LIMIT THEOREMS FOR THE EMPIRICAL DISTRIBUTION FUNCTION OF SCALED INCREMENTS OF ITÔ SEMIMARTINGALES AT HIGH FREQUENCIES

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We derive limit theorems for the empirical distribution function of "devolatilized" increments of an Itô semimartingale observed at high frequencies. These "devolatilized" increments are formed by suitably rescaling and truncating the raw increments to remove the effects of stochastic volatility and "large" jumps. We derive the limit of the empirical cdf of the adjusted increments for any Itô semimartingale whose dominant component at high frequencies has activity index of $1 < \quad 2$, where $= 2$ corresponds to diffusion. We further derive an associated CLT in the jump-diffusion case. We use the developed limit theory to construct a feasible and pivotal test for the class of Itô semimartingales with non-vanishing diffusion coefficient against Itô semimartingales with no diffusion component.

1. Introduction. The standard jump-diffusion model used for modeling many stochastic processes is an Itô semimartingale given by the following differential equation

$$dX_t = \ _t dt + \ _t dW_t + dY_t; \tag{1.1}$$

where $_t$ and $_t$ are processes with cadlag paths, W_t is a Brownian motion and Y_t is an Itô semimartingale process of pure-jump type (i.e., semimartingale with zero second characteristic, Definition II.2.6 in [10]).

At high-frequencies, provided $_t$ does not vanish, the dominant component of X_t is its continuous martingale component and at these frequencies the increments of X_t in (1.1) behave like scaled and independent Gaussian random variables. That is, for each fixed t, we have the following convergence

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{h}}(X_{t+sh} \quad X_t) \xrightarrow{\mathcal{L}} \quad _t \quad (B_{t+s} \quad B_s); \quad \text{as } h \ ! \ 0 \text{ and } s \ 2 \ [0; 1]; \tag{1.2}$$

where B_t is a Brownian motion and the above convergence is for the Skorokhod topology, see e.g., Lemma 1 of [19]. There are two distinctive features

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of the convergence in (1.2). The first is the scaling factor of the increments on the left side of (1.2) is the square-root of the length of the high-frequency interval, a feature that has been used in developing tests for presence of diffusion. The second distinctive feature is that the limiting distribution of the (scaled) increments on the right side of (1.2) is mixed Gaussian (the mixing given by $_t$). Both these features of the local Gaussianity result in (1.2) for models in (1.1) have been key in the construction of essentially all nonparametric estimators of functionals of volatility. Examples include the jump-robust Bipower Variation of [5, 6] and the many other alternative measures of powers of volatility summarized in the recent book of [9]. Another important example is the general approach of [15] (see also [14]) where estimators of functions of volatility are formed by utilizing directly (1.2) and working as if volatility is constant over a block of decreasing length.

Despite the generality of the jump-diffusion model in (1.1), however, there are several examples of stochastic processes considered in various applications that are not nested in the model in (1.1). Examples include pure-jump Itô semimartingales (i.e., the model in (1.1) with $_t = 0$ and jumps present), semimartingales contaminated with noise or more generally non-semimartingales. In all these cases, both the scaling constant on the left side of (1.2) as well as the limiting process on the right side of (1.2) change. Our goal in this paper, therefore, is to derive a limit theory for a feasible version of the local Gaussianity result in (1.2) based on high-frequency record of X. An application of the developed limit theory is a feasible and pivotal test based on Kolmogorov-Smirnov type distance for the class of Itô semimartingales with non-vanishing diffusion component.

The result in (1.2) implies that the high-frequency increments are approximately Gaussian but the key obstacle of testing directly (1.2) is that the (conditional) variance of the increments, ^2_t, is unknown and further is approximately constant only over a short interval of time. Therefore, on a first step we split the high-frequency increments into blocks (with length that shrinks asymptotically to zero as we sample more frequently) and form local estimators of volatility over the blocks. We then scale the high-frequency increments within each of the blocks by our local estimates of the volatility. This makes the scaled high-frequency increments approximately i.i.d. centered normal random variables with unit variance. To purge further the effect of "big" jumps, we then discard the increments that exceed a time-varying threshold (that shrinks to zero asymptotically) with time-variation determined by our estimator of the local volatility. We derive a (functional) Central Limit Theorem (CLT) for the convergence of the empirical cdf of the scaled high-frequency increments, not exceeding the threshold, to the

cdf of a standard normal random variable. The rate of convergence can be made arbitrary close to $\sqrt{n}$, by appropriately choosing the rate of increase of the block size, where n is the number of high-frequency observations within the time interval. This is achieved despite the use of the block estimators of volatility, each of which can estimate the spot volatility $_t$ at a rate no faster than $n^{1=4}$.

We further derive the limit behavior of the empirical cdf described above in two possible alternatives to the model (1.1). The first is the case where X_t does not contain a diffusive component, i.e., the second term in (1.1) is absent. Models of these type have received a lot of attention in various fields, see e.g., [3, 4], [13], [11] and [22]. The second alternative to (1.1) is the case in which the Itô semimartingale is distorted with measurement error. In each of these two cases, the empirical cdf of the scaled high-frequency increments below the threshold converges to a cdf of a distribution different from the standard normal law. This is the stable distribution in the pure-jump case and the distribution of the noise in the case of Itô semimartingale observed with error.

The paper is organized as follows. In Section 2 we introduce the formal setup and state the assumptions needed for our theoretical results. In Section 3 we construct our statistic and in Sections 4 and 5 we derive its limit behavior. In Section 6 we construct the statistic using alternative local estimator of volatility and derive its limit behavior in the jump-diffusion case. Section 7 constructs a feasible test for local Gaussianity using our limit theory and in Sections 8 and 9 we apply the test on simulated and real financial data respectively. The proofs are given in Section 10.

2. Setup. We start with the formal setup and assumptions. We will generalize the setup in (1.1) to accommodate also the alternative hypothesis in which X can be of pure-jump type. Thus, the generalized setup we consider is the following. The process X is defined on a filtered space $(\ ; F; (F_t)_{t\geq 0}; \mathbb{P})$ and has the following dynamics

$$dX_t = \ _t dt + \ _{t-} dS_t + dY_t; \tag{2.1}$$

where $_t$, $_t$ and Y_t are processes with cadlag paths adapted to the filtration and Y_t is of pure-jump type. S_t is a stable process with a characteristic function, see e.g., [17], given by

(2.2)

$$\log\left[\mathbb{E}(e^{iuS_t})\right] = \ tj cuj \ (1 \ \ i \ \text{sign}(u) \ ); \quad = \begin{cases} \tan(\ =2) & \text{if } \neq 1, \\ \frac{2}{} \log juj; & \text{if } = 1; \end{cases}$$

where $\alpha 2 (0;2]$ and $\beta 2 [-1;1]$. When $\alpha = 2$ and $c = 1=2$ in (2.2), we recover our original jump-diffusion specification in (1.1) in the introduction. When $\alpha < 2$, X is of pure-jump type. Y_t in (2.1) will play the role of a "residual" jump component at high frequencies (see assumption A2 below). We note that Y_t can have dependence with S_t (and σ_t and λ_t), and thus X_t does not "inherit" the tail properties of the stable process S_t, e.g., X_t can be driven by a tempered stable process whose tail behavior is very different from that of the stable process.

Throughout the paper we will be interested in the process X over an interval of fixed length and hence without loss of generality we will fix this interval to be $[0;1]$. We collect our basic assumption on the components in X next.

Assumption A. *X_t satisfies (2.1).*

A1. *$|\sigma_t|^{-1}$ and $|\sigma_{t-}|^{-1}$ are strictly positive on $[0;1]$. Further, there is a sequence of stopping times T_p increasing to infinity and for each p a bounded process $\sigma_t^{(p)}$ satisfying $t < T_p \Rightarrow \sigma_t = \sigma_t^{(p)}$ and a positive constant K_p such that*

$$\mathbb{E}\left(|\sigma_t^{(p)} - \sigma_s^{(p)}|^2 | \mathcal{F}_s\right) \leq K_p|t - s|; \quad \text{for every } 0 \leq s \leq t \leq 1: \tag{2.3}$$

A2. *There is a sequence of stopping times T_p increasing to infinity and for each p a process $Y_t^{(p)}$ satisfying $t < T_p \Rightarrow Y_t = Y_t^{(p)}$ and a positive constant K_p such that*

$$\mathbb{E}\left(|Y_t^{(p)} - Y_s^{(p)}|^q | \mathcal{F}_s\right) \leq K_p|t - s|; \quad \text{for every } 0 \leq s \leq t \leq 1; \tag{2.4}$$

and for every $q 2 (\alpha'; 2)$ where $\alpha' < \alpha$.

The assumption in (2.3) can be easily verified for Itô semimartingales which is the typical way of modeling σ_t, but it is also satisfied for models outside of this class. The condition in (2.4) can be easily verified for pure-jump Itô semimartingales, see e.g., Corollary 2.1.9 of [9].

Remark 1. *Our setup in (2.1) (together with assumption A) includes the more parsimonious pure-jump models for X of the form $\int_0^t \sigma_{s-} dL_s$ and L_{T_t} where T_t is absolute continuous time-change process and L_t is a Lévy process with no diffusion component and Lévy density of the form $\frac{A_+ 1_{\{x>0\}} + A_- 1_{\{x<0\}}}{|x|^{1+\alpha}} + g(x)$ for $|g(x)| \leq \frac{K}{|x|^{1+\alpha-\gamma}}$ when $|x| < x_0$ for some $x_0 > 0$ (and assumptions for σ_t and the density of the time change as in A1 above). We refer to [19] and its supplementary appendix where this is shown.*

Under assumption A, we can extend the local Gaussianity result in (1.2) to

$$(2.5)\quad h^{-1=}\ (X_{t+sh} \quad X_t) \quad \overset{\mathcal{L}}{!} \quad _t \quad (S'_{t+s} \quad S'_t); \quad \text{as } h \ ! \ 0 \text{ and } s \ 2 \ [0;1];$$

for every t and where S'_t is a Levy process identically distributed to S_t and the convergence in (2.5) being for the Skorokhod topology, see e.g., Lemma 1 of [19]. That is, the local behavior of the increments of the process is like that of a stable process in the more general setting of (2.1).

For deriving the CLT for our statistic (in the case of the jump-di usion model in (1.1)), we need a stronger assumption which we state next.

Assumption B. *X_t satisfies (2.1) with $= 2$, i.e., $S_t = W_t$.*

B1. *The process Y_t is of the form*

$$(2.6)\qquad Y_t = \int_0^t \int_E \ ^Y(s;x) \ (ds;dx);$$

where is Poisson measure on $\mathbb{R}_+ \quad E$ with Lévy measure (dx) and $^Y(t;x)$ is some predictable function on $\mathbb{R}_+ \quad E$.

B2. *$j \ _t j^{-1}$ and $j \ _{t-} j^{-1}$ are strictly positive on $[0;1]$. Further, $_t$ is an Itô semimartingale having the following representation*

$$(2.7)\quad _t = \ _0 + \int_0^t \tilde{}_u du + \int_0^t \tilde{}_u dW_u + \int_0^t \tilde{}'_u dW'_u + \int_0^t \int_E \ (s;x) \ (ds;dx);$$

where W'_t is a Brownian motion independent from W_t; $\tilde{}_t$, $\tilde{}_t$ and $\tilde{}'_t$ are processes with càdlàg paths and $(t;x)$ is a predictable function on $\mathbb{R}_+ \quad E$.

B3. *$\tilde{}_t$ and $\tilde{}'_t$ are Itô semimartingales with coefficients with càdlàg paths and further jumps being integrals of some predictable functions, $\tilde{}$ and $\tilde{}'$, with respect to the jump measure .*

B4. *There is a sequence of stopping times T_p increasing to infinity and for each p a deterministic nonnegative function $_p(x)$ on $\mathbb{E}$, satisfying $(x : \ _p(x) \ 6 \ 0) < 1$ and such that $j \ ^Y(t;x)j \wedge 1 + j \ (t;x)j \wedge 1 + j \ \tilde{}(t;x)j \wedge 1 + j \ \tilde{}'(t;x)j \wedge 1 \quad _p(x)$ for $t \quad T_p$.*

The Itô semimartingale restriction on $_t$ (and its coe cients) is satis ed in most applications. Similarly, we allow for general time-dependence in the jumps in X which encompasses most cases in the literature. B4 is the strongest assumption and it requires the jumps to be of nite activity.

3. Empirical CDF of the "Devolatilized" High Frequency Increments.

Throughout the paper we assume that X is observed on the

$\widehat{V}_j^n$ to exclude the contribution of that increment in its formation

$$\widehat{V}_j^n(i) = \begin{cases} \frac{k_n}{k_n - 3}\widehat{V}_j^n - \frac{n}{2k_n - 3}\left(j - \frac{n}{i}X\right)^2 - \left(j - \frac{n}{i+1}X\right)^2; & \text{for } i = (j-1)k_n + 1; \\ \frac{k_n}{k_n - 3}\widehat{V}_j^n - \frac{n}{2k_n - 3}\left(j - \frac{n}{i-1}X\right)^2 - \left(j - \frac{n}{i}X\right)^2 + \left(j - \frac{n}{i}X\right)^2 - \left(j - \frac{n}{i+1}X\right)^2; & \\ \quad \text{for } i = (j-1)k_n + 2, \ldots, jk_n - 1; & \\ \frac{k_n}{k_n - 3}\widehat{V}_j^n - \frac{n}{2k_n - 3}\left(j - \frac{n}{i-1}X\right)^2 - \left(j - \frac{n}{i}X\right)^2; & \text{for } i = jk_n - 1. \end{cases} \tag{3.3}$$

With this, we define

$$\widehat{F}_n(x) = \frac{1}{N^n(\varepsilon; \$)} \sum_{j=1}^{\lfloor n/k_n \rfloor (j-1)k_n + m_n} \sum_{i=(j-1)k_n+1} 1\left\{ \frac{\sqrt{n}\left(\frac{n}{i}X - \frac{n}{i-1}X\right)}{\sqrt{\widehat{V}_j^n(i)}} \right\} 1_{\left\{\left|\frac{n}{i-1}X - j\right| \le \sqrt{\widehat{V}_j^n}\, n^{-\$}\right\}}; \tag{3.4}$$

which is simply the empirical cdf of the "devolatilized" increments that do not contain "big" jumps. In the jump-diffusion case of (1.1), $\widehat{F}_n(x)$ should be approximately the cdf of a standard normal random variable.

We note that all the results that follow for $\widehat{F}_n(x)$ will continue to hold if we do not truncate for the jumps in the construction of $\widehat{F}_n(x)$. The intuition for this is easiest to form in the case when X is a Levy process without drift from the following $\mathbb{E}\left|1_{\{\sqrt{n}\Delta_i^n X \le x\}} - 1_{\{\sqrt{n}\Delta_i^n W \le x\}}\right| = O(n^{-(\varpi'-2)/2+\varepsilon})$ for ϖ' the constant of assumption A2 and $\varepsilon > 0$ arbitrary small. Our rational for looking at the truncated increments only is that the order of magnitude of the above difference, i.e., the error due to the presence of jumps in X, can be slightly reduced by using truncation.

The construction of our statistic resembles the practice of standardizing increments of the process of fixed length by a measure for volatility constructed from high-frequency data within the interval (after correcting for jumps and leverage effect), see e.g. [2]. The main difference is that here the length of the increments that are standardized is shrinking and further the volatility estimator is local, i.e., over a shrinking time interval. Both these differences are crucial for deriving our feasible limit theory for $\widehat{F}_n(x)$.

4. Convergence in probability of $\widehat{F}_n(\tau)$.

We next derive the limit behavior of $\widehat{F}_n(x)$ both under the null of model (1.1) as well as under a set of alternatives. We start with the case when X_t is given by (2.1).

Theorem 1. *Suppose assumption A holds and assume the block size grows at the rate*

$$k_n \asymp n^q, \quad \text{for some } q \in (0,1), \tag{4.1}$$

and $m_n \to \infty$ as $n \to \infty$. Then if $\varpi \in (1,2]$, we have

$$\widehat{F}_n(x) \xrightarrow{\mathbb{P}} F(x), \quad \text{as } n \to \infty, \tag{4.2}$$

where we denote $= \sqrt{\frac{}{2}}\sqrt{\mathbb{E}\left(j \quad \frac{i}{n} \qquad \frac{i-1}{n} jj \quad \frac{i-1}{n} \qquad \frac{i-2}{n} j\right)}$. *Then*

$$\widehat{F}_n(\ ) \quad \overset{\mathbb{P}}{!} \quad F(\ ); \qquad \text{as } n \ ! \ 1; \tag{4.4}$$

where the above convergence is uniform in over compact subsets of $\mathbb{R}$.

Remark 3. *When* X *is observed with noise, the noise becomes the leading component at high-frequencies. Hence, our statistic recovers the cdf of the (appropriately scaled) noise component. Similar to the pure-jump alternative of* S_t *with* < 2, *here* $\overline{n}$ *is not the right scaling for the increments* ${}^{n}_{i}X^{*}$ *but this is offset in the ratio in* $\widehat{F}_n(\ )$ *by a scaling factor for the local variance estimator* $\widehat{V}^n_j$ *that makes it non-degenerate. Unlike the pure-jump alternative, in the presence of noise the correct scaling of the numerator and the denominator in the ratio in* $\widehat{F}_n(\ )$ *is given by*

$$\frac{\overline{n} \quad {}^{n}_{i}X^{*}}{\sqrt{\widehat{V}^n_j(i)}} = \frac{{}^{n}_{i}X^{*}}{\sqrt{n^{-1}\widehat{V}^n_j(i)}}; \tag{4.5}$$

that is, we need to scale down $\widehat{V}^n_j(i)$ *to ensure it converges to non-degenerate limit.*

The limit result in (4.4) provides an important insight into the noise by studying its distribution. We stress the fact that the presence of $\widehat{V}^n_j$ in the truncation is very important for the limit result in (4.4). This is because it ensures that the threshold is \su ciently" big so that it does not matter in the asymptotic limit. If, on the other hand, the threshold did not contain $\widehat{V}^n_j$ (i.e., $\widehat{V}^n_j$ was replaced by 1 in the threshold), then in this case the limit will be determined by the behavior of the density of the noise around zero.

We nally note that when $\frac{i}{n}$ is normally distributed, a case that has received a lot of attention in the literature, the limiting cdf $F(\ )$ is that of a centered normal but with variance that is below 1. Therefore, in this case $F(\ )$ will be below the cdf of a standard normal variable, $(\ )$, when < 0 and the same relationship will apply to $1 \quad F(\ )$ and $1 \quad (\ )$ when > 0.

On a more general level, the above results show that the empirical cdf estimator $\widehat{F}_n(\ )$ can shed light on the potential sources of violation of the local Gaussianity of high-frequency data. It similarly can provide insights on the performance of various estimators that depend on this hypothesis.

5. CLT of $\widehat{F}_n(\tau)$ under Local Gaussianity.

Theorem 3. *Let X_t satisfy (2.1) with S_t being a Brownian motion and assume that assumption B holds. Further, let the block size grow at the rate*

$$\frac{m_n}{k_n} \; ! \; 0; \qquad k_n \qquad n^q; \quad \text{for some } q \; 2 \; (0; 1=2), \text{ when } n \; ! \; 1; \tag{5.1}$$

such that $\frac{k_n^3}{nm_n} \; ! \qquad 0$. *We then have locally uniformly in subsets of* $\mathbb{R}$

$$\widehat{F}_n(\ ) \qquad (\ ) = \widehat{Z}_1^n(\ ) + \widehat{Z}_2^n(\ ) + \frac{1}{k_n}\frac{^2 \ ^{00}(\ ) \qquad ^{0}(\ )}{8}\left(\left(\frac{}{2}\right)^2 + \qquad 3\right) + o_p\left(\frac{1}{k_n}\right); \tag{5.2}$$

$$\left(\sqrt{bn=k_n}cm_n\widehat{Z}_1^n(\ ) \quad \sqrt{bn=k_n}ck_n\widehat{Z}_2^n(\ )\right) \quad ^L! \quad (Z_1(\ ) \quad Z_2(\ )); \tag{5.3}$$

where $(\ )$ *is the cdf of a standard normal variable and* $Z_1(\ )$ *and* $Z_2(\ )$ *are two independent Gaussian processes with covariance functions*

$$\begin{aligned} &Cov(Z_1(\ _1); Z_1(\ _2)) = \quad (\ _1 \wedge \ _2) \qquad (\ _1) \quad (\ _2); \\ &Cov(Z_2(\ _1); Z_2(\ _2)) = \left[\frac{_1 \ ^{0}(\ _1)}{2}\frac{_2 \ ^{0}(\ _2)}{2}\right]\left(\left(\frac{}{2}\right)^2 + \qquad 3\right); \qquad _1; \ _2 \ 2 \ \mathbb{R}: \end{aligned} \tag{5.4}$$

Due to the \big" jumps, we derive the CLT only on compact sets of since the error in the estimation of the cdf for ! 1 is a ected by the truncation.

We make several observations regarding the limiting result in (5.2)-(5.4). The rst term of $\widehat{F}_n(\ )$ $(\ )$ in (5.2), $\widehat{Z}_1^n(\ )$, converges to $Z_1(\ )$ which is the standard Brownian bridge appearing in the Donsker theorem for empirical processes, see e.g., [21]. The second and third term on the right-hand side of (5.2) are due to the estimation error in recovering the local variance, i.e., the presence of $\widehat{V}_j^n$ in $\widehat{F}^n(\ )$ instead of the true (unobserved) ^2_t. $\widehat{Z}_2^n(\ )$ converges to a centered Gaussian process, independent from $Z_1(\ )$, while the third term on the right-hand side of (5.2) is an asymptotic bias. Importantly, the asymptotic bias as well as the variance of $(Z_1(\ ) \quad Z_2(\ ))$ are all constants that depend only on and not the stochastic volatility $_t$. Therefore, feasible inference based on (5.2) is straightforward.

We note that by picking the rate of growth of m_n and k_n arbitrary close to $p\overline{n}$, we can make the rate of convergence of $\widehat{F}_n(\ )$ arbitrary close to $p\overline{n}$. We should further point out that this is unlike the rate of estimating the spot ^2_t by $\widehat{V}_j^n$ (with the same choice of k_n) which is at most $n^{1=4}$. The reason for the better rate of convergence of our estimator is in the integration of the error due to the estimation $\widehat{V}_j^n$.

The order of magnitude of the three components on the right-hand side of (5.2) are di erent with the second term always dominated by the other two. Its presence should provide a better nite-sample performance of a test based on (5.2).

Finally, we point out that a feasible CLT for $\widehat{F}_n(\ )$ is available with "only" arbitrarily close to $\sqrt{n}$ rate of convergence and not exactly $\sqrt{n}$. This is due to the presence of the drift term in X. The latter leads to asymptotic bias which is of order $1/\sqrt{n}$ and removing it via de-biasing is in general impossible as we cannot estimate the latter from high-frequency record of X.

6. Empirical CDF of "Devolatilized" High Frequency Increments with an Alternative Volatility Estimator. As mentioned in Section 3, an alternative estimator of the volatility is the Truncated Variation of [12] de ned as

$$\widehat{C}_j^n = \frac{n}{k_n} \sum_{i=(j-1)k_n+1}^{jk_n} j \ {}_i^n X j^2 1\left(j \ {}_i^n X j \quad n^{-\$}\right); \quad j = 1; :::; bn/k_n c; \tag{6.1}$$

where > 0 and $\$ \ 2 \ (0; 1/2)$ and the corresponding one excluding the contribution of the i-th increment, for $i = (j \quad 1)k_n + 1; :::; jk_n$, is

$$\widehat{C}_j^n(i) = \frac{k_n}{k_n \quad 1}\widehat{C}_j^n \quad \frac{n}{k_n \quad 1} j \ {}_i^n X j^2 1\left(j \ {}_i^n X j \quad n^{-\$}\right): \tag{6.2}$$

We de ne the corresponding empirical cdf of the "devolatilized" (and truncated) high-frequency increments as

$$\widehat{F}'_n(\ ) = \frac{1}{N'^n(\ ; \$)} \sum_{j=1}^{\lfloor n/k_n \rfloor} \sum_{i=(j-1)k_n+1}^{(j-1)k_n+m_n} 1\left\{ \frac{\sqrt{n} \ {}_i^n X}{\sqrt{\widehat{C}_j^n(i)}} \quad \right\} 1_{f|\Delta_i^n X| \leq \ n^{-\$}g}; \tag{6.3}$$

where for > 0 and $\$ \ 2 \ (0; 1/2)$

$$N'^n(\ ; \$) = \sum_{j=1}^{\lfloor n/k_n \rfloor} \sum_{i=(j-1)k_n+1}^{(j-1)k_n+m_n} 1\left(j \ {}_i^n X j \quad n^{-\$}\right): \tag{6.4}$$

In the next theorem we derive a CLT for $\widehat{F}'_n(\ )$ when X is a jump-di usion.

Theorem 4. *Let X_t satisfy (2.1) with S_t being a Brownian motion and assume that assumption B holds. Let k_n and m_n satisfy (5.1). We then have locally uniformly in subsets of $\mathbb{R}$*

$$\widehat{F}'_n(\ ) \quad (\ ) = \widehat{Z}_1^n(\ ) + \widehat{Z}_2^n(\ ) + \frac{1}{k_n} \frac{2 \ {}^{00}(\ ) \quad {}^{0}(\ )}{4} + o_p\left(\frac{1}{k_n}\right); \tag{6.5}$$

(6.6) $\left(\sqrt{b}\right.$

with $Z_1(\ )$ and $Z_2(\ )$ being the Gaussian processes de ned in Theorem 3. We can easily evaluate $q_n(\ ;A)$ via simulation.

We note that in (7.1) we use $N^n(\ ;\$)$ as a normalizing constant. This is justi ed because we have $\frac{N^n(\ ;\$)}{\lfloor n/k_n \rfloor m_n} \ ^{\mathbb{P}}! \ 1$, both in the jump-di usion case as well as in the two alternative scenarios considered in Section 4. The choice of k_n and m_n in general should be dictated by how much volatility of volatility in X we have. We illustrate this in the next section.

The test in (7.1) resembles a Kolmogorov-Smirnov type test for equality of continuous one-dimensional distributions. There are two di erences between our test and the original Kolmogorov-Smirnov test. First, in our test we scale the high-frequency increments by a nonparametric local estimator of the volatility and this has an asymptotic e ect on the test statistic, as evident from Theorem 3. The second di erence is in the region A over which the di erence $\widehat{F}_n(\ ) \quad (\ )$ is evaluated. For reasons we already discussed, that are particular to our problem here, we need to exclude arbitrary high in magnitude values of .

Now, in terms of the size and power of the test, under assumptions A and B, using Theorem 1 and Theorem 3, we have

$$(7.3) \qquad \lim_n \mathbb{P}(C_n) = \ ; \ \text{if} \ = 2 \ \text{and} \ \liminf_n \mathbb{P}(C_n) = 1; \ \text{if} \ 2 \ (1;2);$$

where we make also use of the fact that the stable and standard normal variables have di erent cdf-s on compact subsets of $\mathbb{R}$ with positive Lebesgue measure. By Theorem 2, the above power result applies also to the case when we observe $X_{\frac{i}{n}} + \ _{\frac{i}{n}}$, provided of course the limiting cdf of the noise in (4.4) di ers from that of the standard normal on the set A.

We note that existing tests for presence of di usive component in X are based only on the scaling factor of the high-frequency increments on the left side of (2.5). However, the limiting result in (2.5) implies much more. Mainly, the distribution of the \devolatilized" increments should be stable (and in particular normal in the jump-di usion case). Our test in (7.1), unlike earlier work, incorporates this distribution implication of (2.5) as well.

We nally point out that using Theorem 3, one should be able to derive alternative tests for the presence of di usive component in X, by adopting other measures of discrepancy between distributions like the Cramer-von Mises one.

8. Monte Carlo. We now evaluate the performance of our test on simulated data. We consider the following two models. The rst is

$$(8.1) \quad dX_t = \sqrt{V_t}dW_t + \int_{\mathbb{R}} x \ (ds;dx); \ dV_t = 0{:}03(1{:}0 \quad V_t)dt + 0{:}1\sqrt{V_t}dB_t;$$

where $(W_t; B_t)$ is a vector of Brownian motions with $\text{Corr}(W_t; B_t) = 0.5$ and is a homogenous Poisson measure with compensator $(dt; dx) = dt \frac{0.25e^{-|x|=0.4472}}{0.4472}dx$ which corresponds to double exponential jump process with intensity of 0.5 (i.e., a jump every second day on average). This model is calibrated to nancial data by setting the means of continuous and jump variation similar to those found in earlier empirical work. Similarly, we allow for dependence between X_t and V_t, i.e., leverage e ect. The second model is given by

$$X_t = S_{T_t}; \quad \text{with} \quad T_t = \int_0^t V_s ds; \tag{8.2}$$

where S_t is a symmetric tempered stable martingale with Levy measure $\frac{0.1089e^{-|x|}}{|x|^{1+1.8}}$ and V_t is the square-root di usion given in (8.1). The process in (8.2) is a time-changed tempered stable process. The parameters of S_t are chosen such that it behaves locally like 1.8-stable process and it has variance at time 1 equal to 1 (as the model in (8.1)). For this process the local Gaussianity does not hold and hence the behavior of the test on data from the model in (8.2) will allow us to investigate the power of the test. We also consider another alternative to the jump-di usion, mainly the case when the process in (8.2) is contaminated with i.i.d. Gaussian noise. The variance of the noise is set to 0.01 consistent with empirical evidence in [8].

We turn next to the implementation of the test. We apply the test on one year worth of simulated data which consists of 252 days (our unit of time is one trading day). We consider two sampling frequencies: $n = 100$ and $n = 200$ which correspond to sampling every 5 and 2 minutes respectively in a typical trading day. We experiment with 1-4 blocks per day. In each block we use 75% or 70% of the increments in the formation of the test, i.e., we set $bm_n=k_nc = 0.75$ for $n = 100$ and $bm_n=k_nc = 0.70$ for $n = 200$. We found very little sensitivity of the test with respect to the choice of the ratio $m_n=k_n$. For the truncation of the increments, as typical in the literature, we set $= 3.0$ and $\$ = 0.49$. Finally, the set A over which the di erence $\widehat{F}_n( ) \quad F( )$ in our test is evaluated is set to

$$A = [Q(0.01) : Q(0.40)] \quad [\quad [Q(0.60) : Q(0.99)]; \tag{8.3}$$

where $Q( )$ is the -quantile of standard normal.

The results of the Monte Carlo are reported in Tables 1-3. For the smaller sample size, $n = 100$, and with no blocking at all ($k_n = n$) to account for volatility movements over the day, there are size distortions most noticeable at the conventional 5 percent level. With three blocks ($bn=k_nc = 3$), size is

appropriate, while it is seen to have excellent power in Tables 2 and 3. But with four blocks on $n = 100$, there are size distortions because the noisy estimates of local volatility distort the test. Considering the larger sample size ($n = 200$), now with three or four blocks the test's size is approximately correct while power is excellent. For larger values of k_n relative to n ($bn=k_nc = 1$) the time variation in volatility over the day coupled with the relatively high precision of estimating a biased version of local volatility, leads to departures from Gaussianity of the (small) scaled increments and hence the over-rejections.

In Tables 1-3 we also report the performance on the simulated data of a test for presence of Brownian motion in high frequency data based on (truncated) power variations computed on two di erent frequencies, proposed in [1] (see also [18]). This test, unlike the test proposed here, does not exploit the distributional implication of the local Gaussianity result in (1.2). We can see from Table 1 that the test based on the power variations has reasonable behavior under the null of presence of a di usion component in X. Table 2 further shows that for the optimal choice of the power ($p = 1$), the test has slightly lower power against the considered pure-jump alternative in (8.2) than the Kolmogorov-Smirnov test (when block size is chosen optimally).

When the pure-jump model is contaminated with noise, the scaling of the power variations is similar (for the considered frequencies) to that of a jump-di usion model observed without noise. Hence, Table 3 reveals relatively low power of the test based on the power variations against the alternative of pure-jump process contaminated with noise. By contrast, the Kolmogorov-Smirnov test shows almost no change in performance compared with the alternative when the pure-jump process is observed without noise (Table 2). The reason is that the Kolmogorov-Smirnov test incorporates also the distributional implications of (1.2) and, under the pure-jump plus noise scenario, the scaled high-frequency increments have a distribution which is very di erent from standard normal.

9. Empirical Illustration. We now apply our test to two di erent nancial assets, the IBM stock price and the VIX volatility index. The analyzed period is 2003 2008 and like in the Monte Carlo we consider two and ve minute sampling frequencies. The test is performed for each of the years in the sample. We set A as in (8.3) and $bn=k_nc = 3$ for the ve-minute sampling frequency and $bn=k_nc = 4$ for the two-minute frequency. As in the Monte Carlo, the ratio $bm_n=k_nc$ is set to 0:75 and 0:70 for the ve-minute and two-minute respectively sampling frequencies. Finally, to account for the well-known diurnal pattern in volatility we standardize the raw high-

Table 1
Monte Carlo Results for Jump-Di usion Model (8.1)

	Kolmogorov-Smirnov Test			**Power Variation based Test**	
Nominal Size	**Rejection Rate**				
	Sampling Frequency n = 100				
	k_n = 25	k_n = 33	k_n = 100	p = 1:0	p = 1:5
= 1%	1:0	1:4	6:1	1:5	0:7
= 5%	13:6	5:4	20:8	7:7	5:4
	Sampling Frequency n = 200				
	k_n = 50	k_n = 67	k_n = 200	p = 1:0	p = 1:5
= 1%	1:7	2:2	10:6	1:4	1:3
= 5%	6:1	6:9	35:2	8:1	6:7

Note: For the cases with n = 100 we set $bm_n=k_nc$ = 0:75 and for the cases with n = 200 we set $bm_n=k_nc$ = 0:70. The power variation test is a one-sided test based on Theorem 2 in [1] with

Table 2
Monte Carlo Results for Pure-Jump Model (8.2)

	Kolmogorov-Smirnov Test			**Power Variation based Test**	
Nominal Size	**Rejection Rate**				
	Sampling Frequency n = 100				
	k_n = 25	k_n = 33	k_n = 100	p = 1:0	p = 1:5
= 1%	63:3	86:8	99:9	71:1	14:2
= 5%	92:8	99:1	100:0	91:3	38:4
	Sampling Frequency n = 200				
	k_n = 50	k_n = 67	k_n = 200		
= 1%	100:0	100:0	100:0	97:7	32:1
= 5%	100:0	100:0	100:0	99:4	63:3

Note: Notation as in Table 1.

$$\widetilde{V}_j^n = \frac{n}{k_n \quad 1\ 2} \sum_{i=(j \quad 1)k_n+2}^{jk_n} j \quad {}_i^n {}_1 B j j \quad {}_i^n B j; \quad \overline{V}_j^n = \quad {}^{2}_{\frac{(j \quad 1)k_n}{n}} \frac{n}{k_n \quad 1\ 2} \sum_{i=(j \quad 1)k_n+2}^{jk_n} j \quad {}_i^n {}_1 S j j \quad {}_i^n S j;$$

and we de ne $V_j^n(i)$, $\widetilde{V}_j^n(i)$ and $\overline{V}_j^n(i)$ from the above as in (3.3). We also denote

$$\widetilde{F}_n(\ ) = \frac{N^n(\ ; \$)}{bn/k_n c m_n} \widehat{F}_n(\ ): \tag{10.1}$$

Finally, in the proofs we will denote with K a positive constant that might change from line to line but importantly does not depend on n and . We will also use the shorthand notation $\mathbb{E}_i^n(\ ) = \mathbb{E}\left(jF_{\frac{(i-1)}{n}} \right)$.

10.1. *Localization.* We will prove Theorems 1-4 under the following stronger versions of assumption A and B:

SA. *We have assumption A with* $_t$, $_t$ *and* $_t^{-1}$ *being all uniformly bounded on* $[0;1]$. *Further, (2.3) and (2.4) hold for* $_t$ *and* Y_t *respectively.*

SB. *We have assumption B with all processes* $_t$, $\widetilde{}_t$, $_t$, $_t^{-1}$, $\widetilde{}_t$, $\widetilde{}'_t$ *and the coefficients of the Itô semimartingale representations of* $\widetilde{}_t$ *and* $\widetilde{}'_t$ *being uniformly bounded on* $[0;1]$. *Further* $(j \ ^Y(t;x)j + j \quad (t;x)j + j \ \widetilde{}(t;x)j + j \ \widetilde{}'(t;x)j) \quad (x)$ *for some non-negative valued function* (x) *on* E *satisfying* $\int_E (x : \ (x) = 0)dx < 1$ *and* $(x) \quad K$ *for some constant* K.

Extending the proofs to the weaker assumptions A and B follows by standard localization techniques exactly as Lemma 4.4.9 of [9].

Table 3
Monte Carlo Results for Pure-Jump Model (8.2) plus Noise

	Kolmogorov-Smirnov Test			Power Variation based Test	
Nominal Size	**Rejection Rate**				
	Sampling Frequency n = 100				
	k_n = 25	k_n = 33	k_n = 100	p = 1:0	p = 1:5
= 1%	57:1	83:4	99:9	21:7	1:6
= 5%	91:2	97:8	100:0	46:2	5:9
	Sampling Frequency n = 200				
	k_n = 50	k_n = 67	k_n = 200		
= 1%	100:0	100:0	100:0	6:5	0:0
= 5%	100:0	100:0	100:0	17:3	0:0

Note: Notation as in Table 1.

10.2. *Proof of Theorem 1.* Without loss of generality, we will assume that < 0, the case 0 being dealt with analogously (by working with $1 \quad \widehat{F}_n(\ )$ instead). We first analyze the behavior of $\widehat{V}_j^n$. We denote with $_n$ a deterministic sequence that depends only on n and vanishes as $n \ ! \ 1$.

Using the triangular inequality, the Chebyshev inequality, successive conditioning, as well as Hölder inequality and assumption SA, we get for $j = 1; :::; bn=k_nc$

$$\mathbb{P}\left(n^{2=\ -1}j\widehat{V}_j^n \quad V_j^n j \quad _n\right) \quad K\frac{n^{1=\ -(1=\ ')\wedge 1+}}{n}; \quad 8 \ > 0:$$

Similarly, using triangular inequality, Chebyshev inequality as well as Hölder inequality, we get for $j = 1; :::; bn=k_nc$

$$\mathbb{P}\left(n^{2=\ -1}jV_j^n \quad \widetilde{V}_j^n j \quad _n\right) \quad K\frac{n^{1=\ -1+}}{n}; \quad 8 \ > 0:$$

Next, using, triangular inequality, Chebyshev inequality, Hölder inequality, Burkholder-Davis-Gundy inequality as well as assumption SA, we get for $j = 1; :::; bn=k_nc$

$$\mathbb{P}\left(n^{2=\ -1}j\widetilde{V}_j^n \quad \overline{V}_j^n j \quad _n\right) \quad K\frac{k_n^{1=2-}}{n^{1=2-}\ _n}; \quad 8 \ > 0:$$

Finally, using the self-similarity of the stable process and Burkholder-Davis-Gundy inequality (for discrete martingales), we get for $j = 1; :::; bn=k_nc$

$$\mathbb{P}\left(jn^{2=\ -1}\overline{V}_j^n \quad \frac{2}{2}\ ^{\frac{2}{(j-1)k_n}}(\mathbb{E}jS_1j)^2 j \quad _n\right) \quad K\frac{1}{k_n^{-1-\ \ -}\ _n^{-}}; \ 8 \ 2 \ (0;1 \quad):$$

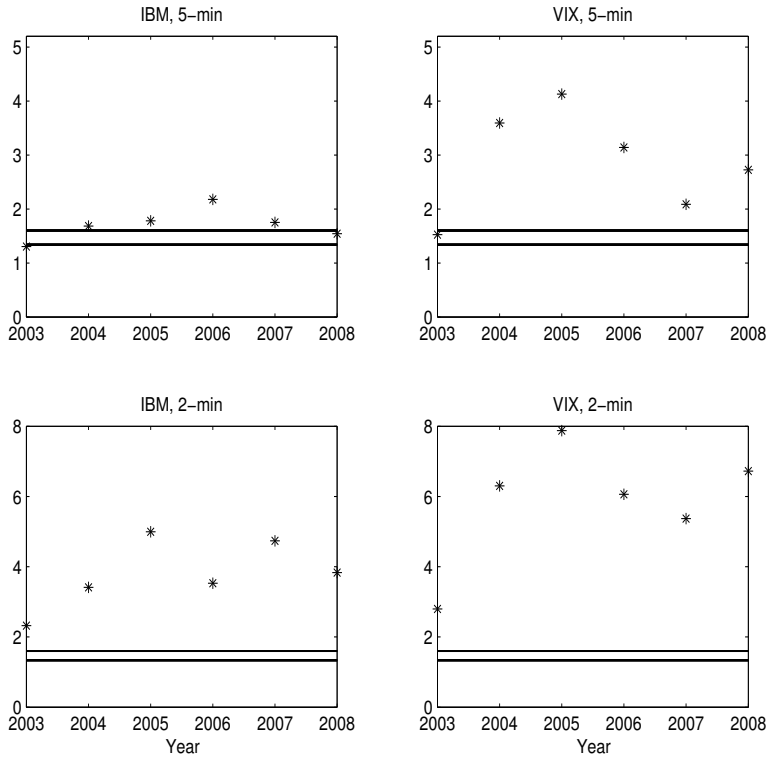

Fig 1. *Kolmogorov-Smirnov tests for local Gaussianity. The corresponds to the value of the test* $\sup_{\in A}\sqrt{N^n(\ ;\$)}j\widehat{F}_n(\ )\quad F(\ )j$ *and the solid lines are the critical values* $q_n(\ ;A)$ *for* = 5% *and* = 1%.

Combining these results, we get altogether for $8\ \ 2\ (0;1\quad)$

(10.2)

$$\mathbb{P}\left(jn^{2=\ -1}\widehat{V}_j^n\quad\ \overline{2}\ \ {}^{2}_{\frac{(j-1)k_n}{n}}(\mathbb{E}jS_1j)^2j\quad\ n\right)$$
$$K\left(\frac{n^{1=\ -(1=\ ')\wedge 1+}}{n}\bigvee\frac{k_n^{1=2-}}{n^{1=2-}\ n}\bigvee\frac{1}{k_n{}^{-1-}\ \ n^{-}}\right):$$

Using the same proofs we can show that the result above continues to hold when $\widehat{V}_j^n$ is replaced with $\widehat{V}_j^n(i)$.

Next, for $i = (j\quad 1)k_n + 1:::;(j\quad 1)k_n + m_n$ and $j = 1;:::;bn=k_nc$, we

denote

$$\begin{cases} \overset{n}{}_{i;j}(1) = n^{1=} \left(\overset{n}{}_{i}A + \overset{n}{}_{i}Y + \int_{(i-1)\Delta_n}^{i\Delta_n} (\ u - \ \frac{(j-1)k_n}{n}) dS_u \right) \\ \overset{n}{}_{i;j}(2) = n^{1=} \ \frac{(j-1)k_n}{n} \ \overset{n}{}_{i}S1_{\left\{ |\Delta_i^n X| > \sqrt{\widehat{V}_j^n} n^{-\$} \right\}} \end{cases} :$$

With this notation, using similar inequalities as before, we get

$$\mathbb{P}\left(j \ \overset{n}{}_{i;j}(1) j \quad {}_n \right) \quad K \left(\frac{n^{1=\ -(1=\ ')\wedge 1+}}{n} \bigvee \frac{k_n^{=2+\ =2}}{n^{\ =2+\ =2}\ {}_n{}^{+}} \right) : \tag{10.3}$$

Next, using the result in (10.2) above as well as Holder inequality, we get

$$\mathbb{P}\left(j \ \overset{n}{}_{i;j}(2) j \quad {}_n \right) \quad K \frac{n^{\ (1=2\ \ \$)\ +}\ \_\ n^{1=\ \ (1=\ {}^{0})\wedge 1+}\ \_\ (k_n/n)^{1=2}\ \ \_\ k_n^{1+}}{n}; \ \ 8\ > 0: \tag{10.4}$$

We next denote the set (note that by assumption SA, $_t$ is strictly above zero on the time interval $[0; 1]$)

$$A_{i;j}^n = \left\{ ! : \frac{j \ \overset{n}{}_{i;j}(1) j + j \ \overset{n}{}_{i;j}(2) j}{\sqrt{\ }\mathbb{E} j S_1 j} > \ {}_n \ [\ \left| \frac{n^{1=\ -1=2} \sqrt{\widehat{V}_j^n(i)}}{\sqrt{\ }\ \frac{(j-1)k_n}{n}\mathbb{E} j S_1 j} \quad 1 \right| > \ {}_n \right\}; \tag{10.5}$$

for $i = (j \quad 1)k_n + 1; :::; (j \quad 1)k_n + m_n$ and $j = 1; :::; bn=k_n c$.

We now can set (recall (4.1))

$$_n = n^{-x}; \quad 0 < x < \left[\left(\frac{1}{\ '} \wedge 1 \quad \frac{1}{\ } \right) \bigwedge \frac{1 \quad q}{2} \bigwedge \frac{q(\quad 1)}{\ } \right]; \tag{10.6}$$

and this choice is possible because of the restriction on the rate of increase of the block size k_n relative to n given in (4.1). With this choice of $_n$, the results in (10.2), (10.3) and (10.4) imply

$$\frac{1}{bn=k_n cm_n} \sum_{j=1}^{\lfloor n=k_n \rfloor} \sum_{i=(j-1)k_n+1}^{(j-1)k_n+m_n} \mathbb{P}\left(A_{i;j}^n \right) = o(1): \tag{10.7}$$

Therefore, for any compact subset A of $(\ \ 1\ ; 0)$,

$$\sup_{\in \mathcal{A}} j \widetilde{F}_n(\ ) \quad \widehat{G}_n(\ ) j = o_p(1); \tag{10.8}$$

where we denote

$$\widehat{G}_n(\ ) = \frac{1}{bn=k_n cm_n} \sum_{j=1}^{bn=k_n c} \sum_{i=(j \ \ 1)k_n+1}^{(j \ \ 1)k_n+m_n} 1 \left\{ \frac{p_{\overline{n}} \ \overset{n}{}_{i} X}{\sqrt{\widehat{V}_j^n(i)}} 1_{\left\{ j \ {}^{n}_{i} X j \quad \sqrt{\widehat{V}_j^n} n^{\ \$} \right\}} \right\} 1_{f(A_{i;j}^n)^c g}:$$

Taking into account the de nition of the set $A^n_{i;j}$, we get

$$\begin{cases} \widehat{G}_n(\ ) & \frac{1}{\lfloor n=k_n\rfloor m_n}\sum_{j=1}^{\lfloor n=k_n\rfloor}\sum_{i=(j-1)k_n+m_n}^{(j-1)k_n+1} 1\left\{\frac{n^{1=}\ \Delta^n_i S}{\overline{\ }_2\mathbb{E}|S_1|} \quad (1 \quad {}_n) \quad {}_n\right\}; \\ \widehat{G}_n(\ ) & \frac{1}{\lfloor n=k_n\rfloor m_n}\sum_{j=1}^{\lfloor n=k_n\rfloor}\sum_{i=(j-1)k_n+m_n}^{(j-1)k_n+1} 1\left\{\frac{n^{1=}\ \Delta^n_i S}{\overline{\ }_2\mathbb{E}|S_1|} \quad (1+\ {}_n)+\ {}_n\right\}: \end{cases}$$

Using Glivenko-Cantelli theorem, see e.g., Theorem 19.1 of [21], we have

$$\sup\left|\frac{1}{bn=k_n cm_n}\sum_{j=1}^{bn=k_n c\ (j\ \ 1)k_n+m_n}\sum_{i=(j\ \ 1)k_n+1} 1\left\{\frac{n^{1=}\ \ {}^n_i S}{\sqrt{\ }_2\mathbb{E}jS_1j} \quad (1 \quad {}_n) \quad {}_n\right\}\right.$$
$$\left. F\ (\ (1 \quad {}_n) \quad {}_n)\right| \quad {}^{\mathbb{P}}\!\!\ 0;$$

$$\sup\left|\frac{1}{bn=k_n cm_n}\sum_{j=1}^{bn=k_n c\ (j\ \ 1)k_n+m_n}\sum_{i=(j\ \ 1)k_n+1} 1\left\{\frac{n^{1=}\ \ {}^n_i S}{\sqrt{\ }_2\mathbb{E}jS_1j} \quad (1+\ {}_n)+\ {}_n\right\}\right.$$
$$\left. F\ (\ (1+\ {}_n)+\ {}_n\right| \quad {}^{\mathbb{P}}\!\!\ 0;$$

and further using the smoothness of cdf of the stable distribution we have

$$\sup jF\ (\ (1 \quad {}_n) \quad {}_n) \quad F\ (\ )j \quad \ \ 0; \quad \sup jF\ (\ (1+\ {}_n)+\ {}_n) \quad F\ (\ )j \quad \ \ 0:$$

These two results altogether imply

$$\sup j\widehat{G}_n(\ ) \quad F\ (\ )j \quad {}^{\mathbb{P}}\!\!\ 0;$$

and from here, using (10.8), we have $\sup_{\in\mathcal{A}} j\widetilde{F}_n(\ ) \quad F\ (\ )j = o_p(1)$ for any compact subset A of $(\ \ 1\ ;0)$. Hence, to prove (4.2), we need only to show

$$\frac{N^n(\ ;\$)}{bn=k_n cm_n} \quad {}^{\mathbb{P}}\!\!\ 1; \quad \text{as } n \ \ 1: \tag{10.9}$$

We have

$$\mathbb{P}\left(j \ \ {}^n_i X j > \ \sqrt{\widehat{V}^n_j}n \ \ {}^{\$}\right) \quad \mathbb{P}\left(\left|\frac{n^{1=} \quad 1=2\sqrt{\widehat{V}^n_j}}{\sqrt{\ }_2 \quad (j \ \ 1)k_n}\right.\right.$$

10.3. *Proof of Theorem 2.* The proof follows the same steps as that of Theorem 1. We denote with $_n$ a deterministic sequence depending only on

only show $\frac{N^n(\ ;\$)}{\lfloor n/k_n\rfloor m_n} \xrightarrow{\mathbb{P}} 1$ as $n \to \infty$. This follows from

$$\mathbb{P}\left(|{}^n_i X^*| > \sqrt{\widehat{V}^n_j}\,n^{-\$}\right) \le \mathbb{P}\left(\left|\frac{\sqrt{\widehat{V}^n_j}}{\sqrt{\overline{p}}}\right| > 0.5\right) + \mathbb{P}\left(|{}^n_i X^*| > 0.5\, n^{1/2-\$}\right) \le \frac{K}{n}, \quad \text{for some sufficiently small } \$ > 0,$$

which can be shown using (10.11), the fact that the noise term has a finite first moment and the Burkholder-Davis-Gundy inequality. *2*

10.4. *Proof of Theorem 3.* As in the proof of Theorem 1, without loss of generality we will assume $\$ < 0$. First, given the fact that $m_n/k_n \to 0$, it is no limitation to assume $k_n - m_n > 2$ and we will do so henceforth. Here we need to make some additional decomposition of the difference $\widetilde{V}^n_j - \overline{V}^n_j$. It is given by the following

$$\widetilde{V}^n_j - \overline{V}^n_j = R^{(1)}_j + R^{(2)}_j + R^{(3)}_j + R^{(4)}_j, \qquad j = 1, \ldots, \lfloor n/k_n \rfloor, \tag{10.13}$$

$$R^{(1)}_j = \frac{n}{k_n - 1}\sum_{i=(j-1)k_n+2}^{jk_n}\left[\left({}^n_{i-1}B\,{}^n_i B - {}^2_{(i-2)/n}\,{}^n_{i-1}W\,{}^n_i W\right) + \left(\ldots\right)^2 {}^n_{i-1}W\,{}^n_i W\right];$$

$$R^{(2)}_j = 2\frac{n}{k_n - 1}\,\ldots\sum_{i=(j-1)k_n+2}^{jk_n}\left[\ldots\int_{\frac{(j-1)k_n}{n}}^{\frac{i-2}{n}} \sim_{\frac{(j-1)k_n}{n}} dW_u - \int_{\frac{(j-1)k_n}{n}}^{\frac{i-2}{n}} \sim'_{\frac{(j-1)k_n}{n}} dW'_u\right] {}^n_{i-1}W\,{}^n_i W;$$

$$R^{(3)}_j = \frac{2}{k_n - 1}\,\ldots\sum_{i=(j-1)k_n+2}^{jk_n}\left[\int_{\frac{(j-1)k_n}{n}}^{\frac{i-2}{n}} \sim_{\frac{(j-1)k_n}{n}} dW_u + \int_{\frac{(j-1)k_n}{n}}^{\frac{i-2}{n}} \sim'_{\frac{(j-1)k_n}{n}} dW'_u\right] \left(n\,{}^n_{i-1}W\,{}^n_i W - \ldots\right);$$

$$R^{(4)}_j = \frac{2}{k_n - 1}\,\ldots\sum_{i=(j-1)k_n+2}^{jk_n}\left[\int_{\frac{(j-1)k_n}{n}}^{\frac{i-2}{n}} \sim_{\frac{(j-1)k_n}{n}} dW_u + \int_{\frac{(j-1)k_n}{n}}^{\frac{i-2}{n}} \sim'_{\frac{(j-1)k_n}{n}} dW'_u\right].$$

For $i = (j-1)k_n + 1, \ldots, jk_n - 2$ we denote the component of $R^{(4)}_j$ that does not contain the increments ${}^n_i W$ and ${}^n_i W'$ with

$$\widetilde{R}^{(4)}_{i;j} = R^{(4)}_j - \frac{2}{k_n - 1}\,\ldots\,(jk_n - i - 1)\left[\int_{\frac{i-1}{n}}^{\frac{i}{n}} \sim_{\frac{(j-1)k_n}{n}} dW_u + \int_{\frac{i-1}{n}}^{\frac{i}{n}} \sim'_{\frac{(j-1)k_n}{n}} dW'_u\right].$$

We decompose analogously the di erence $\widetilde{V}_j^n(i) \quad \overline{V}_j^n(i)$ into $R_j^{(k)}(i)$ for $k = 1;:::;4$ and $\widetilde{R}_{i;j}^{(4)}(i)$ is the component of $R_j^{(4)}(i)$ that does not contain the increments $\overset{n}{i}W$ and $\overset{n}{i}W'$. We further denote for $i = (j \quad 1)k_n + 1;:::;(j \quad 1)k_n + m_n$ and $j = 1;:::;bn=k_nc$,

$$\overset{n}{j}(1) = \frac{\widehat{V}_j^n(i) \quad \overset{2}{\underset{(j \quad 1)k_n}{n}}}{2 \overset{2}{\underset{(j \quad 1)k_n}{n}}}; \quad \overset{n}{j}(2) = \frac{\left(\widehat{V}_j^n(i) \quad \overset{2}{\underset{(j \quad 1)k_n}{n}}\right)^2}{8 \overset{4}{\underset{(j \quad 1)k_n}{n}}};$$

$$\widetilde{\overset{n}{i;j}}(1) = \frac{\overline{V}_j^n(i) + \widetilde{R}_{i;j}^{(4)}(i) \quad \overset{2}{\underset{(j \quad 1)k_n}{n}}}{2 \overset{2}{\underset{(j \quad 1)k_n}{n}}}; \quad \widetilde{\overset{n}{i;j}}(2) = \frac{\left(\overline{V}_j^n(i) + \widetilde{R}_{i;j}^{(4)}(i) \quad \overset{2}{\underset{(j \quad 1)k_n}{n}}\right)^2}{8 \overset{4}{\underset{(j \quad 1)k_n}{n}}};$$

$$\overset{-n}{j}(1) = \frac{\overline{V}_j^n + R_j^{(4)} \quad \overset{2}{\underset{(j \quad 1)k_n}{n}}}{2 \overset{2}{\underset{(j \quad 1)k_n}{n}}}; \quad \overset{-n}{j}(2) = \frac{\left(\overline{V}_j^n + R_j^{(4)} \quad \overset{2}{\underset{(j \quad 1)k_n}{n}}\right)^2}{8 \overset{4}{\underset{(j \quad 1)k_n}{n}}};$$

$$\widehat{\overset{n}{j}}(1) = \frac{\overline{V}_j^n \quad \overset{2}{\underset{(j \quad 1)k_n}{n}}}{2 \overset{2}{\underset{(j \quad 1)k_n}{n}}}; \quad \widehat{\overset{n}{j}}(2) = \frac{\left(\overline{V}_j^n \quad \overset{2}{\underset{(j \quad 1)k_n}{n}}\right)^2}{8 \overset{4}{\underset{(j \quad 1)k_n}{n}}};$$

$$\overset{n}{i;j}(3) = \frac{p\overline{n} \quad \overset{n}{i}W}{\underset{(j \quad 1)k_n}{n}} \left[\widetilde{\underset{(j \quad 1)k_n}{n}}(W_{\underset{i \quad 1}{n}} \quad W_{\underset{(j \quad 1)k_n}{n}}) + \widetilde{\underset{(j \quad 1)k_n}{n}}^{0}(W'_{\underset{i \quad 1}{n}} \quad W'_{\underset{(j \quad 1)k_n}{n}})\right];$$

$$\overset{n}{i;j}(4) = 1 + \frac{1}{\underset{(j \quad 1)k_n}{n}} \left[\widetilde{\underset{(j \quad 1)k_n}{n}}(W_{\underset{i \quad 1}{n}} \quad W_{\underset{(j \quad 1)k_n}{n}}) + \widetilde{\underset{(j \quad 1)k_n}{n}}^{0}(W'_{\underset{i \quad 1}{n}} \quad W'_{\underset{(j \quad 1)k_n}{n}})\right]:$$

With this notation we set for $i = (j \quad 1)k_n + 1;:::;(j \quad 1)k_n + m_n$ and $j = 1;:::;bn=k_nc$

$$\begin{aligned}\overset{n}{i;j}(1) = {} & p\overline{n} \frac{1}{\underset{(j \quad 1)k_n}{n}} \left(\overset{n}{i}A + \overset{n}{i}Y + \int_{\underset{i \quad 1}{n}}^{\frac{i}{n}} \left(u \quad \underset{i \quad 1}{n} \right) dW_u \right) 1_{\left\{ j \overset{n}{i}Xj \quad \sqrt{\widehat{V}_j^n} n \quad \$ \right\}} \\ & + (p\overline{n} \quad \overset{n}{i}W + \overset{n}{i;j}(3)) 1_{\left\{ j \overset{n}{i}Xj > \sqrt{\widehat{V}_j^n} n \quad \$ \right\}} \\ & \left(\frac{p\overline{n} \quad \overset{n}{i}W}{\underset{(j \quad 1)k_n}{n}} (\underset{i \quad 1}{n} \quad \underset{(j \quad 1)k_n}{n}) \quad \overset{n}{i;j}(3) \right) 1_{\left\{ j \overset{n}{i}Xj \quad \sqrt{\widehat{V}_j^n} n \quad \$ \right\}};\end{aligned}$$

$$\overset{n}{i;j}(2) = \left(\frac{\sqrt{\widehat{V}_j^n(i)}}{\underset{(j \quad 1)k_n}{n}} \quad 1 \quad \overset{n}{j}(1) + \overset{n}{j}(2) \right) + (\overset{n}{j}(1) \quad \overset{n}{j}(2) \quad \widetilde{\overset{n}{i;j}}(1) + \widetilde{\overset{n}{i;j}}(2)):$$

Finally, we denote

$$\widehat{G}_n(\ ) = \frac{1}{bn/k_n cm_n} \sum_{j=1}^{bn/k_n c (j\ \ 1)k_n + m_n} \sum_{i=(j\ \ 1)k_n+1} 1\Bigg(p\overline{n} \frac{{}^n_i X}{\frac{(j\ \ 1)k_n}{n}} 1\Big\{ j\ {}^n_i X j \quad \sqrt{\widehat{V}^n_j} n\ \ \$ \Big\}$$

$$\frac{\sqrt{\widehat{V}^n_j(i)}}{\frac{(j\ \ 1)k_n}{n}} \quad {}^n_{i;j}(1) \quad {}^n_{i;j}(2)\Bigg)$$

$$= \frac{1}{bn/k_n cm_n} \sum_{j=1}^{bn/k_n c (j\ \ 1)k_n + m_n} \sum_{i=(j\ \ 1)k_n+1} 1\Big(p\overline{n}\ \ {}^n_i W \quad + \ {}^{\sim n}_{i;j}(1) \quad {}^{\sim n}_{i;j}(2) \quad {}^n_{i;j}(3)\Big):$$

The proof consists of three parts: the rst is showing the negligibility of $k_n(\widetilde{F}_n(\ )\ \ \widehat{G}_n(\ ))$, the second is deriving the limiting behavior of $\widehat{G}_n(\ )$ $(\ )$ and third part is showing negligibility of $k_n(\widehat{F}_n(\ )\ \ \widetilde{F}_n(\ ))$.

10.4.1. *The difference* $\widetilde{F}_n(\ )\ \ \widehat{G}_n(\ )$. We rst collect some preliminary results that we then make use of in analyzing $\widetilde{F}_n(\ )\ \ \widehat{G}_n(\ )$. We start with $\max_{i=1;:::;n} j\ {}^n_i Bj$. Using maximal inequality we have

$$\mathbb{E}(\max_{i=1;:::;n} j\ {}^n_i Bj^p) \quad Kn^{1-p=2}; \quad 8p > 0: \tag{10.14}$$

Next, using assumption SB (in particular that jumps are of nite activity), we have

$$\mathbb{P}\left(\int_{\frac{(j-1)k_n}{n}}^{\frac{jk_n}{n}} \int_E 1\Big(\quad (z;x)\ \ 0\Big) \quad (dz;dx) \quad 1 \right) \quad K\frac{k_n}{n}; \qquad = Y, \quad , \ {}^{\sim} \text{ and } {}^{\sim\prime}: \tag{10.15}$$

We now provide bounds for the elements of ${}^n_{i;j}(1)$ and ${}^n_{i;j}(2)$. In what follows we denote with $_n$ some deterministic sequence of positive numbers that depends only on n. We rst have (recall the de nition of $\overline{}_t$)

$$\mathbb{P}\left(p\overline{n} \left| \int_{\frac{i\ \ 1}{n}}^{\frac{i}{n}} (\ _u \qquad _{\frac{i\ \ 1}{n}}) dW_u \right| \qquad _n \right) \quad \mathbb{P}\left(\int_{\frac{(j\ \ 1)k_n}{n}}^{\frac{jk_n}{n}} \int_E 1\big(\ {}^Y(s;x)\ \ 0\big) \quad (ds;dx) \quad 1 \right)$$

$$+ \mathbb{P}\left(p\overline{n} \left| \int_{\frac{i\ \ 1}{n}}^{\frac{i}{n}} (\overline{}_u \quad \overline{}_{\frac{i\ \ 1}{n}}) dW_u \right| \qquad _n \right):$$

For the second term on the right hand side of the above inequality, we can use Chebyshev inequality as well as Burkholder-Davis-Gundy inequality, to get for $8p \quad 2$:

$$\mathbb{P}\left(p\overline{n} \left| \int_{\frac{i-1}{n}}^{\frac{i}{n}} (\overline{}_u \quad \overline{}_{\frac{i-1}{n}}) dW_u \right| \qquad _n \right) \quad \frac{n^{p=2}\mathbb{E}\left| \int_{(i-1)\Delta_n}^{i\Delta_n} (\overline{}_u \quad \overline{}_{\frac{i-1}{n}})^2 du \right|^{p=2}}{\frac{p}{n}}:$$

Therefore, applying again Burkholder-Davis-Gundy inequality, we have altogether

(10.16)
$$\mathbb{P}\left(\sqrt{n}\left|\int_{\frac{i-1}{n}}^{\frac{i}{n}}(\quad u \qquad \frac{i-1}{n})dW_u\right| \qquad n\right) \quad K\left[\left(\frac{k_n}{n}\right)\bigvee\left(\frac{1}{n^{p=2}\ \frac{p}{n}}\right)\right]; \quad 8p > 0:$$

Similar calculations (using the fact that $\tilde{}_t$ and $\tilde{}'_t$ are Itô semimartingales), yields for $8p > 0$

(10.17)
$$\mathbb{P}\left(\left|\frac{\sqrt{n}\ \ {}^{n}_{i}W}{\frac{(j-1)k_n}{n}}\left(\quad \frac{i-1}{n} \qquad \frac{(j-1)k_n}{n}\right) \qquad {}^{n}_{i;j}(3)\right| \qquad n\right) \quad K\left[\left(\frac{k_n}{n}\right)\bigvee\left(\frac{k_n}{n\ \ n}\right)^{p}\right]:$$

Next, applying Chebyshev inequality and the elementary $j\sum_i ja_ijj^p \quad \sum_i ja_ij^p$ for $p\ 2\ (0;1]$, we get

$$\mathbb{P}\left(\sqrt{n}j \quad {}^{n}_{i}Yj \qquad n\right) \quad \frac{n^{=2}\mathbb{E}\left(\int_{(i-1)\Delta_n}^{i\Delta_n}\int_E j\ ^{Y}(s;x)j\ \ (ds;dx)\right)}{n}$$

(10.18)
$$\frac{n^{=2}\mathbb{E}\left(\int_{(i-1)\Delta_n}^{i\Delta_n}\int_E j\ ^{Y}(s;x)j\quad (ds;dx)\right)}{n}$$
$$Kn^{-1+\ =2}\ \bar{}_n; \quad 8\ \ 2\ (0;1):$$

Further, Chebyshev inequality and the boundedness of a_t easily implies

$$\mathbb{P}\left(\sqrt{n}j \quad {}^{n}_{i}Aj \qquad n\right) \quad \frac{n^{p=2}\mathbb{E}(j \quad {}^{n}_{i}Aj^p)}{\frac{p}{n}} \quad K\frac{1}{n^{p=2}\ \frac{p}{n}}: \tag{10.19}$$

We turn next to the di erence $\widehat{V}^n_j \quad V^n_j$. Using triangular inequality and successive conditioning, we have

$$\mathbb{P}\left(j\widehat{V}^n_j \quad V^n_j j \qquad n\right)$$
$$\mathbb{P}\left(2\frac{n}{k_n}\frac{}{2}\max_{i=1;:::;n} j \quad {}^{n}_{i}A + \quad {}^{n}_{i}Bj\int_{\frac{(j\ \ 1)k_n}{n}}^{\frac{jk_n}{n}}\int_E(j\ ^{Y}(s;x)j\_1)\ \ (ds;dx) \quad \frac{n}{2}\right) + \frac{K}{n\ \ n}:$$

From here we have

$$\mathbb{P}\left(2\frac{n}{k_n}\frac{}{2}\max_{i=1;:::;n} j \quad {}^{n}_{i}A + \quad {}^{n}_{i}Bj\int_{\frac{(j-1)k_n}{n}}^{\frac{jk_n}{n}}\int_E(j\ ^{Y}(s;x)j\_1)\ \ (ds;dx) \quad \frac{n}{2}\right)$$
$$\mathbb{P}\left(\int_{\frac{(j-1)k_n}{n}}^{\frac{jk_n}{n}}\int_E \ \ (ds;dx) \quad 1\right) \quad K\frac{k_n}{n}:$$

Thus altogether we get

$$\mathbb{P}\left(j\widehat{V}_j^n \quad V_j^n j \quad {}_n\right) \quad K\left(\frac{1}{n\ {}_n} \bigvee \frac{k_n}{n}\right): \tag{10.20}$$

We continue next with the di erence $V_j^n \quad \widetilde{V}_j^n$. Application of triangular inequality gives

$$\begin{aligned} j \ {}_{i-1}^n A + \ {}_{i-1}^n B j j \ {}_i^n A + \ {}_i^n B j \quad & j \ {}_{i-1}^n B j j \ {}_i^n B j \\ & j \ {}_{i-1}^n A + \ {}_{i-1}^n B j j \ {}_i^n A j + j \ {}_{i-1}^n A j j \ {}_i^n B j: \end{aligned}$$

Using this inequality and applying Chebyshev inequality, we get

$$\mathbb{P}\left(jV_j^n \quad \widetilde{V}_j^n j \quad {}_n\right) \quad K\left(p\frac{1}{n\ {}_n}\right)^p; \quad 8p \quad 1; \tag{10.21}$$

and this inequality can be further strengthened but su ces for our analysis.

Turning next to $R_j^{(1)}$, using triangular inequality, Burkholder-Davis-Gundy inequality as well as (10.15), we can easily get

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{P}\left(jR_j^{(1)}j \quad {}_n\right) \quad & \mathbb{P}\left(jR_j^{(1)}j \quad {}_n; \quad \int_{\frac{(j-1)k_n}{n}}^{\frac{jk_n}{n}} \int_E 1(\quad (s;x) \ 6= 0) \ (ds;dx) \quad 1\right) \\ & + \mathbb{P}\left(jR_j^{(1)}j \quad {}_n; \quad \int_{\frac{(j-1)k_n}{n}}^{\frac{jk_n}{n}} \int_E 1(\quad (s;x) \ 6= 0) \ (ds;dx) = 0\right) \\ & K\frac{k_n}{n} + K\left(p\frac{1}{n\ {}_n}\right)^p + K\left(\frac{k_n}{n\ {}_n}\right)^p; \quad 8p \quad 1: \end{aligned}$$

Similar calculations, and utilizing the fact that ${}_t \ {}_t'$ are themselves Itô semimartingales, yield

$$\mathbb{P}\left(jR_j^{(2)}j \quad {}_n\right) \quad K\frac{k_n}{n} + K\left(\frac{k_n}{n\ {}_n}\right)^p; \quad 8p \quad 1: \tag{10.22}$$

Next, by splitting

$$nj \ {}_i^n \ {}_1 W j j \ {}_i^n W j \ \frac{2}{} = j^p \overline{n} \ {}_i^n \ {}_1 W j \left(j^p \overline{n} \ {}_i^n W j \quad \sqrt{\frac{2}{}}\right) + \sqrt{\frac{2}{}} \left(j^p \overline{n} \ {}_i^n \ {}_1 W j \quad \sqrt{\frac{2}{}}\right);$$

we can decompose $R_j^{(3)}$ into two discrete martingales. Then applying Burkholder-Davis-Gundy inequality, we get

$$\mathbb{P}\left(jR_j^{(3)}j \quad {}_n\right) \quad K\left(p\frac{1}{n\ {}_n}\right)^p; \quad 8p \quad 2: \tag{10.23}$$

Next, we trivially have

$$\text{(10.24)}\qquad \begin{cases} \mathbb{P}\left(j\overline{V}_j^n \quad {}^2_{\frac{(j\ 1)k_n}{n}} j \quad {}_n\right) \quad K\left(\frac{1}{k_n\ {}^2_n}\right)^p; \\ \mathbb{P}\left(j\widetilde{V}_j^n \quad \overline{V}_j^n j \quad 0{:}5\ {}^2_{\frac{(j\ 1)k_n}{n}}\right) \quad K\frac{k_n}{n}; \quad 8p \quad 2{:} \end{cases}$$

Further, application of Burkholder-Davis-Gundy inequality gives

$$\text{(10.25)}\qquad \begin{cases} \mathbb{E}j\overline{V}_j^n \quad {}^2_{\frac{(j-1)k_n}{n}} j^p \quad \frac{K}{k_n^{p=2}}; \\ \mathbb{E}^n_{(j-1)k_n}(R_j^{(4)}) = 0; \quad \mathbb{E}jR_j^{(4)}j^p \quad K\left(\frac{k_n}{n}\right)^{p=2}; \quad 8p \quad 2{:} \end{cases}$$

The results in (10.20)-(10.25) continue to hold when $\widehat{V}_j^n$, $\mathcal{V}_j^n$, $\widetilde{V}_j^n$, $\overline{V}_j^n$, $R_j^{(1)}$, $R_j^{(2)}$ and $R_j^{(3)}$ are replaced with $\widehat{V}_j^n(i)$, $\mathcal{V}_j^n(i)$, $\widetilde{V}_j^n(i)$, $\overline{V}_j^n(i)$, $R_j^{(1)}(i)$, $R_j^{(2)}(i)$ and $R_j^{(3)}(i)$ respectively.

Further, using Burkholder-Davis-Gundy inequality for discrete martingales (note that $\overline{V}_j^n \quad \overline{V}_j^n(i)$ can be decomposed into discrete martingales and terms whose p-th moment is bounded by $K=k_n^p$), we have

$$\text{(10.26)}\qquad \mathbb{E}\left(jR_j^{(4)} \quad \widetilde{R}_{i;j}^{(4)}j^p + j\widetilde{R}_{i;j}^{(4)} \quad \widetilde{R}_{i;j}^{(4)}(i)j^p\right) \quad K\left(\frac{1}{p\overline{n}}\right)^p; \quad 8p > 0;$$

$$\text{(10.27)}\qquad \left|\mathbb{E}^n_{(j-1)k_n}\left(\overline{V}_j^n \quad \overline{V}_j^n(i)\right)\right| \quad \frac{K}{k_n^2}; \quad \mathbb{E}j\overline{V}_j^n \quad \overline{V}_j^n(i)j^p \quad K\left(\frac{1}{k_n}\right)^p; \quad 8p \quad 1{:}$$

Now we can use the above results for the components of $\widehat{V}_j^n(i) \quad {}^2_{\frac{(j-1)k_n}{n}}$, to analyze the rst term in ${}^n_{i;j}(2)$ involving $\sqrt{\widehat{V}_j^n(i)} \quad {}_{\frac{(j-1)k_n}{n}}$. We make use of the following algebraic inequality

$$\left|p_{\overline{x}} \quad p_{\overline{y}} \quad \frac{x \quad y}{2p\overline{y}} + \frac{(x \quad y)^2}{8yp\overline{y}}\right| \quad \frac{(x \quad y)^4}{8y^{7=2}} + \frac{jx \quad yj^3}{2y^{5=2}};$$

for every $x \quad 0$ and $y > 0$. Using this inequality with x and y replaced with $\widehat{V}_j^n(i)$ and ${}^2_{\frac{(j-1)k_n}{n}}$ respectively, as well the bounds in (10.20)-(10.27), we get

$$\text{(10.28)}\qquad \mathbb{P}\left(\left|\frac{\sqrt{\widehat{V}_j^n(i)}}{{}_{\frac{(j\ 1)k_n}{n}}} \quad 1 \quad {}^n_j(1) + {}^n_j(2)\right| \quad {}_n\right)$$
$$K\left[\frac{1}{n\ {}^{1=3}_n} \vee \frac{k_n}{n} \vee \frac{1}{{}^{p=3}_n[n^{p=2} \wedge (n=k_n)^{p=2}]} \vee \frac{1}{{}^{2p=3}_n k_n^p}\right];$$

for $8p \quad 1$ and $8 > 0$. Similarly, using the following inequality

$$\mathbb{P}(jx^2 \quad y^2j \quad) \quad \mathbb{P}(jx \quad yj^2 \quad 0{:}5\ ) + \mathbb{P}(2jyj \quad K) + \mathbb{P}(jx \quad yj \quad 0{:}5 = K);$$

for any random variables x and y and constants > 0 and $K > 0$, together with the bounds in (10.20)-(10.27), we have

$$\mathbb{P}\left(j \ {}^{n}_{j}(1) \quad {}^{n}_{j}(2) \quad \widetilde{}^{n}_{i;j}(1) + \widetilde{}^{n}_{i;j}(2)j \quad {}_{n}\right) \tag{10.29}$$
$$K\left[\frac{1}{n \ {}_{n}} \bigvee \frac{k_n}{n} \bigvee \frac{1}{{}^{p}_{n}[n^{p=2} \wedge (n=k_n)^p]}\right];$$

for every $p \quad 1$ and arbitrary small > 0.

We nally provide a bound for the second term in ${}^{n}_{i;j}(1)$. We can use Chebyshev inequality as well as Hölder inequality to get

$$\mathbb{P}\left(({}^{p}\overline{n} \ {}_{\frac{(j \quad 1)k_n}{n}}j \ {}^{n}_{i}Wj + j \ {}^{n}_{i;j}(3)j)1\left(j \ {}^{n}_{i}Xj > \ \sqrt{\widehat{V}^{n}_{j}}n^{\ \$}\right) \quad {}_{n}\right) \tag{10.30}$$
$$K\frac{\left[\mathbb{P}\left(j \ {}^{n}_{i}Xj > \ \sqrt{\widehat{V}^{n}_{j}}n^{\ \$}\right)\right]^{1=(1+\ )}}{{}_{n}}:$$

We can further write

$$\mathbb{P}\left(j \ {}^{n}_{i}Xj > \ \sqrt{\widehat{V}^{n}_{j}}n^{-\$}\right) \quad \mathbb{P}\left(j\sqrt{\widehat{V}^{n}_{j}} \quad {}_{\frac{(j-1)k_n}{n}}j \quad 0{:}5 \ {}_{\frac{(j-1)k_n}{n}}\right)$$
$$+ \mathbb{P}\left(j \ {}^{n}_{i}Xj > 0{:}5 \quad {}_{\frac{(j-1)k_n}{n}}n^{-\$}\right):$$

From here we can use the bounds in (10.20)-(10.27) as well as (10.18) and conclude

$$\mathbb{P}\left({}^{p}\overline{n} \ {}_{\frac{(j-1)k_n}{n}}j \ {}^{n}_{i}Wj1\left(j \ {}^{n}_{i}Xj > \ \sqrt{\widehat{V}^{n}_{j}}n^{-\$}\right) \quad {}_{n}\right) \tag{10.31}$$
$$K\left(\frac{k_n}{n}\right)^{\frac{1}{1+}} \frac{1}{n}; \quad 8 > 0:$$

Combining the results in (10.14), (10.16), (10.17), (10.18), (10.19), (10.28), (10.29) and (10.31), we get

$$\mathbb{P}\left((j \ {}^{n}_{i;j}(1)j + j \ {}^{n}_{i;j}(2)j) > \ {}_{n}\right)$$
$$K\left[\frac{1}{n \ {}_{n}} \bigvee \frac{1}{{}^{p}_{n}[n^{p=2} \wedge (n=k_n)^p \wedge k_n^{3p=2}]} \bigvee \left(\frac{k_n}{n}\right)^{\frac{1}{1+}} \frac{1}{n}\right]:$$

From here, using the fact that the probability density of a standard normal variable is uniformly bounded, we get

$$\mathbb{E}\left|1\left(\sqrt{n}\,\overline{\ }^{n}_{i}X\,1\left\{j\ \overline{\ }^{n}_{i}X_j\ \ \sqrt{\widehat{V}_j^{n}}n\ \ \$\right\}\ \ \sqrt{\widehat{V}_j^{n}(i)}\right)\right.$$

$$\left.1\left(\sqrt{n}\frac{\overline{\ }^{n}_{i}X}{\frac{(j\ \ 1)k_n}{n}}1\left\{j\ \overline{\ }^{n}_{i}X_j\ \ \sqrt{\widehat{V}_j^{n}}n\ \ \$\right\}\ \ \frac{\sqrt{\widehat{V}_j^{n}(i)}}{\frac{(j\ \ 1)k_n}{n}}\ \ \overline{\ }^{n}_{i;j}(1)\ \ \ \ \overline{\ }^{n}_{i;j}(2)\right)\right|$$

$$\mathbb{P}\left(j\ \overline{\ }^{n}_{i;j}(1)j + j\ \overline{\ }^{n}_{i;j}(2)j) > \ \ _n\right)$$

$$+\mathbb{E}\left|\left(\frac{+\ \ \widetilde{\ }^{n}_{i;j}(1)\ \ \ \ \widetilde{\ }^{n}_{i;j}(2) + \ \ _n(1+\ \ )}{\overline{\ }^{n}_{i;j}(4)}\right)\ \ \left(\frac{+\ \ \widetilde{\ }^{n}_{i;j}(1)\ \ \ \ \widetilde{\ }^{n}_{i;j}(2)\ \ \ \ _n(1+\ \ )}{\overline{\ }^{n}_{i;j}(4)}\right)\right|$$

$$K\,\mathbb{P}\left(j\ \overline{\ }^{n}_{i;j}(1)j + j\ \overline{\ }^{n}_{i;j}(2)j) > \ \ _n\right) + K\ \ _n :$$

Therefore, upon picking $_n \ / \ n^{-q-}$ for $2\ (0;1=2\ \ q)$ sufficiently small, we get finally for any compact subset A of $(\ \ 1\,;0)$

$$\sup_{\in\mathcal{A}} j\widetilde{F}_n(\ \ )\ \ \widehat{G}_n(\ \ )j = o_p\left(\frac{1}{k_n}\right): \tag{10.32}$$

10.4.2. *The asymptotic behavior of* $\widehat{G}_n(\ \ )\ \ \ \ (\ \ )$. We have

(10.33)

$$\widehat{G}_n(\ \ )\ \ \ (\ \ ) = \sum_{i=1}^{5} A_i^n;\ \ A_1^n = \frac{1}{bn=k_n cm_n}\sum_{j=1}^{\lfloor n=k_n\rfloor}\ \sum_{i=(j-1)k_n+1}^{(j-1)k_n+m_n}\left[1\left(\sqrt{n}\,\overline{\ }^{n}_{i}W\ \ \ \ \right)\ \ \ \ (\ \ )\right];$$

$$A_2^n = \frac{1}{bn=k_n c}\sum_{j=1}^{bn=k_n c}\left(\ \ \left(\ \ +\ \ \overline{\ }^{-n}_{j}(1)\ \ \ \ \overline{\ }^{-n}_{j}(2)\right)\ \ \ \ (\ \ )\right);\ \ A_3^n = \frac{1}{bn=k_n cm_n}\sum_{j=1}^{bn=k_n c\ (j\ \ 1)k_n+m_n}\ \sum_{i=(j\ \ 1)k_n+1} a_i^n;$$

$$a_i^n = 1\left(\sqrt{n}\,\overline{\ }^{n}_{i}W\ \ \ \frac{+\ \ \widetilde{\ }^{n}_{i;j}(1)\ \ \ \ \widetilde{\ }^{n}_{i;j}(2)}{\overline{\ }^{n}_{i;j}(4)}\right)\ \ 1\left(\sqrt{n}\,\overline{\ }^{n}_{i}W\ \ \ \ \right) + \ \ (\ \ )\ \ \ \left(\frac{+\ \ \widetilde{\ }^{n}_{i;j}(1)\ \ \ \ \widetilde{\ }^{n}_{i;j}(2)}{\overline{\ }^{n}_{i;j}(4)}\right);$$

$$A_4^n = \frac{1}{bn=k_n cm_n}\sum_{j=1}^{bn=k_n c\ (j\ \ 1)k_n+m_n}\ \sum_{i=(j\ \ 1)k_n+1}\left[\ \ \left(\ \ +\ \ \widetilde{\ }^{n}_{i;j}(1)\ \ \ \ \widetilde{\ }^{n}_{i;j}(2)\right)\ \ \ \left(\ \ +\ \ \overline{\ }^{-n}_{j}(1)\ \ \ \ \overline{\ }^{-n}_{j}(2)\right)\right];$$

$$A_5^n = \frac{1}{bn=k_n cm_n}\sum_{j=1}^{bn=k_n c\ (j\ \ 1)k_n+m_n}\ \sum_{i=(j\ \ 1)k_n+1}\left[\ \ \left(\frac{+\ \ \widetilde{\ }^{n}_{i;j}(1)\ \ \ \ \widetilde{\ }^{n}_{i;j}(2)}{\overline{\ }^{n}_{i;j}(4)}\right)\ \ \ \left(\ \ +\ \ \widetilde{\ }^{n}_{i;j}(1)\ \ \ \ \widetilde{\ }^{n}_{i;j}(2)\right)\right]:$$

We first derive a bound for the order of magnitude of A_3^n, A_4^n and A_5^n and then analyze the limiting behavior of A_1^n and A_2^n. Using the independence of $\ \overline{\ }^{n}_{i}W$, $\ \overline{\ }^{n}_{h}W$, $\ \overline{\ }^{n}_{i}W'$, $\ \overline{\ }^{n}_{h}W'$ from each other (for $i \neq h$) and $F_{\frac{(j-1)k_n}{n}}$, the fact that $\ \overline{\ }^{n}_{i;j}(4)$ is adapted to F^n_{i-1} as well as successive conditioning, we

have $\mathbb{E}\,(a_i^n a_h^n$

$$b_i^n(2) = {}^{0}\Big(+ \tilde{}_{i;j}^{n}(1) \quad \tilde{}_{i;j}^{n}(2)e \quad \tilde{}^{n}(1) \quad \tilde{}_{i;j}^{n}(2)(2) + d\ 9\ \tilde{} \qquad (2)$$

Thus we are left with the terms A_1^n, $\widehat{A}_2^n(1)$ and $\widehat{A}_2^n(2)$. For $\widehat{A}_2^n(2)$, using

$$\mathbb{E}^n_{(j-1)k_n}\left(\widehat{\ }_j^n(1)\right)^2 = 2\mathbb{E}^n_{(j-1)k_n}(\widehat{\ }_j^n(2)) = \frac{1}{4}\frac{1}{k_n}\left(\left(\frac{}{2}\right)^2 + \quad 3\right) + o\left(\frac{1}{k_n}\right);$$

we have

$$k_n\widehat{A}_2^n(2) \xrightarrow{\mathbb{P}} \int \frac{^2\ ''(\ )\quad '(\ )}{8}\left(\left(\frac{}{2}\right)^2 + \quad 3\right); \tag{10.39}$$

locally uniformly in . We nally will show that

$$\left(\sqrt{bn/k_n cm_n}A_1^n \quad \sqrt{bn/k_n ck_n}\widehat{A}_2^n(1)\right) \xrightarrow{\mathcal{L}} (Z_1(\ ) \quad Z_2(\ )); \tag{10.40}$$

locally uniformly in . We have

$$\begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{bn/k_n cm_n}A_1^n \\ \sqrt{bn/k_n ck_n}\widehat{A}_2^n(1) \end{pmatrix} = \sum_{i=1}^{\lfloor n/k_n\rfloor k_n}\begin{pmatrix} {}_i^n(1) \\ \frac{\Phi'(\ )}{2}(\ {}_i^n(2) + \ {}_i^n(3)) \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \frac{\Phi'(\ )}{2}\ \tilde{}_n \end{pmatrix};$$

with

$$\ {}_i^n = \begin{pmatrix} p\frac{1}{bn/k_n cm_n}[1(^p\overline{n}\ \ {}_i^nW \quad)\quad (\ )] \\ p\frac{1}{bn/k_n ck_n}\ {}_2j^p\overline{n}\ \ {}_i^n\ {}_1Wj\left(j^p\overline{n}\ \ {}_i^nWj \quad \sqrt{\frac{2}{}}\right) \\ p\frac{1}{bn/k_n ck_n}\sqrt{\ }_2\left(j^p\overline{n}\ \ {}_i^nWj \quad \sqrt{\frac{2}{}}\right) \end{pmatrix}; \quad i\ 2\ I^n;$$

where $I^n = fi = (j \quad 1)k_n + 1;:::;(j \quad 1)k_n + m_n; \quad j = 1;:::;bn/k_ncg$, and for $i = 1;:::;n\ n\ I^n$, ${}_i^n$ is exactly as above with only the rst element being replaced with zero, and nally

$$\tilde{}_n = \frac{(\ =2)}{\sqrt{bn/k_n ck_n}}\sum_{j=1}^{\lfloor n/k_n\rfloor}\left[j^p\overline{n}\ \ {}_{(j-1)k_n}^nWj\left(j^p\overline{n}\ \ {}_{(j-1)k_n+1}^nWj \quad \sqrt{\frac{2}{}}\right)\right.$$
$$\left. + \sqrt{\frac{2}{}}\left(j^p\overline{n}\ \ {}_{jk_n}^nWj \quad \sqrt{\frac{2}{}}\right)\right];$$

where we set ${}_0^nW = 0$. With this notation, we have

$$\mathbb{E}\left(\tilde{}_n\right)^2 \quad \frac{K}{k_n}:$$

Further,

$$\mathbb{E}^n_{i\ 1}(\ {}_i^n) = 0; \qquad \sum_{i=1}^{bn/k_n ck_n}\mathbb{E}^n_{i\ 1}jj\ {}_i^njj^{2+} \quad ! \quad 0; \quad 8\ > 0;$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^{b_n=k_n c k_n} E_{i-1}[\,\cdot\,(\,\cdot\,)^0] \;\to\; \begin{pmatrix} \cdot(1-\cdot) & 0 \\ 0 & \cdot \end{pmatrix} \otimes \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix},$$

because recall $m_n/k_n \to 0$. Combining the last two results, we have the convergence in (10.40), pointwise in $\cdot$, by an application of Theorem VIII.3.32 in [10]. Application of Theorem 12.3 in [7], extends the convergence to local uniform in $\cdot$.

Altogether, the limit behavior of $\hat{G}_n(\cdot) - G(\cdot)$ is completely characterized by the limits in (10.39)-(10.40) and

$$\sup_{\cdot \in A} |\hat{G}_n(\cdot) - G(\cdot) - A_1^n - A_2^n(1) - A_2^n(2)| = o_p\left(\frac{1}{k_n}\right), \tag{10.41}$$

where A is a compact subset of $(-1, 0)$, with the result in (10.41) following from the bounds on the order of magnitude derived above.

10.4.3. The difference $\hat{F}_n(\cdot) - \tilde{F}_n(\cdot)$. To analyze the difference $\hat{F}_n(\cdot) - \tilde{F}_n(\cdot)$, we use the following inequality

$$P\left(|\cdot_i^n X| > \sqrt{\hat{v}_j^n}\, n^{-\varpi}\right) \le P\left(\frac{\sqrt{\hat{v}_j^n}}{\sqrt{(j-1)k_n/n}} - 1 > 0.5\right) + P\left(|\cdot_i^n X| > 0.5\sqrt{(j-1)k_n/n}\, n^{-\varpi}\right).$$

For the first probability on the right-hand side of the above inequality we can use the bounds in (10.24), (10.25) and (10.28), while for the second one we can use the exponential inequality for continuous martingales with bounded variation, see e.g., [16], as well as the algebraic inequality $|\sum_i a_i|^p \le \sum_i |a_i|^p$ for $p \in (0, 1]$, to conclude

$$P\left(|\cdot_i^n X| > \sqrt{\hat{v}_j^n}\, n^{-\varpi}\right) \le K\left(\frac{k_n}{n} \wedge n^{-1+\varpi}\right), \quad \forall \cdot > 0. \tag{10.42}$$

Since $k_n/\sqrt{n} \to 0$ and from the result of the previous two subsections $\tilde{F}_n(\cdot) - G(\cdot) = O_p\left(\frac{1}{k_n}\right)$, we get from here

$$\sup_{\cdot \in A} |\hat{F}_n(\cdot) - \tilde{F}_n(\cdot)| = o_p\left(\frac{1}{k_n}\right), \tag{10.43}$$

for any compact subset A of $(-1, 0)$. 2

From here, using the fact that the probability density of a standard normal variable is uniformly bounded, we get

$$E\,1\left\{\sqrt{n}\,\left|\frac{1}{n}\sum_{i}X_{i}\right|\le 1\right\}\left|\frac{1}{n}\sum_{j}\sum_{i}X_{j}\right|\le\sqrt{\psi_{j}^{n}(i)}\,\varepsilon_{n}$$

$$1\left\{\sqrt{n}\,\left|\frac{1}{n}\sum_{i}X_{i}\right|\le 1\right\}\left|\frac{1}{n}\sum_{j}\sum_{i}X_{j}\right|\le\sqrt{\psi_{j}^{n}(i)}\,\varepsilon_{n}\qquad\frac{\sqrt{\psi_{j}^{n}(i)}}{\frac{(j-1)k_n}{n}}\qquad\eta_{i;j}^{n}(1)\qquad\eta_{i;j}^{n}(2)$$

$$P\left(|\eta_{i;j}^{n}(1)|+|\eta_{i;j}^{n}(2)|>\varepsilon_{n}\right)$$

$$+\,E\left\{\frac{+\,e_{i;j}^{n}(1)\quad e_{i;j}^{n}(2)+\varepsilon_{n}(1+\varepsilon)}{\eta_{i;j}^{n}(4)}\right\}^{!}\qquad\left\{\frac{+\,e_{i;j}^{n}(1)\quad e_{i;j}^{n}(2)\quad\varepsilon_{n}(1+\varepsilon)}{\eta_{i;j}^{n}(4)}\right\}^{!}$$

$$K\,P\left(|\eta_{i;j}^{n}(1)|+|\eta_{i;j}^{n}(2)|>\varepsilon_{n}\right)+K\,\varepsilon_{n}:$$

Therefore, upon picking $\varepsilon_{n}/n^{\varepsilon}$ for $\varepsilon\in(0;1/2\quad\varepsilon)$ sufficiently small, we get finally for any compact subset A of $(-1;0)$

$$\sup_{\theta\in A}\left|\tilde{\theta}_{n}(\theta)\quad\hat{\theta}_{n}(\theta)\right|=o_{p}\left(\frac{1}{k_n}\right):\tag{10.32}$$

10.4.2. The asymptotic behavior of $\tilde{\theta}_{n}(\theta)\quad(\theta)$. We have

$$\tilde{\theta}_{n}(\theta)\quad(\theta)=\sum_{i=1}^{5}A_{i}^{n};\quad A_{1}^{n}=\frac{1}{[n/k_n]m_n}\sum_{j=1}^{[n/k_n]c}\sum_{i=(j-1)k_n+1}^{(j-1)k_n+m_n}\left\{\sqrt{n}\,\left|\frac{1}{n}\sum_{i}W_{i}\right|\le(\theta)\right\};\tag{10.33}$$

$$A_{2}^{n}=\frac{1}{[n/k_n]c}\sum_{j=1}^{[n/k_n]c}+\bar{\eta}_{j}^{n}(1)\quad\bar{\eta}_{j}^{n}(2)\qquad(\theta)\;;\quad A_{3}^{n}=\frac{1}{[n/k_n]m_n}\sum_{j=1}^{[n/k_n]c}\sum_{i=(j-1)k_n+1}^{(j-1)k_n+m_n}a_{i}^{n};$$

$$a_{i}^{n}=1\left\{\sqrt{n}\,\left|\frac{1}{n}\sum_{i}W_{i}\right|\le\frac{+\,e_{i;j}^{n}(1)\quad e_{i;j}^{n}(2)}{\eta_{i;j}^{n}(4)}\right\}^{!}\quad 1\left\{\sqrt{n}\,\left|\frac{1}{n}\sum_{i}W_{i}\right|\le(\theta)+\frac{+\,e_{i;j}^{n}(1)\quad e_{i;j}^{n}(2)}{\eta_{i;j}^{n}(4)}\right\}^{!};$$

$$A_{4}^{n}=\frac{1}{[n/k_n]m_n}\sum_{j=1}^{[n/k_n]c}\sum_{i=(j-1)k_n+1}^{(j-1)k_n+m_n}+e_{i;j}^{n}(1)\quad e_{i;j}^{n}(2)+\bar{\eta}_{j}^{n}(1)\quad\bar{\eta}_{j}^{n}(2)\;;$$

$$A_{5}^{n}=\frac{1}{[n/k_n]m_n}\sum_{j=1}^{[n/k_n]c}\sum_{i=(j-1)k_n+1}^{(j-1)k_n+m_n}\frac{+\,e_{i;j}^{n}(1)\quad e_{i;j}^{n}(2)}{\eta_{i;j}^{n}(4)}+e_{i;j}^{n}(1)\quad e_{i;j}^{n}(2):$$

We first derive a bound for the order of magnitude of A_{3}^{n}, A_{4}^{n} and A_{5}^{n} and then analyze the limiting behavior of A_{1}^{n} and A_{2}^{n}. Using the independence of $\sum_{i}W$, $\sum_{h}W$, $\sum_{i}W^{0}$, $\sum_{h}W^{0}$ from each other (for $i\neq h$) and $F_{\frac{(j-1)k_n}{n}}$, the fact that $\eta_{i;j}^{n}(4)$ is adapted to $F_{i}^{n}{}_{1}$ as well as successive conditioning, we

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