## 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  $RCG(\alpha, \beta, S)$  condition for  $\alpha, \beta > 0$  and the set S if,

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

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

Define

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

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  $X_1, X_2, X_3$  as

$$\gamma := \prod_{k=1}^3 \sigma_{\max}(\boldsymbol{X}_k)^2, \quad \gamma_1 := \prod_{k=1}^3 \sigma_{\min}(\boldsymbol{X}_k)^2, \quad \text{ and } \quad \gamma_2 := \prod_{k=1}^3 \|\boldsymbol{X}_k\|_F^2.$$

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

**Lemma 1.1.** Suppose  $f: \mathbb{R}^{d_1 \times d_2 \times d_3} \to \mathbb{R}$  satisfies  $RCG(\alpha, \beta, \mathcal{S})$  where  $\mathcal{S} = \{\mathcal{T} \in \mathbb{R}^{d_1 \times d_2 \times d_3} : rank(\mathcal{T}) \leq (r_1, r_2, r_3)\}$ . Define  $g: \mathbb{R}^{p_1 \times p_2 \times p_3} \to \mathbb{R}$  as  $g(\mathcal{B}) = f(\mathcal{B} \times \{X_1, X_2, X_3\})$  for all  $\mathcal{B} \in \mathbb{R}^{p_1 \times p_2 \times p_3}$  and  $\mathcal{S}' = \{\mathcal{T} \in \mathbb{R}^{p_1 \times p_2 \times p_3} : rank(\mathcal{T}) \leq (r_1, r_2, r_3)\}$ . Then, g satisfies  $RCG(\alpha \gamma_1, \beta / \gamma_2, \mathcal{S}')$ .

*Proof.* Notice that for any  $\mathcal{B}_1, \mathcal{B}_2 \in \mathcal{S}'$ ,

$$\begin{split} &\langle \nabla g(\mathcal{B}_{1}) - \nabla g(\mathcal{B}_{2}), \mathcal{B}_{1} - \mathcal{B}_{2} \rangle \\ &= \left\langle (\nabla f(\mathcal{B}_{1} \times \{\boldsymbol{X}_{1}, \boldsymbol{X}_{2}, \boldsymbol{X}_{3}\}) - \nabla f(\mathcal{B}_{2} \times \{\boldsymbol{X}_{1}, \boldsymbol{X}_{2}, \boldsymbol{X}_{3}\})) \times \{\boldsymbol{X}_{1}^{T}, \boldsymbol{X}_{2}^{T}, \boldsymbol{X}_{3}^{T}\}, \mathcal{B}_{1} - \mathcal{B}_{2} \right\rangle \\ &= \left\langle \nabla f(\mathcal{B}_{1} \times \{\boldsymbol{X}_{1}, \boldsymbol{X}_{2}, \boldsymbol{X}_{3}\}) - \nabla f(\mathcal{B}_{2} \times \{\boldsymbol{X}_{1}, \boldsymbol{X}_{2}, \boldsymbol{X}_{3}\}), (\mathcal{B}_{1} - \mathcal{B}_{2}) \times \{\boldsymbol{X}_{1}, \boldsymbol{X}_{2}, \boldsymbol{X}_{3}\} \right\rangle \\ &\geq \alpha \|(\mathcal{B}_{1} - \mathcal{B}_{2}) \times \{\boldsymbol{X}_{1}, \boldsymbol{X}_{2}, \boldsymbol{X}_{3}\}\|_{F}^{2} + \beta \|\nabla f(\mathcal{B}_{1} \times \{\boldsymbol{X}_{1}, \boldsymbol{X}_{2}, \boldsymbol{X}_{3}\}) - \nabla f(\mathcal{B}_{2} \times \{\boldsymbol{X}_{1}, \boldsymbol{X}_{2}, \boldsymbol{X}_{3}\})\|_{F}^{2} \\ &\geq \alpha \gamma_{1} \|\mathcal{B}_{1} - \mathcal{B}_{2}\|_{F}^{2} + \frac{\beta}{\gamma_{2}} \|\nabla g(\mathcal{B}_{1}) - \nabla g(\mathcal{B}_{2})\|_{F}^{2}, \end{split}$$

where the first inequality uses the fact that f satisfies  $RCG(\alpha, \beta, S)$  and the last inequality uses Cauch Schwartz inequality.

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  $\mathcal{B}_{\text{true}} = \mathcal{C}^* \times \{M_1^*, M_2^*, M_3^*\}$ , where  $M_k^* \in \mathbb{R}^{p_k \times r_k}$  is a orthogonal matrix for k = 1, 2, 3. There exists some constants  $\{\mu_k\}_{k=1}^3$ , B such that  $\|M_k^*\|_{2,\infty}^2 \leq \frac{\mu_k r_k}{p_k}$  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  $\|M_k^*\|_{2,\infty}$  is the largest row-wise  $\ell_2$  norm of  $M_k^*$ .

**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 S as follows:

$$S = S_c \times S_1 \times S_2 \times S_3, \text{ where}$$

$$S_k = \left\{ (\boldsymbol{M}_k \in \mathbb{R}^{p_k \times r_k} : \|\boldsymbol{M}_k\|_{2,\infty} \le b\sqrt{\frac{\mu_k r_k}{p_k}} \right\} \text{ for } k = 1, 2, 3,$$

$$S_c = \left\{ \mathcal{C} \in \mathbb{R}^{r_1 \times r_2 \times r_3} : \max_k \|\mathcal{M}_k(\mathcal{C})\|_2 \le b^{-3} B\sqrt{\frac{\prod_{k=1}^3 p_k}{\prod_{k=1}^3 \mu_k r_k}} \right\}.$$

## 2 General tensor case from exponential family

Suppose we observe  $\mathcal{Y} \in \mathbb{R}^{d_1 \times d_2 \times d_3}$  from exponential family with canonical parameter  $\Theta = \mathcal{B}_{\text{true}} \times \{X_1, X_2, X_3\}$  such that

$$\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{Y}_{ijk}|\Theta_{ijk}) = c(\mathcal{Y}_{ijk}, \phi) \exp\left(\frac{\mathcal{Y}_{ijk}\Theta_{ijk} - b(\Theta_{ijk})}{\phi}\right),$$

where  $b(\cdot)$  is a known function,  $\phi > 0$  is the dispersion parameter, and  $c(\cdot)$  is a known normalization function. Then we consider the following negative log-likelihood to estimate  $\mathcal{B}_{\text{true}}$ ,

$$\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{B}|\boldsymbol{X}_{1},\boldsymbol{X}_{2},\boldsymbol{X}_{3}) = -\langle \mathcal{Y},\mathcal{B} \times \{\boldsymbol{X}_{1},\boldsymbol{X}_{2},\boldsymbol{X}_{3}\} \rangle + \sum_{ijk} b\left(\mathcal{B} \times \{\boldsymbol{X}_{1},\boldsymbol{X}_{2},\boldsymbol{X}_{3}\}\right).$$

**Example 1** (Gaussian). Suppose we observe  $\mathcal{Y} \in \mathbb{R}^{d_1 \times d_2 \times d_3}$  that satisfies

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

Then the corresponding negative log-likelihood is,

$$\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{B}|oldsymbol{X}_1,oldsymbol{X}_2,oldsymbol{X}_3) = rac{1}{2}\|\mathcal{Y} - \mathcal{B}_{ ext{true}} imes \{oldsymbol{X}_1,oldsymbol{X}_2,oldsymbol{X}_3\}\|_F^2$$

**Example 2** (Poisson). Suppose we observe  $\mathcal{Y} \in \mathbb{N}^{d_1 \times d_2 \times d_3}$  that satisfies

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

Then the corresponding negative log-likelihood is,

$$\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{B}|\boldsymbol{X}_{1},\boldsymbol{X}_{2},\boldsymbol{X}_{3}) = \sum_{ijk} \left( -\mathcal{Y}_{ijk} \left[ \mathcal{B}_{\text{true}} \times \left\{ \boldsymbol{X}_{1},\boldsymbol{X}_{2},\boldsymbol{X}_{3} \right\} \right]_{ijk} + \exp \left( \left[ \mathcal{B}_{\text{true}} \times \left\{ \boldsymbol{X}_{1},\boldsymbol{X}_{2},\boldsymbol{X}_{3} \right\} \right]_{ijk} \right) \right) .$$

**Example 3** (Bernoulli). Suppose we observe  $\mathcal{Y} \in \{0,1\}^{d_1 \times d_2 \times d_3}$  that satisfies

$$\mathcal{Y}_{ijk} \sim \text{Bernoulli}\left(\text{logistic}\left(\mathcal{B}_{\text{true}} \times \{\boldsymbol{X}_1, \boldsymbol{X}_2, \boldsymbol{X}_3\}\right)\right) \text{ independently,}$$

where  $logistic(x) = (1 + e^{-x})^{-1}$ . Then the corresponding negative log-likelihood is,

$$\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{B}|\boldsymbol{X}_{1},\boldsymbol{X}_{2},\boldsymbol{X}_{3}) = -\sum_{ijk} \left( \mathcal{Y}_{ijk} \left[ \mathcal{B}_{\text{true}} \times \left\{ \boldsymbol{X}_{1},\boldsymbol{X}_{2},\boldsymbol{X}_{3} \right\} \right]_{ijk} + \log \left( 1 + \exp \left( \left[ \mathcal{B}_{\text{true}} \times \left\{ \boldsymbol{X}_{1},\boldsymbol{X}_{2},\boldsymbol{X}_{3} \right\} \right]_{ijk} \right) \right) \right).$$

**Theorem 2.1.** Suppose Assumption 1 holds for Poisson and Bernoulli cases and

- 1. Initialization:  $\|\mathcal{B}_{\text{true}} \mathcal{B}^{(0)}\|_F^2 \le c_1 \alpha \beta \kappa^{-2} \underline{\lambda}^2$
- 2. Signal to noise ratio:  $\underline{\lambda}^2 \ge c_2 \frac{\kappa^4}{\alpha^3 \beta} \left( \frac{\prod_k r_k}{\max_k r_k} \gamma \sum_k p_k \right)$ .

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

$$\|\mathcal{B}^{(t)} - \mathcal{B}_{\text{true}}\|_F^2 \lesssim \underbrace{\left(\frac{\prod_k r_k}{\max_k r_k} \sum_k p_k\right)}_{\text{Statistical error}} + \underbrace{\rho^T \|\mathcal{B}^{(0)} - \mathcal{B}_{\text{true}}\|_F^2}_{\text{Algorithmic error}},$$

for all  $t \ge 1$  where  $\rho \in (0,1)$  is a contraction parameter, and  $c_1, c_2, c_3 > 0$  are some constants.

Remark 2. Combining Lemma 1.1 and proofs of the theorems in Han et al. [2020], we have

- 1. (Gaussian case) We have  $\alpha = \frac{\gamma_1}{2}$  and  $\beta = \frac{1}{2\gamma_2}$ .
- 2. (Poisson case) We have  $\alpha = \frac{\gamma_1}{e^B + e^{-B}}$  and  $\beta = \frac{1}{\gamma_2(e^B + e^{-B})}$
- 3. (Bernoulli case) We have  $\alpha = \frac{\gamma_1}{2(e^B + 3)}$  and  $\beta = \frac{1}{2\gamma_2}$

*Proof.* We bound the statistical error and apply the result to Theorem 3.1. in Han et al. [2020]. We show that with probability at least  $1 - \exp(C_2 \sum_k p_k)$ ,

$$\xi = \sup_{\substack{\mathcal{T} \in \mathbb{R}^{p_1 \times p_2 \times p_3} \\ \operatorname{rank}(\mathcal{T}) \leq (r_1, r_2, r_3) \\ \|\mathcal{T}\|_{2}^{2} \leq 1}} \langle \nabla \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{B}|\boldsymbol{X}_1, \boldsymbol{X}_2, \boldsymbol{X}_3), \mathcal{T} \rangle \leq C_1 \sqrt{\frac{\prod_k r_k}{\max_k r_k}} \gamma \sum_k p_k,$$

for some constants  $C_1, C_2 > 0$ . By definition of  $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{B}|\mathbf{X}_1, \mathbf{X}_2, \mathbf{X}_3)$ , we have

$$\xi = \sup_{\substack{\mathcal{T} \in \mathbb{R}^{p_1 \times p_2 \times p_3} \\ \operatorname{rank}(\mathcal{T}) \leq (r_1, r_2, r_3) \\ \|\mathcal{T}\|_F^2 \leq 1}} \langle \nabla \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{B} | \boldsymbol{X}_1, \boldsymbol{X}_2, \boldsymbol{X}_3), \mathcal{T} \rangle \\
= \sup_{\substack{\mathcal{T} \in \mathbb{R}^{p_1 \times p_2 \times p_3} \\ \operatorname{rank}(\mathcal{T}) \leq (r_1, r_2, r_3) \\ \|\mathcal{T}\|_F^2 \leq 1}} \langle (\mathcal{Y} - b'(\mathcal{B}_{\text{true}} \times \{\boldsymbol{X}_1, \boldsymbol{X}_2. \boldsymbol{X}_3\})) \times \{\boldsymbol{X}_1^T, \boldsymbol{X}_2^T, \boldsymbol{X}_3^T\}, \mathcal{T} \rangle \\
= \sup_{\substack{\mathcal{T} \in \mathbb{R}^{p_1 \times p_2 \times p_3} \\ \|\mathcal{T}\|_F^2 \leq 1}} \langle \mathcal{E} \times \{\boldsymbol{X}_1^T, \boldsymbol{X}_2^T, \boldsymbol{X}_3^T\}, \mathcal{T} \rangle, \\
= \sup_{\substack{\mathcal{T} \in \mathbb{R}^{p_1 \times p_2 \times p_3} \\ \operatorname{rank}(\mathcal{T}) \leq (r_1, r_2, r_3) \\ \|\mathcal{T}\|_F^2 \leq 1}} \langle \mathcal{E} \times \{\boldsymbol{X}_1^T, \boldsymbol{X}_2^T, \boldsymbol{X}_3^T\}, \mathcal{T} \rangle, \tag{1}$$

where  $\mathcal{E} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathcal{Y} - b'(\mathcal{B}_{\text{true}} \times \{X_1, X_2, X_3\})$ . Based on Proposition 3, the boundedness of  $b''(\cdot)$  implies that  $\mathcal{E}$  is a sub-Gaussian- $(\phi U)$  tensor. Let  $\check{\mathcal{E}} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathcal{E} \times \{X_1, X_2, X_3\}$ . By proposition 2,  $\check{\mathcal{E}}$  is a  $(p_1, p_2, p_3)$ -dimensional sub-Gaussian tensor with parameter bounded by  $\phi U \sqrt{\gamma}$ . Applying Cauchy-Schwartz inequality to (1) yields

$$\xi \leq \|\check{\mathcal{E}}\|_{2} \sup_{\substack{\mathcal{T} \in \mathbb{R}^{p_{1} \times p_{2} \times p_{3}} \\ \operatorname{rank}(\mathcal{T}) \leq (r_{1}, r_{2}, r_{3}) \\ \|\mathcal{T}\|_{F}^{2} \leq 1}} \|\mathcal{T}\|_{*}, \tag{2}$$

where  $\|\cdot\|_2$  denotes the tensor spectral norm and  $\|\cdot\|_*$  denotes the tensor nuclear norm. The nuclear norm  $\|\mathcal{T}\|_*$  is bounded by  $\|\mathcal{T}\|_* \leq \sqrt{\frac{\prod_{k=1}^3 r_k}{\max_k r_k}} \|\mathcal{T}\|_F$  [Wang et al., 2017, Wang and Li, 2018]. The spectral norm  $\|\check{\mathcal{E}}\|_2$  is bounded by  $\|\check{\mathcal{E}}\|_2 \leq C_1 \sqrt{\gamma} \sum_k p_k$  with probability at least  $1 - \exp(-C_2 \log K \sum_k p_k)$  [Tomioka and Suzuki, 2014]. Combining these two bounds with (2), we have, with probability at least  $1 - \exp(-C_2 \sum_k p_k)$ ,

$$\xi \le C_1 \sqrt{\frac{\prod_k r_k}{\max_k r_k}} \gamma \sum_k p_k.$$

Applying the upper bound of  $\xi$  to Theorem 3.1 in Han et al. [2020] completes the proof.

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