

Non-Linear Learning in the Huber ϵ -Contamination Model

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Abstract

In this paper we study Subquantile Minimization for learning the Adversarial Huber- ϵ Contamination Problem for Kernel Learning. We first reduce the Subquantile Minimization Algorithm to Iterative Thresholding using ideas from convex optimization. Let the target data be distributed as $y = \sum_{k=1}^K \sigma(\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{w}_k^*) + \xi_i$ for a non-linear function, σ , s.t. $\text{range}(\sigma') \in [C_1, C_2]$ for positive constants C_1, C_2 and noise $\xi_i \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2)$ and \mathbf{x}_i be sampled from a centered sub-Gaussian distribution with multivariate proxy, $\mathbf{\Gamma}$. Our main result is for sufficiently large n , there exists an algorithm that returns $\mathbf{W}^{(T)}$ with high probability such that $\|\mathbf{W}^* - \mathbf{W}^{(T)}\|_F \leq \epsilon$ in time,

$$O(\text{polylog}(n, \|\mathbf{W}^*\|_F, \kappa(\mathbf{\Gamma}), K, (1/C_1), C_2, (1/\epsilon), 1 - \epsilon))$$

for a sufficiently small ϵ dependent on $\mathbf{\Gamma}$, N , and $\|\mathbf{X}_Q\|$. Furthermore, we consider the noisy Kernelized Generalized Linear Model (GLM) where $y = \omega(f^*(\mathbf{x})) + \xi$ where $\xi \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2)$ and prove the same algorithm returns $f^{(T)}$ with high probability such that $\|f^{(T)} - f^*\| \leq \epsilon + O(\sigma)$ after T iterations. The iterative thresholding algorithm has been used in large neural network models in prior research [SS19]. Our work provides the first steps for theoretical guarantees for neural networks and non-linear models for iterative thresholding algorithms in the Huber- ϵ contamination model.

1 Introduction

There has been extensive study of algorithms to learn the target distribution from a Huber ϵ -Contaminated Model for a Generalized Linear Model (GLM), [DKK⁺19, ADKS22, LBSS21, OZS20, FB81] as well as for linear regression [BJKK17, MGJK19]. Robust Statistics has been studied extensively [DK23] for problems such as high-dimensional mean estimation [PBR19, CDGS20] and Robust Covariance Estimation [CDGW19, FWZ18]. Recently, there has been an interest in solving robust machine learning problems by gradient descent [PSBR18, DKK⁺19]. Subquantile minimization aims to address the shortcomings of standard ERM in applications of noisy/corrupted data [KLA18, JZL⁺18]. In many real-world applications, the covariates have a non-linear dependence on labels [AMMIL12, Section 3.4]. In which case it is suitable to transform the covariates to a different space utilizing kernels [HSS08]. Therefore, in this paper we consider the problem of Robust Learning for Kernel Learning.

Definition 1 (Huber ϵ -Contamination Model [HR09]). *Given a corruption parameter $0 < \epsilon < 0.5$, a data matrix, \mathbf{X} and labels \mathbf{y} . An adversary is allowed to inspect all samples and modify ϵn samples arbitrarily. The algorithm is then given the ϵ -corrupted data matrix \mathbf{X} and ϵ -corrupted labels vector \mathbf{y} as training data.*

Current approaches for robust learning across various machine learning tasks often use gradient descent over a robust objective, [LBSS21]. These robust objectives tend to not be convex and therefore do not have a strong analysis on the error bounds for general classes of models.

We similarly propose a robust objective which has a nonconvex-concave objective. This objective function has also been proposed recently in [HYwL20] where there has been an analysis in the Binary Classification Task. We show Subquantile Minimization reduces to the same objective function given in [HYwL20].

The study of Kernel Learning in the Gaussian Design is quite popular, [CLKZ21, Dic16]. In [CLKZ21], the feature space, $\phi(\mathbf{x}_i) \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \Sigma)$ where Σ is a diagonal matrix of dimension p , where p can be infinite. We will now give our formal definition of the dataset.

Definition 2 (Corruption Model). *Let \mathcal{P} be a distribution over \mathbb{R}^d such that $\mathcal{P}_\# \phi$ is a centered distribution in the Hilbert Space \mathcal{H} with trace-class covariance operator Σ and trace-class sub-Gaussian proxy Γ such that $\Sigma \preceq c\Gamma$. The original dataset is denoted as \hat{P} , the adversary is able to observe \hat{P} and arbitrarily corrupts ϵn samples denoted as Q such that $|Q| = \epsilon n$. The remaining uncorrupted samples are denoted as P such that $|P| = n(1 - \epsilon)$. Together $X \triangleq P \cup Q$ represents the given dataset.*

We will now give one of the first results proving the effectiveness of Iterative Thresholding in Learning Problems.

Theorem 3 (Theorem 5 in [BJK15]). *Let \mathbf{X} be a sub-Gaussian data matrix, and $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{w}^* + \mathbf{e}$ where \mathbf{e} is the corruption. Then there exists an algorithm such that $\|\mathbf{w}^{(t)} - \mathbf{w}^*\|_2 \leq \epsilon$ after $t = O\left(\left(\log\left(\frac{\|\mathbf{b}\|_2}{\sqrt{n}}\right)\right) \frac{1}{\epsilon}\right)$ iterations.*

We will now give our results for the Kernelized GLM problem.

Theorem 4 (Informal of Theorem 12). *Let the dataset be given as $\{(\mathbf{x}_i, y_i)\}_{i=1}^n$ such that for $i \in P$, $y_i = \omega(f^*(\mathbf{x}_i)) + \xi_i$. Then there exists an algorithm such $\|f^{(t)} - f^*\|_{\mathcal{H}} \leq \epsilon + O(\|\Gamma\|\sigma) + O(\sigma)$ after $t = O\left(n \log\left(\frac{\|f^*\|_{\mathcal{H}}}{\epsilon}\right)\right)$ iterations.*

1.1 Contributions

Our main contribution is the approximation bounds for Subquantile Minimization for non-linear learning problems from the iterative thresholding algorithm developed in Algorithm 1. Our proof techniques extend [BJK15, ADKS22] as we do not assume the covariates follow the spherical Gaussian property, as such a property will not hold for any infinite-dimensional Hilbert Space.

2 Preliminaries

Notation. We denote $[T]$ as the set $\{1, 2, \dots, T\}$. We define $(x)^+ \triangleq \max(0, x)$ as the Rectified Linear Unit (ReLU) function. We say $y = O(x)$ if there exists x_0 s.t. for all $x \geq x_0$ there exists C s.t. $y \leq Cx$. We

say $y = \Omega(x)$ if there exists x_0 s.t. for all $x \geq x_0$ there exists C s.t. $y \geq Cx$. We denote $a \vee b \triangleq \max(a, b)$ and $a \wedge b \triangleq \min(a, b)$. We define \mathbb{S}^{d-1} as the sphere $\{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^d : \|\mathbf{x}\| = 1\}$. We will typically denote capital roman letters A, B, C as fixed constants, lower-case roman letters f, g, h as functions, bold-face lower-case letters $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{z}$ as vectors, and bold-face, upper-case letters $\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{Q}, \mathbf{R}$ as matrices.

2.1 Reproducing Kernel Hilbert Spaces

Let the function $\phi : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$ represent the Hilbert Space Representation or ‘feature transform’ from a vector in the original covariate space to the RKHS. We define $k : \mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ as $k(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}) \triangleq \langle \phi(\mathbf{x}), \phi(\mathbf{x}) \rangle_{\mathcal{H}}$. For a function in a RKHS, $f \in \mathcal{H}$, it follows for a function f parameterized by weights $\mathbf{w} \in \mathbb{R}^n$, that the point evaluation function is given as $f : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and defined $f(\cdot) \triangleq \sum_{i \in [n]} w_i k(\mathbf{x}_i, \cdot)$.

Definition 5 (Reproducing Property). *Let $\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{X}$, then for any $f \in \mathcal{H}$,*

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = \langle f, k(\mathbf{x}, \cdot) \rangle_{\mathcal{H}} = \langle f, \phi(\mathbf{x}) \rangle_{\mathcal{H}}$$

Definition 6 (Pushforward Measure). *Let $\phi : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$ represent the mapping from the input dimension to the Hilbert Space, and let \mathcal{P} be the Probability Measure of the uncorrupted data over \mathcal{X} . Then $\mathcal{P}_{\#}\phi(X) = \mathcal{P}(\phi^{-1}(X))$ represents the measure over the Hilbert Space \mathcal{H} using the measure of the good data defined over the original data space \mathcal{X} .*

The norm of a function $f \in \mathcal{H}$ is given as $\|f\|_{\mathcal{H}} = \sqrt{\langle f, f \rangle_{\mathcal{H}}}$.

2.2 Tensor Products

Let \mathcal{H}, \mathcal{K} be Hilbert Spaces, then $\mathcal{H} \otimes \mathcal{K}$ is the tensor product space and is also a Hilbert Space [RaR02]. For $\phi_1, \psi_1 \in \mathcal{H}$ and $\phi_2, \psi_2 \in \mathcal{K}$, the inner product is defined as $\langle \phi_1 \otimes \phi_2, \psi_1 \otimes \psi_2 \rangle_{\mathcal{H} \otimes \mathcal{K}} = \langle \phi_1, \psi_1 \rangle_{\mathcal{H}} \langle \phi_2, \psi_2 \rangle_{\mathcal{K}}$. We will utilize tensor products when we discuss infinite dimensional covariance estimation.

2.3 Sub-Gaussian Random Functions in the Hilbert Space

In this paper we sample the target covariates $\mathbf{x} \sim \mathcal{X}$ such that $\phi(\mathbf{x}) \triangleq X \sim \mathcal{P}_{\#}\phi$ is sub-Gaussian in the Hilbert Space where $\mathbf{E}[X] = \mathbf{0}$ and covariance $\mathbf{E}[X \otimes X] = \mathbf{\Sigma}$ with proxy $\mathbf{\Gamma}$, where $\mathbf{\Sigma} \preceq 4\|X\|_{\psi_2}^2 \mathbf{\Gamma}$, where we denote \preceq as the Löwner order. We have X is a centered Hilbert Space sub-Gaussian random function if for all $\theta > 0$,

$$\mathbf{E}_{X \sim \mathcal{P}} [\exp(\theta \langle X, v \rangle_{\mathcal{H}})] \leq \exp\left(\frac{\alpha^2 \theta^2 \langle v, \mathbf{\Gamma} v \rangle_{\mathcal{H}}}{2}\right) \quad (2.1)$$

where the sub-Gaussian Norm for a centered Hilbert Space Function is given as

$$\|X\|_{\psi_2} \triangleq \inf \left\{ \alpha \geq 0 : \mathbf{E} \left[e^{\langle v, X \rangle_{\mathcal{H}}} \right] \leq e^{\alpha^2 \langle v, \mathbf{\Gamma} v \rangle_{\mathcal{H}} / 2} : \forall v \in \mathcal{H} \right\}$$

Then we say $X \sim \mathcal{SG}(\mathbf{\Gamma}, \alpha)$, where if $\alpha = 1$, we will say $X \sim \mathcal{SG}(\mathbf{\Gamma})$. The Gaussian Design for the Feature Space has gained popularity in the study of kernel learning [CLKZ21]. The sub-Gaussian design is the standard assumed distribution in the robust statistics literature, [JLT20, ADKS22], and has been studied extensively in the context of iterative thresholding algorithms for linear regression.

2.4 Assumptions

We will first give our assumptions for robust kernelized regression.

Assumption 7 (Sub-Gaussian Design). *We assume for $\mathbf{x}_i \sim \mathcal{X}$, then it follows for the function to the Hilbert Space, $\phi(\cdot) : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$,*

$$\phi(\mathbf{x}) \triangleq X \sim \mathcal{P}_{\#}\phi \triangleq \mathcal{SG}(\mathbf{\Gamma}, 1/2)$$

where $\mathbf{\Gamma}$ is a possibly infinite dimensional covariance operator.

Assumption 8 (Bounded Functions). *We assume for $\mathbf{x}_i \sim \mathcal{P} \in \mathcal{X}$, then it follows for the feature map, $\phi(\cdot) : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$,*

$$\sup_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{X}} \|\phi(\mathbf{x})\|_{\mathcal{H}}^2 \leq P_k < \infty$$

where \mathcal{H} is a Reproducing Kernel Hilbert Space.

Assumption 9 (Normal Residuals). *Let $\inf_{f \in \mathcal{H}} \mathbf{E}_{(\mathbf{x}, y) \sim \mathcal{D}} [\mathcal{R}(f; \mathbf{x}, y)]$. The residual is defined as $\xi_i \triangleq f^*(\mathbf{x}_i) - y_i$. Then we assume for some $\sigma > 0$, it follows*

$$\xi_i \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2)$$

2.5 Related Work

The idea of iterative thresholding algorithms for robust learning tasks dates back to 1806 by Legendre [Leg06]. Iterative thresholding have been studied theoretically and tested empirically in various machine learning domains [HYW⁺23, MGJK19]. Therefore, we will dedicate this subsection to reviewing such works and to make clear our contributions to the iterative thresholding literature.

[BJK15] study iterative thresholding for least squares regression / sparse recovery. In particular, one part of their study is of a gradient descent algorithm when the data $\mathcal{P} = \mathcal{Q} = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{I})$ or multivariate sub-Gaussian with proxy \mathbf{I} . Their approximation bounds relies on the fact that $\lambda_{\min}(\mathbf{\Sigma}) = \lambda_{\max}(\mathbf{\Sigma})$ and with sufficiently large data and sufficiently small ϵ , $\lambda_{\max}(\mathbf{X})/\lambda_{\min}(\mathbf{X}) \searrow 1$. This is similar to the study by [ADKS22], where the iterative trimmed maximum likelihood estimator is studied for General Linear Models. The algorithm studied by [ADKS22] utilizes a filtering algorithm with the sketching matrix $\mathbf{\Sigma}^{-1/2}$ so the columns of \mathbf{X} are sampled from a multivariate sub-Gaussian Distribution with proxy \mathbf{I} before running the iterative thresholding procedure. This ‘whitening’ procedure to decrease the conditioning number of the covariates is also done in recent work, [SBRJ19, BJKK17].

Conditioning covariates does not generalize to kernel learning where we are given a matrix \mathbf{K} which is equivalent to inner product of the quasimatrix¹, Φ , with itself. In the infinite dimensional case, it is not possible to sketch the kernel matrix [W⁺14] in order to have the original covariates be well-conditioned. In the finite dimensional case, the feature maps can be quite large and it is very difficult to obtain in practice. Thus, we are left with Φ where the columns are sampled from a sub-Gaussian Distribution with proxy $\mathbf{\Gamma}$ is a trace-class operator, which implies the eigenvalues tend to zero, i.e. $\lambda_{\inf}(\mathbf{\Gamma}) = 0$, and there is no longer a notion of $\lambda_{\min}(\mathbf{\Gamma})$.

3 Subquantile Minimization

We propose to optimize over the subquantile of the risk. The p -quantile of a random variable, U , is given as $\mathcal{Q}_p(U)$, this is the largest number, t , such that the probability of $U \leq t$ is at least p .

$$\mathcal{Q}_p(U) \leq t \iff \mathbf{Pr}\{U \leq t\} \geq p$$

The p -subquantile of the risk is then given by

$$\mathbf{L}_p(U) = \frac{1}{p} \int_0^p \mathcal{Q}_p(U) dq = \mathbf{E}[U | U \leq \mathcal{Q}_p(U)] = \max_{t \in \mathbb{R}} \left\{ t - \frac{1}{p} \mathbf{E}[t - U]^+ \right\}$$

Given a function to minimize, \mathcal{L} , the variational problem is given as:

$$\min_{f \in \mathcal{K}} \max_{t \in \mathbb{R}} \left\{ g(t, f) \triangleq t - \frac{1}{(1 - \epsilon)N} \cdot \sum_{i=1}^n (t - \mathcal{L}(f; \mathbf{x}_i, y_i))^+ \right\}$$

where t is the p -quantile of the empirical risk. Note that for a fixed t therefore the objective is not concave with respect to \mathbf{w} . Thus, to solve this problem we use the iterations from Equation 11 in [RHL⁺20]. Let

¹ A quasimatrix is an infinite-dimensional analogue of a tall-skinny matrix that represents an ordered set of functions in ℓ_2 (see e.g. [TT15]).

$\text{Proj}_{\mathcal{K}}$ be the projection of a function on to the convex set $\mathcal{K} \triangleq \{f \in \mathcal{H} : \|f\|_{\mathcal{H}} \leq R\}$, then our update steps are

$$t^{(k+1)} = \arg \max_{t \in \mathbb{R}} g(f^{(k)}, t) \quad (3.1)$$

$$f^{(k+1)} = \text{Proj}_{\mathcal{K}} \left[f^{(k)} - \eta \nabla_f g(f^{(k)}, t^{(k+1)}) \right] \quad (3.2)$$

The proof of convergence for the above algorithm was given in [JNJ20][Theorem 35]. The sufficient condition for convergence is $g(f, t)$ is concave with respect to t , which for the subquantile objective is simple to show.

3.1 Reduction to Iterative Thresholding

To consider theoretical guarantees of Subquantile Minimization, we first analyze the inner and outer optimization problems. We first analyze kernel learning in the presence of corrupted data. Next, we provide error bounds for the two most important kernel learning problems, kernel ridge regression, and kernel classification. Now we will give our first result regarding kernel learning in the Huber ϵ -contamination model. Now we will analyze the two-step minimax optimization steps described in Equations (3.1) and (3.2).

Lemma 10. *Let $\mathcal{R} : \mathcal{H} \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a loss function (not necessarily convex). Let $\mathbf{x}_{[i]}$ represent the point with the i -th smallest loss w.r.t \mathcal{R} . If we denote $\hat{\nu}_i \triangleq \mathcal{R}(f; \mathbf{x}_{[i]}, y_{[i]})$, it then follows $\hat{\nu}_{(1-\epsilon)N} \in \arg \max_{t \in \mathbb{R}} g(t, f)$.*

Proof. First we can note, the max value of t for g is equivalent to the min value of t for the convex w.r.t t function $-g$. We can now find the Fermat Optimality Conditions for g .

$$\partial(-g(t, f)) = \partial \left(-t + \frac{1}{(1-\epsilon)N} \sum_{i=1}^N (t - \hat{\nu}_i)^+ \right) = -1 + \frac{1}{(1-\epsilon)N} \sum_{i=1}^{(1-\epsilon)N} \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } t > \hat{\nu}_i \\ 0 & \text{if } t < \hat{\nu}_i \\ [0, 1] & \text{if } t = \hat{\nu}_i \end{cases}$$

We observe when setting $t = \hat{\nu}_{(1-\epsilon)N}$, it follows that $0 \in \partial(-g(t, f))$. This is equivalent to the $(1-\epsilon)$ -quantile of the Empirical Risk. \blacksquare

From Lemma 10, we see that t will be greater than or equal to the errors of exactly $(1-\epsilon)N$ points. Thus, we are continuously updating over the $(1-\epsilon)N$ minimum errors.

Lemma 11. *Let $\hat{\nu}_i \triangleq \mathcal{R}(f; \mathbf{x}_{[i]}, y_{[i]})$, if we choose $t^{(k+1)} = \hat{\nu}_{(1-\epsilon)N}$ as by Lemma 10, it then follows $\nabla_f g(t^{(k)}, f^{(k)}) = \frac{1}{(1-\epsilon)N} \sum_{i=1}^{(1-\epsilon)N} \nabla_f \mathcal{R}(f^{(k)}; \mathbf{x}_{[i]}, y_{[i]})$.*

Proof. By our choice of $t^{(k+1)}$, it follows,

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_f g(t^{(k+1)}, f^{(k)}) &= \partial_f \left(t^{(k+1)} - \frac{1}{(1-\epsilon)N} \sum_{i=1}^N (t^{(k+1)} - \mathcal{R}(f^{(k)}; \mathbf{x}_{[i]}, y_{[i]}))^+ \right) \\ &= -\frac{1}{(1-\epsilon)N} \sum_{i=1}^{(1-\epsilon)N} \partial_f (t^{(k+1)} - \mathcal{R}(f^{(k)}; \mathbf{x}_{[i]}, y_{[i]}))^+ \\ &= \frac{1}{(1-\epsilon)N} \sum_{i=1}^n \nabla_f \mathcal{R}(f^{(k)}; \mathbf{x}_{[i]}, y_{[i]}) \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } t > \hat{\nu}_i \\ 0 & \text{if } t < \hat{\nu}_i \\ [0, 1] & \text{if } t = \hat{\nu}_i \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

Now we note $\hat{\nu}_{(1-\epsilon)N} \leq t^{(k+1)} \leq \hat{\nu}_{(1-\epsilon)N+1}$. Then, we have

$$\partial_f g(t^{(k+1)}, f^{(k)}) \supseteq \frac{1}{(1-\epsilon)N} \sum_{i=1}^{(1-\epsilon)N} \nabla_f \mathcal{R}(f^{(k)}; \mathbf{x}_{[i]}, y_{[i]})$$

This concludes the proof. \blacksquare

We have therefore shown that the two-step optimization of Subquantile Minimization gives the iterative thresholding algorithm.

4 Convergence

In this section we give the algorithm for subquantile minimization. We will start with the simple case of vectorized regression as a warm-up to our general proof technique. We then move to the GLM with kernel learning. Finally, we give our results for one-hidden layer neural networks. We will now give the algorithm for Subquantile Minimization with Gradient Descent.

4.1 Algorithm

Algorithm 1 Subquantile Minimization for One Hidden-Layer Neural Networks

input: Possibly corrupted $\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times N}$ with outputs $\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^N$ and corruption parameter $\epsilon = O(\text{poly}(C_3, \Gamma))$.

output: Approximate solution $\mathbf{W} \in \mathbb{R}^{k \times d}$ to $\min \|\mathbf{W} - \mathbf{W}^*\|_F$.

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1:  $\mathbf{W}^{(0)} \leftarrow \mathbf{0}$ 
2: for  $t \in [T]$  do
3:    $S^{(t)} \leftarrow \{i \in [n] : \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{W}^{(t)}; \mathbf{x}_i, y_i) \leq \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{W}^{(t)}; \mathbf{x}_{\lfloor (1-\epsilon)N \rfloor}; y_{\lfloor (1-\epsilon)N \rfloor})\}$ 
4:    $\nabla \mathcal{R}(\mathbf{W}; S^{(t)}) \leftarrow \frac{2}{(1-\epsilon)N} \cdot \sum_{i \in S^{(t)}} (\sum_{k \in [K]} \sigma(\mathbf{x}_i^T \mathbf{w}_k) - y_i) \cdot (\sigma \circ (\mathbf{W}^{(t)} \mathbf{x}_i)) \cdot \mathbf{x}_i^T$ 
5:    $\mathbf{W}^{(t+1)} \leftarrow \mathbf{W}^{(t)} - \eta \nabla \mathcal{R}(\mathbf{W}^{(t)}; S^{(t)})$ 
return:  $\mathbf{W}^{(T)}$ 

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4.2 Kernelized GLMs

The error function for the the Kernelized GLM problem is given by the following equation for a single training pair $(\mathbf{x}_i, y_i) \sim \mathcal{D}$.

$$\mathcal{L}(f; \mathbf{x}_i, y_i) = (\omega(f(\mathbf{x}_i)) - y_i)^2$$

Theorem 12 (Subquantile Minimization for Generalized Linear Models is Good with High Probability). *Let Algorithm 1 be run on a dataset $\mathcal{D} \sim \hat{\mathcal{P}}$ with learning rate $\eta \triangleq \Omega(\ell^{-1})$ and link function $\omega : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, s.t. $C_1 \leq \omega'(x) \leq C_2$ for absolute constants $C_1, C_2 > 0$. Then after $O\left(n \log\left(\frac{\|f^*\|_{\mathcal{H}}}{\epsilon}\right)\right)$ gradient descent iterations, with probability exceeding $1 - \delta$ and a positive constant C ,*

$$\|f^{(T)} - f^*\|_{\mathcal{H}} \leq \epsilon$$

for $n \geq (1 - \epsilon)^{-1} (16\|\Gamma\|_{\text{op}}^2 + 2P_k^2 \log(2/\delta))$.

Proof. The proof is deferred to § C.1. ■

4.3 Neural Networks

In this section we will consider Iterative Thresholding for a linear one-layer neural network and then a general two-layer neural network.

4.3.1 One Layer Linear Network

We start with the simple case of a linear one-layer neural network for multivariate regression. The error function for the linear one-layer Neural Network problem is given by the following equation for $\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times n}$ and $\mathbf{Y} \in \mathbb{R}^{k \times n}$.

$$\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{W}; \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}) = \|\mathbf{W}\mathbf{X} - \mathbf{Y}\|_F^2$$

Assumption 13. *The true data is given by the following relation for a $\mathbf{W}^* \in \mathbb{R}^{k \times d}$ and $\mathbf{e} \in \mathbb{R}^k$,*

$$\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{W}^* \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{e}$$

where the elements of \mathbf{e} are sampled from $\mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2)$.

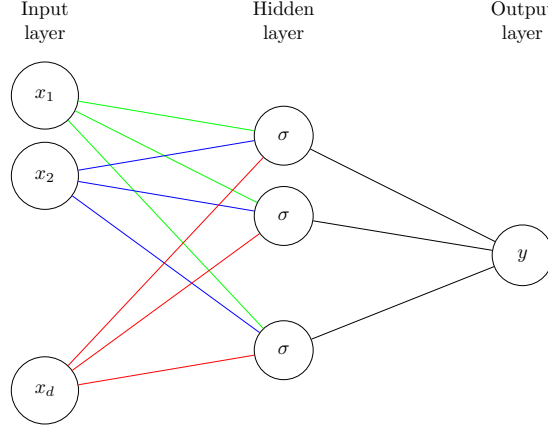


Figure 1: One Hidden Layer Neural Network.

Theorem 14 (Subquantile Minimization for a One-layer Linear Network is Good with High Probability). *Let Algorithm 1 be run on a dataset $\mathcal{D} \sim \hat{\mathcal{P}}$ such that $\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times n}$ and $\mathbf{Y} \in \mathbb{R}^{k \times n}$ with learning rate $\eta \triangleq \Omega(\|\mathbf{\Gamma}\|^{-1})$. Then after $O\left(n \log\left(\frac{\|\mathbf{W}^*\|_{\text{F}}}{\varepsilon}\right)\right)$ gradient descent iterations, with probability exceeding $1 - \delta$ and a positive constant C ,*

$$\|\mathbf{W}^{(T)} - \mathbf{W}^*\|_{\text{F}} \leq \varepsilon + O(k\sigma) + O(k\sigma\|\mathbf{\Gamma}\|)$$

for $n = \Omega(\Xi)$.

Proof. The proof is deferred to § D.1. ■

4.3.2 Two Layer Neural Network

We now give our assumption of the data.

Assumption 15. *The true data is given by the following relation for a $\mathbf{W}^* \in \mathbb{R}^{k \times d}$ and $\xi \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2)$.* ,

$$y = \sum_{k=1}^K \sigma(\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{w}_k^*) + \xi = f^*(\mathbf{x}) + \xi$$

where $\sigma : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$.

Theorem 16 (Subquantile Minimization for a One Hidden-Layer Network is Good with High Probability). *Let Algorithm 1 be run on a dataset $\mathcal{D} \sim \hat{\mathcal{P}}$ such that $\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times n}$ with learning rate $\eta \triangleq \Omega(\|\mathbf{\Gamma}\|^{-1})$. Then after $O\left(C_1^{-2} C_2^2 \kappa(\mathbf{\Gamma}) \log\left(\frac{\|\mathbf{W}^*\|_{\text{F}}}{\varepsilon}\right)\right)$ gradient descent iterations, with probability exceeding $1 - \delta$ and a positive constant C ,*

$$\|\mathbf{W}^{(T)} - \mathbf{W}^*\|_{\text{F}} \leq \varepsilon$$

for $n = \Omega(\Xi)$.

Proof. The proof is deferred to § D.2. ■

5 Discussion

The main contribution of this paper is the study of a nonconvex-concave formulation of Subquantile minimization for the robust learning problem for kernel ridge regression and kernel classification. We present an algorithm to solve the nonconvex-concave formulation and prove rigorous error bounds which show that the more good data that is given decreases the error bounds.

Extension to Infinite Dimensional Kernels.

Theory. We develop strong theoretical bounds on the normed difference between the function returned by Subquantile Minimization and the optimal function for data in the target distribution, \mathcal{P} , in the sub-Gaussian Design. We are able to show if the number of inliers is sufficiently small, then the kernelized binary classification problem with binary cross-entropy loss is consistent.

Future Work. The analysis of Subquantile Minimization can be extended to neural networks as kernel learning can be seen as a one-layer network. This generalization will be appear in subsequent work. Another interesting direction work in optimization is for accelerated methods for optimizing non-convex concave min-max problems with a maximization oracle. The current theory analyzes standard gradient descent for the minimization. Ideas such as Momentum and Nesterov Acceleration in conjunction with the maximum oracle are interesting and can be analyzed in future work.

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A Probability Theory

In this section we will give various concentration inequalities on the inlier data for functions in the Reproducing Kernel Hilbert Space.

A.1 Finite Dimensional Concentrations of Measure

Proposition 17. *Let $\mu_1, \dots, \mu_n \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2)$ for some $\sigma > 0$, then it follows for any $C \geq 1$,*

$$\Pr \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^n \mu_i^2 \geq Cn\sigma^2 \right\} \leq \exp(-(n/2)(C - 1 + \ln(1/C)))$$

Proof. Concatenate all the samples μ_i into a vector $\boldsymbol{\mu} \in \mathbb{R}^n$.

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr_{\boldsymbol{\mu} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \sigma^2 \mathbf{I})} \{ \|\boldsymbol{\mu}\|^2 \geq t \} &\leq \inf_{\theta > 0} \mathbf{E}_{\boldsymbol{\mu} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \sigma^2 \mathbf{I})} \left[\exp \left(\theta \sum_{i=1}^n \mu_i^2 \right) \right] \exp(-\theta t) \\ &= \inf_{\theta > 0} \prod_{i=1}^n \mathbf{E}_{\mu_i \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2)} [\exp(\theta \mu_i^2)] \exp(-\theta t) \leq \inf_{0 < \theta < (1/2)\sigma^{-2}} \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - 2\theta\sigma^2}} \exp(-\theta t) \\ &= \inf_{0 < \theta < (1/2)\sigma^{-2}} \exp(-(\theta t + (n/2) \ln(1 - 2\theta\sigma^2))) \\ &= \exp(-(t/2\sigma^2) - (n/2) + (n/2) \ln(n\sigma^2/t)) \\ &= \exp(-(n/2)(C - 1 + \ln(1/C))) \end{aligned}$$

In the second inequality we utilize the MGF for a non-standard χ^2 variable. In the final equality we substitute in $t \triangleq Cn\sigma^2$. ■

A.2 Hilbert Space Concentrations of Measure

Fact 18 (Sum of Binomial Coefficients [CLRS22]). *Let $k, n \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $k \leq n$, then*

$$\sum_{i=0}^k \binom{n}{i} \leq \left(\frac{en}{k} \right)^k$$

Proposition 19 (Jensen's Inequality [Jen06]). *Suppose φ is a convex function, then for a random variable X , it holds*

$$\varphi(\mathbf{E}[X]) \leq \mathbf{E}[\varphi(X)]$$

The inequality is reversed for φ concave.

We will now study the covariance approximation problem. Our main probabilistic tool will be McDiarmid's Inequality.

Proposition 20 (McDiarmid's Inequality [M⁺89]). *Suppose $f : \mathcal{X}_1 \times \dots \times \mathcal{X}_n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$. Consider i.i.d X_1, \dots, X_n where $X_i \in \mathcal{X}_i$ for all $i \in [n]$. If there exists constants c_1, \dots, c_n , such that for all $x_i \in \mathcal{X}_i$ for all $i \in [n]$, it holds*

$$\sup_{\tilde{X}_i \in \mathcal{X}_i} |f(X_1, \dots, X_{i-1}, X_i, X_{i+1}, \dots, X_n) - f(X_1, \dots, X_{i-1}, \tilde{X}_i, X_{i+1}, \dots, X_n)| \leq c_i$$

Then for any $t > 0$, it holds

$$\Pr \{ f(X_1, \dots, X_n) - \mathbf{E}[f(X_1, \dots, X_n)] \geq t \} \leq \exp \left(-\frac{2t^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n c_i^2} \right)$$

Theorem 21 (Mean Estimation in the Hilbert Space [TSM⁺17]). *Define $P_n \triangleq \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \delta_{X_i}$ and P be the distribution of the covariates in \mathcal{X} . Suppose $r : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$ is a continuous function such that $\sup_{X \in \mathcal{X}} \|r(X)\|_{\mathcal{H}}^2 \leq C_k < \infty$. Then with probability at least $1 - \delta$,*

$$\left\| \int_{\mathcal{X}} r(x) dP_n(x) - \int_{\mathcal{X}} r(x) dP(x) \right\| \leq \sqrt{\frac{C_k}{n}} + \sqrt{\frac{2C_k \log(1/\delta)}{n}}$$

We will strengthen upon the result by [TSM⁺17] by using knowledge of the distribution to first derive the expectation.

Proposition 22 (Probabilistic Bound on Infinite Dimensional Covariance Estimation). *Let $\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n$ be i.i.d sampled from \mathcal{P} such that $\phi(\mathbf{x}_i) \triangleq X_i \sim \mathcal{P}_\# \phi$ (Assumption 7). Denote \mathcal{S} as all subsets of $[n]$ with size from $(1 - 2\epsilon)n$ to $(1 - \epsilon)n$. We then have simultaneously with probability exceeding $1 - \delta$,*

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i \otimes X_i - \Sigma \right\|_{\text{HS}} &\leq \sqrt{\frac{8}{n}} \|\Gamma\|_{\text{op}} + \sqrt{\frac{2 \log(2/\delta)}{n}} P_k \\ \max_{A \in \mathcal{S}} \left\| \frac{1}{(1 - \epsilon)n} \sum_{i \in A} X_i \otimes X_i - \Sigma \right\|_{\text{HS}} &\leq \sqrt{\frac{8}{(1 - \epsilon)n}} \|\Gamma\|_{\text{op}} + \sqrt{\frac{2 P_k^2 \log(2/\delta)}{(1 - \epsilon)n}} + P_k \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon \log \epsilon^{-1}}{(1 - \epsilon)}} \end{aligned}$$

Proof. We will calculate the mean operator in the Hilbert Space $\mathcal{H} \otimes \mathcal{H}$ and use the \sqrt{n} -consistency of estimating the mean-element in a Hilbert Space to obtain the probability bounds.

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{E}_{X_i \sim \mathcal{P}_\# \phi} \left\| \frac{1}{(1 - \epsilon)n} \sum_{i=1}^{(1 - \epsilon)n} X_i \otimes X_i - \Sigma \right\|_{\text{HS}} &\stackrel{(ii)}{\leq} \mathbf{E}_{X_i \sim \mathcal{P}_\# \phi} \mathbf{E}_{\tilde{X}_i \sim \mathcal{P}_\# \phi} \left\| \frac{1}{(1 - \epsilon)n} \sum_{i=1}^{(1 - \epsilon)n} X_i \otimes X_i - \tilde{X}_i \otimes \tilde{X}_i \right\|_{\text{HS}} \\ &\stackrel{(iii)}{=} \mathbf{E}_{X_i \sim \mathcal{P}_\# \phi} \mathbf{E}_{\tilde{X}_i \sim \mathcal{P}_\# \phi} \mathbf{E}_{\xi_i \sim \mathcal{R}} \left\| \frac{1}{(1 - \epsilon)n} \sum_{i=1}^{(1 - \epsilon)n} \xi_i (X_i \otimes X_i - \tilde{X}_i \otimes \tilde{X}_i) \right\|_{\text{HS}} \\ &\leq \mathbf{E}_{X_i \sim \mathcal{P}_\# \phi} \mathbf{E}_{\xi_i \sim \mathcal{R}} \left\| \frac{2}{(1 - \epsilon)n} \sum_{i=1}^{(1 - \epsilon)n} \xi_i (X_i \otimes X_i) \right\|_{\text{HS}} \\ &\leq \frac{2}{(1 - \epsilon)n} \mathbf{E}_{X_i \sim \mathcal{P}_\# \phi} \left(\mathbf{E}_{\xi_i \sim \mathcal{R}} \left\| \sum_{i=1}^{(1 - \epsilon)n} \xi_i (X_i \otimes X_i) \right\|_{\text{HS}}^2 \right)^{1/2} \end{aligned}$$

In (ii) we note that $X_i \otimes X_i - \Gamma$ is a mean $\mathbf{0}$ operator in the tensor product space $\mathcal{H} \otimes \mathcal{H}$. Then for $X, Y \in \mathcal{H} \otimes \mathcal{H}$ s.t. $\mathbf{E}[Y] = \mathbf{0}$ it follows $\|X\|_{\text{HS}} = \|X - \mathbf{E}[Y]\|_{\text{HS}} = \|\mathbf{E}[X - Y]\|_{\text{HS}}$ and finally we apply Jensen's Inequality. Let e_k for $k \in [p]$ (p possibly infinite) represent a complete orthonormal basis for the image of Γ . By expanding out the Hilbert-Schmidt Norm, we then have

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{2}{(1 - \epsilon)n} \left(\mathbf{E}_{X_i \sim \mathcal{P}_\# \phi} \mathbf{E}_{\xi_i \sim \mathcal{R}} \left\| \sum_{i=1}^{(1 - \epsilon)n} \xi_i (X_i \otimes X_i) \right\|_{\text{HS}}^2 \right)^{1/2} \\ &= \frac{2}{(1 - \epsilon)n} \left(\mathbf{E}_{X_i \sim \mathcal{P}_\# \phi} \mathbf{E}_{\xi_i \sim \mathcal{R}} \sum_{k=1}^p \left\langle \sum_{i=1}^{(1 - \epsilon)n} \xi_i (X_i \otimes X_i) e_k, \sum_{j=1}^{(1 - \epsilon)n} \xi_j (X_j \otimes X_j) e_k \right\rangle_{\mathcal{H}} \right)^{1/2} \\ &= \frac{2}{(1 - \epsilon)n} \left(\mathbf{E}_{X_i \sim \mathcal{P}_\# \phi} \mathbf{E}_{\xi_i \sim \mathcal{R}} \sum_{k=1}^p \sum_{i=1}^{(1 - \epsilon)n} \sum_{j=1}^{(1 - \epsilon)n} \xi_i \xi_j \langle (X_i \otimes X_i) e_k, (X_j \otimes X_j) e_k \rangle_{\mathcal{H}} \right)^{1/2} \\ &\stackrel{(iv)}{=} \frac{2}{(1 - \epsilon)n} \left(\mathbf{E}_{X_i \sim \mathcal{P}_\# \phi} \sum_{k=1}^p \sum_{i=1}^{(1 - \epsilon)n} \langle (X_i \otimes X_i) e_k, (X_i \otimes X_i) e_k \rangle_{\mathcal{H}} \right)^{1/2} \\ &= \frac{2}{(1 - \epsilon)n} \left(\sum_{i=1}^{(1 - \epsilon)n} \mathbf{E}_{X_i \sim \mathcal{P}_\# \phi} \|X_i \otimes X_i\|_{\text{HS}}^2 \right)^{1/2} \\ &\stackrel{(v)}{=} \frac{2}{\sqrt{(1 - \epsilon)n}} \left(\mathbf{E}_{X_i \sim \mathcal{P}_\# \phi} \|X_i\|_{\mathcal{H}}^4 \right)^{1/2} \end{aligned}$$

(iv) follows from noticing $\mathbf{E}_{\xi_i, \xi_j \sim \mathcal{R}} [\xi_i \xi_j] = \delta_{ij}$. (v) follows from expanding the Hilbert-Schmidt Norm and applying Parseval's Identity. We will now calculate the fourth moment of a norm of sub-Gaussian function in the Hilbert Space.

$$\mathbf{E}_{X \sim \mathcal{P}_\# \phi} [\|X\|_{\mathcal{H}}^4] = \int_0^\infty \mathbf{Pr}_{X \sim \mathcal{P}_\# \phi} \{ \|X\|_{\mathcal{H}}^4 \geq t \} dt = \int_0^\infty \mathbf{Pr}_{X \sim \mathcal{P}_\# \phi} \{ \|X\|_{\mathcal{H}} \geq t^{1/4} \} dt$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\stackrel{(vi)}{\leq} \int_0^\infty \inf_{\theta>0} \mathbf{E}_{X \sim \mathcal{P}_\# \phi} [\exp(\theta \|X\|_{\mathcal{H}})] \exp(-\theta t^{1/4}) dt \leq \int_0^\infty \inf_{\theta>0} \exp\left(\frac{\theta^2 \|\mathbf{\Gamma}\|_{\text{op}}}{2} - \theta t^{1/4}\right) dt \\
&= \int_0^\infty \exp\left(-\frac{\sqrt{t}}{\|\mathbf{\Gamma}\|_{\text{op}}}\right) dt = 2\|\mathbf{\Gamma}\|_{\text{op}}^2
\end{aligned}$$

In (vi) we apply Markov's Inequality. From which we obtain,

$$\mathbf{E}_{X_i \sim \mathcal{P}_\# \phi} \left\| \frac{1}{(1-\epsilon)n} \sum_{i=1}^{(1-\epsilon)n} X_i \otimes X_i - \mathbf{\Sigma} \right\|_{\text{HS}} \leq \sqrt{\frac{8}{(1-\epsilon)n}} \|\mathbf{\Gamma}\|_{\text{op}}$$

Then, define the function $r(\mathbf{x}) : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{H} \otimes \mathcal{H}$, $\mathbf{x} \rightarrow \phi(\mathbf{x}) \otimes \phi(\mathbf{x})$. From Assumption 8, we have $r(\mathbf{x}) = \|\phi(\mathbf{x}) \otimes \phi(\mathbf{x})\|_{\text{HS}} \leq \|\phi(\mathbf{x})\|_{\mathcal{H}}^2 \leq P_k$. We will use McDiarmid's Inequality, consider $\tilde{P} \triangleq \delta_{X_i}$ with one modified element. Then consider the equation $f(x_1, \dots, x_n) : \mathcal{X} \times \dots \times \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{H} \otimes \mathcal{H} \times \dots \times \mathcal{H} \otimes \mathcal{H}$, $x_1, \dots, x_n \rightarrow \|\int_{\mathcal{X}} r(x) dP_B(x) - \int_{\mathcal{X}} r(x) dP(x)\|_{\text{HS}}$.

$$\begin{aligned}
&\left\| \int_{\mathcal{X}} r(x) dP_B(x) - \int_{\mathcal{X}} r(x) dP(x) \right\|_{\text{HS}} - \left\| \int_{\mathcal{X}} r(x) d\tilde{P}(x) - \int_{\mathcal{X}} r(x) dP(x) \right\|_{\text{HS}} \\
&\leq \frac{1}{(1-\epsilon)n} (\|r(x_i)\|_{\text{HS}} + \|r(\tilde{x}_i)\|_{\text{HS}}) \leq \frac{2P_k}{(1-\epsilon)n}
\end{aligned}$$

Then, we have from McDiarmid's inequality (Proposition 20),

$$\mathbf{Pr} \left\{ \left\| \int_{\mathcal{X}} r(x) dP_B(x) - \int_{\mathcal{X}} r(x) dP(x) \right\|_{\text{HS}} - \sqrt{\frac{8}{(1-\epsilon)n}} \|\mathbf{\Gamma}\|_{\text{op}} \geq t \right\} \leq \exp\left(-\frac{t^2(1-\epsilon)n}{P_k^2}\right)$$

We then have our first claim with probability exceeding $1 - \delta$,

$$\left\| \int_{\mathcal{X}} r(x) dP_B(x) - \int_{\mathcal{X}} r(x) dP(x) \right\|_{\text{HS}} \leq \sqrt{\frac{8}{(1-\epsilon)n}} \|\mathbf{\Gamma}\|_{\text{op}} + \sqrt{\frac{P_k^2 \log(2/\delta)}{(1-\epsilon)n}}$$

Next, applying a union bound over \mathcal{S} with Fact 18, we have

$$\max_{B \in \mathcal{S}} \left\| \int_{\mathcal{X}} r(x) dP_B(x) - \int_{\mathcal{X}} r(x) dP(x) \right\|_{\text{HS}} \leq \sqrt{\frac{8}{(1-\epsilon)n}} \|\mathbf{\Gamma}\|_{\text{op}} + \sqrt{\frac{P_k^2 \log(2/\delta)}{(1-\epsilon)n} + \frac{P_k^2 \epsilon \log \epsilon^{-1}}{(1-\epsilon)}}$$

Simplifying the resultant bound completes the proof. ■

A.3 Kernel Matrix Eigenvalue Concentration

Lemma 23. Let $X_i, \dots, X_n \sim \mathcal{P}_\# \phi$. Let \mathcal{S} represent all permutations of $[n]$ from size $[(1-2\epsilon)n]$ to $[(1-\epsilon)n]$. Form the kernel matrix $\mathbf{K} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ s.t. $\mathbf{K}_{ij} \triangleq k(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j)$. Then with probability exceeding $1 - \delta$

$$\begin{aligned}
\min_{A \in \mathcal{S}} \lambda_{\min}(\mathbf{K}_A) &\geq 0.5(1-2\epsilon)n\lambda_{\min}(\mathbf{\Gamma}) \\
\max_{A \in \mathcal{S}} \lambda_{\max}(\mathbf{K}_A) &\leq 2(1-\epsilon)n\lambda_{\max}(\mathbf{\Gamma})
\end{aligned}$$

$$n \geq (1-\epsilon)^{-1} \left(256 + 64 (P_k/\lambda_{\min}(\mathbf{\Gamma}))^2 \log(2/\delta) \right) \text{ and } \epsilon \leq \frac{1}{32} (\lambda_{\min}(\mathbf{\Gamma})/P_k)^2.$$

Proof. We will give our probabilistic bounds using the first and second relation in our covariance estimation bound given in Proposition 22.

Lower Bound.

$$\begin{aligned}
\|\mathbf{K}_A\| &= \|\mathbf{X}_A \otimes \mathbf{X}_A\|_{\text{op}} = \|(1-2\epsilon)n\mathbf{\Gamma} + \mathbf{X}_A \otimes \mathbf{X}_A - (1-2\epsilon)n\mathbf{\Gamma}\|_{\text{op}} \\
&\geq (1-\epsilon)n\lambda_{\min}(\mathbf{\Gamma}) - \|\mathbf{X}_A \otimes \mathbf{X}_A - (1-\epsilon)n\mathbf{\Gamma}\|_{\text{op}}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\geq (1-\epsilon)n \left(\lambda_{\min}(\mathbf{\Gamma}) - P_k \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon \log \epsilon^{-1}}{(1-\epsilon)}} \right) - \sqrt{(1-\epsilon)n} \left(\sqrt{8} \lambda_{\min}(\mathbf{\Gamma}) + \sqrt{2P_k^2 \log(2/\delta)} \right) \\
&\geq (1/2)(1-\epsilon)n \lambda_{\min}(\mathbf{\Gamma})
\end{aligned}$$

when $n \geq (1-\epsilon)^{-1} \left(256 + 64 (P_k/\lambda_{\min}(\mathbf{\Gamma}))^2 \log(2/\delta) \right)$ and $\epsilon \leq \frac{1}{32} \left(\frac{\lambda_{\min}(\mathbf{\Gamma})}{P_k} \right)^2$ with probability exceeding $1-\delta$.

Upper Bound.

$$\begin{aligned}
\|\mathbf{K}_A\| &\leq \|\mathbf{K}_P\| = \|\mathbf{X}_P \otimes \mathbf{X}_P\|_{\text{op}} \\
&\leq (1-\epsilon)n \lambda_{\max}(\mathbf{\Gamma}) + \sqrt{(1-\epsilon)n} \left(\sqrt{8} \lambda_{\max}(\mathbf{\Gamma}) + \sqrt{2P_k^2 \log(2/\delta)} \right) \\
&\leq 2(1-\epsilon)n \lambda_{\max}(\mathbf{\Gamma})
\end{aligned}$$

when $n \geq (1-\epsilon)^{-1} \left(16 + 4 (P_k/\|\mathbf{\Gamma}\|_{\text{op}})^2 \log(2/\delta) \right)$. This completes the proof. \blacksquare

A.4 Matrix Eigenvalue Concentration

First we will give our bounded covariate corruption assumption.

Assumption 24 (Bounded Covariate Corruption). *There exists a constants C_1, C_2 , such that*

$$\|\Pi \mathbf{X}_{\text{FP}}\|_2 \leq \sqrt{\epsilon n C_1} \quad \text{and} \quad \|(\mathbf{I} - \Pi) \mathbf{X}_{\text{FP}}\|_2 \leq \sqrt{\epsilon n C_2}$$

Lemma 25 (Norm of Subset of Good Covariates). *Let \mathbf{X}_* represent a subset of the good data, then it follows,*

$$\|\mathbf{X}_*\|_2 \leq \sqrt{n \|\mathbf{\Gamma}\|}$$

B Proofs for Structural Results

In this section we give the deferred proofs of our main structural results of the subquantile objective function.

Lemma 26. *Consider a determinate set of numbers $(a_i)_{i=1}^n$, and determinate set of functions in the Hilbert Space, $(X_i)_{i=1}^n$. It then follows,*

$$\left\| \sum_{i=1}^n a_i X_i \right\|_{\mathcal{H}}^2 \leq \|\boldsymbol{\alpha}\|_2^2 \|\mathbf{K}\|$$

Proof. The proof is a calculation.

$$\left\| \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i X_i \right\|_{\mathcal{H}}^2 = \left\langle \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i X_i, \sum_{j=1}^n \alpha_j X_j \right\rangle_{\mathcal{H}} = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n \alpha_i \alpha_j k(x_i, x_j) = \boldsymbol{\alpha}^T \mathbf{K} \boldsymbol{\alpha} \leq \|\boldsymbol{\alpha}\|_2^2 \|\mathbf{K}\|$$

where $\mathbf{K} \triangleq [K]_{ij} = k(x_i, x_j)$. \blacksquare

Lemma 27. *Let $\boldsymbol{\alpha}, \boldsymbol{\beta} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and $\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times n}$, then the following statements hold,*

$$\begin{aligned}
\left\| \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i \beta_i \mathbf{x}_i \right\|_2^2 &\leq n \|\boldsymbol{\alpha}\|_{\infty} \left\| \sum_{i=1}^n \beta_i \mathbf{x}_i \right\|_2^2 \\
\left\| \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i \beta_i \mathbf{x}_i \right\|_2^2 &\leq \|\boldsymbol{\alpha}\|_{\infty}^2 \|\boldsymbol{\beta}\|_2^2 \|\mathbf{X} \mathbf{X}^T\|_2
\end{aligned}$$

Proof. The proof is a simple calculation. For the first relation, we have,

$$\left\| \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i \beta_i \mathbf{x}_i \right\|_2^2 = \left\| \sum_{i=1}^n \beta_i (\alpha_i \mathbf{x}_i) \right\|_2^2 \leq \|\boldsymbol{\alpha}\|^2 \left\| \sum_{i=1}^n \beta_i \mathbf{x}_i \right\|^2 \leq n \|\boldsymbol{\alpha}\|_\infty^2 \left\| \sum_{i=1}^n \beta_i \mathbf{x}_i \right\|_2^2$$

For the second relation,

$$\left\| \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i \beta_i \mathbf{x}_i \right\|_2^2 \leq \|\boldsymbol{\alpha} \circ \boldsymbol{\beta}\|_2^2 \|\mathbf{X}\mathbf{X}^T\|_2 \leq \|\boldsymbol{\alpha}\|_\infty^2 \|\boldsymbol{\beta}\|_2^2 \|\mathbf{X}\mathbf{X}^T\|_2$$

Our proof is complete. ■

C Proofs for Kernelized GLMs

In this section, we will prove error bounds for Subquantile Minimization in the Kernelized GLM Problem. First we give the necessary results for our analysis.

Lemma 28 (Lemma 3.11 [B⁺15]). *Let f be β -smooth and α -strongly convex over \mathbb{R}^n , then for all $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^n$, it follows,*

$$\langle \nabla f(\mathbf{x}) - \nabla f(\mathbf{y}), \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y} \rangle \geq \frac{\alpha\beta}{\alpha + \beta} \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}\|^2 + \frac{1}{\alpha + \beta} \|\nabla f(\mathbf{x}) - \nabla f(\mathbf{y})\|^2$$

Proposition 29 (Young's Inequality [You12]). *Suppose $a, b \in \mathbb{R}_+$, then for $p, q > 1$ such that $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$, it follows*

$$ab \leq \frac{a^p}{p} + \frac{b^q}{q}$$

We are now ready to prove our main approximation bound.

C.1 Proof of Theorem 12

Proof. From Algorithm ??, we have for the generalized linear model.

$$f^{(t+1)} = f^{(t)} - \frac{\eta}{(1-\epsilon)n} \cdot \sum_{i \in S^{(t)}} (\omega(f^{(t)}(\mathbf{x}_i)) - y_i) \cdot \omega'(f^{(t)}(\mathbf{x}_i)) \cdot X_i$$

We then have,

$$\begin{aligned} \|f^{(t+1)} - f^*\|_{\mathcal{H}} &= \|f^{(t)} - \eta \nabla_f \mathcal{R}_{S^{(t)}}(f^{(t)}) - f^*\|_{\mathcal{H}} \\ &= \|f^{(t)} - f^* - \eta \nabla \mathcal{R}_{\text{TP}}(f^{(t)}) - \eta \nabla \mathcal{R}_{\text{FP}}(f^{(t)})\|_{\mathcal{H}} \\ &\leq \|f^{(t)} - f^* - \eta \nabla \mathcal{R}_{\text{TP}}(f^{(t)})\|_{\mathcal{H}} + \|\eta \nabla \mathcal{R}_{\text{FP}}(f^{(t)})\|_{\mathcal{H}} \end{aligned} \quad (\text{C.1})$$

We will now analyze the first term of Equation (C.1) through its square,

$$\|f^{(t)} - f^* - \eta \nabla \mathcal{R}_{\text{TP}}(f^{(t)})\|_{\mathcal{H}}^2 = \|f^{(t)} - f^*\|_{\mathcal{H}}^2 - 2\eta \cdot \langle f^{(t)} - f^*, \nabla \mathcal{R}_{\text{TP}}(f^{(t)}) \rangle_{\mathcal{H}} + \eta^2 \cdot \|\nabla \mathcal{R}_{\text{TP}}(f^{(t)})\|_{\mathcal{H}}^2 \quad (\text{C.2})$$

We then have,

$$\begin{aligned} \langle f^{(t)} - f^*, \nabla \mathcal{R}_{\text{TP}}(f^{(t)}) \rangle_{\mathcal{H}} &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \frac{1}{(1-\epsilon)n} \cdot \langle f^{(t)} - f^*, \sum_{i \in \text{TP}} ((\omega(f^{(t)}(\mathbf{x}_i)) - \omega(f^*(\mathbf{x}_i)) - \xi_i) \cdot \omega'(f^{(t)}(\mathbf{x}_i)) \cdot X_i) \rangle_{\mathcal{H}} \\ &\geq \frac{C_1}{(1-\epsilon)n} \langle f^{(t)} - f^*, \sum_{i \in \text{TP}} ((\omega(f^{(t)}(\mathbf{x}_i)) - \omega(f^*(\mathbf{x}_i))) \cdot X_i) \rangle_{\mathcal{H}} - \frac{1}{(1-\epsilon)n} \langle f^{(t)} - f^*, \sum_{i \in \text{TP}} \xi_i \omega'(f^{(t)}(\mathbf{x}_i)) \cdot X_i \rangle_{\mathcal{H}} \end{aligned} \quad (\text{C.3})$$

In the above, in the first inequality we can note that as the link function is monotonic increasing, we have $(f^{(t)}(\mathbf{x}) - f^*(\mathbf{x}))(\omega(f^{(t)}(\mathbf{x})) - \omega(f^*(\mathbf{x}))) \geq 0$ for any $\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{X}$. We will first lower bound the first term in Equation (C.3). Then, consider the function, $h : \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, for a Dirac measure $P(X) = \frac{1}{|\text{TP}|} \delta_{\text{TP}}(X)$.

$$h(f) \triangleq \int_{\mathcal{H}} \left(\int \omega(y) dy \right) (f(X)) dP(X)$$

The first derivative gives us the following,

$$\nabla h(f) \triangleq \int_{\mathcal{H}} \omega(f(X)) \cdot X dP(X)$$

From which we have the following,

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla^2 h(f) &\triangleq \int_{\mathcal{H}} \omega'(f(X)) \cdot X \otimes X dP(X) \succcurlyeq \min_{y \in \mathbb{R}} \omega'(y) \cdot \lambda_{\min} \left(\int_{\mathcal{H}} X \otimes X dP(X) \right) \cdot \mathbf{I} \\ &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} C_1 \lambda_{\min} \left(\int_{\mathcal{H}} X \otimes X dP(X) \right) \cdot \mathbf{I} \triangleq \alpha \cdot \mathbf{I} \end{aligned}$$

Finally, we can note that

$$\nabla^2 h(f) \preccurlyeq \max_{y \in \mathbb{R}} \omega'(y) \cdot \lambda_{\max} \left(\int_{\mathcal{H}} X \otimes X dP(X) \right) \cdot \mathbf{I} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} C_2 \cdot \lambda_{\max} \left(\int_{\mathcal{H}} X \otimes X dP(X) \right) \cdot \mathbf{I} \triangleq \beta \cdot \mathbf{I}$$

Then, with Lemma 28, we have

$$\begin{aligned} 2\eta \cdot \left\langle f^{(t)} - f^*, \nabla \mathcal{R}_{\text{TP}}(f^{(t)}) \right\rangle_{\mathcal{H}} &\geq \frac{\eta C_1 \lambda_{\min}(\Phi_{\text{TP}} \otimes \Phi_{\text{TP}})}{(1 - \epsilon)n} \|f^{(t)} - f^*\|_{\mathcal{H}}^2 \\ &\quad + \frac{\eta}{C_2(1 - \epsilon)n \lambda_{\max}(\Phi_{\text{TP}} \otimes \Phi_{\text{TP}})} \left\| \sum_{i \in \text{TP}} (\omega(f^{(t)}(\mathbf{x}_i)) - \omega(f^*(\mathbf{x}_i))) \cdot X_i \right\|_{\mathcal{H}}^2 \quad (\text{C.4}) \end{aligned}$$

We will now upper bound the second term in Equation (C.3).

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\eta}{(1 - \epsilon)n} \cdot \left\langle f^{(t)} - f^*, \sum_{i \in \text{TP}} \xi_i \omega'(f^{(t)}(\mathbf{x}_i)) \cdot X_i \right\rangle_{\mathcal{H}} &\leq \frac{\eta}{(1 - \epsilon)n} \cdot \|f^{(t)} - f^*\|_{\mathcal{H}} \left\| \sum_{i \in \text{TP}} \xi_i \omega'(f^{(t)}(\mathbf{x}_i)) \cdot X_i \right\|_{\mathcal{H}} \\ &\leq \frac{\eta^2}{2} \cdot \|f^{(t)} - f^*\|_{\mathcal{H}}^2 + \frac{1}{2[(1 - \epsilon)n]^2} \cdot \left\| \sum_{i \in \text{TP}} \xi_i \omega'(f^{(t)}(\mathbf{x}_i)) \cdot X_i \right\|_{\mathcal{H}}^2 \\ &\leq \frac{\eta^2}{2} \cdot \|f^{(t)} - f^*\|_{\mathcal{H}}^2 + \frac{C_2^2}{2(1 - \epsilon)n} \cdot \left\| \sum_{i \in \text{TP}} \xi_i X_i \right\|_{\mathcal{H}}^2 \quad (\text{C.5}) \end{aligned}$$

In the above, in the first inequality we applied the Cauchy-Schwarz Inequality, in the second inequality we utilize Young's Inequality (see Proposition 29), in the third inequality we applied Lemma 27. Then for the third term of Equation (C.2), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|\eta \nabla \mathcal{R}_{\text{TP}}(f^{(t)})\|_{\mathcal{H}}^2 &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \frac{\eta^2}{[(1 - \epsilon)n]^2} \cdot \left\| \sum_{i \in \text{TP}} (\omega(f^{(t)}(\mathbf{x}_i)) - y_i) \cdot \omega'(f^{(t)}(\mathbf{x}_i)) \cdot X_i \right\|_{\mathcal{H}}^2 \\ &= \frac{\eta^2}{[(1 - \epsilon)n]^2} \cdot \left\| \sum_{i \in \text{TP}} (\omega(f^{(t)}(\mathbf{x}_i)) - \omega(f^*(\mathbf{x}_i)) + \xi_i) \cdot \omega'(f^{(t)}(\mathbf{x}_i)) \cdot X_i \right\|_{\mathcal{H}}^2 \\ &\leq \frac{2\eta^2}{[(1 - \epsilon)n]^2} \cdot \left(\left\| \sum_{i \in \text{TP}} (\omega(f^{(t)}(\mathbf{x}_i)) - \omega(f^*(\mathbf{x}_i)) \cdot \omega'(f^{(t)}(\mathbf{x}_i)) \cdot X_i \right\|_{\mathcal{H}}^2 + \left\| \sum_{i \in \text{TP}} \xi_i \omega'(f^{(t)}(\mathbf{x}_i)) \cdot X_i \right\|_{\mathcal{H}}^2 \right) \\ &\leq \frac{2C_2^2 \eta^2}{(1 - \epsilon)n} \cdot \left\| \sum_{i \in \text{TP}} (\omega(f^{(t)}(\mathbf{x}_i)) - \omega(f^*(\mathbf{x}_i)) \cdot X_i \right\|_{\mathcal{H}}^2 + \frac{2C_2^2 \eta^2}{(1 - \epsilon)n} \cdot \left\| \sum_{i \in \text{TP}} \xi_i X_i \right\|_{\mathcal{H}}^2 \quad (\text{C.6}) \end{aligned}$$

In the above, in the first inequality we utilize the elementary inequality $(a + b)^2 \leq 2a^2 + 2b^2$, in the second inequality we utilize Lemma 27. We then see the second term of Equation (C.4) is greater than the first term of Equation (C.6) when $\eta \leq (2C_2\|\Phi_{\text{TP}} \otimes \Phi_{\text{TP}}\|)^{-1}$. We now will upper bound second term of Equation (C.1) through its square.

$$\begin{aligned}
\|\eta \nabla \mathcal{R}_{\text{FP}}(f^{(t)})\|_{\mathcal{H}}^2 &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \frac{\eta^2}{[(1-\epsilon)n]^2} \cdot \left\| \sum_{i \in \text{FP}} (\omega(f^{(t)}(\mathbf{x}_i)) - y_i) \cdot \omega'(f^{(t)}(\mathbf{x}_i)) \cdot X_i \right\|_{\mathcal{H}}^2 \\
&\leq \frac{\eta^2}{[(1-\epsilon)n]^2} \cdot \left\| \sum_{i \in \text{FP}} X_i \otimes X_i \right\|_{\text{op}} \sum_{i \in \text{FP}} [(\omega(f^{(t)}(\mathbf{x}_i)) - y_i) \cdot \omega'(f^{(t)}(\mathbf{x}_i))]^2 \\
&\leq \frac{C_2^2 \eta^2}{[(1-\epsilon)n]^2} \cdot \left\| \sum_{i \in \text{FP}} X_i \otimes X_i \right\|_{\text{op}} \sum_{i \in \text{FN}} (\omega(f^{(t)}(\mathbf{x}_i)) - y_i)^2 \\
&= \frac{C_2^2 \eta^2}{[(1-\epsilon)n]^2} \cdot \left\| \sum_{i \in \text{FP}} X_i \otimes X_i \right\|_{\text{op}} \sum_{i \in \text{FN}} (\omega(f^{(t)}(\mathbf{x}_i)) - \omega(f^*(\mathbf{x}_i)) + \xi_i)^2 \\
&\leq \frac{C_2^4 \eta^2}{[(1-\epsilon)n]^2} \cdot \left\| \sum_{i \in \text{FP}} X_i \otimes X_i \right\|_{\text{op}} \left(\sum_{i \in \text{FN}} (f^{(t)}(\mathbf{x}_i) - f^*(\mathbf{x}_i))^2 + \xi_i^2 \right) \\
&\leq \frac{2C_2^4 \eta^2}{[(1-\epsilon)n]^2} \cdot \left\| \sum_{i \in \text{FP}} X_i \otimes X_i \right\|_{\text{op}} \left(\left\| \sum_{i \in \text{FN}} X_i \otimes X_i \right\|_{\text{op}} \|f^{(t)} - f^*\|_{\mathcal{H}}^2 + \|\xi_{\text{FN}}\|^2 \right) \quad (\text{C.7})
\end{aligned}$$

In the above, the first inequality follows from Lemma 26, the second inequality follows from the optimality of the Subquantile set and the bounded link function gradient, the third inequality follows from noting for any $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$, the bounded gradient implies Lipschitzness, i.e. $|\omega(x) - \omega(y)| \leq C_2|x - y|$. The final equality follows from the following,

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{i \in \text{FN}} (f^{(t)}(\mathbf{x}_i) - f^*(\mathbf{x}_i))^2 &= \langle f^{(t)} - f^*, [\sum_{i \in \text{FN}} X_i \otimes X_i] (f^{(t)} - f^*) \rangle_{\mathcal{H}} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \|f^{(t)} - f^*\|_{\Sigma_{\text{FN}}, \mathcal{H}}^2 \\
&\leq \|f^{(t)} - f^*\|_{\mathcal{H}}^2 \left\| \sum_{i \in \text{FN}} X_i \otimes X_i \right\|_{\text{op}}
\end{aligned}$$

Then from Equations (C.4), (C.5), and (C.7), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\|f^{(t+1)} - f^*\|_{\mathcal{H}} &\leq \frac{\eta C_2 \|\xi_{\text{FN}}\| \sqrt{\left\| \sum_{i \in \text{FP}} X_i \otimes X_i \right\|_{\text{op}}}}{(1-\epsilon)n} + \left(\frac{C_2^2((1/2) + 2\eta^2)}{(1-\epsilon)n} \right) \left\| \sum_{i \in \text{TP}} \xi_i X_i \right\|_{\mathcal{H}} \\
&\quad + \|f^{(t)} - f^*\|_{\mathcal{H}} \left(1 - \eta \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{\lambda_{\min}(\sum_{i \in \text{TP}} X_i \otimes X_i)}{2(1-\epsilon)n} - \frac{C_2 \sqrt{2C_3\epsilon} \cdot \left\| \sum_{i \in \text{FN}} X_i \otimes X_i \right\|_{\text{op}}}}{(1-\epsilon)\sqrt{n}} \right) \right)
\end{aligned}$$

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D Proofs for Neural Networks

D.1 Proof of Theorem 14

Proof. Recall that for any $\mathbf{W} \in \mathbb{R}^{k \times d}$,

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{W}; \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}) &= \|\mathbf{W}\mathbf{X} - \mathbf{Y}\|_{\text{F}}^2 = \text{Tr}(\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{W}^T \mathbf{W} \mathbf{X} - \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{W}^T \mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{Y}^T \mathbf{W} \mathbf{X} + \mathbf{Y}^T \mathbf{Y}) \\
&= \text{Tr}(\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{W}^T \mathbf{W} \mathbf{X}) + \text{Tr}(\mathbf{Y}^T \mathbf{Y}) - 2 \text{Tr}(\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{W}^T \mathbf{Y})
\end{aligned}$$

Then, from [PP⁺08] Equations (102) and (119) (where we set $\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{I}$ and $\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{0}$). We have,

$$\nabla \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{W}) = 2(\mathbf{W}\mathbf{X} - \mathbf{Y})\mathbf{X}^T$$

Our proof will begin similarly to the proof of Theorem 12. We then have,

$$\begin{aligned}
\|\mathbf{W}^{(t+1)} - \mathbf{W}^*\|_F &= \|\mathbf{W}^{(t)} - \mathbf{W}^* - \eta \nabla \mathcal{R}(\mathbf{W}^{(t)}; \mathbf{S}^{(t)})\|_F \\
&= \|\mathbf{W}^{(t)} - \mathbf{W}^* - \eta \nabla \mathcal{R}(\mathbf{W}^{(t)}; \text{TP}) - \eta \nabla \mathcal{R}(\mathbf{W}^{(t)}; \text{FP})\|_F \\
&\leq \|\mathbf{W}^{(t)} - \mathbf{W}^* - \eta \nabla \mathcal{R}(\mathbf{W}^{(t)}; \text{TP})\|_F + \|\eta \nabla \mathcal{R}(\mathbf{W}^{(t)}; \text{FP})\|_F
\end{aligned} \tag{D.1}$$

We first will upper bound the first term in Equation (D.1).

$$\begin{aligned}
&\|\mathbf{W}^{(t)} - \mathbf{W}^* - \nabla \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{W}^{(t)}; \text{TP})\|_F^2 \\
&= \|\mathbf{W}^{(t)} - \mathbf{W}^*\|_F^2 - \eta \cdot \text{Tr}((\mathbf{W}^{(t)} - \mathbf{W}^*)^T (\nabla \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{W}^{(t)}; \text{TP}))) + \|\eta \nabla \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{W}^{(t)}; \text{TP})\|_F^2
\end{aligned} \tag{D.2}$$

We then lower bound the second term in Equation (D.2),

$$\begin{aligned}
&\eta \cdot \text{Tr}((\mathbf{W}^{(t)} - \mathbf{W}^*)^T (\nabla \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{W}^{(t)}; \text{TP}))) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} 2\eta \cdot \text{Tr}((\mathbf{W}^{(t)} - \mathbf{W}^*)^T (\mathbf{W} \mathbf{X}_{\text{TP}} - \mathbf{Y}_{\text{TP}}) \mathbf{X}_{\text{TP}}^T) \\
&= \frac{2\eta}{(1-\epsilon)N} \cdot \text{Tr}((\mathbf{W}^{(t)} - \mathbf{W}^*)^T (\mathbf{W}^{(t)} - \mathbf{W}^*) \mathbf{X}_{\text{TP}} \mathbf{X}_{\text{TP}}^T - (\mathbf{W}^{(t)} - \mathbf{W}^*)^T \mathbf{E}_{\text{TP}} \mathbf{X}_{\text{TP}}^T) \\
&\geq \frac{2\eta}{(1-\epsilon)N} \cdot \sum_{\ell=1}^k \langle \mathbf{w}_\ell^{(t)} - \mathbf{w}_\ell^*, \sum_{i \in \text{TP}} (\mathbf{x}_i^T \mathbf{w}_\ell^{(t)} - \mathbf{x}_i^T \mathbf{w}_\ell^*) \cdot \mathbf{x}_i \rangle - \frac{2\eta}{(1-\epsilon)N} \cdot \|\mathbf{W}^{(t)} - \mathbf{W}^*\|_F \|\mathbf{E}_{\text{TP}} \mathbf{X}_{\text{TP}}^T\|_F \\
&\geq \frac{\eta}{(1-\epsilon)N} \cdot \sum_{\ell=1}^k (\lambda_{\min}(\mathbf{X}_{\text{TP}} \mathbf{X}_{\text{TP}}^T) \|\mathbf{w}_\ell^{(t)} - \mathbf{w}_\ell^*\|^2 + \|\sum_{i \in \text{TP}} (\mathbf{x}_i^T \mathbf{w}_\ell^{(t)} - \mathbf{x}_i^T \mathbf{w}_\ell^*) \cdot \mathbf{x}_i\|_2^2) \\
&\quad - \frac{\eta^2}{2} \cdot \|\mathbf{W}^{(t)} - \mathbf{W}^*\|_F^2 - \frac{4}{[(1-\epsilon)N]^2} \cdot \|\mathbf{X}_{\text{TP}} \mathbf{X}_{\text{TP}}^T\|_2 \|\mathbf{E}_{\text{TP}}\|_F^2 \\
&= \frac{\eta}{(1-\epsilon)N} \cdot \lambda_{\min}(\mathbf{X}_{\text{TP}} \mathbf{X}_{\text{TP}}^T) \|\mathbf{W}^{(t)} - \mathbf{W}^*\|_F^2 + \frac{\eta}{(1-\epsilon)N} \cdot \|(\mathbf{W}^{(t)} - \mathbf{W}^*) \mathbf{X}_{\text{TP}} \mathbf{X}_{\text{TP}}^T\|_F^2 \\
&\quad - \frac{\eta^2}{2} \cdot \|\mathbf{W}^{(t)} - \mathbf{W}^*\|_F^2 - \frac{4}{[(1-\epsilon)N]^2} \cdot \|\mathbf{X}_{\text{TP}} \mathbf{X}_{\text{TP}}^T\|_2 \|\mathbf{E}_{\text{TP}}\|_F^2
\end{aligned}$$

In the above, in the first inequality we apply the Cauchy-Schwarz Inequality, in the second inequality we apply Lemma 28 to the first term and Young's inequality (see Proposition 29) to the second term. We now upper bound the second term in Equation (D.1),

$$\begin{aligned}
&\|\eta \nabla \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{W}^{(t)}; \text{FP})\|_F^2 \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \frac{4\eta^2}{[(1-\epsilon)N]^2} \cdot \|(\mathbf{W}^{(t)} \mathbf{X}_{\text{FP}} - \mathbf{Y}_{\text{FP}}) \mathbf{X}_{\text{FP}}^T\|_F^2 \\
&\leq \frac{4\eta^2}{[(1-\epsilon)N]^2} \cdot \|\mathbf{X}_{\text{FP}} \mathbf{X}_{\text{FP}}^T\|_2 \|\mathbf{W}^{(t)} \mathbf{X}_{\text{FP}} - \mathbf{Y}_{\text{FP}}\|_F^2 \\
&\leq \frac{4\eta^2}{[(1-\epsilon)N]^2} \cdot \|\mathbf{X}_{\text{FP}} \mathbf{X}_{\text{FP}}^T\|_2 \|\mathbf{W}^{(t)} \mathbf{X}_{\text{FN}} - \mathbf{Y}_{\text{FN}}\|_F^2 \\
&\leq \frac{8\eta^2}{[(1-\epsilon)N]^2} \cdot \|\mathbf{X}_{\text{FP}} \mathbf{X}_{\text{FP}}^T\|_2 (\|\mathbf{W}^{(t)} \mathbf{X}_{\text{FN}} - \mathbf{W}^* \mathbf{X}_{\text{FN}}\|_F^2 + \|\mathbf{E}_{\text{FN}}\|_F^2) \\
&\leq \frac{8\eta^2}{[(1-\epsilon)N]^2} \cdot \|\mathbf{X}_{\text{FP}} \mathbf{X}_{\text{FP}}^T\|_2 \|\mathbf{X}_{\text{FN}} \mathbf{X}_{\text{FN}}^T\|_2 \|\mathbf{W}^{(t)} - \mathbf{W}^*\|_F^2 + \frac{8\eta^2}{[(1-\epsilon)N]^2} \cdot \|\mathbf{X}_{\text{FP}} \mathbf{X}_{\text{FP}}\|_2 \|\mathbf{E}_{\text{FN}}\|_F^2
\end{aligned}$$

In the above, the first and fourth inequalities follow from the fact that for any two size compatible matrices, \mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B} , it holds that $\|\mathbf{AB}\|_F \leq \|\mathbf{A}\|_F \|\mathbf{B}\|_2$, the second inequality follows from the optimality of the Subquantile set, the third inequality follows from the sub-additivity of the Frobenius norm. We will now upper bound the third term in Equation (D.2),

$$\|\eta \nabla \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{W}^{(t)}; \text{FP})\|_F^2 \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \frac{4\eta^2}{[(1-\epsilon)N]^2} \cdot \|(\mathbf{W}^{(t)} \mathbf{X}_{\text{TP}} - \mathbf{Y}_{\text{FP}}) \mathbf{X}_{\text{TP}}^T\|_F^2$$

$$\leq \frac{8\eta^2}{[(1-\epsilon)N]^2} \cdot \|(\mathbf{W}^{(t)} - \mathbf{W}^*)\mathbf{X}_{\text{TP}}\mathbf{X}_{\text{TP}}^{\text{T}}\|_{\text{F}}^2 + \frac{8\eta^2}{[(1-\epsilon)N]^2} \cdot \|\mathbf{X}_{\text{TP}}\mathbf{X}_{\text{TP}}^{\text{T}}\|_2 \|\mathbf{E}_{\text{TP}}\|_{\text{F}}^2$$

We then have,

$$\begin{aligned} \|\mathbf{W}^{(t+1)} - \mathbf{W}^*\|_{\text{F}} &\leq \|\mathbf{W}^{(t)} - \mathbf{W}^*\|_{\text{F}} \left(1 - \eta \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{\lambda_{\min}(\mathbf{X}_{\text{TP}}\mathbf{X}_{\text{TP}}^{\text{T}})}{(1-\epsilon)N} - \frac{\sqrt{8\epsilon}C_3}{(1-\epsilon)\sqrt{n}} \cdot \|\mathbf{X}_{\text{FP}}\|_2 \right) \right) \\ &\quad + \frac{\sqrt{8}\eta}{(1-\epsilon)N} \cdot \|\mathbf{E}_{\text{FN}}\|_{\text{F}} \|\mathbf{X}_{\text{FP}}\|_2 + \frac{2}{(1-\epsilon)N} \cdot \|\mathbf{E}_{\text{TP}}\|_{\text{F}} \|\mathbf{X}_{\text{TP}}\|_2 \end{aligned}$$

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D.2 Proof of Theorem 16

Lemma 30 (AM-QM Inequality). *Let x_1, \dots, x_n be scalars in \mathbb{R} , then*

$$\left(\sum_{i \in [n]} x_i \right)^2 \leq n \sum_{i \in [n]} x_i^2$$

Lemma 31. *Suppose $\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$, then*

$$\langle \mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B} \rangle_{\text{Tr}} = \langle \text{vec}(\mathbf{A}), \text{vec}(\mathbf{B}) \rangle$$

Proof.[Theorem 16] Recall the neural network function is given as follows,

$$f_{\mathbf{W}}(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{k \in [K]} \sigma(\mathbf{x}^{\text{T}} \mathbf{w}_k)$$

Then we have the empirical risk as,

$$\mathcal{R}(\mathbf{W}; \mathbf{S}^{(t)}) = \frac{1}{(1-\epsilon)N} \cdot \sum_{i \in \mathbf{S}^{(t)}} \left(\sum_{k \in [K]} \sigma(\mathbf{x}_i^{\text{T}} \mathbf{w}_k) - y_i \right)^2$$

The gradient is then given as follows for a column \mathbf{w}_k of \mathbf{W} ,

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{R}(\mathbf{W}; \mathbf{S}^{(t)})}{\partial \mathbf{w}_k} = \frac{2}{(1-\epsilon)N} \cdot \sum_{i \in \mathbf{S}^{(t)}} \sum_{j \in [K]} (\sigma(\mathbf{x}_i^{\text{T}} \mathbf{w}_j) - y_i) \cdot \sigma'(\mathbf{x}_i^{\text{T}} \mathbf{w}_k) \cdot \mathbf{x}_i$$

We can then compute the second partial derivatives, first for $k \neq \ell$, we have

$$\frac{\partial^2 \mathcal{R}(\mathbf{W}; \mathbf{S}^{(t)})}{\partial \mathbf{w}_k \partial \mathbf{w}_\ell} = \frac{2}{(1-\epsilon)N} \cdot \sum_{i \in \mathbf{S}^{(t)}} \sigma'(\mathbf{x}_i^{\text{T}} \mathbf{w}_k) \sigma'(\mathbf{x}_i^{\text{T}} \mathbf{w}_\ell) \cdot \mathbf{x}_i \mathbf{x}_i^{\text{T}}$$

then on the diagonal, we have

$$\frac{\partial^2 \mathcal{R}(\mathbf{W}; \mathbf{S}^{(t)})}{\partial \mathbf{w}_k^2} = \frac{2}{(1-\epsilon)N} \cdot \left(\sum_{i \in \mathbf{S}^{(t)}} \sum_{j \in [K]} (\sigma(\mathbf{x}_i^{\text{T}} \mathbf{w}_j) - y_i) \cdot \sigma''(\mathbf{x}_i^{\text{T}} \mathbf{w}_k) \cdot \mathbf{x}_i \mathbf{x}_i^{\text{T}} + \sum_{i \in \mathbf{S}^{(t)}} [\sigma'(\mathbf{x}_i^{\text{T}} \mathbf{w}_k)]^2 \cdot \mathbf{x}_i \mathbf{x}_i^{\text{T}} \right)$$

Then, noting that $\sigma''(x) = 0$ at most at a finite number of points, we have,

$$\frac{\partial^2 \mathcal{R}(\mathbf{W}; \mathbf{S}^{(t)})}{\partial \mathbf{w}_k^2} = \frac{2}{(1-\epsilon)N} \cdot \sum_{i \in \mathbf{S}^{(t)}} [\sigma'(\mathbf{x}_i^{\text{T}} \mathbf{w}_k)]^2 \cdot \mathbf{x}_i \mathbf{x}_i^{\text{T}}$$

Step 1: Upper bounding the Frobenius norm distance between $\mathbf{W}^{(t+1)}$ and \mathbf{W}^* .

$$\begin{aligned}\|\mathbf{W}^{(t+1)} - \mathbf{W}^*\|_F &= \|\mathbf{W}^{(t)} - \mathbf{W}^* - \eta \nabla \mathcal{R}(\mathbf{W}^{(t)}; \mathbf{S}^{(t)})\|_F \\ &= \|\mathbf{W}^{(t)} - \mathbf{W}^* - \eta \nabla \mathcal{R}(\mathbf{W}^{(t)}; \text{TP}) - \nabla \mathcal{R}(\mathbf{W}^{(t)}; \text{FP})\|_F \\ &\leq \|\mathbf{W}^{(t)} - \mathbf{W}^* - \eta \nabla \mathcal{R}(\mathbf{W}^{(t)}; \text{TP})\|_F + \|\eta \nabla \mathcal{R}(\mathbf{W}^{(t)}; \text{FP})\|_F\end{aligned}\quad (\text{D.3})$$

We will first upper bound the first term of Equation (D.3) through its square.

$$\begin{aligned}\|\mathbf{W}^{(t)} - \mathbf{W}^* - \eta \nabla \mathcal{R}(\mathbf{W}^{(t)}; \text{TP})\|_F^2 &= \|\mathbf{W}^{(t)} - \mathbf{W}^*\|_F^2 - 2\eta \cdot \langle \mathbf{W}^{(t)} - \mathbf{W}^*, \nabla \mathcal{R}(\mathbf{W}^{(t)}; \text{TP}) \rangle_{\text{Tr}} + \eta^2 \cdot \|\nabla \mathcal{R}(\mathbf{W}^{(t)}; \text{TP})\|^2 \\ &= \|\mathbf{W}^{(t)} - \mathbf{W}^*\|_F^2 - 2\eta \cdot \langle \mathbf{W}^{(t)} - \mathbf{W}^*, \nabla \mathcal{R}(\mathbf{W}^{(t)}; \text{TP}) - \nabla \mathcal{R}(\mathbf{W}^*; \text{TP}) \rangle_{\text{Tr}} \\ &\quad + \eta^2 \cdot \|\nabla \mathcal{R}(\mathbf{W}^{(t)}; \text{TP}) - \nabla \mathcal{R}(\mathbf{W}^*; \text{TP})\|_F^2\end{aligned}\quad (\text{D.4})$$

In the above, in the final equality we use the fact that $\nabla \mathcal{R}(\mathbf{W}^*; \text{TP}) = \mathbf{0}$. Then from Equation (D.2), we can calculate the smoothness constant of $\mathcal{R}(\mathbf{W}^{(t)}; \text{TP})$ over \mathbf{w}_j for $j \in [K]$ and fixing \mathbf{w}_ℓ for $\ell \in [K]$ and $\ell \neq j$ as constant vectors,

$$\frac{2}{(1-\epsilon)N} \cdot \sum_{i \in \text{TP}} \sum_{k \in [K]} [(\sigma'(\mathbf{x}_i^T \mathbf{w}_j))^2 \cdot \mathbf{x}_i \mathbf{x}_i^T] \preceq \frac{2KC_2^2}{(1-\epsilon)N} \cdot \|\mathbf{X}_{\text{TP}} \mathbf{X}_{\text{TP}}^T\|_2 \cdot \mathbf{I} \triangleq \frac{\beta}{(1-\epsilon)N} \cdot \mathbf{I} \quad (\text{D.5})$$

We can also similarly obtain the strong convexity constant,

$$\frac{2}{(1-\epsilon)N} \cdot \sum_{i \in \text{TP}} \sum_{k \in [K]} [(\sigma'(\mathbf{x}_i^T \mathbf{w}_j))^2 \cdot \mathbf{x}_i \mathbf{x}_i^T] \succeq \frac{2KC_1^2}{(1-\epsilon)N} \cdot \lambda_{\min}(\mathbf{X}_{\text{TP}} \mathbf{X}_{\text{TP}}^T) \cdot \mathbf{I} \triangleq \frac{\alpha}{(1-\epsilon)N} \cdot \mathbf{I} \quad (\text{D.6})$$

We can now note

$$\begin{aligned}2\eta \cdot \langle \mathbf{W}^{(t)} - \mathbf{W}^*, \nabla \mathcal{R}(\mathbf{W}^{(t)}; \text{TP}) - \nabla \mathcal{R}(\mathbf{W}^*; \text{TP}) \rangle_{\text{Tr}} &= 2\eta \cdot \langle \text{vec}(\mathbf{W}^{(t)}) - \text{vec}(\mathbf{W}^*), \text{vec}(\nabla \mathcal{R}(\mathbf{W}^{(t)}; \text{TP})) - \text{vec}(\nabla \mathcal{R}(\mathbf{W}^*; \text{TP})) \rangle \\ &= 2\eta \cdot \sum_{k \in [K]} \left\langle \mathbf{w}_k^{(t)} - \mathbf{w}_k^*, \frac{\partial \mathcal{R}(\mathbf{W}^{(t)}; \text{TP})}{\partial \mathbf{w}_k} - \frac{\partial \mathcal{R}(\mathbf{W}^*; \text{TP})}{\partial \mathbf{w}_k} \right\rangle \\ &\geq \frac{2KC_1^2\eta}{(1-\epsilon)N} \cdot \lambda_{\min}(\mathbf{X}_{\text{TP}} \mathbf{X}_{\text{TP}}^T) \|\mathbf{W}^{(t)} - \mathbf{W}^*\|_F^2 + \frac{2K^{-1}C_2^{-2}\eta}{(1-\epsilon)N} \cdot \|\mathbf{X}_{\text{TP}} \mathbf{X}_{\text{TP}}\|^{-1} \|\nabla \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{W}^{(t)}; \text{TP}) - \nabla \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{W}^*; \text{TP})\|_F^2\end{aligned}$$

In the above, the first equality follows from Lemma 31, in the first inequality we apply Lemma 28 with α and β defined in Equations (D.5) and (D.6), respectively, and f defined as $\mathcal{R}(\mathbf{W}^{(t)}; \text{TP})$ where \mathbf{w}_j for $j \in [K]$ is the input variable and \mathbf{w}_ℓ for $\ell \in [K]$ and $\ell \neq j$ as fixed vectors, and in the second equality we simply use the definition of the Frobenius norm. Then, solving the quadratic equation, we set $\eta \leq 2K^{-1}C_2^{-2}(1-\epsilon)N\|\mathbf{X}_{\text{TP}} \mathbf{X}_{\text{TP}}^T\|_2^{-1}$, and obtain

$$\|\mathbf{W}^{(t+1)} - \mathbf{W}^* - \eta \nabla \mathcal{R}(\mathbf{W}^{(t)}; \text{TP})\|_F^2 \leq \left(1 - \frac{2KC_1^2\eta}{(1-\epsilon)N} \cdot \lambda_{\min}(\mathbf{X}_{\text{TP}} \mathbf{X}_{\text{TP}}^T)\right) \cdot \|\mathbf{W}^{(t)} - \mathbf{W}^*\|_F^2$$

Step 2: Upper bounding the corrupted gradient. We now upper bound the third term in Equation (D.4).

$$\begin{aligned}\eta^2 \cdot \|\nabla \mathcal{R}(\mathbf{W}^{(t)}; \text{FP})\|_F^2 &= \frac{4\eta^2}{[(1-\epsilon)N]^2} \cdot \sum_{k \in [K]} \left\| \sum_{i \in \text{FP}} \sum_{j \in [K]} (\sigma(\mathbf{x}_i^T \mathbf{w}_j) - \sigma(\mathbf{x}_i^T \mathbf{w}_j^*)) \cdot \sigma'(\mathbf{x}_i^T \mathbf{w}_k^{(t)}) \cdot \mathbf{x}_i \right\|_2^2 \\ &\leq \frac{4KC_2^2\eta^2}{[(1-\epsilon)N]^2} \cdot \|\mathbf{X}_{\text{FP}} \mathbf{X}_{\text{FP}}^T\|_2 \sum_{i \in \text{FP}} \left(\sum_{j \in [K]} \sigma(\mathbf{x}_i^T \mathbf{w}_j) - \sigma(\mathbf{x}_i^T \mathbf{w}_j^*) \right)^2 \\ &\leq \frac{4KC_2^2\eta^2}{[(1-\epsilon)N]^2} \cdot \|\mathbf{X}_{\text{FP}} \mathbf{X}_{\text{FP}}^T\|_2 \sum_{i \in \text{FN}} \left(\sum_{j \in [K]} \sigma(\mathbf{x}_i^T \mathbf{w}_j) - \sigma(\mathbf{x}_i^T \mathbf{w}_j^*) \right)^2\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\leq \frac{4K^2C_2^2\eta^2}{[(1-\epsilon)N]^2} \cdot \|\mathbf{X}_{\text{FP}}\mathbf{X}_{\text{FP}}^T\|_2 \sum_{i \in \text{FN}} \sum_{j \in [K]} (\sigma(\mathbf{x}_i^T \mathbf{w}_j) - \sigma(\mathbf{x}_i^T \mathbf{w}_j^*))^2 \\
&\leq \frac{4K^2C_2^4\eta^2}{[(1-\epsilon)N]^2} \cdot \|\mathbf{X}_{\text{FP}}\mathbf{X}_{\text{FP}}^T\|_2 \|\mathbf{X}_{\text{FN}}\mathbf{X}_{\text{FN}}^T\|_2 \|\mathbf{W}^{(t)} - \mathbf{W}^*\|_{\text{F}}^2
\end{aligned}$$

In the above, the first inequality follows from Lemma 27, the second inequality follows from the optimality of the Subquantile set, the third inequality follows from the AM-QM inequality (see Lemma 30), the final inequality follows from the C_2 -Lipschitzness of σ .

Step 3: Combining Step 1 and Step 2. We obtain,

$$\|\mathbf{W}^{(t+1)} - \mathbf{W}^*\|_{\text{F}}^2 \leq \|\mathbf{W}^{(t)} - \mathbf{W}^*\|_{\text{F}}^2 \left(1 - \frac{KC_1^2\eta}{(1-\epsilon)N} \cdot \lambda_{\min}(\mathbf{X}_{\text{TP}}\mathbf{X}_{\text{TP}}^T) + \frac{4K^2C_2^4C_3\eta^2}{(1-\epsilon)N} \cdot \|\mathbf{X}_{\text{FN}}\mathbf{X}_{\text{FN}}^T\|_2 \right)$$

From which we obtain clearly that there exists sufficiently small ϵ such that

$$\|\mathbf{W}^{(t+1)} - \mathbf{W}^*\|_{\text{F}}^2 \leq \|\mathbf{W}^{(t)} - \mathbf{W}^*\|_{\text{F}}^2 (1 - \Theta(C_1^2C_2^{-2} \cdot \kappa^{-1}(\mathbf{X}_{\text{TP}}\mathbf{X}_{\text{TP}}^T)))$$

We solve the induction to obtain the iteration complexity and complete the proof. ■