

$\pi_1$  on  $[r_1]$  such that  $(z_1^{(0)})_j = \pi_1(z_1)$  for all  $j \in S^c$ . Thus, for any  $a \in [r_1]$

$$\begin{aligned}
\left\| \theta_a^* - \hat{\theta}_{\pi_1(a)} \right\|_2^2 &= \frac{\sum_{j \in \mathcal{C}_a} \left\| \theta_{(z_1)_j}^* - \hat{\theta}_{(z_1^{(0)})_j} \right\|_2^2}{|\mathcal{C}_a|} \\
&\stackrel{(38)}{\leq} C \frac{\sum_{j=1}^{p_1} \left\| \theta_{(z_1)_j}^* - \hat{\theta}_{(z_1^{(0)})_j} \right\|_2^2}{p_1/r_1} \\
&\stackrel{(34)}{\leq} CM \frac{r_1}{p_1} \left( r_* + \bar{p}\bar{r}^2 + p_*^{1/2}\bar{r} \right).
\end{aligned} \tag{39}$$

Then,

$$\begin{aligned}
l_1^{(0)} &= \frac{1}{p_1} \sum_{j \in [p_1]} \left\| (\mathcal{M}_1(\mathcal{S}))_{(z_1)_j} - (\mathcal{M}_1(\mathcal{S}))_{\pi_1^{-1}((z_1^{(0)})_j)} \right\|_2^2 \\
&= \frac{1}{p_1} \sum_{j \in [p_1]} \left\| (\mathcal{M}_1(\mathcal{S}))_{(z_1)_j} - (\mathcal{M}_1(\mathcal{S}))_{\pi_1^{-1}((z_1^{(0)})_j)} \right\|_2^2 \cdot \mathbb{I}\{(z_1^{(0)})_j \neq \pi_1(z_1)_j\} \\
&\leq C \frac{1}{p_1} \cdot \prod_{k=2}^d \lambda_{r_k}^{-2}(\mathbf{M}_k) \sum_{j \in [p_1]} \left\| \theta_{(z_1)_j}^* - \theta_{\pi_1^{-1}((z_1^{(0)})_j)}^* \right\|_2^2 \cdot \mathbb{I}\{(z_1^{(0)})_j \neq \pi_1(z_1)_j\} (\mathcal{M}_1(\mathcal{S}))_{(z_1)_j} \\
&\stackrel{(35)}{\leq} C \frac{r-1}{p_*} \sum_{j \in [p_1]} \left\| \theta_{(z_1)_j}^* - \theta_{\pi_1^{-1}((z_1^{(0)})_j)}^* \right\|_2^2 \cdot \mathbb{I}\{(z_1^{(0)})_j \neq \pi_1(z_1)_j\} \\
&\leq 2C \frac{r-1}{p_*} \sum_{j \in [p_1]} \left( \left\| \theta_{(z_1)_j}^* - \hat{\theta}_{(z_1^{(0)})_j} \right\|_2^2 + \left\| \hat{\theta}_{(z_1^{(0)})_j} - \theta_{\pi_1^{-1}((z_1^{(0)})_j)}^* \right\|_2^2 \right) \mathbb{I}\{(z_1^{(0)})_j \neq \pi_1(z_1)_j\}. \\
&\leq 2C \frac{r-1}{p_*} \left( \sum_{j \in [p_1]} \left\| \theta_{(z_1)_j}^* - \hat{\theta}_{(z_1^{(0)})_j} \right\|_2^2 + \max_{a \in [r_1]} \left\| \hat{\theta}_a - \theta_{\pi_1^{-1}(a)}^* \right\|_2^2 \sum_{j \in [p_1]} \mathbb{I}\{(z_1^{(0)})_j \neq \pi_1(z_1)_j\} \right) \\
&\leq 2C \frac{r-1}{p_*} \left( \sum_{j \in [p_1]} \left\| \theta_{(z_1)_j}^* - \hat{\theta}_{(z_1^{(0)})_j} \right\|_2^2 + |S| \max_{a \in [r_1]} \left\| \hat{\theta}_a - \theta_{\pi_1^{-1}(a)}^* \right\|_2^2 \right) \\
&\stackrel{(34), (39)}{\lesssim} M \frac{r-1}{p_*} \left( r_* + \bar{p}\bar{r}^2 + p_*^{1/2}\bar{r} \right).
\end{aligned}$$

Now Theorem 2 follows by applying Lemma 1.  $\square$

## A.2 Proof of Proposition 1

Without loss of generality, we assume  $\sigma = 1$ . We start by introducing several notations and assumptions. For each  $k = 1, \dots, d$ , denote **new z = z+x-rank\_r(x)**

$$\mathbf{X}_k = \mathcal{M}_k(\mathcal{X}), \mathbf{Z}_k = \mathcal{M}_k(\mathcal{Z}), \mathbf{Y}_k = \mathcal{M}_k(\mathcal{Y}).$$

Recall that  $\text{rank}(\mathbf{X}_k) \leq r_k$ . We further denote  $\mathbf{U}_k = \text{SVD}_{r_k}(\mathbf{X}_k)$  and  $\tilde{\mathbf{U}}_k = \text{SVD}_{r_k}(\mathbf{Y}_k)$ . For some constant  $C_0$  which will be specified later, define

$$r'_k = \max \left\{ r' \in \{0, \dots, r_k\} : \sigma_{r'}(\mathbf{X}_k) \geq C_0(p_*^{1/4} \vee \bar{p}^{1/2}) \right\}.$$

We set  $r'_k = 0$  if  $\sigma_1(\mathbf{X}_k) < C_0(p_*^{1/4} \vee \bar{p}^{1/2})$ . We use  $\mathbf{U}'_k$  to denote the leading  $r'_k$  singular vectors of  $\mathbf{U}_k$  and use  $\mathbf{V}'_k$  to denote the rest  $r_k - r'_k$  singular vectors and thus  $\mathbf{U}_k$  can be written as  $[\mathbf{U}'_k \ \mathbf{V}'_k]$ . We next define

$$\mathbf{X}'_k = \mathbf{X}_k \left( \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{U}'_{k+1}} \otimes \cdots \otimes \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{U}'_d} \otimes \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{U}'_1} \otimes \cdots \otimes \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{U}'_{k-1}} \right)$$

We also denote

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{\mathbf{Y}}_k &= \mathbf{Y}_k(\tilde{\mathbf{U}}_{k+1} \otimes \cdots \otimes \tilde{\mathbf{U}}_d \otimes \tilde{\mathbf{U}}_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes \tilde{\mathbf{U}}_{k-1}), \\ \bar{\mathbf{X}}_k &= \mathbf{X}_k(\tilde{\mathbf{U}}_{k+1} \otimes \cdots \otimes \tilde{\mathbf{U}}_d \otimes \tilde{\mathbf{U}}_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes \tilde{\mathbf{U}}_{k-1}), \\ \bar{\mathbf{Z}}_k &= \mathbf{Z}_k(\tilde{\mathbf{U}}_{k+1} \otimes \cdots \otimes \tilde{\mathbf{U}}_d \otimes \tilde{\mathbf{U}}_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes \tilde{\mathbf{U}}_{k-1}). \end{aligned}$$

Now we define the following events under which we conduct the subsequent analysis.

$$A_1 = \left\{ \left\| \tilde{\mathbf{U}}_{k\perp}^\top \mathbf{U}'_k \right\| \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \quad k = 1, \dots, d. \right\} \quad (40)$$

steps needs to verified.  
Should be easy using triangular inequality of spectral norm.

$$A_2 = \left\{ \left\| \bar{\mathbf{Z}}_k \right\| \leq C(\sqrt{p_k} + \sqrt{r_{-k}} + \sum_{l \neq k} \sqrt{p_l r_l}), \quad k = 1, \dots, d. \right\} \quad (41)$$

$$A_3 = \left\{ \left\| \mathcal{Z} \times_1 \hat{\mathbf{U}}_1 \times \cdots \times_d \hat{\mathbf{U}}_d \right\|_{\text{F}} \leq C(\sqrt{r_*} + \sum_{k=1}^d \sqrt{p_k r_k}) \right\} \quad (42)$$

By Lemma 2, with probability at least  $1 - C \exp(-\underline{p})$ , for each  $k \in [d]$ ,

$$\left\| \tilde{\mathbf{U}}_{k\perp}^\top \mathbf{U}'_k \right\| \leq \frac{C\sqrt{p_k}(\sigma_{r'_k}(\mathbf{X}_k) + \sqrt{p_{-k}})}{\sigma_{r'_k}^2(\mathbf{X}_k)} \leq \frac{C}{C_0} \left( \frac{\sqrt{p_k}}{\sqrt{\bar{p}}} + \frac{\sqrt{p_*}}{\sqrt{p_*}} \right) \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}},$$

where the last inequality is obtained by specifying  $C_0 = 2\sqrt{2}C$ . Meanwhile, By Lemma 8,  $\mathbb{P}(A_2 \cap A_3) \geq 1 - \exp(-c\underline{p})$ . Therefore,  $\mathbb{P}(A_1 \cap A_2 \cap A_3) \geq 1 - \exp(-c\underline{p})$ . Now we prove the Theorem under  $A_1 \cap A_2 \cap A_3$ .

We provide an upper bound for  $\left\| \hat{\mathbf{U}}_{k\perp}^\top \mathbf{X}_k \right\|_{\text{F}}$ . First of all,

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| \hat{\mathbf{U}}_{k\perp}^\top \mathbf{X}_k \right\|_{\text{F}} &= \left\| \hat{\mathbf{U}}_{k\perp}^\top (\mathbf{X}'_k + \mathbf{X}_k - \mathbf{X}'_k) \right\|_{\text{F}} \\ &\leq \left\| \hat{\mathbf{U}}_{k\perp}^\top \mathbf{X}'_k \right\|_{\text{F}} + \left\| \hat{\mathbf{U}}_{k\perp}^\top (\mathbf{X}_k - \mathbf{X}'_k) \right\|_{\text{F}} \\ &\leq \left\| \hat{\mathbf{U}}_{k\perp}^\top \mathbf{X}'_k \right\|_{\text{F}} + \left\| \mathbf{X}_k - \mathbf{X}'_k \right\|_{\text{F}}. \end{aligned} \quad (43)$$

To bound  $\left\| \hat{\mathbf{U}}_{k\perp}^\top \mathbf{X}'_k \right\|_{\text{F}}$ , we notice that

$$\begin{aligned} &\left\| \hat{\mathbf{U}}_{k\perp}^\top \mathbf{X}'_k (\tilde{\mathbf{U}}_{k+1} \otimes \cdots \otimes \tilde{\mathbf{U}}_d \otimes \tilde{\mathbf{U}}_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes \tilde{\mathbf{U}}_{k-1}) \right\|_{\text{F}} \\ &\leq \left\| \hat{\mathbf{U}}_{k\perp}^\top \bar{\mathbf{X}}_k \right\|_{\text{F}} + \left\| \hat{\mathbf{U}}_{k\perp}^\top (\mathbf{X}_k - \mathbf{X}'_k) (\tilde{\mathbf{U}}_{k+1} \otimes \cdots \otimes \tilde{\mathbf{U}}_d \otimes \tilde{\mathbf{U}}_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes \tilde{\mathbf{U}}_{k-1}) \right\|_{\text{F}} \\ &\leq \left\| \hat{\mathbf{U}}_{k\perp}^\top \bar{\mathbf{X}}_k \right\|_{\text{F}} + \left\| \mathbf{X}_k - \mathbf{X}'_k \right\|_{\text{F}}. \end{aligned} \quad (44)$$

Also, since the right singular space of  $\mathbf{X}'_k$  is  $\mathbf{U}'_{k+1} \otimes \cdots \otimes \mathbf{U}'_d \otimes \mathbf{U}'_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes \mathbf{U}'_{k-1}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left\| \hat{\mathbf{U}}_{k\perp}^\top \mathbf{X}'_k (\tilde{\mathbf{U}}_{k+1} \otimes \cdots \otimes \tilde{\mathbf{U}}_d \otimes \tilde{\mathbf{U}}_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes \tilde{\mathbf{U}}_{k-1}) \right\|_{\text{F}} \\
&= \left\| \hat{\mathbf{U}}_{k\perp}^\top \mathbf{X}'_k (\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{U}'_k} \tilde{\mathbf{U}}_k \otimes \cdots \otimes \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{U}'_d} \tilde{\mathbf{U}}_d \otimes \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{U}'_1} \tilde{\mathbf{U}}_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{U}'_{k-1}} \tilde{\mathbf{U}}_{k-1}) \right\|_{\text{F}} \\
&\geq \left\| \hat{\mathbf{U}}_{k\perp}^\top \mathbf{X}'_k \right\|_{\text{F}} \cdot \prod_{l \neq k} \sigma_{r'_k}(\mathbf{U}'_k^\top \tilde{\mathbf{U}}_k) \\
&= \left\| \hat{\mathbf{U}}_{k\perp}^\top \mathbf{X}'_k \right\|_{\text{F}} \cdot \prod_{l \neq k} \sqrt{1 - \left\| \tilde{\mathbf{U}}_{k\perp}^\top \mathbf{U}'_k \right\|^2} \stackrel{(40)}{\geq} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}^{d-1}} \left\| \hat{\mathbf{U}}_{k\perp}^\top \mathbf{X}'_k \right\|_{\text{F}}.
\end{aligned} \tag{45}$$

Combining (43), (44) and (45), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
\left\| \hat{\mathbf{U}}_{k\perp}^\top \mathbf{X}'_k \right\|_{\text{F}} &\leq 2^{(d-1)/2} \left( \left\| \hat{\mathbf{U}}_{k\perp}^\top \bar{\mathbf{X}}_k \right\|_{\text{F}} + \left\| \mathbf{X}_k - \mathbf{X}'_k \right\|_{\text{F}} \right) \\
\left\| \hat{\mathbf{U}}_{k\perp}^\top \mathbf{X}_k \right\|_{\text{F}} &\leq 2^{(d-1)/2} \left\| \hat{\mathbf{U}}_{k\perp}^\top \bar{\mathbf{X}}_k \right\|_{\text{F}} + (2^{(d-1)/2} + 1) \left\| \mathbf{X}_k - \mathbf{X}'_k \right\|_{\text{F}}.
\end{aligned} \tag{46}$$

By Lemma 7, since  $\bar{\mathbf{Y}}_k = \bar{\mathbf{X}}_k + \bar{\mathbf{Z}}_k$ ,  $\text{SVD}_{r_k}(\bar{\mathbf{Y}}_k) = \hat{\mathbf{U}}_k$ , we have

$$\left\| \hat{\mathbf{U}}_{k\perp}^\top \bar{\mathbf{X}}_k \right\|_{\text{F}} \leq 2\sqrt{r_k} \left\| \bar{\mathbf{Z}}_k \right\| \stackrel{(41)}{\lesssim} \sqrt{r_*} + \sum_{l=1}^d \sqrt{p_l r_l \bar{r}}.$$

Now it suffices to bound  $\left\| \mathbf{X}_k - \mathbf{X}'_k \right\|_{\text{F}}$ . For notation simlicity, we focus on  $k = 1$ , while the analysis for other modes can be similarly carried on.

$$\begin{aligned}
\left\| \mathbf{X}_1 - \mathbf{X}'_1 \right\|_{\text{F}} &= \left\| \mathbf{X}_1 \left( (\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{U}'_2} + \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{V}'_2}) \otimes \cdots \otimes (\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{U}'_d} + \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{V}'_d}) - \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{U}'_2} \otimes \cdots \otimes \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{U}'_d} \right) \right\|_{\text{F}} \\
&= \left\| \mathbf{X}_1 \left( \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{V}'_2} \otimes \mathbf{I}_{p_3} \otimes \cdots \otimes \mathbf{I}_{p_d} + \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{U}'_2} \otimes \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{V}'_3} \otimes \cdots \otimes \mathbf{I}_{p_d} + \cdots + \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{U}'_2} \otimes \cdots \otimes \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{U}'_{d-1}} \otimes \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{V}'_d} \right) \right\|_{\text{F}} \\
&\leq \sum_{k=2}^d \left\| \mathbf{V}'_k \mathcal{M}_k(\mathcal{X}) \right\|_{\text{F}} \\
&\leq \sum_{k=2}^d \sqrt{r_k - r'_k} \sigma_{r'_k+1}(\mathbf{X}_k) \leq \sum_{k=2}^d C_0(p_*^{1/4} + \bar{p}^{1/2}) \sqrt{r_k}.
\end{aligned}$$

Here, the last inequality comes from the definition of  $r'_k$ , i.e., the  $r'_k + 1$ th singular value of  $\mathbf{X}_k$  is smaller than  $C_0(p_*^{1/4} \vee \bar{p}^{1/2})$ . In general, for any  $k \in [d]$ , we have

$$\left\| \mathbf{X}_k - \mathbf{X}'_k \right\|_{\text{F}} \leq C_0 d (p_*^{1/4} \vee \bar{p}^{1/2}) \bar{r}^{1/2}. \tag{48}$$

Combining (46), (47) and (48), it follows that

$$\left\| \hat{\mathbf{U}}_{k\perp}^\top \mathbf{X}_k \right\|_{\text{F}} \leq C_d \left( \sqrt{r_*} + p_*^{1/4} \bar{r}^{1/2} + \bar{p}^{1/2} \bar{r} \right). \tag{49}$$

Now we are ready to bound  $\left\| \hat{\mathcal{X}} - \mathcal{X} \right\|$ . Recall that  $\hat{\mathcal{X}} = \mathcal{Y} \times_1 \mathbb{P}_{\hat{\mathbf{U}}_1} \times \cdots \times_d \mathbb{P}_{\hat{\mathbf{U}}_d}$ . Then,

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left\| \mathcal{Y} \times_1 \hat{\mathbf{U}}_1 \hat{\mathbf{U}}_1^\top \times \cdots \times_d \hat{\mathbf{U}}_d \hat{\mathbf{U}}_d^\top - \mathcal{X} \right\|_{\text{F}} \\
&\leq \left\| \mathcal{X} \times_1 \hat{\mathbf{U}}_1 \hat{\mathbf{U}}_1^\top \times \cdots \times_d \hat{\mathbf{U}}_d \hat{\mathbf{U}}_d^\top - \mathcal{X} \right\|_{\text{F}} + \left\| \mathcal{Z} \times_1 \hat{\mathbf{U}}_1^\top \times \cdots \times_d \hat{\mathbf{U}}_d^\top \right\|_{\text{F}}.
\end{aligned} \tag{50}$$