

Proof Sketch of Theorem 4.8 without fixing classifiers. Let $S := \sum_{k=1}^K f_k n_k$, and $\bar{\mathbf{w}}^{(k)} := \frac{1}{f_k} \sum_{j=1}^{f_k} \mathbf{w}_j^{(k)\top}$

$$\frac{1}{2S} \|\mathbf{W}\mathbf{H} - \mathbf{Y}\|_F^2 + \frac{\lambda_H}{2} \|\mathbf{H}\|_F^2 + \frac{\lambda \mathbf{w}_0}{2} \|\mathbf{W}_0\|_F^2 \quad (1)$$

$$\stackrel{(a)}{\geq} \frac{1}{2S} \sum_{k=1}^K \sum_{i=j}^{f_k} n_k \frac{1}{n_k} \sum_{i=1}^{n_k} \left(\mathbf{w}_j^{(k)\top} \mathbf{h}_{k,i} - 1 \right)^2 + \frac{\lambda_H}{2} \sum_{k=1}^K n_k \frac{1}{n_k} \sum_{i=1}^{n_k} \|\mathbf{h}_{k,i}\|_2^2 + \frac{\lambda \mathbf{w}_0}{2} \sum_{k=1}^K \|\mathbf{w}_k\|_2^2 \quad (2)$$

$$\stackrel{(b)}{\geq} \frac{1}{2S} \sum_{k=1}^K \sum_{j=1}^{f_k} n_k \left(\mathbf{w}_j^{(k)\top} \frac{1}{n_k} \sum_{i=1}^{n_k} \mathbf{h}_{k,i} - 1 \right)^2 + \frac{\lambda_H}{2} \sum_{k=1}^K n_k \left\| \frac{1}{n_k} \sum_{i=1}^{n_k} \mathbf{h}_{k,i} \right\|_2^2 + \frac{\lambda \mathbf{w}_0}{2} \sum_{k=1}^K \|\mathbf{w}_k\|_2^2 \quad (3)$$

$$\stackrel{(c)}{\geq} \frac{1}{2S} \sum_{k=1}^K n_k f_k \left(\bar{\mathbf{w}}^{(k)\top} \mathbf{h}_k - 1 \right)^2 + \frac{\lambda_H}{2} \sum_{k=1}^K n_k \|\mathbf{h}_k\|_2^2 + \frac{\lambda \mathbf{w}_0}{2} \sum_{k=1}^K \|\mathbf{w}_k\|_2^2 \quad (4)$$

$$\geq \frac{1}{2S} \min_{\mathbf{H}, \mathbf{W}} \sum_{k=1}^K n_k \left[f_k \left(\bar{\mathbf{w}}^{(k)\top} \mathbf{h}_k - 1 \right)^2 + \lambda_H S \|\mathbf{h}_k\|_2^2 + \frac{\lambda \mathbf{w}_0 S}{n_k} \|\mathbf{w}_k\|_2^2 \right] \quad (5)$$

$$\stackrel{(d)}{=} \frac{1}{2S} \sum_{k=1}^K n_k \min_{\mathbf{h}_k, \mathbf{w}_k} \left[f_k \left(\bar{\mathbf{w}}^{(k)\top} \mathbf{h}_k - 1 \right)^2 + \lambda_H S \|\mathbf{h}_k\|_2^2 + \frac{\lambda \mathbf{w}_0 S}{n_k} \|\mathbf{w}_k\|_2^2 \right] \quad (6)$$

$$\stackrel{(e)}{\geq} \frac{1}{2S} \sum_{k=1}^K n_k \min_{\mathbf{h}_k, \mathbf{w}_k} \left[f_k \left(\bar{\mathbf{w}}^{(k)\top} \mathbf{h}_k - 1 \right)^2 + 2S \sqrt{\frac{\lambda_H \lambda \mathbf{w}_0}{n_k}} \|\mathbf{h}_k\| \|\mathbf{w}_k\| \right] \quad (7)$$

We observe that the equality of (e) holds only when $\lambda \mathbf{w}_0 \|\mathbf{w}_k\|^2 = n_k \lambda_H \|\mathbf{h}_k\|^2$ by Young's Inequality. \square