Testing for a Unit Root in the Presence of a Possible Break in Trend

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Abstract

In this paper we consider the issue of testing a time series for a unit root in the possible presence of a break in a linear deterministic trend at some unknown point in the series. We propose a break fraction estimator which, in the presence of a break in trend, is consistent for the true break fraction at rate \(O_p(T^{-1})\) when there is either a unit root or near-unit root in the stochastic component of the series. In contrast to other estimators available in the literature, when there is no break in trend, our proposed break fraction estimator converges to zero at rate \(O_p(T^{-1/2})\). Used in conjunction with a quasi difference (QD) detrended unit root test that incorporates a trend break regressor in the deterministic component, we show that these rates of convergence ensure that known break fraction null critical values are applicable asymptotically. Unlike available procedures in the literature this holds even if there is no break in trend (the true break fraction is zero), in which case the trend break regressor is dropped from the deterministic component and standard QD detrended unit root test critical values then apply. We also propose a second testing procedure which makes use of a formal pre-test for a trend break in the series, including a trend break regressor only where the pre-test rejects the null of no break. Both procedures ensure that the correctly sized (near-) efficient unit root test that allows (does not allow) for a break in trend is applied in the limit when a trend break does (does not) occur.

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1 Introduction

Testing for the presence of an autoregressive unit root process around a deterministic linear trend function has been an issue at the core of econometric research for the last quarter century. Since for many macroeconomic time series the possibility of a change in the underlying linear trend function at some point in the sample data needs to be entertained — for example, as might occur following a period of major economic upheaval or a political regime change — in the wake of the seminal paper by Perron (1989) it has become a matter of regular practice to apply a unit root test that allows for this kind of deterministic structural change in the trend function.

Perron (1989) treats the location of the potential trend break as known, a priori, to the practitioner. However, this assumption has attracted significant criticism (see, for example, Christiano, 1992) and, as a consequence, most recent approaches to this problem focus on the case where the possible break occurs at an unknown point in the sample which must be estimated in some way; see, inter alia, Zivot and Andrews (1992), Banerjee et al. (1992), Perron (1997) and Perron and Rodríguez (2003). This approach raises two obvious questions: first, how well can we estimate the break point when a break actually occurs and, second, how does the break point estimator behave when no break occurs? Both of these issues clearly have important forward implications for the behaviour of unit root tests that are based on estimated break points.

Taking the presence of a fixed trend in the data generation process (DGP) as a given, among augmented Dickey-Fuller (ADF) style unit root tests it is the Elliott et al. (1996) test based on quasi difference (QD) detrending that is near asymptotically efficient\footnote{Although not formally efficient, in the limit these tests lie arbitrarily close to the asymptotic Gaussian local power envelopes for these testing problems and, hence, with a small abuse of language we shall refer to such tests as ‘efficient’ throughout the remainder of this paper.} when no additional broken trend is present. When a broken trend is also known to be present, Elliott et al.’s test is inconsistent and it is now a test based on Perron and Rodríguez’s (2003) QD detrended ADF statistic which allows for a break in trend that is efficient. In this case, where the break occurs at a known point in the sample, the efficient test is analogous to Perron’s (1989) test but using QD detrending. If the break occurs at an unknown point in the sample, the statistic needs to be evaluated based on an estimated break date, which must be consistent for the true break date at a sufficiently fast rate such that the critical values for the known break point case from Perron and Rodríguez (2003) are appropriate in the limit.\footnote{Perron and Rodriguez (2003,p.6) suggest one possible estimator based on the location of the maximum of a sequence of QD t-statistics for the presence of a trend break at each possible point within a trimmed set of points in the sample. Other authors have suggested the corresponding OLS estimator but, interestingly, this is not consistent at a sufficiently fast rate.} An alternative approach, considered for the case of OLS detrending by Zivot and Andrews (1992), and extended to the case of local GLS detrending by Perron and Rodríguez (2003), bases inference on the minimum of the ADF statistics calculated for all possible breakdates within a given range.

Where a trend break does not occur the tests proposed in Perron and Rodríguez
are not efficient, and indeed the efficiency losses can be quite substantial in such cases, as we demonstrate in this paper. It is obvious that this will be the case for the test which assumes a known possible breakdate, since a redundant trend break regressor will always be included. For the unknown breakdate case this also occurs because, in the absence of a trend break, the break point estimator they propose (in common with other currently available estimators) has a non-degenerate limit distribution over the range of possible break points from which it is calculated and, as such, will spuriously indicate the presence of a trend break.\footnote{Similar problems arise with the minimum ADF-type tests but to a worse degree in that the location of the minimum of the ADF statistics is not even a consistent estimator of the true break date when a break occurs, and for this reason it is necessary with these tests to make the infeasible assumption that no break in trend occurs under the unit root null hypothesis, such that tests with pivotal limiting null distributions can be obtained.}

In practice, where it will be unknown as to whether a trend break occurs or not, this differing behaviour of the break point estimator also renders the true asymptotic critical values of the tests dependent on whether a break occurs or not. For the existing tests in the literature to be feasible in practice we are therefore faced with a choice: either, as in Perron and Rodríguez (2003), use conservative critical values corresponding to the case where it is assumed that no break is present, with a corresponding loss of efficiency in cases where a break is present (and, indeed, where it is not, as noted above), or use critical values which assume that a break is present but run the risk of over-sizing in the unit root tests when a break is in fact not present (coupled with the loss in efficiency which occurs when there is no break).

The aim of this paper is to rectify these drawbacks with the existing tests in the literature. We do so by proposing two new approaches to testing for unit roots which allow for the possibility of a break in trend. Our first approach uses a new break point estimator which is a data-dependent modification of the estimator of the break point obtained by using an OLS estimator on the first differences of the data (hereafter, the first difference estimator). This estimator possesses two key properties. First, when a break actually occurs, the modification drops out in the limit and the estimator collapses to the first difference estimator, which is shown to converge to the true point sufficiently rapidly such that the break point estimation error is negligible enough to allow the Perron and Rodríguez (2003) null critical values that are appropriate for a known break point to be applied in the limit. Secondly, it has the property that, when no break occurs, the estimator does not spuriously indicate a break point. In this case, in the limit, the modification forces our new estimator to put the estimated break point outside any range of break points considered to be feasible, so that it is the Elliott et al. (1996) statistic that would be applied, not the Perron and Rodríguez (2003) variant (which now incorporates a redundant trend break regressor). Again, this occurs sufficiently rapidly such that the Elliott et al. (1996) null critical values are relevant.

Our second approach achieves the same outcome in the limit as the first approach but employs a pre-test for a break in trend at an unknown point in the sample to
achieve this. We use the recently developed test of Harvey, Leybourne and Taylor (2007). Where the trend break pre-test rejects, the Perron and Rodríguez (2003) variant of the unit root statistic is employed, including a trend break dummy at the point in the sample identified by the (unmodified) first difference estimator, and where it does not the Elliott et al. (1996) variant is used. In order to ensure that the pre-test has no impact on the size of the resultant unit root test, the size of the pre-test is shrunk towards zero with the sample size, at a suitable rate. Our two proposed approaches are asymptotically equivalent and both ensure that an asymptotically correctly sized and (asymptotically) efficient unit root test which allows (does not allow) for a break in trend is applied in the limit when a trend break does (does not) occur.

After outlining our reference trend break model in section 2, in section 3 we develop a new break point (hereafter break fraction) estimator possessing the properties discussed above. Here, for unit root and near-unit root errors, we establish the rates of consistency of the new estimator for the true break fraction when a trend break occurs and show its limit behaviour under both errors when no break is present. At the same time, we show how the new estimator can be used in conjunction with the QD detrended unit root statistics described above and we establish the large sample behaviour of such a procedure. Corresponding results for our proposed pre-test-based approach are outlined in section 4. In section 5, we compare the asymptotic properties of our two proposed procedures with those of existing strategies based on the Zivot and Andrews (1992) and Perron and Rodríguez (2003) unit root tests. Here, we also conduct some comparison finite sample size and power simulations which, for the greater part, yield the same qualitative pattern as our asymptotic results. Concluding remarks are offered in section 6. Proofs of our results are contained in an Appendix.

In what follows we use the following notation: $\lfloor \cdot \rfloor$ to denote the integer part of its argument; `$p$' and `$d$' denote convergence in probability and weak convergence, respectively, in each case as the sample size diverges to positive infinity; $1(\cdot)$ to denote the indicator function, and `$x := y$' indicates that $x$ is defined by $y$.

## 2 The Trend Break Model

We consider the time series process \( \{y_t\} \) generated according to the following model,

\[
\begin{align*}
y_t &= \alpha_0 + \beta_0 t + \gamma_0 DT_t(\tau_0) + u_t, \quad t = 1, \ldots, T, \\
u_t &= \rho_T u_{t-1} + \varepsilon_t, \quad t = 2, \ldots, T,
\end{align*}
\]

where \( DT_t(\tau_0) := 1(t > \lfloor \tau_0 T \rfloor)(t - \lfloor \tau_0 T \rfloor) \) with \( \lfloor \tau_0 T \rfloor \) the potential trend break point with associated break fraction \( \tau_0 \). We assume \( \tau_0 \) is unknown but satisfies \( \tau_0 \in \Lambda \), where \( \Lambda = [\tau_L, \tau_U] \) with \( 0 < \tau_L < \tau_U < 1 \); the fractions \( \tau_L \) and \( \tau_U \) representing trimming parameters, below and above which no break is deemed allowable to occur. In (1), a break in trend occurs at time \( \lfloor \tau_0 T \rfloor \) when \( \gamma_0 \neq 0 \), while if \( \gamma_0 = 0 \), no break in trend occurs. It would also be possible to consider a second model which allows for
a simultaneous break in the level of the process at time $\lfloor \tau_0 T \rfloor$ in the model in (1)-(2). However, as argued by Perron and Rodríguez (2003, pp.2,4), we do not need to analyze this case separately because a change in intercept is just a special case of a slowly evolving deterministic component (see Condition B of Elliott et al., 1996, p.816) and, consequently, does not alter any of the large sample results presented in this paper.

The initial condition of the process is assumed to be such that $T^{-1/2}u_1 \xrightarrow{P} 0$, while the error process $\{\varepsilon_t\}$ in (2) is taken to satisfy the following conventional linear process assumption.

**Assumption 1.** The stochastic process $\{\varepsilon_t\}$ is such that

$$\varepsilon_t = c(L) \eta_t, \quad c(L) := \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} c_j L^j$$

with $c(1)^2 > 0$ and $\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} i |c_i| < \infty$, and where $\{\eta_t\}$ is an IID sequence with mean zero, unit variance and finite fourth moment. The long run variance of $\varepsilon_t$ is defined as

$$\omega^2 := \lim_{T \to \infty} T^{-1} E(\sum_{t=1}^{T} \varepsilon_t)^2 = c(1)^2.$$

Within (2), we set $\rho_T := 1 - c/T$ for $0 \leq c < \infty$ and we will be concerned with testing the unit root null hypothesis, $H_0 : c = 0$, against the local alternative, $H_1 : c > 0$.

## 3 Break Fraction Estimation and Unit Root Tests

In this section we discuss how asymptotically efficient unit root tests can be constructed in the presence of a (possible) break in trend. In section 3.1 we first consider the case where it is known that a break in trend has occurred and show that a QD detrended test of the form considered in Perron and Rodríguez (2003) based around a first difference estimator of the (unknown) break fraction is efficient. In section 3.2 we then show that where, as will be the case in practice, it is unknown as to whether a trend break has occurred or not, that the approach outlined in section 3.1 no longer delivers an efficient test. Here we suggest an approach based on a modification of the first difference estimator of the break fraction which is shown to deliver an efficient test both where a trend break occurs and where one does not.

### 3.1 The Case where a Break is Known to have Occurred

In order to carry out valid unit root inference in the case where a trend break is known to have occurred at some unknown point in the sample (that is where $\gamma_0 \neq 0$), we require an estimator of the unknown break fraction whose rate of consistency is sufficiently rapid for a unit root test based on that estimator to have an asymptotic null distribution that is the same as if the break fraction $\gamma_0$ were known. This requires that the estimator obtains a rate of consistency which is faster than $O_p(T^{-1/2})$. 
As shown by Perron and Zhu (2005), the OLS estimator of $\tau_0$,
\[
\hat{\tau} := \arg \min_{\tau \in \Lambda} T^{-1} \sum_{t=1}^{T} \hat{u}_t(\tau)^2
\]
where $\hat{u}_t(\tau)$, $t = 1, \ldots, T$ are the OLS residuals from a regression of $y_t$ on $(1, t, DT_t(\tau))'$, does not have this property because it is only $O_p\left(\frac{T}{T^{1/2}}\right)$ consistent under $H_0 : c = 0$. However, as will be established in Lemma 1 below, by taking first differences of (1) an estimator with the required rate of consistency can be obtained. Specifically, we define our proposed first difference estimator of $\tau_0$ as:
\[
\tilde{\tau} := \arg \min_{\tau \in \Lambda} \tilde{\sigma}^2(\tau),
\]
where
\[
\tilde{\sigma}^2(\tau) := T^{-1} \sum_{t=2}^{T} \tilde{v}_t(\tau)^2,
\]
and $\tilde{v}_t(\tau)$ are the OLS residuals from the regression
\[
\Delta y_t = \beta_0 + \gamma_0 DU_t(\tau) + v_t, \quad (3)
\]
where $DU_t(\tau) := 1(t > \lceil \tau T \rceil)$.

The regression model (3) represents a model for a mean shift in $\Delta y_t$, and the asymptotic properties of $\tilde{\tau}$ where $v_t$ is a stationary and invertible linear process have been proved in Bai (1994). In particular, he showed that the break fraction estimator $\tilde{\tau}$ is $O_p\left(T^{-1}\right)$ consistent. His result applies in our case when $c = 0$ and so is relevant for our unit root test null distribution theory. The following lemma verifies that this rate also continues to hold when $u_t$ contains a near-unit root (i.e. $c > 0$), which is important subsequently for establishing local alternative power functions of unit root tests based on this estimator.

Lemma 1 Let $y_t$ be generated according to (1) and (2) with $\rho_T = 1 - c/T$, $0 \leq c < \infty$, and let Assumption 1 hold. Then for the case where $\gamma_0 \neq 0$, $\tilde{\tau} = \tau_0 + O_p(T^{-1})$.

Remark 1: It can be shown that the result stated in Lemma 1 also holds in the stable autoregressive case where $\rho_T = \rho$ with $|\rho| < 1$.

Remark 2: The rate of convergence stated in Lemma 1 can also be shown to hold for the corresponding QD estimator of $\tau_0$ suggested in Perron and Rodriguez (2003, p.6), which we denote by $\hat{\tau}$ in what follows; cf. footnote 2.

Next consider the QD detrended ADF-type unit root test applied to (1) and (2). For known $\tau_0$, the regression model (1) can be written as
\[
y_t = X_t(\tau_0)\theta_0 + u_t, \quad t = 1, \ldots, T, \quad (4)
\]
where \( X_t(\tau) = (1, t, DT_t(\tau))^\prime \) and \( \theta_0 = (\alpha_0, \beta_0, \gamma_0)^\prime \). Applying a QD transformation to (4) yields

\[
y_{\varepsilon,t} = X_{\varepsilon,t}(\tau_0)^\prime \theta_0 + u_{\varepsilon,t},
\]

where

\[
y_{\varepsilon,t} := \begin{cases} y_1 & t = 1 \\ y_t - \bar{\rho}_T y_{t-1} & t = 2, \ldots, T \end{cases},
\]

\[
X_{\varepsilon,t}(\tau_0) := \begin{cases} X_1(\tau_0) & t = 1 \\ X_t(\tau_0) - \bar{\rho}_T X_{t-1}(\tau_0) & t = 2, \ldots, T \end{cases}
\]

and \( \bar{\rho}_T := 1 - \bar{c}/T \), where \( \bar{c} \) is the QD parameter, which is generally chosen to be the value of \( c \) at which the asymptotic Gaussian local power envelope for a given significance level has power equal to 50%. We define \( \hat{\theta}_\bar{c} \) to be the OLS estimator in (5) and the residuals from (4) are then \( \hat{u}_t := y_t - X_t(\tau_0)^\prime \hat{\theta}_\bar{c} \). The QD detrended ADF test rejects for large negative values of the regression \( t \)-statistic for \( \phi = 0 \) in the ADF-type regression

\[
\Delta \hat{u}_t = \phi \hat{u}_{t-1} + \sum_{j=1}^{p} \delta_j \Delta \hat{u}_{t-j} + e_{p,t}, \quad t = p + 2, \ldots, T.
\]

We denote this statistic \( \text{ADF-GLS}^{tb}(\tau_0, \bar{c}) \).

For unknown \( \tau_0 \), we simply repeat the preceding procedure but with \( \tau_0 \) replaced by \( \tilde{\tau} \) throughout. That is, we obtain the residuals \( \tilde{u}_t := y_t - X_t(\tilde{\tau})^\prime \hat{\theta}_\bar{c} \), where \( \hat{\theta}_\bar{c} \) is the OLS estimator from a regression of \( y_{\varepsilon,t} \) on \( X_{\varepsilon,t}(\tilde{\tau}) \), and then estimate the ADF-type regression

\[
\Delta \tilde{u}_t = \phi \tilde{u}_{t-1} + \sum_{j=1}^{p} \delta_j \Delta \tilde{u}_{t-j} + e_{p,t}, \quad t = p + 2, \ldots, T.
\]

The \( t \)-statistic for \( \phi = 0 \) is then denoted \( \text{ADF-GLS}^{tb}(\tilde{\tau}, \bar{c}) \). As is standard, we require that the lag truncation parameter, \( p \), in (6) and (7) satisfies the following condition:

**Assumption 2.** As \( T \to \infty \), the lag truncation parameter \( p \) in (6) and (7) satisfies the condition that \( 1/p + p^2/T \to 0 \).

**Remark 3:** Perron and Rodríguez (2003) recommend the use of the modified Akaike Information Criterion (MAIC) of Ng and Perron (2001) for selecting \( p \) in (6) and (7) with an upper bound \( p_{\text{max}} \) that satisfies Assumption 2; see section 6 of Perron and Rodríguez (2003) for further details. \( \Box \)

In Theorem 1 we now establish the asymptotic equivalence of \( \text{ADF-GLS}^{tb}(\tilde{\tau}, \bar{c}) \) and \( \text{ADF-GLS}^{tb}(\tau_0, \bar{c}) \).

**Theorem 1** Let \( y_t \) be generated according to (1) and (2), with \( \gamma_0 \neq 0 \), \( \rho_T = 1 - c/T \), \( 0 \leq c < \infty \), and let Assumptions 1 and 2 hold. Then, provided \( \tilde{\tau} \) is any \( O_p(T^{-1}) \) consistent estimator of \( \tau_0 \), it holds that \( \text{ADF-GLS}^{tb}(\tilde{\tau}, \bar{c}) - \text{ADF-GLS}^{tb}(\tau_0, \bar{c}) \xrightarrow{p} 0 \).
This result with \( c = 0 \) shows that we can carry out the test \( ADF-GLS^{tb} (\hat{\tau}, \hat{c}) \) by using asymptotic critical values appropriate for \( ADF-GLS^{tb} (\tau_0, \tilde{c}) \). The asymptotic distribution of \( ADF-GLS^{tb} (\tau_0, \tilde{c}) \) is given in Theorem 1 of Perron and Rodríguez (2003) and the associated critical values are provided in their Table 1(b). For \( c > 0 \), the result confirms that \( ADF-GLS^{tb} (\hat{\tau}, \hat{c}) \) and \( ADF-GLS^{tb} (\tau_0, \tilde{c}) \) have identical asymptotic local alternative power functions.

Table 1 about here

The asymptotic Gaussian local power envelope for the testing problem considered in this section, where it is known that \( \gamma_0 \neq 0 \), is given in Perron and Rodríguez (2003, pp. 7-8), who note that this function depends on the true break fraction \( \tau_0 \). The value of \( c \) such that the Gaussian power envelope is at 0.50 is therefore expected to depend on both the significance level used and on \( \tau_0 \). To investigate this further, Table 1 reports, for the grid of break fractions \( \tau_0 \in \{0.15, 0.20, ..., 0.85\} \) and for the nominal 0.10, 0.05 and 0.01 significance levels, the corresponding values of \( c = c_{\tau_0} \) for which the Gaussian power envelope is at 0.50. This was obtained by simulating the limit distribution of the point optimal invariant test of \( c = c_{\tau_0} \), using the distributional result in equation (15) of Perron and Rodríguez (2003). Here we also give the corresponding asymptotic and finite sample critical values of \( ADF-GLS^{tb} (\tau_0, \tilde{c}) \). The asymptotic critical values were obtained by simulating the limit distribution given in Theorem 1 of Perron and Rodríguez (2003). We approximate the Wiener processes in the limiting functionals using \( NIID(0,1) \) random variates, and with the integrals approximated by normalized sums of 1000 steps. The finite sample critical values are also reported in Table 1. These were obtained by Monte Carlo simulation using the DGP (1) and (2) with \( \gamma_0 = 0 \), and setting \( \gamma_0 = \beta_0 = 0, \epsilon_t \sim NIID(0,1) \) and \( u_t = \epsilon_1 \). All simulations were based on 50,000 replications, using the \texttt{rndKMn} function of Gauss 7.0.

Because the value of \( c_{\tau_0} \) varies with \( \tau_0 \), as Table 1 demonstrates, in practice we would clearly like to calculate \( ADF-GLS^{tb} (\hat{\tau}, c_{\hat{\tau}}) \), where \( c_{\hat{\tau}} \) denotes the value of \( c \) for which the asymptotic Gaussian local power envelope for a break fraction of \( \hat{\tau} \) is at 0.50. Now \( c_{\hat{\tau}} \) is clearly a random variable, but since \( \hat{\tau} \) is a consistent estimator of \( \tau_0 \) it follows that \( \lim_{T \to \infty} \Pr (c_{\hat{\tau}} = c_{\tau_0}) = 1 \) and, hence, that \( \lim_{T \to \infty} \Pr (ADF-GLS^{tb} (\hat{\tau}, c_{\hat{\tau}}) = ADF-GLS^{tb} (\hat{\tau}, c_{\tau_0})) = 1 \). The associated critical value for \( ADF-GLS^{tb} (\hat{\tau}, c_{\hat{\tau}}) \), denoted \( v_{\hat{\tau}} \) say, is also a random variable. But again the consistency of \( \hat{\tau} \) implies that \( \lim_{T \to \infty} \Pr (v_{\hat{\tau}} = v_0) = 1 \), where \( v_0 \) denotes the critical value for the true break fraction \( \tau_0 \). It follows that the test statistic and critical value pairs \( (ADF-GLS^{tb} (\hat{\tau}, c_{\hat{\tau}}), v_{\hat{\tau}}) \) and \( (ADF-GLS^{tb} (\tau_0, c_{\tau_0}), v_{\tau_0}) \) define asymptotically equivalent tests. As will subsequently be shown in section 5.1, \( ADF-GLS^{tb} (\hat{\tau}, c_{\hat{\tau}}) \) and, hence, \( ADF-GLS^{tb} (\tau_0, c_{\tau_0}) \) lie virtually on the asymptotic Gaussian local power envelope.

### 3.2 The Case where it is Unknown if a Break has Occurred

When no break in trend is present, i.e. when \( \gamma_0 = 0 \), such that \( \tau_0 \) is not identified, it follows from Theorem 3.1 and Remark 2(a) of Nunes et al. (1995, p. 741) that \( \hat{\tau} \) has
a well defined asymptotic distribution with support equal to \( \Lambda = [\tau_L, \tau_U] \); that is, \( \hat{\tau} \) does not converge in probability to a constant as in the case where \( \gamma_0 \neq 0 \); the same result holds for Perron and Rodríguez’s (2003, p.6) QD estimator, \( \hat{\tau} \). As a consequence the asymptotic null distribution of ADF-GLS\(^{56} \) \((\hat{\tau}, \hat{c})\) will differ according to whether a break in trend occurs or not.

In practice, where it will not be known if a trend break has in fact occurred or not, we are therefore faced with a choice when running unit root tests based on the estimated break fraction, \( \hat{\tau} \) (or, indeed, \( \hat{\tau} \)). We could, as in Perron and Rodríguez (2003), use conservative critical values corresponding to the case where it is assumed that no break is present, with a corresponding loss of efficiency in cases where a break is present. Alternatively, we could use (liberal) critical values which assume that a break is present, but run the risk of over-sizing, even asymptotically, in the unit root tests when a break is not present. Moreover, neither approach will deliver an efficient testing procedure in the no break case since here a redundant trend break regressor will always be included because of the behaviour of \( \hat{\tau} \) (and \( \hat{\tau} \)) noted above in this case; here the standard QD de-trended ADF-type test, including only an intercept and linear trend, of Elliott et al. (1996) is efficient.

The aforementioned problems with existing tests stem from the fact that the estimator of the break fraction does not converge to zero when no break in trend occurs. Clearly then, it would make considerable sense to use an estimator which, in the limit at least, places the estimated break fraction outside any range of break points considered to be feasible, that is outside of \( \Lambda \), when no break occurs. At the same time, we would obviously want such an estimator to have consistency properties that are not inferior to those of \( \hat{\tau} \) in Theorem 1 when a break does actually occur. One way to achieve an estimator with these properties is to weight our first difference-based estimator \( \hat{\tau} \) by an auxiliary function of the data; that is, consider the modified estimator:

\[
\bar{\tau} := (1 - \bar{\lambda})\hat{\tau}.
\]  

(8)

The weight function \( \bar{\lambda} \) in (8) needs to have the property that it converges to unity in such a way that \( \bar{\tau} \) converges to zero at rate \( O_p(T^{-1/2}) \) when no breaks occur, but converges to zero in such a way that \( \bar{\tau} \) converges to \( \tau_0 \) at rate \( O_p(T^{-1}) \) when a break occurs, in each case irrespective of whether the unit root holds or not.

As we will subsequently show, a weight function which has this property is

\[
\bar{\lambda} := \exp(-gT^{-1/2}W_T(\hat{\tau}))
\]  

(9)

where \( g \) is some finite positive constant and, in the spirit of the work of Vogelsang (1998), \( W_T(\hat{\tau}) \) denotes the (unscaled) Wald statistic for testing \( \gamma_0 = 0 \) in the partially-summed counterpart to regression equation (1), with \( DT_i(\tau_0) \) replaced by \( DT_i(\hat{\tau}) \). Supposing \( \tau_0 \) to be known, \( W_T(\tau_0) \) is constructed as follows. Calculate the residual sum of squares, \( RSS_U(\tau_0) \), from the following partial sum regression, estimated using OLS,

\[
\sum_{i=1}^{t} y_i = \alpha_0 t + \beta_0 \sum_{i=1}^{t} i + \gamma_0 \sum_{i=1}^{t} i DT_i(\tau_0) + s_t, \quad t = 1, \ldots, T,
\]
where \( s_t := \sum_{i=1}^t u_i, \ t = 1, \ldots, T \), and calculate the residual sum of squares, \( RSS_R \), from its restricted counterpart,

\[
\sum_{i=1}^t y_t = \alpha_0 t + \beta_0 \sum_{i=1}^t i + s_t, \ t = 1, \ldots, T,
\]

and then calculate the (unscaled) Wald statistic

\[
W_T(\tau_0) := \frac{RSS_R}{RSS_U(\tau_0)} - 1.
\]

The statistic \( W_T(\hat{\tau}) \) is then simply \( W_T(\cdot) \) evaluated at \( \hat{\tau} \). Notice that, by definition, \( 0 \leq \bar{\lambda} \leq 1 \), owing to the non-negativity of \( W_T(\hat{\tau}) \).

In Lemma 2 we now establish the large sample behaviour of \( W_T(\tau_0) \) and \( W_T(\hat{\tau}) \) for both \( \gamma = 0 \) and \( \gamma \neq 0 \).

**Lemma 2** Let \( y_t \) be generated according to (1) and (2), with \( \rho_T = 1 - c/T, \ c \geq 0 \), and let Assumption 1 hold. Let \( B_1(r) := \int_0^r B_0(s) \ ds \), where \( B_0(r) := \int_0^r e^{-(r-s)c} dW(s) \) is a standard Ornstein-Uhlenbeck (OU) process, with \( W(s) \) a standard Brownian motion on \([0,1]\), and let \( Z_1(r) := (r, \frac{1}{2} r^2)' \), \( Z_{2,\tau}(r) := 0 \vee \frac{1}{2} (r-\tau)^2 \) and \( Z_\tau(r) := (Z_1(r)', Z_{2,\tau}(r))' \). Finally, let \( S_1 \) and \( S_{1,\tau} \) be the residual processes from a projection of \( B_1 \) on \( Z_1 \) and \( B_1 \) on \( Z_\tau \), respectively. Then,

(i) If \( \gamma_0 = 0 \)

\[
W_T(\tau_0) \xrightarrow{d} \frac{1}{\int_0^1 S_1(r)^2 \ dr} \left( \int_0^1 S_{1,\tau_0}(r)^2 \ dr \right)^{-1} - 1
\]

(ii) If \( \gamma_0 \neq 0 \)

\[
T^{-1}W_T(\tau_0) \xrightarrow{d} \gamma_0^2 \left( \int_0^1 S_{1,\tau_0}(r)^2 \ dr \right)^{-1}
\]

(iii) if \( \gamma_0 = 0 \), it holds that \( W_T(\hat{\tau}) = O_p(1) \)

(iv) if \( \gamma_0 \neq 0 \), it holds that \( T^{-1}W_T(\hat{\tau}) = T^{-1}W_T(\tau_0) + o_p(1) \).

Lemma 2 shows that, regardless of which of \( H_0 : c = 0 \) or \( H_1 : c > 0 \) holds, both \( W_T(\tau_0) \) and \( W_T(\hat{\tau}) \) have the crucial property that they have well-defined (but not necessarily pivotal) large sample distributions when \( \gamma_0 = 0 \) but diverge at rate \( O_p(T) \) when \( \gamma_0 \neq 0 \). The same can also be shown to hold in the stable autoregressive case. The results in Lemma 2 enable us to now establish in Lemma 3 the large sample properties of our new break fraction estimator, \( \bar{\tau} \) of (8)-(9).

**Lemma 3** Let the conditions of Lemma 2 hold. (i) If \( \gamma_0 = 0 \), then \( \bar{\tau} = O_p(T^{-1/2}) \).

(ii) If \( \gamma_0 \neq 0 \), then \( T(\bar{\tau} - \tau_0) = O_p(1) \).
The results of Lemma 3 (which also hold in the stable autoregressive case) imply that our new break fraction estimator, \(\bar{\tau}\), converges in probability to zero at rate \(O_p(T^{-1/2})\) when there is no break in trend, but is consistent for the true break fraction, \(\tau_0\), at rate \(O_p(T^{-1})\) when a break occurs. Consequently, and as required, \(\bar{\tau}\) attains exactly the same rate of consistency as \(\tilde{\tau}\) (cf. Lemma 1) when a break occurs, but avoids the problem of spuriously indicating a break when none is present.

Now consider the properties of QD detrended ADF-type unit root tests applied to (1) and (2) using our new break fraction estimator, \(\bar{\tau}\). Based on the properties of \(\tilde{\tau}\) in Lemma 3, if \(\bar{\tau} \geq \tau_L\) (notice that, by definition, \(\bar{\tau}\) cannot exceed \(\tau_U\)) then we take that as evidence of the presence of a trend break and correspondingly use \(ADF-GLS^{tb}(\bar{\tau}, c_{\bar{\tau}})\) as our unit root test statistic, where \(ADF-GLS^{tb}(\tilde{\tau}, c_{\tilde{\tau}})\) is identical to \(ADF-GLS^{tb}(\tilde{\tau}, c_{\tilde{\tau}})\) of section 3.1, except that \(\bar{\tau}\) replaces \(\tilde{\tau}\), and where \(c_{\bar{\tau}}\) denotes the value of \(c\) for which the asymptotic Gaussian local power envelope for a break fraction of \(\bar{\tau}\) is at 0.50. In contrast, if \(\bar{\tau} < \tau_L\) then we take that as evidence of the absence of a structural break and we then use a standard QD de-trended ADF-type test including only an intercept and linear trend (using \(\bar{c} = 13.5\) for the QD transformation, as in Elliott et al., 1996), denoted \(ADF-GLS^t\), which is known to be an efficient test in this case. Our suggested unit root test statistic can therefore be written as:

\[
t(\bar{\tau}) := \begin{cases} 
ADF-GLS^t & \text{if } \bar{\tau} < \tau_L \\
ADF-GLS^{tb}(\bar{\tau}, c_{\bar{\tau}}) & \text{if } \bar{\tau} \geq \tau_L.
\end{cases}
\] (11)

In Theorem 2 we now establish the large sample behaviour of \(t(\bar{\tau})\), demonstrating that, unlike existing procedures, it delivers an efficient test both where a trend break occurs and where one does not.

**Theorem 2** Let \(y_t\) be generated according to (1) and (2), with \(\rho_T = 1 - c/T, 0 \leq c < \infty\), and let Assumptions 1 and 2 hold.

(i) If \(\gamma_0 = 0\), then \(t(\bar{\tau}) - ADF-GLS^t \xrightarrow{p} 0\).

(ii) If \(\gamma_0 \neq 0\) then \(t(\bar{\tau}) - ADF-GLS^{tb}(\tau_0, c_{\tau_0}) \xrightarrow{p} 0\).

The proof of Theorem 2 follows immediately from the results in Lemma 3. If \(\gamma_0 = 0\) then Lemma 3(i) implies that \(\lim_{T \to \infty} \Pr(\bar{\tau} < \tau_L) = 1\) and, hence, that \(\lim_{T \to \infty} \Pr\left(t(\bar{\tau}) = ADF-GLS^t\right) = 1\) and we therefore consult the standard asymptotic critical values that apply to \(ADF-GLS^t\); see, Table 1 of Elliott et al. (1996,p.825). Similarly, for \(\gamma_0 \neq 0\), Lemma 3(ii) implies that \(\lim_{T \to \infty} \Pr(\bar{\tau} \geq \tau_L) = 1\) and, hence, that \(\lim_{T \to \infty} \Pr\left(t(\tilde{\tau}) = ADF-GLS^{tb}(\tilde{\tau}, c_{\tilde{\tau}})\right) = 1\). Moreover, because of the rate of convergence of \(\bar{\tau}\) shown in Lemma 3(ii), Theorem 1 applies to show that \(ADF-GLS^{tb}(\tilde{\tau}, c_{\tilde{\tau}}) - ADF-GLS^{tb}(\tau_0, c_{\tau_0}) \xrightarrow{p} 0\). Unlike procedures based on either the first difference or QD break fraction estimators, \(\bar{\tau}\) and \(\tilde{\tau}\), respectively, the practitioner is therefore not forced to make the choice between the conservative and liberal critical values discussed at the start of this section.

It follows from the results in Theorem 2 that where no trend break occurs, \(t(\bar{\tau})\) has the same asymptotic local power function as the efficient \(ADF-GLS^t\) test. Moreover,
where a trend break occurs, $t(\bar{\tau})$ has the same asymptotic local power function as $ADF-GLS^t(\bar{\tau}, c_{\bar{\tau}})$ and, hence, $ADF-GLS^{tb}(\tau_0, c_m)$. Consequently in both the trend break and no break cases, $t(\bar{\tau})$ delivers a test which lies very close to the asymptotic Gaussian local power envelope.

### 4 An Approach based on Trend Break Pre-Testing

The approach adopted in using $t(\bar{\tau})$ in section 3.2 is tantamount to using a pre-test for the presence of a trend break. The modified estimator $\bar{\tau}$ is effectively being used to form a decision rule as to whether a break has occurred or not, with a break being deemed to have occurred if $\bar{\tau} \geq \tau_L$. In such a case the $ADF-GLS^{tb}(\bar{\tau}, c_{\bar{\tau}})$ statistic of Perron and Rodríguez (2003) is used, while if $\bar{\tau} < \tau_L$ the standard QD de-trended $ADF-GLS^t$ statistic of Elliott et al. (1996) is used.

Other decision rules could clearly be used in an approach like this, in particular we might consider the use of a formal statistical pre-test for the presence of a trend break. Like the weight function $\lambda$ of (9), any such pre-test will need to possess certain large sample properties. Precisely, it needs to be based on a statistic which has a well-defined limiting distribution when $\gamma_0 = 0$, and it needs to be consistent when $\gamma_0 \neq 0$, with both of these properties holding regardless of whether the unit root holds or not. A number of trend break tests with these properties exist in the literature; see, *inter alia*, Vogelsang and Perron (1998), Sayginsoy and Vogelsang (2004) and Harvey et al. (2007). The finite sample properties of a trend break pre-test will also be very important in practice because where a trend break does occur we want to be applying the $ADF-GLS^{tb}(\bar{\tau}, c_{\bar{\tau}})$ test rather than $ADF-GLS^t$. Consequently, our trend break test needs to have good finite sample power. Of the available trend break tests, it is the test of Harvey et al. (2007) which displays the best overall power properties and so we shall focus on the use of that as a trend break pre-test in what follows.

The trend break test proposed by Harvey et al. (2007) rejects the null hypothesis that $\gamma_0 = 0$ for large values of the statistic

$$
 t_\lambda := \lambda \left( \sup_{\tau \in \Lambda} |t_0(\tau)| \right) + m_\xi(1 - \lambda) \left( \sup_{\tau \in \Lambda} |t_1(\tau)| \right)
$$

where $t_0(\cdot)$ and $t_1(\cdot)$ are the OLS regression $t$-statistics for $\gamma_0 = 0$ in (1) and (3), respectively, in each case studentised using a long run variance estimator, and $\lambda$ is the weight function

$$
 \lambda := \exp[-\{kS_0(\bar{\tau})S_1(\bar{\tau})\}]^2.
$$

In (13), $k$ is a finite positive constant, and $S_0(\bar{\tau})$ and $S_1(\bar{\tau})$ are the stationarity test statistics of Kwiatkowski et al. (1992), calculated from the residuals $\{\hat{u}_t(\bar{\tau})\}_{t=1}^{P}$ and $\{\tilde{v}_t(\bar{\tau})\}_{t=2}^{T}$, respectively. Finally, as in Vogelsang (1998), $m_\xi$ is a constant such that, for a significance level $\xi$, the asymptotic null critical value of of $t_\lambda$ does not depend on whether the unit root holds or not. Selected critical values, together with the corresponding values of $m_\xi$, for the $t_\lambda$ test are provided in Table 1 of Harvey et al.
Harvey et al. (2007) show that when $\gamma_0 \neq 0$, $t_\lambda$ is consistent at rate $O_p(T^{1/2})$ under the unit root (the same rate also holds under a near unit root) and at rate $O_p(T^{3/2})$ in the stable autoregressive case.

Using the trend break pre-test of Harvey et al. (2007), we can therefore propose an alternative to $t(\bar{\tau})$ of (11), namely the statistic

$$
t_P(\hat{\tau}) := \begin{cases} 
ADF-GLS^t & \text{if } t_\lambda \text{ does not reject} \\
ADF-GLS^{tb}(\hat{\tau}, c_\hat{\tau}) & \text{if } t_\lambda \text{ rejects}
\end{cases}
$$

(14)

If we choose a fixed (independent of sample size) significance level for the $t_\lambda$ pre-test it should be clear that $t_P(\hat{\tau})$ will not be asymptotically equivalent to $t(\bar{\tau})$. This occurs because even in large samples there will be a positive probability (given by the asymptotic significance level of $t_\lambda$) that the procedure will incorrectly select the $ADF-GLS^{tb}(\hat{\tau}, c_\hat{\tau})$ statistic when $\gamma_0 = 0$. This will therefore cause a degree of oversizing (even asymptotically) in the test based on $t_P(\hat{\tau})$, for the reason outlined at the start of section 3.2 in the context of running the $ADF-GLS^{tb}(\hat{\tau}, c_\hat{\tau})$ using liberal critical values. In order to avoid this problem and to obtain a procedure which is asymptotically equivalent to $t(\bar{\tau})$ we will need to shrink the size of the $t_\lambda$ pre-test at a suitable rate in the sample size such that the test retains consistency when $\gamma_0 \neq 0$. Since $t_\lambda$ diverges at rate $O_p(T^{1/2})$ when $\gamma_0 \neq 0$, this can clearly be achieved by defining the critical region of the pre-test to be of the form “reject the null hypothesis $\gamma_0 = 0$ if $t_\lambda > cv_T$” where $cv_T = aT^{1/2-d}$, for some $0 < d < 0.5$, and where $a$ is a finite positive constant.\textsuperscript{4} For a given finite sample size, running the $t_\lambda$ test at any conventional significance level is consistent with this decision rule.

5 Numerical Results

In this section we consider the performance of the $t(\bar{\tau})$ and $t_P(\hat{\tau})$ tests proposed in this paper and assess the results relative to the performance of the two recommended tests from Perron and Rodríguez (2003). The first of these is a Zivot and Andrews (1992)-type test which minimises the $ADF-GLS^{tb}(\tau, \bar{c})$ unit root statistic across all possible break dates

$$
t_{ZA} := \inf_{\tau \in \Lambda} ADF-GLS^{tb}(\tau, \bar{c}).
$$

The second comparator test is their conservative testing strategy, defined by

$$
t_C(\hat{\tau}) := ADF-GLS^{tb}(\hat{\tau}, \bar{c})
$$

where, as noted in footnote 2, $\hat{\tau}$ is the break date estimator obtained by maximising the absolute value of the $t$-ratio on the trend break dummy in the GLS regression (5) across $\tau \in \Lambda$. For both tests, Perron and Rodríguez (2003) recommend the use of $\bar{c} = -22.5$.

\textsuperscript{4}A similar approach has been used in a recent working paper by Kim and Perron (2006) in connection with OLS, rather than QD, de-trended unit root tests which allow for breaks in trend.
In section 5.1 we first examine the asymptotic power properties of the tests. Then in section 5.2 we turn to a comparison of the finite sample properties of the tests.

5.1 Asymptotic Results

In this section we simulate the asymptotic local to $I(1)$ power of the newly proposed tests, $t(\tilde{\tau})$ and $t_P(\tilde{\tau})$, for both the no break and break cases. When no break exists, both $t(\tilde{\tau})$ and $t_P(\tilde{\tau})$ are asymptotically equivalent to $ADF-GLS^t$, thus here we simulate the local asymptotic power curve for $ADF-GLS^t$, using the limiting functionals given in Elliott et al. (1996), for $\bar{c} = -13.5$. Otherwise, when a break is present, the $t(\tilde{\tau})$ and $t_P(\tilde{\tau})$ tests are asymptotically equivalent to $ADF-GLS^{tb}(\tau_0; c, \bar{c})$, the limit distribution of which is given in Theorem 1 of Perron and Rodríguez (2003). When a break exists, we also report the asymptotic Gaussian local power envelope; in the case of no break, the corresponding envelope is given in Elliott et al. (1996), where it is shown to be virtually indistinguishable from the power curve for $ADF-GLS^t$, thus we do not report it here.

The asymptotic distribution of $t_{ZA}$ when no break is present was simulated using the limit expressions given in Perron and Rodríguez (2003). When a break exists, the $t_{ZA}$ test does not have a pivotal limit distribution under the null or alternative, therefore we cannot simulate its asymptotic size or local power in any meaningful way. For $t_C(\hat{\tau})$, the asymptotic critical value is calculated under the assumption that no break exists, and was obtained by simulating the limit distribution for this test given in Perron and Rodríguez (2003). When a break does exist, the $t_C(\hat{\tau})$ statistic is asymptotically equivalent to the statistic $ADF-GLS^{tb}(\tau_0, \bar{c})$, allowing simulation of the test’s asymptotic size and power, although note that it is the no break case (conservative) critical value that is still applied.

In Figures 1 and 2, we report results for $\gamma_0 = 0$ and $\gamma_0 \neq 0$, respectively, for $c \in \{0, 1, 2, ..., 50\}$. When a break exists, we consider three break fractions, $\tau_0 \in \{0.3, 0.5, 0.7\}$. As for the results in Table 1, we approximate the Wiener processes in the limiting functionals using NIID$(0, 1)$ random variates, and with the integrals approximated by normalized sums of 1000 steps and 50,000 replications, using the \texttt{rndkmn} function of Gauss 7.0. All tests were calculated for the range of break fractions $\Lambda = [0.15, 0.85]$, and results are reported for the nominal 0.05 significance level.

Figures 1 – 2 about here

The results for the no break case in Figure 1 clearly demonstrate the loss in efficiency incurred in using either of the conservative $t_{ZA}$ and $t_C(\hat{\tau})$ tests from Perron and Rodríguez (2003). These tests have virtually identical asymptotic local power functions which in both cases lie considerably inside the power functions of $t(\tilde{\tau})$ and $t_P(\tilde{\tau})$; for example, for $c = 15$ the conservative tests both have power of approximately 25%, while the $t(\tilde{\tau})$ and $t_P(\tilde{\tau})$ tests both have power of around 60%.

Turning to the results in Figure 2, for the case where a break in trend occurs, the conservative $t_C(\hat{\tau})$ test again has an asymptotic local power function which lies
strictly inside the power function of $t(\tilde{\tau})$ and $t_P(\tilde{\tau})$ which for the most part is virtually indistinguishable from the asymptotic Gaussian envelope. A comparison of the power function of $t_C(\hat{\tau})$ with those of $t(\tilde{\tau})$ and $t_P(\tilde{\tau})$ highlights that, where a trend break occurs, the efficiency losses associated with using conservative critical values can be quite considerable; for example, when $\tau_0 = 0.7$, and $c = 25$, $t_C(\hat{\tau})$ has power of approximately 55% while $t(\tilde{\tau})$ and $t_P(\tilde{\tau})$ have power of around 85%. Interestingly, and consistent with the values of $c_{\tau_0}$ reported in Table 1, there is rather little variation in the shape of the asymptotic Gaussian local power envelope, and, hence, of the power functions $t(\tilde{\tau})$ and $t_P(\tilde{\tau})$, across the three reported values of the break fraction $\tau_0$.\(^5\) The power function of $t_C(\hat{\tau})$ shows slightly greater dependence on $\tau_0$, but even here this variation is not in any sense large.

5.2 Finite Sample Results

In this section we investigate the finite sample size and power properties of $t(\tilde{\tau})$ and $t_P(\tilde{\tau})$, along with the comparator tests $t_{ZA}$ and $t_C(\hat{\tau})$. Simulations are conducted for the DGP given by (1) and (2), with $\alpha_0 = \beta_0 = 0$ (without loss of generality), and $\varepsilon_t \sim NIID(0, 1)$ with $u_t = \varepsilon_1$. The sample sizes $T = 150$ and 300 are considered, with the autoregressive parameters $\rho_T = 1 - c/T$, $c \in \{0, 1, 2, \ldots, 50\}$. Results are reported for both cases where a break is not present in the DGP, and where a break exists; in the latter case, we set $\gamma_0 = 1$ (one standard deviation). Figure 3 reports results for the no break case, while Figure 4 reports results for a trend break at $\tau_0 = 0.3$, 0.5 and 0.7, respectively. All simulations were computed for 20,000 replications, again using the `rndKMn` function of Gauss 7.0.

Figures 3 – 4 about here

As regards $t(\tilde{\tau})$, on the basis of unreported size and power simulations, we found that setting $g = 1.5$ in (9) for $\lambda$ resulted in a test with decent overall size and power properties, and this value is adopted here.\(^6\) In the implementation of $t_P(\tilde{\tau})$, the pre-test $t_\lambda$ was conducted with a significance level that shrank with the sample size. Specifically, we ran $t_\lambda$ at the 0.05 level for $T = 150$ and at the 0.025 level for $T = 300$, thereby halving the significance level as the sample size doubles.\(^7\) Following Harvey et al. (2007) we set $k = 500$ in (13). We abstract from the issue of lag selection in the computation of all the tests, setting $p = 0$ in the ADF regressions.

\(^5\)Correspondingly, although not reported here, we also found the local power functions of $t(\tilde{\tau})$ and $t_P(\tilde{\tau})$ to be very insensitive to the value of the QD de-trending parameter used, being virtually indistinguishable from the asymptotic Gaussian power envelope for all but values of the QD de-trending parameter close to zero.

\(^6\)Notice from Lemma 3 and Theorem 2, respectively, that $g$ has no impact on the large sample properties of either $\tilde{\tau}$ or $t(\tilde{\tau})$.

\(^7\)The critical values for the $t_\lambda$ test using 15% trimming are 2.492 and 2.757 for the 0.05 and 0.025 significance levels, respectively. The corresponding $b_\alpha$ values also required to implement the $t_\lambda$ test are, respectively, 0.849 and 0.867.
For both $t(\bar{\tau})$ and $t_P(\tilde{\tau})$ we used a QD parameter of $\bar{c} = -13.5$ for $ADF-GLS^t$, while for $ADF-GLS^t(\bar{\tau}, \bar{c})$, $\bar{c}$ was obtained by linear interpolation between the two nearest values of $c_n$ to either $\bar{\tau}$ for $t(\bar{\tau})$ or $\tilde{\tau}$ for $t_P(\tilde{\tau})$, in the grid of values in Table 1. The corresponding critical values for $ADF-GLS^t(\bar{\tau}, \bar{c})$ were also obtained by linear interpolation between the associated finite sample critical values in Table 1, and finite sample critical values were employed for $ADF-GLS^t$ (for the nominal 0.05 significance level, these are $-2.96$ for $T = 150$, and $-2.92$ for $T = 300$). Finite sample critical values were also used for the $t_{ZA}$ and $t_C(\hat{\tau})$ tests; these were obtained by simulation using the DGP (1) and (2) with $\gamma_0 = 0$, using 50,000 Monte Carlo replications, and setting $\alpha_0 = \beta_0 = 0$, $\varepsilon_t \sim NIID(0, 1)$ and $u_t = \varepsilon_t$ as before.

Consider first the results for the no break case in Figure 3. It can be seen that the $t(\bar{\tau})$ and $t_P(\tilde{\tau})$ tests display a certain degree of over-sizing in finite samples which is mitigated as the sample size increases. Both tests have size of around 8%, for $T = 150$ and about 7% for $T = 300$. Since, as was previously noted, both effectively employ a pre-test for the presence of a break in trend and here there is no break in trend, this finite sample effect is to be expected, as discussed at the end of section 4. The overall shape of the power functions of all of the tests are however very similar to their asymptotic counterparts in Figure 1, particularly so for $T = 300$, with the $t(\bar{\tau})$ and $t_P(\tilde{\tau})$ tests again showing almost identical power functions which clearly dominate those of the $t_{ZA}$ and $t_C(\hat{\tau})$ tests.

Turning to the results for the trend break case in Figure 4, we see that here both the $t(\bar{\tau})$ and $t_P(\tilde{\tau})$ tests now have size very close to the nominal level, while, consistent with their large sample properties (see Figure 2), the $t_{ZA}$ and $t_C(\hat{\tau})$ tests are somewhat under-sized. This effect is most pronounced for the $t_C(\hat{\tau})$ test and, as a consequence, the $t_{ZA}$ test displays somewhat superior finite sample power than $t_C(\hat{\tau})$ throughout. The finite sample power curves for the $t(\bar{\tau})$ and $t_P(\tilde{\tau})$ tests are again virtually indistinguishable from each other throughout Figure 4, and are generally very similar to their asymptotic counterparts in Figure 2 for values of $\bar{c}$ below around 20 but flatten off somewhat, relative to the results in Figure 2, for larger values of $\bar{c}$. For the most part the $t(\bar{\tau})$ and $t_P(\tilde{\tau})$ tests retain a considerable power advantage over the $t_{ZA}$ and $t_C(\hat{\tau})$ tests, and increasingly so as the sample size increases, although for larger values of $\bar{c}$ the power functions do tend to cross; for example, the power function of $t_{ZA}$ crosses those of $t(\bar{\tau})$ and $t_P(\tilde{\tau})$ at around $\bar{c} = 30$ (where the power of both tests is about 84%) when $T = 150$ and $\tau_0 = 0.5$, while for $T = 300$ this crossing point has moved out to $\bar{c} = 33$ (where the power of both tests is about 90%).

6 Conclusions

In this paper we have proposed new tests of the unit root null hypothesis, based on quasi difference de-trending, for the case where there is a possible one time change in the trend function occurring at an unknown point in the series. The first of these was based on using a new estimator of the break fraction which was shown, where a break
occurs, to be consistent for the true break fraction at rate $O_p(T^{-1})$ both under the null hypothesis and local alternatives, but to not spuriously indicate the presence of a trend break where none exists. The second approach was based on first employing a pre-test for a break in trend, and allowing for a break in trend in the unit root regression only where this pre-test rejected. Our two proposed tests were shown to be asymptotically equivalent and, in contrast to extant tests in the literature, were shown to lie arbitrarily close in large samples to the asymptotic Gaussian local limiting power envelope both where a break occurs and where a break does not occur. Asymptotic and finite sample evidence was reported which suggested that our two new tests generally outperformed other available tests in the literature.
Appendix

In what follows, we define $\|x\| = \sqrt{x^T x}$ for any vector $x$ and $\|A\| = \max_x \|Ax\| / \|x\|$ for a square matrix $A$.

A.1 Proof of Lemma 1

When $c = 0$, this follows immediately from Proposition 3 of Bai (1994) since $v_t = \Delta u_t$ satisfies Bai’s Assumptions A and B. When $c > 0$ we need to generalise Bai’s Proposition 1 so that the Hajek-Renyi equality applies to the first difference of a near-unit root process. Then the proof of Bai’s Proposition 3 applies straightforwardly to conclude that $\hat{\tau}$ is $O_p(T^{-1})$ consistent when $u_t$ is near-unit root. To do this, we substitute $u_t = \sum_{j=0}^{t-1} \rho_T^j \epsilon_{t-j}$ into $v_t = \epsilon_t - cT^{-1} u_{t-1}$ to obtain

$$v_t = \epsilon_t - cT^{-1} \sum_{j=1}^{t-1} \rho_T^{t-j-1} \epsilon_j.$$  

Then some rearrangements give

$$\sum_{t=1}^{k} v_t = \sum_{t=1}^{k} a_t \epsilon_t$$

for $k \leq T$, where $a_t = 1 - cT^{-1} \left( \sum_{j=0}^{k-t-1} \rho_T^j \right)$ for $t = 1, \ldots, k-1$ and $a_k = 1$. Note that $0 \leq a_t \leq 1$ because $|cT^{-1} \left( \sum_{j=0}^{k-t-1} \rho_T^j \right)| \leq cT^{-1} (k - t) \leq 1$. Now following Bai’s proof of his Proposition 1 we apply a Beveridge and Nelson (1981) (BN) decomposition to $\epsilon_t$:

$$\epsilon_t = c(1) \eta_t - \Delta \epsilon_t^*,$$

where $\epsilon_t = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} c_j^* \eta_{t-j}$ and $c_j^* = \sum_{i=j+1}^{\infty} c_i$, so that

$$\sum_{t=1}^{k} a_t \epsilon_t = c(1) \sum_{t=1}^{k} a_t \eta_t - a_k \epsilon_k^* - a_1 \epsilon_0^* - cT^{-1} \sum_{t=1}^{k-1} \rho_T^{k-t-1} \epsilon_t^*,$$

where we have used $a_{t+1} - a_t = cT^{-1} \rho_T^{k-t-1}$. Thus for $n \leq T$ we consider

$$\Pr \left( \max_{m \leq k \leq n} c_k \left| \sum_{t=1}^{k} v_t \right| > \alpha \right) \leq \Pr \left( \max_{m \leq k \leq n} c_k \left| c(1) \sum_{t=1}^{k} a_t \eta_t \right| > \alpha / 4 \right)$$

$$+ \Pr \left( \max_{m \leq k \leq n} c_k \left| a_k \epsilon_k^* \right| > \alpha / 4 \right)$$

$$+ \Pr (c_m \left| \epsilon_0^* \right| > \alpha / 4)$$

$$+ \Pr \left( \max_{m \leq k \leq n} c_k \left| cT^{-1} \sum_{t=1}^{k-1} \rho_T^{k-t-1} \epsilon_t^* \right| > \alpha / 4 \right) \quad (A.1)$$

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By equation (2) of Hajek and Renyi (1955), the first probability in (A.1) satisfies

$$\Pr \left( \max_{m \leq k \leq n} c_k \left| c (1) \sum_{l=1}^{k} a_l \eta_l \right| > \alpha / 4 \right) \leq \frac{16c(1)^2}{\alpha^2} \left( \sigma^2 \sum_{l=1}^{m} a_l^2 + \sum_{k=m+1}^{n} c_k^2 a_k^2 \right),$$

(4.2)

the second line following because $0 \leq a_k \leq 1$. The second probability in (A.1) satisfies

$$\Pr \left( \max_{m \leq k \leq n} c_k |a_k \varepsilon_k| > \alpha / 4 \right) \leq \sum_{k=m}^{n} \Pr (c_k |a_k \varepsilon_k| > \alpha / 4) \leq \frac{16\sigma^2}{\alpha^2} \left( \sigma^2 + \sum_{k=m+1}^{n} c_k^2 \right),$$

(4.3)

by Chebyshev’s inequality, where $\sigma^2 = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} c_j^2$, which exists under Assumption 1. Again by Chebyshev’s inequality, the third probability in (A.1) satisfies

$$\Pr (c_m | \varepsilon_0 | > \alpha / 4) \leq \frac{16\sigma^2}{\alpha^2} c_m^2,$$

(4.4)

The fourth probability in (A.1) satisfies

$$\Pr \left( \max_{m \leq k \leq n} c_k \left| cT^{-1} \sum_{t=1}^{k-1} \rho_T^{k-t-1} \varepsilon_t^* \right| > \alpha / 4 \right) \leq \sum_{k=m}^{n} \Pr \left( c_k \left| cT^{-1} \sum_{t=1}^{k-1} \rho_T^{k-t-1} \varepsilon_t^* \right| > \alpha / 4 \right) \leq \frac{16}{\alpha^2} \sum_{k=m}^{n} c_k^2 \var \left( \sum_{t=1}^{k-1} \rho_T^{k-t-1} \varepsilon_t^* \right) \leq \frac{16c^2 \omega^2}{\alpha^2 T} \sum_{k=m}^{n} c_k^2,$$

(4.5)

by Chebyshev’s inequality, where $\omega^2 = \sum_{j=-\infty}^{\infty} |\gamma_j^*|$ and $\gamma_j^* = E (\varepsilon_t^* \varepsilon_{t-j}^*)$ (and $\omega^2$ exists under Assumption 1), since

$$\var \left( \sum_{t=1}^{k-1} \rho_T^{k-t-1} \varepsilon_t^* \right) = c^2 T^{-2} \sum_{t=1}^{k-1} \sum_{t=1}^{k-1} \rho_T^{k-t-s-2} \gamma_{t-s},$$

$$\leq c^2 T^{-2} \sum_{t=1}^{k-1} \sum_{s=1}^{k-1} |\gamma_{t-s}| \leq c^2 T^{-2} k \omega^2 \leq c^2 T^{-1} \omega^2.$$

Thus combining (A.2)–(A.5) in (A.1) leads to

$$\Pr \left( \max_{m \leq k \leq n} \sum_{t=1}^{k} u_t > \alpha \right) \leq \frac{16}{\alpha^2} \left( c(1)^2 + 2\sigma^2 + c^2 \omega^2 \right) \left( m \sigma_m^2 + \sum_{k=m+1}^{n} c_k^2 \right),$$

which provides the required generalisation of Bai’s Proposition 1.
A.2 Proof of Theorem 1

It will be convenient to represent the models in stacked matrix form as

\[ y = X\theta_0 + u \quad (A.6) \]

and

\[ y_\varepsilon = X_\varepsilon\theta_0 + u_\varepsilon, \quad (A.7) \]

where \( \theta_0 = (\alpha_0, \beta_0, \gamma_0)' \), \( X = (X_1 (\tau_0), \ldots, X_T (\tau_0))' \), and so on. The OLS estimator of \( \theta_0 \) based on (A.7) taking \( \tau_0 \) as known is denoted \( \theta_\varepsilon \) and the resulting residuals from (A.6) are \( \hat{u} = y - X\hat{\theta}_\varepsilon \). The ADF test statistic for \( \hat{u} \) can be represented

\[ ADF-GLS^{th}(\tau_0, \bar{c}) = \frac{\hat{u}'_{-1} \hat{P} \Delta \hat{u}}{\hat{\sigma} \left( \hat{u}'_{-1} \hat{P} \hat{u}_{-1} \right)^{1/2}}, \quad (A.8) \]

with \( \Delta \hat{u} = (\Delta \hat{u}_t)_{t=p+2}^T, \hat{u}_{-1} = (\hat{u}_{t-1})_{t=p+2}^T, \hat{U}_p = (\Delta \hat{u}_{t-1}, \ldots, \Delta \hat{u}_{t-p})_{t=p+2}^T, \hat{P} = I_{T-p} - \hat{U}_p (\hat{U}_p' \hat{U}_p)^{-1} \hat{U}_p' \) and

\[ \hat{\sigma}^2 = T^{-1} \left( \Delta \hat{u}' \hat{P} \Delta \hat{u} - \frac{\left( \hat{u}'_{-1} \hat{P} \Delta \hat{u} \right)^2}{\hat{u}'_{-1} \hat{P} \hat{u}_{-1}} \right). \]

When \( \hat{\tau} \) replaces \( \tau_0 \), we define the matrices \( \hat{X} = (X_1 (\hat{\tau}), \ldots, X_T (\hat{\tau}))' \) and \( \hat{X}_\varepsilon = (X_{\varepsilon,1} (\hat{\tau}), \ldots, X_{\varepsilon,T} (\hat{\tau}))' \). The OLS estimator from a regression of \( y_\varepsilon \) on \( \hat{X}_\varepsilon \) is denoted \( \hat{\theta}_\varepsilon \) and the resulting levels residuals are \( \hat{\bar{u}} = y - \hat{X} \hat{\theta}_\varepsilon \). The statistic \( ADF-GLS^{th}(\hat{\tau}) \) is defined as in (A.8) but with \( \hat{u} \) and \( \hat{\sigma} \) replaced by \( \hat{\bar{u}} \) and \( \hat{\sigma} \). We will show that

\[ ADF-GLS^{th}(\tau_0, \bar{c}) - ADF-GLS^{th}(\tau_0, \bar{c}) \overset{p}{\rightarrow} 0. \quad (A.9) \]

We first provide some preliminary results. The first concerns the difference between the de-trending coefficients \( \theta_\varepsilon \) and \( \theta_\varepsilon \).

**Lemma 4** Define \( D_T = \text{diag} \left( 1, T^{1/2}, T^{1/2} \right) \). Then

\[ D_T \left( \hat{\theta}_\varepsilon - \theta_0 \right) \overset{d}{\rightarrow} \left( \int_0^1 H_{\varepsilon,\tau_0} (s) H_{\varepsilon,\tau_0} (s)' ds \right)^{-1} \int_0^1 H_{\varepsilon,\tau_0} (s) (dB \varepsilon (s) + \bar{c} B \varepsilon (s) ds) \left( \int_0^1 H_{\varepsilon,\tau_0} (s) (dB \varepsilon (s) + \bar{c} B \varepsilon (s) ds) \right)', \quad (A.10) \]

where \( B \varepsilon \) is an OU process with long run variance \( \omega_{\varepsilon}^2 \) and

\[ H_{\varepsilon,\tau_0} (s) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 + \bar{c}s & 1 (s > \tau_0) \left( 1 + \bar{c} (s - \tau_0) \right) \end{pmatrix}, \]

and \( \hat{\theta}_\varepsilon \) is asymptotically equivalent to \( \hat{\theta}_\varepsilon \) in the sense that

\[ D_T \left( \hat{\theta}_\varepsilon - \hat{\theta}_\varepsilon \right) = O_p \left( T^{-1/2} \right). \quad (A.11) \]
The next lemma concerns the differences between individual sample statistics involving \( \tilde{u}_t \) and \( \hat{u}_t \).

**Lemma 5**

(i) \( T^{-1/2} \left( \tilde{u}_{[Ts]} - \hat{u}_{[Ts]} \right) = O_p \left( T^{-1/2} \right) \) uniformly for \( s \in [0,1] \)

(ii) \( T^{-1} \sum_{t=p+1}^{T} \Delta \tilde{u}_{t-i} \Delta \hat{u}_{t-j} - T^{-1} \sum_{t=p+1}^{T} \Delta \hat{u}_{t-i} \Delta \hat{u}_{t-j} = O_p \left( T^{-1} \right) \) uniformly in \( i, j = 1, \ldots p \)

(iii) \( T^{-1} \sum_{t=p+1}^{T} \tilde{u}_{t-i} \Delta \hat{u}_{t-i} - T^{-1} \sum_{t=p+1}^{T} \hat{u}_{t-i} \Delta \hat{u}_{t-i} = O_p \left( T^{-1/2} \right) \) uniformly in \( i = 1, \ldots p \).

The following orders of magnitude follow from Lemma 3.2 of Chang and Park (2002)\(^8\)

\[
\left\| \left( T^{-1} \tilde{U}'_p \tilde{U}_p \right)^{-1} \right\| = O_p \left( 1 \right) \tag{A.12}
\]

\[
\left\| T^{-1} \tilde{u}'_{-1} \hat{U}_p \right\| = O_p \left( p^{1/2} \right) \tag{A.13}
\]

The next Lemma shows how the corresponding matrices behave when computed using \( \hat{u}_t \).

**Lemma 6** Corresponding to (A.12), (A.13), we can show

(i) \( \left\| \left( T^{-1} \hat{U}'_p \hat{U}_p \right)^{-1} \right\| = O_p \left( 1 \right), \)

(ii) \( \left\| T^{-1} \hat{u}'_{-1} \hat{U}_p \right\| = O_p \left( p^{1/2} \right). \)

Also

(iii) \( \left\| T^{-1} \hat{U}'_p \Delta \hat{u} \right\|, \left\| T^{-1} \hat{U}'_p \Delta \hat{u} \right\| = O_p \left( p^{1/2} \right), \)

(iv) \( \left\| T^{-1} \hat{U}'_p \Delta \hat{u} - T^{-1} \hat{U}'_p \Delta \hat{u} \right\| = O_p \left( p^{1/2} T^{-1} \right), \)

(v) \( \left\| \left( T^{-1} \hat{U}'_p \hat{U}_p \right)^{-1} - \left( T^{-1} \hat{U}'_p \hat{U}_p \right)^{-1} \right\| = O_p \left( p T^{-1} \right), \)

(vi) \( \left\| T^{-1} \hat{u}'_{-1} \hat{U}_p - T^{-1} \hat{u}'_{-1} \hat{U}_p \right\| = O_p \left( p^{1/2} T^{-1/2} \right) \)

From Lemma 5(iii) we have

\[
\frac{\hat{u}'_{-1} \Delta \hat{u}}{T} - \frac{\hat{u}'_{-1} \Delta \hat{u}}{T} \overset{p}{\rightarrow} 0,
\]

\(^8\)As noted in their Remark 3.1, their results continue to hold when applied to models with detrending.
and from (A.12) and the results of Lemma 6 we find

\[
\left| \frac{\tilde{u}'_1 \tilde{U}_p}{T} \left( \tilde{U}'_p \tilde{U}_p \right)^{-1} \tilde{U}'_p \Delta \tilde{u} - \frac{\tilde{u}'_1 \tilde{U}_p}{T} \left( \tilde{U}'_p \tilde{U}_p \right)^{-1} \tilde{U}'_p \Delta \tilde{u} \right|
\]

\[
\leq \left| \frac{\tilde{u}'_1 \tilde{U}_p}{T} \right| \left\| \left( \tilde{U}'_p \tilde{U}_p \right)^{-1} \right\| \left| \frac{\tilde{U}'_p \Delta \tilde{u}}{T} \right| + \left| \frac{\tilde{u}'_1 \tilde{U}_p}{T} \right| \left\| \left( \tilde{U}'_p \tilde{U}_p \right)^{-1} \right\| \left| \frac{\tilde{U}'_p \Delta \tilde{u}}{T} \right|
\]

\[
+ \left| \frac{\tilde{u}'_1 \tilde{U}_p}{T} - \frac{\tilde{u}'_1 \tilde{U}_p}{T} \right| \left\| \left( \tilde{U}'_p \tilde{U}_p \right)^{-1} \right\| \left| \frac{\tilde{U}'_p \Delta \tilde{u}}{T} \right|
\]

\[
= O_p \left( pT^{-1/2} \right),
\]

from which we can conclude

\[
\frac{\tilde{u}'_1 \tilde{P} \Delta \tilde{u}}{T} - \frac{\tilde{u}'_1 \tilde{P} \Delta \tilde{u}}{T} \xrightarrow{p} 0.
\] (A.14)

From Lemma 5 we have

\[
\frac{\tilde{u}'_1 \tilde{u}_{1-1}}{T^2} - \frac{\tilde{u}'_1 \tilde{u}_{1-1}}{T^2} \xrightarrow{p} 0,
\]

and from (A.12) and the results of Lemma 6 we find

\[
T^{-1} \left| \frac{\tilde{u}'_1 \tilde{U}_p}{T} \left( \tilde{U}'_p \tilde{U}_p \right)^{-1} \tilde{U}'_p \tilde{u}_{1-1} - \frac{\tilde{u}'_1 \tilde{U}_p}{T} \left( \tilde{U}'_p \tilde{U}_p \right)^{-1} \tilde{U}'_p \tilde{u}_{1-1} \right|
\]

\[
\leq T^{-1} \left| \frac{\tilde{u}'_1 \tilde{U}_p}{T} \right| \left\| \left( \tilde{U}'_p \tilde{U}_p \right)^{-1} \right\| \left| \frac{\tilde{U}'_p \tilde{u}_{1-1}}{T} \right| + T^{-1} \left| \frac{\tilde{u}'_1 \tilde{U}_p}{T} - \frac{\tilde{u}'_1 \tilde{U}_p}{T} \right| \left\| \left( \tilde{U}'_p \tilde{U}_p \right)^{-1} \right\| \left| \frac{\tilde{U}'_p \tilde{u}_{1-1}}{T} \right|
\]

\[
+ T^{-1} \left| \frac{\tilde{u}'_1 \tilde{U}_p}{T} - \frac{\tilde{u}'_1 \tilde{U}_p}{T} \right| \left\| \left( \tilde{U}'_p \tilde{U}_p \right)^{-1} \right\| \left| \frac{\tilde{U}'_p \tilde{u}_{1-1}}{T} \right|
\]

\[
= O_p \left( pT^{-3/2} \right),
\]

such that

\[
\frac{\tilde{u}'_1 \tilde{P} \tilde{u}_{1-1}}{T^2} - \frac{\tilde{u}'_1 \tilde{P} \tilde{u}_{1-1}}{T^2} \xrightarrow{p} 0.
\] (A.15)
From Lemma 5(ii) we have
\[
\frac{\Delta \tilde{u}' \Delta \tilde{u}}{T} - \Delta \hat{u}' \Delta \hat{u} \xrightarrow{p} 0,
\]
and from (A.12) and the results of Lemma 6 we find
\[
\left| \Delta \tilde{u}' \tilde{U}^T \left( \tilde{U}' \tilde{U}^T \right)^{-1} \Delta \tilde{u} - \Delta \hat{u}' \hat{U}^T \left( \hat{U}' \hat{U}^T \right)^{-1} \Delta \hat{u} \right| \leq \left\| \Delta \tilde{u}' \tilde{U}^T \left( \tilde{U}' \tilde{U}^T \right)^{-1} \Delta \tilde{u} - \Delta \hat{u}' \hat{U}^T \left( \hat{U}' \hat{U}^T \right)^{-1} \Delta \hat{u} \right\|.
\]

From (A.14), (A.15) and (A.16), we conclude that (A.9) holds.

**Proof of Lemma 4.**
To prove (A.10) we first note the quasi-difference of \( DT_{t} (\tau_0) \) can be written
\[
DT_{t} (\tau_0) = \Delta DT_{t} (\tau_0) + cT^{-1} DT_{t-1} (\tau_0) = 1 (t > \lceil \tau_0 T \rceil) \left( (1 + \tilde{c} (t - 1 - \lfloor \tau_0 T \rfloor) / T) \right)
\]
Using
\[
X_{\tilde{c},1} (\tau_0) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad X_{\tilde{c},t} (\tau_0) = \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{c} / T \\ 1 + \tilde{c} (t - 1) / T \\ 1 (t > \lceil \tau_0 T \rceil) \left( (1 + \tilde{c} (t - 1 - \lfloor \tau_0 T \rfloor) / T) \right) \end{pmatrix}
\]
we find
\[
D_T^{-1} X_{\tilde{c}} X_{\tilde{c}} D_T^{-1} = \sum_{t=1}^{T} D_T^{-1} X_{\tilde{c},t} (\tau_0) X_{\tilde{c},t} (\tau_0)' D_T^{-1} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \int_{0}^{1} H_{\tilde{c},\tau_0} (s) H_{\tilde{c},\tau_0} (s)' ds \end{pmatrix}.
\]
Similarly

\[ D_T^{-1} X_{\tilde{c}}' u_{\tilde{c}} \xrightarrow{d} \left( \int_0^1 H_{\tilde{c}, \tau_0} (s) ((dB_{\tilde{c}} (s) + \tilde{c} B_{\tilde{c}} (s) ds)) \right) \]

so that

\[ D_T \left( \hat{\theta}_{\tilde{c}} - \theta_0 \right) \xrightarrow{d} \left( \int_0^1 H_{\tilde{c}, \tau_0} (s) H_{\tilde{c}, \tau_0} (s)' ds \right)^{-1} \int_0^1 H_{\tilde{c}, \tau_0} (s) ((dB_{\tilde{c}} (s) + \tilde{c} B_{\tilde{c}} (s) ds)) \right). \]

Next to show (A.11) we subtract

\[ X_{\tilde{c}}' X_{\tilde{c}} \hat{\theta}_{\tilde{c}} = X_{\tilde{c}}' X_{\tilde{c}} \theta_0 + X_{\tilde{c}}' u_{\tilde{c}} \]

from

\[ \tilde{X}_{\tilde{c}}' \tilde{X}_{\tilde{c}} \hat{\theta}_{\tilde{c}} = \tilde{X}_{\tilde{c}}' X_{\tilde{c}} \theta_0 + \tilde{X}_{\tilde{c}}' u_{\tilde{c}} \]

and rearrange to give

\[ D_T \left( \hat{\theta}_{\tilde{c}} - \hat{\theta}_{\tilde{c}} \right) = (D_T^{-1} \tilde{X}_{\tilde{c}}' \tilde{X}_{\tilde{c}} D_T^{-1})^{-1} \left[ - (D_T^{-1} \tilde{X}_{\tilde{c}}' \tilde{X}_{\tilde{c}} D_T^{-1} - D_T^{-1} X_{\tilde{c}}' X_{\tilde{c}} D_T^{-1}) \right] D_T \left( \hat{\theta}_{\tilde{c}} - \theta_0 \right) \]

\[ - (D_T^{-1} \tilde{X}_{\tilde{c}}' \tilde{X}_{\tilde{c}} - D_T^{-1} \tilde{X}_{\tilde{c}}' X_{\tilde{c}}) \theta_0 + D_T^{-1} \tilde{X}_{\tilde{c}}' u_{\tilde{c}} - D_T^{-1} X_{\tilde{c}}' u_{\tilde{c}}. \]

We will prove (A.11) by showing

\[ D_T^{-1} \tilde{X}_{\tilde{c}}' u_{\tilde{c}} - D_T^{-1} X_{\tilde{c}}' u_{\tilde{c}} = O_p (T^{-1/2}), \quad (A.18) \]

\[ (D_T^{-1} \tilde{X}_{\tilde{c}}' \tilde{X}_{\tilde{c}} - D_T^{-1} \tilde{X}_{\tilde{c}}' X_{\tilde{c}}) \theta_0 = O_p (T^{-1/2}), \quad (A.19) \]

\[ D_T^{-1} \tilde{X}_{\tilde{c}}' \tilde{X}_{\tilde{c}} D_T^{-1} = O_p (T^{-1/2}), \quad (A.20) \]

Note that this last line and the invertibility of (A.17) shows that \( \left( D_T^{-1} \tilde{X}_{\tilde{c}}' \tilde{X}_{\tilde{c}} D_T^{-1} \right)^{-1} \)
exists in the limit.

To show (A.18), we write

\[ D_T^{-1} \tilde{X}_{\tilde{c}}' u_{\tilde{c}} - D_T^{-1} X_{\tilde{c}}' u_{\tilde{c}} = \left( \begin{array}{cc} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & T^{-1/2} \sum_{t=1}^T (DT_{\tilde{c},t} (\tilde{\tau}) - DT_{\tilde{c},t} (\tau_0)) u_{\tilde{c},t} \end{array} \right). \]

Without loss of generality we will proceed as if \( \tilde{\tau} < \tau_0 \). Then

\[ DT_{\tilde{c},t} (\tilde{\tau}) - DT_{\tilde{c},t} (\tau_0) = \begin{cases} 0, & t \leq |\tilde{\tau}| \\ 1 + \tilde{c} (t - 1 - |\tilde{\tau}|) / |\tilde{\tau}|, & |\tilde{\tau}| < t \leq |\tau_0 T| \\ \tilde{c} (|\tau_0 T| - |\tilde{\tau}|) / |\tilde{\tau}|, & |\tau_0 T| < t \leq T. \end{cases} \]

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Note that the second component of this expression disappears if $|\hat{c}T| = \lfloor \tau_0 T \rfloor$. Now

$$T^{-1/2} \sum_{t=1}^{T} \left( DT_{c,t}(\hat{c}T) - DT_{c,t}(\tau_0) \right) u_{c,t}$$

$$= T^{-1/2} \sum_{[\hat{c}T] < t \leq \lfloor \tau_0 T \rfloor} \left( 1 + \bar{c}(t - 1 - \lfloor \hat{c}T \rfloor) / T \right) u_{c,t} + \bar{c} \left( |\tau_0 T| - |\hat{c}T| \right) T^{-1/2} \sum_{\lfloor \tau_0 T \rfloor < t \leq T} u_{c,t},$$

in which the second term is $O_p(T^{-1})$ since

$$\frac{|\tau_0 T| - |\hat{c}T|}{T} = (\bar{c} - \tau_0) + \left( \frac{|\tau_0 T| - \tau_0 T}{T} \right) + \left( \frac{\hat{c}T - |\hat{c}T|}{T} \right) = O_p(T^{-1}), \quad (A.21)$$

while the first term has order $O_p \left( T^{-1/2} \left( |\tau_0 T| - |\hat{c}T| \right)^{1/2} \right) = O_p \left( T^{-1/2} \right)$ also by (A.21).

To show (A.19), we write

$$\left( D_{\hat{c}}^{-1} \hat{c}^T \hat{c} - D_{\bar{c}}^{-1} \bar{c}^T \bar{c} \right) \theta_0$$

$$= D_{\bar{c}}^{-1} \bar{c}^T \left( \bar{c} \bar{c} - X_\bar{c} \right) \theta_0$$

$$= \sum_{t=1}^{T} D_{\bar{c}}^{-1} X_{c,t} (\hat{c}T) \left( DT_{c,t}(\hat{c}T) - DT_{c,t}(\tau_0) \right) \gamma_0$$

$$= \left( \begin{array}{c}
T^{-1/2} \sum_{t=2}^{T} \left( DT_{c,t}(\hat{c}T) - DT_{c,t}(\tau_0) \right) \gamma_0 \\
T^{-1/2} \sum_{t=2}^{T} \left( 1 + \bar{c}(t - 1 - \lfloor \hat{c}T \rfloor) / T \right) \left( DT_{c,t}(\hat{c}T) - DT_{c,t}(\tau_0) \right) \gamma_0
\end{array} \right) \gamma_0$$

The first term disappears because

$$T^{-1} \sum_{t=2}^{T} \left( DT_{c,t}(\hat{c}T) - DT_{c,t}(\tau_0) \right)$$

$$= T^{-1} \sum_{[\hat{c}T] < t \leq \lfloor \tau_0 T \rfloor} \left( 1 + \bar{c}(t - 1 - \lfloor \hat{c}T \rfloor) / T \right) + T^{-1} \sum_{\lfloor \tau_0 T \rfloor < t \leq T} \bar{c} \left( |\tau_0 T| - |\hat{c}T| \right) / T$$

$$\leq \frac{|\tau_0 T| - |\hat{c}T|}{T} \left( 1 + \bar{c} \frac{|\tau_0 T| - |\hat{c}T|}{T} \right) + \frac{\bar{c} \left( |\tau_0 T| - |\tau_0 T| - |\hat{c}T| \right)}{T}$$

$$= O_p \left( T^{-1} \right),$$

so the second term then immediately follows using

$$T^{-1/2} \sum_{t=2}^{T} \left( 1 + \bar{c}(t - 1) / T \right) \left( DT_{c,t}(\hat{c}T) - DT_{c,t}(\tau_0) \right)$$

$$\leq (1 + \bar{c}) T^{-1/2} \sum_{t=2}^{T} \left( DT_{c,t}(\hat{c}T) - DT_{c,t}(\tau_0) \right)$$

$$= O_p \left( T^{-1/2} \right)$$

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and similarly for the third term.

To show (A.20), we simply write

\[
D_T^{-1} \tilde{X}_r' \tilde{X}_c D_T^{-1} - D_T^{-1} X'_r X_c D_T^{-1} = \left( D_T^{-1} \tilde{X}_r' \tilde{X}_c D_T^{-1} - D_T^{-1} \tilde{X}_r' \tilde{X}_c D_T^{-1} \right) \\
+ \left( D_T^{-1} \tilde{X}_r' X_c D_T^{-1} - D_T^{-1} \tilde{X}_r' X_c D_T^{-1} \right),
\]

and it is then easy to see these terms disappear using the steps used to show (A.19).

**Proof of Lemma 5**

(i) With the notation \( \hat{\theta}_c = \left( \hat{\alpha}_c, \hat{\beta}_c, \hat{\gamma}_c \right) \) and \( \tilde{\theta}_c = \left( \tilde{\alpha}_c, \tilde{\beta}_c, \tilde{\gamma}_c \right) \), we can write

\[
\hat{u}_t = u_t - (\hat{\alpha}_c - \alpha_0) - \left( \hat{\beta}_c - \beta_0 \right) t - (\hat{\gamma}_c - \gamma_0) DT_t (\tau_0)
\]

and

\[
\tilde{u}_t = u_t - (\tilde{\alpha}_c - \alpha_0) - \left( \tilde{\beta}_c - \beta_0 \right) t - (\tilde{\gamma}_c - \gamma_0) DT_t (\tilde{\tau}),
\]

so for \( s \in [0, 1] \)

\[
T^{-1/2} \left( \tilde{u}_{\lfloor Ts \rfloor} - \hat{u}_{\lfloor Ts \rfloor} \right) = T^{-1/2} (\hat{\alpha}_c - \tilde{\alpha}_c) + T^{1/2} \left( \hat{\beta}_c - \tilde{\beta}_c \right) T^{-1} [Ts] \\
+ T^{1/2} (\hat{\gamma}_c - \tilde{\gamma}_c) T^{-1} DT_{\lfloor Ts \rfloor} (\tau_0) \\
- T^{1/2} (\hat{\gamma}_c - \gamma_0) T^{-1} (DT_{\lfloor Ts \rfloor} (\tilde{\tau}) - DT_{\lfloor Ts \rfloor} (\tau_0)).
\]

Each of the first three of these terms are \( O_p \left( T^{-1/2} \right) \) by (A.11) in Lemma 4. In the fourth term, we have (using \( \tilde{\tau} < \tau_0 \) without loss of generality)

\[
DT_t (\tilde{\tau}) - DT_t (\tau_0) = \begin{cases} 
0, & t \leq |\tilde{\tau}T| \\
\tau_0 T - |\tilde{\tau}T|, & |\tilde{\tau}T| < t \leq |\tau_0 T| \\
\lfloor \tau_0 T \rfloor - |\tilde{\tau}T|, & |\tau_0 T| < t \leq T
\end{cases}
\]

so

\[
T^{-1} \left( DT_{\lfloor Ts \rfloor} (\tilde{\tau}) - DT_{\lfloor Ts \rfloor} (\tau_0) \right) = \begin{cases} 
0, & [Ts] \leq |\tilde{\tau}T| \\
\lfloor [Ts] - |\tilde{\tau}T| \rfloor / T, & |\tilde{\tau}T| < [Ts] \leq \lfloor \tau_0 T \rfloor \\
\lfloor [\tau_0 T] - |\tilde{\tau}T| \rfloor / T, & \lfloor \tau_0 T \rfloor < [Ts] \leq T.
\end{cases}
\]

The component for \( |\tau_0 T| < [Ts] \leq T \) is \( O_p \left( T^{-1} \right) \) by (A.21) while the component for \( |\tilde{\tau}T| < [Ts] \leq |\tau_0 T| \) satisfies

\[
0 \leq \frac{[Ts] - |\tilde{\tau}T|}{T} \leq \frac{|\tau_0 T| - |\tilde{\tau}T|}{T} = O_p \left( T^{-1} \right).
\]

Clearly these results all hold uniformly in \( s \).
(ii) We first write

\[ T^{-1} \sum_{t=p+1}^{T} \Delta \hat{u}_{t-i} \Delta \hat{u}_{t-j} - T^{-1} \sum_{t=p+1}^{T} \Delta \hat{u}_{t-i} \Delta \hat{u}_{t-j} \]

\[ = T^{-1} \sum_{t=p-i+1}^{T-i} (\Delta \hat{u}_{t} - \Delta \hat{u}_{t}) \Delta \hat{u}_{t-j+i} + T^{-1} \sum_{t=p-j+1}^{T-j} \Delta \hat{u}_{t-i+j} (\Delta \hat{u}_{t} - \Delta \hat{u}_{t}) . \]

Substituting

\[ \Delta \hat{u}_{t} - \Delta \hat{u}_{t} = \left( \hat{\beta}_{e} - \hat{\beta}_{e} \right) + (\hat{\gamma}_{e} - \hat{\gamma}_{e}) DU_{t} (\tau_{0}) - (\hat{\gamma}_{e} - \gamma_{0}) (DU_{t} (\hat{\tau}) - DU_{t} (\tau_{0})) , \] (A.22)

into the first of these terms gives

\[ T^{-1} \sum_{t=p-i+1}^{T-i} (\Delta \hat{u}_{t} - \Delta \hat{u}_{t}) \Delta \hat{u}_{t-j+i} \]

\[ = \left( \hat{\beta}_{e} - \hat{\beta}_{e} \right) T^{-1} \sum_{t=p-i+1}^{T-i} \Delta \hat{u}_{t-j+i} + (\hat{\gamma}_{e} - \hat{\gamma}_{e}) T^{-1} \sum_{t=p-i+1}^{T-i} DU_{t} (\tau_{0}) \Delta \hat{u}_{t-j+i} \]

\[ - (\hat{\gamma}_{e} - \gamma_{0}) T^{-1} \sum_{t=p-i+1}^{T-i} (DU_{t} (\hat{\tau}) - DU_{t} (\tau_{0})) \Delta \hat{u}_{t-j+i} \]

\[ = \left( \hat{\beta}_{e} - \hat{\beta}_{e} \right) T^{-1} (\bar{u}_{T-j} - \bar{u}_{p-j-1}) + (\hat{\gamma}_{e} - \hat{\gamma}_{e}) T^{-1} (\bar{u}_{T-j} - \bar{u}_{\lfloor \tau_{0} T \rfloor}) \]

\[ - (\hat{\gamma}_{e} - \gamma_{0}) T^{-1} (\bar{u}_{\lfloor \tau_{0} T \rfloor} - \bar{u}_{\lfloor \hat{\tau} T \rfloor}) \]

which is obviously \( O_{p}(T^{-1}) \), uniformly in \( i \) and \( j \leq p \). The second term is similarly \( O_{p}(T^{-1}) \).

(iii) We first write

\[ T^{-1} \sum_{t=p+1}^{T} \bar{u}_{t-1} \Delta \bar{u}_{t-i} - T^{-1} \sum_{t=p+1}^{T} \bar{u}_{t-1} \Delta \bar{u}_{t-i} \]

\[ = T^{-1} \sum_{t=p}^{T-1} (\bar{u}_{t} - \bar{u}_{t}) \Delta \bar{u}_{t-i+1} \]

\[ + T^{-1} \sum_{t=p-i+1}^{T-i} \bar{u}_{t-1+i} (\Delta \bar{u}_{t} - \Delta \bar{u}_{t}) \] (A.23)

The first term can be written as

\[ T^{-1} \sum_{t=p}^{T-1} (\bar{u}_{t} - \bar{u}_{t}) \Delta \bar{u}_{t-i+1} \]

\[ = T^{-1} (\bar{u}_{T-1} - \bar{u}_{T-1}) \bar{u}_{T-i} - T^{-1} (\bar{u}_{p} - \bar{u}_{p}) \bar{u}_{p-i} \]

\[ - T^{-1} \sum_{t=p+1}^{T-1} \bar{u}_{t-1} (\Delta \bar{u}_{t} - \Delta \bar{u}_{t}) \]
the first two terms of which are \( O_p \left( T^{-1/2} \right) \) by Lemma 5(i), while the third term is essentially the same as the second term in (A.23). Therefore we just need to show that the second term of (A.23) is of \( O_p \left( T^{-1/2} \right) \). Substituting (A.22) into the second term of (A.23) gives
\[
T^{-1} \sum_{t=p-i+1}^{T-i} \hat{u}_{t-1+i} (\Delta \hat{u}_t - \Delta \tilde{u}_t) = T^{1/2} \left( \tilde{\beta}_c - \hat{\beta}_c \right) T^{-3/2} \sum_{t=p-i+1}^{T-i} \hat{u}_{t-1+i} \\
+ T^{1/2} (\tilde{\gamma}_c - \hat{\gamma}_c) T^{-3/2} \sum_{t=[\tau_0T] + 1}^{T-i} \hat{u}_{t-1+i} \\
+ T^{1/2} (\tilde{\gamma}_c - \gamma_0) T^{-3/2} \sum_{t=[\tau_0T] + 1}^{[\tau_0T]} \hat{u}_{t-1+i},
\]
The first two terms of which are clearly of \( O_p \left( T^{-1/2} \right) \) from (A.11). For the last term, we will show that
\[
T^{-3/2} \sum_{t=[\tau T]+1}^{[\tau_0T]} \hat{u}_{t-1+i} = O_p \left( T^{-1} \right). \tag{A.24}
\]
For convenience we will just show (A.24) under the null with \( c = 0 \), though of course it will hold with \( c > 0 \) as well. We know that \( \tilde{\tau} \) is \( O_p(T^{-1}) \) consistent so that for any \( \varepsilon > 0 \) there exists a \( B_c > 0 \) such that \( \Pr (|\tilde{\tau} - \tau_0| > T^{-1} B_c < \varepsilon \) for all large enough \( T \). Since we are only concerned with \( \tilde{\tau} < \tau_0 \) in this proof, we note that
\[
\Pr \left( T^{-3/2} \sum_{t=[\tau T]+1}^{[\tau_0T]} \hat{u}_{t-1+i} \geq \sup_{\tau \in [\tau_0 - T^{-1} B_c, \tau_0]} T^{-3/2} \sum_{t=[\tau T]+1}^{[\tau_0T]} \hat{u}_{t-1+i} \right) \leq \varepsilon, \tag{A.25}
\]
so we just need to derive the order of the right hand term in this inequality. Now
\[
\hat{u}_t = u_t - X_t (\tau_0)' \left( \tilde{\theta}_c - \tilde{\theta}_0 \right),
\]
and \( u_t = \sum_{j=1}^{t} \varepsilon_j \) under the null. Applying the BN decomposition to \( \varepsilon_t = c(L) \eta_t \) gives \( \varepsilon_t = c(1) \eta_t - \Delta \varepsilon^*_t \) and
\[
T^{-3/2} \sum_{t=[\tau T]+1}^{[\tau_0T]} u_{t-1} = c(1) T^{-3/2} \sum_{t=[\tau T]+1}^{[\tau_0T]} \sum_{j=1}^{t-1} \eta_j + T^{-3/2} \sum_{t=[\tau T]+1}^{[\tau_0T]} (\varepsilon^*_t - \varepsilon^*_1).
\]
The second term is clearly \( O_p(T^{-1}) \) while the first can be written
\[
T^{-3/2} \sum_{t=[\tau T]+1}^{[\tau_0T]} \sum_{j=1}^{t-1} \eta_j = T^{-3/2} \sum_{j=1}^{[\tau_0T]-1} \sum_{j=1}^{[\tau T]-1} \eta_j = T^{-3/2} \sum_{j=1}^{[\tau_0T]-1} \left( \lfloor \tau_0T \rfloor - j \lor [\tau T] \right) \eta_j.
\]
For any $\tau \in [\tau_0 - T^{-1}B, \tau_0]$ this has mean zero and variance

$$T^{-3} \sum_{j=1}^{\lfloor \tau_0 T \rfloor - 1} (\lfloor \tau_0 T \rfloor - (j \vee \lfloor \tau T \rfloor))^2 \leq \frac{\lfloor \tau_0 T \rfloor}{T} \left( \frac{\lfloor \tau_0 T \rfloor - \lfloor \tau T \rfloor}{T} \right)^2 \leq \frac{\lfloor \tau_0 T \rfloor}{T} \left( \frac{\lfloor \tau_0 T \rfloor - (\tau_0 - T^{-1}B) T}{T} \right)^2.$$

Thus $T^{-3/2} \sum_{t=\lfloor \tau T \rfloor + 1}^{\lfloor \tau_0 T \rfloor} u_{t-1} = O_p(T^{-1})$ uniformly in $\tau \in [\tau_0 - T^{-1}B, \tau_0]$. Next, since $D_T (\theta_e - \theta_0) = O_p(1)$ by (A.10), we just consider

$$T^{-3/2} \sum_{t=\lfloor \tau T \rfloor + 1}^{\lfloor \tau_0 T \rfloor} D_T^{-1} X_t (\tau_0) = T^{-3/2} \sum_{t=\lfloor \tau T \rfloor + 1}^{\lfloor \tau_0 T \rfloor} \left( \begin{array}{c} 1 \\ T^{-1/2} t \\ T^{-1/2} D_T (\tau_0) \end{array} \right) \left( \begin{array}{c} T^{-3/2} (\lfloor \tau_0 T \rfloor - \lfloor \tau T \rfloor) \\ T^{-3/2} (\lfloor \tau_0 T \rfloor - \lfloor \tau T \rfloor) \\ 0 \end{array} \right).$$

The first element of the vector is $O(T^{-3/2})$ for $\tau \in [\tau_0 - T^{-1}B, \tau_0]$ while the second term satisfies

$$\frac{1}{2} T^{-2} (\lfloor \tau_0 T \rfloor + \lfloor \tau_0 T \rfloor - \lfloor \tau T \rfloor - \lfloor \tau T \rfloor) \leq \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\lfloor \tau_0 T \rfloor - \lfloor \tau T \rfloor}{T} \right) \left( \frac{\lfloor \tau_0 T \rfloor + \lfloor \tau T \rfloor + 1}{T} \right) = O(T^{-1}).$$

We have therefore shown that $\sup_{\tau \in [\tau_0 - T^{-1}B, \tau_0]} \left| T^{-3/2} \sum_{t=\lfloor \tau T \rfloor + 1}^{\lfloor \tau_0 T \rfloor} \hat{u}_{t-1+i} \right| = O_p(T^{-1})$ and, by (A.25), that (A.24) holds too.

**Proof of Lemma 6**

(i) As noted in Berk (1974, p.492), we can write

$$\left\| \frac{\hat{U}_p^T \hat{U}_p}{T} - \frac{\hat{U}_p^T \hat{U}_p}{T} \right\| \leq \left( \sum_{i=1}^{p} \sum_{j=1}^{p} \left( T^{-1} \sum_{t=p+1}^{T} \Delta \hat{u}_{t-i} \Delta \hat{u}_{t-j} - T^{-1} \sum_{t=p+1}^{T} \Delta \hat{u}_{t-i} \Delta \hat{u}_{t-j} \right) \right)^{1/2} \leq O_p(pT^{-1})$$

from Lemma 5(ii). By standard manipulations (see, for example, Equation (2.15) of
Berk, 1974), we can write

\[
\left(1 - \left\| \frac{U_p^\prime \hat{U}_p}{T} - \frac{\hat{U}_p^\prime \hat{U}_p}{T} \right\| \left\| \left( \frac{U_p^\prime \hat{U}_p}{T} \right)^{-1} \right\| \left\| \left( \frac{\hat{U}_p^\prime \hat{U}_p}{T} \right)^{-1} \right\| \right) \leq \left\| \left( \frac{U_p^\prime \hat{U}_p}{T} \right)^{-1} \right\| \left\| \frac{\hat{U}_p^\prime \hat{U}_p}{T} - \frac{\hat{U}_p^\prime \hat{U}_p}{T} \right\| \left\| \left( \frac{\hat{U}_p^\prime \hat{U}_p}{T} \right)^{-1} \right\|.
\]

The right hand side of this inequality is \( O_p (pT^{-1}) \) by (A.12) and (A.26). Similarly the first term on the left hand side is positive with probability approaching one. Thus

\[
\left\| \left( \frac{U_p^\prime \hat{U}_p}{T} \right)^{-1} \right\| - \left\| \left( \frac{\hat{U}_p^\prime \hat{U}_p}{T} \right)^{-1} \right\| \overset{p}{\to} 0
\]

which establishes the result in part (i).

(ii) The stated result follows from (A.13) and the proof of part (vi), below.

(iii) First observe that

\[
\left\| \frac{U_p^\prime \Delta \hat{u}}{T} \right\| = \left( \sum_{j=1}^{p} \left( T^{-1} \sum_{t=p+1}^{T} \Delta \hat{u}_{t-j} \Delta \hat{u}_t \right)^2 \right)^{1/2} = O_p \left( p^{1/2} \right)
\]

since each of \( T^{-1} \sum_{t=p+1}^{T} \Delta \hat{u}_{t-j} \Delta \hat{u}_t = O_p \left( 1 \right) \) for each \( j \). Then the result that \( \left\| T^{-1} U_p^\prime \Delta \hat{u} \right\| = O_p \left( p^{1/2} \right) \) follows from this and the proof of part (iv), below.

(iv) We write

\[
\left\| \frac{U_p^\prime \Delta \hat{u}}{T} - \frac{\hat{U}_p^\prime \Delta \hat{u}}{T} \right\| = \left( \sum_{j=1}^{p} \left( T^{-1} \sum_{t=p+1}^{T} \Delta \hat{u}_{t-j} \Delta \hat{u}_t - T^{-1} \sum_{t=p+1}^{T} \Delta \hat{u}_{t-j} \Delta \hat{u}_t \right)^2 \right)^{1/2} = O_p \left( p^{1/2} T^{-1} \right)
\]

from Lemma 5(ii).

(v) Simple reorganisation gives

\[
\left\| \left( \frac{U_p^\prime \hat{U}_p}{T} \right)^{-1} - \left( \frac{\hat{U}_p^\prime \hat{U}_p}{T} \right)^{-1} \right\| \leq \left\| \left( \frac{U_p^\prime \hat{U}_p}{T} \right)^{-1} \right\| \left\| \frac{\hat{U}_p^\prime \hat{U}_p}{T} - \frac{\hat{U}_p^\prime \hat{U}_p}{T} \right\| \left\| \left( \frac{\hat{U}_p^\prime \hat{U}_p}{T} \right)^{-1} \right\| \leq O_p \left( pT^{-1} \right)
\]

from (A.26), (A.12) and part (i), above.
(vi) We write
\[
\frac{\hat{u}'_1 \hat{U}_p}{T} - \frac{\hat{u}'_1 \hat{U}_p}{T} = \left( \sum_{j=1}^{p} \left( T^{-1} \sum_{t=p+1}^{T} \Delta \hat{u}_{t-j} \hat{u}_{t-1} - T^{-1} \sum_{t=p+1}^{T} \Delta \hat{u}_{t-j} \hat{u}_{t-1} \right) \right)^2 \right)^{1/2}
\]
which is $O_p \left( \frac{p^{1/2} T^{-1/2}}{2} \right)$ from Lemma 5(iii).

A.3 Proof of Lemma 2

The partial sums of the DGP in matrix form is written
\[
w = Z_{\tau_{0}} \theta_{0} + s.
\]
(A.27)

We also partition $Z_{\tau}$ as $Z_{\tau} := (Z_{1}, Z_{2, \tau})$ so that
\[
w = Z_{\tau_{0}} \theta_{1,0} + z_{2, \tau_{0}} \gamma_{0} + s,
\]
and the Wald test statistic for $\gamma_{0} = 0$ can be written
\[
W_T (\tau) = \frac{(z_{2, \tau}^{'} P_{1} w)^{2}}{(z_{2, \tau}^{'} P_{1} z_{2, \tau}) (w^{'} P_{\tau} w)},
\]
where $P_{1} := I_{T} - Z_{1} (Z_{1}^{'} Z_{1})^{-1} Z_{1}'$ and $P_{\tau} := I_{T} - Z_{\tau} (Z_{\tau}^{'} Z_{\tau})^{-1} Z_{\tau}'.

We first derive the asymptotic theory for $W_T (\tau_{0})$. If $\tau = \tau_{0}$ we can use $w^{'} P_{\tau_{0}} w = s^{'} P_{\tau_{0}} s$ and $P_{\tau_{0}} = \hat{P}_{1} - \hat{P}_{1} z_{2, \tau_{0}} (z_{2, \tau_{0}}^{'} \hat{P}_{1} z_{2, \tau_{0}})^{-1} z_{2, \tau_{0}} \hat{P}_{1}$ to write
\[
W_T (\tau_{0}) = \frac{(\gamma z_{2, \tau_{0}}^{'} \hat{P}_{1} z_{2, \tau_{0}} + z_{2, \tau_{0}}^{'} \hat{P}_{1} s)^{2}}{(z_{2, \tau_{0}}^{'} \hat{P}_{1} z_{2, \tau_{0}}) (s^{'} \hat{P}_{1} s) - (z_{2, \tau_{0}}^{'} \hat{P}_{1} s)^{2}}.
\]
(A.28)

In all cases we have the limit
\[
T^{-5} z_{2, \tau_{0}}^{'} \hat{P}_{1} z_{2, \tau_{0}} \rightarrow \int_{0}^{1} Z_{2, 1, \tau_{0}} (r)^{2} dr,
\]
where $Z_{2, 1, \tau_{0}} (r)$ is the residual process from a projection of $Z_{2, \tau_{0}} (r)$ on $Z_{1} (r)$.

(i) Suppose $\gamma_{0} = 0$. In this case
\[
T^{-9/2} z_{2, \tau_{0}}^{'} \hat{P}_{1} s \overset{d}{\rightarrow} \omega_{\varepsilon} \int_{0}^{1} Z_{2, 1, \tau_{0}} (r) S_{1} (r) dr,
\]
and
\[
T^{-4} s^{'} \hat{P}_{1} s \overset{d}{\rightarrow} \omega_{\varepsilon}^{2} \int_{0}^{1} S_{1} (r)^{2} dr.
\]

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Substitution into (A.28) gives

\[ W_T (\tau_0) = \frac{(T^{-9/2} \tilde{Z}_{2,\tau_0} P_1 s)^2}{(T^{-5} \tilde{Z}_{2,\tau_0} P_1 z_{2,\tau_0}) (T^{-4} s' P_1 s) - (T^{-9/2} \tilde{Z}_{2,\tau_0} P_1 s)^2} \]

\[ \xrightarrow{d} \int_0^1 Z_{2,1,\tau_0} (r)^2 dr \int_0^1 S_1 (r)^2 dr - \left( \int_0^1 Z_{2,1,\tau_0} (r) S_1 (r) dr \right)^2 \]

\[ = \frac{\int_0^1 S_1 (r)^2 dr}{\int_0^1 S_{1,\tau_0} (r)^2 dr} - 1. \]

(ii) If \( \gamma_0 \neq 0 \) then

\[ T^{-1} W_T (\tau_0) = \frac{(\gamma_0 T^{-5} \tilde{Z}_{2,\tau_0} P_1 z_{2,\tau_0} + T^{-5} \tilde{Z}_{2,\tau_0} P_1 s)^2}{(T^{-5} \tilde{Z}_{2,\tau_0} P_1 z_{2,\tau_0}) (T^{-4} s' P_1 s) - (T^{-9/2} \tilde{Z}_{2,\tau_0} P_1 s)^2} \]

\[ \xrightarrow{d} \frac{\gamma_0^2 \int_0^1 Z_{2,1,\tau_0} (r)^2 dr}{\int_0^1 Z_{2,1,\tau_0} (r)^2 dr \int_0^1 S_1 (r)^2 dr - \left( \int_0^1 Z_{2,1,\tau_0} (r) S_1 (r) dr \right)^2} \]

\[ = \gamma_0^2 \left( \int S_{1,\tau_0} (r)^2 dr \right)^{-1}. \]

(iii) For \( \gamma_0 = 0 \), the statistic with appropriate normalisation is

\[ W_T (\tilde{\tau}) = \frac{(T^{-9/2} \tilde{Z}_{2,\tilde{\tau}} P_1 s)^2}{(T^{-5} \tilde{Z}_{2,\tilde{\tau}} P_1 z_{2,\tilde{\tau}}) (T^{-4} s' P_1 s) - (T^{-9/2} \tilde{Z}_{2,\tilde{\tau}} P_1 s)^2}. \]

Using the fact that \( \tilde{\tau} = O_p (1) \) (see, Nunes et al., 1995, p.741), we will show that \( T^{-9/2} \tilde{Z}_{2,\tilde{\tau}} P_1 s = O_p (1) \) and \( T^{-5} \tilde{Z}_{2,\tilde{\tau}} P_1 z_{2,\tilde{\tau}} = O_p (1) \) while \( T^{-4} s' P_1 s \xrightarrow{d} \omega_1^2 \int_0^1 S_1 (r)^2 dr \) as before.

Now,

\[ T^{-9/2} \tilde{Z}_{2,\tilde{\tau}} P_1 s = \tilde{Z}_{2,\tilde{\tau}} s \frac{T^9}{T^{9/2}} - \frac{\tilde{Z}_{2,\tilde{\tau}} Z_1 D_{1,T}^{-1}}{T^3} \left( \frac{D_{1,T}^{-1} Z_1 Z_1 D_{1,T}^{-1}}{T} \right)^{-1} \frac{D_{1,T}^{-1} Z_1 s}{T^{5/2}}, \]

where \( D_{1,T} = \text{diag} (T, T^2) \). Here,

\[ \left| \frac{\tilde{Z}_{2,\tilde{\tau}} s}{T^{9/2}} \right| = \left| T^{-9/2} \sum_{t=1}^T \left( \sum_{j=1}^t \omega_1 \sqrt{J - \tilde{\tau}} \right) s_t \right| \]

\[ \leq T^{-2} \sum_{j=0}^T j \cdot T^{-5/2} \sum_{t=1}^T |s_t| = O_p (1). \]
Also,

\[
\frac{D_{1,T}^{-1} Z_1' z_{2,\tilde{\tau}}}{T^3} = T^{-3} \sum_{t=1}^{T} \left( \frac{t/T}{\frac{1}{2}t^2/T^2} \right) \left( \sum_{j=1}^{t} 0 \vee (j - \tilde{\tau}) \right)
\]

\[
\leq T^{-3} \sum_{t=1}^{T} \sum_{j=1}^{t} j \leq T^{-3} \sum_{t=1}^{T} \sum_{j=1}^{t} j = O(1),
\]

while \(T^{-1}D_{1,T}^{-1}Z_1'Z_1D_{1,T}^{-1}\) and \(T^{-5/2}D_{1,T}^{-1}Z_1' s\) do not involve \(\tilde{\tau}\) and are clearly \(O_p(1)\) as well. Thus \(T^{-9/2}z_{2,\tilde{\tau}}' P_1 s = O_p(1)\). Similarly

\[
T^{-5}z_{2,\tilde{\tau}}' P_1 z_{2,\tilde{\tau}} = \frac{z_{2,\tilde{\tau}}' z_{2,\tilde{\tau}}}{T^5} - \frac{z_{2,\tilde{\tau}}' Z_1 D_{1,T}^{-1}}{T^3} \left( \frac{D_{1,T}^{-1} Z_1' Z_1 D_{1,T}^{-1}}{T} \right)^{-1} \frac{D_{1,T}^{-1} Z_1' z_{2,\tilde{\tau}}}{T^3},
\]

where

\[
\frac{z_{2,\tilde{\tau}}' z_{2,\tilde{\tau}}}{T^5} = T^{-5} \sum_{t=1}^{T} \left( \sum_{j=1}^{t} 0 \vee (j - \tilde{\tau}) \right)^2
\]

\[
= T^{-5} \sum_{t=0}^{T} \left( \sum_{j=0}^{t} j \right)^2
\]

\[
\leq T^{-5} \sum_{t=0}^{T} \left( \sum_{j=0}^{t} j \right)^2 = O_p(1).
\]

Thus \(T^{-5}z_{2,\tilde{\tau}}' P_1 z_{2,\tilde{\tau}} = O_p(1)\) and hence \(W_T(\tilde{\tau}) = O_p(1)\).

(iv) Now, \(\tilde{\tau} - \tau_0 = O_p(T^{-1})\) and in view of (A.29) we will show that (for \(\tilde{\tau} \geq \tau_0\) is sufficient): (a) \(T^{-5}z_{2,\tau_0} P_1 z_{2,\tau_0} - T^{-5}z_{2,\tilde{\tau}} P_1 z_{2,\tilde{\tau}} = o_p(1)\); (b) \(T^{-9/2}z_{2,\tau_0} P_1 s - T^{-9/2}z_{2,\tilde{\tau}} P_1 s = o_p(1)\), while obviously \(T^{-5}z_{2,\tilde{\tau}}' P_1 s = o_p(1)\). For (a), we will show

\[
\frac{D_{1,T}^{-1} Z_1' z_{2,\tau_0}}{T^3} - \frac{D_{1,T}^{-1} Z_1' z_{2,\tilde{\tau}}}{T^3} = o_p(1)\]  \hspace{1cm} (A.30)

and

\[
\frac{z_{2,\tau_0}' z_{2,\tau_0}}{T^5} - \frac{z_{2,\tilde{\tau}}' z_{2,\tilde{\tau}}}{T^5} = \frac{z_{2,\tau_0}' (z_{2,\tau_0} - z_{2,\tilde{\tau}})}{T^5} + \frac{(z_{2,\tau_0} - z_{2,\tilde{\tau}})' z_{2,\tilde{\tau}}}{T^5} = o_p(1).
\]

First

\[
\left| \frac{D_{1,T}^{-1} Z_1' z_{2,\tau_0}}{T^3} - \frac{D_{1,T}^{-1} Z_1' z_{2,\tilde{\tau}}}{T^3} \right| = \left| T^{-3} \sum_{t=1}^{T} \left( \frac{t/T}{\frac{1}{2}t^2/T^2} \right) \sum_{j=1}^{t} (DT_j(\tau_0) - DT_j(\tilde{\tau})) \right|
\]

\[
\leq T^{-2} \sum_{t=1}^{T} |DT_t(\tau_0) - DT_t(\tilde{\tau})| \cdot T^{-1} \sum_{t=1}^{T} \left( \frac{t/T}{\frac{1}{2}t^2/T^2} \right)
\]

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\[
\begin{align*}
&= \left( T^{-1} \sum_{t_0T \leq t \leq T} \left( \frac{t}{T} - \tau_0 \right) + T^{-1} \sum_{\tilde{\tau}T < t \leq T} (\tilde{\tau} - \tau_0) \right) \cdot T^{-1} \sum_{t=1}^{T} \left( \frac{t/T}{\frac{1}{2}t^2/T^2} \right) \\
&\leq (\tilde{\tau} - \tau_0) \cdot T^{-1} \sum_{t=1}^{T} \left( \frac{t/T}{\frac{1}{2}t^2/T^2} \right) = O_p(T^{-1}),
\end{align*}
\]
and second
\[
\frac{z_{2,\tau_0} (z_{2,\tau_0} - z_{2,\tilde{\tau}})}{T^5} = T^{-3} \sum_{t=1}^{T} \left( \sum_{j=1}^{T} DT_j (\tau_0) \right) \left( \sum_{j=1}^{T} (DT_j (\tau_0) - DT_j (\tilde{\tau})) \right)
\leq T^{-2} \sum_{j=1}^{T} |DT_j (\tau_0) - DT_j (\tilde{\tau})| \cdot T^{-3} \sum_{t=1}^{T} \left( \sum_{i=1}^{t} DT_i (\tau_0) \right)
\leq (\tilde{\tau} - \tau_0) \cdot T^{-3} \sum_{t=1}^{T} \left( \sum_{i=1}^{t} \right) = O_p(T^{-1}),
\]
and similarly for \( T^{-5} (z_{2,\tau_0} - z_{2,\tilde{\tau}})' z_{2,\tilde{\tau}} \). Therefore \( T^{-5} z_{2,\tau_0}' \tilde{P}_1 z_{2,\tau_0} - T^{-5} z_{2,\tilde{\tau}}' \tilde{P}_1 z_{2,\tilde{\tau}} = o_p(1) \). For (b), since we have already established (A.30), it will be sufficient to show that
\[
\frac{z_{2,\tau_0}' s - z_{2,\tilde{\tau}}' s}{T^{9/2}} = o_p(1),
\]
which follows from
\[
\left| \frac{z_{2,\tau_0}' s - z_{2,\tilde{\tau}}' s}{T^{9/2}} \right| = \left| T^{-9/2} \sum_{t=1}^{T} \sum_{j=1}^{t} (DT_j (\tau_0) - DT_j (\tilde{\tau})) s_t \right|
\leq T^{-2} \sum_{j=1}^{T} |DT_j (\tau_0) - DT_j (\tilde{\tau})| \cdot T^{-5/2} \sum_{t=1}^{T} |s_t|
\leq (\tilde{\tau} - \tau_0) \cdot T^{-5/2} \sum_{t=1}^{T} |s_t| = O_p(T^{-1}).
\]
Together, (a) and (b) imply that \( T^{-1} W_T (\tau_0) - T^{-1} W_T (\tilde{\tau}) = o_p(1) \), as required.

**A.4 Proof of Lemma 3**

(i) When \( \gamma_0 = 0 \), \( \tilde{\tau} = O_p(1) \), from Nunes et al. (1995, p.741). Consequently, \( \tilde{\tau} = (1 - \lambda)O_p(1) = O_p(T^{-1/2}) \), since \( 1 - \lambda = 1 - \exp(-g T^{-1/2} W_T (\tilde{\tau})) = T^{-1/2} g W_T (\tilde{\tau}) - \frac{g^2}{2} T^{-1} W_T (\tilde{\tau})^2 + \cdots = O_p(T^{-1/2}) \), because \( W_T (\tilde{\tau}) = O_p(1) \).

(ii) When \( \gamma_0 \neq 0 \), we find that \( T (\tilde{\tau} - \tau_0) = T (\tilde{\tau} - \tau_0) - T \lambda \tilde{\tau} = O_p(1) + o_p(1) O_p(1) = O_p(1) \), since \( T \lambda = T \exp(-g T^{-1/2} W_T (\tilde{\tau})) = T (1 - T^{-1/2} g W_T (\tilde{\tau}) + \frac{g^2}{2} T^{-1} W_T (\tilde{\tau})^2 - \cdots)^{-1} = o_p(1) \), as \( T^{-1} W_T (\tilde{\tau})^2 = O_p(T) \).
References


Table 1. Critical Values and QD De-trending Parameters

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Figure 1. Asymptotic size and local power: $\gamma_0 = 0$; $t(\bar{\tau}), t_P(\bar{\tau})$; $t_C(\hat{\tau})$; $t_{ZA}$; $\cdots$. 
Figure 2. Asymptotic size and local power: $\gamma_0 \neq 0$; Gaussian power envelope: $\cdots$, $t(\tau)$, $t_P(\tilde{\tau})$, $t_C(\tilde{\tau})$: --
Figure 3. Finite sample size and power: $\gamma_0 = 0$;

- $t(\tilde{\tau})$: solid line,
- $t_P(\tilde{\tau})$: dotted line,
- $t_C(\tilde{\tau})$: dashed line,
- $t_{ZA}$: dotted-dashed line.
Figure 4. Finite sample size and power: $\gamma_0 = 1$; $t(\bar{\tau})$: ---, $t_P(\bar{\tau})$: ..., $t_C(\bar{\tau})$: ---, $t_{ZA}$: ···.