right) \\
&= \sqrt{n} \left( \frac{1}{nT^2\sigma^2} \text{tr}(Y(0) Q_G Y(0)') - \omega_{2T} \right) \\
&\quad + \sqrt{n} \left( \frac{1}{nT^2\sigma^2} \text{tr}(Y Q_G Y' - Y(0) Q_G Y(0)') \right) \\
&= I_b + II_b, \text{ say.}
\end{aligned}$$

Rewriting the term  $I_b$  in summation notation,

$$I_b = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \left\{ \frac{1}{T^2} \sum_{t=1}^T y_{it}(0)^2 - \frac{1}{T^3} \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{s=1}^T y_{it}(0) y_{is}(0) h_T(t, s) - \omega_{2T} \right\},$$

and noticing that

$$E \left( \frac{1}{T^2} \sum_{t=1}^T y_{it}(0)^2 - \frac{1}{T^3} \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{s=1}^T y_{it}(0) y_{is}(0) h_T(t, s) \right) = \sigma^2 \omega_{2T},$$

we apply Theorem 3 in Phillips and Moon (1999) and deduce that

$$I_b \Rightarrow N \left( 0, \frac{11}{6300} \right). \quad (32)$$

For  $II_b$ , we further decompose the term  $II_b$  into

$$\begin{aligned}
II_b &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}T^2\sigma^2} \text{tr}[(Y - Y(0)) Q_G (Y - Y(0))'] + \frac{2}{\sqrt{n}T^2\sigma^2} \text{tr}[(Y - Y(0)) Q_G Y(0)'] \\
&= II_{b1} + II_{b2}, \text{ say.}
\end{aligned}$$

Write

$$II_{b1} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}T^2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{t=1}^T (y_{it} - y_{it}(0))^2 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}T^3\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{s=1}^T (y_{it} - y_{it}(0)) (y_{is} - y_{is}(0)) h_T(t, s).$$

Then, by (29) and applying Corollary 1 in Phillips and Moon (1999), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}T^2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{t=1}^T (y_{it} - y_{it}(0))^2 \\
&= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \theta_i^2 \left[ \frac{1}{T^2} \sum_{t=1}^T \left( \sum_{p=0}^{t-1} \left( \frac{t-p}{T} \right) u_{ip} \right)^2 \right] + O_p \left( \frac{1}{n^{1/4}} \right) \\
&\rightarrow_p E(\theta_i^2) \int_0^1 \int_0^r (r-s)^2 ds dr = \frac{1}{12} E(\theta_i^2),
\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{1}{\sqrt{nT^3}\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{s=1}^T (y_{it} - y_{it}(0)) (y_{is} - y_{is}(0)) h_T(t, s) \\
&= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \theta_i^2 \frac{1}{T^3} \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{s=1}^T \sum_{p=0}^{t-1} \sum_{q=0}^{s-1} \left(\frac{t-p}{T}\right) \left(\frac{s-q}{T}\right) h_T(t, s) u_{ip} u_{iq} \\
&\quad + O_p\left(\frac{1}{n^{1/4}}\right) \\
&\rightarrow_p E(\theta_i^2) \int_0^1 \int_0^1 \int_0^{r \wedge s} (r-p)(s-p) h(r, s) dp ds dr = \frac{17}{210} E(\theta_i^2).
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$II_{b1} \rightarrow_p \frac{1}{420} E(\theta_i^2). \quad (33)$$

Next, in view of (29) with  $\kappa = \frac{1}{4}$ , we may have

$$II_{b2} = -\frac{2}{n^{3/4}\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \theta_i X_{1iT} + \frac{1}{n\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \theta_i^2 X_{2iT} + o_p(1),$$

where

$$X_{1iT} = \frac{1}{T^2} \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{s=0}^{t-1} \sum_{q=0}^t \left(\frac{t-s}{T}\right) u_{is} u_{iq} - \frac{1}{T^3} \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{p=1}^T \sum_{s=0}^{t-1} \sum_{q=0}^p \left(\frac{t-s}{T}\right) h_T(t, p) u_{is} u_{iq},$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
X_{2iT} &= \frac{1}{T^2} \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{s=0}^{t-1} \sum_{q=0}^t \left(\frac{t-s}{T}\right) \left(\frac{t-s-1}{T}\right) u_{is} u_{iq} \\
&\quad - \frac{1}{T^3} \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{p=1}^T \sum_{s=0}^{t-1} \sum_{q=0}^p \left(\frac{t-s}{T}\right) \left(\frac{t-s-1}{T}\right) h_T(t, p) u_{is} u_{iq}.
\end{aligned}$$

A direct calculation shows that

$$EX_{1iT} = \sigma^2 \left[ \frac{1}{T^2} \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{s=1}^{t-1} \left(\frac{t-s}{T}\right) - \frac{1}{T^3} \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{p=1}^T \sum_{s=0}^{t \wedge p - 1} \left(\frac{t-s}{T}\right) h_T(t, p) \right] = O\left(\frac{1}{T}\right),$$

because

$$EX_{1iT} - \sigma^2 \int_0^1 \int_0^r (r-s) ds dr + \sigma^2 \int_0^1 \int_0^1 \int_0^{r \wedge p} (r-s) h(r, p) ds dp dr = O\left(\frac{1}{T}\right),$$

and

$$\int_0^1 \int_0^r (r-s) ds dr - \int_0^1 \int_0^1 \int_0^{r \wedge p} (r-s) h(r, p) ds dp dr = 0.$$

Also,

$$\begin{aligned}
& EX_{1iT}^2 \\
& \leq \frac{2}{T^4} \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{x=1}^T \sum_{s=0}^{t-1} \sum_{y=0}^{x-1} \sum_{q=0}^t \sum_{z=0}^x \left( \frac{t-s}{T} \right) \left( \frac{x-y}{T} \right) E[u_{is}u_{iq}u_{iy}u_{iz}] \\
& \quad + \frac{2}{T^6} \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{p=1}^T \sum_{x=1}^T \sum_{y=1}^T \sum_{s=0}^{t-1} \sum_{q=0}^{p-1} \sum_{z=0}^x \sum_{w=0}^y \left( \frac{t-s}{T} \right) \left( \frac{x-z}{T} \right) h_T(t,p) h_T(x,y) E[u_{is}u_{iq}u_{iz}u_{iw}] \\
& = O(1).
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned}
-\frac{1}{n^{3/4}} \sum_{i=1}^n \theta_i X_{1iT} &= -\frac{1}{n^{3/4}} \sum_{i=1}^n \theta_i (X_{1iT} - EX_{1iT}) + \frac{1}{n^{3/4}} \sum_{i=1}^n \theta_i (EX_{1iT}) \\
&= O_p\left(\frac{1}{n^{1/4}}\right) + O\left(\frac{n^{1/4}}{T}\right) = o_p(1).
\end{aligned}$$

Next, by Corollary 1 in Phillips and Moon (1999), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{1}{n\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \theta_i^2 X_{2iT} &\rightarrow_p E(\theta_i^2) \left[ \int_0^1 \int_0^r (r-s)^2 ds dr - \int_0^1 \int_0^1 \int_0^{r \wedge p} (r-s)^2 h(r,p) ds dp dr \right] \\
&= -E(\theta_i^2) \frac{1}{210}.
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we have

$$II_{b2} \rightarrow_p -E(\theta_i^2) \frac{1}{210}. \quad (34)$$

Combining the limits of the terms  $I_b$ ,  $II_{b1}$ , and  $II_{b2}$  in (32), (33), and (34), respectively, we have the desired result for Part (b). ■

## 8.2 Proofs and Derivations of the Main Results

**Proof of (15).**

Split the term (15) as

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{1}{n^{1/2}} \sum_{i=1}^n c_i \left( \frac{y_{i0}}{\sqrt{T}} \right) \left( \frac{y_{iT}}{\sqrt{T}} - \frac{y_{i0}}{\sqrt{T}} \right) \\
& = \frac{1}{n^{1/2}} \sum_{i=1}^n c_i \left( \frac{y_{i0}}{\sqrt{T}} \right) \left( \frac{y_{iT}(0)}{\sqrt{T}} - \frac{y_{i0}}{\sqrt{T}} \right) + \frac{1}{n^{1/2}} \sum_{i=1}^n c_i \left( \frac{y_{i0}}{\sqrt{T}} \right) \left( \frac{y_{iT}}{\sqrt{T}} - \frac{y_{iT}(0)}{\sqrt{T}} \right).
\end{aligned}$$

Notice that the first term is

$$\frac{1}{n^{1/2}} \sum_{i=1}^n c_i \left( \frac{y_{i0}}{\sqrt{T}} \right) \left( \frac{y_{iT}(0)}{\sqrt{T}} - \frac{y_{i0}}{\sqrt{T}} \right) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \left\{ \frac{1}{n^{1/2}} \sum_{i=1}^n c_i y_{i0} \left( \frac{1}{T^{1/2}} \sum_{t=1}^T u_{it} \right) \right\} = O_p\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{T}}\right).$$

Next, from (29) we have

$$\frac{y_{iT}}{\sqrt{T}} - \frac{y_{iT}(0)}{\sqrt{T}} = \frac{1}{T^{1/2}} \sum_{p=0}^{T-1} (\rho_i^{T-p} - 1) u_{ip} = \frac{1}{T^{1/2}} \sum_{p=0}^{T-1} \left[ \sum_{l=1}^{T-p} \binom{T-p}{l} \left( \frac{-\theta_i}{n^{1/2}T} \right)^l \right] u_{ip}.$$

Then, the second term is

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{n^{1/2}} \sum_{i=1}^n c_i \left( \frac{y_{i0}}{\sqrt{T}} \right) \left( \frac{y_{iT}}{\sqrt{T}} - \frac{y_{iT}(0)}{\sqrt{T}} \right) \\ &= -\frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n c_i \theta_i y_{i0} \left( \frac{1}{T^{1/2}} \sum_{p=0}^{T-1} \frac{T-p}{T} u_{ip} \right) + o_p \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \right) = O_p \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \right), \end{aligned}$$

as required. ■

**Derivation of  $V_{fe2,nT}(\mathbb{C})$  in (19).**

By definition, we write

$$\begin{aligned} & V_{fe2,nT}(\mathbb{C}) \\ &= \frac{1}{\hat{\sigma}^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \left[ \begin{aligned} & \left( \hat{Y}_i(c_i) - \rho_{c_i} \hat{Y}_{-1,i}(c_i) \right)' \left( \hat{Y}_i(c_i) - \rho_{c_i} \hat{Y}_{-1,i}(c_i) \right) \\ & - \left( \hat{Y}_i(0) - \hat{Y}_{-1,i}(0) \right)' \left( \hat{Y}_i(0) - \hat{Y}_{-1,i}(0) \right) \end{aligned} \right] \\ &+ \left( \frac{1}{n^{1/4}} \sum_{i=1}^n c_i \right) + \left( \frac{1}{n^{1/2}} \sum_{i=1}^n c_i^2 \right) \omega_{p2T} + \left( \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n c_i^4 \right) \omega_{p4T} \\ &= \frac{1}{\hat{\sigma}^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \left[ \begin{aligned} & \left( \Delta_{c_i} \underline{Y}_i - \Delta_{c_i} G(\hat{\beta}_i(c_i) - \beta_i) \right)' \left( \Delta_{c_i} \underline{Y}_i - \Delta_{c_i} G(\hat{\beta}_i(c_i) - \beta_i) \right) \\ & - \left( \Delta \underline{Y}_i - \Delta G(\hat{\beta}_i(0) - \beta_i) \right)' \left( \Delta \underline{Y}_i - \Delta G(\hat{\beta}_i(0) - \beta_i) \right) \end{aligned} \right] \\ &+ \left( \frac{1}{n^{1/4}} \sum_{i=1}^n c_i \right) + \left( \frac{1}{n^{1/2}} \sum_{i=1}^n c_i^2 \right) \omega_{p2T} + \left( \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n c_i^4 \right) \omega_{p4T} \\ &= \frac{1}{\hat{\sigma}^2} V_{fe21,nT}(\mathbb{C}) + \frac{1}{\hat{\sigma}^2} V_{fe22,nT}(\mathbb{C}) \\ &+ \left( \frac{1}{n^{1/4}} \sum_{i=1}^n c_i \right) + \left( \frac{1}{n^{1/2}} \sum_{i=1}^n c_i^2 \right) \left( -\frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=2}^T \frac{t-1}{T} + 2\frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=2}^T \left( \frac{t-1}{T} \right)^2 - \frac{1}{3} \right) \\ &+ \left( \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n c_i^4 \right) \left( \frac{1}{T^2} \sum_{t=2}^T \sum_{s=2}^T \frac{t-1}{T} \frac{s-1}{T} \min \left( \frac{t-1}{T}, \frac{s-1}{T} \right) - \frac{2}{3} \left( \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=2}^T \left( \frac{t-1}{T} \right)^2 \right) + \frac{1}{9} \right), \\ &\text{say,} \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} V_{fe21,nT}(\mathbb{C}) &= \sum_{i=1}^n [(\Delta_{c_i} \underline{Y}_i)' (\Delta_{c_i} \underline{Y}_i) - (\Delta \underline{Y}_i)' (\Delta \underline{Y}_i)] \\ V_{fe22,nT}(\mathbb{C}) &= \sum_{i=1}^n \left[ \begin{aligned} & (\Delta \underline{Y}_i)' \Delta G (\Delta G' \Delta G)^{-1} \Delta G' (\Delta \underline{Y}_i) \\ & - (\Delta_{c_i} \underline{Y}_i)' \Delta_{c_i} G (\Delta_{c_i} G' \Delta_{c_i} G)^{-1} \Delta_{c_i} G' (\Delta_{c_i} \underline{Y}_i) \end{aligned} \right]. \end{aligned}$$



By definition,

$$V_{fe21,nT}(\mathbb{C}) = \frac{2}{n^{1/4}} \sum_{i=1}^n c_i \left( \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \Delta y_{it} y_{it-1} \right) + \frac{1}{n^{1/2} T^2} \sum_{i=1}^n c_i^2 \sum_{t=1}^T y_{it-1}^2.$$

Next, denoting  $D = \text{diag}(\sqrt{T}, 1)$  and  $\tilde{G} = GD$ , we rewrite

$$\begin{aligned} & V_{fe22,nT}(\mathbb{C}) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} (\Delta \underline{Y}_i)' \Delta \tilde{G} \right) \left( \frac{1}{T} \Delta \tilde{G}' \Delta \tilde{G} \right)^{-1} \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \Delta \tilde{G}' (\Delta \underline{Y}_i) \right) \\ &\quad - \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} (\Delta_{c_i} \underline{Y}_i)' \Delta_{c_i} \tilde{G} \right) \left( \frac{1}{T} \Delta_{c_i} \tilde{G}' \Delta_{c_i} \tilde{G} \right)^{-1} \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \Delta_{c_i} \tilde{G}' (\Delta_{c_i} \underline{Y}_i) \right) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n \text{tr} \left[ \begin{array}{c} \left( \frac{1}{T} \Delta \tilde{G}' \Delta \tilde{G} \right)^{-1} \\ \times \left\{ \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \Delta \tilde{G}' (\Delta \underline{Y}_i) \right) \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} (\Delta \underline{Y}_i)' \Delta \tilde{G} \right)' - \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \Delta_{c_i} \tilde{G}' (\Delta_{c_i} \underline{Y}_i) \right) \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} (\Delta_{c_i} \underline{Y}_i)' \Delta_{c_i} \tilde{G} \right)' \right\} \end{array} \right] \\ &\quad + \sum_{i=1}^n \text{tr} \left[ \left\{ \left( \frac{1}{T} \Delta \tilde{G}' \Delta \tilde{G} \right)^{-1} - \left( \frac{1}{T} \Delta_{c_i} \tilde{G}' \Delta_{c_i} \tilde{G} \right)^{-1} \right\} \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \Delta_{c_i} \tilde{G}' (\Delta_{c_i} \underline{Y}_i) \right) \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} (\Delta_{c_i} \underline{Y}_i)' \Delta_{c_i} \tilde{G} \right)' \right] \\ &= V_{fe221,nT}(\mathbb{C}) + V_{fe222,nT}(\mathbb{C}), \text{ say.} \end{aligned}$$

Notice that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{T} \Delta \tilde{G}' \Delta \tilde{G} &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \\ \frac{1}{T} \Delta_{c_i} \tilde{G}' \Delta_{c_i} \tilde{G} &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 + \frac{c_i^2}{n^{1/2}} \frac{1}{T} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \left( \frac{c_i}{n^{1/4}} + \frac{c_i^2}{n^{1/2}} \left( \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \frac{t}{T} \right) \right) \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \left( \frac{c_i}{n^{1/4}} + \frac{c_i^2}{n^{1/2}} \left( \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \frac{t}{T} \right) \right) & \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \left( 1 + \frac{c_i}{n^{1/4}} \frac{t}{T} \right)^2 \end{pmatrix}, \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \Delta \tilde{G}' (\Delta \underline{Y}_i) &= \begin{pmatrix} y_{i0} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} (y_{iT} - y_{i0}) \end{pmatrix}, \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \Delta_{c_i} \tilde{G}' (\Delta_{c_i} \underline{Y}_i) &= \begin{pmatrix} y_{i0} + \frac{c_i}{n^{1/4}} \frac{1}{T} (y_{iT} - y_{i1}) + \frac{c_i^2}{n^{1/2}} \frac{1}{T^2} \sum_{t=1}^T y_{it-1} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} (y_{iT} - y_{i0}) + \frac{c_i}{n^{1/4}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} y_{iT} + \frac{c_i^2}{n^{1/2}} \frac{1}{T\sqrt{T}} \sum_{t=1}^T \frac{t}{T} y_{it-1} \end{pmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

**Computation of  $V_{fe221,nT}(\mathbb{C})$  :** A direct calculation shows that

$$\begin{aligned}
& V_{fe221,nT}(\mathbb{C}) \\
= & \frac{1}{n^{1/4}} \sum_{i=1}^n c_i \left( 2 \left( \frac{y_{i0}}{\sqrt{T}} \right)^2 - 2 \left( \frac{y_{iT}}{\sqrt{T}} \right)^2 \right) \\
& + \frac{1}{n^{1/2}} \sum_{i=1}^n c_i^2 \left( -2 \left( \frac{y_{iT}}{\sqrt{T}} \right) \left( \frac{1}{T\sqrt{T}} \sum_{t=1}^T \frac{t}{T} y_{it-1} \right) - \left( \frac{y_{iT}}{\sqrt{T}} \right)^2 + \frac{1}{T} \mathcal{R}_{2iT} \right) \\
& + \frac{1}{n^{3/4}} \sum_{i=1}^n c_i^3 \left( -2 \left( \frac{y_{iT}}{\sqrt{T}} \right) \left( \frac{1}{T\sqrt{T}} \sum_{t=1}^T \frac{t}{T} y_{it-1} \right) + \frac{1}{T} \mathcal{R}_{3iT} \right) \\
& + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n c_i^4 \left( - \left( \frac{1}{T\sqrt{T}} \sum_{t=1}^T \frac{t}{T} y_{it-1} \right)^2 + \frac{1}{T} \mathcal{R}_{4iT} \right),
\end{aligned}$$

where  $\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathcal{R}_{kiT} = O_p(1)$  for  $k = 2, \dots, 4$ .

**Computation of  $V_{fe222,nT}(\mathbb{C})$  :**

>From a direct calculation we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left( \frac{1}{T} \Delta \tilde{G}' \Delta \tilde{G} \right)^{-1} - \left( \frac{1}{T} \Delta_{c_i} \tilde{G}' \Delta_{c_i} \tilde{G} \right)^{-1} \\
= & \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \left( \frac{c_i}{n^{1/4}} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{c_i^2}{n^{1/2}} + \frac{1}{6} \frac{c_i^3}{n^{3/4}} \right) \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \left( \frac{c_i}{n^{1/4}} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{c_i^2}{n^{1/2}} + \frac{1}{6} \frac{c_i^3}{n^{3/4}} \right) & \frac{c_i}{n^{1/4}} \left( 2 \left( \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \frac{t}{T} \right) \right) - \frac{2}{3} \frac{c_i^2}{n^{1/2}} + \frac{1}{3} \frac{c_i^3}{n^{3/4}} - \frac{1}{9} \frac{c_i^4}{n} \end{pmatrix} \\
& + O \left( \frac{1}{n^{1/2}T} \right),
\end{aligned}$$

where  $O \left( \frac{1}{n^{1/2}T} \right)$  holds uniformly across  $i$  because the support of  $c_i$ 's is bounded. Then,

$$\begin{aligned}
& V_{fe222,nT}(\mathbb{C}) \\
= & \frac{1}{n^{1/4}} \sum_{i=1}^n c_i \left( \left( \frac{y_{iT}}{\sqrt{T}} \right)^2 - \left( \frac{y_{i0}}{\sqrt{T}} \right)^2 \right) \\
& + \frac{1}{n^{1/2}} \sum_{i=1}^n c_i^2 \left( \frac{4}{3} \left( \frac{y_{iT}}{\sqrt{T}} \right)^2 + \frac{1}{3} \left( \frac{y_{i0}}{\sqrt{T}} \right) \left( \frac{y_{iT} - y_{i0}}{\sqrt{T}} \right) \right) \\
& + \frac{1}{n^{3/4}} \sum_{i=1}^n c_i^3 \left( 2 \left( \frac{y_{iT}}{\sqrt{T}} \right) \left( \frac{1}{T\sqrt{T}} \sum_{t=1}^T \frac{t}{T} y_{it-1} \right) \right) \\
& + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n c_i^4 \left( \frac{2}{3} \left( \frac{y_{iT}}{\sqrt{T}} \right) \left( \frac{1}{T\sqrt{T}} \sum_{t=1}^T \frac{t}{T} y_{it-1} \right) - \frac{1}{9} \left( \frac{y_{iT}}{\sqrt{T}} \right)^2 \right) + o_p(1),
\end{aligned}$$

where the  $o_p(1)$  error holds as  $(n, T \rightarrow \infty)$  with  $\frac{n^{3/4}}{T} \rightarrow 0$ .

Putting the terms in  $V_{fe21,nT}(\mathbb{C})$ ,  $V_{fe221,nT}(\mathbb{C})$ , and  $V_{fe222,nT}(\mathbb{C})$  together, we have the required result. ■

**Proof of Lemma 12**

**Part (a).** First, notice from

$$y_{it}^2 - y_{it-1}^2 = (\rho_i^2 - 1) y_{it-1}^2 + 2\rho_i y_{it-1} u_{it} + u_{it}^2 \text{ for } t \geq 1,$$

we have

$$\left(\frac{y_{iT}}{\sqrt{T}}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{y_{i0}}{\sqrt{T}}\right)^2 = (\rho_i^2 - 1) \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T y_{it-1}^2 + 2\rho_i \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T y_{it-1} u_{it} + \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T u_{it}^2.$$

>From  $\Delta y_{it} = (\rho_i - 1) y_{it-1} + u_{it}$ , we have

$$2\frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \Delta y_{it} y_{it-1} = 2(\rho_i - 1) \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T y_{it-1}^2 + \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T y_{it-1} u_{it}.$$

Then,

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{n^{1/4}\hat{\sigma}^2} \sum_{i=1}^n c_i \left[ \frac{2}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \Delta y_{it} y_{it-1} - \left(\frac{y_{iT}}{\sqrt{T}}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{y_{i0}}{\sqrt{T}}\right)^2 + \hat{\sigma}^2 \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{n^{1/4}\hat{\sigma}^2} \sum_{i=1}^n c_i \left[ -(\rho_i - 1)^2 \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T y_{it-1}^2 + 2(1 - \rho_i) \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T y_{it-1} u_{it} - \left(\frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T u_{it}^2 - \hat{\sigma}^2\right) \right] \\ &= -\frac{1}{n^{1/4}\hat{\sigma}^2} \sum_{i=1}^n c_i \left(\frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T u_{it}^2 - \hat{\sigma}^2\right) + O_p\left(\frac{n^{1/4}}{T}\right) + O_p\left(\frac{1}{T}\right), \end{aligned}$$

where the last line holds because

$$\frac{1}{n^{1/4}\hat{\sigma}^2} \sum_{i=1}^n c_i (\rho_i - 1)^2 \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T y_{it-1}^2 = \frac{n^{1/4}}{T\hat{\sigma}^2} \left( \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n c_i \theta_i^2 \left( \frac{1}{T^2} \sum_{t=1}^T y_{it-1}^2 \right) \right) = O_p\left(\frac{n^{1/4}}{T}\right),$$

and

$$\frac{1}{n^{1/4}\hat{\sigma}^2} \sum_{i=1}^n c_i (1 - \rho_i) \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T y_{it-1} u_{it} = \frac{1}{T} \frac{2}{n^{1/2}\hat{\sigma}^2} \sum_{i=1}^n c_i \left( \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T y_{it-1} u_{it} \right) = O_p\left(\frac{1}{T}\right).$$

Notice that

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{n^{1/4}\hat{\sigma}^2} \sum_{i=1}^n c_i \left(\frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T u_{it}^2 - \hat{\sigma}^2\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{n^{1/4}\hat{\sigma}^2} \sum_{i=1}^n c_i \left(\frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T u_{it}^2 - \sigma^2\right) + \left(\frac{1}{\hat{\sigma}^2} - \frac{1}{\sigma^2}\right) \frac{1}{n^{1/4}} \sum_{i=1}^n c_i \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T u_{it}^2 \\ &= O_p\left(\frac{n^{1/4}}{T^{1/2}}\right) + O_p\left(\max\left\{\frac{1}{n^{1/2}T^{1/2}}, \frac{1}{T}\right\}\right) O_p\left(n^{3/4}\right) = o_p(1), \end{aligned}$$

where the second equality holds because  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \sum_{t=1}^T (u_{it}^2 - \sigma^2) = O_p(1)$ ,  $\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n c_i \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T u_{it}^2 = O_p(1)$  and by Assumption 4 and the last equality holds because  $\frac{n^{3/4}}{T} \rightarrow 0$  (Assumption 3). Therefore, we have all the required result for Part (a). ■

**Part (b).**

By Lemma 17(a) and Assumptions 4 and 3, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{n^{1/2}\hat{\sigma}^2} \sum_{i=1}^n c_i^2 \left[ \begin{aligned} & \left( \frac{1}{T^2} \sum_{t=1}^T y_{it-1}^2 - \hat{\sigma}^2 \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \frac{t-1}{T} \right) + \frac{1}{3} \left\{ \left( \frac{y_{iT}}{\sqrt{T}} \right)^2 - \hat{\sigma}^2 \right\} \\ & - \left\{ 2 \left( \frac{y_{iT}}{\sqrt{T}} \right) \left( \frac{1}{T\sqrt{T}} \sum_{t=2}^T \frac{t-1}{T} y_{it-1} \right) - \hat{\sigma}^2 \frac{2}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \left( \frac{t-1}{T} \right)^2 \right\} \end{aligned} \right] \\ \Rightarrow & N \left( -\frac{1}{90} E(c_i^2 \theta_i^2), \frac{1}{45} E(c_i^4) \right). \end{aligned}$$

Then, for the required result for Part (b), it remains to show that

$$\frac{1}{n^{1/2}\hat{\sigma}^2} \sum_{i=1}^n c_i^2 \left( \frac{y_{i0}}{\sqrt{T}} \right) \left( \frac{y_{iT} - y_{i0}}{\sqrt{T}} \right) = o_p(1),$$

which follows because

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{n^{1/2}\hat{\sigma}^2} \sum_{i=1}^n c_i^2 \left( \frac{y_{i0}}{\sqrt{T}} \right) \left( \frac{y_{iT} - y_{i0}}{\sqrt{T}} \right) \\ = & \frac{1}{n^{1/2}\hat{\sigma}^2} \sum_{i=1}^n c_i^2 \left( \frac{y_{i0}}{\sqrt{T}} \right) \left( \frac{y_{iT}(0) - y_{i0}}{\sqrt{T}} \right) + \frac{1}{n^{1/2}\hat{\sigma}^2} \sum_{i=1}^n c_i^2 \left( \frac{y_{i0}}{\sqrt{T}} \right) \left( \frac{y_{iT} - y_{iT}(0)}{\sqrt{T}} \right) \\ = & O_p \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \right) + O_p \left( \frac{n^{1/4}}{T^{1/2}} \right), \end{aligned}$$

where the last line holds because

$$\frac{1}{n^{1/2}\hat{\sigma}^2} \sum_{i=1}^n c_i^2 \left( \frac{y_{i0}}{\sqrt{T}} \right) \left( \frac{y_{iT}(0) - y_{i0}}{\sqrt{T}} \right) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \left( \frac{1}{n^{1/2}\hat{\sigma}^2} \sum_{i=1}^n c_i^2 \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \sum_{t=1}^T u_{it} \right) \right) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} O_p(1),$$

and by (29),

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{n^{1/2}\hat{\sigma}^2} \sum_{i=1}^n c_i^2 \left( \frac{y_{i0}}{\sqrt{T}} \right) \left( \frac{y_{iT} - y_{iT}(0)}{\sqrt{T}} \right) \\ = & - \left( \frac{n^{1/4}}{T^{1/2}} \right) \frac{1}{\hat{\sigma}^2} \left( \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n c_i^2 \theta_i y_{i0} \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \sum_{p=0}^{T-1} u_{ip} \right) + o_p(1) \right) = \frac{n^{1/4}}{T^{1/2}} O_p(1). \quad \blacksquare \end{aligned}$$

**Part (c).**

Under Assumption 4, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{1}{n\hat{\sigma}^2} \sum_{i=1}^n c_i^4 \left[ - \left( \frac{1}{T\sqrt{T}} \sum_{t=2}^T \frac{t-1}{T} y_{it-1} \right)^2 + \frac{2}{3} \left( \frac{y_{iT}}{\sqrt{T}} \right) \left( \frac{1}{T\sqrt{T}} \sum_{t=2}^T \frac{t-1}{T} y_{it-1} \right) - \frac{1}{9} \left( \frac{y_{iT}}{\sqrt{T}} \right)^2 \right] \\
= & \frac{1}{n\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n c_i^4 \left[ - \left( \frac{1}{T\sqrt{T}} \sum_{t=2}^T \frac{t-1}{T} y_{it-1} \right)^2 + \frac{2}{3} \left( \frac{y_{iT}}{\sqrt{T}} \right) \left( \frac{1}{T\sqrt{T}} \sum_{t=2}^T \frac{t-1}{T} y_{it-1} \right) - \frac{1}{9} \left( \frac{y_{iT}}{\sqrt{T}} \right)^2 \right] \\
& + o_p(1),
\end{aligned}$$

and the required result for Part (c) follows by the WLLN (*e.g.* Corollary 1 in Phillips and Moon (1999)). ■

**Proof of Lemma 15**

Lemma 15 holds by Lemma 17(a) with  $c_i = 1$  and Assumption 4. ■

**Proof of Lemma 16**

Notice that we can decompose  $\sqrt{n} \left( \frac{1}{nT^2\hat{\sigma}^2} \text{tr}(ZQ_GZ') - \omega_{2T} \right)$  as

$$V_{o,nT} = \sqrt{n} \left( \frac{1}{nT^2\sigma^2} \text{tr}(YQ_GY') - \omega_{2T} \right) + \frac{\text{tr}(YQ_GY')}{nT^2} \sqrt{n} \left( \frac{1}{\hat{\sigma}^2} - \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \right).$$

Then, lemma 16 holds by Lemma 17(b) and Assumption 4. ■

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Table 1. Size and size-adjusted power of tests - Incidental parameters case

$$\begin{aligned} \text{DGP: } z_{it} &= b_{0i} + z_{it}^0 \\ z_{it}^0 &= \left(1 - \frac{\theta_i}{n^{\frac{1}{2}}T}\right) z_{it-1}^0 + e_{it} \\ b_{0i}, e_{it} &\sim iidN(0, 1) \end{aligned}$$

Theoretical values

	$\sqrt{\mu_{\theta,2}}/\mu_{\theta,1}$	$c_i = \theta_i$	$c_i = 1$	$c_i = 2$	$c_i = 0.5$	$c_i \sim U[0, 4]$	$c_i \sim U[0, 8]$	$t$ test
$\theta_i = 0$ (size)	-	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
$\theta_i \sim U[0, 2]$	1.155	20.4	17.4	17.4	17.4	15.1	15.1	5.0
$\theta_i \sim U[0, 4]$	1.155	49.5	40.9	40.9	40.9	33.7	33.7	5.0
$\theta_i \sim U[0, 8]$	1.155	94.7	88.2	88.2	88.2	78.9	78.9	5.0
$\theta_i \sim \chi^2(1)$	1.732	33.7	17.4	17.4	17.4	15.1	15.1	5.0
$\theta_i \sim \chi^2(2)$	1.414	63.9	40.9	40.9	40.9	33.7	33.7	5.0
$\theta_i \sim \chi^2(4)$	1.225	96.6	88.2	88.2	88.2	78.9	78.9	5.0
$\theta_i = \theta \sim U[0, 2]$	1.155	20.4	20.4	20.4	20.4	15.1	15.1	5.0
$\theta_i = \theta \sim \chi^2(1)$	1.732	33.7	33.7	33.7	33.7	15.1	15.1	5.0

$n = 10, T = 100$

	$E(\rho_i)$	$c_i = \theta_i$	$c_i = 1$	$c_i = 2$	$c_i = 0.5$	$c_i \sim U[0, 4]$	$c_i \sim U[0, 8]$	$t$ test
$\theta_i = 0$ (size)	1	-	3.0	5.3	1.8	5.6	15.3	4.6
$\theta_i \sim U[0, 2]$	0.9968	14.4	12.6	13.4	13.2	11.7	11.6	3.8
$\theta_i \sim U[0, 4]$	0.9937	29.8	24.9	25.2	25.1	22.0	22.3	2.2
$\theta_i \sim U[0, 8]$	0.9874	66.9	51.9	52.6	51.7	45.0	44.1	1.1
$\theta_i \sim \chi^2(1)$	0.9968	17.2	11.3	11.4	12.0	11.3	11.0	3.9
$\theta_i \sim \chi^2(2)$	0.9937	32.1	22.3	22.7	21.5	20.0	19.3	2.7
$\theta_i \sim \chi^2(4)$	0.9874	60.8	49.7	51.2	49.1	43.7	43.8	1.1
$\theta_i = \theta \sim U[0, 2]$	0.9968	15.4	13.9	13.6	14.4	12.6	12.2	3.7
$\theta_i = \theta \sim \chi^2(1)$	0.9968	17.4	17.1	16.6	16.6	14.8	14.1	3.6

$n = 30, T = 100$

	$E(\rho_i)$	$c_i = \theta_i$	$c_i = 1$	$c_i = 2$	$c_i = 0.5$	$c_i \sim U[0, 4]$	$c_i \sim U[0, 8]$	$t$ test
$\theta_i = 0$ (size)	1	-	4.2	5.6	3.5	6.1	11.2	5.1
$\theta_i \sim U[0, 2]$	0.9982	16.2	14.1	14.5	14.4	12.3	12.1	4.1
$\theta_i \sim U[0, 4]$	0.9963	38.0	29.3	29.8	30.6	24.9	24.6	3.0
$\theta_i \sim U[0, 8]$	0.9927	82.6	64.7	65.3	65.0	54.6	53.7	1.2
$\theta_i \sim \chi^2(1)$	0.9982	20.2	13.6	13.3	12.5	11.7	1.0	3.7
$\theta_i \sim \chi^2(2)$	0.9963	41.0	26.6	26.4	27.1	21.8	22.0	2.7
$\theta_i \sim \chi^2(4)$	0.9927	79.2	63.1	63.5	62.8	52.8	52.0	1.4
$\theta_i = \theta \sim U[0, 2]$	0.9982	16.9	15.5	15.8	16.3	13.1	13.5	4.0
$\theta_i = \theta \sim \chi^2(1)$	0.9982	18.7	17.8	17.8	18.4	16.1	15.3	3.7



$n = 10, T = 300$

	$E(\rho_i)$	$c_i = \theta_i$	$c_i = 1$	$c_i = 2$	$c_i = 0.5$	$c_i \sim U[0, 4]$	$c_i \sim U[0, 8]$	$t$ test
$\theta_i = 0$ (size)	1	-	3.0	5.5	1.8	5.5	14.7	4.6
$\theta_i \sim U[0, 2]$	0.9989	13.9	12.2	11.6	12.4	11.8	11.4	3.7
$\theta_i \sim U[0, 4]$	0.9979	30.1	23.8	25.0	24.8	22.3	21.8	2.4
$\theta_i \sim U[0, 8]$	0.9958	65.9	50.8	52.7	51.9	46.2	45.0	0.9
$\theta_i \sim \chi^2(1)$	0.9989	17.7	10.6	11.1	11.7	10.4	11.4	4.0
$\theta_i \sim \chi^2(2)$	0.9979	31.2	20.9	21.3	22.1	20.4	19.9	2.6
$\theta_i \sim \chi^2(4)$	0.9958	59.9	48.4	50.2	48.7	44.2	43.2	1.0
$\theta_i = \theta \sim U[0, 2]$	0.9989	15.3	13.2	13.2	14.2	13.4	12.7	3.7
$\theta_i = \theta \sim \chi^2(1)$	0.9989	18.3	15.4	15.8	15.7	14.7	14.3	3.9

$n = 30, T = 300$

	$E(\rho_i)$	$c_i = \theta_i$	$c_i = 1$	$c_i = 2$	$c_i = 0.5$	$c_i \sim U[0, 4]$	$c_i \sim U[0, 8]$	$t$ test
$\theta_i = 0$ (size)	1	-	4.6	6.0	3.5	5.7	10.1	4.8
$\theta_i \sim U[0, 2]$	0.9994	15.3	13.3	13.4	14.7	13.1	13.4	4.3
$\theta_i \sim U[0, 4]$	0.9988	37.1	29.1	29.2	30.9	25.5	25.6	3.3
$\theta_i \sim U[0, 8]$	0.9976	82.7	63.5	63.7	65.6	57.3	55.9	1.3
$\theta_i \sim \chi^2(1)$	0.9994	20.2	12.2	12.1	13.9	12.7	12.4	4.0
$\theta_i \sim \chi^2(2)$	0.9988	40.7	25.1	25.3	27.7	24.0	22.8	2.8
$\theta_i \sim \chi^2(4)$	0.9976	80.3	61.6	61.1	63.7	54.5	53.6	1.6
$\theta_i = \theta \sim U[0, 2]$	0.9994	16.1	15.3	15.5	16.6	15.1	14.0	3.8
$\theta_i = \theta \sim \chi^2(1)$	0.9994	18.6	17.5	17.8	18.0	16.7	16.4	4.1

$n = 10, T = 500$

	$E(\rho_i)$	$c_i = \theta_i$	$c_i = 1$	$c_i = 2$	$c_i = 0.5$	$c_i \sim U[0, 4]$	$c_i \sim U[0, 8]$	$t$ test
$\theta_i = 0$ (size)	1	-	3.0	5.3	1.8	5.4	14.2	4.6
$\theta_i \sim U[0, 2]$	0.9994	13.9	13.1	13.4	14.2	12.8	11.3	3.3
$\theta_i \sim U[0, 4]$	0.9987	29.5	25.7	25.7	25.5	21.6	21.4	2.1
$\theta_i \sim U[0, 8]$	0.9975	66.3	52.5	54.9	53.0	45.6	44.4	0.8
$\theta_i \sim \chi^2(1)$	0.9994	16.9	11.8	12.2	12.2	11.0	11.1	3.8
$\theta_i \sim \chi^2(2)$	0.9987	28.9	21.9	23.8	22.7	20.0	20.0	2.6
$\theta_i \sim \chi^2(4)$	0.9975	61.5	50.5	52.3	51.5	44.0	42.6	0.8
$\theta_i = \theta \sim U[0, 2]$	0.9994	15.1	14.3	14.9	15.3	12.8	12.5	3.6
$\theta_i = \theta \sim \chi^2(1)$	0.9994	18.2	16.5	17.0	16.8	14.7	13.3	3.8

$n = 30, T = 500$

	$E(\rho_i)$	$c_i = \theta_i$	$c_i = 1$	$c_i = 2$	$c_i = 0.5$	$c_i \sim U[0, 4]$	$c_i \sim U[0, 8]$	$t$ test
$\theta_i = 0$ (size)	1	-	4.0	5.5	3.7	5.8	10.2	4.6
$\theta_i \sim U[0, 2]$	0.9996	16.2	14.3	14.5	14.3	12.5	12.5	4.3
$\theta_i \sim U[0, 4]$	0.9993	38.0	30.9	30.4	30.1	25.2	24.8	3.3
$\theta_i \sim U[0, 8]$	0.9985	81.9	66.8	65.8	65.0	55.2	55.0	1.5
$\theta_i \sim \chi^2(1)$	0.9996	21.5	13.5	13.2	12.9	11.5	12.1	4.8
$\theta_i \sim \chi^2(2)$	0.9993	41.6	27.4	26.0	26.7	22.0	22.0	3.0
$\theta_i \sim \chi^2(4)$	0.9985	81.7	63.7	63.6	63.6	53.9	52.0	1.7
$\theta_i = \theta \sim U[0, 2]$	0.9996	17.0	16.5	16.4	16.1	13.7	13.0	4.4
$\theta_i = \theta \sim \chi^2(1)$	0.9996	18.7	18.7	18.1	18.6	15.9	15.6	4.4

Table 2. Size and size-adjusted power of tests - Incidental trends case

$$\begin{aligned} \text{DGP: } z_{it} &= b_{0i} + b_{1i}t + z_{it}^0 \\ z_{it}^0 &= \left(1 - \frac{\theta_i}{n^{\frac{1}{4}}T}\right) z_{it-1}^0 + e_{it} \\ b_{0i}, b_{1i}, e_{it} &\sim iidN(0, 1) \end{aligned}$$

Theoretical values

	$\sqrt{\mu_{\theta,4}}/\mu_{\theta,2}$	$c_i = \theta_i$	$c_i = 1$	$c_i = 2$	$c_i = 0.5$	$c_i \sim U[0, 4]$	$c_i \sim U[0, 8]$	Ploberger-Phillips
$\theta_i = 0$ (size)	-	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
$\theta_i \sim U[0, 2]$	1.342	6.5	6.1	6.1	6.1	5.8	5.8	6.1
$\theta_i \sim U[0, 4]$	1.342	13.3	10.6	10.6	10.6	8.9	8.9	10.6
$\theta_i \sim U[0, 8]$	1.342	68.7	47.8	47.8	47.8	32.3	32.3	47.8
$\theta_i \sim \chi^2(1)$	3.416	18.9	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.0	7.0	7.8
$\theta_i \sim \chi^2(2)$	2.449	42.7	14.7	14.7	14.7	11.5	11.5	14.7
$\theta_i \sim \chi^2(4)$	1.826	94.7	55.7	55.7	55.7	37.8	37.8	55.7
$\theta_i = \theta \sim U[0, 2]$	1.342	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.5	5.8	5.8	6.1
$\theta_i = \theta \sim \chi^2(1)$	3.416	18.9	18.9	18.9	18.9	7.0	7.0	7.8

$n = 10, T = 100$

	$E(\rho_i)$	$c_i = \theta_i$	$c_i = 1$	$c_i = 2$	$c_i = 0.5$	$c_i \sim U[0, 4]$	$c_i \sim U[0, 8]$	Ploberger-Phillips
$\theta_i = 0$ (size)	1	-	11.9	1.4	25.8	32.3	0.7	1.4
$\theta_i \sim U[0, 2]$	0.9944	6.3	6.0	5.9	5.9	5.1	5.4	5.7
$\theta_i \sim U[0, 4]$	0.9888	8.7	8.3	8.7	8.2	6.0	6.4	7.9
$\theta_i \sim U[0, 8]$	0.9775	9.3	18.4	19.0	16.4	8.0	8.9	18.6
$\theta_i \sim \chi^2(1)$	0.9944	6.9	6.5	6.6	6.2	5.5	5.5	6.6
$\theta_i \sim \chi^2(2)$	0.9888	7.3	8.9	9.2	8.7	6.3	6.6	9.0
$\theta_i \sim \chi^2(4)$	0.9775	7.9	17.5	18.7	16.0	8.4	8.9	18.0
$\theta_i = \theta \sim U[0, 2]$	0.9944	6.5	6.2	6.0	5.8	6.1	5.9	5.9
$\theta_i = \theta \sim \chi^2(1)$	0.9944	6.6	8.0	7.6	7.2	6.0	5.7	7.3

$n = 30, T = 100$

	$E(\rho_i)$	$c_i = \theta_i$	$c_i = 1$	$c_i = 2$	$c_i = 0.5$	$c_i \sim U[0, 4]$	$c_i \sim U[0, 8]$	Ploberger-Phillips
$\theta_i = 0$ (size)	1	-	21.4	6.4	41.8	46.4	9.2	2.3
$\theta_i \sim U[0, 2]$	0.9957	6.4	6.4	5.8	5.5	5.0	5.3	6.3
$\theta_i \sim U[0, 4]$	0.9915	11.1	8.9	8.8	7.8	5.5	6.2	9.9
$\theta_i \sim U[0, 8]$	0.9829	16.2	22.1	22.6	18.7	7.3	9.8	23.4
$\theta_i \sim \chi^2(1)$	0.9957	8.1	6.4	6.4	6.1	4.8	5.1	7.0
$\theta_i \sim \chi^2(2)$	0.9915	8.8	10.3	9.5	8.6	5.6	6.6	10.1
$\theta_i \sim \chi^2(4)$	0.9829	9.6	22.2	21.4	17.5	7.5	9.4	23.4
$\theta_i = \theta \sim U[0, 2]$	0.9957	6.6	6.2	5.8	5.5	5.4	4.8	6.9
$\theta_i = \theta \sim \chi^2(1)$	0.9957	7.4	8.2	7.4	7.8	5.6	5.3	8.7

$n = 10, T = 300$

	$E(\rho_i)$	$c_i = \theta_i$	$c_i = 1$	$c_i = 2$	$c_i = 0.5$	$c_i \sim U[0, 4]$	$c_i \sim U[0, 8]$	Ploberger-Phillips
$\theta_i = 0$ (size)	1	-	3.5	0.1	8.8	31.1	0.7	1.5
$\theta_i \sim U[0, 2]$	0.9981	6.5	5.5	5.9	5.4	5.7	5.3	5.9
$\theta_i \sim U[0, 4]$	0.9962	8.1	7.9	7.6	7.6	6.6	6.4	8.7
$\theta_i \sim U[0, 8]$	0.9925	9.3	18.1	18.0	16.6	8.4	8.2	18.4
$\theta_i \sim \chi^2(1)$	0.9981	6.6	6.9	6.4	5.8	5.7	5.8	6.5
$\theta_i \sim \chi^2(2)$	0.9962	7.0	8.9	8.8	7.7	6.1	6.1	9.2
$\theta_i \sim \chi^2(4)$	0.9925	8.1	17.1	17.6	15.8	8.6	8.3	17.9
$\theta_i = \theta \sim U[0, 2]$	0.9981	6.5	5.9	6.5	5.2	5.3	5.2	5.7
$\theta_i = \theta \sim \chi^2(1)$	0.9981	6.7	7.4	6.9	6.7	5.5	5.3	7.6

$n = 30, T = 300$

	$E(\rho_i)$	$c_i = \theta_i$	$c_i = 1$	$c_i = 2$	$c_i = 0.5$	$c_i \sim U[0, 4]$	$c_i \sim U[0, 8]$	Ploberger-Phillips
$\theta_i = 0$ (size)	1	-	7.4	1.8	14.5	45.6	7.5	3.3
$\theta_i \sim U[0, 2]$	0.9986	6.4	6.1	6.0	5.8	5.9	5.9	6.0
$\theta_i \sim U[0, 4]$	0.9972	10.2	9.5	8.8	8.6	5.4	6.4	8.3
$\theta_i \sim U[0, 8]$	0.9942	14.6	21.5	23.0	22.2	7.9	10.2	21.8
$\theta_i \sim \chi^2(1)$	0.9986	7.5	6.1	6.6	6.3	5.4	6.2	6.1
$\theta_i \sim \chi^2(2)$	0.9972	7.9	8.9	9.8	9.4	6.3	6.8	9.2
$\theta_i \sim \chi^2(4)$	0.9942	8.8	21.8	23.1	21.3	7.3	10.0	21.7
$\theta_i = \theta \sim U[0, 2]$	0.9986	6.9	6.1	6.2	5.8	5.2	5.6	5.5
$\theta_i = \theta \sim \chi^2(1)$	0.9986	7.0	7.4	7.5	7.5	5.5	6.4	7.2

$n = 10, T = 500$

	$E(\rho_i)$	$c_i = \theta_i$	$c_i = 1$	$c_i = 2$	$c_i = 0.5$	$c_i \sim U[0, 4]$	$c_i \sim U[0, 8]$	Ploberger-Phillips
$\theta_i = 0$ (size)	1	-	2.4	0.1	5.1	31.6	0.5	1.4
$\theta_i \sim U[0, 2]$	0.9989	6.0	5.8	6.3	5.7	5.4	5.3	6.4
$\theta_i \sim U[0, 4]$	0.9978	8.5	7.6	8.9	8.1	5.9	6.5	8.8
$\theta_i \sim U[0, 8]$	0.9955	7.3	17.6	19.7	17.5	7.6	8.4	19.9
$\theta_i \sim \chi^2(1)$	0.9989	6.3	6.0	6.7	6.1	5.1	5.4	7.3
$\theta_i \sim \chi^2(2)$	0.9978	6.9	8.6	9.5	8.7	5.9	6.3	9.1
$\theta_i \sim \chi^2(4)$	0.9955	7.6	16.2	18.9	17.1	7.4	8.3	19.0
$\theta_i = \theta \sim U[0, 2]$	0.9989	6.4	5.7	6.2	6.2	5.3	5.2	6.2
$\theta_i = \theta \sim \chi^2(1)$	0.9989	6.6	7.0	8.0	7.4	5.4	5.6	7.9

$n = 30, T = 500$

	$E(\rho_i)$	$c_i = \theta_i$	$c_i = 1$	$c_i = 2$	$c_i = 0.5$	$c_i \sim U[0, 4]$	$c_i \sim U[0, 8]$	Ploberger-Phillips
$\theta_i = 0$ (size)	1	-	5.3	1.4	9.7	45.3	7.5	2.9
$\theta_i \sim U[0, 2]$	0.9991	6.2	5.9	6.1	5.5	5.3	5.8	6.3
$\theta_i \sim U[0, 4]$	0.9983	9.6	8.4	9.1	8.5	6.0	6.4	8.4
$\theta_i \sim U[0, 8]$	0.9966	15.3	21.9	23.6	22.2	6.9	10.3	23.1
$\theta_i \sim \chi^2(1)$	0.9991	7.0	6.5	7.1	6.2	5.6	6.0	7.0
$\theta_i \sim \chi^2(2)$	0.9983	8.3	9.2	10.3	9.1	6.0	6.4	9.5
$\theta_i \sim \chi^2(4)$	0.9966	9.1	21.3	23.2	21.7	7.2	10.0	22.6
$\theta_i = \theta \sim U[0, 2]$	0.9991	6.3	6.1	6.1	5.9	5.2	5.6	6.4
$\theta_i = \theta \sim \chi^2(1)$	0.9991	7.2	7.8	8.0	7.8	5.5	5.7	7.5