

# Algorithmic guarantees

## 1 General setting

We first introduce the regularity condition on the loss function  $\mathcal{L}$  and set  $\mathcal{S}$ .

**Definition 1.** Let  $f$  be a real-valued function. We say  $f$  satisfies  $\text{RCG}(\alpha, \beta, \mathcal{S})$  condition for  $\alpha, \beta > 0$  and the set  $\mathcal{S}$  if,

$$\langle \nabla f(x) - \nabla f(x'), x - x' \rangle \geq \alpha \|x - x'\|_2^2 + \beta \|\nabla f(x) - \nabla f(x')\|_2^2,$$

for any  $x, x' \in \mathcal{S}$ .

Define

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{\lambda} &:= \max \{ \sigma_{\max}(\mathcal{M}_1(\mathcal{B})), \sigma_{\max}(\mathcal{M}_2(\mathcal{B})), \sigma_{\max}(\mathcal{M}_3(\mathcal{B})) \}, \\ \underline{\lambda} &:= \min \{ \sigma_{\min}(\mathcal{M}_1(\mathcal{B})), \sigma_{\min}(\mathcal{M}_2(\mathcal{B})), \sigma_{\min}(\mathcal{M}_3(\mathcal{B})) \}, \end{aligned}$$

and  $\kappa = \bar{\lambda}/\underline{\lambda}$  can be regarded as a tensor condition number. Here  $\mathcal{M}_i$  is the matricization operator with respect to  $i$ -th mode.

We define some constants related to side information  $\mathbf{X}_1, \mathbf{X}_2, \mathbf{X}_3$  as

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma_1 &:= \prod_{k=1}^3 \|\mathbf{X}_k\|_F^2, \\ \gamma_2 &:= \prod_{k=1}^3 \sigma_{\min}(\mathbf{X}_k)^2. \end{aligned}$$

Without loss of generality, we scale the the side information matrices  $\mathbf{X}_k$  so that  $\|\mathbf{X}_k\|_{\infty} \leq 1$  for all  $k = 1, 2, 3$ .

**Lemma 1.1.** Suppose  $f: \mathbb{R}^{d_1 \times d_2 \times d_3} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a  $\alpha_1$ -smooth and  $\alpha_2$ -strongly function. Define  $g: \mathbb{R}^{p_1 \times p_2 \times p_3} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  as  $g(\mathcal{B}) = f(\mathcal{B} \times \{\mathbf{X}_1, \mathbf{X}_2, \mathbf{X}_3\})$  for all  $\mathcal{B} \in \mathbb{R}^{p_1 \times p_2 \times p_3}$ . Then,  $g$  is  $\alpha_1 \gamma_1$ -smooth and  $\alpha_2 \gamma_2$ -strongly convex function.

*Proof.* First, we prove the strong convexity. By definition, we have

$$f(\mathcal{T}_1) \geq f(\mathcal{T}_2) + \langle \nabla f(\mathcal{T}_2), \mathcal{T}_1 - \mathcal{T}_2 \rangle + \frac{\alpha_2}{2} \|\mathcal{T}_1 - \mathcal{T}_2\|_F^2, \text{ for all } \mathcal{T}_1, \mathcal{T}_2 \in \mathbb{R}^{d_1 \times d_2 \times d_3}.$$

Notice that for any  $\mathcal{B} \in \mathbb{R}^{p_1 \times p_2 \times p_3}$ , we have  $\mathcal{B} \times \{\mathbf{X}_1, \mathbf{X}_2, \mathbf{X}_3\} \in \mathbb{R}^{d_1 \times d_2 \times d_3}$ . Thus, for any  $\mathcal{B}_1, \mathcal{B}_2 \in \mathbb{R}^{p_1 \times p_2 \times p_3}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} &f(\mathcal{B}_1 \times \{\mathbf{X}_1, \mathbf{X}_2, \mathbf{X}_3\}) \\ &\geq f(\mathcal{B}_2 \times \{\mathbf{X}_1, \mathbf{X}_2, \mathbf{X}_3\}) + \langle \nabla f(\mathcal{B}_2 \times \{\mathbf{X}_1, \mathbf{X}_2, \mathbf{X}_3\}), (\mathcal{B}_1 - \mathcal{B}_2) \times \{\mathbf{X}_1, \mathbf{X}_2, \mathbf{X}_3\} \rangle + \frac{\alpha_2}{2} \|(\mathcal{B}_1 - \mathcal{B}_2) \times \{\mathbf{X}_1, \mathbf{X}_2, \mathbf{X}_3\}\|_F^2 \\ &\geq f(\mathcal{B}_2 \times \{\mathbf{X}_1, \mathbf{X}_2, \mathbf{X}_3\}) + \langle \nabla f(\mathcal{B}_2 \times \{\mathbf{X}_1, \mathbf{X}_2, \mathbf{X}_3\}) \times \{\mathbf{X}_1^T, \mathbf{X}_2^T, \mathbf{X}_3^T\}, \mathcal{B}_1 - \mathcal{B}_2 \rangle + \frac{\alpha_2 \gamma_2}{2} \|\mathcal{B}_1 - \mathcal{B}_2\|_F^2. \quad (1) \end{aligned}$$

Finally,  $g$  is  $\alpha_2 \gamma_2$ -strongly convex from (1) because

$$g(\mathcal{B}_1) \geq g(\mathcal{B}_2) + \langle \nabla g(\mathcal{B}_2), \mathcal{B}_1 - \mathcal{B}_2 \rangle + \frac{\alpha_2 \gamma_2}{2} \|\mathcal{B}_1 - \mathcal{B}_2\|_F^2, \text{ for all } \mathcal{B}_1, \mathcal{B}_2 \in \mathbb{R}^{p_1 \times p_2 \times p_3}.$$

Smoothness of  $g$  is directly followed by

$$\|\nabla g(\mathcal{B}_1) - \nabla g(\mathcal{B}_2)\|_F = \|(\nabla f(\mathcal{B}_1 \times \{\mathbf{X}_1, \mathbf{X}_2, \mathbf{X}_3\}) - \nabla f(\mathcal{B}_2 \times \{\mathbf{X}_1, \mathbf{X}_2, \mathbf{X}_3\})) \times \{\mathbf{X}_1^T, \mathbf{X}_2^T, \mathbf{X}_3^T\}\|_F$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\leq \|(\nabla f(\mathcal{B}_1 \times \{\mathbf{X}_1, \mathbf{X}_2, \mathbf{X}_3\}) - \nabla f(\mathcal{B}_2 \times \{\mathbf{X}_1, \mathbf{X}_2, \mathbf{X}_3\}))\|_F \sqrt{\gamma_1} \\
&\leq \alpha_1 \|(\mathcal{B}_1 - \mathcal{B}_2) \times \{\mathbf{X}_1, \mathbf{X}_2, \mathbf{X}_3\}\|_F \sqrt{\gamma_2} \\
&= \alpha_1 \gamma_1 \|\mathcal{B}_1 - \mathcal{B}_2\|_F,
\end{aligned}$$

where the last inequality comes from  $\beta$  smoothness of  $f$ .  $\square$

Since negative log-likelihoods of poisson and binomial distribution are not strongly convex and smooth in the unbounded domain. We thus introduce the following assumption on  $\mathcal{B}_{\text{true}}$  to ensure that  $\mathcal{B}_{\text{true}}$  is in a bounded set.

**Assumption 1.** Suppose  $\mathcal{B}_{\text{true}} = \mathcal{C}^* \times \{\mathbf{M}_1^*, \mathbf{M}_2^*, \mathbf{M}_3^*\}$ , where  $\mathbf{M}_k^* \in \mathbb{R}^{p_k \times r_k}$  is a orthogonal matrix for  $k = 1, 2, 3$ . There exists some constants  $\{\mu_k\}_{k=1}^3$ ,  $B$  such that  $\|\mathbf{M}_k^*\|_{2,\infty}^2 \leq \frac{\mu_k r_k}{p_k}$  for  $k = 1, 2, 3$  and  $\bar{\lambda} \leq B \sqrt{\frac{\prod_{k=1}^3 p_k}{\prod_{k=1}^3 \mu_k r_k}}$ . Here  $\|\mathbf{M}_k^*\|_{2,\infty}$  is the largest row-wise  $\ell_2$  norm of  $\mathbf{M}_k^*$ .

**Remark 1.** This condition guarantees that  $\mathcal{B}_{\text{true}}$  is entry-wise upperbounded by  $B$ , which guarantees the local strong convexity and smoothness of the negative log-likelihood function.

We define searching space  $\mathcal{S}$  as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{S} &= \mathcal{S}_c \times \mathcal{S}_1 \times \mathcal{S}_2 \times \mathcal{S}_3, \text{ where} \\
\mathcal{S}_k &= \left\{ (\mathbf{M}_k \in \mathbb{R}^{p_k \times r_k} : \|\mathbf{M}_k\|_{2,\infty} \leq b \sqrt{\frac{\mu_k r_k}{p_k}} \right\} \text{ for } k = 1, 2, 3, \\
\mathcal{S}_c &= \left\{ \mathcal{C} \in \mathbb{R}^{r_1 \times r_2 \times r_3} : \max_k \|\mathcal{M}_k(\mathcal{C})\|_2 \leq b^{-3} B \sqrt{\frac{\prod_{k=1}^3 p_k}{\prod_{k=1}^3 \mu_k r_k}} \right\}.
\end{aligned} \tag{2}$$

## 2 Poisson tensor case

Suppose we observe  $\mathcal{Y} \in \mathbb{N}^{d_1 \times d_2 \times d_3}$  that satisfies  $\exp(\dots)$

$$\mathcal{Y}_{ijk} \sim \text{Poisson}(\mathcal{B}_{\text{true}} \times \{\mathbf{X}_1, \mathbf{X}_2, \mathbf{X}_3\}) \text{ independently.}$$

where  $\mathcal{B}_{\text{true}} \in \mathbb{R}^{d_1 \times d_2 \times d_3}$  is the low rank tensor parameter whose rank is  $(r_1, r_2, r_3)$ .

Then we consider the following negative log-likelihood to estimate  $\mathcal{B}_{\text{true}}$ ,

$$\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{B} | \mathbf{X}_1, \mathbf{X}_2, \mathbf{X}_3) = \sum_{ijk} \left( -\mathcal{Y}_{ijk} [\mathcal{B}_{\text{true}} \times \{\mathbf{X}_1, \mathbf{X}_2, \mathbf{X}_3\}]_{ijk} + \exp([\mathcal{B}_{\text{true}} \times \{\mathbf{X}_1, \mathbf{X}_2, \mathbf{X}_3\}]_{ijk}) \right).$$

**Theorem 2.1.** Suppose Assumption 1 holds and

1. Initialization:  $\|\mathcal{B}_{\text{true}} - \mathcal{B}^{(0)}\|_F^2 \leq c_1 \frac{\gamma_1 \gamma_2}{(\gamma_1 e^B + \gamma_2 e^{-B})^2} \kappa^{-2} \underline{\lambda}^2$
2. Signal to noise ratio:  $\underline{\lambda}^2 \geq c_2 \kappa^2 e^{3B} \sum_{k=1}^3 (d_1 d_2 d_3 r_k / d_k + d_k r_k)$

where  $c_1, c_2 > 0$  are universal constants. Then, with probability at least  $1 - \exp(-c_3 \max_k d_k)$ , we have

$$\|\hat{\mathcal{B}} - \mathcal{B}_{\text{true}}\|_F^2 \leq c_4 \left( r_1 r_2 r_3 + \sum_k d_k r_k \right),$$

Write in terms of two terms (statistical term+ algorithmic term) as in T  
move yellow term as a remark.

for some constants that do not depend on  $d_k$  or  $r_k$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\mathcal{L}'(\mathcal{T}) = \sum_{ijk} (-\mathcal{Y}_{ijk} \mathcal{T}_{ijk} + \exp(\mathcal{T}_{ijk}))$  for all  $\mathcal{T} \in \mathbb{R}^{d_1 \times d_2 \times d_3}$ . Then we know  $\mathcal{L}'$  is  $e^B$  smooth and  $e^{-B}$ -strongly convex [Han et al., 2020]. By Lemma 1.1,  $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{B} | \mathbf{X}_1, \mathbf{X}_2, \mathbf{X}_3)$  is  $\gamma_1 e^B$ -smooth and  $\gamma_2 e^{-B}$ -strongly convex function. Therefore, based on Lemma E.1 in Han et al. [2020], we know  $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{B} | \mathbf{X}_1, \mathbf{X}_2, \mathbf{X}_3)$

satisfies  $\text{RCG}(\alpha, \beta, \mathcal{S})$  with  $\alpha = \frac{\gamma_1 \gamma_2}{\gamma_1 e^B + \gamma_2 e^{-B}}$  and  $\beta = \frac{1}{\gamma_1 e^B + \gamma_2 e^{-B}}$ , where  $\mathcal{S}$  is defined in (2). Therefore, direct application to Theorem 3.1 in Han et al. [2020] with sufficiently large steps  $T$ , we have

$$\|\mathcal{B}^{(T)} - \mathcal{B}_{\text{true}}\|_F^2 \leq C \frac{\kappa^4}{\alpha} \xi^2, \text{ where} \quad (3)$$

$$\xi = \sup_{\substack{\mathcal{T} \in \mathbb{R}^{p_1 \times p_2 \times p_3} \\ \text{rank}(\mathcal{T}) \leq (r_1, r_2, r_3) \\ \|\mathcal{T}\|_F^2 \leq 1}} \langle \nabla \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{B} | \mathbf{X}_1, \mathbf{X}_2, \mathbf{X}_3), \mathcal{T} \rangle.$$

yellow =  $\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{b}'(\theta_{\text{true}})$  = residual tensor  $\rightarrow$  subGaussian by our Propositions 2-3 in pg. 7 JCGS supplement  
see equation (3) page 3 in our supplement.

Now we find an upper bound of  $\xi$ . Notice that

$$\begin{aligned} \xi &= \sup_{\substack{\mathcal{T} \in \mathbb{R}^{p_1 \times p_2 \times p_3} \\ \text{rank}(\mathcal{T}) \leq (r_1, r_2, r_3) \\ \|\mathcal{T}\|_F^2 \leq 1}} \langle (\mathcal{Y} - \exp(\mathcal{B} \times \{\mathbf{X}_1, \mathbf{X}_2, \mathbf{X}_3\})) \times \{\mathbf{X}_1^T, \mathbf{X}_2^T, \mathbf{X}_3^T\}, \mathcal{T} \rangle \\ &\quad \text{yellow times } \mathbf{X}_1^T, \mathbf{X}_2^T, \mathbf{X}_3^T \text{ is a } (p_1, p_2, p_3) \text{ random tensor} \\ &\quad \text{with (correlated) sub-Gaussian entries because of linearity properties of subGaussian.} \\ &= \sup_{\substack{\mathcal{T} \in \mathbb{R}^{p_1 \times p_2 \times p_3} \\ \text{rank}(\mathcal{T}) \leq (r_1, r_2, r_3) \\ \|\mathcal{T}\|_F^2 \leq 1}} \langle (\mathcal{Y} - \exp(\mathcal{B} \times \{\mathbf{X}_1, \mathbf{X}_2, \mathbf{X}_3\})), \mathcal{T} \times \{\mathbf{X}_1, \mathbf{X}_2, \mathbf{X}_3\} \rangle \\ &\quad \Rightarrow \text{decorrelation} \Rightarrow \text{apply their results to } (p_1, p_2, p_3) \text{ tensor} \\ &\leq \sqrt{\gamma_1} \sup_{\substack{\mathcal{T}' \in \mathbb{R}^{p_1 \times p_2 \times p_3} \\ \text{rank}(\mathcal{T}') \leq (r_1, r_2, r_3) \\ \|\mathcal{T}'\|_F^2 \leq 1}} \langle (\mathcal{Y} - \exp(\mathcal{B} \times \{\mathbf{X}_1, \mathbf{X}_2, \mathbf{X}_3\})), \mathcal{T}' \rangle \\ &\quad \text{Therefore, the bound can be improved to } (p_1, p_2, p_3) \text{ at an extra cost of } \|\mathbf{X}_k\|_{\text{spectral norm}} \\ &\leq C \sqrt{\gamma_1 \left( r_1 r_2 r_3 + \sum_{k=1}^3 d_k r_k \right)} e^B, \text{ with probability } 1 - C'/(d_1 d_2 d_3), \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

for some constants  $C, C' > 0$ . Here the last inequality comes from Lemma 2.1. Plugging (4) into (3) completes the proof.  $\square$

**Lemma 2.1** (Lemma E.10, Han et al. [2020]). Let  $\mathcal{Y}_{ijk} \sim \text{Poisson}(\mathcal{X}_{ijk})$  independently, and each entry of  $\mathcal{X}$  is bounded with  $|\mathcal{X}_{ijk}| \leq B$ . Then, with probability at least  $1 - c/p_1 p_2 p_3$

$$\sup_{\substack{\mathcal{T} \in \mathbb{R}^{p_1 \times p_2 \times p_3} \\ \text{rank}(\mathcal{T}) \leq (r_1, r_2, r_3) \\ \|\mathcal{T}\|_F^2 \leq 1}} \langle \mathcal{Y} - \exp(\mathcal{X}), \mathcal{T} \rangle \leq C \sqrt{df(\mathcal{X})} e^B,$$

where  $df(\mathcal{X})$  is the number of free parameters of  $\mathcal{X}$ .

### 3 Binomial tensor case

Suppose we observe  $\mathcal{Y} \in \{0, 1\}^{d_1 \times d_2 \times d_3}$  that satisfies **logistic(...)**

$$\mathcal{Y}_{ijk} \sim \text{Bernoulli}(\mathcal{B}_{\text{true}} \times \{\mathbf{X}_1, \mathbf{X}_2, \mathbf{X}_3\}) \text{ independently.}$$

where  $\mathcal{B}_{\text{true}} \in \mathbb{R}^{d_1 \times d_2 \times d_3}$  is the low rank tensor parameter whose rank is  $(r_1, r_2, r_3)$ .

Then we consider the following negative log-likelihood to estimate  $\mathcal{B}_{\text{true}}$ ,

$$\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{B} | \mathbf{X}_1, \mathbf{X}_2, \mathbf{X}_3) = - \sum_{ijk} \left( \mathcal{Y}_{ijk} [\mathcal{B}_{\text{true}} \times \{\mathbf{X}_1, \mathbf{X}_2, \mathbf{X}_3\}]_{ijk} + \log \left( 1 + \exp \left( [\mathcal{B}_{\text{true}} \times \{\mathbf{X}_1, \mathbf{X}_2, \mathbf{X}_3\}]_{ijk} \right) \right) \right).$$

**Theorem 3.1.** Suppose Assumption 1 holds and

$$1. \text{ Initialization: } \|\mathcal{B}^{(0)} - \mathcal{B}_{\text{true}}\|_F^2 \leq c_1 \frac{\min(\gamma_1/\gamma_2, \gamma_2/\gamma_1)}{e^B + 3} \kappa^{-2} \underline{\lambda}^2$$

2. Signal to noise ratio:  $\underline{\lambda}^2 \geq c_2 \kappa^2 e^{3B} \sum_{k=1}^3 (d_1 d_2 d_3 r_k / d_k + d_k r_k)$

where  $c_1, c_2 > 0$  are universal constants. Then, with probability at least  $1 - c_3 / (d_1 d_2 d_3)$ , we have

$$\|\hat{\mathcal{B}} - \mathcal{B}_{\text{true}}\|_F^2 \leq c_4 \left( r_1 r_2 r_3 + \sum_{k=1}^3 d_k r_k \right),$$

for some constants that do not depend on  $d_k$  or  $r_k$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\mathcal{L}'(\mathcal{T}) = -\sum_{ijk} (\mathcal{Y}_{ijk} \mathcal{T}_{ijk} + \log(1 + \exp(\mathcal{T}_{ijk})))$  for all  $\mathcal{T} \in \mathbb{R}^{d_1 \times d_2 \times d_3}$ . Then we know  $\mathcal{L}'$  is  $\frac{1}{e^B+3}$ -smooth and  $\frac{1}{4}$ -strongly convex [Han et al., 2020]. By Lemma 1.1,  $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{B}|\mathbf{X}_1, \mathbf{X}_2, \mathbf{X}_3)$  is  $\frac{\gamma_1}{e^B+3}$ -smooth and  $\frac{\gamma_2}{4}$ -strongly convex function. By Lemma E.1 in Han et al. [2020], we set

$$\alpha = \frac{\min(\gamma_1, \gamma_2)}{2(e^B + 3)} \leq \frac{\frac{\gamma_1 \gamma_2}{4(e^B+3)}}{\frac{\gamma_1}{e^B+3} + \frac{\gamma_2}{4}} \text{ and } \beta = \frac{1}{2 \max(\gamma_1, \gamma_2)} \leq \frac{1}{\frac{\gamma_1}{e^B+3} + \frac{\gamma_2}{4}}$$

and  $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{B}|\mathbf{X}_1, \mathbf{X}_2, \mathbf{X}_3)$  satisfies RCG( $\alpha, \beta, \mathcal{S}$ ) with  $\mathcal{S}$  is defined in (2). Therefore, direct application to Theorem 3.1 in Han et al. [2020] with sufficiently large steps  $T$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|\mathcal{B}^{(T)} - \mathcal{B}_{\text{true}}\|_F^2 &\leq C \frac{\kappa^4}{\alpha} \xi^2, \text{ where} \\ \xi &= \sup_{\substack{\mathcal{T} \in \mathbb{R}^{p_1 \times p_2 \times p_3} \\ \text{rank}(\mathcal{T}) \leq (r_1, r_2, r_3) \\ \|\mathcal{T}\|_F^2 \leq 1}} \langle \nabla \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{B}|\mathbf{X}_1, \mathbf{X}_2, \mathbf{X}_3), \mathcal{T} \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

Now we find an upper bound of  $\xi$ . Notice that

$$\begin{aligned} \xi &= \sup_{\substack{\mathcal{T} \in \mathbb{R}^{p_1 \times p_2 \times p_3} \\ \text{rank}(\mathcal{T}) \leq (r_1, r_2, r_3) \\ \|\mathcal{T}\|_F^2 \leq 1}} \left\langle \left( -\mathcal{Y} + \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-\mathcal{B} \times \{\mathbf{X}_1, \mathbf{X}_2, \mathbf{X}_3\})} \right) \times \{\mathbf{X}_1^T, \mathbf{X}_2^T, \mathbf{X}_3^T\}, \mathcal{T} \right\rangle \\ &= \sup_{\substack{\mathcal{T} \in \mathbb{R}^{p_1 \times p_2 \times p_3} \\ \text{rank}(\mathcal{T}) \leq (r_1, r_2, r_3) \\ \|\mathcal{T}\|_F^2 \leq 1}} \left\langle -\mathcal{Y} + \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-\mathcal{B} \times \{\mathbf{X}_1, \mathbf{X}_2, \mathbf{X}_3\})}, \mathcal{T} \times \{\mathbf{X}_1, \mathbf{X}_2, \mathbf{X}_3\} \right\rangle \\ &\leq \sqrt{\gamma_1} \sup_{\substack{\mathcal{T}' \in \mathbb{R}^{d_1 \times d_2 \times d_3} \\ \text{rank}(\mathcal{T}') \leq (r_1, r_2, r_3) \\ \|\mathcal{T}'\|_F^2 \leq 1}} \left\langle -\mathcal{Y} + \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-\mathcal{B} \times \{\mathbf{X}_1, \mathbf{X}_2, \mathbf{X}_3\})}, \mathcal{T}' \right\rangle \\ &\leq C \sqrt{\gamma_1 \left( r_1 r_2 r_3 + \sum_{k=1}^3 d_k r_k \right)}, \text{ with probability } 1 - C' / (d_1 d_2 d_3), \end{aligned}$$

for some constants  $C, C' > 0$ . Here the last inequality comes from (D.27) in the proof of Theorem 4.5 in Han et al. [2020].  $\square$

## 4 Sub-Gaussian case with initial points assumption

Suppose we observe  $\mathcal{Y} \in \mathbb{N}^{d_1 \times d_2 \times d_3}$  that satisfies

$$\mathcal{Y}_{ijk} \sim \text{Sub-Gaussian}(\mathcal{B}_{\text{true}} \times \{\mathbf{X}_1, \mathbf{X}_2, \mathbf{X}_3\}, \sigma) \text{ independently.}$$

where  $\mathcal{B}_{\text{true}} \in \mathbb{R}^{d_1 \times d_2 \times d_3}$  is the low rank tensor parameter whose rank is  $(r_1, r_2, r_3)$ .

Then we consider the following negative log-likelihood to estimate  $\mathcal{B}_{\text{true}}$ ,

$$\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{B}|\mathbf{X}_1, \mathbf{X}_2, \mathbf{X}_3) = \frac{1}{2} \|\mathcal{Y} - \mathcal{B}_{\text{true}} \times \{\mathbf{X}_1, \mathbf{X}_2, \mathbf{X}_3\}\|_F^2$$

Following the same proof technique in Section 2,3, we have the following theorem.

**Theorem 4.1.** Suppose Assumption 1 holds and

1. Initialization:  $\|\mathcal{B}_{\text{true}} - \mathcal{B}^{(0)}\|_F^2 \leq c_1 \frac{\gamma_2}{\gamma_1} \kappa^{-2} \underline{\lambda}^2$
2. Signal to noise ratio:  $\underline{\lambda}/\sigma \geq C_1 d_{\max}^{3/4} r_{\max}^{1/4}$

where  $c_1, c_2 > 0$  are universal constants. Then, with probability at least  $1 - c_3/(d_1 d_2 d_3)$ , we have

$$\|\hat{\mathcal{B}} - \mathcal{B}_{\text{true}}\|_F^2 \leq c_4 \sigma^2 \left( r_1 r_2 r_3 + \sum_{k=1}^3 d_k r_k \right),$$

for some constants that do not depend on  $d_k$  or  $r_k$ .

**Remark 2.** Notice that our error bound terms and probability have changed from  $p_1, p_2, p_3$  to  $d_1, d_2, d_3$ . The main reason is that we did not consider structure of  $\mathcal{T} \times \{\mathbf{X}_1, \mathbf{X}_2, \mathbf{X}_3\}$  whose degree of freedom is  $r_1 r_2 r_3 + \sum_{i=1}^3 p_i r_i$  when we calculate  $\xi$  we did not consider  $\mathcal{T}'$  structure. Instead, we regard  $\mathcal{T} \times \{\mathbf{X}_1, \mathbf{X}_2, \mathbf{X}_3\}$  as  $\mathcal{T}'$  whose degree of freedom is  $r_1 r_2 r_3 + \sum_{i=1}^3 d_i r_i$  to apply lemmas in the reference directly.

## References

Improvable. See earlier comments.

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