

## A PROOFS

### A.1 Proof of Proposition 1

According to the updating formula of the null cell  $x_{ij} \in M$  in Line 4 in Algorithm 1, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \Theta(C'^{(k+1)}, \mathcal{G}) \\ &= \Theta\left(C'^{(k+1)}, \mathcal{G} \mid x'_{ij(k+1)} = x'_{ij(k)} - \eta \frac{\partial \Theta(C'^{(k)}, \mathcal{G})}{\partial x'_{ij(k)}}, \forall x_{ij} \in M\right). \end{aligned}$$

Given  $\left\| -\eta \frac{\partial \Theta(C'^{(k)}, \mathcal{G})}{\partial x'_{ij(k)}} \right\| \leq \epsilon$ , i.e.,  $\eta \leq \epsilon / \left\| \frac{\partial \Theta(C'^{(k)}, \mathcal{G})}{\partial x'_{ij(k)}} \right\|$ , referring to the first-order Taylor expansion [47], it follows

$$\begin{aligned} & \Theta\left(C'^{(k+1)}, \mathcal{G} \mid x'_{ij(k+1)} = x'_{ij(k)} - \eta \frac{\partial \Theta(C'^{(k)}, \mathcal{G})}{\partial x'_{ij(k)}}, \forall x_{ij} \in M\right) \\ &= \Theta\left(C'^{(k+1)}, \mathcal{G} \mid x'_{ij(k+1)} = x'_{ij(k)}, \forall x_{ij} \in M\right) \\ &+ \sum_{x_{ij} \in M} \left\| -\eta \frac{\partial \Theta(C'^{(k)}, \mathcal{G})}{\partial x'_{ij(k)}} \right\| \cdot \frac{\partial \Theta(C'^{(k)}, \mathcal{G})}{\partial x'_{ij(k)}} \\ &= \Theta\left(C'^{(k+1)}, \mathcal{G} \mid x'_{ij(k+1)} = x'_{ij(k)}, \forall x_{ij} \in M\right) - \eta \sum_{x_{ij} \in M} \left\| \frac{\partial \Theta(C'^{(k)}, \mathcal{G})}{\partial x'_{ij(k)}} \right\|^2 \\ &\leq \Theta\left(C'^{(k+1)}, \mathcal{G} \mid x'_{ij(k+1)} = x'_{ij(k)}, \forall x_{ij} \in M\right) \\ &= \Theta(C'^{(k)}, \mathcal{G}) \end{aligned}$$

### A.2 Proof of Proposition 2

We first consider the left term  $\Theta(C'_1, \mathcal{G} \mid C'_2)$  of Formula 7, which holds

$$\begin{aligned} \Theta(C'_1, \mathcal{G} \mid C'_2) &= \sum_{g_p \in \mathcal{G}} \sum_{C'_{ip} \in C'_1} \|x'_{ip} - g_p(C'_{ip} \setminus \{x_{ip}\})\|^2 \\ &= \Theta(C'_1, \mathcal{G}). \end{aligned}$$

According to Definition 5, we have  $C_1 \cap C_2 \cap M = \emptyset$ , which means that the missing cells in  $C_2$  do not appear in  $C_1$ . Therefore, we also have

$$\begin{aligned} \Theta(C'_1, \mathcal{G} \mid C'_2) &= \sum_{g_p \in \mathcal{G}} \sum_{C'_{ip} \in C'_1} \|x'_{ip} - g_p(C'_{ip} \setminus \{x_{ip}\})\|^2 \\ &= \Theta(C'_1, \mathcal{G}). \end{aligned}$$

It completes the proof.

### A.3 Proof of Proposition 3

Considering the initialization of  $C_m = \{C_1, \dots, C_u\}$  in Line 2 in Algorithm 2, it follows

$$C' = C'_1 \cup C'_2 \cup \dots \cup C'_u \cup \{C' \setminus C'_m\}$$

According to Definition 2 for the imputation cost, we can obtain

$$\Theta(C', \mathcal{G}) = \Theta(C'_1, \mathcal{G}) + \Theta(C'_2, \mathcal{G}) + \dots + \Theta(C'_u, \mathcal{G}) + \Theta(C' \setminus C'_m, \mathcal{G})$$

Combing with Proposition 2, for any  $C_i, C_j \in C_m$ , they always have

$$\Theta(C'_i, \mathcal{G} \mid C'_j) = \Theta(C'_i, \mathcal{G} \mid C''_j) = \Theta(C'_i, \mathcal{G}),$$

where  $C'_j$  and  $C''_j$  are two different fillings of  $C_j$ .

Moreover, for any  $C_i, C_j \in C_m$  at the  $k$ -th round update in Algorithm 2, they always hold

$$\begin{aligned} & \Theta(C'^{(k+1)}_i, \mathcal{G} \mid C'^{(k+1)}_j) \\ &= \Theta(C'^{(k+1)}_i, \mathcal{G} \mid C'^{(k)}_j) \\ &= \Theta(C'^{(k+1)}_i, \mathcal{G}) \\ &= \Theta\left(C'^{(k+1)}_i, \mathcal{G} \mid x'_{lq(k+1)} = x'_{lq(k)} - \eta \frac{\partial \Theta(C'^{(k)}_i, \mathcal{G})}{\partial x'_{lq(k)}}, \forall x_{lq} \in C_i \cap M\right). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, for the  $k$ -th round update in Algorithm 2, referring to Line 4 in Algorithm 1, it follows

$$\begin{aligned} & \Theta(C'^{(k+1)}, \mathcal{G}) \\ &= \Theta\left(C'^{(k+1)}, \mathcal{G} \mid x'_{ij(k+1)} = x'_{ij(k)} - \eta \frac{\partial \Theta(C'^{(k)}, \mathcal{G})}{\partial x'_{ij(k)}}, \forall x_{ij} \in M\right) \\ &= \Theta\left(C'^{(k+1)}_1, \mathcal{G} \mid x'_{ij(k+1)} = x'_{ij(k)} - \eta \frac{\partial \Theta(C'^{(k)}_1, \mathcal{G})}{\partial x'_{ij(k)}}, \forall x_{ij} \in C_1 \cap M\right) \\ &+ \dots \\ &+ \Theta\left(C'^{(k+1)}_u, \mathcal{G} \mid x'_{ij(k+1)} = x'_{ij(k)} - \eta \frac{\partial \Theta(C'^{(k)}_u, \mathcal{G})}{\partial x'_{ij(k)}}, \forall x_{ij} \in C_u \cap M\right) \\ &+ \Theta(C' \setminus C'_m, \mathcal{G}). \end{aligned}$$

That is, PCIMD Algorithm 2 returns the same result  $C'$  with CIMD Algorithm 1, for fixed updates.

### A.4 Proof of Proposition 4

Given  $\left\| -\eta \frac{\partial \Theta(C'^{(k)}, \mathcal{G}'^{(k)})}{\partial x'_{ij(k)}} \right\|, \left\| -\eta \frac{\partial \Theta(C'^{(k)}, \mathcal{G}'^{(k)})}{\partial \Phi_{\mathcal{G}'^{(k)}}} \right\| \leq \epsilon$ , which is equivalent to

$$\eta \leq \min \left\{ \epsilon / \left\| \frac{\partial \Theta(C'^{(k)}, \mathcal{G}'^{(k)})}{\partial x'_{ij(k)}} \right\|, \epsilon / \left\| \frac{\partial \Theta(C'^{(k)}, \mathcal{G}'^{(k)})}{\partial \Phi_{\mathcal{G}'^{(k)}}} \right\| \right\},$$

according to the proof of Proposition 1, it leads to

$$\Theta\left(C'^{(k+1)}, \mathcal{G}'^{(k)}\right) \leq \Theta\left(C'^{(k)}, \mathcal{G}'^{(k)}\right).$$

According to Line 6 in Algorithm 3, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \Theta\left(C'^{(k+1)}, \mathcal{G}'^{(k+1)}\right) \\ &= \Theta\left(C'^{(k+1)}, \mathcal{G}'^{(k+1)} \mid \Phi_{\mathcal{G}'}^{(k+1)} = \Phi_{\mathcal{G}'}^{(k)} - \eta \frac{\partial \Theta(C'^{(k)}, \mathcal{G}'^{(k)})}{\partial \Phi_{\mathcal{G}'^{(k)}}}\right). \end{aligned}$$

Moreover, according to the first-order Taylor expansion, it has

$$\begin{aligned}
& \Theta \left( C'^{(k+1)}, \mathcal{G}'^{(k+1)} \mid \Phi_{\mathcal{G}'}^{(k+1)} = \Phi_{\mathcal{G}'}^{(k)} - \eta \frac{\partial \Theta(C'^{(k)}, \mathcal{G}'^{(k)})}{\partial \Phi_{\mathcal{G}'}^{(k)}} \right) \\
&= \Theta \left( C'^{(k+1)}, \mathcal{G}'^{(k+1)} \mid \Phi_{\mathcal{G}'}^{(k+1)} = \Phi_{\mathcal{G}'}^{(k)} \right) \\
&+ \left\| -\eta \frac{\partial \Theta(C'^{(k)}, \mathcal{G}'^{(k)})}{\partial \Phi_{\mathcal{G}'}^{(k)}} \right\| \cdot \frac{\partial \Theta(C'^{(k)}, \mathcal{G}'^{(k)})}{\partial \Phi_{\mathcal{G}'}^{(k)}} \\
&= \Theta \left( C'^{(k+1)}, \mathcal{G}'^{(k+1)} \mid \Phi_{\mathcal{G}'}^{(k+1)} = \Phi_{\mathcal{G}'}^{(k)} \right) - \eta \left\| \frac{\partial \Theta(C'^{(k)}, \mathcal{G}'^{(k)})}{\partial \Phi_{\mathcal{G}'}^{(k)}} \right\|^2 \\
&\leq \Theta \left( C'^{(k+1)}, \mathcal{G}'^{(k+1)} \mid \Phi_{\mathcal{G}'}^{(k+1)} = \Phi_{\mathcal{G}'}^{(k)} \right) \\
&= \Theta \left( C'^{(k+1)}, \mathcal{G}'^{(k)} \right).
\end{aligned}$$

### A.5 Proof of Lemma 5

According to Formula 11, we know

$$\begin{aligned}
& \mathbb{E} \|\Phi_{\mathcal{G}'}^{(\kappa)} - \Phi_{\mathcal{G}'}^{(\kappa-\tau_\kappa)}\|^2 \\
&= \mathbb{E}_{P_j \sim \mathbf{P}} \left\| \Phi_{\mathcal{G}'}^{(\kappa-\tau_\kappa)} - \eta \sum_{t=0}^{\tau_\kappa-1} \frac{\partial \Theta(C'_j, \mathcal{G}'^{(\kappa-\tau_\kappa+t-\tau_{\kappa-\tau_\kappa+t})})}{\partial \Phi_{\mathcal{G}'}^{(\kappa-\tau_\kappa+t-\tau_{\kappa-\tau_\kappa+t})}} - \Phi_{\mathcal{G}'}^{(\kappa-\tau_\kappa)} \right\|^2.
\end{aligned}$$

Combining with Assumption 1.1, it further leads to

$$\begin{aligned}
& \mathbb{E} \|\Phi_{\mathcal{G}'}^{(\kappa)} - \Phi_{\mathcal{G}'}^{(\kappa-\tau_\kappa)}\|^2 \\
&= \eta^2 \mathbb{E}_{P_j \sim \mathbf{P}} \left\| \sum_{t=0}^{\tau_\kappa-1} \frac{\partial \Theta(C'_j, \mathcal{G}'^{(\kappa-\tau_\kappa+t-\tau_{\kappa-\tau_\kappa+t})})}{\partial \Phi_{\mathcal{G}'}^{(\kappa-\tau_\kappa+t-\tau_{\kappa-\tau_\kappa+t})}} \right\|^2 \\
&\stackrel{\text{Assumption 1.1}}{=} \eta^2 \mathbb{E} \left\| \sum_{t=0}^{\tau_\kappa-1} \frac{\partial \Theta(C', \mathcal{G}'^{(\kappa-\tau_\kappa+t-\tau_{\kappa-\tau_\kappa+t})})}{\partial \Phi_{\mathcal{G}'}^{(\kappa-\tau_\kappa+t-\tau_{\kappa-\tau_\kappa+t})}} \right\|^2 \\
&\leq \tau_\kappa \eta^2 \sum_{t=0}^{\tau_\kappa-1} \mathbb{E} \left\| \frac{\partial \Theta(C', \mathcal{G}'^{(\kappa-\tau_\kappa+t-\tau_{\kappa-\tau_\kappa+t})})}{\partial \Phi_{\mathcal{G}'}^{(\kappa-\tau_\kappa+t-\tau_{\kappa-\tau_\kappa+t})}} \right\|^2.
\end{aligned}$$

Moreover, referring to Assumption 1.3 and Assumption 1.4, we can derive the conclusion that

$$\begin{aligned}
& \mathbb{E} \|\Phi_{\mathcal{G}'}^{(\kappa)} - \Phi_{\mathcal{G}'}^{(\kappa-\tau_\kappa)}\|^2 \\
&\stackrel{\text{Assumption 1.3}}{\leq} T \eta^2 \sum_{t=0}^{\tau_\kappa-1} \mathbb{E} \left\| \frac{\partial \Theta(C', \mathcal{G}'^{(\kappa-\tau_\kappa+t-\tau_{\kappa-\tau_\kappa+t})})}{\partial \Phi_{\mathcal{G}'}^{(\kappa-\tau_\kappa+t-\tau_{\kappa-\tau_\kappa+t})}} \right\|^2 \\
&\stackrel{\text{Assumption 1.4}}{\leq} T \eta^2 \sum_{t=0}^{\tau_\kappa-1} V^2 \\
&\stackrel{\text{Assumption 1.3}}{\leq} T^2 \eta^2 V^2.
\end{aligned}$$

### A.6 Proof of Proposition 6

We start from Formula 11, combining with Line 9 in Algorithm 4 and Proposition 1, it has

$$\begin{aligned}
& \mathbb{E}_{P_j \sim \mathbf{P}} \Theta \left( C'_j, \mathcal{G}'^{(\kappa+1)} \right) \\
&= \mathbb{E}_{P_j \sim \mathbf{P}} \Theta \left( C'_j, \mathcal{G}'^{(\kappa+1)} \mid \Phi_{\mathcal{G}'}^{(\kappa+1)} = \Phi_{\mathcal{G}'}^{(\kappa)} - \eta \frac{\partial \Theta(C'_j, \mathcal{G}'^{(\kappa-\tau_\kappa)})}{\partial \Phi_{\mathcal{G}'}^{(\kappa-\tau_\kappa)}} \right).
\end{aligned}$$

Then, according to Assumption 1.2, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& \mathbb{E}_{P_j \sim \mathbf{P}} \Theta \left( C'_j, \mathcal{G}'^{(\kappa+1)} \right) \\
&\stackrel{\text{Assumption 1.2}}{\leq} \mathbb{E}_{P_j \sim \mathbf{P}} \Theta \left( C'_j, \mathcal{G}'^{(\kappa)} \right) \\
&- \eta \mathbb{E}_{P_j \sim \mathbf{P}} \left\langle \frac{\partial \Theta(C'_j, \mathcal{G}'^{(\kappa)})}{\partial \Phi_{\mathcal{G}'}^{(\kappa)}}, \frac{\partial \Theta(C'_j, \mathcal{G}'^{(\kappa-\tau_\kappa)})}{\partial \Phi_{\mathcal{G}'}^{(\kappa-\tau_\kappa)}} \right\rangle \\
&+ \frac{L \eta^2}{2} \mathbb{E}_{P_j \sim \mathbf{P}} \left\| \frac{\partial \Theta(C'_j, \mathcal{G}'^{(\kappa-\tau_\kappa)})}{\partial \Phi_{\mathcal{G}'}^{(\kappa-\tau_\kappa)}} \right\|^2.
\end{aligned}$$

Combining with Assumption 1.1, we can obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
& \mathbb{E} \Theta \left( C', \mathcal{G}'^{(\kappa+1)} \right) \\
&\stackrel{\text{Assumption 1.1}}{\leq} \mathbb{E} \Theta \left( C', \mathcal{G}'^{(\kappa)} \right) \\
&- \eta \mathbb{E} \left\langle \frac{\partial \Theta(C', \mathcal{G}'^{(\kappa)})}{\partial \Phi_{\mathcal{G}'}^{(\kappa)}}, \frac{\partial \Theta(C', \mathcal{G}'^{(\kappa-\tau_\kappa)})}{\partial \Phi_{\mathcal{G}'}^{(\kappa-\tau_\kappa)}} \right\rangle \\
&+ \frac{L \eta^2}{2} \mathbb{E} \left\| \frac{\partial \Theta(C', \mathcal{G}'^{(\kappa-\tau_\kappa)})}{\partial \Phi_{\mathcal{G}'}^{(\kappa-\tau_\kappa)}} \right\|^2 \\
&= \mathbb{E} \Theta \left( C', \mathcal{G}'^{(\kappa)} \right) \\
&+ \frac{\eta}{2} \mathbb{E} \left\| \frac{\partial \Theta(C', \mathcal{G}'^{(\kappa)})}{\partial \Phi_{\mathcal{G}'}^{(\kappa)}} - \frac{\partial \Theta(C', \mathcal{G}'^{(\kappa-\tau_\kappa)})}{\partial \Phi_{\mathcal{G}'}^{(\kappa-\tau_\kappa)}} \right\|^2 \\
&- \frac{\eta}{2} \mathbb{E} \left\| \frac{\partial \Theta(C', \mathcal{G}'^{(\kappa)})}{\partial \Phi_{\mathcal{G}'}^{(\kappa)}} \right\|^2 - \frac{\eta}{2} \mathbb{E} \left\| \frac{\partial \Theta(C', \mathcal{G}'^{(\kappa-\tau_\kappa)})}{\partial \Phi_{\mathcal{G}'}^{(\kappa-\tau_\kappa)}} \right\|^2 \\
&+ \frac{L \eta^2}{2} \mathbb{E} \left\| \frac{\partial \Theta(C', \mathcal{G}'^{(\kappa-\tau_\kappa)})}{\partial \Phi_{\mathcal{G}'}^{(\kappa-\tau_\kappa)}} \right\|^2.
\end{aligned}$$

Moreover, according Assumption 1.2 and Assumption 1.4, it has

$$\begin{aligned}
& \mathbb{E}\Theta\left(C', \mathcal{G}'^{(\kappa+1)}\right) \\
& \stackrel{\text{Assumption 1.2}}{\leq} \mathbb{E}\Theta\left(C', \mathcal{G}'^{(\kappa)}\right) + \frac{\eta L^2}{2} \mathbb{E}\|\Phi_{\mathcal{G}'}^{(\kappa)} - \Phi_{\mathcal{G}'}^{(\kappa-\tau_\kappa)}\|^2 \\
& \quad - \frac{\eta}{2} \mathbb{E}\left\|\frac{\partial\Theta(C', \mathcal{G}'^{(\kappa)})}{\partial\Phi_{\mathcal{G}'}^{(\kappa)}}\right\|^2 + \frac{L\eta^2}{2} \mathbb{E}\left\|\frac{\partial\Theta(C', \mathcal{G}'^{(\kappa-\tau_\kappa)})}{\partial\Phi_{\mathcal{G}'}^{(\kappa-\tau_\kappa)}}\right\|^2 \\
& \stackrel{\text{Assumption 1.4}}{\leq} \mathbb{E}\Theta\left(C', \mathcal{G}'^{(\kappa)}\right) + \frac{\eta L^2}{2} \mathbb{E}\|\Phi_{\mathcal{G}'}^{(\kappa)} - \Phi_{\mathcal{G}'}^{(\kappa-\tau_\kappa)}\|^2 \\
& \quad - \frac{\eta}{2} \mathbb{E}\left\|\frac{\partial\Theta(C', \mathcal{G}'^{(\kappa)})}{\partial\Phi_{\mathcal{G}'}^{(\kappa)}}\right\|^2 + \frac{L\eta^2 V^2}{2}.
\end{aligned}$$

Referring to Lemma 5, it follows

$$\begin{aligned}
& \mathbb{E}\Theta\left(C', \mathcal{G}'^{(\kappa+1)}\right) \\
& \stackrel{\text{Lemma 5}}{\leq} \mathbb{E}\Theta\left(C', \mathcal{G}'^{(\kappa)}\right) - \frac{\eta}{2} \mathbb{E}\left\|\frac{\partial\Theta(C', \mathcal{G}'^{(\kappa)})}{\partial\Phi_{\mathcal{G}'}^{(\kappa)}}\right\|^2 \\
& \quad + \frac{\eta^3 L^2 T^2 V^2}{2} + \frac{L\eta^2 V^2}{2}.
\end{aligned}$$

Summing from  $\kappa = 0$  to  $\kappa = K - 1$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& \mathbb{E}\Theta\left(C', \mathcal{G}'^{(K)}\right) \\
& \leq \mathbb{E}\Theta\left(C', \mathcal{G}'^{(0)}\right) - \frac{\eta}{2} \sum_{\kappa=0}^{K-1} \mathbb{E}\left\|\frac{\partial\Theta(C', \mathcal{G}'^{(\kappa)})}{\partial\Phi_{\mathcal{G}'}^{(\kappa)}}\right\|^2 \\
& \quad + \frac{\eta^3 L^2 T^2 V^2 K}{2} + \frac{L\eta^2 V^2 K}{2}.
\end{aligned}$$

Considering Definition 2 for the imputation cost, it leads to

$$\mathbb{E}\Theta\left(C', \mathcal{G}'^{(K)}\right) \geq 0.$$

Finally, we can obtain the conclusion

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{\kappa=0}^{K-1} \mathbb{E}\left\|\frac{\partial\Theta(C', \mathcal{G}'^{(\kappa)})}{\partial\Phi_{\mathcal{G}'}^{(\kappa)}}\right\|^2 \leq \frac{2\Theta\left(C', \mathcal{G}'^{(0)}\right)}{\eta} \\
& \quad + \eta L K V^2 (T^2 L \eta + 1).
\end{aligned}$$

## A.7 Proof of Proposition 7

From Proposition 6, we have

$$\sum_{\kappa=0}^{K-1} \mathbb{E}\left\|\frac{\partial\Theta(C', \mathcal{G}'^{(\kappa)})}{\partial\Phi_{\mathcal{G}'}^{(\kappa)}}\right\|^2 \leq \frac{\alpha}{\eta} + \eta K \beta.$$

When multiplying the term  $\frac{1}{K}$  on both sides of the inequation, we can obtain

$$\frac{1}{K} \sum_{\kappa=0}^{K-1} \mathbb{E}\left\|\frac{\partial\Theta(C', \mathcal{G}'^{(\kappa)})}{\partial\Phi_{\mathcal{G}'}^{(\kappa)}}\right\|^2 \leq \frac{\alpha}{\eta K} + \eta \beta.$$

In the end, if we further take  $\eta = \sqrt{\frac{\alpha}{K\beta}}$  for it, which leads to the conclusion

$$\frac{1}{K} \sum_{\kappa=0}^{K-1} \mathbb{E}\left\|\frac{\partial\Theta(C', \mathcal{G}'^{(\kappa)})}{\partial\Phi_{\mathcal{G}'}^{(\kappa)}}\right\|^2 \leq \sqrt{\frac{\alpha\beta}{K}} + \sqrt{\frac{\alpha\beta}{K}} = 2\sqrt{\frac{\alpha\beta}{K}}.$$