ON SET-INDEXED RESIDUAL PARTIAL SUM LIMIT PROCESS OF SPATIAL LINEAR REGRESSION MODELS

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Abstract. In this paper we derive the limit process of the sequence of set-indexed least-squares residual partial sum processes of observations obtained form a spatial linear regression model. For the proof of the result we apply the uniform central limit theorem of Alexander and Pyke [1] and generalize the geometrical approach of Bischoff [7] and Bischoff and Somayasa [8]. It is shown that the limit process is a projection of the set-indexed Brownian sheet onto the reproducing kernel Hilbert space of this process. For that we define the projection via Choquet integral [14, 15, 17] of the regression function with respect to the set-indexed Brownian sheet.

 $Key\ words:$ Set-indexed Brownian sheet, set-indexed partial sum process, spatial linear regression model, least-squares residual, Choquet integral.

Abstrak. Dalam makalah ini diturunkan proses limit dari barisan himpunan berindeks proses jumlah parsial residual least-square dari pengamatan yang diperoleh dari suatu model regresi linear spasial. Pembuktian hasil menggunakan teorema limit pusat dari Alexander dan Pyke [1] dan perumuman pendekatan geometris dari Bischoff [7] serta Bischoff dan Somayasa [8]. Hasil penelitian menunjukkan bahwa proses limit adalah sebuah proyeksi dari himpunan berindeks Brownian pada reproduksi kernel Ruang Hilbert dari proses ini. Untuk memperoleh hal tersebut didefinisikan proyeksi melalui integral Choquet [14, 15, 17] dari fungsi regresi terhadap himpunan berindeks Brownian.

Kata kunci: Himpunan berindeks Brownian, himpunan berindeks proses jumlah parsial, model regresi linear spasial, least-squares residual, integral Choquet.

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1. Introduction

Boundary detection problem (BDP) in spatial linear regression model (SLRM) is commonly handled by investigating the partial sum process of the least-squares residuals. The existence of the boundary is detected by conducting a nonparametric test based on the limit of the processes as for instance a test of Kolmogorov, Kolmogorov-Smirnov and Cramér-von Mises types. This technique can also be used to conduct model-check concerning the correctness of the assumed SLRM. MacNeill and Jandhyala [13] studied this residual partial sums process (RPSP) in order to detect the existence of a boundary in the experimental region, whereas in [8] it was studied from the perspective of model-check in SLRM.

The study has been extended to the set-indexed RPSP. To explain the problem in detail, suppose that a regression model

$$Y(\ell/n, k/n) = g(\ell/n, k/n) + \varepsilon(\ell/n, k/n)$$

is observed under an experimental design given by a regular lattice

$$\Xi_n := \{ (\ell/n, k/n) : 1 \le \ell, k \le n \}, \ n \ge 1$$

on $I := [0,1] \times [0,1] \subset \mathbb{R}^2$, where $Y(\ell/n, k/n)$ and $\varepsilon(\ell/n, k/n)$ are the observation and the random error at the point $(\ell/n, k/n)$, respectively and q is the unknown regression function defined on I. Throughout this paper for any real-valued function f on I, the matrix $(f(\ell/n, k/n))_{k=1,\ell=1}^{n,n}$ will be denoted by $f(\Xi_n)$. So the whole observation can be presented as $Y_n = g(\Xi_n) + \mathbf{E}_n$, where $\mathbf{Y}_n := (Y_{\ell k})_{k=1,\ell=1}^n$ is the matrix of observations, and $\mathbf{E}_n := (\varepsilon_{\ell k})_{k=1,\ell=1}^{n,n}$ is the matrix of independent and identically distributed random errors with mean 0 and variance σ^2 , $0 < \sigma^2 < \infty$. For a fixed $n \ge 1$, let $\mathbf{W}_n := [f_1(\Xi_n), \ldots, f_p(\Xi_n)]$ be a subspace of $\mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ generated by $f_1(\Xi_n), \ldots, f_p(\Xi_n)$, where f_1, \ldots, f_p are known, linearly independent, realvalued regression functions defined on I. Model-check for this SLRM concerns with the question whether the hypothesis $H_0: g(\Xi_n) \in \mathbf{W}_n$ is or is not supported by the sample. Let $\mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{W}_n}$ and $\mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{W}_n^{\perp}} = Id - \mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{W}_n}$ denote the orthogonal projector onto the subspace \mathbf{W}_n and onto the orthogonal complement \mathbf{W}_n^{\perp} of \mathbf{W}_n with respect to the Euclidean inner product $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_{\mathbb{R}^{n \times n}}$ on the Euclidean space of $n \times n$ matrices $\mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$, defined by $\langle \mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B} \rangle_{\mathbb{R}^{n \times n}} := trace(\mathbf{A}^{\top}\mathbf{B}), \ \mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$. Analogous to the result in Arnold [2], the corresponding matrix of least squares residuals of the observations under H_0 is given by

$$\mathbf{R}_n := (r_{\ell k})_{k=1,\ell=1}^{n,n} = \mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{W}_n^{\perp}} \mathbf{Y}_n = \mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{W}_n^{\perp}} \mathbf{E}_n = \mathbf{E}_n - \mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{W}_n} \mathbf{E}_n.$$
(1)

The hypothesis mentioned above is commonly tested by using either the Cramérvon Mises or Kolmogorov-Smirnov functional of the set-indexed RPSP

$$Z_n := \left\{ \sum_{k=1}^n \sum_{\ell=1}^n n r_{\ell k} \lambda_I (B \cap C_{\ell k}) : B \in \mathcal{A} \right\},\$$

indexed by the Borel σ -algebra \mathcal{A} over I, where λ_I is the corresponding Lebesgue measure on \mathcal{A} , and $C_{\ell k}$ is the half-open rectangle $((\ell - 1)/n, \ell/n] \times ((k-1)/n, k/n]$.

Xie and MacNeill [18] established the limit process of the sequence $(Z_n)_{n\geq 1}$ by applying the method proposed by MacNeill [12]. Their result were presented as a complicated function of the set-indexed Brownian sheet. The aim of this paper is to derive the limit of the set-indexed RPSP by applying the geometrical approach of [7, 8] which is different form that of [13, 18], see Section 2. By our consideration we get the structure of the limit process as a projection of the set-indexed Brownian sheet onto a certain subspace of its reproducing kernel Hilbert space (RKHS). Under the alternative hypotheses we will observe localized nonparametric regression models $Y_n = g^{loc}(\Xi_n) + \mathbf{E}_n$, where $g^{loc}(\Xi_n) := \frac{1}{n}g(\Xi_n)$. Several examples are discussed in Section 3.

2. Main Results

Let $\mathcal{C}(A)$ be the space of bounded, real-valued set functions which are continuous on \mathcal{A} in the symmetric difference pseudometric d_{λ_I} , see [1, 4, 10]. As usual $\mathcal{C}(\mathcal{A})$ is furnished with the norm $\|\cdot\|_{\mathcal{A}}$, defined by $\|u\|_{\mathcal{A}} := \sup_{A \in \mathcal{A}} |u(A)|$, $A \in \mathcal{C}(\mathcal{A})$, and every function $\nu \in \mathcal{C}(\mathcal{A})$ is further assumed to satisfies $\nu(\emptyset) = 0$. A set-indexed partial sum operator is a linear operator $\mathbf{T}_n : \mathbb{R}^{n \times n} \to \mathcal{C}(\mathcal{A})$, such that for every $\mathbf{A}_n := (a_{\ell k})_{k=1,\ell=1}^{n,n} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$, and $B \in \mathcal{A}$,

$$\mathbf{T}_n(\mathbf{A}_n)(B) := \sum_{k=1}^n \sum_{\ell=1}^n n a_{\ell k} \lambda_I(B \cap C_{\ell k}), \ \mathbf{T}_n(\mathbf{A}_n)(\emptyset) := 0.$$

Thus the set-indexed RPSP Z_n is a stochastic process with sample path in $\mathcal{C}(\mathcal{A})$.

Theorem 2.1. (Alexander and Pyke [1]) If $((\mathbf{X}_n)_{n\geq 1})$ is a sequence of random matrices taking values in $\mathbb{R}^{n\times n}$, whose components are independent and identically distributed random variables having mean zero and variance σ^2 , $0 < \sigma^2 < \infty$, then

$$\frac{1}{\sigma}\mathbf{T}_n(\mathbf{X}_{n\times n}) \xrightarrow{\mathcal{D}} Z, \text{ in } \mathcal{C}(\mathcal{A}), \text{ as } n \to \infty,$$

where $Z := \{Z(A) : A \in \mathcal{A}\}$ is the set-indexed Brownian sheet, and " $\xrightarrow{\mathcal{D}}$ " stands for the convergence in distribution or weak convergence, see Billingsley [6].

By extending the result given in Berlinet and Agnan [5] and Lifshits [11] into the set-indexed Brownian sheet, the corresponding RKHS of Z is

$$\mathcal{H}_{Z} := \left\{ h : \mathcal{A} \to \mathbb{R} | \exists f \in L_{2}(\lambda_{I}) \text{ such that } h(A) = \int_{A} f \ d\lambda_{I}, \ A \in \mathcal{A} \right\},$$

where $L_2(\lambda_I)$ is the space of real-valued functions which are squared integrable on I with respect to λ_I . In the sequel h_f will always denote an absolutely continuous set function on \mathcal{A} with an $L_2(\lambda_I)$ density f. The space \mathcal{H}_Z is also a Hilbert space

with respect to the inner product and the corresponding norm defined by

$$\langle h_{f_1}, h_{f_2} \rangle_{\mathcal{H}_Z} := \langle f_1, f_2 \rangle_{L_2} = \int_I f_1 f_2 \ d\lambda_I, \ \forall h_{f_i} \in \mathcal{H}_Z, i = 1, 2, \\ \|h_f\|_{\mathcal{H}_Z}^2 := \|f\|_{L_2}^2 := \int_I |f|^2 \ d\lambda_I.$$

Let $n \geq 1$ be fixed. For every $\mathbf{A}_n, \mathbf{B}_n \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$, it holds $\mathbf{T}_n(\mathbf{A}_n) \in \mathcal{H}_Z$, and

$$\langle \mathbf{A}_n, \mathbf{B}_n \rangle_{\mathbb{R}^{n \times n}} = \langle \mathbf{T}_n(\mathbf{A}_n), \mathbf{T}_n(\mathbf{B}_n) \rangle_{\mathcal{H}_Z}.$$
 (2)

Eq. (2) can also be verified analogously as in the results in [7, 8]. In particular for large enough n, \mathbf{W}_n is isometric with $\mathbf{W}_{n\mathcal{H}_Z} := \mathbf{T}_n(\mathbf{W}_n)$, where $\mathbf{T}_n(\mathbf{W}_n) :=$ $[\mathbf{T}_n(f_1(\Xi_n)), \ldots, \mathbf{T}_n(f_p(\Xi_n))] \subset \mathcal{H}_Z$. Hence by Eq. (1) and Eq. (2),

$$\mathbf{T}_{n}(\mathbf{R}_{n}) = \mathbf{T}_{n}(\mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{W}_{n}^{\perp}}\mathbf{E}_{n}) = \mathbf{T}_{n}(\mathbf{E}_{n}) - \mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{W}_{n\mathcal{H}_{Z}}}\mathbf{T}_{n}(\mathbf{E}_{n}).$$
(3)

The basis of $\mathbf{W}_{n\mathcal{H}_Z}$ can also be constructed in the following manner. For $i = 1, \ldots, p$, let $s_i^{(n)} := \sum_{k=1}^n \sum_{\ell=1}^n f_i(\ell/n, k/n) \mathbf{1}_{C_{\ell k}}$ be a step function on I, where $\mathbf{1}_{C_{\ell k}}$ is the indicator of the half-open rectangle $C_{\ell k}$. Then by the preceding result the set of absolutely continuous set functions $\{h_{s_1^{(n)}}, \ldots, h_{s_p^{(n)}}\}$ becomes a basis of $\mathbf{W}_{n\mathcal{H}_Z}$, because it satisfies the condition $h_{s_i^{(n)}} = \frac{1}{n} \mathbf{T}_n(f_i(\Xi_n))$. Without loss of generality we assume in the following that $\{\tilde{f}_1, \ldots, \tilde{f}_p\}$ and $\{\tilde{s}_1^{(n)}, \ldots, \tilde{s}_p^{(n)}\}$ are the Gram-Schmidt orthonormal bases (ONB) of \mathbf{W} and a subspace in $L_2(\lambda_I)$, respectively, associated with $\{f_1, \ldots, f_p\}$ and $\{s_1^{(n)}, \ldots, s_p^{(n)}\}$, respectively. Then by the definition $\{h_{\tilde{f}_1}, \ldots, h_{\tilde{f}_p}\}$ and $\{s_1^{(n)}, \ldots, s_p^{(n)}\}$ are the associated Gram-Schmidt ONB of $\mathbf{W}_{\mathcal{H}_Z}$ and $\mathbf{W}_{n\mathcal{H}_Z}$, respectively. Hence the orthogonal projection of any set function $u \in \mathcal{H}_Z$ to $\mathbf{W}_{\mathcal{H}_Z}$ and $\mathbf{W}_{n\mathcal{H}_Z}$, respectively with respect to these bases are represented by $\mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{W}_{\mathcal{H}_Z}} u = \sum_{i=1}^p \langle h_{\tilde{f}_i}, u \rangle_{\mathcal{H}_Z} h_{\tilde{f}_i}$ and $\mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{W}_{n\mathcal{H}_Z}} u = \sum_{i=1}^p \langle h_{\tilde{s}_i^{(n)}}, u \rangle_{\mathcal{H}_Z} h_{\tilde{s}_i^{(n)}}$, respectively. Furthermore, if f_i is continuous on I, then $\left\|h_{\tilde{s}_i^{(n)}} - h_{\tilde{f}_i}\right\|_{\mathcal{H}_Z}$ and $\left\|h_{\tilde{s}_i^{(n)}} - h_{\tilde{s}_i}\right\|_{\mathcal{A}}$ converge to zero, as $n \to \infty$, by the fact $\left\|\tilde{s}_i^{(n)} - \tilde{f}_i\right\|_{\infty}$ converges to zero, as $n \to \infty$.

To be able to project Z, we extend the inner product $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_{\mathcal{H}_Z}$ into a mapping $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ defined on the space $\mathcal{H}_Z \times \mathcal{C}(\mathcal{A})$, such that for every $(h_f, u) \in \mathcal{H}_Z \times \mathcal{C}(\mathcal{A})$, $\langle h_f, u \rangle := \int_I^{(C)} f \, du$. The integral $\int_I^{(C)} f \, du$ is the Choquet integral of f with respect to u over I, defined by

$$\int_{B}^{(C)} f \, du := \int_{0}^{\infty} u(B \cap \{f \ge x\}) \, dx + \int_{-\infty}^{0} [u(B \cap \{f \ge x\}) - u(B)] \, dx, \ B \in \mathcal{A}, \ (4)$$

where $\{f \ge x\}$ stands for the set $\{\omega \in I : f(\omega) \ge x\}$. The integral on the righthand side of Eq. (4) is the usual Lebesgue integral. By the definition and by the integration by parts, in case where u is a signed measure on \mathcal{A} , the Choquet integral coincides with the Lebesgue integral [14, 15, 19]. Hence, if $u \in \mathcal{H}_Z$ with the $L_2(\lambda_I)$ density \hat{u} , we get

$$\langle h_f, u \rangle = \int_I^{(C)} f \, du = \int_I f \, du = \int_I f \hat{u} \, d\lambda_I = \langle h_f, u \rangle_{\mathcal{H}_Z}.$$

This means that $\mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{W}_{n\mathcal{H}_Z}}$ as well as $\mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{W}_{\mathcal{H}_Z}}$ are the restrictions of the set functions $\mathbf{P}^*_{\mathbf{W}_{n\mathcal{H}_Z}}$: $\mathcal{C}(\mathcal{A}) \to \mathbb{R}$ and $\mathbf{P}^*_{\mathbf{W}_{\mathcal{H}_Z}}$: $\mathcal{C}(\mathcal{A}) \to \mathbb{R}$, to \mathcal{H}_Z , respectively, where for $u \in \mathcal{C}(\mathcal{A}), \ \mathbf{P}^*_{\mathbf{W}_{n\mathcal{H}_Z}} u = \sum_{i=1}^p \langle h_{\tilde{s}_i^{(n)}}, u \rangle h_{\tilde{s}_i^{(n)}}$ and $\mathbf{P}^*_{\mathbf{W}_{\mathcal{H}_Z}} u = \sum_{i=1}^p \langle h_{\tilde{f}_i}, u \rangle h_{\tilde{f}_i}$. The mapping $\mathbf{P}^*_{\mathbf{W}_{\mathcal{H}_Z}}$ is a continuous projections onto $\mathbf{W}_{\mathcal{H}_Z}$ in the sense of Definition 5.15 in [16], since they are linear, continuous, idempotent and surjective.

Theorem 2.2. Suppose that the regression functions f_1, \ldots, f_p are continuous and have bounded variation in the sense of Vitali [9] on I, then under H_0 it holds

$$\frac{1}{\sigma}\mathbf{T}_n(\mathbf{R}_n) \xrightarrow{\mathcal{D}} Z_{\tilde{\mathbf{f}}} := Z - \mathbf{P}^*_{\mathbf{W}_{\mathcal{H}_Z}} Z, \text{ in } \mathcal{C}(\mathcal{A}), \text{ as } n \to \infty,$$

where for every $B \in \mathcal{A}$, $Z_{\tilde{\mathbf{f}}}(B) = Z(B) - \sum_{i=1}^{p} \langle h_{\tilde{f}_i}, Z \rangle h_{\tilde{f}_i}(B)$.

Proof. Let $(u_n)_{n\geq 1}$ be a sequence in $\mathcal{C}(\mathcal{A})$ such that $||u_n - u||_{\mathcal{A}} \to 0$, as $n \to \infty$. By the three angles inequality and by the fact $\left\|h_{\tilde{s}_i^{(n)}}\right\|_{\mathcal{A}} \leq M_i$, for some positive, real number M_i , $i = 1, \ldots, p$, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| \mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{W}_{n\mathcal{H}_{Z}}}^{*} u_{n} - \mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{W}_{\mathcal{H}_{Z}}} u \right\|_{\mathcal{A}} &= \left\| \sum_{i=1}^{p} \langle h_{\tilde{s}_{i}^{(n)}}, u_{n} \rangle h_{\tilde{f}_{i}^{(n)}} - \sum_{i=1}^{p} \langle h_{\tilde{f}_{i}}, u \rangle h_{\tilde{f}_{i}} \right\|_{\mathcal{A}} \\ &\leq \sum_{i=1}^{p} \left(\left| \langle h_{\tilde{s}_{i}^{(n)}}, u_{n} - u \rangle \right| \left\| h_{\tilde{s}_{i}^{(n)}} \right\|_{\mathcal{A}} + \left| \langle h_{\tilde{s}_{i}^{(n)}}, u \rangle - \langle h_{\tilde{f}_{i}}, u \rangle \right| \left\| h_{\tilde{s}_{i}^{(n)}} \right\|_{\mathcal{A}} \\ &+ \left| \langle h_{\tilde{f}_{i}}, u \rangle \right| \left\| h_{\tilde{s}_{i}^{(n)}} - h_{\tilde{f}_{i}} \right\|_{\mathcal{A}} \right) \\ &\leq \sum_{i=1}^{p} \left(\left| \langle h_{\tilde{s}_{i}^{(n)}}, u_{n} - u \rangle \right| M_{i} + \left| \langle h_{\tilde{s}_{i}^{(n)}}, u \rangle - \langle h_{\tilde{f}_{i}}, u \rangle \right| M_{i} \\ &+ \left| \langle h_{\tilde{f}_{i}}, u \rangle \right| \left\| h_{\tilde{s}_{i}^{(n)}} - h_{\tilde{f}_{i}} \right\|_{\infty} \right). \end{aligned}$$
(5)

For every $n \ge 1$, $\tilde{s}_i^{(n)}$ is \mathcal{A} - measurable and bounded by some positive, real number N_i . Hence, we get

$$\left| \left\langle h_{\tilde{s}_{i}^{(n)}}, u_{n} - u \right\rangle \right| M_{i} \leq 3N_{i} \left\| u_{n} - u \right\|_{\mathcal{A}} M_{i} \to 0, \text{ as } n \to \infty.$$

Next we consider the second term on the right-hand side of (5). Since $\tilde{s}_i^{(n)}$ converges uniformly to \tilde{f}_i , the corresponding sequences of sets $\{\tilde{s}_i^{(n)} \ge t\}$, clearly converges with respect to the symmetric difference metric d_{λ_I} to the set $\{f_i \ge t\}$, for every $t \in [-N_i, N_i]$. Hence by the continuity of u on \mathcal{A} , F_n converges to F, point-wise, as $n \to \infty$, where $F_n(t) := u(\{\tilde{s}_i^{(n)} \ge t\})$ and $F(t) := u(\{\tilde{f}_i \ge t\})$. Furthermore we have $|F_n(t)| \le ||u||_{\mathcal{A}}$ and $|F_n(t) - u(I)| \le 2 ||u||_{\mathcal{A}}$, for every $n \ge 1$ and every $t \in [-N_i, N_i]$, by the fact u is bounded by $||u||_{\mathcal{A}}$ on \mathcal{A} . Hence, the Lebesgue bounded convergence theorem [3] implies

$$\left| \langle h_{\tilde{s}_i^{(n)}}, u \rangle - \langle h_{\tilde{f}_i}, u \rangle \right| M_i \to 0, \text{ as } n \to \infty.$$

For the last term we have

$$\left| \langle h_{\tilde{f}_i}, u \rangle \right| \left\| \tilde{s}_i^{(n)} - \tilde{f}_i \right\|_{\infty} \le 3 \left\| u \right\|_{\mathcal{A}} N_i \left\| \tilde{s}_i^{(n)} - \tilde{f}_i \right\|_{\infty} \to 0, \text{ as } n \to \infty.$$

The combination of the preceding convergence result in $\left\| \mathbf{P}^*_{\mathbf{W}_{n\mathcal{H}_Z}} u_n - \mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{W}^*_{\mathcal{H}_Z}} u \right\|_{\mathcal{A}} \to 0$, as $n \to \infty$. The proof of the theorem is complete by Eq. (3), Theorem 2.1 and the mapping theorem of Rubyn in Bilingsley [6].

Theorem 2.3. The process $Z_{\tilde{\mathbf{f}}}$ is a centered Gaussian process with the covariance function

$$\begin{split} K_{Z_{\tilde{\mathbf{f}}}}(A,B) &:= Cov(Z_{\tilde{\mathbf{f}}}(A), Z_{\tilde{\mathbf{f}}}(B)), \ A, B \in \mathcal{A} \\ &= \lambda_{I}(A \cap B) - 2\sum_{i=1}^{p} h_{\tilde{f}_{i}}(A)h_{\tilde{f}_{i}}(B) + \sum_{i=1}^{p} \sum_{j=1}^{p} h_{\tilde{f}_{i}}(A)W_{ij}h_{\tilde{f}_{j}}(B), \end{split}$$

where for $1 \leq i, j \leq p$,

$$\begin{split} W_{ij} &:= \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty \lambda_I (\{\tilde{f}_i \geq s\} \cap \{\tilde{f}_j \geq t\}) \ dtds \\ &+ \int_0^\infty \int_{-\infty}^0 \lambda_I (\{\tilde{f}_i \geq s\} \cap \{\tilde{f}_j \geq t\}^c) \ dtds \\ &+ \int_{-\infty}^0 \int_0^\infty \lambda_I (\{\tilde{f}_i \geq s\}^c \cap \{\tilde{f}_j \geq t\}) \ dtds \\ &+ \int_{-\infty}^0 \int_{-\infty}^0 \lambda_I (\{\tilde{f}_i \geq s\}^c \cap \{\tilde{f}_j \geq t\}^c) \ dtds. \end{split}$$

Proof. By the bi-linearity of the covariance operator, for $A, B \in \mathcal{A}$, we have

$$\begin{split} K_{Z_{\tilde{\mathbf{f}}}}(A,B) &:= Cov(Z_{\tilde{\mathbf{f}}}(A), Z_{\tilde{\mathbf{f}}}(B)) \\ &= Cov(Z(A) - \sum_{i=1}^{p} \langle h_{\tilde{f}_{i}}, Z \rangle h_{\tilde{f}_{i}}(A), Z(B) - \sum_{j=1}^{p} \langle h_{\tilde{f}_{j}}, Z \rangle h_{\tilde{f}_{j}}(B)) \\ &= Cov(Z(A), Z(B)) - Cov(Z(A), \sum_{j=1}^{p} \langle h_{\tilde{f}_{j}}, Z \rangle h_{\tilde{f}_{j}}(B)) \\ &- Cov(\sum_{i=1}^{p} \langle h_{\tilde{f}_{i}}, Z \rangle h_{\tilde{f}_{i}}(A), Z(B)) \\ &+ Cov(\sum_{i=1}^{p} \langle h_{\tilde{f}_{i}}, Z \rangle h_{\tilde{f}_{i}}(A), \sum_{j=1}^{p} \langle h_{\tilde{f}_{j}}, Z \rangle h_{\tilde{f}_{j}}(B)). \end{split}$$

Clearly $Cov(Z(A), Z(B)) = \lambda_I(A \cap B)$. The definition of the Choquet integral gives

$$Cov(Z(A), \sum_{j=1}^{p} \langle h_{\tilde{f}_{j}}, Z \rangle h_{\tilde{f}_{j}}(B))$$

$$= \sum_{j=1}^{p} Cov(Z(A), \int_{0}^{\infty} Z(\{\tilde{f}_{j} \ge t\}) dt - \int_{-\infty}^{0} \left[Z(\{\tilde{f}_{j} \ge t\}) - Z(I) \right] dt) h_{\tilde{f}_{j}}(B)$$

$$= \sum_{j=1}^{p} (\int_{0}^{\infty} \lambda_{I}(\{\tilde{f}_{j} \ge t\} \cap A) dt - \int_{-\infty}^{0} \left[\lambda_{I}(\{\tilde{f}_{j} \ge t\} \cap A) - \lambda_{I}(A) \right] dt) h_{\tilde{f}_{j}}(B)$$

$$= \sum_{j=1}^{p} (\int_{A}^{(C)} \tilde{f}_{j} \ d\lambda_{I}) h_{\tilde{f}_{j}}(B) = \sum_{j=1}^{p} (\int_{A}^{C} \tilde{f}_{j} \ d\lambda_{I}) h_{\tilde{f}_{j}}(B) = \sum_{j=1}^{p} h_{\tilde{f}_{j}}(A) h_{f\tilde{f}_{j}}(B).$$

Analogously, we get

$$Cov(\sum_{i=1}^{p} \langle h_{\tilde{f}_i}, Z \rangle h_{\tilde{f}_i}(A), Z(B)) = \sum_{i=1}^{p} h_{\tilde{f}_i}(A) h_{\tilde{f}_i}(B).$$

Furthermore, since $Z({\tilde{f}_i \ge t}) - Z(I) = Z({\tilde{f}_i \ge t}^c)$, then by the definition it holds:

$$\begin{split} W_{ij} &:= Cov(\langle h_{\tilde{f}_i}, Z \rangle, \langle h_{\tilde{f}_j}, Z \rangle) \\ &= Cov(\int_0^\infty Z(\{\tilde{f}_i \ge s\})ds, \int_0^\infty Z(\{\tilde{f}_j \ge t\})dt) \\ &+ Cov(\int_0^\infty Z(\{\tilde{f}_i \ge s\})ds, \int_{-\infty}^0 Z(\{\tilde{f}_j \ge t\}^c)dt) \\ &+ Cov(\int_{-\infty}^0 Z(\{\tilde{f}_i \ge s\}^c)ds, \int_0^\infty Z(\{\tilde{f}_j \ge t\})dt) \\ &+ Cov(\int_{-\infty}^0 Z(\{\tilde{f}_i \ge s\}^c)ds, \int_{-\infty}^0 Z(\{\tilde{f}_j \ge t\}^c)dt) \\ &= \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty \lambda_I(\{\tilde{f}_i \ge s\} \cap \{\tilde{f}_j \ge t\}) dtds \\ &+ \int_0^\infty \int_{-\infty}^0 \lambda_I(\{\tilde{f}_i \ge s\}^c \cap \{\tilde{f}_j \ge t\}) dtds \\ &+ \int_{-\infty}^0 \int_{-\infty}^0 \lambda_I(\{\tilde{f}_i \ge s\}^c \cap \{\tilde{f}_j \ge t\}) dtds \\ &+ \int_{-\infty}^0 \int_{-\infty}^0 \lambda_I(\{\tilde{f}_i \ge s\}^c \cap \{\tilde{f}_j \ge t\}^c) dtds. \end{split}$$

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Hence,

$$Cov(\sum_{i=1}^{p} \langle h_{\tilde{f}_{i}}, Z \rangle h_{\tilde{f}_{i}}(A), \sum_{j=1}^{p} \langle h_{\tilde{f}_{j}}, Z \rangle h_{\tilde{f}_{j}}(B)) = \sum_{i=1}^{p} \sum_{i=j}^{p} h_{\tilde{f}_{i}}(A) W_{ij} h_{\tilde{f}_{j}}(B).$$

By combining all of these results we get the covariance function of $Z_{\mathbf{f}}$ as stated in the theorem.

Now let us consider the local alternatives $H_1 : Y_n = g^{loc}(\Xi_n) + \mathbf{E}_n$. The set-index RPSP of the observation under H_1 is

$$\mathbf{T}_n(\mathbf{R}_n) = \mathbf{T}_n(g^{loc}(\Xi_n)) - \mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{W}_n \mathcal{H}_Z} \mathbf{T}_n(\mathbf{g}^{loc}(\Xi_n)) + \mathbf{T}_n(\mathbf{E}_n) - \mathbf{T}_n(\mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{W}_n} \mathbf{E}_n).$$

If g is a continuous and has bounded variation in the sense of Vitaly on I, then $\mathbf{T}_n(g^{loc}(\Xi_n))$ converges to h_g uniformly. Consequently by the analogous argument as in the proof of Theorem 2.2 we get $\mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{W}_n\mathcal{H}_Z}\mathbf{T}_n(\mathbf{g}_{\Xi_n}^{loc})$ converges to $\mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{W}_{\mathcal{H}_Z}}h_g$ uniformly. Thus by combining this result and Theorem 2.2 we obtain the following corollary.

Corollary 2.4. Suppose that the regression functions f_1, \ldots, f_p are continuous and have bounded variations in the sense of Vitali on I. If g has bounded variation in the sense of Vitali and is continuous on I, then under the local alternative $H_1: Y_n = g^{loc}(\Xi_n) + \mathbf{E}_n$ it holds

$$\frac{1}{\sigma}\mathbf{T}_n(\mathbf{R}_n) \xrightarrow{\mathcal{D}} \frac{1}{\sigma}\varphi_g + Z_{\tilde{\mathbf{f}}}, \ as \ n \to \infty,$$

where $\varphi_g := h_g - \mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{W}_{H_Z}} h_g \in \mathcal{H}_Z.$

Remark 2.5. Without loss of generality the variance σ^2 can be assumed to be known, since otherwise, without altering the asymptotic results, σ^2 can be replaced by a consistent estimator for σ^2 . As for an example we can consider $\hat{\sigma}^2 :=$ $\|\mathbf{R}_n\|_{\mathbb{R}^{n\times n}}^2/(n^2 - p)$ which converges to σ^2 in probability, see [2]. The result in this paper can be directly extended to the d-- dimensional unit cube.

3. Examples

Example 3.1. As a first example let us consider the situation for which the model is a zero model $\mathbf{Y}_n = \mathbf{E}_n$. The regression function involved in this model is only zero function. Hence the limit process of the set-indexed RPSP associated to this model is Z.

Example 3.2. For the second example we consider a constant regression model taking the form $\mathbf{Y}_n = \beta + \mathbf{E}_n$, where β is an unknown parameter. The only one regression function involved is $\tilde{f}_1(t,s) = 1$, $(t,s) \in I$, which results $h_{\tilde{f}_1}(A) = \lambda_I(A)$,

 $A \in \mathcal{A}$, and

$$\begin{split} \int_{I}^{(C)} \tilde{f}_{1} dZ &= \int_{0}^{\infty} Z(\{\tilde{f}_{1} \geq x\}) dx + \int_{-\infty}^{0} [Z(\{\tilde{f}_{1} \geq x\}) - Z(I)] dx \\ &= \int_{0}^{1} Z(I) dx + \int_{1}^{\infty} Z(\emptyset) dx + \int_{-\infty}^{0} [Z(I) - Z(I)] dx \\ &= \int_{0}^{1} Z(I) dx = Z(I), \end{split}$$

by the fact $Z(\emptyset) = 0$, almost surely. Hence, the associated limit process is given by $Z_{\tilde{\mathbf{f}}_1}(A) := Z(A) - Z(I)\lambda_I(A)$, for $A \in \mathcal{A}$, which is the set-indexed Brownian bridge, see also [18].

Example 3.3. Let us consider a first-order regression model as for the third example which takes the form $\mathbf{Y}_n = \sum_{i=1}^{3} \beta_i f_i(\Xi_n) + \mathbf{E}_n$, where β_1, β_2 , and β_3 are unknown parameters, and for $(t,s) \in I$, $f_1(t,s) = 1$, $f_2(t,s) = t$ and $f_3(t,s) = s$. The Gram-Schmidt ONB of \mathbf{W} associated to this model is $\tilde{f}_1(t,s) = 1$, $\tilde{f}_2(t,s) = \sqrt{3}(2t-1)$, and $\tilde{f}_3(t,s) = \sqrt{3}(2s-1)$, which satisfy $-\sqrt{3} \leq \tilde{f}_2$, $\tilde{f}_3 \leq \sqrt{3}$. By the last Example we need only to calculate the Choquet integral of \tilde{f}_2 and \tilde{f}_3 with respect to the sample path of Z. By the definition we have

$$\begin{split} \int_{I}^{(C)} \tilde{f}_{2} dZ &= \int_{0}^{\sqrt{3}} Z(\{\tilde{f}_{2} \geq x\}) dx + \int_{\sqrt{3}}^{\infty} Z(\{\tilde{f}_{2} \geq x\}) dx \\ &+ \int_{-\sqrt{3}}^{0} [Z(\{\tilde{f}_{2} \geq x\}) - Z(I)] dx + \int_{-\infty}^{-\sqrt{3}} [Z(\{\tilde{f}_{2} \geq x\}) - Z(I)] dx \\ &= \int_{0}^{\sqrt{3}} Z(\{\tilde{f}_{2} \geq x\}) dx + \int_{\sqrt{3}}^{\infty} Z(\emptyset) dx \\ &+ \int_{-\sqrt{3}}^{0} [Z(\{\tilde{f}_{2} \geq x\}) - Z(I)] dx + \int_{-\infty}^{-\sqrt{3}} [Z(I) - Z(I)] dx \\ &= \int_{0}^{\sqrt{3}} Z(\{\tilde{f}_{2} \geq x\}) dx + \int_{-\sqrt{3}}^{0} [Z(\{\tilde{f}_{2} \geq x\}) - Z(I)] dx. \end{split}$$

Analogously, $\int_{I}^{(C)} \tilde{f}_{3} dZ = \int_{0}^{\sqrt{3}} Z(\{\tilde{f}_{3} \geq x\}) dx + \int_{-\sqrt{3}}^{0} [Z(\{\tilde{f}_{3} \geq x\}) - Z(I)] dx.$ Hence, the limit process is presented by

$$Z_{\tilde{\mathbf{f}}_{2}}(A) = Z_{\tilde{\mathbf{f}}_{1}}(A) - \left(\int_{0}^{\sqrt{3}} Z(\{\tilde{f}_{2} \ge x\})dx + \int_{-\sqrt{3}}^{0} [Z(\{\tilde{f}_{2} \ge x\}) - Z(I)]dx\right)h_{\tilde{f}_{2}}(A) - \left(\int_{0}^{\sqrt{3}} Z(\{\tilde{f}_{3} \ge x\})dx + \int_{-\sqrt{3}}^{0} [Z(\{\tilde{f}_{3} \ge x\}) - Z(I)]dx\right)h_{\tilde{f}_{3}}(A).$$

Example 3.4. A Full second-order regression model is a model that has the form $\mathbf{Y}_n = \sum_{i=1}^6 \beta_i f_i(\Xi_n) + \mathbf{E}_n$, where for $(t,s) \in I$, $f_1(t,s) = 1$, $f_2(t,s) = t$, $f_3(t,s) = s$, $f_4(t,s) = t^2$, $f_5(t,s) = s^2$, and $f_6(t,s) = ts$. The Gram-Schmidt ONB of \mathbf{W} is

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then given by $\tilde{f}_1(t,s) = 1$, $\tilde{f}_2(t,s) = \sqrt{3}(2t-1)$, $\tilde{f}_3(t,s) = \sqrt{3}(2s-1)$, $\tilde{f}_4(t,s) = \sqrt{5}(6t^2 - 6t + 1)$, $\tilde{f}_5(t,s) = \sqrt{5}(6s^2 - 6s + 1)$, and $\tilde{f}_6(t,s) = \frac{1}{3}(4ts - 2t - 2s + 1)$. Since the limit process of the model that only involves \tilde{f}_1 , \tilde{f}_2 , \tilde{f}_3 is already calculated in Example 3.3, we just need in the present one to calculate the Choquet integral of \tilde{f}_4 , \tilde{f}_5 and \tilde{f}_6 . We have $-\sqrt{5}/2 \leq \tilde{f}_4$, $\tilde{f}_5 \leq \sqrt{5}$ and $-1/3 \leq \tilde{f}_6 \leq 1/3$. Hence, by the definition of Choquet integral, we get

$$\int_{I}^{(C)} \tilde{f}_{4} dZ = \int_{0}^{\sqrt{5}} Z(\{\tilde{f}_{4} \ge x\}) dx + \int_{-\sqrt{5}/2}^{0} [Z(\{\tilde{f}_{4} \ge x\}) - Z(I)] dx,$$

$$\int_{I}^{(C)} \tilde{f}_{5} dZ = \int_{0}^{\sqrt{5}} Z(\{\tilde{f}_{5} \ge x\}) dx + \int_{-\sqrt{5}/2}^{0} [Z(\{\tilde{f}_{5} \ge x\}) - Z(I)] dx$$

$$\int_{I}^{(C)} \tilde{f}_{6} dZ = \int_{0}^{1/3} Z(\{\tilde{f}_{6} \ge x\}) dx + \int_{-1/3}^{0} [Z(\{\tilde{f}_{6} \ge x\}) - Z(I)] dx$$

Consequently, the set-indexed residual partial sums limit process of this model is then given by

$$\begin{split} Z_{\tilde{\mathbf{f}}_3}(A) &:= Z_{\tilde{\mathbf{f}}_2}(A) \\ &- \left(\int_0^{\sqrt{5}} Z(\{\tilde{f}_4 \ge x\}) dx + \int_{-\sqrt{5}/2}^0 [Z(\{\tilde{f}_4 \ge x\}) - Z(I)] dx \right) h_{\tilde{f}_4}(A) \\ &- \left(\int_0^{\sqrt{5}} Z(\{\tilde{f}_5 \ge x\}) dx + \int_{-\sqrt{5}/2}^0 [Z(\{\tilde{f}_5 \ge x\}) - Z(I)] dx \right) h_{\tilde{f}_5}(A) \\ &- \left(\int_0^{1/3} Z(\{\tilde{f}_6 \ge x\}) dx + \int_{-1/3}^0 [Z(\{\tilde{f}_6 \ge x\}) - Z(I)] dx \right) h_{\tilde{f}_6}(A). \end{split}$$

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