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# MISSO: Minimization by Incremental Stochastic Surrogate Optimization for Large Scale Nonconvex and Nonsmooth Problems

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## Abstract

1 Many constrained, non-convex optimization problems can be tackled using the  
2 Majorization-Minimization (MM) method which alternates between constructing  
3 a surrogate function which upper bounds the objective function, and then mini-  
4 mizing this surrogate. For problems which minimize a finite sum of functions,  
5 a stochastic version of the MM method selects a batch of functions at random  
6 at each iteration and optimizes the accumulated surrogate. However, in many  
7 cases of interest such as variational inference for latent variable models, the sur-  
8rogate functions are expressed as an expectation. In this contribution, we propose  
9 a doubly stochastic MM method based on Monte Carlo approximation of these  
10 stochastic surrogates. We establish asymptotic and non-asymptotic convergence  
11 of our scheme in a constrained, non-convex, non-smooth optimization setting. We  
12 apply our new framework for inference of logistic regression model with missing  
13 covariates and for variational inference of LeNet and Resnet Bayesian variants on  
14 respectively the MNIST and CIFAR-10 datasets.

## 15 1 Introduction

16 We consider the *constrained* minimization problem of a finite sum of functions:

$$\min_{\theta \in \Theta} \mathcal{L}(\theta) := \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathcal{L}_i(\theta), \quad (1)$$

17 where  $\Theta$  is a convex, compact, and closed subset of  $\mathbb{R}^p$ , and for any  $i \in \llbracket 1, n \rrbracket$ , the function  $\mathcal{L}_i : \mathbb{R}^p \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is bounded from below and is (possibly) non-convex and non-smooth.

19 To tackle the optimization problem (1), a popular approach is to apply the majorization-minimization  
20 (MM) method which iteratively minimizes a majorizing surrogate function. A large number of ex-  
21 isting procedures fall into this general framework, for instance gradient-based or proximal methods  
22 or the Expectation-Maximization (EM) algorithm [McLachlan and Krishnan, 2008] and some vari-  
23 ational Bayes inference techniques [Jordan et al., 1999]; see for example [Razaviyayn et al., 2013]  
24 and [Lange, 2016] and the references therein. When the number of terms  $n$  in (1) is large, the  
25 vanilla MM method may be intractable because it requires to construct a surrogate function for all  
26 the  $n$  terms  $\mathcal{L}_i$  at each iteration. Here, a remedy is to apply the Minimization by Incremental Sur-  
27 surrogate Optimization (MISO) method proposed by Mairal [2015], where the surrogate functions are  
28 updated incrementally. The MISO method can be interpreted as a combination of MM and ideas  
29 which have emerged for variance reduction in stochastic gradient methods [Schmidt et al., 2017].  
30 An extended analysis of MISO in both the convex and nonconvex case has recently been proposed  
31 in [Qian et al., 2019].

The success of the MISO method rests upon the efficient minimization of surrogates such as convex functions, see [Mairal, 2015, Section 2.3]. In many applications of interest, the natural surrogate functions are intractable, yet they are defined as expectation of tractable functions. This for example the case for inference in latent variable models. Another application is variational inference, [Ghahramani, 2015], in which the goal is to approximate the posterior distribution of parameters given the observations; see for example [Neal, 2012, Blundell et al., 2015, Polson et al., 2017, Rezende et al., 2014, Li and Gal, 2017].

This paper fills the gap in the literature by proposing a new method called *Minimization by Incremental Stochastic Surrogate Optimization (MISSO)* which is designed for the finite sum optimization with a finite-time convergence guarantee. Our contributions can be summarized as follows.

- We propose a unifying framework of analysis for incremental stochastic surrogate optimization when the surrogates are defined by expectations of tractable functions. The proposed MISSO method is built on the Monte Carlo integration of the intractable surrogate function, *i.e.*, a doubly stochastic surrogate optimization scheme.
- We present an incremental update of the commonly used variational inference and Monte-Carlo EM methods as special cases of our newly introduced framework. The analysis of those two algorithms is thus done under this unifying framework of analysis.
- We establish both asymptotic and non-asymptotic convergence for the MISSO method. In particular, the MISSO method converges almost surely to a stationary point and in  $\mathcal{O}(n/\epsilon)$  iterations to an  $\epsilon$ -stationary point.

In Section 2, we review the techniques for incremental minimization of finite sum functions based on the MM principle; specifically, we review the MISO method as introduced in [Mairal, 2015], and present a class of surrogate functions expressed as an expectation over a latent space. The MISSO method is then introduced for the latter class of intractable surrogate functions requiring approximation. In Section 3, we provide the asymptotic and non-asymptotic convergence analysis for the MISSO method (and of the MISO [Mairal, 2015] one as a special case). Finally, Section 4 presents numerical applications to illustrate our findings including parameter inference for logistic regression with missing covariates and variational inference for two types of Bayesian neural networks.

**Notations** We denote  $\llbracket 1, n \rrbracket = \{1, \dots, n\}$ . Unless otherwise specified,  $\|\cdot\|$  denotes the standard Euclidean norm and  $\langle \cdot | \cdot \rangle$  is the inner product in Euclidean space. For any function  $f : \Theta \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $f'(\theta, d)$  is the directional derivative of  $f$  at  $\theta$  along the direction  $d$ , *i.e.*,

$$f'(\theta, d) := \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{f(\theta + td) - f(\theta)}{t}. \quad (2)$$

The directional derivative is assumed to exist for the functions introduced throughout this paper.

## 2 Incremental Minimization of Finite Sum Non-convex Functions

The objective function in (1) is composed of a finite sum of possibly non-smooth and non-convex functions. A popular approach here is to apply the MM method. The MM method tackles (1) through alternating between two steps — (i) minimizing a *surrogate* function which upper bounds the original objective function; and (ii) updating the surrogate function to tighten the upper bound.

As mentioned in the Introduction, the MISO method proposed by Mairal [2015] is developed as an iterative scheme that only updates the surrogate functions *partially* at each iteration. Formally, for any  $i \in \llbracket 1, n \rrbracket$ , we consider a surrogate function  $\hat{\mathcal{L}}_i(\theta; \bar{\theta})$  which satisfies

**S1.** For all  $i \in \llbracket 1, n \rrbracket$  and  $\bar{\theta} \in \Theta$ , the function  $\hat{\mathcal{L}}_i(\theta; \bar{\theta})$  is convex w.r.t.  $\theta$ , and it holds

$$\hat{\mathcal{L}}_i(\theta; \bar{\theta}) \geq \mathcal{L}_i(\theta), \quad \forall \theta \in \Theta, \quad (3)$$

where the equality holds when  $\theta = \bar{\theta}$ .

**S2.** For any  $\bar{\theta}_i \in \Theta$ ,  $i \in \llbracket 1, n \rrbracket$  and some  $\epsilon > 0$ , the difference function  $\hat{e}(\theta; \{\bar{\theta}_i\}_{i=1}^n) := \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \hat{\mathcal{L}}_i(\theta; \bar{\theta}_i) - \mathcal{L}(\theta)$  is defined for all  $\theta \in \Theta_\epsilon$  and differentiable for all  $\theta \in \Theta$ , where

76  $\Theta_\epsilon = \{\theta \in \mathbb{R}^d, \inf_{\theta' \in \Theta} \|\theta - \theta'\| < \epsilon\}$  is an  $\epsilon$ -neighborhood set of  $\Theta$ . Moreover, for some constant  
 77  $L$ , the gradient satisfies

$$\|\nabla \hat{e}(\theta; \{\bar{\theta}_i\}_{i=1}^n)\|^2 \leq 2L \hat{e}(\theta; \{\bar{\theta}_i\}_{i=1}^n), \forall \theta \in \Theta. \quad (4)$$

78 **S1** is a common condition used for surrogate optimization, see [Mairal, 2015, Section 2.3]. Mean-  
 79 while, **S2** can be satisfied when the difference function  $\hat{e}(\theta; \{\bar{\theta}_i\}_{i=1}^n)$  is  $L$ -smooth for all  $\theta \in \mathbb{R}^d$ ,  
 80 where the condition can be implied through applying [Razaviyayn et al., 2013, Proposition 1].

81 The inequality (3) implies  $\hat{\mathcal{L}}_i(\theta; \bar{\theta}) \geq \mathcal{L}_i(\theta) >$   
 82  $-\infty$  for any  $\theta \in \Theta$ . The MISO method is  
 83 an incremental version of the MM method, as  
 84 summarized by Algorithm 1. As seen in the  
 85 pseudo code, the MISO method maintains an iter-  
 86 atively updated set of surrogate upper-bound  
 87 functions  $\{\mathcal{A}_i^k(\theta)\}_{i=1}^n$  and updates the iterate  
 88 through minimizing the average of the surro-  
 89 gate functions.

90 Particularly, only one out of the  $n$  sur-  
 91rogate functions is updated at each iter-  
 92ation [cf. Line 5] and the sum function  
 93  $\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathcal{A}_i^{k+1}(\theta)$  is designed to be ‘easy to  
 94 optimize’, for example, it can be a sum of  
 95 quadratic functions. As such, the MISO method  
 96 is suitable for large-scale optimization as the computation cost per iteration is independent of  $n$ .  
 97 Moreover, under **S1**, **S2**, it was shown that the MISO method converges almost surely to a stationary  
 98 point of (1) [Mairal, 2015, Proposition 3.1].

99 We now consider the case when the surrogate functions  $\hat{\mathcal{L}}_i(\theta; \bar{\theta})$  are intractable. Let  $Z$  be a measur-  
 100 able set,  $p_i : Z \times \Theta \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$  be a pdf,  $r_i : \Theta \times \Theta \times Z \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a measurable function and  $\mu_i$  be a  
 101  $\sigma$ -finite measure, we consider surrogate functions which satisfy **S1**, **S2** that can be expressed as an  
 102 expectation:

$$\hat{\mathcal{L}}_i(\theta; \bar{\theta}) := \int_Z r_i(\theta; \bar{\theta}, z_i) p_i(z_i; \bar{\theta}) \mu_i(dz_i) \quad \forall (\theta, \bar{\theta}) \in \Theta \times \Theta. \quad (5)$$

103 Plugging (5) into the MISO method is not feasible since the update step in Step 6 involves a mini-  
 104 mization of an expectation. Several motivating examples of (1) are given in Section 2.

105 We propose the *Minimization by Incremental Stochastic Surrogate Optimization* (MISSO) method  
 106 which replaces the expectation in (5) by *Monte Carlo* integration and then optimizes (1) incremen-  
 107 tally. Denote by  $M \in \mathbb{N}$  the Monte Carlo batch size and let  $z_m \in Z$ ,  $m = 1, \dots, M$  be a set of  
 108 samples. These samples can be drawn (**Case 1**) i.i.d. from the distribution  $p_i(\cdot; \bar{\theta})$  or (**Case 2**)  
 109 from a Markov chain with the stationary distribution  $p_i(\cdot; \bar{\theta})$ ; see Section 3 for illustrations. To this  
 110 end, we define

$$\tilde{\mathcal{L}}_i(\theta; \bar{\theta}, \{z_m\}_{m=1}^M) := \frac{1}{M} \sum_{m=1}^M r_i(\theta; \bar{\theta}, z_m) \quad (6)$$

111 and we summarize the proposed MISSO method in Algorithm 2. As seen, the procedure is similar  
 112 to the MISO method but it involves two types of randomness. The first randomness comes from  
 113 the selection of  $i_k$  in Line 5. The second randomness is that a set of Monte-Carlo approximated  
 114 functions  $\tilde{\mathcal{A}}_i^k(\theta)$  is used in lieu of  $\mathcal{A}_i^k(\theta)$  when optimizing for the next iterate  $\theta^{(k)}$ . We now discuss  
 115 two applications of the MISSO method.

116 **Example 1: Maximum Likelihood Estimation for Latent Variable Model** Latent variable  
 117 models [Bishop, 2006] are constructed by introducing unobserved (latent) variables which help ex-  
 118 plain the observed data. We consider  $n$  independent observations  $((y_i, z_i), i \in \llbracket n \rrbracket)$  where  $y_i$  is  
 119 observed and  $z_i$  is latent. In this incomplete data framework, define  $\{f_i(z_i, \theta), \theta \in \Theta\}$  to be the  
 120 complete data likelihood models, i.e., joint likelihood of the observations and latent variables. Let

$$g_i(\theta) := \int_Z f_i(z_i, \theta) \mu_i(dz_i), \quad i \in \llbracket 1, n \rrbracket \quad (9)$$

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**Algorithm 2** MISSO method

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- 1: **Input:** initialization  $\theta^{(0)}$ ; a sequence of non-negative numbers  $\{M_{(k)}\}_{k=0}^\infty$ .
- 2: For all  $i \in \llbracket 1, n \rrbracket$ , draw  $M_{(0)}$  Monte-Carlo samples with the stationary distribution  $p_i(\cdot; \theta^{(0)})$ .
- 3: Initialize the surrogate function as

$$\tilde{\mathcal{A}}_i^0(\theta) := \tilde{\mathcal{L}}_i(\theta; \theta^{(0)}, \{z_{i,m}^{(0)}\}_{m=1}^{M_{(0)}}), \quad i \in \llbracket 1, n \rrbracket. \quad (7)$$

- 4: **for**  $k = 0, 1, \dots$  **do**
- 5:   Pick a function index  $i_k$  uniformly on  $\llbracket 1, n \rrbracket$ .
- 6:   Draw  $M_{(k)}$  Monte-Carlo samples with the stationary distribution  $p_{i_k}(\cdot; \theta^{(k)})$ .
- 7:   Update the individual surrogate functions recursively as:

$$\tilde{\mathcal{A}}_i^{k+1}(\theta) = \begin{cases} \tilde{\mathcal{L}}_i(\theta; \theta^{(k)}, \{z_{i,m}^{(k)}\}_{m=1}^{M_{(k)}}), & \text{if } i = i_k \\ \tilde{\mathcal{A}}_i^k(\theta), & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \quad (8)$$

- 8:   Set  $\theta^{(k+1)} \in \arg \min_{\theta \in \Theta} \tilde{\mathcal{L}}^{(k+1)}(\theta) := \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \tilde{\mathcal{A}}_i^{k+1}(\theta)$ .
  - 9: **end for**
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denote the incomplete data likelihood, *i.e.*, the marginal likelihood of the observations. For ease of notations, the dependence on the observations is made implicit. The maximum likelihood (ML) estimation problem takes  $\mathcal{L}_i(\theta)$  to be the  $i$ th negated incomplete data log-likelihood  $\mathcal{L}_i(\theta) := -\log g_i(\theta)$ .

Assume without loss of generality that  $g_i(\theta) \neq 0$  for all  $\theta \in \Theta$ , we define by  $p_i(z_i, \theta) := f_i(z_i, \theta)/g_i(\theta)$  the conditional distribution of the latent variable  $z_i$  given the observation  $y_i$ . A surrogate function  $\hat{\mathcal{L}}_i(\theta; \bar{\theta})$  satisfying S1 can be obtained through writing  $f_i(z_i, \theta) = \frac{f_i(z_i, \theta)}{p_i(z_i, \bar{\theta})} p_i(z_i, \bar{\theta})$  and applying the Jensen inequality:

$$\hat{\mathcal{L}}_i(\theta; \bar{\theta}) = \int_{\mathcal{Z}} \underbrace{\log(p_i(z_i, \bar{\theta})/f_i(z_i, \theta))}_{=r_i(\theta; \bar{\theta}, z_i)} p_i(z_i, \bar{\theta}) \mu_i(dz_i), \quad (10)$$

We note that S2 can also be verified for common distribution models. We can apply the MISSO method following the above specification of  $r_i(\theta; \bar{\theta}, z_i), p_i(z_i, \bar{\theta})$ .

**Example 2: Variational Inference** Let  $((x_i, y_i), i \in \llbracket 1, n \rrbracket)$  be i.i.d. input-output pairs and  $w \in \mathcal{W} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$  be a latent variable. When conditioned on the input  $x = (x_i, i \in \llbracket 1, n \rrbracket)$ , the joint distribution of  $y = (y_i, i \in \llbracket 1, n \rrbracket)$  and  $w$  is given by:

$$p(y, w|x) = \pi(w) \prod_{i=1}^n p(y_i|x_i, w). \quad (11)$$

Our goal is to compute the posterior distribution  $p(w|y, x)$ . In most cases, the posterior distribution  $p(w|y, x)$  is intractable and is approximated using a family of parametric distributions,  $\{q(w, \theta), \theta \in \Theta\}$ . The variational inference (VI) problem [Blei et al., 2017] boils down to minimizing the KL divergence between  $q(w, \theta)$  and the posterior distribution  $p(w|y, x)$ , as follows:

$$\min_{\theta \in \Theta} \mathcal{L}(\theta) := \text{KL}(q(w; \theta) || p(w|y, x)) := \mathbb{E}_{q(w; \theta)} [\log(q(w; \theta)/p(w|y, x))] . \quad (12)$$

Using (11), we decompose  $\mathcal{L}(\theta) = n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathcal{L}_i(\theta) + \text{const.}$  where:

$$\mathcal{L}_i(\theta) := -\mathbb{E}_{q(w; \theta)} [\log p(y_i|x_i, w)] + \frac{1}{n} \mathbb{E}_{q(w; \theta)} [\log q(w; \theta)/\pi(w)] = r_i(\theta) + d(\theta) . \quad (13)$$

Directly optimizing the finite sum objective function in (12) can be difficult. First, with  $n \gg 1$ , evaluating the objective function  $\mathcal{L}(\theta)$  requires a full pass over the entire dataset. Second, for some complex models, the expectations in (13) can be intractable even if we assume a simple parametric model for  $q(w; \theta)$ . Assume that  $\mathcal{L}_i$  is L-smooth, *i.e.*,  $\mathcal{L}_i$  is differentiable on  $\Theta$  and its gradient  $\nabla \mathcal{L}_i$  is L-Lipschitz. We apply the MISSO method with a quadratic surrogate function defined as:

$$\hat{\mathcal{L}}_i(\theta; \bar{\theta}) := \mathcal{L}_i(\bar{\theta}) + \langle \nabla_{\theta} \mathcal{L}_i(\bar{\theta}) | \theta - \bar{\theta} \rangle + \frac{L}{2} \|\bar{\theta} - \theta\|^2. \quad (14)$$

144 It is easily checked that  $\hat{\mathcal{L}}_i(\theta; \bar{\theta})$  satisfies S1, S2.

145 To compute the gradient  $\nabla \mathcal{L}_i(\bar{\theta})$ , we apply the re-parametrization technique suggested in [Paisley  
146 et al., 2012, Kingma and Welling, 2014, Blundell et al., 2015]. Let  $t : \mathbb{R}^d \times \Theta \mapsto \mathbb{R}^d$  be a differen-  
147 tiable function w.r.t.  $\theta \in \Theta$  which is designed such that the law of  $w = t(z, \bar{\theta})$ , where  $z \sim \mathcal{N}_d(0, \mathbf{I})$ ,  
148 is  $q(\cdot, \bar{\theta})$ . By [Blundell et al., 2015, Proposition 1], the gradient of  $-r_i(\cdot)$  in (13) is:

$$\nabla_{\theta} \mathbb{E}_{q(w; \bar{\theta})} [\log p(y_i | x_i, w)] = \mathbb{E}_{z \sim \mathcal{N}_d(0, \mathbf{I})} [\mathbf{J}_{\theta}^t(z, \bar{\theta}) \nabla_w \log p(y_i | x_i, w) |_{w=t(z, \bar{\theta})}], \quad (15)$$

149 where for each  $z \in \mathbb{R}^d$ ,  $\mathbf{J}_{\theta}^t(z, \bar{\theta})$  is the Jacobian of the function  $t(z, \cdot)$  with respect to  $\theta$  evaluated at  
150  $\bar{\theta}$ . In addition, for most cases, the term  $\nabla d(\bar{\theta})$  can be evaluated in closed form.

$$r_i(\theta; \bar{\theta}, z) := \left\langle \nabla_{\theta} d(\bar{\theta}) - \mathbf{J}_{\theta}^t(z, \bar{\theta}) \nabla_w \log p(y_i | x_i, w) |_{w=t(z, \bar{\theta})} | \theta - \bar{\theta} \right\rangle + \frac{L}{2} \|\theta - \bar{\theta}\|^2. \quad (16)$$

151 Finally, using (14) and (16), the surrogate function (6) is given by  $\tilde{\mathcal{L}}_i(\theta; \bar{\theta}, \{z_m\}_{m=1}^M) :=$   
152  $M^{-1} \sum_{m=1}^M r_i(\theta; \bar{\theta}, z_m)$  where  $\{z_m\}_{m=1}^M$  is an i.i.d sample from  $\mathcal{N}(0, \mathbf{I})$ .

### 153 3 Convergence Analysis

154 We provide non-asymptotic convergence bound for the MISSO method.

155 **H1.** For all  $i \in \llbracket 1, n \rrbracket$ ,  $\bar{\theta} \in \Theta$ ,  $z_i \in \mathbf{Z}$ , the measurable function  $r_i(\theta; \bar{\theta}, z_i)$  is convex in  $\theta$  and is  
156 lower bounded.

157 We are particularly interested in the *constrained optimization* setting where  $\Theta$  is a bounded set. To  
158 this end, we control the supremum norm of the of the above approximation as:

159 **H2.** For all  $i \in \llbracket 1, n \rrbracket$ ,  $(\theta, \bar{\theta}) \in \Theta^2$ ,  $z_i \in \mathbf{Z}$  we assume the existence of a majorizing function  
160  $m_r : \mathbf{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and a constant  $C_r < \infty$  such that:

$$\sup_{M > 0} \frac{1}{\sqrt{M}} \left| \sum_{m=1}^M \left\{ r_i(\theta; \bar{\theta}, z_{i,m}) - \hat{\mathcal{L}}_i(\theta; \bar{\theta}) \right\} \right| < m_r(z_i) \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbb{E}_{\bar{\theta}}[m_r(z_i) | \mathcal{F}] < C_r \quad (17)$$

161 where  $\mathcal{F}$  is the filtration of the total randomness and we denoted by  $\mathbb{E}_{\bar{\theta}}[\cdot]$  the expectation w.r.t. a  
162 Markov chain  $\{z_{i,m}\}_{m=1}^M$  with initial distribution  $\xi_i(\cdot; \bar{\theta})$ , transition kernel  $P_{i, \bar{\theta}}$ , and stationary  
163 distribution  $p_i(\cdot; \bar{\theta})$ . Besides, there exists a majorizing function  $m_{\text{gr}} : \mathbf{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and a constant  
164  $C_{\text{gr}} < \infty$  such that:

$$\sup_{M > 0} \frac{1}{\sqrt{M}} \left| \sum_{m=1}^M \left\{ \frac{\hat{\mathcal{L}}'_i(\theta, \theta - \bar{\theta}; \bar{\theta}) - r'_i(\theta, \theta - \bar{\theta}; \bar{\theta}, z_{i,m})}{\|\bar{\theta} - \theta\|} \right\} \right| < m_{\text{gr}}(z_i) \quad (18)$$

$$\mathbb{E}_{\bar{\theta}}[m_{\text{gr}}(z_i) | \mathcal{F}] < C_{\text{gr}}$$

165 **Some intuitions behind the controlling terms:** It is actually common in statistical and optimiza-  
166 tion problems, to deal with the manipulation and the control of random variables indexed by sets  
167 with an infinite number of elements. here, the random variable we control is an image of a continu-  
168 ous function noted  $v : \mathbf{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and defined as  $v(z) := r_i(\theta; \bar{\theta}, z_{i,m}) - \hat{\mathcal{L}}_i(\theta; \bar{\theta})$  for all  $z \in \mathbf{Z}$  and for  
169 fixed  $(\theta, \hat{\theta}) \in \Theta^2$ . To characterize such control, we will have recourse to the notion of metric entropy  
170 (or covering number of bracketing number) as developed in [Van der Vaart, 2000, Vershynin, 2018,  
171 Wainwright, 2019]. A collection of results from those books gives intuition behind our assumption  
172 H2, classical in empirical process:

173 In [Vershynin, 2018], the authors recall the uniform law of large numbers by stating that for  $(X_i, i \in$   
174  $\llbracket 1, M \rrbracket)$  random variables taking values in  $(0, 1)$ , we have:

$$\mathbb{E} \sup_{f \in \mathcal{F}} \left| \frac{1}{M} \sum_{i=1}^M f(X_i) - \mathbb{E} f(X) \right| \leq \frac{CL}{\sqrt{M}} \quad (19)$$

Moreover, in [Vershynin, 2018] and [Wainwright, 2019], the application of the Dudley's inequality yields:

$$\mathbb{E} \sup_f |X_f| = \mathbb{E} \sup_{f \in \mathcal{F}} |X_f - X_0| \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{M}} \int_0^1 \sqrt{\log \mathcal{N}(\mathcal{F}, \|\cdot\|_\infty, \varepsilon)} d\varepsilon \quad (20)$$

where  $\mathcal{N}(\mathcal{F}, \|\cdot\|_\infty, \varepsilon)$  is the bracketing number and  $\varepsilon$  denotes the level of approximation (the bracketing number goes to infinity when  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$ ). Finally, in [Van der Vaart, 2000], this bracketing number is upperbounded for a class of parametric function  $\mathcal{F} = f_\theta : \theta \in \Theta$  on a bounded set  $\Theta \subset \mathbb{R}$  as:

$$\mathcal{N}(\mathcal{F}, \|\cdot\|_\infty, \varepsilon) \leq K \left( \frac{\text{diam } \Theta}{\varepsilon} \right)^d, \quad \text{every } 0 < \varepsilon < \text{diam } \Theta \quad (21)$$

It is worth contrasting the exponential dependence of this metric entropy on the dimension  $d$ . The authors acknowledge that this is a dramatic manifestation of the curse of dimensionality happening when sampling is needed. Nevertheless, the dependence on the dimension highly depends on the class of functions  $\mathcal{F}$ , corresponding to the class of surrogate functions in our work, as smaller bounds on these controlling terms can be derived for simpler class, such as quadratic functions.

**Stationarity measure** As problem (1) is a constrained optimization, we consider the following stationarity measure:

$$g(\bar{\theta}) := \inf_{\theta \in \Theta} \frac{\mathcal{L}'(\bar{\theta}, \theta - \bar{\theta})}{\|\bar{\theta} - \theta\|} \quad \text{and} \quad g(\bar{\theta}) = g_+(\bar{\theta}) - g_-(\bar{\theta}), \quad (22)$$

where  $g_+(\bar{\theta}) := \max\{0, g(\bar{\theta})\}$ ,  $g_-(\bar{\theta}) := -\min\{0, g(\bar{\theta})\}$  denote the positive and negative part of  $g(\bar{\theta})$ , respectively. Note that  $\bar{\theta}$  is a stationary point if and only if  $g_-(\bar{\theta}) = 0$  [Fletcher et al., 2002].

Also, denote

$$\widehat{\mathcal{L}}^{(k)}(\theta) := \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \widehat{\mathcal{L}}_i(\theta; \theta^{(\tau_i^k)}), \quad \widehat{e}^{(k)}(\theta) := \widehat{\mathcal{L}}^{(k)}(\theta) - \mathcal{L}(\theta). \quad (23)$$

We first establish a non-asymptotic convergence rate for the MISSO method:

**Theorem 1.** *Under S1, S2, H1, H2. For any  $K_{\max} \in \mathbb{N}$ , let  $K$  be an independent discrete r.v. drawn uniformly from  $\{0, \dots, K_{\max} - 1\}$  and define the following quantity:*

$$\Delta_{(K_{\max})} := 2nL\mathbb{E}[\widehat{\mathcal{L}}^{(0)}(\theta^{(0)}) - \widehat{\mathcal{L}}^{(K_{\max})}(\theta^{(K_{\max})})] + \sum_{k=0}^{K_{\max}-1} \frac{4LC_r}{\sqrt{M_{(k)}}}, \quad (24)$$

Then we have following non-asymptotic bounds:

$$\mathbb{E}[\|\nabla \widehat{e}^{(K)}(\theta^{(K)})\|^2] \leq \frac{\Delta_{(K_{\max})}}{K_{\max}} \quad (25)$$

$$\mathbb{E}[g_-(\theta^{(K)})] \leq \sqrt{\frac{\Delta_{(K_{\max})}}{K_{\max}}} + \frac{C_{\text{gr}}}{K_{\max}} \sum_{k=0}^{K_{\max}-1} M_{(k)}^{-1/2}. \quad (26)$$

Note that  $\Delta_{(K_{\max})}$  is finite for any  $K_{\max} \in \mathbb{N}$ . As expected, the MISSO method converges to a stationary point of (1) asymptotically and at a sublinear rate  $\mathbb{E}[g_-(\theta^{(K)})] \leq \mathcal{O}(\sqrt{1/K_{\max}})$ .

Furthermore, we remark that the MISO method can be analyzed in Theorem 1 as a special case of the MISSO method satisfying  $C_r = C_{\text{gr}} = 0$ . In this case, while the asymptotic convergence is well known from [Mairal, 2015] [cf. H2], Eq. (25) gives a non-asymptotic rate of  $\mathbb{E}[g_-(\theta^{(K)})] \leq \mathcal{O}(\sqrt{nL/K_{\max}})$  which is new to our best knowledge.

Next, we show that under an additional assumption on the sequence of batch size  $M_{(k)}$ , the MISSO method converges almost surely to a stationary point:

**Theorem 2.** *Under S1, S2, H1, H2. In addition, assume that  $\{M_{(k)}\}_{k \geq 0}$  is a non-decreasing sequence of integers which satisfies  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} M_{(k)}^{-1/2} < \infty$ . Then:*



204 1. the negative part of the stationarity measure converges almost surely to zero,  
 205 i.e.,  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} g_-(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}) = 0$  a.s..

206 2. the objective value  $\mathcal{L}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)})$  converges almost surely to a finite number  $\underline{\mathcal{L}}$ ,  
 207 i.e.,  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \mathcal{L}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}) = \underline{\mathcal{L}}$  a.s..

208 In particular, the first result above shows that the sequence  $\{\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}\}_{k \geq 0}$  produced by the MISSO  
 209 method satisfies an *asymptotic stationary point condition*.

## 210 4 Numerical Experiments

### 211 4.1 Binary logistic regression with missing values

212 This application follows **Example 1** described in Section 2. We consider a binary regression setup,  
 213  $((y_i, z_i), i \in \llbracket n \rrbracket)$  where  $y_i \in \{0, 1\}$  is a binary response and  $z_i = (z_{i,j} \in \mathbb{R}, j \in \llbracket p \rrbracket)$  is a covariate  
 214 vector. The vector of covariates  $z_i = [z_{i,\text{mis}}, z_{i,\text{obs}}]$  is not fully observed where we denote by  $z_{i,\text{mis}}$   
 215 the missing values and  $z_{i,\text{obs}}$  the observed covariate. It is assumed that  $(z_i, i \in \llbracket n \rrbracket)$  are i.i.d. and  
 216 marginally distributed according to  $\mathcal{N}(\boldsymbol{\beta}, \boldsymbol{\Omega})$  where  $\boldsymbol{\beta} \in \mathbb{R}^p$  and  $\boldsymbol{\Omega}$  is a positive definite  $p \times p$  matrix.

217 We define the conditional distribution of the observations  $y_i$  given  $z_i = (z_{i,\text{mis}}, z_{i,\text{obs}})$  as:

$$p_i(y_i|z_i) = S(\boldsymbol{\delta}^\top \bar{z}_i)^{y_i} (1 - S(\boldsymbol{\delta}^\top \bar{z}_i))^{1-y_i} \quad (27)$$

218 where for  $u \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $S(u) = 1/(1 + e^{-u})$ ,  $\boldsymbol{\delta} = (\delta_0, \dots, \delta_p)$  are the logistic parameters and  $\bar{z}_i = (1, z_i)$ .  
 219 We are interested in estimating  $\boldsymbol{\delta}$  and finding the latent structure of the covariates  $z_i$ . Here,  $\boldsymbol{\theta} =$   
 220  $(\boldsymbol{\delta}, \boldsymbol{\beta}, \boldsymbol{\Omega})$  is the parameter to estimate. For  $i \in \llbracket n \rrbracket$ , the complete data log-likelihood is expressed  
 221 as:

$$\log f_i(z_{i,\text{mis}}, \boldsymbol{\theta}) \propto y_i \boldsymbol{\delta}^\top \bar{z}_i - \log(1 + \exp(\boldsymbol{\delta}^\top \bar{z}_i)) - \frac{1}{2} \log(|\boldsymbol{\Omega}|) + \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr}(\boldsymbol{\Omega}^{-1}(z_i - \boldsymbol{\beta})(z_i - \boldsymbol{\beta})^\top).$$

222 **Fitting a logistic regression model on the TraumaBase dataset** We apply the MISSO method  
 223 to fit a logistic regression model on the TraumaBase (<http://traumabase.eu>) dataset, which  
 224 consists of data collected from 15 trauma centers in France, covering measurements on patients from  
 225 the initial to last stage of trauma. Details on the surrogate functions and the parameters updates are  
 226 given in (84) and Appendix D.1.3.

227 Similar to [Jiang et al., 2018], we select  $p = 16$  influential quantitative measurements, described  
 228 in Appendix D.1.1, on  $n = 6384$  patients, and we adopt the logistic regression model with missing  
 229 covariates in (27) to predict the risk of a severe hemorrhage which is one of the main cause of  
 230 death after a major trauma. Note as the dataset considered is heterogeneous – coming from multiple  
 231 sources with frequently missed entries – we apply the latent data model described in the above.  
 232 For the Monte-Carlo sampling of  $z_{i,\text{mis}}$ , we run a Metropolis Hastings algorithm with the target  
 233 distribution  $p(\cdot|z_{i,\text{obs}}, y_i; \boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)})$  whose procedure is detailed in Appendix D.1.2.

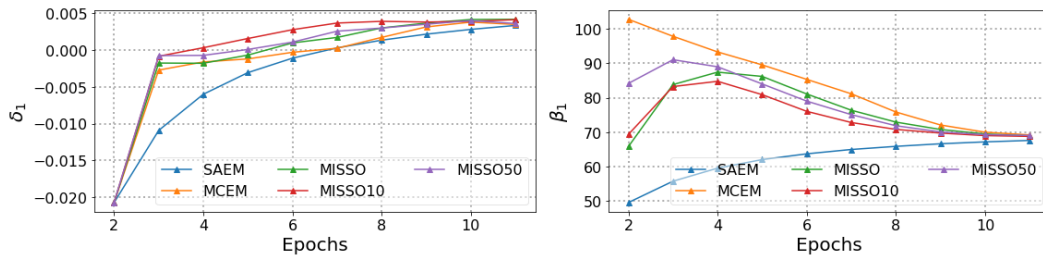


Figure 1: Convergence of first component of the vector of parameters  $\boldsymbol{\delta}$  and  $\boldsymbol{\beta}$  for the SAEM, the MCEM and the MISSO methods. The convergence is plotted against the number of passes over the data.

234 We compare in Figure 1 the convergence behavior of the estimated parameters  $\boldsymbol{\beta}$  using SAEM  
 235 [Delyon et al., 1999] (with stepsize  $\gamma_k = 1/k$ ), MCEM [Wei and Tanner, 1990] and the proposed

236 MISO method. For the MISO method, we set the batch size to  $M_{(k)} = 10 + k^2$  and we examine  
 237 with selecting different number of functions in Line 5 in the method – the default settings with  
 238 1 function (MISO), 10% (MISO10) and 50% (MISO50) of the functions per iteration. From  
 239 Figure 1, the MISO method converges to a static value with less number of epochs than the MCEM,  
 240 SAEM methods. It is worth noting that the difference among the MISO runs for different number  
 241 of selected functions demonstrates a variance-cost tradeoff.

## 242 4.2 Training Bayesian CNN using MISO

243 This application follows **Example 2** described in Section 2. We use variational inference and the  
 244 ELBO loss (13) to fit Bayesian Neural Networks on different datasets. At iteration  $k$ , minimizing  
 245 the sum of stochastic surrogates defined as in (6) and (16) yields the following MISO update —  
 246 **step (i)** pick a function index  $i_k$  uniformly on  $\llbracket n \rrbracket$ ; **step (ii)** sample a Monte Carlo batch  $\{z_m^{(k)}\}_{m=1}^{M_{(k)}}$   
 247 from  $\mathcal{N}(0, \mathbf{I})$ ; and **step (iii)** update the parameters as

$$\mu_\ell^{(k)} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \mu_\ell^{(\tau_i^k)} - \frac{\gamma}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \hat{\delta}_{\mu_\ell, i}^{(k)} \quad \text{and} \quad \sigma^{(k)} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma^{(\tau_i^k)} - \frac{\gamma}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \hat{\delta}_{\sigma, i}^{(k)}, \quad (28)$$

248 where  $\hat{\delta}_{\mu_\ell, i}^{(k)} = \hat{\delta}_{\mu_\ell, i}^{(k-1)}$  and  $\hat{\delta}_{\sigma, i}^{(k)} = \hat{\delta}_{\sigma, i}^{(k-1)}$  for  $i \neq i_k$  and:

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\delta}_{\mu_\ell, i_k}^{(k)} &= -\frac{1}{M_{(k)}} \sum_{m=1}^{M_{(k)}} \nabla_w \log p(y_{i_k} | x_{i_k}, w) \Big|_{w=t(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k-1)}, z_m^{(k)})} + \nabla_{\mu_\ell} d(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k-1)}), \\ \hat{\delta}_{\sigma, i_k}^{(k)} &= -\frac{1}{M_{(k)}} \sum_{m=1}^{M_{(k)}} z_m^{(k)} \nabla_w \log p(y_{i_k} | x_{i_k}, w) \Big|_{w=t(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k-1)}, z_m^{(k)})} + \nabla_\sigma d(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k-1)}) \end{aligned}$$

249 with  $d(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = n^{-1} \sum_{\ell=1}^d (-\log(\sigma) + (\sigma^2 + \mu_\ell^2)/2 - 1/2)$ .

250 **Bayesian LeNet-5 on MNIST [LeCun et al., 1998]:** We apply the MISO method to fit a  
 251 Bayesian variant of LeNet-5 [LeCun et al., 1998] (see Appendix D.2.1). We train this network  
 252 on the MNIST dataset [LeCun, 1998]. The training set is composed of  $n = 55\,000$  handwritten  
 253 digits,  $28 \times 28$  images. Each image is labelled with its corresponding number (from zero to nine).  
 254 Under the prior distribution  $\pi$ , see (11), the weights are assumed independent and identically dis-  
 255 tributed according to  $\mathcal{N}(0, 1)$ . We also assume that  $q(\cdot; \boldsymbol{\theta}) \equiv \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2 \mathbf{I})$ . The variational posterior  
 256 parameters are thus  $\boldsymbol{\theta} = (\mu, \sigma)$  where  $\mu = (\mu_\ell, \ell \in \llbracket d \rrbracket)$  where  $d$  is the number of weights in the  
 257 neural network. We use the re-parametrization as  $w = t(\boldsymbol{\theta}, z) = \mu + \sigma z$  with  $z \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \mathbf{I})$ .

258 We describe in Table 1 the architecture of the Convolutional Neural Network introduced in [LeCun  
 259 et al., 1998] and trained on MNIST:

layer type	width	stride	padding	input shape	nonlinearity
convolution ( $5 \times 5$ )	6	1	0	$1 \times 32 \times 32$	ReLU
max-pooling ( $2 \times 2$ )		2	0	$6 \times 28 \times 28$	
convolution ( $5 \times 5$ )	6	1	0	$1 \times 14 \times 14$	ReLU
max-pooling ( $2 \times 2$ )		2	0	$16 \times 10 \times 10$	
fully-connected	120			400	ReLU
fully-connected	84			120	ReLU
fully-connected	10			84	

Table 1: LeNet-5 architecture

260 **Bayesian ResNet-18 [He et al., 2016] on CIFAR-10 [Krizhevsky et al., 2012]:** We train  
 261 here the Bayesian variant of the ResNet-18 neural network (see Appendix D.2.2) introduced  
 262 in [He et al., 2016] on CIFAR-10. The latter dataset is composed of  $n = 60\,000$  handwrit-  
 263 ten digits,  $32 \times 32$  colour images in 10 classes, with 6000 images per class. As in the pre-  
 264 vious example, the weights are assumed independent and identically distributed according to  
 265  $\mathcal{N}(0, 1)$ . The source code used as a backbone here can be found in the TensorFlow Probability



266 Github repo ([https://github.com/tensorflow/probability/blob/master/tensorflow\\_](https://github.com/tensorflow/probability/blob/master/tensorflow_probability/examples/cifar10_bnn.py)  
267 [probability/examples/cifar10\\_bnn.py](https://github.com/tensorflow/probability/blob/master/tensorflow_probability/examples/cifar10_bnn.py)) where the default hyperparameters, as the L anneal-  
268 ing constant or the number of MC samples, were used for the benchmark methods. For better  
269 efficiency and lower variance, the Flipout estimator [Wen et al., 2018] is preferred than a simple  
270 reparametrization trick for ResNet-18.

271 We describe in Table 2 the architecture of the Resnet-18 we train on CIFAR-10:

layer type	Output Size	ResNet-18	nonlinearity
conv1	$112 \times 112 \times 64$	$7 \times 7, 64$ , stride 2	ReLU
conv2x	$56 \times 56 \times 64$	$\begin{pmatrix} 3 \times 3, 64 \\ 3 \times 3, 64 \end{pmatrix} \times 2$	ReLU
conv3x	$28 \times 28 \times 128$	$\begin{pmatrix} 3 \times 3, 128 \\ 3 \times 3, 128 \end{pmatrix} \times 2$	ReLU
conv4x	$14 \times 14 \times 256$	$\begin{pmatrix} 3 \times 3, 256 \\ 3 \times 3, 256 \end{pmatrix} \times 2$	ReLU
conv5x	$7 \times 7 \times 512$	$\begin{pmatrix} 3 \times 3, 512 \\ 3 \times 3, 512 \end{pmatrix} \times 2$	ReLU
average pool	$1 \times 1 \times 512$	$7 \times 7$ average pool	ReLU
fully connected	1000	$512 \times 1000$ fully connections	
softmax	1000		

Table 2: ResNet-18 architecture

272 **Experiment Results:** We compare the convergence of the *Monte Carlo variants* of the follow-  
273 ing state of the art optimization algorithms — the ADAM [Kingma and Ba, 2015], the Momentum  
274 [Sutskever et al., 2013] and the SAG [Schmidt et al., 2017] methods versus the *Bayes by Backprop*  
275 (BBB) [Blundell et al., 2015] and our proposed MISSO method. For all these methods, the loss func-  
276 tion (13) and its gradients were computed by Monte Carlo integration using Tensorflow Probability  
277 library [Dillon et al., 2017], based on the re-parametrization described above. Update rules for each  
278 algorithm are performed using their vanilla implementations on TensorFlow [Abadi et al., 2015] as  
279 detailed in Appendix D.2.3. We use the following hyperparameters for all runs — the learning rate  
280 is  $10^{-3}$ , we run 100 epochs with a mini-batch size of 128 and use the batchsize of  $M_{(k)} = k$ .

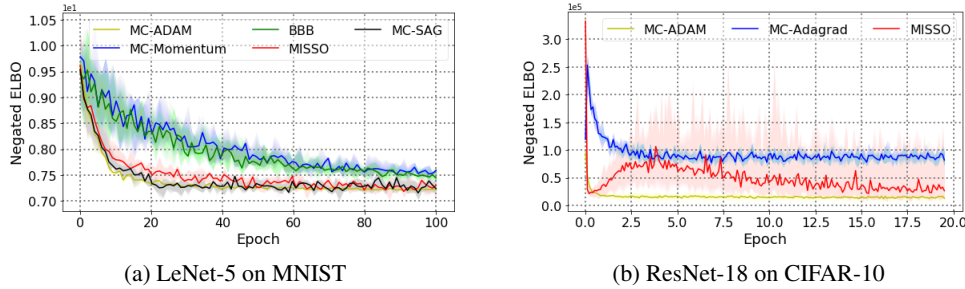


Figure 2: (a) Negated ELBO versus epochs elapsed for fitting the Bayesian LeNet-5 on MNIST using different algorithms. (b) ELBO versus epochs elapsed for fitting the Bayesian ResNet-18 on CIFAR-10 using different algorithms. The solid curve is obtained from averaging over 5 independent runs of the methods, and the shaded area represents the standard deviation.

281 Figure 2(a) shows the convergence of the negated evidence lower bound against the number of passes  
282 over data (one pass represents an epoch). As observed, the proposed MISSO method outperforms  
283 *Bayes by Backprop* and Momentum, while similar convergence rates are observed with the MISSO,  
284 ADAM and SAG methods for our experiment on MNIST dataset using a Bayesian variant of LeNet-  
285 5. On the other hand, the experiment conducted on CIFAR-10 (Figure 2(b)) using a much larger  
286 network, *i.e.*, a Bayesian variant of ResNet-18 (see Table 2) showcases the need of a well-tuned  
287 adaptive methods to reach better training loss (and also faster). Our MISSO method is similar to

288 the Monte Carlo variant of ADAM but slower than built-in TF optimizer Adagrad. Recall that the  
289 purpose of this paper is to provide a common class of optimizers, such as VI, in order to study their  
290 convergence behaviors, and not to introduce a novel method outperforming the baselines methods.  
291 Figure 2(b) also highlights high variance of the MISSO estimator which would then benefit from  
292 variance reduction methods, being for now just an incremental one. We leave that research direction  
293 open for the sake of clarity of our paper.

## 294 5 Conclusion

295 We present a unifying framework for minimizing a non-convex finite-sum objective function using  
296 incremental surrogates when the latter functions are expressed as an expectation and are intractable.  
297 Our approach covers a large class of non-convex applications in machine learning such as logistic  
298 regression with missing values and variational inference. We provide both finite-time and asymptotic  
299 guarantees of our incremental stochastic surrogate optimization technique and illustrate our findings  
300 training a binary logistic regression with missing covariates to predict hemorrhagic shock and a  
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## 389 A Proof of Theorem 1

390 **Theorem.** Under S1, S2, H1, H2. For any  $K_{\max} \in \mathbb{N}$ , let  $K$  be an independent discrete r.v. drawn  
 391 uniformly from  $\{0, \dots, K_{\max} - 1\}$  and define the following quantity:

$$\Delta_{(K_{\max})} := 2nL\mathbb{E}[\tilde{\mathcal{L}}^{(0)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(0)}) - \tilde{\mathcal{L}}^{(K_{\max})}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(K_{\max})})] + \sum_{k=0}^{K_{\max}-1} \frac{4LC_r}{\sqrt{M_{(k)}}},$$

392 Then we have following non-asymptotic bounds:

$$\mathbb{E}[\|\nabla \hat{e}^{(K)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(K)})\|^2] \leq \frac{\Delta_{(K_{\max})}}{K_{\max}}, \quad \mathbb{E}[g_{-}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(K)})] \leq \sqrt{\frac{\Delta_{(K_{\max})}}{K_{\max}}} + \frac{C_{\text{gr}}}{K_{\max}} \sum_{k=0}^{K_{\max}-1} M_{(k)}^{-1/2}.$$

393 **Proof** We begin by recalling the definition

$$\tilde{\mathcal{L}}^{(k)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) := \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \tilde{\mathcal{A}}_i^k(\boldsymbol{\theta}). \quad (29)$$

394 Notice that

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\mathcal{L}}^{(k+1)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \tilde{\mathcal{L}}_i(\boldsymbol{\theta}; \boldsymbol{\theta}^{(\tau_i^{k+1})}, \{z_{i,m}^{(\tau_i^{k+1})}\}_{m=1}^{M_{(\tau_i^{k+1})}}) \\ &= \tilde{\mathcal{L}}^{(k)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) + \frac{1}{n} (\tilde{\mathcal{L}}_{i_k}(\boldsymbol{\theta}; \boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}, \{z_{i_k,m}^{(k)}\}_{m=1}^{M_{(k)}}) - \tilde{\mathcal{L}}_{i_k}(\boldsymbol{\theta}; \boldsymbol{\theta}^{(\tau_{i_k}^k)}, \{z_{i_k,m}^{(\tau_{i_k}^k)}\}_{m=1}^{M_{(\tau_{i_k}^k)}})). \end{aligned} \quad (30)$$

395 Furthermore, we recall that

$$\hat{\mathcal{L}}^{(k)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) := \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \hat{\mathcal{L}}_i(\boldsymbol{\theta}; \boldsymbol{\theta}^{(\tau_i^k)}), \quad \hat{e}^{(k)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) := \hat{\mathcal{L}}^{(k)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) - \mathcal{L}(\boldsymbol{\theta}). \quad (31)$$

396 Due to S2, we have

$$\|\nabla \hat{e}^{(k)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)})\|^2 \leq 2L\hat{e}^{(k)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}). \quad (32)$$

397 To prove the first bound in (25), using the optimality of  $\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k+1)}$ , one has

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\mathcal{L}}^{(k+1)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k+1)}) &\leq \tilde{\mathcal{L}}^{(k+1)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}) \\ &= \tilde{\mathcal{L}}^{(k)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}) + \frac{1}{n} (\tilde{\mathcal{L}}_{i_k}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}; \boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}, \{z_{i_k,m}^{(k)}\}_{m=1}^{M_{(k)}}) - \tilde{\mathcal{L}}_{i_k}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}; \boldsymbol{\theta}^{(\tau_{i_k}^k)}, \{z_{i_k,m}^{(\tau_{i_k}^k)}\}_{m=1}^{M_{(\tau_{i_k}^k)}})) \end{aligned} \quad (33)$$

398 Let  $\mathcal{F}_k$  be the filtration of random variables up to iteration  $k$ , i.e.,  $\{i_{\ell-1}, \{z_{i_{\ell-1},m}^{(\ell-1)}\}_{m=1}^{M_{(\ell-1)}}, \boldsymbol{\theta}^{(\ell)}\}_{\ell=1}^k$ .

399 We observe that the conditional expectation evaluates to

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}_{i_k} [\mathbb{E}[\tilde{\mathcal{L}}_{i_k}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}; \boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}, \{z_{i_k,m}^{(k)}\}_{m=1}^{M_{(k)}}) | \mathcal{F}_k, i_k] | \mathcal{F}_k] \\ = \mathcal{L}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}) + \mathbb{E}_{i_k} [\mathbb{E}[\frac{1}{M_{(k)}} \sum_{m=1}^{M_{(k)}} r_{i_k}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}; \boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}, z_{i_k,m}^{(k)}) - \hat{\mathcal{L}}_{i_k}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}; \boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}) | \mathcal{F}_k, i_k] | \mathcal{F}_k] \\ \leq \mathcal{L}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}) + \frac{C_r}{\sqrt{M_{(k)}}}, \end{aligned} \quad (34)$$

400 where the last inequality is due to H2. Moreover,

$$\mathbb{E}[\tilde{\mathcal{L}}_{i_k}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}; \boldsymbol{\theta}^{(\tau_{i_k}^k)}, \{z_{i_k,m}^{(\tau_{i_k}^k)}\}_{m=1}^{M_{(\tau_{i_k}^k)}}) | \mathcal{F}_k] = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \tilde{\mathcal{L}}_i(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}; \boldsymbol{\theta}^{(\tau_i^k)}, \{z_{i,m}^{(\tau_i^k)}\}_{m=1}^{M_{(\tau_i^k)}}) = \tilde{\mathcal{L}}^{(k)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}). \quad (35)$$

401 Taking the conditional expectations on both sides of (33) and re-arranging terms give:

$$\tilde{\mathcal{L}}^{(k)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}) - \mathcal{L}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}) \leq n\mathbb{E}[\tilde{\mathcal{L}}^{(k)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}) - \tilde{\mathcal{L}}^{(k+1)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k+1)}) | \mathcal{F}_k] + \frac{C_r}{\sqrt{M_{(k)}}} \quad (36)$$

402 Proceeding from (36), we observe the following lower bound for the left hand side

$$\begin{aligned}
& \tilde{\mathcal{L}}^{(k)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}) - \mathcal{L}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}) \stackrel{(a)}{=} \tilde{\mathcal{L}}^{(k)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}) - \hat{\mathcal{L}}^{(k)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}) + \hat{\mathcal{L}}^{(k)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}) \\
& \stackrel{(b)}{\geq} \tilde{\mathcal{L}}^{(k)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}) - \hat{\mathcal{L}}^{(k)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}) + \frac{1}{2L} \|\nabla \hat{\mathcal{L}}^{(k)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)})\|^2 \\
& = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \left\{ \frac{1}{M_{(\tau_i^k)}} \sum_{m=1}^{M_{(\tau_i^k)}} r_i(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}; \boldsymbol{\theta}^{(\tau_i^k)}, z_{i,m}^{(\tau_i^k)}) - \hat{\mathcal{L}}_i(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}; \boldsymbol{\theta}^{(\tau_i^k)}) \right\} + \frac{1}{2L} \|\nabla \hat{\mathcal{L}}^{(k)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)})\|^2 \\
& \quad \underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{:= -\delta^{(k)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)})}
\end{aligned} \tag{37}$$

403 where (a) is due to  $\hat{\mathcal{L}}^{(k)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}) = 0$  [cf. S1], (b) is due to (32) and we have defined the summation in  
404 the last equality as  $-\delta^{(k)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)})$ . Substituting the above into (36) yields

$$\frac{\|\nabla \hat{\mathcal{L}}^{(k)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)})\|^2}{2L} \leq n \mathbb{E}[\tilde{\mathcal{L}}^{(k)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}) - \tilde{\mathcal{L}}^{(k+1)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k+1)}) | \mathcal{F}_k] + \frac{C_r}{\sqrt{M_{(k)}}} + \delta^{(k)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}) \tag{38}$$

405 Observe the following upper bound on the total expectations:

$$\mathbb{E}[\delta^{(k)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)})] \leq \mathbb{E}\left[\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{C_r}{\sqrt{M_{(\tau_i^k)}}}\right], \tag{39}$$

406 which is due to H2. It yields

$$\mathbb{E}[\|\nabla \hat{\mathcal{L}}^{(k)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)})\|^2] \leq 2nL \mathbb{E}[\tilde{\mathcal{L}}^{(k)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}) - \tilde{\mathcal{L}}^{(k+1)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k+1)})] + \frac{2LC_r}{\sqrt{M_{(k)}}} + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{E}\left[\frac{2LC_r}{\sqrt{M_{(\tau_i^k)}}}\right]$$

407 Finally, for any  $K_{\max} \in \mathbb{N}$ , we let  $K$  be a discrete r.v. that is uniformly drawn from  $\{0, 1, \dots, K_{\max} -$   
408  $1\}$ . Using H2 and taking total expectations lead to

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbb{E}[\|\nabla \hat{\mathcal{L}}^{(K)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(K)})\|^2] &= \frac{1}{K_{\max}} \sum_{k=0}^{K_{\max}-1} \mathbb{E}[\|\nabla \hat{\mathcal{L}}^{(k)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)})\|^2] \\
&\leq \frac{2nL \mathbb{E}[\tilde{\mathcal{L}}^{(0)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(0)}) - \tilde{\mathcal{L}}^{(K_{\max})}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(K_{\max})})]}{K_{\max}} + \frac{2LC_r}{K_{\max}} \sum_{k=0}^{K_{\max}-1} \mathbb{E}\left[\frac{1}{\sqrt{M_{(k)}}} + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{\sqrt{M_{(\tau_i^k)}}}\right]
\end{aligned} \tag{40}$$

409 For all  $i \in [1, n]$ , the index  $i$  is selected with a probability equal to  $\frac{1}{n}$  when conditioned indepen-  
410 dently on the past. We observe:

$$\mathbb{E}[M_{(\tau_i^k)}^{-1/2}] = \sum_{j=1}^k \frac{1}{n} \left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right)^{j-1} M_{(k-j)}^{-1/2} \tag{41}$$

411 Taking the sum yields:

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{k=0}^{K_{\max}-1} \mathbb{E}[M_{(\tau_i^k)}^{-1/2}] &= \sum_{k=0}^{K_{\max}-1} \sum_{j=1}^k \frac{1}{n} \left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right)^{j-1} M_{(k-j)}^{-1/2} = \sum_{k=0}^{K_{\max}-1} \sum_{l=0}^{k-1} \frac{1}{n} \left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right)^{k-(l+1)} M_{(l)}^{-1/2} \\
&= \sum_{l=0}^{K_{\max}-1} M_{(l)}^{-1/2} \sum_{k=l+1}^{K_{\max}-1} \frac{1}{n} \left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right)^{k-(l+1)} \leq \sum_{l=0}^{K_{\max}-1} M_{(l)}^{-1/2}
\end{aligned} \tag{42}$$

412 where the last inequality is due to upper bounding the geometric series. Plugging this back into (40)  
413 yields

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbb{E}[\|\nabla \hat{\mathcal{L}}^{(K)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(K)})\|^2] &= \frac{1}{K_{\max}} \sum_{k=0}^{K_{\max}-1} \mathbb{E}[\|\nabla \hat{\mathcal{L}}^{(k)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)})\|^2] \\
&\leq \frac{2nL \mathbb{E}[\tilde{\mathcal{L}}^{(0)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(0)}) - \tilde{\mathcal{L}}^{(K_{\max})}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(K_{\max})})]}{K_{\max}} + \frac{1}{K_{\max}} \sum_{k=0}^{K_{\max}-1} \frac{4LC_r}{\sqrt{M_{(k)}}} = \frac{\Delta_{(K_{\max})}}{K_{\max}}.
\end{aligned} \tag{43}$$



414 This concludes our proof for the first inequality in (25).

415 To prove the second inequality of (25), we define the shorthand notations  $g^{(k)} := g(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)})$ ,  $g_-^{(k)} :=$   
 416  $-\min\{0, g^{(k)}\}$ ,  $g_+^{(k)} := \max\{0, g^{(k)}\}$ . We observe that

$$\begin{aligned} g^{(k)} &= \inf_{\boldsymbol{\theta} \in \Theta} \frac{\mathcal{L}'(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}, \boldsymbol{\theta} - \boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)})}{\|\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)} - \boldsymbol{\theta}\|} \\ &= \inf_{\boldsymbol{\theta} \in \Theta} \left\{ \frac{\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \widehat{\mathcal{L}}'_i(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}, \boldsymbol{\theta} - \boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}; \boldsymbol{\theta}^{(\tau_i^k)})}{\|\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)} - \boldsymbol{\theta}\|} - \frac{\langle \nabla \widehat{e}^{(k)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}) | \boldsymbol{\theta} - \boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)} \rangle}{\|\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)} - \boldsymbol{\theta}\|} \right\} \\ &\geq -\|\nabla \widehat{e}^{(k)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)})\| + \inf_{\boldsymbol{\theta} \in \Theta} \frac{\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \widehat{\mathcal{L}}'_i(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}, \boldsymbol{\theta} - \boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}; \boldsymbol{\theta}^{(\tau_i^k)})}{\|\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)} - \boldsymbol{\theta}\|} \end{aligned} \quad (44)$$

417 where the last inequality is due to the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality and we have defined  
 418  $\widehat{\mathcal{L}}'_i(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \boldsymbol{d}; \boldsymbol{\theta}^{(\tau_i^k)})$  as the directional derivative of  $\widehat{\mathcal{L}}_i(\cdot; \boldsymbol{\theta}^{(\tau_i^k)})$  at  $\boldsymbol{\theta}$  along the direction  $\boldsymbol{d}$ . Moreover,  
 419 for any  $\boldsymbol{\theta} \in \Theta$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \widehat{\mathcal{L}}'_i(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}, \boldsymbol{\theta} - \boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}; \boldsymbol{\theta}^{(\tau_i^k)}) \\ &= \underbrace{\widetilde{\mathcal{L}}^{(k)'}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}, \boldsymbol{\theta} - \boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}) - \widetilde{\mathcal{L}}^{(k)'}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}, \boldsymbol{\theta} - \boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)})}_{\geq 0} + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \widehat{\mathcal{L}}'_i(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}, \boldsymbol{\theta} - \boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}; \boldsymbol{\theta}^{(\tau_i^k)}) \\ &\geq \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \left\{ \widehat{\mathcal{L}}'_i(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}, \boldsymbol{\theta} - \boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}; \boldsymbol{\theta}^{(\tau_i^k)}) - \frac{1}{M_{(\tau_i^k)}} \sum_{m=1}^{M_{(\tau_i^k)}} r'_i(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}, \boldsymbol{\theta} - \boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}; \boldsymbol{\theta}^{(\tau_i^k)}, z_{i,m}^{(\tau_i^k)}) \right\} \end{aligned} \quad (45)$$

420 where the inequality is due to the optimality of  $\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}$  and the convexity of  $\widetilde{\mathcal{L}}^{(k)}(\boldsymbol{\theta})$  [cf. H1]. Denoting  
 421 a scaled version of the above term as:

$$\epsilon^{(k)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) := \frac{\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \left\{ \frac{1}{M_{(\tau_i^k)}} \sum_{m=1}^{M_{(\tau_i^k)}} r'_i(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}, \boldsymbol{\theta} - \boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}; \boldsymbol{\theta}^{(\tau_i^k)}, z_{i,m}^{(\tau_i^k)}) - \widehat{\mathcal{L}}'_i(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}, \boldsymbol{\theta} - \boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}; \boldsymbol{\theta}^{(\tau_i^k)}) \right\}}{\|\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)} - \boldsymbol{\theta}\|}.$$

422 We have

$$g^{(k)} \geq -\|\nabla \widehat{e}^{(k)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)})\| + \inf_{\boldsymbol{\theta} \in \Theta} (-\epsilon^{(k)}(\boldsymbol{\theta})) \geq -\|\nabla \widehat{e}^{(k)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)})\| - \sup_{\boldsymbol{\theta} \in \Theta} |\epsilon^{(k)}(\boldsymbol{\theta})|. \quad (46)$$

423 Since  $g^{(k)} = g_+^{(k)} - g_-^{(k)}$  and  $g_+^{(k)} g_-^{(k)} = 0$ , this implies

$$g_-^{(k)} \leq \|\nabla \widehat{e}^{(k)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)})\| + \sup_{\boldsymbol{\theta} \in \Theta} |\epsilon^{(k)}(\boldsymbol{\theta})|. \quad (47)$$

424 Consider the above inequality when  $k = K$ , i.e., the random index, and taking total expectations on  
 425 both sides gives

$$\mathbb{E}[g_-^{(K)}] \leq \mathbb{E}[\|\nabla \widehat{e}^{(K)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(K)})\|] + \mathbb{E}[\sup_{\boldsymbol{\theta} \in \Theta} \epsilon^{(K)}(\boldsymbol{\theta})] \quad (48)$$

426 We note that

$$\left( \mathbb{E}[\|\nabla \widehat{e}^{(K)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(K)})\|] \right)^2 \leq \mathbb{E}[\|\nabla \widehat{e}^{(K)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(K)})\|^2] \leq \frac{\Delta(K_{\max})}{K_{\max}}, \quad (49)$$

427 where the first inequality is due to the convexity of  $(\cdot)^2$  and the Jensen's inequality, and

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[\sup_{\boldsymbol{\theta} \in \Theta} \epsilon^{(K)}(\boldsymbol{\theta})] &= \frac{1}{K_{\max}} \sum_{k=0}^{K_{\max}} \mathbb{E}[\sup_{\boldsymbol{\theta} \in \Theta} \epsilon^{(k)}(\boldsymbol{\theta})] \stackrel{(a)}{\leq} \frac{C_{\text{gr}}}{K_{\max}} \sum_{k=0}^{K_{\max}-1} \mathbb{E}\left[\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n M_{(\tau_i^k)}^{-1/2}\right] \\ &\stackrel{(b)}{\leq} \frac{C_{\text{gr}}}{K_{\max}} \sum_{k=0}^{K_{\max}-1} M_{(k)}^{-1/2} \end{aligned} \quad (50)$$

428 where (a) is due to H2 and (b) is due to (42). This implies

$$\mathbb{E}[g_-^{(K)}] \leq \sqrt{\frac{\Delta(K_{\max})}{K_{\max}}} + \frac{C_{\text{gr}}}{K_{\max}} \sum_{k=0}^{K_{\max}-1} M_{(k)}^{-1/2}, \quad (51)$$

429 and concludes the proof of the theorem.  $\square$

## B Proof of Theorem 2

**Theorem.** Under S1, S2, H1, H2. In addition, assume that  $\{M_{(k)}\}_{k \geq 0}$  is a non-decreasing sequence of integers which satisfies  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} M_{(k)}^{-1/2} < \infty$ . Then:

1. the negative part of the stationarity measure converges almost surely to zero, i.e.,  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} g_{-}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}) = 0$  a.s..
2. the objective value  $\mathcal{L}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)})$  converges almost surely to a finite number  $\underline{\mathcal{L}}$ , i.e.,  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \mathcal{L}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}) = \underline{\mathcal{L}}$  a.s..

**Proof** We apply the following auxiliary lemma which proof can be found in Appendix C for the readability of the current proof:

**Lemma 1.** Let  $(V_k)_{k \geq 0}$  be a non negative sequence of random variables such that  $\mathbb{E}[V_0] < \infty$ . Let  $(X_k)_{k \geq 0}$  a non negative sequence of random variables and  $(E_k)_{k \geq 0}$  be a sequence of random variables such that  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \mathbb{E}[|E_k|] < \infty$ . If for any  $k \geq 1$ :

$$V_k \leq V_{k-1} - X_{k-1} + E_{k-1} \quad (52)$$

then:

(i) for all  $k \geq 0$ ,  $\mathbb{E}[V_k] < \infty$  and the sequence  $(V_k)_{k \geq 0}$  converges a.s. to a finite limit  $V_{\infty}$ .

(ii) the sequence  $(\mathbb{E}[V_k])_{k \geq 0}$  converges and  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{E}[V_k] = \mathbb{E}[V_{\infty}]$ .

(iii) the series  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} X_k$  converges almost surely and  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \mathbb{E}[X_k] < \infty$ .

We proceed from (33) by re-arranging terms and observing that

$$\begin{aligned} \widehat{\mathcal{L}}^{(k+1)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k+1)}) &\leq \widehat{\mathcal{L}}^{(k)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}) - \frac{1}{n} (\widehat{\mathcal{L}}_{i_k}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}; \boldsymbol{\theta}^{(\tau_{i_k}^k)}) - \widehat{\mathcal{L}}_{i_k}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}; \boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)})) \\ &\quad - (\widetilde{\mathcal{L}}^{(k+1)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k+1)}) - \widehat{\mathcal{L}}^{(k+1)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k+1)})) + (\widetilde{\mathcal{L}}^{(k)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}) - \widehat{\mathcal{L}}^{(k)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)})) \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{n} (\widetilde{\mathcal{L}}_{i_k}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}; \boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}, \{z_{i_k, m}^{(k)}\}_{m=1}^{M_{(k)}}) - \widehat{\mathcal{L}}_{i_k}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}; \boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)})) \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{n} (\widehat{\mathcal{L}}_{i_k}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}; \boldsymbol{\theta}^{(\tau_{i_k}^k)}) - \widetilde{\mathcal{L}}_{i_k}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}; \boldsymbol{\theta}^{(\tau_{i_k}^k)}, \{z_{i_k, m}^{(\tau_{i_k}^k)}\}_{m=1}^{M_{(\tau_{i_k}^k)}})) \end{aligned} \quad (53)$$

Our idea is to apply Lemma 1. Under S1, the finite sum of surrogate functions  $\widehat{\mathcal{L}}^{(k)}(\boldsymbol{\theta})$ , defined in (23), is lower bounded by a constant  $c_k > -\infty$  for any  $\boldsymbol{\theta}$ . To this end, we observe that

$$V_k := \widehat{\mathcal{L}}^{(k)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}) - \inf_{k \geq 0} c_k \geq 0 \quad (54)$$

is a non-negative random variable.

Secondly, under H1, the following random variable is non-negative

$$X_k := \frac{1}{n} (\widehat{\mathcal{L}}_{i_k}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(\tau_{i_k}^k)}; \boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}) - \widehat{\mathcal{L}}_{i_k}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}; \boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)})) \geq 0. \quad (55)$$

Thirdly, we define

$$\begin{aligned} E_k &= -(\widetilde{\mathcal{L}}^{(k+1)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k+1)}) - \widehat{\mathcal{L}}^{(k+1)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k+1)})) + (\widetilde{\mathcal{L}}^{(k)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}) - \widehat{\mathcal{L}}^{(k)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)})) \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{n} (\widetilde{\mathcal{L}}_{i_k}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}; \boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}, \{z_{i_k, m}^{(k)}\}_{m=1}^{M_{(k)}}) - \widehat{\mathcal{L}}_{i_k}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}; \boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)})) \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{n} (\widehat{\mathcal{L}}_{i_k}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}; \boldsymbol{\theta}^{(\tau_{i_k}^k)}) - \widetilde{\mathcal{L}}_{i_k}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}; \boldsymbol{\theta}^{(\tau_{i_k}^k)}, \{z_{i_k, m}^{(\tau_{i_k}^k)}\}_{m=1}^{M_{(\tau_{i_k}^k)}})). \end{aligned} \quad (56)$$

Note that from the definitions (54), (55), (56), we have  $V_{k+1} \leq V_k - X_k + E_k$  for any  $k \geq 1$ .

Under H2, we observe that

$$\mathbb{E}[|\widetilde{\mathcal{L}}_{i_k}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}; \boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}, \{z_{i_k, m}^{(k)}\}_{m=1}^{M_{(k)}}) - \widehat{\mathcal{L}}_{i_k}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}; \boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)})|] \leq C_r M_{(k)}^{-1/2} \quad (57)$$

$$\mathbb{E}\left[\left|\widehat{\mathcal{L}}_{i_k}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}; \boldsymbol{\theta}^{(\tau_{i_k}^k)}) - \widetilde{\mathcal{L}}_{i_k}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}; \boldsymbol{\theta}^{(\tau_{i_k}^k)}, \{z_{i_k, m}^{(\tau_{i_k}^k)}\}_{m=1}^{M_{(\tau_{i_k}^k)}})\right|\right] \leq C_r \mathbb{E}\left[M_{(\tau_{i_k}^k)}^{-1/2}\right] \quad (58)$$

$$\mathbb{E}\left[|\widetilde{\mathcal{L}}^{(k)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}) - \widehat{\mathcal{L}}^{(k)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)})|\right] \leq \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n C_r \mathbb{E}\left[M_{(\tau_i^k)}^{-1/2}\right] \quad (59)$$

Therefore,

$$\mathbb{E}[|E_k|] \leq \frac{C_r}{n} \left( M_{(k)}^{-1/2} + \mathbb{E}\left[M_{(\tau_{i_k}^k)}^{-1/2} + \sum_{i=1}^n \{M_{(\tau_i^k)}^{-1/2} + M_{(\tau_{i+1}^k)}^{-1/2}\}\right] \right) \quad (60)$$

Using (42) and the assumption on the sequence  $\{M_{(k)}\}_{k \geq 0}$ , we obtain that

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \mathbb{E}[|E_k|] < \frac{C_r}{n} (2 + 2n) \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} M_{(k)}^{-1/2} < \infty. \quad (61)$$

Therefore, the conclusions in Lemma 1 hold. Precisely, we have  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} X_k < \infty$  and  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \mathbb{E}[X_k] < \infty$  almost surely. Note that this implies

$$\begin{aligned} \infty &> \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \mathbb{E}[X_k] = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \mathbb{E}[\widehat{\mathcal{L}}_{i_k}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}; \boldsymbol{\theta}^{(\tau_{i_k}^k)}) - \widehat{\mathcal{L}}_{i_k}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}; \boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)})] \\ &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \mathbb{E}[\widehat{\mathcal{L}}^{(k)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}) - \mathcal{L}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)})] = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \mathbb{E}[\widehat{e}^{(k)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)})] \end{aligned} \quad (62)$$

Since  $\widehat{e}^{(k)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}) \geq 0$ , the above implies

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \widehat{e}^{(k)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}) = 0 \quad \text{a.s.} \quad (63)$$

and subsequently applying (32), we have  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \|\widehat{e}^{(k)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)})\| = 0$  almost surely. Finally, it follows from (32) and (47) that

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} g_-^{(k)} \leq \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt{2L} \sqrt{\widehat{e}^{(k)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)})} + \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \sup_{\boldsymbol{\theta} \in \Theta} |\epsilon^{(k)}(\boldsymbol{\theta})| = 0, \quad (64)$$

where the last equality holds almost surely due to the fact that  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \mathbb{E}[\sup_{\boldsymbol{\theta} \in \Theta} |\epsilon^{(k)}(\boldsymbol{\theta})|] < \infty$ . This concludes the asymptotic convergence of the MISSO method.

Finally, we prove that  $\mathcal{L}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)})$  converges almost surely. As a consequence of Lemma 1, it is clear that  $\{V_k\}_{k \geq 0}$  converges almost surely and so is  $\{\widehat{\mathcal{L}}^{(k)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)})\}_{k \geq 0}$ , i.e., we have  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \widehat{\mathcal{L}}^{(k)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}) = \underline{\mathcal{L}}$ . Applying (63) implies that

$$\underline{\mathcal{L}} = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \widehat{\mathcal{L}}^{(k)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}) = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \mathcal{L}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}) \quad \text{a.s.} \quad (65)$$

This shows that  $\mathcal{L}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)})$  converges almost surely to  $\underline{\mathcal{L}}$ .  $\square$

## C Proof of Lemma 1

**Lemma.** Let  $(V_k)_{k \geq 0}$  be a non negative sequence of random variables such that  $\mathbb{E}[V_0] < \infty$ . Let  $(X_k)_{k \geq 0}$  a non negative sequence of random variables and  $(E_k)_{k \geq 0}$  be a sequence of random variables such that  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \mathbb{E}[|E_k|] < \infty$ . If for any  $k \geq 1$ :

$$V_k \leq V_{k-1} - X_{k-1} + E_{k-1}$$

then:

- (i) for all  $k \geq 0$ ,  $\mathbb{E}[V_k] < \infty$  and the sequence  $(V_k)_{k \geq 0}$  converges a.s. to a finite limit  $V_{\infty}$ .
- (ii) the sequence  $(\mathbb{E}[V_k])_{k \geq 0}$  converges and  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{E}[V_k] = \mathbb{E}[V_{\infty}]$ .
- (iii) the series  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} X_k$  converges almost surely and  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \mathbb{E}[X_k] < \infty$ .

477 **Proof** We first show that for all  $k \geq 0$ ,  $\mathbb{E}[V_k] < \infty$ . Note indeed that:

$$0 \leq V_k \leq V_0 - \sum_{j=1}^k X_j + \sum_{j=1}^k E_j \leq V_0 + \sum_{j=1}^k E_j \quad (66)$$

478 showing that  $\mathbb{E}[V_k] \leq \mathbb{E}[V_0] + \mathbb{E}\left[\sum_{j=1}^k E_j\right] < \infty$ .

479 Since  $0 \leq X_k \leq V_{k-1} - V_k + E_k$  we also obtain for all  $k \geq 0$ ,  $\mathbb{E}[X_k] < \infty$ . Moreover, since  
 480  $\mathbb{E}\left[\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} |E_j|\right] < \infty$ , the series  $\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} E_j$  converges a.s. We may therefore define:

$$W_k = V_k + \sum_{j=k+1}^{\infty} E_j \quad (67)$$

481 Note that  $\mathbb{E}[|W_k|] \leq \mathbb{E}[V_k] + \mathbb{E}\left[\sum_{j=k+1}^{\infty} |E_j|\right] < \infty$ . For all  $k \geq 1$ , we get:

$$\begin{aligned} W_k &\leq V_{k-1} - X_k + \sum_{j=k}^{\infty} E_j \leq W_{k-1} - X_k \leq W_{k-1} \\ \mathbb{E}[W_k] &\leq \mathbb{E}[W_{k-1}] - \mathbb{E}[X_k] \end{aligned} \quad (68)$$

482 Hence the sequences  $(W_k)_{k \geq 0}$  and  $(\mathbb{E}[W_k])_{k \geq 0}$  are non increasing. Since for all  $k \geq 0$ ,  $W_k \geq$   
 483  $-\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} |E_j| > -\infty$  and  $\mathbb{E}[W_k] \geq -\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{E}[|E_j|] > -\infty$ , the (random) sequence  $(W_k)_{k \geq 0}$   
 484 converges a.s. to a limit  $W_{\infty}$  and the (deterministic) sequence  $(\mathbb{E}[W_k])_{k \geq 0}$  converges to a limit  $w_{\infty}$ .  
 485 Since  $|W_k| \leq V_0 + \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} |E_j|$ , the Fatou lemma implies that:

$$\mathbb{E}[\liminf_{k \rightarrow \infty} |W_k|] = \mathbb{E}[|W_{\infty}|] \leq \liminf_{k \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{E}[|W_k|] \leq \mathbb{E}[V_0] + \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{E}[|E_j|] < \infty \quad (69)$$

486 showing that the random variable  $W_{\infty}$  is integrable.

487 In the sequel, set  $U_k \triangleq W_0 - W_k$ . By construction we have for all  $k \geq 0$ ,  $U_k \geq 0$ ,  $U_k \leq U_{k+1}$  and  
 488  $\mathbb{E}[U_k] \leq \mathbb{E}[|W_0|] + \mathbb{E}[|W_k|] < \infty$  and by the monotone convergence theorem, we get:

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{E}[U_k] = \mathbb{E}\left[\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} U_k\right] \quad (70)$$

489 Finally, we have:

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{E}[U_k] = \mathbb{E}[W_0] - w_{\infty} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbb{E}\left[\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} U_k\right] = \mathbb{E}[W_0] - \mathbb{E}[W_{\infty}] \quad (71)$$

490 showing that  $\mathbb{E}[W_{\infty}] = w_{\infty}$  and concluding the proof of (ii). Moreover, using (68) we have that  
 491  $W_k \leq W_{k-1} - X_k$  which yields:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} X_j &\leq W_0 - W_{\infty} < \infty \\ \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{E}[X_j] &\leq \mathbb{E}[W_0] - w_{\infty} < \infty \end{aligned} \quad (72)$$

492 which concludes the proof of the lemma.  $\square$

## 493 D Details about the Numerical Experiments

### 494 D.1 Binary Logistic Regression on the Traumabase

#### 495 D.1.1 Traumabase quantitative variables

496 The list of the 16 quantitative variables we use in our experiments are as follows — *age, weight,*  
 497 *height, BMI (Body Mass Index), the Glasgow Coma Scale, the Glasgow Coma Scale motor com-*  
 498 *ponent, the minimum systolic blood pressure, the minimum diastolic blood pressure, the maximum*  
 499 *number of heart rate (or pulse) per unit time (usually a minute), the systolic blood pressure at ar-*  
 500 *rival of ambulance, the diastolic blood pressure at arrival of ambulance, the heart rate at arrival*  
 501 *of ambulance, the capillary Hemoglobin concentration, the oxygen saturation, the fluid expansion*  
 502 *colloids, the fluid expansion cristalloids, the pulse pressure for the minimum value of diastolic and*  
 503 *systolic blood pressure, the pulse pressure at arrival of ambulance.*

#### 504 D.1.2 Metropolis Hastings algorithm

505 During the simulation step of the MISSO method, the sampling from the target distribution  
 506  $\pi(z_{i,\text{mis}}; \theta) := p(z_{i,\text{mis}} | z_{i,\text{obs}}, y_i; \theta)$  is performed using a Metropolis Hastings (MH) algorithm  
 507 [Meyn and Tweedie, 2012] with proposal distribution  $q(z_{i,\text{mis}}; \delta) := p(z_{i,\text{mis}} | z_{i,\text{obs}}; \delta)$  where  
 508  $\theta = (\beta, \Omega)$  and  $\delta = (\xi, \Sigma)$ . The parameters of the Gaussian conditional distribution of  $z_{i,\text{mis}} | z_{i,\text{obs}}$   
 509 read:

$$\begin{aligned} \xi &= \beta_{\text{mis}} + \Omega_{\text{mis},\text{obs}} \Omega_{\text{obs},\text{obs}}^{-1} (z_{i,\text{obs}} - \beta_{\text{obs}}) , \\ \Sigma &= \Omega_{\text{mis},\text{mis}} + \Omega_{\text{mis},\text{obs}} \Omega_{\text{obs},\text{obs}}^{-1} \Omega_{\text{obs},\text{mis}} \end{aligned} \quad (73)$$

510 where we have used the Schur Complement of  $\Omega_{\text{obs},\text{obs}}$  in  $\Omega$  and noted  $\beta_{\text{mis}}$  (resp.  $\beta_{\text{obs}}$ ) the missing  
 511 (resp. observed) elements of  $\beta$ . The MH algorithm is summarized in Algorithm 3.

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#### Algorithm 3 MH algorithm

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1: Input: initialization  $z_{i,\text{mis},0} \sim q(z_{i,\text{mis}}; \delta)$ 
2: for  $m = 1, \dots, M$  do
3:   Sample  $z_{i,\text{mis},m} \sim q(z_{i,\text{mis}}; \delta)$ 
4:   Sample  $u \sim \mathcal{U}([0, 1])$ 
5:   Calculate the ratio  $r = \frac{\pi(z_{i,\text{mis},m}; \theta) / q(z_{i,\text{mis},m}; \delta)}{\pi(z_{i,\text{mis},m-1}; \theta) / q(z_{i,\text{mis},m-1}; \delta)}$ 
6:   if  $u < r$  then
7:     Accept  $z_{i,\text{mis},m}$ 
8:   else
9:      $z_{i,\text{mis},m} \leftarrow z_{i,\text{mis},m-1}$ 
10:  end if
11: end for
12: Output:  $z_{i,\text{mis},M}$ 

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#### 512 D.1.3 MISSO Update

513 **Choice of surrogate function for MISO:** We recall the MISO deterministic surrogate defined in  
 514 (10):

$$\hat{\mathcal{L}}_i(\theta; \bar{\theta}) = \int_{\mathcal{Z}} \log(p_i(z_{i,\text{mis}}, \bar{\theta}) / f_i(z_{i,\text{mis}}, \theta)) p_i(z_{i,\text{mis}}, \bar{\theta}) \mu_i(dz_i) . \quad (74)$$

515 where  $\theta = (\delta, \beta, \Omega)$  and  $\bar{\theta} = (\bar{\delta}, \bar{\beta}, \bar{\Omega})$ . We adapt it to our missing covariates problem and decom-  
 516 pose the the surrogate function defined above into an observed and a missing part.

517 **Surrogate function decomposition** We adapt it to our missing covariates problem and decompose  
 518 the term depending on  $\theta$ , while  $\bar{\theta}$  is fixed, in two following parts leading to

$$\begin{aligned}
 \hat{\mathcal{L}}_i(\theta; \bar{\theta}) &= - \int_{\mathbf{Z}} \log f_i(z_{i,\text{mis}}, z_{i,\text{obs}}, \theta) p_i(z_{i,\text{mis}}, \bar{\theta}) \mu_i(dz_{i,\text{mis}}) \\
 &= - \int_{\mathbf{Z}} \log [p_i(y_i | z_{i,\text{mis}}, z_{i,\text{obs}}, \delta) p_i(z_{i,\text{mis}}, \beta, \Omega)] p_i(z_i, \bar{\theta}) \mu_i(dz_{i,\text{mis}}) \\
 &= - \underbrace{\int_{\mathbf{Z}} \log p_i(y_i | z_{i,\text{mis}}, z_{i,\text{obs}}, \delta) p_i(z_i, \bar{\theta}) \mu_i(dz_{i,\text{mis}})}_{=\hat{\mathcal{L}}_i^{(1)}(\delta, \bar{\theta})} - \underbrace{\int_{\mathbf{Z}} \log p_i(z_{i,\text{mis}}, \beta, \Omega) p_i(z_i, \bar{\theta}) \mu_i(dz_{i,\text{mis}})}_{=\hat{\mathcal{L}}_i^{(2)}(\beta, \Omega, \bar{\theta})}
 \end{aligned} \tag{75}$$

519 The mean  $\beta$  and the covariance  $\Omega$  of the latent structure can be estimated minimizing the sum of  
 520 MISSO surrogates  $\hat{\mathcal{L}}_i^{(2)}(\beta, \Omega, \bar{\theta}, \{z_m\}_{m=1}^M)$ , defined as MC approximation of  $\hat{\mathcal{L}}_i^{(2)}(\beta, \Omega, \bar{\theta})$ , for all  
 521  $i \in \llbracket n \rrbracket$ , in closed-form expression.

522 We thus keep the surrogate  $\hat{\mathcal{L}}_i^{(2)}(\beta, \Omega, \bar{\theta})$  as it is, and consider the following quadratic approximation  
 523 of  $\hat{\mathcal{L}}_i^{(1)}(\delta, \bar{\theta})$  to estimate the vector of logistic parameters  $\delta$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
 \hat{\mathcal{L}}_i^{(1)}(\delta, \bar{\theta}) &- \int_{\mathbf{Z}} \nabla \log p_i(y_i | z_{i,\text{mis}}, z_{i,\text{obs}}, \delta) \big|_{\delta=\bar{\delta}} p_i(z_{i,\text{mis}}, \bar{\theta}) \mu_i(dz_{i,\text{mis}}) (\delta - \bar{\delta}) \\
 &- (\delta - \bar{\delta})/2 \int_{\mathbf{Z}} \nabla^2 \log p_i(y_i | z_{i,\text{mis}}, z_{i,\text{obs}}, \delta) p_i(z_{i,\text{mis}}, \bar{\theta}) p_i(z_{i,\text{mis}}, \bar{\theta}) \mu_i(dz_{i,\text{mis}}) (\delta - \bar{\delta})^\top
 \end{aligned} \tag{76}$$

524 Recall that:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \nabla \log p_i(y_i | z_{i,\text{mis}}, z_{i,\text{obs}}, \delta) &= z_i (y_i - S(\delta^\top z_i)) \\
 \nabla^2 \log p_i(y_i | z_{i,\text{mis}}, z_{i,\text{obs}}, \delta) &= -z_i z_i^\top \dot{S}(\delta^\top z_i)
 \end{aligned} \tag{77}$$

525 where  $\dot{S}(u)$  is the derivative of  $S(u)$ . Note that  $\dot{S}(u) \leq 1/4$  and since, for all  $i \in \llbracket n \rrbracket$ , the  $p \times p$   
 526 matrix  $z_i z_i^\top$  is semi-definite positive we can assume:

527 **L1.** For all  $i \in \llbracket n \rrbracket$  and  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exist, for all  $z_i \in \mathbf{Z}$ , a positive definite matrix  $H_i(z_i) :=$   
 528  $\frac{1}{4}(z_i z_i^\top + \epsilon I_d)$  such that for all  $\delta \in \mathbb{R}^p$ ,  $-z_i z_i^\top \dot{S}(\delta^\top z_i) \leq H_i(z_i)$ .

529 Then, we use, for all  $i \in \llbracket n \rrbracket$ , the following surrogate function to estimate  $\delta$ :

$$\bar{\mathcal{L}}_i^{(1)}(\delta, \bar{\theta}) = \hat{\mathcal{L}}_i^{(1)}(\delta, \bar{\theta}) - D_i^\top (\delta - \bar{\delta}) + \frac{1}{2} (\delta - \bar{\delta}) H_i (\delta - \bar{\delta})^\top \tag{78}$$

530 where:

$$\begin{aligned}
 D_i &= \int_{\mathbf{Z}} \nabla \log p_i(y_i | z_{i,\text{mis}}, z_{i,\text{obs}}, \delta) \big|_{\delta=\bar{\delta}} p_i(z_{i,\text{mis}}, \bar{\theta}) \mu_i(dz_{i,\text{mis}}) \\
 H_i &= \int_{\mathbf{Z}} H_i(z_{i,\text{mis}}) p_i(z_{i,\text{mis}}, \bar{\theta}) \mu_i(dz_{i,\text{mis}})
 \end{aligned} \tag{79}$$

531 Finally, at iteration  $k$ , the total surrogate is:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \tilde{\mathcal{L}}^{(k)}(\theta) &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \tilde{\mathcal{L}}_i(\theta, \theta^{(\tau_i^k)}, \{z_{i,m}\}_{m=1}^{M_{(\tau_i^k)}}) \\
 &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \tilde{\mathcal{L}}_i^{(2)}(\beta, \Omega, \theta^{(\tau_i^k)}, \{z_{i,m}\}_{m=1}^{M_{(\tau_i^k)}}) - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \tilde{D}_i^{(\tau_i^k)} (\delta - \delta^{(\tau_i^k)}) \\
 &\quad + \frac{1}{2n} \sum_{i=1}^n (\delta - \delta^{(\tau_i^k)}) \left\{ \tilde{H}_i^{(\tau_i^k)} \right\} (\delta - \delta^{(\tau_i^k)})^\top
 \end{aligned} \tag{80}$$



532 where for all  $i \in \llbracket n \rrbracket$ :

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{D}_i^{(\tau_i^k)} &= \frac{1}{M_{(\tau_i^k)}} \sum_{m=1}^{M_{(\tau_i^k)}} z_{i,m}^{(\tau_i^k)} \left( y_i - S((\delta^{(\tau_i^k)})^\top z_{i,m}^{(\tau_i^k)}) \right) \\ \tilde{H}_i^{(\tau_i^k)} &= \frac{1}{4M_{(\tau_i^k)}} \sum_{m=1}^{M_{(\tau_i^k)}} z_{i,m}^{(\tau_i^k)} (z_{i,m}^{(\tau_i^k)})^\top\end{aligned}\tag{81}$$

533 Minimizing the total surrogate (80) boils down to performing a quasi-Newton step. It is perhaps sen-  
534 sible to apply some diagonal loading which is perfectly compatible with the surrogate interpretation  
535 we just gave.

536 The logistic parameters are estimated as follows:

$$\delta^{(k)} = \arg \min_{\delta \in \Theta} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \tilde{\mathcal{L}}_i^{(1)}(\delta, \theta^{(\tau_i^k)}, \{z_{i,m}\}_{m=1}^{M_{(\tau_i^k)}})\tag{82}$$

537 where  $\tilde{\mathcal{L}}_i^{(1)}(\delta, \theta^{(\tau_i^k)}, \{z_{i,m}\}_{m=1}^{M_{(\tau_i^k)}})$  is the MC approximation of the MISO surrogate defined in  
538 (78) and which leads to the following quasi-Newton step:

$$\delta^{(k)} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \delta^{(\tau_i^k)} - (\tilde{H}^{(k)})^{-1} \tilde{D}^{(k)}\tag{83}$$

539 with  $\tilde{D}^{(k)} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \tilde{D}_i^{(\tau_i^k)}$  and  $\tilde{H}^{(k)} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \tilde{H}_i^{(\tau_i^k)}$ .

540 **MISSO updates:** At the  $k$ -th iteration, and after the initialization, for all  $i \in \llbracket n \rrbracket$ , of the latent  
541 variables  $(z_i^{(0)})$ , the MISSO algorithm consists in picking an index  $i_k$  uniformly on  $\llbracket n \rrbracket$ , complet-  
542 ing the observations by sampling a Monte Carlo batch  $\{z_{i_k, \text{mis}, m}^{(k)}\}_{m=1}^{M_{(k)}}$  of missing values from the  
543 conditional distribution  $p(z_{i_k, \text{mis}} | z_{i_k, \text{obs}}, y_{i_k}; \theta^{(k-1)})$  using an MCMC sampler and computing the  
544 estimated parameters as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}\beta^{(k)} &= \arg \min_{\beta \in \Theta} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \tilde{\mathcal{L}}_i^{(2)}(\beta, \Omega^{(k)}, \theta^{(\tau_i^k)}, \{z_{i,m}\}_{m=1}^{M_{(\tau_i^k)}}) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{M_{(\tau_i^k)}} \sum_{m=1}^{M_{(\tau_i^k)}} z_{i,m}^{(k)} \\ \Omega^{(k)} &= \arg \min_{\Omega \in \Theta} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \tilde{\mathcal{L}}_i^{(2)}(\beta^{(k)}, \Omega, \theta^{(\tau_i^k)}, \{z_{i,m}\}_{m=1}^{M_{(\tau_i^k)}}) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{M_{(\tau_i^k)}} \sum_{m=1}^{M_{(\tau_i^k)}} w_{i,m}^{(k)} \\ \delta^{(k)} &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \delta^{(\tau_i^k)} - (\tilde{H}^{(k)})^{-1} \tilde{D}^{(k)}.\end{aligned}\tag{84}$$

545 where  $z_{i,m}^{(k)} = (z_{i, \text{mis}, m}^{(k)}, z_{i, \text{obs}})$  is composed of a simulated and an observed part,  $\tilde{D}^{(k)} =$   
546  $\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \tilde{D}_i^{(\tau_i^k)}$ ,  $\tilde{H}^{(k)} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \tilde{H}_i^{(\tau_i^k)}$  and  $w_{i,m}^{(k)} = z_{i,m}^{(k)} (z_{i,m}^{(k)})^\top - \beta^{(k)} (\beta^{(k)})^\top$ . Be-  
547 sides,  $\tilde{\mathcal{L}}_i^{(1)}(\beta, \Omega, \bar{\theta}, \{z_m\}_{m=1}^M)$  and  $\tilde{\mathcal{L}}_i^{(2)}(\beta, \Omega, \bar{\theta}, \{z_m\}_{m=1}^M)$  are defined as MC approximation of  
548  $\hat{\mathcal{L}}_i^{(1)}(\beta, \Omega, \bar{\theta})$  and  $\hat{\mathcal{L}}_i^{(2)}(\beta, \Omega, \bar{\theta})$ , for all  $i \in \llbracket n \rrbracket$  as components of the surrogate function (75).

## 549 D.2 Incremental Variational Inference

### 550 D.2.1 Bayesian LeNet-5 Architecture

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### 552 D.2.2 Bayesian ResNet-18 Architecture

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### 554 D.2.3 Algorithms updates

555 First, we initialize the means  $\mu_\ell^{(0)}$  for  $\ell \in \llbracket d \rrbracket$  and variance estimates  $\sigma^{(0)}$ . In the sequel, at iteration  
 556  $k$  and for all  $i \in \llbracket n \rrbracket$  we define the following terms:

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{\delta}_{\mu_\ell, i}^{(k)} &= -\frac{1}{M^{(k)}} \sum_{m=1}^{M^{(k)}} \nabla_w \log p(y_i | x_i, w) \Big|_{w=t(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k-1)}, z_m^{(k)})} + \nabla_{\mu_\ell} d(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k-1)}) , \\ \hat{\delta}_{\sigma, i}^{(k)} &= -\frac{1}{M^{(k)}} \sum_{m=1}^{M^{(k)}} z_m^{(k)} \nabla_w \log p(y_i | x_i, w) \Big|_{w=t(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k-1)}, z_m^{(k)})} + \nabla_\sigma d(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k-1)}) .\end{aligned}\tag{85}$$

557 For all benchmark algorithms, we pick, at iteration  $k$ , a function index  $i_k$  uniformly on  $\llbracket n \rrbracket$  and  
 558 sample a Monte Carlo batch  $\{z_m^{(k)}\}_{m=1}^{M^{(k)}}$  from the standard Gaussian distribution. The updates of the  
 559 parameters  $\mu_\ell$  for all  $\ell \in \llbracket d \rrbracket$  and  $\sigma$  break down as follows:

560 **Monte Carlo SAG update:** Set

$$\mu_\ell^{(k)} = \mu_\ell^{(k-1)} - \frac{\gamma}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \hat{\delta}_{\mu_\ell, i}^{(k)} \quad \text{and} \quad \sigma^{(k)} = \sigma^{(k-1)} - \frac{\gamma}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \hat{\delta}_{\sigma, i}^{(k)} ,\tag{86}$$

561 where  $\hat{\delta}_{\mu_\ell, i}^{(k)} = \hat{\delta}_{\mu_\ell, i}^{(k-1)}$  and  $\hat{\delta}_{\sigma, i}^{(k)} = \hat{\delta}_{\sigma, i}^{(k-1)}$  for  $i \neq i_k$  and are defined by (85) for  $i = i_k$ . The learning  
 562 rate is set to  $\gamma = 10^{-3}$ .

563 **Bayes By Backprop update:** Set

$$\mu_\ell^{(k)} = \mu_\ell^{(k-1)} - \frac{\gamma}{n} \hat{\delta}_{\mu_\ell, i_k}^{(k)} \quad \text{and} \quad \sigma^{(k)} = \sigma^{(k-1)} - \frac{\gamma}{n} \hat{\delta}_{\sigma, i_k}^{(k)} ,\tag{87}$$

564 where the learning rate  $\gamma = 10^{-3}$ .

565 **Monte Carlo Momentum update:** Set

$$\mu_\ell^{(k)} = \mu_\ell^{(k-1)} + \hat{\mathbf{v}}_{\mu_\ell}^{(k)} \quad \text{and} \quad \sigma^{(k)} = \sigma^{(k-1)} + \hat{\mathbf{v}}_\sigma^{(k)} ,\tag{88}$$

566 where

$$\hat{\mathbf{v}}_{\mu_\ell, i}^{(k)} = \alpha \hat{\mathbf{v}}_{\mu_\ell, i}^{(k-1)} - \frac{\gamma}{n} \hat{\delta}_{\mu_\ell, i_k}^{(k)} \quad \text{and} \quad \hat{\mathbf{v}}_\sigma^{(k)} = \alpha \hat{\mathbf{v}}_\sigma^{(k-1)} - \frac{\gamma}{n} \hat{\delta}_{\sigma, i_k}^{(k)} ,\tag{89}$$

567 where  $\alpha$  and  $\gamma$ , respectively the momentum and the learning rates, are set to  $10^{-3}$ .

568 **Monte Carlo ADAM update:** Set

$$\mu_\ell^{(k)} = \mu_\ell^{(k-1)} - \frac{\gamma}{n} \hat{\mathbf{m}}_{\mu_\ell}^{(k)} / (\sqrt{\hat{\mathbf{m}}_{\mu_\ell}^{(k)}} + \epsilon) \quad \text{and} \quad \sigma^{(k)} = \sigma^{(k-1)} - \frac{\gamma}{n} \hat{\mathbf{m}}_\sigma^{(k)} / (\sqrt{\hat{\mathbf{m}}_\sigma^{(k)}} + \epsilon) ,\tag{90}$$

569 where

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{\mathbf{m}}_{\mu_\ell}^{(k)} &= \mathbf{m}_{\mu_\ell}^{(k-1)} / (1 - \rho_1^k) \quad \text{with} \quad \mathbf{m}_{\mu_\ell}^{(k)} = \rho_1 \mathbf{m}_{\mu_\ell}^{(k-1)} + (1 - \rho_1) \hat{\delta}_{\mu_\ell, i_k}^{(k)} , \\ \hat{\mathbf{v}}_{\mu_\ell}^{(k)} &= \mathbf{v}_{\mu_\ell}^{(k-1)} / (1 - \rho_2^k) \quad \text{with} \quad \mathbf{v}_{\mu_\ell}^{(k)} = \rho_2 \mathbf{v}_{\mu_\ell}^{(k-1)} + (1 - \rho_2) (\hat{\delta}_{\mu_\ell, i_k}^{(k)})^2\end{aligned}\tag{91}$$

570 and

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{\mathbf{m}}_\sigma^{(k)} &= \mathbf{m}_\sigma^{(k-1)} / (1 - \rho_1^k) \quad \text{with} \quad \mathbf{m}_\sigma^{(k)} = \rho_1 \mathbf{m}_\sigma^{(k-1)} + (1 - \rho_1) \hat{\delta}_{\sigma, i_k}^{(k)} , \\ \hat{\mathbf{v}}_\sigma^{(k)} &= \mathbf{v}_\sigma^{(k-1)} / (1 - \rho_2^k) \quad \text{with} \quad \mathbf{v}_\sigma^{(k)} = \rho_2 \mathbf{v}_\sigma^{(k-1)} + (1 - \rho_2) (\hat{\delta}_{\sigma, i_k}^{(k)})^2 .\end{aligned}\tag{92}$$

571 The hyperparameters are set as follows:  $\gamma = 10^{-3}$ ,  $\rho_1 = 0.9$ ,  $\rho_2 = 0.999$ ,  $\epsilon = 10^{-8}$ .