

A APPENDIX

Proof of Lemma 2. Since w_{t+1} and w_t represents the model parameters in $(t+1)$ th iteration and t th iteration respectively, following the first stage of our framework. More specifically, a subset S_t of size an with the smallest losses is selected. w_{t+1} is the minimizer on the selected set. Denote W_t as the diagonal matrix whose diagonal entry $W_{t,ii}$ equals 1 when the i th instance is in set S_t , otherwise 0. Then, assume that we take infinite steps and reach the optimal solution, we have:

$$w_{t+1} = (\Phi(X)^\top W_t \Phi(X))^{-1} \Phi(X)^\top W_t y$$

where $\Phi(X)$ is an $n \times d$ matrix, whose i th row is $\delta(x_i)^\top$, and we have used the fact that $W_t^2 = W_t$. Remained that for the feature matrix $\Phi(X)$, we have defined in Equation 7. For $\Phi(X)$ whose every row follows i.i.d. sub-Gaussian random vector, by using concentration of the spectral norm of Gaussian matrices, and uniform bound, $\Phi(X)$ is a regular feature matrix.

On the other hand, denote W^* as the ground truth diagonal matrix for the training instances, i.e., $W_{ii}^* = 1$ if the i th instance is a clean instance, otherwise $W_{ii}^* = 0$. Accordingly, define S^* as the ground truth set of clean instances. For clearness of the presentation, we may drop the subscript t when there is no ambiguity. For mislabeled instances, the output is written in the form of $y_i = r_i + n_i$ where n_i represents the observation noise, and y_i depends on the specific setting we consider. Under this general representation, we can re-write the term w_{t+1} as

$$\begin{aligned} w_{t+1} &= (\Phi(X)^\top W \Phi(X))^{-1} \Phi(X)^\top W (W^* \Phi(X) w_c^* + (I - W^*)r + e) \\ &= w_c^* + (\Phi(X)^\top W \Phi(X))^{-1} (\Phi(X)^\top W W^* \Phi(X) w_c^* \\ &\quad + \Phi(X)^\top W r - \Phi(X)^\top W W^* r - \Phi(X)^\top W \Phi(X) w_c^* + \Phi(X)^\top W e) \\ &= w_c^* + (\Phi(X)^\top W \Phi(X))^{-1} \Phi(X)^\top (W W^* - W) (\Phi(X) w_c^* - r - e) \\ &\quad + (\Phi(X)^\top W \Phi(X))^{-1} \Phi(X)^\top W W^* e \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the l_2 distance between the learned parameter and ground truth parameter can be bounded by:

$$\begin{aligned} \|w_{t+1} - w_c^*\| &= \|(\Phi(X)^\top W \Phi(X))^{-1} \Phi(X)^\top (W W^* - W) \\ &\quad (\Phi(X) w_c^* - r - e) + (\Phi(X)^\top W \Phi(X))^{-1} \Phi(X)^\top W W^* e\|_2 \\ &\leq \underbrace{\|(\Phi(X)^\top W \Phi(X))^{-1}\|_2}_{v_1} \cdot \\ &\quad \left(\underbrace{\|\Phi(X)^\top (W W^* - W) (\Phi(X) w_c^* - r - e)\|_2}_{v_2} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \underbrace{\|\Phi(X)^\top W W^* e\|_2}_{v_3} \right) \end{aligned}$$

where basic spectral norm inequalities and triangle inequalities. For the term v_1 , notice that W selects an rows of $\Phi(X)$, i.e., $\text{Tr}(W) = an$. Therefore, $v_1 \leq \frac{1}{\Psi^-(an)}$.

Next, the term v_2 can be bounded as:

$$\begin{aligned} v_2^2 &= \|(\Phi(X)^\top (W - W W^*) (\Phi(X) w_c^* - r - e)\|_2^2 \\ &= (\Phi(X) w_c^* - r - e)^\top \\ &\quad [(W - W W^*) \Phi(X) \Phi(X)^\top (W - W W^*)] (\Phi(X) w_c^* - r - e) \\ &\leq 2(\Phi(X) w_c^* - \Phi(X) w_t)^\top \\ &\quad [(W - W W^*) \Phi(X) \Phi(X)^\top (W - W W^*)] (\Phi(X) w_c^* - \Phi(X) w_t) \\ &\quad + 2(\Phi(X) w_t - r - e)^\top \\ &\quad [(W - W W^*) \Phi(X) \Phi(X)^\top (W - W W^*)] (\Phi(X) w_t - r - e) \\ &\leq 2\sigma_{\max}(\Phi(X)^\top (W - W W^*) \Phi(X))^2 \|w_c^* - w_t\|_2^2 \\ &\quad + 2(\Phi(X) w_t - r - e)^\top \\ &\quad [(W - W W^*) \Phi(X) \Phi(X)^\top (W - W W^*)] (\Phi(X) w_t - r - e) \end{aligned}$$

For the first term $2\sigma_{\max}(\Phi(X)^\top(W - WW^*)\Phi(X))^2\|w_c^* - w_t\|_2^2$, let $|S_t \setminus S^*|$ be the number of mislabeled samples in S_t . Then, the eigenvalue is bounded by $\Psi^+(|S_t \setminus S^*|)$. And the last term $2(\Phi(X)w_t - r - e)^\top[(W - WW^*)\Phi(X)\Phi(X)^\top(W - WW^*)](\Phi(X)w_t - r - e)$ is defined as $\kappa_t := \kappa(S_t, S^*, \|w_c^* - w_t\|_2) = \|\sum_{i \in S \setminus S^*} (\delta(x_i)^\top w_t r_i - e_i) \delta(x_i)\|_2$. The term v_3 can be bounded as:

$$\begin{aligned} v_3^2 &= \|\Phi(X)^\top WW^* e\|_2^2 \\ &\leq e^\top \Phi(X) \Phi(X)^\top e \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^d \left(\sum_{j=1}^n e_j \delta(x_j)_i \right)^2 \\ &\leq c \sum_{i=1}^n \|\delta(x_i)\|_2^2 \log n \sigma^2 \end{aligned}$$

where the last inequality holds with high probability by the subexponential concentration property, and all randomness comes from the measurement noise e . Then, as a summary, combining the results for all three terms, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \|w_{t+1} - w_c^*\|_2 &\leq \frac{\sqrt{2}\Psi^+(|S_t \setminus S^*|)}{\Psi^-(\alpha n)} \|w_t - w_c^*\|_2 \\ &\quad + \frac{\sqrt{2}\kappa(S_t, S^*, \|w_c^* - w_t\|_2)}{\Psi^-(\alpha n)} \\ &\quad + c \frac{\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n \|\delta(x_i)\|_2^2 \log n \sigma}}{\Psi^-(\alpha n)} \end{aligned}$$