

Proof of damped CLT

We will follow the proof from Levin et al paper appropriately modified to our case, i.e., for the damped omnibus matrix.

1 Concentration Bound

Theorem 1. (*Matrix Bernstein*)

Consider independent random Hermitian matrices $\mathbf{H}^{(1)}, \mathbf{H}^{(2)}, \dots, \mathbf{H}^{(k)} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ with $\mathbb{E} \mathbf{H}^{(i)} = \mathbf{0}$ and $\|\mathbf{H}^{(i)}\| \leq L$ with probability 1 for all i for some fixed $L > 0$. Define $\mathbf{H} = \sum_{i=1}^k \mathbf{H}^{(i)}$, and let $\nu(\mathbf{H}) = \|\mathbb{E} \mathbf{H}^2\|$. Then, for all $t \geq 0$,

$$\mathbb{P}[\|\mathbf{H}\| \geq t] \leq 2n \exp \left\{ - \frac{t^2/2}{\nu(\mathbf{H}) + Lt/3} \right\}.$$

Let the damped omnibus matrix $M \in \mathbb{R}^{mn \times mn}$ defined as follows,

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} A^{(1)} & \frac{A^{(1)}+A^{(2)}}{2} & \frac{A^{(1)}+2A^{(3)}}{3} & \frac{A^{(1)}+3A^{(4)}}{4} & \dots & \frac{A^{(1)}+(m-1)A^{(m)}}{m} \\ \frac{A^{(1)}+A^{(2)}}{2} & A^{(2)} & \frac{A^{(2)}+2A^{(3)}}{3} & \frac{A^{(2)}+3A^{(4)}}{4} & \dots & \frac{A^{(2)}+(m-1)A^{(m)}}{m} \\ \frac{A^{(1)}+2A^{(3)}}{3} & \frac{A^{(2)}+2A^{(3)}}{3} & A^{(3)} & \frac{A^{(3)}+3A^{(4)}}{4} & \dots & \vdots \\ \frac{A^{(1)}+3A^{(4)}}{4} & \frac{A^{(2)}+3A^{(4)}}{4} & \frac{A^{(3)}+3A^{(4)}}{4} & A^{(4)} & \dots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{A^{(1)}+(m-1)A^{(m)}}{m} & \frac{A^{(2)}+(m-1)A^{(m)}}{m} & \frac{A^{(3)}+(m-1)A^{(m)}}{m} & \dots & \dots & A^{(m)} \end{bmatrix}.$$

Lemma 1. With high probability, $\|M - \mathbb{E} M\| \leq Cmn^{\frac{1}{2}} \log^{\frac{1}{2}} mn$.

Proof. Condition on some $P = XX^T$, so that

$$\mathbb{E} M = \tilde{P} = \begin{bmatrix} P & P & \dots & P \\ P & P & \dots & P \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ P & P & \dots & P \end{bmatrix}.$$

For all $q \in [m]$ and $i, j \in [n]$, we define an auxillary block matrix $E_{q,i,j}$ which will help us express the difference $M - \mathbb{E} M$ into a sum of independent Hermitian matrices, so that we

will be able to apply Bernstein's matrix bound. Let $e^{ij} = e_i e_j^T + e_j e_i^T$ where e_i is a vector in \mathbb{R}^n with all its entries zero but one in the i -th entry. Then, the block matrix $E_{q,i,j}$ is defined as,

$$E_{q,i,j} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \cdots & 0 & \frac{q-1}{q} e^{ij} & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & \cdots & 0 & \frac{q-1}{q} e^{ij} & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & & \vdots & & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \cdots & 0 & \frac{q-1}{q} e^{ij} & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ \frac{q-1}{q} e^{ij} & \cdots & \frac{q-1}{q} e^{ij} & e^{ij} & \frac{e^{ij}}{q+1} & \cdots & \frac{e^{ij}}{m} \\ 0 & \cdots & 0 & \frac{e^{ij}}{q+1} & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & & \vdots & & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \cdots & 0 & \frac{e^{ij}}{m} & 0 & \cdots & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

where the nonnegative blocks appear in the q -th row and q -th column. Now, we can write $M - \mathbb{E} M$ as

$$M - \mathbb{E} M = \sum_{q=1}^m \sum_{i < j} (A_{ij}^{(q)} - P_{ij}) E_{q,i,j},$$

which is a sum of $m \binom{n}{2}$ independent zero-mean matrices, with $\|(A_{ij}^{(q)} - P_{ij}) E_{q,i,j}\| \leq \sqrt{m}$ for all $q \in [m]$ and $i, j \in [n]$.

It remains to compute the variance term $\nu(M - \mathbb{E} M)$. Letting $D_{ij} = e^{ij} e^{ij} = e_i e_i^T + e_j e_j^T \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$, we have

$$E_{q,i,j} E_{q,i,j} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{(q-1)^2}{q^2} D_{ij} & \cdots & \frac{(q-1)^2}{q^2} D_{ij} & \frac{q-1}{q} D_{ij} & \frac{q-1}{q(q+1)} D_{ij} & \cdots & \frac{q-1}{qm} D_{ij} \\ \vdots & \ddots & & \vdots & & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{(q-1)^2}{q^2} D_{ij} & \cdots & \frac{(q-1)^2}{q^2} D_{ij} & \frac{q-1}{q} D_{ij} & \frac{q-1}{q(q+1)} D_{ij} & \cdots & \frac{q-1}{qm} D_{ij} \\ \frac{q-1}{q} D_{ij} & \cdots & \frac{q-1}{q} D_{ij} & D_{ij}^* & \frac{1}{q+1} D_{ij} & \cdots & \frac{1}{m} D_{ij} \\ \frac{q-1}{q(q+1)} D_{ij} & \cdots & \frac{q-1}{q(q+1)} D_{ij} & \frac{1}{q+1} D_{ij} & \frac{1}{(q+1)^2} D_{ij} & \cdots & \frac{1}{(q+1)m} D_{ij} \\ \vdots & \ddots & & \vdots & & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{q-1}{qm} D_{ij} & \cdots & \frac{q-1}{qm} D_{ij} & \frac{1}{m} D_{ij} & \frac{1}{(q+1)m} D_{ij} & \cdots & \frac{1}{m^2} D_{ij} \end{bmatrix}.$$

where $D_{ij}^* = \left((q-1) \frac{(q-1)^2}{q^2} + 1 + \frac{1}{(q+1)^2} + \cdots + \frac{1}{m^2} \right) D_{ij}$ and it appears in the q -th row and q -th column. Hence,

$$\nu(M - \mathbb{E} M) = \left\| \sum_{q=1}^m \sum_{i < j} (A_{ij}^{(q)} - P_{ij})^2 E_{q,i,j} E_{q,i,j} \right\| \leq 2m^2(n-1).$$

To apply Bernstein's matrix bound, let $L = \sqrt{m}$ and $t = 2\sqrt{m(n-1) \log mn}$. Then,

$$\mathbb{P}[\|M - \mathbb{E} M\| \geq 2\sqrt{m(n-1) \log mn}] \leq 2m^{-3}n^{-2}.$$

Integrating over all X yields the result.

2 Additional theory from Keith et al.

Observation 1. Let $\lambda_1 \geq \lambda_2 \geq \dots \lambda_d > 0$ denote the top d eigenvalues of $P = XX^T$, and let $\tilde{P} = J \otimes P$, where $J \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$ is the matrix with all of its entries equal to one. Then, $\sigma(P) = \{m\lambda_1, m\lambda_2, \dots, m\lambda_d, 0, 0, \dots, 0\}$.

Proof. $\text{trace}(\tilde{P}) = \text{trace}(J)\text{trace}(P) = m \sum_{i=1}^d \lambda_i = \sum_{i=1}^d \lambda_i^{new}$, where $\lambda_i^{new} = m\lambda_i$ for any i .

Observation 2. Let F be an inner product distribution on \mathbb{R}^d with random vectors $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n, Y \stackrel{i.i.d.}{\sim} F$. With probability at least $1 - \frac{d^2}{n^2}$, it holds for all $i \in [d]$ that $|\lambda_i(P) - n\lambda_i(\mathbb{E}YY^T)| \leq 2d\sqrt{n \log n}$. Further, we have for all $i \in [d]$, $\lambda_i(\tilde{P}) \geq Cnm\delta$ w.h.p.

Proof. Follows from Keith et al.

Weyl's Inequality: If $\|M - N\|_2 \leq \epsilon$, then $|\mu_i - \nu_i| \leq \epsilon$ for all i , where μ_i, ν_i are the corresponding eigenvalues of M, N respectively.

Lemma 2. Let $\tilde{P} = U_{\tilde{P}} S_{\tilde{P}} U_{\tilde{P}}^T$ be the eigendecomposition of \tilde{P} , where $U_{\tilde{P}} \in \mathbb{R}^{mn \times d}$ has orthonormal columns and $S_{\tilde{P}} \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}$ is diagonal and invertible. Let $S_M \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}$ be the diagonal matrix of the top d eigenvalues of M and $U_M \in \mathbb{R}^{mn \times d}$ be the matrix with orthonormal columns containing the top d corresponding eigenvectors, so that $U_M S_M U_M^T$ is our estimate of \tilde{P} . Let $V_1 \Sigma V_2^T$ be the SVD of $U_{\tilde{P}}^T U_M$. Then,

$$\|U_{\tilde{P}}^T U_M - V_1 V_2^T\|_F \leq \frac{C \log mn}{n} w.h.p.$$

Proof. Let $\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \dots, \sigma_d$ denote the diagonal entries of Σ . Then, $\sigma_i = \cos(\theta_i)$ where θ_i are the principal angles between the sub-spaces spanned by $U_M, U_{\tilde{P}}$. Implementing the results from Lemma 1 and Observation 2 into Davis-Kahan theorem, we get

$$\|U_M U_M^T - U_{\tilde{P}} U_{\tilde{P}}^T\| = \max_i |\sin \theta_i| \leq \frac{\|M - \tilde{P}\|}{\lambda_d(\tilde{P})} \leq C \frac{\log^{1/2} mn}{n^{1/2}} w.h.p. \quad (1)$$

for sufficiently large mn . Next,

$$\|U_{\tilde{P}}^T U_M - V_1 V_2^T\|_F = \|\Sigma - I\|_F \leq \sum_{i=1}^d \sin^2(\theta_i) \leq d \|U_M U_M^T - U_{\tilde{P}} U_{\tilde{P}}^T\|^2 \leq C \frac{\log mn}{n} w.h.p.$$

which is the desired result.

Proposition 1. With notation as above,

$$\|U_{\tilde{P}}^T (M - \tilde{P})\|_F \leq C \sqrt{mn \log mn} w.h.p.$$

Proof. First, we give a bound for an arbitrary entry of $U_{\tilde{P}}^T (M - \tilde{P})$ using Hoeffding inequality and then, via a union bound over all the entries we obtain a bound for the Frobenius norm. Let the ij -th entry of $U_{\tilde{P}}^T (M - \tilde{P})$ be of the form $(U_{\tilde{P}}^T (M - \tilde{P}))_{ij} = (U_{\tilde{P}}^T)_i (M - \tilde{P})_{.j} = \sum_{k=1}^{mn} (M_{kj} - \tilde{P}_{kj}) U_{ki}$, where $U_{.i}$ is the i -th column (orthonormal) of $U_{\tilde{P}} \in \mathbb{R}^{mn \times d}$. Conditional

on $P = XX^T$, we have mn independent mean-zero random variables, thus by Hoeffding inequality,

$$\mathbb{P}\left(\left|\sum_{k=1}^{mn}(M_{kj} - \tilde{P}_{kj})U_{ki}\right| \geq 2\sqrt{\log mn}\right) \leq 2\exp\left(-\frac{8\log mn}{\sum_{k=1}^{mn}(2U_{ki})^2}\right) = 2m^{-2}n^{-2}.$$

Finally, the desired result is given by,

$$\|U_{\tilde{P}}^T(M - \tilde{P})\|_F = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^d \sum_{j=1}^{mn} |(U_{\tilde{P}}^T(M - \tilde{P}))_{ij}|^2} \leq C\sqrt{mn \log mn} \quad w.h.p.$$

Proposition 2. *With notation as above,*

$$\|(U_{\tilde{P}}^T(M - \tilde{P})U_{\tilde{P}})\|_F \leq C\sqrt{\log mn} \quad w.h.p.$$

Proof. Following the proof of Proposition 1, we first give a bound for the ij -th entry of matrix $U_{\tilde{P}}^T(M - \tilde{P})U_{\tilde{P}}$ using Hoeffding inequality. We have that $(U_{\tilde{P}}^T(M - \tilde{P})U_{\tilde{P}})_{ij} = \sum_{k,l=1}^{mn} U_{ki}U_{lj}(M_{kl} - \tilde{P}_{kl}) = \sum_{k<l} 2U_{ki}U_{lj}(M_{kl} - \tilde{P}_{kl}) - \sum_{k=1}^{mn} \tilde{P}_{kk}U_{ki}U_{kj}$, where $U_{\cdot i}$, $U_{\cdot j}$ correspond to the i -th and j -th columns of $U_{\tilde{P}}$. Note that conditioned on P , the first term is a sum of $\binom{mn}{2}$ zero-mean independent random variables and the second term is bounded by 1, since $U_{\tilde{P}}$ is a matrix with orthonormal columns and $\tilde{P}_{kk} \in [0, 1]$ for all k . By Hoeffding's inequality,

$$\mathbb{P}\left[\left|\sum_{k<l} 2U_{ki}U_{lj}(M_{kl} - \tilde{P}_{kl})\right| \geq t\right] \leq 2\exp\left\{-\frac{2t^2}{\sum_{k<l} (4U_{ki}U_{lj})^2}\right\} \leq 2e^{-t^2/8}.$$

Hence, with probability at least $1 - (mn)^{-2}$, we have $\sum_{k<l} 2U_{ki}U_{lj}(M_{kl} - \tilde{P}_{kl}) < 4\sqrt{\log mn}$.

Moreover,

$$\begin{aligned} \|(U_{\tilde{P}}^T(M - \tilde{P})U_{\tilde{P}})\|_F &= \sqrt{\sum_{i,j=1}^d \left|\sum_{k<l} 2U_{ki}U_{lj}(M_{kl} - \tilde{P}_{kl}) - \sum_{k=1}^{mn} \tilde{P}_{kk}U_{ki}U_{kj}\right|^2} \\ &\leq \sqrt{\sum_{i,j=1}^d 16\log mn + 8\sqrt{\log mn} + 1} \\ &\leq C\sqrt{\log mn}. \end{aligned}$$

Lemma 3. *Let $V = V_1V_2^T$ where V_1, V_2^T are as defined above. Then,*

$$\|VS_M - S_{\tilde{P}}V\|_F \leq Cm \log mn \quad w.h.p. \quad (2)$$

$$\|VS_M^{1/2} - S_{\tilde{P}}^{1/2}V\|_F \leq C\frac{m^{1/2} \log mn}{n^{1/2}} \quad w.h.p. \quad (3)$$

$$\|VS_M^{-1/2} - S_{\tilde{P}}^{-1/2}V\|_F \leq C\frac{\log mn}{mn^{3/2}} \quad w.h.p. \quad (4)$$

Proof.

Lemma 4. *Define*

$$\begin{aligned} R_1 &= U_{\tilde{P}} U_{\tilde{P}}^T U_M - U_{\tilde{P}} V \\ R_2 &= V S_M^{1/2} - S_{\tilde{P}}^{1/2} V \\ R_3 &= U_M - U_{\tilde{P}} U_{\tilde{P}}^T U_M + R_1 = U_M - U_{\tilde{P}} V \end{aligned}$$

Then, the following terms converge to zero in probability:

$$\sqrt{n} \left[(M - \tilde{P}) U_{\tilde{P}} (V S_M^{-1/2} - S_{\tilde{P}}^{-1/2} V) \right]_h \xrightarrow{P} 0, \quad (5)$$

$$\sqrt{n} \left[U_{\tilde{P}} U_{\tilde{P}}^T (M - \tilde{P}) U_{\tilde{P}} V S_M^{-1/2} \right]_h \xrightarrow{P} 0, \quad (6)$$

$$\sqrt{n} \left[(I - U_{\tilde{P}} U_{\tilde{P}}^T) (M - \tilde{P}) R_3 S_M^{-1/2} \right]_h \xrightarrow{P} 0, \quad (7)$$

and

$$\|R_1 S_M^{1/2} + U_{\tilde{P}} R_2\|_F \leq \frac{C m^{1/2} \log mn}{n^{1/2}} \quad w.h.p. \quad (8)$$

Proof. First note that for two matrices A, B with compatible dimensions the following inequality holds:

$$\|AB\|_F \leq \|A\| \|B\|_F$$

We prove first Equation (5). Using the above inequality, Lemma 1 and Lemma 3 we get with high probability the following

$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt{n} \|(M - \tilde{P}) U_{\tilde{P}} (V S_M^{-1/2} - S_{\tilde{P}}^{-1/2} V)\|_F &\leq \sqrt{n} \|M - \tilde{P}\|_F \|V S_M^{-1/2} - S_{\tilde{P}}^{-1/2} V\|_F \\ &\leq C \frac{\log^{3/2} mn}{n^{1/2}}, \end{aligned}$$

which goes to 0 asymptotically in n .

Next, to prove Equation (6), we will need the following lemma from Cape et al.,

Lemma 5. *For $A \in \mathbb{R}^{p_1 \times p_2}$ and $B \in \mathbb{R}^{p_2 \times p_3}$, then*

$$\begin{aligned} \|A\|_{2 \rightarrow \infty} &= \max_{i \in [p_1]} \|A_i\|_2 \\ \|AB\|_{2 \rightarrow \infty} &\leq \|A\|_{2 \rightarrow \infty} \|B\|_2 \end{aligned}$$

Moreover, from Levin et al., we have that $\|U_{\tilde{P}}\|_{2 \rightarrow \infty} \leq C(mn)^{-1/2}$ w.h.p.

Hence, by Observation 2, Proposition 2 and Lemma 5 we have that

$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt{n} \|U_{\tilde{P}} U_{\tilde{P}}^T (M - \tilde{P}) U_{\tilde{P}} V S_M^{-1/2}\|_{2 \rightarrow \infty} &\leq \sqrt{n} \|U_{\tilde{P}}\|_{2 \rightarrow \infty} \|U_{\tilde{P}}^T (M - \tilde{P}) U_{\tilde{P}}\|_2 \|S_M^{-1/2}\|_2 \\ &\leq C \frac{\log^{1/2} mn}{mn^{1/2}} \quad w.h.p. \end{aligned}$$

For Equation (8), simply notice that

$$\|R_1 S_M^{1/2} + U_{\tilde{P}} R_2\|_F \leq \|R_1\|_F \|S_M\|^{1/2} + \|R_2\|_F \leq \|U_{\tilde{P}}^T U_M - V\|_F \|S_M\|^{1/2} + \|R_2\|_F$$

and by Lemma 2 and Equation (3) we obtain the desired bound.

Finally, to establish (7), the two to infinity norm can be bounded as follows,

$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt{n} \|(I - U_{\tilde{P}} U_{\tilde{P}}^T)(M - \tilde{P}) R_3 S_M^{-1/2}\|_{2 \rightarrow \infty} &\leq \sqrt{n} \|(I - U_{\tilde{P}} U_{\tilde{P}}^T)(M - \tilde{P})\|_{2 \rightarrow \infty} \|R_3 S_M^{-1/2}\| \\ &\leq \sqrt{n} \|M - \tilde{P}\| \|R_3\|_{2 \rightarrow \infty} \|S_M^{-1/2}\| \\ &\leq C \|R_3\|_{2 \rightarrow \infty} m^{1/2} n^{1/2} \log^{1/2} mn \end{aligned}$$

To bound the two to infinity norm of R_3 , we decompose R_3 as follows

$$\begin{aligned} R_3 = U_M - U_{\tilde{P}} V &= (I - U_{\tilde{P}} U_{\tilde{P}}^T)(M - \tilde{P}) U_{\tilde{P}} V S_M^{-1} \\ &\quad + (I - U_{\tilde{P}} U_{\tilde{P}}^T)(M - \tilde{P})(U_M - U_{\tilde{P}} V) S_M^{-1} \\ &\quad + (I - U_{\tilde{P}} U_{\tilde{P}}^T) \tilde{P} (U_M - U_{\tilde{P}} U_{\tilde{P}}^T U_M) S_M^{-1} \\ &\quad + U_{\tilde{P}} (U_{\tilde{P}}^T U_M - V) \end{aligned}$$

As $\tilde{P} = U_{\tilde{P}} S_{\tilde{P}} U_{\tilde{P}}^T$, the term $(I - U_{\tilde{P}} U_{\tilde{P}}^T) \tilde{P}$ vanishes. Also, the two to infinity norm of the term $I - U_{\tilde{P}} U_{\tilde{P}}^T$ is bounded by the spectral norm which in turn, it is bounded by 1. Hence, by Lemma 5 and triangle inequality we obtain the following bound on the two to infinity norm of R_3 ,

$$\begin{aligned} \|R_3\|_{2 \rightarrow \infty} &\leq \|(M - \tilde{P}) U_{\tilde{P}} V\|_{2 \rightarrow \infty} \|S_M^{-1}\| + \|U_{\tilde{P}}\|_{2 \rightarrow \infty} \|U_{\tilde{P}}^T (M - \tilde{P}) U_{\tilde{P}}\| \|S_M^{-1}\| \\ &\quad + \|M - \tilde{P}\| \|R_3\| \|S_M^{-1}\| + \|U_{\tilde{P}}\|_{2 \rightarrow \infty} \|U_{\tilde{P}}^T U_M - V\| \end{aligned} \tag{9}$$

Claim 1:

$$\|R_3\| = O\left(\frac{\log^{1/2} mn}{n^{1/2}}\right)$$

Proof. Following the proof of Lemma 6.8 from Cape et al., we add and subtract $U_{\tilde{P}} U_{\tilde{P}}^T U_M$ and by triangle inequality,

$$\|R_3\| = \|U_M - U_{\tilde{P}} V\| \leq \|U_M - U_{\tilde{P}} U_{\tilde{P}}^T U_M\| + \|U_{\tilde{P}} (U_{\tilde{P}}^T U_M - V)\|.$$

The first term can be rewritten as follows,

$$\|U_M - U_{\tilde{P}} U_{\tilde{P}}^T U_M\| = \|U_M U_M^T - U_{\tilde{P}} U_{\tilde{P}}^T U_M U_M^T\| = \|(I - U_{\tilde{P}} U_{\tilde{P}}^T) U_M U_M^T\| = \|\sin \Theta(U_M, U_{\tilde{P}})\|$$

By Davis-Kahan,

$$\|U_M - U_{\tilde{P}} U_{\tilde{P}}^T U_M\| \leq \frac{\|M - \tilde{P}\|}{\lambda_d(\tilde{P})} \leq C \frac{\log^{1/2} mn}{n^{1/2}}$$

Further, we can bound the second term from Lemma 2 which leads us to the desired result.

Claim 2:

$$\|(M - \tilde{P}) U_{\tilde{P}} V\|_{2 \rightarrow \infty} \leq \|(M - \tilde{P}) U_{\tilde{P}}\|_{2 \rightarrow \infty} \|V\| \leq \|(M - \tilde{P}) U_{\tilde{P}}\|_{2 \rightarrow \infty} = O_d(m \sqrt{\log mn}).$$

Proof. We note first that

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{d}} \|(M - \tilde{P})U_{\tilde{P}}\|_{2 \rightarrow \infty} \leq \|(M - \tilde{P})U_{\tilde{P}}\|_{\max} = \max_{i \in [mn], j \in [d]} |\langle (M - \tilde{P})U_{\cdot j}, e_i \rangle|,$$

where $e_i \in \mathbb{R}^{mn}$ is the unit vector with all of its entries equal to 0, except for the i -th entry.

Let $l \in [m]$ arbitrary. For all $1 \leq k \leq n$, $U_{k,j} = U_{k+n,j} = \dots = U_{(l-1)n+j,j}$, and for each $(l-1)n+1 \leq i \leq ln$ and $1 \leq j \leq d$,

$$\begin{aligned} \langle (M - \tilde{P})U_{\cdot j}, e_i \rangle &= e_i^T (M - \tilde{P})U_{\cdot j} = \sum_{\tilde{k}=1}^{mn} (M_{i,\tilde{k}} - \tilde{P}_{i,\tilde{k}})U_{\tilde{k},j} = \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^n \left[\frac{A_{ik}^{(1)} + \dots + A_{ik}^{(l-1)}}{l} + \left((l-1)\frac{l-1}{l} + 1 + \frac{1}{l+1} + \dots + \frac{1}{m} \right) A_{ik}^{(l)} + \right. \\ &\quad \left. \frac{l}{l+1} A_{ik}^{(l+1)} + \dots + \frac{m-1}{m} A_{ik}^{(m)} - mP_{ik} \right] U_{k,j}. \end{aligned}$$

For all $l \in [m]$, for any $(l-1)n+1 \leq i \leq ln$ and $1 \leq j \leq d$, the above expansion is a sum of independent, bounded, mean zero random variables taking values in $[-mU_{k,j}, mU_{k,j}]$. Hence, by Hoeffding inequality, with probability at least $1 - \frac{2}{(mn)^2}$,

$$\mathbb{P} \left(\left| \sum_{\tilde{k}=1}^{mn} (M_{i,\tilde{k}} - \tilde{P}_{i,\tilde{k}})U_{\tilde{k},j} \right| \geq 2m\sqrt{\log mn} \right) \leq 2 \exp \left(- \frac{8m^2 \log mn}{\sum_{k=1}^n (2mU_{k,j})^2} \right) \leq 2(mn)^{-2}.$$

Therefore, $\|(M - \tilde{P})U_{\tilde{P}}\|_{2 \rightarrow \infty} = O_d(m\sqrt{\log mn})$ holds.

Using the above claims, the Equation 9 becomes

$$\|R_3\|_{2 \rightarrow \infty} = O\left(\frac{\sqrt{\log mn}}{n}\right) + O\left(\frac{\log mn}{(mn)^{3/2}}\right) + O\left(\frac{\log mn}{n}\right) + O\left(\frac{\log mn}{m^{1/2}n^{3/2}}\right),$$

and therefore, $\sqrt{n}\|(I - U_{\tilde{P}}U_{\tilde{P}}^T)(M - \tilde{P})R_3S_M^{-1/2}\|_{2 \rightarrow \infty}$ goes to 0 as n goes to infinity.

By the definition of the JRDGP, the latent positions of the expected omnibus matrix $\mathbb{E} M = \tilde{P} = U_{\tilde{P}}S_{\tilde{P}}U_{\tilde{P}}^T$ are given by

$$Z^* = \begin{bmatrix} X^* \\ X^* \\ \vdots \\ X^* \end{bmatrix} = U_{\tilde{P}}S_{\tilde{P}}^{1/2} \in \mathbb{R}^{mn \times d}$$

Recall that the matrix of the true latent positions is denoted by $Z = [X^T X^T \dots X^T]^T \in \mathbb{R}^{mn \times d}$, so that $Z = Z^*W$ for some suitable-chosen orthogonal matrix W .

Lemma 6. Fix some $i \in [n]$ and some $s \in [m]$ and let $h = n(s-1) + i$. Conditional on $X_i = x_i \in \mathbb{R}^d$, there exists a sequence of d -by- d orthogonal matrices $\{W_n\}_n$ such that

$$n^{1/2}W_n^T \left[(M - \tilde{P})U_{\tilde{P}}S_{\tilde{P}}^{-1/2} \right]_h \xrightarrow{\mathcal{L}} \mathcal{N}(0, \Sigma(x_i)),$$

where $\Sigma(x_i)$ is the covariance matrix that depends on x_i .

Proof. Following the proof of Lemma 6 in Levin et al, for each $n = 1, 2, \dots$, choose orthogonal $W_n \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}$ so that $X = X^* W_n = U_P S_P W_n$. We rewrite the term $n^{1/2} W_n^T \left[(M - \tilde{P}) U_{\tilde{P}} S_{\tilde{P}}^{-1/2} \right]_h$ as follows

$$\begin{aligned} n^{1/2} W_n^T \left[(M - \tilde{P}) U_{\tilde{P}} S_{\tilde{P}}^{-1/2} \right]_h &= n^{1/2} W_n^T \left[M Z^* S_{\tilde{P}}^{-1} - \tilde{P} Z^* S_{\tilde{P}}^{-1} \right]_h \\ &= n W_n^T S_{\tilde{P}}^{-1} W_n \frac{n^{-1/2}}{m} \left[M Z - \tilde{P} Z \right]_h \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

The h -th scaled row of the matrix difference $MZ - \tilde{P}Z$ can be further expanded as

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{n^{-1/2}}{m} [MZ - \tilde{P}Z]_h &= \frac{n^{-1/2}}{m} \sum_{j=1}^n \left(\frac{A_{ij}^{(1)} + \dots + A_{ij}^{(s-1)}}{s} + \left(\frac{(s-1)^2}{s} + 1 + \frac{1}{s+1} + \dots + \frac{1}{m} \right) A_{ij}^{(s)} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{s}{s+1} A_{ij}^{(s+1)} + \dots + \frac{m-1}{m} A_{ij}^{(s)} - m P_{ij} \right) X_j \\ &= \frac{n^{-1/2}}{m} \sum_{j \neq i} \left(\sum_{q < s} \frac{1}{s} (A_{ij}^{(q)} - P_{ij}) + \phi(s) (A_{ij}^{(s)} - P_{ij}) + \sum_{q > s} \frac{q-1}{q} (A_{ij}^{(q)} - P_{ij}) \right) X_j \\ &\quad - n^{-1/2} P_{ii} X_i, \end{aligned}$$

where $\phi(s) = \frac{(s-1)^2}{s} + 1 + \frac{1}{s+1} + \dots + \frac{1}{m} = (s-1) + \sum_{q \geq s} \frac{1}{q}$.

Conditioning on $X_i = x_i \in \mathbb{R}^d$, we first observe that

$$\frac{P_{ii}}{n^{1/2}} X_i = \frac{x_i^T x_i}{n^{1/2}} x_i \xrightarrow{a.s.} 0,$$

moreover, the scaled sum becomes

$$n^{-1/2} \sum_{j \neq i} \frac{1}{m} \left(\sum_{q < s} \frac{1}{s} (A_{ij}^{(q)} - x_i^T X_j) + \phi(s) (A_{ij}^{(s)} - x_i^T X_j) + \sum_{q > s} \frac{q-1}{q} (A_{ij}^{(q)} - x_i^T X_j) \right) X_j,$$

which is a sum of $n-1$ independent 0-mean random variables, each with covariance matrix denoted by $\tilde{\Sigma}(x_i)$, computed as follows

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\Sigma}(x_i) &= \frac{1}{m^2} Cov \left(\left(\sum_{q < s} \frac{1}{s} (A_{ij}^{(q)} - x_i^T X_j) + \phi(s) (A_{ij}^{(s)} - x_i^T X_j) + \sum_{q > s} \frac{q-1}{q} (A_{ij}^{(q)} - x_i^T X_j) \right) X_j \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{m^2} \mathbb{E} \left[\mathbb{E} \left[\left(\sum_{q < s} \frac{1}{s} (A_{ij}^{(q)} - x_i^T X_j) + \phi(s) (A_{ij}^{(s)} - x_i^T X_j) + \sum_{q > s} \frac{q-1}{q} (A_{ij}^{(q)} - x_i^T X_j) \right)^2 \middle| X_j = x_j \right] \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{m^2} \left(\frac{s-1}{s^2} + \phi(s)^2 + \sum_{q > s} \left(\frac{q-1}{q} \right)^2 \right) \mathbb{E} [(x_i^T X_j - (x_i^T X_j)^2) X_j X_j^T] \\ &= \frac{1}{m^2} \Phi(s) \mathbb{E} [(x_i^T X_j - (x_i^T X_j)^2) X_j X_j^T], \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\Phi(s) = (s-1)^2 + (m-s) + 2(s-2) \sum_{q \geq s} \frac{1}{q} + \frac{3s-1}{s^2} + \sum_{q > s} \frac{1}{q^2} + \left(\sum_{q \geq s} \frac{1}{q} \right)^2.$$

By the multivariate central limit theorem we have that

$$n^{-1/2} \sum_{j \neq i} \frac{1}{m} \left(\sum_{q < s} \frac{1}{s} (A_{ij}^{(q)} - x_i^T X_j) + \phi(s) (A_{ij}^{(s)} - x_i^T X_j) + \sum_{q > s} \frac{q-1}{q} (A_{ij}^{(q)} - x_i^T X_j) \right) X_j \xrightarrow{\mathcal{L}} \mathcal{N}(0, \tilde{\Sigma}(x_i)). \quad (11)$$

Recall $\Delta = \mathbb{E}[X_1 X_1^T] \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}$. For the asymptotic behavior of the term $n W_n^T S_P^{-1} W_n$ in Equation 10, observe first that by the law of large numbers,

$$\frac{X^T X}{n} - \Delta \xrightarrow{a.s.} 0.$$

Further, note that $(X^*)^T X^* = S_P^{1/2} U_P^T U_P S_P^{1/2} = S_P$ and also

$$\frac{1}{n} (X^*)^T X^* - W_n \Delta W_n^T = W_n \left(\frac{X^T X}{n} - \Delta \right) W_n^T \xrightarrow{a.s.} 0,$$

Thus,

$$\frac{S_P}{n} - W_n \Delta W_n^T \xrightarrow{a.s.} 0.$$

Since all matrices above are $d \times d$, with d fixed in n , and both matrices S_P/n , Δ are diagonal, it holds that $S_P/n \rightarrow \Delta$, which implies $n W_n^T S_P^{-1} W_n \xrightarrow{a.s.} \Delta^{-1}$. Finally, combining this with Equation 11, the multivariate version of Slutsky's theorem yields the desired result.

Proof of Theorem 1. We are now ready to provide a proof of the main theorem. Let $h = n(s-1) + i$, with $s \in [m]$, $i \in [n]$ and recall $V = V_1 V_2^T$, where $V_1 \Sigma V_2^T$ is the SVD of $U_P^T U_M$ as shown in Lemma 2. Following the reasoning of Keith et al., we decompose the term $U_M S_M^{1/2} - U_{\tilde{P}} S_{\tilde{P}}^{1/2} V$ as follows

$$\begin{aligned} U_M S_M^{1/2} - U_{\tilde{P}} S_{\tilde{P}}^{1/2} V &= (M - \tilde{P}) U_{\tilde{P}} S_{\tilde{P}}^{-1/2} V + (M - \tilde{P}) U_{\tilde{P}} (V S_M^{-1/2} - S_{\tilde{P}}^{-1/2} V) \\ &\quad - U_{\tilde{P}} U_{\tilde{P}}^T (M - \tilde{P}) U_{\tilde{P}} S_M^{-1/2} + (I - U_{\tilde{P}} U_{\tilde{P}}^T) (M - \tilde{P}) R_3 S_M^{-1/2} \\ &\quad + R_1 S_M^{1/2} + U_{\tilde{P}} R_2, \end{aligned}$$

where R_1, R_2, R_3 as in Lemma 4.

Applying Lemma 6 and integrating over X_i , we have that there exists a sequence of orthogonal matrices $\{W_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$ such that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{P} \left(n^{1/2} W_n^T [(M - \tilde{P}) U_{\tilde{P}} S_{\tilde{P}}^{-1/2}]_h \leq x \right) = \int_{\text{supp}(F)} \Phi(x, \Sigma(y)) dF(y). \quad (12)$$

Setting $N = (M - \tilde{P})U_{\tilde{P}}S_{\tilde{P}}^{-1/2}$ and

$$\begin{aligned} H &= (M - \tilde{P})U_{\tilde{P}}(VS_M^{-1/2} - S_{\tilde{P}}^{-1/2}V) - U_{\tilde{P}}U_{\tilde{P}}^T(M - \tilde{P})U_{\tilde{P}}S_M^{-1/2} \\ &\quad + (I - U_{\tilde{P}}U_{\tilde{P}}^T)(M - \tilde{P})R_3S_M^{-1/2} + R_1S_M^{1/2} + U_{\tilde{P}}R_2 \end{aligned}$$

we can write the term $\sqrt{n}(U_MS_M^{1/2}V^T - U_{\tilde{P}}S_{\tilde{P}}^{1/2})W_n$ as $\sqrt{n}(NW_n + HV^TW_n)$.

If we show that the h -th row of $\sqrt{n}HV^TW_n$ converges to zero in probability, then by Equation 12 and by Slutsky's theorem we obtain the desired result.

Since V^TW_n unitary, it suffices to show that the h -th row of $\sqrt{n}H$ goes to 0 in probability, which in turn by Lemma 4, it suffices to show that $\sqrt{n}[R_1S_M^{1/2} + U_{\tilde{P}}R_2]_h \xrightarrow{P} 0$. By Lemma 5,

$$\|[R_1S_M^{1/2} + U_{\tilde{P}}R_2]_h\| \leq \|R_1S_M^{1/2} + U_{\tilde{P}}R_2\|_{2 \rightarrow \infty} \leq \|R_1\|_{2 \rightarrow \infty} \|S_M\|^{1/2} + \|U_{\tilde{P}}\|_{2 \rightarrow \infty} \|R_2\|$$

Recall that $\|U_{\tilde{P}}\|_{2 \rightarrow \infty} \leq C(mn)^{-1/2}$ w.h.p. Hence, by Lemma 2 we have that

$$\|R_1\|_{2 \rightarrow \infty} \leq \|U_{\tilde{P}}\|_{2 \rightarrow \infty} \|U_{\tilde{P}}^T U_M - V\| = O\left(\frac{\log mn}{m^{1/2}n}\right) \text{ w.h.p.,}$$

Finally, combining Observation 2, Lemma 3 and the above bound yield

$$\|[R_1S_M^{1/2} + U_{\tilde{P}}R_2]_h\| = O\left(\frac{\log mn}{n}\right) \text{ w.h.p.}$$

and the proof is complete.

3 Covariance of the difference between two estimated latent positions

Let $h_1 = n(s_1 - 1) + i$ and $h_2 = n(s_2 - 1) + i$, where $s_1, s_2 \in [m]$, $s_1 < s_2$ and $i \in [n]$. The analogous scaled sum for the difference between h_1 -th and h_2 -th rows of M is given by

$$\begin{aligned} & n^{-1/2} \sum_{j \neq i} \frac{1}{m} \left(\frac{1}{s_1 s_2} \left((s_2 - s_1) \sum_{q \leq s_1} A_{ij}^{(q)} - s_1 \sum_{s_1 \leq q < s_2} A_{ij}^{(q)} \right) + \left(\phi(s_1) A_{ij}^{(s_1)} - \phi(s_2) A_{ij}^{(s_2)} \right) \right. \\ & \quad \left. + \sum_{s_2 \geq q > s_1} \frac{q-1}{q} A_{ij}^{(q)} \right) X_j \\ &= n^{-1/2} \sum_{j \neq i} \frac{1}{m} \left(\frac{1}{s_1 s_2} \left((s_2 - s_1) \sum_{q \leq s_1} A_{ij}^{(q)} - s_1 \sum_{s_1 \leq q < s_2} A_{ij}^{(q)} \right) \right. \\ & \quad \left. + \left(\sum_{s_2 \geq q > s_1} A_{ij}^{(q)} + (s_1 - 1) A_{ij}^{(s_1)} - (s_2 - 1) A_{ij}^{(s_2)} \right) \right. \\ & \quad \left. + \left(\sum_{q \geq s_2} \frac{1}{q} (A_{ij}^{(s_1)} - A_{ij}^{(s_2)}) + \sum_{s_2 \geq q > s_1} \frac{1}{q} (A_{ij}^{(s_1)} - A_{ij}^{(q)}) \right) \right) X_j \end{aligned}$$

Conditioning on $X_i = x_i$, the above term is a sum of $n - 1$ independent 0-mean random variables with covariance matrix $\tilde{\Sigma}(x_i)$.

The covariance matrix is shown below,

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\Sigma}(x_i) = & \frac{1}{m^2} \left[(s_2 - s_1)^2 + 2s_1s_2 - 3(s_1 + s_2 - 2) + \frac{5}{s_2} - \frac{1}{s_1} + 2(s_1 - 2) \sum_{q>s_1} \frac{1}{q} \right. \\ & \left. + 2\left(s_2 - \frac{2}{s_2}\right) \sum_{q \geq s_2} \frac{1}{q} + 2\left(\sum_{q>s_1} \frac{1}{q^2} + \sum_{l>q \geq s_1} \frac{1}{ql} + \sum_{l>q \geq s_2} \frac{1}{ql}\right) \right] \mathbb{E}[X_j X_j^T (x_i^T X_j - (x_i^T X_j)^2)] \end{aligned}$$

3.1 Forward omni case

With the same setup as above, the covariance matrix of the difference between two estimated latent positions using forward omnibus matrix is

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\Sigma}(x_i) = & \frac{1}{m^2} \left[2 \left[\binom{m-s_1}{2} + \binom{m-s_2}{2} \right] \right. \\ & + \sum_{q<s_1} \frac{2(m-s_1-1)}{s_1-q+1} - \frac{2(m-s_2)}{s_2-q+1} + \frac{4(s_2-s_1)+2}{(s_2-s_1+1)(s_1-q+1)(s_2-q+1)} + \frac{2(s_2-s_1)^2}{(s_1-q+1)^2(s_2-q+1)} \\ & + \sum_{s_1<q<s_2} \frac{2(m-s_2-1)}{s_2-q+1} - \frac{2(m-s_1)}{q-s_1+1} \\ & + 2 \left(\frac{1}{(q-s_1+1)^2} + \frac{1}{(s_2-q+1)^2} - \frac{1}{(q-s_1+1)(s_2-q+1)(s_2-s_1+1)} \right) \\ & - \sum_{q>s_2} \frac{2(m-s_1-1)}{q-s_1+1} + \frac{2(m-s_2)}{q-s_2+1} - \frac{4(s_2-s_1)+2}{(s_2-s_1+1)(q-s_1+1)(q-s_2+1)} - \frac{2(s_2-s_1)^2}{(q-s_1+1)^2(q-s_2+1)} \\ & + 2 \left[\sum_{l<q<s_1} \frac{1}{(s_1-q+1)(s_1-l+1)} + \sum_{l<q<s_2} \frac{1}{(s_2-q+1)(s_2-l+1)} \right. \\ & + \sum_{l>q>s_2} \frac{1}{(q-s_2+1)(l-s_2+1)} + \sum_{l>q>s_1} \frac{1}{(q-s_1+1)(l-s_1+1)} \\ & \left. \left. - \sum_{q<s_1} \frac{1}{s_1-q+1} \sum_{q>s_1} \frac{1}{q-s_1+1} - \sum_{q<s_2} \frac{1}{s_2-q+1} \sum_{q>s_2} \frac{1}{q-s_2+1} \right] \right] \mathbb{E}[X_j X_j^T (x_i^T X_j - (x_i^T X_j)^2)] \end{aligned}$$