

Graphic Lasso: Estimation Error

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1 Correction

Correction:

1. In the previous proof, we use the following inequality:

$$\text{vec}(\Delta)^T \int_0^1 (1-v)(\check{\Theta} + v\Delta)^{-1} \otimes (\check{\Theta} + v\Delta)^{-1} dv \text{vec}(\Delta) \geq \frac{1}{4\tau^2} \|\Delta\|_F^2.$$

However, this inequality only holds with high probability when $\|\Delta_1\|_F \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$. Hence, we can not use this inequality directly in the proof. Consider a similar bound.

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{vec}(\Delta)^T \int_0^1 (1-v)(\check{\Theta} + v\Delta)^{-1} \otimes (\check{\Theta} + v\Delta)^{-1} dv \text{vec}(\Delta) \\ & \geq \|\Delta\|_F^2 \varphi_{\min} \left(\int_0^1 (1-v)(\check{\Theta} + v\Delta)^{-1} \otimes (\check{\Theta} + v\Delta)^{-1} dv \right) \\ & \geq \|\Delta\|_F^2 \int_0^1 (1-v) \varphi_{\min}^2((\check{\Theta} + v\Delta)^{-1}) dv \\ & \geq \frac{1}{2} \min_{\nu \in [0,1]} \varphi_{\min}^2((\check{\Theta} + \nu\Delta)^{-1}). \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

Note that

$$\min_{\nu \in [0,1]} \varphi_{\min}^2((\check{\Theta} + \nu\Delta)^{-1}) \geq \min_{\nu \in [0,1]} \varphi_{\max}^{-2}(\check{\Theta} + \nu\Delta) \geq (\|\check{\Theta}\|_2 + \|\Delta\|_2)^{-2} \geq \frac{1}{2(\tau^2 + \tau_1^2)}, \tag{2}$$

where $\tau_1 > \varphi_{\max}(\Delta)$. Also, note that

$$\|\Delta\|_2 = \|\hat{\Theta} - \check{\Theta}\|_2 \leq \|\hat{\Theta}\|_2 + \tau.$$

Therefore, we would like to add a bounded singular value constrain to the optimization problem, i.e., in optimization steps

$$\max_{\Theta} \rightarrow \max_{\Theta, \varphi_{\max}(\Theta) < \alpha},$$

where α is a positive constant. This constrain makes sense since we won't let the singular value of our estimation goes to infinity, otherwise, the entries of the estimated precision matrices tend to infinity.

With this constrain, we obtain the τ_1 which is $\tau_1 = \alpha + \tau$.

2. In previous proof, we use the following Lemma 1 to obtain tail probability. However, this lemma only describe the tail probability $\mathbb{P}(X > t)$ when t is small. Here we want to cover case when t is large, and thus we propose an extension Lemma 2.

Lemma 1. Let $Z_i \sim_{i.i.d.} \mathcal{N}(0, \Sigma)$ and $\varphi_{\max}(\Sigma) \leq \tau < \infty$. Let $\Sigma = \llbracket \Sigma_{ij} \rrbracket$, then

$$P \left(\left| \sum_{i=1}^n Z_{ij} Z_{ik} - n \Sigma_{jk} \right| \geq n\nu \right) \leq c_1 e^{-c_2 n \nu^2}, \quad \text{for } |\nu| \leq \delta,$$

where c_1, c_2, δ depends on τ only.

Lemma 2. Let $Z_i \sim_{i.i.d.} \mathcal{N}(0, \Sigma)$ and $\varphi_{\max}(\Sigma) \leq \tau_0 < \infty$. Let $\Sigma = \llbracket \Sigma_{ij} \rrbracket$, then

$$P \left(\left| \sum_{i=1}^n Z_{ij} Z_{ik} - n \Sigma_{jk} \right| \geq n\nu \right) \leq \begin{cases} c_1 e^{-c_2 n \nu^2}, & |\nu| \leq \delta \\ c_1 e^{-c_2 n \nu}, & |\nu| > \delta \end{cases}$$

where c_1, c_2 depend on τ_0 only, and $\delta = 4\tau_0$.

2 Estimation Error (Revised)

The precision model is stated as

$$\mathbb{E}[S^k] = \Omega^k = \sum_{l=1}^r u_{kl} \Theta^l, \quad k \in [K].$$

Consider the parameter space

$$\mathcal{P}_\alpha = \left\{ (U, \Theta^l) \mid U \in \{0, 1\}^{K \times r} \text{ is a membership matrix, } \max_{l \in [r]} \varphi_{\max}(\Theta^l) \leq \alpha \right\},$$

and the parameter space for Θ^l

$$\mathcal{P}_{\Theta, \alpha} = \left\{ \Theta^l \mid \max_{l \in [r]} \varphi_{\max}(\Theta^l) \leq \alpha \right\},$$

where α is a positive constant and should be larger than the true singular value of precision matrices. Then, consider the following penalized optimization problem

$$\max_{\{U, \Theta^l\} \in \mathcal{P}_\alpha} \mathcal{L}_S(U, \Theta^l) = - \sum_{k=1}^K \text{tr}(S^k \Omega^k) + \log \det(\Omega^k) + \lambda \left\| \Omega^k \right\|,$$

where U is a membership matrix, and $\{\Theta^l\}$ are irreducible and invertible.

Notations.

1. $I'_l = \{k : u'_{kl} \neq 0\}$ is the index set for the l -th group based on the membership U' .
2. δ be the minimal gap between Θ^l . That is

$$\min_{k, l \in [r]} \left\| \Theta^l - \Theta^k \right\|_F^2 = \delta^2.$$

3. Let $l(\mathbf{U}, \Theta^l)$ be the population-based loss function. That is

$$l(\mathbf{U}, \Theta^l) = \mathbb{E}_S[\mathcal{L}_S(\mathbf{U}, \Theta^l)] = - \sum_{k=1}^K \text{tr}(\Sigma^k \Omega^k) + \log \det(\Omega^k) - \lambda \sum_{k=1}^K \|\Omega^k\|_1.$$

4. Given the membership \mathbf{U}' , let $\hat{\Theta}^l(\mathbf{U}') = \arg \max_{\Theta^l \in \mathcal{P}_{\Theta, \alpha}} \mathcal{L}_S(\mathbf{U}', \Theta)$. Particularly, for each $l \in [r]$, we have

$$\hat{\Theta}^l(\mathbf{U}') = \arg \max_{\Theta \in \mathcal{P}_{\Theta, \alpha}} - \sum_{k \in I'_l} \langle S^k, \Theta \rangle + |I'_l| \log \det(\Theta) - \lambda |I'_l| \|\Theta\|_1,$$

5. Given the membership \mathbf{U}' , let $\tilde{\Theta}^l(\mathbf{U}') = \arg \max_{\mathbf{U}', \Theta^l} \mathcal{L}_S(\mathbf{U}', \Theta)$. Particularly, for each $l \in [r]$, we have

$$\tilde{\Theta}^l(\mathbf{U}') = \arg \max_{\Theta \in \mathcal{P}_{\Theta, \alpha}} - \sum_{k \in I'_l} \langle \Sigma^k, \Theta \rangle + |I'_l| \log \det(\Theta) - \lambda |I'_l| \|\Theta\|_1.$$

6. Define functions

$$F(\mathbf{U}') = \mathcal{L}_S(\mathbf{U}', \hat{\Theta}^l(\mathbf{U}')), \quad G(\mathbf{U}') = l(\mathbf{U}', \tilde{\Theta}^l(\mathbf{U}')).$$

7. τ be the maximal singular value of the true precision matrix, i.e., $\tau = \max_{l \in [r]} \varphi_{\max}(\Theta^l) < \alpha$.

8. τ_l be the minimal singular value of the true precision matrix, i.e., $\tau_l = \min_{l \in [r]} \varphi_{\min}(\Theta^l)$.

Lemma 3 (Estimation error). *Given a membership \mathbf{U}' , assume $\lambda \leq \mathcal{O}\left(\sqrt{\frac{t}{Kp^2\tilde{\tau}}}\right)$. With high probability, we have the following probability*

$$p(t) = \mathbb{P}(|F(\mathbf{U}') - G(\mathbf{U}')| \geq t) \leq \begin{cases} C_1 \exp\{-C_2 na(\lambda, t)^2\} & |a(\lambda, t)| \leq 4\tau_l^{-1} \\ C_1 \exp\{-C_2 na(\lambda, t)\} & |a(\lambda, t)| > 4\tau_l^{-1} \end{cases},$$

where $a(\lambda, t) = \frac{-(2\lambda+1) + \sqrt{(2\lambda+1)^2 - 4(2\lambda^2 - t/Kp^2\tilde{\tau})}}{2}$, $\tilde{\tau} = \tau^2 + (\tau + \alpha)^2$, C_1, C_2 are two constants, and $p(t) \rightarrow 0$ as $t \rightarrow \infty$.

Note: More discussions about the λ and convergence rate are in next section.

Proof. With given membership \mathbf{U}' , we have estimations $\hat{\Theta}^l(\mathbf{U}')$ and $\tilde{\Theta}^l(\mathbf{U}')$, which we use $\hat{\Theta}^l$ and $\tilde{\Theta}^l$ refer to them for simplicity, respectively. By the definition, we have

$$\begin{aligned} |F(\mathbf{U}') - G(\mathbf{U}')| &= |\mathcal{L}_S(\mathbf{U}', \hat{\Theta}^l) - l(\mathbf{U}', \tilde{\Theta}^l)| \\ &\leq \sum_{l=1}^r |f^l(\hat{\Theta}^l) - g^l(\tilde{\Theta}^l)|, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$f^l(\Theta) = - \sum_{k \in I'_l} \langle S^k, \Theta \rangle + |I'_l| \log \det(\Theta) - \lambda |I'_l| \|\Theta\|_1,$$

and

$$g^l(\Theta) = - \sum_{k \in I'_l} \langle \Sigma^k, \Theta \rangle + |I'_l| \log \det(\Theta) - \lambda |I'_l| \|\Theta\|_1.$$

Note that the functions $f^l(\cdot)$ and $g^l(\cdot)$ for $l \in [r]$ depends on the membership \mathbf{U}' , and $\hat{\Theta}^l, \tilde{\Theta}^l$ are unique maximizers for $f^l(\Theta), g^l(\Theta)$, respectively.

Next, for an arbitrary $l \in [r]$, we try to find the upper bound for $|f^l(\hat{\Theta}^l) - g^l(\tilde{\Theta}^l)|$. For simplicity, we use $f, g, \hat{\Theta}, \tilde{\Theta}$ denote $f^l, g^l, \hat{\Theta}^l$ and $\tilde{\Theta}^l$. Consider a new estimation $\check{\Theta}$ such that

$$\check{\Theta} = \arg \max_{\Theta \in \mathcal{P}_{\Theta, \alpha}} - \sum_{k \in I'_l} \langle \Sigma^k, \Theta \rangle + |I'_l| \log \det(\Theta).$$

By a straight calculation, we have the closed form of $\check{\Theta}$, which is equal to

$$\check{\Theta} = \left(\frac{\sum_{k \in I'_l} \Sigma^k}{|I'_l|} \right)^{-1}.$$

Note that $\check{\Theta}$ is the inverse of a combination of true covariance matrices. Thus $\check{\Theta}$ does not violate the singular value constraint.

Then, we have

$$\begin{aligned} |f(\hat{\Theta}) - g(\tilde{\Theta})| &\leq |f(\hat{\Theta}) - f(\check{\Theta})| + |f(\check{\Theta}) - g(\check{\Theta})| + |g(\check{\Theta}) - g(\tilde{\Theta})| \\ &= M_1 + M_2 + M_3. \end{aligned}$$

1. **For M_1 ,** we have

$$f(\hat{\Theta}) - f(\check{\Theta}) = \sum_{k \in I'_l} \langle S^k, \check{\Theta} - \hat{\Theta} \rangle + |I'_l| \left(\log \det(\hat{\Theta}) - \log \det(\check{\Theta}) \right) - \lambda |I'_l| \left(\|\hat{\Theta}\|_1 - \|\check{\Theta}\|_1 \right).$$

Define $\Delta_1 = \hat{\Theta} - \check{\Theta}$ and consider the function $m(t) = \log \det(\check{\Theta} + t\Delta_1)$. By Taylor expansion, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \log \det(\hat{\Theta}) - \log \det(\check{\Theta}) &= m(1) - m(0) \\ &= \langle \check{\Theta}^{-1}, \Delta_1 \rangle - \text{vec}(\Delta_1)^T \int_0^1 (1-v)(\check{\Theta} + v\Delta_1)^{-1} \otimes (\check{\Theta} + v\Delta_1)^{-1} dv \text{vec}(\Delta_1) \\ &\leq \langle \check{\Theta}^{-1}, \Delta_1 \rangle - \frac{1}{4\tilde{\tau}} \|\Delta_1\|_F^2, \end{aligned}$$

where $\tilde{\tau} = \tau^2 + (\tau + \alpha)^2$ by the inequality (1) and the first inequality follows by the inequality (1). Note that $f(\hat{\Theta}) - f(\check{\Theta}) \geq 0$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} |f(\hat{\Theta}) - f(\check{\Theta})| &\leq \sum_{k \in I'_l} \langle S^k - \Sigma^k, \Delta_1 \rangle - \frac{1}{4\tilde{\tau}} |I'_l| \|\Delta_1\|_F^2 + \lambda |I'_l| \|\Delta_1\|_1 \\ &\leq |I'_l| \max_{(i,j), k \in I'_l} |S_{ij}^k - \Sigma_{ij}^k| \|\Delta_1\|_1 - \frac{1}{4\tilde{\tau}} |I'_l| \|\Delta_1\|_F^2 + \lambda |I'_l| \|\Delta_1\|_1 \\ &\leq |I'_l| \left(-\frac{1}{4\tilde{\tau}} \|\Delta_1\|_F^2 + \left(\lambda + \max_{(i,j), k \in I'_l} |S_{ij}^k - \Sigma_{ij}^k| \right) p \|\Delta_1\|_F \right), \\ &\leq |I'_l| \tilde{\tau} p^2 \left(\lambda + \max_{(i,j), k \in I'_l} |S_{ij}^k - \Sigma_{ij}^k| \right)^2 \end{aligned}$$

where the third inequality follows by the fact the $\|\Delta\|_1 \leq p \|\Delta\|_F$, and the last inequality follows by the property of quadratic function.

2. **For** M_2 , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
|f(\check{\Theta}) - g(\check{\Theta})| &= \left| \sum_{k \in I'_l} \langle S^k - \Sigma^k, \check{\Theta} \rangle \right| \\
&\leq |I'_l| \left\| S^k - \Sigma^k \right\|_2 \|\check{\Theta}\|_2 \\
&\leq p^2 \tau^2 |I'_l| \max_{(i,j), k \in I'_l} |S_{ij}^k - \Sigma_{ij}^k|.
\end{aligned}$$

3. **For** M_3 , we have

$$g(\check{\Theta}) - g(\tilde{\Theta}) = \sum_{k \in I'_l} \langle \Sigma^k, \tilde{\Theta} - \check{\Theta} \rangle + |I'_l| \left(\log \det(\check{\Theta}) - \log \det(\tilde{\Theta}) \right) - \lambda |I'_l| (\|\check{\Theta}\|_1 - \|\tilde{\Theta}\|_1).$$

Let $\Delta_2 = \tilde{\Theta} - \check{\Theta}$. By Taylor Expansion and similar procedures for M_1 , we have

$$\log \det(\tilde{\Theta}) - \log \det(\check{\Theta}) \leq \langle \check{\Theta}^{-1}, \Delta_2 \rangle - \frac{1}{4\tilde{\tau}} \|\Delta_2\|_F^2.$$

Then, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
g(\check{\Theta}) - g(\tilde{\Theta}) &\geq \sum_{k \in I'_l} \langle \Sigma^k, \Delta_2 \rangle - |I'_l| (\langle \check{\Theta}^{-1}, \Delta_2 \rangle - \frac{1}{4\tilde{\tau}} \|\Delta_2\|_F^2) - \lambda |I'_l| \|\Delta_2\|_1 \\
&= \frac{1}{4\tilde{\tau}} |I'_l| \|\Delta_2\|_F^2 - \lambda |I'_l| \|\Delta_2\|_1.
\end{aligned}$$

Since $g(\check{\Theta}) - g(\tilde{\Theta}) \leq 0$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
|g(\check{\Theta}) - g(\tilde{\Theta})| &\leq -\frac{1}{4\tilde{\tau}} |I'_l| \|\Delta_2\|_F^2 + \lambda |I'_l| \|\Delta_2\|_1 \\
&\leq -\frac{1}{\tilde{\tau}} |I'_l| \|\Delta_2\|_F^2 + \lambda |I'_l| p \|\Delta_2\|_F \\
&\leq \tilde{\tau} \lambda^2 p^2 |I'_l|
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we have the upper bound

$$\begin{aligned}
|f(\hat{\Theta}) - g(\tilde{\Theta})| &\leq M_1 + M_2 + M_3 \\
&\leq |I'_l| p^2 \tilde{\tau} \left[(\lambda + \max_{(i,j), k \in I'_l} |S_{ij}^k - \Sigma_{ij}^k|)^2 + \max_{(i,j), k \in I'_l} |S_{ij}^k - \Sigma_{ij}^k| + \lambda^2 \right],
\end{aligned}$$

and thus we have

$$\begin{aligned}
|F(\mathbf{U}') - G(\mathbf{U}')| &\leq \sum_{l=1}^r |f^l(\hat{\Theta}^l) - g^l(\tilde{\Theta}^l)| \\
&\leq K p^2 \tilde{\tau} \left[(\lambda + \max_{(i,j), k \in K} |S_{ij}^k - \Sigma_{ij}^k|)^2 + \max_{(i,j), k \in K} |S_{ij}^k - \Sigma_{ij}^k| + \lambda^2 \right].
\end{aligned}$$

Intuitively, if λ tends to 0, the error only related to the gap between population and sample $\max_{(i,j), k \in K} |S_{ij}^k - \Sigma_{ij}^k|$.

Last, we obtain the probability

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbb{P}(|F(\mathbf{U}') - G(\mathbf{U}')| \geq t) &\leq \mathbb{P}\left((\lambda + \max_{(i,j),k \in K} |S_{ij}^k - \Sigma_{ij}^k|)^2 + \max_{(i,j),k \in K} |S_{ij}^k - \Sigma_{ij}^k| + \lambda^2 \geq \frac{t}{Kp^2\tilde{\tau}}\right) \\
&= \mathbb{P}\left(\max_{(i,j),k \in K} |S_{ij}^k - \Sigma_{ij}^k|^2 + (2\lambda + 1) \max_{(i,j),k \in K} |S_{ij}^k - \Sigma_{ij}^k| + 2\lambda^2 - \frac{t}{Kp^2\tilde{\tau}} \geq 0\right) \\
&= \mathbb{P}\left(\max_{(i,j),k \in K} |S_{ij}^k - \Sigma_{ij}^k| \geq \frac{-(2\lambda + 1) + \sqrt{(2\lambda + 1)^2 - 4(2\lambda^2 - t/Kp^2\tilde{\tau})}}{2}\right).
\end{aligned}$$

Let $a(\lambda, t) = \frac{-(2\lambda+1) + \sqrt{(2\lambda+1)^2 - 4(2\lambda^2 - t/Kp^2\tilde{\tau})}}{2}$. To ensure $a(\lambda, t)$ is well-defined, we need

$$(2\lambda + 1)^2 - 4(2\lambda^2 - t/Kp^2\tilde{\tau}) \geq 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \lambda \leq \frac{1}{2} \left(\sqrt{2 + \frac{4t}{Kp^2\tilde{\tau}}} + 1 \right) = \mathcal{O} \left(\sqrt{\frac{t}{Kp^2\tilde{\tau}}} \right).$$

By the Lemma 2, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
p(t) &= \mathbb{P}(|F(\mathbf{U}') - G(\mathbf{U}')| \geq t) \\
&\leq \mathbb{P}\left(\max_{(i,j),k \in K} |S_{ij}^k - \Sigma_{ij}^k| \geq a(\lambda, t)\right) \\
&\leq \begin{cases} C_1 \exp\{-C_2 na(\lambda, t)^2\} & |a(\lambda, t)| \leq 4\tau_l^{-1} \\ C_1 \exp\{-C_2 na(\lambda, t)\} & |a(\lambda, t)| > 4\tau_l^{-1} \end{cases}
\end{aligned}$$

□

3 Clustering accuracy

In this section we combine our results of misclassification error and estimation error.

Lemma 4 (Self-consistency of \mathbf{U}). *Suppose $MCR(\mathbf{U}', \mathbf{U}) \geq \epsilon$ and the minimal gap between $\{\Theta^l\}$ denoted δ is positive. For $\lambda < \frac{\delta}{8\tilde{\tau}\sqrt{p}}$, we have the perturbation version of the self-consistency.*

$$G(\mathbf{U}') - G(\mathbf{U}) \leq \epsilon\delta \left(-\frac{1}{8\tilde{\tau}}\delta + \lambda\sqrt{p} \right) < 0.$$

Note: In misclassification error, we also need to replace τ^2 by $\tilde{\tau}$ since the proof for misclassification error also use the inequality mentioned in the first section.

Theorem 3.1 (Clustering accuracy). *Let $\{\mathbf{U}, \Theta^l\}$ denote the true parameters. Consider an estimation of membership $\hat{\mathbf{U}}$ such that $F(\hat{\mathbf{U}}) \geq F(\mathbf{U})$.*

Proof. Since the estimate $\hat{\mathbf{U}}$ satisfies $F(\hat{\mathbf{U}}) \geq F(\mathbf{U})$, we have

$$F(\hat{\mathbf{U}}) - F(\mathbf{U}) = F(\hat{\mathbf{U}}) - G(\hat{\mathbf{U}}) + G(\hat{\mathbf{U}}) - G(\mathbf{U}) + G(\mathbf{U}) - F(\mathbf{U}) \geq 0.$$

By Lemma 4, for any $\epsilon > 0$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbb{P}(MCR(\hat{\mathbf{U}}, \mathbf{U}) \geq \epsilon) &= \mathbb{P}\left(G(\hat{\mathbf{U}}) - G(\mathbf{U}) \leq \epsilon\delta \left(-\frac{1}{8\tilde{\tau}}\delta + \lambda\sqrt{p} \right)\right) \\
&\leq \mathbb{P}\left(0 \leq \epsilon\delta \left(-\frac{1}{8\tilde{\tau}}\delta + \lambda\sqrt{p} \right) + 2m\right),
\end{aligned}$$

where $m = \sup_{\mathbf{U}} |F(\mathbf{U}) - G(\mathbf{U})|$. Let $\tilde{t} = \frac{\epsilon\delta}{2} (\frac{1}{8\tilde{\tau}}\delta - \lambda\sqrt{p})$. By Lemma 3, we obtain that

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{P}(MCR(\hat{\mathbf{U}}, \mathbf{U}) \geq \epsilon) &\leq \mathbb{P}(m \geq \tilde{t}) \\ &\leq \begin{cases} C_1 \exp \{-C_2 na(\lambda, \tilde{t})^2\} & |a(\lambda, \tilde{t})| \leq 4\tau_l^{-1} \\ C_1 \exp \{-C_2 na(\lambda, \tilde{t})\} & |a(\lambda, \tilde{t})| > 4\tau_l^{-1} \end{cases}, \end{aligned}$$

where $a(\lambda, t) = \frac{-(2\lambda+1)+\sqrt{(2\lambda+1)^2-4(2\lambda^2-t/Kp^2\tilde{\tau})}}{2}$. Next, we discuss the rate for λ .

1. To ensure $\mathbb{P}(MCR(\hat{\mathbf{U}}, \mathbf{U}) \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$, we need $na(\lambda, \tilde{t}) = o(1)$.

□