# Seeded Algorithm

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This note combines previous results of error control and the non-iterative clean up. Theorem 1 is the theoretical guarantee for the complete seeded matching Algorithm 1.

#### Notations.

- $I^m = \{(i_1, \dots, i_m) : i_k \in I, k \in [m]\}$ : the order m product space of index set I;
- $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n^m}$ : an order m tensor with dimension n on each mode and all entries in  $\mathbb{R}$ ;
- $S = \{(i, k) \in [n]^2 : a_i, b_k \ge \xi, d_p(\mu_i, \nu_k) \le \zeta\}$ : the set of seeds and s = |S|;
- $S = \{i \in [n] : (i,k) \in \mathcal{S} \text{ for some } k \in [n]\}$ : the set of the first coordinate in the seed  $\mathcal{S}$ ;
- $T = \{k \in [n] : (i, k) \in \mathcal{S} \text{ for some } i \in [n]\}$ : the set of the second coordinate in the seed  $\mathcal{S}$ ;
- $\pi_0: S \mapsto T$ : permutation corresponding to the seed S satisfying  $(i, \pi_0(i)) \in S$  for all  $i \in S$ .

The Sub-Algorithm 1 is equivalent to do the one-way matching for the rows between  $\operatorname{Mat}_1(\mathcal{A}')$ ,  $\operatorname{Mat}_1(\mathcal{B}') \in \mathbb{R}^{n-s \times s^{m-1}}$ , where

 $\mathcal{A}'$  contains  $\{\mathcal{A}_{i,\omega}: i \in [n]/S, \omega \in S^{m-1}\}$ , and  $\mathcal{B}'$  contains  $\{\mathcal{B}_{k,\omega}: k \in [n]/T, \omega \in T^{m-1}\}$ ,

with 
$$S^{m-1} = \{(i_2, \dots, i_m) : i_l \in S, l = 2, \dots, m\}$$
 and  $T^{m-1} = \{(k_2, \dots, k_m) : k_l \in T, k = 2, \dots, m\}$ .

**Theorem 1** (Guarantee for Algorithm 1). Let  $\rho = \sqrt{1-\sigma^2}$  and  $s_0 = C(\log n^{1/4}+1)^{1/(m-1)}$ . Suppose  $\sigma \leq c/s_0^{1/3}$  for sufficiently small constant c. Choose thresholds  $\xi \geq c_1\sqrt{s_0}$  with universal positive constant  $c_1$  and  $\zeta \leq \sqrt{\sigma/n^{m-1}}$ . Algorithm 1 recover the true permutation  $\pi^*$  with probability tends to 1.

Remark 1 (Compared with previous results.). Compared with the result in note 0306\_22\_proof, we relax the conditions from  $\sigma < c/\log^{1/3(m-1)} n$  to  $\sigma \le c/\log^{1/3(m-1)} n^{1/4}$ . The exponent 1/4 over n comes from the choice of  $r_0 = \mathcal{O}(n^{3/4})$  in Theorem 2. The range of  $r_0$  is determined by Theorem 3, however, there may exist some problem in Theorem 3. See the Fixme below.

Proof of Theorem 1. Based on Theorem 2 and Theorem 3, the output  $\hat{\pi}$  of Sub-Algorithm 1 and Sub-Algorithm 2 fully recovers the true permutation if the number of seeds s satisfying  $s^{m-1} \gtrsim \log n^{1/4} + 1$  and we take  $r_0 = \mathcal{O}(n^{3/4})$ .

## Algorithm 1 Gaussian tensor matching with seed improvement

**Input:** Gaussian tensors  $\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B} \in \mathbb{R}^{n^m}$ , threshold  $\xi, \zeta$ .

- 1: Calculate the distance statistics  $d_p(\mu_i, \nu_k)$  for each pair of  $(i, k) \in [n]^2$ .
- 2: Obtain the high-degree set  $\mathcal{S} = \{(i,k) \in [n]^2 : a_i, b_k \geq \xi, d_p(\mu_i, \nu_k) \leq \zeta\}$ , where  $a_i = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n^{m-1}}} \sum_{\omega \in [n]^{m-1}} \mathcal{A}_{i,\omega}, \quad b_k = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n^{m-1}}} \sum_{\omega \in [n]^{m-1}} \mathcal{B}_{k,\omega}.$
- 3: if there exists a permutation  $\pi_0: S \mapsto T$  such that  $S = \{(i, \pi_0(i)) : i \in S, \pi_0(i) \in T\}$  then
- 4: Run Sub-Algorithm 1 with seed  $\pi_0$  and obtain output  $\pi_1$ .
- 5: Run Sub-Algorithm 2 with  $\pi_1$  and obtain output  $\hat{\pi}$ .
- 6: else
- 7: Output error.
- 8: end if

**Output:** Estimated permutations  $\hat{\pi}$  or error.

## Sub-Algorithm 1: Seeded matching

**Input:** Gaussian tensors  $\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B} \in \mathbb{R}^{n^m}$ , seed  $\pi_0 : S \mapsto T$ .

- 9: Let  $S^c$  denote the complement [n]/S, and  $T^c$  denote [n]/T. Obtain the similarity matrix  $H = \llbracket H_{ik} \rrbracket \in \mathbb{R}^{(n-s)\times (n-s)}$  where  $H_{ik} = \sum_{\omega \in S^{m-1}} \mathcal{A}_{i,\omega} \mathcal{B}_{k,\pi_0(\omega)}$  for any  $i \in S^c$  and  $k \in T^c$ .
- 10: Find the optimal bipartite permutation  $\tilde{\pi}_1$  such that

$$\tilde{\pi}_1 = \operatorname*{arg\,max}_{\pi:S^c \mapsto T^c} \sum_{i \in S^c} H_{i,\pi(i)}.$$

Let  $\pi_1$  denote the matching on [n] such that  $\pi_1|_S = \pi_0$  and  $\pi_1|_{S^c} = \tilde{\pi}_1$ .

**Output:** Estimated permutations  $\hat{\pi}_1$ .

### Sub-Algorithm 2: Non-iterative clean-up

Input: Gaussian tensors  $\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B} \in \mathbb{R}^{n^m}$  and permutation  $\pi_1 : [n] \mapsto [n]$ .

- 11: For each pair  $(i,k) \in [n]^2$ , calculate  $W_{ik} = \sum_{\omega \in [n]^{m-1}} \mathcal{A}_{i,\omega} \mathcal{B}_{k,\pi_1(\omega)}$ .
- 12: Sort  $\{W_{ik}: (i,k) \in [n]^2\}$  and let  $\hat{S}$  denote the set of indices of largest n elements.
- 13: if there exists a permutation  $\hat{\pi}$  such that  $\hat{S} = \{(i, \hat{\pi}(i)) : i \in [n]\}$  then
- 14: Output  $\hat{\pi}$ .
- 15: **else**
- 16: Output error.
- 17: **end if**

**Output:** Estimated permutations  $\hat{\pi}$  or error.

[FIXME (Jiaxin): The Theorem 3 indicates we can choose  $r_0 = \mathcal{O}(n - \sqrt{n} \log^{1/2(m-1)} n)$ . However, if we take  $r_0 \asymp n - n^{1/2+\epsilon}$ , for some small  $\epsilon \in (0,1/2)$ , we will have  $s_0^{m-1} \gtrsim \log\left(\frac{1}{n^{1/2-\epsilon}+1}+1\right) \asymp \log n^{\epsilon-1/2}$ . Then by Theorem 1, when n goes larger, we need fewer seeds and thus has a looser upper bound for  $\sigma$ , which is counter-intuitive and contradicts to the result in Ding et al. (2021). Therefore, I guess there may be some problems I did not recognize in Theorem 3.]

Hence, we only need to show the set

$$S = \{(i, k) \in [n]^2 : a_i, b_k \ge \xi, d_p(\mu_i, \nu_k) \le \zeta\},\$$

where

$$a_i = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n^{m-1}}} \sum_{\omega \in [n]^{m-1}} \mathcal{A}_{i,\omega}, \quad b_k = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n^{m-1}}} \sum_{\omega \in [n]^{m-1}} \mathcal{B}_{k,\omega},$$

with proper thresholds  $\xi$  and  $\zeta$  has enough true pairs and no fake pairs with high probability.

Note that for fake pair  $(i, k) \in [n]^2$ , i.e,  $i \neq \pi^*(k)$ , we have

$$\mathbb{P}(a_i \ge \xi, b_k \ge \xi) = \mathbb{P}(a_i \ge \xi)\mathbb{P}(b_k \ge \xi) = Q^2(\xi),$$

where Q is the complementary CDF of normal distribution. For true pair  $(i, k) \in [n]^2$ , i.e,  $i = \pi^*(k)$ , we have

$$\mathbb{P}(a_i \ge \xi, b_k \ge \xi) = \mathbb{P}(a_i \ge \xi, \sqrt{1 - \sigma^2} a_i + \sigma z_i)$$

$$\ge \mathbb{P}(a_i \ge \xi / \sqrt{1 - \sigma^2}, z_i \ge 0)$$

$$\ge \frac{1}{2} Q(\xi / \sqrt{1 - \sigma^2})$$

$$\ge Q(\xi) \exp(-C\sigma^2 \xi^2),$$

where C is a positive constant.

Take  $\zeta \leq \sqrt{\sigma/n^{m-1}}$ . To let S satisfy the conditions for in Theorem 2, we need

1. S has s true pairs with high probability (the expectation of the true pairs in S is larger than s)

$$nQ(\xi)\exp(-C\sigma^2\xi^2) \ge s;$$
 (1)

2. S has no fake pairs (the expectation of the fake pairs in S converges to 0 as  $n \to \infty$ )

$$n^2 Q^2(\xi) C_2 \exp\left(-\frac{1}{\sigma}\right) = o(1). \tag{2}$$

Take  $\xi \geq c_1 \sqrt{s}$ . By inequality (1), we have  $Q(\xi) \geq \frac{s}{n} \exp\left(Cc_1^2\sigma^2s\right)$ . Pluging the inequality for  $Q(\xi)$  into the inequality (2), we have

$$C_2 s^2 \exp\left(2Cc_1^2 \sigma^2 s - \frac{1}{\sigma}\right) = o(1),$$

which implies  $\sigma \leq \frac{c}{s^{1/3}}$  with small constant c such that  $2Cc_1^2c^2 - \frac{1}{c^2} < 0$ .

#### Useful Theorems and Lemmas for the proof of Theorem 1

**Theorem 2** (Guarantee for Sub-Algorithm 1). Suppose the seed  $\pi_0$  corresponds to s true pairs and no fake pairs. Assume  $s^{m-1} \gtrsim \log n - \log(r_0 + 1) + 1$ . The output  $\pi_1$  of seeded matching Sub-Algorithm 1 has at most  $r_0$  errors for  $r_0 \in \mathbb{N} \cap [0, n-s]$ .

Proof of Theorem 2. See note 0323\_22\_seeded.

**Theorem 3** (Guarantee for Sub-Algorithm 2). Suppose the input permutation  $\pi_1$  has at most r fake pairs such that  $(n-r)^{(m-1)/2} \gtrsim n^{(m-1)/4} \log^{1/4} n + \log^{1/2} n$ . Then, the output of non-iterative clean up Sub-Algorithm 2 is equal to the true permutation with a high probability; i.e.,  $\hat{\pi} = \pi^*$  with a high probability as  $n \to \infty$ .

Proof of Theorem 3. See note 0321\_22\_cleanup.

**Lemma 1** (Tail bounds for the product of normal variables). Consider the correlated pairs of normal variables  $(X_i, Y_i)$  for  $i \in [n]$ , where  $X_i, Y_i \sim N(0, 1)$ . Let  $M = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i \in [n]} X_i Y_i$ . If  $cov(X_i, Y_i) = \rho > 0$ , then we have

$$\mathbb{P}(|M - \rho| \ge t) \le 4 \exp\left(-\min\left\{\frac{1}{32\rho^2}, \frac{1}{16(1 - \rho^2)}\right\} nt^2\right) \le 4 \exp\left(-\frac{nt^2}{32}\right),$$

for constant  $t \in [0, \min\{2\rho, 2\sqrt{2}\sqrt{1-\rho^2}\}]$ . If  $cov(X_i, Y_i) = 0$ , then, we have

$$\mathbb{P}\left(|M| \ge t\right) \le 2\exp\left(-\frac{nt^2}{4}\right),\,$$

for constant  $t \in [0, \sqrt{2}]$ .

Proof of Lemma 1. See note 0306\_22\_proof.

# References

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