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 $\ell_t(alg) = \|\mathbf{y}_t - \mathbf{f}_t\|^2$, we have

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

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

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

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,

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

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 $a_t = \frac{1}{1 - \mathbf{x}_t^{\top} \mathbf{A}_{t-1}^{-1} \mathbf{x}_t} \ge 1$,

$$\sum_{t} (1 - \mathbf{f}_{t} \mathbf{y}_{t} - \sigma_{t}) \leq \sum_{t} (a_{t} - \mathbf{f}_{t} \mathbf{y}_{t} - \sigma_{t})$$

$$\leq \sum_{t} a_{t} (1 - \mathbf{y}_{t} \cdot \mathbf{U}^{\top} \mathbf{x}_{t}) + \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{tr}(\mathbf{U}^{\top} \mathbf{A}_{z} \mathbf{U}) \leq \sum_{t} a_{t} \tilde{\mathcal{L}}(\mathbf{y}_{t} \cdot \mathbf{U}^{\top} \mathbf{x}_{t}) + \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{tr}(\mathbf{U}^{\top} \mathbf{A}_{z} \mathbf{U}),$$
(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 $-\mathbf{f}_t \mathbf{y}_t \geq 0$,

$$\sum_{t} (1 - \mathbf{f}_{t} \mathbf{y}_{t} - \sigma_{t}) \ge M - \sum_{t \in \mathcal{M}} \sigma_{t};$$

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

$$\sum_{t} (1 - \mathbf{f}_{t} \mathbf{y}_{t} + \sigma_{t} - 2\sigma_{t}) \ge D - 2 \sum_{t \in \mathcal{D}} \sigma_{t}.$$

Combining two cases with the upper bound (1), and substituting the inequality $\sum_{t \in \mathcal{Z}} \sigma_t \leq \frac{b}{2(b-1)} \ln(\frac{1}{b} \mathbf{A}_{\mathcal{Z}})$ 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,

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

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

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

$$\sum_{t=1}^{T} \mathcal{D}_{t}(\mathbf{W}_{t-1}, \mathbf{W}_{t}) = \sum_{t=1}^{T} a_{t}^{2} \|\mathbf{y}_{t} - \mathbf{W}_{t-1}^{\top} \mathbf{x}_{t}\|^{2} \mathbf{x}_{t}^{\top} \mathbf{A}_{t}^{-1} \mathbf{x}_{t}$$

$$\leq \frac{rb}{b-1} \sum_{t=1}^{T} a_{t} \mathbf{x}_{t}^{\top} \mathbf{A}_{t}^{-1} \mathbf{x}_{t} \leq \frac{rb}{b-1} \sum_{t=1}^{T} \ln \frac{|\mathbf{A}_{t}|}{|\mathbf{A}_{t} - a_{t} \mathbf{x}_{t} \mathbf{x}_{t}^{\top}|}$$

$$= \frac{rb}{b-1} \ln \left| \frac{1}{b} \mathbf{A}_{T} \right|, \tag{4}$$

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

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

$$(5)$$

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

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

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

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

$$\|\hat{\Delta}_t - \Delta_t\|^2 \le 2\mathbf{x}^{\top} \mathbf{A}_{t-1}^{-1} \mathbf{x}_t \left(b \|\mathbf{U}\|_F^2 + \frac{rb}{b-1} \ln |\frac{1}{b} \mathbf{A}_{t-1}| + 36 \log \frac{t+4}{\delta} \right)$$
(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 $\mathbf{x}_t^{\top} \mathbf{A}_{t-1}^{-1} \mathbf{x}_t \leq \ldots \leq \mathbf{x}_t^{\top} \mathbf{A}_0^{-1} \mathbf{x}_t = \frac{1}{b} \|\mathbf{x}_t\|^2$. 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.

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

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

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

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

$$\|\hat{\Delta}_{t} - \Delta_{t}\|^{2} \leq \frac{1}{2} (\frac{b}{b-1})^{2} \mathbf{x}_{t}^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{A}_{t}^{-1} \mathbf{x}_{t} \left(4(b-1) \|\mathbf{U}\|_{F}^{2} + 4r \ln |\frac{1}{b} \mathbf{A}_{t-1}| + \frac{b-1}{b} 144 \log \frac{t+4}{\delta} \right)$$

$$\leq \sigma_{t} (\frac{b}{b-1})^{2} \left(4(b-1) \|\mathbf{U}\|_{F}^{2} + 4r \ln |\frac{1}{b} \mathbf{A}_{t-1}| + 144 \log \frac{t+4}{\delta} \right),$$

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

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

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

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

Assume that

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

we have that

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

$$\sum_{t=1}^{T} (\mathbb{P}_{t}(y_{t} \neq \hat{y}_{t}) - \mathbb{P}_{t}(y_{t} \neq y_{t}^{*})) \leq \sum_{t=1}^{T} |\Delta_{t} - \hat{\Delta}_{t}|
\leq \sqrt{(\frac{b}{b-1})^{3}T} \sqrt{H_{1}H_{2} + H_{2}^{2}} \leq \sqrt{(\frac{b}{b-1})^{3}T} (\sqrt{H_{1}H_{2}} + H_{2}), \tag{12}$$

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

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