

(a) Performance with and without turning point

(b) Performance in non-stationary setting without periodicity



Figure 1: Multiple algorithms are tested on 5-multivariate time series with different time length T. PCMCI<sub> $\Omega$ </sub> TP means that the turning point rules are utilized when choosing  $\omega$ . See lines 13-16 in Algorithm C1 and section F in the supplementary material. PCMCI<sub> $\Omega$ </sub> non-TP means that turning point rule is not applied and  $\omega$  is chosen based on Lemma 3.4. Every line corresponds to a different algorithm. Every marker corresponds to the average performance over 50 trials. In (a), the consistent performance of PCMCI under different chosen rules of  $\omega$  supports our theoretical result, that is, the correct periodicity  $\omega$  leads to the most sparse causal graph. In (b), data sets are in a non-stationary setting without periodicity. In (c), the structural causal model (SCM) is non-linear. In (d), algorithm PCMCI<sub> $\Omega$ </sub> are tested under conditions that  $\omega_{ub} > \omega_{max}$  and  $\omega_{ub} < \omega_{max}$  respectively.