

## 1 Some Lemmas

**Lemma 1.1.** *Consider independent  $W_1, \dots, W_p \sim N(0, d^{-1}I_d)$  and  $x_1, \dots, x_n \sim N(0, I_d)$ . Assume  $n^2/p$  and  $n \log n/d$  are sufficiently small, and then there exists some constant  $c > 0$ , such that*

$$\inf_{\|\Delta\|=1} \frac{1}{p} \sum_{j=1}^p \left| \sum_{i=1}^n \psi(W_j^T x_i) \Delta_i \right| \geq c,$$

with high probability.

*Proof.* Let us adopt the notation that

$$f(W, X, \Delta) = \frac{1}{p} \sum_{j=1}^p \left| \sum_{i=1}^n \psi(W_j^T x_i) \Delta_i \right|.$$

Define  $g(X, \Delta) = \mathbb{E}(f(W, X, \Delta)|X)$ . We then have

$$\begin{aligned} \inf_{\|\Delta\|=1} f(W, X, \Delta) &\geq \inf_{\|\Delta\|=1} \mathbb{E}f(W, X, \Delta) - \sup_{\|\Delta\|=1} |f(W, X, \Delta) - \mathbb{E}f(W, X, \Delta)| \\ &\geq \inf_{\|\Delta\|=1} \mathbb{E}f(W, X, \Delta) \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

$$- \sup_{\|\Delta\|=1} |f(W, X, \Delta) - \mathbb{E}(f(W, X, \Delta)|X)| \tag{2}$$

$$- \sup_{\|\Delta\|=1} |g(X, \Delta) - \mathbb{E}g(X, \Delta)|. \tag{3}$$

We will analyze the three terms above separately.

**Analysis of (1).** Define  $h(W_j) = \mathbb{E}(\psi(W_j^T x_i)|W_j)$  and  $\bar{\psi}(W_j^T x_i) = \psi(W_j^T x_i) - h(W_j)$ .

We then have

$$\mathbb{E}f(W, X, \Delta) = \mathbb{E} \left| \sum_{i=1}^n \bar{\psi}(W^T x_i) \Delta_i + h(W) \sum_{i=1}^n \Delta_i \right|. \tag{4}$$

A lower bound of (4) is

$$\mathbb{E}f(W, X, \Delta) \geq \left| \sum_{i=1}^n \Delta_i \right| |\mathbb{E}h(W)| - \mathbb{E} \left| \sum_{i=1}^n \bar{\psi}(W^T x_i) \Delta_i \right|,$$

where the second term can be bounded by

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbb{E} \left| \sum_{i=1}^n \bar{\psi}(W^T x_i) \Delta_i \right| &\leq \sqrt{\mathbb{E} \left| \sum_{i=1}^n \bar{\psi}(W^T x_i) \Delta_i \right|^2} \\
&= \sqrt{\mathbb{E} \text{Var} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \bar{\psi}(W^T x_i) \Delta_i \middle| W \right)} \\
&= \sqrt{\mathbb{E} \sum_{i=1}^n \Delta_i^2 \text{Var}(\bar{\psi}(W^T x_i) | W)} \\
&= \sqrt{\mathbb{E} \sum_{i=1}^n \Delta_i^2 \mathbb{E}(|\bar{\psi}(W^T x_i)|^2 | W)} \\
&= \sqrt{\mathbb{E} |\bar{\psi}(W^T x)|^2} \leq \sqrt{\mathbb{E} |W^T x|^2} = 1.
\end{aligned}$$

Since

$$\mathbb{E} h(W) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \mathbb{E} \|W\| = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} \frac{\Gamma((d+1)/2)}{\sqrt{d} \Gamma(d/2)} \geq \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \sqrt{\frac{d-1}{d}}.$$

Therefore, as long as  $d \geq 3$  and  $\left| \sum_{i=1}^n \Delta_i \right| \geq 7$ , we have  $\mathbb{E} f(W, X, \Delta) \geq 1$ , and we thus can conclude that

$$\|\Delta\|=1, \inf_{\left| \sum_{i=1}^n \Delta_i \right| \geq 7} \mathbb{E} f(W, X, \Delta) \gtrsim 1. \quad (5)$$

Now we consider the case  $\left| \sum_{i=1}^n \Delta_i \right| < 7$ . A lower bound for  $f(W, X, \Delta)$  is

$$f(W, X, \Delta) \geq \left| \sum_{i=1}^n \bar{\psi}(W^T x_i) \Delta_i \right| - 7h(W) = \left| \sum_{i=1}^n \bar{\psi}(W^T x_i) \Delta_i \right| - \frac{7}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \|W\|. \quad (6)$$

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbb{E} f(W, X, \Delta) &\geq \mathbb{E} \left( f(W, X, \Delta) \mathbb{I} \left\{ \left| \sum_{i=1}^n \bar{\psi}(W^T x_i) \Delta_i \right| \geq 6, 1/2 \leq \|W\|^2 \leq 2 \right\} \right) \\
&\geq \mathbb{P} \left( \left| \sum_{i=1}^n \bar{\psi}(W^T x_i) \Delta_i \right| \geq 6, 1/2 \leq \|W\|^2 \leq 2 \right) \\
&= \mathbb{P} \left( \left| \sum_{i=1}^n \bar{\psi}(W^T x_i) \Delta_i \right| \geq 6 \middle| 1/2 \leq \|W\|^2 \leq 2 \right) \mathbb{P}(1/2 \leq \|W\|^2 \leq 2) \\
&\geq \mathbb{P} \left( \left| \sum_{i=1}^n \bar{\psi}(W^T x_i) \Delta_i \right| \geq 6 \middle| 1/2 \leq \|W\|^2 \leq 2 \right) (1 - 2 \exp(-d/16)),
\end{aligned}$$

where the last inequality is by Lemma 2.3. By direct calculations, we have

$$\text{Var}(\bar{\psi}(W^T x) | W) = \|W\|^2 \text{Var}(\max(0, W^T x / \|W\|) | W) = \|W\|^2 \frac{1 - \pi^{-1}}{2}, \quad (7)$$

and

$$\mathbb{E} (|\bar{\psi}(W^T x)|^3 | W) \leq 3\mathbb{E} (|\psi(W^T x)|^3 | W) + 3|h(W)|^3 \leq \frac{3}{2}\|W\|^3.$$

Therefore, by Lemma 2.1, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbb{P} \left( \left| \sum_{i=1}^n \bar{\psi}(W^T x_i) \Delta_i \right| \geq 6 \mid 1/2 \leq \|W\|^2 \leq 2 \right) \\ & \geq \mathbb{P} \left( \frac{|\sum_{i=1}^n \bar{\psi}(W^T x_i) \Delta_i|}{\|W\| \sqrt{\frac{1-\pi^{-1}}{2}}} \geq 21 \mid 1/2 \leq \|W\|^2 \leq 2 \right) \\ & \geq \mathbb{P}(N(0, 1) > 21) - \sup_{1/2 \leq \|W\|^2 \leq 2} 2 \sqrt{3 \sum_{i=1}^n |\Delta_i|^3 \frac{\mathbb{E} (|\bar{\psi}(W^T x_i)|^3 | W)}{\|W\|^3 \left( \frac{1-\pi^{-1}}{2} \right)^{3/2}}} \\ & \geq \mathbb{P}(N(0, 1) > 21) - 10 \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n |\Delta_i|^3} \\ & \geq \mathbb{P}(N(0, 1) > 21) - 10 \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} |\Delta_i|^{3/2}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, when  $\max_{1 \leq i \leq n} |\Delta_i|^{3/2} \leq \delta_0^{3/2} := \mathbb{P}(N(0, 1) > 21)/20$  and  $\left| \sum_{i=1}^n \Delta_i \right| < 7$ , we can lower bound  $\mathbb{E}f(W, X, \Delta)$  by an absolute constant, and we conclude that

$$\inf_{\|\Delta\|=1, |\sum_{i=1}^n \Delta_i| \leq 7, \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} |\Delta_i| \leq \delta_0} \mathbb{E}f(W, X, \Delta) \gtrsim 1. \quad (8)$$

Finally, we consider the case when  $\max_{1 \leq i \leq n} |\Delta_i| > \delta_0$  and  $\left| \sum_{i=1}^n \Delta_i \right| < 7$ . Without loss of generality, we can assume  $\Delta_1 > \delta_0$ . Note that the lower bound (6) still holds, and thus we have

$$f(W, X, \Delta) \geq \bar{\psi}(W^T x_1) \Delta_1 - \left| \sum_{i=2}^n \bar{\psi}(W^T x_i) \Delta_i \right| - \frac{7}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \|W\|.$$

We then lower bound  $\mathbb{E}f(W, X, \Delta)$  by

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbb{E} \left( f(W, X, \Delta) \mathbb{I} \left\{ \bar{\psi}(W^T x_1) \Delta_1 \geq 8, \left| \sum_{i=2}^n \bar{\psi}(W^T x_i) \Delta_i \right| \leq 8, 1/2 \leq \|W\|^2 \leq 2 \right\} \right) \\ & \geq \mathbb{P} \left( \bar{\psi}(W^T x_1) \Delta_1 \geq 8, \left| \sum_{i=2}^n \bar{\psi}(W^T x_i) \Delta_i \right| \leq 2 \mid 1/2 \leq \|W\|^2 \leq 2 \right) \mathbb{P}(1/2 \leq \|W\|^2 \leq 2) \\ & \geq \mathbb{P} \left( \bar{\psi}(W^T x_1) \Delta_1 \geq 8 \mid 1/2 \leq \|W\|^2 \leq 2 \right) \\ & \quad \times \mathbb{P} \left( \left| \sum_{i=2}^n \bar{\psi}(W^T x_i) \Delta_i \right| \leq 2 \mid 1/2 \leq \|W\|^2 \leq 2 \right) (1 - 2 \exp(-d/16)). \end{aligned}$$

For any  $W$  that satisfies  $1/2 \leq \|W\|^2 \leq 2$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbb{P}\left(\bar{\psi}(W^T x_1)\Delta_1 \geq 8 \middle| W\right) &\geq \mathbb{P}\left(\bar{\psi}(W^T x_1) \geq 8/\delta_0 \middle| W\right) \\
&\geq \mathbb{P}\left(\psi(W^T x_1) \geq 8/\delta_0 + 1/\sqrt{\pi} \middle| W\right) \\
&\geq \mathbb{P}\left(W^T x_1 \geq 8/\delta_0 + 1/\sqrt{\pi} \middle| W\right) \\
&\geq \mathbb{P}\left(N(0, 1) \geq \sqrt{2}8/\delta_0 + \sqrt{2/\pi}\right),
\end{aligned}$$

which is a constant. We also have

$$\begin{aligned}
&\mathbb{P}\left(\left|\sum_{i=2}^n \bar{\psi}(W^T x_i)\Delta_i\right| \leq 2 \middle| 1/2 \leq \|W\|^2 \leq 2\right) \\
&\geq 1 - \frac{1}{4} \text{Var}\left(\sum_{i=2}^n \bar{\psi}(W^T x_i)\Delta_i \middle| W\right) \\
&\geq \frac{1}{2},
\end{aligned}$$

where the last inequality is by (7). Therefore, we have

$$\mathbb{E}f(W, X, \Delta) \geq \frac{1}{2} (1 - 2\exp(-d/16)) \mathbb{P}\left(N(0, 1) \geq \sqrt{2}8/\delta_0 + \sqrt{2/\pi}\right) \gtrsim 1,$$

and we can conclude that

$$\inf_{\|\Delta\|=1, |\sum_{i=1}^n \Delta_i| \leq 7, \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} |\Delta_i| \geq \delta_0} \mathbb{E}f(W, X, \Delta) \gtrsim 1. \quad (9)$$

In the end, we combine the three cases (5), (8), and (9), and we obtain the conclusion that  $\inf_{\|\Delta\|=1} \mathbb{E}f(W, X, \Delta) \gtrsim 1$ .

**Analysis of (2).** We shorthand the conditional expectation operator  $\mathbb{E}(\cdot|X)$  by  $\mathbb{E}^X$ . Let  $\widetilde{W}$  be an independent copy of  $W$ , and we first bound the moment generating function via a standard symmetrization argument. For any  $\lambda > 0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
&\mathbb{E}^X \exp\left(\lambda \sup_{\|\Delta\|=1} |f(W, X, \Delta) - \mathbb{E}^X f(W, X, \Delta)|\right) \\
&\leq \mathbb{E}^X \exp\left(\lambda \mathbb{E}^{X, W} \sup_{\|\Delta\|=1} |f(W, X, \Delta) - f(\widetilde{W}, X, \Delta)|\right) \\
&\leq \mathbb{E}^X \exp\left(\lambda \sup_{\|\Delta\|=1} |f(W, X, \Delta) - f(\widetilde{W}, X, \Delta)|\right) \\
&= \mathbb{E}^X \exp\left(\lambda \sup_{\|\Delta\|=1} \left|\frac{1}{p} \sum_{j=1}^p \epsilon_j \left(\left|\sum_{i=1}^n \psi(W_j^T x_i)\Delta_i\right| - \left|\sum_{i=1}^n \psi(\widetilde{W}_j^T x_i)\Delta_i\right|\right)\right|\right) \\
&\leq \mathbb{E}^X \exp\left(2\lambda \sup_{\|\Delta\|=1} \left|\frac{1}{p} \sum_{j=1}^p \epsilon_j \left|\sum_{i=1}^n \psi(W_j^T x_i)\Delta_i\right|\right|\right), \quad (10)
\end{aligned}$$

where  $\epsilon_1, \dots, \epsilon_p$  are independent Rademacher random variables. Let us adopt the notation that

$$F(\epsilon, W, X, \Delta) = \frac{1}{p} \sum_{j=1}^p \epsilon_j \left| \sum_{i=1}^n \psi(W_j^T x_i) \Delta_i \right|.$$

We use a discretization argument. For the Euclidean sphere  $S^{n-1} = \{\Delta \in \mathbb{R}^n : \|\Delta\| = 1\}$ , there exists a subset  $\mathcal{N} \subset S^{n-1}$ , such that for any  $\Delta \in S^{n-1}$ , there exists a  $\Delta' \in \mathcal{N}$  that satisfies  $\|\Delta - \Delta'\| \leq 1/2$ , and we also have the bound  $\log |\mathcal{N}| \leq 2n$ . See, for example, Lemma 5.2 of [Vershynin \[2010\]](#). For any  $\Delta \in S^{n-1}$  and the corresponding  $\Delta' \in \mathcal{N}$  that satisfies  $\|\Delta - \Delta'\| \leq 1/2$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} |F(\epsilon, W, X, \Delta)| &\leq |F(\epsilon, W, X, \Delta')| + |F(\epsilon, W, X, \Delta - \Delta')| \\ &\leq |F(\epsilon, W, X, \Delta')| + \frac{1}{2} \sup_{\|\Delta\|=1} |F(\epsilon, W, X, \Delta)|, \end{aligned}$$

which, by taking supremum over both sides, implies

$$\sup_{\|\Delta\|=1} |F(\epsilon, W, X, \Delta)| \leq 2 \max_{\Delta \in \mathcal{N}} |F(\epsilon, W, X, \Delta)|.$$

Define  $\bar{F}(\epsilon, X, \Delta) = \mathbb{E}^{\epsilon, X} F(\epsilon, W, X, \Delta)$ , and then

$$\max_{\Delta \in \mathcal{N}} |F(\epsilon, W, X, \Delta)| \leq \max_{\Delta \in \mathcal{N}} |F(\epsilon, W, X, \Delta) - \bar{F}(\epsilon, X, \Delta)| + \max_{\Delta \in \mathcal{N}} |\bar{F}(\epsilon, X, \Delta)|.$$

In view of (10), we obtain the bound

$$\begin{aligned} &\mathbb{E}^X \exp \left( \lambda \sup_{\|\Delta\|=1} |f(W, X, \Delta) - \mathbb{E}^X f(W, X, \Delta)| \right) \\ &\leq \mathbb{E}^X \exp \left( 4\lambda \max_{\Delta \in \mathcal{N}} |F(\epsilon, W, X, \Delta) - \bar{F}(\epsilon, X, \Delta)| + 4\lambda \max_{\Delta \in \mathcal{N}} |\bar{F}(\epsilon, X, \Delta)| \right) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\Delta \in \mathcal{N}} \mathbb{E}^X \exp (4\lambda |F(\epsilon, W, X, \Delta) - \bar{F}(\epsilon, X, \Delta)|) \end{aligned} \tag{11}$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\Delta \in \mathcal{N}} \mathbb{E}^X \exp (4\lambda |\bar{F}(\epsilon, X, \Delta)|). \tag{12}$$

We will bound the two terms above on the event  $E = \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^n \|x_i\|^2 \leq 3nd \right\}$ . For any  $W, \widetilde{W}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\left| F(\epsilon, W, X, \Delta) - F(\epsilon, \widetilde{W}, X, \Delta) \right| &\leq \frac{1}{p} \sum_{j=1}^p \sum_{i=1}^n \left| (\psi(W_j^T x_i) - \psi(\widetilde{W}_j^T x_i)) \Delta_i \right| \\
&\leq \frac{1}{p} \sum_{j=1}^p \sum_{i=1}^n |(W_j - \widetilde{W}_j)^T x_i| |\Delta_i| \\
&\leq \frac{1}{p} \sum_{j=1}^p \sum_{i=1}^n \|W_j - \widetilde{W}_j\| \|x_i\| |\Delta_i| \\
&\leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{p}} \sqrt{\sum_{j=1}^p \|W_j - \widetilde{W}_j\|^2} \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n \|x_i\|^2} \\
&\leq \sqrt{\frac{3n}{p}} \sqrt{\sum_{j=1}^p \|\sqrt{d} W_j - \sqrt{d} \widetilde{W}_j\|^2},
\end{aligned}$$

where the last inequality holds under the event  $E$ . By Lemma 2.2, we have for any  $X$  such that  $E$  holds,

$$\mathbb{P}(|F(\epsilon, W, X, \Delta) - \bar{F}(\epsilon, X, \Delta)| > t | X) \leq 2 \exp\left(-\frac{pt^2}{6n}\right),$$

for any  $t > 0$ . The sub-Gaussian tail implies a bound for the moment generating function. By Lemma 5.5 of Vershynin [2010], we have

$$\mathbb{E}^X \exp(4\lambda |F(\epsilon, W, X, \Delta) - \bar{F}(\epsilon, X, \Delta)|) \leq \exp\left(C_1 \frac{n}{p} \lambda^2\right),$$

for some constant  $C_1 > 0$ . To bound the moment generating function of  $\bar{F}(\epsilon, X, \Delta)$ , we note that

$$\begin{aligned}
|\bar{F}(\epsilon, X, \Delta)| &\leq \left| \frac{1}{p} \sum_{j=1}^p \epsilon_j \right| \mathbb{E}^X \left| \sum_{i=1}^n \psi(W^T x_i) \Delta_i \right| \\
&\leq \left| \frac{1}{p} \sum_{j=1}^p \epsilon_j \right| \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{E}^X |\psi(W^T x_i)|^2} \\
&\leq \left| \frac{1}{p} \sum_{j=1}^p \epsilon_j \right| \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n \|x_i\|^2 / d} \leq \sqrt{3n} \left| \frac{1}{p} \sum_{j=1}^p \epsilon_j \right|,
\end{aligned}$$

where the last inequality holds under the event  $E$ . With an application of Hoeffding-type inequality (Lemma 5.9 of Vershynin [2010]), we have

$$\mathbb{E}^X \exp(4\lambda |\bar{F}(\epsilon, X, \Delta)|) \leq \mathbb{E} \exp\left(4\lambda \sqrt{3n} \left| \frac{1}{p} \sum_{j=1}^p \epsilon_j \right| \right) \leq \exp\left(C_1 \frac{n}{p} \lambda^2\right).$$

Note that we can use the same constant  $C_1$  by making its value sufficiently large. Plug the two moment generating function bounds into (11) and (12), and we obtain the bound

$$\mathbb{E}^X \exp \left( \lambda \sup_{\|\Delta\|=1} |f(W, X, \Delta) - \mathbb{E}^X f(W, X, \Delta)| \right) \leq \exp \left( C_1 \frac{n}{p} \lambda^2 + 2n \right),$$

for any  $X$  such that  $E$  holds. To bound (2), we apply Chernoff bound, and then

$$\mathbb{P} \left( \sup_{\|\Delta\|=1} |f(W, X, \Delta) - \mathbb{E}(f(W, X, \Delta)|X)| > t \right) \leq \exp \left( -\lambda t + C_1 \frac{n}{p} \lambda^2 + 2n \right).$$

Optimize over  $\lambda$ , set  $t \asymp \sqrt{\frac{n^2}{p}}$ , and we have

$$\sup_{\|\Delta\|=1} |f(W, X, \Delta) - \mathbb{E}(f(W, X, \Delta)|X)| \lesssim \sqrt{\frac{n^2}{p}},$$

with high probability.

**Analysis of (3).** We use a discretization argument. There exists a subset  $\mathcal{N}_\zeta \subset S^{n-1}$ , such that for any  $\Delta \in S^{n-1}$ , there exists a  $\Delta' \in \mathcal{N}_\zeta$  that satisfies  $\|\Delta - \Delta'\| \leq \zeta$ , and we also have the bound  $\log |\mathcal{N}| \leq n \log(1 + 2/\zeta)$  according to Lemma 5.2 of Vershynin [2010]. For any  $\Delta \in S^{n-1}$  and the corresponding  $\Delta' \in \mathcal{N}_\zeta$  that satisfies  $\|\Delta - \Delta'\| \leq \zeta$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} |g(X, \Delta) - \mathbb{E}g(X, \Delta)| &\leq |g(X, \Delta') - \mathbb{E}g(X, \Delta')| \\ &\quad + |g(X, \Delta - \Delta') - \mathbb{E}g(X, \Delta - \Delta')| \\ &\quad + 2\mathbb{E}g(X, \Delta - \Delta') \\ &\leq |g(X, \Delta') - \mathbb{E}g(X, \Delta')| \\ &\quad + \zeta \sup_{\|\Delta\|=1} |g(X, \Delta) - \mathbb{E}g(X, \Delta)| \\ &\quad + 2\zeta \sup_{\|\Delta\|=1} \mathbb{E}g(X, \Delta). \end{aligned}$$

Take supremum over both sides, arrange the inequality, and we obtain the bound

$$\sup_{\|\Delta\|=1} |g(X, \Delta) - \mathbb{E}g(X, \Delta)| \leq (1 - \zeta)^{-1} \max_{\Delta \in \mathcal{N}_\zeta} |g(X, \Delta) - \mathbb{E}g(X, \Delta)| \quad (13)$$

$$2\zeta(1 - \zeta)^{-1} \mathbb{E}g(X, \Delta). \quad (14)$$

To bound (13), we will use Lemma 2.2 together with a union bound argument. For any  $X, \tilde{X}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
|g(X, \Delta) - g(\tilde{X}, \Delta)| &\leq \mathbb{E}^X \left| \sum_{i=1}^n (\psi(W_j^T x_i) - \psi(W_j^T \tilde{x}_j)) \Delta_i \right| \\
&\leq \mathbb{E}^X \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n (\psi(W_j^T x_i) - \psi(W_j^T \tilde{x}_j))^2} \\
&\leq \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{E}^X (W_j^T (x_i - \tilde{x}_i))^2} \\
&= \frac{1}{\sqrt{d}} \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n \|x_i - \tilde{x}_i\|^2}.
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, by Lemma 2.2,

$$\mathbb{P} \left( |g(X, \Delta) - g(\tilde{X}, \Delta)| > t \right) \leq 2 \exp \left( -\frac{dt^2}{2} \right),$$

for any  $t > 0$ . A union bound argument leads to

$$\mathbb{P} \left( \max_{\Delta \in \mathcal{N}_\zeta} |g(X, \Delta) - \mathbb{E}g(X, \Delta)| > t \right) \leq 2 \exp \left( -\frac{dt^2}{2} + n \log \left( 1 + \frac{2}{\zeta} \right) \right),$$

which implies that

$$\max_{\Delta \in \mathcal{N}_\zeta} |g(X, \Delta) - \mathbb{E}g(X, \Delta)| \lesssim \sqrt{\frac{n \log(1 + 2/\zeta)}{d}},$$

with high probability. For (14), we have

$$\mathbb{E}g(X, \Delta) \leq \mathbb{E} \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n |\psi(W^T x_i)|^2} \leq \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{E} |\psi(W^T x_i)|^2} \leq \sqrt{n}.$$

Combining the bounds for (13) and (14), we have

$$\sup_{\|\Delta\|=1} |g(X, \Delta) - \mathbb{E}g(X, \Delta)| \lesssim \sqrt{\frac{n \log(1 + 2/\zeta)}{d}} + \zeta \sqrt{n},$$

with high probability as long as  $\zeta \leq 1/2$ . We choose  $\zeta = \frac{c}{\sqrt{n}}$  with a sufficiently small constant  $c > 0$ , and thus the bound is sufficiently small as long as  $\frac{n \log n}{d}$  is sufficiently small.

Finally, combine results for (1), (2) and (3), and we obtain the desired conclusion as long as  $n^2/p$  and  $n \log n/d$  are sufficiently small.  $\square$



**Lemma 1.2.** Consider independent  $W_1, \dots, W_p \sim N(0, d^{-1}I_d)$  and  $x_1, \dots, x_n \sim N(0, I_d)$ . We define the matrices  $G, \bar{G} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  by

$$G_{il} = \frac{1}{p} \sum_{j=1}^p \psi(W_j^T x_i) \psi(W_j^T x_l),$$

and

$$\bar{G}_{il} = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2}, & i = l, \\ \frac{1}{2\pi} + \frac{1}{4} \frac{\bar{x}_i^T \bar{x}_l}{d} + \frac{1}{2\pi} \left( \frac{\|x_i\|}{\sqrt{d}} - 1 + \frac{\|x_l\|}{\sqrt{d}} - 1 \right), & i \neq l. \end{cases}$$

Assume  $d/\log n$  is sufficiently large, and then

$$\|G - \bar{G}\|_{\text{op}}^2 \lesssim \frac{n^2}{p} + \frac{\log n}{d} + \frac{n^2}{d^2},$$

with high probability.

*Proof.* Define  $\tilde{G} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  with entries  $\tilde{G}_{il} = \mathbb{E}(\psi(W^T x_i) \psi(W^T x_l) | X)$ , and we first bound the difference between  $G$  and  $\tilde{G}$ . Note that

$$\mathbb{E}(G_{il} - \tilde{G}_{il})^2 = \mathbb{E}\text{Var}(G_{il} | X) \leq \frac{1}{p} \mathbb{E}|\psi(W^T x_i) \psi(W^T x_l)|^2 = \frac{3}{2p} \mathbb{E}\|W\|^4 \leq 5p^{-1}.$$

We then have

$$\mathbb{E}\|G - \tilde{G}\|_{\text{op}}^2 \leq \mathbb{E}\|G - \tilde{G}\|_{\text{F}}^2 \leq \frac{5n^2}{p}.$$

By Markov's inequality,

$$\|G - \tilde{G}\|_{\text{op}}^2 \lesssim \frac{n^2}{p}, \quad (15)$$

with high probability.

Next, we study the diagonal entries of  $\tilde{G}$ . For any  $i \in [n]$ ,  $\tilde{G}_{ii} = \mathbb{E}(|\psi(W^T x_i)|^2 | X) = \frac{\|x_i\|^2}{2d}$ . By Lemma 2.3 and a union bound argument, we have

$$\mathbb{P}\left(\max_{1 \leq i \leq n} |\tilde{G}_{ii} - \bar{G}_{ii}| > \sqrt{\frac{t}{d}} + \frac{t}{d}\right) \leq 2ne^{-t},$$

for any  $t > 0$ . Choosing  $t \asymp \log n$ , we obtain the bound

$$\max_{1 \leq i \leq n} |\tilde{G}_{ii} - \bar{G}_{ii}| \lesssim \sqrt{\frac{\log n}{d}} + \frac{\log n}{d}, \quad (16)$$

with high probability.

Now we analyze the off-diagonal entries. We use the notation  $\bar{x}_i = \frac{\sqrt{d}}{\|x_i\|} x_i$ . For any  $i \neq l$ , we have

$$\tilde{G}_{il} = \mathbb{E}(\psi(W^T \bar{x}_i) \psi(W^T \bar{x}_l) | X) \quad (17)$$

$$+ \mathbb{E}((\psi(W^T x_i) - \psi(W^T \bar{x}_i)) \psi(W^T \bar{x}_l) | X) \quad (18)$$

$$+ \mathbb{E}(\psi(W^T \bar{x}_i) (\psi(W^T x_l) - \psi(W^T \bar{x}_l)) | X) \quad (19)$$

$$+ \mathbb{E}((\psi(W^T x_i) - \psi(W^T \bar{x}_i)) (\psi(W^T x_l) - \psi(W^T \bar{x}_l)) | X). \quad (20)$$

For first term on the right hand side of (17), we observe that  $\mathbb{E}(\psi(W^T \bar{x}_i)\psi(W^T \bar{x}_l)|X)$  is a function of  $\frac{\bar{x}_i^T \bar{x}_l}{d}$ , and thus we can write

$$\mathbb{E}(\psi(W^T \bar{x}_i)\psi(W^T \bar{x}_l)|X) = f\left(\frac{\bar{x}_i^T \bar{x}_l}{d}\right),$$

where

$$f(\rho) = \begin{cases} \mathbb{E}\psi(\sqrt{1-\rho}U + \sqrt{\rho}Z)\psi(\sqrt{1-\rho}V + \sqrt{\rho}Z), & \rho \geq 0, \\ \mathbb{E}\psi(\sqrt{1+\rho}U - \sqrt{-\rho}Z)\psi(\sqrt{1+\rho}V + \sqrt{-\rho}Z), & \rho < 0, \end{cases}$$

with  $U, V, Z \stackrel{iid}{\sim} N(0, 1)$ . By some direct calculations, we have  $f(0) = \frac{1}{2\pi}$ ,  $f'(0) = \frac{1}{4}$ , and  $\sup_{|\rho| \leq 0.2} \frac{|f'(\rho) - f'(0)|}{|\rho|} \lesssim 1$ . Therefore, as long as  $|\bar{x}_i^T \bar{x}_l|/d \leq 1/5$ ,

$$\left| f\left(\frac{\bar{x}_i^T \bar{x}_l}{d}\right) - \frac{1}{2\pi} - \frac{1}{4} \frac{\bar{x}_i^T \bar{x}_l}{d} \right| \leq C_1 \left| \frac{\bar{x}_i^T \bar{x}_l}{d} \right|^2,$$

for some constant  $C_1 > 0$ . By Lemma 2.4, we know that  $\max_{i \neq l} |\bar{x}_i^T \bar{x}_l|/d \lesssim \sqrt{\frac{\log n}{d}} \leq 1/5$  with high probability, which then implies

$$\sum_{i \neq l} (\mathbb{E}(\psi(W^T \bar{x}_i)\psi(W^T \bar{x}_l)|X) - \bar{G}_{il})^2 \leq C_1 \sum_{i \neq l} \left| \frac{\bar{x}_i^T \bar{x}_l}{d} \right|^2.$$

The term on the right hand side can be bounded by

$$\sum_{i \neq l} \left| \frac{\bar{x}_i^T \bar{x}_l}{d} \right|^4 \leq \frac{d}{\min_{1 \leq i \leq n} \|x_i\|^2} \sum_{i \neq l} \left| \frac{x_i^T x_l}{d} \right|^4.$$

By Lemma 2.3,  $\frac{d}{\min_{1 \leq i \leq n} \|x_i\|^2} \lesssim 1$  with high probability. By integrating out the probability tail bound of  $|x_i^T x_l|$  given in Lemma 2.4, we have  $\sum_{i \neq l} \mathbb{E} \left| \frac{x_i^T x_l}{d} \right|^4 \lesssim \frac{n^2}{d^2}$ , and by Markov's inequality, we have  $\sum_{i \neq l} \left| \frac{x_i^T x_l}{d} \right|^4 \lesssim \frac{n^2}{d^2}$  with high probability.

We also need to analyze the contributions of (18) and (19). Observe the fact that  $\mathbb{I}\{W^T x_i \geq 0\} = \mathbb{I}\{W^T \bar{x}_i \geq 0\}$ , which implies

$$\begin{aligned} \psi(W^T x_i) - \psi(W^T \bar{x}_i) &= W^T(x_i - \bar{x}_i)\mathbb{I}\{W^T \bar{x}_i \geq 0\}\psi(W^T \bar{x}_l) \\ &= \left( \frac{\|x_i\|}{\sqrt{d}} - 1 \right) \psi(W^T \bar{x}_i)\psi(W^T \bar{x}_l). \end{aligned} \quad (21)$$

Then, the sum of (18) and (19) can be written as

$$\left( \frac{\|x_i\|}{\sqrt{d}} - 1 + \frac{\|x_l\|}{\sqrt{d}} - 1 \right) f\left(\frac{\bar{x}_i^T \bar{x}_l}{d}\right).$$

Note that

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{i \neq l} \left( \frac{\|x_i\|}{\sqrt{d}} - 1 + \frac{\|x_l\|}{\sqrt{d}} - 1 \right)^2 \left[ f\left(\frac{\bar{x}_i^T \bar{x}_l}{d}\right) - \frac{1}{2\pi} \right]^2 \\ & \lesssim \sum_{i \neq l} \left( \frac{\|x_i\|}{\sqrt{d}} - 1 + \frac{\|x_l\|}{\sqrt{d}} - 1 \right)^4 + \sum_{i \neq l} \left| \frac{\bar{x}_i^T \bar{x}_l}{d} \right|^4. \end{aligned}$$

We have already shown that  $\sum_{i \neq l} \left| \frac{\bar{x}_i^T \bar{x}_l}{d} \right|^4 \lesssim \frac{n^2}{d^2}$  with high probability. By integrating out the probability tail bound of Lemma 2.3, we have  $\mathbb{E} \left( \frac{\|x_i\|}{\sqrt{d}} - 1 \right)^4 \lesssim d^{-2}$ , which then implies  $\sum_{i \neq l} \mathbb{E} \left( \frac{\|x_i\|}{\sqrt{d}} - 1 + \frac{\|x_l\|}{\sqrt{d}} - 1 \right)^4 \lesssim \frac{n^2}{d^2}$  and the corresponding high-probability bound by Markov's inequality.

Finally, we show that the contribution of (20) is negligible. By (21), we can write (20) as

$$\left( \frac{\|x_i\|}{\sqrt{d}} - 1 \right) \left( \frac{\|x_l\|}{\sqrt{d}} - 1 \right) \mathbb{E} \left( \psi(W^T \bar{x}_i)^2 \psi(W^T \bar{x}_l)^2 \middle| X \right),$$

whose absolute value can be bounded by  $\frac{3}{2} \left| \frac{\|x_i\|}{\sqrt{d}} - 1 \right| \left| \frac{\|x_l\|}{\sqrt{d}} - 1 \right|$ . Since

$$\sum_{i \neq l} \mathbb{E} \left( \frac{\|x_i\|}{\sqrt{d}} - 1 \right)^2 \mathbb{E} \left( \frac{\|x_l\|}{\sqrt{d}} - 1 \right)^2 \lesssim \frac{n^2}{d^2},$$

we can conclude that (20) is bounded by  $O\left(\frac{n^2}{d^2}\right)$  with high probability by Markov's inequality.

Combining the analyses of (17), (18), (19) and (20), we conclude that  $\sum_{i \neq l} (\tilde{G}_{il} - \bar{G}_{il})^2 \lesssim \frac{n^2}{d^2}$  with high probability. Together with (15) and (16), we obtain the desired bound for  $\|G - \bar{G}\|_{\text{op}}$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 1.3.** Consider independent  $W_1, \dots, W_p \sim N(0, d^{-1}I_d)$ ,  $x_1, \dots, x_n \sim N(0, I_d)$ , and  $\beta_1, \dots, \beta_p \sim N(0, 1)$ . We define the matrices  $H, \bar{H} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  by

$$\begin{aligned} H_{il} &= \frac{x_i^T x_l}{d} \frac{1}{p} \sum_{j=1}^p \beta_j^2 \mathbb{I}\{W_j^T x_i \geq 0, W_j^T x_l \geq 0\}, \\ \bar{H}_{il} &= \frac{1}{4} \frac{x_i^T x_l}{\|x_i\| \|x_l\|} + \frac{1}{4} \mathbb{I}\{i = l\}. \end{aligned}$$

Assume  $d/\log n$  is sufficiently large, and then

$$\|H - \bar{H}\|_{\text{op}}^2 \lesssim \frac{n^2}{pd} + \frac{n}{p} + \frac{\log n}{d} + \frac{n^2}{d^2},$$

with high probability.

*Proof.* Define  $\tilde{H} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  with entries  $\tilde{H}_{il} = \frac{x_i^T x_l}{d} \mathbb{E}(\beta^2 \mathbb{I}\{W^T x_i \geq 0, W^T x_l \geq 0\} | X)$ , and we first bound the difference between  $H$  and  $\tilde{H}$ . Note that

$$\mathbb{E}(H_{il} - \tilde{H}_{il})^2 = \mathbb{E}\text{Var}(H_{il} | X) \leq \frac{1}{p} \mathbb{E}\left(\frac{|x_i^T x_l|^2}{d^2} \beta^4\right) \leq \begin{cases} \frac{3}{pd}, & i \neq l, \\ 9p^{-1}, & i = l. \end{cases}$$

We then have

$$\mathbb{E}\|H - \tilde{H}\|_{\text{op}}^2 \leq \mathbb{E}\|H - \tilde{H}\|_{\text{F}}^2 \leq \frac{3n^2}{pd} + \frac{9n}{p}.$$

By Markov's inequality,

$$\|H - \tilde{H}\|_{\text{op}}^2 \lesssim \frac{n^2}{pd} + \frac{n}{p}, \quad (22)$$

with high probability.

Next, we study the diagonal entries of  $\tilde{H}$ . For any  $i \in [n]$ ,  $\tilde{H}_{ii} = \frac{\|x_i\|^2}{d} \mathbb{E}(\beta^2 \mathbb{I}\{W^T x_i \geq 0\} | X) = \frac{\|x_i\|^2}{2d}$ . The same analysis that leads to the bound (16) also implies that

$$\max_{1 \leq i \leq n} |\tilde{H}_{ii} - \bar{H}_{ii}| \lesssim \sqrt{\frac{\log n}{d}} + \frac{\log n}{d}, \quad (23)$$

with high probability.

Now we analyze the off-diagonal entries. Recall the notation  $\bar{x}_i = \frac{\sqrt{d}}{\|x_i\|} x_i$ . For any  $i \neq l$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{H}_{il} &= \frac{\|x_i\| \|x_l\|}{d} \frac{\bar{x}_i^T \bar{x}_l}{d} \mathbb{P}(W^T \bar{x}_i \geq 0, W^T \bar{x}_l \geq 0 | X) \\ &= \frac{\bar{x}_i^T \bar{x}_l}{d} \mathbb{P}(W^T \bar{x}_i \geq 0, W^T \bar{x}_l \geq 0 | X) \\ &\quad + \left( \frac{\|x_i\| \|x_l\|}{d} - 1 \right) \frac{\bar{x}_i^T \bar{x}_l}{d} \mathbb{P}(W^T \bar{x}_i \geq 0, W^T \bar{x}_l \geq 0 | X). \end{aligned} \quad (24)$$

Since  $\mathbb{P}(W^T \bar{x}_i \geq 0, W^T \bar{x}_l \geq 0 | X)$  is a function of  $\frac{\bar{x}_i^T \bar{x}_l}{d}$ , we can write

$$\frac{\bar{x}_i^T \bar{x}_l}{d} \mathbb{P}(W^T \bar{x}_i \geq 0, W^T \bar{x}_l \geq 0 | X) = f\left(\frac{\bar{x}_i^T \bar{x}_l}{d}\right), \quad (25)$$

where for  $\rho > 0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} f(\rho) &= \rho \mathbb{P}\left(\sqrt{1-\rho}U + \sqrt{\rho}Z \geq 0, \sqrt{1-\rho}V + \sqrt{\rho}Z\right) \\ &= \rho \mathbb{E}\mathbb{P}\left(\sqrt{1-\rho}U + \sqrt{\rho}Z \geq 0, \sqrt{1-\rho}V + \sqrt{\rho}Z | Z\right) \\ &= \rho \mathbb{E}\Phi\left(\sqrt{\frac{\rho}{1-\rho}}Z\right)^2, \end{aligned}$$

with  $U, V, Z \stackrel{iid}{\sim} N(0, 1)$  and  $\Phi(\cdot)$  being the cumulative distribution function of  $N(0, 1)$ . Similarly, for  $\rho < 0$ ,

$$f(\rho) = \rho \mathbb{E} \left[ \Phi \left( \sqrt{\frac{-\rho}{1+\rho}} Z \right) \left( 1 - \Phi \left( \sqrt{\frac{-\rho}{1+\rho}} Z \right) \right) \right].$$

By some direct calculations, we have  $f(0) = 0$ ,  $f'(0) = \frac{1}{4}$ , and

$$\sup_{|\rho| \leq 1/5} |f''(\rho)| \lesssim \sup_{|t| \leq 1/2} |\mathbb{E} \phi(tZ) \Phi(tZ) Z/t| + \sup_{|t| \leq 1/2} |\mathbb{E} \phi(tZ) Z/t|,$$

where  $\phi(x) = (2\pi)^{-1/2} e^{-x^2/2}$ . For any  $|t| \leq 1/2$ ,

$$|\mathbb{E} \phi(tZ) Z/t| = \left| \mathbb{E} \frac{\phi(tZ) - \phi(0)}{tZ} Z^2 \right| = |\mathbb{E} \xi \phi(\xi) Z^2| \leq \frac{|t|}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \mathbb{E} |Z|^3 \lesssim 1,$$

where  $\xi$  is a scalar between 0 and  $tZ$  so that  $|\xi| \leq |tZ|$ . By a similar argument, we also have

$\sup_{|t| \leq 1/2} |\mathbb{E} \phi(tZ) \Phi(tZ) Z/t| \lesssim 1$  so that  $\sup_{|\rho| \leq 1/5} |f''(\rho)| \lesssim 1$ . Therefore, as long as  $|\bar{x}_i^T \bar{x}_l|/d \leq 1/5$ ,

$$\left| f \left( \frac{\bar{x}_i^T \bar{x}_l}{d} \right) - \frac{1}{4} \frac{\bar{x}_i^T \bar{x}_l}{d} \right| \leq C_1 \left| \frac{\bar{x}_i^T \bar{x}_l}{d} \right|^2,$$

for some constant  $C_1 > 0$ . By Lemma 2.4, we know that  $\max_{i \neq l} |\bar{x}_i^T \bar{x}_l|/d \lesssim \sqrt{\frac{\log n}{d}} \leq 1/5$  with high probability. In view of the identities (24) and (25), we then have the high probability bound,

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i \neq l} \left( \tilde{H}_{il} - \frac{1}{4} \frac{\bar{x}_i^T \bar{x}_l}{d} \right)^2 &\leq 2 \sum_{i \neq l} \left( \frac{\|x_i\| \|x_l\|}{d} - 1 \right)^2 \left| \frac{\bar{x}_i^T \bar{x}_l}{d} \right|^2 + 2C_1 \sum_{i \neq l} \left| \frac{\bar{x}_i^T \bar{x}_l}{d} \right|^4 \\ &\leq \sum_{i \neq l} \left( \frac{\|x_i\| \|x_l\|}{d} - 1 \right)^4 + (2C_1 + 1) \sum_{i \neq l} \left| \frac{\bar{x}_i^T \bar{x}_l}{d} \right|^4. \end{aligned} \quad (26)$$

For the first term on the right hand side of (26), we use Lemma 2.4 and obtain a probability tail bound for  $|\|x_i\| \|x_l\| - d|$ . By integrating out this tail bound, we have

$$\sum_{i \neq l} \mathbb{E} \left( \frac{\|x_i\| \|x_l\|}{d} - 1 \right)^4 \lesssim \frac{n^2}{d^2},$$

which, by Markov's inequality, implies  $\sum_{i \neq l} \left( \frac{\|x_i\| \|x_l\|}{d} - 1 \right)^4 \lesssim \frac{n^2}{d^2}$  with high probability.

Using the same argument in the proof of Lemma 1.2, we have  $\sum_{i \neq l} \left| \frac{\bar{x}_i^T \bar{x}_l}{d} \right|^4 \lesssim \frac{n^2}{d^2}$  with high probability. Finally, combining (22), (23), and the bound for (26), we obtain the desired bound for  $\|H - \bar{H}\|_{\text{op}}$ .  $\square$

## 2 Technical Lemmas

**Lemma 2.1.** *If  $Z \sim N(0, 1)$  and  $W = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$  where  $X_i$  are independent mean 0 and  $\text{Var}(W) = 1$ , then*

$$\sup_z |\mathbb{P}(W \leq z) - \mathbb{P}(Z \leq z)| \leq 2 \sqrt{3 \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{E}|X_i|^3}.$$

Talagrand's inequality, see reference of Massart's paper About the Constants in Talagrand's Concentration Inequalities.

**Lemma 2.2.** *Let  $f : \mathbb{R}^k \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a Lipschitz function with constant  $L > 0$ . That is,  $|f(x) - f(y)| \leq L\|x - y\|$  for all  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^k$ . Then, for any  $t > 0$ ,*

$$\mathbb{P}(|f(Z) - \mathbb{E}f(Z)| > t) \leq 2 \exp\left(-\frac{t^2}{2L^2}\right),$$

where  $Z \sim N(0, I_k)$ .

**Lemma 2.3.** *For any  $t > 0$ , we have*

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{P}\left(\chi_k^2 \geq k + 2\sqrt{tk} + 2t\right) &\leq e^{-t}, \\ \mathbb{P}\left(\chi_k^2 \leq k - 2\sqrt{tk}\right) &\leq e^{-t}. \end{aligned}$$

**Lemma 2.4.** *Consider independent  $Y_1, Y_2 \sim N(0, I_k)$ . For any  $t > 0$ , we have*

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{P}\left(\left|\|Y_1\| \|Y_2\| - k\right| \geq 2\sqrt{tk} + 2t\right) &\leq 4e^{-t}, \\ \mathbb{P}\left(|Y_1^T Y_2| \geq \sqrt{2kt} + 2t\right) &\leq 2e^{-t}. \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* By Lemma 2.3, we have

$$\begin{aligned} &\mathbb{P}\left(\|Y_1\| \|Y_2\| - k \geq 2\sqrt{tk} + 2t\right) \\ &\leq \mathbb{P}\left(\|Y_1\|^2 \geq k + 2\sqrt{tk} + 2t\right) + \mathbb{P}\left(\|Y_2\|^2 \geq k + 2\sqrt{tk} + 2t\right) \\ &\leq 2e^{-t}, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} &\mathbb{P}\left(\|Y_1\| \|Y_2\| - k \leq -2\sqrt{tk} - 2t\right) \\ &\leq \mathbb{P}\left(\|Y_1\|^2 \leq k - 2\sqrt{tk}\right) + \mathbb{P}\left(\|Y_2\|^2 \leq k - 2\sqrt{tk}\right) \\ &\leq 2e^{-t}. \end{aligned}$$

Summing up the two bounds above, we obtain the first conclusion. For the second conclusion, note that

$$\mathbb{P}(Y_1^T Y_2 \geq x) \leq e^{-\lambda x} \mathbb{E} e^{\lambda Y_1^T Y_2} = \exp\left(-\lambda x - \frac{k}{2} \log(1 - \lambda^2)\right) \leq \exp\left(-\lambda x + \frac{k}{2} \lambda^2\right),$$

for any  $x > 0$  and  $\lambda \in (0, 1)$ . Optimize over  $\lambda \in (0, 1)$ , and we obtain  $\mathbb{P}(Y_1^T Y_2 > x) \leq e^{-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{x^2}{k} \wedge x\right)}$ . Take  $x = \sqrt{2kt} + 2t$ , and then we obtain the bound

$$\mathbb{P}\left(Y_1^T Y_2 \geq \sqrt{2kt} + 2t\right) \leq e^{-t},$$

which immediately implies the second conclusion.  $\square$

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