

# Estimation of intercept case

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## 1 Intercept case

Suppose the  $K$  categories are clustered in  $R$  groups based on the space of precision matrix with an intercept matrix, i.e.,  $\Omega_k^* = \Theta_0 + \sum_{r=1}^R u_{kr} \Theta_r^*$  and  $u_{kr} \neq 0$  if  $k$ -th category belongs to the  $r$ -th group and  $u_{kr} = 0$  otherwise. For identifiability, we have  $\|u_{\cdot r}\|_F = 1$  and  $\sum_{k=1}^K u_{kr} = 0, r \in [R]$ . Note that we allow  $r = 0$  in this case where  $I_0 = \{k \in [K] : u_{kr} = 0, \text{ for all } r \in [R]\}$  and  $\sum_{r=0}^R |I_r| = K$ .

**Assume we know the true membership matrix**  $U = \llbracket u_{kr} \rrbracket \in \mathbb{R}^{K \times R}$ . Consider the optimizer  $(\hat{\Theta}_{0,\lambda}, \hat{\Theta}_{1,\lambda}, \dots, \hat{\Theta}_{R,\lambda})$  which satisfies

$$(\hat{\Theta}_{0,\lambda}, \hat{\Theta}_{1,\lambda}, \dots, \hat{\Theta}_{R,\lambda}) = \arg \min_{\Theta_r, r=0,1,\dots,R} \mathcal{L}(\Theta_r, S_k) + \lambda \mathcal{R}(\Theta_r),$$

where  $\mathcal{L}$  is denoted as loss function, and  $\mathcal{R}$  is the regularization term. Particularly,

$$\mathcal{L}(\Theta_r, S_k) = \sum_{r=0}^R \mathcal{L}_r(\Theta_0, \Theta_r, S_k), \quad \mathcal{R}(\Theta_r) = \sum_{r=1}^R \sum_{k \in I_r} |u_{kr}| \|\Theta_r\|_1 + K \|\Theta_0\|_1,$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_0 &= \sum_{k \in I_0} \langle S_k, \Theta_0 \rangle - |I_0| \log \det(\Theta_0), \\ \mathcal{L}_r &= \sum_{k \in I_r} \langle S_k, \Theta_0 + u_{kr} \Theta_r \rangle - |I_r| \log \det(\Theta_0 + u_{kr} \Theta_r), \quad r \in [R]. \end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 1.1.** Suppose  $\|\Theta_r^*\|_0 \leq s$  and  $\lambda \geq C_\lambda \max_{r \in [R]} \sqrt{\frac{\log p}{n|I_r|}}$ . Let  $\hat{\Delta}_r = \hat{\Theta}_{r,\lambda} - \Theta_r^*, r = 0, 1, \dots, R$ . Assume  $|u_{kr}| - \frac{1}{\sqrt{|I_r|}} \leq \epsilon_r$  with  $\epsilon_r \leq \frac{1}{|I_r|}$  and  $|I_r| = \mathcal{O}(K)$ , for  $r \in [R]$ . With high probability, we have

$$\|\hat{\Theta}_{0,\lambda} - \Theta_0^*\| = \|\hat{\Delta}_0\|_F \leq C'_0 \tau^2 \sqrt{\frac{s \log p}{Kn}}, \quad \text{and} \quad \|\hat{\Theta}_{r,\lambda} - \Theta_r^*\| = \|\hat{\Delta}_r\|_F \leq C'_r \tau^2 \sqrt{\frac{s \log p}{n}}, r \in [R],$$

*Proof.* Let  $\Delta_r = \hat{\Theta}_r - \Theta_r^*$ , where  $\hat{\Theta}_r$  are arbitrary estimates for  $r = 0, 1, \dots, R$ . We define the function  $\mathcal{F}(\Delta_r)$  as the difference between the objective functions with  $\hat{\Theta}_r$  and the true parameter  $\Theta_r^*$ . Specifically,

$$\mathcal{F}(\Delta_r) = A_1 + A_2 + \lambda A_3,$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} A_1 &= \sum_{r=1}^R A_{1r}, \quad A_{1r} = \mathcal{L}_r(\Theta_r^* + \Delta_r) - \mathcal{L}_r(\Theta_r^*), \\ A_2 &= \mathcal{L}_0(\Theta_0^* + \Delta_0) - \mathcal{L}_0(\Theta_0^*), \\ A_3 &= \mathcal{R}(\Theta_r^* + \Delta_r) - \mathcal{R}(\Theta_r^*). \end{aligned}$$

**For**  $A_{1r}, r \in [R]$ :

we have

$$\begin{aligned} A_{1r} &= \sum_{k \in I_r} \langle S_k, \Delta_0 + u_{kr} \Delta_r \rangle - [\log \det(\Theta_0^* + u_{kr} \Theta_r^* + \Delta_0 + u_{kr} \Delta_r) - \log \det(\Theta_0^* + u_{kr} \Theta_r^*)] \quad (1) \\ &\geq \sum_{k \in I_r} \langle S_k - \Sigma_k, \Delta_0 + u_{kr} \Delta_r \rangle + \frac{1}{4\tau^2} \sum_{k \in I_r} \|\Delta_0 + u_{kr} \Delta_r\|_F^2. \end{aligned}$$

Note that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{4\tau^2} \sum_{k \in I_r} \|\Delta_0 + u_{kr} \Delta_r\|_F^2 &= \frac{1}{4\tau^2} \sum_{k \in I_r} \|\Delta_0\|_F^2 + u_{kr}^2 \|\Delta_r\|_F^2 + 2u_{kr} \langle \Delta_0, \Delta_r \rangle \quad (2) \\ &= \frac{1}{4\tau^2} \left( |I_r| \|\Delta_0\|_F^2 + \|\Delta_r\|_F^2 \right), \end{aligned}$$

by the assumption that  $\|u_{\cdot r}\|_F = 1$  and  $\sum_{k \in I_r}^K u_{kr} = 0$  and

$$\left| \sum_{k \in I_r} \langle S_k - \Sigma_k, u_{kr} \Delta_r \rangle \right| \leq \left\| \sum_{k \in I_r} u_{kr} (S_k - \Sigma_k) \right\|_{\max} \|\Delta_r\|_1.$$

Since  $(S_k - \Sigma_k)$  and  $(\Sigma_k - S_k)$  share the same distribution, then  $\left\| \sum_{k \in I_r} u_{kr} (S_k - \Sigma_k) \right\|_{\max}$  share the same distribution with  $\left\| \sum_{k \in I_r} |u_{kr}| (\Sigma_k - S_k) \right\|_{\max}$ . By the assumption that  $\left| |u_{kr}| - \frac{1}{\sqrt{|I_r|}} \right| \leq \epsilon_r$  with  $\epsilon_r \leq \frac{1}{|I_r|}$ , with high probability, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| \sum_{k \in I_r} |u_{kr}| (S_k - \Sigma_k) \right\|_{\max} &\leq \left\| \sum_{k \in I_r} \frac{1}{\sqrt{|I_r|}} (S_k - \Sigma_k) \right\|_{\max} + \sum_{k \in I_r} \epsilon_r \|S_k - \Sigma_k\|_{\max} \quad (3) \\ &\leq C'_r \sqrt{\frac{\log p}{n}} + C'_r |I_r| \epsilon_r \sqrt{\frac{\log p}{n}} \\ &\leq C_r \sqrt{\frac{\log p}{n}}, \end{aligned}$$

where the last inequality follows by the assumption on  $\epsilon_r$ . Plugging the inequalities (3) and (2) into  $A_{1r}$  (1), we have

$$A_{1r} \geq \sum_{k \in I_r} \langle S_k - \Sigma_k, \Delta_0 \rangle + \frac{1}{4\tau^2} \left( |I_r| \|\Delta_0\|_F^2 + \|\Delta_r\|_F^2 \right) - C_r \sqrt{\frac{\log p}{n}} \|\Delta_r\|_1.$$

**For**  $A_2$ :

we have

$$\begin{aligned} A_2 &= \sum_{k \in I_0} \langle S_k, \Delta_0 \rangle - |I_0| [\log \det(\Theta_0^* + \Delta_0) - \log \det(\Theta_0^*)] \\ &\geq \sum_{k \in I_0} \langle S_k - \Sigma_k, \Delta_0 \rangle + \frac{|I_0|}{4\tau^2} \|\Delta_0\|_F^2. \end{aligned}$$

**For  $A_3$ :**

we have

$$A_3 = \sum_{r=1}^R \sum_{k \in I_r} |u_{kr}| [\|\Theta_r^* + \Delta_r\|_1 - \|\Theta_r^*\|_1] + K [\|\Theta_0^* + \Delta_0\|_1 - \|\Theta_0^*\|_1].$$

By the Lemma 3 in the Supplement of (Negahban et al., 2012), we have

$$\|\Theta_r^* + \Delta_r\|_1 - \|\Theta_r^*\|_1 \geq \left\| \Delta_{r, T_r^\perp} \right\|_1 - \|\Delta_{r, T_r}\|_1 \quad (4)$$

where  $T_r = \{(i, j) | \Theta_{r, ij}^* \neq 0\}$ , for  $r = 0, 1, \dots, R$ . Plugging the inequality (4) into  $A_3$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} A_3 &\geq \sum_{r=1}^R \sum_{k \in I_r} |u_{kr}| \left[ \left\| \Delta_{r, T_r^\perp} \right\|_1 - \|\Delta_{r, T_r}\|_1 \right] + K \left[ \left\| \Delta_{0, T_0^\perp} \right\|_1 - \|\Delta_{0, T_0}\|_1 \right] \\ &\geq C \sum_{r=1}^R \sqrt{|I_r|} \left[ \left\| \Delta_{r, T_r^\perp} \right\|_1 - \|\Delta_{r, T_r}\|_1 \right] + K \left[ \left\| \Delta_{0, T_0^\perp} \right\|_1 - \|\Delta_{0, T_0}\|_1 \right] \end{aligned}$$

for some constant  $C$ , and the second inequality follows by the assumption on  $u_{kr}$ .

**Plug  $A_1, A_2, A_3$  into  $\mathcal{F}$ ,**

with high probability, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{F}(\Delta_r) &\geq \sum_{k=1}^K \langle S_k - \Sigma_k, \Delta_0 \rangle + \frac{1}{4\tau^2} K \|\Delta_0\|_F^2 + \sum_{r=1}^R \|\Delta_r\|_F^2 - \sum_{r=1}^R C_r \sqrt{\frac{\log p}{n}} \|\Delta_r\|_1 + \lambda A_3 \\ &\geq \frac{1}{4\tau^2} K \|\Delta_0\|_F^2 + \sum_{r=1}^R \|\Delta_r\|_F^2 - \sum_{r=1}^R C_r \sqrt{\frac{\log p}{n}} \|\Delta_r\|_1 - C_0 \sqrt{\frac{K \log p}{n}} \|\Delta_0\|_1 + \lambda A_3. \end{aligned}$$

Note that  $\|\Delta_r\|_1 \leq \left\| \Delta_{r, T_r^\perp} \right\|_1 + \|\Delta_{r, T_r}\|_1$ , and  $\lambda \geq C_\lambda \max_{r \in [R]} \sqrt{\frac{\log p}{n|I_r|}}$ . For  $C_\lambda$  large enough, we have

$$\mathcal{F}(\Delta_r) \geq B_1 + B_2,$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} B_1 &\geq \frac{1}{4\tau^2} K \|\Delta_0\|_F^2 - C'_0 \sqrt{\frac{K \log p}{n}} \|\Delta_{0, T_0}\|_1 \geq \frac{1}{4\tau^2} K \|\Delta_0\|_F^2 - C'_0 \sqrt{\frac{K s \log p}{n}} \|\Delta_{0, T_0}\|_F, \\ B_2 &\geq \sum_{r=1}^R \left\{ \|\Delta_r\|_F^2 - C'_r \sqrt{\frac{\log p}{n}} \|\Delta_{r, T_r}\|_1 \right\} \geq \sum_{r=1}^R \left\{ \|\Delta_r\|_F^2 - C'_r \sqrt{\frac{s \log p}{n}} \|\Delta_{r, T_r}\|_F \right\}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $C'_0, C'_r$  are constant independent with  $K$  by the assumption that  $|I_r| = \mathcal{O}(K)$ . To let  $\mathcal{F}(\Delta_r) > 0$ , it is enough to let  $B_1 > 0$  and  $B_2 > 0$ . Therefore, we have

$$(\Delta_0, \Delta_1, \dots, \Delta_R) \in \left\{ \|\Delta_0\|_F \geq C'_0 \tau^2 \sqrt{\frac{s \log p}{Kn}} \right\} \times \left\{ \|\Delta_r\|_F \geq C'_r \tau^2 \sqrt{\frac{s \log p}{n}}, r \in [R] \right\},$$

which implies that

$$\left\| \hat{\Delta}_0 \right\|_F \leq C'_0 \tau^2 \sqrt{\frac{s \log p}{Kn}}, \quad \text{and} \quad \left\| \hat{\Delta}_r \right\|_F \leq C'_r \tau^2 \sqrt{\frac{s \log p}{n}}, r \in [R],$$

with high probability. □

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