

# Efficient Bounds and Estimates for Canonical Angles in Randomized Subspace Approximations

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## Outline

- **Problem setup: randomized subspace approximations & canonical angles**
- Prior probabilistic bounds/estimates & posterior residual-based guarantees
- Numerical comparisons: effectiveness of canonical angle bounds & estimates in practice

# Leading Singular Subspaces

- Singular value decomposition (SVD)

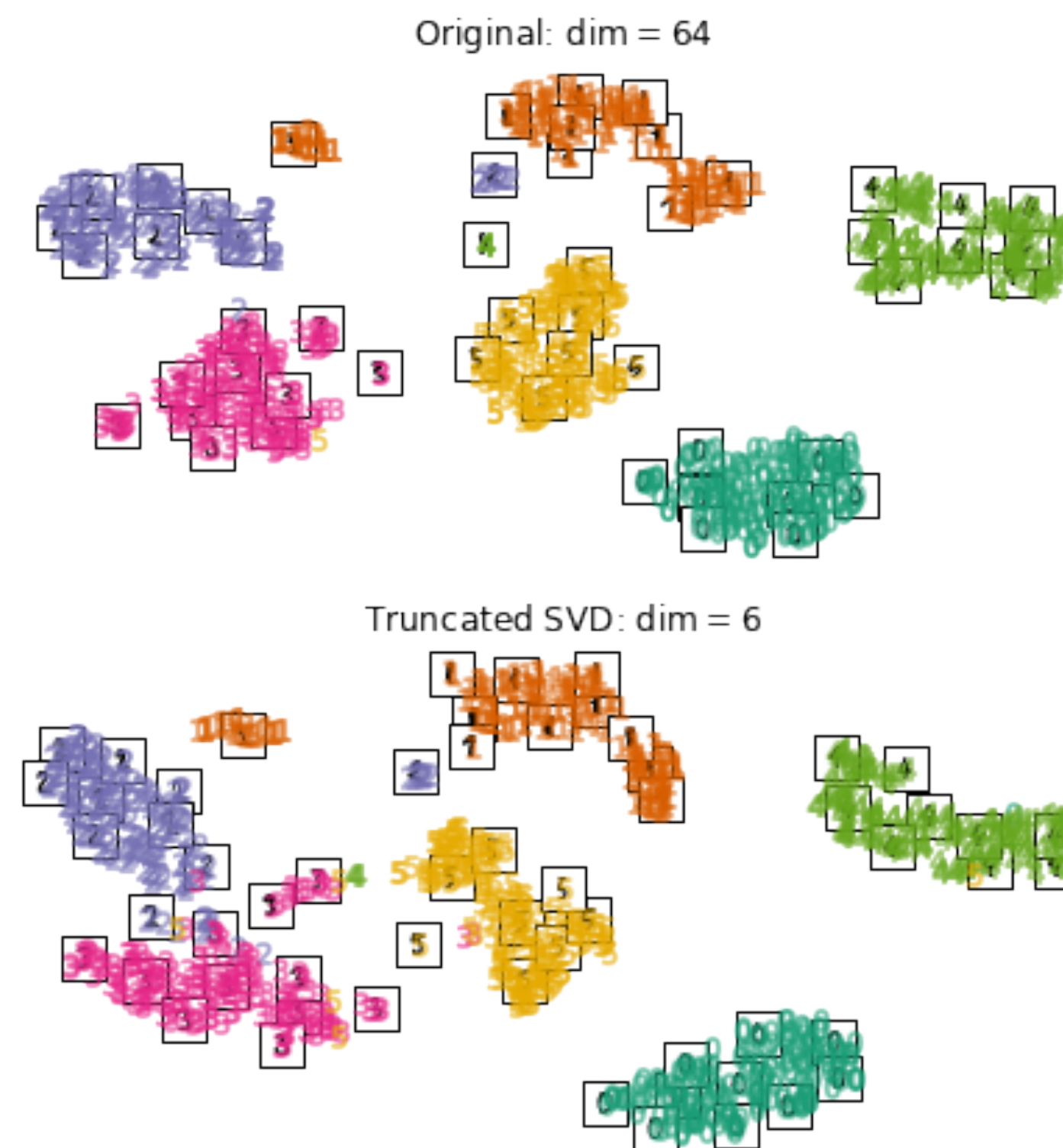
Given  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times n}$ ,  $1 \leq k \leq r = \text{rank}(\mathbf{A})$ , rank-k truncated SVD:

$$\mathbf{A}_k = \underset{m \times k}{\mathbf{U}_k} \underset{k \times k}{\mathbf{\Sigma}_k} \underset{k \times n}{\mathbf{V}_k^*}$$

- Maximum-k singular values:  $\mathbf{\Sigma}_k = \text{diag}(\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_k)$
- **Leading-k singular subspaces:**  $\mathbf{U}_k^* \mathbf{U}_k = \mathbf{V}_k^* \mathbf{V}_k = \mathbf{I}_k$
- Eckart–Young–Mirsky theorem

$$\mathbf{A}_k = \min_{\text{rank}(\widehat{\mathbf{A}}) \leq k} \|\mathbf{A} - \widehat{\mathbf{A}}\|_F$$

- Truncated SVD provides the optimal rank-k approximation
- Broad Applications
  - Low-rank approximations, PCA, CCA, spectral clustering, leverage score sampling, etc.



**Spectral clustering** on the dimension-6 leading singular subspace of a mini-MNIST dataset (8 × 8 images of digits 0-5)

**Sketching:** Approximate leading singular subspaces efficiently for large matrices

**Questions:** How accurate are these approximations? Tight & efficiently computable error bounds & estimates?

# Randomized Subspace Approximations with Sketching

- Inputs:  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times n}$ , sample size  $l$  with  $k < l \leq r = \text{rank}(\mathbf{A})$  (e.g.,  $l = 2k \ll r$ ), number of power iterations  $q \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$  ( $q \leq 2$  usually)
- Outputs:  $\text{RSVD}(\mathbf{A}, l, q) = (\widehat{\mathbf{U}}_l \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times l}, \widehat{\mathbf{\Sigma}}_l \in \mathbb{C}^{l \times l}, \widehat{\mathbf{V}}_l \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times l})$  such that  $\widehat{\mathbf{A}}_l = \widehat{\mathbf{U}}_l \widehat{\mathbf{\Sigma}}_l \widehat{\mathbf{V}}_l^* \approx \mathbf{A}$

## 1. **Randomized linear embedding** (Johnson-Lindenstrauss transforms, etc.)

- Draw  $\mathbf{\Omega} \sim P(\mathbb{C}^{n \times l})$  with i.i.d. entries  $\Omega_{ij} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, l^{-1})$  such that  $\mathbb{E}[\mathbf{\Omega}\mathbf{\Omega}^*] = \mathbf{I}_n$

Isotropic embedding

## 2. **Sketching** with power iterations

- Randomized **power** iterations (unstable):  $\mathbf{X}^{(q)} = (\mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^*)^q \mathbf{A}\mathbf{\Omega}$
- Randomized **subspace** iterations (stable):  $\mathbf{X}^{(0)} = \text{ortho}(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{\Omega})$ ,  $\mathbf{X}^{(i)} = \text{ortho}(\mathbf{A} \text{ ortho}(\mathbf{A}^* \mathbf{X}^{(i-1)})) \forall i \in [q]$

## 3. $\mathbf{Q}_X = \text{ortho}(\mathbf{X}^{(q)})$

## 4. $[\widetilde{\mathbf{U}}_l, \widehat{\mathbf{\Sigma}}_l, \widehat{\mathbf{V}}_l] = \text{svd}(\mathbf{A}^* \mathbf{Q}_X)$

## 5. $\widehat{\mathbf{U}}_l = \mathbf{Q}_X \widetilde{\mathbf{U}}_l$

Key observations: with  $\mathbf{\Sigma}$  being the spectrum of  $\mathbf{A}$

- For any  $q \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $q$  power iterations correspond to  $\mathbf{\Sigma}^{2q+1}$
- Compared to  $\widehat{\mathbf{U}}_l$ ,  $\widehat{\mathbf{V}}_l$  enjoys half more power iterations (i.e.,  $\mathbf{\Sigma}^{2q+2}$ )

# Canonical Angles: Alignment between Subspaces

- Canonical angles  $\angle(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{V}) = (\theta_1, \dots, \theta_k)$  measure the alignment between two subspaces  $\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{V} \subseteq \mathbb{C}^d$  with dimensions  $k, l \leq d$  respectively ( $k < l$  w.l.o.g), e.g.,
- True leading singular subspace:  $\mathcal{U} = \text{range}(\mathbf{U}_k)$
- Approximated leading singular subspace:  $\mathcal{V} = \text{range}(\widehat{\mathbf{U}}_l)$
- Left & right **canonical angles** of  $\text{RSVD}(\mathbf{A}, l, q) = (\widehat{\mathbf{U}}_l, \widehat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_l, \widehat{\mathbf{V}}_l)$ :  $\forall i \in [k]$ ,

$$\sin \angle_i(\mathbf{U}_k, \widehat{\mathbf{U}}_l) = \sigma_{k-i+1}((\mathbf{I}_m - \widehat{\mathbf{U}}_l \widehat{\mathbf{U}}_l^*) \mathbf{U}_k), \quad \cos \angle_i(\mathbf{U}_k, \widehat{\mathbf{U}}_l) = \sigma_i(\widehat{\mathbf{U}}_l^* \mathbf{U}_k)$$

$$\sin \angle_i(\mathbf{V}_k, \widehat{\mathbf{V}}_l) = \sigma_{k-i+1}((\mathbf{I}_m - \widehat{\mathbf{V}}_l \widehat{\mathbf{V}}_l^*) \mathbf{V}_k), \quad \cos \angle_i(\mathbf{V}_k, \widehat{\mathbf{V}}_l) = \sigma_i(\widehat{\mathbf{V}}_l^* \mathbf{V}_k)$$

**Prior** v.s. **posterior** guarantees: computed **without** v.s. **with** the outputs  $(\widehat{\mathbf{U}}_l, \widehat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_l, \widehat{\mathbf{V}}_l)$

- Prior guarantees are probabilistic, with randomness from  $\boldsymbol{\Omega} \sim P(\mathbb{C}^{n \times l})$
- Posterior guarantees are deterministic with given  $(\widehat{\mathbf{U}}_l, \widehat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_l, \widehat{\mathbf{V}}_l)$

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# Space-agnostic Prior Probabilistic Bounds

**Theorem 1.** (Space-agnostic bounds under multiplicative oversampling. (D., Martinsson, Nakatsukasa, 2022))

- With Gaussian embedding; small  $q \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $\eta \triangleq \left( \sum_{j=k+1}^r \sigma_j^{4q+4} \right)^2 / \sum_{j=k+1}^r \sigma_j^{2(4q+4)} = \Omega(l)$ ; oversampling  $l = \Omega(k)$ 
  - Notice that  $1 < \eta \leq r - k$  and usually  $r - k \gg l$ .  $\eta = \Omega(l)$  refers to a realistic case with non-negligible approximation error: when the tail of the spectrum  $\{\sigma_j\}_{j=k+1}^r$  remains non-trivial after  $q$  power iterations
- With high probability (at least  $1 - e^{-\Theta(k)} - e^{-\Theta(l)}$ ), there exist  $\epsilon_1 = \Theta(\sqrt{k/l})$ ,  $\epsilon_2 = \Theta(\sqrt{l/\eta})$ ,  $\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2 \in (0,1)$  such that,  $\forall i \in [k]$

$$\left( 1 + O_{\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2} \left( \frac{l \cdot \sigma_i^{4q+2}}{\sum_{j=k+1}^r \sigma_j^{4q+2}} \right) \right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \leq \sin \angle_i(\mathbf{U}_k, \widehat{\mathbf{U}}_l) \leq \left( 1 + \frac{1 - \epsilon_1}{1 + \epsilon_2} \cdot \frac{l \cdot \sigma_i^{4q+2}}{\sum_{j=k+1}^r \sigma_j^{4q+2}} \right)^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$\left( 1 + O_{\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2} \left( \frac{l \cdot \sigma_i^{4q+4}}{\sum_{j=k+1}^r \sigma_j^{4q+4}} \right) \right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \leq \sin \angle_i(\mathbf{V}_k, \widehat{\mathbf{V}}_l) \leq \left( 1 + \frac{1 - \epsilon_1}{1 + \epsilon_2} \cdot \frac{l \cdot \sigma_i^{4q+4}}{\sum_{j=k+1}^r \sigma_j^{4q+4}} \right)^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

- **In practice**, taking  $\epsilon_1 = \sqrt{k/l}$ ,  $\epsilon_2 = \sqrt{l/(r-k)}$  is sufficient for upper bounds when  $l \geq 1.6k$  and  $q \leq 10$

# Comparison with Existing Prior Probabilistic Guarantees

- Given  $\mathbf{\Omega} \sim P(\mathbb{C}^{n \times l})$ , let  $\mathbf{\Omega}_1 \triangleq \mathbf{V}_k^* \mathbf{\Omega}$  and  $\mathbf{\Omega}_2 \triangleq \mathbf{V}_{r \setminus k}^* \mathbf{\Omega}$ . Then,  $\mathbf{\Omega}_1 \sim P(\mathbb{C}^{k \times l})$  and  $\mathbf{\Omega}_2 \sim P(\mathbb{C}^{(r-k) \times l})$
- Prior work (Saibaba, 2018)<sup>1</sup>:**

**Isotropic embedding:**  $\mathbf{\Omega}_1, \mathbf{\Omega}_2$  are agnostic of  $\mathbf{V}_k, \mathbf{V}_{r \setminus k}$

$$\sin \angle_i(\mathbf{U}_k, \widehat{\mathbf{U}}_l) \leq \left( 1 + \frac{\sigma_i^{4q+2}}{\sigma_{k+1}^{4q+2} \|\mathbf{\Omega}_2 \mathbf{\Omega}_1^\dagger\|_2^2} \right)^{-\frac{1}{2}}, \quad \sin \angle_i(\mathbf{V}_k, \widehat{\mathbf{V}}_l) \leq \left( 1 + \frac{\sigma_i^{4q+4}}{\sigma_{k+1}^{4q+4} \|\mathbf{\Omega}_2 \mathbf{\Omega}_1^\dagger\|_2^2} \right)^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

where for  $l \geq k + 2$ , given any  $\delta \in (0,1)$ , with probability at least  $1 - \delta$ ,

$$\|\mathbf{\Omega}_2 \mathbf{\Omega}_1^\dagger\|_2 \leq \frac{e\sqrt{l}}{l-k+1} \left( \frac{2}{\delta} \right)^{\frac{1}{l-k+1}} \left( \sqrt{n-k} + \sqrt{l} + \sqrt{2 \log \frac{2}{\delta}} \right) = \Omega \left( \sqrt{\frac{n-k}{l}} \right)$$

Recall the correspondence in Theorem 1:

$$\frac{1}{l} \sum_{j=k+1}^r \sigma_j^{4q+2} \leq \frac{n-k}{l} \sigma_{k+1}^{4q+2}$$

where the smaller values lead to the tighter upper bounds

- Theorem 1 is **space-agnostic** since the randomized linear embedding  $\mathbf{\Omega} \sim P(\mathbb{C}^{n \times l})$  is **isotropic**
  - Only depends on the spectrum  $\{\sigma_j\}_{j=1}^r$ , but not on the singular subspaces  $(\mathbf{U}_k, \mathbf{U}_{r \setminus k})$  or  $(\mathbf{V}_k, \mathbf{V}_{r \setminus k})$
  - In proof, we took an integrated view on the concentration of  $\sum_{r \setminus k}^{2q+1} \mathbf{\Omega}_2$

1. Saibaba, Arvind K. "Randomized subspace iteration: Analysis of canonical angles and unitarily invariant norms." *SIAM Journal on Matrix Analysis and Applications* 40.1 (2019): 23-48.



# Unbiased Space-agnostic Estimates

- Draw independent Gaussian random matrices  $\left\{ \mathbf{\Omega}_1^{(j)} \sim P(\mathbb{C}^{k \times l}) \mid j \in [N] \right\}$  and  $\left\{ \mathbf{\Omega}_2^{(j)} \sim P(\mathbb{C}^{(r-k) \times l}) \mid j \in [N] \right\}$
- Unbiased canonical angle estimates  $\alpha_i = \mathbb{E} \left[ \sin \angle_i(\mathbf{U}_k, \widehat{\mathbf{U}}_l) \right]$ ,  $\beta_i = \mathbb{E} \left[ \sin \angle_i(\mathbf{V}_k, \widehat{\mathbf{V}}_l) \right] \quad \forall i \in [k]$  such that

$$\sin \angle_i(\mathbf{U}_k, \widehat{\mathbf{U}}_l) \approx \alpha_i = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{j=1}^N \left( 1 + \sigma_i^2 \left( \mathbf{\Sigma}_k^{2q+1} \mathbf{\Omega}_1^{(j)} \left( \mathbf{\Sigma}_{r \setminus k}^{2q+1} \mathbf{\Omega}_2^{(j)} \right)^\dagger \right) \right)^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

Corresponds to  $\frac{1 \mp \epsilon_1}{1 \pm \epsilon_2} \cdot \frac{l \cdot \sigma_i^{4q+2}}{\sum_{j=k+1}^r \sigma_j^{4q+2}}$  in the upper/lower bounds of Theorem 1

$$\sin \angle_i(\mathbf{V}_k, \widehat{\mathbf{V}}_l) \approx \beta_i = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{j=1}^N \left( 1 + \sigma_i^2 \left( \mathbf{\Sigma}_k^{2q+2} \mathbf{\Omega}_1^{(j)} \left( \mathbf{\Sigma}_{r \setminus k}^{2q+2} \mathbf{\Omega}_2^{(j)} \right)^\dagger \right) \right)^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

- **Low variance** in practice (i.e., negligible when  $N \geq 3$ )
- **Can be computed efficiently** with  $O(Nrl^2)$  operations (for a given spectrum  $\mathbf{\Sigma}$ )
- **For any**  $k \leq l \leq r$ , without further assumptions on the sample size (e.g.,  $\eta = \Omega(l)$ ,  $l = \Omega(k)$ )

# Posterior Residual-based Guarantees

1. Posterior bounds based on full residuals: Theorem 2. (D., Martinsson, Nakatsukasa, 2022)

- $\sin \angle_i(\mathbf{U}_k, \widehat{\mathbf{U}}_l) \leq \frac{\sigma_{k-i+1} \left( \left( \mathbf{I}_m - \widehat{\mathbf{U}}_l \widehat{\mathbf{U}}_l^* \right) \mathbf{A} \right)}{\sigma_k} \wedge \frac{\sigma_1 \left( \left( \mathbf{I}_m - \widehat{\mathbf{U}}_l \widehat{\mathbf{U}}_l^* \right) \mathbf{A} \right)}{\sigma_i}$

- Deterministic and **algorithm-independent** (e.g., holds for any  $k \leq l \leq r$ , and any embedding  $\mathbf{\Omega}$ )
- Can be approximated with  $O(mnl)$  operations

2. Posterior bounds based on sub-residuals: Theorem 3.

- Let  $\mathbf{E}_{31} \triangleq \widehat{\mathbf{U}}_{m \setminus l}^* \mathbf{A} \widehat{\mathbf{V}}_k$ ,  $\mathbf{E}_{32} \triangleq \widehat{\mathbf{U}}_{m \setminus l}^* \mathbf{A} \widehat{\mathbf{V}}_{l \setminus k}$ ,  $\mathbf{E}_{33} \triangleq \widehat{\mathbf{U}}_{m \setminus l}^* \mathbf{A} \widehat{\mathbf{V}}_{n \setminus l}$ ,  $\Gamma_1 \triangleq \frac{\sigma_k^2 - \|\mathbf{E}_{33}\|_2^2}{\sigma_k}$ ,  $\Gamma_2 \triangleq \frac{\sigma_k^2 - \|\mathbf{E}_{33}\|_2^2}{\|\mathbf{E}_{33}\|_2}$ .

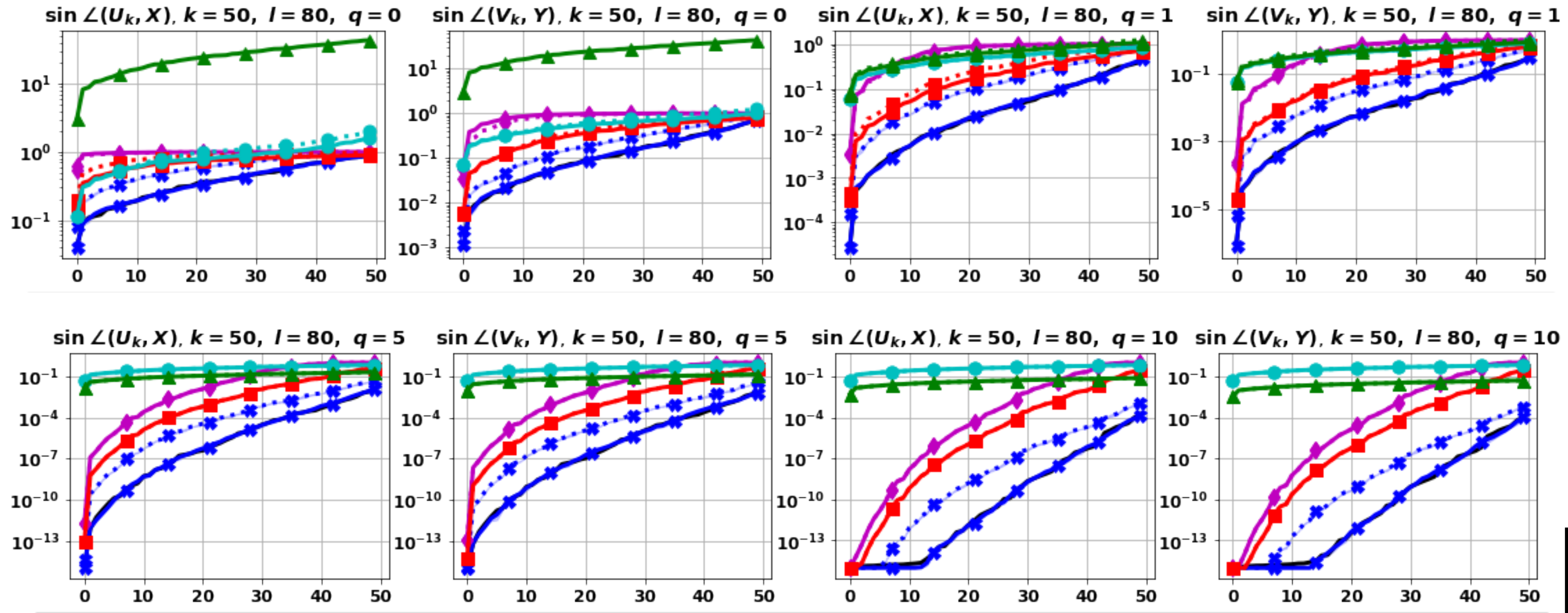
Assume  $\sigma_k > \|\mathbf{E}_{33}\|_2$ . Then, for any unitary invariant norm  $\|\cdot\|$ ,  $\|\sin \angle(\mathbf{U}_k, \widehat{\mathbf{U}}_l)\| \leq \|\mathbf{E}_{31}, \mathbf{E}_{32}\| / \Gamma_1$

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# Space-agnostic bounds & estimates win on MNIST: Polynomial spectral decay

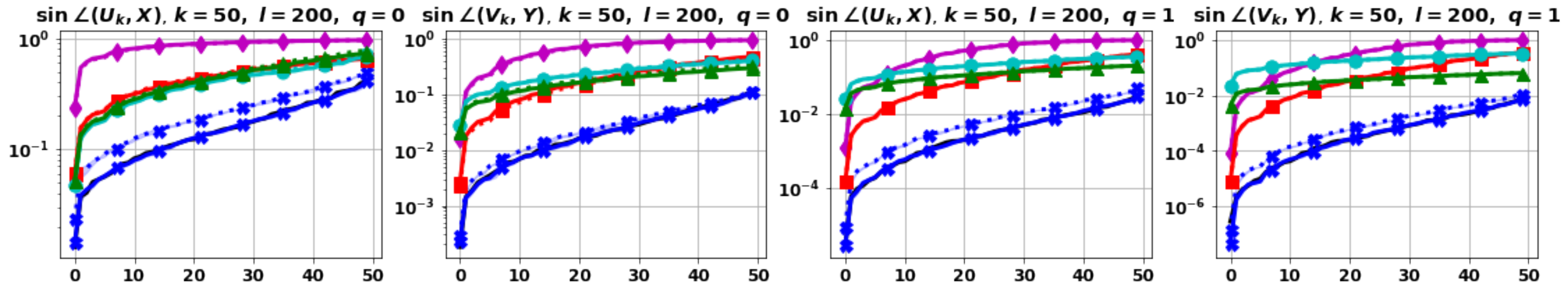


Blue lines/dashes (with shade): unbiased space-agnostic estimates computed with true/approximated singular values  
 Red lines/dashes: space-agnostic upper bounds with true/approximated singular values,  $\epsilon_1 = \sqrt{k/l}$ ,  $\epsilon_2 = \sqrt{l/(r-k)}$   
 Magenta lines/dashes: (Saibaba, 2018) bounds with true/approximated singular values and the true singular subspaces  
 Cyan & green lines/dashes: Posterior residual-based bounds in Theorem 2 & 3 with true/approximated singular values

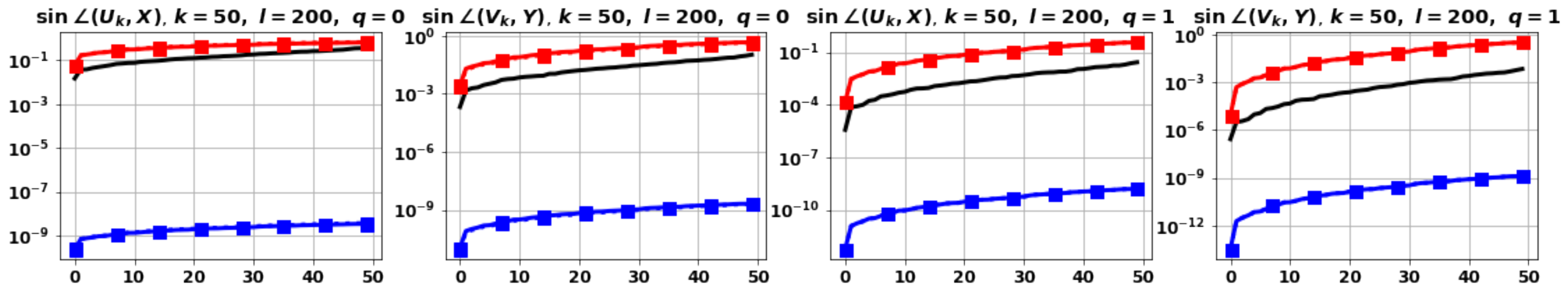
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 $N = 3$  samples  $\Rightarrow$   
 negligible variance!



# How about space-agnostic lower bounds in practice: MNIST



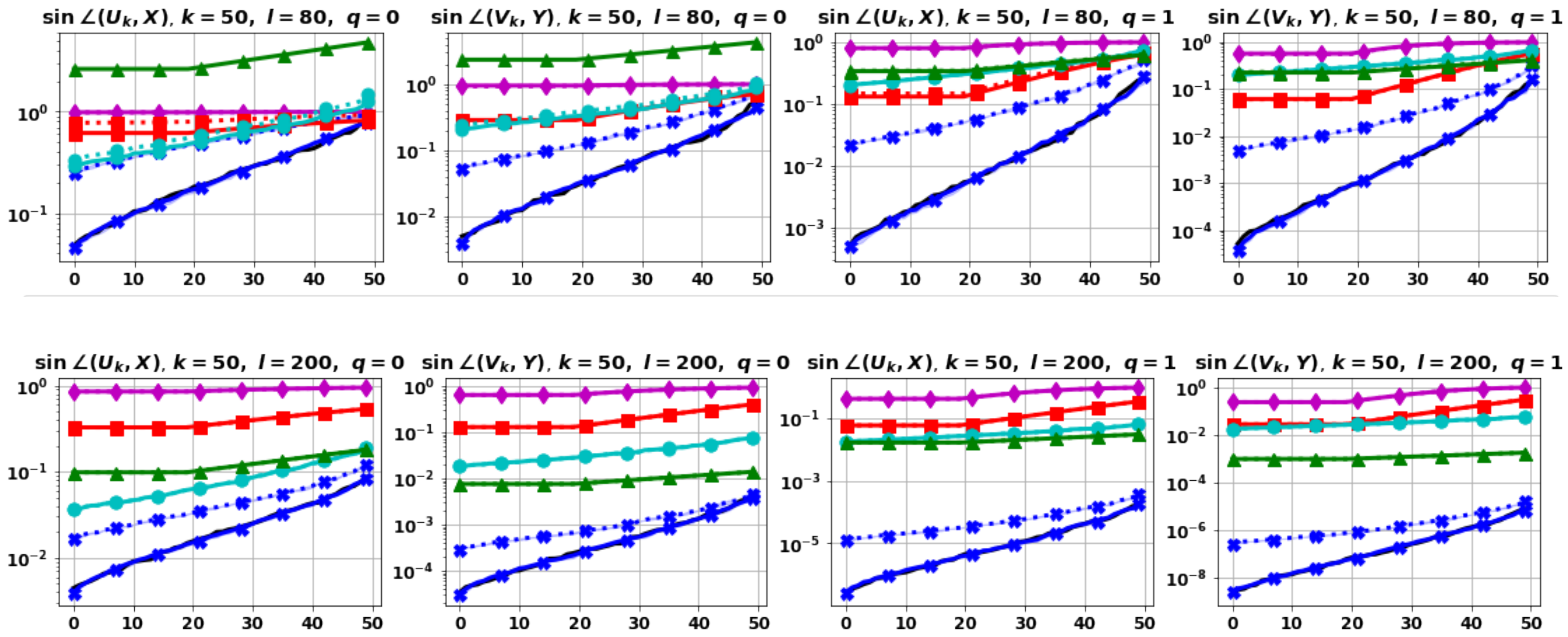
Unbiased space-agnostic estimates, space-agnostic upper bounds, (Saibaba, 2018) bounds, Posterior residual-based bounds in Theorem 2 & 3 (with true/approximated singular values), and true canonical angles



Space-agnostic upper bounds and lower bounds with true singular values and  $\epsilon_1 = \sqrt{k/l}$ ,  $\epsilon_2 = \sqrt{l(r-k)}$



# When are posterior bounds more effective: Exponential spectral decay + low-error regimes



$$l = 1.6k$$

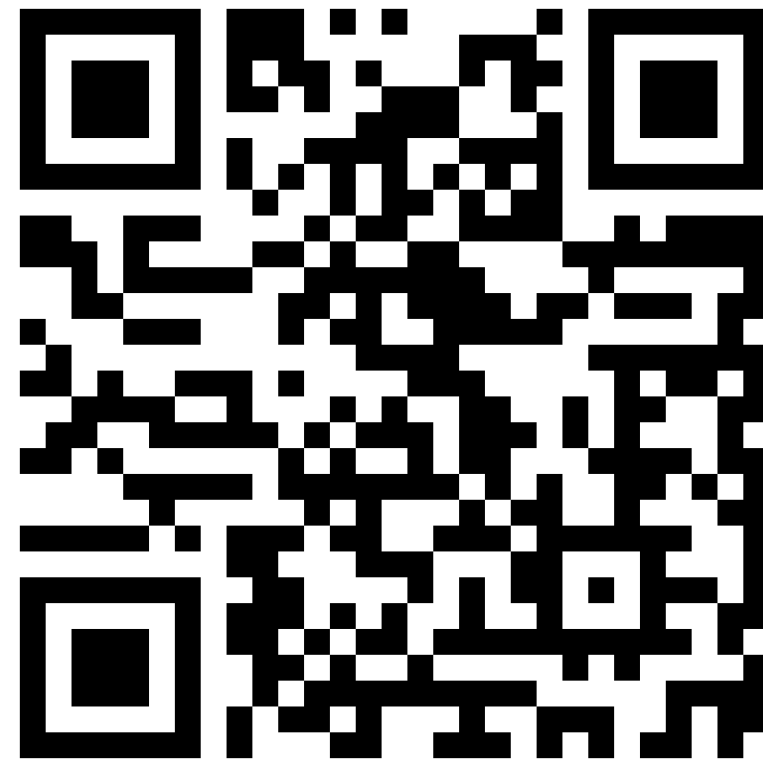
$$q \in \{0,1\}$$

$$l = 4k$$

$$q \in \{0,1\}$$

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# Thank You! Happy to take any questions



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GitHub: [https://github.com/dyjdongyijun/  
Randomized\\_Subspace\\_Approximation](https://github.com/dyjdongyijun/Randomized_Subspace_Approximation)