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## 1 Problem Description

### 1.1 Uncontaminated Model

Under the stochastic block model with parameters  $(B,\rho)$ , we have  $X_i \stackrel{iid}{\sim} \sum_{k=1}^K \rho_k \delta_{\nu_k}$ , where  $\nu = [\nu_1, \cdots, \nu_K]^T \in \mathbb{R}^{K \times d}$  satisfies  $B = \nu^T \nu$ . Define the block assignment  $\tau$  such that  $\tau_i = k$  if and only if  $X_i = \nu_k$ . Let  $P = XX^T$  where  $X = [X_1, \cdots, X_n]^T$ .

First sample  $\tau$  from the multinomial distribution with parameter  $\rho$ . Then we are going to sample m conditionally i.i.d. symmetric and hollow graphs  $G^{(1)}, \dots, G^{(m)}$  such that conditioning on  $\tau$ ,  $G_{ij}^{(k)} \stackrel{ind}{\sim} \operatorname{Exp}(P_{ij})$  for each  $1 \leq k \leq m$ ,  $1 \leq i < j \leq n$ .

#### 1.2 Contaminated Observations

Now we assume the observed edges are contaminated with probability  $\epsilon$ .

First sample  $\tau$  from the multinomial distribution with parameter  $\rho$ . Then we are going to sample m conditionally i.i.d. symmetric and hollow graphs  $A^{(1)}, \cdots, A^{(m)}$  such that conditioning on  $\tau$ ,  $A^{(t)}_{ij} \stackrel{ind}{\sim} (1-\epsilon) \mathrm{Exp}(P_{ij}) + \epsilon \mathrm{Exp}(C_{ij})$  for each  $1 \leq t \leq m$ ,  $1 \leq i < j \leq n$ , where the contamination is a rank-1 matrix  $C = YY^T, Y \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .

#### 1.3 Goal

Given the contaminated observation of adjacency matrices of m graphs, i.e.  $A^{(1)}, \dots, A^{(m)}$ , we want to estimate the mean of the collection of uncontaminated graphs P.

### 2 Candidate Estimators

After observing contaminated adjacency matrices of m graphs  $A^{(1)}, \dots, A^{(m)}$ , we want to propose a good estimator for the mean of the collection of graphs P.

## 2.1 $\hat{P}^{(1)}$ based on entry-wise MLE

Under the independent edge setting, we can simplify the problem to finding an entry-wise estimate of P. And MLE is always our first choice, which exists and

happen to be  $\bar{A}$ , the entry-wise mean in this case. For consistency, we define  $\hat{P}^{(1)} = \bar{A}$ .

## $\hat{P}^{(q)}$ based on entry-wise MLqE

Since the observations are contaminated, robust estimators are preferred. A modified MLE estimator, the maximum likelihood L-q estimator, is considered in this case. Define  $\hat{P}^{(q)}$  as the entry-wise MLqE.

**Remark:** MLE is a special case of MLqE when q = 1. So we notate the entry-wise MLE to be  $\hat{P}^{(1)}$  in consistent with entry-wise MLqE  $\hat{P}^{(q)}$ .

## 2.3 $\widetilde{P}^{(1)}$ based on ASE of entry-wise MLE

By taking advantages of the graph structure, we expect a better performance after applying a rank-reduction procedure to the entry-wise MLE  $\hat{P}^{(1)}$  under the SBM. So we first apply ASE to  $\hat{P}^{(1)}$  to get the latent positions  $\hat{X}^{(1)}$  in dimension  $d^{(1)}$ , and then define  $\tilde{P}^{(1)} = \hat{X}^{(1)} \hat{X}^{(1)T}$ .

## 2.4 $\widetilde{P}^{(q)}$ based on ASE of entry-wise MLqE

Similarly, we also expect a better performance after applying a rank-reduction procedure to the entry-wise MLqE  $\hat{P}^{(q)}$  under the SBM. So we first apply ASE to  $\hat{P}^{(q)}$  to get the latent positions  $\hat{X}^{(q)}$  in dimension  $d^{(q)}$ , and then define  $\widetilde{P}^{(q)} = \hat{X}^{(q)}\hat{X}^{(q)T}$ .

## 3 Compare Estimators

## 3.1 $\hat{P}^{(q)}$ is better than $\hat{P}^{(1)}$

**Lemma 3.1** For any  $0 < q, \epsilon < 1$ , there exists  $C_0(P_{ij}, \epsilon, q) > 0$  such that under the contaminated model with  $C > C_0(P_{ij}, \epsilon, q)$ ,

$$\lim_{m \to \infty} \left| E[\hat{P}_{ij}^{(q)}] - P_{ij} \right| < \lim_{m \to \infty} \left| E[\hat{P}_{ij}^{(1)}] - P_{ij} \right|,$$

for  $1 \le i, j, \le n$  and  $i \ne j$ .

**Lemma 3.2** For  $1 \le i, j \le n$ , we have

$$\lim_{m \to \infty} \operatorname{Var}(\hat{P}_{ij}^{(1)}) = \lim_{m \to \infty} \operatorname{Var}(\hat{P}_{ij}^{(q)}) = 0,$$

Thus,

- By Lemma 3.1, when C is large enough, for every  $1 \le i, j, \le n$  and  $i \ne j, \hat{P}_{ij}^{(q)}$  has smaller asymptotic bias in absolute value than  $\hat{P}_{ij}^{(1)}$  as  $m \to \infty$ ;
- By Lemma 3.2, all entry-wise variances go to 0 for estimating P as  $m \to \infty$ ;
- In terms of MSE,  $\hat{P}^{(q)}$  is better than  $\hat{P}^{(1)}$  when m and C are large enough.

#### $\widetilde{P}^{(1)}$ is better than $\hat{P}^{(1)}$ 3.2

**Theorem 3.3** Let P and C be two n-by-n symmetric matrices satisfying elementwise conditions  $0 < P_{ij} \le C_{ij} \le R$  for some constant R > 0. For  $0 < \epsilon < 1$ , we define m symmetric matrices as

$$A^{(t)} \stackrel{iid}{\sim} (1 - \epsilon) \operatorname{Exp}(P) + \epsilon \operatorname{Exp}(C),$$

for  $1 \leq t \leq m$ . Let  $\hat{P}^{(1)}$  be the element-wise MLE based on exponential distribution with m observations. Define  $H_{ij}^{(1)} = E[\hat{P}_{ij}^{(1)}] = (1 - \epsilon)P_{ij} + \epsilon C_{ij}$ , then for any constant c > 0, there exists another constant  $n_0(c)$ , independent of n, P, Cand  $\epsilon$ , such that if  $n > n_0$ , then for all  $\eta$  satisfying  $n^{-c} \leq \eta \leq 1/2$ ,

$$P\left(\|\hat{P}^{(1)} - H^{(1)}\|_{2} \le 4R\sqrt{n\ln(n/\eta)}\right) \ge 1 - \eta.$$

**Remark:** This is the extended version of Theorem 3.1 in [2]. Define  $H^{(1)} = E[\hat{P}^{(1)}] = (1 - \epsilon)P + \epsilon C$ , where  $P = XX^T$ ,  $X \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times d}$ ,  $C = YY^T$ ,  $Y \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . Let  $Z = [\sqrt{1 - \epsilon}X, \sqrt{\epsilon}Y] \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times (d+1)}$ , then  $H^{(1)} = ZZ^T$ with rank at most d+1.

Let  $d^{(1)} = \operatorname{rank}(H^{(1)})$  be the dimension in which we are going to embed  $\hat{P}^{(1)}$ 

From now on, we will use  $\hat{P}$  to represent  $\hat{P}^{(1)}$ , use H to represent  $H^{(1)}$ . Assume  $H = USU^T = ZZ^T$ , where Z is a n-by-k matrix. Then our estimate for Z up to rotation is  $\hat{Z} = \hat{U}\hat{S}^{1/2}$ , where  $\hat{U}\hat{S}\hat{U}^T$  is the rank-k spectral decomposition of  $|\hat{P}| = (\hat{P}^T \hat{P})^{1/2}$ .

**Lemma 3.4**  $||S||_2 = \Theta(n), ||\hat{S}||_2 = \Theta(n).$ 

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**Lemma 3.5** Let  $W_1 \Sigma W_2^T$  be the singular value decomposition of  $U^T \hat{U}$ . Then for sufficiently large n,

$$||U^T \hat{U} - W_1 W_2^T||_F = O(m^{-1} n^{-1} \log n)$$

with high probability.

We will denote the orthogonal matrix  $W_1W_2^T$  by  $W^*$ .

**Lemma 3.6** For sufficiently large n,

$$||W^*\hat{S} - SW^*||_F = O(m^{-1/2}\log n),$$
  
$$||W^*\hat{S}^{1/2} - S^{1/2}W^*||_F = O(m^{-1/2}n^{-1/2}\log n)$$

and

$$||W^* \hat{S}^{-1/2} - S^{-1/2} W^*||_F = O(m^{-1/2} n^{-3/2} \log n)$$

with high probability.

**Lemma 3.7** There exists a rotation matrix W such that for sufficiently large

$$\|\hat{Z} - ZW\|_F = \|(\hat{P} - H)US^{-1/2}\|_F + O(m^{-1/2}n^{-1/2}(\log n)^{3/2})$$

with high probability.

**Theorem 3.8** There exists a rotation matrix W such that for sufficiently large n.

$$\max_{i} \|\hat{Z}_{i} - WZ_{i}\|_{2} = O(m^{-1/2}n^{-1/2}(\log n)^{3/2})$$

with high probability.

**Lemma 3.9**  $\left| \hat{Z}_i^T \hat{Z}_j - Z_i^T Z_j \right| = O(m^{-1/2} n^{-1/2} (\log n)^{3/2})$  with high probability.

**Corollary 3.10** For fixed m, the estimator based on ASE of MLE has the same entry-wise asymptotic bias as MLE, i.e.

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \text{Bias}(\widetilde{P}_{ij}^{(1)}) = \lim_{n \to \infty} E[\widetilde{P}_{ij}^{(1)}] - P_{ij} = \lim_{n \to \infty} E[\widehat{P}_{ij}^{(1)}] - P_{ij} = \lim_{n \to \infty} \text{Bias}(\widehat{P}_{ij}^{(1)}).$$

**Theorem 3.11**  $\operatorname{Var}(\hat{Z}_i^T \hat{Z}_j) = O(m^{-1}n^{-1}(\log n)^3)$  with high probability.

Corollary 3.12 For fixed  $n, 1 \leq i, j \leq n, \operatorname{Var}(\hat{P}_{ij}^{(1)}) = \Theta(m^{-1}).$ 

**Theorem 3.13** For fixed m,  $1 \le i, j \le n$ ,

$$\frac{\operatorname{Var}(\widetilde{P}_{ij}^{(1)})}{\operatorname{Var}(\widehat{P}_{ij}^{(1)})} = O(n^{-1}(\log n)^3).$$

Thus

$$ARE(\hat{P}_{ij}^{(1)}, \tilde{P}_{ij}^{(1)}) = 0.$$

Then

- For each  $1 \leq i, j \leq n$ , both  $\hat{P}_{ij}^{(1)}$  and  $\widetilde{P}_{ij}^{(1)}$  have the same asymptotic bias as  $n \to \infty$ :
- Fix m, for every  $1 \leq i, j \leq n$ ,  $ARE(\hat{P}_{ij}^{(1)}, \widetilde{P}_{ij}^{(1)}) = \lim_{n \to \infty} Var(\widetilde{P}_{ij}^{(1)}) / Var(\hat{P}_{ij}^{(1)}) = 0$ , which means  $\widetilde{P}^{(1)}$  is better than  $\hat{P}^{(1)}$ ;
- Actually when fixing m, for every  $1 \leq i, j \leq n$ ,  $\operatorname{Var}(\widetilde{P}_{ij}^{(1)})/\operatorname{Var}(\widehat{P}_{ij}^{(1)})$  is of order  $O(n^{-1})$  as  $n \to \infty$ .

## **3.3** $\widetilde{P}^{(q)}$ is better than $\hat{P}^{(q)}$

Define  $H^{(q)} = E[\hat{P}^{(q)}]$ . Let  $d^{(q)} = \operatorname{rank}(H^{(q)})$  be the dimension in which we are going to embed  $\hat{P}^{(q)}$ . Then

- For each  $1 \leq i, j \leq n$ , both  $\hat{P}_{ij}^{(q)}$  and  $\widetilde{P}_{ij}^{(q)}$  have the same asymptotic bias as  $n \to \infty$ ;
- Fix m, for every  $1 \le i, j \le n$ ,  $\text{ARE}(\hat{P}_{ij}^{(q)}, \widetilde{P}_{ij}^{(q)}) = \lim_{n \to \infty} \text{Var}(\widetilde{P}_{ij}^{(q)}) / \text{Var}(\hat{P}_{ij}^{(q)}) = 0$ , which means  $\widetilde{P}^{(q)}$  is better than  $\hat{P}^{(q)}$ ;
- Actually, even if m is not fixed, as long as m is growing with order  $o(n^{1/2}(\log n)^{-3/2})$ , we still have  $\text{ARE}(\hat{P}_{ij}^{(q)}, \widetilde{P}_{ij}^{(q)}) = 0$ ,

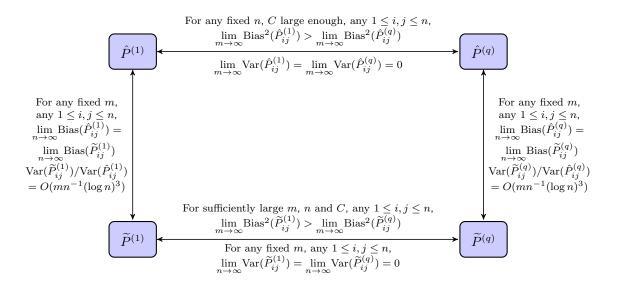


Figure 1: Relationship between four estimators.

## **3.4** $\widetilde{P}^{(q)}$ is better than $\widetilde{P}^{(1)}$

- When n is large enough, for every  $1 \leq i, j \leq n$ ,  $E[\widetilde{P}_{ij}^{(1)}]$  will be close to  $E[\hat{P}_{ij}^{(1)}]$  and  $E[\widetilde{P}_{ij}^{(q)}]$  will be close to  $E[\hat{P}_{ij}^{(q)}]$ . Combined with  $\hat{P}_{ij}^{(q)}$  has smaller asymptotic bias (as  $m \to \infty$ ) than  $\hat{P}_{ij}^{(1)}$  when C is large enough, we have for sufficiently large m and n, C large enough,  $\lim_{m \to \infty} \text{Bias}(\widetilde{P}_{ij}^{(1)}) > \lim_{m \to \infty} \text{Bias}(\widetilde{P}_{ij}^{(q)})$ ;
- Fix m, for any  $1 \leq i, j \leq n$ , when n is large enough,  $\operatorname{Var}(\widetilde{P}_{ij}^{(1)})$  is less than  $\operatorname{Var}(\hat{P}_{ij}^{(1)})$  times  $O(n^{-1})$  and  $\operatorname{Var}(\widetilde{P}_{ij}^{(q)})$  is less than  $\operatorname{Var}(\hat{P}_{ij}^{(q)})$  times  $O(n^{-1/2}(\log n)^{3/2})$ . Thus  $\lim_{n \to \infty} \operatorname{Var}(\widetilde{P}_{ij}^{(1)}) = \lim_{n \to \infty} \operatorname{Var}(\widetilde{P}_{ij}^{(q)}) = 0$ ;
- $\bullet$  In terms of MSE,  $\widetilde{P}^{(q)}$  is better than  $\widetilde{P}^{(1)}$  when m, n and C are large enough.

### 3.5 Summary

Thus, we should choose the estimator  $\widetilde{P}^{(q)}$ .

### 4 Proof

### 4.1 $\hat{P}^{(q)}$ better than $\hat{P}^{(1)}$

**Lemma 4.1 (Lemma 3.1)** For any 0 < q < 1, there exists  $C_0(P_{ij}, \epsilon, q) > 0$  such that under the contaminated model with  $C > C_0(P_{ij}, \epsilon, q)$ ,

$$\lim_{m \to \infty} \left| E[\hat{P}_{ij}^{(q)}] - P_{ij} \right| < \lim_{m \to \infty} \left| E[\hat{P}_{ij}^{(1)}] - P_{ij} \right|,$$

for  $1 \le i, j, \le n$  and  $i \ne j$ .

**Proof:** For the MLE  $\hat{P}_{ij}^{(1)} = \bar{A}_{ij}$ ,

$$E[\hat{P}_{ij}^{(1)}] = E[\bar{A}_{ij}] = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{t=1}^{m} E[A_{ij}^{(t)}] = E[A_{ij}^{(1)}] = (1 - \epsilon)P_{ij} + \epsilon C_{ij}.$$

For the MLqE  $\hat{P}_{ij}^{(q)}$ ,

$$E[\hat{P}_{ij}^{(q)}]$$

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solves a cubic equation.

### Lemma 4.2 (Lemma 3.2)

 $\lim_{m \to \infty} \operatorname{Var}(\hat{P}_{ij}^{(1)}) = \lim_{m \to \infty} \operatorname{Var}(\hat{P}_{ij}^{(q)}) = 0,$ 

for  $1 \leq i, j \leq n$ .

**Proof:** Both MLE and MLqE follows a central limit theorem, which means their variances goes to 0 as  $m \to \infty$ .

## 4.2 $\widetilde{P}^{(1)}$ better than $\hat{P}^{(1)}$

**Theorem 4.3** (Matrix Bernstein: Subexponential Case). Consider a finite sequence  $\{X_k\}$  of independent, random, self-adjoint matrices with dimension d. Assume that

$$E[X_k] = 0$$
 and  $E[X_k^p] \leq \frac{p!}{2} R^{p-2} A_k^2$  for  $p = 2, 3, 4, ...$ 

Compute the variance parameter

$$\sigma^2 := \| \sum_k A_k^2 \|.$$

Then the following chain of inequalities holds for all  $t \geq 0$ .

$$P\left(\lambda_{\max}\left(\sum_{k}X_{k}\right) \geq t\right) \leq d \cdot \exp\left(\frac{-t^{2}/2}{\sigma^{2} + Rt}\right).$$

Remark: Theorem 6.2 in [3].

**Theorem 4.4 (Theorem 3.3)** Let P and C be two n-by-n symmetric matrices satisfying element-wise conditions  $0 < P_{ij} \le C_{ij} \le R$  for some constant R > 0. For  $0 < \epsilon < 1$ , we define m symmetric and hollow matrices as

$$A^{(t)} \stackrel{iid}{\sim} (1 - \epsilon) \operatorname{Exp}(P) + \epsilon \operatorname{Exp}(C),$$

for  $1 \le t \le m$ . Let  $\hat{P}^{(1)}$  be the element-wise MLE based on exponential distribution with m observations. Define  $H_{ij}^{(1)} = E[\hat{P}_{ij}^{(1)}] = (1 - \epsilon)P_{ij} + \epsilon C_{ij}$ , then for any constant c > 0, there exists another constant  $n_0(c)$ , independent of n, P, C and  $\epsilon$ , such that if  $n > n_0$ , then for all  $\eta$  satisfying  $n^{-c} \le \eta \le 1/2$ ,

$$P\left(\|\hat{P}^{(1)} - H^{(1)}\|_{2} \le 4R\sqrt{n\ln(n/\eta)}\right) \ge 1 - \eta.$$

**Remark:** This is the extended version of Theorem 3.1 in [2]. **Proof:** Let  $\{e_i\}_{i=1}^n$  be the canonical basis for  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . For each  $1 \leq i, j \leq n$ , define a corresponding matrix  $G_{ij}$ :

$$G_{ij} \equiv \begin{cases} e_i e_j^T + e_j e_i^T, & i \neq j; \\ e_i e_i^T, & i = j. \end{cases}$$

Thus  $\hat{P}^{(1)} = \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} \hat{P}^{(1)}_{ij} G_{ij}$  and  $H^{(1)} = \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} H^{(1)}_{ij} G_{ij}$ . Then we have  $\hat{P}^{(1)} - H^{(1)} = \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} X_{ij}$ , where  $X_{ij} \equiv \left(\hat{P}^{(1)}_{ij} - H^{(1)}_{ij}\right) G_{ij}$ ,  $1 \leq i < j \leq n$ . First consider the k-th moment of  $X_{ij}$  for  $1 \leq i < j \leq n$ . Since

$$E[(A_{ij}^{(1)} - H_{ij}^{(1)})^k] \leq (1 - \epsilon) \cdot \exp(-H_{ij}/P_{ij}) P_{ij}^k \Gamma(1 + k, -H_{ij}/P_{ij})$$

$$+ \epsilon \cdot \exp(-H_{ij}/C_{ij}) C_{ij}^k \Gamma(1 + k, -H_{ij}/C_{ij})$$

$$\leq \left( (1 - \epsilon) \cdot \exp(-H_{ij}/P_{ij}) P_{ij}^k + \epsilon \cdot \exp(-H_{ij}/C_{ij}) C_{ij}^k \right) k!$$

$$\leq \left( (1 - \epsilon) \cdot P_{ij}^k + \epsilon \cdot C_{ij}^k \right) k!$$

$$\leq R^k k!,$$

we have

$$E[(\hat{P}_{ij}^{(1)} - H_{ij}^{(1)})^k] = E[(\frac{1}{m} \sum_{t=1}^m A_{ij}^{(t)} - H_{ij}^{(1)})^k]$$

$$= E[(\frac{1}{m} \sum_{t=1}^m (A_{ij}^{(t)} - H_{ij}^{(1)}))^k]$$

$$= \frac{1}{m^k} E[(\sum_{t=1}^m (A_{ij}^{(t)} - H_{ij}^{(1)}))^k]$$

$$\leq R^k k!. \tag{1}$$

Combined with

$$G_{ij}^k \equiv \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} e_i e_i^T + e_j e_j^T, & \quad \text{k is even;} \\ e_i e_j^T + e_j e_i^T, & \quad \text{k is odd,} \end{array} \right.$$

thus we have

1. When k is even,

$$E[X_{ij}^k] = E[(\hat{P}_{ij}^{(1)} - H_{ij}^{(1)})^k]G_{ij}^2 \le k!R^kG_{ij}^2;$$

2. When k is odd,

$$E[X_{ij}^k] = E[(\hat{P}_{ij}^{(1)} - H_{ij}^{(1)})^k]G_{ij} \le k!R^kG_{ij}^2.$$

So

$$E[X_{ij}^k] \le k! R^k G_{ij}^2.$$

Let

$$\sigma^2 := \left\| \sum_{1 \le i < j \le n} (\sqrt{2}RG_{ij})^2 \right\|_2 = 2R^2 \|(n-1)I\|_2 = 2R^2(n-1).$$

Notice that random matrices  $X_{ij}$  are independent, self-adjoint and have mean zero, apply Theorem 4.3 we have

$$P\left(\lambda_{\max}(\hat{P}^{(1)} - H^{(1)}) \ge t\right) \le n \exp\left(-\frac{t^2/2}{\sigma^2 + Rt}\right)$$
$$\le n \exp\left(-\frac{t^2/2}{2R^2n + Rt}\right).$$

Now consider  $Y_{ij} \equiv (H^{(1)} - \hat{P}^{(1)}) G_{ij}$ ,  $1 \leq i < j \leq n$ . Then we have  $H^{(1)} - \hat{P}^{(1)} = \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} Y_{ij}$ . Since

$$E[(H^{(1)} - \hat{P}^{(1)})^k] = (-1)^k E[(\hat{P}^{(1)} - H^{(1)})^k],$$

1. When k is even,

$$E[Y_{ij}^k] = E[(\hat{P}^{(1)} - H^{(1)})^k]G_{ij}^2 \le k!R^kG_{ij}^2;$$

2. When k is odd,

$$E[Y_{ij}^k] = -E[(\hat{P}^{(1)} - H^{(1)})^k]G_{ij} \le k!R^kG_{ij}^2.$$

Thus by similar arguments,

$$P\left(\lambda_{\min}(\hat{P}^{(1)} - H^{(1)}) \le -t\right) = P\left(\lambda_{\max}(H^{(1)} - \hat{P}^{(1)}) \ge t\right)$$
  
 
$$\le n \exp\left(-\frac{t^2/2}{2R^2n + Rt}\right).$$

Therefore we have

$$P\left(\|\hat{P}^{(1)} - H^{(1)}\|_{2} \ge t\right) \le n \exp\left(-\frac{t^{2}/2}{2R^{2}n + Rt}\right).$$

Now let c > 0 be given and assume  $n^{-c} \le \eta \le 1/2$ . Then there exists a  $n_0(c)$  independent of n, P, C and  $\epsilon$  such that whenever  $n > n_0(c)$ ,

$$t = 4R\sqrt{n\ln(n/\eta)} \le 6Rn.$$

Plugging this t into the equation above, we get

$$P(\|\hat{P}^{(1)} - H^{(1)}\| \ge 4R\sqrt{n\ln(n/\eta)}) \le n\exp\left(-\frac{t^2}{16R^2n}\right) = \eta.$$

Define  $H^{(1)} = E[\hat{P}^{(1)}] = (1 - \epsilon)P + \epsilon C$ , where  $P = XX^T$ ,  $X \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times d}$ ,  $C = YY^T$ ,  $Y \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . Let  $d^{(1)} = \operatorname{rank}(H^{(1)})$  be the dimension in which we are going to embed  $\hat{P}^{(1)}$ . Then we can define  $H^{(1)} = ZZ^T$  where  $Z \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times d^{(1)}}$ . Since  $H^{(1)} = [\sqrt{1 - \epsilon}X, \sqrt{\epsilon}Y][\sqrt{1 - \epsilon}X, \sqrt{\epsilon}Y]^T$ , we have  $d^{(1)} \leq d + 1$ .

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For simplicity, from now on, we will use  $\hat{P}$  to represent  $\hat{P}^{(1)}$ , use H to represent  $H^{(1)}$  and use k to represent the dimension  $d^{(1)}$  we are going to embed. Assume  $H = USU^T = ZZ^T$ , where Z is a n-by-k matrix. Then our estimate for Z up to rotation is  $\hat{Z} = \hat{U}\hat{S}^{1/2}$ , where  $\hat{U}\hat{S}\hat{U}^T$  is the rank-d spectral decomposition of  $|\hat{P}| = (\hat{P}^T\hat{P})^{1/2}$ .

**Lemma 4.5**  $||S||_2 = \Theta(n)$ ,  $||\hat{S}||_2 = \Theta(n)$ .

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**Lemma 4.6** Let  $W_1\Sigma W_2^T$  be the singular value decomposition of  $U^T\hat{U}$ . Then for sufficiently large n,

$$||U^T \hat{U} - W_1 W_2^T||_F = O(n^{-1} \log n)$$

with high probability.

**Proof:** Let  $\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_d$  denote the singular values of  $U^T \hat{U}$ . Then  $\sigma_i = \cos(\theta_i)$  where the  $\theta_i$  are the principal angles between the subspaces spanned by  $\hat{U}$  and U. Furthermore, by the Davis-Kahan  $\sin(\Theta)$  theorem [1], combined with Theorem 4.4 and Lemma 4.5,

$$\|\hat{U}\hat{U}^T - UU^T\|_2 = \max_i |\sin(\theta_i)| \le \frac{\|\hat{P} - H\|_2}{\lambda_k(H)} \le \frac{C\sqrt{n\log n}}{n} = O(n^{-1/2}\sqrt{\log n})$$

for sufficient large n. Here  $\lambda_k(H)$  denotes the k-th largest eigenvalue of H. We thus have

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$$||U^T \hat{U} - W_1 W_2^T||_F = ||\Sigma - I||_F = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^k (1 - \sigma_i)^2}$$

$$\leq \sum_{i=1}^k (1 - \sigma_i) \leq \sum_{i=1}^k (1 - \sigma_i^2)$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^k \sin^2(\theta_i) \leq k ||\hat{U}\hat{U}^T - UU^T||_2^2$$

$$= O(n^{-1} \log n).$$

We will denote the orthogonal matrix  $W_1W_2^T$  by  $W^*$ .

**Lemma 4.7** For sufficiently large n,

$$||W^*\hat{S} - SW^*||_F = O(\log n),$$
$$||W^*\hat{S}^{1/2} - S^{1/2}W^*||_F = O(n^{-1/2}\log n)$$

and

$$||W^*\hat{S}^{-1/2} - S^{-1/2}W^*||_F = O(n^{-3/2}\log n)$$

with high probability.

**Proof:** Let  $Q = \hat{U} - UU^T\hat{U}$ . And Q is the residual after projecting  $\hat{U}$  orthogonally onto the column space of U, we have

$$\|\hat{U} - UU^T\hat{U}\|_F < \|\hat{U} - UT\|_F$$

for all  $k \times k$  matrices T. Also, by Equation (2) we have

$$||Q||_F = ||\hat{U} - UU^T \hat{U}||_F = ||\hat{U}\hat{U}^T - UU^T||_F = O(n^{-1/2}\sqrt{\log n}).$$
 (3)

Then

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$$\begin{split} W^* \hat{S} = & (W^* - U^T \hat{U}) \hat{S} + U^T \hat{U} \hat{S} = (W^* - U^T \hat{U}) \hat{S} + U^T \hat{P} \hat{U} \\ = & (W^* - U^T \hat{U}) \hat{S} + U^T (\hat{P} - H) \hat{U} + U^T H \hat{U} \\ = & (W^* - U^T \hat{U}) \hat{S} + U^T (\hat{P} - H) Q + U^T (\hat{P} - H) U U^T \hat{U} + U^T H \hat{U} \\ = & (W^* - U^T \hat{U}) \hat{S} + U^T (\hat{P} - H) Q + U^T (\hat{P} - H) U U^T \hat{U} + S U^T \hat{U}. \end{split}$$

Combined with Theorem 4.4, Lemma 4.5, Lemma 4.6, we have

$$||W^*\hat{S} - SW^*||_F$$

$$= ||(W^* - U^T\hat{U})\hat{S} + U^T(\hat{P} - H)Q + U^T(\hat{P} - H)UU^T\hat{U} + S(U^T\hat{U} - W^*)||_F$$

$$\leq ||W^* - U^T\hat{U}||_F (||\hat{S}||_2 + ||S||_2) + ||U^T||_F ||\hat{P} - H||_2 ||Q||_F + ||U^T(\hat{P} - H)U||_F$$

$$\leq O(\log n) + O(\log n) + ||U^T(\hat{P} - H)U||_F$$

with high probability. And we know  $U^T(\hat{P}-H)U$  is a  $k \times k$  matrix with ij-th entry to be

$$u_i^T (\hat{P} - H) u_j = \sum_{s=1}^n \sum_{t=1}^n (\hat{P}_{st} - H_{st}) u_{is} u_{jt}$$
$$= 2 \sum_{s \in t} (\hat{P}_{st} - H_{st}) u_{is} u_{jt} - \sum_{s=1}^n H_{ss} u_{is} u_{js}$$

where  $u_i$  and  $u_j$  are the *i*-th and *j*-th columns of U. Thus, conditioned on H, U is fixed and  $u_i^T(\hat{P}-H)u_j$  is a sum of independent mean 0 random variables and a term of order O(1).

By Equation (1), we have

$$E\left[\left((\hat{P}_{st} - H_{st})u_{is}u_{jt}\right)^{k}\right]$$

$$\leq k!R^{k}u_{is}^{k}u_{jt}^{k}$$

$$\leq \frac{k!}{2}R^{k-2}(\sqrt{2}u_{is}u_{jt}R)^{2}.$$

Also we have

$$\sigma^2 := |\sum_{s < t} 2R^2 u_{is}^2 u_{jt}^2| \le R^2,$$

then by Theorem 4.3, we have

$$P\left(\left|2\sum_{s \le t} (\hat{P}_{st} - H_{st})u_{is}u_{jt}\right| \ge t\right) \le \exp\left(\frac{-t^2/8}{R^2 + Rt}\right),$$

thus each entry of  $U^{T}(\hat{P}-H)U$  is of order O(1) with high probability and thus

$$||U^T(\hat{P} - H)U||_F = O(1)$$
 (4) RT:  $O(1)$  here?

with high probability. Hence

$$||W^*\hat{S} - SW^*||_F = O(\log n)$$

with high probability. Also, since

$$W_{ij}^*(\lambda_j^{1/2}(\hat{P}) - \lambda_i^{1/2}(H)) = W_{ij}^* \frac{\lambda_j(\hat{P}) - \lambda_i(H)}{\lambda_j^{1/2}(\hat{P}) + \lambda_i^{1/2}(H)}$$

and the eigenvalues  $\lambda_j^{1/2}(\hat{P})$  and  $\lambda_i^{1/2}(H)$  are both of order  $\Theta(\sqrt{n})$ , we have

RT:  $\lambda_i(H)$  is of order O(n)?

$$||W^* \hat{S}^{1/2} - S^{1/2} W^*||_F = O(n^{-1/2} \log n).$$

Similarly, since

$$W_{ij}^*(\lambda_j^{-1/2}(\hat{P}) - \lambda_i^{-1/2}(H)) = W_{ij}^* \frac{\lambda_i(H) - \lambda_j(\hat{P})}{(\lambda_i^{-1/2}(\hat{P}) + \lambda_i^{-1/2}(H))\lambda_j(\hat{P})\lambda_i(H)}$$

and the eigenvalues  $\lambda_i(\hat{P})$  and  $\lambda_i(H)$  are both of order  $\Theta(n)$ , we have

$$||W^*\hat{S}^{-1/2} - S^{-1/2}W^*||_F = O(n^{-3/2}\log n).$$

**Lemma 4.8** There exists a rotation matrix W such that for sufficiently large n,

$$\|\hat{Z} - ZW\|_F = \|(\hat{P} - H)US^{-1/2}\|_F + O(n^{-1/2}(\log n)^{3/2})$$

with high probability.

**Proof:** Let  $Q_1 = UU^T\hat{U} - UW^*$ ,  $Q_2 = W^*\hat{S}^{1/2} - S^{1/2}W^*$  and  $Q_3 = \hat{U} - UW^* = \hat{U} - UU^T\hat{U} + Q_1 = Q + Q_1$ . Then since  $UU^TP = P$  and  $\hat{U}\hat{S}^{1/2} = \hat{P}\hat{U}\hat{S}^{-1/2}$ ,

$$\begin{split} \hat{Z} - US^{1/2}W^* = & \hat{U}\hat{S}^{1/2} - UW^*\hat{S}^{1/2} + U(W^*\hat{S}^{1/2} - S^{1/2}W^*) \\ = & (\hat{U} - UU^T\hat{U})\hat{S}^{1/2} + Q_1\hat{S}^{1/2} + UQ_2 \\ = & (\hat{P} - H)\hat{U}\hat{S}^{-1/2} - UU^T(\hat{P} - H)\hat{U}\hat{S}^{-1/2} + Q_1\hat{S}^{1/2} + UQ_2 \\ = & (\hat{P} - H)UW^*\hat{S}^{-1/2} - UU^T(\hat{P} - H)UW^*\hat{S}^{-1/2} \\ & + (I - UU^T)(\hat{P} - H)Q_3\hat{S}^{-1/2} + Q_1\hat{S}^{1/2} + UQ_2. \end{split}$$

By Lemma 4.6,

$$||Q_1||_F \le ||U||_F ||U^T \hat{U} - W^*||_F = O(n^{-1} \log n).$$

By Lemma 4.7,

$$||Q_2||_F = O(n^{-1/2} \log n).$$

By Equation (3),

$$||Q_3||_F \le ||Q||_F + ||Q_1||_F = O(n^{-1/2}(\log n)^{1/2}).$$

By Equation (4),

$$||UU^{T}(\hat{P}-H)UW^{*}\hat{S}^{-1/2}||_{F} \le ||U^{T}(\hat{P}-H)U||_{F}||\hat{S}^{-1/2}||_{2} = O(n^{-1/2}).$$

By Lemma 4.7,

$$\|W^*\hat{S}^{-1/2} - S^{-1/2}W^*\|_F = O(m^{-1/2}n^{-3/2}\log n).$$

Therefore.

$$\begin{split} &\|\hat{Z} - US^{1/2}W^*\|_F \\ = &\|(\hat{P} - H)UW^*\hat{S}^{-1/2}\|_F + O(n^{-1/2}) + \|I - UU^T\|_2 \|\hat{P} - H\|_2 O(n^{-1}(\log n)^{1/2}) \\ &+ O(n^{-1/2}\log n) + O(n^{-1/2}\log n) \\ = &\|(\hat{P} - H)UW^*\hat{S}^{-1/2}\|_F + O(n^{-1/2}\log n) \\ \leq &\|(\hat{P} - H)US^{-1/2}W^*\|_F + \|(\hat{P} - H)U(W^*\hat{S}^{-1/2} - S^{-1/2}W^*)\|_F + O(n^{-1/2}\log n) \\ = &\|(\hat{P} - H)US^{-1/2}\|_F + O(n^{-1}(\log n)^{3/2}) + O(n^{-1/2}(\log n)^{3/2}) \\ = &\|(\hat{P} - H)US^{-1/2}\|_F + O(n^{-1/2}(\log n)^{3/2}). \end{split}$$

Note that  $Z = US^{1/2}W$  for some orthogonal matrix W. As  $W^*$  is also orthogonal, therefore  $Z\tilde{W} = US^{1/2}W^*$  for some orthogonal  $\tilde{W}$ , which completes the proof.

RT:  $||I - UU^T||_2 = O(1)$ 

**Theorem 4.9** There exists a rotation matrix W such that for sufficiently large n,

$$\max_{i} \|\hat{Z}_{i} - WZ_{i}\|_{2} = O(n^{-1/2}(\log n)^{3/2})$$

with high probability.

**Proof:** By Lemma 4.8, we have

$$\|\hat{Z} - ZW\|_F = \|(\hat{P} - H)US^{-1/2}\|_F + O(n^{-1/2}(\log n)^{3/2})$$

and similarly we could have the bound for each column vector

$$\max_{i} \|\hat{Z}_{i} - WZ_{i}\|_{2} \leq \frac{1}{\lambda_{k}^{1/2}(H)} \max_{i} \|((\hat{P} - H)U)_{i}\|_{2} + O(n^{-1/2}(\log n)^{3/2})$$
$$\leq \frac{k^{1/2}}{\lambda_{k}^{1/2}(H)} \max_{j} \|(\hat{P} - H)u_{j}\|_{\infty} + O(n^{-1/2}(\log n)^{3/2})$$

where  $((\hat{P}-H)U)_i$  represents the *i*-th row of  $(\hat{P}-H)U$  and  $u_j$  denotes the *j*-th column of U. Now given i and j, the *i*-th element of the vector  $(\hat{P}-H)u_j$  is of the form

$$\sum_{s=1}^{n} (\hat{P}_{is} - H_{is}) u_{js} = \sum_{s \neq i} (\hat{P}_{is} - H_{is}) u_{js} - H_{ii} u_{ji}.$$

Thus, conditioned on H, the *i*-th element of the vector  $(\hat{P} - H)u_j$  is a sum of independent mean 0 random variables and a term of order O(1). By Equation (1), we have

$$E\left[\left((\hat{P}_{is} - H_{is})u_{js}\right)^{k}\right]$$

$$\leq k!R^{k}u_{js}^{k}$$

$$\leq \frac{k!}{2}R^{k-2}(\sqrt{2}Ru_{js})^{2}.$$

Also we have

$$\sigma^2 := |\sum_{s \neq i} 2R^2 u_{js}^2| \le 2R^2,$$

then by Theorem 4.3, we have

$$P\left(\left|\sum_{s\neq i}(\hat{P}_{is}-H_{is})u_{js}\right|\geq t\right)\leq \exp\left(\frac{-t^2/2}{2R^2+Rt}\right),$$

i.e. it is of order O(1) with high probability. Taking the union bound over all i and j, we have

$$\max_{i} \|\hat{Z}_{i} - WZ_{i}\|_{2} \leq \frac{Ck^{1/2}}{\lambda_{k}^{1/2}(H)} \log n + O(n^{-1/2}(\log n)^{3/2})$$
$$= O(n^{-1/2}(\log n)^{3/2}).$$

RT:  $\log n$ 

**Lemma 4.10**  $\left| \hat{Z}_i^T \hat{Z}_j - Z_i^T Z_j \right| = O(m^{-1/2} n^{-1/2} (\log n)^{3/2})$  with high probability.

**Proof:** Let W be the rotation matrix in Theorem 4.9, then

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \hat{Z}_{i}^{T} \hat{Z}_{j} - Z_{i}^{T} Z_{j} \right| &= \left| \hat{Z}_{i}^{T} \hat{Z}_{j} - \hat{Z}_{i}^{T} W Z_{j} + \hat{Z}_{i}^{T} W Z_{j} - (W Z_{i})^{T} W Z_{j} \right| \\ &\leq \left| \hat{Z}_{i}^{T} (\hat{Z}_{j} - W Z_{j}) + (\hat{Z}_{i}^{T} - (W Z_{i})^{T}) W Z_{j} \right| \\ &\leq \|\hat{Z}_{i}\|_{2} \|\hat{Z}_{i} - W Z_{i}\|_{2} + \|Z_{i}\|_{2} \|\hat{Z}_{i}^{T} - (W Z_{i})^{T}\|_{2}. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $||Z_i||_2^2 = Z_i^T Z_i = H_{ii}^{(1)} = E[\hat{P}_{ii}^{(1)}] = (1 - \epsilon)P_{ij} + \epsilon C_{ij} \leq R$ , we have  $||Z_i||_2 = O(1)$ . Combined with Theorem 4.9,

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \hat{Z}_i^T \hat{Z}_j - Z_i^T Z_j \right| &= (\|\hat{Z}_i\|_2 + \|Z_j\|_2) O(n^{-1/2} (\log n)^{3/2}) \\ &\leq (\|\hat{Z}_i - W Z_i\|_2 + \|W Z_i\|_2 + \|Z_j\|_2) O(n^{-1/2} (\log n)^{3/2}) \\ &= O(n^{-1/2} (\log n)^{3/2}) \end{aligned}$$

with high probability.

**Corollary 4.11** For fixed m, the estimator based on ASE of MLE has the same entry-wise asymptotic bias as MLE, i.e.

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \text{Bias}(\tilde{P}_{ij}^{(1)}) = \lim_{n \to \infty} E[\tilde{P}_{ij}^{(1)}] - P_{ij} = \lim_{n \to \infty} E[\hat{P}_{ij}^{(1)}] - P_{ij} = \lim_{n \to \infty} \text{Bias}(\hat{P}_{ij}^{(1)}).$$

**Proof:** Direct result from Lemma 4.10 by noticing

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} E[\widetilde{P}_{ij}^{(1)}] = \lim_{n \to \infty} E[\widehat{P}_{ij}^{(1)}].$$

**Theorem 4.12**  $\operatorname{Var}(\hat{Z}_i^T \hat{Z}_j) = O(n^{-1}(\log n)^3)$  with high probability.

**Proof:** By Lemma 4.10,

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{Var}(\hat{Z}_{i}^{T}\hat{Z}_{j}) = & E[(\hat{Z}_{i}^{T}\hat{Z}_{j} - E[\hat{Z}_{i}^{T}\hat{Z}_{j}])^{2}] \\ = & E[(\hat{Z}_{i}^{T}\hat{Z}_{j} - Z_{i}^{T}Z_{j} + Z_{i}^{T}Z_{j} - E[\hat{Z}_{i}^{T}\hat{Z}_{j}])^{2}] \\ = & E[(\hat{Z}_{i}^{T}\hat{Z}_{j} - Z_{i}^{T}Z_{j})^{2}] + E[(Z_{i}^{T}Z_{j} - E[\hat{Z}_{i}^{T}\hat{Z}_{j}])^{2}] \\ & - 2E[(\hat{Z}_{i}^{T}\hat{Z}_{j} - Z_{i}^{T}Z_{j})(Z_{i}^{T}Z_{j} - E[\hat{Z}_{i}^{T}\hat{Z}_{j}])] \\ \leq & E[(\hat{Z}_{i}^{T}\hat{Z}_{j} - Z_{i}^{T}Z_{j})^{2}] + E[(Z_{i}^{T}Z_{j} - E[\hat{Z}_{i}^{T}\hat{Z}_{j}])^{2}] \\ & + 2\sqrt{E[(\hat{Z}_{i}^{T}\hat{Z}_{j} - Z_{i}^{T}Z_{j})^{2}]E[(Z_{i}^{T}Z_{j} - E[\hat{Z}_{i}^{T}\hat{Z}_{j}])^{2}]} \\ \leq & 4E[(\hat{Z}_{i}^{T}\hat{Z}_{j} - Z_{i}^{T}Z_{j})^{2}] \\ = & O(n^{-1}(\log n)^{3}) \end{aligned}$$

RT: Expectation with high

probability?

with high probability.

Corollary 4.13 For fixed  $n, 1 \leq i, j \leq n, \operatorname{Var}(\hat{P}_{ij}^{(1)}) = \Theta(m^{-1}).$ 

**Proof:** Direct result from central limit theorem.

**Theorem 4.14** For fixed m,  $1 \le i, j \le n$  and  $i \ne j$ ,

$$\frac{\text{Var}(\tilde{P}_{ij}^{(1)})}{\text{Var}(\hat{P}_{ij}^{(1)})} = O(mn^{-1}(\log n)^3).$$

Thus

$$ARE(\hat{P}_{ij}^{(1)}, \widetilde{P}_{ij}^{(1)}) = 0.$$

Furthermore, as long as m goes to infinity of order  $o(n(\log n)^3)$ ,

$$ARE(\hat{P}_{ij}^{(1)}, \tilde{P}_{ij}^{(1)}) = 0.$$

**Proof:** The results are direct from Theorem 4.12 and Corollary 4.13.

### 4.3 $\widetilde{P}^{(q)}$ better than $\widehat{P}^{(q)}$

**Lemma 4.15** Consider the model  $X_1, \dots, X_m \stackrel{iid}{\sim} \operatorname{Exp}(\theta)$  with  $E[X_1] = \theta$ . Given any data  $x = (x_1, \dots, x_m)$  such that  $x_{(1)} > 0$  and not all  $x_i$ 's are the same, then  $\hat{\theta}_q(x) < \hat{\theta}_1(x)$  for 0 < q < 1, i.e. MLqE is always less than MLE under exponential distribution no matter how the data is sampled.

**Proof:** The MLE is

$$\hat{\theta}_1(x) = \bar{x}.$$

And the MLqE  $\hat{\theta}_q(x)$  solves the equation

$$\sum_{i=1}^{m} e^{-\frac{(1-q)x_i}{\hat{\theta}_q(x)}} (x_i - \hat{\theta}_q(x)) = 0.$$

Consider the continuous function  $g(\theta, x) = \sum_{i=1}^{m} e^{-\frac{(1-q)x_i}{\theta}} (x_i - \theta)$ .

Let  $x_{(1)} \leq \cdots \leq x_{(l)} \leq \bar{x} \leq x_{(l+1)} \leq \cdots \leq x_{(m)}$ . Define  $s_i = \bar{x} - x_{(i)}$  for  $1 \leq i \leq l$ , and  $t_i = x_{(l+i)} - \bar{x}$  for  $1 \leq i \leq m - l$ . Note that  $\sum_{i=1}^{l} s_i = \sum_{i=1}^{m-l} t_i$ . Then we have

$$\begin{split} g(\hat{\theta}_1(x), x) &= g(\bar{x}, x) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^m e^{-\frac{(1-q)x_{(i)}}{\bar{x}}} (x_{(i)} - \bar{x}) \\ &= -\sum_{i=1}^l e^{-\frac{(1-q)x_{(i)}}{\bar{x}}} s_i + \sum_{i=1}^{m-l} e^{-\frac{(1-q)x_{(i+l)}}{\bar{x}}} t_i \\ &\leq -e^{-(1-q)} \sum_{i=1}^l s_i + \sum_{i=1}^{m-l} e^{-\frac{(1-q)x_{(i+l)}}{\bar{x}}} t_i \\ &\leq -e^{-(1-q)} \sum_{i=1}^{m-l} t_i + \sum_{i=1}^{m-l} e^{-\frac{(1-q)x_{(i+l)}}{\bar{x}}} t_i \\ &\leq -\sum_{i=1}^{m-l} e^{-\frac{(1-q)x_{(i+l)}}{\bar{x}}} t_i + \sum_{i=1}^{m-l} e^{-\frac{(1-q)x_{(i+l)}}{\bar{x}}} t_i \\ &= 0, \end{split}$$

and equality holds if and only if all  $x_i$ 's are the same, which is excluded by the assumption. Thus  $g(\hat{\theta}_1(x), x) < 0$ .

Also we know:

- $g(\hat{\theta}_q(x), x) = 0;$
- $\lim_{\theta \to 0^+} g(\theta, x) = 0;$
- $g(\theta, x) > 0$  when  $\theta < x_{(1)}$ ;

Combined with  $g(\hat{\theta}_1(x), x) < 0$ , we have  $\hat{\theta}_q(x) < \hat{\theta}_1(x)$  for 0 < q < 1.

**Theorem 4.16** Let  $P, C : [n]^2 \to (0, \infty)$  be symmetric and hollow, and

$$A^{(t)} \stackrel{iid}{\sim} (1 - \epsilon) \operatorname{Exp}(P) + \epsilon \operatorname{Exp}(C)$$

also be symmetric and hollow. Further assume  $C_{ij} \geq P_{ij}$  for all i, j. Let  $\hat{P}^{(q)}$  be the elementwise MLqE based on exponential distribution. Define  $H^{(q)} = E[\hat{P}^{(q)}]$  and  $R = \max C_{ij}$ , then for any constant c > 0 there exists another constant  $n_0(c)$ , independent of n, P, C and  $\epsilon$ , such that if  $n > n_0$ , then for all  $\eta$  satisfying  $n^{-c} \leq \eta \leq 1/2$ ,

$$P\left(\|\hat{P}^{(q)} - H^{(q)}\| \le 8R\sqrt{2n\ln(n/\eta)}\right) \ge 1 - \eta.$$

**Remark:** This is the extended version of Theorem 3.1 in http://arxiv.org/pdf/0911.0600v2.pdf. **Proof:** Let  $\{e_i\}_{i=1}^n$  be the canonical basis for  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . For each  $1 \leq i, j \leq n$ , define a corresponding matrix  $G_{ij}$ :

$$G_{ij} \equiv \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} e_i e_j^T + e_j e_i^T, & \quad i \neq j; \\ e_i e_i^T, & \quad i = j. \end{array} \right.$$

Thus  $\hat{P}^{(q)} = \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} \hat{P}^{(q)}_{ij} G_{ij}$  and  $H^{(q)} = \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} H^{(q)}_{ij} G_{ij}$ . Then we have  $\hat{P}^{(q)} - H^{(q)} = \sum_{1 \le i < j \le n} X_{ij}, \text{ where } X_{ij} \equiv \left(\hat{P}^{(q)}_{ij} - H^{(q)}_{ij}\right) G_{ij}, 1 \le i < j \le n.$ First consider the k-th moment of  $X_{ij}$  for  $1 \le i < j \le n$ . By Lemma 4.15

we have

$$\begin{split} \left| \hat{P}_{ij}^{(q)} - H_{ij}^{(q)} \right| &= \left| \hat{P}_{ij}^{(q)} - \hat{P}_{ij}^{(1)} + \hat{P}_{ij}^{(1)} - H_{ij}^{(1)} + H_{ij}^{(1)} - H_{ij}^{(q)} \right| \\ &\leq \left| \hat{P}_{ij}^{(q)} - \hat{P}_{ij}^{(1)} \right| + \left| \hat{P}_{ij}^{(1)} - H_{ij}^{(1)} \right| + \left| H_{ij}^{(1)} - H_{ij}^{(q)} \right| \\ &\leq \hat{P}_{ij}^{(1)} + \left| \hat{P}_{ij}^{(1)} - H_{ij}^{(1)} \right| + H_{ij}^{(1)} \\ &\leq 2 \left( \left| \hat{P}_{ij}^{(1)} - H_{ij}^{(1)} \right| + H_{ij}^{(1)} \right). \end{split}$$

Since

$$E[(\hat{P}_{ij}^{(1)} - H_{ij}^{(1)})^{k}] \leq (1 - \epsilon) \exp(-H_{ij}/P_{ij}) P_{ij}^{k} \Gamma(1 + k, -H_{ij}/P_{ij})$$

$$+ \epsilon \exp(-H_{ij}/C_{ij}) C_{ij}^{k} \Gamma(1 + k, -H_{ij}/C_{ij})$$

$$\leq ((1 - \epsilon) \exp(-H_{ij}/P_{ij}) P_{ij}^{k} + \epsilon \exp(-H_{ij}/C_{ij}) C_{ij}^{k}) k!$$

$$\leq ((1 - \epsilon) P_{ij}^{k} + \epsilon C_{ij}^{k}) k!$$

$$\leq C_{ij}^{k} k!,$$

Then

$$E[(\hat{P}_{ij}^{(q)} - H_{ij}^{(q)})^{k}] \leq E\left[\left|\hat{P}_{ij}^{(q)} - H_{ij}^{(q)}\right|^{k}\right]$$

$$\leq 2^{k} E\left[\left(\left|\hat{P}_{ij}^{(1)} - H_{ij}^{(1)}\right| + H_{ij}^{(1)}\right)^{k}\right]$$

$$\leq 2^{k} \sum_{s=0}^{k} \binom{k}{s} E\left[\left|\hat{P}_{ij}^{(1)} - H_{ij}^{(1)}\right|^{s}\right] \left(H_{ij}^{(1)}\right)^{k-s}$$

$$\leq 2^{k} \sum_{s=0}^{k} \binom{k}{s} C_{ij}^{s} s! \left(H_{ij}^{(1)}\right)^{k-s}$$

$$\leq 2^{k} k! \sum_{s=0}^{k} \binom{k}{s} C_{ij}^{s} \left(H_{ij}^{(1)}\right)^{k-s}$$

$$= 2^{k} k! \left(C_{ij} + H_{ij}^{(1)}\right)^{k}. \tag{5}$$

Combined with for  $i \neq j$ ,

$$G_{ij}^k \equiv \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} e_i e_i^T + e_j e_j^T, & \text{k is even;} \\ e_i e_i^T + e_j e_i^T, & \text{k is odd,} \end{array} \right.$$

thus we have

1. When k is even,

$$E[X_{ij}^k] = E[(\hat{P}_{ij}^{(q)} - H_{ij}^{(q)})^k]G_{ij}^2 \preceq 2^{2k}k!R^kG_{ij}^2;$$

2. When k is odd,

$$E[X_{ij}^k] = E[(\hat{P}_{ij}^{(q)} - H_{ij}^{(q)})^k]G_{ij} \le 2^{2k}k!R^kG_{ij}^2.$$

So

$$E[X_{ij}^k] \leq 2^{2k} k! R^k G_{ij}^2.$$

Let

$$\sigma^2 := \left\| \sum_{1 \le i < j \le n} (4\sqrt{2}RG_{ij})^2 \right\| = 32R^2 \|(n-1)I\| = 32R^2(n-1),$$

notice that random matrices  $X_{ij}$  are independent, self-adjoint and have mean zero, apply Theorem 4.3 we have

$$\begin{split} P\left(\lambda_{\max}(\hat{P}^{(q)} - H^{(q)}) \geq t\right) \leq n \exp\left(-\frac{t^2/2}{\sigma^2 + 4Rt}\right) \\ \leq n \exp\left(-\frac{t^2/2}{32R^2n + Rt}\right). \end{split}$$

Now consider  $Y_{ij} \equiv \left(H^{(q)} - \hat{P}^{(q)}\right) G_{ij}$ ,  $1 \leq i < j \leq n$ . Then we have  $H^{(q)} - \hat{P}^{(q)} = \sum_{1 \leq i \leq j \leq n} Y_{ij}$ . Since

$$E[(H^{(q)} - \hat{P}^{(q)})^k] = (-1)^k E[(\hat{P}^{(q)} - H^{(q)})^k],$$

1. When k is even,

$$E[Y_{ij}^k] = E[(\hat{P}^{(q)} - H^{(q)})^k]G_{ij}^2 \preceq 2^{2k}k!R^kG_{ij}^2;$$

2. When k is odd,

$$E[Y_{ij}^k] = -E[(\hat{P}^{(q)} - H^{(q)})^k]G_{ij} \le 2^{2k}k!R^kG_{ij}^2.$$

Thus

$$P\left(\lambda_{\min}(\hat{P}^{(q)} - H^{(q)}) \le -t\right) = P\left(\lambda_{\max}(H^{(q)} - \hat{P}^{(q)}) \ge t\right)$$
$$\le n \exp\left(-\frac{t^2/2}{32R^2n + Rt}\right).$$

Therefore we have

$$P\left(\|\hat{P}^{(q)} - H^{(q)}\| \ge t\right) \le n \exp\left(-\frac{t^2/2}{32R^2n + Rt}\right).$$

Now let c > 0 be given and assume  $n^{-c} \le \eta \le 1/2$ . Then there exists a  $n_0(c)$  independent of n, P, C and  $\epsilon$  such that whenever  $n > n_0(c)$ ,

$$t = 8R\sqrt{2n\ln(n/\eta)} \le 32Rn.$$

Plugging this t into the equation above, we get

$$P(\|\hat{P}^{(q)} - H^{(q)}\| \ge 8R\sqrt{2n\ln(n/\eta)}) \le n\exp\left(-\frac{t^2}{64R^2n}\right) = \eta.$$

From now on, we will use  $\hat{P}$  to represent  $\hat{P}^{(q)}$ , use H to represent  $H^{(q)}$ . Assume  $H = USU^T = ZZ^T$ , where Z is a n-by-k matrix. Then our estimate for Z up to rotation is  $\hat{Z} = \hat{U}\hat{S}^{1/2}$ , where  $\hat{U}\hat{S}\hat{U}^T$  is the rank-k spectral decomposition of  $|\hat{P}| = (\hat{P}^T\hat{P})^{1/2}$ .

**Lemma 4.17**  $||S||_2 = \Theta(n)$ ,  $||\hat{S}||_2 = \Theta(n)$ .

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**Lemma 4.18** Let  $W_1\Sigma W_2^T$  be the singular value decomposition of  $U^T\hat{U}$ . Then for sufficiently large n,

$$||U^T \hat{U} - W_1 W_2^T||_F = O(n^{-1} \log n)$$

with high probability.

**Proof:** Let  $\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_k$  denote the singular values of  $U^T \hat{U}$ . Then  $\sigma_i = \cos(\theta_i)$  where the  $\theta_i$  are the principal angles between the subspaces spanned by  $\hat{U}$  and U. Furthermore, by the Davis-Kahan  $\sin(\Theta)$  theorem, combined with Theorem 4.16 and Lemma 4.17,

$$\|\hat{U}\hat{U}^T - UU^T\|_2 = \max_i |\sin(\theta_i)| \le \frac{\|\hat{P} - H\|_2}{\lambda_k(H)} \le \frac{C\sqrt{n\log n}}{n} = O(n^{-1/2}\sqrt{\log n})$$
(6)

for sufficient large n. Here  $\lambda_k(H)$ denotes the k-th largest eigenvalue of H. We thus have

$$||U^T \hat{U} - W_1 W_2^T||_F = ||\Sigma - I||_F = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^k (1 - \sigma_i)^2}$$

$$\leq \sum_{i=1}^k (1 - \sigma_i) \leq \sum_{i=1}^k (1 - \sigma_i^2)$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^k \sin^2(\theta_i) \leq k ||\hat{U}\hat{U}^T - UU^T||_2^2$$

$$= O(n^{-1} \log n).$$

We will denote the orthogonal matrix  $W_1W_2^T$  by  $W^*$ .

**Lemma 4.19** For sufficiently large n,

$$||W^*\hat{S} - SW^*||_F = O(\log n),$$
  
$$||W^*\hat{S}^{1/2} - S^{1/2}W^*||_F = O(n^{-1/2}\log n)$$

and

$$||W^* \hat{S}^{-1/2} - S^{-1/2} W^*||_F = O(n^{-3/2} \log n)$$

with high probability.

**Proof:** Let  $Q = \hat{U} - UU^T\hat{U}$ . And Q is the residual after projecting  $\hat{U}$  orthogonally onto the column space of U, we have

$$\|\hat{U} - UU^T\hat{U}\|_F \le \|\hat{U} - UT\|_F$$

for all  $k \times k$  matrices T. Also, by Equation (6) we have

$$||Q||_F = ||\hat{U} - UU^T \hat{U}||_F = ||\hat{U}\hat{U}^T - UU^T||_F = O(n^{-1/2}\sqrt{\log n}).$$
 (7)

Then

$$\begin{split} W^* \hat{S} = & (W^* - U^T \hat{U}) \hat{S} + U^T \hat{U} \hat{S} = (W^* - U^T \hat{U}) \hat{S} + U^T \hat{P} \hat{U} \\ = & (W^* - U^T \hat{U}) \hat{S} + U^T (\hat{P} - H) \hat{U} + U^T H \hat{U} \\ = & (W^* - U^T \hat{U}) \hat{S} + U^T (\hat{P} - H) Q + U^T (\hat{P} - H) U U^T \hat{U} + U^T H \hat{U} \\ = & (W^* - U^T \hat{U}) \hat{S} + U^T (\hat{P} - H) Q + U^T (\hat{P} - H) U U^T \hat{U} + S U^T \hat{U}. \end{split}$$

Combined with Theorem 4.16, Lemma 4.17, Lemma 4.18, we have

$$||W^*\hat{S} - SW^*||_F$$

$$= ||(W^* - U^T\hat{U})\hat{S} + U^T(\hat{P} - H)Q + U^T(\hat{P} - H)UU^T\hat{U} + S(U^T\hat{U} - W^*)||_F$$

$$\leq ||W^* - U^T\hat{U}||_F (||\hat{S}||_2 + ||S||_2) + ||U^T||_F ||\hat{P} - H||_2 ||Q||_F + ||U^T(\hat{P} - H)U||_F$$

$$\leq O(\log n) + O(\log n) + ||U^T(\hat{P} - H)U||_F$$

with high probability. And we know  $U^{T}(\hat{P}-H)U$  is a  $k \times k$  matrix with ij-th entry to be

$$u_i^T(\hat{P} - H)u_j = \sum_{s=1}^n \sum_{t=1}^n (\hat{P}_{st} - H_{st})u_{is}u_{jt} = 2\sum_{s < t} (\hat{P}_{st} - H_{st})u_{is}u_{jt} - \sum_{s=1}^n H_{ss}u_{is}u_{js}$$

where  $u_i$  and  $u_j$  are the *i*-th and *j*-th columns of U. Thus, conditioned on H,  $u_i^T(\hat{P}-H)u_j$  is a sum of independent mean 0 random variables and a term of order O(1).

By Equation 5, we have

$$E\left[\left((\hat{P}_{st} - H_{st})u_{is}u_{jt}\right)^{k}\right]$$

$$\leq 2^{k}k!(C_{st} + H_{st}^{(1)})^{k}u_{is}^{k}u_{jt}^{k}$$

$$\leq \frac{k!}{2}(4R)^{k-2}(4\sqrt{2}Ru_{is}u_{jt})^{2}.$$

Also we have

$$\sigma^2 := |\sum_{s < t} 32 R^2 u_{is}^2 u_{jt}^2| \leq 32 R^2,$$

then by Theorem 4.3, we have

$$P\left(\left|2\sum_{s< t}(\hat{P}_{st} - H_{st})u_{is}u_{jt}\right| \ge t\right) \le \exp\left(\frac{-t^2/8}{32R^2 + 2Rt}\right),$$

thus each entry of  $U^T(\hat{P}-H)U$  is of order O(1) with high probability and thus

$$||U^{T}(\hat{P} - H)U||_{F} = O(1)$$
(8)

with high probability. Hence

$$||W^*\hat{S} - SW^*||_F = O(\log n)$$

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with high probability. Also, since

$$W_{ij}^*(\lambda_j^{1/2}(\hat{P}) - \lambda_i^{1/2}(H)) = W_{ij}^* \frac{\lambda_j(\hat{P}) - \lambda_i(H)}{\lambda_j^{1/2}(\hat{P}) + \lambda_i^{1/2}(H)}$$

and the eigenvalues  $\lambda_j^{1/2}(\hat{P})$  and  $\lambda_i^{1/2}(H)$  are both of order  $\Theta(\sqrt{n})$ , we have

$$||W^*\hat{S}^{1/2} - S^{1/2}W^*||_F = O(n^{-1/2}\log n).$$

Similarly, since

$$W_{ij}^*(\lambda_j^{-1/2}(\hat{P}) - \lambda_i^{-1/2}(H)) = W_{ij}^* \frac{\lambda_i(H) - \lambda_j(\hat{P})}{(\lambda_i^{-1/2}(\hat{P}) + \lambda_i^{-1/2}(H))\lambda_j(\hat{P})\lambda_i(H)}$$

and the eigenvalues  $\lambda_j(\hat{P})$  and  $\lambda_i(H)$  are both of order  $\Theta(n)$ , we have

$$||W^*\hat{S}^{-1/2} - S^{-1/2}W^*||_F = O(n^{-3/2}\log n).$$

**Lemma 4.20** There exists a rotation matrix W such that for sufficiently large n,

$$\|\hat{Z} - ZW\|_F = \|(\hat{P} - H)US^{-1/2}\|_F + O(n^{-1/2}(\log n)^{3/2})$$

with high probability.

**Proof:** Let  $Q_1 = UU^T \hat{U} - UW^*$ ,  $Q_2 = W^* \hat{S}^{1/2} - S^{1/2}W^*$  and  $Q_3 = \hat{U} - UW^* = \hat{U} - UU^T \hat{U} + Q_1 = Q + Q_1$ . Then since  $UU^T P = P$  and  $\hat{U}\hat{S}^{1/2} = \hat{P}\hat{U}\hat{S}^{-1/2}$ .

$$\begin{split} \hat{Z} - US^{1/2}W^* = & \hat{U}\hat{S}^{1/2} - UW^*\hat{S}^{1/2} + U(W^*\hat{S}^{1/2} - S^{1/2}W^*) \\ = & (\hat{U} - UU^T\hat{U})\hat{S}^{1/2} + Q_1\hat{S}^{1/2} + UQ_2 \\ = & (\hat{P} - H)\hat{U}\hat{S}^{-1/2} - UU^T(\hat{P} - H)\hat{U}\hat{S}^{-1/2} + Q_1\hat{S}^{1/2} + UQ_2 \\ = & (\hat{P} - H)UW^*\hat{S}^{-1/2} - UU^T(\hat{P} - H)UW^*\hat{S}^{-1/2} \\ & + (I - UU^T)(\hat{P} - H)Q_3\hat{S}^{-1/2} + Q_1\hat{S}^{1/2} + UQ_2. \end{split}$$

By Lemma 4.18,

$$||Q_1||_F \le ||U||_F ||U^T \hat{U} - W^*||_F = O(n^{-1} \log n).$$

By Lemma 4.19,

$$||Q_2||_F = O(n^{-1/2} \log n).$$

By Equation 7,

$$||Q_3||_F \le ||Q||_F + ||Q_1||_F = O(n^{-1/2}\log n).$$

By Equation 8,

$$||UU^{T}(\hat{P}-H)UW^{*}\hat{S}^{-1/2}||_{F} < ||U^{T}(\hat{P}-H)U||_{F}||\hat{S}^{-1/2}||_{2} = O(n^{-1/2}).$$

By Lemma 4.19,

$$||W^*\hat{S}^{-1/2} - S^{-1/2}W^*||_F = O(n^{-3/2}\log n).$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{split} &\|\hat{Z} - US^{1/2}W^*\|_F \\ = &\|(\hat{P} - H)UW^*\hat{S}^{-1/2}\|_F + O(n^{-1/2}) + \|I - UU^T\|_2 \|\hat{P} - H\|_2 O(n^{-1}\log n) \\ &+ O(n^{-1/2}\log n) + O(n^{-1/2}\log n) \\ = &\|(\hat{P} - H)UW^*\hat{S}^{-1/2}\|_F + O(n^{-1/2}(\log n)^{3/2}) \\ \leq &\|(\hat{P} - H)US^{-1/2}W^*\|_F + \|(\hat{P} - H)U(W^*\hat{S}^{-1/2} - S^{-1/2}W^*)\|_F + O(n^{-1/2}(\log n)^{3/2}) \\ = &\|(\hat{P} - H)US^{-1/2}\|_F + O(n^{-1/2}(\log n)^{3/2}). \end{split}$$

Note that  $Z = US^{1/2}W$  for some orthogonal matrix W. As  $W^*$  is also orthogonal, therefore  $Z\tilde{W} = US^{1/2}W^*$  for some orthogonal  $\tilde{W}$ , which completes the proof.

**Theorem 4.21** There exists a rotation matrix W such that for sufficiently large n,

$$\max_{i} \|\hat{Z}_{i} - WZ_{i}\|_{2} = O(n^{-1/2}(\log n)^{3/2})$$

with high probability.

**Proof:** By Lemma 4.20, we have

$$\|\hat{Z} - ZW\|_F = \|(\hat{P} - H)US^{-1/2}\|_F + O(n^{-1/2}(\log n)^{3/2})$$

and similarly we could have the bound for each row vector

$$\max_{i} \|\hat{Z}_{i} - WZ_{i}\|_{2} \leq \frac{1}{\lambda_{d}^{1/2}(H)} \max_{i} \|((\hat{P} - H)U)_{i}\|_{2} + O(n^{-1/2}(\log n)^{3/2})$$
$$\leq \frac{d^{1/2}}{\lambda_{d}^{1/2}(H)} \max_{j} \|(\hat{P} - H)u_{j}\|_{\infty} + O(n^{-1/2}(\log n)^{3/2})$$

where  $u_j$  denotes the j-th column of U. Now given i and j, the i-th element of the vector  $(\hat{P} - H)u_j$  is of the form

$$\sum_{s=1}^{n} (\hat{P}_{is} - H_{is}) u_{js} = \sum_{s \neq i} (\hat{P}_{is} - H_{is}) u_{js} - H_{ii} u_{ji}.$$

Thus, conditioned on H, the *i*-th element of the vector  $(\hat{P} - H)u_j$  is a sum of independent mean 0 random variables and a term of order O(1). By Equation 5, we have

$$E\left[\left((\hat{P}_{is} - H_{is})u_{js}\right)^{k}\right]$$

$$\leq 2^{k}k!(C_{is} + H_{is}^{(1)})^{k}u_{js}^{k}$$

$$\leq \frac{k!}{2}(4R)^{k-2}(4\sqrt{2}Ru_{js})^{2}.$$

Also we have

$$\sigma^2 := |\sum_{s \neq i} 32R^2 u_{js}^2| \le 32R^2,$$

then by Theorem 4.3, we have

$$P\left(\left|\sum_{s\neq i} (\hat{P}_{is} - H_{is})u_{js}\right| \ge t\right) \le \exp\left(\frac{-t^2/2}{32R^2 + Rt}\right),\,$$

i.e. it can be bounded by a constant with high probability. Taking the union bound over all i and j, we have

$$\max_{i} \|\hat{Z}_{i} - WZ_{i}\|_{2} \leq \frac{Cd^{1/2}}{\lambda_{d}^{1/2}(H)} \log n + O(n^{-1/2}(\log n)^{3/2}) = O(n^{-1/2}(\log n)^{3/2}).$$

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**Lemma 4.22** 
$$\left| \hat{Z}_i^T \hat{Z}_j - Z_i^T Z_j \right| = O(n^{-1/2} (\log n)^{3/2})$$
 with high probability.

**Proof:** Let W be the rotation matrix in Theorem 4.21, then

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \hat{Z}_{i}^{T} \hat{Z}_{j} - Z_{i}^{T} Z_{j} \right| &= \left| \hat{Z}_{i}^{T} \hat{Z}_{j} - \hat{Z}_{i}^{T} W Z_{j} + \hat{Z}_{i}^{T} W Z_{j} - (W Z_{i})^{T} W Z_{j} \right| \\ &\leq \left| \hat{Z}_{i}^{T} (\hat{Z}_{j} - W Z_{j}) + (\hat{Z}_{i}^{T} - (W Z_{i}^{T})) W Z_{j} \right| \\ &\leq \|\hat{Z}_{i}\|_{2} \|\hat{Z}_{j} - W Z_{j}\|_{2} + \|Z_{j}\|_{2} \|\hat{Z}_{i}^{T} - (W Z_{i}^{T})\|_{2}. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $||Z_i||_2^2 = Z_i^T Z_i = H_{ii}^q = E[\hat{P}_{ii}^{(q)}] \le E[\hat{P}_{ii}^{(1)}] = (1 - \epsilon)P_{ij} + \epsilon C_{ij} \le R$ , we have  $||Z_i||_2 = O(1)$ . Combined with Theorem 4.21,

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \hat{Z}_i^T \hat{Z}_j - Z_i^T Z_j \right| &= (\|\hat{Z}_i\|_2 + \|Z_j\|_2) O(n^{-1/2} (\log n)^{3/2}) \\ &\leq (\|\hat{Z}_i - W Z_i\|_2 + \|W Z_i\|_2 + \|Z_j\|_2) O(n^{-1/2} (\log n)^{3/2}) \\ &= O(n^{-1/2} (\log n)^{3/2}) \end{aligned}$$

with high probability.

**Corollary 4.23** For fixed m, the estimator based on ASE of MLqE has the same entry-wise asymptotic bias as MLqE, i.e.

$$\lim_{n\to\infty} \operatorname{Bias}(\widetilde{P}_{ij}^{(q)}) = \lim_{n\to\infty} E[\widetilde{P}_{ij}^{(q)}] - P_{ij} = \lim_{n\to\infty} E[\widehat{P}_{ij}^{(q)}] - P_{ij} = \lim_{n\to\infty} \operatorname{Bias}(\widehat{P}_{ij}^{(q)}).$$

**Proof:** Direct result from Lemma 4.22 by noticing

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} E[\widetilde{P}_{ij}^{(q)}] = \lim_{n \to \infty} E[\widehat{P}_{ij}^{(q)}].$$

**Theorem 4.24**  $\operatorname{Var}(\hat{Z}_i^T \hat{Z}_j) = O(n^{-1}(\log n)^3)$  with high probability.

**Proof:** 

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{Var}(\hat{Z}_{i}^{T}\hat{Z}_{j}) = & E[(\hat{Z}_{i}^{T}\hat{Z}_{j} - E[\hat{Z}_{i}^{T}\hat{Z}_{j}])^{2}] \\ = & E[(\hat{Z}_{i}^{T}\hat{Z}_{j} - Z_{i}^{T}Z_{j} + Z_{i}^{T}Z_{j} - E[\hat{Z}_{i}^{T}\hat{Z}_{j}])^{2}] \\ = & E[(\hat{Z}_{i}^{T}\hat{Z}_{j} - Z_{i}^{T}Z_{j})^{2}] + E[(Z_{i}^{T}Z_{j} - E[\hat{Z}_{i}^{T}\hat{Z}_{j}])^{2}] \\ & - 2E[(\hat{Z}_{i}^{T}\hat{Z}_{j} - Z_{i}^{T}Z_{j})(Z_{i}^{T}Z_{j} - E[\hat{Z}_{i}^{T}\hat{Z}_{j}])] \\ \leq & E[(\hat{Z}_{i}^{T}\hat{Z}_{j} - Z_{i}^{T}Z_{j})^{2}] + E[(Z_{i}^{T}Z_{j} - E[\hat{Z}_{i}^{T}\hat{Z}_{j}])^{2}] \\ & + 2\sqrt{E[(\hat{Z}_{i}^{T}\hat{Z}_{j} - Z_{i}^{T}Z_{j})^{2}]E[(Z_{i}^{T}Z_{j} - E[\hat{Z}_{i}^{T}\hat{Z}_{j}])^{2}]} \\ \leq & 4E[(\hat{Z}_{i}^{T}\hat{Z}_{j} - Z_{i}^{T}Z_{j})^{2}] \\ = & O(n^{-1}(\log n)^{3}) \end{aligned}$$

with high probability.

**Theorem 4.25** Let  $u_q(\theta) = E_{\theta}[\hat{\theta}_{q,n}], \ \phi_q(x;\theta) = \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} L_q(f(x;\theta)), \ and \ \phi_q'(x;\theta) = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2} L_q(f(x;\theta)).$  Then the asymptotic distribution of  $\hat{\theta}_{q,n}$  is  $\sqrt{n}(\hat{\theta}_{q,n} - u_q(\theta)) \sim \mathcal{N}(0, V_q(\theta)), \ where \ V_q(\theta) = E[\phi_q(X;\theta)^2]/E[\phi_q'(X;\theta)]^2.$ 

**Remark:** See Theorem 1 in http://arxiv.org/pdf/1310.7278.pdf.

Corollary 4.26  $\operatorname{Var}(\hat{P}_{ij}^{(q)}) = \Theta(m^{-1}).$ 

**Proof:** Direct result from Theorem 4.25.

**Theorem 4.27** For fixed m,  $1 \le i, j \le n$ ,

$$\frac{\operatorname{Var}(\widetilde{P}_{ij}^{(q)})}{\operatorname{Var}(\widehat{P}_{ij}^{(q)})} = O(mn^{-1}(\log n)^3).$$

Thus

$$ARE(\hat{P}_{ij}^{(q)}, \widetilde{P}_{ij}^{(q)}) = 0.$$

Furthermore, as long as m is of order  $o(n(\log n)^{-3})$ ,

$$ARE(\hat{P}_{ij}^{(q)}, \widetilde{P}_{ij}^{(q)}) = 0.$$

**Proof:** The results are direct from Theorem 4.24 and Corollary 4.26.

# 4.4 $\widetilde{P}^{(q)}$ better than $\widetilde{P}^{(1)}$

**Theorem 4.28** For sufficiently large n and C, any  $1 \le i, j \le n$ ,

$$\lim_{m \to \infty} \operatorname{Bias}(\widetilde{P}_{ij}^{(1)}) > \lim_{m \to \infty} \operatorname{Bias}(\widetilde{P}_{ij}^{(q)})$$

**Proof:** Direct result from Lemma 3.1, Corollary 4.11 and Corollary 4.23. ■

**Theorem 4.29** For any fixed m, any  $1 \le i, j \le n$ ,

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \mathrm{Var}(\widetilde{P}_{ij}^{(1)}) = \lim_{n \to \infty} \mathrm{Var}(\widetilde{P}_{ij}^{(q)}) = 0$$

**Proof:** Direct result from Theorem 4.12 and Theorem 4.24.

## 5 Generalization

We can generalize the exponential distribution to F and generalize  $\mathrm{ML} q\mathrm{E}$  to  $\hat{P}$  with the following assumptions:

• There exists  $C_0(P_{ij}, \epsilon) > 0$  such that under the contaminated model with  $C > C_0(P_{ij}, \epsilon)$ ,

$$\lim_{m \to \infty} \left| E[\hat{P}_{ij}] - P_{ij} \right| < \lim_{m \to \infty} \left| E[\hat{P}_{ij}^{(1)}] - P_{ij} \right|,$$

for  $1 \leq i, j \leq n$ .

- Let  $A^{(t)} \stackrel{iid}{\sim} (1 \epsilon)F(P) + \epsilon F(C)$  and  $H_{ij}^{(1)} = E[\hat{P}_{ij}^{(1)}] = (1 \epsilon)E_F(P_{ij}) + \epsilon E_F(C_{ij})$ , then  $E[(A_{ij}^{(t)} H_{ij}^{(1)})^k] \leq \text{const} \cdot k!$ .
- $\hat{P}_{ij} \leq \text{const} \cdot \hat{P}_{ij}^{(1)}$ . This might be generalized to with high probability later.
- $\lim_{m\to\infty} \operatorname{Var}(\hat{P}_{ij}) = 0$

## 6 Analysis of MLqE under Exponential Model

Let 
$$f(x,\theta) = \sum_{i=1}^m e^{-\frac{(1-q)x_i}{\theta}}(x-\theta)$$
, then  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i}(x,\theta) = e^{-\frac{(1-q)x_i}{\theta}}\left(-\frac{(1-q)x_i}{\theta} + 2 - q\right)$ . Define  $c_q = 1 + \frac{1}{1-q}$ , then

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i}(x,\theta) = 0 \Leftrightarrow x_i \to \infty \text{ or } x_i = (1 + \frac{1}{1-q})\theta$$

Define  $x = (x_1, \dots, x_m)$  and  $x^- = (x_1, \dots, x_m) \backslash x_i$ , then

- 1.  $\theta_{\max}$ ,  $x_i = c_q \theta \le c_q \bar{x}$   $\frac{1}{m} (c_q \bar{x} + (m-1)\bar{x}^-) = \bar{x}$ Thus  $\theta_{\max} \le \frac{m-1}{m-C_q} \bar{x}^-$
- 2.  $\theta_{\min}$ 2 candidates:  $x_i = 0$  or  $x_i = \infty$ . When  $x_i = 0$ , It's like m - 1 points  $x^-$ ; When  $x_i = \infty$ ,  $f(x, \theta) = f(x^-, \theta) - \theta$ . Thus  $\theta_{\min}$  solves  $f(x, \theta)|_{x_i = 0} = 0$ .

## 7 Appendix

**Definition 7.1** A random variable Z is called central moment bounded with real parameter L > 0, if for any integer  $i \ge 1$  we have

$$E\left[\left|Z - E[Z]\right|^{i}\right] \le i \cdot L \cdot E\left[\left|Z - E[Z]\right|^{i-1}\right].$$

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