

Some details of high-order spectral method

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Let us consider $\mathcal{Y} = \Theta + \mathcal{E} \in \mathbb{R}^{d_1 \times \dots \times d_m}$ where \mathcal{E} follows i.i.d. sub-Gaussian noise with $\sigma^2 = 1$ without loss of generality and $\Theta = \mathcal{X} + \mathcal{X}_\perp$ with $\text{rank}(\mathcal{X}) = (\sqrt{d_1}, \dots, \sqrt{d_m})$. For each $k = 1, \dots, m$, denote

$$X_k = \mathcal{M}_k(\mathcal{X}), \quad X_{k,\perp} = \mathcal{M}_k(\mathcal{X}_\perp), \quad E_k = \mathcal{M}_k(\mathcal{E}), \quad Y_k = \mathcal{M}_k(\mathcal{Y}),$$

and define $Z_k = X_{k,\perp} + E_k$. We consider the high-order spectral method, where we estimate the signal tensor Θ from

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{U}_k &= \text{SVD}_{r_k}(Y_k) \\ \hat{U}_k &= \text{SVD}_{r_k} \left(\mathcal{M}_k \left(\mathcal{Y} \times_1 \tilde{U}_1^T \times \dots \times_{k-1} \tilde{U}_{k-1}^T \times_k \tilde{U}_{k+1}^T \times \dots \times_m \tilde{U}_m^T \right) \right) \\ \hat{\Theta} &= \mathcal{Y} \times_1 (\hat{U}_1 \hat{U}_1^T) \times \dots \times_m (\hat{U}_m \hat{U}_m^T) \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

where $r_k = \sqrt{d_k}$ for all $k \in [m]$.

What's the implication for smooth tensor?

Consider order-3 tensor with equal dimension.

By approximation theorem, smooth tensor has the following properties:
spectral norm of (X_perp) <= F-norm of (X_prep) <= sqrt(d^3/d) = d

Theorem 0.1 (Estimation of high-order spectral algorithm). Suppose that $\|X_\perp\|_{\text{sp}} \leq \sqrt{d}$. Then, with probability at least $1 - C \exp(-cd)$, $\hat{\Theta}$ defined according to (1) satisfies,

$$\|\hat{\Theta} - \Theta\|_F^2 \lesssim d^2 + (dd_*)^{1/2}.$$

Proof. We start by introducing several notations and assumptions. Denote $U_k = \text{SVD}_{r_k}(X_k)$ and $\tilde{U}_k = \text{SVD}_{r_k}(Y_k)$. For some constant $C_0 > 0$ which will be specified later, define

$$r'_k = \max\{r' \in \{0, \dots, d_k\} : \sigma_{r'}(X_k) \geq C_0(d_*^{1/4} \vee \bar{d}^{1/2})\}.$$

use threshold d for smooth tensor

(see page 3, green comments for reason)

We set $r'_k = 0$ if $\sigma_1(X_k) < C_0(d_*^{1/4} \vee \bar{d}^{1/2})$. We use U_k to denote the leading r'_k singular vectors of U_k and use V_k to denote the rest $r_k - r'_k$ singular vectors and thus U_k can be written as $[U_k, V_k]$.

We next define

$$X'_k = X_k \left(\mathbb{P}_{U'_{k+1}} \otimes \dots \otimes \mathbb{P}_{U'_m} \otimes \dots \otimes \mathbb{P}_{U'_{k-1}} \right),$$

where $\mathbb{P}_U = UU^T$ for any orthonormal matrix $U \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times r}$. We also denote

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{X}_k &= X_k \left(\tilde{U}_{k+1} \otimes \dots \otimes \tilde{U}_m \otimes \dots \otimes \tilde{U}_{k-1} \right), \\ \bar{X}_{k,\perp} &= X_{k,\perp} \left(\tilde{U}_{k+1} \otimes \dots \otimes \tilde{U}_m \otimes \dots \otimes \tilde{U}_{k-1} \right), \\ \bar{Y}_k &= Y_k \left(\tilde{U}_{k+1} \otimes \dots \otimes \tilde{U}_m \otimes \dots \otimes \tilde{U}_{k-1} \right), \\ \bar{E}_k &= E_k \left(\tilde{U}_{k+1} \otimes \dots \otimes \tilde{U}_m \otimes \dots \otimes \tilde{U}_{k-1} \right), \end{aligned}$$

and define $\bar{Z}_k = \bar{X}_{k,\perp} + \bar{E}_k$.

Now we bound

$$\|\hat{\Theta} - \Theta\|_F \leq \underbrace{\|\Theta \times_1 (\hat{U}_1 \hat{U}_1^T) \times \dots \times_m (\hat{U}_m \hat{U}_m^T) - \mathcal{X}\|_F}_{(*)} + \underbrace{\|\mathcal{E} \times_1 \hat{U}_1^T \times \dots \times_m \hat{U}_m^T\|_F}_{(**)}.$$

To bound (*), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
(*) &\leq \sum_{k \in [m]} \|(I - \hat{U}_k \hat{U}_k^T) \Theta_k\|_F \\
&\leq \sum_{k \in [m]} \left(\|(I - \hat{U}_k \hat{U}_k^T) X_k\|_F + \|(I - \hat{U}_k \hat{U}_k^T) X_{k,\perp}\|_F \right) \\
&\leq \sum_{k \in [m]} \left(\|\hat{U}_{k,\perp}^T X_k\|_F + \|X_{k,\perp}\|_F \right) \\
&\leq \sum_{k \in [m]} \left(\|\hat{U}_{k,\perp}^T X'_k\|_F + \|X_k - X'_k\|_F + \|X_{k,\perp}\|_F \right). \tag{2}
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, it suffices to bound $\|X_k - X'_k\|_F$ and $\|\hat{U}_{k,\perp}^T X'_k\|_F$.

1. Bound of $\|X_k - X'_k\|_F$: For notation simplicity, we focus on $k = 1$, while the analysis for other modes can be similarly carried on.

$$\begin{aligned}
\|X_1 - X'_1\|_F &\leq \|X_1\|_F \left((\mathbb{P}_{U'_2} + \mathbb{P}_{V'_2}) \otimes \cdots \otimes (\mathbb{P}_{U'_m} + \mathbb{P}_{U'_m}) - \mathbb{P}_{U'_2} \otimes \cdots \otimes \mathbb{P}_{U'_m} \right) \\
&\leq \sum_{k=2}^m \|V_k^T X_k\|_F \\
&\leq \sum_{k=2}^m \sqrt{r_k - r'_k} \sigma_{r'_k+1}(X_k) \\
&\leq \sum_{k=2}^m c_0 \sqrt{r_k} d_*^{1/4}. \tag{3}
\end{aligned}$$

d is due to the smooth tensor; see green comments at page 3

2. Bound of $\|\hat{U}_{k,\perp}^T X'_k\|_F$: Notice the following two inequalities,

$$\|\hat{U}_{k,\perp}^T X'_k(\tilde{U}_{k+1} \otimes \cdots \otimes \tilde{U}_m \otimes \tilde{U}_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes \tilde{U}_{k-1})\|_F \leq \|\hat{U}_{k,\perp}^T \bar{X}_k\|_F + \|X_k - X'_k\|_F \tag{4}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\|\hat{U}_{k,\perp}^T X'_k(\tilde{U}_{k+1} \otimes \cdots \otimes \tilde{U}_m \otimes \tilde{U}_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes \tilde{U}_{k-1})\|_F \\
&= \|\hat{U}_{k,\perp}^T X'_k(\mathbb{P}_{U'_{k+1}} \tilde{U}_{k+1} \otimes \cdots \otimes \mathbb{P}_{U'_m} \tilde{U}_m \otimes \mathbb{P}_{U'_1} \tilde{U}_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes \mathbb{P}_{U'_{k-1}} \tilde{U}_{k-1})\|_F \\
&= \|\hat{U}_{k,\perp}^T X'_k\|_F \prod_{\ell \neq k} \sigma_{r'_\ell}(U_\ell^T \tilde{U}_\ell) \\
&\geq \|\hat{U}_{k,\perp}^T X'_k\|_F \prod_{\ell \neq k} \sqrt{1 - \|\tilde{U}_{\ell,\perp} U'_\ell\|_{\text{sp}}^2} \tag{5}
\end{aligned}$$

Combining (4) and (5) yields,

$$\|\hat{U}_{k,\perp}^T X'_k\|_F \prod_{\ell \neq k} \sqrt{1 - \|\tilde{U}_{\ell,\perp} U'_\ell\|_{\text{sp}}^2} \leq \|\hat{U}_{k,\perp}^T \bar{X}_k\|_F + \|X_k - X'_k\|_F. \tag{6}$$

Now, we bound $\|\hat{U}_{k,\perp}^T \bar{X}_k\|_F$ and $\|\tilde{U}_{\ell,\perp} U'_\ell\|_{\text{sp}}$ to obtain upper bound of $\|\hat{U}_{k,\perp}^T X'_k\|_F$.

We have an upper bound for $\|\hat{U}_{k,\perp}^T \bar{X}_k\|_F$, combining of Lemma 0.2 and the fact that $\bar{Y}_k = \bar{X}_k + \bar{Z}_k$,

$$\begin{aligned}\|\hat{U}_{k,\perp}^T \bar{X}_k\|_F &\leq 2\sqrt{r_k}\|\bar{Z}\|_{\text{sp}} \\ &\leq 2\sqrt{r_k}(\|\bar{X}_{k,\perp}\|_{\text{sp}} + \|\bar{E}_k\|_{\text{sp}}) \\ &\leq 2\sqrt{r_k}(\|X_{k,\perp}\|_{\text{sp}} + \|\bar{E}_k\|_{\text{sp}}) \\ &\lesssim \sqrt{r_k \bar{d}} + \sqrt{r_*} + \sum_{\ell \in [m]} \sqrt{r_\ell \bar{r} d_\ell}.\end{aligned}\tag{7}$$

where the last line uses the condition $\|X_\perp\|_{\text{sp}} \leq \sqrt{\bar{d}}$, the definition of \bar{E}_k and Lemma 0.1.

By Lemma 0.3, we bound $\|\tilde{U}_{k,\perp} U'_k\|_{\text{sp}}$ with probability at least $1 - C \exp(-c\bar{d})$, for each $k \in [m]$,

$$\begin{aligned}\|\tilde{U}_{k,\perp} U'_k\|_{\text{sp}} &\leq C \left(\frac{\sqrt{d_k} + \|X_{k,\perp}\|_{\text{sp}}}{\sigma_{r'}(X)} + \frac{\sqrt{d_*} + \|X_{k,\perp}\|_{\text{sp}}^2}{\sigma_{r'}^2(X)} \right) \text{ numerator is } d^2, \text{ because of smooth tensor.} \\ &\leq \frac{C}{C_0} \left(\frac{\sqrt{d_k} + \sqrt{\bar{d}}}{\sqrt{d_*}} + \frac{\sqrt{d_*} + \bar{d}}{\sqrt{d_*} \vee \bar{d}} \right) \text{ In order for the ratio to be a constant, the denominator has to be } \sim d^2. \\ &\leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \text{ Therefore, we set the threshold for the denominator: } \sigma_{r'}(X) \sim d \text{ in page 1.}\end{aligned}\tag{8}$$

for sufficiently large $C_0 \geq 15$ where 15 is set to satisfy the condition of Lemma 0.3.

Finally, plugging (3), (7), and (8) into (6) yields,

$$\begin{aligned}\|\hat{U}_{k,\perp}^T X'_k\|_F &\leq 2^{\frac{m-1}{2}} \left(\|\hat{U}_{k,\perp}^T \bar{X}_k\|_F + \|X_k - X'_k\|_F \right) \\ &\lesssim r_*^{1/2} + \bar{r} \bar{d}^{1/2} + \bar{r}^{1/2} d_*^{1/4}.\end{aligned}\tag{9}$$

Applying (3) and (9) to (2) proves

$$(*) \lesssim r_*^{1/2} + \bar{r} \bar{d}^{1/2} + \bar{r}^{1/2} d_*^{1/4}.$$

Notice that $(**)$ term is bounded by $C(\sqrt{r_*} + \sum_{\ell \in [m]} \sqrt{d_\ell r_\ell})$ by Lemma 0.1 with probability at least $1 - \exp(-c\bar{d})$. Combining upper bound of $(*)$ and $(**)$, we finally obtain

$$\|\hat{\Theta} - \Theta\|_F \lesssim r_*^{1/2} + \bar{r} \bar{d}^{1/2} + \bar{r}^{1/2} d_*^{1/4}, \text{ for smooth tensor, F-norm error becomes } d^{5/2} \rightarrow \|\cdot\|_F^{d^2/d^3} \sim d^{-1/2} \text{ (10)}$$

Even worse than square spectral method.

Plugging $r_k = \sqrt{d_k}$ for all $k \in [m]$ into (10) completes the proof. \square

Lemma 0.1 (Lemma 8 in [2]). Let $E \in \mathbb{R}^{d_1 \times \dots \times d_m}$ be a noise tensor whose each entry has independent mean-zero sub-Gaussian distribution with $\sigma = 1$ without loss of generality. Fix $U_k^* \in \mathbb{O}_{d_k, r_k}$. Then with probability at least $1 - \exp(-c\bar{d})$, the following holds.

$$\begin{aligned}\|E_k(U_{k+1}^* \otimes \dots \otimes U_m^* \otimes U_1^* \otimes \dots \otimes U_{k-1}^*)\|_{\text{sp}} &\leq C(\sqrt{d_k} + \sqrt{r_{-k}}), \\ \|E_k(U_{k+1}^* \otimes \dots \otimes U_m^* \otimes U_1^* \otimes \dots \otimes U_{k-1}^*)\|_F &\leq C\sqrt{d_k r_{-k}},\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\sup_{\substack{U_\ell \in \mathbb{O}_{d_\ell, r_\ell} \\ \ell \neq [m]}} \|E_k (U_{k+1} \otimes \cdots \otimes U_m \otimes U_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes U_{k-1})\|_{\text{sp}} &\leq C(\sqrt{d_k} + \sqrt{r_{-k}} + \sum_{\ell \neq k} \sqrt{d_\ell r_\ell}), \\
\sup_{\substack{U_\ell \in \mathbb{O}_{d_\ell, r_\ell} \\ \ell \neq [m]}} \|E_k (U_{k+1} \otimes \cdots \otimes U_m \otimes U_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes U_{k-1})\|_F &\leq C(\sqrt{d_k r_{-k}} + \sum_{\ell \neq k} \sqrt{d_\ell r_\ell}), \\
\sup_{\substack{U_\ell \in \mathbb{O}_{d_\ell, r_\ell} \\ \ell \neq [m]}} \|\mathcal{E} \times_1 U_1^T \times \cdots \times_m U_m^T\|_F &\leq C(\sqrt{r_*} + \sum_{\ell \in [m]} \sqrt{d_\ell r_\ell})
\end{aligned}$$

Lemma 0.2 (Projection bound of perturbation). Suppose $X, E \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ and $\text{rank}(X) = r$. Let $U \in \mathbb{O}_{m, r}$ be the leading r singular vectors of $Y = X + E$. Then,

$$\begin{aligned}
\|(I - UU^T)X\|_{\text{sp}} &\leq 2\|E\|_{\text{sp}} \\
\|(I - UU^T)X\|_F &\leq \min(2\sqrt{r}\|E\|_{\text{sp}}, 2\|E\|_F).
\end{aligned}$$

Proof. For matrix norm bound we have,

$$\begin{aligned}
\|(I - UU^T)X\|_{\text{sp}} &\leq \|(I - UU^T)Y\|_{\text{sp}} + \|E\|_{\text{sp}} \\
&\leq \sigma_{r+1}(Y) + \|E\|_{\text{sp}} \\
&\leq \min_{Z \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} : \text{rank}(Z) \leq r} \|Y - Z\|_{\text{sp}} + \|E\|_{\text{sp}} \\
&\leq \|Y - X\|_{\text{sp}} + \|E\|_{\text{sp}} \\
&\leq 2\|E\|_{\text{sp}}.
\end{aligned} \tag{11}$$

Similarly we bound Frobenius norm,

$$\begin{aligned}
\|(I - UU^T)X\|_F &\leq \|(I - UU^T)Y\|_F + \|E\|_F \\
&\leq \sqrt{\sum_{i=r+1}^{m \wedge n} \sigma_i^2(Y)} + \|E\|_F \\
&\leq \min_{Z \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} : \text{rank}(Z) \leq r} \|Y - Z\|_F + \|E\|_F \\
&\leq \|Y - X\|_F + \|E\|_F \\
&\leq 2\|E\|_F.
\end{aligned}$$

In addition, direct application of (11) yields,

$$\|(I - UU^T)X\|_F \leq 2\sqrt{r}\|E\|_{\text{sp}}.$$

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Lemma 0.3 (Perturbation Bound on Subspaces of Different Dimensions). Consider the signal plus noise model,

$$Y = X + X_\perp + E \in \mathbb{R}^{d_1 \times d_2},$$

where X is a signal matrix such that $\text{rank}(X) = r$, X_\perp is a perturbation, and E is a noise matrix

with i.i.d. standard sub-Gaussian entries. Define

$$r' := \max\{r' \in \{0, 1, \dots, r\} : \sigma_{r'}(X) \geq \max(\sqrt{3d_1}, (8 + 6\sqrt{2})\|X_\perp\|_{\text{sp}})\}. \quad (12)$$

We denote

$$\hat{U}_r = \text{SVD}_r(Y), \quad U_{r'} = \text{SVD}_{r'}(X).$$

Then with probability at least $1 - \exp(-cd_1 \wedge d_2)$,

$$\|\hat{U}_{r\perp} U_{r'}\|_{\text{sp}} \leq C \left(\frac{\sqrt{d_1} + \|X_\perp\|_{\text{sp}}}{\sigma_{r'}(X)} + \frac{\sqrt{d_1 d_2} + \|X_\perp\|_{\text{sp}}^2}{\sigma_{r'}^2(X)} \right).$$

Proof. Since each entry of E comes from i.i.d. sub-Gaussian distribution, the model does no change by left multiplying some orthogonal matrix in \mathbb{O}_{d_1, d_1} on X, X_\perp and Z simultaneously. Thus we can assume that $\text{SVD}_r(X) = [I_r O]^T$ without loss of generality. We write,

$$Y = \begin{pmatrix} Y_1 \\ Y_2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad X_\perp = \begin{pmatrix} X_{1,\perp} \\ X_{2,\perp} \end{pmatrix}, \quad X = \begin{pmatrix} X_1 \\ X_2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad E = \begin{pmatrix} E_1 \\ E_2 \end{pmatrix},$$

where $Y_1, X_{1,\perp}, X_1, E_1 \in \mathbb{R}^{r' \times p_2}$ and $Y_2, X_{2,\perp}, X_2, E_2 \in \mathbb{R}^{(p_1 - r') \times p_2}$. We calculate the SVD of $Y_1 = \bar{U} \bar{\Sigma} \bar{V}^T$ for $\bar{U} \in \mathcal{O}_{r', r'}, \bar{V} \in \mathcal{O}_{p_2, r'}$. Then, by the proof of Lemma 2 in [2], we have

$$\|\hat{U}_{r\perp} U_{r'}\|_{\text{sp}} \leq \frac{\sigma_{r'}(Y_1) \|Y_2 \bar{V}\|_{\text{sp}}}{\sigma_{r'}^2(Y_1) - \sigma_{r+1}^2(Y)}. \quad (13)$$

Therefore, it suffices to provide the probabilistic bounds of $\sigma_{r'}^2(Y_1) - \sigma_{r+1}^2(Y)$, $\sigma_{r'}(Y_1)$, and $\|Y_2 \bar{V}\|_{\text{sp}}$.

1. Bound of $\sigma_{r'}^2(Y_1) - \sigma_{r+1}^2(Y)$: Define $Y' = X + E$, where the perturbation matrix X_\perp is removed. By [1, Lemma 9], for all $x > 0$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{P}(\sigma_{r'}^2(Y_1') \leq (\sigma_{r'}^2(X_1) + d_2)(1 - x)) &\leq C \exp(Cr - c(\sigma_{r'}(X_1) + d_2)x^2 \wedge x), \\ \mathbb{P}(\sigma_{r+1}^2(Y') \leq d_2(1 + x)) &\leq C \exp(Cd_1 - cd_2 x^2 \wedge x). \end{aligned}$$

By setting x as $\frac{\sigma_{r'}^2(X_1)}{3(\sigma_{r'}^2(X_1) + d_2)}$ and $\frac{\sigma_{r'}^2(X_1)}{3d_2}$ respectively, we obtain

$$\sigma_{r'}(Y_1') \geq \sqrt{\frac{2\sigma_{r'}^2(X_1)}{3} + d_2}, \quad \sigma_{r+1}(Y') \geq \sqrt{\frac{\sigma_{r'}^2(X_1)}{3} + d_2},$$

with probability at least $1 - C \exp(-cd_1 \wedge d_2)$. Since $Y = Y' + X_\perp$, applying Weyl's inequality yields

$$\sigma_{r'}(Y_1) \geq \sqrt{\frac{2\sigma_{r'}^2(X_1)}{3} + d_2} - \|X_{1,\perp}\|_{\text{sp}}, \quad \sigma_{r+1}(Y) \geq \sqrt{\frac{\sigma_{r'}^2(X_1)}{3} + d_2} + \|X_{1,\perp}\|_{\text{sp}}. \quad (14)$$

Therefore, we obtain the following inequality from (14),

$$\begin{aligned}
\sigma_{r'}^2(Y_1) - \sigma_{r'+1}^2(Y) &\geq \frac{\sigma_{r'}^2(X_1)}{3} - 4\|X_{1,\perp}\|_{\text{sp}} \sqrt{\frac{2\sigma_{r'}^2(X_1)}{3} + d_2} - 2\|X_{1,\perp}\|_{\text{sp}} \\
&\geq \frac{\sigma_{r'}^2(X_1)}{3} - 4\sigma_{r'}(X_1)\|X_{\perp}\|_{\text{sp}} - 2\|X_{\perp}\|_{\text{sp}} \\
&\geq \frac{\sigma_{r'}^2(X_1)}{12},
\end{aligned} \tag{15}$$

where the second inequality uses the fact $\|X_{1,\perp}\|_{\text{sp}} \vee \|X_{2,\perp}\|_{\text{sp}} \leq \|X_{\perp}\|_{\text{sp}}$ with the condition $\sigma_{r'}(X) \geq \sqrt{3d_2}$ while the last inequality holds with the condition $\sigma_{r'}(X) \geq (8 + 6\sqrt{2})\|X_{\perp}\|_{\text{sp}}$. Notice that the definition of r' in (12) makes (15) true.

2. Bound of $\sigma_{r'}(Y_1)$: By Weyl's inequality, we easily obtain the upper bound of $\sigma_{r'}(Y_1)$,

$$\sigma_{r'}(Y_1) \leq \sigma_{r'}(X_1) + \|X_{1,\perp}\|_{\text{sp}} + \|E_1\|_{\text{sp}} \leq \sigma_{r'}(X_1) + \|X_{\perp}\|_{\text{sp}} + \sqrt{d_2}, \tag{16}$$

where the last inequality holds with probability at least $1 - C \exp(-cd_2)$ by the concentration inequality of $\|E_1\|_{\text{sp}}$.

3. Bound of $\|Y_2 \bar{V}\|_{\text{sp}}$: Notice that

$$\|Y_2 \bar{V}\|_{\text{sp}} \leq \|X_2 \bar{V}\|_{\text{sp}} + \|E_2 \bar{V}\|_{\text{sp}} + \|X_{2,\perp}\|_{\text{sp}} \tag{17}$$

Note that $Y_1 = \bar{U} \bar{\Sigma} \bar{V}$, we have,

$$\|\bar{V}^T X_2^T\|_{\text{sp}} \leq \frac{\|Y_1 X_2^T\|_{\text{sp}}}{\sigma_{r'}(Y_1)} \leq \frac{\|(X_1 + X_{1,\perp} + E_1) X_2^T\|_{\text{sp}}}{\sigma_{r'}(Y_1)} \tag{18}$$

Recall that we assume that $\text{SVD}_r(X) = [I_r, O]^T$. Therefore, X can be written as,

$$X = \begin{pmatrix} X_1 \\ X_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} I_{r'} & \\ & I_{r-r'} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \Sigma_1 & \\ & \Sigma_2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} V_1^T \\ V_2^T \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \Sigma_1 V_1^T \\ \Sigma_2 V_2^T \\ O_{p_1-r} \end{pmatrix}.$$

From this expression, we have $X_1 = \Sigma_1 V_1^T$ and $X_1 X_2^T = 0$. Therefore, (18) becomes

$$\|\bar{V}^T X_2^T\|_{\text{sp}} \leq \frac{\|(X_{1,\perp} + E_1) V_2 \Sigma_2\|_{\text{sp}}}{\sigma_{r'}(Y_1)} \leq \frac{\sigma_{r'+1}(X)}{\sigma_{r'}(Y_1)} (\|X_{1,\perp}\|_{\text{sp}} + \|E_1 V_2\|_{\text{sp}}).$$

Since $E_1 V_2$ is a $r' \times (r - r')$ standard Gaussian random matrix, we have $\|E_1 V_2\|_{\text{sp}} \leq \sqrt{d_1}$ with probability at least $1 - C \exp(-cd_1)$. On the other hand, since \bar{V} is the leading r' right singular vectors of $Y_1 = X_1 + X_{1,\perp} + E_1$, we know that \bar{V} is independent of Y_2 and $E_2 \bar{V}$ is then a $(d_1 - r)$ -by- r' random matrix. Therefore, $\|E_2 \bar{V}\|_{\text{sp}} \leq \sqrt{d_1}$ with probability at least $1 - C \exp(-cd_1)$. Therefore, combining all the bounds into (17), we proved that with probability at least $1 - C \exp(-cd_1)$,

$$\begin{aligned}
\|Y_1 \bar{V}\|_{\text{sp}} &\leq \left(\frac{\sigma_{r'}(X)}{\sigma_{r'}(Y_1)} + 1 \right) (\sqrt{d_1} + \|X_{\perp}\|_{\text{sp}}) \\
&\leq 3(\sqrt{d_1} + \|X_{\perp}\|_{\text{sp}}),
\end{aligned} \tag{19}$$

where the first inequality uses the fact $\sigma_{r'}(X) \geq \sigma_{r'+1}(X)$ and the last inequality is from (14) and $\|X_{1,\perp}\|_{\text{sp}} \vee \|X_{2,\perp}\|_{\text{sp}} \leq \|X_{\perp}\|_{\text{sp}}$.

Finally, plugging inequalities (15), (16), and (19) into (13) yields,

$$\|\hat{U}_{r\perp} U_{r'}\|_{\text{sp}} \leq C \left(\frac{\sqrt{d_1} + \|X_{\perp}\|_{\text{sp}}}{\sigma_{r'}(X)} + \frac{\sqrt{d_1 d_2} + \|X_{\perp}\|_{\text{sp}}^2}{\sigma_{r'}^2(X)} \right).$$

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