

# Large Sample Property of The Bayes Factor in a Spline Semiparametric Regression Model

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## Abstract

In this paper, we consider semiparametric regression model where the mean function of this model has two part, the first is the parametric part is assumed to be linear function of  $p$ -dimensional covariates and nonparametric ( second part ) is assumed to be a smooth penalized spline. By using a convenient connection between penalized splines and mixed models, we can representation semiparametric regression model as mixed model. In this model, we investigate the large sample property of the Bayes factor for testing the polynomial component of spline model against the fully spline semiparametric alternative model. Under some conditions on the prior and design matrix, we identify the analytic form of the Bayes factor and show that the Bayes factor is consistent.

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## 1. Introduction

In many applications in different fields, we need to use one of a collection of models for correlated data structures, for example, multivariate observations, clustered data, repeated measurements, longitudinal data and spatially correlated data. Often random effects are used to describe the correlation structure in clustered data, repeated measurements and longitudinal data. Models with both fixed and random effects are called mixed models. The general form of a linear mixed model for the  $i^{\text{th}}$  subject ( $i = 1, \dots, n$ ) is given as follows (see [10,13,15]),

$$Y_i = X_i\beta + \sum_{j=1}^r Z_{ij}u_{ij} + \epsilon_i, \quad u_{ij} \sim N(0, G_j), \quad \epsilon_i \sim N(0, R_i) \quad (1)$$

where the vector  $Y_i$  has length  $m_i$ ,  $X_i$  and  $Z_{ij}$  are, respectively, a  $m_i \times p$  design matrix and a  $m_i \times q_i$  design matrix of fixed and random effects.  $\beta$  is a  $p$ -vector of fixed effects and  $u_{ij}$  are the  $q_i$ -vectors of random effects. The variance matrix  $G_j$  is a  $q_i \times q_i$  matrix and  $R_i$  is a  $m_i \times m_i$  matrix.

We assume that the random effects  $\{u_{ij}; i = 1, \dots, n; j = 1, \dots, r\}$  and the set of error terms  $\{\epsilon_1, \dots, \epsilon_n\}$  are independent. In matrix notation (see [13,15]),

$$Y = X\beta + Zu + \epsilon \quad (2)$$

Here  $Y = (Y_1, \dots, Y_n)^T$  has length  $N = \sum_{i=1}^n m_i$ ,  $X = (X_1^T, \dots, X_n^T)^T$  is a  $N \times p$  design matrix of fixed effects,  $Z$  is a  $N \times q$  block diagonal design matrix of random effects,  $q = \sum_{j=1}^r q_j$ ,  $u = (u_1^T, \dots, u_r^T)^T$  is a  $q$ -vector of random effects,  $R = \text{diag}(R_1, \dots, R_n)$  is a  $N \times N$  matrix and  $G = \text{diag}(G_1, \dots, G_r)$  is a  $q \times q$  block diagonal matrix. In this paper, we consider semiparametric regression model (see [1,6,8,9,10,13,15]), for which the mean function has two part, the parametric ( first part ) is assumed to be linear function of  $p$ -dimensional covariates and nonparametric ( second part ) is assumed to be a smooth penalized spline. By using a convenient connection between penalized splines and mixed models, we can representation semiparametric regression model as mixed model. In this model we investigate large sample properties of the Bayes factor for testing the pure polynomial component of spline null model whose mean function consists of only the polynomial component against the fully spline semiparametric alternative model whose mean function comprises both the pure polynomial and the component spline basis functions. The asymptotic properties of the Bayes factor in nonparametric or semiparametric models have been studied mainly in nonparametric density estimation problems related to goodness of fit testing. These theoretical results include (see [4,7,12,14]). Compared to the previous approaches to density estimations problems for goodness of fit testing and model selection, little work has been done on nonparametric regression problems. Choi and et al 2009 studied the semiparametric additive regression models as the encompassing model with algebraic smoothing and obtained the closed form of the Bayes factor and studied the asymptotic behavior of the Bayes factor based on the closed form ( see [3] ).

In this paper, we obtain the closed form and studied the asymptotic behavior of the Bayes factor in spline semiparametric regression model and we proved that the Bayes factor converges to infinity under the pure polynomial model and the Bayes factor converges to zero almost surely under the spline semiparametric regression alternative and we show that the Bayes factor is consistent.

## 2. Semiparametric and Penalized Spline

Consider the model:

$$y_i = \sum_{j=0}^p \beta_j x_{ji} + m(x_{p+1,i}) + \epsilon_i \quad , i = 1, 2, \dots, n \quad (3)$$

Where  $y_1, \dots, y_n$  response variables and the unobserved errors are  $\epsilon_1, \dots, \epsilon_n$  are known to be i.i.d. normal with mean 0 and covariance  $\sigma_\epsilon^2 I$  with  $\sigma_\epsilon^2$  known.

The mean function of the regression model in (3) has two parts. The parametric ( first part ) is assumed to be linear function of p-dimensional covariates  $x_{ji}$  and nonparametric (second part)  $m(x_{p+1,i})$  is function defined on some index set  $T \subset R^1$ .

The model (3) can be expressed as a smooth penalized spline with q degree, then it's become as:

$$y_i = \sum_{j=0}^p \beta_j x_{ji} + \sum_{j=1}^q \beta_{p+j} x_{p+1,i}^j + \sum_{k=1}^K \{u_k(x_{p+1,i} - k_k)_+^q + \epsilon_i \quad (4)$$

where  $k_1, \dots, k_K$  are inner knots  $a < k_1 < \dots < k_K < b$ .

By using a convenient connection between penalized splines and mixed models. Model (4) is rewritten as follows (see [13,15])

$$Y = X\beta + Zu + \epsilon \quad (5)$$

where

$$Y = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{bmatrix}, \quad \beta = \begin{bmatrix} \beta_0 \\ \vdots \\ \beta_p \\ \beta_{p+1} \\ \vdots \\ \beta_{p+q} \end{bmatrix}, \quad u = \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ \vdots \\ u_K \end{bmatrix}, \quad Z = \begin{bmatrix} (x_{p+1,1} - k_1)_+^q & \dots & (x_{p+1,1} - k_K)_+^q \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ (x_{p+1,n} - k_1)_+^q & \dots & (x_{p+1,n} - k_K)_+^q \end{bmatrix}$$

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & x_{11} & \dots & x_{p1} & x_{p+1,1} & \dots & x_{p+1,1}^q \\ 1 & x_{12} & \dots & x_{p2} & x_{p+1,2} & \dots & x_{p+1,2}^q \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 1 & x_{1n} & \dots & x_{pn} & x_{p+1,n} & \dots & x_{p+1,n}^q \end{bmatrix}$$

We assume  $n < k + p + q + 1, n + s = k + p + q + 1$ , ( $s$  is integer number and greater than 1 ), and we assume that the design matrix is orthogonal in the following way:

$$M_n^T M_n = nI_n \quad \forall n \geq 1 \quad (6)$$

where:

$M_n = (X, Z_r)$  and  $Z_r$  be the  $n - (p + q + 1) \times n - (p + q + 1)$  matrix, and let  $Z = Z_r + Z_s$

Based on the above setup for regression model (5) and the assumption of the orthogonal design matrix (6), we consider a Bayesian model selection problem in a spline semiparametric regression problem. Specifically, we would like to choose between a Bayesian spline semiparametric model and its pure polynomial counterpart by the criterion of the Bayes factor for two hypotheses,

$$H_0: Y = X\beta + \epsilon \quad \text{versus} \quad H_1: Y = X\beta + Zu + \epsilon \quad (7)$$

As for the prior of  $\beta$ , and  $\epsilon$  under  $H_1$ , we assume  $\beta$  and  $u$  are independent and

$$\beta \sim N(0, \Sigma_0) \quad , \quad \Sigma_0 = \sigma_\beta^2 I_{p+q+1} \quad (8)$$

$$u \sim N(0, \Sigma_1) \quad , \quad \Sigma_1 = \sigma_u^2 I_K \quad (9)$$

## 3. Bayes factor and marginal distribution

The response  $y_i$  in (4) follows the normal distribution with mean  $\eta_i$  and variance  $\sigma_\epsilon^2$ , where  $\eta_i = \sum_{j=0}^p \beta_j x_{ji} + \sum_{j=1}^q \beta_{p+j} x_{p+1,i}^j + \sum_{k=1}^K \{u_k(x_{p+1,i} - k_k)_+^q$ , for,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . Thus, given covariates and  $\eta_n = (\eta_1, \dots, \eta_n)^T$ , the n-dimensional response vector  $Y_n = (y_1, \dots, y_n)^T$  follows the n-dimensional normal distribution with mean  $\eta_n$  and covariance matrix  $\sigma_\epsilon^2 I_n$  where  $I_n$  is the  $n \times n$  identity matrix. Also from the prior distributions specified in (8) and (9), we can deduce the joint distribution of  $\eta_n$  is the multivariate normal distribution (MVN) with mean zero and  $n \times n$  covariance matrix  $X\Sigma_0 X^T + Z\Sigma_1 Z^T$ .

In summary, we have the following:-

$$Y_n | \eta_n \sim MVN_n(\eta_n, \sigma_\epsilon^2 I_n), \quad \eta_n \sim MVN_n(0_n, X \Sigma_0 X^T + Z \Sigma_1 Z^T) \quad (10)$$

**Result 1:**

Suppose the distribution of  $\eta_n$  and  $Y_n$  are given by (10). Then the posterior distribution of  $P(\eta_n | Y_n)$  is the multivariate normal with the following mean and variance.

$$E(\eta_n | Y_n, \sigma_\epsilon^2) = \Sigma_2 (\Sigma_2 + \sigma_\epsilon^2 I_n)^{-1} Y_n$$

$$var(\eta_n | Y_n, \sigma_\epsilon^2) = (\Sigma_2^{-1} + (\sigma_\epsilon^2 I_n)^{-1})^{-1} = \Sigma_2 (\Sigma_2 + \sigma_\epsilon^2 I_n)^{-1} \sigma_\epsilon^2 I_n$$

Where  $\Sigma_2 = X \Sigma_0 X^T + Z \Sigma_1 Z^T$ . Furthermore, marginally  $Y_n$  follows

$$Y_n \sim MVN(0, \sigma_\epsilon^2 I_n + \Sigma_2) \quad (11)$$

Note the  $(i, j)$ th element of  $\Sigma_2$ ,

$$\Sigma_2(i, j) = \sum_{k=1}^{p+q+1} \sigma_\beta^2 x_{ik} x_{kj} + \sum_{k=1}^K \sigma_u^2 z_{ik} z_{kj}, \quad i, j = 1, \dots, n \quad (12)$$

where  $z_{ik} = (x_{p+1,i} - k_k)_+^q$

Applications of the previous result yield that, the marginal distribution of  $Y_n$  under  $H_0$  and  $H_1$  are respectively  $N_n(0, V_0)$  and  $N_n(0, V_1)$ , where

$$V_0 = \sigma_\epsilon^2 I_n + X \Sigma_0 X^T$$

$$V_1 = \sigma_\epsilon^2 I_n + X \Sigma_0 X^T + Z \Sigma_1 Z^T$$

Hence, the Bayes factor for testing problem (7) is given by:

$$\begin{aligned} B_{01} &= \frac{p(Y|H_0)}{p(Y|H_1)} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi \det(V_0)}} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2} Y_n^T V_0^{-1} Y_n\right\} \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi \det(V_1)}} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2} Y_n^T V_1^{-1} Y_n\right\} \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{\det(V_1)}}{\sqrt{\det(V_0)}} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2} Y_n^T (V_0^{-1} - V_1^{-1}) Y_n\right\} \end{aligned} \quad (13)$$

**4. Asymptotic behavior of Bayes factor**

The Bayes factor is said to be consistent if ( see[3,14])

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} B_{01} = \infty, \quad a. s. \quad P_0^\infty \text{ under the } H_0, \quad (14)$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} B_{01} = 0, \quad a. s. \quad P_1^\infty \text{ under the } H_1, \quad (15)$$

We investigate the consistency of the Bayes factor, by establishing (14) and (15), under the spline semiparametric regression model described in the section 2. By truncating the regression up to the first  $n$  terms.

We get  $y_i = \sum_{j=0}^p \beta_j x_{ji} + \sum_{j=1}^q \beta_{p+j} x_{p+1,i}^j + \sum_{k=1}^{n-(p+q+1)} \{u_k (x_{p+1,i} - k_k)_+^q\} + \epsilon_i$

Now define  $V_{1,n}$  as the covariance matrix of the marginal distribution of  $Y_n$  under  $H_1$  as:-

$$\begin{aligned} V_{1,n} &= \sigma_\epsilon^2 I_n + X \Sigma_0 X^T + Z_r \Sigma_{1,r} Z_r^T \\ &= \sigma_\epsilon^2 I_n + M_n D_n M_n^T \end{aligned} \quad (16)$$

Where  $\Sigma_{1,r}$  is diagonal matrix with diagonal elements  $\sigma_u^2$  from size  $n - (p + q + 1) \times n - (p + q + 1)$  and

$$D_n = \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_0 & 0_{r1} \\ 0_{1r} & \Sigma_{1,r} \end{bmatrix}$$

where  $0_{r1}$ ,  $0_{1r}$  are the matrices for zeros element with size  $(p + q + 1) \times n - (p + q + 1)$  and  $n - (p + q + 1) \times (p + q + 1)$ , respectively.

Then, we can rewrite (16) by using  $D_n$  as:

$$V_{1,n} = M_n \left[ \frac{\sigma_\epsilon^2}{n} I_n + D_n \right] M_n^T \quad (17)$$

Let  $V_0$  be the covariance matrix of the marginal distribution of  $Y_n$  under  $H_0$ , then  $V_0$  can be represented as:

$$\begin{aligned} V_0 &= \sigma_\epsilon^2 I_n + X \Sigma_0 X^T + Z_r 0_{rr} Z_r^T \\ &= \sigma_\epsilon^2 I_n + M_n C_n M_n^T \end{aligned}$$

where:

$$C_n = \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_0 & 0_{r1} \\ 0_{1r} & 0_{rr} \end{bmatrix}$$

where  $0_{rr}$  is the matrix for zeros element with size  $n - (p + q + 1) \times n - (p + q + 1)$ , then we can rewrite  $V_0$  as the following:

$$V_0 = M_n \left[ \frac{\sigma_\epsilon^2}{n} I_n + C_n \right] M_n^T \quad (18)$$

Then we can use the two matrices above ( $V_0, V_{1,n}$ ) for matrix inversions and calculating determinants as shown in following lemma.

**Lemma1:** Let  $V_{1,n}$  and  $V_0$  be defined as in (17) and (18) respectively, and suppose  $M_n$  satisfied (6). Then, the following hold.

- i)  $M_n M_n^T = M_n^T M_n = nI_n$
- ii)  $\det(V_0) = n^{p+q+1} (\frac{\sigma_\epsilon^2}{n} + \sigma_\beta^2)^{p+q+1} \sigma_\epsilon^{2(n-(p+q+1))}$
- iii)  $\det(V_{1,n}) = n^n (\frac{\sigma_\epsilon^2}{n} + \sigma_\beta^2)^{p+q+1} (\frac{\sigma_\epsilon^2}{n} + \sigma_u^2)^{n-(p+q+1)}$
- iv)  $V_0^{-1} = \frac{1}{n^2} M_n \left[ \frac{\sigma_\epsilon^2}{n} I_n + C_n \right]^{-1} M_n^T$
- v)  $V_{1,n}^{-1} = \frac{1}{n^2} M_n \left[ \frac{\sigma_\epsilon^2}{n} I_n + D_n \right]^{-1} M_n^T$

**Proof:-**

i) By multiplying  $M_n$  and  $M_n^T$  to equation (6) from right and left side, we have:-

$$\begin{aligned} M_n M_n^T M_n M_n^T &= M_n n I_n M_n^T \\ &= M_n n M_n^T \\ &= n M_n M_n^T \end{aligned}$$

Multiplying  $(M_n M_n^T)^{-1}$  to the above equation from left side, we get:-

$$\begin{aligned} M_n M_n^T M_n M_n^T (M_n M_n^T)^{-1} &= n M_n M_n^T (M_n M_n^T)^{-1} \\ M_n M_n^T &= n I_n \end{aligned}$$

ii)  $V_0 = M_n \left[ \frac{\sigma_\epsilon^2}{n} I_n + C_n \right] M_n^T$ , and by using (6), we get

$$\begin{aligned} &= [X, Z_r] \begin{bmatrix} (\frac{\sigma_\epsilon^2}{n} + \sigma_\beta^2) & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & (\frac{\sigma_\epsilon^2}{n} + \sigma_\beta^2) & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & \frac{\sigma_\epsilon^2}{n} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & \frac{\sigma_\epsilon^2}{n} \end{bmatrix} [X, Z_r]^T \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} n(\frac{\sigma_\epsilon^2}{n} + \sigma_\beta^2) & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & n(\frac{\sigma_\epsilon^2}{n} + \sigma_\beta^2) & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & \sigma_\epsilon^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & \sigma_\epsilon^2 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Then

$$\det(V_0) = n^{p+q+1} (\frac{\sigma_\epsilon^2}{n} + \sigma_\beta^2)^{p+q+1} \sigma_\epsilon^{2(n-(p+q+1))}$$

iii)  $V_{1,n} = M_n \left[ \frac{\sigma_\epsilon^2}{n} I_n + D_n \right] M_n^T$

$$= [X, Z_r] \begin{bmatrix} (\frac{\sigma_\epsilon^2}{n} + \sigma_\beta^2) & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & (\frac{\sigma_\epsilon^2}{n} + \sigma_\beta^2) & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & \frac{\sigma_\epsilon^2}{n} + \sigma_u^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & \frac{\sigma_\epsilon^2}{n} + \sigma_u^2 \end{bmatrix} [X, Z_r]^T$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} n(\frac{\sigma_\epsilon^2}{n} + \sigma_\beta^2) & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & n(\frac{\sigma_\epsilon^2}{n} + \sigma_\beta^2) & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & n(\frac{\sigma_\epsilon^2}{n} + \sigma_u^2) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & n(\frac{\sigma_\epsilon^2}{n} + \sigma_u^2) \end{bmatrix}$$

Then

$$\det(V_{1,n}) = n^n (\frac{\sigma_\epsilon^2}{n} + \sigma_\beta^2)^{p+q+1} (\frac{\sigma_\epsilon^2}{n} + \sigma_u^2)^{n-(p+q+1)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{iv) } V_0^{-1} &= \{M_n \left[ \frac{\sigma_\epsilon^2}{n} I_n + C_n \right] M_n^T\}^{-1} \\ &= M_n^{-1} \left[ \frac{\sigma_\epsilon^2}{n} I_n + C_n \right]^{-1} M_n \\ &= \frac{I_n^{-1}}{n} n I_n M_n^{-1} \left[ \frac{\sigma_\epsilon^2}{n} I_n + C_n \right]^{-1} M_n^{-1} n I_n \frac{I_n^{-1}}{n} \\ &= \frac{1}{n^2} M_n M_n^T M_n^{-1} \left[ \frac{\sigma_\epsilon^2}{n} I_n + C_n \right]^{-1} M_n^{-1} M_n M_n^T \text{ by lemma 1.i} \\ &= \frac{1}{n^2} M_n \left[ \frac{\sigma_\epsilon^2}{n} I_n + C_n \right]^{-1} M_n^T \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{v) } V_1^{-1} &= \{M_n \left[ \frac{\sigma_\epsilon^2}{n} I_n + D_n \right] M_n^T\}^{-1} \\ &= M_n^{-1} \left[ \frac{\sigma_\epsilon^2}{n} I_n + D_n \right]^{-1} M_n \\ &= \frac{I_n^{-1}}{n} n I_n M_n^{-1} \left[ \frac{\sigma_\epsilon^2}{n} I_n + D_n \right]^{-1} M_n^{-1} n I_n \frac{I_n^{-1}}{n} \\ &= \frac{1}{n^2} M_n M_n^T M_n^{-1} \left[ \frac{\sigma_\epsilon^2}{n} I_n + D_n \right]^{-1} M_n^{-1} M_n M_n^T \\ &= \frac{1}{n^2} M_n \left[ \frac{\sigma_\epsilon^2}{n} I_n + D_n \right]^{-1} M_n^T \end{aligned}$$

Now let

$$\tilde{B}_{01} = \frac{\sqrt{\det(V_{1,n})}}{\sqrt{\det(V_0)}} \exp\{-\frac{1}{2} Y_n^T (V_0^{-1} - V_{1,n}^{-1}) Y_n\} \tag{19}$$

Which an approximation of  $B_{01}$  with  $V_1$  replaced by  $V_{1,n}$  in (13)

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} \log \tilde{B}_{01} &= \frac{1}{2} \log \frac{\det(V_{1,n})}{\det(V_0)} - \frac{1}{2} Y_n^T (V_0^{-1} - V_{1,n}^{-1}) Y_n \\ 2 \log \tilde{B}_{01} &= \log \frac{\det(V_{1,n})}{\det(V_0)} - Y_n^T (V_0^{-1} - V_{1,n}^{-1}) Y_n \end{aligned}$$

By results of lemma 1 we have:-

$$\begin{aligned} 2 \log \tilde{B}_{01} &= \log \frac{n^n (\frac{\sigma_\epsilon^2}{n} + \sigma_\beta^2)^{p+q+1} (\frac{\sigma_\epsilon^2}{n} + \sigma_u^2)^{n-(p+q+1)}}{n^{p+q+1} (\frac{\sigma_\epsilon^2}{n} + \sigma_\beta^2)^{p+q+1} \sigma_\epsilon^2} \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{n^2} \left\{ Y_n^T M_n \left\{ \left[ \frac{\sigma_\epsilon^2}{n} I_n + C_n \right]^{-1} - \left[ \frac{\sigma_\epsilon^2}{n} I_n + D_n \right]^{-1} \right\} M_n^T Y_n \right\} \\ &= \log \frac{n^{n-(p+q+1)} (\frac{\sigma_\epsilon^2}{n} + \sigma_u^2)^{n-(p+q+1)}}{\sigma_\epsilon^{2(n-(p+q+1))}} - \frac{1}{n^2} \{ Y_n^T M_n \begin{bmatrix} 0_{(p+q+1) \times (p+q+1)} & 0_{1r} \\ 0_{r1} & Q_r \end{bmatrix} M_n^T Y_n \} \\ &= \log \left( \frac{\sigma_\epsilon^2 + n\sigma_u^2}{\sigma_\epsilon^2} \right)^{n-(p+q+1)} - Y_n^T Q_n Y_n \end{aligned}$$

where

$$Q_n = \frac{1}{n^2} M_n \begin{bmatrix} 0_{(p+q+1) \times (p+q+1)} & 0_{1r} \\ 0_{r1} & Q_r \end{bmatrix} M_n^T$$

$$\text{and } Q_r = \text{Diag} \left( \frac{n^2 \sigma_u^2}{(\sigma_\epsilon^2 + n\sigma_u^2) \sigma_\epsilon^2} \right)$$

To establish the consistency of the Bayes factor we focus on  $\tilde{B}_{01}$ , first and the remaining terms will be considered later. Without loss of generality we assume  $\sigma_\epsilon^2 = 1$  in the remainder of this paper.

Now let

$$S_{n,1} = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{n\sigma_u^2}{(1+n\sigma_u^2)} = \frac{n^2\sigma_u^2}{(1+n\sigma_u^2)} \quad (20)$$

$$S_{n,2} = \sum_{i=1}^n \log(1 + n\sigma_u^2) = n \log(1 + n\sigma_u^2) \quad (21)$$

$$S_{n,3} = \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{n\sigma_u^2}{1+n\sigma_u^2}\right)^2 = n^3 \left(\frac{\sigma_u^2}{1+n\sigma_u^2}\right)^2 \quad (22)$$

**Lemma2:** let  $Y_n = (y_1, \dots, y_n)^T$  where  $y_i$ 's are independent normal random variable with mean  $\sum_{j=0}^p \beta_j x_{ji} + \sum_{j=1}^q \beta_{p+j} x_{p+1,i}^j$  and variance  $\sigma_\epsilon^2 = 1$ , then there exist a positive constant  $C_1$  such that

$$\frac{1}{S_{n,1}} \left[ \sum_{i=1}^{n-(p+q+1)} \log(1 + n\sigma_u^2) - Y_n^T Q_n Y_n \right] > C_1, \text{ with probability tending to 1.}$$

This implies that, under  $H_0$ .

$$\log \tilde{B}_{01} \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} \infty, \text{ in probability.}$$

**Proof:**

Let  $X_n = (X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n)$  are independent standard normal random variables, Note that  $Y_n \stackrel{d}{=} X_n + X\beta$  and

$$\begin{aligned} Y_n^T Q_n Y_n &= (X_n + X\beta)^T Q_n (X_n + X\beta) \\ &= X_n^T Q_n X_n + (X\beta)^T Q_n (X\beta) + X_n^T Q_n X\beta + (X\beta)^T Q_n X_n. \end{aligned}$$

By the orthogonality of the design matrix

$$(X\beta)^T Q_n = (X\beta)^T \frac{1}{n^2} M_n \begin{bmatrix} 0_{(p+q+1) \times (p+q+1)} & 0_{1r} \\ 0_{r1} & Q_r \end{bmatrix} M_n^T = 0.$$

$$\text{Then } Y_n^T Q_n Y_n = X_n^T Q_n X_n.$$

Using the expectation formula of the quadratic form given in (12), we obtain

$$0 < E(X_n^T Q_n X_n) = \text{tr}(Q_n) = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{n\sigma_u^2}{(1 + n\sigma_u^2)} = S_{n,1}$$

Note that

$$\begin{aligned} Q_n^2 &= \frac{1}{n^4} M_n \begin{bmatrix} 0_{(p+q+1) \times (p+q+1)} & 0_{1r} \\ 0_{r1} & Q_r \end{bmatrix} M_n^T M_n \begin{bmatrix} 0_{(p+q+1) \times (p+q+1)} & 0_{1r} \\ 0_{r1} & Q_r \end{bmatrix} M_n^T \\ &= \frac{1}{n^3} M_n \begin{bmatrix} 0_{(p+q+1) \times (p+q+1)} & 0_{1r} \\ 0_{r1} & Q_r^2 \end{bmatrix} M_n^T \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\text{tr}(Q_n^2) = \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{n^2\sigma_u^2}{1+n\sigma_u^2}\right)^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{n\sigma_u^2}{1+n\sigma_u^2}\right)^2 = S_{n,3}.$$

Similarly, using the variance formula of the quadratic form of the multivariate normal variables, we have

$$\text{var}(X_n^T Q_n X_n) = 2\text{tr}(Q_n^2) = 2 \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{n\sigma_u^2}{1+n\sigma_u^2}\right)^2 = 2S_{n,3}.$$

Let  $c_n = \frac{S_{n,2} - S_{n,1}}{2S_{n,1}}$ . Then,

$$\begin{aligned} &Pr \left\{ \frac{1}{S_{n,1}} \left[ \sum_{i=1}^{n-(p+q+1)} \log(1 + n\sigma_u^2) - Y_n^T Q_n Y_n \right] \leq c_n \right\} \\ &= Pr \left[ \frac{\{Y_n^T Q_n Y_n\}}{S_{n,1}} \geq \frac{S_{n,2}}{S_{n,1}} - c_n \right] \\ &= Pr \left[ \frac{\{Y_n^T Q_n Y_n\}}{S_{n,1}} - \frac{E(Y_n^T Q_n Y_n)}{S_{n,1}} \geq \frac{S_{n,2}}{S_{n,1}} - c_n - \frac{E(Y_n^T Q_n Y_n)}{S_{n,1}} \right] \\ &= Pr \left[ \frac{1}{S_{n,1}} \{ (Y_n^T Q_n Y_n) - E(Y_n^T Q_n Y_n) \} \geq \frac{S_{n,2}}{S_{n,1}} - c_n - \frac{E(Y_n^T Q_n Y_n)}{S_{n,1}} \right] \\ &\leq \frac{1}{S_{n,1}^2} \frac{\text{var}(Y_n^T Q_n Y_n)}{\left(\frac{S_{n,2} - S_{n,1}}{2S_{n,1}}\right)^2} = \frac{8S_{n,3}}{(S_{n,2} - S_{n,1})^2} \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} 0, \end{aligned}$$

where the last statement holds from the Chebyshev inequality.

Then  $S_{n,2} - S_{n,1} \geq c_1 S_{n,1}$  for some  $c_1 > 0$  and let  $c_n \geq c_1/2$ .

Hence, we conclude that there exists a positive constant  $C_1 = c_1/2$  such that

$$\frac{1}{S_{n,1}} \left[ \sum_{i=1}^{n-(p+q+1)} \log(1 + n\sigma_u^2)^2 - Y_n^T Q_n Y_n \right] > C_1, \text{ with probability tending to } 1.$$

Consequently, it follows that

$$2 \log \tilde{B}_{01} = \sum_{i=1}^{n-(p+q+1)} \log(1 + n\sigma_u^2)^2 - Y_n^T Q_n Y_n \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} \infty \text{ in probability under } H_0$$

$$\log \tilde{B}_{01} \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} \infty$$

**Lemma3**

Suppose we have the penalized spline smoothing, then

$$\frac{1}{S_{n,1}} \text{tr}(V_{1,n}^{-1} - V_1^{-1}) \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} 0$$

**Proof:**

Since  $V_1 - V_{1,n}$  is the covariance matrix of  $\eta^*(x) = \sum_{k=n-(p+q)+1}^{n+s} z_k u_k = Z_s u$  it is a positive definite matrix. Thus  $V_{1,n}^{-1} - V_1^{-1}$  is also a positive definite matrix. Thus,  $\text{tr}(V_{1,n}^{-1}) \geq \text{tr}(V_1^{-1})$ , also from the matrix analogue of the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality, we have

$$\text{tr}(Z_s^T V_{1,n}^{-1}) \leq \sqrt{\text{tr}(Z_s^T Z_s) \text{tr}(V_{1,n}^{-2})} = \|Z_s\| \|V_{1,n}^{-1}\|$$

where

$$\|V_{1,n}^{-1}\| = \{ \text{tr}(V_{1,n}^{-2}) \}^{\frac{1}{2}} = \left[ \frac{1}{n^2} \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^{p+q+1} \left( \frac{\sigma_\epsilon^2}{n} + \sigma_\beta^2 \right)^{-2} + \sum_{i=1}^{n-(p+q+1)} \left( \frac{\sigma_\epsilon^2}{n} + \sigma_u^2 \right)^{-2} \right\} \right]^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

Note that

$$\sum_{i=1}^{p+q+1} \left( \frac{\sigma_\epsilon^2}{n} + \sigma_\beta^2 \right)^{-2} = \frac{p+q+1}{\left( \frac{\sigma_\epsilon^2}{n} + \sigma_\beta^2 \right)^2} = \frac{p+q+1}{\left( \frac{\sigma_\epsilon^2 + n\sigma_\beta^2}{n} \right)^2} = \frac{n^2(p+q+1)}{(\sigma_\epsilon^2 + n\sigma_\beta^2)^2} \leq \frac{p+q+1}{\sigma_\beta^4} = O(1)$$

And

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n-(p+q+1)} \left( \frac{\sigma_\epsilon^2}{n} + \sigma_u^2 \right)^{-2} = \frac{n - (p + q + 1)}{\left( \frac{\sigma_\epsilon^2}{n} + \sigma_u^2 \right)^2} \leq \frac{n}{\left( \frac{\sigma_\epsilon^2}{n} + \sigma_u^2 \right)^2} = \frac{n^3}{(\sigma_\epsilon^2 + n\sigma_u^2)^2} \leq \frac{n^3}{(n\sigma_u^2)^2} = O(n)$$

Thus, it follows that  $\|V_{1,n}^{-1}\| = \left\{ O\left(\frac{1}{n}\right) \right\}^{1/2} = O(n)^{-1/2}$

Since  $\sup_{x \in [0,1]} \|Z_s\| < 1$  from the distances between truncated power functions, it follows that  $\|Z_s\|^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n Z_{sk}^2(x_i) \leq n$ , where  $Z_{sk}^2(x_i) = (x_{p+1,i} - k_k)_+^q$  is element in  $Z_s$

$$\text{Thus, } \frac{1}{S_{n,1}} \text{tr}(V_{1,n}^{-1} - V_1^{-1}) = \frac{1}{S_{n,1}} \text{tr}(V_{1,n}^{-1}(V_1 - V_{1,n})V_1^{-1})$$

$$= \frac{1}{S_{n,1}} \sum_{k=n-(p+q+1)}^{n+s} \sigma_u^2 (Z_k^T V_{1,n}^{-1} (Z_k^T V_1^{-1})^T)$$

$$\leq \frac{\sigma_u^2}{S_{n,1}} \|V_{1,n}^{-1}\|^2 \sum_{k=n-(p+q+1)}^{n+s} \|Z_k\|^2$$

$$\leq \frac{n\sigma_u^2}{n S_{n,1}} \sum_{k=n-(p+q+1)}^{n+s} 1 \leq \frac{K\sigma_u^2}{S_{n,1}} = \frac{K\sigma_u^2}{\frac{n^2\sigma_u^2}{(1+n\sigma_u^2)}} = \frac{K(1+n\sigma_u^2)}{n^2}$$

Thus

$$\frac{1}{S_{n,1}} \text{tr}(V_{1,n}^{-1} - V_1^{-1}) \leq \frac{K(1 + n\sigma_u^2)}{n^2} \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} 0$$

**Theorem(1):**

Consider the testing problem in (7), suppose that the true model is  $H_0$  ( pure polynomial model ) and let  $P_0^n$  denote the true distribution of the whole data, with p.d.f  $P_0(y|\beta_0) = \phi\{(y - X^T \beta_0)/\sigma_\epsilon\}$ , where  $\phi(\cdot)$  is the standard normal density, then, the Bayes factor is consistent under the null hypothesis  $H_0$ :

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} B_{01} = \infty \text{ in } P_0^n \text{ probability.}$$

**Proof:**

$$\log B_{01} = \frac{1}{2} \log \frac{\det(V_1)}{\det(V_0)} - \frac{1}{2} Y_n^T (V_0^{-1} - V_1^{-1}) Y_n$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{1}{2} \log \frac{\det(V_1)}{\det(V_{1,n})} + \frac{1}{2} \log \frac{\det(V_{1,n})}{\det(V_0)} - \frac{1}{2} Y_n^T (V_0^{-1} - V_{1,n}^{-1}) Y_n - \frac{1}{2} Y_n^T (V_{1,n}^{-1} - V_1^{-1}) Y_n \\ &= \log \tilde{B}_{01} + \frac{1}{2} \log \frac{\det(V_1)}{\det(V_{1,n})} - \frac{1}{2} Y_n^T (V_{1,n}^{-1} - V_1^{-1}) Y_n \\ &= \log \tilde{B}_{01} + A_1 + A_2 \end{aligned}$$

where

$$A_1 = \frac{1}{2} \log \frac{\det(V_1)}{\det(V_{1,n})}, \quad A_2 = -\frac{1}{2} Y_n^T (V_{1,n}^{-1} - V_1^{-1}) Y_n$$

Since  $V_1 - V_{1,n}$  is a positive definite matrix,  $\det(V_1) \geq \det(V_{1,n})$ , thus  $A_1 \geq 0$

$$E(Y_n^T (V_{1,n}^{-1} - V_1^{-1}) Y_n) = \sigma_\epsilon^2 \text{tr}(V_{1,n}^{-1} - V_1^{-1}) + (X\beta)^T (V_{1,n}^{-1} - V_1^{-1}) X\beta,$$

since  $V_{1,n}^{-1} - V_1^{-1}$ ,  $V_{1,n}^{-1}$  and  $V_1^{-1}$  are all nonnegative definite matrices, it follows that

$$0 \leq (X\beta)^T (V_{1,n}^{-1} - V_1^{-1}) X\beta \leq (X\beta)^T V_{1,n}^{-1} X\beta.$$

By orthogonality of the design matrix (6), we have  $X^T M_n = M_n^T X = n(I_{p+q+1}, 0_{n-(p+q+1)})$ .

Thus similarly to the proof of lemma (3), we get:

$$\begin{aligned} (X\beta)^T V_{1,n}^{-1} X\beta &= \frac{1}{n^2} (X\beta)^T M_n \left[ \frac{\sigma_\epsilon^2}{n} I_n + D_n \right]^{-1} M_n^T X\beta \\ &= \frac{1}{n^2} \beta^T n(I_{p+q+1}, 0_{n-(p+q+1)}) \left[ \frac{\sigma_\epsilon^2}{n} I_n + D_n \right]^{-1} n(I_{p+q+1}, 0_{n-(p+q+1)}) \beta \\ &= \beta^T (I_{p+q+1}, 0_{n-(p+q+1)}) \left[ \frac{\sigma_\epsilon^2}{n} I_n + D_n \right]^{-1} (I_{p+q+1}, 0_{n-(p+q+1)}) \beta \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{p+q+1} \beta_i^2 \left[ \frac{\sigma_\epsilon^2}{n} + \sigma_\beta^2 \right]^{-1} = O(1). \end{aligned}$$

Let  $\epsilon > 0$ , by the Markov inequality when  $r = 1$  and lemma (3), we have:

$$\begin{aligned} pr \left\{ \frac{1}{S_{n,1}} Y_n^T (V_{1,n}^{-1} - V_1^{-1}) Y_n > \epsilon \right\} &\leq \frac{1}{S_{n,1}} \left\{ \frac{E(Y_n^T (V_{1,n}^{-1} - V_1^{-1}) Y_n)}{\epsilon} \right\} \\ &\leq \frac{1}{S_{n,1}} \frac{\text{tr}(V_{1,n}^{-1} - V_1^{-1})}{\epsilon} + \frac{1}{S_{n,1}} \frac{(X\beta)^T V_{1,n}^{-1} X\beta}{\epsilon} \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} 0. \end{aligned}$$

Note that  $V_{1,n}^{-1} - V_1^{-1}$  is nonnegative definite and thus,  $Y_n^T (V_{1,n}^{-1} - V_1^{-1}) Y_n$  is nonnegative random variable.

Therefore,  $A_2 = o(S_{n,1})$ .

The above results with lemma (2) imply there exists a constant  $C_1$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{S_{n,1}} \log B_{01} &\geq \frac{1}{S_{n,1}} \log \tilde{B}_{01} + o(1) \\ &> C_1 + o(1). \end{aligned}$$

That is,

$$B_{01} \geq \exp(S_{n,1} \{C_1 + o(1)\}) \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} \infty \text{ in } P_0^n \text{ probability.}$$

This completes the proof.

Now we consider asymptotic behavior of the Bayes factor under  $H_1$  and assuming that the true model for  $Y_n$  is in  $H_1$ .

**Lemma(4):**

Let  $Y_n = (y_1, \dots, y_n)$  where  $y_i$ 's are independent normal random variables with mean  $\sum_{j=0}^p \beta_j x_{ji} + \sum_{j=1}^q \beta_{p+j} x_{p+1,i}^j + \sum_{k=1}^{n-(p+q+1)} z_{ik} u_k$  and variance  $\sigma_\epsilon^2 = 1$  and let  $w_n = E(Y_n)^T Q_n E(Y_n)$ .

Then,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{w_n} Y_n^T Q_n Y_n = 1$ , in  $P_1^\infty$  probability.

**Proof:**

From the moment formula of the quadratic form of normal random variables, the expectation and variance of quadratic form  $Y_n^T Q_n Y_n$  are given by:

$$\begin{aligned} E(Y_n^T Q_n Y_n) &= \text{tr}(Q_n) + E(Y_n)^T Q_n E(Y_n) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{n-(p+q+1)} \frac{n\sigma_u^2}{(1+n\sigma_u^2)} + E(Y_n)^T Q_n E(Y_n) \\ &= S_{n,1} + w_n, \text{ and} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{var}(Y_n^T Q_n Y_n) = 2\text{tr}(Q_n^2) + 4E(Y_n)^T Q_n^2 E(Y_n).$$

Note



$$\begin{aligned}
 w_n &= E(Y_n)^T Q_n E(Y_n) \\
 &= (\beta^T, u_{n-(p+q+1)}^T) M_n^T \frac{1}{n^2} M_n \begin{bmatrix} 0_{(p+q+1) \times (p+q+1)} & 0_{1r} \\ & Q_r \end{bmatrix} M_n^T M_n (\beta^T, u_{n-(p+q+1)}^T)^T \\
 &= (\beta^T, u_{n-(p+q+1)}^T) n \cdot \frac{1}{n^2} \begin{bmatrix} 0_{(p+q+1) \times (p+q+1)} & 0_{1r} \\ & Q_r \end{bmatrix} n (\beta^T, u_{n-(p+q+1)}^T)^T \\
 &= (\beta^T, u_{n-(p+q+1)}^T) \begin{bmatrix} 0_{(p+q+1) \times (p+q+1)} & 0_{1r} \\ & Q_r \end{bmatrix} (\beta^T, u_{n-(p+q+1)}^T)^T \\
 &= u_{n-(p+q+1)}^T Q_r u_{n-(p+q+1)} = \sum_{i=1}^{n-(p+q+1)} \frac{n^2 \sigma_u^2 u_i^2}{1+n\sigma_u^2},
 \end{aligned}$$

since  $\sup_i u_i < \infty$ , we have

$$w_n \leq \sup_i u_i^2 n \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{n\sigma_u^2}{1+n\sigma_u^2} = O(n S_{n,1}).$$

On the other hand, consider a fixed positive integer  $N \geq 1$  such that  $u_N^2 > 0$  and a sufficiently large  $n$  with  $\frac{n\sigma_u^2}{1+n\sigma_u^2} \geq \frac{1}{2}$ . For such  $n$  and  $N$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
 w_n &= \sum_{i=1}^{n-(p+q+1)} \frac{n^2 \sigma_u^2 u_i^2}{1+n\sigma_u^2} \geq \frac{n^2 \sigma_u^2}{1+n\sigma_u^2} u_N^2 \\
 &= n \frac{n\sigma_u^2}{1+n\sigma_u^2} u_N^2 \geq n \frac{u_N^2}{2}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Further, similarly to the previous calculation, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 E(Y_n)^T Q_n^2 E(Y_n) &= (\beta^T, u_{n-(p+q+1)}^T) M_n^T \frac{1}{n^3} M_n \begin{bmatrix} 0_{(p+q+1) \times (p+q+1)} & 0_{1r} \\ & Q_r^2 \end{bmatrix} M_n^T M_n (\beta^T, u_{n-(p+q+1)}^T)^T \\
 &= \frac{1}{n} u_{n-(p+q+1)}^T Q_{1,n-(p+q+1)}^2 u_{n-(p+q+1)} \\
 &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n-(p+q+1)} \frac{n^4 \sigma_u^4 u_i^2}{(1+n\sigma_u^2)^2}.
 \end{aligned}$$

As in case of  $E(Y_n)^T Q_n E(Y_n)$

$$E(Y_n)^T Q_n^2 E(Y_n) \leq \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{n^3 \sigma_u^4 u_i^2}{(1+n\sigma_u^2)^2} \leq n \sup_i u_i^2 \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{n^2 \sigma_u^4}{(1+n\sigma_u^2)^2} = O(n S_{n,3}).$$

Consider a fixed positive integer  $N \geq 1$  such that  $u_N^2 > 0$  and a sufficiently large  $n$  with  $\frac{n\sigma_u^2}{1+n\sigma_u^2} \geq \frac{1}{2}$ . Again, for such  $n$  and  $N$ ,

$$E(Y_n)^T Q_n^2 E(Y_n) = \sum_{i=1}^{n-(p+q+1)} \frac{n^3 \sigma_u^4 u_i^2}{(1+n\sigma_u^2)^2} \geq n u_N^2 \left( \frac{n\sigma_u^2}{1+n\sigma_u^2} \right)^2 \geq \frac{u_N^2}{4} n.$$

By combining value of  $S_{n,1}$  and the previous result, we have

$$\text{var}(Y_n^T Q_n Y_n) \leq O(n S_{n,1}).$$

Furthermore, note that  $E(Y_n)^T Q_n E(Y_n) \geq E(Y_n)^T Q_n^2 E(Y_n)$ .

Let  $\varepsilon > 0$ , by the Chebyshev inequality.

$$pr \left\{ \left| \frac{1}{w_n} Y_n^T Q_n Y_n - \frac{E(Y_n^T Q_n Y_n)}{w_n} \right| > \varepsilon \right\} \leq \frac{\text{var}(Y_n^T Q_n Y_n)}{w_n^2 \varepsilon^2} = O(n^{-2}) \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} 0.$$

$$\text{Since } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{E(Y_n^T Q_n Y_n)}{w_n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{S_{n,1}}{w_n} + \frac{w_n}{w_n} \right) = 1$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{w_n} Y_n^T Q_n Y_n = 1, \text{ in probability}$$

This completes the proof.

**Lemma(5):**

Suppose we have the penalized spline smoothing, then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{w_n} \log \frac{\det(V_1)}{\det(V_{1,n})} = 0$$

**Proof:**

From a property of the determinant of the positive definite matrix, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \det(V_1) &\leq \prod_{i=1}^n (\sigma_\epsilon^2 + \sum_{k=1}^{p+q+1} \sigma_\beta^2 x_{ik}^2 + \sum_{k=1}^{n+s} \sigma_u^2 z_{ik}^2) \\ &= n^n \prod_{i=1}^n \left( \frac{\sigma_\epsilon^2}{n} + \sum_{k=1}^{p+q+1} \frac{\sigma_\beta^2 x_{ik}^2}{n} + \sum_{k=1}^{n+s} \frac{\sigma_u^2 z_{ik}^2}{n} \right), \end{aligned}$$

where  $x_{ik}, z_{ik}$  is the  $k$  th element of  $x_i, z_i$  respectively.

From lemma (1), we have:

$$\det(V_{1,n}) = n^n \left( \frac{\sigma_\epsilon^2}{n} + \sigma_u^2 \right)^{n-(p+q+1)} \left( \frac{\sigma_\epsilon^2}{n} + \sigma_\beta^2 \right)^{p+q+1}.$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} \log \frac{\det(V_1)}{\det(V_{1,n})} &= \log(\det(V_1)) - \log(\det(V_{1,n})) \\ &\leq n \log n + \sum_{i=1}^n \log \left( \frac{\sigma_\epsilon^2}{n} + \sum_{k=1}^{p+q+1} \frac{\sigma_\beta^2 x_{ik}^2}{n} + \sum_{k=1}^{n+s} \frac{\sigma_u^2 z_{ik}^2}{n} \right) - \left[ n \log n + (p+q+1) \log \left( \frac{\sigma_\epsilon^2}{n} + \sigma_\beta^2 \right) + (n-(p+q+1)) \left( \frac{\sigma_\epsilon^2}{n} + \sigma_u^2 \right) \right] = O(1) - O(1) = O(1). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, it follows that

$$\frac{1}{w_n} \log \frac{\det(V_1)}{\det(V_{1,n})} \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} 0$$

**Theorem(2):**

Consider the testing problem in (7), suppose that the true model is in  $H_1$  ( the penalized spline semiparametric model ) and let  $P_1^n$  denote the true distribution of the whole data, with p.d.f.  $p_1(y|\beta_1, u_1) = \phi\{y - (X^T \beta_1 + Zu_1)\}/\sigma_\epsilon$ , where  $\phi(\cdot)$  is the standard normal density. Then the Bayes factor is consistent under the alternative hypothesis  $H_1$ :

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} B_{01} = 0 \text{ in } P_1^n \text{ probability.}$$

**Proof:**

$$\begin{aligned} \log B_{01} &= \frac{1}{2} \log \frac{\det(V_1)}{\det(V_0)} - \frac{1}{2} Y_n^T (V_0^{-1} - V_1^{-1}) Y_n \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \log \frac{\det(V_1)}{\det(V_{1,n})} + \frac{1}{2} \log \frac{\det(V_{1,n})}{\det(V_0)} - \frac{1}{2} Y_n^T (V_0^{-1} - V_{1,n}^{-1}) Y_n - \frac{1}{2} Y_n^T (V_{1,n}^{-1} - V_1^{-1}) Y_n \\ &= \log \tilde{B}_{01} - \frac{1}{2} Y_n^T (V_0^{-1} - V_{1,n}^{-1}) Y_n - \frac{1}{2} Y_n^T (V_{1,n}^{-1} - V_1^{-1}) Y_n \\ &= \log \tilde{B}_{01} + A_1 + A_2, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \log \tilde{B}_{01} &= \frac{1}{2} \log \frac{\det(V_{1,n})}{\det(V_0)} - \frac{1}{2} Y_n^T (V_0^{-1} - V_{1,n}^{-1}) Y_n \\ A_1 &= \frac{1}{2} \log \frac{\det(V_1)}{\det(V_{1,n})}, \quad A_2 = -\frac{1}{2} Y_n^T (V_{1,n}^{-1} - V_1^{-1}) Y_n. \end{aligned}$$

First, by lemma (1),

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\det(V_{1,n})}{\det(V_0)} &= \frac{n^n \left( \frac{\sigma_\epsilon^2 + \sigma_\beta^2}{n} \right)^{p+q+1} \left( \frac{\sigma_\epsilon^2 + \sigma_u^2}{n} \right)^{n-(p+q+1)}}{n^{p+q+1} \left( \frac{\sigma_\epsilon^2 + \sigma_\beta^2}{n} \right)^{p+q+1} \sigma_\epsilon^{2(n-(p+q+1))}} = \frac{n^{n-(p+q+1)} \left( \frac{\sigma_\epsilon^2 + \sigma_u^2}{n} \right)^{n-(p+q+1)}}{\sigma_\epsilon^{2(n-(p+q+1))}} = \left( \frac{\sigma_\epsilon^2 + n\sigma_u^2}{\sigma_\epsilon^2} \right)^{n-(p+q+1)} \\ &= \left( 1 + \frac{n\sigma_u^2}{\sigma_\epsilon^2} \right)^{n-(p+q+1)} = O(n) \Rightarrow \log \left( 1 + \frac{n\sigma_u^2}{\sigma_\epsilon^2} \right)^{n-(p+q+1)} = O(n). \end{aligned}$$

And from lemma (4)  $w_n \leq O(n^2)$ . Then

$$\frac{1}{w_n} \log \frac{\det(V_{1,n})}{\det(V_0)} \leq O(n^{-1}) \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} 0.$$

Therefore,

$$\frac{1}{w_n} \log \tilde{B}_{01} = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{w} \log \frac{\det(V_{1,n})}{\det(V_0)} - \frac{1}{w} Y_n^T (V_0^{-1} - V_{1,n}^{-1}) Y_n \right)$$

Since  $V_0^{-1} - V_{1,n}^{-1} = Q_n$ , then

$$\frac{1}{w_n} Y_n^T (V_0^{-1} - V_{1,n}^{-1}) Y_n = \frac{1}{w_n} Y_n^T Q_n Y_n, \text{ from lemma (4),}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{w_n} Y_n^T Q_n Y_n = 1. \text{ Then}$$

$$\frac{1}{w_n} \log \tilde{B}_{01} \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{w} \log \frac{\det(V_{1,n})}{\det(V_0)} - \frac{1}{w} Y_n^T (V_0^{-1} - V_{1,n}^{-1}) Y_n \right) \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} = \frac{1}{2} (0 - 1) = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$\therefore \frac{1}{w_n} \log \tilde{B}_{01} \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{-1}{2}$ , in the  $P_1^n$  probability.

And from lemma (5),

$\frac{1}{w_n} A_1 \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} 0$ , finally, note that  $A_2$  is nonpositive random variable since  $V_{1,n}^{-1} - V_1^{-1}$  is a nonnegative definite matrix.

Therefore, by combining the above results, there exist  $C_2 > 0$  such that

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sup \frac{1}{w_n} \log B_{01} \leq \frac{-C_2}{2}$ , with probability tending to 1.

Hence,  $B_{01} \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} 0$ , in  $P_1^n$  probability.

This completes the proof.

## 5. Conclusion

- 1- The Bayes factor for testing problem  $H_0: Y = X\beta + \epsilon$  versus  $H_1: Y = X\beta + Zu + \epsilon$  is given by:

$$B_{01} = \frac{\sqrt{\det(V_1)}}{\sqrt{\det(V_0)}} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2} Y_n^T (V_0^{-1} - V_1^{-1}) Y_n\right\}.$$

- 2- If  $Y_n = (y_1, \dots, y_n)^T$  where  $y_i$ 's are independent normal random variable with mean  $\sum_{j=0}^p \beta_j x_{ji} + \sum_{j=1}^q \beta_{p+j} x_{p+1,i}^j$  and variance  $\sigma_\epsilon^2 = 1$ , then there exist a positive constant  $C_1$  such that  $\frac{1}{S_{n,1}} \left[ \sum_{i=1}^{n-(p+q+1)} \log(1 + n\sigma_u^2) - Y_n^T Q_n Y_n \right] > C_1$ , with probability tending to 1.

This implies that, under  $H_0$ .  $\log \tilde{B}_{01} \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} \infty$ , in probability.

- 3- If the true model is  $H_0$  ( the pure polynomial model ), then, the Bayes factor is consistent under the null hypothesis  $H_0$ . This implies that,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} B_{01} = \infty$  in  $P_0^n$  probability.
- 4- If  $Y_n = (y_1, \dots, y_n)$  where  $y_i$ 's are independent normal random variables with mean  $\sum_{j=0}^p \beta_j x_{ji} + \sum_{j=1}^q \beta_{p+j} x_{p+1,i}^j + \sum_{k=1}^{n-(p+q+1)} z_{ik} u_k$  and variance  $\sigma_\epsilon^2 = 1$  and if  $w_n = E(Y_n)^T Q_n E(Y_n)$ . Then,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{w_n} Y_n^T Q_n Y_n = 1$ , in  $P_1^\infty$  probability.
- 5- If the true model is in  $H_1$  ( the penalized spline semiparametric model ), then the Bayes factor is consistent under the alternative hypothesis  $H_1$ . This implies that,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} B_{01} = 0$  in  $P_1^n$  probability.

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