

# Online Supplement to ‘Deviance Information Criterion for Model Selection: Justification and Variation’\*

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## 1 High Order Analytical Expansions

The purpose of this online supplement is to prove Lemma 3.2 in Li, et al (2017). Suppose  $\Theta$  is a compact subset of  $R^P$ . For any  $\theta \in \Theta$ ,  $\{h_n(\theta) : n = 1, 2, \dots\}$  is a sequence of eight-times continuously differentiable functions of  $\theta$ , having an interior global minimum  $\{\hat{\theta}_n : n = 1, 2, \dots\}$ ;  $b(\theta)$  is a six-times continuously differentiable real function of  $\theta$ . For any function  $f(\theta)$ , let  $\hat{f}$  be the value of function  $f$  evaluated at  $\hat{\theta}_n$ , i.e.,  $\hat{f} := f(\hat{\theta}_n)$ . When there is no confusion, we write  $h_n(\theta)$  as  $h(\theta)$  or  $h_n$  or even  $h$  and  $b(\theta)$  as  $b$ . We use  $B_\delta(\theta)$  to denote the open ball of radius  $\delta$  centered at  $\theta$ . So  $B_{\sqrt{n}\delta}(0)$  is an open ball of radius  $\sqrt{n}\delta$  centered at the origin. For convenience of exposition, we write  $\frac{\partial^d}{\partial \theta_{j_1} \partial \theta_{j_2} \dots \partial \theta_{j_d}} f(\theta)$  as  $f_{j_1 \dots j_d}$ . The Hessian of  $h_n$  at  $\theta$  is denoted by  $\nabla^2 h_n(\theta)$ , and its  $(i, j)$ -component is written as  $h_{ij}$  while the components of its inverse is written as  $h^{ij}$ . Let  $\mu_{ijkq}^4$ ,  $\mu_{ijkqrs}^6$ ,  $\mu_{ijkqrstw}^8$ ,  $\mu_{ijkqrstwv\beta}^{10}$ ,  $\mu_{ijkqrstwv\beta\tau\phi}^{12}$  be the fourth, sixth, eighth, tenth, and twelfth central moments of a multivariate Normal distribution whose covariance matrix is  $(\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} := (\nabla^2 h_n(\theta))^{-1}|_{\theta=\hat{\theta}_n}$ . Note that we require  $h_n(\theta)$  be eight-times continuously differentiable and  $b(\theta)$  be six-times continuously differentiable. These two conditions are stronger than what have typically been assumed in the literature on the Laplace approximation as we would like to develop higher order expansions.

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Following Kass et al (1990), we call the pair  $(\{h_n\}, b)$  satisfy the analytical assumptions for Laplace's method if the following assumptions are met. There exists positive numbers  $\varepsilon$ ,  $M$  and  $\eta$ , and an integer  $n_0$  such that  $n \geq n_0$  implies (i) for all  $\theta \in B_\varepsilon(\hat{\theta}_n)$  and all  $1 \leq j_1, \dots, j_d \leq P$  with  $0 \leq d \leq 8$ ,  $\|h_n(\theta)\| < M$  and  $\|h_{j_1 \dots j_d}(\theta)\| < M$ ; (ii)  $\nabla^2 \hat{h}$  is positive definite and  $\det(\nabla^2 \hat{h}) > \eta$ ; (iii)  $\int_{\Theta} b(\theta) \exp[-nh(\theta)] d\theta$  exists and is finite, and for all  $\delta$  for which  $0 < \delta < \varepsilon$  and  $B_\delta(\hat{\theta}_n) \subseteq \Theta$ ,

$$\left[ \det(n \nabla^2 \hat{h}) \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} \int_{\Theta - B_\delta(\hat{\theta}_n)} b(\theta) \exp[-nh_n(\theta) - n\hat{h}] d\theta = O(n^{-3}).$$

If one sets  $-nh_n$  to be the sequence of log-likelihood functions of a model (as a sequence of sample size  $n$ ), we say the model is Laplace regular. Lemma 1.1 below and Lemma 2.1 in the next section extend Theorem 1 and Theorem 5 of Kass et al (1990) to a higher order. They will be used to prove Lemma 3.2 in Li, et al (2017).

**Lemma 1.1** *If  $(\{h_n\}, b)$  satisfy the analytical assumptions for Laplace's method, then*

$$\int_{\Theta} b(\theta) \exp[-nh(\theta)] d\theta = (2\pi)^{\frac{P}{2}} \left[ \det(n \nabla^2 \hat{h}) \right]^{-\frac{1}{2}} \exp[-n\hat{h}] \left( \hat{b} + \frac{1}{n} A_1 + \frac{1}{n^2} A_2 + O(n^{-3}) \right),$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} A_1 &= -\frac{1}{24} \sum_{ijkq} \hat{h}_{ijkq} \mu_{ijkq}^4 \hat{b} + \frac{1}{72} \sum_{ijkqrs} \hat{h}_{ijk} \hat{h}_{qrs} \mu_{ijkqrs}^6 \hat{b} - \frac{1}{6} \sum_{ijk\zeta} \hat{h}_{ijk} \mu_{ijk\zeta}^4 \hat{b}_\zeta + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\zeta\eta} \hat{b}_{\zeta\eta} \hat{h}^{\zeta\eta}, \\ A_2 &= -\frac{1}{720} \sum_{ijkqrs} \hat{h}_{ijkqrs} \mu_{ijkqrs}^6 \hat{b} + \frac{1}{1152} \sum_{ijkqrstw} \hat{h}_{ijkq} \hat{h}_{rstw} \mu_{ijkqrstw}^8 \hat{b} \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{720} \sum_{ijkqrstw} \hat{h}_{ijk} \hat{h}_{qrstw} \mu_{ijkqrstw}^8 \hat{b} - \frac{1}{1728} \sum_{ijkqrstwv\beta} \hat{h}_{ijk} \hat{h}_{qrs} \hat{h}_{twv\beta} \mu_{ijkqrstwv\beta}^{10} \hat{b} \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{31104} \sum_{ijkqrstwv\beta\tau\phi} \hat{h}_{ijk} \hat{h}_{qrs} \hat{h}_{twv} \hat{h}_{\beta\tau\phi} \mu_{ijkqrstwv\beta\tau\phi}^{12} \hat{b} - \frac{1}{120} \sum_{ijkqr\zeta} \hat{h}_{ijkqr} \mu_{ijkqr\zeta}^6 \hat{b}_\zeta \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{144} \sum_{ijkqrst\zeta} \hat{h}_{ijk} \hat{h}_{qrst} \mu_{ijkqrst\zeta}^8 \hat{b}_\zeta - \frac{1}{1296} \sum_{ijkqrstwv\zeta} \hat{h}_{ijk} \hat{h}_{qrs} \hat{h}_{twv} \mu_{ijkqrstwv\zeta}^{10} \hat{b}_\zeta \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{48} \sum_{ijkq\zeta\eta} \hat{h}_{ijkq} \mu_{ijkq\zeta\eta}^6 \hat{b}_{\zeta\eta} + \frac{1}{144} \sum_{ijkqrs\zeta\eta} \hat{h}_{ijk} \hat{h}_{qrs} \mu_{ijkqrs\zeta\eta}^8 \hat{b}_{\zeta\eta} \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{36} \sum_{ijk\zeta\eta\xi} \hat{h}_{ijk} \mu_{ijk\zeta\eta\xi}^6 \hat{b}_{\zeta\eta\xi} + \frac{1}{24} \sum_{\zeta\eta\xi\omega} \hat{b}_{\zeta\eta\xi\omega} \mu_{\zeta\eta\xi\omega}^4. \end{aligned}$$

**Proof.** Note that

$$\int_{\Theta} b(\theta) \exp[-nh(\theta)] d\theta = \int_{B_\delta(\hat{\theta}_n)} b(\theta) \exp[-nh(\theta)] d\theta + \int_{\Theta - B_\delta(\hat{\theta}_n)} b(\theta) \exp[-nh(\theta)] d\theta,$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
& \int_{\Theta - B_\delta(\hat{\theta}_n)} b(\theta) \exp[-nh(\theta)] d\theta \\
&= \left[ \det(n\nabla^2 \hat{h}) \right]^{-\frac{1}{2}} \exp[-n\hat{h}] \left[ \det(n\nabla^2 \hat{h}) \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} \int_{\Theta - B_\delta(\hat{\theta}_n)} b(\theta) \exp[-n(h(\theta) - \hat{h})] d\theta \\
&= \left[ \det(n\nabla^2 \hat{h}) \right]^{-\frac{1}{2}} \exp[-n\hat{h}] O(n^{-3})
\end{aligned}$$

by assumption (iii) above.

Let  $u = \sqrt{n}(\theta - \hat{\theta}_n)$ . Applying the Taylor expansion to  $h(\theta)$  at  $\hat{\theta}_n$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
nh(\theta) &= n\hat{h} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{ij} \hat{h}_{ij} u_i u_j + \frac{1}{6} n^{-\frac{1}{2}} \sum_{ijk} \hat{h}_{ijk} u_i u_j u_k + \frac{1}{24} n^{-1} \sum_{ijkq} \hat{h}_{ijkq} u_i u_j u_k u_q \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{120} n^{-\frac{3}{2}} \sum_{ijkqr} \hat{h}_{ijkqr} u_i u_j u_k u_q u_r + \frac{1}{720} n^{-2} \sum_{ijkqrs} \hat{h}_{ijkqrs} u_i u_j u_k u_q u_r u_s \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{5040} n^{-\frac{5}{2}} \sum_{ijkqrst} \hat{h}_{ijkqrst} u_i u_j u_k u_q u_r u_s u_t + r_n(u),
\end{aligned}$$

where

$$r_n(u) = \frac{1}{40320} n^{-3} \sum_{ijkqrstw} h_{ijkqrstw}(\theta') u_i u_j u_k u_q u_r u_s u_t u_w,$$

and  $\theta'$  lies between  $\theta$  and  $\hat{\theta}_n$ .

Define

$$\begin{aligned}
x &= \frac{1}{6} n^{-\frac{1}{2}} \sum_{ijk} \hat{h}_{ijk} u_i u_j u_k + \frac{1}{24} n^{-1} \sum_{ijkq} \hat{h}_{ijkq} u_i u_j u_k u_q + \frac{1}{120} n^{-\frac{3}{2}} \sum_{ijkqr} \hat{h}_{ijkqr} u_i u_j u_k u_q u_r \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{720} n^{-2} \sum_{ijkqrs} \hat{h}_{ijkqrs} u_i u_j u_k u_q u_r u_s + \frac{1}{5040} n^{-\frac{5}{2}} \sum_{ijkqrst} \hat{h}_{ijkqrst} u_i u_j u_k u_q u_r u_s u_t + r_n(u).
\end{aligned}$$

Applying the Taylor expansion to  $\exp(-x)$  at the origin, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\exp(-nh) &= \exp\left\{-n\hat{h}\right\} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} \sum_{ij} \hat{h}_{ij} u_i u_j\right) \times \\
&\quad \left(1 + \Xi_1 + \frac{1}{2} \Xi_2 + \frac{1}{6} \Xi_3 + \frac{1}{24} \Xi_4 + \frac{1}{120} \Xi_5 + R_{1,n}(\theta, \hat{\theta}_n)\right),
\end{aligned}$$

where,

$$\begin{aligned}
\Xi_1 &= -\frac{1}{6} n^{-\frac{1}{2}} \sum_{ijk} \hat{h}_{ijk} u_i u_j u_k - \frac{1}{24} n^{-1} \sum_{ijkq} \hat{h}_{ijkq} u_i u_j u_k u_q - \frac{1}{120} n^{-\frac{3}{2}} \sum_{ijkqr} \hat{h}_{ijkqr} u_i u_j u_k u_q u_r \\
&\quad - \frac{1}{720} n^{-2} \sum_{ijkqrs} \hat{h}_{ijkqrs} u_i u_j u_k u_q u_r u_s - \frac{1}{5040} n^{-\frac{5}{2}} \sum_{ijkqrst} \hat{h}_{ijkqrst} u_i u_j u_k u_q u_r u_s u_t,
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\Xi_2 &= \frac{1}{36}n^{-1} \sum_{ijkqrs} \widehat{h}_{ijk}\widehat{h}_{qrs}u_iu_ju_ku_qu_ru_s + \frac{1}{24^2}n^{-2} \sum_{ijkqrstw} \widehat{h}_{ijkq}\widehat{h}_{rstw}u_iu_ju_ku_qu_ru_su_tu_w \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{72}n^{-\frac{3}{2}} \sum_{ijkqrst} \widehat{h}_{ijk}\widehat{h}_{qrst}u_iu_ju_ku_qu_ru_su_t + \frac{1}{360}n^{-2} \sum_{ijkqrstw} \widehat{h}_{ijk}\widehat{h}_{qrstw}u_iu_ju_ku_qu_ru_su_tu_w \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{1440}n^{-\frac{5}{2}} \sum_{ijkqrstwv} \widehat{h}_{ijk}\widehat{h}_{qrstwv}u_iu_ju_ku_qu_ru_su_tu_wu_v \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{2160}n^{-\frac{5}{2}} \sum_{ijkqrstwv} \widehat{h}_{ijk}\widehat{h}_{qrstwv}u_iu_ju_ku_qu_ru_su_tu_wu_v,
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\Xi_3 &= -\frac{1}{216}n^{-\frac{3}{2}} \sum_{ijkqrstwv} h_{ijk}h_{qrs}h_{twv}u_iu_ju_ku_qu_ru_su_tu_wu_v \\
&\quad - \frac{1}{288}n^{-2} \sum_{ijkqrstwv\beta} h_{ijk}h_{qrs}h_{twv\beta}u_iu_ju_ku_qu_ru_su_tu_wu_vu_\beta \\
&\quad - \frac{1}{1152}n^{-\frac{5}{2}} \sum_{ijkqrstwv\beta\tau} h_{ijk}h_{qrst}h_{wv\beta\tau}u_iu_ju_ku_qu_ru_su_tu_wu_vu_\betau_\tau \\
&\quad - \frac{1}{1440}n^{-\frac{5}{2}} \sum_{ijkqrstwv\beta\tau} h_{ijk}h_{qrs}h_{twv\beta\tau}u_iu_ju_ku_qu_ru_su_tu_wu_vu_\betau_\tau,
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\Xi_4 &= \frac{1}{1296}n^{-2} \sum_{ijkqrstwv\beta\tau\phi} \widehat{h}_{ijk}\widehat{h}_{qrs}\widehat{h}_{twv}\widehat{h}_{\beta\tau\phi}u_iu_ju_ku_qu_ru_su_tu_wu_vu_\betau_\tauu_\phi \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{1296}n^{-\frac{5}{2}} \sum_{ijkqrstwv\beta\tau\phi\alpha} \widehat{h}_{ijk}\widehat{h}_{qrs}\widehat{h}_{twv}\widehat{h}_{\beta\tau\phi\alpha}u_iu_ju_ku_qu_ru_su_tu_wu_vu_\betau_\tauu_\phiu_\alpha,
\end{aligned}$$

$$\Xi_5 = -\frac{1}{7776}n^{-\frac{5}{2}} \sum_{ijkqrstwv\beta\tau\phi\alpha\kappa\varrho} \widehat{h}_{ijk}\widehat{h}_{qrs}\widehat{h}_{twv}\widehat{h}_{\beta\tau\phi}\widehat{h}_{\alpha\kappa\varrho}u_iu_ju_ku_qu_ru_su_tu_wu_vu_\betau_\tauu_\phiu_\alphau_\kappau_\varrho.$$

Taylor-expanding  $b(\theta)$  at  $\widehat{\theta}_n$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
b(\theta) &= \widehat{b} + n^{-\frac{1}{2}} \sum_i \widehat{b}_i u_i + \frac{1}{2}n^{-1} \sum_{ij} \widehat{b}_{ij} u_i u_j + \frac{1}{6}n^{-\frac{3}{2}} \sum_{ijk} \widehat{b}_{ijk} u_i u_j u_k \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{24}n^{-2} \sum_{ijkq} \widehat{b}_{ijkq} u_i u_j u_k u_q + \frac{1}{120}n^{-\frac{5}{2}} \sum_{ijkqr} \widehat{b}_{ijkqr} u_i u_j u_k u_q u_r + R_{2,n}(\theta, \widehat{\theta}_n).
\end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned}
b(\theta) \exp[-nh(\theta)] &= \left\{ \exp[-n\widehat{h}] \right\} \exp \left[ -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{ij} \widehat{h}_{ij} u_i u_j \right] \left\{ I_n(\theta, \widehat{\theta}_n) + R_n(\theta, \widehat{\theta}_n) \right\} \\
&= \left( \sqrt{2\pi} \right)^{\frac{p}{2}} \left| \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right|^{-\frac{1}{2}} \exp(-n\widehat{h}) \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \right)^{\frac{p}{2}} \left| \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right|^{\frac{1}{2}} \exp \left[ -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{ij} \widehat{h}_{ij} u_i u_j \right] \\
&\quad \times \left\{ I_n(\theta, \widehat{\theta}_n) + R_n(\theta, \widehat{\theta}_n) \right\},
\end{aligned}$$

where  $I_n(\theta, \widehat{\theta}_n)$  and  $R_n(\theta, \widehat{\theta}_n)$  will be specified below. Thus,

$$\begin{aligned}
& \int_{B_\delta(\widehat{\theta}_n)} b(\theta) \exp[-nh(\theta)] d\theta \\
&= (\sqrt{2\pi})^{\frac{P}{2}} |\nabla^2 \widehat{h}|^{-\frac{1}{2}} \exp(-n\widehat{h}) \times \\
& \quad \int_{B_\delta(\widehat{\theta}_n)} \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \right)^{\frac{P}{2}} |\nabla^2 \widehat{h}|^{\frac{1}{2}} \exp \left[ -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{ij} \widehat{h}_{ij} u_i u_j \right] \{I_n(\theta, \widehat{\theta}_n) + R_n(\theta, \widehat{\theta}_n)\} d\theta \\
&= (\sqrt{2\pi})^{\frac{P}{2}} |\nabla^2 \widehat{h}|^{-\frac{1}{2}} \exp(-n\widehat{h}) (\sqrt{n})^{-\frac{P}{2}} \times \\
& \quad \int_{B_{\sqrt{n}\delta}(0)} \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \right)^{\frac{P}{2}} |\nabla^2 \widehat{h}|^{\frac{1}{2}} \exp \left[ -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{ij} \widehat{h}_{ij} u_i u_j \right] \{I_n(\theta, \widehat{\theta}_n) + R_n(\theta, \widehat{\theta}_n)\} du \\
&= (\sqrt{2\pi})^{\frac{P}{2}} |n \nabla^2 \widehat{h}|^{-\frac{1}{2}} \exp(-n\widehat{h}) \times \\
& \quad \int_{B_{\sqrt{n}\delta}(0)} \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \right)^{\frac{P}{2}} |\nabla^2 \widehat{h}|^{\frac{1}{2}} \left\{ \exp \left[ -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{ij} \widehat{h}_{ij} u_i u_j \right] \right\} \{I_n(\theta, \widehat{\theta}_n) + R_n(\theta, \widehat{\theta}_n)\} du,
\end{aligned}$$

where  $R_n(\theta, \widehat{\theta}_n)$  is the sum of terms involving  $R_{1,n}(\theta, \widehat{\theta}_n)$ ,  $R_{2,n}(\theta, \widehat{\theta}_n)$  and terms of order equal to or smaller than  $O(n^{-3})$ . Furthermore, we can get

$$R_{2,n}(\theta, \widehat{\theta}_n) = \frac{1}{720} n^{-3} \sum b_{ijkqrs}(\widetilde{\theta}) u_i u_j u_k u_q u_r u_s,$$

where  $\widetilde{\theta}$  lies between  $\theta$  and  $\widehat{\theta}_n$ . So the leading term of  $R_n(\theta, \widehat{\theta}_n)$  are  $\widehat{b} R_{1n}(\theta, \widehat{\theta}_n) + R_{2n}(\theta, \widehat{\theta}_n)$  which include  $r_n(u)$ . The integral of  $r_n(u)$  over  $B_\varepsilon(\widehat{\theta}_n)$  can be expressed as

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left| n^{-3} \int_{B_{\sqrt{n}\delta}(0)} \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \right)^{\frac{P}{2}} |\nabla^2 \widehat{h}|^{\frac{1}{2}} \exp \left[ -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{ij} \widehat{h}_{ij} u_i u_j \right] \sum_{ijkqrstw} h_{ijkqrstw}(\theta') u_i u_j u_k u_q u_r u_s u_t u_w du \right| \\
&\leq n^{-3} \int_{B_{\sqrt{n}\delta}(0)} \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \right)^{\frac{P}{2}} |\nabla^2 \widehat{h}|^{\frac{1}{2}} \exp \left[ -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{ij} \widehat{h}_{ij} u_i u_j \right] \sum_{ijkqrstw} |h_{ijkqrstw}(\theta')| |u_i u_j u_k u_q u_r u_s u_t u_w| du \\
&\leq n^{-3} M \int_{R^P} \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \right)^{\frac{P}{2}} |\nabla^2 \widehat{h}|^{\frac{1}{2}} \exp \left[ -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{ij} \widehat{h}_{ij} u_i u_j \right] \sum_{ijkqrstw} |u_i u_j u_k u_q u_r u_s u_t u_w| du \\
&= O(n^{-3}),
\end{aligned}$$

where  $\int_{R^P} \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \right)^{\frac{P}{2}} |\nabla^2 \widehat{h}|^{\frac{1}{2}} \exp \left[ -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{ij} \widehat{h}_{ij} u_i u_j \right] \sum_{ijkqrstw} |u_i u_j u_k u_q u_r u_s u_t u_w| du$  is the eighth order moment of folded multivariate folded normal distribution with mean 0 and covariance  $(\nabla^2 \widehat{h})^{-1}$  which is finite; see Kamat (1953) and Kan and Robotti (2017). Then we have

$$(\sqrt{2\pi})^{\frac{P}{2}} |\nabla^2 \widehat{h}|^{-\frac{1}{2}} \exp(-n\widehat{h}) \int_{B_{\sqrt{n}\delta}(0)} [I_n(\theta, \widehat{\theta}) + R_n(\theta, \widehat{\theta})] f(u) du$$

$$= \left( \sqrt{2\pi} \right)^{\frac{P}{2}} \left| n \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right|^{-\frac{1}{2}} \exp(-n \hat{h}) \left[ \int_{B_{\sqrt{n}\delta}(0)} I_n(\theta, \hat{\theta}) f(u) du + O(n^{-3}) \right].$$

For  $I_n(\theta, \hat{\theta}_n)$  we have

$$I_n(\theta, \hat{\theta}_n) = I_n^0(\theta, \hat{\theta}_n) + I_n^1(\theta, \hat{\theta}_n) + I_n^2(\theta, \hat{\theta}_n) + I_n^3(\theta, \hat{\theta}_n) + I_n^4(\theta, \hat{\theta}_n) + I_n^5(\theta, \hat{\theta}_n),$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} I_n^0(\theta, \hat{\theta}_n) &= \hat{b} \left( 1 + \Xi_1 + \frac{1}{2} \Xi_2 + \frac{1}{6} \Xi_3 + \frac{1}{24} \Xi_4 + \frac{1}{120} \Xi_5 \right) \\ &= \hat{b} \left\{ 1 + n^{-\frac{1}{2}} I_n^{01} + n^{-1} I_n^{02} + n^{-\frac{3}{2}} I_n^{03} + n^{-2} I_n^{04} + n^{-\frac{5}{2}} I_n^{05} \right\}, \end{aligned}$$

$$I_n^{01} = -\frac{1}{6} \sum_{ijk} \hat{h}_{ijk} u_i u_j u_k, \quad I_n^{02} = -\frac{1}{24} \sum_{ijkq} \hat{h}_{ijkq} u_i u_j u_k u_q + \frac{1}{72} \sum_{ijkqrs} \hat{h}_{ijk} \hat{h}_{qrs} u_i u_j u_k u_q u_r u_s,$$

$$\begin{aligned} I_n^{03} &= -\frac{1}{120} \sum_{ijkqr} \hat{h}_{ijkqr} u_i u_j u_k u_q u_r + \frac{1}{144} \sum_{ijkqrst} \hat{h}_{ijk} \hat{h}_{qrst} u_i u_j u_k u_q u_r u_s u_t \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{1296} \sum_{ijkqrstwv} \hat{h}_{ijk} \hat{h}_{qrs} \hat{h}_{tww} u_i u_j u_k u_q u_r u_s u_t u_w u_v, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} I_n^{04} &= -\frac{1}{720} \sum_{ijkqrs} \hat{h}_{ijkqrs} u_i u_j u_k u_q u_r u_s + \frac{1}{1152} \sum_{ijkqrstw} \hat{h}_{ijk} \hat{h}_{qrstw} u_i u_j u_k u_q u_r u_s u_t u_w \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{720} \sum_{ijkqrstw} \hat{h}_{ijk} \hat{h}_{qrstw} u_i u_j u_k u_q u_r u_s u_t u_w \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{1728} \sum_{ijkqrstwv\beta} \hat{h}_{ijk} \hat{h}_{qrs} \hat{h}_{tww\beta} u_i u_j u_k u_q u_r u_s u_t u_w u_v u_\beta \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{31104} \sum_{ijkqrstwv\beta\tau\phi} \hat{h}_{ijk} \hat{h}_{qrs} \hat{h}_{tww} \hat{h}_{\beta\tau\phi} u_i u_j u_k u_q u_r u_s u_t u_w u_v u_\beta u_\tau u_\phi, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} I_n^{05} &= -\frac{1}{5040} \sum_{ijkqrst} \hat{h}_{ijkqrst} u_i u_j u_k u_q u_r u_s u_t + \frac{1}{2880} \sum_{ijkqrstwv} \hat{h}_{ijk} \hat{h}_{qrstwv} u_i u_j u_k u_q u_r u_s u_t u_w u_v \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{5120} n^{-\frac{5}{2}} \sum_{ijkqrstwv} \hat{h}_{ijk} \hat{h}_{qrstwv} u_i u_j u_k u_q u_r u_s u_t u_w u_v \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{6912} \sum_{ijkqrstwv\beta\tau} h_{ijk} h_{qrst} h_{wv\beta\tau} u_i u_j u_k u_q u_r u_s u_t u_w u_v u_\beta u_\tau \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{8640} \sum_{ijkqrstwv\beta\tau} \hat{h}_{ijk} \hat{h}_{qrs} \hat{h}_{tww\beta\alpha} u_i u_j u_k u_q u_r u_s u_t u_w u_v u_\beta u_\tau \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{31104} \sum_{ijkqrstwv\beta\tau\phi\alpha} \hat{h}_{ijk} \hat{h}_{qrs} \hat{h}_{tww} \hat{h}_{\beta\tau\phi\alpha} u_i u_j u_k u_q u_r u_s u_t u_w u_v u_\beta u_\tau u_\phi u_\alpha \end{aligned}$$

$$-\frac{1}{933120} \sum_{ijkqrstwv\beta\tau\phi\alpha\kappa\varrho} \widehat{h}_{ijk}\widehat{h}_{qrs}\widehat{h}_{twv}\widehat{h}_{\beta\tau\phi}\widehat{h}_{\alpha\kappa\varrho} u_i u_j u_k u_q u_r u_s u_t u_w u_v u_\beta u_\tau u_\phi u_\alpha u_\kappa u_\varrho,$$

$$\begin{aligned} I_n^1(\theta, \widehat{\theta}_n) &= n^{-\frac{1}{2}} \sum \widehat{b}_\zeta u_\zeta \left( 1 + \Xi_1 + \frac{1}{2} \Xi_2 + \frac{1}{6} \Xi_3 + \frac{1}{24} \Xi_4 + \frac{1}{120} \Xi_5 \right) \\ &= n^{-\frac{1}{2}} \sum \widehat{b}_\zeta u_\zeta + n^{-1} I_n^{11}(\theta, \widehat{\theta}_n) + n^{-\frac{3}{2}} I_n^{12}(\theta, \widehat{\theta}_n) + n^{-2} I_n^{13}(\theta, \widehat{\theta}_n) \\ &\quad + n^{-\frac{5}{2}} I_n^{14}(\theta, \widehat{\theta}_n), \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} I_n^{11}(\theta, \widehat{\theta}_n) &= -\frac{1}{6} \sum_{ijk\zeta} \widehat{h}_{ijk} u_i u_j u_k u_\zeta \widehat{b}_\zeta, \\ I_n^{12}(\theta, \widehat{\theta}_n) &= -\frac{1}{24} \sum_{ijkq\zeta} \widehat{h}_{ijkq} u_i u_j u_k u_q u_\zeta \widehat{b}_\zeta + \frac{1}{72} \sum_{ijkqrs\zeta} \widehat{h}_{ijk} \widehat{h}_{qrs} u_i u_j u_k u_q u_r u_s u_\zeta \widehat{b}_\zeta, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} I_n^{13}(\theta, \widehat{\theta}) &= -\frac{1}{120} \sum_{ijkqr} \widehat{h}_{ijkqr} u_i u_j u_k u_q u_r u_\zeta \widehat{b}_\zeta + \frac{1}{144} \sum_{ijkqrst} \widehat{h}_{ijk} \widehat{h}_{qrst} u_i u_j u_k u_q u_r u_s u_t u_\zeta \widehat{b}_\zeta \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{1296} \sum_{ijkqrstwv} \widehat{h}_{ijk} \widehat{h}_{qrs} \widehat{h}_{twv} u_i u_j u_k u_q u_r u_s u_t u_w u_v u_\zeta \widehat{b}_\zeta, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} I_n^{14}(\theta, \widehat{\theta}_n) &= -\frac{1}{720} \sum_{ijkqrs\zeta} \widehat{h}_{ijkqrs} u_i u_j u_k u_q u_r u_s u_\zeta \widehat{b}_\zeta + \frac{1}{1152} \sum_{ijkqrstw\zeta} \widehat{h}_{ijk} \widehat{h}_{qrstw} u_i u_j u_k u_q u_r u_s u_t u_w u_\zeta \widehat{b}_\zeta \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{720} \sum_{ijkqrstw\zeta} \widehat{h}_{ijk} \widehat{h}_{qrstw} u_i u_j u_k u_q u_r u_s u_t u_w u_\zeta \widehat{b}_\zeta \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{1728} \sum_{ijkqrstwv\beta\zeta ijkqrs} \widehat{h}_{ijk} \widehat{h}_{qrs} \widehat{h}_{twv\beta} u_i u_j u_k u_q u_r u_s u_t u_w u_v u_\beta u_\zeta \widehat{b}_\zeta \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{31104} \sum_{ijkqrstwv\beta\tau\phi\zeta} \widehat{h}_{ijk} \widehat{h}_{qrs} \widehat{h}_{twv\beta\tau\phi} u_i u_j u_k u_q u_r u_s u_t u_w u_v u_\beta u_\tau u_\phi u_\zeta \widehat{b}_\zeta, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} I_n^2(\theta, \widehat{\theta}_n) &= n^{-1} \frac{1}{2} \sum \widehat{b}_{\zeta\eta} u_\zeta u_\eta \left( 1 + \Xi_1 + \frac{1}{2} \Xi_2 + \frac{1}{6} \Xi_3 + \frac{1}{24} \Xi_4 + \frac{1}{120} \Xi_5 \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[ n^{-1} \sum \widehat{b}_{\zeta\eta} u_\zeta u_\eta + n^{-\frac{3}{2}} I_n^{21}(\theta, \widehat{\theta}_n) + n^{-2} I_n^{22}(\theta, \widehat{\theta}_n) + n^{-\frac{5}{2}} I_n^{23}(\theta, \widehat{\theta}_n) \right], \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} I_n^{21}(\theta, \widehat{\theta}_n) &= -\frac{1}{6} \sum_{ijk\zeta\eta} \widehat{h}_{ijk} u_i u_j u_k u_\zeta u_\eta \widehat{b}_{\zeta\eta}, \\ I_n^{22}(\theta, \widehat{\theta}_n) &= -\frac{1}{24} \sum_{ijkq\zeta\eta} \widehat{h}_{ijkq} u_i u_j u_k u_q u_\zeta u_\eta \widehat{b}_{\zeta\eta} + \frac{1}{72} \sum_{ijkqrs\zeta\eta} \widehat{h}_{ijk} \widehat{h}_{qrs} u_i u_j u_k u_q u_r u_s u_\zeta u_\eta \widehat{b}_{\zeta\eta}, \end{aligned}$$

$$I_n^{23}(\theta, \widehat{\theta}_n) = -\frac{1}{120} \sum_{ijkqr\zeta\eta} \widehat{h}_{ijkqr} u_i u_j u_k u_q u_r u_\zeta u_\eta \widehat{b}_{\zeta\eta} + \frac{1}{144} \sum_{ijkqrst\zeta\eta} \widehat{h}_{ijk} \widehat{h}_{qrst} u_i u_j u_k u_q u_r u_s u_t u_\zeta u_\eta \widehat{b}_{\zeta\eta}$$

$$-\frac{1}{1296} \sum_{ijkqrstwv\zeta\eta} \widehat{h}_{ijk} \widehat{h}_{qrs} \widehat{h}_{twv} u_i u_j u_k u_q u_r u_s u_t u_w u_v u_\zeta u_\eta \widehat{b}_{\zeta\eta},$$

$$\begin{aligned} I_n^3(\theta, \widehat{\theta}_n) &= n^{-\frac{3}{2}} \frac{1}{6} \sum \widehat{b}_{\zeta\eta\xi} u_\zeta u_\xi u_\eta u_\xi \left( 1 + \Xi_1 + \frac{1}{2} \Xi_2 + \frac{1}{6} \Xi_3 + \frac{1}{24} \Xi_4 + \frac{1}{120} \Xi_5 \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{6} \left[ n^{-\frac{3}{2}} \sum \widehat{b}_{\zeta\eta\xi} u_\zeta u_\xi u_\eta u_\xi + n^{-2} I_n^{31}(\theta, \widehat{\theta}_n) + n^{-\frac{5}{2}} I_n^{32}(\theta, \widehat{\theta}_n) \right], \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} I_n^{31}(\theta, \widehat{\theta}_n) &= -\frac{1}{6} \sum_{ijk\zeta\eta} \widehat{h}_{ijk} u_i u_j u_k u_\zeta u_\eta u_\xi \widehat{b}_{\zeta\eta\xi}, \\ I_n^{32}(\theta, \widehat{\theta}_n) &= -\frac{1}{24} \sum_{ijkq\zeta\eta} \widehat{h}_{ijkq} u_i u_j u_k u_q u_\zeta u_\eta u_\xi \widehat{b}_{\zeta\eta\xi} + \frac{1}{72} \sum_{ijkqrs\zeta\eta} \widehat{h}_{ijk} \widehat{h}_{qrs} u_i u_j u_k u_q u_r u_s u_\zeta u_\eta u_\xi \widehat{b}_{\zeta\eta\xi}, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} I_n^4(\theta, \widehat{\theta}_n) &= n^{-2} \frac{1}{24} \sum \widehat{b}_{\zeta\eta\xi\omega} u_\zeta u_\xi u_\eta u_\xi u_\omega \left( 1 + \Xi_1 + \frac{1}{2} \Xi_2 + \frac{1}{6} \Xi_3 + \frac{1}{24} \Xi_4 + \frac{1}{120} \Xi_5 \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{24} \left[ n^{-2} \sum \widehat{b}_{\zeta\eta\xi\omega} u_\zeta u_\xi u_\eta u_\xi u_\omega + n^{-\frac{5}{2}} I_n^{41}(\theta, \widehat{\theta}_n) \right], \\ I_n^{41}(\theta, \widehat{\theta}_n) &= -\frac{1}{6} \sum_{ijk\zeta\eta} \widehat{h}_{ijk} u_i u_j u_k u_\zeta u_\eta u_\xi u_\omega \widehat{b}_{\zeta\eta\xi\omega}, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} I_n^5(\theta, \widehat{\theta}_n) &= n^{-\frac{5}{2}} \frac{1}{120} \sum_{ijkqr} \widehat{b}_{ijkqr} u_i u_j u_k u_q u_r \left( 1 + \Xi_1 + \frac{1}{2} \Xi_2 + \frac{1}{6} \Xi_3 + \frac{1}{24} \Xi_4 + \frac{1}{120} \Xi_5 \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{120} \left[ n^{-\frac{5}{2}} \sum_{ijkqr} \widehat{b}_{ijkqr} u_i u_j u_k u_q u_r \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Let

$$f(u) = \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \right)^{\frac{P}{2}} \left| \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right|^{\frac{1}{2}} \left\{ \exp \left[ -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{ij} \widehat{h}_{ij} u_i u_j \right] \right\},$$

be the density function of the Normal distribution with mean 0 and covariance matrix  $(\nabla^2 \widehat{h})^{-1}$ . Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} &\int_{R^p} I_n(\theta, \widehat{\theta}_n) f(u) du \\ &= \widehat{b} + \frac{1}{n} \left( -\frac{1}{24} \sum_{ijkq} \widehat{h}_{ijkq} \mu_{ijkq}^4 + \frac{1}{72} \sum_{ijkqrs} \widehat{h}_{ijk} \widehat{h}_{qrs} \mu_{ijkqrs}^6 - \frac{1}{6} \sum_{ijk\zeta} \widehat{h}_{ijk} \mu_{ijk\zeta}^4 \widehat{b}_\zeta + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\zeta\eta} \widehat{b}_{\zeta\eta} \widehat{h}^{\zeta\eta} \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$+ \frac{1}{n^2} \left( \begin{array}{l} -\frac{1}{720} \sum_{ijkqrs} \widehat{h}_{ijkqrs} \mu_{ijkqrs}^6 + \frac{1}{1152} \sum_{ijkqrstw} \widehat{h}_{ijkq} \widehat{h}_{rstw} \mu_{ijkqrstw}^8 \\ + \frac{1}{720} \sum_{ijkqrstw} \widehat{h}_{ijk} \widehat{h}_{qrstw} \mu_{ijkqrstw}^8 - \frac{1}{1728} \sum_{ijkqrstvw\beta} \widehat{h}_{ijk} \widehat{h}_{qrs} \widehat{h}_{tuvw\beta} \mu_{ijkqrstvw\beta}^{10} \\ + \frac{1}{31104} \sum_{ijkqrstvw\beta\tau\phi} \widehat{h}_{ijk} \widehat{h}_{qrs} \widehat{h}_{tuvw} \widehat{h}_{\beta\tau\phi} \mu_{ijkqrstvw\beta\tau\phi}^{12} \\ - \frac{1}{120} \sum_{ijkqr\zeta} \widehat{h}_{ijkqr} \mu_{ijkqr\zeta}^6 b_\zeta + \frac{1}{144} \sum_{ijkqr\zeta} \widehat{h}_{ijk} \widehat{h}_{qrs} \mu_{ijkqr\zeta}^8 b_\zeta \\ - \frac{1}{1296} \sum_{ijkqrstvw\zeta} \widehat{h}_{ijk} \widehat{h}_{qrs} \widehat{h}_{tuvw} \mu_{ijkqrstvw\zeta}^{10} b_\zeta \\ - \frac{1}{48} \sum_{ijkq\zeta\eta} \widehat{h}_{ijkq} \mu_{ijkq\zeta\eta}^6 b_{\zeta\eta} + \frac{1}{144} \sum_{ijkqrs\zeta\eta} \widehat{h}_{ijk} \widehat{h}_{qrs} \mu_{ijkqrs\zeta\eta}^8 b_{\zeta\eta} \\ - \frac{1}{36} \sum_{ijk\zeta\eta\xi} \widehat{h}_{ijk} \mu_{ijk\zeta\eta\xi}^6 b_{\zeta\eta\xi} + \frac{1}{24} \sum_{\zeta\eta\xi\omega} \widehat{b}_{\zeta\eta\xi\omega} \mu_{\zeta\eta\xi\omega}^4 \end{array} \right) \\ + O(n^{-3}).$$

Note that the odd order central moments of the multivariate normal distribution vanish and, by expanding the domain from  $B_{\sqrt{n}\delta}(0)$  to  $R^P$ , the error can be expressed as

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{R^P - B_{\sqrt{n}\delta}(0)} \sum_{ijkq} \widehat{h}_{ijkq} u_i u_j u_k u_q f(u) du \\ &= \sum_{ijkq} \widehat{h}_{ijkq} \int_{R^P - B_{\sqrt{n}\delta}(0)} u_i u_j u_k u_q f(u) du \\ &= \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \right)^{\frac{p}{2}} \left| \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right|^{\frac{1}{2}} \sum_{ijkq} \widehat{h}_{ijkq} \int_{R^P - B_{\sqrt{n}\delta}(0)} u_i u_j u_k u_q \exp \left[ -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{ij} \widehat{h}_{ij} u_i u_j \right] du \\ &= \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \right)^{\frac{p}{2}} \left| \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right|^{\frac{1}{2}} \sum_{ijkq} \widehat{h}_{ijkq} \int_{R^P - B_{\sqrt{n}\delta}(0)} u_i u_j u_k u_q \exp \left[ -\frac{1}{4} \sum_{ij} \widehat{h}_{ij} u_i u_j \right] \exp \left[ -\frac{1}{4} \sum_{ij} \widehat{h}_{ij} u_i u_j \right] du \\ &\leq \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \right)^{\frac{p}{2}} \left| \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right|^{\frac{1}{2}} \sum_{ijkq} \widehat{h}_{ijkq} \int_{R^P - B_{\sqrt{n}\delta}(0)} u_i u_j u_k u_q \exp \left[ -\frac{1}{4} \sum_{ij} \lambda_{\min} u_i u_j \right] \exp \left[ -\frac{1}{4} \sum_{ij} \widehat{h}_{ij} u_i u_j \right] du \\ &\leq \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \right)^{\frac{p}{2}} \left| \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right|^{\frac{1}{2}} \exp \left[ -\frac{1}{4} \lambda_{\min} \delta^2 n \right] \sum_{ijkq} \widehat{h}_{ijkq} \int_{R^P} u_i u_j u_k u_q \exp \left[ -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{ij} \left( \frac{1}{2} \widehat{h}_{ij} \right) u_i u_j \right] du \\ &= M' \exp \left[ -\frac{1}{4} \lambda_{\min} \delta^2 n \right], \end{aligned}$$

where  $\lambda_{\min} > 0$  is the smallest eigenvalue of  $\nabla^2 \widehat{h}$  and

$$M' = \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \right)^{\frac{p}{2}} \left| \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right|^{\frac{1}{2}} \sum_{ijkq} \widehat{h}_{ijkq} \int_{R^P} u_i u_j u_k u_q \exp \left[ -\sum_{ij} \left( \frac{1}{4} \widehat{h}_{ij} \right) u_i u_j \right] du < \infty,$$

by the imposed assumptions. The first inequality follows from the fact that

$$\lambda_{\min} = \min_{\|e\|=1} f(e) = e^T A e,$$

where  $A$  is a positive definite matrix, and  $\lambda_{\min}$  is the the smallest eigenvalue of  $A$ . Here, we only express one term of  $I_n(\theta, \widehat{\theta}_n)$ . The other terms can be analyzed similarly.

Hence, we have

$$\int_{B_{\sqrt{n}\delta}(0)} I_n(\theta, \widehat{\theta}) f(u) du = \int_{R^P} I_n(\theta, \widehat{\theta}) f(u) du - \int_{R^P - B_{\sqrt{n}\delta}(0)} I_n(\theta, \widehat{\theta}) f(u) du,$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\Theta} b(\theta) \exp[-nh(\theta)] d\theta \\ &= \int_{B_{\delta}(\widehat{\theta}_n)} b(\theta) \exp[-nh(\theta)] d\theta + \int_{\Theta - B_{\delta}(\widehat{\theta}_n)} b(\theta) \exp[-nh(\theta)] d\theta \\ &= (\sqrt{2\pi})^{\frac{P}{2}} |n\nabla^2 \widehat{h}|^{-\frac{1}{2}} \exp(-n\widehat{h}) \left[ \int_{B_{\sqrt{n}\delta}(0)} [I_n(\theta, \widehat{\theta}) + R_n(\theta, \widehat{\theta})] f(u) du + O(n^{-3}) \right] \\ &= (\sqrt{2\pi})^{\frac{P}{2}} |n\nabla^2 \widehat{h}|^{-\frac{1}{2}} \exp(-n\widehat{h}) \left[ \int_{B_{\sqrt{n}\delta}(0)} I_n(\theta, \widehat{\theta}) f(u) du + O(n^{-3}) \right] \\ &= (\sqrt{2\pi})^{\frac{P}{2}} |n\nabla^2 \widehat{h}|^{-\frac{1}{2}} \exp(-n\widehat{h}) \left[ \frac{\int_{R^P} I_n(\theta, \widehat{\theta}) f(u) du}{-\int_{R^P - B_{\sqrt{n}\delta}(0)} I_n(\theta, \widehat{\theta}) f(u) du} + O(n^{-3}) \right] \\ &= (\sqrt{2\pi})^{\frac{P}{2}} |n\nabla^2 \widehat{h}|^{-\frac{1}{2}} \exp(-n\widehat{h}) \left[ \int_{R^P} I_n(\theta, \widehat{\theta}) f(u) du + O(n^{-3}) \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, this lemma is proved. ■

## 2 High Order Stochastic Expansions

In this section we will develop high order stochastic Laplace expansions. Suppose  $\mathbf{y} = (y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n)'$  is a collection of random variables defined on a common probability space  $\{\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \wp_\theta\}$ , where  $\Omega$  is a sample space,  $\mathcal{F}$  is a sigma-algebra, and  $\wp_\theta$  is a probability measure that depends on parameter  $\theta \in \Theta$ , a compact subset of  $R^P$ . Assume  $\{y_i, i = 1, 2, \dots\}$  take values in the same mathematical space  $\mathfrak{X}$ , which must be measurable with respect to some sigma-algebra,  $\Sigma$ . Let  $h_n(\mathbf{y}, \theta)$  be a sequence of functions, each of which is eight-times continuously differentiable with respect to  $\theta$  and has an interior global minimum  $\{\widehat{\theta}_n : n = 1, 2, \dots\}$ ;  $b(\theta)$  is a six-times continuously differentiable real function of  $\theta$ . When there is no confusion, we write  $h_n(\mathbf{y}, \theta)$  as  $h(\theta)$  or  $h_n$  or even  $h$  and  $b(\theta)$  as  $b$ . For any function  $f(\theta)$ , let  $\widehat{f}$  be the value of function  $f$  evaluated at  $\widehat{\theta}_n$ , i.e.,  $\widehat{f} := f(\widehat{\theta}_n)$ .

We call the pair  $(\{h_n\}, b)$  satisfy the analytical assumptions for the stochastic Laplace method on  $\wp_\theta$  if the following assumptions are satisfied. There exists positive numbers  $\varepsilon$ ,  $M$  and  $\eta$  such that (i) with probability approach one (w.p.a.1), for all  $\theta \in B_\varepsilon(\widehat{\theta}_n)$  and all  $1 \leq j_1, \dots, j_d \leq P$  with  $0 \leq d \leq 8$ ,  $\|h_n(\theta)\| < M$  and  $\|h_{j_1 \dots j_d}(\theta)\| < M$ ; (ii) w.p.a.1,  $\nabla^2 \widehat{h}$  is positive definite and  $\det(\nabla^2 \widehat{h}) > \eta$ ; (iii)  $\int_{\Theta} b(\theta) \exp(-nh_n(\theta)) d\theta$  exists and is finite, and

for all  $\delta$  for which  $0 < \delta < \varepsilon$  and  $B_\delta(\widehat{\theta}_n) \subseteq \Theta$ ,

$$\left[ \det(n\nabla^2\widehat{h}) \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} \int_{\Theta-B_\delta(\widehat{\theta}_n)} b(\theta) \exp \left[ -n(h_n(\theta) - \widehat{h}) \right] d\theta = O_p(n^{-3}).$$

Note that our assumptions are different from those in Section 3 of Kass et al (1990) in two aspects. First, we require  $h_n(\theta)$  be eight-times continuously differentiable and  $b(\theta)$  be six-times continuously differentiable. Second, for conditions (ii) and (iii), instead of almost sure boundedness and almost sure convergence, we assume they hold w.p.a.1. We do so because we are interested in convergence in probability only. Following the result in Theorem 7 of Kass et al (1990),  $(\{h_n\}, b)$  satisfy the analytical assumptions for stochastic Laplace's method on  $\wp_\theta$  and Lemma 1.1 above, it is straightforward to show that

$$\int_{\Theta} b(\theta) \exp[-nh(\theta)] d\theta = (2\pi)^{\frac{p}{2}} \left[ \det(n\nabla^2\widehat{h}) \right]^{-\frac{1}{2}} \exp[-n\widehat{h}] \left( \widehat{b} + \frac{1}{n} A_1 + \frac{1}{n^2} A_2 + O_p(n^{-3}) \right), \quad (1)$$

where the expressions for  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  are given in Lemma 1.1.

**Lemma 2.1** *If both  $(\{h_n\}, g \times b_D)$  and  $(\{h_n\}, b_D)$  satisfy the analytical assumptions for the stochastic Laplace method on  $\wp_\theta$ , then*

$$\frac{\int g(\theta) b_D(\theta) \exp(-nh_n(\theta)) d\theta}{\int b_D(\theta) \exp(-nh_n(\theta)) d\theta} = \widehat{g} + \frac{1}{n} B_1 + \frac{1}{n^2} (B_2 - B_3) + O_p\left(\frac{1}{n^3}\right),$$

where

$$B_1 = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{ij} \widehat{\sigma}_{ij} \widehat{b}_{D,j} \widehat{g}_i + \frac{\sum_{ij} \widehat{\sigma}_{ij} \widehat{b}_{D,j} \widehat{g}_i}{\widehat{b}_D} - \frac{1}{6} \sum_{ijkq} \widehat{h}_{ijk} \mu_{ijkq}^4 \widehat{g}_q,$$

$$\begin{aligned} B_2 = & -\frac{1}{120} \sum_{ijkqrs} \widehat{h}_{ijkqrs} \mu_{ijkqrs}^6 \widehat{g}_s + \frac{1}{144} \sum_{ijkqrstw} \widehat{h}_{ijk} \widehat{h}_{qrstw} \mu_{ijkqrstw}^8 \widehat{g}_w \\ & - \frac{1}{1296} \sum_{ijkqrstwv\beta} \widehat{h}_{ijk} \widehat{h}_{qrs} \widehat{h}_{twv} \mu_{ijkqrstwv\beta}^{10} \widehat{g}_\beta - \frac{1}{24} \frac{\sum_{ijkqrs} \widehat{h}_{ijkq} \mu_{ijkqrs}^6 \widehat{b}_{D,s} \widehat{g}_r}{\widehat{b}_D} \\ & + \frac{1}{72} \frac{\sum_{ijkqrstw} \widehat{h}_{ijk} \widehat{h}_{qrs} \mu_{ijkqrstw}^8 \widehat{b}_{D,w} \widehat{g}_t}{\widehat{b}_D} - \frac{1}{12} \frac{\sum_{ijk\zeta\eta\xi} \widehat{h}_{ijk} \mu_{ijk\zeta\eta\xi}^6 \widehat{b}_{D,\eta\xi} \widehat{g}_\zeta}{\widehat{b}_D} \\ & + \frac{1}{6} \frac{\sum_{\zeta\eta\xi\omega} \mu_{\zeta\eta\xi\omega}^4 \widehat{b}_{D,\eta\xi\omega} \widehat{g}_\zeta}{\widehat{b}_D} - \frac{1}{48} \sum_{ijkqrs} \widehat{h}_{ijkq} \mu_{ijkqrs}^6 \widehat{g}_{rs} \\ & + \frac{1}{144} \sum_{ijkqrstw} \widehat{h}_{ijk} \widehat{h}_{qrs} \mu_{ijkqrstw}^8 \widehat{g}_{tw} - \frac{1}{36} \sum_{ijk\zeta\eta\xi} \widehat{h}_{ijk} \mu_{ijk\zeta\eta\xi}^6 \widehat{g}_{\zeta\eta\xi} \\ & + \frac{1}{24} \sum_{\zeta\eta\xi\omega} \mu_{\zeta\eta\xi\omega}^4 \widehat{g}_{\zeta\eta\xi} - \frac{1}{12} \frac{\sum_{ijk\zeta\eta\xi} \widehat{h}_{ijk} \mu_{ijk\zeta\eta\xi}^6 \widehat{g}_{\zeta\eta\xi} \widehat{b}_{D,\xi}}{\widehat{b}_D} \end{aligned}$$

$$+ \frac{1}{6} \frac{\sum_{\zeta \eta \xi \omega} \mu_{\zeta \eta \xi \omega}^4 \widehat{g}_{\zeta \eta \xi} \widehat{b}_{D, \omega}}{\widehat{b}_D} + \frac{1}{4} \frac{\sum_{\zeta \eta \xi \omega} \mu_{\zeta \eta \xi \omega}^4 \widehat{g}_{\zeta \eta} \widehat{b}_{D, \xi \omega}}{\widehat{b}_D},$$

$$B_3 = \left( \frac{1}{2} \sum_{ij} \widehat{\sigma}_{ij} \frac{\widehat{b}_{D,ij}}{\widehat{b}_D} - \frac{1}{6} \sum_{ijkq} \widehat{h}_{ijk} \mu_{ijkq}^4 \frac{\widehat{b}_{D,q}}{\widehat{b}_D} + \frac{1}{72} \sum_{ijkqrs} \widehat{h}_{ijk} \widehat{h}_{qrs} \mu_{ijkqrs}^6 - \frac{1}{24} \sum_{ijkq} \widehat{h}_{ijkq} \mu_{ijkq}^4 \right) B_1,$$

where  $\sigma_{ij} = h^{ij}$ .

**Proof.** If  $\{h^N(\theta), b_N\}$  and  $\{h^D(\theta), b_D\}$  satisfy the analytical assumptions for the stochastic Laplace method on  $\wp_\theta$ , then by (1)

$$\frac{\int b_N(\theta) \exp[-nh^N(\theta)] d\theta}{\int b_D(\theta) \exp[-nh^D(\theta)] d\theta} = \frac{\left| \nabla^2 \widehat{h}^N \right|^{-\frac{1}{2}} \exp\left[-nh\left(\widehat{\theta}_n^N\right)\right] b_k\left(\widehat{\theta}_n^N\right) + \frac{1}{n} c_N + \frac{1}{n^2} d_N + O_p(n^{-3})}{\left| \nabla^2 \widehat{h}^D \right|^{-\frac{1}{2}} \exp\left[-nh\left(\widehat{\theta}_n^D\right)\right] b_k\left(\widehat{\theta}_n^D\right) + \frac{1}{n} c_D + \frac{1}{n^2} d_D + O_p(n^{-3})}.$$

From Tierney and Kadane (1986) and Miyata (2004, 2010), we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{b_N\left(\widehat{\theta}_n^N\right) + \frac{1}{n} c_N + \frac{1}{n^2} d_N + O_p(n^{-3})}{b_D\left(\widehat{\theta}_n^D\right) + \frac{1}{n} c_D + \frac{1}{n^2} d_D + O_p(n^{-3})} = \frac{b_N\left(\widehat{\theta}_n^N\right)}{b_D\left(\widehat{\theta}_n^D\right)} \left[ \frac{1 + \frac{1}{n} \frac{c_N}{b_N(\widehat{\theta}_n^N)} + \frac{1}{n^2} \frac{d_N}{b_N(\widehat{\theta}_n^N)} + O_p(n^{-3})}{1 + \frac{1}{n} \frac{c_D}{b_D(\widehat{\theta}_n^D)} + \frac{1}{n^2} \frac{d_D}{b_D(\widehat{\theta}_n^D)} + O_p(n^{-3})} \right] \\ &= \frac{b_N\left(\widehat{\theta}_n^N\right)}{b_D\left(\widehat{\theta}_n^D\right)} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} 1 + \frac{1}{n} \left( \frac{c_N}{b_N(\widehat{\theta}_n^N)} - \frac{c_D}{b_D(\widehat{\theta}_n^D)} \right) \\ + \frac{1}{n^2} \left( \frac{d_N}{b_N(\widehat{\theta}_n^N)} - \frac{d_D}{b_D(\widehat{\theta}_n^D)} - \frac{c_D}{b_D(\widehat{\theta}_n^D)} \left( \frac{c_N}{b_N(\widehat{\theta}_n^N)} - \frac{c_D}{b_D(\widehat{\theta}_n^D)} \right) \right) + O_p(n^{-3}) \end{array} \right\}, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\widehat{b}_N}{\widehat{b}_D} \left( \frac{c_N}{\widehat{b}_N} - \frac{c_D}{\widehat{b}_D} \right) &= \frac{\widehat{b}_N \left( c_N \widehat{b}_D - c_D \widehat{b}_N \right)}{\widehat{b}_D^2 \widehat{b}_N} = \frac{c_N \widehat{b}_D - c_D \widehat{b}_N}{\widehat{b}_D^2} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \frac{\sum_{ij} \widehat{\sigma}_{ij} \widehat{b}_{N,ij} \widehat{b}_D - \sum_{ij} \widehat{\sigma}_{ij} \widehat{b}_{D,ij} \widehat{b}_N}{\widehat{b}_D^2} \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{6} \frac{\sum_{ijkq} \widehat{h}_{ijk}^N \mu_{ijkq}^4 \widehat{b}_{N,q} \widehat{b}_D - \sum_{ijkq} \widehat{h}_{ijk}^D \mu_{ijkq}^4 \widehat{b}_{D,q} \widehat{b}_N}{\widehat{b}_D^2} \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{72} \frac{\widehat{b}_N \sum_{ijkqrs} \widehat{h}_{ijk}^N \widehat{h}_{qrs}^N \mu_{ijkqrs}^6 - \sum_{ijkqrs} \widehat{h}_{ijk}^D \widehat{h}_{qrs}^D \mu_{ijkqrs}^6 \widehat{b}_N}{\widehat{b}_D} \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{24} \frac{\widehat{b}_N \sum_{ijkq} \widehat{h}_{ijkq}^N \mu_{ijkq}^4 - \sum_{ijkq} \widehat{h}_{ijkq}^D \mu_{ijkq}^4 \widehat{b}_N}{\widehat{b}_D}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\sigma_{ij} = h^{ij}$ .

$$\frac{\widehat{b}_N}{\widehat{b}_D} \left( \frac{d_N}{\widehat{b}_N} - \frac{d_D}{\widehat{b}_D} \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= -\frac{1}{720} \frac{\widehat{b}_N \sum_{ijkqrs} \widehat{h}_{ijkqrs}^N \mu_{ijkqrs}^6 - \sum_{ijkqrs} \widehat{h}_{ijkqrs}^D \mu_{ijkqrs}^6 \widehat{b}_N}{\widehat{b}_D} \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{1152} \frac{\widehat{b}_N \sum_{ijkqrstw} \widehat{h}_{ijkq}^N \widehat{h}_{rstw}^N \mu_{ijkqrstw}^8 - \sum_{ijkqrstw} \widehat{h}_{ijkq}^D \widehat{h}_{rstw}^D \mu_{ijkqrstw}^8 \widehat{b}_N}{\widehat{b}_D} \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{720} \frac{\widehat{b}_N \sum_{ijkqrstw} \widehat{h}_{ijk}^N \widehat{h}_{qrstw}^N \mu_{ijkqrstw}^8 - \sum_{ijkqrstw} \widehat{h}_{ijk}^D \widehat{h}_{qrstw}^D \mu_{ijkqrstw}^8 \widehat{b}_N}{\widehat{b}_D} \\
&\quad - \frac{1}{1728} \frac{\widehat{b}_N \sum_{ijkqrstwv\beta} \widehat{h}_{ijk}^N \widehat{h}_{qrs}^N \widehat{h}_{twv}^N \mu_{ijkqrstwv\beta}^{10} - \sum_{ijkqrstwv\beta} \widehat{h}_{ijk}^D \widehat{h}_{qrs}^D \widehat{h}_{twv}^D \mu_{ijkqrstwv\beta}^{10} \widehat{b}_N}{\widehat{b}_D} \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{31104} \left( \frac{\widehat{b}_N \sum_{ijkqrstwv\beta\tau\phi} \widehat{h}_{ijk} \widehat{h}_{qrs} \widehat{h}_{twv} \widehat{h}_{\beta\tau\phi} \mu_{ijkqrstwv\beta\tau\phi}^{12}}{\widehat{b}_D} \right. \\
&\quad \left. - \sum_{ijkqrstwv\beta\tau\phi} \widehat{h}_{ijk} \widehat{h}_{qrs} \widehat{h}_{twv} \widehat{h}_{\beta\tau\phi} \mu_{ijkqrstwv\beta\tau\phi}^{12} \widehat{b}_N \right) \\
&\quad - \frac{1}{120} \frac{\sum_{ijkqrs} \widehat{h}_{ijkqr}^N \mu_{ijkqrs}^6 \widehat{b}_{N,s} \widehat{b}_D - \sum_{ijkqrs} \widehat{h}_{ijkqr}^D \mu_{ijkqrs}^6 \widehat{b}_{D,s} \widehat{b}_N}{\widehat{b}_D^2} \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{144} \frac{\sum_{ijkqrstw} \widehat{h}_{ijk}^N \widehat{h}_{qrstw}^N \mu_{ijkqrstw}^8 \widehat{b}_{N,w} \widehat{b}_D - \sum_{ijkqrstw} \widehat{h}_{ijk}^N \widehat{h}_{qrstw}^N \mu_{ijkqrstw}^8 \widehat{b}_{D,w} \widehat{b}_N}{\widehat{b}_D^2} \\
&\quad - \frac{1}{1296} \frac{\sum_{ijkqrstwv\beta} \widehat{h}_{ijk}^N \widehat{h}_{qrs}^N \widehat{h}_{twv}^N \mu_{ijkqrstwv\beta}^{10} \widehat{b}_{N,\beta} \widehat{b}_D - \sum_{ijkqrstwv\beta} \widehat{h}_{ijk}^D \widehat{h}_{qrs}^D \widehat{h}_{twv}^D \mu_{ijkqrstwv\beta}^{10} \widehat{b}_{D,\beta} \widehat{b}_N}{\widehat{b}_D^2} \\
&\quad - \frac{1}{48} \frac{\sum_{ijkqrs} \widehat{h}_{ijkq}^N \mu_{ijkqrs}^6 \widehat{b}_{N,rs} \widehat{b}_D - \sum_{ijkqrs} \widehat{h}_{ijkq}^D \mu_{ijkqrs}^6 \widehat{b}_{D,rs} \widehat{b}_N}{\widehat{b}_D^2} \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{144} \frac{\sum_{ijkqrstw} \widehat{h}_{ijk}^N \widehat{h}_{qrs}^N \mu_{ijkqrstw}^8 \widehat{b}_{N,tw} \widehat{b}_D - \sum_{ijkqrstw} \widehat{h}_{ijk}^D \widehat{h}_{qrs}^D \mu_{ijkqrstw}^8 \widehat{b}_{D,tw} \widehat{b}_N}{\widehat{b}_D^2} \\
&\quad - \frac{1}{36} \frac{\sum_{ijk\zeta\eta\xi} \widehat{h}_{ijk}^N \mu_{ijk\zeta\eta\xi}^6 \widehat{b}_{N,\zeta\eta\xi} \widehat{b}_D - \sum_{ijk\zeta\eta\xi} \widehat{h}_{ijk}^D \mu_{ijk\zeta\eta\xi}^6 \widehat{b}_{D,\zeta\eta\xi} \widehat{b}_N}{\widehat{b}_D^2} \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{24} \frac{\sum_{\zeta\eta\xi\omega} \mu_{\zeta\eta\xi\omega}^4 \widehat{b}_{N,\zeta\eta\xi\omega} \widehat{b}_D - \sum_{\zeta\eta\xi\omega} \mu_{\zeta\eta\xi\omega}^4 \widehat{b}_{D,\zeta\eta\xi\omega} \widehat{b}_N}{\widehat{b}_D^2}.
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{c_D}{\widehat{b}_D} \frac{\widehat{b}_N}{\widehat{b}_D} \left( \frac{c_N}{\widehat{b}_N} - \frac{c_D}{\widehat{b}_D} \right) &= \frac{1}{2} c_D \frac{\sum_{ij} \widehat{\sigma}_{ij} \widehat{b}_{N,ij} \widehat{b}_D - \sum_{ij} \widehat{\sigma}_{ij} \widehat{b}_{D,ij} \widehat{b}_N}{\widehat{b}_D^3} \\
&\quad - \frac{1}{6} c_D \frac{\sum_{ijkq} \widehat{h}_{ijk}^N \mu_{ijkq} \widehat{b}_{N,q} \widehat{b}_D - \sum_{ijkq} \widehat{h}_{ijk}^D \widehat{h}_{qrs}^D \mu_{ijkqrs}^6 \widehat{b}_{D,q} \widehat{b}_N}{\widehat{b}_D^3} \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{72} c_D \frac{\widehat{b}_N \sum_{ijkqrs} \widehat{h}_{ijk}^N \widehat{h}_{qrs}^N \mu_{ijkqrs}^6 - \sum_{ijkq} \widehat{h}_{ijk}^D \widehat{h}_{qrs}^D \mu_{ijkqrs}^6 \widehat{b}_N}{\widehat{b}_D^2} \\
&\quad - \frac{1}{24} c_D \frac{\widehat{b}_N \sum_{ijkq} \widehat{h}_{ijkq}^N \mu_{ijkq}^4 - \sum_{ijkq} \widehat{h}_{ijkq}^D \mu_{ijkq}^4 \widehat{b}_N}{\widehat{b}_D^2}.
\end{aligned}$$

If we set  $b_N(\theta) = g(\theta) b_D(\theta)$  and  $h^N(\theta) = h^D(\theta) = h(\theta)$ , we can show the following results

for the derivatives of  $b_N(\theta)$ :

$$b_{N,i}(\theta) = g_i(\theta) b_D(\theta) + g(\theta) b_{D,i}(\theta), \quad (2)$$

$$b_{N,ij}(\theta) = g_{ij}(\theta) b_D(\theta) + g_i(\theta) b_{D,j}(\theta) + g_j(\theta) b_{D,i}(\theta) + g(\theta) b_{D,ij}(\theta), \quad (3)$$

$$\begin{aligned} b_{N,ijk}(\theta) &= g_{ijk}(\theta) b_D(\theta) + g_{ij}(\theta) b_{D,k}(\theta) + g_{ik}(\theta) b_{D,j}(\theta) + g_i(\theta) b_{D,jk}(\theta) + g_{jk}(\theta) b_{D,i}(\theta) \\ &\quad + g_j(\theta) b_{D,ik}(\theta) + g_k(\theta) b_{D,ij}(\theta) + g(\theta) b_{D,ijk}(\theta), \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

$$\begin{aligned} b_{N,ijkq}(\theta) &= g_{ijkq}(\theta) b_D(\theta) + g_{ijk}(\theta) b_{D,q}(\theta) + g_{ijq}(\theta) b_{D,k}(\theta) + g_{ij}(\theta) b_{D,kq}(\theta) \\ &\quad + g_{ikq}(\theta) b_{D,j}(\theta) + g_{ik}(\theta) b_{D,jq}(\theta) + g_{iq}(\theta) b_{D,jk}(\theta) + g_i(\theta) b_{D,jkq}(\theta) \\ &\quad + g_{jkq}(\theta) b_{D,i}(\theta) + g_{jk}(\theta) b_{D,iq}(\theta) + g_{jq}(\theta) b_{D,ik}(\theta) + g_j(\theta) b_{D,ikq}(\theta) \\ &\quad + g_{kq}(\theta) b_{D,ij}(\theta) + g_k(\theta) b_{D,ijq}(\theta) + g_q(\theta) b_{D,ijk}(\theta) + g(\theta) b_{D,ijkq}(\theta), \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &b_{N,ij}(\theta) b_D(\theta) - b_{D,ij}(\theta) b_N(\theta) \\ &= [g_{ij}(\theta) b_D(\theta) + g_i(\theta) b_{D,j}(\theta) + g_j(\theta) b_{D,i}(\theta) + g(\theta) b_{D,ij}(\theta)] b_D(\theta) - b_{D,ij}(\theta) g(\theta) b_D(\theta) \\ &= g_{ij}(\theta) b_D(\theta)^2 + g_i(\theta) b_{D,j}(\theta) b_D(\theta) + g_j(\theta) b_{D,i}(\theta) b_D(\theta) \\ &\quad + g(\theta) b_{D,ij}(\theta) b_D(\theta) - b_{D,ij}(\theta) g(\theta) b_D(\theta) \\ &= g_{ij}(\theta) b_D(\theta)^2 + g_i(\theta) b_{D,j}(\theta) b_D(\theta) + g_j(\theta) b_{D,i}(\theta) b_D(\theta), \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &b_{N,i}(\theta) b_D(\theta) - b_{D,i}(\theta) b_N(\theta) \\ &= (g_i(\theta) b_D(\theta) + g(\theta) b_{D,i}(\theta)) b_D(\theta) - b_{D,i}(\theta) g(\theta) b_D(\theta) = g_i(\theta) b_D(\theta)^2, \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &b_{N,ijk}(\theta) b_D(\theta) - b_{D,ijk}(\theta) b_N(\theta) \\ &= \left[ g_{ijk}(\theta) b_D(\theta) + g_{ij}(\theta) b_{D,k}(\theta) + g_{ik}(\theta) b_{D,j}(\theta) + g_i(\theta) b_{D,jk}(\theta) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + g_{jk}(\theta) b_{D,i}(\theta) + g_j(\theta) b_{D,ik}(\theta) + g_k(\theta) b_{D,ij}(\theta) \right] b_D(\theta), \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &b_{N,ijkq}(\theta) b_D(\theta) - b_{D,ijkq}(\theta) b_N(\theta) \\ &= \left[ g_{ijkq}(\theta) b_D(\theta) + g_{ijk}(\theta) b_{D,q}(\theta) + g_{ijq}(\theta) b_{D,k}(\theta) + g_{ij}(\theta) b_{D,kq}(\theta) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + g_{ikq}(\theta) b_{D,j}(\theta) + g_{ik}(\theta) b_{D,jq}(\theta) + g_{iq}(\theta) b_{D,jk}(\theta) + g_i(\theta) b_{D,jkq}(\theta) \right] b_D(\theta) \\ &\quad + \left[ g_{jkq}(\theta) b_{D,i}(\theta) + g_{jk}(\theta) b_{D,iq}(\theta) + g_{jq}(\theta) b_{D,ik}(\theta) + g_j(\theta) b_{D,ikq}(\theta) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + g_{kq}(\theta) b_{D,ij}(\theta) + g_k(\theta) b_{D,ijq}(\theta) + g_q(\theta) b_{D,ijk}(\theta) \right] b_D(\theta). \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

Thus, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\widehat{b}_N}{\widehat{b}_D} \left( \frac{c_N}{\widehat{b}_N} - \frac{c_D}{\widehat{b}_D} \right) &= \frac{1}{2} \frac{\sum_{ij} \widehat{\sigma}_{ij} \widehat{b}_{N,ij} \widehat{b}_D - \sum_{ij} \widehat{\sigma}_{ij} \widehat{b}_{D,ij} \widehat{b}_N}{\widehat{b}_D^2} \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{6} \frac{\sum_{ijkq} \widehat{h}_{ijk}^N \mu_{ijkq}^4 \widehat{b}_{N,q} \widehat{b}_D - \sum_{ijkq} \widehat{h}_{ijk}^D \mu_{ijkq}^4 \widehat{b}_{D,q} \widehat{b}_N}{\widehat{b}_D^2} \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \frac{\sum_{ij} \widehat{\sigma}_{ij} (\widehat{b}_{N,ij}\widehat{b}_D - \widehat{b}_{D,ij}\widehat{b}_N)}{\widehat{b}_D^2} - \frac{1}{6} \frac{\sum_{ijkq} \widehat{h}_{ijk}\mu_{ijkq}^4 (\widehat{b}_{N,q}\widehat{b}_D - \widehat{b}_{D,q}\widehat{b}_N)}{\widehat{b}_D^2},$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\sum_{ij} \widehat{\sigma}_{ij} (\widehat{b}_{N,ij}\widehat{b}_D - \widehat{b}_{D,ij}\widehat{b}_N)}{\widehat{b}_D^2} &= \frac{\sum_{ij} \widehat{\sigma}_{ij} (\widehat{g}_{ij}\widehat{b}_D^2 + \widehat{g}_i\widehat{b}_{D,j}\widehat{b}_D + \widehat{g}_j\widehat{b}_{D,i}\widehat{b}_D)}{\widehat{b}_D^2} \\ &= \frac{\sum_{ij} \widehat{\sigma}_{ij} \widehat{g}_{ij}\widehat{b}_D^2 + 2 \sum_{ij} \widehat{\sigma}_{ij} \widehat{g}_i\widehat{b}_{D,j}\widehat{b}_D}{\widehat{b}_D^2} \\ &= \sum_{ij} \widehat{\sigma}_{ij} \widehat{g}_{ij} + \frac{2 \sum_{ij} \widehat{\sigma}_{ij} \widehat{b}_{D,j}\widehat{g}_i}{\widehat{b}_D}, \end{aligned}$$

from (6) and

$$\frac{\widehat{b}_{N,q}\widehat{b}_D - \widehat{b}_{D,q}\widehat{b}_N}{\widehat{b}_D^2} = \frac{(\widehat{g}_q\widehat{b}_D + \widehat{g}\widehat{b}_{D,q})\widehat{b}_D - \widehat{b}_{D,q}\widehat{g}\widehat{b}_D}{\widehat{b}_D^2} = \widehat{g}_q$$

by (7). Hence,

$$\frac{\widehat{b}_N}{\widehat{b}_D} \left( \frac{c_N}{\widehat{b}_N} - \frac{c_D}{\widehat{b}_D} \right) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{ij} \widehat{\sigma}_{ij} \widehat{g}_{ij} + \frac{\sum_{ij} \widehat{\sigma}_{ij} \widehat{b}_{D,j}\widehat{g}_i}{\widehat{b}_D} - \frac{1}{6} \sum_{ijkq} \widehat{h}_{ijk}\mu_{ijkq}^4 \widehat{g}_q.$$

From (8) and (9), we can get

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{\sum_{ijk\zeta\eta\xi} \widehat{h}_{ijk}^N \mu_{ijk\zeta\eta\xi}^6 \widehat{b}_{N,\zeta\eta\xi}\widehat{b}_D - \sum_{ijk\zeta\eta\xi} \widehat{h}_{ijk}^D \mu_{ijk\zeta\eta\xi}^6 \widehat{b}_{D,\zeta\eta\xi}\widehat{b}_N}{\widehat{b}_D^2} \\ &= \frac{\sum_{ijk\zeta\eta\xi} \widehat{h}_{ijk}\mu_{ijk\zeta\eta\xi}^6 \left[ \widehat{g}_{\zeta\eta\xi}\widehat{b}_D + \widehat{g}_{\zeta\eta}\widehat{b}_{D,\xi} + \widehat{g}_{\zeta\xi}\widehat{b}_{D,\eta} + \widehat{g}_{\zeta}\widehat{b}_{D,\eta\xi} + \widehat{g}_{\eta\xi}\widehat{b}_{D,\zeta} + \widehat{g}_{\eta}\widehat{b}_{D,\zeta\xi} + \widehat{g}_{\xi}\widehat{b}_{D,\zeta\eta} \right]}{\widehat{b}_D} \\ &= \sum_{ijk\zeta\eta\xi} \widehat{h}_{ijk}\mu_{ijk\zeta\eta\xi}^6 \widehat{g}_{\zeta\eta\xi} + \frac{3 \sum_{ijk\zeta\eta\xi} \widehat{h}_{ijk}\mu_{ijk\zeta\eta\xi}^6 \widehat{g}_{\zeta\eta}\widehat{b}_{D,\xi}}{\widehat{b}_D} + \frac{3 \sum_{ijk\zeta\eta\xi} \widehat{h}_{ijk}\mu_{ijk\zeta\eta\xi}^6 \widehat{g}_{\zeta}\widehat{b}_{D,\eta\xi}}{\widehat{b}_D}, \quad (10) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{\sum_{\zeta\eta\xi\omega} \mu_{\zeta\eta\xi\omega}^4 \widehat{b}_{N,\zeta\eta\xi\omega}\widehat{b}_D - \sum_{\zeta\eta\xi\omega} \mu_{\zeta\eta\xi\omega}^4 \widehat{b}_{D,\zeta\eta\xi\omega}\widehat{b}_N}{\widehat{b}_D^2} \\ &= \sum_{\zeta\eta\xi\omega} \mu_{\zeta\eta\xi\omega}^4 \widehat{g}_{\zeta\eta\xi\omega} + \frac{4 \sum_{\zeta\eta\xi\omega} \mu_{\zeta\eta\xi\omega}^4 \widehat{g}_{\zeta\eta\xi}\widehat{b}_{D,\omega}}{\widehat{b}_D} + \frac{6 \sum_{\zeta\eta\xi\omega} \mu_{\zeta\eta\xi\omega}^4 \widehat{g}_{\zeta\eta}\widehat{b}_{D,\xi\omega}}{\widehat{b}_D} \\ &\quad + \frac{4 \sum_{\zeta\eta\xi\omega} \mu_{\zeta\eta\xi\omega}^4 \widehat{g}_{\zeta}\widehat{b}_{D,\eta\xi\omega}}{\widehat{b}_D} + \frac{4 \sum_{\zeta\eta\xi\omega} \mu_{\zeta\eta\xi\omega}^4 \widehat{g}_{\zeta}\widehat{b}_{D,\eta\xi\omega}}{\widehat{b}_D}. \quad (11) \end{aligned}$$

We can also show that

$$\frac{\widehat{b}_N}{\widehat{b}_D} \left( \frac{d_N}{\widehat{b}_N} - \frac{d_D}{\widehat{b}_D} \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= -\frac{1}{120} \frac{\sum_{ijkqrs} \widehat{h}_{ijkqr} \mu_{ijkqrs}^6 (\widehat{b}_{N,s} \widehat{b}_D - \widehat{b}_{D,s} \widehat{b}_N)}{\widehat{b}_D^2} \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{144} \frac{\sum_{ijkqrstw} \widehat{h}_{ijk} \widehat{h}_{qrst} \mu_{ijkqrstw}^8 (\widehat{b}_{N,w} \widehat{b}_D - \widehat{b}_{D,w} \widehat{b}_N)}{\widehat{b}_D^2} \\
&\quad - \frac{1}{1296} \frac{\sum_{ijkqrstwv\beta} \widehat{h}_{ijk} \widehat{h}_{qrs} \widehat{h}_{twv} \mu_{ijkqrstwv\beta}^{10} (\widehat{b}_{N,\beta} \widehat{b}_D - \widehat{b}_{D,\beta} \widehat{b}_N)}{\widehat{b}_D^2} \\
&\quad - \frac{1}{48} \frac{\sum_{ijkqrs} \widehat{h}_{ijkq} \mu_{ijkqrs}^6 (\widehat{b}_{N,rs} \widehat{b}_D - \widehat{b}_{D,rs} \widehat{b}_N)}{\widehat{b}_D^2} \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{144} \frac{\sum_{ijkqrstw} \widehat{h}_{ijk} \widehat{h}_{qrs} \mu_{ijkqrstw}^8 (\widehat{b}_{N,tw} \widehat{b}_D - \widehat{b}_{D,tw} \widehat{b}_N)}{\widehat{b}_D^2} \\
&\quad - \frac{1}{36} \frac{\sum_{ijk\xi\omega} \widehat{h}_{ijk} \mu_{ijk\xi\omega}^6 (\widehat{b}_{N,\xi\omega} \widehat{b}_D - \widehat{b}_{D,\xi\omega} \widehat{b}_N)}{\widehat{b}_D^2} \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{24} \frac{\sum_{\xi\eta\xi\omega} \mu_{\xi\eta\xi\omega}^4 (\widehat{b}_{N,\xi\eta\xi\omega} \widehat{b}_D - \widehat{b}_{D,\xi\eta\xi\omega} \widehat{b}_N)}{\widehat{b}_D^2}.
\end{aligned}$$

since  $h^N(\theta) = h^D(\theta) = h(\theta)$ . Hence, with (6), (7), (10), and (11), it can be shown that

$$\begin{aligned}
&\frac{\widehat{b}_N}{\widehat{b}_D} \left( \frac{d_N}{\widehat{b}_N} - \frac{d_D}{\widehat{b}_D} \right) \\
&= -\frac{1}{120} \sum_{ijkqrs} \widehat{h}_{ijkqr} \mu_{ijkqrs}^6 \widehat{g}_s + \frac{1}{144} \sum_{ijkqrstw} \widehat{h}_{ijk} \widehat{h}_{qrst} \mu_{ijkqrstw}^8 \widehat{g}_w \\
&\quad - \frac{1}{1296} \sum_{ijkqrstwv\beta} \widehat{h}_{ijk} \widehat{h}_{qrs} \widehat{h}_{twv} \mu_{ijkqrstwv\beta}^{10} \widehat{g}_\beta - \frac{1}{24} \frac{\sum_{ijkqrs} \widehat{h}_{ijkq} \mu_{ijkqrs}^6 \widehat{b}_{D,s} \widehat{g}_r}{\widehat{b}_D} \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{72} \frac{\sum_{ijkqrstw} \widehat{h}_{ijk} \widehat{h}_{qrs} \mu_{ijkqrstw}^8 \widehat{b}_{D,w} \widehat{g}_t}{\widehat{b}_D} - \frac{1}{12} \frac{\sum_{ijk\xi\omega} \widehat{h}_{ijk} \mu_{ijk\xi\omega}^6 \widehat{g}_\xi \widehat{b}_{D,\xi\omega}}{\widehat{b}_D} \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{6} \frac{\sum_{\xi\eta\xi\omega} \mu_{\xi\eta\xi\omega}^4 \widehat{g}_\xi \widehat{b}_{D,\xi\omega}}{\widehat{b}_D} - \frac{1}{48} \sum_{ijkqrs} \widehat{h}_{ijkq} \mu_{ijkqrs}^6 \widehat{g}_{rs} \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{144} \sum_{ijkqrstw} \widehat{h}_{ijk} \widehat{h}_{qrs} \mu_{ijkqrstw}^8 \widehat{g}_{tw} - \frac{1}{36} \sum_{ijk\xi\omega} \widehat{h}_{ijk} \mu_{ijk\xi\omega}^6 \widehat{g}_{\xi\omega} \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{24} \sum_{\xi\eta\xi\omega} \mu_{\xi\eta\xi\omega}^4 \widehat{g}_{\xi\omega} \widehat{b}_{D,\xi\omega} - \frac{1}{12} \frac{\sum_{ijk\xi\omega} \widehat{h}_{ijk} \mu_{ijk\xi\omega}^6 \widehat{g}_{\xi\omega} \widehat{b}_{D,\xi\omega}}{\widehat{b}_D} \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{6} \frac{\sum_{\xi\eta\xi\omega} \mu_{\xi\eta\xi\omega}^4 \widehat{g}_{\xi\omega} \widehat{b}_{D,\xi\omega}}{\widehat{b}_D} + \frac{1}{4} \frac{\sum_{\xi\eta\xi\omega} \mu_{\xi\eta\xi\omega}^4 \widehat{g}_{\xi\omega} \widehat{b}_{D,\xi\omega}}{\widehat{b}_D}.
\end{aligned}$$

■

Using matrix notation for high order derivatives used in Magnus and Neudecker (1999) (with the exception that the first order derivative of a scalar function in our setting is a column

vector), we can write Lemma 2.1 in matrix form. Before we do that, let us first introduce the following Generalized Isserlis theorem.

**Theorem 2.1 (Generalized Isserlis Theorem)** *If  $A = \{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_{2N}\}$  is a set of integers such that  $1 \leq \alpha_i \leq P$ , for each  $i \in [1, 2N]$  and  $X \in R^P$  is a zero mean multivariate normal random vector, then*

$$E(X_A) = \sum_A \Pi E(X_i X_j), \quad (12)$$

where  $EX_A = E(\prod_{i=1}^{2N} X_{\alpha_i}) = \mu_{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_{2N}}$  and the notation  $\Sigma \Pi$  means summing over all distinct ways of partitioning  $X_{\alpha_1}, \dots, X_{\alpha_{2N}}$  into pairs  $(X_i, X_j)$  and each summand is the product of the  $N$  pairs. This yields  $(2N)!/(2^N N!) = (2N - 1)!!$  terms in the sum where  $(2N - 1)!!$  is the double factorial defined by  $(2N - 1)!! = (2N - 1) \times (2N - 3) \times \dots \times 1$ .

The Isserlis theorem, first obtained by Isserlis (1918), expresses the higher order moments of a zero mean Gaussian vector  $X \in R^P$  in terms of its covariance matrix. The generalized Isserlis theorem is due to Withers (1985) and Vignat (2012). For example, if  $2N = 4$ , then

$$E(X_1 X_2 X_3 X_4) = E(X_1 X_2) E(X_3 X_4) + E(X_1 X_3) E(X_2 X_4) + E(X_1 X_4) E(X_2 X_3)$$

where  $\alpha_i = i$  for  $i \in [1, 4]$  and there are  $(2 \times 2 - 1)!! = 3 \times 1 = 3$  terms in the sum. If  $2N = 6$ , there are  $5 \times 3 \times 1 = 15$  terms in the sum.

**Lemma 2.2** *Let  $\nabla^j \hat{h}$ ,  $\nabla^j \hat{g}$  and  $\nabla^j b_D$  be the  $j$ th order derivatives of  $h(\theta)$ ,  $g(\theta)$  and  $b_D(\theta)$  evaluated at  $\hat{\theta}_n$  respectively. If both  $(\{h_n\}, g \times b_D)$  and  $(\{h_n\}, b_D)$  satisfy the analytical assumptions for the stochastic Laplace method on  $\varphi_\theta$ , then*

$$\frac{\int g(\theta) b_D(\theta) \exp(-nh_n(\theta)) d\theta}{\int b_D(\theta) \exp(-nh_n(\theta)) d\theta} = \hat{g} + \frac{1}{n} B_1 + \frac{1}{n^2} (B_2 - B_3) + O_p\left(\frac{1}{n^3}\right),$$

where

$$B_1 = \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{tr} \left[ \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \nabla^2 \hat{g} \right] + (\nabla \hat{g})' \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \frac{\nabla \hat{b}_D}{\hat{b}_D} - \frac{1}{2} \text{vec} \left( \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \right) \nabla^3 \hat{h} \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \nabla \hat{g},$$

$$B_2 = B_{21} + B_{22},$$

$$\begin{aligned} B_{21} &= -\frac{1}{8} (\nabla \hat{g})' \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \left( \nabla^5 \hat{h} \right)' \text{vec} \left[ \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \otimes \text{vec} \left( \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \right) \right] \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{4} \left[ \text{vec} \left( \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \right)' \otimes \left( \text{vec} \left( \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \right)' \nabla^3 \hat{h} \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \right) \right] \nabla^4 \hat{h} \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \nabla \hat{g} \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{6} \text{vec} \left( \nabla^3 \hat{h} \right)' \left[ \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \otimes \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \otimes \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \right] \nabla^4 \hat{h} \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \nabla \hat{g} \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{16} \mathbf{tr} \left[ \left( \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \otimes \text{vec} \left( \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \right) \right)' \nabla^4 \hat{h} \right] \text{vec} \left( \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \right)' \nabla^3 \hat{h} \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \nabla \hat{g} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& + \frac{1}{4} \operatorname{vec} \left( \left( (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \otimes \operatorname{vec} \left( (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \right)' \right) \nabla^4 \hat{h} (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \right)' \nabla^3 \hat{h} (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \nabla \hat{g} \\
& - \frac{3}{8} \operatorname{vec} \left( (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \right)' \nabla^3 \hat{h} (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \nabla^3 \hat{h}' \left[ (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \otimes (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \right] \nabla^3 \hat{h} (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \nabla \hat{g} \\
& - \frac{1}{4} \operatorname{vec} \left( \nabla^3 \hat{h}' \left[ (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \otimes (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \right] \nabla^3 \hat{h} \right)' \left[ (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \otimes (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \right] \nabla^3 \hat{h} (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \nabla \hat{g} \\
& - \frac{1}{16} \operatorname{vec} \left( (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \right)' \nabla^3 \hat{h} (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \nabla^3 \hat{h}' \operatorname{vec} \left( (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \right) \operatorname{vec} \left( (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \right)' \nabla^3 \hat{h} (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \nabla \hat{g} \\
& - \frac{1}{24} \operatorname{vec} \left( \nabla^3 \hat{h}' \left[ (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \otimes (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \otimes (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \right] \operatorname{vec} (\nabla^3 \hat{h}) \right. \\
& \quad \times \operatorname{vec} \left( (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \right)' \nabla^3 \hat{h} (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \nabla g \\
& - \frac{1}{8} \mathbf{tr} \left[ \left[ (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \otimes \operatorname{vec} \left( (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \right) \right] (\nabla^4 \hat{h})' \right] \nabla \hat{b}_D' (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \nabla \hat{g} \\
& - \frac{1}{2} \left[ \operatorname{vec} \left( (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \right)' \otimes \left( (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \nabla \hat{b}_D \right)' \right] \nabla^4 \hat{h} (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \nabla \hat{g} \\
& + \frac{1}{8} \operatorname{vec} \left( (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \right)' \nabla^3 \hat{h} (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \left( \nabla^3 \hat{h} \right)' \operatorname{vec} \left( (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \right) \frac{\nabla \hat{b}_D'}{\hat{b}_D} (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \nabla \hat{g} \\
& + \frac{1}{12} \operatorname{vec} \left( \nabla^3 \hat{h}' \left[ (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \otimes (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \otimes (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \right] \operatorname{vec} (\nabla^3 \hat{h}) \frac{\nabla \hat{b}_D'}{\hat{b}_D} (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \nabla \hat{g} \right. \\
& + \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{vec} \left( (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \hat{b}_D \operatorname{vec} \left( (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \right)' \nabla^3 \hat{h} (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \right) \nabla^3 \hat{h} (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \nabla \hat{g} \\
& + \frac{1}{4} \operatorname{vec} \left( (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \right)' \nabla^3 \hat{h} (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \hat{b}_D \operatorname{vec} \left( (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \right)' \nabla^3 \hat{h} (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \nabla \hat{g} \\
& + \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{vec} \left( \left( (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \otimes \left( (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \hat{b}_D \right)' \right) \nabla^3 \hat{h} (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \right)' \nabla^3 \hat{h} (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \nabla \hat{g} \\
& - \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{vec} \left( (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \right)' \nabla^3 \hat{h} (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \frac{\nabla^2 \hat{b}_D}{\hat{b}_D} (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \nabla \hat{g} \\
& - \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{vec} \left( (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \frac{\nabla^2 \hat{b}_D}{\hat{b}_D} (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \right)' \nabla^3 \hat{h} (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \nabla \hat{g} \\
& - \frac{1}{4} \mathbf{tr} \left[ \frac{\nabla^2 \hat{b}_D}{\hat{b}_D} (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \right] \operatorname{vec} \left( (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \right)' \nabla^3 \hat{h} (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \nabla \hat{g} \\
& + \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{vec} \left( (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \right)' (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \frac{(\nabla^3 \hat{b}_D)'}{\hat{b}_D} \nabla \hat{g},
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
B_{22} = & - \frac{1}{16} \mathbf{tr} \left[ \left[ (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \otimes \operatorname{vec} \left( (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \right) \right] (\nabla^4 \hat{h})' \right] \mathbf{tr} \left[ (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \nabla^2 \hat{g} \right] \\
& - \frac{1}{4} \mathbf{tr} \left[ \left[ (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \nabla^2 \hat{g} (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \right] \otimes \operatorname{vec} \left( (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \right) \right] (\nabla^4 \hat{h})'
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& + \frac{1}{16} \text{vec} \left( \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \right)' \nabla^3 \hat{h} \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \left( \nabla^3 \hat{h} \right)' \text{vec} \left( \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \right) \mathbf{tr} \left[ \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \nabla^2 \hat{g} \right] \\
& + \frac{1}{24} \text{vec} \left( \nabla^3 \hat{h} \right)' \left[ \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \otimes \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \otimes \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \right] \text{vec} \left( \nabla^3 \hat{h} \right) \mathbf{tr} \left[ \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \nabla^2 \hat{g} \right] \\
& + \frac{1}{4} \text{vec} \left( \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \right)' \nabla^3 \hat{h} \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \nabla^3 \hat{h}' \text{vec} \left( \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \nabla^2 \hat{g} \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \right) \\
& + \frac{1}{8} \text{vec} \left( \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \right)' \nabla^3 \hat{h} \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \nabla^2 \hat{g} \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \nabla^3 \hat{h}' \text{vec} \left( \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \right) \\
& + \frac{1}{4} \text{vec} \left( \nabla^3 \hat{h} \right)' \left[ \left( \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \nabla^2 \hat{g} \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \right) \otimes \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \otimes \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \right] \text{vec} \left( \nabla^3 \hat{h} \right) \\
& - \frac{1}{4} \text{vec} \left( \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \right)' \nabla^3 \hat{h} \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \left( \nabla^3 \hat{g} \right)' \text{vec} \left( \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \right) \\
& - \frac{1}{6} \text{vec} \left( \nabla^3 \hat{g} \right)' \left[ \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \otimes \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \otimes \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \right] \text{vec} \left( \nabla^3 \hat{h} \right) \\
& + \frac{1}{8} \mathbf{tr} \left[ \left[ \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \otimes \text{vec} \left( \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \right) \right] \nabla^4 \hat{g}' \right] \\
& - \frac{1}{2} \text{vec} \left( \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \right)' \nabla^3 \hat{h} \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \nabla^2 \hat{g} \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \frac{\nabla \hat{b}_D}{\hat{b}_D} \\
& - \frac{1}{4} \mathbf{tr} \left[ \nabla^2 \hat{g} \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \right] \text{vec} \left( \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \right)' \nabla^3 \hat{h} \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \frac{\nabla \hat{b}_D}{\hat{b}_D} \\
& - \frac{1}{2} \text{vec} \left( \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \nabla^2 \hat{g} \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \right)' \nabla^3 \hat{h} \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \frac{\nabla \hat{b}_D}{\hat{b}_D} \\
& + \frac{1}{2} \text{vec} \left( \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \right)' \nabla^3 \hat{g} \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \frac{\nabla \hat{b}_D}{\hat{b}_D} \\
& + \frac{1}{4} \mathbf{tr} \left[ \nabla^2 \hat{g} \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \right] \mathbf{tr} \left[ \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \frac{\nabla^2 \hat{b}_D}{\hat{b}_D} \right] \\
& + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{tr} \left[ \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \nabla^2 \hat{g} \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \frac{\nabla^2 \hat{b}_D}{\hat{b}_D} \right],
\end{aligned}$$

$$B_3 = B_4 \times B_1,$$

$$\begin{aligned}
B_4 &= \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{tr} \left[ \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \frac{\nabla^2 \hat{b}_D}{\hat{b}_D} \right] - \frac{1}{2} \text{vec} \left( \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \right)' \hat{h}^{(3)} \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \frac{\nabla \hat{b}_D}{\hat{b}_D} \\
&+ \frac{1}{8} \text{vec} \left( \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \right)' \nabla^3 \hat{h} \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \left( \nabla^3 \hat{h} \right)' \text{vec} \left( \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \right) \\
&+ \frac{1}{12} \text{vec} \left( \nabla^3 \hat{h} \right)' \left[ \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \otimes \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \otimes \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \right] \text{vec} \left( \nabla^3 \hat{h} \right) \\
&- \frac{1}{8} \mathbf{tr} \left[ \left[ \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \otimes \text{vec} \left( \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \right) \right] \left( \nabla^4 \hat{h} \right)' \right],
\end{aligned}$$

where  $\sigma_{ij} = h^{ij}$  and  $\mathbf{tr}$  denotes the trace of a matrix.

**Proof.** From (2.1), we first write each term of  $B_1$  into matrix form by (12)

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2} \sum_{ij} \widehat{\sigma}_{ij} \widehat{g}_{ij} &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{ij} \widehat{\sigma}_{ij} \widehat{g}_{ij} = \frac{1}{2} \text{tr} \left[ \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \nabla^2 \widehat{g} \right], \\ \frac{\sum_{ij} \widehat{\sigma}_{ij} \widehat{b}_{D,j} \widehat{g}_i}{\widehat{b}_D} &= \sum_{ij} \widehat{g}_i \widehat{\sigma}_{ij} \frac{\widehat{b}_{D,j}}{\widehat{b}_D} = (\nabla \widehat{g})' \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \frac{\nabla \widehat{b}_D}{\widehat{b}_D}, \\ -\frac{1}{6} \sum_{ijkq} \widehat{h}_{ijk} \mu_{ijkq}^4 \widehat{g}_q &= -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{ijkq} \widehat{h}_{ijk} \widehat{\sigma}_{ij} \widehat{\sigma}_{kj} \widehat{g}_q = -\frac{1}{2} \text{vec} \left( \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \right) \nabla^3 \widehat{h} \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \nabla \widehat{g}. \end{aligned}$$

Then we can similarly write each term of  $B_2$  into matrix form by (12)

$$\begin{aligned} -\frac{1}{120} \sum_{ijkqrs} \widehat{h}_{ijkqr} \mu_{ijkqrs}^6 \widehat{g}_s &= -\frac{15}{120} \sum_{ijkqrs} \widehat{\sigma}_{ij} \widehat{\sigma}_{kq} \widehat{h}_{ijkqr} \widehat{\sigma}_{rs} \widehat{g}_s \\ &= -\frac{1}{8} (\nabla \widehat{g})' \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \left( \nabla^5 \widehat{h} \right)' \text{vec} \left[ \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \otimes \text{vec} \left( \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \right) \right]. \end{aligned}$$

By (45),

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{1}{144} \sum_{ijkqrstw} \widehat{h}_{ijk} \widehat{h}_{qrst} \mu_{ijkqrstw}^8 \widehat{g}_w \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \left[ \text{vec} \left( \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \right)' \otimes \left( \text{vec} \left( \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \right)' \nabla^3 \widehat{h} \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \right) \right] \nabla^4 \widehat{h} \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \nabla \widehat{g} \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{6} \text{vec} \left( \nabla^3 \widehat{h} \right)' \left[ \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \otimes \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \otimes \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \right] \nabla^4 \widehat{h} \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \nabla \widehat{g} \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{16} \mathbf{tr} \left[ \left( \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \otimes \text{vec} \left( \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \right) \right)' \nabla^4 \widehat{h} \right] \text{vec} \left( \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \right)' \nabla^3 \widehat{h} \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \nabla \widehat{g} \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{4} \text{vec} \left( \left( \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \otimes \text{vec} \left( \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \right) \right)' \right) \nabla^4 \widehat{h} \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \left( \nabla^3 \widehat{h} \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \right)' \nabla \widehat{g}. \end{aligned}$$

From (46), we have

$$\begin{aligned} &-\frac{1}{1296} \sum_{ijkqrstwv\beta} \widehat{h}_{ijk} \widehat{h}_{qrs} \widehat{h}_{twv} \mu_{ijkqrstwv\beta}^{10} \widehat{g}_\beta \\ &= -\frac{3}{8} \text{vec} \left( \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \right)' \nabla^3 \widehat{h} \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \nabla^3 \widehat{h}' \left[ \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \otimes \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \right] \nabla^3 \widehat{h} \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \nabla \widehat{g} \\ &\quad -\frac{1}{4} \text{vec} \left( \nabla^3 \widehat{h}' \left[ \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \otimes \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \right] \nabla^3 \widehat{h} \right)' \left[ \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \otimes \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \right] \nabla^3 \widehat{h} \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \nabla \widehat{g} \\ &\quad -\frac{1}{16} \text{vec} \left( \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \right)' \nabla^3 \widehat{h} \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \nabla^3 \widehat{h}' \text{vec} \left( \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \right) \text{vec} \left( \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \right)' \nabla^3 \widehat{h} \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \nabla \widehat{g} \\ &\quad -\frac{1}{24} \text{vec} \left( \nabla^3 \widehat{h}' \left[ \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \otimes \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \otimes \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \right] \text{vec} \left( \nabla^3 \widehat{h} \right) \right. \\ &\quad \times \left. \text{vec} \left( \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \right)' \nabla^3 \widehat{h} \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \nabla g. \right. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& -\frac{1}{24} \sum_{ijkqrs} \frac{\hat{h}_{ijkq}\mu_{ijkqrs}^6 \hat{g}_r \hat{b}_{D,s}}{\hat{b}_D} \\
&= -\frac{1}{8} \mathbf{tr} \left[ \left[ (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \otimes \text{vec} \left( (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \right) \right] (\nabla^4 \hat{h})' \right] \frac{\nabla \hat{b}_D'}{\hat{b}_D} (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \nabla \hat{g} \\
&\quad -\frac{1}{2} \left[ \text{vec} \left( (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \right)' \otimes \left( (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \frac{\nabla \hat{b}_D}{\hat{b}_D} \right)' \right] \nabla^4 \hat{h} (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \nabla \hat{g}.
\end{aligned}$$

Similiar to the proof of (40), we can get

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{1}{72} \frac{\sum_{ijkqrstw} \hat{h}_{ijk} \hat{h}_{qrs} \mu_{ijkqrstw}^8 \hat{b}_{D,w} \hat{g}_t}{\hat{b}_D} \\
&= \frac{1}{8} \text{vec} \left( (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \right)' \nabla^3 \hat{h} (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} (\nabla^3 \hat{h})' \text{vec} \left( (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \right) \frac{\nabla \hat{b}_D'}{\hat{b}_D} (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \nabla \hat{g} \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{12} \text{vec} \left( \nabla^3 \hat{h} \right)' \left[ (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \otimes (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \otimes (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \right] \text{vec} \left( \nabla^3 \hat{h} \right) \frac{\nabla \hat{b}_D'}{\hat{b}_D} (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \nabla \hat{g} \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{2} \text{vec} \left( (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \frac{\nabla \hat{b}_D}{\hat{b}_D} \text{vec} \left( (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \right)' \nabla^3 \hat{h} (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \right) \nabla^3 \hat{h} (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \nabla \hat{g} \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{4} \text{vec} \left( (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \right)' \nabla^3 \hat{h} (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \frac{\nabla \hat{b}_D}{\hat{b}_D} \text{vec} \left( (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \right)' \nabla^3 \hat{h} (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \nabla \hat{g} \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{2} \text{vec} \left( \left( (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \otimes \left( (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \frac{\nabla \hat{b}_D}{\hat{b}_D} \right)' \right) \nabla^3 \hat{h} (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \right)' \nabla^3 \hat{h} (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \nabla \hat{g}.
\end{aligned}$$

By (18), we can show that

$$\begin{aligned}
& -\frac{1}{12} \frac{\sum_{ijk\zeta\eta\xi} \hat{h}_{ijk} \mu_{ijk\zeta\eta\xi}^6 \hat{b}_{D,\eta\xi} \hat{g}_\zeta}{\hat{b}_D} \\
&= -\frac{1}{2} \text{vec} \left( (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \right)' \nabla^3 \hat{h} (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \frac{\nabla^2 \hat{b}_D}{\hat{b}_D} (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \nabla \hat{g} \\
&\quad -\frac{1}{2} \text{vec} \left( (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \frac{\nabla^2 \hat{b}_D}{\hat{b}_D} (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \right)' \nabla^3 \hat{h} (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \nabla \hat{g} \\
&\quad -\frac{1}{4} \mathbf{tr} \left[ \frac{\nabla^2 \hat{b}_D}{\hat{b}_D} (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \right] \text{vec} \left( (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \right)' \nabla^3 \hat{h} (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \nabla \hat{g}, \\
\frac{1}{6} \frac{\sum_{\zeta\eta\xi\omega} \mu_{\zeta\eta\xi\omega}^4 \hat{b}_{D,\eta\xi\omega} \hat{g}_\zeta}{\hat{b}_D} &= \frac{3}{6} \sum_{\zeta\eta\xi\omega} \hat{g}_\zeta \hat{\sigma}_{\zeta\eta} \hat{\sigma}_{\xi\omega} \frac{\hat{b}_{D,\eta\xi\omega}}{\hat{b}_D} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\zeta\eta\xi\omega} \hat{g}_\zeta \hat{\sigma}_{\zeta\eta} \frac{\hat{b}_{D,\eta\xi\omega}}{\hat{b}_D} \hat{\sigma}_{\xi\omega} \\
&= \frac{1}{2} (\nabla \hat{g})' (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \frac{(\nabla^3 \hat{b}_D)'}{\hat{b}_D} \left[ \text{vec} \left( (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \right) \right].
\end{aligned}$$

From (29),

$$-\frac{1}{48} \sum_{ijkqrs} \hat{h}_{ijkq} \mu_{ijkqrs}^6 \hat{g}_{rs}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= -\frac{1}{16} \mathbf{tr} \left[ \left[ \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \otimes \text{vec} \left( \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \right) \right] \left( \nabla^4 \hat{h} \right)' \right] \mathbf{tr} \left[ \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \nabla^2 \hat{g} \right] \\
&\quad - \frac{1}{4} \mathbf{tr} \left[ \left[ \left( \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \nabla^2 \hat{g} \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \right) \otimes \text{vec} \left( \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \right) \right] \left( \nabla^4 \hat{h} \right)' \right].
\end{aligned}$$

And by the formula (40),

$$\begin{aligned}
&\frac{1}{144} \sum_{ijkqrstw} \hat{h}_{ijk} \hat{h}_{qrs} \mu_{ijkqrstw}^8 \hat{g}_{tw} \\
&= \frac{1}{16} \text{vec} \left( \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \right)' \nabla^3 \hat{h} \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \left( \nabla^3 \hat{h} \right)' \text{vec} \left( \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \right) \mathbf{tr} \left[ \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \nabla^2 \hat{g} \right] \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{24} \text{vec} \left( \nabla^3 \hat{h} \right)' \left[ \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \otimes \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \otimes \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \right] \text{vec} \left( \nabla^3 \hat{h} \right) \mathbf{tr} \left[ \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \nabla^2 \hat{g} \right] \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{4} \text{vec} \left( \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \right)' \nabla^3 \hat{h} \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \nabla^3 \hat{h}' \text{vec} \left( \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \nabla^2 \hat{g} \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \right) \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{8} \text{vec} \left( \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \right)' \nabla^3 \hat{h} \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \nabla^2 \hat{g} \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \nabla^3 \hat{h}' \text{vec} \left( \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \right) \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{4} \text{vec} \left( \nabla^3 \hat{h} \right)' \left[ \left( \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \nabla^2 \hat{g} \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \right) \otimes \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \otimes \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \right] \text{vec} \left( \nabla^3 \hat{h} \right).
\end{aligned}$$

From (34),

$$\begin{aligned}
&-\frac{1}{36} \sum_{ijk\zeta\eta\xi} \hat{h}_{ijk} \mu_{ijk\zeta\eta\xi}^6 \hat{g}_{\zeta\eta\xi} \\
&= -\frac{1}{4} \text{vec} \left( \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \right)' \nabla^3 \hat{h} \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \left( \nabla^3 \hat{g} \right)' \text{vec} \left( \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \right) \\
&\quad - \frac{1}{6} \text{vec} \left( \nabla^3 \hat{g} \right)' \left[ \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \otimes \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \otimes \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \right] \text{vec} \left( \nabla^3 \hat{h} \right).
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{1}{24} \sum_{\zeta\eta\xi\omega} \mu_{\zeta\eta\xi\omega}^4 \hat{g}_{\zeta\eta\xi\omega} &= \frac{3}{24} \sum_{\zeta\eta\xi\omega} \hat{\sigma}_{\zeta\eta} \hat{\sigma}_{\xi\omega} \hat{g}_{\zeta\eta\xi\omega} \\
&= \frac{1}{8} \mathbf{tr} \left[ \left[ \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \otimes \text{vec} \left( \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \right) \right] \left( \nabla^4 \hat{g} \right)' \right].
\end{aligned}$$

By the formula (18), we can get

$$\begin{aligned}
&-\frac{1}{12} \frac{\sum_{ijk\zeta\eta\xi} \hat{h}_{ijk} \mu_{ijk\zeta\eta\xi}^6 \hat{g}_{\zeta\eta} \hat{b}_{D,\xi}}{\hat{b}_D} \\
&= -\frac{1}{2} \text{vec} \left( \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \right)' \nabla^3 \hat{h} \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \nabla^2 \hat{g} \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \frac{\nabla \hat{b}_D}{\hat{b}_D} \\
&\quad - \frac{1}{4} \mathbf{tr} \left[ \nabla^2 \hat{g} \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \right] \text{vec} \left( \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \right)' \nabla^3 \hat{h} \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \frac{\nabla \hat{b}_D}{\hat{b}_D} \\
&\quad - \frac{1}{2} \text{vec} \left( \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \nabla^2 \hat{g} \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \right)' \nabla^3 \hat{h} \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \frac{\nabla \hat{b}_D}{\hat{b}_D}.
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{6} \frac{\sum_{\zeta \eta \xi \omega} \mu_{\zeta \eta \xi \omega}^4 \widehat{g}_{\zeta \eta \xi} \widehat{b}_{D, \omega}}{\widehat{b}_D} &= \frac{3}{6} \sum_{\zeta \eta \xi \omega} \widehat{\sigma}_{\zeta \eta} \widehat{g}_{\zeta \eta \xi} \widehat{\sigma}_{\xi \omega} \frac{\widehat{b}_{D, \omega}}{\widehat{b}_D} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \text{vec} \left( \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \right)' \nabla^3 \widehat{g} \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \frac{\nabla \widehat{b}_D}{\widehat{b}_D}. \end{aligned}$$

From (17),

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{1}{4} \frac{\sum_{\zeta \eta \xi \omega} \mu_{\zeta \eta \xi \omega}^4 \widehat{g}_{\zeta \eta} \widehat{b}_{D, \xi \omega}}{\widehat{b}_D} \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \mathbf{tr} \left[ \nabla^2 \widehat{g} \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \right] \mathbf{tr} \left[ \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \frac{\nabla^2 \widehat{b}_D}{\widehat{b}_D} \right] + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{tr} \left[ \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \nabla^2 \widehat{g} \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \frac{\nabla^2 \widehat{b}_D}{\widehat{b}_D} \right]. \end{aligned}$$

And we have

$$\frac{1}{2} \sum_{ij} \widehat{\sigma}_{ij} \frac{\widehat{b}_{D, ij}}{\widehat{b}_D} = \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{tr} \left[ \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \frac{\nabla^2 \widehat{b}_D}{\widehat{b}_D} \right], \quad (13)$$

$$\begin{aligned} -\frac{1}{6} \sum_{ijkq} \widehat{h}_{ijk} \mu_{ijkq}^4 \frac{\widehat{b}_{D, q}}{\widehat{b}_D} &= -\frac{3}{6} \sum_{ijkq} \widehat{h}_{ijk} \widehat{\sigma}_{ij} \widehat{\sigma}_{kq} \frac{\widehat{b}_{D, q}}{\widehat{b}_D} \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} \text{vec} \left( \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \right)' \nabla^3 \widehat{h} \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \frac{\nabla \widehat{b}_D}{\widehat{b}_D}. \end{aligned} \quad (14)$$

From (35), we have

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{1}{72} \sum_{ijkqrs} \widehat{h}_{ijk} \widehat{h}_{qrs} \mu_{ijkqrs}^6 \\ &= \frac{1}{8} \text{vec} \left( \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \right)' \nabla^3 \widehat{h} \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \left( \nabla^3 \widehat{h} \right)' \text{vec} \left( \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \right) \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{12} \text{vec} \left( \nabla^3 \widehat{h} \right)' \left[ \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \otimes \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \otimes \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \right] \text{vec} \left( \nabla^3 \widehat{h} \right). \end{aligned} \quad (15)$$

Note that

$$\begin{aligned} -\frac{1}{24} \sum_{ijkq} \widehat{h}_{ijkq} \mu_{ijkq}^4 &= -\frac{3}{24} \sum_{ijkq} \widehat{h}_{ijkq} \widehat{\sigma}_{ij} \widehat{\sigma}_{kq} \\ &= -\frac{1}{8} \mathbf{tr} \left[ \left[ \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \otimes \text{vec} \left( \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \right) \right] \left( \nabla^4 \widehat{h} \right)' \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (16)$$

From (13), (14), (15) and (16), we define

$$\begin{aligned} B_4 &= \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{tr} \left[ \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \frac{\nabla^2 \widehat{b}_D}{\widehat{b}_D} \right] - \frac{1}{2} \text{vec} \left( \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \right)' \widehat{h}^{(3)} \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \frac{\nabla \widehat{b}_D}{\widehat{b}_D} \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{8} \text{vec} \left( \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \right)' \nabla^3 \widehat{h} \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \left( \nabla^3 \widehat{h} \right)' \text{vec} \left( \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \right) \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{12} \text{vec} \left( \nabla^3 \widehat{h} \right)' \left[ \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \otimes \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \otimes \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \right] \text{vec} \left( \nabla^3 \widehat{h} \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$-\frac{1}{8}\text{tr} \left[ \left[ \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \otimes \text{vec} \left( \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \right) \right] \left( \nabla^4 \hat{h} \right)' \right].$$

■ Proof of Lemma 3.2 in Li et al (2017) can be obtained by directly applying Lemma 2.2 above by setting  $b_D(\theta) = p(\theta)$ ,  $g(\theta) = l_t(\theta)$ ,  $-nh^N(\theta) = -nh^D(\theta) = \ln p(\mathbf{y}|\theta)$ .

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## 3 Appendix

In this appendix, we will rewrite each term into matrix form.

### 3.1 For the term $\frac{1}{4} \frac{\sum_{\zeta \eta \xi \omega} \mu_{\zeta \eta \xi \omega}^4 \widehat{g}_{\zeta \eta} \widehat{b}_{D, \xi \omega}}{\widehat{b}_D}$

We can get

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{4} \frac{\sum_{\zeta \eta \xi \omega} \mu_{\zeta \eta \xi \omega}^4 \widehat{g}_{\zeta \eta} \widehat{b}_{D, \xi \omega}}{\widehat{b}_D} \\ = & \frac{1}{4} \left( \frac{\sum_{\zeta \eta \xi \omega} \widehat{g}_{\zeta \eta} \widehat{\sigma}_{\zeta \eta} \widehat{\sigma}_{\xi \omega} \widehat{b}_{D, \xi \omega}}{\widehat{b}_D} + \frac{\sum_{\zeta \eta \xi \omega} \widehat{g}_{\zeta \eta} \widehat{\sigma}_{\zeta \xi} \widehat{\sigma}_{\eta \omega} \widehat{b}_{D, \xi \omega}}{\widehat{b}_D} + \frac{\sum_{\zeta \eta \xi \omega} \widehat{g}_{\zeta \eta} \widehat{\sigma}_{\zeta \xi} \widehat{\sigma}_{\eta \omega} \widehat{b}_{D, \xi \omega}}{\widehat{b}_D} \right) \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\frac{\sum_{\zeta \eta \xi \omega} \widehat{g}_{\zeta \eta} \widehat{\sigma}_{\zeta \eta} \widehat{\sigma}_{\xi \omega} \widehat{b}_{D, \xi \omega}}{\widehat{b}_D} = \sum_{\zeta \eta} \widehat{g}_{\zeta \eta} \widehat{\sigma}_{\zeta \eta} \sum_{\xi \omega} \widehat{\sigma}_{\xi \omega} \frac{\widehat{b}_{D, \xi \omega}}{\widehat{b}_D} = \mathbf{tr} \left[ \nabla^2 \widehat{g} \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \right] \mathbf{tr} \left[ \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \frac{\nabla^2 \widehat{b}_D}{\widehat{b}_D} \right],$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\sum_{\zeta \eta \xi \omega} \widehat{g}_{\zeta \eta} \widehat{\sigma}_{\zeta \xi} \widehat{\sigma}_{\eta \omega} \widehat{b}_{D, \xi \omega}}{\widehat{b}_D} \\ = & \sum_{\zeta \eta \xi \omega} \widehat{g}_{\zeta \eta} \widehat{\sigma}_{\zeta \xi} \widehat{\sigma}_{\eta \omega} \frac{\widehat{b}_{D, \xi \omega}}{\widehat{b}_D} = \sum_{\zeta \eta \xi \omega} \widehat{\sigma}_{\xi \zeta} \widehat{g}_{\zeta \eta} \widehat{\sigma}_{\eta \omega} \frac{\widehat{b}_{D, \xi \omega}}{\widehat{b}_D} = \sum_{\xi \omega} \frac{\widehat{b}_{D, \xi \omega}}{\widehat{b}_D} \sum_{\zeta \eta} \widehat{\sigma}_{\xi \zeta} \widehat{g}_{\zeta \eta} \widehat{\sigma}_{\eta \omega} \\ = & \mathbf{tr} \left[ \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \nabla^2 \widehat{g} \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \frac{\nabla^2 \widehat{b}_D}{\widehat{b}_D} \right], \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{\sum_{\zeta \eta \xi \omega} \widehat{g}_{\zeta \eta} \widehat{\sigma}_{\zeta \xi} \widehat{\sigma}_{\eta \omega} \widehat{b}_{D, \xi \omega}}{\widehat{b}_D} = \frac{\sum_{\zeta \eta \xi \omega} \widehat{g}_{\zeta \eta} \widehat{\sigma}_{\zeta \xi} \widehat{\sigma}_{\eta \omega} \widehat{b}_{D, \xi \omega}}{\widehat{b}_D} = \mathbf{tr} \left[ \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \nabla^2 \widehat{g} \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \frac{\nabla^2 \widehat{b}_D}{\widehat{b}_D} \right],$$

then we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{4} \frac{\sum_{\zeta \eta \xi \omega} \mu_{\zeta \eta \xi \omega}^4 \widehat{g}_{\zeta \eta} \widehat{b}_{D, \xi \omega}}{\widehat{b}_D} \\ = & \frac{1}{4} \mathbf{tr} \left[ \nabla^2 \widehat{g} \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \right] \mathbf{tr} \left[ \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \frac{\nabla^2 \widehat{b}_D}{\widehat{b}_D} \right] + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{tr} \left[ \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \nabla^2 \widehat{g} \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \frac{\nabla^2 \widehat{b}_D}{\widehat{b}_D} \right] \\ = & \frac{1}{4} \mathbf{tr} \left[ \nabla^2 \widehat{g} \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \right] \mathbf{tr} \left[ \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \frac{\nabla^2 \widehat{b}_D}{\widehat{b}_D} \right] + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{tr} \left[ \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \frac{\nabla^2 \widehat{b}_D}{\widehat{b}_D} \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \nabla^2 \widehat{g} \right] \end{aligned} \tag{17}$$

### 3.2 For the term $-\frac{1}{12} \frac{\sum_{ijk \zeta \eta \xi} \widehat{h}_{ijk} \mu_{ijk \zeta \eta \xi}^6 \widehat{g}_{\zeta \eta} \widehat{b}_{D, \xi}}{\widehat{b}_D}$

Note that

$$-\frac{1}{12} \frac{\sum_{ijk \zeta \eta \xi} \widehat{h}_{ijk} \mu_{ijk \zeta \eta \xi}^6 \widehat{g}_{\zeta \eta} \widehat{b}_{D, \xi}}{\widehat{b}_D} = -\frac{1}{12} \frac{\sum_{ijkqrs} \widehat{h}_{ijk} \mu_{ijkqrs}^6 \widehat{g}_{qr} \widehat{b}_{D, s}}{\widehat{b}_D}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_{ijkqrs}^6 &= \widehat{\sigma}_{ij} \widehat{\sigma}_{kq} \sigma_{rs} + \widehat{\sigma}_{iq} \widehat{\sigma}_{kj} \widehat{\sigma}_{rs} + \widehat{\sigma}_{iq} \widehat{\sigma}_{jk} \widehat{\sigma}_{rs} \\ &\quad + \widehat{\sigma}_{ij} \widehat{\sigma}_{kr} \widehat{\sigma}_{qs} + \widehat{\sigma}_{ik} \widehat{\sigma}_{jr} \widehat{\sigma}_{qs} + \widehat{\sigma}_{ir} \widehat{\sigma}_{jk} \widehat{\sigma}_{qs} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& + \widehat{\sigma}_{ij}\widehat{\sigma}_{ks}\widehat{\sigma}_{qr} + \widehat{\sigma}_{ik}\widehat{\sigma}_{js}\widehat{\sigma}_{qr} + \widehat{\sigma}_{is}\widehat{\sigma}_{jk}\widehat{\sigma}_{qr} \\
& + \widehat{\sigma}_{iq}\widehat{\sigma}_{jr}\widehat{\sigma}_{ks} + \widehat{\sigma}_{ir}\widehat{\sigma}_{jq}\widehat{\sigma}_{ks} \\
& + \widehat{\sigma}_{iq}\widehat{\sigma}_{js}\widehat{\sigma}_{kr} + \widehat{\sigma}_{is}\widehat{\sigma}_{jq}\widehat{\sigma}_{kr} \\
& + \widehat{\sigma}_{ir}\widehat{\sigma}_{js}\widehat{\sigma}_{kq} + \widehat{\sigma}_{is}\widehat{\sigma}_{jr}\widehat{\sigma}_{kq}.
\end{aligned}$$

then we can decompose into three groups. The first group has 6 elements without  $\widehat{\sigma}_{qr}$  but with  $\widehat{\sigma}_{ij}$ ,  $\widehat{\sigma}_{ik}$  or  $\widehat{\sigma}_{jk}$ , that is

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{ijktrs} \widehat{h}_{ijk}\widehat{\sigma}_{ij}\widehat{\sigma}_{kq}\widehat{\sigma}_{rs}\widehat{g}_{qr}\widehat{b}_{D,s} + \sum_{ijktrs} \widehat{h}_{ijk}\widehat{\sigma}_{iq}\widehat{\sigma}_{kj}\widehat{\sigma}_{rs}\widehat{g}_{qr}\widehat{b}_{D,s} + \sum_{ijktrs} \widehat{h}_{ijk}\widehat{\sigma}_{iq}\widehat{\sigma}_{jk}\widehat{\sigma}_{rs}\widehat{g}_{qr}\widehat{b}_{D,s} \\
& + \sum_{ijktrs} \widehat{h}_{ijk}\widehat{\sigma}_{ij}\widehat{\sigma}_{kr}\widehat{\sigma}_{qs}\widehat{g}_{qr}\widehat{b}_{D,s} + \sum_{ijktrs} \widehat{h}_{ijk}\widehat{\sigma}_{ik}\widehat{\sigma}_{jr}\widehat{\sigma}_{qs}\widehat{g}_{qr}\widehat{b}_{D,s} + \sum_{ijktrs} \widehat{h}_{ijk}\widehat{\sigma}_{ir}\widehat{\sigma}_{jk}\widehat{\sigma}_{qs}\widehat{g}_{qr}\widehat{b}_{D,s}.
\end{aligned}$$

Note that the 6 elements have the same quantity since

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{ijktrs} \widehat{h}_{ijk}\widehat{\sigma}_{iq}\widehat{\sigma}_{kj}\widehat{\sigma}_{rs}\widehat{g}_{qr}\widehat{b}_{D,s} &= \sum_{ijktrs} \widehat{h}_{ijk}\widehat{\sigma}_{iq}\widehat{\sigma}_{jk}\widehat{\sigma}_{rs}\widehat{g}_{qr}\widehat{b}_{D,s} \\
&= \sum_{ijktrs} \widehat{h}_{ijk}\widehat{\sigma}_{ij}\widehat{\sigma}_{kq}\widehat{\sigma}_{rs}\widehat{g}_{qr}\widehat{b}_{D,s} = \sum_{ijktrs} \widehat{\sigma}_{ij}\widehat{h}_{ijk}\widehat{\sigma}_{kq}\widehat{g}_{qr}\widehat{\sigma}_{rs}\widehat{b}_{D,s} \\
&= \text{vec} \left( (\nabla^2 \widehat{h})^{-1} \right)' \nabla^3 \widehat{h} (\nabla^2 \widehat{h})^{-1} \nabla^2 \widehat{g} (\nabla^2 \widehat{h})^{-1} \nabla \widehat{b}_D
\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{ijktrs} \widehat{h}_{ijk}\widehat{\sigma}_{ir}\widehat{\sigma}_{jk}\widehat{\sigma}_{qs}\widehat{g}_{qr}\widehat{b}_{D,s} &= \sum_{ijktrs} \widehat{h}_{ijk}\widehat{\sigma}_{ik}\widehat{\sigma}_{jr}\widehat{\sigma}_{qs}\widehat{g}_{qr}\widehat{b}_{D,s} \\
&= \sum_{ijktrs} \widehat{h}_{ijk}\widehat{\sigma}_{ij}\widehat{\sigma}_{kr}\widehat{\sigma}_{qs}\widehat{g}_{qr}\widehat{b}_{D,s} = \sum_{ijktrs} \widehat{\sigma}_{ij}\widehat{h}_{ijk}\widehat{\sigma}_{kr}\widehat{\sigma}_{qs}\widehat{g}_{qr}\widehat{b}_{D,s}
\end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{ijktrs} \widehat{\sigma}_{ij}\widehat{h}_{ijk}\widehat{\sigma}_{kr}\widehat{\sigma}_{qs}\widehat{g}_{qr}\widehat{b}_{D,s} &= \sum_{ijktrs} \widehat{\sigma}_{ij}\widehat{h}_{ijk}\widehat{\sigma}_{kr}\widehat{g}_{rq}\widehat{\sigma}_{qs}\widehat{b}_{D,s} = \sum_{ijktrs} \widehat{\sigma}_{ij}\widehat{h}_{ijk}\widehat{\sigma}_{kq}\widehat{g}_{qr}\widehat{\sigma}_{rs}\widehat{b}_{D,s} \\
&= \text{vec} \left( (\nabla^2 \widehat{h})^{-1} \right)' \nabla^3 \widehat{h} (\nabla^2 \widehat{h})^{-1} \nabla^2 \widehat{g} (\nabla^2 \widehat{h})^{-1} \nabla \widehat{b}_D.
\end{aligned}$$

The second group has 6 elements without  $\widehat{\sigma}_{qr}$ ,  $\widehat{\sigma}_{ij}$ ,  $\widehat{\sigma}_{ik}$  and  $\widehat{\sigma}_{jk}$ , that is

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{ijktrs} \widehat{h}_{ijk}\widehat{\sigma}_{iq}\widehat{\sigma}_{jr}\widehat{\sigma}_{ks}\widehat{g}_{qr}\widehat{b}_{D,s} + \sum_{ijktrs} \widehat{h}_{ijk}\widehat{\sigma}_{ir}\widehat{\sigma}_{jq}\widehat{\sigma}_{ks}\widehat{g}_{qr}\widehat{b}_{D,s} + \sum_{ijktrs} \widehat{h}_{ijk}\widehat{\sigma}_{iq}\widehat{\sigma}_{js}\widehat{\sigma}_{kr}\widehat{g}_{qr}\widehat{b}_{D,s} \\
& + \sum_{ijktrs} \widehat{h}_{ijk}\widehat{\sigma}_{is}\widehat{\sigma}_{jq}\widehat{\sigma}_{kr}\widehat{g}_{qr}\widehat{b}_{D,s} + \sum_{ijktrs} \widehat{h}_{ijk}\widehat{\sigma}_{ir}\widehat{\sigma}_{js}\widehat{\sigma}_{kq}\widehat{g}_{qr}\widehat{b}_{D,s} + \sum_{ijktrs} \widehat{h}_{ijk}\widehat{\sigma}_{is}\widehat{\sigma}_{jr}\widehat{\sigma}_{kq}\widehat{g}_{qr}\widehat{b}_{D,s}.
\end{aligned}$$

These 6 elements have the same quantity since

$$\sum_{ijktrs} \widehat{h}_{ijk} [\widehat{\sigma}_{iq}\widehat{\sigma}_{jr}\widehat{\sigma}_{ks} + \widehat{\sigma}_{ir}\widehat{\sigma}_{jq}\widehat{\sigma}_{ks}] \widehat{g}_{qr}\widehat{b}_{D,s}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \sum_{ijkqrs} \hat{h}_{ijk} \hat{\sigma}_{iq} \hat{\sigma}_{jr} \hat{\sigma}_{ks} \hat{g}_{qr} \hat{b}_{D,s} + \sum_{ijkqrs} \hat{h}_{ijk} \hat{\sigma}_{ir} \hat{\sigma}_{jq} \hat{\sigma}_{ks} \hat{g}_{qr} \hat{b}_{D,s} \\
&= 2 \sum_{ijkqrs} \hat{h}_{ijk} \hat{\sigma}_{iq} \hat{\sigma}_{jr} \hat{\sigma}_{ks} \hat{g}_{qr} \hat{b}_{D,s} = 2 \sum_{ijkqrs} \hat{\sigma}_{iq} \hat{g}_{qr} \hat{\sigma}_{jr} \hat{h}_{ijk} \hat{\sigma}_{ks} \hat{b}_{D,s} \\
&= 2 \text{vec} \left( \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \nabla^2 \hat{g} \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \right)' \nabla^3 \hat{h} \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \nabla \hat{b}_D,
\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
&\sum_{ijkqrs} \hat{h}_{ijk} [\hat{\sigma}_{iq} \hat{\sigma}_{js} \hat{\sigma}_{kr} + \hat{\sigma}_{is} \hat{\sigma}_{jq} \hat{\sigma}_{kr}] \hat{g}_{qr} \hat{b}_{D,s} \\
&= \sum_{ijkqrs} \hat{h}_{ijk} \hat{\sigma}_{iq} \hat{\sigma}_{js} \hat{\sigma}_{kr} \hat{g}_{qr} \hat{b}_{D,s} + \sum_{ijkqrs} \hat{h}_{ijk} \hat{\sigma}_{is} \hat{\sigma}_{jq} \hat{\sigma}_{kr} \hat{g}_{qr} \hat{b}_{D,s} \\
&= \sum_{ijkqrs} \hat{h}_{ikj} \hat{\sigma}_{iq} \hat{\sigma}_{kr} \hat{\sigma}_{js} \hat{g}_{qr} \hat{b}_{D,s} + \sum_{ijkqrs} \hat{h}_{kji} \hat{\sigma}_{kr} \hat{\sigma}_{jq} \hat{\sigma}_{is} \hat{g}_{qr} \hat{b}_{D,s} \\
&= \sum_{ijkqrs} \hat{h}_{ijk} \hat{\sigma}_{iq} \hat{\sigma}_{jr} \hat{\sigma}_{ks} \hat{g}_{qr} \hat{b}_{D,s} + \sum_{ijkqrs} \hat{h}_{ijk} \hat{\sigma}_{ir} \hat{\sigma}_{jq} \hat{\sigma}_{ks} \hat{g}_{qr} \hat{b}_{D,s} \\
&= 2 \text{vec} \left( \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \nabla^2 \hat{g} \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \right)' \nabla^3 \hat{h} \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \nabla \hat{b},
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\sum_{ijkqrs} \hat{h}_{ijk} [\hat{\sigma}_{ir} \hat{\sigma}_{js} \hat{\sigma}_{kq} + \hat{\sigma}_{is} \hat{\sigma}_{jr} \hat{\sigma}_{kq}] \hat{g}_{qr} \hat{b}_{D,s} \\
&= \sum_{ijkqrs} \hat{h}_{ijk} \hat{\sigma}_{ir} \hat{\sigma}_{js} \hat{\sigma}_{kq} \hat{g}_{qr} \hat{b}_{D,s} + \sum_{ijkqrs} \hat{h}_{ijk} \hat{\sigma}_{is} \hat{\sigma}_{jr} \hat{\sigma}_{kq} \hat{g}_{qr} \hat{b}_{D,s} \\
&= \sum_{ijkqrs} \hat{h}_{kij} \hat{\sigma}_{kq} \hat{\sigma}_{ir} \hat{\sigma}_{js} \hat{g}_{qr} \hat{b}_{D,s} + \sum_{ijkqrs} \hat{h}_{jki} \hat{\sigma}_{jr} \hat{\sigma}_{kq} \hat{\sigma}_{is} \hat{g}_{qr} \hat{b}_{D,s} \\
&= \sum_{ijkqrs} \hat{h}_{ijk} \hat{\sigma}_{iq} \hat{\sigma}_{jr} \hat{\sigma}_{ks} \hat{g}_{qr} \hat{b}_{D,s} + \sum_{ijkqrs} \hat{h}_{ijk} \hat{\sigma}_{ir} \hat{\sigma}_{jq} \hat{\sigma}_{ks} \hat{g}_{qr} \hat{b}_{D,s} \\
&= 2 \text{vec} \left( \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \nabla^2 \hat{g} \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \right)' \nabla^3 \hat{h} \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \nabla \hat{b}.
\end{aligned}$$

The third group has 3 elements without  $\hat{\sigma}_{qr}$ , that is

$$\sum_{ijkqrs} \hat{h}_{ijk} \hat{\sigma}_{ij} \hat{\sigma}_{ks} \hat{\sigma}_{qr} \hat{g}_{qr} \hat{b}_{D,s} + \sum_{ijkqrs} \hat{h}_{ijk} \hat{\sigma}_{ik} \hat{\sigma}_{js} \hat{\sigma}_{qr} \hat{g}_{qr} \hat{b}_{D,s} + \sum_{ijkqrs} \hat{h}_{ijk} \hat{\sigma}_{is} \hat{\sigma}_{jk} \hat{\sigma}_{qr} \hat{g}_{qr} \hat{b}_{D,s}.$$

We have

$$\begin{aligned}
&\sum_{ijkqrs} \hat{h}_{ijk} \hat{\sigma}_{ij} \hat{\sigma}_{ks} \hat{\sigma}_{qr} \hat{g}_{qr} \hat{b}_{D,s} \\
&= \sum_{ijkqrs} \hat{h}_{ijk} \hat{\sigma}_{ik} \hat{\sigma}_{js} \hat{\sigma}_{qr} \hat{g}_{qr} \hat{b}_{D,s} = \sum_{ijkqrs} \hat{h}_{ijk} \hat{\sigma}_{is} \hat{\sigma}_{jk} \hat{\sigma}_{qr} \hat{g}_{qr} \hat{b}_{D,s} = \sum_{ijkqrs} \hat{h}_{ijk} \hat{\sigma}_{jk} \hat{\sigma}_{is} \hat{b}_{D,s} \hat{\sigma}_{qr} \hat{g}_{qr} \\
&= \sum_{qr} \hat{\sigma}_{qr} \hat{g}_{qr} \sum_{ijks} \hat{\sigma}_{jk} \hat{h}_{jki} \hat{\sigma}_{is} \hat{b}_{D,s} = \mathbf{tr} \left[ \nabla^2 \hat{g} \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \right] \text{vec} \left( \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \right)' \nabla^3 \hat{h} \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \nabla \hat{b}_D.
\end{aligned}$$

Then we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& -\frac{1}{12} \frac{\sum_{ijk\zeta\eta\xi} \widehat{h}_{ijk} \mu_{ijk\zeta\eta\xi}^6 \widehat{g}_{\zeta\eta} \widehat{b}_{D,\xi}}{\widehat{b}_D} \\
= & -\frac{1}{2} \text{vec} \left( \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \right)' \nabla^3 \widehat{h} \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \nabla^2 \widehat{g} \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \frac{\nabla \widehat{b}_D}{\widehat{b}_D} \\
& -\frac{1}{2} \text{vec} \left( \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \nabla^2 \widehat{g} \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \right)' \nabla^3 \widehat{h} \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \frac{\nabla \widehat{b}_D}{\widehat{b}_D} \\
& -\frac{1}{4} \mathbf{tr} \left[ \nabla^2 \widehat{g} \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \right] \text{vec} \left( \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \right)' \nabla^3 \widehat{h} \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \frac{\nabla \widehat{b}_D}{\widehat{b}_D}.
\end{aligned}$$

And for the same reason, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& -\frac{1}{12} \frac{\sum_{ijk\zeta\eta\xi} \widehat{h}_{ijk} \mu_{ijk\zeta\eta\xi}^6 \widehat{b}_{D,\eta\xi} \widehat{g}_\zeta}{\widehat{b}_D} \\
= & -\frac{1}{2} \text{vec} \left( \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \right)' \nabla^3 \widehat{h} \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \frac{\nabla^2 \widehat{b}_D}{\widehat{b}_D} \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \nabla \widehat{g} \\
& -\frac{1}{2} \text{vec} \left( \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \frac{\nabla^2 \widehat{b}_D}{\widehat{b}_D} \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \right)' \nabla^3 \widehat{h} \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \nabla \widehat{g} \\
& -\frac{1}{4} \mathbf{tr} \left[ \frac{\nabla^2 \widehat{b}_D}{\widehat{b}_D} \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \right] \text{vec} \left( \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \right)' \nabla^3 \widehat{h} \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \nabla \widehat{g}.
\end{aligned} \tag{18}$$

Note that

$$\begin{aligned}
& \text{vec} \left( \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \right)' \nabla^3 \widehat{h} \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \nabla^2 \widehat{g} \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \frac{\nabla \widehat{b}_D}{\widehat{b}_D} \\
= & \mathbf{tr} \left[ \text{vec} \left( \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \right)' \nabla^3 \widehat{h} \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \nabla^2 \widehat{g} \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \frac{\nabla \widehat{b}_D}{\widehat{b}_D} \right] \\
= & \mathbf{tr} \left[ \nabla^2 \widehat{g} \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \frac{\nabla \widehat{b}_D}{\widehat{b}_D} \text{vec} \left( \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \right)' \nabla^3 \widehat{h} \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \right] \\
= & \mathbf{tr} \left[ \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \frac{\nabla \widehat{b}_D}{\widehat{b}_D} \text{vec} \left( \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \right)' \nabla^3 \widehat{h} \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \nabla^2 \widehat{g} \right]
\end{aligned}$$

and we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{ijkqrs} \widehat{\sigma}_{iq} \widehat{g}_{qr} \widehat{\sigma}_{jr} \widehat{h}_{ijk} \widehat{\sigma}_{ks} \frac{\widehat{b}_{D,s}}{\widehat{b}_D} \\
= & \sum_{ijkqrs} \widehat{\sigma}_{iq} \widehat{h}_{ijk} \widehat{\sigma}_{ks} \frac{\widehat{b}_{D,s}}{\widehat{b}_D} \widehat{\sigma}_{jr} \widehat{g}_{qr} = \sum_{qr} \left[ \sum_{ijk} \widehat{\sigma}_{iq} \widehat{h}_{ijk} \widehat{\sigma}_{ks} \frac{\widehat{b}_{D,s}}{\widehat{b}_D} \widehat{\sigma}_{jr} \right] \widehat{g}_{qr} \\
= & \sum_{qr} \left[ \sum_{ijk} \widehat{\sigma}_{qi} \widehat{\sigma}_{ks} \frac{\widehat{b}_{D,s}}{\widehat{b}_D} \widehat{h}_{ikj} \widehat{\sigma}_{jr} \right] \widehat{g}_{qr} = \sum_{qr} \left[ \sum_j \left[ \sum_{ik} \left[ \widehat{\sigma}_{qi} \left[ \sum_s \widehat{\sigma}_{ks} \frac{\widehat{b}_{D,s}}{\widehat{b}_D} \right] \widehat{h}_{ikj} \right] \widehat{\sigma}_{jr} \right] \right] \widehat{g}_{qr}
\end{aligned}$$

$$= \text{tr} \left[ \left[ \left( (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \frac{\nabla \hat{b}_D}{\hat{b}_D} \right)' \otimes (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \right] \nabla^3 \hat{h} (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \nabla^2 \hat{g} \right],$$

it can also be derived as follow

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{vec} \left( (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \nabla^2 \hat{g} (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \right)' \nabla^3 \hat{h} (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \frac{\nabla \hat{b}_D}{\hat{b}_D} \\ &= \text{vec} (\nabla^2 \hat{g})' \left[ (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \otimes (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \right] \nabla^3 \hat{h} (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \frac{\nabla \hat{b}_D}{\hat{b}_D} \\ &= \text{vec} (\nabla^2 \hat{g})' \text{vec} \left[ \left[ (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \otimes (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \right] \nabla^3 \hat{h} (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \frac{\nabla \hat{b}_D}{\hat{b}_D} \right] \\ &= \text{vec} (\nabla^2 \hat{g})' \left[ \left( (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \frac{\nabla \hat{b}_D}{\hat{b}_D} \right)' \otimes (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \otimes (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \right] \text{vec} (\nabla^3 \hat{h}) \\ &= \text{tr} \left[ \nabla^2 \hat{g} (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \nabla^3 \hat{h}' \left[ \left( (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \frac{\nabla \hat{b}_D}{\hat{b}_D} \right) \otimes (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \right] \right] \\ &= \text{tr} \left[ \left[ \left( (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \frac{\nabla \hat{b}_D}{\hat{b}_D} \right)' \otimes (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \right] \nabla^3 \hat{h} (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \nabla^2 \hat{g} \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} & -\frac{1}{12} \frac{\sum_{ijk\zeta\eta\xi} \hat{h}_{ijk} \mu_{ijk\zeta\eta\xi}^6 \hat{g}_{\zeta\eta} \hat{b}_{D,\xi}}{\hat{b}_D} \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} \text{tr} \left[ (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \frac{\nabla \hat{b}_D}{\hat{b}_D} \text{vec} \left( (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \right)' \nabla^3 \hat{h} (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \nabla^2 \hat{g} \right] \\ &\quad -\frac{1}{2} \text{tr} \left[ \left[ \left( (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \frac{\nabla \hat{b}_D}{\hat{b}_D} \right)' \otimes (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \right] \nabla^3 \hat{h} (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \nabla^2 \hat{g} \right] \\ &\quad -\frac{1}{4} \text{tr} \left[ \nabla^2 \hat{g} (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \right] \text{vec} \left( (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \right)' \nabla^3 \hat{h} (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \frac{\nabla \hat{b}_D}{\hat{b}_D}. \end{aligned}$$

### 3.3 For the term $-\frac{1}{48} \sum_{ijkqrs} \hat{h}_{ijkq} \mu_{ijkqrs}^6 \hat{g}_{rs}$

Note that

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_{ijkqrs}^6 &= \hat{\sigma}_{ij} \hat{\sigma}_{kq} \sigma_{rs} + \hat{\sigma}_{iq} \hat{\sigma}_{kj} \hat{\sigma}_{rs} + \hat{\sigma}_{iq} \hat{\sigma}_{jk} \hat{\sigma}_{rs} \\ &\quad + \hat{\sigma}_{ij} \hat{\sigma}_{kr} \hat{\sigma}_{qs} + \hat{\sigma}_{ik} \hat{\sigma}_{jr} \hat{\sigma}_{qs} + \hat{\sigma}_{ir} \hat{\sigma}_{jk} \hat{\sigma}_{qs} \\ &\quad + \hat{\sigma}_{ij} \hat{\sigma}_{ks} \hat{\sigma}_{qr} + \hat{\sigma}_{ik} \hat{\sigma}_{js} \hat{\sigma}_{qr} + \hat{\sigma}_{is} \hat{\sigma}_{jk} \hat{\sigma}_{qr} \\ &\quad + \hat{\sigma}_{iq} \hat{\sigma}_{jr} \hat{\sigma}_{ks} + \hat{\sigma}_{ir} \hat{\sigma}_{jq} \hat{\sigma}_{ks} \\ &\quad + \hat{\sigma}_{iq} \hat{\sigma}_{js} \hat{\sigma}_{kr} + \hat{\sigma}_{is} \hat{\sigma}_{jq} \hat{\sigma}_{kr} \\ &\quad + \hat{\sigma}_{ir} \hat{\sigma}_{js} \hat{\sigma}_{kq} + \hat{\sigma}_{is} \hat{\sigma}_{jr} \hat{\sigma}_{kq}. \end{aligned}$$

We can decompose  $\sum_{ijkqrs} \hat{h}_{ijkq} \mu_{ijkqrs}^6 \hat{g}_{rs}$  into two groups. The first group has 12 elements without  $\hat{\sigma}_{rs}$

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{ijkqrs} \hat{h}_{ijkq} \hat{\sigma}_{ij} \hat{\sigma}_{kr} \hat{\sigma}_{qs} \hat{g}_{rs} + \sum_{ijkqrs} \hat{h}_{ijkq} \hat{\sigma}_{ik} \hat{\sigma}_{jr} \hat{\sigma}_{qs} \hat{g}_{rs} + \sum_{ijkqrs} \hat{h}_{ijkq} \hat{\sigma}_{ir} \hat{\sigma}_{jk} \hat{\sigma}_{qs} \hat{g}_{rs} \\ & + \sum_{ijkqrs} \hat{h}_{ijkq} \hat{\sigma}_{ij} \hat{\sigma}_{ks} \hat{\sigma}_{qr} \hat{g}_{rs} + \sum_{ijkqrs} \hat{h}_{ijkq} \hat{\sigma}_{ik} \hat{\sigma}_{js} \hat{\sigma}_{qr} \hat{g}_{rs} + \sum_{ijkqrs} \hat{h}_{ijkq} \hat{\sigma}_{is} \hat{\sigma}_{jk} \hat{\sigma}_{qr} \hat{g}_{rs} \\ & + \sum_{ijkqrs} \hat{h}_{ijkq} \hat{\sigma}_{iq} \hat{\sigma}_{jr} \hat{\sigma}_{ks} \hat{g}_{rs} + \sum_{ijkqrs} \hat{h}_{ijkq} \hat{\sigma}_{ir} \hat{\sigma}_{jq} \hat{\sigma}_{ks} \hat{g}_{rs} + \sum_{ijkqrs} \hat{h}_{ijkq} \hat{\sigma}_{iq} \hat{\sigma}_{js} \hat{\sigma}_{kr} \hat{g}_{rs} \\ & + \sum_{ijkqrs} \hat{h}_{ijkq} \hat{\sigma}_{is} \hat{\sigma}_{jq} \hat{\sigma}_{kr} \hat{g}_{rs} + \sum_{ijkqrs} \hat{h}_{ijkq} \hat{\sigma}_{ir} \hat{\sigma}_{js} \hat{\sigma}_{kq} \hat{g}_{rs} + \sum_{ijkqrs} \hat{h}_{ijkq} \hat{\sigma}_{is} \hat{\sigma}_{jr} \hat{\sigma}_{kq} \hat{g}_{rs}. \end{aligned}$$

The 12 elements in this group have the same quantity, that is

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{ijkqrs} \hat{h}_{ijkq} \hat{\sigma}_{ij} \hat{\sigma}_{kr} \hat{\sigma}_{qs} \hat{g}_{rs} &= \sum_{ijkqrs} \hat{h}_{ijkq} \hat{\sigma}_{ij} \hat{\sigma}_{kr} \hat{g}_{rs} \hat{\sigma}_{sq} \\ &= \mathbf{tr} \left[ \left[ \left( (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \nabla^2 \hat{g} (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \right) \otimes \text{vec} \left( (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \right) \right] (\nabla^4 \hat{h})' \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (19)$$

The detail proof is as follows

$$\sum_{ijkqrs} \hat{h}_{ijkq} \hat{\sigma}_{ij} \hat{\sigma}_{ks} \hat{\sigma}_{qr} \hat{g}_{rs} = \sum_{ijkqsr} \hat{h}_{ijkq} \hat{\sigma}_{ij} \hat{\sigma}_{ks} \hat{\sigma}_{qr} \hat{g}_{sr} = \sum_{ijkqrs} \hat{h}_{ijkq} \hat{\sigma}_{ij} \hat{\sigma}_{kr} \hat{\sigma}_{qs} \hat{g}_{rs}, \quad (20)$$

$$\sum_{ijkqrs} \hat{h}_{ijkq} \hat{\sigma}_{ik} \hat{\sigma}_{jr} \hat{\sigma}_{qs} \hat{g}_{rs} = \sum_{ikjqrs} \hat{h}_{ikjq} \hat{\sigma}_{ik} \hat{\sigma}_{jr} \hat{\sigma}_{qs} \hat{g}_{rs} = \sum_{ijkqrs} \hat{h}_{ijkq} \hat{\sigma}_{ij} \hat{\sigma}_{kr} \hat{\sigma}_{qs} \hat{g}_{rs}, \quad (21)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{ijkqrs} \hat{h}_{ijkq} \hat{\sigma}_{ik} \hat{\sigma}_{js} \hat{\sigma}_{qr} \hat{g}_{rs} &= \sum_{ijkqsr} \hat{h}_{ijkq} \hat{\sigma}_{ik} \hat{\sigma}_{js} \hat{\sigma}_{qr} \hat{g}_{sr} \\ &= \sum_{ijkqrs} \hat{h}_{ijkq} \hat{\sigma}_{ik} \hat{\sigma}_{jr} \hat{\sigma}_{qs} \hat{g}_{rs} = \sum_{ijkqrs} \hat{h}_{ijkq} \hat{\sigma}_{ij} \hat{\sigma}_{kr} \hat{\sigma}_{qs} \hat{g}_{rs} \end{aligned} \quad (22)$$

where the last equatality is because of (21),

$$\sum_{ijkqrs} \hat{h}_{ijkq} \hat{\sigma}_{iq} \hat{\sigma}_{jr} \hat{\sigma}_{ks} \hat{g}_{rs} = \sum_{iqjtrs} \hat{h}_{iqjk} \hat{\sigma}_{iq} \hat{\sigma}_{jr} \hat{\sigma}_{ks} \hat{g}_{rs} = \sum_{ijkqrs} \hat{h}_{ijkq} \hat{\sigma}_{ij} \hat{\sigma}_{kr} \hat{\sigma}_{qs} \hat{g}_{rs} \quad (23)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{ijkqrs} \hat{h}_{ijkq} \hat{\sigma}_{iq} \hat{\sigma}_{js} \hat{\sigma}_{kr} \hat{g}_{rs} &= \sum_{ijkqsr} \hat{h}_{ijkq} \hat{\sigma}_{iq} \hat{\sigma}_{js} \hat{\sigma}_{kr} \hat{g}_{sr} \\ &= \sum_{ijkqrs} \hat{h}_{ijkq} \hat{\sigma}_{iq} \hat{\sigma}_{jr} \hat{\sigma}_{ks} \hat{g}_{rs} = \sum_{ijkqrs} \hat{h}_{ijkq} \hat{\sigma}_{ij} \hat{\sigma}_{kr} \hat{\sigma}_{qs} \hat{g}_{rs} \end{aligned} \quad (24)$$

$$\sum_{ijkqrs} \hat{h}_{ijkq} \hat{\sigma}_{ir} \hat{\sigma}_{jk} \hat{\sigma}_{qs} \hat{g}_{rs} = \sum_{jkiqrs} \hat{h}_{jkiq} \hat{\sigma}_{jk} \hat{\sigma}_{ir} \hat{\sigma}_{qs} \hat{g}_{rs} = \sum_{ijkqrs} \hat{h}_{ijkq} \hat{\sigma}_{ij} \hat{\sigma}_{kr} \hat{\sigma}_{qs} \hat{g}_{rs} \quad (25)$$

$$\sum_{ijkqrs} \hat{h}_{ijkq} \hat{\sigma}_{ir} \hat{\sigma}_{jq} \hat{\sigma}_{ks} \hat{g}_{rs} = \sum_{jqikrs} \hat{h}_{jqik} \hat{\sigma}_{jq} \hat{\sigma}_{ir} \hat{\sigma}_{ks} \hat{g}_{rs} = \sum_{ijkqrs} \hat{h}_{ijkq} \hat{\sigma}_{ij} \hat{\sigma}_{kr} \hat{\sigma}_{qs} \hat{g}_{rs} \quad (26)$$

$$\sum_{ijkqrs} \hat{h}_{ijkq} \hat{\sigma}_{ir} \hat{\sigma}_{js} \hat{\sigma}_{kq} \hat{g}_{rs} = \sum_{kqijrs} \hat{h}_{kqij} \hat{\sigma}_{kq} \hat{\sigma}_{ir} \hat{\sigma}_{js} \hat{g}_{rs} = \sum_{ijkqrs} \hat{h}_{ijkq} \hat{\sigma}_{ij} \hat{\sigma}_{kr} \hat{\sigma}_{qs} \hat{g}_{rs} \quad (27)$$

$$\sum_{ijkqrs} \hat{h}_{ijkq} \hat{\sigma}_{is} \hat{\sigma}_{jk} \hat{\sigma}_{qr} \hat{g}_{rs} = \sum_{jkqirs} \hat{h}_{jkqi} \hat{\sigma}_{jk} \hat{\sigma}_{qr} \hat{\sigma}_{is} \hat{g}_{rs} = \sum_{ijkqrs} \hat{h}_{ijkq} \hat{\sigma}_{ij} \hat{\sigma}_{kr} \hat{\sigma}_{qs} \hat{g}_{rs}$$

$$\sum_{ijkqrs} \hat{h}_{ijkq} \hat{\sigma}_{is} \hat{\sigma}_{jq} \hat{\sigma}_{kr} \hat{g}_{rs} = \sum_{jqkirs} \hat{h}_{jqki} \hat{\sigma}_{jq} \hat{\sigma}_{kr} \hat{\sigma}_{is} \hat{g}_{rs} = \sum_{ijkqrs} \hat{h}_{ijkq} \hat{\sigma}_{ij} \hat{\sigma}_{kr} \hat{\sigma}_{qs} \hat{g}_{rs}$$

$$\sum_{ijkqrs} \hat{h}_{ijkq} \hat{\sigma}_{is} \hat{\sigma}_{jr} \hat{\sigma}_{kq} \hat{g}_{rs} = \sum_{kqjirs} \hat{h}_{kqqi} \hat{\sigma}_{kq} \hat{\sigma}_{jr} \hat{\sigma}_{is} \hat{g}_{rs} = \sum_{ijkqrs} \hat{h}_{ijkq} \hat{\sigma}_{ij} \hat{\sigma}_{kr} \hat{\sigma}_{qs} \hat{g}_{rs}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{ijkqrs} \hat{h}_{ijkq} \hat{\sigma}_{ij} \hat{\sigma}_{kr} \hat{g}_{rs} \hat{\sigma}_{qs} \\ &= \sum_{ijkq} \hat{h}_{ijkq} \left[ \hat{\sigma}_{ij} \sum_{rs} \hat{\sigma}_{kr} \hat{g}_{rs} \hat{\sigma}_{qs} \right] \\ &= \mathbf{tr} \left[ \left[ \left( (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \nabla^2 \hat{g} (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \right) \otimes \text{vec} \left( (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \right) \right] (\nabla^4 \hat{h})' \right] \end{aligned}$$

We can illustrate the result by a simple example. Let

$$\hat{h}^{(4)} = \begin{bmatrix} h_{1111} & h_{1112} \\ h_{2111} & h_{2112} \\ h_{1211} & h_{1212} \\ h_{2211} & h_{2212} \\ h_{1121} & h_{1122} \\ h_{2121} & h_{2122} \\ h_{1221} & h_{1222} \\ h_{2221} & h_{2222} \end{bmatrix}$$

and

$$\hat{e} = (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \nabla^2 \hat{g} (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1}$$

and

$$\hat{e} = \begin{bmatrix} e_{11} & e_{12} \\ e_{21} & e_{22} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_{11} & \sigma_{12} \\ \sigma_{21} & \sigma_{22} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{vec} \left( (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \right) = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_{11} \\ \sigma_{21} \\ \sigma_{12} \\ \sigma_{22} \end{bmatrix}$$

then

$$\hat{e} \otimes \text{vec} \left( \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \right) = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_{11} e_{11} & \sigma_{11} e_{12} \\ \sigma_{21} e_{11} & \sigma_{21} e_{12} \\ \sigma_{12} e_{11} & \sigma_{12} e_{12} \\ \sigma_{22} e_{11} & \sigma_{22} e_{12} \\ \sigma_{11} e_{11} & \sigma_{11} e_{12} \\ \sigma_{21} e_{11} & \sigma_{21} e_{12} \\ \sigma_{12} e_{11} & \sigma_{12} e_{12} \\ \sigma_{22} e_{11} & \sigma_{22} e_{12} \end{bmatrix}.$$

The second group has 3 elements with  $\hat{\sigma}_{rs}$

$$\sum_{ijkqrs} \hat{h}_{ijkq} \hat{\sigma}_{ij} \hat{\sigma}_{kq} \hat{\sigma}_{rs} \hat{g}_{rs} + \sum_{ijkqrs} \hat{h}_{ijkq} \hat{\sigma}_{iq} \hat{\sigma}_{kj} \hat{\sigma}_{rs} \hat{g}_{rs} + \sum_{ijkqrs} \hat{h}_{ijkq} \hat{\sigma}_{iq} \hat{\sigma}_{kj} \hat{\sigma}_{rs} \hat{g}_{rs}.$$

These 3 elements has the same quantity. We can get

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{ijkqrs} \hat{h}_{ijkq} \hat{\sigma}_{ij} \hat{\sigma}_{kq} \hat{\sigma}_{rs} \hat{g}_{rs} \\ &= \mathbf{tr} \left[ \left[ \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \otimes \text{vec} \left( \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \right) \right] \left( \nabla^4 \hat{h} \right)' \right] \mathbf{tr} \left[ \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \nabla^2 \hat{g} \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (28)$$

From (19) and (28), we have

$$\begin{aligned} & -\frac{1}{48} \sum_{ijkqrs} \hat{h}_{ijkq} \mu_{ijkqrs}^6 \hat{g}_{rs} \\ &= -\frac{3}{48} \sum_{ijkq} \hat{\sigma}_{ij} \hat{\sigma}_{kq} \hat{h}_{ijkq} \sum_{rs} \hat{\sigma}_{rs} \hat{g}_{rs} - \frac{12}{48} \sum_{ijkqrs} \hat{h}_{ijkq} \hat{\sigma}_{ij} \hat{\sigma}_{kr} \hat{g}_{rs} \hat{\sigma}_{qs} \\ &= -\frac{1}{16} \mathbf{tr} \left[ \left[ \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \otimes \text{vec} \left( \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \right) \right] \left( \nabla^4 \hat{h} \right)' \right] \mathbf{tr} \left[ \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \nabla^2 \hat{g} \right] \\ &\quad -\frac{1}{4} \mathbf{tr} \left[ \left[ \left( \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \nabla^2 \hat{g} \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \right) \otimes \text{vec} \left( \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \right) \right] \left( \nabla^4 \hat{h} \right)' \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (29)$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{ijkqrs} \hat{h}_{ijkq} \hat{\sigma}_{ij} \hat{\sigma}_{kr} \hat{g}_{rs} \hat{\sigma}_{qs} \\ &= \sum_{ijkqrs} \hat{\sigma}_{rk} \hat{\sigma}_{ij} \hat{h}_{ijkq} \hat{\sigma}_{qs} \hat{g}_{rs} = \sum_{rs} \left[ \sum_{ijkq} \hat{\sigma}_{rk} \hat{\sigma}_{ij} \hat{h}_{ijkq} \hat{\sigma}_{qs} \right] \hat{g}_{rs} \\ &= \mathbf{tr} \left[ \left[ \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \otimes \text{vec} \left( \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \right)' \right] \nabla^4 \hat{h} \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \nabla^2 \hat{g} \right] \end{aligned}$$

then we have

$$-\frac{1}{48} \sum_{ijkqrs} \hat{h}_{ijkq} \mu_{ijkqrs}^6 \hat{g}_{rs} \quad (30)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= -\frac{3}{48} \sum_{ijkq} \widehat{\sigma}_{ij} \widehat{\sigma}_{kq} \widehat{h}_{ijkq} \sum_{rs} \widehat{\sigma}_{rs} \widehat{g}_{rs} - \frac{12}{48} \sum_{ijkqrs} \widehat{h}_{ijkq} \widehat{\sigma}_{ij} \widehat{\sigma}_{kr} \widehat{g}_{rs} \widehat{\sigma}_{qs} \\
&= -\frac{1}{16} \mathbf{tr} \left[ \left[ \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \otimes \text{vec} \left( \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \right) \right] \left( \nabla^4 \widehat{h} \right)' \right] \mathbf{tr} \left[ \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \nabla^2 \widehat{g} \right] \\
&\quad - \frac{1}{4} \mathbf{tr} \left[ \left[ \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \otimes \text{vec} \left( \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \right)' \right] \nabla^4 \widehat{h} \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \nabla^2 \widehat{g} \right] \\
&= -\frac{1}{16} \mathbf{tr} \left[ \left[ \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \otimes \text{vec} \left( \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \right)' \right] \nabla^4 \widehat{h} \right] \mathbf{tr} \left[ \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \nabla^2 \widehat{g} \right] \\
&\quad - \frac{1}{4} \mathbf{tr} \left[ \left[ \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \otimes \text{vec} \left( \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \right)' \right] \nabla^4 \widehat{h} \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \nabla^2 \widehat{g} \right].
\end{aligned}$$

### 3.4 For the term $-\frac{1}{24} \sum_{ijkqrs} \widehat{h}_{ijkq} \mu_{ijkqrs}^6 \widehat{g}_r \widehat{b}_{D,s}$

Similiar to the proof of (29), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
&-\frac{1}{24} \sum_{ijkqrs} \widehat{h}_{ijkq} \mu_{ijkqrs}^6 \widehat{g}_r \widehat{b}_{D,s} \\
&= -\frac{3}{24} \sum_{ijkq} \widehat{\sigma}_{ij} \widehat{\sigma}_{kq} \widehat{h}_{ijkq} \sum_{rs} \widehat{\sigma}_{rs} \widehat{g}_r \widehat{b}_{D,s} - \frac{12}{24} \sum_{ijkqrs} \widehat{h}_{ijkq} \widehat{\sigma}_{ij} \widehat{\sigma}_{kr} \widehat{\sigma}_{qs} \widehat{g}_r \widehat{b}_{D,s} \\
&= -\frac{1}{8} \mathbf{tr} \left[ \left[ \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \otimes \text{vec} \left( \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \right) \right] \left( \nabla^4 \widehat{h} \right)' \right] \mathbf{tr} \left[ \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \nabla \widehat{g} \nabla \widehat{b}'_D \right] \\
&\quad - \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{tr} \left[ \left[ \left( \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \nabla \widehat{g} \nabla \widehat{b}'_D \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \right) \otimes \text{vec} \left( \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \right) \right] \left( \nabla^4 \widehat{h} \right)' \right].
\end{aligned} \tag{31}$$

And we can also written (31) as

$$\begin{aligned}
&-\frac{1}{24} \sum_{ijkqrs} \widehat{h}_{ijkq} \mu_{ijkqrs}^6 \widehat{g}_r \widehat{b}_{D,s} \\
&= -\frac{3}{24} \sum_{ijkq} \widehat{\sigma}_{ij} \widehat{\sigma}_{kq} \widehat{h}_{ijkq} \sum_{rs} \widehat{\sigma}_{rs} \widehat{g}_r \widehat{b}_{D,s} - \frac{12}{24} \sum_{ijkqrs} \widehat{h}_{ijkq} \widehat{\sigma}_{ij} \widehat{\sigma}_{kr} \widehat{\sigma}_{sq} \widehat{g}_r \widehat{b}_{D,s} \\
&= -\frac{3}{24} \sum_{ijkq} \widehat{\sigma}_{ij} \widehat{\sigma}_{kq} \widehat{h}_{ijkq} \sum_{rs} \widehat{\sigma}_{rs} \widehat{g}_r \widehat{b}_{D,s} - \frac{12}{24} \sum_{ijkqrs} \widehat{\sigma}_{ij} \widehat{\sigma}_{sq} \widehat{b}_{D,s} \widehat{h}_{ijqk} \widehat{\sigma}_{kr} \widehat{g}_r \\
&= -\frac{1}{8} \mathbf{tr} \left[ \left[ \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \otimes \text{vec} \left( \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \right) \right] \left( \nabla^4 \widehat{h} \right)' \right] \nabla \widehat{b}'_D \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \nabla \widehat{g} \\
&\quad - \frac{1}{2} \left[ \text{vec} \left( \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \right)' \otimes \left( \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \nabla \widehat{b}_D \right)' \right] \nabla^4 \widehat{h} \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \nabla \widehat{g}.
\end{aligned}$$

### 3.5 For the term $-\frac{1}{36} \sum_{ijk\zeta\eta\xi} \widehat{h}_{ijk} \mu_{ijk\zeta\eta\xi}^6 \widehat{g}_{\zeta\eta\xi}$

Note that  $\sum_{ijk\zeta\eta\xi} \widehat{h}_{ijk} \mu_{ijk\zeta\eta\xi}^6 \widehat{g}_{\zeta\eta\xi} = \sum_{ijkqrs} \widehat{h}_{ijk} \mu_{ijkqrs}^6 \widehat{g}_{qrs}$ . We can decompose  $\sum_{ijkqrs} \widehat{h}_{ijk} \mu_{ijkqrs}^6 \widehat{g}_{qrs}$  into two groups. The first group consists of 9 elements which has one term from  $(\widehat{\sigma}_{ij}, \widehat{\sigma}_{ik}, \widehat{\sigma}_{jk})$

and one term from  $(\widehat{\sigma}_{qr}, \widehat{\sigma}_{rs}, \widehat{\sigma}_{qs})$ , that is

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{ijkqrs} \widehat{h}_{ijk} \widehat{\sigma}_{ij} \widehat{\sigma}_{kq} \widehat{\sigma}_{rs} \widehat{g}_{qrs} + \sum_{ijkqrs} \widehat{h}_{ijk} \widehat{\sigma}_{iq} \widehat{\sigma}_{kj} \widehat{\sigma}_{rs} \widehat{g}_{qrs} + \sum_{ijkqrs} \widehat{h}_{ijk} \widehat{\sigma}_{iq} \widehat{\sigma}_{jk} \widehat{\sigma}_{rs} \widehat{g}_{qrs} \\ & + \sum_{ijkqrs} \widehat{h}_{ijk} \widehat{\sigma}_{ij} \widehat{\sigma}_{kr} \widehat{\sigma}_{qs} \widehat{g}_{qrs} + \sum_{ijkqrs} \widehat{h}_{ijk} \widehat{\sigma}_{ik} \widehat{\sigma}_{jr} \widehat{\sigma}_{qs} \widehat{g}_{qrs} + \sum_{ijkqrs} \widehat{h}_{ijk} \widehat{\sigma}_{ir} \widehat{\sigma}_{jk} \widehat{\sigma}_{qs} \widehat{g}_{qrs} \\ & + \sum_{ijkqrs} \widehat{h}_{ijk} \widehat{\sigma}_{ij} \widehat{\sigma}_{ks} \widehat{\sigma}_{qr} \widehat{g}_{qrs} + \sum_{ijkqrs} \widehat{h}_{ijk} \widehat{\sigma}_{ik} \widehat{\sigma}_{js} \widehat{\sigma}_{qr} \widehat{g}_{qrs} + \sum_{ijkqrs} \widehat{h}_{ijk} \widehat{\sigma}_{is} \widehat{\sigma}_{jk} \widehat{\sigma}_{qr} \widehat{g}_{qrs}. \end{aligned}$$

These 9 elements have the same quantity and we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{ijkqrs} \widehat{h}_{ijk} \widehat{\sigma}_{ij} \widehat{\sigma}_{kq} \widehat{\sigma}_{rs} \widehat{g}_{qrs} &= \sum_{ijkqrs} \widehat{\sigma}_{ij} \widehat{h}_{ijk} \widehat{\sigma}_{kq} \widehat{g}_{qrs} \widehat{\sigma}_{rs} \\ &= \text{vec} \left( (\nabla^2 \widehat{h})^{-1} \right)' \nabla^3 \widehat{h} (\nabla^2 \widehat{h})^{-1} (\nabla^3 \widehat{g})' \text{vec} \left( (\nabla^2 \widehat{h})^{-1} \right). \end{aligned} \quad (32)$$

The second group consists of 6 elements which doesn't include one term from  $(\widehat{\sigma}_{ij}, \widehat{\sigma}_{ik}, \widehat{\sigma}_{jk})$ , that is

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{ijkqrs} \widehat{h}_{ijk} \widehat{\sigma}_{iq} \widehat{\sigma}_{jr} \widehat{\sigma}_{ks} \widehat{\sigma}_{qs} \widehat{g}_{qrs} + \sum_{ijkqrs} \widehat{h}_{ijk} \widehat{\sigma}_{ir} \widehat{\sigma}_{jq} \widehat{\sigma}_{ks} \widehat{\sigma}_{qs} \widehat{g}_{qrs} \\ & + \sum_{ijkqrs} \widehat{h}_{ijk} \widehat{\sigma}_{iq} \widehat{\sigma}_{js} \widehat{\sigma}_{kr} \widehat{\sigma}_{qs} \widehat{g}_{qrs} + \sum_{ijkqrs} \widehat{h}_{ijk} \widehat{\sigma}_{is} \widehat{\sigma}_{jq} \widehat{\sigma}_{kr} \widehat{\sigma}_{qs} \widehat{g}_{qrs} \\ & + \sum_{ijkqrs} \widehat{h}_{ijk} \widehat{\sigma}_{ir} \widehat{\sigma}_{js} \widehat{\sigma}_{kq} \widehat{\sigma}_{qs} \widehat{g}_{qrs} + \sum_{ijkqrs} \widehat{h}_{ijk} \widehat{\sigma}_{is} \widehat{\sigma}_{jr} \widehat{\sigma}_{kq} \widehat{\sigma}_{qs} \widehat{g}_{qrs}. \end{aligned}$$

These 6 elements have the same quantity and we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{ijkqrs} \widehat{h}_{ijk} \widehat{\sigma}_{iq} \widehat{\sigma}_{jr} \widehat{\sigma}_{ks} \widehat{\sigma}_{qs} \widehat{g}_{qrs} \\ &= \text{vec} (\nabla^3 \widehat{g})' \left[ (\nabla^2 \widehat{h})^{-1} \otimes (\nabla^2 \widehat{h})^{-1} \otimes (\nabla^2 \widehat{h})^{-1} \right] \text{vec} (\nabla^3 \widehat{h}). \end{aligned} \quad (33)$$

Then from (32) and (33), we can get

$$\begin{aligned} & -\frac{1}{36} \sum_{ijk\zeta\eta\xi} \widehat{h}_{ijk} \mu_{ijk\zeta\eta\xi}^6 \widehat{g}_{\zeta\eta\xi} \\ &= -\frac{9}{36} \sum_{ijk\zeta\eta\xi} \widehat{\sigma}_{ij} \widehat{h}_{ijk} \widehat{\sigma}_{k\zeta} \widehat{g}_{\zeta\eta\xi} \widehat{\sigma}_{\eta\xi} - \frac{6}{36} \sum_{ijk\zeta\eta\xi} \widehat{h}_{ijk} \widehat{\sigma}_{i\zeta} \widehat{\sigma}_{j\eta} \widehat{\sigma}_{k\xi} \widehat{g}_{\zeta\eta\xi} \\ &= -\frac{1}{4} \text{vec} \left( (\nabla^2 \widehat{h})^{-1} \right)' \nabla^3 \widehat{h} (\nabla^2 \widehat{h})^{-1} (\nabla^3 \widehat{g})' \text{vec} \left( (\nabla^2 \widehat{h})^{-1} \right) \\ & - \frac{1}{6} \text{vec} (\nabla^3 \widehat{g})' \left[ (\nabla^2 \widehat{h})^{-1} \otimes (\nabla^2 \widehat{h})^{-1} \otimes (\nabla^2 \widehat{h})^{-1} \right] \text{vec} (\nabla^3 \widehat{h}), \end{aligned} \quad (34)$$

### 3.6 For the term $\frac{1}{72} \sum_{ijkqrs} \hat{h}_{ijk} \hat{h}_{qrs} \mu_{ijkqrs}^6$

Similiar to the proof of (34)

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{72} \sum_{ijkqrs} \hat{h}_{ijk} \hat{h}_{qrs} \mu_{ijkqrs}^6 \\ = & \frac{9}{72} \sum_{ijkqrs} \hat{\sigma}_{ij} \hat{h}_{ijk} \hat{\sigma}_{kq} \hat{h}_{qrs} \hat{\sigma}_{rs} + \frac{6}{72} \sum_{ijkqrs} \hat{h}_{ijk} \hat{\sigma}_{iq} \hat{\sigma}_{jr} \hat{\sigma}_{ks} \hat{h}_{qrs} \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\sum_{ijkqrs} \hat{\sigma}_{ij} \hat{h}_{ijk} \hat{\sigma}_{kq} \hat{h}_{qrs} \hat{\sigma}_{rs} = \text{vec} \left( \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \right)' \nabla^3 \hat{h} \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \left( \nabla^3 \hat{h} \right)' \text{vec} \left( \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \right),$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{ijkqrs} \hat{h}_{ijk} \hat{\sigma}_{iq} \hat{\sigma}_{jr} \hat{\sigma}_{ks} \hat{h}_{qrs} &= \sum_{ijk} \hat{h}_{ijk} \sum_{qrs} \hat{\sigma}_{iq} \hat{\sigma}_{jr} \hat{\sigma}_{ks} \hat{h}_{qrs} \\ &= \text{vec} \left( \nabla^3 \hat{h} \right)' \left[ \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \otimes \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \otimes \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \right] \text{vec} \left( \nabla^3 \hat{h} \right), \end{aligned}$$

then we can get

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{72} \sum_{ijkqrs} \hat{h}_{ijk} \hat{h}_{qrs} \mu_{ijkqrs}^6 \\ = & \frac{1}{8} \text{vec} \left( \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \right)' \nabla^3 \hat{h} \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \left( \nabla^3 \hat{h} \right)' \text{vec} \left( \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \right) \\ & + \frac{1}{12} \text{vec} \left( \nabla^3 \hat{h} \right)' \left[ \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \otimes \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \otimes \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \right] \text{vec} \left( \nabla^3 \hat{h} \right). \end{aligned} \tag{35}$$

### 3.7 For the term $\frac{1}{144} \sum_{ijkqrstw} \hat{h}_{ijk} \hat{h}_{qrs} \mu_{ijkqrstw}^8 \hat{g}_{tw}$

We can decompose  $\sum_{ijkqrstw} \hat{h}_{ijk} \hat{h}_{qrs} \mu_{ijkqrstw}^8 \hat{g}_{tw}$  into seven groups. One group is the terms that have  $\hat{\sigma}_{tw}$ . That is, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{ijkqrstw} \hat{h}_{ijk} \hat{h}_{qrs} \mu_{ijkqrs}^6 \hat{\sigma}_{tw} \hat{g}_{tw} \\ = & \sum_{ijkqrs} \hat{h}_{ijk} \hat{h}_{qrs} \mu_{ijkqrs}^6 \sum_{tw} \hat{\sigma}_{tw} \hat{g}_{tw} \\ = & 9 \text{vec} \left( \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \right)' \nabla^3 \hat{h} \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \left( \nabla^3 \hat{h} \right)' \text{vec} \left( \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \right) \mathbf{tr} \left[ \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \nabla^2 \hat{g} \right] \\ & + 6 \text{vec} \left( \nabla^3 \hat{h} \right)' \left[ \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \otimes \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \otimes \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \right] \text{vec} \left( \nabla^3 \hat{h} \right) \mathbf{tr} \left[ \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \nabla^2 \hat{g} \right] \end{aligned} \tag{36}$$

by (29). Note that there are 15 terms in this group.

The other six groups have the same quantity. One of them which has  $\widehat{\sigma}_{sw}$  in each element is as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{ijkqrstw} \widehat{h}_{ijk} \widehat{h}_{qrs} \widehat{\sigma}_{ij} \widehat{\sigma}_{kq} \widehat{\sigma}_{rt} \widehat{\sigma}_{sw} \widehat{g}_{tw} + \sum_{ijkqrstw} \widehat{h}_{ijk} \widehat{h}_{qrs} \widehat{\sigma}_{ij} \widehat{\sigma}_{kr} \widehat{\sigma}_{qt} \widehat{\sigma}_{sw} \widehat{g}_{tw} \\
& + \sum_{ijkqrstw} \widehat{h}_{ijk} \widehat{h}_{qrs} \widehat{\sigma}_{ij} \widehat{\sigma}_{kt} \widehat{\sigma}_{qr} \widehat{\sigma}_{sw} \widehat{g}_{tw} + \sum_{ijkqrstw} \widehat{h}_{ijk} \widehat{h}_{qrs} \widehat{\sigma}_{ik} \widehat{\sigma}_{jq} \widehat{\sigma}_{rt} \widehat{\sigma}_{sw} \widehat{g}_{tw} \\
& + \sum_{ijkqrstw} \widehat{h}_{ijk} \widehat{h}_{qrs} \widehat{\sigma}_{ik} \widehat{\sigma}_{jr} \widehat{\sigma}_{qt} \widehat{\sigma}_{sw} \widehat{g}_{tw} + \sum_{ijkqrstw} \widehat{h}_{ijk} \widehat{h}_{qrs} \widehat{\sigma}_{ik} \widehat{\sigma}_{jt} \widehat{\sigma}_{qr} \widehat{\sigma}_{sw} \widehat{g}_{tw} \\
& + \sum_{ijkqrstw} \widehat{h}_{ijk} \widehat{h}_{qrs} \widehat{\sigma}_{iq} \widehat{\sigma}_{jk} \widehat{\sigma}_{rt} \widehat{\sigma}_{sw} \widehat{g}_{tw} + \sum_{ijkqrstw} \widehat{h}_{ijk} \widehat{h}_{qrs} \widehat{\sigma}_{iq} \widehat{\sigma}_{jr} \widehat{\sigma}_{kt} \widehat{\sigma}_{sw} \widehat{g}_{tw} \\
& + \sum_{ijkqrstw} \widehat{h}_{ijk} \widehat{h}_{qrs} \widehat{\sigma}_{iq} \widehat{\sigma}_{jt} \widehat{\sigma}_{kr} \widehat{\sigma}_{sw} \widehat{g}_{tw} + \sum_{ijkqrstw} \widehat{h}_{ijk} \widehat{h}_{qrs} \widehat{\sigma}_{ir} \widehat{\sigma}_{jk} \widehat{\sigma}_{qt} \widehat{\sigma}_{sw} \widehat{g}_{tw} \\
& + \sum_{ijkqrstw} \widehat{h}_{ijk} \widehat{h}_{qrs} \widehat{\sigma}_{ir} \widehat{\sigma}_{jq} \widehat{\sigma}_{kt} \widehat{\sigma}_{sw} \widehat{g}_{tw} + \sum_{ijkqrstw} \widehat{h}_{ijk} \widehat{h}_{qrs} \widehat{\sigma}_{ir} \widehat{\sigma}_{jt} \widehat{\sigma}_{kq} \widehat{\sigma}_{sw} \widehat{g}_{tw} \\
& + \sum_{ijkqrstw} \widehat{h}_{ijk} \widehat{h}_{qrs} \widehat{\sigma}_{it} \widehat{\sigma}_{jk} \widehat{\sigma}_{qr} \widehat{\sigma}_{sw} \widehat{g}_{tw} + \sum_{ijkqrstw} \widehat{h}_{ijk} \widehat{h}_{qrs} \widehat{\sigma}_{it} \widehat{\sigma}_{jq} \widehat{\sigma}_{kr} \widehat{\sigma}_{sw} \widehat{g}_{tw} \\
& + \sum_{ijkqrstw} \widehat{h}_{ijk} \widehat{h}_{qrs} \widehat{\sigma}_{it} \widehat{\sigma}_{jr} \widehat{\sigma}_{kq} \widehat{\sigma}_{sw} \widehat{g}_{tw}.
\end{aligned}$$

Note that this group can be further decomposed into three sub-groups. The first sub-group consists of 6 elements which include  $\widehat{\sigma}_{rt}$  or  $\widehat{\sigma}_{qt}$ , that is

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{ijkqrstw} \widehat{h}_{ijk} \widehat{h}_{qrs} \widehat{\sigma}_{ij} \widehat{\sigma}_{kq} \widehat{\sigma}_{rt} \widehat{\sigma}_{sw} \widehat{g}_{tw} + \sum_{ijkqrstw} \widehat{h}_{ijk} \widehat{h}_{qrs} \widehat{\sigma}_{ij} \widehat{\sigma}_{kr} \widehat{\sigma}_{qt} \widehat{\sigma}_{sw} \widehat{g}_{tw} \\
& + \sum_{ijkqrstw} \widehat{h}_{ijk} \widehat{h}_{qrs} \widehat{\sigma}_{ik} \widehat{\sigma}_{jq} \widehat{\sigma}_{rt} \widehat{\sigma}_{sw} \widehat{g}_{tw} + \sum_{ijkqrstw} \widehat{h}_{ijk} \widehat{h}_{qrs} \widehat{\sigma}_{ik} \widehat{\sigma}_{jr} \widehat{\sigma}_{qt} \widehat{\sigma}_{sw} \widehat{g}_{tw} \\
& + \sum_{ijkqrstw} \widehat{h}_{ijk} \widehat{h}_{qrs} \widehat{\sigma}_{iq} \widehat{\sigma}_{jk} \widehat{\sigma}_{rt} \widehat{\sigma}_{sw} \widehat{g}_{tw} + \sum_{ijkqrstw} \widehat{h}_{ijk} \widehat{h}_{qrs} \widehat{\sigma}_{ir} \widehat{\sigma}_{jk} \widehat{\sigma}_{qt} \widehat{\sigma}_{sw} \widehat{g}_{tw}.
\end{aligned}$$

These 6 elements has the same quantity and we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{ijkqrstw} \widehat{h}_{ijk} \widehat{h}_{qrs} \widehat{\sigma}_{ir} \widehat{\sigma}_{jk} \widehat{\sigma}_{qt} \widehat{\sigma}_{sw} \widehat{g}_{tw} \\
= & \sum_{ijkqrstw} \widehat{\sigma}_{jk} \widehat{h}_{jki} \widehat{\sigma}_{ir} \widehat{h}_{rqs} \widehat{\sigma}_{qt} \widehat{g}_{tw} \widehat{\sigma}_{sw} \\
= & \text{vec} \left( \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \right)' \nabla^3 \widehat{h} \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \nabla^3 \widehat{h}' \text{vec} \left( \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \nabla^2 \widehat{g} \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \right).
\end{aligned} \tag{37}$$

The second sub-group consists of 3 elements which include one term from  $(\widehat{\sigma}_{kt}, \widehat{\sigma}_{rt}, \widehat{\sigma}_{qt})$  and one term from  $(\widehat{\sigma}_{ij}, \widehat{\sigma}_{ik}, \widehat{\sigma}_{jk})$ , that is

$$\sum_{ijkqrstw} \widehat{h}_{ijk} \widehat{h}_{qrs} \widehat{\sigma}_{ij} \widehat{\sigma}_{kt} \widehat{\sigma}_{qr} \widehat{\sigma}_{sw} \widehat{g}_{tw} + \sum_{ijkqrstw} \widehat{h}_{ijk} \widehat{h}_{qrs} \widehat{\sigma}_{ik} \widehat{\sigma}_{jt} \widehat{\sigma}_{qr} \widehat{\sigma}_{sw} \widehat{g}_{tw} + \sum_{ijkqrstw} \widehat{h}_{ijk} \widehat{h}_{qrs} \widehat{\sigma}_{it} \widehat{\sigma}_{jk} \widehat{\sigma}_{qr} \widehat{\sigma}_{sw} \widehat{g}_{tw}.$$

These 3 elements has the same quantity and we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{ijkqrstw} \hat{h}_{ijk} \hat{h}_{qrs} \hat{\sigma}_{it} \hat{\sigma}_{jk} \hat{\sigma}_{qr} \hat{\sigma}_{sw} \hat{g}_{tw} \\
&= \sum_{ijkqrstw} \hat{h}_{ijk} \hat{h}_{qrs} \hat{\sigma}_{jk} \hat{\sigma}_{qr} \hat{\sigma}_{it} \hat{g}_{tw} \hat{\sigma}_{sw} = \sum_{ijkqrstw} \hat{\sigma}_{jk} \hat{h}_{jki} \hat{\sigma}_{it} \hat{g}_{tw} \hat{\sigma}_{sw} \hat{h}_{sqr} \hat{\sigma}_{qr} \\
&= \text{vec} \left( \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \right)' \nabla^3 \hat{h} \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \nabla^2 \hat{g} \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \nabla^3 \hat{h}' \text{vec} \left( \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \right).
\end{aligned} \tag{38}$$

The third sub-group consists of 6 elements which include one term from  $(\hat{\sigma}_{ij}, \hat{\sigma}_{ik}, \hat{\sigma}_{jk})$  but doesn't include any term from  $(\hat{\sigma}_{kt}, \hat{\sigma}_{rt}, \hat{\sigma}_{qt})$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{ijkqrstw} \hat{h}_{ijk} \hat{h}_{qrs} \hat{\sigma}_{iq} \hat{\sigma}_{jr} \hat{\sigma}_{kt} \hat{\sigma}_{sw} \hat{g}_{tw} + \sum_{ijkqrstw} \hat{h}_{ijk} \hat{h}_{qrs} \hat{\sigma}_{iq} \hat{\sigma}_{jt} \hat{\sigma}_{kr} \hat{\sigma}_{sw} \hat{g}_{tw} \\
&+ \sum_{ijkqrstw} \hat{h}_{ijk} \hat{h}_{qrs} \hat{\sigma}_{ir} \hat{\sigma}_{jq} \hat{\sigma}_{kt} \hat{\sigma}_{sw} \hat{g}_{tw} + \sum_{ijkqrstw} \hat{h}_{ijk} \hat{h}_{qrs} \hat{\sigma}_{ir} \hat{\sigma}_{jt} \hat{\sigma}_{kq} \hat{\sigma}_{sw} \hat{g}_{tw} \\
&+ \sum_{ijkqrstw} \hat{h}_{ijk} \hat{h}_{qrs} \hat{\sigma}_{it} \hat{\sigma}_{jq} \hat{\sigma}_{kr} \hat{\sigma}_{sw} \hat{g}_{tw} + \sum_{ijkqrstw} \hat{h}_{ijk} \hat{h}_{qrs} \hat{\sigma}_{it} \hat{\sigma}_{jr} \hat{\sigma}_{kq} \hat{\sigma}_{sw} \hat{g}_{tw}.
\end{aligned}$$

These 6 elements has the same quantity and we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{ijkqrstw} \hat{h}_{ijk} \hat{h}_{qrs} \hat{\sigma}_{it} \hat{\sigma}_{jr} \hat{\sigma}_{kq} \hat{\sigma}_{sw} \hat{g}_{tw} \\
&= \sum_{ijkqrstw} \hat{h}_{ijk} \hat{h}_{qrs} \hat{\sigma}_{jr} \hat{\sigma}_{kq} \hat{\sigma}_{it} \hat{g}_{tw} \hat{\sigma}_{sw} = \sum_{ijkqrstw} \hat{h}_{ijk} \hat{\sigma}_{it} \hat{g}_{tw} \hat{\sigma}_{ws} \hat{\sigma}_{jr} \hat{\sigma}_{kq} \hat{h}_{srq} \\
&= \text{vec} \left( \nabla^3 \hat{h} \right)' \left[ \left( \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \nabla^2 \hat{g} \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \right) \otimes \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \otimes \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \right] \text{vec} \left( \nabla^3 \hat{h} \right).
\end{aligned} \tag{39}$$

Then from (36), (37), (38) and (39), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{1}{144} \sum_{ijkqrstw} \hat{h}_{ijk} \hat{h}_{qrs} \mu_{ijkqrstw}^8 \hat{g}_{tw} \\
&= \frac{9}{144} \text{vec} \left( \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \right)' \nabla^3 \hat{h} \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \left( \nabla^3 \hat{h} \right)' \text{vec} \left( \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \right) \mathbf{tr} \left[ \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \nabla^2 \hat{g} \right] \\
&+ \frac{6}{144} \text{vec} \left( \nabla^3 \hat{h} \right)' \left[ \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \otimes \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \otimes \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \right] \text{vec} \left( \nabla^3 \hat{h} \right) \mathbf{tr} \left[ \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \nabla^2 \hat{g} \right] \\
&+ \frac{36}{144} \text{vec} \left( \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \right)' \nabla^3 \hat{h} \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \nabla^3 \hat{h}' \text{vec} \left( \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \nabla^2 \hat{g} \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \right) \\
&+ \frac{18}{144} \text{vec} \left( \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \right)' \nabla^3 \hat{h} \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \nabla^2 \hat{g} \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \nabla^3 \hat{h}' \text{vec} \left( \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \right) \\
&+ \frac{36}{144} \text{vec} \left( \nabla^3 \hat{h} \right)' \left[ \left( \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \nabla^2 \hat{g} \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \right) \otimes \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \otimes \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \right] \text{vec} \left( \nabla^3 \hat{h} \right).
\end{aligned} \tag{40}$$

We can rewrite (37) as

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{ijkqrstw} \hat{h}_{ijk} \hat{h}_{qrs} \hat{\sigma}_{ir} \hat{\sigma}_{jk} \hat{\sigma}_{qt} \hat{\sigma}_{sw} \hat{g}_{tw} \\
= & \sum_{ijkqrstw} \hat{\sigma}_{jk} \hat{h}_{jki} \hat{\sigma}_{ir} \hat{h}_{rqs} \hat{\sigma}_{qt} \hat{\sigma}_{sw} \hat{g}_{tw} = \sum_{ijkqrstw} \hat{\sigma}_{tq} \hat{\sigma}_{jk} \hat{h}_{jki} \hat{\sigma}_{ir} \hat{h}_{qrs} \hat{\sigma}_{sw} \hat{g}_{tw} \\
= & \sum_{tw} \left[ \sum_{ijkqrs} \hat{\sigma}_{tq} \hat{\sigma}_{jk} \hat{h}_{jki} \hat{\sigma}_{ir} \hat{h}_{qrs} \hat{\sigma}_{sw} \right] \hat{g}_{tw} = \sum_{tw} \left[ \sum_{ijkqrs} \hat{\sigma}_{tq} \hat{h}_{ijk} \hat{\sigma}_{jk} \hat{\sigma}_{ir} \hat{h}_{qrs} \hat{\sigma}_{sw} \right] \hat{g}_{tw} \\
= & \mathbf{tr} \left[ \left[ \left( \text{vec} \left( \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \right)' \nabla^3 \hat{h} \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \right) \otimes \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \right] \nabla^3 \hat{h} \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \nabla^2 \hat{g} \right], \tag{41}
\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{ijkqrstw} \hat{h}_{ijk} \hat{h}_{qrs} \hat{\sigma}_{it} \hat{\sigma}_{jk} \hat{\sigma}_{qr} \hat{\sigma}_{sw} \hat{g}_{tw} \\
= & \sum_{ijkqrstw} \hat{h}_{ijk} \hat{h}_{qrs} \hat{\sigma}_{jk} \hat{\sigma}_{qr} \hat{\sigma}_{it} \hat{g}_{tw} \hat{\sigma}_{sw} = \sum_{ijkqrstw} \hat{\sigma}_{jk} \hat{h}_{jki} \hat{\sigma}_{it} \hat{g}_{tw} \hat{\sigma}_{sw} \hat{h}_{sqr} \hat{\sigma}_{qr} \\
= & \sum_{ijkqrstw} \hat{\sigma}_{ti} \hat{\sigma}_{jk} \hat{h}_{jki} \hat{\sigma}_{qr} \hat{h}_{qrs} \hat{\sigma}_{sw} \hat{g}_{tw} \\
= & \mathbf{tr} \left[ \left[ \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \nabla^3 \hat{h}' \text{vec} \left( \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \right) \text{vec} \left( \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \right)' \nabla^3 \hat{h} \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \right] \nabla^2 \hat{g} \right] \tag{42}
\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{ijkqrstw} \hat{h}_{ijk} \hat{h}_{qrs} \hat{\sigma}_{it} \hat{\sigma}_{jr} \hat{\sigma}_{kq} \hat{\sigma}_{sw} \hat{g}_{tw} \\
= & \sum_{ijkqrstw} \hat{h}_{ijk} \hat{h}_{qrs} \hat{\sigma}_{jr} \hat{\sigma}_{kq} \hat{\sigma}_{it} \hat{g}_{tw} \hat{\sigma}_{sw} = \sum_{ijkqrstw} \hat{h}_{ijk} \hat{\sigma}_{it} \hat{g}_{tw} \hat{\sigma}_{ws} \hat{\sigma}_{jr} \hat{\sigma}_{kq} \hat{h}_{srq} \\
= & \sum_{ijkqrstw} \hat{\sigma}_{ti} \hat{h}_{ikj} \hat{\sigma}_{kq} \hat{\sigma}_{jr} \hat{h}_{qrs} \hat{\sigma}_{sw} \hat{g}_{tw} \\
= & \mathbf{tr} \left[ \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \nabla^3 \hat{h}' \left[ \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \otimes \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \right] \nabla^3 \hat{h}' \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \nabla^2 \hat{g} \right] \tag{43}
\end{aligned}$$

Then we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{1}{144} \sum_{ijkqrstw} \hat{h}_{ijk} \hat{h}_{qrs} \mu_{ijkqrstw}^8 \hat{g}_{tw} \\
= & \frac{9}{144} \text{vec} \left( \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \right)' \nabla^3 \hat{h} \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \left( \nabla^3 \hat{h} \right)' \text{vec} \left( \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \right) \mathbf{tr} \left[ \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \nabla^2 \hat{g} \right] \\
& + \frac{6}{144} \text{vec} \left( \nabla^3 \hat{h} \right)' \left[ \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \otimes \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \otimes \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \right] \text{vec} \left( \nabla^3 \hat{h} \right) \mathbf{tr} \left[ \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \nabla^2 \hat{g} \right] \\
& + \frac{36}{144} \mathbf{tr} \left[ \left[ \left( \text{vec} \left( \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \right)' \nabla^3 \hat{h} \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \right) \otimes \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \right] \nabla^3 \hat{h} \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \nabla^2 \hat{g} \right] \\
& + \frac{18}{144} \mathbf{tr} \left[ \left[ \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \nabla^3 \hat{h}' \text{vec} \left( \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \right) \text{vec} \left( \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \right)' \nabla^3 \hat{h} \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \right] \nabla^2 \hat{g} \right] \tag{44}
\end{aligned}$$

$$+ \frac{36}{144} \mathbf{tr} \left[ \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \nabla^3 \hat{h}' \left[ \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \otimes \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \right] \nabla^3 \hat{h}' \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \nabla^2 \hat{g} \right].$$

### 3.8 For the term $\frac{1}{72} \frac{\sum_{ijkqrstw} \hat{h}_{ijk} \hat{h}_{qrs} \mu_{ijkqrstw}^8 \hat{b}_{D,w} \hat{g}_t}{\hat{b}_D}$

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{ijkqrstw} \hat{h}_{ijk} \hat{h}_{qrs} \hat{\sigma}_{ir} \hat{\sigma}_{jk} \hat{\sigma}_{qt} \hat{\sigma}_{sw} \hat{b}_{D,w} \hat{g}_t \\ = & \sum_{ijkqrstw} \hat{\sigma}_{sw} \hat{b}_{D,w} \hat{\sigma}_{jk} \hat{h}_{jki} \hat{\sigma}_{ir} \hat{h}_{srq} \hat{\sigma}_{qt} \hat{g}_t \\ = & \text{vec} \left( \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \hat{b}_D \text{vec} \left( \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \right)' \nabla^3 \hat{h} \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \right) \nabla^3 \hat{h} \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \nabla \hat{g}. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{ijkqrstw} \hat{h}_{ijk} \hat{h}_{qrs} \hat{\sigma}_{it} \hat{\sigma}_{jk} \hat{\sigma}_{qr} \hat{\sigma}_{sw} \hat{b}_{D,w} \hat{g}_t \\ = & \sum_{ijkqrstw} \hat{\sigma}_{qr} \hat{h}_{qrs} \hat{b}_{D,w} \hat{\sigma}_{sw} \hat{\sigma}_{jk} \hat{h}_{jki} \hat{\sigma}_{it} \hat{g}_t \\ = & \text{vec} \left( \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \right)' \nabla^3 \hat{h} \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \hat{b}_D \text{vec} \left( \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \right)' \nabla^3 \hat{h} \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \nabla \hat{g}. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{ijkqrstw} \hat{h}_{ijk} \hat{h}_{qrs} \hat{\sigma}_{it} \hat{\sigma}_{jr} \hat{\sigma}_{kq} \hat{\sigma}_{sw} \hat{b}_{D,w} \hat{g}_t \\ = & \sum_{ijkqrstw} \hat{h}_{ijk} \hat{h}_{qrs} \hat{\sigma}_{jr} \hat{\sigma}_{kq} \hat{\sigma}_{it} \hat{b}_{D,w} \hat{g}_t \hat{\sigma}_{sw} = \sum_{ijkqrstw} \hat{h}_{ijk} \hat{\sigma}_{it} \hat{b}_{D,w} \hat{g}_t \hat{\sigma}_{sw} \hat{\sigma}_{jr} \hat{\sigma}_{kq} \hat{h}_{srq} \\ = & \sum_{ijkqrstw} \hat{\sigma}_{jr} \hat{\sigma}_{sw} \hat{b}_{D,w} \hat{h}_{srq} \hat{\sigma}_{kq} \hat{h}_{jki} \hat{\sigma}_{it} \hat{g}_t \\ = & \text{vec} \left( \left( \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \otimes \left( \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \hat{b}_D \right)' \right) \nabla^3 \hat{h} \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \right)' \nabla^3 \hat{h} \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \nabla \hat{g}. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{72} \frac{\sum_{ijkqrstw} \hat{h}_{ijk} \hat{h}_{qrs} \mu_{ijkqrstw}^8 \hat{b}_{D,w} \hat{g}_t}{\hat{b}_D} \\ = & \frac{1}{8} \text{vec} \left( \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \right)' \nabla^3 \hat{h} \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \left( \nabla^3 \hat{h} \right)' \text{vec} \left( \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \right) \mathbf{tr} \left[ \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \frac{\nabla \hat{b}_D}{\hat{b}_D} \nabla \hat{g}' \right] \\ & + \frac{1}{12} \text{vec} \left( \nabla^3 \hat{h} \right)' \left[ \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \otimes \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \otimes \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \right] \text{vec} \left( \nabla^3 \hat{h} \right) \mathbf{tr} \left[ \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \frac{\nabla \hat{b}_D}{\hat{b}_D} \nabla \hat{g}' \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& + \frac{1}{2} \text{vec} \left( \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \right)' \nabla^3 \hat{h} \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \nabla^3 \hat{h}' \text{vec} \left( \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \frac{\nabla \hat{b}_D}{\hat{b}_D} \nabla \hat{g}' \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \right) \\
& + \frac{1}{4} \text{vec} \left( \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \right)' \nabla^3 \hat{h} \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \frac{\nabla \hat{b}_D}{\hat{b}_D} \nabla \hat{g}' \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \nabla^3 \hat{h}' \text{vec} \left( \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \right) \\
& + \frac{1}{2} \text{vec} \left( \nabla^3 \hat{h} \right)' \left[ \left( \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \frac{\nabla \hat{b}_D}{\hat{b}_D} \nabla \hat{g}' \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \right) \otimes \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \otimes \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \right] \text{vec} \left( \nabla^3 \hat{h} \right) \\
= & \frac{1}{8} \text{vec} \left( \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \right)' \nabla^3 \hat{h} \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \left( \nabla^3 \hat{h} \right)' \text{vec} \left( \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \right) \frac{\nabla \hat{b}_D}{\hat{b}_D}' \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \nabla \hat{g} \\
& + \frac{1}{12} \text{vec} \left( \nabla^3 \hat{h} \right)' \left[ \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \otimes \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \otimes \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \right] \text{vec} \left( \nabla^3 \hat{h} \right) \frac{\nabla \hat{b}_D}{\hat{b}_D}' \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \nabla \hat{g} \\
& + \frac{1}{2} \text{vec} \left( \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \frac{\nabla \hat{b}_D}{\hat{b}_D} \text{vec} \left( \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \right)' \nabla^3 \hat{h} \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \right) \nabla^3 \hat{h} \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \nabla \hat{g} \\
& + \frac{1}{4} \text{vec} \left( \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \right)' \nabla^3 \hat{h} \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \frac{\nabla \hat{b}_D}{\hat{b}_D} \text{vec} \left( \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \right)' \nabla^3 \hat{h} \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \nabla \hat{g} \\
& + \frac{1}{2} \text{vec} \left( \left( \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \otimes \left( \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \frac{\nabla \hat{b}_D}{\hat{b}_D} \right)' \right) \nabla^3 \hat{h} \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \right)' \nabla^3 \hat{h} \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \nabla \hat{g}.
\end{aligned}$$

### 3.9 For the term $\frac{1}{144} \sum_{ijkqrstw} \hat{h}_{ijk} \hat{h}_{qrst} \mu_{ijkqrstw}^8 \hat{g}_w$

In this case, we can decompose  $\mu_{ijkqrstw}^8$  into seven groups, each has 15 terms. The first four groups has  $\hat{\sigma}_{qw}$ ,  $\hat{\sigma}_{rw}$ ,  $\hat{\sigma}_{sw}$ ,  $\hat{\sigma}_{tw}$  in each term repectively which have the similiar structures. Out of these four groups, the group with  $\hat{\sigma}_{tw}$  is as follows

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{ijkqrstw} \hat{h}_{ijk} \hat{h}_{qrst} \hat{\sigma}_{ij} \hat{\sigma}_{kq} \hat{\sigma}_{rs} \hat{\sigma}_{tw} \hat{g}_w + \sum_{ijkqrstw} \hat{h}_{ijk} \hat{h}_{qrst} \hat{\sigma}_{ij} \hat{\sigma}_{kr} \hat{\sigma}_{qs} \hat{\sigma}_{tw} \hat{g}_w \\
& + \sum_{ijkqrstw} \hat{h}_{ijk} \hat{h}_{qrst} \hat{\sigma}_{ij} \hat{\sigma}_{ks} \hat{\sigma}_{qr} \hat{\sigma}_{tw} \hat{g}_w + \sum_{ijkqrstw} \hat{h}_{ijk} \hat{h}_{qrst} \hat{\sigma}_{ik} \hat{\sigma}_{jq} \hat{\sigma}_{rs} \hat{\sigma}_{tw} \hat{g}_w \\
& + \sum_{ijkqrstw} \hat{h}_{ijk} \hat{h}_{qrst} \hat{\sigma}_{ik} \hat{\sigma}_{jr} \hat{\sigma}_{qs} \hat{\sigma}_{tw} \hat{g}_w + \sum_{ijkqrstw} \hat{h}_{ijk} \hat{h}_{qrst} \hat{\sigma}_{ik} \hat{\sigma}_{js} \hat{\sigma}_{qr} \hat{\sigma}_{tw} \hat{g}_w \\
& + \sum_{ijkqrstw} \hat{h}_{ijk} \hat{h}_{qrst} \hat{\sigma}_{iq} \hat{\sigma}_{jk} \hat{\sigma}_{rs} \hat{\sigma}_{tw} \hat{g}_w + \sum_{ijkqrstw} \hat{h}_{ijk} \hat{h}_{qrst} \hat{\sigma}_{iq} \hat{\sigma}_{jr} \hat{\sigma}_{ks} \hat{\sigma}_{tw} \hat{g}_w \\
& + \sum_{ijkqrstw} \hat{h}_{ijk} \hat{h}_{qrst} \hat{\sigma}_{iq} \hat{\sigma}_{js} \hat{\sigma}_{ks} \hat{\sigma}_{tw} \hat{g}_w + \sum_{ijkqrstw} \hat{h}_{ijk} \hat{h}_{qrst} \hat{\sigma}_{ir} \hat{\sigma}_{jk} \hat{\sigma}_{qs} \hat{\sigma}_{tw} \hat{g}_w \\
& + \sum_{ijkqrstw} \hat{h}_{ijk} \hat{h}_{qrst} \hat{\sigma}_{ir} \hat{\sigma}_{jq} \hat{\sigma}_{ks} \hat{\sigma}_{tw} \hat{g}_w + \sum_{ijkqrstw} \hat{h}_{ijk} \hat{h}_{qrst} \hat{\sigma}_{is} \hat{\sigma}_{jq} \hat{\sigma}_{kr} \hat{\sigma}_{tw} \hat{g}_w \\
& + \sum_{ijkqrstw} \hat{h}_{ijk} \hat{h}_{qrst} \hat{\sigma}_{is} \hat{\sigma}_{jk} \hat{\sigma}_{qr} \hat{\sigma}_{tw} \hat{g}_w + \sum_{ijkqrstw} \hat{h}_{ijk} \hat{h}_{qrst} \hat{\sigma}_{is} \hat{\sigma}_{js} \hat{\sigma}_{kq} \hat{\sigma}_{tw} \hat{g}_w \\
& + \sum_{ijkqrstw} \hat{h}_{ijk} \hat{h}_{qrst} \hat{\sigma}_{is} \hat{\sigma}_{jr} \hat{\sigma}_{kq} \hat{\sigma}_{tw} \hat{g}_w.
\end{aligned}$$

The above 15 terms can be further decomposed into two different sub-groups by whether two of  $(i, j, k)$  are in the same combination of subscript (whether we have  $\hat{\sigma}_{ij}$  or  $\hat{\sigma}_{jk}$  or  $\hat{\sigma}_{ik}$ ). One sub-group is

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{ijkqrstw} \hat{h}_{ijk} \hat{h}_{qrst} \hat{\sigma}_{ij} \hat{\sigma}_{kq} \hat{\sigma}_{rs} \hat{\sigma}_{tw} \hat{g}_w + \sum_{ijkqrstw} \hat{h}_{ijk} \hat{h}_{qrst} \hat{\sigma}_{ij} \hat{\sigma}_{kr} \hat{\sigma}_{qs} \hat{\sigma}_{tw} \hat{g}_w \\ & + \sum_{ijkqrstw} \hat{h}_{ijk} \hat{h}_{qrst} \hat{\sigma}_{ij} \hat{\sigma}_{ks} \hat{\sigma}_{qr} \hat{\sigma}_{tw} \hat{g}_w + \sum_{ijkqrstw} \hat{h}_{ijk} \hat{h}_{qrst} \hat{\sigma}_{ik} \hat{\sigma}_{jq} \hat{\sigma}_{rs} \hat{\sigma}_{tw} \hat{g}_w \\ & + \sum_{ijkqrstw} \hat{h}_{ijk} \hat{h}_{qrst} \hat{\sigma}_{ik} \hat{\sigma}_{jr} \hat{\sigma}_{qs} \hat{\sigma}_{tw} \hat{g}_w + \sum_{ijkqrstw} \hat{h}_{ijk} \hat{h}_{qrst} \hat{\sigma}_{ik} \hat{\sigma}_{js} \hat{\sigma}_{qr} \hat{\sigma}_{tw} \hat{g}_w \\ & + \sum_{ijkqrstw} \hat{h}_{ijk} \hat{h}_{qrst} \hat{\sigma}_{iq} \hat{\sigma}_{jk} \hat{\sigma}_{rs} \hat{\sigma}_{tw} \hat{g}_w + \sum_{ijkqrstw} \hat{h}_{ijk} \hat{h}_{qrst} \hat{\sigma}_{ir} \hat{\sigma}_{jk} \hat{\sigma}_{qs} \hat{\sigma}_{tw} \hat{g}_w \\ & + \sum_{ijkqrstw} \hat{h}_{ijk} \hat{h}_{qrst} \hat{\sigma}_{is} \hat{\sigma}_{jk} \hat{\sigma}_{qr} \hat{\sigma}_{tw} \hat{g}_w \end{aligned}$$

which consists of 9 terms. Note that each term in this sub-group has the same value and we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{ijkqrstw} \hat{h}_{ijk} \hat{h}_{qrst} \hat{\sigma}_{ij} \hat{\sigma}_{kq} \hat{\sigma}_{rs} \hat{\sigma}_{tw} \hat{g}_w \\ = & \sum_{ijkqrstw} \hat{\sigma}_{rs} \hat{\sigma}_{ij} \hat{h}_{ijk} \hat{\sigma}_{kq} \hat{h}_{rsqt} \hat{\sigma}_{tw} \hat{g}_w \\ = & \left[ \text{vec} \left( (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \right)' \otimes \left( \text{vec} \left( (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \right)' \nabla^3 \hat{h} (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \right) \right] \nabla^4 \hat{h} (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \nabla \hat{g}. \end{aligned}$$

Antoher sub-group is

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{ijkqrstw} \hat{h}_{ijk} \hat{h}_{qrst} \hat{\sigma}_{iq} \hat{\sigma}_{jr} \hat{\sigma}_{ks} \hat{\sigma}_{tw} \hat{g}_w + \sum_{ijkqrstw} \hat{h}_{ijk} \hat{h}_{qrst} \hat{\sigma}_{iq} \hat{\sigma}_{js} \hat{\sigma}_{ks} \hat{\sigma}_{tw} \hat{g}_w \\ & + \sum_{ijkqrstw} \hat{h}_{ijk} \hat{h}_{qrst} \hat{\sigma}_{ir} \hat{\sigma}_{jq} \hat{\sigma}_{ks} \hat{\sigma}_{tw} \hat{g}_w + \sum_{ijkqrstw} \hat{h}_{ijk} \hat{h}_{qrst} \hat{\sigma}_{ir} \hat{\sigma}_{js} \hat{\sigma}_{kq} \hat{\sigma}_{tw} \hat{g}_w \\ & + \sum_{ijkqrstw} \hat{h}_{ijk} \hat{h}_{qrst} \hat{\sigma}_{is} \hat{\sigma}_{jq} \hat{\sigma}_{kr} \hat{\sigma}_{tw} \hat{g}_w + \sum_{ijkqrstw} \hat{h}_{ijk} \hat{h}_{qrst} \hat{\sigma}_{is} \hat{\sigma}_{jr} \hat{\sigma}_{kq} \hat{\sigma}_{tw} \hat{g}_w \end{aligned}$$

which consists of 6 terms. Note that each term in this subgroup has the same value and we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{ijkqrstw} \hat{h}_{ijk} \hat{h}_{qrst} \hat{\sigma}_{iq} \hat{\sigma}_{jr} \hat{\sigma}_{ks} \hat{\sigma}_{tw} \hat{g}_w \\ = & \sum_{ijkqrstw} \hat{h}_{ijk} \hat{\sigma}_{iq} \hat{\sigma}_{jr} \hat{\sigma}_{ks} \hat{h}_{qrst} \hat{\sigma}_{tw} \hat{g}_w \\ = & \text{vec} \left( \nabla^3 \hat{h} \right)' \left[ (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \otimes (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \otimes (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \right] \nabla^4 \hat{h} (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \nabla \hat{g}. \end{aligned}$$

The second three groups has  $\widehat{\sigma}_{iw}$ ,  $\widehat{\sigma}_{jw}$ ,  $\widehat{\sigma}_{kw}$  in each term repectively which have the similiar structures. Out of these three groups, the group with  $\widehat{\sigma}_{iw}$  is as follows

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{ijkqrstw} \widehat{h}_{ijk} \widehat{h}_{qrst} \widehat{\sigma}_{jk} \widehat{\sigma}_{qr} \widehat{\sigma}_{st} \widehat{\sigma}_{iw} \widehat{g}_w + \sum_{ijkqrstw} \widehat{h}_{ijk} \widehat{h}_{qrst} \widehat{\sigma}_{jk} \widehat{\sigma}_{qs} \widehat{\sigma}_{rt} \widehat{\sigma}_{iw} \widehat{g}_w \\
& + \sum_{ijkqrstw} \widehat{h}_{ijk} \widehat{h}_{qrst} \widehat{\sigma}_{jk} \widehat{\sigma}_{qt} \widehat{\sigma}_{rs} \widehat{\sigma}_{iw} \widehat{g}_w + \sum_{ijkqrstw} \widehat{h}_{ijk} \widehat{h}_{qrst} \widehat{\sigma}_{jq} \widehat{\sigma}_{kr} \widehat{\sigma}_{st} \widehat{\sigma}_{iw} \widehat{g}_w \\
& + \sum_{ijkqrstw} \widehat{h}_{ijk} \widehat{h}_{qrst} \widehat{\sigma}_{jq} \widehat{\sigma}_{ks} \widehat{\sigma}_{rt} \widehat{\sigma}_{iw} \widehat{g}_w + \sum_{ijkqrstw} \widehat{h}_{ijk} \widehat{h}_{qrst} \widehat{\sigma}_{jq} \widehat{\sigma}_{kt} \widehat{\sigma}_{rs} \widehat{\sigma}_{iw} \widehat{g}_w \\
& + \sum_{ijkqrstw} \widehat{h}_{ijk} \widehat{h}_{qrst} \widehat{\sigma}_{jr} \widehat{\sigma}_{kq} \widehat{\sigma}_{st} \widehat{\sigma}_{iw} \widehat{g}_w + \sum_{ijkqrstw} \widehat{h}_{ijk} \widehat{h}_{qrst} \widehat{\sigma}_{jr} \widehat{\sigma}_{ks} \widehat{\sigma}_{qt} \widehat{\sigma}_{iw} \widehat{g}_w \\
& + \sum_{ijkqrstw} \widehat{h}_{ijk} \widehat{h}_{qrst} \widehat{\sigma}_{jr} \widehat{\sigma}_{kt} \widehat{\sigma}_{qs} \widehat{\sigma}_{iw} \widehat{g}_w + \sum_{ijkqrstw} \widehat{h}_{ijk} \widehat{h}_{qrst} \widehat{\sigma}_{js} \widehat{\sigma}_{kq} \widehat{\sigma}_{rt} \widehat{\sigma}_{iw} \widehat{g}_w \\
& + \sum_{ijkqrstw} \widehat{h}_{ijk} \widehat{h}_{qrst} \widehat{\sigma}_{js} \widehat{\sigma}_{kr} \widehat{\sigma}_{qt} \widehat{\sigma}_{iw} \widehat{g}_w + \sum_{ijkqrstw} \widehat{h}_{ijk} \widehat{h}_{qrst} \widehat{\sigma}_{js} \widehat{\sigma}_{kt} \widehat{\sigma}_{qr} \widehat{\sigma}_{iw} \widehat{g}_w \\
& + \sum_{ijkqrstw} \widehat{h}_{ijk} \widehat{h}_{qrst} \widehat{\sigma}_{jt} \widehat{\sigma}_{kq} \widehat{\sigma}_{rs} \widehat{\sigma}_{iw} \widehat{g}_w + \sum_{ijkqrstw} \widehat{h}_{ijk} \widehat{h}_{qrst} \widehat{\sigma}_{jt} \widehat{\sigma}_{kr} \widehat{\sigma}_{qs} \widehat{\sigma}_{iw} \widehat{g}_w \\
& + \sum_{ijkqrstw} \widehat{h}_{ijk} \widehat{h}_{qrst} \widehat{\sigma}_{jt} \widehat{\sigma}_{ks} \widehat{\sigma}_{qr} \widehat{\sigma}_{iw} \widehat{g}_w.
\end{aligned}$$

This group can be further decomposed into two sub-groups. The first sub-group is as follows

$$\sum_{ijkqrstw} \widehat{h}_{ijk} \widehat{h}_{qrst} \widehat{\sigma}_{jk} \widehat{\sigma}_{qr} \widehat{\sigma}_{st} \widehat{\sigma}_{iw} \widehat{g}_w + \sum_{ijkqrstw} \widehat{h}_{ijk} \widehat{h}_{qrst} \widehat{\sigma}_{jk} \widehat{\sigma}_{qs} \widehat{\sigma}_{rt} \widehat{\sigma}_{iw} \widehat{g}_w + \sum_{ijkqrstw} \widehat{h}_{ijk} \widehat{h}_{qrst} \widehat{\sigma}_{jk} \widehat{\sigma}_{qt} \widehat{\sigma}_{rs} \widehat{\sigma}_{iw} \widehat{g}_w.$$

Note that each element in this group include  $\widehat{\sigma}_{jk}$ . There are 3 terms in the first sub-group which have the same value and we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{ijkqrstw} \widehat{h}_{ijk} \widehat{h}_{qrst} \widehat{\sigma}_{jk} \widehat{\sigma}_{qr} \widehat{\sigma}_{st} \widehat{\sigma}_{iw} \widehat{g}_w \\
& = \sum_{ijkqrstw} \widehat{g}_w \widehat{\sigma}_{iw} \widehat{\sigma}_{jk} \widehat{h}_{ijk} \widehat{h}_{qrst} \widehat{\sigma}_{qr} \widehat{\sigma}_{st} = \sum_{ijkw} \widehat{g}_w \widehat{\sigma}_{iw} \widehat{\sigma}_{jk} \widehat{h}_{ijk} \sum_{qrst} \widehat{h}_{qrst} \widehat{\sigma}_{qr} \widehat{\sigma}_{st} \\
& = \text{vec} \left( \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \right)' \nabla^3 \widehat{h} \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \nabla \widehat{g} \mathbf{tr} \left[ \left( \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \otimes \text{vec} \left( \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \right) \right)' \nabla^4 \widehat{h} \right].
\end{aligned}$$

The second sub-group consists of remained terms

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{ijkqrstw} \widehat{h}_{ijk} \widehat{h}_{qrst} \widehat{\sigma}_{jq} \widehat{\sigma}_{kr} \widehat{\sigma}_{st} \widehat{\sigma}_{iw} \widehat{g}_w + \sum_{ijkqrstw} \widehat{h}_{ijk} \widehat{h}_{qrst} \widehat{\sigma}_{jq} \widehat{\sigma}_{ks} \widehat{\sigma}_{rt} \widehat{\sigma}_{iw} \widehat{g}_w \\
& + \sum_{ijkqrstw} \widehat{h}_{ijk} \widehat{h}_{qrst} \widehat{\sigma}_{jq} \widehat{\sigma}_{kt} \widehat{\sigma}_{rs} \widehat{\sigma}_{iw} \widehat{g}_w + \sum_{ijkqrstw} \widehat{h}_{ijk} \widehat{h}_{qrst} \widehat{\sigma}_{jr} \widehat{\sigma}_{kq} \widehat{\sigma}_{st} \widehat{\sigma}_{iw} \widehat{g}_w \\
& + \sum_{ijkqrstw} \widehat{h}_{ijk} \widehat{h}_{qrst} \widehat{\sigma}_{jr} \widehat{\sigma}_{ks} \widehat{\sigma}_{qt} \widehat{\sigma}_{iw} \widehat{g}_w + \sum_{ijkqrstw} \widehat{h}_{ijk} \widehat{h}_{qrst} \widehat{\sigma}_{jr} \widehat{\sigma}_{kt} \widehat{\sigma}_{qs} \widehat{\sigma}_{iw} \widehat{g}_w \\
& + \sum_{ijkqrstw} \widehat{h}_{ijk} \widehat{h}_{qrst} \widehat{\sigma}_{js} \widehat{\sigma}_{kq} \widehat{\sigma}_{rt} \widehat{\sigma}_{iw} \widehat{g}_w + \sum_{ijkqrstw} \widehat{h}_{ijk} \widehat{h}_{qrst} \widehat{\sigma}_{js} \widehat{\sigma}_{kr} \widehat{\sigma}_{qt} \widehat{\sigma}_{iw} \widehat{g}_w
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& + \sum_{ijkqrstw} \hat{h}_{ijk} \hat{h}_{qrst} \hat{\sigma}_{js} \hat{\sigma}_{kt} \hat{\sigma}_{qr} \hat{\sigma}_{iw} \hat{g}_w + \sum_{ijkqrstw} \hat{h}_{ijk} \hat{h}_{qrst} \hat{\sigma}_{jt} \hat{\sigma}_{kq} \hat{\sigma}_{rs} \hat{\sigma}_{iw} \hat{g}_w \\
& + \sum_{ijkqrstw} \hat{h}_{ijk} \hat{h}_{qrst} \hat{\sigma}_{jt} \hat{\sigma}_{kr} \hat{\sigma}_{qs} \hat{\sigma}_{iw} \hat{g}_w + \sum_{ijkqrstw} \hat{h}_{ijk} \hat{h}_{qrst} \hat{\sigma}_{jt} \hat{\sigma}_{ks} \hat{\sigma}_{qr} \hat{\sigma}_{iw} \hat{g}_w.
\end{aligned}$$

There are 12 terms in the second sub-group which have the same value and we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{ijkqrstw} \hat{h}_{ijk} \hat{h}_{qrst} \hat{\sigma}_{jq} \hat{\sigma}_{kr} \hat{\sigma}_{st} \hat{\sigma}_{iw} \hat{g}_w \\
& = \sum_{ijkqrstw} \hat{\sigma}_{jq} \hat{\sigma}_{st} \hat{h}_{qstr} \hat{\sigma}_{rk} \hat{h}_{jki} \hat{\sigma}_{iw} \hat{g}_w \\
& = \text{vec} \left( \left( (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \otimes \text{vec} \left( (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \right)' \right) \nabla^4 \hat{h} (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \right)' \nabla^3 \hat{h} (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \nabla \hat{g}.
\end{aligned}$$

Then we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{1}{144} \sum_{ijkqrstw} \hat{h}_{ijk} \hat{h}_{qrst} \mu_{ijkqrstw}^8 \hat{g}_w \\
& = \frac{36}{144} \left[ \text{vec} \left( (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \right)' \otimes \left( \text{vec} \left( (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \right)' \nabla^3 \hat{h} (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \right) \right] \nabla^4 \hat{h} (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \nabla \hat{g} \\
& + \frac{24}{144} \text{vec} \left( \nabla^3 \hat{h} \right)' \left[ (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \otimes (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \otimes (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \right] \nabla^4 \hat{h} (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \nabla \hat{g} \\
& + \frac{9}{144} \text{vec} \left( (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \right)' \nabla^3 \hat{h} (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \nabla \hat{g} \mathbf{tr} \left[ \left( (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \otimes \text{vec} \left( (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \right) \right)' \nabla^4 \hat{h} \right] \\
& + \frac{36}{144} \text{vec} \left( \left( (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \otimes \text{vec} \left( (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \right)' \right) \nabla^4 \hat{h} (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \right)' \nabla^3 \hat{h} (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \nabla \hat{g} \\
& = \frac{1}{4} \left[ \text{vec} \left( (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \right)' \otimes \left( \text{vec} \left( (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \right)' \nabla^3 \hat{h} (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \right) \right] \nabla^4 \hat{h} (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \nabla \hat{g} \\
& + \frac{1}{6} \text{vec} \left( \nabla^3 \hat{h} \right)' \left[ (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \otimes (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \otimes (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \right] \nabla^4 \hat{h} (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \nabla \hat{g} \\
& + \frac{1}{16} \mathbf{tr} \left[ \left( (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \otimes \text{vec} \left( (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \right) \right)' \nabla^4 \hat{h} \right] \text{vec} \left( (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \right)' \nabla^3 \hat{h} (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \nabla \hat{g} \\
& + \frac{1}{4} \text{vec} \left( \left( (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \otimes \text{vec} \left( (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \right)' \right) \nabla^4 \hat{h} (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \right)' \nabla^3 \hat{h} (\nabla^2 \hat{h})^{-1} \nabla \hat{g}.
\end{aligned} \tag{45}$$

### 3.10 For the term $-\frac{1}{1296} \sum_{ijkqrstwv\beta} \hat{h}_{ijk} \hat{h}_{qrs} \hat{h}_{tuv} \mu_{ijkqrstwv\beta}^{10} \hat{g}_\beta$

Note that  $\mu_{ijkqrstwv\beta}^{10}$  can be decomposed into 9 groups which have the same quantity. Each group has 105 elements which have  $\hat{\sigma}_{i\beta}, \hat{\sigma}_{j\beta}, \hat{\sigma}_{k\beta}, \hat{\sigma}_{q\beta}, \hat{\sigma}_{r\beta}, \hat{\sigma}_{s\beta}, \hat{\sigma}_{t\beta}, \hat{\sigma}_{w\beta}$  and  $\hat{\sigma}_{v\beta}$ . We take the group with  $\hat{\sigma}_{v\beta}$  as an example. This group is further decomposed into 7 groups with 15 elements in each group. There are 6 groups out of 7 like the follows:

$$\sum_{ijkqrstwv\beta} \hat{h}_{ijk} \hat{h}_{qrs} \hat{h}_{tuv} \hat{\sigma}_{ij} \hat{\sigma}_{kq} \hat{\sigma}_{rt} \hat{\sigma}_{sw} \hat{\sigma}_{v\beta} \hat{g}_\beta + \sum_{ijkqrstwv\beta} \hat{h}_{ijk} \hat{h}_{qrs} \hat{h}_{tuv} \hat{\sigma}_{ij} \hat{\sigma}_{kr} \hat{\sigma}_{qt} \hat{\sigma}_{sw} \hat{\sigma}_{v\beta} \hat{g}_\beta$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& + \sum_{ijkqrstwv\beta} \hat{h}_{ijk} \hat{h}_{qrs} \hat{h}_{twv} \hat{\sigma}_{ij} \hat{\sigma}_{kt} \hat{\sigma}_{qr} \hat{\sigma}_{sw} \hat{\sigma}_{v\beta} \hat{g}_\beta + \sum_{ijkqrstwv\beta} \hat{h}_{ijk} \hat{h}_{qrs} \hat{h}_{twv} \hat{\sigma}_{ik} \hat{\sigma}_{jq} \hat{\sigma}_{rt} \hat{\sigma}_{sw} \hat{\sigma}_{v\beta} \hat{g}_\beta \\
& + \sum_{ijkqrstwv\beta} \hat{h}_{ijk} \hat{h}_{qrs} \hat{h}_{twv} \hat{\sigma}_{ik} \hat{\sigma}_{kr} \hat{\sigma}_{qt} \hat{\sigma}_{sw} \hat{\sigma}_{v\beta} \hat{g}_\beta + \sum_{ijkqrstwv\beta} \hat{h}_{ijk} \hat{h}_{qrs} \hat{h}_{twv} \hat{\sigma}_{ik} \hat{\sigma}_{kt} \hat{\sigma}_{qr} \hat{\sigma}_{sw} \hat{\sigma}_{v\beta} \hat{g}_\beta \\
& + \sum_{ijkqrstwv\beta} \hat{h}_{ijk} \hat{h}_{qrs} \hat{h}_{twv} \hat{\sigma}_{iq} \hat{\sigma}_{jk} \hat{\sigma}_{rt} \hat{\sigma}_{sw} \hat{\sigma}_{v\beta} \hat{g}_\beta + \sum_{ijkqrstwv\beta} \hat{h}_{ijk} \hat{h}_{qrs} \hat{h}_{twv} \hat{\sigma}_{iq} \hat{\sigma}_{jr} \hat{\sigma}_{kt} \hat{\sigma}_{sw} \hat{\sigma}_{v\beta} \hat{g}_\beta \\
& + \sum_{ijkqrstwv\beta} \hat{h}_{ijk} \hat{h}_{qrs} \hat{h}_{twv} \hat{\sigma}_{iq} \hat{\sigma}_{jt} \hat{\sigma}_{kr} \hat{\sigma}_{sw} \hat{\sigma}_{v\beta} \hat{g}_\beta + \sum_{ijkqrstwv\beta} \hat{h}_{ijk} \hat{h}_{qrs} \hat{h}_{twv} \hat{\sigma}_{ir} \hat{\sigma}_{jk} \hat{\sigma}_{qt} \hat{\sigma}_{sw} \hat{\sigma}_{v\beta} \hat{g}_\beta \\
& + \sum_{ijkqrstwv\beta} \hat{h}_{ijk} \hat{h}_{qrs} \hat{h}_{twv} \hat{\sigma}_{ir} \hat{\sigma}_{jq} \hat{\sigma}_{kt} \hat{\sigma}_{sw} \hat{\sigma}_{v\beta} \hat{g}_\beta + \sum_{ijkqrstwv\beta} \hat{h}_{ijk} \hat{h}_{qrs} \hat{h}_{twv} \hat{\sigma}_{it} \hat{\sigma}_{jt} \hat{\sigma}_{kq} \hat{\sigma}_{sw} \hat{\sigma}_{v\beta} \hat{g}_\beta \\
& + \sum_{ijkqrstwv\beta} \hat{h}_{ijk} \hat{h}_{qrs} \hat{h}_{twv} \hat{\sigma}_{it} \hat{\sigma}_{kj} \hat{\sigma}_{qr} \hat{\sigma}_{sw} \hat{\sigma}_{v\beta} \hat{g}_\beta + \sum_{ijkqrstwv\beta} \hat{h}_{ijk} \hat{h}_{qrs} \hat{h}_{twv} \hat{\sigma}_{it} \hat{\sigma}_{kq} \hat{\sigma}_{jr} \hat{\sigma}_{sw} \hat{\sigma}_{v\beta} \hat{g}_\beta \\
& + \sum_{ijkqrstwv\beta} \hat{h}_{ijk} \hat{h}_{qrs} \hat{h}_{twv} \hat{\sigma}_{it} \hat{\sigma}_{kr} \hat{\sigma}_{jq} \hat{\sigma}_{sw} \hat{\sigma}_{v\beta} \hat{g}_\beta.
\end{aligned}$$

The elements in these group don't include  $\hat{\sigma}_{tw}$ . We can further decomposed the above group into two sub-groups. The first sub-group is as follows. The elements of this sub-group include  $\hat{\sigma}_{ij}$ ,  $\hat{\sigma}_{ik}$  or  $\hat{\sigma}_{jk}$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{ijkqrstwv\beta} \hat{h}_{ijk} \hat{h}_{qrs} \hat{h}_{twv} \hat{\sigma}_{ij} \hat{\sigma}_{kq} \hat{\sigma}_{rt} \hat{\sigma}_{sw} \hat{\sigma}_{v\beta} \hat{g}_\beta + \sum_{ijkqrstwv\beta} \hat{h}_{ijk} \hat{h}_{qrs} \hat{h}_{twv} \hat{\sigma}_{ij} \hat{\sigma}_{kr} \hat{\sigma}_{qt} \hat{\sigma}_{sw} \hat{\sigma}_{v\beta} \hat{g}_\beta \\
& + \sum_{ijkqrstwv\beta} \hat{h}_{ijk} \hat{h}_{qrs} \hat{h}_{twv} \hat{\sigma}_{ij} \hat{\sigma}_{kt} \hat{\sigma}_{qr} \hat{\sigma}_{sw} \hat{\sigma}_{v\beta} \hat{g}_\beta + \sum_{ijkqrstwv\beta} \hat{h}_{ijk} \hat{h}_{qrs} \hat{h}_{twv} \hat{\sigma}_{ik} \hat{\sigma}_{jq} \hat{\sigma}_{rt} \hat{\sigma}_{sw} \hat{\sigma}_{v\beta} \hat{g}_\beta \\
& + \sum_{ijkqrstwv\beta} \hat{h}_{ijk} \hat{h}_{qrs} \hat{h}_{twv} \hat{\sigma}_{ik} \hat{\sigma}_{kr} \hat{\sigma}_{qt} \hat{\sigma}_{sw} \hat{\sigma}_{v\beta} \hat{g}_\beta + \sum_{ijkqrstwv\beta} \hat{h}_{ijk} \hat{h}_{qrs} \hat{h}_{twv} \hat{\sigma}_{ik} \hat{\sigma}_{kt} \hat{\sigma}_{qr} \hat{\sigma}_{sw} \hat{\sigma}_{v\beta} \hat{g}_\beta \\
& + \sum_{ijkqrstwv\beta} \hat{h}_{ijk} \hat{h}_{qrs} \hat{h}_{twv} \hat{\sigma}_{iq} \hat{\sigma}_{jk} \hat{\sigma}_{rt} \hat{\sigma}_{sw} \hat{\sigma}_{v\beta} \hat{g}_\beta + \sum_{ijkqrstwv\beta} \hat{h}_{ijk} \hat{h}_{qrs} \hat{h}_{twv} \hat{\sigma}_{ir} \hat{\sigma}_{jk} \hat{\sigma}_{qt} \hat{\sigma}_{sw} \hat{\sigma}_{v\beta} \hat{g}_\beta \\
& + \sum_{ijkqrstwv\beta} \hat{h}_{ijk} \hat{h}_{qrs} \hat{h}_{twv} \hat{\sigma}_{it} \hat{\sigma}_{kj} \hat{\sigma}_{qr} \hat{\sigma}_{sw} \hat{\sigma}_{v\beta} \hat{g}_\beta.
\end{aligned}$$

There are 9 terms in the first sub-group which have the same quantity and we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{ijkqrstwv\beta} \hat{h}_{ijk} \hat{h}_{qrs} \hat{h}_{twv} \hat{\sigma}_{ij} \hat{\sigma}_{kq} \hat{\sigma}_{rt} \hat{\sigma}_{sw} \hat{\sigma}_{v\beta} \hat{g}_\beta \\
& = \sum_{ijkqrstwv\beta} \hat{\sigma}_{ij} \hat{h}_{ijk} \hat{\sigma}_{kq} \hat{h}_{qrs} \hat{\sigma}_{rt} \hat{\sigma}_{sw} \hat{h}_{twv} \hat{\sigma}_{v\beta} \hat{g}_\beta \\
& = \text{vec} \left( \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \right)' \nabla^3 \hat{h} \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \nabla^3 \hat{h}' \left[ \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \otimes \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \right] \nabla^3 \hat{h} \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \nabla \hat{g}.
\end{aligned}$$

The second sub-group is as follows

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{ijkqrstwv\beta} \hat{h}_{ijk} \hat{h}_{qrs} \hat{h}_{twv} \hat{\sigma}_{iq} \hat{\sigma}_{jr} \hat{\sigma}_{kt} \hat{\sigma}_{sw} \hat{\sigma}_{v\beta} \hat{g}_\beta + \sum_{ijkqrstwv\beta} \hat{h}_{ijk} \hat{h}_{qrs} \hat{h}_{twv} \hat{\sigma}_{iq} \hat{\sigma}_{jt} \hat{\sigma}_{kr} \hat{\sigma}_{sw} \hat{\sigma}_{v\beta} \hat{g}_\beta \\
& + \sum_{ijkqrstwv\beta} \hat{h}_{ijk} \hat{h}_{qrs} \hat{h}_{twv} \hat{\sigma}_{ir} \hat{\sigma}_{jq} \hat{\sigma}_{kt} \hat{\sigma}_{sw} \hat{\sigma}_{v\beta} \hat{g}_\beta + \sum_{ijkqrstwv\beta} \hat{h}_{ijk} \hat{h}_{qrs} \hat{h}_{twv} \hat{\sigma}_{it} \hat{\sigma}_{jt} \hat{\sigma}_{kq} \hat{\sigma}_{sw} \hat{\sigma}_{v\beta} \hat{g}_\beta
\end{aligned}$$

$$+ \sum_{ijkqrstwv\beta} \hat{h}_{ijk} \hat{h}_{qrs} \hat{h}_{tuv} \hat{\sigma}_{it} \hat{\sigma}_{kq} \hat{\sigma}_{jr} \hat{\sigma}_{sw} \hat{\sigma}_{v\beta} \hat{g}_\beta + \sum_{ijkqrstwv\beta} \hat{h}_{ijk} \hat{h}_{qrs} \hat{h}_{tuv} \hat{\sigma}_{it} \hat{\sigma}_{kr} \hat{\sigma}_{jq} \hat{\sigma}_{sw} \hat{\sigma}_{v\beta} \hat{g}_\beta$$

There are 6 terms in the second sub-group which have the same quantity and we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{ijkqrstwv\beta} \widehat{h}_{ijk} \widehat{h}_{qrs} \widehat{h}_{twv} \widehat{\sigma}_{iq} \widehat{\sigma}_{jr} \widehat{\sigma}_{kt} \widehat{\sigma}_{sw} \widehat{\sigma}_{v\beta} \widehat{g}_\beta \\
= & \sum_{ijkqrstwv\beta} \widehat{h}_{ijk} \widehat{\sigma}_{iq} \widehat{\sigma}_{jr} \widehat{h}_{qrs} \widehat{\sigma}_{kt} \widehat{\sigma}_{sw} \widehat{h}_{twv} \widehat{\sigma}_{v\beta} \widehat{g}_\beta \\
= & \text{vec} \left( \nabla^3 \widehat{h}' \left[ \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \otimes \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \right] \nabla^3 \widehat{h} \right)' \left[ \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \otimes \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \right] \nabla^3 \widehat{h} \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \nabla \widehat{g}.
\end{aligned}$$

Note that out of the 7 groups, we have 1 group remained as follows

We can further decompose the above group into two sub-groups. The first sub-group is as follows

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{ijkqrstwv\beta} \widehat{h}_{ijk}\widehat{h}_{qrs}\widehat{h}_{twv}\widehat{\sigma}_{ij}\widehat{\sigma}_{kq}\widehat{\sigma}_{rs}\widehat{\sigma}_{tw}\widehat{\sigma}_{v\beta}\widehat{g}_\beta + \sum_{ijkqrstwv\beta} \widehat{h}_{ijk}\widehat{h}_{qrs}\widehat{h}_{twv}\widehat{\sigma}_{ij}\widehat{\sigma}_{kr}\widehat{\sigma}_{qs}\widehat{\sigma}_{tw}\widehat{\sigma}_{v\beta}\widehat{g}_\beta \\
& + \sum_{ijkqrstwv\beta} \widehat{h}_{ijk}\widehat{h}_{qrs}\widehat{h}_{twv}\widehat{\sigma}_{ij}\widehat{\sigma}_{ks}\widehat{\sigma}_{qr}\widehat{\sigma}_{tw}\widehat{\sigma}_{v\beta}\widehat{g}_\beta + \sum_{ijkqrstwv\beta} \widehat{h}_{ijk}\widehat{h}_{qrs}\widehat{h}_{twv}\widehat{\sigma}_{ik}\widehat{\sigma}_{jq}\widehat{\sigma}_{rs}\widehat{\sigma}_{tw}\widehat{\sigma}_{v\beta}\widehat{g}_\beta \\
& + \sum_{ijkqrstwv\beta} \widehat{h}_{ijk}\widehat{h}_{qrs}\widehat{h}_{twv}\widehat{\sigma}_{ik}\widehat{\sigma}_{kr}\widehat{\sigma}_{qs}\widehat{\sigma}_{tw}\widehat{\sigma}_{v\beta}\widehat{g}_\beta + \sum_{ijkqrstwv\beta} \widehat{h}_{ijk}\widehat{h}_{qrs}\widehat{h}_{twv}\widehat{\sigma}_{ik}\widehat{\sigma}_{ks}\widehat{\sigma}_{qr}\widehat{\sigma}_{tw}\widehat{\sigma}_{v\beta}\widehat{g}_\beta \\
& + \sum_{ijkqrstwv\beta} \widehat{h}_{ijk}\widehat{h}_{qrs}\widehat{h}_{twv}\widehat{\sigma}_{is}\widehat{\sigma}_{jk}\widehat{\sigma}_{rs}\widehat{\sigma}_{tw}\widehat{\sigma}_{v\beta}\widehat{g}_\beta + \sum_{ijkqrstwv\beta} \widehat{h}_{ijk}\widehat{h}_{qrs}\widehat{h}_{twv}\widehat{\sigma}_{ir}\widehat{\sigma}_{jk}\widehat{\sigma}_{qs}\widehat{\sigma}_{tw}\widehat{\sigma}_{v\beta}\widehat{g}_\beta \\
& + \sum_{ijkqrstwv\beta} \widehat{h}_{ijk}\widehat{h}_{qrs}\widehat{h}_{twv}\widehat{\sigma}_{is}\widehat{\sigma}_{kj}\widehat{\sigma}_{qr}\widehat{\sigma}_{tw}\widehat{\sigma}_{v\beta}\widehat{g}_\beta.
\end{aligned}$$

The elements of this sub-group include  $\widehat{\sigma}_{ij}$ ,  $\widehat{\sigma}_{ik}$  or  $\widehat{\sigma}_{jk}$ . There are 9 terms in the first sub-group which have the same quantity and we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{ijkqrstwv\beta} \widehat{h}_{ijk} \widehat{h}_{qrs} \widehat{h}_{twv} \widehat{\sigma}_{ij} \widehat{\sigma}_{kq} \widehat{\sigma}_{rs} \widehat{\sigma}_{tw} \widehat{\sigma}_{v\beta} \widehat{g}_\beta \\ = & \sum_{ijkqrs} \widehat{\sigma}_{ij} \widehat{h}_{ijk} \widehat{\sigma}_{kq} \widehat{h}_{qrs} \widehat{\sigma}_{rs} \sum_{twv\beta} \widehat{\sigma}_{tw} \widehat{h}_{twv} \widehat{\sigma}_{v\beta} \widehat{g}_\beta \\ = & \text{vec} \left( \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \right)' \nabla^3 \widehat{h} \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \nabla^3 \widehat{h}' \text{vec} \left( \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \right) \\ & \times \text{vec} \left( \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \right)' \nabla^3 \widehat{h} \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \nabla \widehat{g}. \end{aligned}$$

The second sub-group is as follows

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{ijkqrstwv\beta} \widehat{h}_{ijk} \widehat{h}_{qrs} \widehat{h}_{twv} \widehat{\sigma}_{iq} \widehat{\sigma}_{jr} \widehat{\sigma}_{ks} \widehat{\sigma}_{tw} \widehat{\sigma}_{v\beta} \widehat{g}_\beta + \sum_{ijkqrstwv\beta} \widehat{h}_{ijk} \widehat{h}_{qrs} \widehat{h}_{twv} \widehat{\sigma}_{iq} \widehat{\sigma}_{js} \widehat{\sigma}_{kr} \widehat{\sigma}_{tw} \widehat{\sigma}_{v\beta} \widehat{g}_\beta \\ & + \sum_{ijkqrstwv\beta} \widehat{h}_{ijk} \widehat{h}_{qrs} \widehat{h}_{twv} \widehat{\sigma}_{ir} \widehat{\sigma}_{jq} \widehat{\sigma}_{ks} \widehat{\sigma}_{tw} \widehat{\sigma}_{v\beta} \widehat{g}_\beta + \sum_{ijkqrstwv\beta} \widehat{h}_{ijk} \widehat{h}_{qrs} \widehat{h}_{twv} \widehat{\sigma}_{it} \widehat{\sigma}_{js} \widehat{\sigma}_{kq} \widehat{\sigma}_{tw} \widehat{\sigma}_{v\beta} \widehat{g}_\beta \\ & + \sum_{ijkqrstwv\beta} \widehat{h}_{ijk} \widehat{h}_{qrs} \widehat{h}_{twv} \widehat{\sigma}_{is} \widehat{\sigma}_{kq} \widehat{\sigma}_{jr} \widehat{\sigma}_{tw} \widehat{\sigma}_{v\beta} \widehat{g}_\beta + \sum_{ijkqrstwv\beta} \widehat{h}_{ijk} \widehat{h}_{qrs} \widehat{h}_{twv} \widehat{\sigma}_{is} \widehat{\sigma}_{kr} \widehat{\sigma}_{jq} \widehat{\sigma}_{tw} \widehat{\sigma}_{v\beta} \widehat{g}_\beta. \end{aligned}$$

There are 6 terms in the second sub-group which have the same value and we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{ijkqrstwv\beta} \widehat{h}_{ijk} \widehat{h}_{qrs} \widehat{h}_{twv} \widehat{\sigma}_{iq} \widehat{\sigma}_{jr} \widehat{\sigma}_{ks} \widehat{\sigma}_{tw} \widehat{\sigma}_{v\beta} \widehat{g}_\beta \\ = & \sum_{ijkqrs} \widehat{h}_{ijk} \widehat{\sigma}_{iq} \widehat{\sigma}_{jr} \widehat{\sigma}_{ks} \widehat{h}_{qrs} \sum_{twv\beta} \widehat{\sigma}_{tw} \widehat{h}_{twv} \widehat{\sigma}_{v\beta} \widehat{g}_\beta \\ = & \text{vec} \left( \nabla^3 \widehat{h} \right)' \left[ \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \otimes \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \otimes \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \right] \text{vec} \left( \nabla^3 \widehat{h} \right) \\ & \times \text{vec} \left( \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \right)' \nabla^3 \widehat{h} \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \nabla \widehat{g}. \end{aligned}$$

Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} & -\frac{1}{1296} \sum_{ijkqrstwv\beta} \widehat{h}_{ijk} \widehat{h}_{qrs} \widehat{h}_{twv} \mu_{ijkqrstwv\beta}^{10} \widehat{g}_\beta \tag{46} \\ = & -\frac{9 \times 6 \times 9}{1296} \text{vec} \left( \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \right)' \nabla^3 \widehat{h} \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \nabla^3 \widehat{h}' \\ & \times \left[ \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \otimes \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \right] \nabla^3 \widehat{h} \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \nabla \widehat{g} \\ & -\frac{9 \times 6 \times 6}{1296} \text{vec} \left( \nabla^3 \widehat{h}' \left[ \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \otimes \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \right] \nabla^3 \widehat{h} \right)' \\ & \times \left[ \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \otimes \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \right] \nabla^3 \widehat{h} \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \nabla \widehat{g} \\ & -\frac{9 \times 1 \times 9}{1296} \text{vec} \left( \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \right)' \nabla^3 \widehat{h} \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \nabla^3 \widehat{h}' \text{vec} \left( \left( \nabla^2 \widehat{h} \right)^{-1} \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \times \operatorname{vec} \left( \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \right)' \nabla^3 \hat{h} \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \nabla \hat{g} \\
& - \frac{9 \times 1 \times 6}{1296} \operatorname{vec} \left( \nabla^3 \hat{h} \right)' \left[ \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \otimes \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \otimes \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \right] \operatorname{vec} \left( \nabla^3 \hat{h} \right) \\
& \times \operatorname{vec} \left( \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \right)' \nabla^3 \hat{h} \left( \nabla^2 \hat{h} \right)^{-1} \nabla g
\end{aligned}$$

Note that

$$\frac{9 \times 6 \times 9}{1296} = \frac{3}{8}, \quad \frac{9 \times 6 \times 6}{1296} = \frac{1}{4}, \quad \frac{9 \times 1 \times 9}{1296} = \frac{1}{16}, \quad \frac{9 \times 1 \times 6}{1296} = \frac{1}{24}.$$