

**ON STATISTICS ANALOGOUS TO PEARSON'S CHI-SQUARE  
IN TESTING THE NULL HYPOTHESIS  
INCLUDING UNKNOWN PARAMETERS**

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I. INTRODUCTION

E. Csáki and I. Vincze [2] investigated the test (1.4) which is analogous to Pearson's Chi-square, utilizing, apart from the sample frequencies lying in the partition intervals, the sample positions too. We consider here the similar test (1.11) under the null hypothesis  $\mathcal{H}_0$  depending on  $s$  unknown parameters.

Let  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  be independent and have the common distribution function  $F(x)$ . Let  $-\infty = x_0 < x_1 < x_2 < \dots < x_r = \infty$  be a given partition of  $R^1$  such that

$p_i = P\{X_1 \in \Delta_i = (x_{i-1}, x_i)\} = F(x_i) - F(x_{i-1}) > 0, i = 1, \dots, r,$   
and let  $v_i = \text{card}\{j: X_j \in \Delta_i, j = 1, \dots, n\}, i = 1, \dots, r.$

It is well-known that

$$\chi^2 = \sum_{i=1}^r \frac{(v_i - np_i)^2}{np_i} \xrightarrow{\mathcal{L}} \chi^2(r-1) \tag{1.1}$$

as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , where  $\xrightarrow{\mathcal{L}}$  denotes the convergence in law.

Let

$$\begin{cases} e_i = E(X_1 | X_1 \in \Delta_i), \\ \sigma_i^2 = V(X_1 | X_1 \in \Delta_i), \end{cases} \tag{1.2}$$

and

$$\bar{X}_i = \frac{1}{v_i} \sum_{X_j \in \Delta_i} X_j, i = 1, \dots, r. \tag{1.3}$$

Csáki and Vincze [2] investigated the test

$$\bar{\chi}^2 = \sum_{i=1}^r \left[ \frac{\bar{X}_i - e_i}{\sigma_i} \right]^2 \cdot v_i \tag{1.4}$$

and showed that under  $R$

$$\bar{\chi}^2 \xrightarrow{L} \chi^2(r) \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty, \quad (1.5)$$

provided that  $p_i > 0$  and  $\sigma_i^2 > 0$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, r$  (cf. Th. 2.1 [2])

and

$$\frac{\bar{\chi}^2 - r}{\sqrt{2r}} \xrightarrow{L} N(0, 1) \quad (1.6)$$

as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  and  $r = O(n^\alpha)$ ,  $0 < \alpha < 1$ , (cf. Th. 3.1[2]).

Now suppose that the common d. f. of  $X_i$ 's is

$$F(x, \theta) = F(x, \theta_1, \dots, \theta_s), \quad (1.7)$$

where  $\theta = (\theta_1, \dots, \theta_s)^T$ ,  $s < r$ , is a vector of unknown parameters taking

values in an open set  $\Theta \subset R^s$ . Then

$$p_i = p_i(\theta) = P_\theta \{X_i \in \Delta_i\} = F(x_i, \theta) - F(x_{i-1}, \theta), \quad i = 1, \dots, r.$$

It is well-known that (see [1], [3]) under suitable assumptions the equations

$$\sum_{i=1}^r \frac{v_i}{p_i(\theta)} \cdot \frac{\partial p_i}{\partial \theta_j} = 0, \quad j = 1, \dots, s \quad (1.8)$$

have a uniquely consistent solution  $\tilde{\theta} = (\tilde{\theta}_1, \dots, \tilde{\theta}_s)^T$  and

$$\tilde{\chi}^2 = \sum_{i=1}^r \frac{(v_i - np_i(\tilde{\theta}))^2}{np_i(\tilde{\theta})} \xrightarrow{L} \chi^2(r-s-1), \quad (1.9)$$

as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

The aim of this paper is to study the asymptotic behaviour of the test similar to (1.4) with  $F$  given by (1.7).

Let

$$\begin{cases} p_i = p_i(\theta) = F(x_i, \theta) - F(x_{i-1}, \theta), \\ e_i = e_i(\theta) = E_\theta \{X_i | X_i \in \Delta_i\}, \\ \sigma_i^2 = \sigma_i^2(\theta) = V_\theta \{X_i | X_i \in \Delta_i\}, \quad i = 1, \dots, r \end{cases} \quad (1.10)$$

Then the test under consideration is of the form

$$\bar{\chi}^2(\hat{\theta}) = \sum_{i=1}^r \left( \frac{\bar{X}_i - e_i(\hat{\theta})}{\sigma_i(\hat{\theta})} \right)^2 \cdot v_i \quad (1.11)$$

where  $\hat{\theta}$  is an estimator of  $\theta$ . It will be show that  $\bar{\chi}^2(\hat{\theta}) \xrightarrow{L} \chi^2(r-s)$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  and  $r$  is fixed (Th. 2.1), and  $(\bar{\chi}^2(\hat{\theta}) - r) / \sqrt{2r} \xrightarrow{L} N(0, 1)$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  and  $r = O(n^\alpha)$ ,  $0 < \alpha < 1$  (Th. 2.2).

## II. RESULTS

For any function  $f(\theta)$  let us adopt the following notations

$$\partial_i f = \frac{\partial f(\theta)}{\partial \theta_i}, \quad \partial_{ij} f = \frac{\partial^2 f(\theta)}{\partial \theta_i \partial \theta_j},$$

$$\partial_i^0 f = \partial_i f \Big|_{\theta = \theta_0}, \quad \partial_{ij}^0 f = \partial_{ij} f \Big|_{\theta = \theta_0}, \quad i, j = 1, \dots, s,$$

$$f^0 = f(\theta_0), \quad \widehat{f} = f(\widehat{\theta}).$$

When  $r$  is fixed and  $n$  tends to infinite we can state

**THEOREM 2.1:** Let  $\Theta$  be an open set in  $R^s$ . Let  $\theta_0 = (\theta_1^0, \dots, \theta_s^0)^T$  be a fixed point in  $\Theta$  and let  $\mathcal{H}_0$  denote the null hypothesis:  $\theta = \theta_0$ . Assume that for  $i = 1, \dots, r$ ,  $j, k = 1, \dots, s$ :

(i)  $p_i^0 = p_i(\theta_0) > 0$ ,

(ii)  $\sigma_i^2(\theta) \geq C^2$  for some constant  $C > 0$ , and  $\sigma_i^2(\theta)$  and  $\partial_j \sigma_i^2(\theta)$  are continuous in  $\Theta$ ,

(iii)  $e_i(\theta)$ ,  $\partial_j e_i(\theta)$ ,  $\partial_{jk} e_i(\theta)$  are continuous in  $\Theta$ ,

(iv) The rank of the matrix  $E = (E_{ij}) = (\partial_j^0 e_i)$  equals  $s$ :  $\text{rank}(E) = s$ .

Then

(a) There exists a solution  $\widehat{\theta} = \widehat{\theta}_n$  of

$$\sum_{i=1}^r \frac{\bar{X}_i - e_i(\theta)}{\sigma_i^2(\theta)} v_i \partial_j e_i = 0, \quad j = 1, \dots, s \quad (2.1)$$

such that under  $\mathcal{H}_0$

$$P_{\theta_0} \text{-}\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \widehat{\theta} = \theta_0, \quad \text{i.e.} \quad \widehat{\theta} \xrightarrow{P_{\theta_0}} \theta_0. \quad (2.2)$$

The solution  $\widehat{\theta}$  is unique in the sense that if  $\widehat{\theta}$  is any other solution of (2.1)

and  $\theta \xrightarrow{P_{\theta_0}} \theta_0$  then

$$P_{\theta_0}(\widehat{\theta} = \bar{\theta}) \rightarrow 1 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

(b) Under  $\mathcal{H}_0$

$$\bar{\chi}^2(\widehat{\theta}) = \sum_{i=1}^r \left[ \frac{\bar{X}_i - \widehat{e}_i}{\widehat{\sigma}_i} \right]^2 \cdot v_i \xrightarrow{\mathcal{L}} \chi^2(r-s) \quad (2.3)$$

as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

Proof. Put

$$X_{0n} = \left[ \frac{\bar{X}_1 - e_1^0}{\sigma_1^0} \sqrt{v_1}, \dots, \frac{\bar{X}_r - e_r^0}{\sigma_r^0} \sqrt{v_r} \right]^T \quad (2.4)$$

$$X_n = \left[ \frac{\bar{X}_1 - \hat{e}_1}{\hat{\sigma}_1} \sqrt{v_1}, \dots, \frac{\bar{X}_r - \hat{e}_r}{\hat{\sigma}_r} \sqrt{v_r} \right]^T \quad (2.5)$$

$$\left\{ \begin{aligned} B_n = (B_{ij}^n) &= \left[ \frac{\sqrt{v_i/n}}{\sigma_i^0} \delta_j^0 e_i \right], \quad i = 1, \dots, r, j = 1, \dots, s \\ B = (B_{ij}) &= \left[ \frac{\sqrt{p_i^0}}{\sigma_i^0} \delta_j^0 e_i \right], \quad i = 1, \dots, r, j = 1, \dots, s. \end{aligned} \right. \quad (2.6)$$

By the Chebyshev inequality:

$$P_{\theta_0} \left( \left| v_i - np_i^0 \right| \leq \frac{np_i^0}{2}, \quad 1 \leq i \leq r \right) \geq 1 - \frac{a}{n},$$

where  $a = \sum_{i=1}^r (4q_i^0/p_i^0)$ ,  $q_i^0 = 1 - p_i^0$ .

Therefore, from (i) it follows that under  $\mathcal{H}_0$

$$v_i/n \geq p_i^0/2, \quad i = 1, \dots, r \quad (2.7)$$

with probability larger than  $Q = 1 - \frac{a}{n}$  for each  $n \geq 1$  (abbr.: with  $Q \mid \mathcal{H}_0$  for  $n \geq 1$ ).

Put

$$D_n = \text{diag} \left[ \frac{\sqrt{v_1/n}}{\sigma_1^0}, \dots, \frac{\sqrt{v_r/n}}{\sigma_r^0} \right],$$

$$D = \text{diag} \left[ \frac{\sqrt{p_1^0}}{\sigma_1^0}, \dots, \frac{\sqrt{p_r^0}}{\sigma_r^0} \right].$$

Then

$$\left\{ \begin{aligned} B_n &= D_n E, \quad B = DE, \quad \text{rank}(B) = \text{rank}(E) = s, \\ \text{rank}(B^T B) &= s, \quad |B^T B| \neq 0, \\ D_n &\xrightarrow{P_{\theta_0}} D, \quad B_n \xrightarrow{P_{\theta_0}} B, \end{aligned} \right. \quad (2.8)$$

and

$$\text{rank}(B_n) = s, \text{rank}(B_n^T B_n) = s, |B_n^T B_n| \neq 0 \quad (2.9)$$

with  $Q \in \mathcal{H}_0$  for  $n \geq 1$ .

Let us rewrite (2.1) as

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{k=1}^s (\theta_k - \theta_k^0) \sum_{i=1}^r \frac{v_i/n}{\sigma_i^{02}} \partial_j^0 e_i \partial_k^0 e_i = \\ & = n^{-1/2} \sum_{i=1}^r \frac{\sqrt{v_i/n}}{\sigma_i^0} \partial_j^0 e_i \frac{\bar{X}_i - e_i^0}{\sigma_i^0} \sqrt{v_i} + w_j(\theta), \quad l \leq j \leq s, \end{aligned} \quad (2.10)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} w_j(\theta) = & \sum_{i=1}^r (\bar{X}_i - e_i^0) \frac{v_i}{n} \left[ \frac{1}{\sigma_i^2} \partial_j e_i - \frac{1}{\sigma_i^{02}} \partial_j^0 e_i \right] + \\ & - \sum_{i=1}^r \frac{v_i}{n} (e_i - e_i^0) \left[ \frac{1}{\sigma_i^2} \partial_j e_i - \frac{1}{\sigma_i^{02}} \partial_j^0 e_i \right] + \\ & - \sum_{i=1}^r \frac{v_i/n}{\sigma_i^{02}} \partial_j^0 e_i \left[ e_i - e_i^0 - \sum_{k=1}^s (\theta_k - \theta_k^0) \partial_k^0 e_i \right], \end{aligned}$$

or in matrix form

$$B_n^T B_n (\theta - \theta_0) = n^{-1/2} B_n^T X_{on} + w(\theta), \quad (2.11)$$

where  $w(\theta) = (w_1(\theta), \dots, w_s(\theta))^T$ .

Then, by (2.9), the equations (2.1) are equivalent to

$$\theta = \theta_0 + n^{-1/2} (B_n^T B_n)^{-1} B_n^T X_{on} + (B_n^T B_n)^{-1} w(\theta) \quad (2.12)$$

with  $Q \in \mathcal{H}_0$  for  $n \geq 1$ .

Now construct a sequence  $\{\theta_m\}$  such that

$$\theta_m = \theta_0 + n^{-1/2} (B_n^T B_n)^{-1} B_n^T X_{on} + (B_n^T B_n)^{-1} w(\theta_{m-1}), \quad m \geq 1, \quad (2.13)$$

Noting that  $w(\theta_0) = 0$ , it follows from (2.13) that

$$\begin{cases} \theta_1 - \theta_0 = n^{-1/2} (B_n^T B_n)^{-1} B_n^T X_{on} \\ \theta_{m+1} - \theta_m = (B_n^T B_n)^{-1} [w(\theta_m) - w(\theta_{m-1})], \quad m \geq 1. \end{cases} \quad (2.14)$$

Let  $\{\lambda = \lambda(n, \alpha)\}$  be a sequence of constants satisfying

$$\lambda \rightarrow \infty \quad \text{and} \quad \lambda/n^{\alpha} \rightarrow 0 \quad (2.15)$$

for some  $\alpha, 0 < \alpha < 1$ , as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

By the Chebyshev inequality one obtains from (2.7)

$$\begin{aligned}
 P_{\theta_0} \left( \left| \bar{X}_i - e_i^0 \right| < \frac{\lambda}{\sqrt{n}}, \frac{v_i}{n} \geq \frac{p_i^0}{2}, v_i \geq 1, i = 1, \dots, r \right) & \quad (2.16) \\
 & \geq 1 - \lambda^{-2} \sum_{i=1}^r \frac{\sigma_i^{02}}{v_i/n} - \frac{a}{n} \\
 & \geq 1 - 2\lambda^{-2} \sum_{i=1}^r \frac{\sigma_i^{02}}{p_i^0} - \frac{a}{n} = 1 - b\lambda^{-2} - \frac{a}{n} \\
 & \geq 1 - d\lambda^{-2} := Q_\lambda
 \end{aligned}$$

for  $n \geq N_1 \geq 1$ , where  $b = 2 \sum_{i=1}^r \frac{\sigma_i^{02}}{p_i^0}$ , and  $d > b$  is given, while  $N_1 \geq 1$  can be chosen such that

$$b\lambda^{-2} + \frac{a}{n} \leq d\lambda^{-2}, \text{ for } n \geq N_1, \text{ e. g. } N_1 = \max \left\{ 1, \left[ \frac{\lambda^2 a}{d-b} + 1 \right] \right\}.$$

Therefore, by (ii), for  $n \geq N_1$

$$P_{\theta_0} \left( \left| \frac{\bar{X}_i - e_i^0}{\sigma_i^0} \sqrt{v_i} \right| < \frac{\lambda}{C}, i = 1, \dots, r \right) \geq Q_\lambda. \quad (2.17)$$

It follows from (i), (2.14), (2.4), (2.6), (2.8), (2.9), (2.16) and (2.17) that

$$\|\theta_1 - \theta_0\| \leq K_1 \lambda / \sqrt{n} \text{ with } Q_\lambda \upharpoonright \mathcal{H}_0 \text{ for } n \geq N_1, \quad (2.18)$$

where  $K_1$  is a positive constant independent of  $n$ .

Now using the Taylor expansion for each  $w_j(\theta') - w_j(\theta'')$ ,  $\theta', \theta'' \in U(\theta_0)$  a closed ball of centre  $\theta_0$ , one obtains from (ii), (iii), (2.16)

$$|w_j(\theta') - w_j(\theta'')| \leq \|\theta' - \theta''\| K_2 \left( \|\theta' - \theta_0\| + \|\theta'' - \theta_0\| + \lambda/\sqrt{n} \right)$$

with  $Q_\lambda \upharpoonright \mathcal{H}_0$  for  $n \geq N_1$ , where  $K_2$  is independent of  $n$ . Therefore

$$\|w(\theta') - w(\theta'')\| \leq \sqrt{s} K_2 \|\theta' - \theta''\| \left( \|\theta' - \theta_0\| + \|\theta'' - \theta_0\| + \lambda/\sqrt{n} \right), \quad (2.19)$$

with  $Q_\lambda \upharpoonright \mathcal{H}_0$  for  $n \geq N_1$ .

From (2.14) one has, assuming that  $\theta_m, \theta_{m-1} \in U(\theta_0)$ ,

$$\|\theta_{m+1} - \theta_m\| \leq K_3 \|\theta_m - \theta_{m-1}\| \left( \|\theta_m - \theta_0\| + \|\theta_{m-1} - \theta_0\| + \lambda/\sqrt{n} \right), \quad (2.20)$$

$m \geq 1$ , with  $Q_\lambda \upharpoonright \mathcal{H}_0$  for  $n \geq N_1$ , where  $K_3$  is independent of  $n$ .

However from (2.18), (2.19) and (2.20) one can choose  $N_2 \geq N_1$  such that for  $n \geq N_2$  the sequence  $\{\theta_m\}$  belongs to  $U(\theta_0)$  with  $Q_\lambda \upharpoonright \mathcal{H}_0$ . Then (2.20) is satisfied with  $Q_\lambda \upharpoonright \mathcal{H}_0$  for  $n \geq N_2$ .

By induction one can verify that

$$\|\theta_{m+1} - \theta_m\| \leq K_1 [(4K_1 + 1)K_3]^m [\lambda/\sqrt{n}]^{m+1}, m = 0, 1, 2, \dots \quad (2.11)$$

and

$$\|\theta_m - \theta_0\| \leq 2K_1 \lambda/\sqrt{n}, m = 1, 2, \dots \quad (2.22)$$

with  $Q_\lambda | \mathcal{H}_0$  for  $n \geq N_3$ , where  $N_3 \geq N_2$  is chosen such that  $(4K_1 + 1)K_3 \lambda/\sqrt{N_3} < 1/2$ .

Hence

$$\theta_m = \theta_0 + \sum_{i=0}^m (\theta_{i+1} - \theta_i) \rightarrow \hat{\theta} = \theta_0 + \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} (\theta_{i+1} - \theta_i) \quad (2.23)$$

as  $m \rightarrow \infty$ , and  $\|\hat{\theta} - \theta_0\| \leq 2K_1 \lambda/\sqrt{n}$  with  $Q_\lambda | \mathcal{H}_0, n \geq N_3$ .

From (2.12), (2.13), (2.23) one can conclude that  $\hat{\theta}$  is a solution of (2.1) and  $\hat{\theta} \in U(\theta_0)$  with  $Q_\lambda | \mathcal{H}_0, n \geq N_3$ .

Since  $Q_\lambda$ , as defined in (2.16), converges to 1 as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , (2.23) implies (2.2).

Suppose there is another solution  $\tilde{\theta}$  of (2.1) such that  $\tilde{\theta} \xrightarrow{P_{\theta_0}} \theta_0$ . Then  $\tilde{\theta} \in U(\theta_0)$  with  $1 - \varepsilon | \mathcal{H}_0$  for  $n \geq N_\varepsilon \geq 1$ , where  $N_\varepsilon$  can be chosen for a given  $\varepsilon > 0$ . It follows from (2.12) and (2.19) that

$\|\hat{\theta} - \tilde{\theta}\| = \|(B_n^T B_n)^{-1} [w(\hat{\theta}) - w(\tilde{\theta})]\| \leq K \|\hat{\theta} - \tilde{\theta}\| (\|\hat{\theta} - \theta_0\| + \|\tilde{\theta} - \theta_0\| + \lambda/\sqrt{n})$ , with  $Q_\lambda - \varepsilon | \mathcal{H}_0$  for  $n \geq N^* = \max(N_\varepsilon, N_3)$ , where  $K = \sqrt{S} K_2$ . Since  $\hat{\theta}$  and  $\tilde{\theta}$  both tend to  $\theta_0$  in probability under  $\mathcal{H}_0$  and  $\lambda/\sqrt{n}$  tends to 0 as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , the above inequality is valid iff  $\|\hat{\theta} - \tilde{\theta}\| = 0$  for sufficiently large  $n$ . Thus  $P_{\theta_0}(\hat{\theta} = \tilde{\theta}) \geq Q_\lambda - \varepsilon$  for  $n \geq N^*$ .

This proves the uniqueness of the solution.

From (2.14), (2.21), and (2.23) one can write

$$\|\sqrt{n}(\hat{\theta} - \theta_0) - (B_n^T B_n)^{-1} B_n^T X_{on}\| = \sqrt{n} \left\| \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} (\theta_m - \theta_{m-1}) \right\| \leq K^* \lambda^2 / \sqrt{n}$$

with  $Q_\lambda | \mathcal{H}_0$  for  $n \geq N_3$ , where  $K^*$  is some constant independent of  $n$ . Then

$$\sqrt{n}(\hat{\theta} - \theta_0) \xrightarrow{P_{\theta_0}} (B_n^T B_n)^{-1} B_n^T X_{on} \quad (2.24)$$

where  $A \approx B$  stands for  $P_{\theta_0} - \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (A - B) = 0$ .

Let us now examine the asymptotic behaviour of  $X_n$ . We can write

$$\frac{\bar{X}_i - \hat{e}_i}{\hat{\sigma}_i} \sqrt{v_i} = \frac{\sigma_i^o}{\hat{\sigma}_i} \left[ \frac{\bar{X}_i - e_i^o}{\sigma_i^o} \sqrt{v_i} - \sqrt{n} \frac{\sqrt{v_i/n}}{\sigma_i^o} (\hat{e}_i - e_i^o) \right], i = 1, \dots, r.$$

By (iii), using the Taylor expansion, one can write

$$\hat{e}_i - e_i^o = \sum_{j=1}^s \sigma_j^o e_i(\hat{\theta}_j - \theta_j^o) + o(\|\hat{\theta} - \theta_0\|^2), i = 1, \dots, r.$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\bar{X}_i - \hat{e}_i}{\hat{\sigma}_i} \sqrt{v_i} = \\ & = \frac{\sigma_i^o}{\hat{\sigma}_i} \left[ \frac{\bar{X}_i - e_i^o}{\sigma_i^o} \sqrt{v_i} - \sqrt{n} b_i (\hat{\theta} - \theta_0) + \sqrt{n} \cdot o(\|\hat{\theta} - \theta_0\|^2) \right], i = 1, \dots, r, \end{aligned}$$

where  $b_i$  is the  $i$ -th row of  $B_n$ .

From (ii) and (2.2) it follows that

$$\hat{\sigma}_i = \sigma_i(\hat{\theta}) \xrightarrow{P_{\theta_0}} \sigma_i(\theta_0) = \sigma_i^o, i = 1, \dots, r.$$

Further, by (2.23), one has

$$\sqrt{n} \cdot o(\|\hat{\theta} - \theta_0\|^2) \leq o(\lambda^2/\sqrt{n}) \text{ with } Q_\lambda \mid \mathcal{H}_0, n \geq N_s.$$

Hence

$$\frac{\bar{X}_i - \hat{e}_i}{\hat{\sigma}_i} \sqrt{v_i} \stackrel{P_{\theta_0}}{\approx} \frac{\bar{X}_i - e_i^o}{\sigma_i^o} \sqrt{v_i} - \sqrt{n} b_i (\hat{\theta} - \theta_0), i = 1, \dots, r,$$

or, in matrix form, by taking account of (2.24) and (2.8),

$$\begin{aligned} X_n & \stackrel{P_{\theta_0}}{\approx} X_{on} - \sqrt{n} B_n (\hat{\theta} - \theta_0) \\ & \stackrel{P_{\theta_0}}{\approx} X_{on} - B_n (B_n^T B_n)^{-1} B_n^T X_{on} = [I_r - B_n (B_n^T B_n)^{-1} B_n^T] X_{on} \\ & \stackrel{P_{\theta_0}}{\approx} [I_r - B (B^T B)^{-1} B^T] X_{on}, \end{aligned} \quad (2.25)$$

where  $I_r$  is the unit matrix of order  $r$ .

It follows from the proof of Th. 2.1 in [2] that

$$X_{on} \xrightarrow{\mathcal{L}} Y = (Y_1, \dots, Y_r)^T, \quad (2.26)$$

where  $Y_1, \dots, Y_r$  are mutually independent and have the common distribution  $N(0, 1)$ .

Since  $A = I_r - B(B^T B)^{-1} B^T$  is idempotent and hence  $\text{rank}(A) = \text{trace}(A) = r - \text{trace}[B(B^T B)^{-1} B^T] = r - \text{trace}[B^T B (B^T B)^{-1}] = r - \text{trace}(I_s) = r - s$ , one can conclude from (2.5), (2.25) and (2.26):

$$\bar{\chi}^2(\hat{\theta}) \stackrel{\mathcal{L}}{=} X_n^T X_n \stackrel{\mathcal{L}}{\approx} X_{on}^T A X_{on} \stackrel{\mathcal{L}}{\rightarrow} Y^T A Y \stackrel{\mathcal{L}}{\approx} \chi^2(r-s),$$

where  $\stackrel{\mathcal{L}}{\approx}$  means «having the same limit law». We have thus established (2.3). Q. E. D.

**THEOREM 2.2** Let  $r = r_n = O(n^\alpha)$ , where  $0 < \alpha < 1$ . Let the assumptions (i) – (iv) of Theorem 2.1 hold for every sufficiently large  $n$  and for  $r = r_n$ .

Assume further

$$(v) \quad c_1 / r \leq p_i \leq c_2 / r, \quad i = 1, \dots, r,$$

where  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  are constants,  $0 < c_1 \leq 1 \leq c_2 < \infty$ ,

$$(vi) \quad \frac{1}{r} \sum_{i=1}^r \left[ \mu_i^{(k)} / (\sigma_i^0)^k \right] < c_3, \quad \text{for } k=4 \text{ and } 6, \text{ where } c_3 \text{ is constant and}$$

$$\mu_i^{(k)} = E_{\theta_0} \left\{ \left| X_i - e_i^0 \right|^k \mid X_i \in \Delta_i \right\}, \quad i = 1, \dots, r.$$

Then under  $\mathcal{H}_0$

$$\frac{\bar{\chi}^2(\hat{\theta}) - r}{\sqrt{2r}} \stackrel{\mathcal{L}}{\rightarrow} N(0,1) \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty. \quad (2.27)$$

*Proof.* From (2.25) one has

$$\frac{\bar{\chi}^2(\hat{\theta}) - r}{\sqrt{2r}} = (1/\sqrt{2r}) (X_n^T X_n - r)$$

$$\stackrel{\mathcal{L}}{\approx} (1/\sqrt{2r}) (X_{on}^T [I_r - B(B^T B)^{-1} B^T] X_{on} - r) = T_1 - T_2,$$

where

$$T_1 = (1/\sqrt{2r}) (X_{on}^T X_{on} - r),$$

$$T_2 = (1/\sqrt{2r}) X_{on}^T B(B^T B)^{-1} B^T X_{on} = (1/\sqrt{2r}) \|B(B^T B)^{-1} B^T X_{on}\|^2.$$

By Th. 3.1 in [2] one obtains under  $\mathcal{H}_0$

$$T_1 \stackrel{\mathcal{L}}{\rightarrow} N(0,1) \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty. \quad (2.28)$$

Since (i), (ii), (iii), and (2.17) one can write

$$T_2 = O(\lambda^2/\sqrt{r}) = O(\lambda^2/n^{\frac{\alpha}{2}}) \text{ with } Q_\lambda \mid \mathcal{H}_0, n \geq N_1.$$

Hence, noting that  $Q_\lambda \rightarrow l$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , one can conclude by (2.15)

$$T_2 \xrightarrow{P_0} 0. \quad (2.29)$$

Clearly (2.27) now follows from (2.28) and (2.29). Q.E.D.

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