## PFL

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## 1 Introduction

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#### Algorithm 1

**Input**: Participation rate r, step size  $\eta$ , number of local updates for the head  $\tau_w$ , for the shortcut  $\tau_s$  and for the representation  $\tau_b$ , number of communication rounds T.

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1: Initialize \mathbf{B}^0, \mathbf{w}_1^0, ..., \mathbf{w}_n^0, \mathbf{s}_1^0, ..., \mathbf{s}_n^0
  2: for t = 0, 1, 2, ..., T - 1 do
            Server receives a batch of clients \mathcal{I}^t of size rn
  3:
             Server sends current representation \phi^t to clients in \mathcal{I}^t
  4:
            for each client i in \mathcal{I}^t do
  5:
                  Client i initializes \mathbf{w}_i^{t,0} \leftarrow \mathbf{w}_i^{t-1,\tau_h}
  6:
  7:
                  Client updates its head for \tau_h steps:
                  for \tau = 1 to \tau_w do
  8:
                      \mathbf{w}_{i}^{t,\tau} \leftarrow \operatorname{GRD}\left(f_{i}\left(\mathbf{w}_{i}^{t,\tau-1},\mathbf{B}^{t-1},\mathbf{s}_{i}^{t-1,\tau_{s}}\right),\mathbf{w}_{i}^{t,\tau-1},\eta\right)
  9:
10:
                  Client i initializes \mathbf{s}_i^{t,0} \leftarrow \mathbf{s}_i^{t-1,\tau_s}
11:
                  Client i updates its shortcut for \tau_s steps:
12:
                 for \tau = 1 to \tau_s do \mathbf{s}_i^{t,\tau} \leftarrow \text{GRD}\left(f_i\left(\mathbf{w}_i^{t-1}, \mathbf{B}^{t-1}, \mathbf{s}_i^{t,\tau-1}\right), \mathbf{s}_i^{t,\tau-1}, \eta\right)
13:
14:
                  end for
15:
                  Client i initializes \mathbf{B}_{i}^{t,0} \leftarrow \mathbf{B}^{t-1}
16:
                  Client i updates its representation for \tau_b steps:
17:
                  for \tau = 1 to \tau_b do
18:
                      \mathbf{B}_{i}^{t,\tau} \leftarrow \operatorname{GRD}\left(f_{i}\left(\mathbf{w}_{i}^{t,\tau_{w}}, \mathbf{B}_{i}^{t,\tau-1}, \mathbf{s}_{i}^{t,\tau_{s}}\right), \mathbf{B}_{i}^{t,\tau-1}, \eta\right)
19:
                  end for
20:
                  Client i sends updated representation \mathbf{B}_{i}^{t,\tau_{b}} to server
21:
22:
             \begin{array}{l} \textbf{for each client } j \text{ not in } \mathcal{I}^t \textbf{ do} \\ \text{Set } \mathbf{w}_i^{t,\tau_w} \leftarrow \mathbf{w}_i^{t-1,\tau_w} \text{ and } \mathbf{s}_i^{t,\tau_s} \leftarrow \mathbf{s}_i^{t-1,\tau_s} \end{array} 
23:
24:
25:
            Server computes new representation: \mathbf{B}^t = \frac{1}{rn} \sum_{i \in \mathcal{I}^t} \mathbf{B}_i^{t,\tau_b}
26:
27: end for
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#### 1.1 Preliminaries

First, we establish the notations that will be used throughout our proof. Let  $\mathbf{S} := [\mathbf{s}_1, ..., \mathbf{s}_{rn}] \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times rn}$  represent the personalized layers, and let  $\mathbf{W} := [\mathbf{w}_1, ..., \mathbf{w}_{rn}] \in \mathbb{R}^{k \times rn}$  denote the personalized heads, which follow the global representation  $\mathbf{B}$ . Since our algorithm updates  $\mathbf{w}_i$  and  $\mathbf{s}_i$  for each client i simultaneously, we define  $\mathbf{h}_i^{\top} := [\mathbf{w}_i^{\top}, \mathbf{s}_i^{\top}]$  and  $\mathbf{H} := [\mathbf{h}_1, ..., \mathbf{h}_{rn}] \in \mathbb{R}^{(k+d) \times rn}$ .

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The global objective can be rewritten as

$$\min_{\mathbf{B} \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times k}, \mathbf{W} \in \mathbb{R}^{k \times rn}, \mathbf{S} \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times rn}} \left\{ F(\hat{\mathbf{B}}, \mathbf{W}, \mathbf{S}) := \frac{1}{2rnm} \mathbb{E}_{\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{I}} \left\| \mathbf{Y} - \mathcal{A}(\mathbf{W}_{\mathcal{I}}^{\top} \hat{\mathbf{B}}^{\top} + \mathbf{S}_{\mathcal{I}}^{\top}) \right\|_{2}^{2} \right\}, \tag{1}$$

where  $\mathbf{Y} = \mathcal{A}(\mathbf{W}_{\mathcal{I}}^{*\top} \hat{\mathbf{B}}^{*\top} + \mathbf{S}_{\mathcal{I}}^{*\top}) \in \mathbb{R}^{rnm}$ . Then we give the update rules of our algorithm:

$$\mathbf{W}^{t+1} = \underset{\mathbf{W} \in \mathbb{R}^{k \times rn}}{\operatorname{arg \, min}} \frac{1}{2rnm} \left\| \mathcal{A}^t \left( \mathbf{W}^{*\top} \hat{\mathbf{B}}^{*\top} - \mathbf{W}^{\top} \hat{\mathbf{B}}^{t\top} + \mathbf{S}^{*\top} - \mathbf{S}^{t\top} \right) \right\|_2^2, \tag{2}$$

$$\mathbf{S}^{t+1} = \underset{\mathbf{S} \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times rn}}{\operatorname{arg \, min}} \frac{1}{2rnm} \left\| \mathcal{A}^t \left( \mathbf{W}^{*\top} \hat{\mathbf{B}}^{*\top} - \mathbf{W}^{t\top} \hat{\mathbf{B}}^{t\top} + \mathbf{S}^{*\top} - \mathbf{S}^{\top} \right) \right\|_2^2, \tag{3}$$

$$\bar{\mathbf{B}} = \hat{\mathbf{B}}^{t} - \frac{\eta}{rnm} \left( (\mathcal{A}^{t})^{\dagger} \mathcal{A}^{t} (\mathbf{W}^{t+1\top} \hat{\mathbf{B}}^{t\top} - \mathbf{W}^{*\top} \hat{\mathbf{B}}^{*\top} + \mathbf{S}^{t+1\top} - \mathbf{S}^{*\top}) \right)^{\top} \mathbf{W}_{\mathcal{I}^{t}}^{t+1\top}, \quad (4)$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{B}}^{t+1}, \mathbf{R}^{t+1} = QR(\bar{\mathbf{B}}^t). \tag{5}$$

### 1.2 Auxiliary Lemmas

We first consider the update for  $\mathbf{W}$ . According to the update rule of (2),  $\mathbf{W}^{t+1}$  minimizes the function of  $\widetilde{F}\left(\hat{\mathbf{B}}^t, \mathbf{W}, \mathbf{S}^t\right) := \frac{1}{2rnm} \left\| \mathcal{A}\left(\mathbf{W}^{*\top}\hat{\mathbf{B}}^{*\top} - \mathbf{W}^{\top}\hat{\mathbf{B}}^{t\top} + \mathbf{S}^{*\top} - \mathbf{S}^{t\top}\right) \right\|_2^2$ .

Let  $\mathcal{W}_p^{t+1}$  be the p-th column of  $\mathbf{W}^{t+1\top}$ ,  $\mathcal{W}_p^*$  denote the p-th column of  $\mathbf{W}^{*\top}$ ,  $\mathcal{S}_l^t$  denote the l-th column of  $\mathbf{S}^{t\top}$ ,  $\mathcal{S}_l^*$  denote the l-th column of  $\mathbf{S}^{*\top}$  and  $\hat{\mathbf{b}}_p^t$  be the p-th column of  $\hat{\mathbf{B}}^t$ , then for any  $p \in [k]$ ,  $l \in [d]$ , we have

$$\mathbf{0} = \nabla_{\mathcal{W}_{p}} \widetilde{F} \left( \hat{\mathbf{B}}^{t}, \mathbf{W}^{t+1}, \mathbf{S}^{t} \right) 
= \frac{1}{rnm} \sum_{i=1}^{rn} \sum_{j=1}^{m} \left( \left\langle \mathbf{A}_{i,j}, \mathbf{W}^{t+1\top} \hat{\mathbf{B}}^{t\top} - \mathbf{W}^{*\top} \hat{\mathbf{B}}^{*\top} + \mathbf{S}^{t\top} - \mathbf{S}^{*\top} \right\rangle \right) \mathbf{A}_{i,j} \hat{\mathbf{b}}_{p}^{t} 
= \frac{1}{rnm} \sum_{i=1}^{rn} \sum_{j=1}^{m} \left( \left\langle \mathbf{A}_{i,j}, \mathbf{W}^{t+1\top} \hat{\mathbf{B}}^{t\top} - \mathbf{W}^{*\top} \hat{\mathbf{B}}^{*\top} \right\rangle + \left\langle \mathbf{A}_{i,j}, \mathbf{S}^{t\top} - \mathbf{S}^{*\top} \right\rangle \right) \mathbf{A}_{i,j} \hat{\mathbf{b}}_{p}^{t} 
= \frac{1}{rnm} \sum_{i=1}^{rn} \sum_{j=1}^{m} \left( \sum_{q=1}^{k} \hat{\mathbf{b}}_{q}^{t\top} \mathbf{A}_{i,j}^{\top} \mathcal{W}_{q}^{t+1} - \sum_{q=1}^{k} \hat{\mathbf{b}}_{q}^{*\top} \mathbf{A}_{i,j}^{\top} \mathcal{W}_{q}^{*} + \sum_{l=1}^{d} \mathbf{e}_{l}^{\top} \mathbf{A}_{i,j}^{\top} \mathcal{S}_{l}^{t} - \sum_{l=1}^{d} \mathbf{e}_{l}^{\top} \mathbf{A}_{i,j}^{\top} \mathcal{S}_{l}^{*} \right) \mathbf{A}_{i,j} \hat{\mathbf{b}}_{p}^{t},$$
(6)

which means

$$\frac{1}{m} \sum_{q=1}^{k} \left( \sum_{i=1}^{rn} \sum_{j=1}^{m} \mathbf{A}_{i,j} \hat{\mathbf{b}}_{p}^{t} \hat{\mathbf{b}}_{q}^{t\top} \mathbf{A}_{i,j}^{\top} \right) \mathcal{W}_{q}^{t+1}$$

$$= \frac{1}{m} \sum_{q=1}^{k} \left( \sum_{i=1}^{rn} \sum_{j=1}^{m} \mathbf{A}_{i,j} \hat{\mathbf{b}}_{p}^{t} \hat{\mathbf{b}}_{q}^{*\top} \mathbf{A}_{i,j}^{\top} \right) \mathcal{W}_{q}^{*} + \frac{1}{m} \sum_{l=1}^{d} \left( \sum_{i=1}^{rn} \sum_{j=1}^{m} \mathbf{A}_{i,j} \hat{\mathbf{b}}_{p}^{t} \mathbf{e}_{l}^{\top} \mathbf{A}_{i,j}^{\top} \right) \left( \mathcal{S}_{l}^{t} - \mathcal{S}_{l}^{*} \right). \tag{7}$$

Then, define  $\mathbf{G}_{pq} := \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^{rn} \sum_{j=1}^{m} \mathbf{A}_{i,j} \hat{\mathbf{b}}_{p}^{t} \hat{\mathbf{b}}_{q}^{t\top} \mathbf{A}_{i,j}^{\top}$ ,  $\mathbf{C}_{pq} := \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^{rn} \sum_{j=1}^{m} \mathbf{A}_{i,j} \hat{\mathbf{b}}_{p}^{t} \hat{\mathbf{b}}_{q}^{t\top} \mathbf{A}_{i,j}^{\top}$  and  $\mathbf{D}_{pq} := \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^{rn} \sum_{j=1}^{m} \left\langle \hat{\mathbf{b}}_{p}^{t}, \hat{\mathbf{b}}_{q}^{*} \right\rangle \mathbf{I}_{rn}$ , for all  $p, q \in [k]$ , and define  $\mathbf{E}_{pl} := \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^{rn} \sum_{j=1}^{m} \mathbf{A}_{i,j} \hat{\mathbf{b}}_{p}^{t} \mathbf{e}_{l}^{\top} \mathbf{A}_{i,j}^{\top}$ , for all  $p \in [k], l \in [d]$ . Further, we define block matrices  $\mathbf{G}, \mathbf{C}, \mathbf{D} \in \mathbb{R}^{rnk \times rnk}$  and  $\mathbf{E} \in \mathbb{R}^{rnk \times rnd}$ , which are formed by  $\mathbf{G}_{pq}, \mathbf{C}_{pq}, \mathbf{D}_{pq}$  and  $\mathbf{E}_{pl}$ , respectively. In detail, take  $\mathbf{G}$  and  $\mathbf{E}$  for example,

$$\mathbf{G} := \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{G}_{11} & \cdots & \mathbf{G}_{1k} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \mathbf{G}_{k1} & \cdots & \mathbf{G}_{kk} \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{E} := \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{E}_{11} & \cdots & \mathbf{E}_{1d} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \mathbf{E}_{k1} & \cdots & \mathbf{E}_{kd} \end{bmatrix}.$$
(8)

Then we define  $\widetilde{\mathcal{W}}^{t+1} := \operatorname{vec}(\mathbf{W}^{t+1\top}) \in \mathbb{R}^{rnk}, \ \widetilde{\mathcal{W}}^* := \operatorname{vec}(\mathbf{W}^{*\top}) \in \mathbb{R}^{rnk}, \ \widetilde{\mathcal{S}}^t := \operatorname{vec}(\mathbf{S}^{t\top}) \in \mathbb{R}^{rnd}$  and  $\widetilde{\mathcal{S}}^* := \operatorname{vec}(\mathbf{S}^{*\top}) \in \mathbb{R}^{rnd}$ . From (7) we reach,

$$\widetilde{\mathcal{W}}^{t+1} = \mathbf{G}^{-1} \mathbf{C} \widetilde{\mathcal{W}}^* + \mathbf{G}^{-1} \mathbf{E} \left( \widetilde{\mathcal{S}}^t - \widetilde{\mathcal{S}}^* \right)$$

$$= \mathbf{D} \widetilde{\mathcal{W}}^* - \mathbf{G}^{-1} \left( \mathbf{G} \mathbf{D} - \mathbf{C} \right) \widetilde{\mathcal{W}}^* + \mathbf{G}^{-1} \mathbf{E} \left( \widetilde{\mathcal{S}}^t - \widetilde{\mathcal{S}}^* \right), \tag{9}$$

where **G** is invertible will be proved in the following lemma. Here, we consider  $\mathbf{G}_{pq}$ ,

$$\mathbf{G}_{pq} = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^{rn} \sum_{j=1}^{m} \mathbf{A}_{i,j} \hat{\mathbf{b}}_{p} \hat{\mathbf{b}}_{q}^{\top} \mathbf{A}_{i,j}^{\top}$$

$$= \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^{rn} \sum_{j=1}^{m} \mathbf{e}_{i} \left( \mathbf{x}_{i}^{j} \right)^{\top} \hat{\mathbf{b}}_{p} \hat{\mathbf{b}}_{q}^{\top} \mathbf{x}_{i}^{j} \mathbf{e}_{i}^{\top},$$

$$(10)$$

meaning that  $\mathbf{G}_{pq}$  is diagonal with diagonal entries

$$\left(\mathbf{G}_{pq}\right)_{ii} = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{j=1}^{m} \left(\mathbf{x}_{i}^{j}\right)^{\top} \hat{\mathbf{b}}_{p} \hat{\mathbf{b}}_{q}^{\top} \mathbf{x}_{i}^{j} = \hat{\mathbf{b}}_{p}^{\top} \left(\frac{1}{m} \sum_{j=1}^{m} \mathbf{x}_{i}^{j} \left(\mathbf{x}_{i}^{j}\right)^{\top}\right) \hat{\mathbf{b}}_{q}. \tag{11}$$

Define  $\mathbf{\Pi}^i := \frac{1}{m} \sum_{j=1}^m \mathbf{x}_i^j \left( \mathbf{x}_i^j \right)^{\top}$  for all  $i \in [rn]$ , then  $\mathbf{C}_{pq}$  is diagonal with entries  $(\mathbf{C}_{pq})_{ii} = \hat{\mathbf{b}}_p^{\top} \mathbf{\Pi}^i \hat{\mathbf{b}}_q^*$ , and  $\mathbf{E}_{pl}$  is diagonal with entries  $(\mathbf{E}_{pl})_{ii} = \hat{\mathbf{b}}_p^{\top} \mathbf{\Pi}^i \mathbf{e}_l$ . Note that  $\mathbf{D}_{pq} = \left\langle \hat{\mathbf{b}}_p, \hat{\mathbf{b}}_q^* \right\rangle \mathbf{I}_{rn}$  is also diagonal, then we define

$$\mathbf{G}^{i} := \left[\hat{\mathbf{b}}_{p}^{\top} \mathbf{\Pi}^{i} \hat{\mathbf{b}}_{q}\right]_{1 \leq p, q \leq k+d} = \hat{\mathbf{B}}^{\top} \mathbf{\Pi}^{i} \hat{\mathbf{B}}, \qquad \mathbf{C}^{i} := \left[\hat{\mathbf{b}}_{p}^{\top} \mathbf{\Pi}^{i} \hat{\mathbf{b}}_{q}^{*}\right]_{1 \leq p, q \leq k+d} = \hat{\mathbf{B}}^{\top} \mathbf{\Pi}^{i} \hat{\mathbf{B}}^{*}, \tag{12}$$

$$\mathbf{D}^{i} := \left[ \left\langle \hat{\mathbf{b}}_{p}, \hat{\mathbf{b}}_{q}^{*} \right\rangle \right]_{1 \leq p, q \leq k+d} = \hat{\mathbf{B}}^{\top} \hat{\mathbf{B}}^{*}, \qquad \mathbf{E}^{i} := \left[ \hat{\mathbf{b}}_{p}^{\top} \mathbf{\Pi}^{i} \mathbf{e}_{l} \right]_{1 \leq p \leq k, 1 \leq l \leq d} = \hat{\mathbf{B}}^{\top} \mathbf{\Pi}^{i}, \qquad (13)$$

where  $\mathbf{G}^i$ ,  $\mathbf{C}^i$  and  $\mathbf{D}^i$  are the  $k \times k$  matrices that formed by taking the *i*-th diagonal entry of each block  $\mathbf{G}_{pq}$ ,  $\mathbf{C}_{pq}$  and  $\mathbf{D}_{pq}$ , respectively. Similarly,  $\mathbf{E}^i$  is the  $k \times d$  matrix that formed by taking the *i*-th diagonal entry of each block  $\mathbf{E}_{pl}$ . Then we can decouple the term of  $\mathbf{G}^{-1}(\mathbf{G}\mathbf{D} - \mathbf{C})\widetilde{\mathcal{W}}^*$  in (9) into *i* vectors, defined as

$$\mathbf{f}_i := \left(\mathbf{G}^i\right)^{-1} \left(\mathbf{G}^i \mathbf{D}^i - \mathbf{C}^i\right) \widetilde{\mathcal{W}}_i^*, \tag{14}$$

where  $\widetilde{\mathcal{W}}_{i}^{*} \in \mathbb{R}^{k}$  is the vector formed by taking the ((p-1)rn+i)-th elements of  $\widetilde{\mathcal{W}}^{*}$  for p=1,...,k. Similarly, we can decouple  $\mathbf{G}^{-1}\mathbf{E}\left(\widetilde{\mathcal{S}}^{t}-\widetilde{\mathcal{S}}^{*}\right)$  into i vectors, defined as

$$\mathbf{h}_{i} = \left(\mathbf{G}^{i}\right)^{-1} \mathbf{E}^{i} \left(\widetilde{\mathcal{S}}_{i}^{t} - \widetilde{\mathcal{S}}_{i}^{*}\right), \tag{15}$$

where  $\widetilde{\mathcal{S}}_i^t \in \mathbb{R}^d$  and  $\widetilde{\mathcal{S}}_i^* \in \mathbb{R}^d$  are vectors formed by taking the ((l-1)rn+i)-th elements of  $\widetilde{\mathcal{S}}^t$  and  $\widetilde{\mathcal{S}}^*$ , respectively.

Next, we consider the vector  $\widetilde{W}_i^{t+1}$  formed by taking the ((p-1)rn+i)-th elements of  $\widetilde{W}^{t+1}$  for p=1,...,k, from (9) we have

$$\widetilde{\mathcal{W}}_{i}^{t+1} = \mathbf{D}^{i} \widetilde{\mathcal{W}}_{i}^{*} - \left(\mathbf{G}^{i}\right)^{-1} \left(\mathbf{G}^{i} \mathbf{D}^{i} - \mathbf{C}^{i}\right) \widetilde{\mathcal{W}}_{i}^{*} + \left(\mathbf{G}^{i}\right)^{-1} \mathbf{E}^{i} \left(\widetilde{\mathcal{S}}_{i}^{t} - \widetilde{\mathcal{S}}_{i}^{*}\right)$$

$$= \hat{\mathbf{B}}^{\top} \hat{\mathbf{B}}^{*} \widetilde{\mathcal{W}}_{i}^{*} - \mathbf{f}_{i} + \mathbf{h}_{i}. \tag{16}$$

Finally, we reach to the update of  $\mathbf{W}^{t+1}$  as

$$\mathbf{W}^{t+1} = \hat{\mathbf{B}}^{\mathsf{T}} \hat{\mathbf{B}}^* \mathbf{W}^* - \mathbf{F} + \mathbf{H},\tag{17}$$

where  $\mathbf{F} := [\mathbf{f}_1, \mathbf{f}_2, ..., \mathbf{f}_{rn}]$  and  $\mathbf{H} := [\mathbf{h}_1, \mathbf{h}_2, ..., \mathbf{h}_{rn}].$ 

Next, we consider the update for **S**. According to the update rule of (3),  $\mathbf{S}^{t+1}$  minimizes the function of  $\widetilde{F}\left(\hat{\mathbf{B}}^t, \mathbf{W}^t, \mathbf{S}\right) := \frac{1}{2rnm} \left\| \mathcal{A}\left(\mathbf{W}^{*\top} \hat{\mathbf{B}}^{*\top} - \mathbf{W}^{t\top} \hat{\mathbf{B}}^{t\top} + \mathbf{S}^{*\top} - \mathbf{S}^{\top}\right) \right\|_2^2$ . Similarly, we have

$$\mathbf{0} = \nabla_{\mathcal{S}_{l}}\widetilde{F}\left(\hat{\mathbf{B}}^{t}, \mathbf{W}^{t}, \mathbf{S}^{t+1}\right) \\
= \frac{1}{rnm} \sum_{i=1}^{rn} \sum_{j=1}^{m} \left(\left\langle \mathbf{A}_{i,j}, \mathbf{W}^{t\top} \hat{\mathbf{B}}^{t\top} - \mathbf{W}^{*\top} \hat{\mathbf{B}}^{*\top} + \mathbf{S}^{t+1\top} - \mathbf{S}^{*\top}\right\rangle\right) \mathbf{A}_{i,j} \mathbf{e}_{l} \\
= \frac{1}{rnm} \sum_{i=1}^{rn} \sum_{j=1}^{m} \left(\left\langle \mathbf{A}_{i,j}, \mathbf{W}^{t\top} \hat{\mathbf{B}}^{t\top} - \mathbf{W}^{*\top} \hat{\mathbf{B}}^{*\top}\right\rangle + \left\langle \mathbf{A}_{i,j}, \mathbf{S}^{t+1\top} - \mathbf{S}^{*\top}\right\rangle\right) \mathbf{A}_{i,j} \mathbf{e}_{l} \\
= \frac{1}{rnm} \sum_{i=1}^{rn} \sum_{j=1}^{m} \left(\sum_{q=1}^{k} \hat{\mathbf{b}}_{q}^{t\top} \mathbf{A}_{i,j}^{\top} \mathcal{W}_{q}^{t} - \sum_{q=1}^{k} \hat{\mathbf{b}}_{q}^{*\top} \mathbf{A}_{i,j}^{\top} \mathcal{W}_{q}^{*} + \sum_{u=1}^{d} \mathbf{e}_{u}^{\top} \mathbf{A}_{i,j}^{\top} \mathcal{S}_{u}^{t+1} - \sum_{u=1}^{d} \mathbf{e}_{u}^{\top} \mathbf{A}_{i,j}^{\top} \mathcal{S}_{u}^{*}\right) \mathbf{A}_{i,j} \mathbf{e}_{l}, \tag{18}$$

Lemma 1 Bounding  $\|\mathbf{G}^{-1}\|_2$ 

In order to give bounding on  $\|\mathbf{G}^{-1}\|_2$ , we need to lower bound  $\sigma_{min}(\mathbf{G})$ . For some vector  $\mathbf{z} \in \mathbb{R}^{rn(k+d)}$ , let  $\mathbf{z}^i \in \mathbb{R}^{k+d}$  be the vector formed by taking the ((p-1)rn+i)-th elements of  $\mathbf{z}$  for p=1,...,k+d, then we have

$$\sigma_{min}(\mathbf{G}) = \min_{\mathbf{z}: \|\mathbf{z}\|_2 = 1} \mathbf{z}^{\top} \mathbf{G} \mathbf{z}$$
$$= \min_{\mathbf{z}: \|\mathbf{z}\|_2 = 1} \sum_{i=1}^{rn} (\mathbf{z}^i)^{\top} \mathbf{G}^i \mathbf{z}^i$$
$$\geq \min_{i \in [rn]} \sigma_{min} (\mathbf{G}^i),$$

#### Lemma 2 ...

Let  $\mathbf{Q}^{t\top} = \mathbf{W}^{t+1\top} \hat{\mathbf{B}}^{t\top} - \mathbf{W}^{*\top} \hat{\mathbf{B}}^{*\top} + \mathbf{S}^{t+1\top} - \mathbf{S}^{*\top}$ . To bound  $\frac{1}{rn} \left\| \left( \frac{1}{m} \mathcal{A}^{\top} \mathcal{A}(\mathbf{Q}^{t\top}) - \mathbf{Q}^{t\top} \right)^{\top} \mathbf{W}^{t+1\top} \right\|_{2}$ , we first consider the bound of the columns of  $\mathbf{Q}$ . Let  $\mathbf{q}_{i} \in \mathbb{R}^{d}$  be the *i*-th column of  $\mathbf{Q}$ , for all  $i \in [rn]$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{q}_i &= \widetilde{\mathbf{B}}^t \widetilde{\mathbf{B}}^{t\top} \widetilde{\mathbf{B}}^* \mathbf{h}_i^* - \widetilde{\mathbf{B}}^t \mathbf{f}_i - \widetilde{\mathbf{B}}^* \mathbf{h}_i^* \\ &= \left( (1 - \alpha)^2 \, \hat{\mathbf{B}}^t \hat{\mathbf{B}}^{t\top} + \alpha^2 \mathbf{I}_d \right) \widetilde{\mathbf{B}}^* \mathbf{h}_i^* - \widetilde{\mathbf{B}}^t \mathbf{f}_i - \widetilde{\mathbf{B}}^* \mathbf{h}_i^* \\ &= \left( (1 - \alpha)^2 \, \hat{\mathbf{B}}^t \hat{\mathbf{B}}^{t\top} + \alpha^2 \mathbf{I}_d \right) \left( (1 - \alpha) \, \hat{\mathbf{B}}^* \mathbf{w}_i^* + \alpha \mathbf{s}_i^* \right) - (1 - \alpha) \, \hat{\mathbf{B}}^t \mathbf{f}_{i1} - \alpha \mathbf{f}_{i2} - (1 - \alpha) \, \hat{\mathbf{B}}^* \mathbf{w}_i^* - \alpha \mathbf{s}_i^* \end{aligned}$$

Thus,

#### 1.3 Main Result

Recall that  $\mathbf{Q}^{t\top} = \mathbf{W}^{t+1\top} \hat{\mathbf{B}}^{t\top} - \mathbf{W}^{*\top} \hat{\mathbf{B}}^{*\top} + \mathbf{S}^{t+1\top} - \mathbf{S}^{*\top}$ , plugging this into (4), and without losing generality, we drop the subscripts of  $\mathcal{I}^t$  and obtain

$$\bar{\mathbf{B}}^{t+1} = \hat{\mathbf{B}}^{t} - \frac{\eta}{rnm} \left( (\mathcal{A}^{t})^{\top} \mathcal{A}^{t} (\mathbf{Q}^{t\top}) \right)^{\top} \mathbf{W}^{t+1\top} 
= \hat{\mathbf{B}}^{t} - \frac{\eta}{rn} \mathbf{Q}^{t} \mathbf{W}^{t+1\top} - \frac{\eta}{rn} \left( \frac{1}{m} (\mathcal{A}^{t})^{\top} \mathcal{A}^{t} (\mathbf{Q}^{t\top}) - \mathbf{Q}^{t\top} \right)^{\top} \mathbf{W}^{t+1\top}.$$
(19)

Since  $\bar{\mathbf{B}}^{t+1} = \hat{\mathbf{B}}^{t+1} \mathbf{R}^{t+1}$ , we right multiply  $(\mathbf{R}^{t+1})^{-1}$  and left multiply  $\hat{\mathbf{B}}_{\perp}^{*\top}$  on both sides to get

$$\hat{\mathbf{B}}_{\perp}^{*\top}\hat{\mathbf{B}}^{t+1} = \left(\hat{\mathbf{B}}_{\perp}^{*\top}\hat{\mathbf{B}}^{t} - \frac{\eta}{rn}\hat{\mathbf{B}}_{\perp}^{*\top}\mathbf{Q}^{t}\mathbf{W}^{t+1\top} - \frac{\eta}{rn}\hat{\mathbf{B}}_{\perp}^{*\top}\left(\frac{1}{m}(\mathcal{A}^{t})^{\top}\mathcal{A}^{t}(\mathbf{Q}^{t\top}) - \mathbf{Q}^{t\top}\right)^{\top}\mathbf{W}^{t+1\top}\right)(\mathbf{R}^{t+1})^{-1}.$$
(20)

Then we consider the term of  $\hat{\mathbf{B}}_{\perp}^{*\top} \mathbf{Q}^t \mathbf{W}^{t+1\top}$ :

$$\hat{\mathbf{B}}_{\perp}^{*\top}\mathbf{Q}^{t}\mathbf{W}^{t+1\top} = \hat{\mathbf{B}}_{\perp}^{*\top}\left(\mathbf{W}^{t+1\top}\hat{\mathbf{B}}^{t\top} - \mathbf{W}^{*\top}\hat{\mathbf{B}}^{*\top} + \mathbf{S}^{t+1\top} - \mathbf{S}^{*\top}\right)\mathbf{W}^{t+1\top}$$

$$=\hat{\mathbf{B}}_{\perp}^{*\top}\hat{\mathbf{B}}^{t}\mathbf{W}^{t+1}\mathbf{W}^{t+1\top}-\hat{\mathbf{B}}_{\perp}^{*\top}\left(\mathbf{S}^{*}-\mathbf{S}^{t+1}\right)\mathbf{W}^{t+1\top},$$

plugging this into (20) then we reach to

$$\hat{\mathbf{B}}_{\perp}^{*\top} \hat{\mathbf{B}}^{t+1} = \left( \hat{\mathbf{B}}_{\perp}^{*\top} \hat{\mathbf{B}}^{t} \left( \mathbf{I}_{k} - \frac{\eta}{rn} \mathbf{W}^{t+1} \mathbf{W}^{t+1\top} \right) + \frac{\eta}{rn} \hat{\mathbf{B}}_{\perp}^{*\top} \left( \mathbf{S}^{*} - \mathbf{S}^{t+1} \right) \mathbf{W}^{t+1\top} - \frac{\eta}{rn} \hat{\mathbf{B}}_{\perp}^{*\top} \left( \frac{1}{m} (\mathcal{A}^{t})^{\top} \mathcal{A}^{t} (\mathbf{Q}^{t\top}) - \mathbf{Q}^{t\top} \right)^{\top} \mathbf{W}^{t+1\top} \right) (\mathbf{R}^{t+1})^{-1}.$$
(21)

Therefore,

$$\operatorname{dist}(\hat{\mathbf{B}}^{t+1}, \hat{\mathbf{B}}^{*}) = \left\| \hat{\mathbf{B}}_{\perp}^{*\top} \hat{\mathbf{B}}^{t+1} \right\|_{2}$$

$$\leq \left\| \hat{\mathbf{B}}_{\perp}^{*\top} \hat{\mathbf{B}}^{t} \left( \mathbf{I}_{k} - \frac{\eta}{rn} \mathbf{W}^{t+1} \mathbf{W}^{t+1\top} \right) \right\|_{2} \left\| (\mathbf{R}^{t+1})^{-1} \right\|_{2}$$

$$+ \frac{\eta}{rn} \left\| \hat{\mathbf{B}}_{\perp}^{*\top} \left( \frac{1}{m} (\mathcal{A}^{t})^{\top} \mathcal{A}^{t} (\mathbf{Q}^{t\top}) - \mathbf{Q}^{t\top} \right)^{\top} \mathbf{W}^{t+1\top} \right\|_{2} \left\| (\mathbf{R}^{t+1})^{-1} \right\|_{2}$$

$$+ \frac{\eta}{rn} \left\| \hat{\mathbf{B}}_{\perp}^{*\top} \left( \mathbf{S}^{*} - \mathbf{S}^{t+1} \right) \mathbf{W}^{t+1\top} \right\|_{2} \left\| (\mathbf{R}^{t+1})^{-1} \right\|_{2}. \tag{22}$$

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# A Proofs