## Supplementary Material for Comment-based Multi-View Clustering of Web 2.0 Items

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This supplemental material provides convergence proof of the CoNMF algorithm proposed by the paper [1]. Specifically, we prove that in paper [1], the iterative solution Eq. (10) provides a local-minimum solution of the pair-wise CoNMF (Eq. (5)). The convergence of the cluster-wise CoNMF solution can be proved in a similar way.

## 1. CONVERGENCE PROOF

Recall that the objective function of the pair-wise CoNMF is written as:

$$J = \sum_{s=1}^{n_v} \lambda_s ||V^{(s)} - W^{(s)}H^{(s)}|| + \sum_{s,t} \lambda_{st} ||W^{(s)} - W^{(t)}||,$$

s.t. 
$$W^{(s)} \ge 0, H^{(s)} \ge 0.$$
 (1)

where  $\|\cdot\|$  denotes the squared Frobenius norm. The update rules are written as:

$$H^{(s)} \leftarrow H^{(s)} \odot \frac{W^{(s)T}V^{(s)}}{W^{(s)T}W^{(s)}H^{(s)}},$$

$$W^{(s)} \leftarrow W^{(s)} \odot \frac{\lambda_{s}V^{(s)}H^{(s)T} + \sum_{t=1}^{n_{v}}\lambda_{st}W^{(t)}}{\lambda_{s}W^{(s)}H^{(s)}H^{(s)T} + \sum_{t=1}^{n_{v}}\lambda_{st}W^{(s)}}.$$
(2)

In the followings, we present the proof of the non-increasing property of update rules Eq. (2) using the auxiliary function method [2]. Note that there are two parts of CoNMF objective function, the NMF part (i.e., the combination of NMF in individual matrics), and the co-regularization part. It is clear that the NMF part has been already proved by [2], in this material, we focus on the co-regularization part.

To construct the auxiliary function<sup>1</sup>, we first calculate the gradient of the objective function J. Taking gradient with respective to w, we have:

$$\nabla_w J = 2\lambda_s \left( -vH^T + wHH^T \right) + 2\sum_{t=1}^n \lambda_{st} \left( w - w^t \right), \quad (3)$$

where  $w=W_{\alpha\cdot}^{(s)}$ ,  $w^t=W_{\alpha\cdot}^{(t)}$ ,  $v=V_{\alpha\cdot}^{(s)}$  for the  $\alpha$ -th line of  $W^{(s)}$ ,  $W^{(t)}$ ,  $V^{(s)}$  taken separately as row vectors.

Given certain iteration of our data W and H, we denote the current value of w as  $\overline{w}$ . The auxiliary function with respect to the row vector w is given as:

$$G_{\bar{w}}(w) = J(\bar{w}) + \nabla_w J|_{\bar{w}} \cdot (w - \bar{w})^T + \frac{1}{2}(w - \bar{w}) \cdot K_{\bar{w}} \cdot (w - \bar{w}),$$
(4)

where

$$K_{\bar{w}} = diag \left\{ 2\bar{w}_{\beta}^{-1} \left( \lambda_s \bar{w} H H^T + \sum_{t=1}^n \lambda_{st} \bar{w} \right)_{\beta} \right\}_{\beta=1}^K$$
$$= 2 diag \left\{ \bar{w}_{\beta}^{-1} \left( \lambda_s \bar{w} H H^T \right)_{\beta} \right\}_{\beta=1}^K + 2 \sum_{t=1}^n \lambda_{st} \cdot I.$$
 (5)

Due to the quadraticity of J with respect to w, we have:

$$J(w) = J(\bar{w}) + \nabla_w J|_{\bar{w}} \cdot (w - \bar{w})^T + \frac{1}{2} (w - \bar{w}) \cdot \nabla_w^2 J|_{\bar{w}} \cdot (w - \bar{w})^T,$$
(6)

in which the Hessian can be evaluated:

$$\nabla_w^2 J|_{\bar{w}} = 2\lambda_s H H^T + 2\sum_{t=1}^n \lambda_{st} \cdot I. \tag{7}$$

Therefore, we have:

$$K_{\bar{w}} - \nabla_w^2 J|_{\bar{w}} = 2diag \left\{ \bar{w}_{\beta}^{-1} \left( \lambda_s \bar{w} H H^T \right)_{\beta} \right\}_{\beta=1}^K - 2\lambda_s H H^T.$$
(8)

Note that the entry-wise positiveness of matrices is enforced. Therefore we can obtain that:

$$G_{\bar{w}}(w) \ge J(w),$$
 (9)

which is necessary and sufficient for  $G.(\cdot)$  to be an auxilliary function, regarding the fact that  $G_{\bar{w}}(\bar{w}) = J(\bar{w})$ . Based on the above argument, the renewal taken at the arg-minimum of  $G_{\bar{w}}$  each time will be non-increasing, more concretely:

$$\arg \min_{w} G_{\bar{w}} = \bar{w} - K_{\bar{w}}^{-1} (\nabla_{w} J|_{\bar{w}})$$

$$= \bar{w} \odot \frac{\lambda_{s} v H^{T} + \sum_{t=1}^{n} \lambda_{st} w^{t}}{\lambda_{s} \bar{w} H H^{T} + \sum_{t=1}^{n} \lambda_{st} \bar{w}}. \quad (10)$$

As such, our algorithm is exactly reproduced in its row-wise form. The convergence of the algorithm is thus proved.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>For the conditions to be satisfied by auxiliary function, please refer to [2].