

Estimation Error for Intercept Case

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1 Hard Constraint

Consider the optimization problem

$$\begin{aligned}
 \min_{U, \Theta_r} \quad & \mathcal{L}(U, \Theta_r) = \sum_{k=1}^K \langle S_k, \Omega_k \rangle - \log \det(\Omega_k) \\
 \text{s.t.} \quad & \Omega_k = \Theta_0 + \sum_{r=1}^R u_{kr} \Theta_r, \\
 & \|\Theta_0\|_0 \leq s_0, \quad \|\Theta_r\|_0 \leq s_r \\
 & \|u_{\cdot r}\|_F = 1, \quad \sum_{k=1}^K u_{kr} = 0, \quad \text{for all } r \in [R].
 \end{aligned}$$

Notations.

1. Let U^*, Θ_r^*, I_r^* denote the true parameters and membership.
2. Let $I_r = \{k \in [K] : u_{kr} \neq 0\}$ collects the categories that belong to group r with given membership U , and $I_{ar} = \{k \in [K] : u_{kr}, u_{ka}^* \neq 0\}$ collects the categories that belong to group r and true group a with given membership U and the true membership U^* .
3. Let $\Sigma_k = (\Theta_0^* + u_{kr}^* \Theta_r^*)^{-1}$ be the true precision matrix for $k \in I_r^*$.
4. Let $0 < \min_{k \in [K]} \varphi_{\min}(\Sigma_k) \leq \max_{k \in [K]} \varphi_{\max}(\Sigma_k) < \tau^{-1}$.
5. Let $\Delta_0 = \Theta_0 - \Theta_0^*$, $\Delta_{ar} = \Theta_r - \Theta_a^*$, and $\Delta_{k,ar} = \Delta_0 + u_{kr} \Theta_r - u_{ka}^* \Theta_a^*$.

Lemma 1. *There exists a local minimizer for the optimization problem 1 satisfies the following inequalities simultaneously with high probability.*

$$\|\Delta_0\|_F \leq M_0 \sqrt{\frac{s_0 \log p}{nK}}, \quad \|\Delta_{ar}\|_F \leq M_{ar} \sqrt{\frac{(s_r + s_a) \log p}{n|I_{ar}|}}, \quad |u_{kr} - u_{ka}^*| \leq M_k \sqrt{\frac{s_r \log p}{n}},$$

for $k \in I_{ar}, a, r \in [R]$ and some large positive constants M_0, M_{ar}, M_k .

Remark 1. The above lemma approximately agrees with the heuristic that

$$\left\| \hat{\theta} - \theta^* \right\|_F^2 = \frac{\text{degree of freedom}}{\text{sample size}}.$$

Note that there are nK samples include the intercept matrix, $|I_{rr}n|$ samples contribute to the estimation of Θ_r , and only n samples contributes to the estimation of u_{kr} . Thus, the inequality of u_{kr} may be further sharpened.

Proof. Consider the estimate (U, Θ_r) and the true parameters (U^*, Θ_r^*) . Define the function

$$G(U, \Theta_r) = \mathcal{L}(U, \Theta_r) - \mathcal{L}(U^*, \Theta_r^*).$$

Note that $G(U^*, \Theta_r^*) = 0$. Therefore, our goal is to find a set \mathcal{A} such that when $(U, \Theta_r) \in \partial\mathcal{A}$ we have $G(U, \Theta_r) > 0$. Thus, there exists a local minimizer inside the set \mathcal{A} . For simplicity, we does not consider the group only with intercept, and we assume $I_{ar} > 0$ for all $a, r \in [R]$. In next step, we may consider the group only with intercept and the case with $I_{ar} = 0$.

Rewrite the function G , we have

$$\begin{aligned} G(U, \Theta_r) &= \sum_{r=1}^R \sum_{a=1}^R \left[\sum_{k \in I_{ar}} \langle S_k, \Delta_{k,ar} \rangle - \log \det(\Theta_0 + u_{kr} \Theta_r) + \log \det(\Theta_0^* + u_{ka}^* \Theta_a^*) \right] \\ &\geq I_1 + I_2, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} I_1 &= \sum_{r=1}^R \sum_{a=1}^R \sum_{k \in I_{ar}} \langle S_k - \Sigma_k, \Delta_{k,ar} \rangle \\ I_2 &= \frac{1}{4\tau^2} \sum_{r=1}^R \sum_{a=1}^R \sum_{k \in I_{ar}} \|\Delta_{k,ar}\|_F^2. \end{aligned}$$

For the first term, we have

$$I_1 = \left\langle \sum_{k \in [K]} (S_k - \Sigma_k), \Delta_0 \right\rangle + \sum_{r=1}^R \sum_{a=1}^R \left\langle \sum_{k \in I_{ar}} u_{ka}^* (S_k - \Sigma_k), \Delta_{ar} \right\rangle + \sum_{r=1}^R \sum_{a=1}^R \sum_{k \in I_{ar}} (u_{kr} - u_{ka}^*) \langle S_k - \Sigma_k, \Theta_r \rangle.$$

By Lemma 3, with high probability, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| \sum_{k \in [K]} (S_k - \Sigma_k) \right\|_{\max} &\leq C_0 \sqrt{\frac{\log pK}{n}}, \\ \left\| \sum_{k \in I_{ar}} u_{ka}^* (S_k - \Sigma_k) \right\|_{\max} &\leq C_{ar} \sqrt{\frac{\log p |I_{ar}|}{n}}, \\ \|(S_k - \Sigma_k)\|_{\max} &\leq C_k \sqrt{\frac{\log p}{n}}, \end{aligned}$$

for positive constants $C_0, C_{ar}, C_k, a, r \in [R], k \in [K]$. By the inequality $|\langle A, B \rangle| \leq \|A\|_{\max} \|B\|_1$ and the fact that $\|\Delta\|_1 \leq \sqrt{\|\Delta\|_0} \|\Delta\|_F$, we obtain the lower bound for I_1 ,

$$\begin{aligned} I_1 \geq & -C_0 \sqrt{\frac{2s_0 \log p K}{n}} \|\Delta_0\|_F - \sum_{r=1}^R \sum_{a=1}^R C_{ar} \sqrt{\frac{(s_r + s_a) \log p |I_{ar}|}{n}} \|\Delta_{ar}\|_F \\ & - \sum_{r=1}^R \sum_{a=1}^R \sum_{k \in I_{ar}} |u_{kr} - u_{ka}^*| C_k \sqrt{\frac{s_r \log p}{n}} \|\Theta_r\|_F \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

For the second term, we have

$$\|\Delta_{k,ar}\|_F^2 = \|\Delta_0\|_F^2 + \|u_{ka}^* \Delta_{ar} + (u_{kr} - u_{ka}^*) \Theta_r\|_F^2 + 2\langle \Delta_0, u_{kr} \Theta_r - u_{ka}^* \Theta_a^* \rangle.$$

Note that

$$\sum_{r=1}^R \sum_{a=1}^R \sum_{k \in I_{ar}} \langle \Delta_0, u_{kr} \Theta_r - u_{ka}^* \Theta_a^* \rangle = \sum_{r=1}^R \sum_{k \in I_r} u_{kr} \langle \Delta_0, \Theta_r \rangle - \sum_{a=1}^R \sum_{k \in I_a^*} u_{ka}^* \langle \Delta_0, \Theta_a^* \rangle = 0.$$

Then, we have

$$\begin{aligned} I_2 &= \frac{1}{4\tau^2} \sum_{r=1}^R \sum_{a=1}^R \sum_{k \in I_{ar}} \|\Delta_0\|_F^2 + \|u_{ka}^* \Delta_{ar} + (u_{kr} - u_{ka}^*) \Theta_r\|_F^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{4\tau^2} \left\{ K \|\Delta_0\|_F^2 + \sum_{r=1}^R \sum_{a=1}^R \sum_{k \in I_{ar}} \left[(u_{ka}^*)^2 \|\Delta_{ar}\|_F^2 + (u_{kr} - u_{ka}^*)^2 \|\Theta_r\|_F^2 + 2\langle u_{ka}^* \Delta_{ar}, (u_{kr} - u_{ka}^*) \Theta_r \rangle \right] \right\}, \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

where the last term satisfies

$$2\langle u_{ka}^* \Delta_{ar}, (u_{kr} - u_{ka}^*) \Theta_r \rangle \geq -2|u_{ka}^*| |(u_{kr} - u_{ka}^*)| \|\Delta_{ar}\|_F \|\Theta_r\|_F$$

Now consider the set

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{A} = & \left\{ (U, \Theta_r) : \|\Delta_0\|_F \leq M_0 \sqrt{\frac{s_0 \log p}{nK}}, \|\Delta_{ar}\|_F \leq M_{ar} \sqrt{\frac{(s_r + s_a) \log p}{n|I_{ar}|}}, \right. \\ & \left. |u_{kr} - u_{ka}^*| \leq M_k \sqrt{\frac{s_r \log p}{n}}, k \in I_{ar}, a, r \in [R] \right\}, \end{aligned}$$

for some large constants M_0, M_{ar}, M_k . For $(U, \Theta_r) \in \partial \mathcal{A}$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} G(U, \Theta_r) &= \frac{M_0 s_0 \log p}{n} \left[\frac{M_0}{4\tau^2} - C_0 \sqrt{2} \right] + \sum_{r=1}^R \sum_{a=1}^R \frac{M_{ar} (s_r + s_a) \log p}{n} \left[\frac{\sum_{k \in I_{ar}} (u_{ka}^*)^2 M_{ar}}{|I_{ar}|} - C_{ar} \right] \\ &\quad + \sum_{r=1}^R \sum_{a=1}^R \sum_{k \in I_{ar}} \frac{M_k \sqrt{s_r} \log p}{n} \|\Theta_r\|_F \left[M_k \sqrt{s_r} \|\Theta_r\|_F - \frac{2M_{ar} |u_{ka}^*| \sqrt{s_r + s_a}}{\sqrt{|I_{ar}|}} - C_k \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Choosing proper M_0, M_{ar}, M_k , we have $G(U, \Theta_r) > 0$, which implies there is a local minimizer lies inside \mathcal{A} . \square

2 Soft Constraint

Consider the optimization problem

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{U, \Theta_r} \quad & \mathcal{Q}(U, \Theta) = \sum_{k=1}^K \langle S_k, \Omega_k \rangle - \log \det(\Omega_k) + \lambda \left[K \|\Theta_0\|_1 + \sum_{r=1}^R |I_r| \|\Theta_r\|_1 \right] \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \Omega_k = \Theta_0 + \sum_{r=1}^R u_{kr} \Theta_r, \\ & \|u_{\cdot r}\|_F = 1, \quad \sum_{k=1}^K u_{kr} = 0, \quad \text{for all } r \in [R]. \end{aligned}$$

Notations.

1. Let $\mathcal{L}(U, \Theta_r) = \sum_{k=1}^K \langle S_k, \Omega_k \rangle - \log \det(\Omega_k)$ denote the log-likelihood and $\mathcal{R}(U, \Theta_r) = K \|\Theta_0\|_1 + \sum_{r=1}^R |I_r| \|\Theta_r\|_1$ denote the penalty term.
2. Let U^*, Θ_r^*, I_r^* denote the true parameters and membership.
3. Let $I_r = \{k \in [K] : u_{kr} \neq 0\}$ collect the categories that belong to group r with given membership U , and $I_{ar} = \{k \in [K] : u_{kr}, u_{ka}^* \neq 0\}$ collect the categories that belong to group r and true group a with given membership U and the true membership U^* .
4. Let $\Sigma_k = (\Theta_0^* + u_{kr}^* \Theta_r^*)^{-1}$ be the true precision matrix for $k \in I_r^*$.
5. Let $0 < \min_{k \in [K]} \varphi_{\min}(\Sigma_k) \leq \max_{k \in [K]} \varphi_{\max}(\Sigma_k) < \tau^{-1}$.
6. Let $\Delta_0 = \Theta_0 - \Theta_0^*$, $\Delta_{ar} = \Theta_r - \Theta_a^*$, and $\Delta_{k,ar} = \Delta_0 + u_{kr} \Theta_r - u_{ka}^* \Theta_a^*$.
7. Let $s_r = \|\Theta_r^*\|_0, r = 0, 1, \dots, R$ denote the sparsity of the true precision matrices. Let $T_r = \{(i, j) : \Theta_{r,ij}^* \neq 0\}, r = 0, 1, \dots, R$ denote collection of nonzero entries in the true precision matrices.

Lemma 2. *Suppose*

$$\Lambda_1 \max \left\{ \sqrt{\frac{\log p}{nK}}, \max_{a,r \in [R]} \sqrt{\frac{\log p}{n|I_{ar}|}} \right\} \leq \lambda \leq \Lambda_2 \min \left\{ \sqrt{\frac{\log p}{nK}}, \min_{a,r \in [R]} \sqrt{\frac{\log p}{n|I_{ar}|}} \right\},$$

for some positive constants Λ_1, Λ_2 . There exists a local minimizer of the soft constrained problem satisfies the following inequalities simultaneously with high probability.

$$\|\Delta_0\|_F \leq M_0 \sqrt{\frac{s_0 \log p}{nK}}, \quad \|\Delta_{ar}\|_F \leq M_{ar} \sqrt{\frac{s_a \log p}{n|I_{ar}|}}, \quad |u_{kr} - u_{ka}^*| \leq M_k \sqrt{\frac{p^2 \log p}{n}},$$

for $k \in I_{ar}, a, r \in [R]$ and some large positive constants M_0, M_{ar}, M_k .

Remark 2. The Lemma 2 implies the same bounds for the hard constrained case up to some constant factors.

Proof. Consider the estimate (U, Θ_r) and the true parameters (U^*, Θ_r^*) . Define the function

$$G(U, \Theta_r) = \mathcal{L}(U, \Theta_r) - \mathcal{L}(U^*, \Theta_r^*) + \lambda [\mathcal{R}(U, \Theta_r) - \mathcal{R}(U^*, \Theta_r^*)].$$

Note that $G(U^*, \Theta_r^*) = 0$. Similar with hard constraint case, our goal is to find a set \mathcal{A} such that when $(U, \Theta_r) \in \partial\mathcal{A}$ we have $G(U, \Theta_r) > 0$. Thus, there exists a local minimizer inside the set \mathcal{A} . For simplicity, we does not consider the group only with intercept, and we assume $I_{ar} > 0$ for all $a, r \in [R]$. In next step, we may consider the group only with intercept and the case with $I_{ar} = 0$.

Rewrite the function G , we have

$$G(U, \Theta_r) \geq I_1 + I_2 + I_3,$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} I_1 &= \sum_{r=1}^R \sum_{a=1}^R \sum_{k \in I_{ar}} \langle S_k - \Sigma_k, \Delta_{k,ar} \rangle \\ I_2 &= \frac{1}{4\tau^2} \sum_{r=1}^R \sum_{a=1}^R \sum_{k \in I_{ar}} \|\Delta_{k,ar}\|_F^2, \\ I_3 &= \lambda \left[K (\|\Theta_0\|_1 - \|\Theta_0^*\|_1) + \sum_{r=1}^R \sum_{a=1}^R |I_{ar}| (\|\Theta_r\|_1 - \|\Theta_r^*\|_1) \right]. \end{aligned}$$

For the first term, by similar procedures to obtain (1) in hard constraint case, we have

$$I_1 \geq -C_0 \sqrt{\frac{\log p K}{n}} \|\Delta_0\|_1 - \sum_{r=1}^R \sum_{a=1}^R C_{ar} \sqrt{\frac{\log p |I_{ar}|}{n}} \|\Delta_{ar}\|_1 - \sum_{r=1}^R \sum_{a=1}^R \sum_{k \in I_{ar}} |u_{kr} - u_{ka}^*| C_k \sqrt{\frac{p^2 \log p}{n}} \|\Theta_r\|_F.$$

By the inequality that $\|\Delta\|_1 = \|\Delta_T\|_1 + \|\Delta_{T^c}\|_1$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} I_1 &\geq -C_0 \sqrt{\frac{\log p K}{n}} \left[\|\Delta_{0,T_0^c}\|_1 + \|\Delta_{0,T_0}\|_1 \right] - \sum_{r=1}^R \sum_{a=1}^R C_{ar} \sqrt{\frac{\log p |I_{ar}|}{n}} \left[\|\Delta_{ar,T_a^c}\|_1 + \|\Delta_{ar,T_a}\|_1 \right] \\ &\quad - \sum_{r=1}^R \sum_{a=1}^R \sum_{k \in I_{ar}} |u_{kr} - u_{ka}^*| C_k \sqrt{\frac{p^2 \log p}{n}} \|\Theta_r\|_F. \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

For the second term, by similar procedures to obtain (2), we have

$$I_2 \geq \frac{1}{4\tau^2} \left\{ K \|\Delta_0\|_F^2 + \sum_{r=1}^R \sum_{a=1}^R \sum_{k \in I_{ar}} \left[(u_{ka}^*)^2 \|\Delta_{ar}\|_F^2 + (u_{kr} - u_{ka}^*)^2 \|\Theta_r\|_F^2 - 2|u_{ka}^*| (u_{kr} - u_{ka}^*) \|\Delta_{ar}\|_F \|\Theta_r\|_F \right] \right\}.$$

For the third term, by the Lemma 3 in the supplement of (Negahban et al., 2012), we have

$$I_3 \geq \lambda \left[K (\|\Delta_{0,T_0^c}\|_1 - \|\Delta_{0,T_0}\|_1) + \sum_{r=1}^R \sum_{a=1}^R |I_{ar}| (\|\Delta_{ar,T_a^c}\|_1 - \|\Delta_{ar,T_a}\|_1) \right]. \quad (4)$$

Combining the inequality (3) and (4), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
I_1 + I_3 &\geq \left(\lambda K - C_0 \sqrt{\frac{\log p K}{n}} \right) \|\Delta_{0, T_0^c}\|_1 - \left(\lambda K + C_0 \sqrt{\frac{\log p K}{n}} \right) \|\Delta_{0, T_0}\|_1 \\
&\quad + \sum_{r=1}^R \sum_{a=1}^R \left(\lambda |I_{ar}| - C_{ar} \sqrt{\frac{\log p |I_{ar}|}{n}} \right) \|\Delta_{ar, T_a^c}\|_1 - \left(\lambda |I_{ar}| + C_{ar} \sqrt{\frac{\log p |I_{ar}|}{n}} \right) \|\Delta_{ar, T_a}\|_1 \\
&\quad - \sum_{r=1}^R \sum_{a=1}^R \sum_{k \in I_{ar}} |u_{kr} - u_{ka}^*| C_k \sqrt{\frac{p^2 \log p}{n}} \|\Theta_r\|_F.
\end{aligned}$$

By the assumption that $\lambda \geq \Lambda_1 \max \left\{ \sqrt{\frac{\log p}{nK}}, \max_{a, r \in [R]} \sqrt{\frac{\log p}{n|I_{ar}|}} \right\}$, we have

$$\left(\lambda K - C_0 \sqrt{\frac{\log p K}{n}} \right) > 0, \quad \left(\lambda |I_{ar}| - C_{ar} \sqrt{\frac{\log p |I_{ar}|}{n}} \right) > 0,$$

for Λ_1 large enough. Then, with the fact that $\|\Delta\|_1 \leq \sqrt{\|\Delta\|_0} \|\Delta\|_F$ and the result of I_2 , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
G(U, \Theta_r) &\geq I_2 - \left(\lambda K \sqrt{s_0} + C_0 \sqrt{\frac{s_0 \log p K}{n}} \right) \|\Delta_{0, T_0}\|_F - \sum_{r=1}^R \sum_{a=1}^R \left(\lambda |I_{ar}| \sqrt{s_a} + C_{ar} \sqrt{\frac{s_a \log p |I_{ar}|}{n}} \right) \|\Delta_{ar, T_a}\|_F \\
&\quad - \sum_{r=1}^R \sum_{a=1}^R \sum_{k \in I_{ar}} |u_{kr} - u_{ka}^*| C_k \sqrt{\frac{p^2 \log p}{n}} \|\Theta_r\|_F.
\end{aligned}$$

Now consider the set

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\left. |u_{kr} - u_{ka}^*| \leq M_k \sqrt{\frac{p^2 \log p}{n}}, k \in I_{ar}, a, r \in [R] \right\}.
\end{aligned}$$

For $(U, \Theta_r) \in \partial \mathcal{A}$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
G(U, \Theta_r) &\geq \frac{M_0 s_0 \log p}{n} \left[\frac{M_0}{4\tau^2} - C_0 - \lambda \sqrt{\frac{nK}{\log p}} \right] + \sum_{r=1}^R \sum_{a=1}^R \frac{M_{ar} s_a \log p}{n} \left[\frac{M_{ar} \sum_{k \in I_{ar}} (u_{ka}^*)^2}{4\tau^2 |I_{ar}|} - C_{ar} - \lambda \sqrt{\frac{n|I_{ar}|}{\log p}} \right] \\
&\quad + \sum_{r=1}^R \sum_{a=1}^R \sum_{k \in I_{ar}} \frac{M_k p \log p}{n} \|\Theta_r\|_F \left[\frac{M_k p}{4\tau^2} \|\Theta_r\|_F - C_k p - 2|u_{ka}^*| M_{ar} \sqrt{\frac{s_a}{|I_{ar}|}} \right].
\end{aligned}$$

By the assumption that $\lambda \leq \Lambda_2 \min \left\{ \sqrt{\frac{\log p}{nK}}, \min_{a,r \in [R]} \sqrt{\frac{\log p}{n|I_{ar}|}} \right\}$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{M_0}{4\tau^2} - C_0 - \lambda \sqrt{\frac{nK}{\log p}} &\geq \frac{M_0}{4\tau^2} - C_0 - \Lambda_2 > 0 \\ \frac{M_{ar} \sum_{k \in I_{ar}} (u_{ka}^*)^2}{4\tau^2 |I_{ar}|} - C_{ar} - \lambda \sqrt{\frac{n|I_{ar}|}{\log p}} &\geq \frac{M_{ar} \sum_{k \in I_{ar}} (u_{ka}^*)^2}{4\tau^2 |I_{ar}|} - C_{ar} - \Lambda_2 > 0, \\ \frac{M_k p}{4\tau^2} \|\Theta_r\|_F - C_k p - 2|u_{ka}^*| M_{ar} \sqrt{\frac{s_a}{|I_{ar}|}} &> 0 \end{aligned}$$

for small Λ_2 and large M_0, M_{ar}, M_k . Thus $G(U, \Theta_r)$ for $(U, \Theta_r) \in \partial \mathcal{A}$, and there exists a local minimizer inside \mathcal{A} . □

Lemma 3. Let $Z_i \sim \mathcal{N}_p(\mathbf{0}, \Sigma_i)$ i.i.d. with $\Sigma_i = \llbracket \Sigma_{i,jk} \rrbracket$ for $i \in [n]$ and $\max_{i \in [n]} \lambda_{\max}(\Sigma_i) \leq \epsilon_0 < \infty$. Then, we have

$$P \left(\left| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (Z_{i,j} Z_{i,k} - \Sigma_{i,jk}) \right| \geq t \right) \leq c_1 \exp(-c_2 n t^2), \quad \text{for } t \leq |b|,$$

where c_1, c_2, b depend on ϵ_0 .

Proof. The result follows by the equation (2.20) in (?). □

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