

# Graphic Lasso: Possible Accuracy for Multi-Layer Model

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## 1 A simple extension

Let  $Q(\Omega) = \text{tr}(S\Omega) - \log |\Omega|$ . Assume the rank of decomposition  $r$  is known. Consider the constrained optimization problem

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{\mathcal{C}} \quad & \sum_{k=1}^K [Q(\Omega^k)] \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \Omega^k = \Theta_0 + \sum_{l=1}^r u_{lk} \Theta_l, \quad \text{for } k = 1, \dots, K, \\ & \|\Theta_l\|_0 \leq b, \quad \text{for } l = 1, \dots, r, \\ & \|\Theta_0\|_0 \leq b_0, \end{aligned}$$

where  $a, b, b_0$  are fixed positive constants,  $\|\cdot\|_0$  refers to the vector  $L_0$  norm, and  $\|\cdot\|_0$  refers to the matrix  $L_0$  norm. For simplicity, let  $\hat{\mathcal{C}} = \{\hat{\Theta}_0, \hat{\Theta}_1, \dots, \hat{\Theta}_r, \hat{\mathbf{u}}_1, \dots, \hat{\mathbf{u}}_r\}$  denote the estimation, and  $\hat{\Omega}^k = \hat{\Theta}_0 + \sum_{l=1}^r \hat{u}_{lk} \hat{\Theta}_l$  for  $k = 1, \dots, K$ .

For true precision matrices  $\Omega^k$ , let  $T^k = \{(j, j') | \omega_{j,j'}^k \neq 0\}$  and  $q^k = |T^k|$ . Let  $T = T^1 \cup \dots \cup T^K$  and  $q = |T|$ .

**Theorem 1.1.** *Suppose two assumptions hold. Let  $\{\Omega^k\}$  denote the true precision matrices. For the estimation  $\hat{\mathcal{C}}$  such that  $\sum_{k=1}^K [Q(\hat{\Omega}^k)] \leq \sum_{k=1}^K [Q(\Omega^k)]$  and satisfies the constraints, the following accuracy bound holds with probability tending to 1.*

$$\sum_{k=1}^K \|\hat{\Omega}^k - \Omega^k\|_F = \mathcal{O}_p \left[ \left\{ \frac{(p+q) \log p}{n} \right\}^{1/2} \right].$$

*Proof.* Let  $\Omega^k$  denote the true precision matrices for  $k = 1, \dots, K$ . Consider the estimation  $\hat{\mathcal{C}}$  such that  $\sum_{k=1}^K [Q(\hat{\Omega}^k)] \leq \sum_{k=1}^K [Q(\Omega^k)]$ . Let  $\Delta^k = \hat{\Omega}^k - \Omega^k$ . Define the function

$$G(\{\Delta^k\}) = \sum_{k=1}^K \text{tr}(S(\Omega^k + \Delta^k)) - \text{tr}(\Omega^k) - \log |\Omega^k + \Delta^k| + \log |\Omega^k| = I_1 + I_2,$$

where

$$I_1 = \sum_{k=1}^K \text{tr}((S^k - \Sigma^k) \Delta^k), \quad I_2 = \sum_{k=1}^K (\tilde{\Delta}^k)^T \int_0^1 (1-v)(\Omega^k + v\Delta^k)^{-1} \otimes (\Omega^k + v\Delta^k)^{-1} dv \tilde{\Delta}^k.$$

With probability tending to 1, we have

$$I_1 \leq C_1 \left( \frac{\log p}{n} \right)^{1/2} \sum_{k=1}^K \left( |\Delta_{T^k}^k|_1 + |\Delta_{T^{k,c}}^k|_1 \right) + C_2 \left( \frac{p \log p}{n} \right)^{1/2} \sum_{k=1}^K \left\| \Delta^k \right\|_F, \quad I_2 \geq \frac{1}{4\tau_2^2} \sum_{k=1}^K \left\| \Delta^k \right\|_F^2.$$

Note that  $|\Delta_{T^k}^k|_1 \leq q^{1/2} \left\| \Delta^k \right\|_F$ . Then, we only need to deal with  $|\Delta_{T^{k,c}}^k|_1$ . Rewrite the term, we have

$$|\Delta_{T^{k,c}}^k|_1 = |\hat{\Theta}_{0,T^{k,c}} + \hat{u}_{1k} \hat{\Theta}_{1,T^{k,c}} + \cdots + \hat{u}_{rk} \hat{\Theta}_{r,T^{k,c}}|_1 \leq (b_0 + rb) \left\| \Delta^k \right\|_{\max} \leq (b_0 + rb) \left\| \Delta^k \right\|_F.$$

Then, by Guo et al, we have

$$\sum_{k=1}^K \left\| \Delta^k \right\|_F = \sum_{k=1}^K \left\| \hat{\Omega}^k - \Omega^k \right\|_F = \mathcal{O}_p \left[ \left\{ \frac{(p+q) \log p}{n} \right\}^{1/2} \right]. \quad (1)$$

□

**Remark 1.** Note that  $q$  can be replaced by  $\max_k q^k$ , where  $q^k \leq (b_0 + rb)$  for all  $k = 1, \dots, K$ . Also, the accuracy (1) holds when  $q^k$  are fixed. Otherwise, the accuracy is of order  $\mathcal{O}_p \left[ q \left\{ \frac{\log p}{n} \right\}^{1/2} \right]$ .