

## THE SECOND ORDER OPTIMALITY OF TESTS AND ESTIMATORS FOR MINIMUM CONTRAST FUNCTIONALS. II

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This paper is a continuation of part I (see [7]). It presumes that the reader is familiar with the concepts and notation introduced there. Part II contains lemmas and proofs of the results given in part I.

**9. Some auxiliary results.** First we derive some asymptotic expansions which are needed in the proofs.

Let  $P_* \in \mathfrak{P}$  and  $\Delta > 0$ . Let  $P_n \in \mathfrak{P}$ ,  $n \in N$ , be a sequence fulfilling

$$(9.1) \quad \kappa_0(P_n) = \kappa_0(P_*) - n^{-1/2} \Delta$$

and admitting a  $P_*$ -density

$$(9.2) \quad p_n := 1 - n^{-1/2} \Delta \sigma_{00}^{-1}(P_*) f_0(\cdot, P_*) + n^{-1} \bar{r}_n$$

such that

$$(9.3) \quad P_*(\bar{r}_n^2) = o(n).$$

Assume that the following regularity conditions are fulfilled:

$$(9.4) \quad M_4(P_* * f^\alpha(\cdot, \kappa(P_*))) \quad \text{for } |\alpha| = 1, 2,$$

$$M_2(P_* * f^\alpha(\cdot, \kappa(P_*))) \quad \text{for } |\alpha| = 3;$$

$$(9.5) \quad L_4(\kappa(P_*), P_*) \quad \text{for } f^\alpha: X \times T \rightarrow \mathbf{R} \text{ if } |\alpha| = 2,$$

$$L_2(\kappa(P_*), P_*) \quad \text{for } f^\alpha: X \times T \rightarrow \mathbf{R} \text{ if } |\alpha| = 3.$$

If a fixed  $p$ -measure  $P_*$  is given, we omit the argument  $P_*$  in expressions depending on  $P_*$ , if this is convenient.

We first derive an asymptotic expansion for  $\kappa(P_n)$ ,  $n \in N$ . By a Taylor expansion of  $t \rightarrow f^{(i)}(x, t)$  about  $t = \kappa(P_*)$ , we infer from (9.2)-(9.5) that

$$(9.6) \quad P_n(f^{(i)}(\cdot, \kappa(P_*) + n^{-1/2} \Delta a)) = o(n^{-1/2})$$

for

$$(9.7) \quad a_l := -\sigma_{00}^{-1} A_{li} A_{0j} F_{l,j}, \quad l = 0, \dots, p.$$

Let  $g_n, n \in N$ , be defined by

$$g_n(t) := P_n(f^*(\cdot, t)).$$

By condition (9.5),  $g_n$  is differentiable in some neighborhood  $V(\kappa(P_*))$  of  $\kappa(P_*)$ , and the order of differentiation and integration may be interchanged. As  $P_n \rightarrow P_*, n \in N$ , in the strong topology, (8.4) implies the existence of a constant  $\lambda_0 > 0$  and of an  $\varepsilon$ -neighborhood  $V_\varepsilon(\kappa(P_*)) \subset V(\kappa(P_*))$  of  $\kappa(P_*)$  such that for all sufficiently large  $n \in N$

$$(9.8) \quad \|g_n(t) - g_n(t')\| \geq \lambda_0 \|t - t'\| \quad \text{for } t, t' \in V_\varepsilon(\kappa(P_*)).$$

By (8.5),  $\kappa(P_n) \in V_{\varepsilon/2}(\kappa(P_*))$  for all sufficiently large  $n \in N$ . Since  $V_{\varepsilon/2}(\kappa(P_n)) \subset V_\varepsilon(\kappa(P_*))$  and  $g_n(\kappa(P_n)) = 0$ , (9.8) implies the existence of a  $\delta$ -neighborhood  $V_\delta(0)$  such that  $g_n^{-1}$  exists on  $V_\delta(0)$  for all sufficiently large  $n \in N$ , and

$$(9.9) \quad \|g_n^{-1}(v) - g_n^{-1}(v')\| \leq \frac{1}{\lambda_0} \|v - v'\| \quad \text{for } v, v' \in V_\delta(0).$$

As  $g_n(\kappa(P_*) + n^{-1/2} \Delta a)$  is in  $V_\delta(0)$  for sufficiently large  $n \in N$  by (9.6), it follows from (9.6) and (9.9) that

$$(9.10) \quad \kappa(P_n) = \kappa(P_*) + n^{-1/2} \Delta a + n^{-1/2} R_n,$$

where, by (9.1),

$$(9.11) \quad R_{n,l} = o(n^0) \quad \text{for } l = 1, \dots, p, \quad R_{n,0} = 0.$$

(Notice that  $a_0 = -1$ .)

By a Taylor expansion and (9.10),

$$F_{ij}(P_n) = F_{ij} + n^{-1/2} \sigma_{00}^{-1} (A_{0k} F_{ij,k} - A_{kl} A_{0p} F_{l,p} F_{ijk}) + o(n^{-1/2}),$$

and therefore

$$(9.12) \quad A_{0i}(P_n) = A_{0i} + n^{-1/2} \Delta e_i + o(n^{-1/2}),$$

where

$$(9.13) \quad e_i := \sigma_{00}^{-1} A_{li} A_{0r} A_{0s} (A_{pq} F_{q,r} F_{stp} - F_{st,r}), \quad i = 0, \dots, p.$$

Furthermore,

$$(9.14) \quad F_{i,j}(P_n) = F_{i,j} + n^{-1/2} \Delta \sigma_{00}^{-1} A_{0k} (A_{lp} F_{k,p} (F_{i,jl} + F_{j,il}) + F_{i,j,k}) + o(n^{-1/2}).$$

By (9.12) and (9.14),

$$(9.15) \quad \sigma_{00}(P_n) = \sigma_{00} + n^{-1/2} \Delta c + o(n^{-1/2}),$$

where

$$(9.16) \quad c := A_{0i} A_{0j} A_{0v} (A_{kq} F_{v,q} (4F_{ik,j} - F_{i,l} A_{ls} F_{sjk}) - 2F_{i,j,v}).$$

From (9.15), by a Taylor expansion of  $x \rightarrow x^{1/2}$  about  $x = \sigma_{00}$ , we get

$$(9.17) \quad \sigma_0(P_n) = \sigma_0 + \frac{1}{2} n^{-1/2} \Delta \sigma_0^{-1} c + o(n^{-1/2}).$$

If in (9.2) we take  $\bar{r}_n = \Delta^2 h + n^{-1/2} r_n$  with

$$(9.18) \quad M_2(P_* * h)$$

and

$$(9.19) \quad P_*(r_n^2) = o(n),$$

similarly as in (9.6)-(9.11) we obtain

$$(9.20) \quad \kappa(P_n) = \kappa(P_*) + n^{-1/2} \Delta a + n^{-1} \Delta^2 b + o(n^{-1}),$$

where  $a_l$  ( $l = 0, \dots, p$ ) are given by (9.7), and

$$(9.21) \quad b_l = -A_{li} ((\sigma_{00}^{-1} A_{0k} F_{k,ij} a_j + \frac{1}{2} a_j a_k F_{ijk}) + P_*(hf^{(i)})), \quad l = 0, \dots, p.$$

Moreover,  $b_0 = 0$  by (9.1).

The essential point of the following lemma is that the power function of the sequence of c.r.  $\{F_n(\cdot, \kappa_0(P_*) - n^{-1/2} \Delta) > 0\}$  does not depend on the polynomial  $M$  occurring in the stochastic expansion of  $F_n(\cdot, t_0)$ .

(9.22) LEMMA. Let  $P_n \in \mathfrak{P}$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , be a sequence fulfilling (9.1)-(9.3). Let  $F_n$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , be a sequence of test functions for  $\kappa_0$  of type  $S$  which is asymptotically similar of level  $\alpha + o(n^{-1/2})$  for  $U_{n,\delta}(P_*)$  for every  $\delta \in (0, 1)$ .

Then

$$P_n^* \{F_n(\cdot, \kappa_0(P_*) - n^{-1/2} \Delta) > 0\} = \pi_n(\Delta, \alpha) + o(n^{-1/2}),$$

where  $\pi_n(\Delta, \alpha)$  is given by (5.7).

This holds true under conditions (9.4) and (9.5).

Proof. We first note that, by Lemma (9.35),  $P_n \in U_{n,\delta}(P_*)$  for all sufficiently large  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  if

$$\delta > 2(1 - \Phi(\frac{1}{2} \sigma_0^{-1} \Delta)).$$

Furthermore, we may assume without loss of generality that  $U_{n,\delta}(P_*) \subset U_*$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

By a Taylor expansion of  $t \rightarrow f^\alpha(\cdot, t)$  about  $t = \kappa(P_*)$  for  $|\alpha| = 1$ , we infer from (9.3) and (9.4) that  $M_3^*(\{P_* * f_0(\cdot, P_n): n \in \mathbb{N}\})$  is fulfilled.

Let

$$f_{0,n} := f_0(\cdot, P_n) - P_*(f_0(\cdot, P_n)), \quad g_n := g(\cdot, P_n) - P_*(g(\cdot, P_n)).$$

Since  $f_0(\cdot, P_*)$  and  $g_i(\cdot, P_*)$  are  $P_*$ -uncorrelated, by (4.11), (9.3) and (4.14) we have

$$(9.23) \quad \begin{aligned} P_n(g_i(\cdot, P_n)) &= P_*(g_i(\cdot, P_n)) - n^{-1/2} \Delta \sigma_{00}^{-1} P_*(f_0(\cdot, P_*) g_i(\cdot, P_n)) + o(n^{-1/2}) \\ &= P_*(g_i(\cdot, P_n)) + o(n^{-1/2}). \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $P_n(g_i(\cdot, P_n)) = 0$  implies

$$(9.24) \quad P_*(g_i(\cdot, P_n)) = o(n^{-1/2}).$$

Therefore, for  $\tilde{g}_{i,n}(x) := n^{-1/2} \sum_{v=1}^n g_{i,n}(x_v)$  we have

$$(9.25) \quad \tilde{g}_{i,n} = \tilde{g}_i(\cdot, P_n) + o(n^0).$$

Moreover, by a Taylor expansion of  $t \rightarrow f^{(i)}(\cdot, t)$  about  $\kappa_0(P_*)$ , (9.10) and (9.12),

$$(9.26) \quad P_*(f_0(\cdot, P_n)) = n^{-1/2} \Delta - n^{-1} \Delta^2 (\frac{1}{2} a_j a_k A_{0i} F_{ijk} + e_i a_j F_{ij}) + o(n^{-1}).$$

Thus, for  $\tilde{f}_{0,n}(x) := n^{-1/2} \sum_{v=1}^n f_{0,n}(x_v)$  we get

$$(9.27) \quad \tilde{f}_{0,n} = \tilde{f}_0(\cdot, P_n) - \Delta + n^{-1/2} \Delta^2 (\frac{1}{2} a_j a_k A_{0i} F_{ijk} + e_i a_j F_{ij}) + o(n^{-1/2}).$$

Using (9.17), (9.25) and (9.27) and the fact that  $F_n(\cdot, \kappa_0(P_*) - n^{-1/2} \Delta)$  is asymptotically similar of level  $\alpha + o(n^{-1/2})$  for  $P_n$ , from (4.8) we obtain

$$(9.28) \quad \begin{aligned} F_n(\cdot, \kappa_0(P_*) - n^{-1/2} \Delta) &= \tilde{f}_{0,n} + N_\alpha \sigma_0 + \Delta - n^{-1/2} (\Delta^2 (\frac{1}{2} a_j a_k A_{0i} F_{ijk} + e_i a_j F_{ij}) + \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2} \Delta N_\alpha \sigma_0^{-1} c + M(\tilde{f}_{0,n} + \Delta, \tilde{g}_n, P_n)) + \\ &\quad + n^{-1/2} o_n(\frac{1}{2}) \quad \text{with respect to } P_*. \end{aligned}$$

Let  $\sigma_n := P_*(f_{0,n}^2)^{1/2}$ . By a Taylor expansion, from (9.10) and (9.12) we obtain

$$(9.29) \quad \sigma_n^2 = \sigma_{00} + n^{-1/2} \Delta (A_{0i} A_{0j} a_k F_{ikj} + A_{0j} e_i F_{i,j}) + o(n^{-1/2}).$$

Thus, by a Taylor expansion of  $x \rightarrow x^{1/2}$  about  $x = \sigma_{00}$ ,

$$(9.30) \quad \sigma_n = \sigma_0 + \frac{1}{2} n^{-1/2} \sigma_0^{-1} \Delta (A_{0i} A_{0j} a_k F_{ikj} + A_{0j} e_i F_{i,j}) + o(n^{-1/2}).$$

In virtue of conditions (4.10)-(4.15), Lemma (9.63), Lemma 5.25 in [8], p. 20, and (9.28) we get

$$(9.31) \quad \begin{aligned} P_n^* \{F_n(\cdot, \kappa_0(P_*) - n^{-1/2} \Delta) > 0\} &= \Phi((N_\alpha \sigma_0 + \Delta) \sigma_n^{-1}) - n^{-1/2} \sigma_0^{-1} \varphi(N_\alpha + \Delta \sigma_0^{-1}) (k(-N_\alpha \sigma_0 - \Delta) - \\ &\quad - \int dv \varphi_{\Sigma_0}(v) M(-N_\alpha \sigma_0, v, P_*) + \\ &\quad + \Delta (\Delta (\frac{1}{2} a_j a_k A_{0i} F_{ijk} + e_i a_k F_{ik}) - \frac{1}{2} c \sigma_0^{-1} N_\alpha)) + o(n^{-1/2}), \end{aligned}$$

where  $k(t) := \frac{1}{6} \sigma_{00}^{-1} P_*(f_0^3)(1 - \sigma_{00}^{-1} t^2)$  and  $\Sigma_0$  is the covariance matrix of  $P_* * g(\cdot, P_*)$ .

Using a Taylor expansion, from (9.30) we obtain

$$(9.32) \quad \Phi((N_x \sigma_0 + \Delta) \sigma_n^{-1}) = \Phi(N_x + \Delta \sigma_0^{-1}) - n^{-1/2} \sigma_0^{-3} \varphi(N_x + \Delta \sigma_0^{-1})(N_x + \Delta \sigma_0^{-1}) \Delta (A_{0i} A_{0j} a_k F_{ik,j} + F_{i,j} A_{0j} e_i) + o(n^{-1/2}).$$

For  $\Delta = 0$  and  $P_n = P_*$ , making use of (9.31) and the fact that  $P_* \{F_n(\cdot, \kappa(P_*)) > 0\} = \alpha + o(n^{-1/2})$  we get

$$(9.33) \quad \int dv \varphi_{\Sigma_0}(v) M(-N_x \sigma_0, v, P_*) = k(-N_x \sigma_0).$$

The assertion of the lemma now follows easily from (9.31)-(9.33).

(9.34) Remark. A result corresponding to (9.22) can be obtained for  $\Delta < 0$ .

(9.35) LEMMA. Let  $P_n \in \mathfrak{P}$ ,  $n \in N$ , be a sequence admitting a  $P_*$ -density

$$(9.36) \quad p_n = 1 + n^{-1/2} \Delta g + n^{-1} \bar{r}_n.$$

Assume that  $\bar{r}_n = \Delta^2 h + n^{-1/2} r_n$  with

$$(9.37) \quad M_2^*(P_* * h),$$

$$(9.38) \quad M_{3/2}^*(\{P_* * r_n : n \in N\}).$$

If  $\varphi_n$ ,  $n \in N$ , is asymptotically of level  $\alpha + o(n^{-1/2})$  for  $P_n$ , then

$$P_*^n(\varphi_n) \leq \Phi(N_x + \Delta \sigma) + n^{-1/2} \varphi(N_x + \Delta \sigma) \sigma^{-1} \Delta (\Delta(P_*(gh) - \frac{1}{6} P_*(g^3)) + \frac{1}{6} P_*(g^3) N_x \sigma^{-1}) + o(n^{-1/2}),$$

where  $\sigma := P_*(g^2)^{1/2}$ .

This holds true under the following regularity conditions:

$$(9.39) \quad M_{5/2}^*(P_* * g),$$

$$(9.40) \quad C(P_* * g).$$

If (9.38),  $P_*(r_n^2) = o(n)$ ,  $g = -\sigma_{00}^{-1} f_0$ , and (9.1) are fulfilled, we obtain

$$(9.41) \quad P_*^n(\varphi_n) \leq \pi_n(\Delta, \alpha) + o(n^{-1/2}),$$

where  $\pi_n(\Delta, \alpha)$  is given by (5.7).

Proof. For  $r \in R$  let

$$D_n(r) := \{x \in X^n : \prod_{v=1}^n P_n(x_v) \leq r\}, \quad r_{n,\alpha} := \inf \{r \in R : P_n^*(D_n(r)) \geq \alpha\}.$$

We have  $P_n^*(D_n(r_{n,\alpha})) \geq \alpha$ .

Let now  $\varphi_n, n \in N$ , be asymptotically of level  $\alpha + o(n^{-1/2})$  for  $P_n$ . Let  $\alpha_n := \max \{\alpha, P_n^n(\varphi_n)\}$ . We have

$$\alpha \leq \alpha_n \leq \alpha + o(n^{-1/2}).$$

Since  $\alpha\alpha_n^{-1}\varphi_n$  is of level  $\alpha$ , by the Neyman-Pearson lemma we obtain

$$P_*^n(\alpha\alpha_n^{-1}\varphi_n) \leq P_*^n(D_n(r_{n,\alpha})).$$

Therefore

$$(9.42) \quad P_*^n(\varphi_n) \leq P_*^n(D_n(r_{n,\alpha})) + o(n^{-1/2}).$$

Let

$$(9.43) \quad A_n := \{\Delta|g| \leq \frac{1}{4}n^{1/2} \text{ and } |\bar{r}_n| \leq \frac{1}{4}n\},$$

$$B_n := A_n^n.$$

By the definition of  $P_n$ , Markov's inequality and Hölder's inequality, we obtain for  $Q_n = P_*$  and  $Q_n = P_n$

$$(9.44) \quad Q_n^n(B_n^c) \leq n(Q_n\{\Delta|g| > \frac{1}{4}n^{1/2}\} + Q_n\{|\bar{r}_n| > \frac{1}{4}n\}) = o(n^{-1/2}).$$

Hence for  $Q_n = P_*$  and  $Q_n = P_n$  we have

$$(9.45) \quad Q_n^n(D(r_{n,\alpha})) = Q_n^n\{x \in B_n : \sum_{v=1}^n \log p_n(x_v) \leq r'_{n,\alpha}\} + o(n^{-1/2})$$

for some suitably chosen  $r'_{n,\alpha} \in R$ .

For notational convenience let

$$(9.46) \quad k_n := \Delta g + n^{-1/2}\bar{r}_n.$$

From a Taylor expansion of  $\log$  we obtain

$$(9.47) \quad \log p_n = n^{-1/2}k_n - \frac{1}{2}n^{-1}k_n^2 + \frac{1}{6}n^{-3/2}k_n^3 + n^{-3/2}k_n^3 v(n^{-1/2}k_n),$$

where

$$v(y) := \int_0^1 (1-u)^2 ((1-uy)^{-2} - 1) du.$$

For  $|y| \leq \frac{1}{2}$  we have

$$(9.48) \quad |v(y)| \leq 2|y|.$$

From (9.46) and (9.47) for  $x \in B_n$  we obtain

$$(9.49) \quad \sum_{v=1}^n \log p_n(x_v) = n^{-1/2} \Delta \sum_{v=1}^n g(x_v) + n^{-1} \Delta^2 \sum_{v=1}^n (h(x_v) - \frac{1}{2}g^2(x_v)) + \\ + n^{-1/2} \Delta^3 (\frac{1}{3}P_*(g^3) - P_*(gh)) + n^{-3/2} \sum_{v=1}^n R_n(x_v),$$

where

$$R_n = r_n + \frac{1}{3}k_n^3 - \frac{1}{2}n^{-3/2}r_n^2 + k_n^3 v(n^{-1/2}k_n) - \\ - n^{-1/2} \Delta g r_n - n^{-1} \Delta^2 h r_n - \Delta^3 (gh - P_*(gh) + P_*(g^3)) - \frac{1}{2} \Delta^4 n^{-1/2} h^2.$$

From Lemmas (9.57) and (9.58) we obtain

$$(9.50) \quad n^{-3/2} \sum_{v=1}^n R_n(x_v) \mathbf{1}_{B_n}(x) = n^{-1/2} o_n(\frac{1}{2})$$

with respect to  $P_*$  and with respect to  $P_n$ , since by (9.48) we have

$$n^{-3/2} \left| \sum_{v=1}^n k_n^3(x_v) v(n^{-1/2}k_n(x_v)) \right| \mathbf{1}_{B_n}(x) \leq 2n^{-2} \sum_{v=1}^n k_n^4(x_v).$$

As  $n^{-3/2} P_*(gr_n) = O(n^{-3/2})$ , we infer from (9.37)-(9.40) and Lemma (9.65) that

$$(9.51) \quad P_n^n \{ \bar{g} - \Delta P_*(g^2) - n^{-1/2} \Delta^2 P_*(gh) + \\ + n^{-1/2} \Delta (\bar{h} - \Delta P_*(gh) - \frac{1}{2}(g^2)^\sim + \frac{1}{2} \Delta P_*(g^3)) < s \} \\ = \Phi(s\sigma_n^{-1}) + n^{-1/2} \varphi(s\sigma_n^{-1}) H(s) + o(n^{-1/2})$$

uniformly for  $s \in R$ , and

$$(9.52) \quad P_n^n \{ \bar{g} + n^{-1/2} \Delta (\bar{h} - \frac{1}{2}(g^2)^\sim) < s \} \\ = \Phi(s\sigma^{-1}) + n^{-1/2} \varphi(s\sigma^{-1}) H(s) + o(n^{-1/2})$$

uniformly for  $s \in R$ , where  $\sigma_n^2 := P_*(g^2) + n^{-1/2} \Delta P_*(g^3)$ , and

$$(9.53) \quad H(s) := \sigma^{-3} \left( \frac{1}{6} P_*(g^3) (1 - s^2 \sigma^{-2}) + \left( \frac{1}{2} P_*(g^3) - P_*(gh) \right) s \Delta \right).$$

Therefore, from (9.45) and (9.50) by Lemma (9.63) it follows that for  $Q_n = P_*$  and  $Q_n = P_n$

$$(9.54) \quad Q_n^n(D_n(r_{n,\alpha})) = Q_n^n(C_{n,\alpha}) + o(n^{-1/2}),$$

where

$$C_{n,\alpha} := \{ \bar{g} + n^{-1/2} \Delta (\bar{h} - \frac{1}{2}(g^2)^\sim) < c_{n,\alpha} \}$$

with

$$c_{n,\alpha} := r'_{n,\alpha} \Delta^{-1} + \frac{1}{2} \Delta P_*(g^2) + n^{-1/2} \Delta^2 (P_*(gh) - \frac{1}{3} P_*(g^3)).$$

As  $P_n^n(C_{n,\alpha}) = \alpha + o(n^{-1/2})$ , from a uniform version of Lemma 7 in [5], p. 1016, we obtain

$$(9.55) \quad c_{n,\alpha} = \Delta(N_x \sigma - \frac{1}{6} n^{-1/2} \sigma^{-2} P_*(g^3) (1 - N_x^2)) + \\ + \Delta^2 (P_*(g^2) + n^{-1/2} \sigma^{-1} N_x P_*(gh)) + n^{-1/2} \Delta^3 (2P_*(gh) + \frac{1}{2} P_*(g^3)).$$

The assertion of the lemma now follows from (9.42), (9.52), (9.54) and (9.55). Relation (9.41) follows immediately from (9.21).

(9.56) Remark. In the case  $\Delta < 0$  and  $g = -\sigma_{00}^{-1} f_0$ , in the same way as in Lemma (9.35) one can derive

$$P_n^*(\varphi_n) \geq \pi_n(\Delta, \alpha) + o(n^{-1/2}).$$

The following lemma is an immediate consequence of Lemma 6.3 in [4], p. 152.

(9.57) LEMMA. Let  $\mathfrak{Q}_n$ ,  $n \in N$ , be families of  $p$ -measures. Let  $s \in [0, \infty)$  and  $a > \frac{1}{2}$ . Let  $h_n(\cdot, Q): X \rightarrow R$ ,  $Q \in \mathfrak{Q}_n$ ,  $n \in N$ , be measurable functions fulfilling

$$M_{(s+1)/a}^*(\{P * h_n(\cdot, Q): n \in N, P, Q \in \mathfrak{Q}_n\}).$$

Assume that one of the following conditions is satisfied:

$$a > 1$$

or

$$a \leq 1 \quad \text{and} \quad \sup_{P, Q \in \mathfrak{Q}_n} |P(h_n(\cdot, Q))| = o(n^{a-1}).$$

Then there exist  $\delta > 0$  and, for every  $c > 0$ , a constant  $B$  depending on

$$\sup_{n \in N} \sup_{P, Q \in \mathfrak{Q}_n} P(|h_n(\cdot, Q)|^{(s+1+\delta)/a}) \quad \text{and} \quad \sup_{P, Q \in \mathfrak{Q}_n} |P(h_n(\cdot, Q))|$$

such that

$$\sup_{P, Q \in \mathfrak{Q}_n} P^n \{x \in X^n: n^{-a} \left| \sum_{v=1}^n h_n(\cdot, Q) \right| > c\} \leq B n^{-(s+\delta)}.$$

(9.58) LEMMA. Let the assumptions of Lemma (9.57) be satisfied for  $s = \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\mathfrak{Q}_n = \{P_n^*\}$  and  $h_n(\cdot, Q) = h_n$ . Let  $P_n$ ,  $n \in N$ , be a sequence of  $p$ -measures admitting a  $P_n^*$ -density (9.36) such that

$$(9.59) \quad M_3(P_n^* * g),$$

$$(9.60) \quad M_{3/2}^*(\{P_n^* * \bar{r}_n: n \in N\}).$$

Then

$$n^{-a} \sum_{v=1}^n h_n(x_v) = o_n(\frac{1}{2})$$

with respect to  $P_n$ .

Proof. Let  $A_n$  be determined by (9.43). Let a  $p$ -measure on  $\mathcal{A}$  be defined by

$$(9.61) \quad Q_n(A) := P_n(A \cap A_n) / P_n(A_n), \quad A \in \mathcal{A}.$$



Since  $Q_n(h_n) = P_*(h_n) + O(n^{-1/2})$  if  $a \leq 1$ , and the  $P_*$ -density of  $Q_n$  is bounded by  $3/2$ , from Lemma (9.57) we obtain

$$(9.62) \quad Q_n^n \left\{ n^{-a} \left| \sum_{v=1}^n h_n(x_v) \right| > c \right\} = o(n^{-1/2}).$$

The assertion now follows from (9.44) and (9.62).

(9.63) LEMMA. Let  $\mathfrak{Q}_n, n \in N$ , be families of  $p$ -measures over  $\mathcal{A}$ . Let  $h_n(\cdot, Q): X^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and  $g_n(\cdot, Q): X^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, n \in N, Q \in \mathfrak{Q}_n$ , be measurable functions fulfilling

$$h_n(\cdot, Q) = g_n(\cdot, Q) + n^{-1/2} o_n(\frac{1}{2})$$

with respect to  $\mathfrak{Q}_n$ .

Let  $H_n(\cdot, Q)$  and  $G_n(\cdot, Q)$  be the distribution functions of  $Q^n * h_n(\cdot, Q)$  and  $Q^n * g_n(\cdot, Q)$ , respectively.

If

$$(9.64) \quad |H_n(s, Q) - H_n(s', Q)| \leq c|s - s'| + o(n^{-1/2})$$

uniformly for  $s, s' \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $Q \in \mathfrak{Q}_n$ , then

$$G_n(s, Q) = H_n(s, Q) + o(n^{-1/2})$$

uniformly for  $s \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $Q \in \mathfrak{Q}_n$ .

(9.64) is in particular fulfilled if  $H_n(\cdot, Q)$  admits an Edgeworth expansion of order  $n^{-1/2}$ , uniformly for  $Q \in \mathfrak{Q}_n$ .

Proof. Choose  $c_n, n \in N$ , such that  $c_n \downarrow 0$  and

$$Q^n \{ n^{1/2} |h_n(\cdot, Q) - g_n(\cdot, Q)| > c_n \} = o(n^{-1/2})$$

uniformly for  $Q \in \mathfrak{Q}_n$ .

Then from (9.64) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} G_n(s, Q) &\leq Q^n \{ h_n(\cdot, Q) < s + n^{-1/2} c_n \} + Q^n \{ n^{1/2} |h_n(\cdot, Q) - g_n(\cdot, Q)| \geq c_n \} \\ &= H_n(s, Q) + o(n^{-1/2}) \end{aligned}$$

uniformly for  $s \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $Q \in \mathfrak{Q}_n$ .

In the same way one can show that  $G_n(s, Q) \geq H_n(s, Q) + o(n^{-1/2})$ .

(9.65) LEMMA. Let  $P_n, n \in N$ , be a sequence of  $p$ -measures fulfilling (9.36), (9.59), and (9.60). Let  $h_1: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and  $h_2: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be measurable functions for which the following regularity conditions are fulfilled:

$$(9.66) \quad P_*(h_1) = P_*(h_2) = 0,$$

$$(9.67) \quad M_3(P_* * h_1), \quad M_{3/2}(P_* * h_2),$$

$$(9.68) \quad C(P_* * h_1).$$

Then

$$P_n^n \{ \tilde{h}_1 - n^{1/2} P_n(h_1) + n^{-1/2} (\tilde{h}_2 - \Delta P_*(gh_2)) < s \} \\ = \Phi(s\sigma_n^{-1}) + n^{-1/2} \varphi(s\sigma_n^{-1}) H(s) + o(n^{-1/2})$$

uniformly for  $s \in \mathbb{R}$ , where

$$\sigma_n^2 := P_*(h_1^2) + n^{-1/2} \Delta P_*(h_1^2 g),$$

$$H(s) := \sigma^{-3} \left( \frac{1}{6} P_*(h_1^3) (1 - s^2 \sigma^{-2}) - P_*(h_1 h_2) s \right)$$

with  $\sigma^2 := P_*(h_1^2)$ .

Proof. Let  $A_n$  and  $Q_n$  be defined by (9.43) and (9.61), respectively.

By (9.36), (9.59), (9.60), (9.66) and (9.67) we have

$$Q_n(h_1) - P_n(h_1) = o(n^{-1}), \quad Q_n(h_2) - n^{-1/2} \Delta P_*(gh_2) = o(n^{-1/2}).$$

Thus, from (9.67), (9.68) and from Theorem 1 in [2], p. 650, applied for  $\tilde{h}_1 - n^{1/2} Q_n(h_1) + n^{-1/2} (\tilde{h}_2 - n^{1/2} Q_n(h_2))$ , we obtain

$$(9.69) \quad Q_n^n \{ \tilde{h}_1 - n^{1/2} P_n(h_1) + n^{-1/2} (\tilde{h}_2 - \Delta P_*(gh_2)) < s \} \\ = \Phi(s\sigma_n'^{-1}) + n^{-1/2} \varphi(s\sigma_n'^{-1}) H_n(s) + o(n^{-1/2})$$

uniformly for  $s \in \mathbb{R}$ , where  $\sigma_n'^2$  is the variance of  $Q_n * h_1$ , and

$$H_n(s) := \sigma_n'^{-3} \left( \frac{1}{6} Q_n(h_1^3) (1 - s^2 \sigma_n'^{-2}) - Q_n(h_1 h_2) s \right).$$

Since  $\sigma_n' - \sigma_n = o(n^{-1/2})$  and  $Q_n(h_1^{x_1} h_2^{x_2}) \rightarrow P_*(h_1^{x_1} h_2^{x_2})$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , for all  $(\alpha_1, \alpha_2)$  such that  $\alpha_1 + 2\alpha_2 \leq 3$ , the assertion of the lemma follows from (9.69) and (9.44).

(9.70) LEMMA. Assume that for some strong neighborhood  $U_*$  of  $P_*$  in  $\mathfrak{P}$  the following regularity conditions are fulfilled:

$$(9.71) \quad K_{3/2}(\kappa(P_*), U_*) \quad \text{for } f: X \times T \rightarrow \mathbb{R},$$

$$(9.72) \quad M_{3/2}^* \left( \{ P_* f^z(\cdot, \kappa(Q)) : P, Q \in U_* \} \right) \quad \text{for } |\alpha| = 1, 2, 3,$$

$$(9.73) \quad L_{3/2}^*(\kappa(P_*), U_*) \quad \text{for } f^z: X \times T \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \text{ if } |\alpha| = 3.$$

Then, for  $i = 0, \dots, p$ ,

$$n^{1/2} (\kappa_i^{(n)} - \kappa_i(P)) = \tilde{f}_0(\cdot, P) + n^{-1/2} M_i(\tilde{f}^*, \tilde{f}^{**}, P) + n^{-1/2} o_n(\frac{1}{2})$$

with respect to  $U_{n,\delta}(P_*)$  for every  $\delta \in (0, 1)$ , where

$$(9.74) \quad M_i(\tilde{f}^*, \tilde{f}^{**}, P) = -\frac{1}{2} A_{ij} F_{jki} \tilde{f}_i(\cdot, P) \tilde{f}_k(\cdot, P) + \tilde{f}_j(\cdot, P) \tilde{f}_i^{(j)}(\cdot, P).$$

Proof. The proof follows the pattern of the proof of Theorem 5 in [1], p. 298ff. The crucial point is to show that

$$(9.75) \quad \|\kappa^{(n)} - \kappa(P)\| = o_n(\frac{1}{2})$$

with respect to  $U_{n,\delta}(P_*)$  for every  $\delta \in (0, 1)$ .

If we copy the proof in [3], p. 79, for the case  $K = \{\kappa(P_*)\}$ , we obtain immediately

$$(9.76) \quad \|\kappa^{(n)} - \kappa(P_*)\| = o_n(\frac{1}{2})$$

with respect to  $U_{n,\delta}(P_*)$  for every  $\delta \in (0, 1)$ .

Since  $P \rightarrow \kappa(P)$  is continuous by General Assumption (8.5), relation (9.76) implies (9.75).

**10. Proofs.** In order not to overload the paper with technicalities, the proofs are given for fixed  $\Delta$ . Uniformity in  $\Delta$  can be obtained by exactly the same reasoning if uniform versions of the lemmas are used.

Proof of Theorem (4.16). (i) By General Assumption (8.5),  $P \rightarrow \kappa(P)$  is continuous. Hence condition (4.21) implies the existence of  $g$  with  $M_{3/2}^*(\{P * g : P \in U_*\})$  such that, for some strong neighborhood  $U'_* \subset U_*$  of  $P_*$ ,

$$(10.1) \quad |f^{(ij)}(\cdot, \kappa(P)) - f^{(ij)}(\cdot, \kappa(P_*))| \leq |(\kappa_k(P) - \kappa_k(P_*)) f^{(ijk)}(\cdot, \kappa(P_*))| + \|\kappa(P) - \kappa(P_*)\|^2 g,$$

$$(10.2) \quad |f^{(ijk)}(\cdot, \kappa(P)) - f^{(ijk)}(\cdot, \kappa(P_*))| \leq \|\kappa(P) - \kappa(P_*)\| g.$$

Hence it follows easily that  $P \rightarrow F_{ijk}(P)$ ,  $P \rightarrow F_{ij}(P)$  and  $P \rightarrow A_{ij}(P)$  are continuous at  $P_*$  in the strong topology.

Thus the coefficients of the polynomials  $M_i(\cdot, \cdot, P)$  defined in (9.74) are continuous at  $P_*$ .

(ii) By condition (4.23), for every  $P \in U'_*$  there exists a  $P$ -linearly independent subsystem  $\{f_0(\cdot, P), g_1(\cdot, P), \dots, g_m(\cdot, P)\}$  of  $\{f_i(\cdot, P), i = 0, \dots, p, f_0^{(j)}(\cdot, P) - \delta_{0j}, j = 0, \dots, p, k(\cdot, P) - P(k(\cdot, P))\}$  generating the same space and fulfilling

$$(10.3) \quad C(\{P_* * (f_0(\cdot, P), g(\cdot, P)): P \in U'_*\}).$$

Without loss of generality we may assume that  $f_0(\cdot, P_*)$  and  $g_i(\cdot, P_*)$  are  $P_*$ -uncorrelated. Otherwise, we replace  $g_i(\cdot, P)$  by

$$g'_i(\cdot, P) := g_i(\cdot, P) - P_*(f_0(\cdot, P_*)g_i(\cdot, P_*))\sigma_{00}^{-1}f_0(\cdot, P).$$

Notice that (10.3) and the following statements remain valid for  $g'_i(\cdot, P)$ .

Moreover, there exists a polynomial  $M(\cdot, \cdot, P)$  the coefficients of which are continuous at  $P_*$  such that

$$(10.4) \quad M(\tilde{f}_0(\cdot, P), \tilde{g}(\cdot, P), P) = M_0(\tilde{f}^*, \tilde{f}^{**}, P) + \tilde{k}(\cdot, P) \quad P^n\text{-a.e.}$$

From Lemma (9.70), (4.3), (4.6), and (10.4) we get

$$F_n(\cdot, \kappa_0(P)) = \tilde{f}_0(\cdot, P) + N_\alpha \sigma_0(P) + n^{-1/2} M(\tilde{f}_0(\cdot, P), \tilde{g}(\cdot, P), P) - n^{-1/2} c_2(P) + n^{-1/2} o_n(\frac{1}{2})$$

with respect to  $U_{n,\delta}(P_*)$ .

By Lemma 3 in [6], p. 245, we see from the choice of  $c_\alpha$  (cf. (4.5)) that  $F_n$ ,  $n \in N$ , is asymptotically similar of level  $\alpha + o(n^{-1/2})$ .

Proof of Proposition (4.25) (i).

( $\alpha$ ) Let  $V(\kappa(P_*))$  be given by condition (4.30). Then we infer from (9.76) that for every  $\delta \in (0, 1)$

$$(10.5) \quad P^n \{ \kappa^{(n)}(x) \notin V(\kappa(P_*)) \} = o(n^{-1/2})$$

uniformly for  $P \in U_{n,\delta}(P_*)$ .

Furthermore, it follows from General Assumption (8.5) that there exists a strong neighborhood  $U'_* \subset U_*$  such that  $\kappa(P) \in V(\kappa(P_*))$  for  $P \in U'_*$ . Thus for  $\kappa^{(n)}(x) \in V(\kappa(P_*))$  and  $P \in U'_*$ , by a Taylor expansion of  $t \rightarrow n^{-1} \sum_{v=1}^n f^{(ij)}(x_v, t)$  about  $\kappa(P)$ , we obtain

$$(10.6) \quad F_{ij}^{(n)} - F_{ij}(P) = n^{-1/2} \tilde{f}^{(ij)}(\cdot, \kappa(P)) + F_{ijk}(P)(\kappa_k^{(n)} - \kappa_k(P)) + R'_n(\cdot, P),$$

where

$$(10.7) \quad |R'_n(x, P)|$$

$$\leq \| \kappa^{(n)}(x) - \kappa(P) \| \left\| \left( n^{-1} \sum_{v=1}^n f^{(ijk)}(x_v, \kappa(P)) - F_{ijk}(P) \right)_{k=0, \dots, p} \right\| + \\ + \| \kappa^{(n)}(x) - \kappa(P) \|^2 \frac{1}{2} n^{-1} \sum_{v=1}^n g(x_v),$$

$g$  being the function which occurs in  $L_2(\kappa(P_*), U_*)$  for  $f^\alpha$  if  $|\alpha| = 3$ .

By Lemma (9.57), (9.75) and General Assumption (8.5) we have

$$(10.8) \quad \| \kappa^{(n)} - \kappa(P) \| = n^{-1/4-\varepsilon} o_n(\frac{1}{2})$$

with respect to  $U_{n,\delta}(P_*)$  for every  $\delta \in (0, 1)$  and some sufficiently small  $\varepsilon > 0$ , and

$$(10.9) \quad \left\| \left( n^{-1/2} \tilde{f}^{(ijk)}(\cdot, \kappa(P)) \right)_{k=0, \dots, p} \right\| = n^{-1/4-\varepsilon} o_n(\frac{1}{2})$$

with respect to  $U_{n,\delta}(P_*)$  for every  $\delta \in (0, 1)$ .

Thus, by Lemma (9.57), (10.5), (10.6), (10.8), and (10.9), we get

$$(10.10) \quad R'_n(\cdot, P) = n^{-1/2} o_n(\frac{1}{2})$$

with respect to  $U_{n,\delta}(P_*)$  for every  $\delta \in (0, 1)$ .

Let

$$\varphi_{ij}(\cdot, P) := f^{(ij)}(\cdot, \kappa(P)) - F_{ij}(P) - F_{ijk}(P) f_k(\cdot, P).$$

Using Lemma (9.57), we obtain

$$(10.11) \quad F_{ij}^{(n)} - F_{ij}(P) = n^{-1/2} \tilde{\varphi}_{ij}(\cdot, P) + n^{-1/2} o_n(\frac{1}{2})$$

with respect to  $U_{n,\delta}(P_*)$  for every  $\delta \in (0, 1)$ .

In a similar way as above one can show that

$$(10.12) \quad F_{i,j}^{(n)} - F_{i,j}(P) \\ = n^{-1/2} \left( (f^{(i)} f^{(j)})^{-1}(\cdot, \kappa(P)) + (F_{i,jk}(P) + F_{j,ik}(P)) \tilde{f}_k(\cdot, P) \right) + n^{-1/2} o_n\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$$

with respect to  $U_{n,\delta}(P_*)$  for every  $\delta \in (0, 1)$ .

( $\beta$ ) Let

$$C_n := \{x \in X^n: F_{ij}^{(n)}(x) \text{ is invertible}\}.$$

As  $P \rightarrow F_{ij}(P)$  is continuous because of condition (4.29) and the continuity of  $P \rightarrow \kappa(P)$ , we have

$$C_n^c \subset \left\{ \left\| (F_{ij}^{(n)} - F_{ij}(P_*))_{i,j=0,\dots,p} \right\| \geq d \right\}$$

for some  $d > 0$  and for all  $P$  in some neighborhood  $U_*'' \subset U_*$ .

Thus

$$(10.13) \quad P^n(C_n^c) = o(n^{-1/2})$$

uniformly for all  $P \in U_{n,\delta}(P_*)$  for every  $\delta \in (0, 1)$ .

Putting

$$\alpha_{ij}(\cdot, P) := -A_{ii}(P)A_{jk}(P)\varphi_{ik}(\cdot, P)$$

we obtain from (10.11)

$$(10.14) \quad F_{ij}^{(n)}(A_{jl}(P) + n^{-1/2}\tilde{\alpha}_{jl}(\cdot, P)) = \delta_{ii} + n^{-1/2}o_n\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$$

with respect to  $U_{n,\delta}(P_*)$  for every  $\delta \in (0, 1)$  and, therefore, by (10.13),

$$(10.15) \quad A_{ij}^{(n)} = A_{ij}(P) + n^{-1/2}\tilde{\alpha}_{ij}(\cdot, P) + n^{-1/2}o_n\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$$

with respect to  $U_{n,\delta}(P_*)$  for every  $\delta \in (0, 1)$ .

From (10.12), (10.15), and a Taylor expansion of  $x \rightarrow x^{1/2}$  about  $x = \sigma_{00}$  we obtain

$$(10.16) \quad \sigma_0^{(n)} = \sigma_0(P) + n^{-1/2}\tilde{k}(\cdot, P) + n^{-1/2}o_n\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$$

with respect to  $U_{n,\delta}(P_*)$  for every  $\delta \in (0, 1)$ , where  $k(\cdot, P)$  is given by (4.27).

**Proof of Proposition (4.25) (ii).** The proof is a simple application of Lemma (9.57) and will be omitted.

**Proof of Theorem (5.1).** The theorem follows immediately from Lemmas (9.22) and (9.35) applied for  $P_{n,\Delta}$ ,  $n \in N$ ,  $0 < \Delta \leq \Delta_0$ .

**Proof of Corollary (5.11).** The corollary follows immediately from Theorems (4.16) and (5.1) if we establish that for every  $\Delta$  ( $0 < \Delta \leq \Delta_0$ ) there exists a sequence  $P_{n,\Delta} \in \mathfrak{P}$ ,  $n \in N$ , fulfilling (5.2)-(5.5). We restrict ourselves to prove the assertion for fixed  $\Delta > 0$ .

By (5.12), there exists  $\varepsilon \in (0, 1)$  such that  $M_{(9+\varepsilon)/2}(P_* * f^x(\cdot, \kappa(P_*)))$  is fulfilled for  $|\alpha| = 1$ . Let

$$\beta := \frac{3+\varepsilon/4}{6+3\varepsilon/4} \in (0, \frac{1}{2}) \quad \text{and} \quad k'_{n,i} := f^{(i)} \mathbf{1}_{\{|f^{(i)}| \leq n^\beta\}}.$$

Since  $P_*(f^{(i)}) = 0$ , we obtain

$$(10.17) \quad P_*(k'_{n,i}) = o(n^{-3/2}).$$

Let, furthermore,  $k_{n,i} := k'_{n,i} - P_*(k'_{n,i})$  and let  $a$  be defined by (9.7).

From (10.17) and a Taylor expansion of  $t \rightarrow f^{(j)}(\cdot, t)$  about  $\kappa(P_*)$  we obtain

$$(10.18) \quad P_*(f^{(i)} - k_{n,i}) f^{(j)}(\cdot, \kappa(P_*) + n^{-1/2} a) = O(n^{-1}).$$

Let  $F_n$  be a matrix defined by

$$F_{n,i,j} := P_*(k_{n,i} f^{(j)}(\cdot, \kappa(P_*) + n^{-1/2} \Delta a)), \quad i, j = 0, \dots, p.$$

By a Taylor expansion and (10.18) we have

$$F_{n,i,j} = F_{i,j} + n^{-1/2} \Delta a_k F_{i,jk} + O(n^{-1}).$$

Thus,  $F_n$  is invertible if  $n$  is sufficiently large, and the inverse, say  $B_n$ , admits the expansion

$$(10.19) \quad B_{n,ij} = B_{ij} + n^{-1/2} e_{ij} + O(n^{-1}),$$

where  $(B_{ij})_{i,j=0,\dots,p}$  is the inverse of  $(F_{i,j})_{i,j=0,\dots,p}$ , and

$$(10.20) \quad e_{ij} := -B_{jk} B_{il} F_{l,kp} a_p.$$

Let now  $a_{n,j}$ ,  $n \in N$ ,  $j = 0, \dots, p$ , be defined by

$$a_{n,j} := n^{1/2} B_{n,ji} P_*(f^{(i)}(\cdot, \kappa(P_*) + n^{-1/2} \Delta a)).$$

From (10.19) we obtain

$$(10.21) \quad a_{n,j} = \Delta \sigma_{00}^{-1} A_{0j} + n^{-1/2} \Delta^2 (e_{ji} F_{ik} a_k + B_{ji} F_{ikl} a_k a_l) + n^{-1} R_{n,j},$$

where  $R_{n,j} = O(n^0)$ .

As  $a_{n,j}$  is bounded, the signed measure  $P_n$ , defined by the  $P_*$ -density  $p_n := 1 + n^{-1/2} a_{n,j} k_{n,j}$ , belongs to  $\mathfrak{P}$  if  $n$  is sufficiently large.

Furthermore, by a simple calculation we obtain

$$P_n(f^{(i)}(\cdot, \kappa(P_*) + n^{-1/2} \Delta a)) = 0, \quad i = 0, \dots, p,$$

provided  $n$  is sufficiently large.

Thus

$$\kappa(P_n) = \kappa(P_*) + n^{-1/2} \Delta a.$$

It follows from (10.21) and the definition of  $k_{n,j}$  that  $p_n$  can be written in the form (5.3) with

$$h := e_{ji}(F_{ik} a_k + B_{ji} F_{ikl} a_k a_l) f^{(j)},$$

$$r_{n,\Delta} := n^{1/2} \Delta (n^{1/2} \sigma_{00}^{-1} A_{0j} + \Delta e_{ji}(F_{ik} a_k + B_{ji} F_{ikl} a_k a_l)) f^{(j)} \mathbf{1}_{\{|f^{(j)}| > n^\beta\}} + nR_{n,j} K'_{n,j} - na_{n,j} P_*(K'_{n,j}).$$

Condition (5.4) holds trivially.

By the choice of  $\beta$ ,

$$\int |f^{(j)}|^{(3/2+\varepsilon)/8} \mathbf{1}_{\{|f^{(j)}| > n^\beta\}} dP_* = O(n^{-(3/2+\varepsilon)/8}),$$

$$\int f^{(j)2} \mathbf{1}_{\{|f^{(j)}| > n^\beta\}} dP_* = o(n^{-1}).$$

Hence condition (5.5) is fulfilled.

**Proof of Corollary (5.15).** Let  $\Delta > 0$  and  $a_i := -A_{00}^{-1} A_{0i}$ ,  $i = 0, \dots, p$ . Then for sufficiently large  $n \in N$  we have  $\theta_* + n^{-1/2} \Delta a \in \Theta$ , and the sequence  $P_n := P_{\theta_* + n^{-1/2} \Delta a}$  fulfills (5.2).

We have

$$(10.22) \quad p(\cdot, \theta_* + n^{-1/2} \Delta a) / p(\cdot, \theta_*)$$

$$= 1 + n^{-1/2} \Delta a_i p^{(i)}(\cdot, \theta_*) / p(\cdot, \theta_*) + \frac{1}{2} n^{-1} \Delta^2 a_i a_j p^{(ij)}(\cdot, \theta_*) / p(\cdot, \theta_*) +$$

$$+ n^{-1} \Delta^2 a_i a_j \int_0^1 [(1-u) p^{(ij)}(\cdot, \theta_* + un^{-1/2} \Delta a) - p^{(ij)}(\cdot, \theta_*)] / p(\cdot, \theta_*) du.$$

Hence (5.3)-(5.5) follow easily by conditions (5.12) and (5.16).

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