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# ON BERRY-ESSEEN TYPE BOUND FOR LEAST SQUARES ESTIMATOR FOR DIFFUSION PROCESSES BASED ON DISCRETE OBSERVATIONS

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**Abstract:** The paper is concerned with the distribution of the least squares estimator (LSE) of the drift parameter in the stochastic differential equation (SDE) of small diffusion observed over discrete set of time points. Convergence of the distribution of the least squares estimator to the standard normal distribution with an error bound has been obtained when the discretization step decreases with noise intensity.

Key words : Ito stochastic differential equation, Berry-Esseen bound, Least squares estimator.

## 1 Introduction

One of the basic assumptions in the study of estimation for parameters of a diffusion process is that the process can be observed continuously in time. This assumption is too strong and impossible to meet in practice. In view of this, it is desirable to study if the parameter can be reasonably estimated from the discrete data  $\mathcal{D}_d = \{t_0, t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n; X(t_0), X(t_1), \dots, X(t_n)\}$ . This problem was first studied by Le Breton (1976) using Ito approximation and later by Mishra and Bishwal (1995) using Stratonovich approximation. They considered the linear stochastic differential equation (SDE)

$$\begin{aligned}dX(t) &= \theta X(t)dt + dW(t), \quad 0 < t \leq T, \\X(0) &= 0\end{aligned}\tag{1.1}$$

where  $\{W(t), t \geq 0\}$  is the standard wiener process and studied the discrete approximation of the maximum likelihood estimator (MLE)  $\hat{\theta}_T$  of  $\theta$  when  $T$  is fixed, based

on the process  $X(t)$  observed over  $[0, T]$ , by an estimator based on  $X_{t_i}$ ,  $0 \leq i \leq n$  and  $\Delta_n = \max\{|t_i - t_{i+1}|, 0 \leq i \leq n - 1\} \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . The problem was studied by Mishra and Prakasa Rao (2002) for non-linear stochastic differential equation (SDE) by using Stratonovich approximation.

Asymptotic optimality in the minimax sense of an approximate MLE and an approximate Bayes estimator of a parameter in the drift coefficient of a non-linear SDE, when the observations are made at regularly spaced and dense time points was studied by Mishra and Prakasa Rao (2001).

Considering the stochastic differential equation

$$\begin{aligned} dX(t) &= f(\theta, X(t))dt + dW(t), \quad 0 < t \leq T, \\ X(0) &= X_0, \end{aligned} \tag{1.2}$$

Dorogovchev (1976) studied the least squares estimator (LSE)  $\hat{\theta}_n$  and proved that  $\hat{\theta}_n \rightarrow \theta_0$  (the true value of the parameter) in probability as  $\Delta_n \rightarrow 0$  and  $T \rightarrow \infty$ . Kasonga (1988) proved under mild regularity conditions that, the LSE  $\hat{\theta}_n$  of  $\theta$  derived from equation (1.2) based on  $\{\mathcal{D}_d\}$  is strongly consistent. In addition to this, Prakasa Rao and Rubin (1981) studied the strong consistency and asymptotic normality of an estimator related to LSE for parameter in the nonlinear stochastic differential equation by studying families of stochastic integrals using Fourier analytic methods. Prakasa Rao (1983) studied the asymptotic distribution of the LSE of parameter in the drift coefficient in a nonlinear stochastic differential equation.

A comprehensive discussion on parameteric and non-parametric inference for stochastic process from sampled data is given in Prakasa Rao (1988) and more recently in Prakasa Rao (1999).

The study of the asymptotic distribution of an estimator is not very useful for practical purposes unless the rate convergence is known. No result of this type is known for the distribution of the least squares estimator of the drift parameter of a diffusion process described by a nonlinear homogenous stochastic differential equation even though asymptotic properties of the estimator are known (cf. Prakasa Rao (1999)).

In this paper we obtain the Berry-Esseen bound for the LSE of the drift parameter in Ito type stochastic differential equation of small diffusion, when the discretization step decreases with noise intensity. Section 2 of the paper deals with some preliminaries and main results.

## 2 Main Result

Let  $X_\varepsilon(t)$  be the solution of the one dimensional nonlinear stochastic differential equation

$$\begin{aligned} dX_\varepsilon(t) &= f(\theta, X_\varepsilon(t))dt + \varepsilon dW(t), \quad 0 < t < T_\varepsilon \\ X_\varepsilon(0) &= X_0, \end{aligned} \quad (2.1)$$

where  $\{W(t), t \geq 0\}$  is a standard wiener process,  $f(\theta, x)$  is a known real valued function  $\theta \in \Theta \subset \mathbb{R}$  and  $X_0$  is independent of  $\{W(t), t \geq 0\}$ .

In this paper we are concerned with the discretization of the process  $\{X_\varepsilon(t), t \geq 0\}$  when its values are observed at equidistant time points in  $[0, T_\varepsilon]$ . Actually we take  $T_\varepsilon = \sqrt{\varepsilon n_\varepsilon}$  and choose design points as  $t_k = (k-1)\frac{T_\varepsilon}{n_\varepsilon}$ ,  $k = 1, 2, \dots, n_\varepsilon + 1$ . Then of course  $\Delta t_k = t_{k+1} - t_k = \sqrt{\frac{\varepsilon}{n_\varepsilon}}$  for  $k = 1, 2, \dots, n_\varepsilon$ , when  $\varepsilon n_\varepsilon$  tends to infinity and  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$ . Let

$$Z_{n_\varepsilon}(\theta) = \sum_{k=1}^{n_\varepsilon} \left[ X_\varepsilon(t_{k+1}) - X_\varepsilon(t_k) - f(\theta, X_\varepsilon(t_k)) \sqrt{\frac{\varepsilon}{n_\varepsilon}} \right]^2. \quad (2.2)$$

We define the least square estimator (LSE)  $\hat{\theta}_{n_\varepsilon}$  of  $\theta$  to be the value of  $\theta$  at which  $Z_{n_\varepsilon}(\theta)$  attains its minimum.

Let us denote by  $\theta_0$  the true value of the parameter  $\theta$ . The following notations are used in this paper.

$$(1) \quad f_k^{(i)} = \left. \frac{d^i f(\theta, X_\varepsilon(t_k))}{d\theta^i} \right|_{\theta=\theta_0}, \quad 1 \leq k \leq n_\varepsilon \quad \text{and} \quad i = 1, 2; \quad f_k = f(\theta_0, X_\varepsilon(t_k)), \quad 1 \leq k \leq n_\varepsilon$$

and  $f_k^{(2)}(\theta)$  denotes the second derivative of  $f$  evaluated at, some  $\theta$  between  $\theta_0$  and  $\hat{\theta}_{n_\varepsilon}$ , and  $X_\varepsilon(t_k)$ . Finally we define,

$$(2) \quad W_k = W(t_{k+1}) - W(t_k), \quad V_k(\theta) = f_k^{(2)}(\theta) - f_k^{(2)} \quad \text{and} \quad U_k = X_\varepsilon(t_{k+1}) - X_\varepsilon(t_k) - f_k \sqrt{\frac{\varepsilon}{n_\varepsilon}}, \quad 1 \leq k \leq n_\varepsilon.$$

In the sequel, the notation  $E_\theta$  (respectively  $-P_\theta$ ) is used when an expectation (respectively-probability) is computed when the true parameter in (1) is  $\theta$ .

We assume that the following set of regularity conditions hold.

- (A<sub>1</sub>) The process  $\{X_\varepsilon(t), t \geq 0\}$  is a stationary process satisfying  $E_\theta(X_\varepsilon^2(0)) < \infty$ . More over for any  $g(\cdot)$ ,  $E_\theta g(X_\varepsilon(0)) < \infty$ , and  $\frac{1}{n_\varepsilon} \sum_{k=0}^{n_\varepsilon} g(X_\varepsilon(t_k)) - E_\theta g(X_\varepsilon(0))$  tends to zero in probability as  $n_\varepsilon \rightarrow \infty$  and  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$ .

(A<sub>2</sub>)  $f(\theta, x)$  is differentiable thrice with respect to  $\theta$  and for every  $\theta \in \Theta$ , there exists a compact neighbourhood  $V_\theta$  of  $\theta$  such that,

$$\sup_{\theta' \in V_\theta} [E_\theta |f^{(j)}(\theta', X_\varepsilon(0)) - f^{(j)}(\theta, X_\varepsilon(0))|] < \infty$$

for  $0 \leq i, j \leq 2$ , where  $f^{(0)} = f$  and  $f^{(i)}$  denotes the  $i$ th derivative of  $f$  with respect to  $\theta$ .

(A<sub>3</sub>)  $f^{(i)}(\theta, x)$  is Lipschitz in  $x$  for every  $\theta \in \Theta$  for  $i = 0, 1, 2$ , and  $|f^{(i)}(\theta, x)| \leq C(\theta)(1 + |x|)$ ,  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  for some  $C(\theta) > 0, i = 0, 1, 2$ .

(A<sub>4</sub>)  $E_{\theta_0} |f(\theta, X_\varepsilon(0)) - f(\theta_0, X_\varepsilon(0))|^2 = 0$  iff  $\theta = \theta_0$ .

Suppose further that there exists a non-increasing function  $\delta_\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$ ,  $T_\varepsilon \delta_\varepsilon^2 \rightarrow \infty$  as  $n_\varepsilon \varepsilon \rightarrow \infty$  and  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$ .

(A<sub>5</sub>)  $P_{\theta_0} \left\{ |\hat{\theta}_{n_\varepsilon} - \theta_0| \geq \delta_\varepsilon \right\} < C \delta_\varepsilon^{\frac{1}{4}}$  where  $C$  is a constant.

(A<sub>6</sub>)  $E_\theta [f^{(i)}(\theta, X_\varepsilon(0))]^2 < \infty$  for  $\theta \in \Theta$  and  $i = 0, 1, 2$ .

(A<sub>7</sub>)  $f^{(2)}(\theta, x)$  is Lipschitz in  $\theta$  in a compact neighbourhood  $V_{\theta_0}$  of  $\theta_0$  with Lipschitzian function  $\varphi(x)$  satisfying  $E_\theta [\varphi(X_\varepsilon(0))]^2 < \infty$ .

(A<sub>8</sub>)  $\lim_{T_\varepsilon \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{T_\varepsilon} \int_0^{T_\varepsilon} [f^{(1)}(\theta_0, X_\varepsilon(t))]^2 dt = A(\theta_0)$   $P_{\theta_0}$ -a.s. where  $A(\theta_0)$  is a positive number.

(A<sub>9</sub>)  $\sup_{\theta \in \Theta} P_\theta \left\{ \left| \frac{I_{T_\varepsilon}(\theta)}{A(\theta)T_\varepsilon} - 1 \right| \geq \delta_\varepsilon \right\} \leq C \delta_\varepsilon^{\frac{1}{2}}$   
 where  $I_{T_\varepsilon}(\theta) = \int_0^{T_\varepsilon} [f^{(1)}(\theta, X_\varepsilon(t))]^2 dt$  and  $C$  is a constant.

Under the conditions (A<sub>1</sub>) and (A<sub>2</sub>), Prakasa Rao (1983) has shown that,

$$\begin{aligned} (\varepsilon n_\varepsilon)^{\frac{1}{4}} (\hat{\theta}_{n_\varepsilon} - \theta_0) &= (\varepsilon n_\varepsilon)^{-\frac{1}{4}} \sum_{k=1}^{n_\varepsilon} U_k f_k^{(1)} \left[ \frac{1}{n_\varepsilon} \sum_{k=1}^{n_\varepsilon} f_k^{(1)2} - \frac{1}{(\varepsilon n_\varepsilon)^{\frac{1}{2}}} \sum_{k=1}^{n_\varepsilon} U_k f_k^{(2)} - \frac{1}{(n_\varepsilon \varepsilon)^{\frac{1}{2}}} \right. \\ &\quad \left. \sum_{k=1}^{n_\varepsilon} U_k V_k(\theta_{n_\varepsilon}^*) + (\hat{\theta}_{n_\varepsilon} - \theta_0)^2 O_P(1) \right]^{-1}. \end{aligned} \quad (2.3)$$

Multiplying both sides of (2.3) by  $\sqrt{A(\theta_0)}$  we obtain,

$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt{A(\theta_0)}(\varepsilon n_\varepsilon)^{\frac{1}{4}}(\hat{\theta}_{n_\varepsilon} - \theta_0) &= \left\{ \frac{1}{\sqrt{A(\theta_0)}}(\varepsilon n_\varepsilon)^{-\frac{1}{4}} \sum_{k=1}^{n_\varepsilon} U_k f_k^{(1)} \right\} \\ &\quad \left[ \left\{ \frac{\frac{\varepsilon^{\frac{1}{2}} n_\varepsilon^{\frac{1}{2}}}{n_\varepsilon} \sum_{k=1}^{n_\varepsilon} f_k^{(1)2}}{A(\theta_0)(n_\varepsilon \varepsilon)^{\frac{1}{2}}} \right\} - \frac{1}{A(\theta_0)(n_\varepsilon \varepsilon)^{\frac{1}{2}}} \sum_{k=1}^{n_\varepsilon} U_k f_k^{(2)} \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \frac{1}{A(\theta_0)(n_\varepsilon \varepsilon)^{\frac{1}{2}}} \sum_{k=1}^{n_\varepsilon} U_k V_k(\theta_{n_\varepsilon}^*) + (\hat{\theta}_{n_\varepsilon} - \theta_0)^2 O_P(1) \right]^{-1}. \end{aligned} \quad (2.4)$$

For the proof of our main result we need following lemmas.

**Lemma 2.1:** Let  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$  be a probability space and  $f$  and  $g$  be  $\mathcal{F}$ -measurable functions. Then, for every  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,

$$\sup_x |P \left\{ w : \frac{f(w)}{g(w)} < x \right\} - \Phi(x)| \leq \sup_y |P \{w : f(w) < y\} - \Phi(y)| + P \{w : |g(w) - 1| > \varepsilon\} + \varepsilon$$

where  $\Phi(\cdot)$  is the standard normal distribution function.

The proof of the lemma is given in Michael and Pfanzagl (1971).

**Lemma 2.2:** Let  $\{W(t), t \geq 0\}$  be a standard Wiener process and  $Z$  be a non-negative random variable. Then, for every  $\varepsilon > 0$  and for all  $x$ ,

$$|P \{W(Z) \leq x\} - \Phi(x)| \leq (2\varepsilon)^{\frac{1}{2}} + P(|Z - 1| > \varepsilon)$$

For the proof of this lemma, we refer to Hall and Heyde (1980). From relation (2.4),

using Lemma 2.1, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sup_y |P_{\theta_0} \left\{ \sqrt{A(\theta_0)}(n_\varepsilon \varepsilon)^{\frac{1}{4}} (\hat{\theta}_{n_\varepsilon} - \theta_0) \leq y \right\} - \Phi(y)| \\
& \leq \sup_y |P_{\theta_0} \left\{ \frac{1}{\sqrt{A(\theta_0)}(n_\varepsilon \varepsilon)^{\frac{1}{4}}} \sum_{k=1}^{n_\varepsilon} U_k f_k^{(1)} \leq y \right\} - \Phi(y)| \\
& \quad + P_{\theta_0} \left[ \left| \left\{ \frac{(n_\varepsilon \varepsilon)^{\frac{1}{2}}}{n_\varepsilon} \sum_{k=1}^{n_\varepsilon} (f_k^{(1)})^2 / A(\theta_0)(n_\varepsilon \varepsilon)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right\} - \frac{1}{A(\theta_0)(n_\varepsilon \varepsilon)^{\frac{1}{2}}} \sum_{k=1}^{n_\varepsilon} U_k f_k^{(2)} \right. \right. \\
& \quad \left. \left. - \frac{1}{A(\theta_0)(n_\varepsilon \varepsilon)^{\frac{1}{2}}} \sum_{k=1}^{n_\varepsilon} U_k V_k(\theta_{n_\varepsilon}^*) + (\hat{\theta}_{n_\varepsilon} - \theta_0)^2 O_p(1) - 1 \right| > \delta_\varepsilon \right] + \delta_\varepsilon \\
& \leq \sup_y |P_{\theta_0} \left\{ \frac{1}{\sqrt{A(\theta_0)}(n_\varepsilon \varepsilon)^{\frac{1}{4}}} \sum_{k=1}^{n_\varepsilon} U_k f_k^{(1)} < y \right\} - \Phi(y)| \\
& \quad + P_{\theta_0} \left[ \left| \left\{ \frac{(n_\varepsilon \varepsilon)^{\frac{1}{2}}}{n_\varepsilon} \sum_{k=1}^{n_\varepsilon} \frac{(f_k^{(1)})^2}{A(\theta_0)(n_\varepsilon \varepsilon)^{\frac{1}{2}}} \right\} - 1 \right| \geq \frac{\delta_\varepsilon}{4} \right] \\
& \quad + P_{\theta_0} \left\{ \left| \frac{1}{A(\theta_0)(n_\varepsilon \varepsilon)^{\frac{1}{2}}} \sum_{k=1}^{n_\varepsilon} U_k f_k^{(2)} \right| \geq \frac{\delta_\varepsilon}{4} \right\} \\
& \quad + P_{\theta_0} \left\{ \left| \frac{1}{A(\theta_0)(n_\varepsilon \varepsilon)^{\frac{1}{2}}} \sum_{k=1}^{n_\varepsilon} U_k V_k(\theta_{n_\varepsilon}^*) \right| \geq \frac{\delta_\varepsilon}{4} \right\} \\
& \quad + P_{\theta_0} \left\{ |(\hat{\theta}_{n_\varepsilon} - \theta_0)^2 O_p(1)| \geq \frac{\delta_\varepsilon}{4} \right\} + \delta_\varepsilon \\
& = I_1 + I_2 + I_3 + I_4 + I_5 + \delta_\varepsilon \quad (\text{say}).
\end{aligned}$$

Now

$$\begin{aligned}
|I_1| & = \sup_y |P_{\theta_0} \left\{ \frac{1}{\sqrt{A(\theta_0)}(n_\varepsilon \varepsilon)^{\frac{1}{4}}} \sum_{k=1}^{n_\varepsilon} (U_k f_k^{(1)} - \varepsilon W_k f_k^{(1)}) \right. \\
& \quad \left. + \frac{\varepsilon}{\sqrt{A(\theta_0)}(n_\varepsilon \varepsilon)^{\frac{1}{4}}} \int_0^{T_\varepsilon} H^{(1)}(t) dW(t) + \frac{\varepsilon}{\sqrt{A(\theta_0)}(n_\varepsilon \varepsilon)^{\frac{1}{4}}} \int_0^{T_\varepsilon} f^{(1)}(\theta_0, X(t)) dW(t) \right\} \\
& \quad \left. \leq y \right\} - \Phi(y)| \\
& \leq \sup_y |P_{\theta_0} \left\{ \frac{\varepsilon}{\sqrt{A(\theta_0)}(n_\varepsilon \varepsilon)^{\frac{1}{4}}} \int_0^{T_\varepsilon} f^{(1)}(\theta_0, X(t)) dW(t) \leq y \right\} - \Phi(y)| \\
& \quad + P_{\theta_0} \left\{ \left| \frac{1}{\sqrt{A(\theta_0)}(n_\varepsilon \varepsilon)^{\frac{1}{4}}} \sum_{k=1}^{n_\varepsilon} (U_k f_k^{(1)} - \varepsilon W_k f_k^{(1)}) \right| \geq \frac{\varepsilon^{\frac{1}{4}}}{2} \right\} \\
& \quad + P_{\theta_0} \left\{ \left| \frac{\varepsilon}{\sqrt{A(\theta_0)}(n_\varepsilon \varepsilon)^{\frac{1}{4}}} \int_0^{T_\varepsilon} H^{(1)}(t) dW(t) \right| \geq \varepsilon^{\frac{1}{4}}/2 \right\} + (\sqrt{2\pi})^{-1} \varepsilon^{\frac{1}{4}} \\
& \quad (\text{by G.J.Babu et al. (1978)})
\end{aligned}$$

where  $H^{(i)}(t) = f^{(i)}(\theta_0, X(t_k)) - f^{(i)}(\theta_0, X(t))$  for  $i = 0, 1, 2$ , whenever  $t_k \leq t < t_{k+1}$ ,  $1 \leq k \leq n_\varepsilon$ . Observe that

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{k=1}^{n_\varepsilon} E_{\theta_0} |U_k - \varepsilon W_k| |f_k^{(1)}| &= \sum_{k=1}^{n_\varepsilon} E_{\theta_0} \left\{ \left| \int_{t_k}^{t_{k+1}} f(\theta_0, X_\varepsilon(t_k)) - f(\theta_0, X_\varepsilon(t)) dt \right| |f_k^{(1)}| \right\} \\
&= \sum_{k=1}^{n_\varepsilon} E_{\theta_0} \left\{ \left| \int_{t_k}^{t_{k+1}} H^{(0)}(t) dt \right| |f_k^{(1)}| \right\} \\
&\leq \sum_{k=1}^{n_\varepsilon} \left\{ E_{\theta_0} \left( \int_{t_k}^{t_{k+1}} H^{(0)}(t) dt \right)^2 E_{\theta_0} (f_k^{(1)^2}) \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}} \\
&\leq \sum_{k=1}^{n_\varepsilon} \left( \int_{t_k}^{t_{k+1}} H^{(0)}(f_k^{(1)^2}) \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\
&\leq \sum_{k=1}^{n_\varepsilon} \left\{ \frac{(n_\varepsilon \varepsilon)^{\frac{1}{2}}}{n_\varepsilon} \int_{t_k}^{t_{k+1}} E_{\theta_0} (H^{(0)}(t))^2 dt E_{\theta_0} (f_k^{(1)}(\theta_0, X_\varepsilon(0))^2) \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}}
\end{aligned} \tag{2.5}$$

by stationarity of  $X_\varepsilon(t)$ . But

$$\int_{t_k}^{t_{k+1}} E_{\theta_0} (H^{(0)}(t))^2 dt \leq C \int_{t_k}^{t_{k+1}} E_{\theta_0} (X_\varepsilon(t) - X_\varepsilon(t_k))^2 dt \tag{2.6}$$

by condition (A<sub>3</sub>) for some constant  $C > 0$ . Again for  $t_{k+1} \geq t \geq t_k$ ,

$$E_{\theta_0} (X(t) - X(t_k))^2 \leq C(t - t_k) \leq C \sqrt{\frac{\varepsilon}{n_\varepsilon}}$$

for some constant  $C$  independent of  $t$  (cf. Gihman and Skorokhod (1969)). Combining (2.5) and (2.6) we obtain that,

$$\sum_{k=1}^{n_\varepsilon} E_{\theta_0} |U_k - \varepsilon W_k| |f_k^{(1)}| \leq C \frac{(n_\varepsilon \varepsilon)^{\frac{3}{4}}}{n_\varepsilon^{\frac{1}{2}}} \tag{2.7}$$

for some constant  $C > 0$ , by using (A<sub>6</sub>).

Therefore

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{A(\theta_0)} (n_\varepsilon \varepsilon)^{\frac{1}{4}}} \sum_{k=1}^{n_\varepsilon} E_{\theta_0} |U_k - \varepsilon W_k| |f_k^{(1)}| \leq \frac{C_1}{\sqrt{A(\theta_0)}} \frac{(n_\varepsilon \varepsilon)^{\frac{1}{2}}}{n_\varepsilon^{\frac{1}{2}}}.$$

Again, using this we have,

$$P_{\theta_0} \left\{ \frac{1}{\sqrt{A(\theta_0)} (n_\varepsilon \varepsilon)^{\frac{1}{4}}} \sum_{k=1}^{n_\varepsilon} |U_k - \varepsilon W_k| |f_k^{(1)}| \geq \frac{\varepsilon^{\frac{1}{4}}}{2} \right\} \leq \frac{C_1}{\sqrt{A(\theta_0)}} \frac{(n_\varepsilon \varepsilon)^{\frac{1}{2}}}{n_\varepsilon^{\frac{1}{2}} \varepsilon^{\frac{1}{4}}} \leq C_2 \varepsilon^{\frac{1}{4}}. \tag{2.8}$$



Next,

$$\begin{aligned}
& E_{\theta_0} |\varepsilon(n_\varepsilon\varepsilon)^{-\frac{1}{4}} \left\{ \int_0^{T_\varepsilon} H^{(1)}(t) dW(t) \right\}| \leq \varepsilon(n_\varepsilon\varepsilon)^{-\frac{1}{4}} \left\{ E_{\theta_0} \left| \int_0^{T_\varepsilon} H^{(1)}(t) dW(t) \right|^2 \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}} \\
& = \frac{\varepsilon}{(n_\varepsilon\varepsilon)^{\frac{1}{4}}} \left\{ \int_0^{T_\varepsilon} E_{\theta_0} (H^{(1)}(t))^2 dt \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}} \leq \frac{C_3\varepsilon}{(n_\varepsilon\varepsilon)^{\frac{1}{4}}} \left( (n_\varepsilon\varepsilon)^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{\varepsilon^{\frac{1}{2}}}{n_\varepsilon^{\frac{1}{2}}} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\
& = \frac{C_3\varepsilon^{\frac{3}{2}}}{(n_\varepsilon\varepsilon)^{\frac{1}{4}}} = C_3 \left( \frac{\varepsilon^3}{(n_\varepsilon\varepsilon)^{\frac{1}{2}}} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}, \tag{2.9}
\end{aligned}$$

by using (A<sub>3</sub>) and arguments similar to those given above. Hence,

$$P_{\theta_0} \left\{ |\varepsilon(n_\varepsilon\varepsilon)^{-\frac{1}{4}} \int_0^{T_\varepsilon} H^{(1)}(t) dW(t)| \geq \frac{\varepsilon^{\frac{1}{4}}}{2} \right\} \leq \frac{2C_3\varepsilon^{\frac{5}{4}}}{(n_\varepsilon\varepsilon)^{\frac{1}{4}}}. \tag{2.10}$$

Denote

$$Z_{T_\varepsilon} = \int_0^{T_\varepsilon} f^{(1)}(\theta_0, X_\varepsilon(t)) dW(t)$$

which is a square integrable martingale with zero mean. Hence, by Theorem 2.3 of Feigin (1976), there exists a standard Wiener process  $W(\cdot)$  adapted to  $\{\mathcal{F}_t, t \geq 0\}$  such that

$$\frac{Z_{T_\varepsilon}}{\sqrt{A(\theta_0)T_\varepsilon}} = W \left( \frac{I_{T_\varepsilon}(\theta_0)}{A(\theta_0)T_\varepsilon} \right), \quad P_{\theta_0} - \text{a.s. for all } T_\varepsilon > 0.$$

Hence, by Lemma 2.2,

$$\begin{aligned}
& |P_{\theta_0} \left\{ \frac{\varepsilon}{\sqrt{A(\theta_0)T_\varepsilon}} \int_0^{T_\varepsilon} f^{(1)}(\theta_0, X(t)) dW(t) \leq y \right\} - \Phi(y)| \\
& = \left| P_{\theta_0} \left\{ W \left( \frac{I_{T_\varepsilon}(\theta_0)}{A(\theta_0)T_\varepsilon} \right) \leq \frac{y}{\varepsilon} \right\} - \Phi \left( \frac{y}{\varepsilon} \right) \right| + \left| \Phi \left( \frac{y}{\varepsilon} \right) - \Phi(y) \right| \quad (\text{by assumption}(A_9)) \\
& \leq (2\delta_\varepsilon)^{\frac{1}{2}} + P_{\theta_0} \left\{ \left| \frac{I_{T_\varepsilon}(\theta_0)}{A(\theta_0)T_\varepsilon} - 1 \right| \geq \delta_\varepsilon \right\} + \left| \Phi \left( \frac{y}{\varepsilon} \right) - \Phi(y) \right| \quad (\text{by Lemma 2.2}) \\
& \leq C_4 \left\{ (2\delta_\varepsilon)^{\frac{1}{2}} + (T_\varepsilon\delta_\varepsilon^2)^{-1} \right\} \leq 2C_4 \left\{ \delta_\varepsilon^{\frac{1}{2}} + (n_\varepsilon^{\frac{1}{2}}\varepsilon^{\frac{1}{2}}\delta_\varepsilon^2)^{-1} \right\}. \tag{2.11}
\end{aligned}$$

Now, combining (2.8), (2.10) and (2.11), we get,

$$|I_1| \leq C_5 \left\{ \delta_\varepsilon^{\frac{1}{2}} + \varepsilon^{\frac{1}{4}} + \left( n_\varepsilon^{\frac{1}{2}}\varepsilon^{\frac{1}{2}}\delta_\varepsilon^2 \right)^{-1} + \varepsilon^{\frac{5}{4}} (n_\varepsilon\varepsilon)^{-\frac{1}{4}} \right\}. \tag{2.12}$$

Let us consider,

$$\begin{aligned}
|I_2| &= P_{\theta_0} \left[ \left| \left\{ \frac{(n_\varepsilon \varepsilon)^{\frac{1}{2}}}{n_\varepsilon} \sum_{k=1}^{n_\varepsilon} \frac{(f_k^{(1)})^2}{A(\theta_0)(n_\varepsilon \varepsilon)^{\frac{1}{2}}} \right\} - 1 \right| \geq \frac{\delta_\varepsilon}{4} \right] \\
&\leq P_{\theta_0} \left[ \left| \left\{ \sum_{k=1}^{n_\varepsilon} \int_{t_k}^{t_{k+1}} (f_k^{(1)})^2 dt - \sum_{k=1}^{n_\varepsilon} \int_{t_k}^{t_{k+1}} (f^{(1)})^2(\theta_0, X_\varepsilon(t)) dt \right\} / A(\theta_0)(n_\varepsilon \varepsilon)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right| \geq \frac{\delta_\varepsilon}{8} \right] \\
&\quad + P_{\theta_0} \left\{ \left| \left( \int_0^{T_\varepsilon} (f^{(1)})^2(\theta_0, X_\varepsilon(t)) dt / A(\theta_0)(n_\varepsilon \varepsilon)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right) - 1 \right| \geq \frac{\delta_\varepsilon}{8} \right\} \\
&\leq P_{\theta_0} \left[ \left\{ \sum_{k=1}^{n_\varepsilon} \int_{t_k}^{t_{k+1}} |f_k^{(1)2} - f^{(1)2}(\theta_0, X_\varepsilon(t))| dt \right\} / A(\theta_0)(n_\varepsilon \varepsilon)^{\frac{1}{2}} \geq \frac{\delta_\varepsilon}{8} \right] \\
&\quad + C_6 \delta_\varepsilon^{\frac{1}{2}} \text{ (by assumption(A}_9\text{))} \\
&\leq \frac{C_7}{A(\theta_0)(n_\varepsilon \varepsilon)^{\frac{1}{2}} \delta_\varepsilon} E_{\theta_0} \left\{ \sum_{k=1}^{n_\varepsilon} \int_{t_k}^{t_{k+1}} |f_k^{(1)2} - f^{(1)2}(\theta_0, X_\varepsilon(t))| dt \right\} + C_7 \delta_\varepsilon^{\frac{1}{2}} \\
&\leq \frac{C_7}{A(\theta_0)(n_\varepsilon \varepsilon)^{\frac{1}{2}} \delta_\varepsilon} \sum_{k=1}^{n_\varepsilon} E_{\theta_0} \left\{ \int_{t_k}^{t_{k+1}} |f_k^{(1)} - f^{(1)}(\theta_0, X_\varepsilon(t))| |f_k^{(1)} + f^{(1)}(\theta_0, X_\varepsilon(t))| dt \right\} + C_7 \delta_\varepsilon^{\frac{1}{2}} \\
&\leq \frac{C_8}{A(\theta_0)(n_\varepsilon \varepsilon)^{\frac{1}{2}} \delta_\varepsilon} \sum_{k=1}^{n_\varepsilon} \sqrt{\frac{\varepsilon}{n_\varepsilon}} E_{\theta_0} \left\{ \int_{t_k}^{t_{k+1}} |f_k^{(1)} + f^{(1)}(\theta_0, X_\varepsilon(t))| dt \right\} \\
&\quad + C_7 \delta_\varepsilon^{\frac{1}{2}} \text{ (by assumption(A}_3\text{))} \\
&\leq \frac{C_8}{A(\theta_0)(n_\varepsilon \varepsilon)^{\frac{1}{2}} \delta_\varepsilon} \sqrt{\frac{\varepsilon}{n_\varepsilon}} \sum_{k=1}^{n_\varepsilon} \int_{t_k}^{t_{k+1}} \left( E_{\theta_0} |f_k^{(1)} + f^{(1)}(\theta_0, X(t))|^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} dt + C_7 \delta_\varepsilon^{\frac{1}{2}} \\
&\leq \frac{C_9}{A(\theta_0)(n_\varepsilon \varepsilon)^{\frac{1}{2}} \delta_\varepsilon} \sqrt{\frac{\varepsilon}{n_\varepsilon}} \left\{ \sum_{k=1}^{n_\varepsilon} \int_{t_k}^{t_{k+1}} \left\{ E_{\theta_0} f_k^{(1)2}(\theta_0, X_\varepsilon(0)) + E_{\theta_0} f^{(1)2}(\theta_0, X_\varepsilon(0)) \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}} dt \right\} \\
&\quad + C_7 \delta_\varepsilon^{\frac{1}{2}} \text{ (by stationarity)} \\
&\leq \frac{C_{10}}{A(\theta_0)(n_\varepsilon \varepsilon)^{\frac{1}{2}} \delta_\varepsilon} \varepsilon n_\varepsilon + C_7 \delta_\varepsilon^{\frac{1}{2}} \text{ (by assumption(A}_6\text{))} \\
&\leq C_{11} \left( \frac{\varepsilon}{A(\theta_0)(n_\varepsilon \varepsilon)^{\frac{1}{2}} \delta_\varepsilon} + \delta_\varepsilon^{\frac{1}{2}} \right). \tag{2.13}
\end{aligned}$$

We know that

$$\left| \sum_{k=1}^{n_\varepsilon} U_k f_k^{(2)} \right| \leq \sum_{k=1}^{n_\varepsilon} |U_k - \varepsilon W_k| |f_k^{(2)}| + |\varepsilon \int_0^{T_\varepsilon} H^{(2)}(t) dW(t)| + |\varepsilon \int_0^{T_\varepsilon} f^{(2)}(\theta_0, X(t)) dW(t)|$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
E_{\theta_0} \sum_{k=1}^{n_\varepsilon} |U_k - \varepsilon W_k| |f_k^{(2)}| &\leq \sum_{k=1}^{n_\varepsilon} \left\{ E_{\theta_0} \left( \int_{t_k}^{t_{k+1}} H^{(\circ)}(t) dt \right)^2 E_{\theta_0} \left( f_k^{(2)} \right)^2 \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}} \\
&\leq \sum_{k=1}^{n_\varepsilon} \left\{ \left( \frac{\varepsilon}{n_\varepsilon} \right) \int_{t_k}^{t_{k+1}} E_{\theta_0} \left( H^{(\circ)}(t) \right)^2 dt E_{\theta_0} \left( f_k^{(2)} \right)^2(\theta, X_\varepsilon(0)) \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}}. \quad (\text{by stationarity}) \\
&\leq C_{12} \sum_{k=1}^{n_\varepsilon} \left\{ \left( \frac{\varepsilon}{n_\varepsilon} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \int_{t_k}^{t_{k+1}} E_{\theta_0} \left( X_\varepsilon(t_k) - X_\varepsilon(t) \right)^2 dt \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}} \quad (\text{by using (A}_3\text{) and (A}_6\text{)}). \\
&\leq C_{13} n_\varepsilon \left( \frac{\varepsilon}{n_\varepsilon} \right)^{\frac{3}{4}} \\
&\leq C_{14} n_\varepsilon^{\frac{1}{4}} \varepsilon^{\frac{3}{4}}. \tag{2.14}
\end{aligned}$$

Again,

$$\begin{aligned}
E_{\theta_0} \left| \varepsilon \int_0^{T_\varepsilon} H^{(2)}(t) dW(t) \right| &\leq \varepsilon \left\{ E_{\theta_0} \left| \int_0^{T_\varepsilon} H^{(2)}(t) dW(t) \right|^2 \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}} \\
&\leq \varepsilon \left\{ \int_0^{T_\varepsilon} E_{\theta_0} \left( H^{(2)}(t) \right)^2 dt \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}} \leq C_{15} \varepsilon \left( (n_\varepsilon \varepsilon)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left( \frac{\varepsilon}{n_\varepsilon} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\
&\leq C_{16} \varepsilon^{\frac{3}{2}} \tag{2.15}
\end{aligned}$$

by using assumption (A<sub>3</sub>) and similar arguments as given earlier. Further more

$$\begin{aligned}
E_{\theta_0} \left| \varepsilon \int_0^{T_\varepsilon} f^{(2)}(\theta_0, X_\varepsilon(t)) dW(t) \right| \\
&\leq \varepsilon \left\{ \int_0^{T_\varepsilon} E_{\theta_0} \left( f^{(2)}(\theta_0, X_\varepsilon(0)) \right)^2 dt \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}} \quad (\text{by stationarity}) \\
&\leq C_{18} \varepsilon (n_\varepsilon \varepsilon)^{\frac{1}{4}} \quad (\text{by assumption (A}_3\text{)}). \tag{2.16}
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}
|I_3| &= P_{\theta_0} \left\{ \left| \frac{1}{A(\theta_0)(n_\varepsilon\varepsilon)^{\frac{1}{2}}} \sum_{k=1}^{n_\varepsilon} U_k f_k^{(2)} \right| \geq \frac{\delta_\varepsilon}{4} \right\} \\
&\leq P_{\theta_0} \left\{ \frac{1}{A(\theta_0)(n_\varepsilon\varepsilon)^{\frac{1}{2}}} \sum_{k=1}^{n_\varepsilon} |U_k - \varepsilon W_k| |f_k^{(2)}| \geq \frac{\delta_\varepsilon}{12} \right\} \\
&\quad + P_{\theta_0} \left\{ \frac{1}{A(\theta_0)(n_\varepsilon\varepsilon)^{\frac{1}{2}}} \left| \varepsilon \int_0^{T_\varepsilon} H^{(2)}(t) dW(t) \right| \geq \frac{\delta_\varepsilon}{12} \right\} \\
&\quad + P_{\theta_0} \left\{ \frac{1}{A(\theta_0)(n_\varepsilon\varepsilon)^{\frac{1}{2}}} \left| \varepsilon \int_0^{T_\varepsilon} f^{(2)}(\theta_0, X(t)) dt \right| \geq \frac{\delta_\varepsilon}{12} \right\} \\
&\leq C_{19} \frac{\varepsilon^{\frac{1}{2}}}{\sqrt{(n_\varepsilon\varepsilon)^{\frac{1}{2}} \delta_\varepsilon^2}}, \quad (\text{by using (2.14), (2.15) and (2.16)}) \tag{2.17}
\end{aligned}$$

Observe that,

$$\left| \sum_{k=1}^{n_\varepsilon} U_k V_k(\theta_{n_\varepsilon}^*) \right| \leq \sum_{k=1}^{n_\varepsilon} |(U_k - \varepsilon W_k) V_k(\theta_{n_\varepsilon}^*)| + \left| \sum_{k=1}^{n_\varepsilon} \varepsilon \int_{t_k}^{t_{k+1}} V_k(\theta_{n_\varepsilon}^*) dW(t) \right|.$$

Following the procedure in the calculation of the upper bound of  $|I_1|$ , we obtain,

$$\begin{aligned}
&E_{\theta_0} \sum_{k=1}^{n_\varepsilon} |U_k - \varepsilon W_k| V_k(\theta_{n_\varepsilon}^*) \\
&\leq \sum_{k=1}^{n_\varepsilon} E_{\theta_0} \left\{ |U_k - \varepsilon W_k| \sup_{\theta \in V_{\theta_0}} |V_k(\theta)| \right\} \\
&\quad (\text{since } \theta_n^* \text{ is in the compact neighbourhood } V_{\theta_0} \text{ of } \theta_0 \\
&\quad \text{with probability close to 1 as } (n_\varepsilon\varepsilon)^{\frac{1}{2}} \rightarrow \infty, \text{ and } \varepsilon \rightarrow 0) \\
&\leq C_{20} \frac{(n_\varepsilon\varepsilon)^{\frac{3}{4}}}{n_\varepsilon^{\frac{1}{2}}} \quad (\text{since } E_{\theta_0} |\sup_{\theta \in V_{\theta_0}} V_k(\theta)|^2 < \infty \text{ by using (A}_7\text{)}).
\end{aligned}$$

Further more

$$\begin{aligned}
&E_{\theta_0} \left| \sum_{k=1}^{n_\varepsilon} \varepsilon \int_{t_k}^{t_{k+1}} V_k(\theta_{n_\varepsilon}^*) dW(t) \right| \\
&\leq \varepsilon E_{\theta_0} \sup_{\theta \in V_{\theta_0}} \left| \sum_{k=1}^{n_\varepsilon} \int_{t_k}^{t_{k+1}} V_k(\theta) dW(t) \right| \\
&= \varepsilon E_{\theta_0} \sup_{\theta \in V_{\theta_0}} \left| \sum_{k=1}^{n_\varepsilon} \varepsilon \int_{t_k}^{t_{k+1}} J(\theta, t) dW(t) \right|
\end{aligned}$$

where  $J(\theta, t) = \begin{cases} V_k(\theta) & \text{if } t_k \leq t \leq t_{k+1}, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$  Now using assumptions (  $A_3$  ) and (  $A_7$  ), we get from Prakasa Rao and Rubin (1981, p.181) that there exists a  $\gamma > \frac{1}{2}$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} & E_{\theta_0} \left| \sum_{k=1}^{n_\varepsilon} \varepsilon \int_{t_k}^{t_{k+1}} V_k(\theta_{n_\varepsilon}^*) dW(t) \right| \\ & \leq E_{\theta_0} \sup_{\theta \in V_{\theta_0}} \varepsilon \left| \int_0^{T_\varepsilon} J(\theta, t) dW(t) \right| \\ & \leq C_{21} \varepsilon T_\varepsilon^{\frac{1}{2}} (\log T_\varepsilon)^\gamma \\ & \leq C_{22} (n_\varepsilon \varepsilon)^{\frac{1}{4}} (\log n_\varepsilon \varepsilon)^\gamma \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$|I_4| \leq \frac{(\log(n_\varepsilon \varepsilon))^\gamma}{\sqrt{(n_\varepsilon \varepsilon)^{\frac{1}{2}} \delta_\varepsilon^2}}. \quad (2.18)$$

In view of assumption (  $A_5$  ),

$$|I_5| \leq C_{23} \delta_\varepsilon^{\frac{1}{4}}. \quad (2.19)$$

Therefore using (2.12), (2.13), (2.17), (2.18) and (2.19), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \sup_y |P_{\theta_0} \left\{ \sqrt{A(\theta_0)} (n_\varepsilon \varepsilon)^{\frac{1}{4}} (\hat{\theta}_{n_\varepsilon} - \theta_0) \leq y \right\} - \Phi(y)| \\ & \leq C_{24} \left( \frac{(\log(n_\varepsilon \varepsilon))^\gamma}{\sqrt{(n_\varepsilon \varepsilon)^{\frac{1}{2}} \delta_\varepsilon^2}} + \varepsilon^{\frac{1}{4}} + \delta_\varepsilon^{\frac{1}{2}} \right). \end{aligned}$$

We now have the main result.

**Theorem :** Under the conditions (  $A_1$  )-(  $A_9$  ),

$$\sup_{-\infty < y < \infty} |P_{\theta_0} \left\{ \sqrt{A(\theta_0)} (n_\varepsilon \varepsilon)^{\frac{1}{4}} (\hat{\theta}_{n_\varepsilon} - \theta_0) \leq y \right\} - \Phi(y)| \leq C \left( \varepsilon^{\frac{1}{4}} + \delta_\varepsilon^{\frac{1}{2}} + \frac{(\log(n_\varepsilon \varepsilon))^\gamma}{\sqrt{(n_\varepsilon \varepsilon)^{\frac{1}{2}} \delta_\varepsilon^2}} \right)$$

where  $C$  is a positive constant and  $\gamma > \frac{1}{2}$ .

**Example :** Considering the Ornstein-Uhlenbeck process

$$dX_\varepsilon(t) = -\theta X_\varepsilon(t) + \varepsilon dW(t), X_\varepsilon(0) = X_0$$

where  $\theta > 0$  and  $X_0$  is independent of the standard Wiener process  $\{W(t), t \geq 0\}$ . We obtain from Prakasa Rao (1983)

$$\sum_{k=1}^{n_\varepsilon} \left[ \Delta_k - \left\{ -\theta_0 X_\varepsilon(t_k) - (\hat{\theta}_{n_\varepsilon} - \theta_0) X_\varepsilon(t_k) \right\} \frac{T_\varepsilon}{n_\varepsilon} \right] (-X_\varepsilon(t_k)) = 0$$

OR

$$\sum_{k=1}^{n_\varepsilon} \left[ \Delta_k + \theta_0 X_\varepsilon(t_k) \frac{T_\varepsilon}{n_\varepsilon} \right] X_\varepsilon(t_k) + (\hat{\theta}_{n_\varepsilon} - \theta_0) \sum_{k=1}^{n_\varepsilon} X_\varepsilon^2(t_k) \frac{T_\varepsilon}{n_\varepsilon} = 0$$

OR

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\theta}_{n_\varepsilon} - \theta_0 &= - \frac{\sum_{k=1}^{n_\varepsilon} \left[ \Delta_k + \theta_0 X_\varepsilon(t_k) \frac{T_\varepsilon}{n_\varepsilon} \right] X_\varepsilon(t_k)}{\sum_{k=1}^{n_\varepsilon} X_\varepsilon^2(t_k) \frac{T_\varepsilon}{n_\varepsilon}} \\ &= - \frac{\frac{1}{(n_\varepsilon \varepsilon)^{\frac{1}{2}}} \sum_{k=1}^{n_\varepsilon} \left[ \Delta_k + \theta_0 X_\varepsilon(t_k) \left(\frac{\varepsilon}{n_\varepsilon}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right] X_\varepsilon(t_k)}{\frac{1}{n_\varepsilon} \sum_{k=1}^{n_\varepsilon} X_\varepsilon^2(t_k)} \\ &= - \frac{\frac{1}{(n_\varepsilon \varepsilon)^{\frac{1}{2}}} \sum_{k=1}^{n_\varepsilon} [U_k X_\varepsilon(t_k)]}{\frac{1}{n_\varepsilon} \sum_{k=1}^{n_\varepsilon} X_\varepsilon^2(t_k)}. \end{aligned}$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} P_{\theta_0} \left\{ |\hat{\theta}_{n_\varepsilon} - \theta_0| \geq \delta_\varepsilon \right\} &= P_{\theta_0} \left\{ \left| \frac{1}{(n_\varepsilon \varepsilon)^{\frac{1}{2}}} \sum_{k=1}^{n_\varepsilon} U_k X_\varepsilon(t_k) / \frac{1}{n_\varepsilon} \sum_{k=1}^{n_\varepsilon} X_\varepsilon^2(t_k) \right| \geq \delta_\varepsilon \right\} \\ &\leq P_{\theta_0} \left\{ \left| \frac{1}{(n_\varepsilon \varepsilon)^{\frac{1}{2}}} \sum_{k=1}^{n_\varepsilon} U_k X_\varepsilon(t_k) \right| \geq A(\theta_0) \delta_\varepsilon (1 - \delta_\varepsilon) \right\} \\ &\quad + P_{\theta_0} \left\{ \left| \frac{1}{n_\varepsilon A(\theta_0)} \sum_{k=1}^{n_\varepsilon} X_\varepsilon^2(t_k) - 1 \right| \geq \delta_\varepsilon \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

From (2.13) we get

$$P_{\theta_0} \left\{ \left| \frac{1}{n_\varepsilon A(\theta_0)} \sum_{k=1}^{n_\varepsilon} X_\varepsilon^2(t_k) - 1 \right| \geq \delta_\varepsilon \right\} \leq C_{25} \frac{\varepsilon}{\sqrt{n_\varepsilon \varepsilon} \delta_\varepsilon^2} + \delta_\varepsilon^{\frac{1}{2}}. \quad (2.20)$$

Now,

$$\begin{aligned} &P_{\theta_0} \left\{ \left| \frac{1}{(n_\varepsilon \varepsilon)^{\frac{1}{2}}} \sum_{k=1}^{n_\varepsilon} U_k X_\varepsilon(t_k) \right| \geq A(\theta_0) \delta_\varepsilon (1 - \delta_\varepsilon) \right\} \\ &= P_{\theta_0} \left\{ \left| \frac{1}{(n_\varepsilon \varepsilon)^{\frac{1}{2}}} \sum_{k=1}^{n_\varepsilon} (U_k - \varepsilon W_k) X_\varepsilon(t_k) \right| \geq A(\theta_0) \frac{\delta_\varepsilon}{3} (1 - \delta_\varepsilon) \right\} \\ &\quad + P_{\theta_0} \left\{ \left| \frac{\varepsilon}{(n_\varepsilon \varepsilon)^{\frac{1}{2}}} \sum_{k=1}^{n_\varepsilon} \int_{t_k}^{t_{k+1}} (X_\varepsilon(t_k) - X_\varepsilon(t)) dW(t) \right| \geq A(\theta_0) \frac{\delta_\varepsilon}{3} (1 - \delta_\varepsilon) \right\} \\ &\quad + P_{\theta_0} \left\{ \left| \frac{\varepsilon}{(n_\varepsilon \varepsilon)^{\frac{1}{2}}} \int_0^{T_\varepsilon} X_\varepsilon(t) dW(t) \right| \geq A(\theta_0) \frac{\delta_\varepsilon}{3} (1 - \delta_\varepsilon) \right\} \\ &\leq C_{26} \left\{ \frac{(n_\varepsilon \varepsilon)^{\frac{1}{4}}}{n_\varepsilon \varepsilon} \delta_\varepsilon + \frac{\varepsilon^{\frac{3}{2}}}{(n_\varepsilon \varepsilon)^{\frac{1}{2}} \delta_\varepsilon} \right\} \\ &\leq C_{27} \frac{1}{(n_\varepsilon \varepsilon)^{\frac{1}{20}}} \quad (\text{by using (2.7) and (2.9)}). \end{aligned} \quad (2.21)$$

Let  $\delta_\varepsilon = (n_\varepsilon \varepsilon)^{\frac{1}{5}}$ . Then from (2.20) and (2.21) we get,

$$P_{\theta_0} \left\{ |\hat{\theta}_{n_\varepsilon} - \theta_0| \geq \delta_\varepsilon \right\} \leq C_{28} \delta_\varepsilon^{\frac{1}{4}}.$$

Condition (A<sub>9</sub>) is satisfied for the Ornstein-Uhlenbeck Process (cf. Mishra and Prakasa Rao (1985)). It can be verified that other conditions are satisfied for Ornstein-Uhlenbeck Process.

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