

ASYMPTOTIC PROPERTIES OF AN INTENSITY ESTIMATOR OF AN INHOMOGENEOUS POISSON PROCESS IN A COMBINED MODEL*

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Abstract. A stochastic process with a drift, a diffusion, and a Poisson component is considered, where the last is an inhomogeneous process with unknown intensity $\lambda = \lambda(t)$ belonging to a compact of a Sobolev space. By observations over the process within a time interval $[0, T]$ we construct the maximum likelihood estimator (MLE) of λ . Conditions providing consistency of the estimator and asymptotic normality of the functionals of it are studied. A comparison is given of the MLEs constructed by the observations over the whole process and over its individual components.

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1. Introduction. The scheme we consider looks like this. A stochastic process on the nonnegative semi-axis is observed which has independent increments and consists of three components: a drift, a diffusion, and an inhomogeneous Poisson process with unknown intensity $\lambda = \lambda(t)$, $t \geq 0$. By observations over the realizations of this process we construct the maximum likelihood estimator for $\lambda(t)$. The following papers, related to the scheme under consideration, should be mentioned.

Nonparametric estimators of the drift of a diffusion process have been studied by Dorogovtsev [1] and by Ibramkhalilov and Skorokhod [2]. Paper [3] deals with a nonparametric estimator of the intensity of an inhomogeneous Poisson process. A characteristic feature of the present paper is that the intensity function to be estimated enters nonlinearly into the drift coefficient of the observed process.

Denote $\mathbf{R}^+ := [0, \infty)$. Let $\{\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathcal{F}_t, t \geq 0, \mathbf{P}\}$ be a stochastic basis with a probability measure \mathbf{P} having no atom at infinity and let a trajectory of a stochastic process $\{\xi_t, t \geq 0\}$, defined on this basis, be observed on an interval $[0, T]$. Suppose that the process has the representation

$$(1) \quad \xi_t = \xi_t(\lambda_0) := \xi_0 + \int_0^t a(s, \lambda_0(s)) ds + \int_0^t b(s) dw_s + N_t(\lambda_0),$$

where $a = a(s, x): \mathbf{R}^+ \times \mathbf{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ and $b = b(s): \mathbf{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ are known nonrandom measurable functions, $\{w_t, \mathcal{F}_t, t \geq 0\}$ is a Wiener process, and $\{N_t(\lambda_0), \mathcal{F}_t, t \geq 0\}$ is an inhomogeneous Poisson process with unknown intensity $\lambda_0 = \lambda_0(t)$. We assume that the processes $\{w_t\}$, $\{N_t(\lambda_0)\}$ and the random variable ξ_0 are independent in totality. Suppose, in addition, that the nonrandom function $\lambda_0: \mathbf{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^+$, $\lambda_0 \in L^1_{loc}$. The trajectories of $\{N_t\}$ belong with probability 1 to the space X of step-functions x

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which are right-continuous and such that $x_0 = 0$, $\Delta x_t = 0$ or 1 . The restriction of X to the interval $[0, T]$ is denoted by X_T . Below, for brevity we write expressions of type $a(s, \lambda(s))$ under the integral sign as $a(s, \lambda)$.

From the probabilistic point of view the scheme of observations (1) is equivalent to the simultaneous observation over the two independent stochastic processes $\{N_t(\lambda_0), \mathcal{F}_t, t \geq 0\}$ and $\{\eta_t(\lambda_0), \mathcal{F}_t, t \geq 0\}$. Here

$$\eta_t(\lambda_0) := \xi_0 + \int_0^t a(s, \lambda_0) ds + \int_0^t b(s) dw_s;$$

let $Y_T := C[0, T]$ be the space to which the trajectories of the process on the interval $[0, T]$ belong. To the pair of processes $\{N_t(\lambda_0), \eta_t(\lambda_0), t \in [0, T]\}$ there corresponds a measure $\mu_T(\lambda_0)$ in the space $X_T \times Y_T$. Let $\lambda_1 \in L_{loc}^1$ be another intensity of the Poisson component. According to [4, section 47, p. 264] and [5, section 8, Theorem 14, p. 343], given the conditions

(a)
$$\int_0^T \frac{\lambda_1(s)}{\lambda_0(s)} ds < \infty,$$

(b)
$$\int_0^T b^{-2}(s) |a(s, \lambda_1) - a(s, \lambda_0)|^2 ds < \infty,$$

the measure $\mu_T(\lambda_1) \ll \mu_T(\lambda_0)$, and the likelihood ratio has the form

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{d\mu_T(\lambda_1)}{d\mu_T(\lambda_0)}(N_T(\lambda_0), \eta_t(\lambda_0)) \\ &= \exp \left\{ \int_0^T b^{-1}(s) (a(s, \lambda_1) - a(s, \lambda_0)) dw_s \right. \\ & \quad - \frac{1}{2} \int_0^T b^{-2}(s) |a(s, \lambda_1) - a(s, \lambda_0)|^2 ds \\ & \quad \left. - \int_0^T (\lambda_1(s) - \lambda_0(s)) ds + \int_0^T \log \frac{\lambda_1(s)}{\lambda_0(s)} dN_s(\lambda_0) \right\}. \end{aligned} \tag{2}$$

2. Construction of the estimator. Now the maximum likelihood estimator (MLE) of λ_0 is constructed by maximizing the right-hand side of (2). Introduce the needed spaces. For $r > 1$ denote by $\overline{W}_r^1[0, \tau]$ the Sobolev space of functions λ , specified on $[0, \tau]$, having the generalized derivative $\lambda' \in L_r[0, \tau]$ (see [6, p. 441] for the definition of generalized derivatives) and such that $\lambda(0) = \lambda(\tau)$:

$$\|\lambda\|_{\overline{W}_r^1} := \left(\int_0^\tau |\lambda(t)|^r dt + \int_0^\tau |\lambda'(t)|^r dt \right)^{1/r}.$$

Remark 1. The following Sobolev imbedding theorems are valid [6, pp. 439, 444]:

- (a) For $r > 1$ the space $\overline{W}_r^1[0, \tau]$ is a compact imbedding into $C[0, \tau]$.
- (b) For $1 < r < s$ the space $\overline{W}_s^1[0, \tau]$ is a compact imbedding into $\overline{W}_r^1[0, \tau]$.

We impose the following restrictions on the intensity function:

- (c) λ_0 is periodic with the known period $\tau > 0$.
- (d) The restriction of λ_0 to $[0, \tau]$ belongs to K , where K is a compact in $\overline{W}_2^1[0, \tau]$, and all functions in K are nonnegative.

We introduce several notations related to compact K :

$$\bar{K} := \sup_{\lambda \in K} \|\lambda\|_{W_2^{-1}}, \quad \lambda_*(s) := \min_{\lambda \in K} \lambda(s), \quad \lambda^*(s) := \max_{\lambda \in K} \lambda(s).$$

In addition, let λ_* and λ^* be, respectively, the minimum of $\lambda_*(s)$ and the maximum of $\lambda^*(s)$ on $[0, \tau]$. Below, we make no difference between the functions from K and their τ -periodic continuations to \mathbf{R}^+ . The functions $\lambda_*(s)$ and $\lambda^*(s)$ will be considered as continuous with period τ to \mathbf{R}^+ .

Set

$$(e) \quad \int_0^\tau \frac{ds}{\lambda_*(s)} < \infty.$$

Note that under conditions (c)–(e)

$$\mathbf{E} \int_0^\tau |\log \lambda_*(t)| dN_t(\lambda_0) = \int_0^\tau |\log \lambda_*(t)| \lambda_0(t) dt < \infty$$

and, therefore, for any function $\lambda_1 \in K$

$$\int_0^\tau |\log \lambda_1(t)| dN_t(\lambda_0) < \infty \quad \text{a.s.},$$

and the likelihood ratio (2) is well defined.

Set $\alpha = \alpha(s, x) := a(s, x)/b(s)$, $s \in \mathbf{R}^+$, $x \in \mathbf{R}^+$.

(f) For any function $\lambda \in K$, $\alpha(\cdot, \lambda(\cdot)) \in L^2_{\text{loc}}$.

We construct the MLE of λ_0 by the observations of (1) on the interval $[0, T]$, $T \geq \tau$. It follows from equality (2) that to this aim it suffices to consider the following functional, containing the integrals of the observed components $\{N_t(\lambda_0), \eta_t(\lambda_0)\}$:

$$(3) \quad \begin{aligned} Q_T(\lambda) = Q_T(\lambda, \omega) &:= \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \alpha(s, \lambda) dw_s \\ &- \frac{1}{2T} \int_0^T [\alpha^2(s, \lambda) - 2\alpha(s, \lambda_0) \alpha(s, \lambda)] ds + \tilde{Q}_T(\lambda). \end{aligned}$$

Here

$$\tilde{Q}_T(\lambda) := -\frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \lambda(s) ds + \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \log \lambda(s) dN_s(\lambda_0), \quad \lambda \in K.$$

If conditions (c)–(f) hold true, there exists a set $\Omega_0 \subset \Omega$ such that $\mathbf{P}(\Omega_0) = 1$ and $Q_T(\lambda, \omega)$ takes real values for any $T \geq \tau$, $\omega \in \Omega_0$, $\lambda \in K$. The next assumption provides the continuity of the functional Q_T in λ for $\omega \in \Omega_0$.

(g) The function $\alpha \in C^1(\mathbf{R}^+ \times [\lambda_*, \lambda^*])$ and, for any $T > 0$, there exists $C_T > 0$ such that, for $s \leq T$

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \frac{\partial \alpha(s, x)}{\partial s} - \frac{\partial \alpha(s, y)}{\partial s} \right| &\leq C_T |x - y|, \\ \left| \frac{\partial \alpha(s, x)}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial \alpha(s, y)}{\partial x} \right| &\leq C_T |x - y|. \end{aligned}$$

Below, the notation C_T or D_T is used to denote a constant depending on T only; the symbols C or C_1, C_2 stand for absolute constants. One and the same letter may be used to denote different constants.

LEMMA 1. Under conditions (c)–(e) and (g) the functional Q_T is continuous in $\lambda \in K$ for $\omega \in \Omega_0$.

Proof. The continuity of $\tilde{Q}_T(\lambda)$ is evident. Further, condition (g) implies the boundedness of the functions α and $\partial\alpha/\partial s$ on the compact $\tilde{K} := [0, T] \times [\lambda_*, \lambda^*]$. Hence for $\lambda_1, \lambda_2 \in K$

$$(4) \quad \left| \int_0^T [\alpha^2(s, \lambda_1) - \alpha^2(s, \lambda_2)] ds - 2 \int_0^T \alpha(s, \lambda_0) [\alpha(s, \lambda_1) - \alpha(s, \lambda_2)] ds \right| \leq C_T \int_0^T |\lambda_1(s) - \lambda_2(s)| ds \leq C_T \left(\left[\frac{T}{\tau} \right] + 1 \right) \|\lambda_1 - \lambda_2\|_{\overline{W}_2^1}.$$

Here and in what follows $[T/\tau]$ is the integral part of the ratio T/τ . The increment of the stochastic integral in (3) can be written like this:

$$(5) \quad \int_0^T [\alpha(s, \lambda_2) - \alpha(s, \lambda_1)] dw_s = w_T [\alpha(T, \lambda_2(T)) - \alpha(T, \lambda_1(T))] - \int_0^T w_s \left[\frac{\partial\alpha(s, \lambda_2)}{\partial s} - \frac{\partial\alpha(s, \lambda_1)}{\partial s} + \frac{\partial\alpha(s, \lambda_2)}{\partial x} \lambda_2'(s) - \frac{\partial\alpha(s, \lambda_1)}{\partial x} \lambda_1'(s) \right] ds.$$

Hence, by using Remark 1(a) we have

$$(6) \quad \left| \int_0^T [\alpha(s, \lambda_2) - \alpha(s, \lambda_1)] dw_s \right| \leq |w_T| C_T |\lambda_2(T) - \lambda_1(T)| + C_T \int_0^T |w_s| |\lambda_2(s) - \lambda_1(s)| ds + \int_0^T |w_s| \left| \frac{\partial\alpha(s, \lambda_2)}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial\alpha(s, \lambda_1)}{\partial x} \right| |\lambda_2'(s)| ds + C_T \int_0^T |w_s| |\lambda_2'(s) - \lambda_1'(s)| ds \leq \tilde{C}_T \left(|w_T| + \overline{K} \sup_{s \leq T} |w_s| \right) \|\lambda_2 - \lambda_1\|_{\overline{W}_2^1},$$

where \tilde{C}_T is a constant being, generally speaking, other than C_T . Recall that \overline{K} was defined just after condition (d). Estimates (4)–(6) imply the desired statement.

The proof of the next result is based on applying the measurable choice theorem [7] and is similar to the proof of existence of an estimator in [8].

LEMMA 2. Let conditions (c)–(e) and (g) hold. Then for each $T \geq \tau$ there exists a random element $\lambda_T = \lambda_T(\omega, s)$, $\omega \in \Omega$, $s \in [0, T]$, belonging to K , such that the relation

$$Q_T(\lambda_T) = \max_{\lambda \in K} Q_T(\lambda)$$

is satisfied for each $\omega \in \Omega_0$.

DEFINITION. The random function λ_T from Lemma 2 (extended to \mathbf{R}^+ by period τ) is called a maximum likelihood estimator of the intensity of the process $\{N_t(\lambda_0)\}$ constructed by the observations $\{\xi_t, t \in [0, T]\}$.

Remark 2. Generally speaking, λ_T is not specified uniquely. Below, we take an arbitrary function satisfying the conditions above as the MLE.

Remark 3. An algorithm of approximate calculation of a nonparametric MLE constructed by observations over the Poisson component was suggested in [3]. A similar procedure can be applied to the introduced estimators λ_T in the combined model of observations.

Remark 4. Since $\lambda_T(s)$ is a looking-ahead function, the summand

$$\int_0^T \alpha(s, \lambda_T(s)) dw_s,$$

entering $Q_T(\lambda_T)$, is not an Itô stochastic integral. However, under restriction (g) on the smoothness of α and the appropriate smoothness of $\lambda_T(s)$ this integral can be treated by means of integration by parts similarly to (5).

3. Consistency of the estimator. Assume that α meets the following conditions:

$$(h) \quad \alpha(s, x) = \sum_{i=1}^3 \alpha_i(s, x), \quad \text{where } \alpha_i \in C(\mathbf{R}^+ \times [\lambda_*, \lambda^*])$$

and, in addition,

$$(h1) \quad \text{for each } x \in [\lambda_*, \lambda^*] \quad \alpha_1 \text{ is a } \tau\text{-periodic in } s;$$

$$(h2) \quad \max_{\lambda_*(s) \leq x \leq \lambda^*(s)} |\alpha_2(s, x)| \rightarrow 0, \quad s \rightarrow \infty;$$

$$(h3) \quad \int_1^\infty \frac{(\alpha_3^*(s))^2}{s} ds < \infty, \quad \text{where } \alpha_3^*(s) := \max_{\lambda_*(s) \leq x \leq \lambda^*(s)} |\alpha_3(s, x)|.$$

Thus, α is decomposed into three components: periodic in s , uniformly vanishing as $s \rightarrow \infty$, and small “in average” as $s \rightarrow \infty$. Introduce the limiting functional

$$Q_\infty(\lambda) := -\frac{1}{2\tau} \int_0^\tau |\alpha_1(s, \lambda)|^2 ds + \frac{1}{\tau} \int_0^\tau \alpha_1(s, \lambda) \alpha_1(s, \lambda_0) ds + \tilde{Q}_\infty(\lambda),$$

where

$$\tilde{Q}_\infty(\lambda) := -\frac{1}{\tau} \int_0^\tau \lambda(s) ds + \frac{1}{\tau} \int_0^\tau \log \lambda(s) \lambda_0(s) ds; \quad \lambda \in K.$$

THEOREM 1. *Let conditions (c)–(e), (g), and (h) be fulfilled. Then for each $\lambda \in K$*

$$Q_T(\lambda) \rightarrow Q_\infty(\lambda) \quad (a.s.), \quad T \rightarrow \infty.$$

Proof. As shown in [3], conditions (c)–(e) imply $\tilde{Q}_T(\lambda) \rightarrow \tilde{Q}_\infty(\lambda)$ a.s. as $T \rightarrow \infty$. Consider the convergence of the remaining summands of functional (3). Set

$$Q_T^i(\lambda) := \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \alpha_i(s, \lambda) dw_s, \quad \lambda \in K, \quad 1 \leq i \leq 3.$$

For $T = n\tau$ and $i = 1$

$$Q_{n\tau}^1(\lambda) = \frac{1}{n\tau} \sum_{i=1}^n \int_{(i-1)\tau}^{i\tau} \alpha_1(s, \lambda) dw_s \rightarrow 0 \quad (a.s.), \quad n \rightarrow \infty,$$

by the strong law of large numbers (SLLN) [9, Theorem 12, p. 332] and the inequality $\mathbf{E}|\int_0^\tau \alpha_1(s, \lambda) dw_s| \leq (\int_0^\tau \alpha_1^2(s, \lambda) ds)^{1/2} < \infty$.

To estimate “the remainder” $|Q_T^1(\lambda) - Q_{n\tau}^1(\lambda)|$ it suffices to evaluate the expression $n^{-1} \sup_{0 \leq h \leq \tau} |\int_{n\tau}^{n\tau+h} \alpha_1(s, \lambda) dw_s|$. By the martingale Doob inequality [10, p. 67] and the periodicity of α_1 we have

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} \mathbf{E} \sup_{0 \leq h \leq \tau} \left| \int_{n\tau}^{n\tau+h} \alpha_1(s, \lambda) dw_s \right|^2 \leq 4 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} \int_0^\tau \alpha_1^2(s, \lambda) ds < \infty.$$

Therefore,

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} \sup_{0 \leq h \leq \tau} \left| \int_{n\tau}^{n\tau+h} \alpha_1(s, \lambda) dw_s \right|^2 < \infty \quad (\text{a.s.}),$$

whence

$$(7) \quad \frac{1}{n} \sup_{0 \leq h \leq \tau} \left| \int_{n\tau}^{n\tau+h} \alpha_1(s, \lambda) dw_s \right| \longrightarrow 0 \quad (\text{a.s.}), \quad n \rightarrow \infty.$$

Thus, $Q_T^1(\lambda) \rightarrow 0$ (a.s.), $T \rightarrow \infty$.

Further, by condition (h2)

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} \mathbf{E} \left| \int_{(n-1)\tau}^{n\tau} \alpha_2(s, \lambda) dw_s \right|^2 = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} \int_{(n-1)\tau}^{n\tau} |\alpha_2(s, \lambda)|^2 ds < \infty.$$

Applying the SLLN [9, p. 332, Theorem 12] once again we obtain that $Q_{n\tau}^2(\lambda) \rightarrow 0$ a.s. as $n \rightarrow \infty$. “The remainder” $|Q_T^2(\lambda) - Q_{n\tau}^2(\lambda)|$ is estimated similarly to (7); as a result we see that $Q_T^2(\lambda) \rightarrow 0$ a.s. as $T \rightarrow \infty$.

Further, by condition (h3) we have

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} \int_{(n-1)\tau}^{n\tau} \alpha_3^2(s, \lambda) ds \leq \tau^2 \int_\tau^\infty \frac{\alpha_3^2(s, \lambda)}{s^2} ds + \int_0^\tau \alpha_3^2(s, \lambda) ds < \infty$$

and, according to the SLLN [9, Theorem 12, p. 332], $Q_{n\tau}^3(\lambda) \rightarrow 0$ a.s. as $n \rightarrow \infty$. “The remainder” $|Q_T^3(\lambda) - Q_{n\tau}^3(\lambda)|$ is estimated similarly to (7), and we conclude that $Q_T^3(\lambda) \rightarrow 0$ a.s. as $T \rightarrow \infty$.

Finally, consider

$$(8) \quad R_T(\lambda) := \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T [\alpha^2(s, \lambda) - 2\alpha(s, \lambda) \alpha(s, \lambda_0)] ds.$$

Under condition (h) we have as $T \rightarrow \infty$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \alpha_1^2(s, \lambda) ds &\longrightarrow \frac{1}{\tau} \int_0^\tau \alpha_1^2(s, \lambda) ds; & \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \alpha_2^2(s, \lambda) ds &\longrightarrow 0; \\ \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{T} \int_1^T \alpha_3^2(s, \lambda) ds &= \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \left[\int_1^T \frac{\alpha_3^2(s, \lambda)}{s} ds - \frac{1}{T} \int_1^T \left(\int_1^z \frac{\alpha_3^2(s, \lambda)}{s} ds \right) dz \right] \\ &= \int_0^\infty \frac{\alpha_3^2(s, \lambda)}{s} ds - \lim_{z \rightarrow \infty} \int_1^z \frac{\alpha_3^2(s, \lambda)}{s} ds = 0. \end{aligned}$$

The remaining terms in (8) are estimated in a similar way and we have as a result that as $T \rightarrow \infty$

$$R_T(\lambda) \longrightarrow \frac{1}{\tau} \int_0^\tau |\alpha_1(s, \lambda)|^2 ds - \frac{2}{\tau} \int_0^\tau \alpha_1(s, \lambda) \alpha_1(s, \lambda_0) ds.$$

Now convergence of $Q_T(\lambda)$ to $Q_\infty(\lambda)$ follows from the obtained limiting relationships.

THEOREM 2. *Let conditions (c)–(e), (g), and (h), hold and, in addition, condition (i):*

- (i1) $\alpha_1 \in C^1([0, \tau] \times [\lambda_*, \lambda^*])$;
- (i2) $\alpha_i \in C^1(\mathbf{R}^+ \times [\lambda_*, \lambda^*])$ and for a bounded function C_s

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \frac{\partial \alpha_i(s, x)}{\partial x} \right| &\leq C_s, \\ \left| \frac{\partial \alpha_i(s, x)}{\partial p} - \frac{\partial \alpha_i(s, y)}{\partial p} \right| &\leq C_s |x - y|, \end{aligned}$$

where $p = s, x; i = 2, 3; s \in \mathbf{R}^+; x, y \in [\lambda_*, \lambda^*]$; moreover,

$$(i3) \quad \limsup_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{T} \int_e^T s(\log \log s) C_s^2 ds < \infty \quad \text{and}$$

$$(i4) \quad \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt{\frac{\log \log t}{t}} \alpha_3^*(t) = 0.$$

Then the estimator λ_T is consistent in the following sense:

$$(9) \quad \|\lambda_T - \lambda_0\|_{\overline{W}_2^{-1}} \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{a.s., } T \rightarrow \infty.$$

Proof. According to the general conditions of consistency [1, p. 76], in order that (9) be true it suffices that the following conditions are satisfied: (a) $Q_T(\lambda) \rightarrow Q_\infty(\lambda), T \rightarrow \infty$ a.s.

$$(10) \quad (b) \quad Q_\infty(\lambda_0) > Q_\infty(\lambda), \quad \lambda \in K, \lambda \neq \lambda_0;$$

(c) there exists a function $\omega(\gamma), \gamma > 0$, such that $\omega(\gamma) \rightarrow 0, \gamma \rightarrow 0$, and

$$(11) \quad \mathbf{P} \left\{ \limsup_{T \rightarrow \infty} \sup_{\lambda_1, \lambda_2 \in K, \|\lambda_1 - \lambda_2\|_{\overline{W}_2^{-1}} \leq \gamma} |Q_T(\lambda_2) - Q_T(\lambda_1)| \leq \omega(\gamma) \right\} = 1.$$

Convergence (a) takes place by Theorem 1; inequality (10) follows from the representation

$$Q_\infty(\lambda) = -\frac{1}{2\tau} \int_0^\tau |\alpha_1(s, \lambda) - \alpha_1(s, \lambda_0)|^2 ds + \tilde{Q}_\infty(\lambda) + \frac{1}{2\tau} \int_0^\tau \alpha_1^2(s, \lambda_0) ds$$

and the strict inequality $\tilde{Q}_\infty(\lambda) < \tilde{Q}_\infty(\lambda_0), \lambda \neq \lambda_0$.

Relationship (11) for the functional $\tilde{Q}_T(\lambda)$ has been proved in [3]. Thus, it remains to demonstrate the validity of (11) for the functional

$$\check{Q}_T(\lambda) := \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T |\alpha(s, \lambda) - \alpha(s, \lambda_0)|^2 ds$$

and the functionals Q_T^i introduced while proving Theorem 1.

1) we evaluate $Q_T^1(\lambda_1) - Q_T^1(\lambda_2)$ for $T = n\tau$:

$$(12) \quad \begin{aligned} \left| Q_{n\tau}^1(\lambda_1) - Q_{n\tau}^1(\lambda_2) \right| &\leq \frac{1}{n\tau} |B_n(\tau)| \left| \alpha_1(\tau, \lambda_1(\tau)) - \alpha_1(\tau, \lambda_2(\tau)) \right| \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{n\tau} \int_0^\tau |B_n(s)| \left| \frac{d}{ds} \left(\alpha_1(s, \lambda_1(s)) - \alpha_1(s, \lambda_2(s)) \right) \right| ds, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$(13) \quad B_n(s) := \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} (w(s + i\tau) - w(i\tau)), \quad s \in [0, \tau].$$

By the SLLN [9, Theorem 12, p. 332] $n^{-1}|B_n(\tau)| \rightarrow 0$ a.s., $n \rightarrow \infty$, and the first summand in the right-hand side of (12) tends to zero a.s. uniformly in $\lambda_1, \lambda_2 \in K$. Further,

$$(14) \quad \begin{aligned} &\frac{1}{n\tau} \int_0^\tau |B_n(s)| \left| \frac{d}{ds} \left(\alpha_1(s, \lambda_1(s)) - \alpha_1(s, \lambda_2(s)) \right) \right| ds \\ &\leq \frac{1}{n\tau} \left(\int_0^\tau B_n^2(s) ds \right)^{1/2} \left(\int_0^\tau \left| \frac{d}{ds} \left(\alpha_1(s, \lambda_1(s)) - \alpha_1(s, \lambda_2(s)) \right) \right|^2 ds \right)^{1/2}. \end{aligned}$$

Denote by $Y_i(s) := w(s + i\tau) - w(i\tau)$, $s \in [0, \tau]$, independent centered identically distributed Gaussian elements in the space $L_2[0, \tau]$. According to the SLLN for Hilbert spaces established in [11, p. 145] we have

$$\frac{1}{n} \left(\int_0^\tau B_n^2(s) ds \right)^{1/2} = \left\| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} Y_i \right\|_{L_2[0, \tau]} \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{a.s.,} \quad n \rightarrow \infty.$$

Moreover, by condition (i1)

$$(15) \quad \begin{aligned} \int_0^\tau \left| \frac{d}{ds} \alpha_1(s, \lambda_1(s)) \right|^2 ds &\leq 2 \int_0^\tau \left| \frac{\partial \alpha_1(s, \lambda_1)}{\partial s} \right|^2 ds + 2 \int_0^\tau \left| \frac{\partial \alpha_1(s, \lambda_1)}{\partial x} \right|^2 |\lambda_1'(s)|^2 ds \\ &\leq C_1 + C_2 \|\lambda_1\|_{W_2^1}^2 \leq C. \end{aligned}$$

A similar estimate is valid for the integral

$$\int_0^\tau \left| \frac{d}{ds} \alpha_1(s, \lambda_2(s)) \right|^2 ds.$$

Thus, estimates (12)–(15) imply

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sup_{\lambda_1, \lambda_2 \in K} |Q_{n\tau}^1(\lambda_1) - Q_{n\tau}^1(\lambda_2)| = 0 \quad \text{a.s.}$$

On account of (15) we evaluate “the remainder” as follows:

$$(16) \quad \begin{aligned} \sup_{\lambda \in K} \sup_{0 \leq h \leq \tau} \frac{1}{n} \left| \int_{n\tau}^{n\tau+h} \alpha_1(s, \lambda) dw_s \right| &\leq C \sup_{0 \leq h \leq \tau} \frac{1}{n} (|w(n\tau + h)| + |w(n\tau)|) \\ &\quad + C \frac{1}{n} \left(\int_{n\tau}^{(n+1)\tau} w_s^2 ds \right)^{1/2}. \end{aligned}$$

According to the law of the iterated logarithm

$$\mathbf{P}\left\{\limsup_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|w(t)|}{\sqrt{t \log \log t}} < \infty\right\} = 1.$$

Estimating $|w(t)|$ from above by $\sqrt{t \log \log t}$, it is not difficult to show that the right-hand side of (16) vanishes a.s. as $n \rightarrow \infty$. Thus, we have proved that

$$\limsup_{T \rightarrow \infty} \sup_{\lambda_1, \lambda_2 \in K} |Q_T^1(\lambda_1) - Q_T^1(\lambda_2)| = 0 \quad \text{a.s.}$$

2) Now we evaluate $|Q_T^2(\lambda_1) - Q_T^2(\lambda_2)|$:

$$\begin{aligned} |Q_T^2(\lambda_1) - Q_T^2(\lambda_2)| &\leq \frac{1}{T} |w_T| \left| \alpha_2(T, \lambda_1(T)) - \alpha_2(T, \lambda_2(T)) \right| \\ (17) \quad &+ \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T |w_s| \left| \frac{d}{ds} (\alpha_2(s, \lambda_1) - \alpha_2(s, \lambda_2)) \right| ds. \end{aligned}$$

By condition (h2) the first summand in the right-hand side of (17) tends to zero a.s. as $T \rightarrow \infty$ uniformly in $\lambda_1, \lambda_2 \in K$. The second summand does not exceed the sum

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{1}{T} \int_0^T |w_s| \left| \frac{\partial}{\partial s} \alpha_2(s, \lambda_1) - \frac{\partial}{\partial s} \alpha_2(s, \lambda_2) \right| ds \\ &+ \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T |w_s| \left| \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \alpha_2(s, \lambda_1) - \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \alpha_2(s, \lambda_2) \right| |\lambda_1'(s)| ds \\ (18) \quad &+ \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T |w_s| \left| \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \alpha_2(s, \lambda_2) \right| |\lambda_2'(s) - \lambda_1'(s)| ds. \end{aligned}$$

In view of condition (i2) we have for $T \in [n\tau, (n+1)\tau]$

$$\frac{1}{T} \int_0^T |w_s| \left| \frac{\partial}{\partial s} \alpha_2(s, \lambda_1) - \frac{\partial}{\partial s} \alpha_2(s, \lambda_2) \right| ds \leq \frac{C}{\sqrt{T}} \left(\int_0^T w_s^2 C_s^2 ds \right)^{1/2} \|\lambda_2 - \lambda_1\|_{\overline{W}_2}.$$

Note that $T^{-1} \int_0^A w_s^2 ds \rightarrow 0$ a.s., $T \rightarrow \infty$, for each $A > 0$ and by virtue of conditions (i2) and (i3) and the law of the iterated logarithm with probability 1

$$(19) \quad \limsup_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T w_s^2 C_s^2 ds \leq \limsup_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2}{T} \int_e^T s (\log \log s) C_s^2 ds < \infty.$$

Furthermore, according to Remark 1(a)

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{1}{T} \int_0^T |w_s| \left| \frac{\partial \alpha_2(s, \lambda_1)}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial \alpha_2(s, \lambda_2)}{\partial x} \right| |\lambda_1'(s)| ds \\ &\leq \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T |w_s| C_s |\lambda_1(s) - \lambda_2(s)| |\lambda_1'(s)| ds \\ &\leq C \overline{K} \left(\frac{1}{T} \int_0^T w_s^2 C_s^2 ds \right)^{1/2} \|\lambda_2 - \lambda_1\|_{\overline{W}_2}, \end{aligned}$$

which combined with (19) gives the needed estimates. Here \overline{K} is the constant defined in item 2).

Finally,

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T |w_s| \left| \frac{\partial \alpha_2(s, \lambda_2)}{\partial x} \right| |\lambda'_2(s) - \lambda'_1(s)| ds \\ & \leq C \left(\frac{1}{T} \int_0^T w_s^2 \left| \frac{\partial \alpha_2(s, \lambda_2)}{\partial x} \right|^2 ds \right)^{1/2} \|\lambda_2 - \lambda_1\|_{\overline{W}_2^1} \\ & \leq C \left(\frac{1}{T} \int_0^T w_s^2 C_s^2 ds \right)^{1/2} \|\lambda_2 - \lambda_1\|_{\overline{W}_2^1}. \end{aligned}$$

The estimates obtained yield relationship (11) for $Q_T^2(\lambda)$ with linear function $\omega(\gamma)$.

Similarly, by using conditions (i2)–(i4) one can estimate the increments of the component $Q_T^3(\lambda)$.

3) Let us evaluate

$$\begin{aligned} & |\check{Q}_T(\lambda_1) - \check{Q}_T(\lambda_2)| \\ & \leq 4 \left(\frac{1}{T} \int_0^T |\alpha(s, \lambda_1) - \alpha(s, \lambda_2)|^2 ds \right)^{1/2} \sup_{\lambda \in K} \left(\frac{1}{T} \int_0^T |\alpha(s, \lambda)|^2 ds \right)^{1/2}. \end{aligned}$$

Under the conditions of the theorem there exists $C > 0$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T |\alpha_i(s, \lambda)|^2 ds \leq C, \quad 1 \leq i \leq 3, \\ & \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T |\alpha(s, \lambda_1) - \alpha(s, \lambda_2)|^2 ds \leq C \|\lambda_2 - \lambda_1\|_{\overline{W}_2^1}^2, \end{aligned}$$

whence we obtain (11) for $\check{Q}_T(\lambda)$ and the theorem is proved.

Remark 5. Let K be a compact in \overline{W}_{2p}^1 for some $p > 1$, and all the conditions of Theorem 2 hold. Then estimator λ_T is consistent in \overline{W}_{2p}^1 , that is, $\|\lambda_T - \lambda_0\|_{\overline{W}_{2p}^1} \rightarrow 0$ a.s., $T \rightarrow \infty$. Indeed, by virtue of Remark 1(a)

$$\|f\|_{\overline{W}_2^1} \leq C_p \|f\|_{\overline{W}_{2p}^1}, \quad f \in \overline{W}_2^1;$$

consequently,

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbf{P} \left\{ \limsup_{T \rightarrow \infty} \sup_{\lambda_1, \lambda_2 \in K, \|\lambda_1 - \lambda_2\|_{\overline{W}_{2p}^1} \leq \gamma} |Q_T(\lambda_2) - Q_T(\lambda_1)| \leq \omega(\gamma) \right\} \\ & \geq \mathbf{P} \left\{ \limsup_{T \rightarrow \infty} \sup_{\lambda_1, \lambda_2 \in K, \|\lambda_1 - \lambda_2\|_{\overline{W}_2^1} \leq C_p \gamma} |Q_T(\lambda_2) - Q_T(\lambda_1)| \leq \omega(\gamma) \right\} = 1. \end{aligned}$$

In addition, Q_T is a continuous functional in $\lambda \in \overline{W}_{2p}^1$; now consistency in \overline{W}_{2p}^1 follows from [1, p. 76].

4. The rate of the mean square convergence of the estimator. Introduce additional restrictions on the parametric set K and the intensity function λ_0 .

(j) For some $p \in (1, 2)$, K is a compact set in $\overline{W}_{2p}^1[0, \tau]$ and is bounded in $\overline{W}_{2q}^1[0, \tau]$, where p, q are conjugate indices; moreover, all functions in K are nonnegative.

(k) The function λ_0 belongs to K and is positive for each $t \in [0, \tau]$.

In what follows we denote by $O_p(1)$ a stochastic process $\{x_T, T \geq 0\}$ if

$$\lim_{C \rightarrow \infty} \sup_{T \geq T_0} \mathbf{P}\{|x_T| \geq C\} = 0 \quad \text{for some } T_0 > 0,$$

and by $o_p(1)$ if $x_T \xrightarrow{\mathbf{P}} 0, T \rightarrow \infty$. While using the introduced symbols we omit the indication that $T \rightarrow \infty$.

THEOREM 3. *Let conditions (c), (e), (g)–(i), (j), and (k) be fulfilled and, in addition, the following conditions (1) hold.*

(11) *There exists a constant C such that*

$$\left| \frac{\partial \alpha_1(s, x)}{\partial p} - \frac{\partial \alpha_1(s, y)}{\partial p} \right| \leq C |x - y|,$$

where $p = s, x; s \in [0, \tau]; x, y \in [\lambda_*, \lambda^*];$

(12) $\int_0^\infty s C_s^2 ds < \infty$, where C_s is taken from condition (i) and, in addition, the inequalities

$$\left| \frac{\partial \alpha_i(s, x)}{\partial s} \right| \leq C_s, \quad i = 2, 3, \quad s \in \mathbf{R}^+, \quad x \in [\lambda_*, \lambda^*],$$

are valid. Then

$$T^{1/2} \int_0^\tau |\lambda_T(t) - \lambda_0(t)|^2 dt = o_p(1).$$

Proof. According to Theorem 2 and Remark 5, given condition (j) $\|\lambda_T - \lambda_0\|_{W_{2p}^1} \rightarrow 0$ a.s. as $T \rightarrow \infty$. By the imbedding theorem for Sobolev spaces (see Remark 1(b)) and condition (k) we have

$$(20) \quad \max_{0 \leq t \leq \tau} \frac{|\lambda_T(t) - \lambda_0(t)|}{\lambda_0(t)} \rightarrow 0 \quad (\text{a.s.}), \quad T \rightarrow \infty.$$

Denote

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta_T(t) &:= \lambda_T(t) - \lambda_0(t); & a_0(t) &:= \int_0^t \lambda_0(u) du; \\ N_i(t) &:= N(t + \tau(i - 1)) - N(\tau(i - 1)), & i &\geq 1, \end{aligned}$$

where $N(t) = N_t(\lambda_0); A_n(t) := n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n N_i(t) - a_0(t); t \in [0, \tau]$. We rewrite the functional Q_T in the form

$$\begin{aligned} Q_T(\lambda) &= \frac{1}{T} \int_0^{n\tau} \alpha(s, \lambda) dw_s - \frac{1}{2T} \int_0^T |\alpha(s, \lambda) - \alpha(s, \lambda_0)|^2 ds + \frac{1}{2T} \int_0^T \alpha^2(s, \lambda_0) ds \\ &+ \frac{n}{T} \left[- \int_0^\tau \lambda(s) ds + \int_0^\tau \lambda_0(t) \log \lambda(t) dt + \int_0^\tau \log \lambda(t) dA_n(t) \right] \\ &+ R_T^1(\lambda) + R_T^2(\lambda), \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} R_T^1(\lambda) &:= -\frac{1}{T} \int_0^{T-n\tau} \lambda(t) dt + \frac{1}{T} \int_0^{T-n\tau} \log \lambda(t) dN_{n+1}(t), \\ R_T^2(\lambda) &:= \frac{1}{T} \int_{n\tau}^T \alpha(s, \lambda) dw_s, \quad n\tau \leq T < (n + 1)\tau. \end{aligned}$$

From the definition of the estimator we see that $Q_T(\lambda_T) \geq Q_T(\lambda_0)$, whence

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^\tau \Delta_T(t) dt - \int_0^\tau \lambda_0(t) \log \left(1 + \frac{\Delta_T(t)}{\lambda_0(t)} \right) dt \\ & \leq \int_0^\tau \log \left(1 + \frac{\Delta_T(t)}{\lambda_0(t)} \right) dA_n(t) + \frac{1}{n} \int_0^{n\tau} [\alpha(s, \lambda_T) - \alpha(s, \lambda_0)] dw_s \\ & \quad - \frac{1}{2n} \int_0^{n\tau} |\alpha(s, \lambda_T) - \alpha(s, \lambda_0)|^2 ds + \frac{T}{n} \sum_{i=1,2} \left(|R_T^i(\lambda_T)| + |R_T^i(\lambda_0)| \right). \end{aligned}$$

As shown in [3], under the conditions of the theorem $R_T^1(\lambda_T)$ and $R_T^1(\lambda_0)$ are $O_p(1)/T$. Moreover, it follows from (20) that there exists a $\delta > 0$ such that

$$(21) \quad \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \mathbf{P} \left\{ \int_0^\tau \left[\Delta_T(t) - \lambda_0(t) \log \left(1 + \frac{\Delta_T(t)}{\lambda_0(t)} \right) \right] dt \geq \delta \int_0^\tau |\Delta_T(t)|^2 dt \right\} = 1.$$

In [3] it is also established that

$$(22) \quad \int_0^\tau \log \left(1 + \frac{\Delta_T(t)}{\lambda_0(t)} \right) dA_n(t) = \frac{o_p(1)}{\sqrt{T}}.$$

We evaluate

$$Q_{n\tau}^i(\lambda_T) - Q_{n\tau}^i(\lambda_0) = \frac{1}{n\tau} \int_0^{n\tau} [\alpha_i(s, \lambda_T) - \alpha_i(s, \lambda_0)] dw_s,$$

using (12)–(15), (17), (18), and conditions (1):

$$\begin{aligned} |Q_{n\tau}^1(\lambda_T) - Q_{n\tau}^1(\lambda_0)| & \leq \frac{1}{n\tau} |B_n(\tau)| C |\lambda_T(\tau) - \lambda_0(\tau)| + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}\tau} \left\| \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} Y_i \right\|_{L_2[0,\tau]} \\ & \quad \times \left(\int_0^\tau \left[\left| \frac{\partial}{\partial s} \alpha_1(s, \lambda_T) - \frac{\partial}{\partial s} \alpha_1(s, \lambda_0) \right| \right. \right. \\ & \quad \left. \left. + \left| \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \alpha_1(s, \lambda_T) - \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \alpha_1(s, \lambda_0) \right| |\lambda'_0(s)| \right. \right. \\ (23) \quad & \left. \left. + \left| \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \alpha_1(s, \lambda_T) \right| |\lambda'_T(s) - \lambda'_0(s)| \right]^2 ds \right)^{1/2}. \end{aligned}$$

We know that

$$(24) \quad \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} |B_n(\tau)| = O_p(1), \quad \left\| \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} Y_i \right\|_{L_2[0,\tau]} = O_p(1).$$

By condition (11)

$$(25) \quad \left(\int_0^\tau \left| \frac{\partial}{\partial s} (\alpha_1(s, \lambda_T) - \alpha_1(s, \lambda_0)) \right|^2 ds \right)^{1/2} = o_p(1).$$

According to conditions (j) and (11)

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \left(\int_0^\tau \left| \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (\alpha_1(s, \lambda_T) - \alpha_1(s, \lambda_0)) \right|^2 |\lambda'_0(s)|^2 ds \right)^{1/2} \\
 & \leq C \left(\int_0^\tau |\lambda_T - \lambda_0|^{2p} ds \right)^{1/(2p)} \left(\int_0^\tau |\lambda'_0(s)|^{2q} ds \right)^{1/(2q)} \\
 (26) \quad & \leq C \|\lambda_T - \lambda_0\|_{\overline{W}_{2p}^1} = o_p(1).
 \end{aligned}$$

Additionally,

$$(27) \quad \left(\int_0^\tau \left| \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \alpha_1(s, \lambda_T) \right|^2 |\lambda'_T(s) - \lambda'_0(s)|^2 ds \right)^{1/2} \leq C \|\lambda_T - \lambda_0\|_{\overline{W}_{2p}^1} = o_p(1).$$

In view of (24)–(27) the left-hand side of (23) is $o_p(1)/\sqrt{T}$. Relations (17), (18), and condition (12) give for $i = 2, 3$

$$\begin{aligned}
 |Q_{n\tau}^i(\lambda_T) - Q_{n\tau}^i(\lambda_0)| & \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{n\tau}} \frac{|w_{n\tau}|}{\sqrt{n\tau}} \left| \alpha_i(n\tau, \lambda_T(n\tau)) - \alpha_i(n\tau, \lambda_0(n\tau)) \right| \\
 & \quad + \frac{C}{\sqrt{n}} \left(\int_0^{n\tau} w_s^2 C_s^2 ds \right)^{1/2} \|\lambda_T - \lambda_0\|_{\overline{W}_2^1} \\
 (28) \quad & \quad + \frac{C}{n} \left(\int_0^{n\tau} w_s^2 C_s^2 ds \right)^{1/2} \|\lambda_T - \lambda_0\|_{\overline{W}_2^1} = \frac{o_p(1)}{\sqrt{T}}.
 \end{aligned}$$

We make use of the estimate

$$\mathbf{E} \int_0^{n\tau} w_s^2 C_s^2 ds = \int_0^{n\tau} s C_s^2 ds \leq \int_0^\infty s C_s^2 ds < \infty, \quad n \geq 1.$$

Consider the remainder term $R_T^2(\lambda_T)$ (the remainder term $R_T^2(\lambda_0)$ can be evaluated in a similar way):

$$\begin{aligned}
 |R_T^2(\lambda_T)| & \leq \frac{1}{T} |w(T) - w(n\tau)| \\
 & \quad \times \left(\sup_{0 \leq s \leq \tau, x \in [\lambda_*, \lambda^*]} |\alpha_1(s, x)| + \sup_{i=2,3, n\tau \leq s \leq T, x \in [\lambda_*, \lambda^*]} |\alpha_i(s, x)| \right) \\
 & \quad + \frac{1}{T} \int_{n\tau}^T |w_s| \left| \frac{d}{ds} \alpha(s, \lambda_T(s)) \right| ds.
 \end{aligned}$$

By conditions (1)

$$(29) \quad |R_T^2(\lambda_T)| = \frac{o_p(1)}{\sqrt{T}}.$$

Now the statement of the theorem follows from estimates (21)–(29).

Remark 6. If $\alpha_1(s, x)$ is a linear function in x , then instead of condition (j) it suffices to require (d). Indeed, in this case the left-hand side of (26) is equal to zero, whereas the remaining summands in the right-hand side of (23) are evaluated by

$$\frac{O_p(1)}{\sqrt{T}} \|\lambda_T - \lambda_0\|_{\overline{W}_2^1}.$$

5. Convergence of smooth functionals of the estimator. Let $p \in (1, 2)$, q be its conjugate index; K_0 be an open bounded convex set in \overline{W}_{2q}^1 consisting of positive functions; and let K be the closure of K_0 in \overline{W}_{2p}^1 . Since $p < q$, it follows that \overline{W}_{2p}^1 is a compact imbedding into \overline{W}_{2q}^1 (Remark 1(b)), and K is a compact set in \overline{W}_{2p}^1 . Moreover, K is a bounded set in \overline{W}_{2q}^1 . Indeed, let $\sup_{f \in K_0} \int_0^\tau |f'|^{2q} ds \leq R$. If $\{f_n\} \subset K_0$ and $f_n \rightarrow g$ in \overline{W}_{2p}^1 , then f_n converges to g uniformly in $[0, \tau]$; then by the lemma [10, p. 86] being valid given the exponent $2q > 1$, the inequality $\int_0^\tau |f_n'|^{2q} ds \leq R$ yields $\int_0^\tau |g'|^{2q} ds \leq R$.

Suppose that the following condition is valid:

(m) The function $\lambda_0 \in K_0$.

THEOREM 4. *Let conditions (c), (e), (g)–(i), (l), and (m) be fulfilled and let the following condition be valid:*

(n1) $\alpha_1 \in C^2([0, \tau] \times [\lambda_*, \lambda^*]);$

(n2) $\alpha_{2,3} \in C^2(\mathbf{R}^+ \times [\lambda_*, \lambda^*]);$

(n3) for $i = 2, 3$ $|\partial^2 \alpha_i(s, x) / \partial s \partial x| \leq D_s$, where D_s is bounded and

$$\limsup_{T \rightarrow \infty} (\sqrt{T})^{-1} \int_0^T s D_s^2 ds < \infty;$$

(n4) $\left| \frac{\partial^2 \alpha_1(s, x)}{\partial s \partial x} - \frac{\partial^2 \alpha_1(s, y)}{\partial s \partial x} \right| + \left| \frac{\partial^2 \alpha_1(s, x)}{\partial x^2} - \frac{\partial^2 \alpha_1(s, y)}{\partial x^2} \right| \leq C |x - y|,$

(n5) $\left| \frac{\partial^2 \alpha_i(s, x)}{\partial s \partial x} - \frac{\partial^2 \alpha_i(s, y)}{\partial s \partial x} \right| \leq D_s |x - y|, \quad i = 2, 3,$

where D_s are the same as in condition (n3);

(n6) for $i = 2, 3$

$$\sup_{0 \leq s \leq \tau, \lambda_* \leq x \leq \lambda^*} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \left| \frac{\partial \alpha_i(s + k\tau, x)}{\partial x} \right|^2 = O\left(\frac{1}{n^{1/4}}\right).$$

(n7) for $i = 2, 3$, $|\partial^2 \alpha_i(s, x) / \partial x^2| \leq F_s$ and F_s is bounded with

$$\limsup_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T (s F_s^2)^P ds < \infty;$$

(n8) $\left| \frac{\partial^2 \alpha_i(s, x)}{\partial x^2} - \frac{\partial^2 \alpha_i(s, y)}{\partial x^2} \right| \leq G_s |x - y|, \quad i = 2, 3,$

where G_s is bounded and $\limsup_{T \rightarrow \infty} T^{-1/(q+1)} \int_0^T (s G_s^2)^{q/(q+1)} ds < \infty$.

Then for any function $\varphi \in \overline{W}_{2q}^1$ the distribution of the random variable

$$\sqrt{\frac{T}{\tau}} \int_0^\tau \varphi(t) (\lambda_T(t) - \lambda_0(t)) dt$$

is weakly convergent, as $T \rightarrow \infty$, to the normal distribution with zero mean and variance

$$\int_0^\tau \varphi^2(t) \left(\frac{1}{\lambda_0(t)} + \left| \frac{\partial \alpha_1(t, \lambda_0)}{\partial x} \right|^2 \right)^{-1} dt.$$

Proof. By condition (m) there exists an $\varepsilon > 0$ such that $\lambda_0(t) \geq \varepsilon$, $t \in [0, \tau]$. By virtue of Theorem 2 and the imbedding theorem for Sobolev spaces

$$\lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \mathbf{P} \left\{ \lambda_T(t) \geq \frac{\varepsilon}{2}, t \in [0, \tau] \right\} = 1.$$

Further, we consider only those T and ω which meet the preceding inequality. Take the Gateaux derivative $\langle Q'_T(\lambda_T), h \rangle$ of Q_T at the point λ_T along a direction $h \in \overline{W}_2^1[0, \tau]$, where h is periodically continued with period τ :

$$\begin{aligned} \langle Q'_T(\lambda_T), h \rangle &= \frac{n\tau}{T} \frac{1}{\tau} \left[- \int_0^\tau h ds + \int_0^\tau \frac{\lambda_0}{\lambda_T} h ds + \int_0^\tau \frac{h}{\lambda_T} dA_n \right] \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \frac{\partial \alpha(s, \lambda_T)}{\partial x} [\alpha(s, \lambda_T) - \alpha(s, \lambda_0)] h(s) ds \\ (30) \quad &\quad + \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \frac{\partial \alpha(s, \lambda_T)}{\partial x} h(s) dw_s + \langle R'_T(\lambda_T), h \rangle, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\langle R'_T(\lambda_T), h \rangle = \frac{1}{T} \left(- \int_0^{T-n\tau} h ds + \int_0^{T-n\tau} \frac{h}{\lambda_T} dN_{n+1} \right).$$

Recall that A_n and N_n were introduced in section 4.

We fix a function $\psi \in \overline{W}_{2q}^1$. By condition (m) there exists a $\delta > 0$ such that the functions $\lambda_0 \pm \delta\psi$ belong to K_0 . Set K being convex, the functions

$$q_\pm(t) := Q_T(\lambda_T + t(\lambda_0 - \lambda_T \pm \delta\psi)), \quad t \in [0, 1],$$

are well defined. They attain maximum at $t = 0$, whence

$$q'_\pm(0) := \langle Q'_T(\lambda_T), \lambda_0 - \lambda_T \pm \delta\psi \rangle \leq 0$$

or

$$(31) \quad \left| \langle Q'_T(\lambda_T), \psi \rangle \right| \leq \frac{1}{\delta} \langle Q'_T(\lambda_T), \Delta_T \rangle,$$

where Δ_T was defined in section 4.

Let us estimate the right-hand side of (31). It is shown in [3] that under the condition of the theorem

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{n\tau}{T} \frac{1}{\tau} \left[- \int_0^\tau \Delta_T ds + \int_0^\tau \frac{\lambda_0 \Delta_T}{\lambda_T} ds + \int_0^\tau \frac{\Delta_T}{\lambda_T} dA_n \right] &= \frac{o_p(1)}{\sqrt{T}}; \\ \langle R'_T(\lambda_T), \Delta_T \rangle &= \frac{o_p(1)}{T}. \end{aligned}$$

We evaluate the integral

$$I_1 := \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T |\alpha'_x(s, \lambda_T)| |\alpha(s, \lambda_T) - \alpha(s, \lambda_0)| |\Delta_T| ds.$$

Making use of conditions (i) and Theorem 3 gives

$$\begin{aligned} I_1 &\leq \frac{C}{T} \int_0^T |\alpha'_x(s, \lambda_T)| |\Delta_T|^2 ds \leq \frac{C(n+1)}{T} \int_0^T \left| \frac{\partial \alpha_1}{\partial x}(s, \lambda_T) \right| |\Delta_T|^2 ds \\ &\quad + \frac{C}{T} \int_0^T \left| \frac{\partial(\alpha_2 + \alpha_3)}{\partial x}(s, \lambda_T) \right| |\Delta_T|^2 ds \leq C_1 \int_0^T |\Delta_T|^2 ds = \frac{o_p(1)}{\sqrt{T}}. \end{aligned}$$

Denote by $\Delta'_T := \lambda'_T - \lambda'_0$ the derivative of Δ_T . Using conditions (n1) and (n2) and the notation B_n from section 3, we evaluate the integral

$$\begin{aligned} I_2 &:= \frac{1}{T} \left| \int_0^T \alpha'_x(s, \lambda_T) \Delta_T(s) dw_s \right| \leq \frac{1}{T} \left| \int_0^{n\tau} \alpha'_x(s, \lambda_T) \Delta_T dw_s \right| \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{T} \left| \int_{n\tau}^T \alpha'_x(s, \lambda_T) \Delta_T dw_s \right| \leq \frac{C}{n\tau} \left| \int_0^{\tau} \frac{\partial \alpha_1}{\partial x}(s, \lambda_T) \Delta_T dB_n \right| \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{T} \left| \int_0^{n\tau} \frac{\partial(\alpha_2 + \alpha_3)}{\partial x}(s, \lambda_T) \Delta_T dw_s \right| + \frac{1}{T} \left| \int_{n\tau}^T \alpha'_x(s, \lambda_T) dw_s \right| \\ &\leq \frac{C |B_n(\tau)|}{n\tau} \left| \frac{\partial \alpha_1(\tau, \lambda_T(\tau))}{\partial x} \Delta_T(\tau) \right| + \frac{C}{n\tau} \int_0^{\tau} |B_n(s)| \left| \frac{d}{ds} \frac{\partial \alpha_1(s, \lambda_T(s))}{\partial x} \right| ds \\ &\quad + \frac{C}{n\tau} \int_0^{\tau} |B_n| \left| \frac{\partial \alpha_1}{\partial x}(s, \lambda_T) \Delta'_T \right| ds \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{T} \left| \frac{\partial(\alpha_2 + \alpha_3)}{\partial x}(n\tau, \lambda_T(\tau)) \Delta_T(\tau) \right| |w(n\tau)| \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{T} \int_0^{n\tau} \left| \frac{d}{ds} \frac{\partial(\alpha_2 + \alpha_3)}{\partial x}(s, \lambda_T) \right| |w_s| ds \\ (32) \quad &\quad + \frac{1}{T} \int_0^{n\tau} \left| \frac{\partial(\alpha_2 + \alpha_3)}{\partial x}(s, \lambda_T) \Delta'_T \right| |w_s| ds + \frac{1}{T} \left| \int_{n\tau}^T \frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial x}(s, \lambda_T) dw_s \right|. \end{aligned}$$

It is not difficult to check that

$$\frac{d}{ds} \frac{\partial \alpha_i(s, \lambda_T)}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial^2 \alpha_i(s, \lambda_T)}{\partial s \partial x} + \frac{\partial^2 \alpha_i(s, \lambda_T)}{\partial x^2};$$

$$\frac{|B_n(\tau)|}{n\tau} \left| \frac{\partial \alpha_1}{\partial x}(\tau, \lambda_T(\tau)) \Delta_T(\tau) \right| = \frac{o_p(1)}{\sqrt{T}};$$

$$\frac{1}{n\tau} \int_0^{\tau} |B_n| \left| \frac{\partial^2 \alpha_1(s, \lambda_T)}{\partial s \partial x} \Delta_T \right| ds \leq \frac{C}{\sqrt{n}} \left\| \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} Y_i \right\|_{L_2[0, \tau]} \left(\int_0^{\tau} |\Delta_T|^2 ds \right)^{1/2} = \frac{o_p(1)}{\sqrt{T}};$$

$$\frac{1}{n\tau} \int_0^{\tau} |B_n| \left| \frac{\partial \alpha_1(s, \lambda_T)}{\partial x} \Delta'_t \right| ds \leq \frac{C}{\sqrt{n}} \left\| \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} Y_i \right\|_{L_2[0, \tau]} \left(\int_0^{\tau} |\Delta'_T|^2 ds \right)^{1/2} = \frac{o_p(1)}{\sqrt{T}};$$

$$\frac{1}{T} |w(n\tau)| \left| \frac{\partial(\alpha_2 + \alpha_3)}{\partial x}(n\tau, \lambda_T(\tau)) \Delta_t(\tau) \right| = \frac{o_p(1)}{\sqrt{T}}.$$

By condition (n3) and Theorem 3

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \frac{1}{T} \int_0^{n\tau} \left| \frac{\partial^2(\alpha_2 + \alpha_3)}{\partial s \partial x}(s, \lambda_T) \Delta_T \right| |w_s| ds \\
 & \leq \frac{1}{T} \left(\int_0^{n\tau} D_s^2 w_s^2 ds \right)^{1/2} \sqrt{n} \left(\int_0^\tau |\Delta_T|^2 ds \right)^{1/2} \\
 (33) \quad & \leq \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \int_0^T D_s^2 w_s^2 ds \right)^{1/2} \frac{o_p(1)}{\sqrt{T}} = \frac{o_p(1)}{\sqrt{T}},
 \end{aligned}$$

since

$$\limsup_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \mathbf{E} \int_0^T D_s^2 w_s^2 ds = \limsup_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \int_0^T D_s^2 s ds < \infty.$$

By condition (12) we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \frac{1}{T} \int_0^{n\tau} \left| \frac{\partial(\alpha_2 + \alpha_3)}{\partial x} \Delta_T \right| |w_s| ds \\
 & \leq \sqrt{\frac{n}{T}} \left(\int_0^\tau |\Delta_T|^2 ds \right)^{1/2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \left(\int_0^{n\tau} C_s^2 w_s^2 ds \right)^{1/2} = \frac{o_p(1)}{\sqrt{T}}.
 \end{aligned}$$

“The remainder term” in the right-hand side of (32) admits estimates similar to (33); consequently, $I_2 = o_p(1)/\sqrt{T}$. Thus, $|\langle Q'_T(\lambda_T), \psi \rangle| = o_p(1)/\sqrt{T}$.

Insert ψ for h in (30). By Theorem 3 in [3]

$$\begin{aligned}
 \langle Q'_T(\lambda_T), \psi \rangle &= -\frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \alpha'_x(s, \lambda_T) [\alpha(s, \lambda_T) - \alpha(s, \lambda_0)] \psi ds \\
 & \quad + \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \alpha'_x(s, \lambda_T) \psi dw_s \\
 (34) \quad & \quad + \frac{1 + o(1)}{\tau} \left(-\int_0^\tau \frac{\Delta_T \psi}{\lambda_0} ds + \int_0^\tau \frac{\psi}{\lambda_0} dA_n \right) + \frac{o_p(1)}{\sqrt{T}}.
 \end{aligned}$$

We estimate the integral

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \alpha'_x(s, \lambda_T) \psi dw_s &= \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \alpha'_x(s, \lambda_0) \psi dw_s \\
 & \quad + \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T [\alpha'_x(s, \lambda_T) - \alpha'_x(s, \lambda_0)] \psi dw_s := J_1 + J_2.
 \end{aligned}$$

Below we take $T = n\tau$; for $n\tau \leq T < (n+1)\tau$ we perform the corresponding estimates of “the remainders.” Then

$$J_1 = \frac{1}{n\tau} \int_0^\tau \frac{\partial \alpha_1}{\partial x}(s, \lambda_0) \psi dB_n + \frac{1}{n\tau} \int_0^{n\tau} \frac{\partial(\alpha_2 + \alpha_3)}{\partial x}(s, \lambda_0) \psi dw_s.$$

According to the central limit theorem,

$$\frac{1}{\tau\sqrt{n}} \int_0^\tau \frac{\partial \alpha_1}{\partial x}(s, \lambda_0) \psi dB_n \implies \mathcal{N}\left(0, \frac{1}{\tau^2} \int_0^\tau \left| \frac{\partial \alpha_1}{\partial s}(s, \lambda_0) \right|^2 \psi^2 ds\right)$$

in distribution as $n \rightarrow \infty$. In addition, by condition (n6)

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbf{E} \left| \frac{1}{\tau\sqrt{n}} \int_0^{n\tau} \frac{\partial(\alpha_2 + \alpha_3)}{\partial x}(s, \lambda_0) \psi dw_s \right|^2 \\ & \leq \frac{C_1}{n} \int_0^\tau \psi^2 \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \left| \frac{\partial(\alpha_2 + \alpha_3)(s + k\tau, \lambda_0(s))}{\partial x} \right|^2 ds = o(1), \quad n \rightarrow \infty. \end{aligned}$$

Thus,

$$J_1\sqrt{n} \implies \mathcal{N}\left(0, \frac{1}{\tau^2} \int_0^\tau \left| \frac{\partial\alpha_1}{\partial s}(s, \lambda_0) \right|^2 \psi^2 ds\right)$$

in distribution. Evaluating J_2 we have

$$\begin{aligned} J_2 & \leq \frac{1}{n\tau} \left| \int_0^\tau \left(\frac{\partial\alpha_1}{\partial x}(s, \lambda_T) - \frac{\partial\alpha_1}{\partial x}(s, \lambda_0) \right) \psi dB_n \right| \\ & \quad + \frac{1}{n\tau} \left| \int_0^{n\tau} \left(\frac{\partial(\alpha_2 + \alpha_3)}{\partial x}(s, \lambda_T) - \frac{\partial(\alpha_2 + \alpha_3)}{\partial x}(s, \lambda_0) \right) \psi dw_s \right| \\ & \leq \frac{C|\lambda_T(\tau) - \lambda_0(\tau)|}{n\tau} |\psi(\tau)| |B_n(\tau)| \\ & \quad + \frac{1}{n\tau} \left(\int_0^\tau \left| \frac{d}{ds} \left(\frac{\partial\alpha_1}{\partial x}(s, \lambda_T) - \frac{\partial\alpha_1}{\partial x}(s, \lambda_0) \right) \right|^2 \psi^2 ds \right)^{1/2} \left\| \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} Y_i \right\|_{L_2[0,\tau]} \\ & \quad + \left\| \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} Y_i \right\|_{L_2[0,\tau]} \frac{1}{n\tau} \left(\int_0^\tau |\psi'|^2 \left| \frac{\partial\alpha_1}{\partial x}(s, \lambda_T) - \frac{\partial\alpha_1}{\partial x}(s, \lambda_0) \right|^2 ds \right)^{1/2} \\ & \quad + \frac{C|w(n\tau)|}{n\tau} |\psi(T)| \left| \frac{\partial(\alpha_2 + \alpha_3)}{\partial x}(T, \lambda_T(T)) - \frac{\partial(\alpha_2 + \alpha_3)}{\partial x}(T, \lambda_0(T)) \right| \\ & \quad + \frac{1}{n\tau} \int_0^{n\tau} \left| \frac{\partial^2(\alpha_2 + \alpha_3)}{\partial s \partial x}(s, \lambda_T) - \frac{\partial^2(\alpha_2 + \alpha_3)}{\partial s \partial x}(s, \lambda_0) \right| |\psi| |w_s| ds \\ & \quad + \frac{1}{n\tau} \int_0^{n\tau} \left| \frac{\partial(\alpha_2 + \alpha_3)}{\partial x}(s, \lambda_T) - \frac{\partial(\alpha_2 + \alpha_3)}{\partial x}(s, \lambda_0) \right| |\psi'| |w_s| ds \\ & \leq \frac{C}{\sqrt{n}} \left\| \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} Y_i \right\|_{L_2[0,\tau]} \left(\int_0^\tau |\psi'|^{2q} ds \right)^{1/(2q)} \|\lambda_T - \lambda_0\|_{\overline{W}_{2p}^1} \\ & \quad + \frac{1}{n\tau} \int_0^{n\tau} D_s |\Delta_T| |\psi| |w_s| ds + \frac{1}{n\tau} \int_0^{n\tau} C_s |\Delta_T| |\psi'| |w_s| ds + \frac{o_p(1)}{\sqrt{n}} = \frac{o_p(1)}{\sqrt{n}}. \end{aligned}$$

Let us estimate the integral

$$J_3 := \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \alpha'_x(s, \lambda_T) [\alpha(s, \lambda_T) - \alpha(s, \lambda_0)] \psi ds.$$

We have

$$J_3 = \frac{1}{\tau} \int_0^\tau \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} |\alpha'_x(s + i\tau, \lambda_0)|^2 \Delta_T \psi ds + \frac{o_p(1)}{\sqrt{n}}.$$

Condition (n6) and Theorem 3 yield

$$J_3 = \frac{1}{\tau} \int_0^\tau \left| \frac{\partial \alpha_1}{\partial x}(s, \lambda_0) \right|^2 \Delta_T \psi ds + r_n + \frac{o_p(1)}{\sqrt{n}},$$

where

$$|r_n| \leq \frac{C}{T^{1/4}} \int_0^\tau |\Delta_T| |\psi| ds \leq \frac{C}{\sqrt{T}} \left(\int_0^\tau \psi^2 ds \cdot T^{1/2} \cdot \int_0^\tau |\Delta_T|^2 ds \right)^{1/2} = \frac{o_p(1)}{\sqrt{T}}.$$

Relations (34) and (31) imply the representation

$$\sqrt{n} \tau J_3 + \sqrt{n} \int_0^\tau \frac{\Delta_T \psi}{\lambda_0} ds = \tau J_1 \sqrt{n} + \sqrt{n} \int_0^\tau \frac{\psi}{\lambda_0} dA_n + o_p(1).$$

Hence

$$\sqrt{n} \int_0^\tau \left(\frac{1}{\lambda_0} + \left| \frac{\partial \alpha_1(s, \lambda_0)}{\partial x} \right|^2 \right) \Delta_T \psi ds \implies \mathcal{N} \left(0, \int_0^\tau \left(\frac{1}{\lambda_0} + \left| \frac{\partial \alpha_1(s, \lambda_0)}{\partial x} \right|^2 \right) \psi^2 ds \right)$$

in distribution as $n \rightarrow \infty$. Letting here

$$\varphi := \left(\frac{1}{\lambda_0} + \left| \frac{\partial \alpha_1(s, \lambda_0)}{\partial x} \right|^2 \right) \psi,$$

we obtain the desired relation

$$\sqrt{\frac{T}{\tau}} \int_0^\tau \varphi \Delta_T ds \implies \mathcal{N} \left(0, \int_0^\tau \varphi^2 \left(\frac{1}{\lambda_0} + \left| \frac{\partial \alpha_1(s, \lambda_0)}{\partial x} \right|^2 \right)^{-1} ds \right).$$

Theorem 4 is proved.

6. Comparison of estimators. The efficiency of the estimator under consideration is measured in terms of the asymptotic variance of a smooth functional of it:

$$\sigma^2(\varphi) := \int_0^\tau \varphi^2 \left(\frac{1}{\lambda_0} + \left| \frac{\partial \alpha_1(s, \lambda_0)}{\partial x} \right|^2 \right)^{-1} ds.$$

If the MLE $\tilde{\lambda}_T$ is constructed by the Poisson component $\{N_t(\lambda_0), 0 \leq t \leq T\}$, then, according to [3],

$$\sqrt{\frac{T}{\tau}} \int_0^\tau \varphi(\tilde{\lambda}_T - \lambda_0) ds \implies \mathcal{N} \left(0, \int_0^\tau \varphi^2 \lambda_0 ds \right),$$

and the asymptotic variance is $\tilde{\sigma}^2(\varphi) := \int_0^\tau \varphi^2 \lambda_0 ds$. If we construct the MLE $\hat{\lambda}_T$ by observations over $\{\eta_t(\lambda_0), 0 \leq t \leq T\}$, then, given

$$(35) \quad \frac{\partial \alpha_1(s, x)}{\partial s} \neq 0, \quad s \in [0, \tau], \quad x \in [\lambda_*, \lambda^*],$$

we have

$$\sqrt{\frac{T}{\tau}} \int_0^\tau \varphi(\hat{\lambda}_T - \lambda_0) ds \implies \mathcal{N} \left(0, \int_0^\tau \varphi^2 \left| \frac{\partial \alpha_1(s, \lambda_0)}{\partial x} \right|^{-2} ds \right),$$

and the asymptotic variance is

$$\hat{\sigma}^2(\varphi) := \int_0^\tau \varphi^2 \left| \frac{\partial \alpha_1(s, \lambda_0)}{\partial x} \right|^{-2} ds.$$

Under the conditions of Theorem 4 the following inequality is valid for $\varphi \in \overline{W}_{2q}^1$, $\varphi \neq 0$:

$$(36) \quad \sigma^2(\varphi) \leq \hat{\sigma}^2(\varphi),$$

and under the additional condition (35) $\sigma^2(\varphi) < \hat{\sigma}^2(\varphi)$. The strict inequality in (36) is valid if

$$\text{mes} \left\{ s \in \text{supp } \varphi: \frac{\partial \alpha_1(s, \lambda_0(s))}{\partial x} \neq 0 \right\} > 0.$$

Thus, the joint processing of the components $\{N_t(\lambda_0), \eta_t(\lambda_0)\}$ under observation is more efficient than their separate processing.

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