

Proof of Theory 2 and Theory 3

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1 Proof of Theory 2

The algorithm updates the model whenever adaptive margin is less than 0 ($Z_t = 1$). If there is no update, $\mathbf{U}_t = \mathbf{U}_{t-1}$ yields $\inf_{\mathbf{U}} G_t(\mathbf{U}) = \inf_{\mathbf{U}} G_{t-1}(\mathbf{U})$. Given $\ell_t(\text{alg}) = \|\mathbf{y}_t - \mathbf{f}_t\|^2$, we derive when $Z_t = 1$,

$$\begin{aligned}
& \ell_t(\text{alg}) + \inf_{\mathbf{U}} (b\|\mathbf{U}\|^2 + L_{t-1}^{\mathbf{a}}(\mathbf{U})) - \inf_{\mathbf{U}} (b\|\mathbf{U}\|^2 + L_t^{\mathbf{a}}(\mathbf{U})) \\
&= \|\mathbf{f}_t - \mathbf{y}_t\|^2 - a_t \|\mathbf{y}_t\|^2 - \text{tr}(\mathbf{B}_{t-1}^{\top} \mathbf{A}_{t-1}^{-1} \mathbf{B}_{t-1}) + \text{tr}(\mathbf{B}_t^{\top} \mathbf{A}_t^{-1} \mathbf{B}_t) \\
&= (1 - a_t) \|\mathbf{y}_t\|^2 - 2\mathbf{y}_t \cdot \mathbf{f}_t + \|\mathbf{f}_t\|^2 - \text{tr}(\mathbf{B}_{t-1}^{\top} \mathbf{A}_{t-1}^{-1} \mathbf{B}_{t-1}) + \text{tr}(\mathbf{B}_t^{\top} \mathbf{A}_t^{-1} \mathbf{B}_t) \\
&= (1 - a_t) \|\mathbf{y}_t\|^2 - 2\mathbf{y}_t \cdot (a_t \mathbf{B}_{t-1}^{\top} \mathbf{A}_{t-1}^{-1} \mathbf{x}_t) + \text{tr}((\mathbf{B}_{t-1} + a_t \mathbf{x}_t \mathbf{y}_t^{\top})^{\top} \mathbf{A}_t^{-1} (\mathbf{B}_{t-1} + a_t \mathbf{x}_t \mathbf{y}_t^{\top})) \\
&\quad + \text{tr}(\mathbf{B}_{t-1}^{\top} \mathbf{A}_{t-1}^{-1} \mathbf{x}_t \mathbf{x}_t^{\top} \mathbf{A}_{t-1}^{-1} \mathbf{B}_{t-1}) - \text{tr}(\mathbf{B}_{t-1}^{\top} \mathbf{A}_{t-1}^{-1} \mathbf{B}_{t-1}) \\
&= \text{tr}(\mathbf{B}_{t-1}^{\top} (\mathbf{A}_{t-1}^{-1} \mathbf{x}_t \mathbf{x}_t^{\top} \mathbf{A}_{t-1}^{-1} - \mathbf{A}_{t-1}^{-1} + \mathbf{A}_t^{-1}) \mathbf{B}_{t-1}) + \text{tr}(a_t^2 \mathbf{y}_t \mathbf{x}_t^{\top} \mathbf{A}_t^{-1} \mathbf{x}_t \mathbf{y}_t^{\top}) + (1 - a_t) \|\mathbf{y}_t\|^2 \\
&= (a_t^2 \mathbf{x}_t^{\top} \mathbf{A}_t^{-1} \mathbf{x}_t + 1 - a_t) \text{tr}(\mathbf{y}_t \mathbf{y}_t^{\top}) = a_t^2 \mathbf{x}_t^{\top} \mathbf{A}_t^{-1} \mathbf{x}_t - a_t + 1.
\end{aligned}$$

Thus, we conclude that

$$\inf_{\mathbf{U}} G_t(\mathbf{U}) - \inf_{\mathbf{U}} G_{t-1}(\mathbf{U}) = Z_t (\ell_t(\text{alg}) - a_t^2 \mathbf{x}_t^{\top} \mathbf{A}_t^{-1} \mathbf{x}_t + a_t - 1),$$

holds for all trial t , which is similar to the proof of [2]. Summing over $t = 1, \dots, T$ with $\|\mathbf{y}_t\|^2 = 1$, we obtain with expanding the square,

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{t \in \mathcal{Z}} (a_t \|\mathbf{y}_t\|^2 - 2\mathbf{y}_t \cdot \mathbf{f}_t - a_t^2 \mathbf{x}_t^{\top} \mathbf{A}_t^{-1} \mathbf{x}_t + \|\mathbf{f}_t\|^2) \\
&= \inf_{\mathbf{U}} (b\|\mathbf{U}\|^2 + \sum_t a_t \|\mathbf{y}_t - \mathbf{U}^{\top} \mathbf{x}_t\|^2) - (\inf_{\mathbf{U}} (b\|\mathbf{U}\|^2 + L_0^{\mathbf{a}}(\mathbf{U}))) \\
&\leq \sum_{t \in \mathcal{Z}} a_t (\|\mathbf{y}_t\|^2 - 2\mathbf{y}_t \cdot \mathbf{U}^{\top} \mathbf{x}_t) + \text{tr}(\mathbf{U}^{\top} (b\mathbf{I} + \sum_{t \in \mathcal{Z}} a_t \mathbf{x}_t \mathbf{x}_t^{\top}) \mathbf{U}).
\end{aligned}$$

Assume that $\mathbf{A}_{\mathcal{Z}} = b\mathbf{I} + \sum_{t \in \mathcal{Z}} a_t \mathbf{x}_t \mathbf{x}_t^{\top}$, and $\sigma_t = \frac{1}{2} a_t^2 \mathbf{x}_t^{\top} \mathbf{A}_t^{-1} \mathbf{x}_t$ we obtain,

$$\sum_{t \in \mathcal{Z}} (-\mathbf{f}_t \mathbf{y}_t - \sigma_t) \leq - \sum_{t \in \mathcal{Z}} a_t \mathbf{y}_t \cdot \mathbf{U}^{\top} \mathbf{x}_t + \frac{1}{2} \text{tr}(\mathbf{U}^{\top} \mathbf{A}_{\mathcal{Z}} \mathbf{U}),$$

where we omit $\|\mathbf{f}_t\|^2$ since it does not affect the upper bound. We add $\sum_t a_t$ on the both sides with $a_t = \frac{1}{1-\mathbf{x}_t^\top \mathbf{A}_{t-1}^{-1} \mathbf{x}_t} \geq 1$,

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_t (1 - \mathbf{f}_t \mathbf{y}_t - \sigma_t) &\leq \sum_t (a_t - \mathbf{f}_t \mathbf{y}_t - \sigma_t) \\ &\leq \sum_t a_t (1 - \mathbf{y}_t \cdot \mathbf{U}^\top \mathbf{x}_t) + \frac{1}{2} \text{tr}(\mathbf{U}^\top \mathbf{A}_Z \mathbf{U}) \leq \sum_t a_t \tilde{\mathcal{L}}(\mathbf{y}_t \cdot \mathbf{U}^\top \mathbf{x}_t) + \frac{1}{2} \text{tr}(\mathbf{U}^\top \mathbf{A}_Z \mathbf{U}), \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

where the last inequality holds due to hinge loss $\tilde{\mathcal{L}}(x) = \max(0, 1 - x) \geq 1 - x$. There are two types of update trials: (I) when an error occurs, i.e., $t \in \mathcal{M}$ and $-\mathbf{f}_t \mathbf{y}_t \geq 0$,

$$\sum_t (1 - \mathbf{f}_t \mathbf{y}_t - \sigma_t) \geq M - \sum_{t \in \mathcal{M}} \sigma_t;$$

and (II) when no error occurs, i.e., $t \in \mathcal{D}$ and $0 \leq \mathbf{f}_t \mathbf{y}_t \leq \sigma_t \Rightarrow -\mathbf{f}_t \mathbf{y}_t + \sigma_t \geq 0$,

$$\sum_t (1 - \mathbf{f}_t \mathbf{y}_t + \sigma_t - 2\sigma_t) \geq D - 2 \sum_{t \in \mathcal{D}} \sigma_t.$$

Combining two cases with the upper bound (1), and substituting the inequality $\sum_{t \in \mathcal{Z}} \sigma_t \leq \frac{b}{2(b-1)} \log(\frac{1}{b} \mathbf{A}_Z)$ inspired by [3], we finish the proof. \square

2 Proof of Theory 3

Note that the update rule is

$$\mathbf{B}_t = \mathbf{B}_{t-1} + a_t \mathbf{x}_t \mathbf{y}_t^\top \quad \mathbf{A}_t = \mathbf{A}_{t-1} + a_t \mathbf{x}_t \mathbf{x}_t^\top,$$

or $\mathbf{A}_t^{-1} = \mathbf{A}_{t-1}^{-1} - \mathbf{A}_{t-1}^{-1} \mathbf{x}_t \mathbf{x}_t^\top \mathbf{A}_{t-1}^{-1}$ according to Woodbury identity. Given an annotation $\mathcal{D}_t(\mathbf{U}, \mathbf{V}) = \|\mathbf{U} - \mathbf{V}\|_{\mathbf{A}_t}^2$, the following equations can be derived,

$$a_t (\|\mathbf{y}_t - \mathbf{W}_{t-1}^\top \mathbf{x}_t\|^2 - \|\mathbf{y}_t - \mathbf{U}^\top \mathbf{x}_t\|^2) = \mathcal{D}_{t-1}(\mathbf{U}, \mathbf{W}_{t-1}) - \mathcal{D}_t(\mathbf{U}, \mathbf{W}_t) + \mathcal{D}_t(\mathbf{W}_{t-1}, \mathbf{W}_t), \quad (2)$$

$$a_t^2 \|\mathbf{y}_t - \mathbf{W}_{t-1}^\top \mathbf{x}_t\|^2 \mathbf{x}_t^\top \mathbf{A}_t^{-1} \mathbf{x}_t = \mathcal{D}_t(\mathbf{W}_{t-1}, \mathbf{W}_t). \quad (3)$$

Assume that $\ell_t(\mathbf{U}) = \|\mathbf{y}_t - \mathbf{U}^\top \mathbf{x}_t\|^2 \leq r$, ($r > 1$) for any $\mathbf{U} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times K}$ and $a_t = \frac{1}{1-\mathbf{x}_t^\top \mathbf{A}_{t-1}^{-1} \mathbf{x}_t} \leq \frac{b}{b-1}$ for any $t \in [T]$, the cumulative sum of Eq. (3) can be bounded,

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{t=1}^T \mathcal{D}_t(\mathbf{W}_{t-1}, \mathbf{W}_t) &= \sum_{t=1}^T a_t^2 \|\mathbf{y}_t - \mathbf{W}_{t-1}^\top \mathbf{x}_t\|^2 \mathbf{x}_t^\top \mathbf{A}_t^{-1} \mathbf{x}_t \\ &\leq \frac{rb}{b-1} \sum_{t=1}^T a_t \mathbf{x}_t^\top \mathbf{A}_t^{-1} \mathbf{x}_t \leq \frac{rb}{b-1} \sum_{t=1}^T \log \frac{|\mathbf{A}_t|}{|\mathbf{A}_t - a_t \mathbf{x}_t \mathbf{x}_t^\top|} \\ &= \frac{rb}{b-1} \log \left| \frac{1}{b} \mathbf{A}_T \right|, \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

where the last inequality is similar to the proof of Theorem 5 in [3]. Equipped with the bound (4), the cumulative sum of Eq. (2) can be bounded

$$\sum_{s=1}^{t-1} a_s (\|\mathbf{y}_s - \mathbf{W}_{s-1}^\top \mathbf{x}_s\|^2 - \|\mathbf{y}_s - \mathbf{U}^\top \mathbf{x}_s\|^2) \leq \mathcal{D}_0(\mathbf{U}, \mathbf{0}) - \mathcal{D}_{t-1}(\mathbf{U}, \mathbf{W}_{t-1}) + \frac{rb}{b-1} \log |\frac{1}{b} \mathbf{A}_{t-1}|. \quad (5)$$

According to the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality (dual norms), we have

$$\|\hat{\Delta}_t - \Delta_t\|^2 = \|(\mathbf{W}_{t-1}^\top - \mathbf{U}^\top) \mathbf{x}_t\|^2 \leq 2\mathbf{x}_t^\top \mathbf{A}_{t-1}^{-1} \mathbf{x}_t \mathcal{D}_{t-1}(\mathbf{U}, \mathbf{W}_{t-1}). \quad (6)$$

Due to $a_t = \frac{1}{1 - \mathbf{x}_t^\top \mathbf{A}_{t-1}^{-1} \mathbf{x}_t} > 1$ for all t , we can infer according to the proof of Lemma 2 to Lemma 5 in [1],

$$\sum_{s=1}^{t-1} a_s (\|\mathbf{y}_s - \mathbf{W}_{s-1}^\top \mathbf{x}_s\|^2 - \|\mathbf{y}_s - \mathbf{U}^\top \mathbf{x}_s\|^2) \geq -36 \log \frac{t+4}{\delta} \quad (7)$$

holds with probability at least $1 - \delta$ over the t rounds. Substituting Eq. (5)-Eq. (7), we obtain for any $\mathbf{U} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times K}$,

$$\|\hat{\Delta}_t - \Delta_t\|^2 \leq 2\mathbf{x}_t^\top \mathbf{A}_{t-1}^{-1} \mathbf{x}_t \left(b\|\mathbf{U}\|_F^2 + \frac{rb}{b-1} \log |\frac{1}{b} \mathbf{A}_{t-1}| + 36 \log \frac{t+4}{\delta} \right) \quad (8)$$

hold with probability at least $1 - \delta$ over the $t - 1$ rounds.

Since $\mathbf{A}_t^{-1} \preceq \mathbf{A}_{t-1}^{-1}$, we have $\mathbf{x}_t^\top \mathbf{A}_{t-1}^{-1} \mathbf{x}_t \leq \dots \leq \mathbf{x}_t^\top \mathbf{A}_0^{-1} \mathbf{x}_t = \frac{1}{b} \|\mathbf{x}_t\|^2$. Assume that $\|\mathbf{x}_t\| \leq 1$, we infer that $0 \leq \mathbf{x}_t^\top \mathbf{A}_{t-1}^{-1} \mathbf{x}_t \leq \frac{1}{b}$ where we let $b > 1$. Thus,

$$1 - \mathbf{x}_t^\top \mathbf{A}_{t-1}^{-1} \mathbf{x}_t \geq 1 - \frac{1}{b} \Rightarrow \frac{b}{b-1} (1 - \mathbf{x}_t^\top \mathbf{A}_{t-1}^{-1} \mathbf{x}_t) \geq 1.$$

Multiplying $\mathbf{x}_t^\top \mathbf{A}_{t-1}^{-1} \mathbf{x}_t$ on both sides, we obtain

$$\mathbf{x}_t^\top \mathbf{A}_{t-1}^{-1} \mathbf{x}_t \leq \frac{b}{b-1} \mathbf{x}_t^\top (\mathbf{A}_{t-1}^{-1} - \mathbf{A}_{t-1}^{-1} \mathbf{x}_t \mathbf{x}_t^\top \mathbf{A}_{t-1}^{-1}) \mathbf{x}_t = \frac{b}{b-1} \mathbf{x}_t^\top \mathbf{A}_t^{-1} \mathbf{x}_t. \quad (9)$$

Substituting Eq. (9) into Eq. (8), we obtain,

$$\begin{aligned} \|\hat{\Delta}_t - \Delta_t\|^2 &\leq \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{b}{b-1} \right)^2 \mathbf{x}_t^\top \mathbf{A}_t^{-1} \mathbf{x}_t \left(4(b-1)\|\mathbf{U}\|_F^2 + 4r \log |\frac{1}{b} \mathbf{A}_{t-1}| + \frac{b-1}{b} 144 \log \frac{t+4}{\delta} \right) \\ &\leq \sigma_t \left(\frac{b}{b-1} \right)^2 \left(4(b-1)\|\mathbf{U}\|_F^2 + 4r \log |\frac{1}{b} \mathbf{A}_{t-1}| + 144 \log \frac{t+4}{\delta} \right), \end{aligned}$$

where $\sigma_t = \frac{1}{2} a_t^2 \mathbf{x}_t^\top \mathbf{A}_t^{-1} \mathbf{x}_t$ and the last inequality holds due to $a_t \geq 1$. We assume that

$$\varphi_t^2 = \left(\frac{b}{b-1} \right)^2 \left(4(b-1)\|\mathbf{U}\|_F^2 + 4r \log |\frac{1}{b} \mathbf{A}_{t-1}| + 144 \log \frac{t+4}{\delta} \right), \quad (10)$$

and bound the cumulative sum of σ_t for $t \in [T]$,

$$\sum_{s=1}^T \sigma_s = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{s=1}^T a_s^2 \mathbf{x}_s^\top \mathbf{A}_s^{-1} \mathbf{x}_s \leq \frac{b}{2(b-1)} \log \left| \frac{1}{b} \mathbf{A}_T \right| \leq \frac{b}{2(b-1)} K n \log \left(1 + \frac{T}{K n b} \right).$$

Assume that

$$H_1 = 2(b-1) \|\mathbf{U}\|_F^2 + 72 \log \frac{t+4}{\delta}, \quad H_2 = 2K n r \log \left(1 + \frac{T}{K n b} \right)$$

we have that

$$\sum_{t=1}^T \|\hat{\Delta}_t - \Delta_t\|^2 \leq \sum_{t=1}^T \varphi_t^2 \sigma_t \leq 2(H_1 + H_2) \left(\frac{b}{b-1} \right)^2 \sum_{t=1}^T \sigma_t \leq \left(\frac{b}{b-1} \right)^3 (H_1 + H_2) H_2. \quad (11)$$

with probability at least $1 - \delta$ over T rounds. Since $\sum_{t=1}^T A_t^2 \leq M$ implies $\sum_{t=1}^T A_t \leq \sqrt{TM}$, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{t=1}^T (\mathbb{P}_t(y_t \neq \hat{y}_t) - \mathbb{P}_t(y_t \neq y_t^*)) &\leq \sum_{t=1}^T |\Delta_t - \hat{\Delta}_t| \\ &\leq \sqrt{\left(\frac{b}{b-1} \right)^3 T \sqrt{H_1 H_2 + H_2^2}} \leq \sqrt{\left(\frac{b}{b-1} \right)^3 T (\sqrt{H_1 H_2} + H_2)}, \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

where the last inequality holds due to $\sqrt{A+B} \leq \sqrt{A} + \sqrt{B}$.

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