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## 1 Proofs of Main Theorems

*Proof of Lemma* ??. Recall that we denote  $\mathcal{E}_k$  as the m-way partition

$$\mathcal{E}_k = \{ \sum_{a=1}^m z^{-1}(j_a) \colon (j_1, \dots, j_m) \in [k]^m \},$$

where  $z : [d] \to [k]$  is the canonical clustering function such that  $z(i) = \lceil ki/d \rceil$ , for all  $i \in [d]$ . For a given partition  $\times_{a=1}^m z^{-1}(j_a) \in \mathcal{E}_k$ , fix any index  $(i_1^0, \dots, i_m^0) \in \times_{a=1}^m z^{-1}(j_a)$ . Then, we have

$$\|(i_1, \dots, i_m) - (i_1^0, \dots, i_m^0)\|_{\infty} \le \frac{d}{k},$$
 (1)

for all  $(i_1, \ldots, i_m) \in \times_{a=1}^m z^{-1}(j_a)$ . We define the blockwise  $\ell$ -degree polynomial tensor  $\mathcal{B}$  based on the partition  $\mathcal{E}_k$  as

$$\mathcal{B}(i_1, \dots, i_m) = \mathcal{P}_{\min(\lfloor \alpha \rfloor, \ell)}^{j_1, \dots, j_m} \left( \frac{i_1 - i_1^0}{d}, \dots, \frac{i_m - i_m^0}{d} \right), \text{ for all } (i_1, \dots, i_m) \in \sum_{a=1}^m z^{-1}(j_a),$$

where  $\mathcal{P}_{\min(|\alpha|,\ell)}^{j_1,\ldots,j_m}$  is a  $\ell$ -degree polynomial function satisfying

$$\left| f\left(\frac{i_1}{d}, \dots, \frac{i_m}{d}\right) - \mathcal{P}_{\min(\lfloor \alpha \rfloor, \ell)}^{j_1, \dots, j_m} \left(\frac{i_1 - i_1^0}{d}, \dots, \frac{i_m - i_m^0}{d}\right) \right| \leq C \left\| \left(\frac{i_1 - i_1^0}{d}, \dots, \frac{i_m - i_m^0}{d}\right) \right\|_{\infty}^{\min(\alpha, \ell + 1)}, \quad (2)$$

for all  $(i_1, \ldots, i_m) \in X_{a=1}^m z^{-1}(j_a)$ . Notice that we can always find such polynomial function by  $\alpha$ -Hölder smoothness of the generating function f. Based on the construction of blockwise  $\ell$ -degree polynomial tensor  $\mathcal{B}$ , we have

$$\begin{split} \frac{1}{d^m} \|\Theta - \mathcal{B}\|_F^2 &= \frac{1}{d^m} \sum_{(i_1, \dots, i_m) \in [d]^m} |\Theta(i_1, \dots, i_m) - \mathcal{B}(i_1, \dots, i_m)|^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{d^m} \sum_{(j_1, \dots, j_m) \in [k]^m} \sum_{(i_1, \dots, i_m) \in \times_{a=1}^m z^{-1}(j_a)} \left| f\left(\frac{i_1}{d}, \dots, \frac{i_m}{d}\right) - \mathcal{P}_{\min(\lfloor \alpha \rfloor, \ell)}^{j_1, \dots, j_m} \left(\frac{i_1 - i_1^0}{d}, \dots \frac{i_m - i_m^0}{d}\right) \right|^2 \\ &\lesssim \frac{1}{d^m} \sum_{(j_1, \dots, j_m) \in [k]^m} \sum_{(i_1, \dots, i_m) \in \times_{a=1}^m z^{-1}(j_a)} \left\| \left(\frac{i_1 - i_1^0}{d}, \dots, \frac{i_m - i_m^0}{d}\right) \right\|_{\infty}^{2 \min(\alpha, \ell + 1)} \\ &\leq \frac{1}{k^2 \min(\alpha, \ell + 1)}, \end{split}$$

where the first inequality uses (2) and the second inequality is from (1).

*Proof of Theorem* ??. The proof is similar to theorem 2.1 on note 030721. By Theorem ??, there exists a blockwise polynomial tensor  $\mathcal{B} \in \mathcal{B}(k,\ell)$  such that

$$\|\mathcal{B} - \Theta\|_F^2 \lesssim \frac{d^m m^2}{k^2 \min(\alpha, \ell)}.$$
 (3)

By the triangle inequality,

$$\|\hat{\Theta}^{LSE} \circ \hat{\pi}^{LSE} - \Theta \circ \pi\|_F^2 \le 2\|\hat{\Theta}^{LSE} \circ \hat{\pi}^{LSE} - \mathcal{B} \circ \pi\|_F^2 + 2\underbrace{\|\mathcal{B} \circ \pi - \Theta \circ \pi\|_F^2}_{Lemma ??}.$$
(4)

Therefore, it suffices to bound  $\|\hat{\Theta}^{LSE} \circ \hat{\pi}^{LSE} - \mathcal{B} \circ \pi\|_F^2$ . By the global optimality of least-square estimator, we have

$$\begin{split} \|\hat{\Theta}^{\text{LSE}} \circ \hat{\pi}^{\text{LSE}} - \mathcal{B} \circ \pi\|_{F} &\leq \left\langle \frac{\hat{\Theta}^{\text{LSE}} \circ \hat{\pi}^{\text{LSE}} - \mathcal{B} \circ \pi}{\|\hat{\Theta}^{\text{LSE}} \circ \hat{\pi}^{\text{LSE}} - \mathcal{B} \circ \pi\|_{F}}, \ \mathcal{E} + (\Theta \circ \pi - \mathcal{B} \circ \pi) \right\rangle \\ &\leq \sup_{\pi, \pi' : \ [d] \to [d]} \sup_{\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{B}' \in \mathscr{B}(k, \ell)} \left\langle \frac{\mathcal{B}' \circ \pi' - \mathcal{B} \circ \pi}{\|\mathcal{B}' \circ \pi' - \mathcal{B} \circ \pi\|_{F}}, \mathcal{E} \right\rangle + \underbrace{\|\mathcal{B} \circ \pi - \Theta \circ \pi\|_{F}}_{\text{Lemma ??}}. \end{split}$$

Now, for fixed  $\pi, \pi'$ , the space embedding  $\mathcal{B}(k,\ell) \subset \mathbb{R}^{(\ell+m)^\ell k^m}$  implies the space embedding  $\{(\mathcal{B}' \circ \pi' - \mathcal{B} \circ \pi) \colon \mathcal{B}, \mathcal{B}' \in \mathcal{B}(k,\ell)\} \subset \mathbb{R}^{2(\ell+m)^\ell k^m}$ . To be specific, let P and P' be permutation matrices corresponding to permutations  $\pi$  and  $\pi'$  respectively. We express vectorized blockwise degree- $\ell$  polynomial tensors,  $\operatorname{vec}(\mathcal{B})$  and  $\operatorname{vec}(\mathcal{B}')$  by  $\mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta}$  and  $\mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta}'$  respectively, where  $\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{R}^{d^m \times k^m (k+m)^\ell}$  is a design matrices consisting of covariates  $(1/d, \ldots, d/d)^m$  and  $\boldsymbol{\beta}$  and  $\boldsymbol{\beta}' \in \mathbb{R}^{k^m (k+m)^\ell}$  are corresponding coefficient vectors. Notice that the number of coefficients for  $\ell$ -polynomial m-multivariate function is  $\binom{\ell+m}{\ell}$ . We choose to use  $(k+m)^\ell$  coefficients for each block for the notational simplicity. Therefore, we rewrite the inner product,

$$\left\langle \frac{\mathcal{B}' \circ \pi' - \mathcal{B} \circ \pi}{\|\mathcal{B}' \circ \pi' - \mathcal{B} \circ \pi\|_{F}}, \mathcal{E} \right\rangle = \left\langle \frac{(\mathbf{P}')^{\otimes m} \text{vec}(\mathcal{B}') - (\mathbf{P})^{\otimes m} \text{vec}(\mathcal{B})}{\|(\mathbf{P}')^{\otimes m} \text{vec}(\mathcal{B}') - (\mathbf{P})^{\otimes m} \text{vec}(\mathcal{B})\|_{F}}, \mathcal{E} \right\rangle 
= \left\langle \frac{(\mathbf{P}')^{\otimes m} \mathbf{X} \mathcal{B}' - (\mathbf{P})^{\otimes m} \mathbf{X} \mathcal{B}}{\|(\mathbf{P}')^{\otimes m} \mathbf{X} \mathcal{B}' - (\mathbf{P})^{\otimes m} \mathbf{X} \mathcal{B}\|_{F}}, \mathcal{E} \right\rangle 
= \left\langle \frac{\mathbf{A} \mathbf{c}}{\|\mathbf{A} \mathbf{c}\|_{F}}, \mathcal{E} \right\rangle,$$

where we define  $\mathbf{A} := \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{P}' & -\mathbf{P} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{X} & 0 \\ 0 & \mathbf{X} \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{d^m \times 2k^m(k+m)^\ell}$  and  $\mathbf{c} := \begin{pmatrix} \boldsymbol{\beta}' \\ \boldsymbol{\beta} \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{2k^m(k+m)^\ell}$ . By Lemma 2.1, we have

$$\sup_{\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{B}' \in \mathscr{B}(k,\ell)} \left\langle \frac{\mathcal{B}' \circ \pi' - \mathcal{B} \circ \pi}{\|\mathcal{B}' \circ \pi' - \mathcal{B} \circ \pi\|_F}, \mathcal{E} \right\rangle \leq \sup_{\mathbf{c} \in \mathbb{R}^{2k^m(\ell+m)\ell}} \left\langle \frac{\mathbf{c}}{\|\mathbf{c}\|_2}, e \right\rangle, \tag{5}$$

where  $e \in \mathbb{R}^{2k^m(k+m)^\ell}$  is a vector consisting of i.i.d. sub-Gaussian entries with variance proxy  $\sigma^2$ . Therefore, the union bound of Gaussian maxima over countable set  $\{\pi, \pi' \colon [d] \to [d]\}$ , we obtain

$$\mathbb{P}\left(\sup_{\pi,\pi':\ [d]\to[d]}\sup_{\mathcal{B},\mathcal{B}'\in\mathscr{B}(k,\ell)}\left\langle\frac{\mathcal{B}'\circ\pi'-\mathcal{B}\circ\pi}{\|\mathcal{B}'\circ\pi'-\mathcal{B}\circ\pi\|_F},\mathcal{E}\right\rangle\geq t\right)\leq\sum_{\pi,\pi'\in[d]^d}\mathbb{P}\left(\sup_{\mathcal{B},\mathcal{B}'\in\mathscr{B}(k,\ell)}\left\langle\frac{\mathcal{B}'\circ\pi'-\mathcal{B}\circ\pi}{\|\mathcal{B}'\circ\pi'-\mathcal{B}\circ\pi\|_F},\mathcal{E}\right\rangle\geq t\right)$$

$$\leq d^{d} \mathbb{P} \left( \sup_{\boldsymbol{c} \in \mathbb{R}^{2k^{m}(\ell+m)\ell}} \left\langle \frac{\boldsymbol{c}}{\|\boldsymbol{c}\|_{2}}, e \right\rangle \geq t \right)$$
  
$$\leq \exp \left( -\frac{t^{2}}{8\sigma^{2}} + k^{m}(\ell+m)^{\ell} \log 6 + d \log d \right),$$

where the second inequality is from (5) and the last inequality is from Theorem 1.19 [1]. Setting  $t = C\sigma\sqrt{k^m(\ell+m)^\ell+d\log d}$  for sufficiently large C>0 gives,

$$\sup_{\pi,\pi': [d] \to [d]} \sup_{\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{B}' \in \mathscr{B}(k,\ell)} \left\langle \frac{\mathcal{B}' \circ \pi' - \mathcal{B} \circ \pi}{\|\mathcal{B}' \circ \pi' - \mathcal{B} \circ \pi\|_F}, \mathcal{E} \right\rangle \lesssim \sigma \sqrt{k^m (\ell + m)^\ell + d \log d}, \tag{6}$$

with high probability.

Finally, combining the inequalities (3), (4) and (6) yields the desired conclusion

$$\|\hat{\Theta}^{\mathrm{LSE}} \circ \hat{\pi}^{\mathrm{LSE}} - \Theta \circ \pi\|_F^2 \lesssim \sigma^2 \left( k^m (\ell + m)^\ell + d \log d \right) + \frac{d^m m^2}{k^{2 \min(\alpha, \ell)}}.$$

2 Technical Lemmas

**Lemma 2.1** (Gaussian maxima under full embedding). Let  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{d_1 \times d_2}$  be a deterministic matrix with rank  $r \leq \min(d_1, d_2)$ . Let  $\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^{d_2}$  be a sub-Gaussian random vector with variance proxy  $\sigma^2$ . Then, there exists a sub-Gaussian random vector  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^r$  with variance proxy  $\sigma^2$  such that

$$\max_{oldsymbol{c} \in \mathbb{R}^{d_2}} \left\langle rac{oldsymbol{A} oldsymbol{c}}{\|oldsymbol{A} oldsymbol{c}\|_2}, oldsymbol{y} 
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angle = \max_{oldsymbol{c} \in \mathbb{R}^r} \left\langle rac{oldsymbol{c}}{\|oldsymbol{c}\|_2}, oldsymbol{x} 
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angle.$$

*Proof.* Let  $u_i \in \mathbb{R}^{d_1}, v_j \in \mathbb{R}^{d_2}$  singular vectors and  $\lambda_i \in \mathbb{R}$  be singular values of A such that  $A = \sum_{i=1}^r \lambda_i u_i v_i^T$ . Then for any  $c \in \mathbb{R}^r$ , we have

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where  $\boldsymbol{\alpha}(\boldsymbol{c}) = (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_r)^T := (\lambda_1(\boldsymbol{v}_1^T \boldsymbol{c}), \dots, \lambda_r(\boldsymbol{v}_r^T \boldsymbol{c}))^T \in \mathbb{R}^r$ . Notice that  $\boldsymbol{\alpha}(\boldsymbol{c})$  covers  $\mathbb{R}^r$  in the sense that  $\{\boldsymbol{\alpha}(\boldsymbol{c}): \boldsymbol{c} \in \mathbb{R}^r\} = \mathbb{R}^r$ . Therefore, we have

$$\begin{split} \max_{\boldsymbol{c} \in \mathbb{R}^r} \left\langle \frac{\boldsymbol{A} \boldsymbol{c}}{\|\boldsymbol{A} \boldsymbol{c}\|_2}, \boldsymbol{y} \right\rangle &= \max_{\boldsymbol{c} \in \mathbb{R}^r} \sum_{i=1}^r \frac{\alpha_i}{\|\boldsymbol{\alpha}(\boldsymbol{c})\|_2} \boldsymbol{u}_i^T \boldsymbol{y} \\ &= \max_{\boldsymbol{c} \in \mathbb{R}^r} \left\langle \frac{\boldsymbol{\alpha}(\boldsymbol{c})}{\|\boldsymbol{\alpha}(\boldsymbol{c})\|_2}, \boldsymbol{x} \right\rangle \\ &= \max_{\boldsymbol{c} \in \mathbb{R}^r} \left\langle \frac{\boldsymbol{c}}{\|\boldsymbol{c}\|_2}, \boldsymbol{x} \right\rangle, \end{split}$$

where we define  $\boldsymbol{x} = (\boldsymbol{u}_1^T \boldsymbol{y}, \dots, \boldsymbol{u}_r^T \boldsymbol{y})^T \in \mathbb{R}^r$ . Since  $\boldsymbol{u}_i^T \boldsymbol{y}$  is sub-Gaussian with variance proxy  $\sigma^2$  because of orthonormality of  $\boldsymbol{u}_i$ , the proof is completed.

**Remark 1.** Let  $x, \in \mathbb{R}^r, y \in \mathbb{R}^d$  be Gaussian random vectors whose entries are i.i.d. drawn from  $N(0, \sigma^2)$ . Define two Gaussian maximums

$$F(\boldsymbol{x}) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \max_{\boldsymbol{c} \in \mathbb{R}^r} \left\langle \frac{\boldsymbol{c}}{\|\boldsymbol{c}\|_2}, \boldsymbol{x} \right\rangle, \qquad G(\boldsymbol{x}) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \max_{\boldsymbol{c} \in \mathbb{R}^r} \left\langle \frac{\boldsymbol{A}\boldsymbol{c}}{\|\boldsymbol{A}\boldsymbol{c}\|_2}, \boldsymbol{y} \right\rangle,$$

Then  $F(\boldsymbol{x}) = G(\boldsymbol{y})$  in distribution. This holds because  $(\boldsymbol{u}_1^T \boldsymbol{y}, \dots, \boldsymbol{u}_r^T \boldsymbol{y})$  is again Gaussian random vectors whose entries are i.i.d. drawn from  $N(0, \sigma^2)$ .

proof lemma1, 2 and theorem 3

## References

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