

# Supplementary material for ‘Signal-plus-noise matrix models: eigenvector deviations and fluctuations’

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## SUMMARY

This supplementary file contains a joint proof of the theoretical results in the main paper as well as additional simulation examples.

## PROOFS

*Proof of Theorems 2, 3 and 4.* We begin with several important observations, namely that

$$\|(I - UU^T)\hat{U}\| = \|\sin \Theta(\hat{U}, U)\| = O(\|E\|\Lambda_{rr}^{-1}) = O_{\mathbb{P}}\{(n\rho_n)^{-1/2}\} \quad (\text{S1})$$

and that there exists  $W \in \mathbb{O}_r$  depending on  $\hat{U}$  and  $U$  such that

$$\|U^T\hat{U} - W\| \leq \|\sin \Theta(\hat{U}, U)\|^2 = O_{\mathbb{P}}\{(n\rho_n)^{-1}\}. \quad (\text{S2})$$

In particular,  $W$  can be taken to be the product of the left and right orthogonal factors in the singular value decomposition of  $U^T\hat{U}$ . Additional details can be found, for example, in Cape et al. (2018).

Importantly, the relation  $\hat{U}\hat{\Lambda} = \hat{M}\hat{U} = (M + E)\hat{U}$  yields the matrix equation  $\hat{U}\hat{\Lambda} - E\hat{U} = \hat{M}\hat{U}$ . The spectra of  $\hat{\Lambda}$  and  $E$  are disjoint from one another with high probability as a consequence of Assumptions 2 and 3, so it follows that  $\hat{U}$  can be written as the matrix series (Bhatia, 1997, § 7.2)

$$\hat{U} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} E^k \hat{M} \hat{U} \hat{\Lambda}^{-(k+1)} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} E^k U \Lambda U^T \hat{U} \hat{\Lambda}^{-(k+1)}, \quad (\text{S3})$$

where the second equality holds since  $\text{rank}(M) = r$ .

For any choice of  $W \in \mathbb{O}_r$ , the matrix  $\hat{U} - UW$  can be decomposed as

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{U} - UW &= E\hat{U}\hat{\Lambda}^{-1} + U\Lambda(U^T\hat{U}\hat{\Lambda}^{-1} - \Lambda^{-1}U^T\hat{U}) + U(U^T\hat{U} - W) \\ &= E\hat{U}\hat{\Lambda}^{-1} + R^{(1)} + R_W^{(2)}. \end{aligned}$$

For  $R_W^{(2)} = U(U^T\hat{U} - W)$ , it follows that for  $W$  satisfying (S2),

$$\|R_W^{(2)}\|_{2 \rightarrow \infty} \leq \|U^T\hat{U} - W\| \|U\|_{2 \rightarrow \infty} = O_{\mathbb{P}}\{(n\rho_n)^{-1} \|U\|_{2 \rightarrow \infty}\}.$$

For  $R^{(1)} = U\Lambda R^{(3)}$  where  $R^{(3)} = (U^T\hat{U}\hat{\Lambda}^{-1} - \Lambda^{-1}U^T\hat{U}) \in \mathbb{R}^{r \times r}$ , the entries of  $R^{(3)}$  satisfy

$$R_{ij}^{(3)} = \langle u_i, \hat{u}_j \rangle \{(\hat{\Lambda}_{jj})^{-1} - (\Lambda_{ii})^{-1}\} = \langle u_i, \hat{u}_j \rangle (\Lambda_{ii} - \hat{\Lambda}_{jj})(\Lambda_{ii})^{-1} (\hat{\Lambda}_{jj})^{-1}.$$

Define the matrix  $H_1 \in \mathbb{R}^{r \times r}$  entrywise according to  $(H_1)_{ij} = (\Lambda_{ii})^{-1}(\hat{\Lambda}_{jj})^{-1}$ . Then, with  $\circ$  denoting the Hadamard matrix product,

$$R^{(3)} = -H_1 \circ (U^T \hat{U} \hat{\Lambda} - \Lambda U^T \hat{U}).$$

30 The rightmost matrix factor can be expanded as

$$(U^T \hat{U} \hat{\Lambda} - \Lambda U^T \hat{U}) = U^T E \hat{U} = U^T E U U^T \hat{U} + U^T E (I - U U^T) \hat{U}$$

and is therefore bounded in spectral norm using (S1) in the manner

$$\|U^T \hat{U} \hat{\Lambda} - \Lambda U^T \hat{U}\| \leq \|U^T E U\| + O_{\mathbb{P}}(1).$$

Combining the above observations with properties of matrix norms yields the following two-to-infinity norm bound on  $R^{(1)}$ :

$$\begin{aligned} 35 \quad \|R^{(1)}\|_{2 \rightarrow \infty} &= \|U \Lambda R^{(3)}\|_{2 \rightarrow \infty} \leq r \|U\|_{2 \rightarrow \infty} \|\Lambda\| \|H_1\|_{\max} \|U^T \hat{U} \hat{\Lambda} - \Lambda U^T \hat{U}\| \\ &= O_{\mathbb{P}}\{r(n\rho_n)^{-1}(\|U^T E U\| + 1)\|U\|_{2 \rightarrow \infty}\}. \end{aligned}$$

Assumptions 2 and 3 together with an application of Weyl's inequality (Bhatia, 1997, Corollary 3.2.6) guarantee that there exist constants  $C_1, C_2 > 0$  such that  $\|E\| \leq C_1(n\rho_n)^{1/2}$  and  $\|\hat{\Lambda}^{-1}\| \leq C_2(n\rho_n)^{-1}$  with high probability for  $n$  sufficiently large. Therefore, by applying the  
40 earlier matrix series expansion,

$$\begin{aligned} \|E \hat{U} \hat{\Lambda}^{-1}\|_{2 \rightarrow \infty} &= \left\| \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} E^k U \Lambda U^T \hat{U} \hat{\Lambda}^{-(k+1)} \right\|_{2 \rightarrow \infty} \\ &\leq \sum_{k=1}^{k(n)} \|E^k U\|_{2 \rightarrow \infty} \|\Lambda\| \|\hat{\Lambda}^{-1}\|^{k+1} + \sum_{k=k(n)+1}^{\infty} \|E\|^k \|\Lambda\| \|\hat{\Lambda}^{-1}\|^{k+1} \\ &= O_{\mathbb{P}}\{r^{1/2}(n\rho_n)^{-1/2}(\log n)^{\xi} \|U\|_{2 \rightarrow \infty} + (n\rho_n)^{-1/2} \|U\|_{2 \rightarrow \infty}\}, \end{aligned}$$

where we have used the facts that  $n\rho_n = \omega\{(\log n)^{2\xi}\}$ , that  $(n\rho_n)^{-k(n)/2} \leq n^{-1/2} \leq \|U\|_{2 \rightarrow \infty}$   
45 for  $n$  sufficiently large, and that by Assumption 4, for each  $k \leq k(n)$ , with high probability

$$\|E^k U\|_{2 \rightarrow \infty} \leq r^{1/2} \max_{i \in [n], j \in [r]} |\langle E^k u_j, e_i \rangle| \leq r^{1/2} (C_E n \rho_n)^{k/2} (\log n)^{k\xi} \|U\|_{2 \rightarrow \infty}.$$

Since  $\|U^T E U\| \leq \|E\|$  and  $r^{1/2} \leq (\log n)^{\xi}$  with  $n\rho_n = \omega\{(\log n)^{2\xi}\}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|\hat{U} - U W\|_{2 \rightarrow \infty} &\leq \|E \hat{U} \hat{\Lambda}^{-1}\|_{2 \rightarrow \infty} + \|R^{(1)}\|_{2 \rightarrow \infty} + \|R_W^{(2)}\|_{2 \rightarrow \infty} \\ &= O_{\mathbb{P}}\{r^{1/2}(n\rho_n)^{-1/2}(\log n)^{\xi} \|U\|_{2 \rightarrow \infty}\}. \end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof of Theorem 2.

Next, we further decompose the matrix  $E\hat{U}\hat{\Lambda}^{-1}$  by extending the above proof techniques in order to obtain second-order fluctuations. Using the matrix series form in (S3) yields 50

$$\begin{aligned} E\hat{U}\hat{\Lambda}^{-1} &= EU\Lambda U^T \hat{U}\hat{\Lambda}^{-2} + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} E^k U\Lambda U^T \hat{U}\hat{\Lambda}^{-(k+1)} \\ &= EU\Lambda^{-1}W + EU\Lambda(U^T \hat{U}\hat{\Lambda}^{-2} - \Lambda^{-2}U^T \hat{U}) + EU\Lambda^{-1}(U^T \hat{U} - W) \\ &\quad + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} E^k U\Lambda U^T \hat{U}\hat{\Lambda}^{-(k+1)} \\ &= EU\Lambda^{-1}W + R_2^{(1)} + R_{2,W}^{(2)} + R_2^{(\infty)}. \end{aligned} \quad 55$$

The final term satisfies the bound

$$\|R_2^{(\infty)}\|_{2 \rightarrow \infty} = O_{\mathbb{P}}\{r^{1/2}(n\rho_n)^{-1}(\log n)^{2\xi}\|U\|_{2 \rightarrow \infty}\},$$

which follows from Assumption 4 holding up to  $k(n) + 1$ , i.e.,

$$\begin{aligned} \|R_2^{(\infty)}\|_{2 \rightarrow \infty} &\leq \sum_{k=2}^{k(n)+1} \|E^k U\|_{2 \rightarrow \infty} \|\Lambda\| \|\hat{\Lambda}^{-1}\|^{k+1} + \sum_{k=k(n)+2}^{\infty} \|E\|^k \|\Lambda\| \|\hat{\Lambda}^{-1}\|^{k+1} \\ &= O_{\mathbb{P}}\{r^{1/2}(n\rho_n)^{-1}(\log n)^{2\xi}\|U\|_{2 \rightarrow \infty} + (n\rho_n)^{-1}\|U\|_{2 \rightarrow \infty}\}. \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, modifying the above argument used to bound  $R_W^{(2)}$  gives 60

$$\|R_{2,W}^{(2)}\|_{2 \rightarrow \infty} \leq \|EU\|_{2 \rightarrow \infty} \|\Lambda^{-1}\| \|U^T \hat{U} - W\| = O_{\mathbb{P}}\{r^{1/2}(n\rho_n)^{-3/2}(\log n)^{\xi}\|U\|_{2 \rightarrow \infty}\}.$$

We now bound  $R_2^{(1)} = EU\Lambda(U^T \hat{U}\hat{\Lambda}^{-2} - \Lambda^{-2}U^T \hat{U})$  by extending the previous argument used to bound  $R^{(1)}$ . For  $R_2^{(1)} = EU\Lambda R_2^{(3)}$  where  $R_2^{(3)} = (U^T \hat{U}\hat{\Lambda}^{-2} - \Lambda^{-2}U^T \hat{U}) \in \mathbb{R}^{r \times r}$ , the entries of  $R_2^{(3)}$  satisfy

$$R_{ij}^{(3)} = \langle u_i, \hat{u}_j \rangle \{(\hat{\Lambda}_{jj})^{-2} - (\Lambda_{ii})^{-2}\} = \langle u_i, \hat{u}_j \rangle (\Lambda_{ii}^2 - \hat{\Lambda}_{jj}^2)(\Lambda_{ii})^{-2}(\hat{\Lambda}_{jj})^{-2}.$$

Define the matrix  $H_2 \in \mathbb{R}^{r \times r}$  entrywise according to  $(H_2)_{ij} = (\Lambda_{ii})^{-2}(\hat{\Lambda}_{jj})^{-2}$ . Then, with  $\circ$  denoting the Hadamard matrix product, 65

$$R_2^{(3)} = -H_2 \circ (U^T \hat{U}\hat{\Lambda}^2 - \Lambda^2 U^T \hat{U}).$$

The rightmost matrix factor can be written as

$$(U^T \hat{U}\hat{\Lambda}^2 - \Lambda^2 U^T \hat{U}) = U^T (\hat{M})^2 \hat{U} - U^T M^2 \hat{U} = U^T (ME + EM) \hat{U}$$

and has spectral norm of the order of  $O_{\mathbb{P}}\{(n\rho_n)^{3/2}\}$ . Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} \|R_2^{(1)}\|_{2 \rightarrow \infty} &= \|EU\Lambda R_2^{(3)}\|_{2 \rightarrow \infty} \leq r \|EU\|_{2 \rightarrow \infty} \|\Lambda\| \|H_2\|_{\max} \|U^T \hat{U}\hat{\Lambda}^2 - \Lambda^2 U^T \hat{U}\| \\ &= O_{\mathbb{P}}\{r^{3/2}(n\rho_n)^{-1}(\log n)^{\xi}\|U\|_{2 \rightarrow \infty}\}. \end{aligned}$$

For  $R = R^{(1)} + R_W^{(2)} + R_2^{(1)} + R_{2,W}^{(2)} + R_2^{(\infty)}$ , we have therefore shown that 70

$$\hat{U} - UW = EU\Lambda^{-1}W + R \quad (\text{S4})$$

where, since  $r^{1/2} \leq (\log n)^\xi$ , the residual matrix  $R$  satisfies

$$\|R\|_{2 \rightarrow \infty} = O_{\mathbb{P}} \left[ (n\rho_n)^{-1} \times r \times \max\{(\log n)^{2\xi}, \|U^T EU\| + 1\} \times \|U\|_{2 \rightarrow \infty} \right].$$

The leading term agrees with the order of the bound in Theorem 2, namely

$$\|EU\Lambda^{-1}W\|_{2 \rightarrow \infty} = O_{\mathbb{P}} \{ (n\rho_n)^{-1/2} \times r^{1/2} (\log n)^\xi \|U\|_{2 \rightarrow \infty} \}.$$

This establishes Theorem 3 en route to proving Theorem 4, which we now proceed to finish.

Since  $M = \rho_n X X^T \equiv U\Lambda U^T$ , there exists an orthogonal matrix  $W_X$  (depending on  $n$ ) such that  $\rho_n^{1/2} X = U\Lambda^{1/2} W_X$ ; hence  $\rho_n X^T X = W_X^T \Lambda W_X$ . Following some algebraic manipulations, the matrix  $EU\Lambda^{-1}W$  can therefore be written as

$$EU\Lambda^{-1}W = \rho_n^{-1} EX (X^T X)^{-3/2} (W_X^T W).$$

Upon plugging this observation into (S4), and subsequent matrix multiplication, we obtain the relation

$$\hat{U} W^T W_X - U W_X = \rho_n^{-1} EX (X^T X)^{-3/2} + R W^T W_X.$$

For fixed  $i$ , let  $\hat{U}_i$ ,  $U_i$  and  $R_i$  be column vectors corresponding to the  $i$ th rows of  $\hat{U}$ ,  $U$  and  $R$ , respectively. Equation (4) in the main paper implies that  $n\rho_n^{1/2} \|R_i\| \rightarrow 0$  in probability. In addition,  $(n^{-1} X^T X)^{-3/2} \rightarrow \Xi^{-3/2}$  by Assumption 5 together with the continuous mapping theorem. The scaled  $i$ th row of  $EX$  converges in distribution to  $Y_i \sim N_r(0, \Gamma_i)$  by Assumption 5, so combining the above observations with Slutsky's theorem yields that there exist sequences of orthogonal matrices  $(W)$  and  $(W_X)$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} n\rho_n^{1/2} W_X^T (W \hat{U}_i - U_i) &= (n^{-1} X^T X)^{-3/2} \{ (n\rho_n)^{-1/2} (EX)_i \} + n\rho_n^{1/2} W_X^T W R_i \\ &\Rightarrow \Xi^{-3/2} Y_i + 0. \end{aligned}$$

In particular, we have the row-wise convergence in distribution

$$n\rho_n^{1/2} W_X^T (W \hat{U}_i - U_i) \Rightarrow N_r(0, \Sigma_i),$$

where  $\Sigma_i = \Xi^{-3/2} \Gamma_i \Xi^{-3/2}$ . This completes the proof of Theorem 4.  $\square$

## ADDITIONAL SIMULATION EXAMPLES

### Two-block stochastic block model (continued)

Consider  $n$ -vertex graphs arising from the two-block stochastic block model with 40% of the vertices belonging to the first block and where the block edge probability matrix  $B$  has entries  $B_{11} = 0.5$ ,  $B_{12} = B_{21} = 0.3$  and  $B_{22} = 0.3$ . This model corresponds to Fig. 1(b) in the main paper. Here, Table S1 shows block-conditional sample covariance matrix estimates for the centred random vectors  $n\rho_n^{1/2} W_X^T (W \hat{U}_i - U_i)$ . Also shown are the corresponding theoretical covariance matrices.

### Spike matrix models

Figure S1 presents two additional examples illustrating Theorem 4 in the main paper for one- and two-dimensional spike matrix models, written in the rescaled form  $\hat{M} = \lambda U U^T + E$  with  $\rho_n \equiv 1$ . In the left plot,  $\lambda = n$ ,  $U = n^{-1/2} e \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $E_{ij} \sim \text{Laplace}(0, 2^{-1/2})$  independently for  $i \leq j$  with  $E_{ij} = E_{ji}$ . Here  $\Xi$  is the one-dimensional identity matrix, i.e.,  $\Xi = I_1$ , and

Table S1. Empirical and theoretical covariance matrices for the two-block model

$n$	1000	2000	$\infty$
$\hat{\Sigma}_1$	$\begin{bmatrix} 14.11 & -36.08 \\ -36.08 & 110.13 \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} 14.94 & -36.85 \\ -36.85 & 108.55 \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} 15.14 & -38.05 \\ -38.05 & 112.34 \end{bmatrix}$
$\hat{\Sigma}_2$	$\begin{bmatrix} 11.76 & -30.09 \\ -30.09 & 93.07 \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} 12.91 & -33.04 \\ -33.04 & 101.64 \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} 13.12 & -33.93 \\ -33.93 & 103.94 \end{bmatrix}$

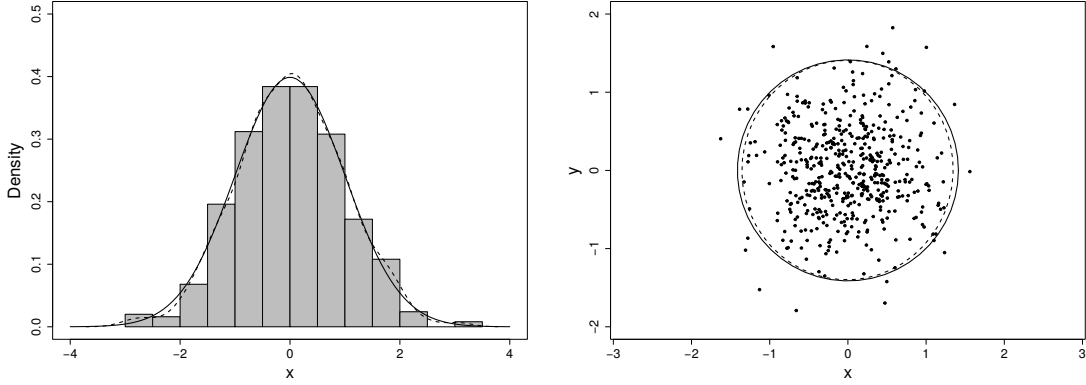


Fig. S1. The left panel shows a one-dimensional simulation for  $n = 500$  with the empirical (dashed) and theoretical (solid) eigenvector fluctuation densities. The right panel shows a two-dimensional simulation for  $n = 500$ , where the dashed ellipse gives the 95% level curve for the empirical distribution and the solid ellipse gives the 95% level curve for the row-wise theoretical distribution.

$(n\rho_n)^{-1/2}(EX)_i \Rightarrow N_1(0, 1)$  by the central limit theorem, so that for each fixed row  $i$  Theorem 4 yields convergence in distribution to  $N_1(0, 1)$ . In the right plot,  $\lambda = n$ , and  $U_{ij} = n^{-1/2}$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n$  and  $j = 1$  and for  $1 \leq i \leq n/2$  and  $j = 2$ , while  $U_{ij} = -n^{-1/2}$  otherwise. In addition,  $E_{ij} \sim \text{Un}[-1, 1]$  independently for  $i \leq j$  with  $E_{ij} = E_{ji}$ , so  $\text{var}(E_{ij}) = 1/3$ . Here  $(n\rho_n)^{-1/2}(EX)_i$  converges in distribution to a centred multivariate normal random variable with covariance matrix  $\Gamma_i = (1/3)I_2 \in \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$  by the multivariate central limit theorem, while the second moment matrix for the rows  $X_i$  in Assumption 5 is simply  $\Xi = I_2$ . Theorem 4 therefore yields  $n\rho_n^{1/2}W_X^T(W\hat{U}_i - U_i) \Rightarrow N_2(\mu, \Sigma_i)$ , where  $\mu = (0, 0)^T \in \mathbb{R}^2$  and  $\Sigma_i = (1/3)I_2 \in \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$ . The plots depict all vectors computed from a single simulated adjacency matrix.

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