# Fitting Topic-Rich models to a Billion Token corpus in a box Supplementary Material

For  $\zeta \in \{0, 1, 2, ..., m\}$ , let  $p_i(\zeta, l)$  be the probability that a random j belongs to  $T_l$  and  $A_{ij} = \zeta/m$  and  $q_i(\zeta, l)$  the corresponding "empirical probability":

$$p_i(\zeta, l) = \frac{1}{s} \sum_{j \in T_l} {m \choose \zeta} P_{ij}^{\zeta} (1 - P_{ij})^{m-\zeta}. \tag{1}$$

$$q_i(\zeta, l) = \frac{1}{s} |\{j \in T_l : A_{ij} = \zeta/m\}|.$$
 (2)

**Note** In the first step of the algorithm, we will pick (uniformly at) random subset of r documents, where, r < s. r will be large enough that we will assume that

(i) there are  $w_l r$  documents in the subset with dominant topic l and (ii)  $p_i, q_i$  defined on just the subset (with r instead of s in the denominator) are the same as for the whole set of s documents.

The errors involved in these assumptions are small and can be ignored.

Note that  $p_i(\zeta, l)$  is a real number, whereas,  $q_i(\zeta, l)$  is a random variable with

$$E(q_i(\zeta, l) \mid \mathbf{P}) = p_i(\zeta, l).$$

For an interval  $I \subset [0, m]$ , we let

$$p_i(I,l) = \sum_{\zeta \in I} p_i(\zeta,l) \; ; \; q_i(I,l) = \sum_{\zeta \in I} q_i(\zeta,l). \tag{3}$$

We need a technical assumption on the  $p_i(\zeta, l)$  (which is weaker than unimodality).

**No-Local-Min Assumption** We assume that  $p_i(\zeta, l)$  does not have a local minimum, in the sense:

$$p_i(\zeta, l) > \text{Min}(p_i(\zeta - 1, l), p_i(\zeta + 1, l)) \, \forall \, \zeta \in \{1, 2, \dots, m - 1\}.$$
 (4)

The plot of  $q_i(\zeta, l)$  versus  $\zeta$  often has a Zipf's law behavior whence it is monotone decreasing. Or it could increase to a mode and fall (for catchwords). Both satisfy the assumption.

c refers to a generic constant independent of  $m, s, 1/w_0, \varepsilon, \delta$ ; its value may be different in different contexts.

# 1 Proof of Correctness

We start by recalling the Höffding-Chernoff (H-C) inequality in the form we use it.

**Lemma 1. Höffding-Chernoff** If X is the average of r independent random variables with values in [0,1] and  $E(X) = \mu$ , then, for any t > 0,

$$Pr(X \ge \mu + t) \le \exp\left(-\frac{t^2r}{2(\mu + t)}\right) \; ; \; Pr(X \le \mu - t) \le \exp\left(-\frac{t^2r}{2\mu}\right).$$

#### 1.1 General results

The first lemma is a consequence of the no-local-minimum assumption. We use that assumption solely through this Lemma.

**Lemma 2.** Suppose a, b are integers with  $0 \le a \le b \le m$  and let I = [a, b]. We have

$$p_i([a,b],l) \ge \frac{b-a+1}{m+1} Min(p_i([0,b],l), p_i([a,m],l)).$$

*Proof.* Abbreviate  $p_i(\cdot, l)$  by  $f(\cdot)$ . It is easy to see that by the No-Local-Min property (4), for  $\zeta_0 = \operatorname{Argmax}_{\zeta} f(\zeta)$ , we have

$$f(\zeta) \ge f(\zeta - 1)$$
 for  $\zeta = 1, 2, \dots, \zeta_0$   
 $f(\zeta) \le f(\zeta - 1)$  for  $\zeta = \zeta_0 + 1, \zeta_0 + 2, \dots, m$ .

Now, let 
$$f([a, \zeta_0) = x; f([\zeta_0 + 1, b]) = y; f([0, a - 1]) = u; f([b + 1, m]) = v.$$

Case 1  $\zeta_0 \in [a, b]$ : We have:

$$x \ge \frac{\zeta_0 - a + 1}{a} u \ge \frac{\zeta_0 - a + 1}{m - b + a} u$$

$$y \ge \frac{b - \zeta_0}{m - b} v \ge \frac{b - \zeta_0}{m - b + a} v$$

$$x + y \ge \frac{b - a + 1}{m - b + a} \min(u, v)$$

$$x + y \ge \frac{1}{1 + \frac{m - b + a}{b - a + 1}} \min(u + x + y, v + x + y),$$

from which we get the Lemma for this case. The other cases are easier and we omit the proofs.  $\Box$ 

Next, we state a technical Lemma which is used repeatedly. It states that for every  $i, \zeta, l$ , the empirical probability that  $A_{ij} = \zeta/m$  is close to the true probability, even when conditioned on any value of  $\mathbf{P}$ . Unsurprisingly, we prove it using H-C. But we will state a consequence in the form we need in the sequel.

**Lemma 3.** Let  $I \subseteq [0, m]$  be an interval and  $L \subseteq \{1, 2, ..., k\}$ . With probability at least  $1 - 2 \exp(-c\varepsilon w_0 s)$ , we have

$$0.9\sum_{I\in I} p_i(I,l) - \frac{\varepsilon w_0}{4} \le \sum_{I\in I} q_i(I,l) \le 2\sum_{I\in I} p_i(I,l) + \frac{\varepsilon w_0}{4}.$$

*Proof.* Note that

$$\sum_{l \in L} q_i(\zeta, l) = \frac{1}{s} |\{j \in \bigcup_L T_l : A_{ij} = \zeta/m\}| = \frac{1}{s} \sum_{j=1}^s X_{ij},$$

where,  $X_{ij}$  is the indicator variable of  $A_{ij} = \zeta/m \land j \in \cup_L T_l$ . Now, (recalling the bound on the perturbation allowed in **P**)

$$E(X_{ij}) = \frac{1}{s} \sum_{i \in T_i} (\mathbf{M} \mathbf{W})_{ij}$$
 and  $|X_{ij} - (\mathbf{M} \mathbf{W})_{ij}| \le \frac{\varepsilon w_0}{8}$ .

We can apply H-C with  $t = \mu + \frac{\varepsilon w_0}{4}$  and  $\mu = \sum_{L} p_i(\zeta, l)$  to get

$$\Pr(\sum_{l \in L} q_i(I, l) > 2 \sum_{l \in L} p_i(I, l) + \frac{\varepsilon w_0}{4})$$

$$\leq \exp(-(\mu + \frac{\varepsilon w_0}{4})^2 s/2(2\mu + \frac{\varepsilon w_0}{4})).$$

The last expression (viewed as a function of  $\mu$ ) is maximized when  $\mu = 0$  and so we get an upper bound of  $\exp(-\varepsilon w_0 s/8)$ .

For the other side, H-C implies

$$\Pr\left(\sum_{L} q_i(I, l) < 0.9 \sum_{L} p_i(I, l) - \frac{\varepsilon w_0}{4}\right)$$

$$\leq \exp\left(-\left(0.1 \sum_{L} p_i(I, l) + \frac{\varepsilon w_0}{4}\right)^2 s / 2 \sum_{L} p_i(I, l)\right)$$

$$\leq \exp\left(-0.05\varepsilon w_0 s\right).$$

#### 1.1.1 Properties of Thresholding

Say that a threshold  $\zeta_i$  "splits"  $T_l^{(2)}$  if  $T_l^{(2)}$  has a significant number of j with  $A_{ij} > \zeta_i/m$  and also a significant number of j with  $A_{ij} \leq \zeta_i/m$ . Intuitively, it would be desirable if no threshold splits any  $T_l$ , so that, in  $\mathbf{B}$ , for each i, l, either most  $j \in T_l^{(2)}$  have  $B_{ij} = 0$  or most  $j \in T_l^{(2)}$  have  $B_{ij} = \sqrt{\zeta_i}$ . We now prove that this is indeed the case with proper bounds. We henceforth refer to the conclusion of the Lemma below by the mnemonic "no threshold splits any  $T_l$ ".

**Lemma 4.** (No Threshold Splits any  $T_l$ ) For a fixed i, l, with probability at least  $1 - m^2 \exp(-c\varepsilon w_0 r)$ , the following holds:

$$Min\ (p_i([0,\zeta_i],l)\ ,\ p_i([\zeta_i+1,m],l)) \le 4\varepsilon w_0/\varepsilon_0.$$

*Proof.* Note that  $\zeta_i$  is a random variable which depends only on  $A^{(1)}$ . So, for  $j \in T_l^{(2)}$ ,  $A_{ij}$  are independent of  $\zeta_i$ . Now, suppose

$$p_i([0,\zeta_i],l) > \frac{4\varepsilon w_0}{\varepsilon_0}$$
 and  $p_i([\zeta_i+1,m],l) > \frac{4\varepsilon w_0}{\varepsilon_0}$ .

Let

$$I = \left[ \operatorname{Max}(0, \frac{\zeta_i}{m} - \varepsilon_0), \operatorname{Min}(m, \frac{\zeta_i}{m} + \varepsilon_0) \right].$$

Since  $\varepsilon_0 m$  is an integer, we can write I as  $\left[\frac{a}{m}, \frac{b}{m}\right]$  and apply Lemma (2) to get:

$$p_i(I, l) > 4\varepsilon w_0.$$

Pay a failure probability of  $m^2 \exp(-c\varepsilon r w_0)$  and assume the conclusion of Lemma (3) holds for every interval  $I \subseteq [0, m]$ . [Note: The Lemma was for the case when the empirical probability  $q_i(I, l)$  was for a sample of s documents, but is valid for any s. Here we apply it with r samples instead of s, since  $\mathbf{A}^{(1)}$  has just r columns. - Recall we assumed these quantities are the same for the sub-sample of r documents as well - see note just after (2).] We have:

$$\frac{1}{r} \left| \{ j \in T_l^{(1)} : A_{ij} \in I \} \right| = q_i(I, l) \ge 0.9 p_i(I, l) - \frac{\varepsilon w_0}{4} > 3\varepsilon w_0,$$

contradicting the definition of  $\zeta_i$  in the algorithm. This completes the proof of the Lemma.

Define k vectors  $\mu^{(1)}, \mu^{(2)}, \dots, \mu^{(k)}$  by

$$\mu^{(l)} = E(B_{\cdot,j} \mid j \in T_l^{(2)}), l = 1, 2, \dots, k,$$

where, expectation refers to uniform random sample j.

We also abuse notation slightly and let  $\mu_{\cdot,j}$  denote  $\mu^{(l)}$  for  $j \in T_l^{(2)}$ , so we also think of  $\mu$  as a  $d \times s$  matrix. The entries of the matrix  $\mu$  are fixed (real numbers) once we have  $\mathbf{A}^{(1)}$  (and the thresholds  $\zeta_i$  are determined). But  $\mu_{ij}$  are random variables before we fix  $\mathbf{A}^{(1)}$ . The following Lemma is a direct consequence of "no threshold splits any  $T_l$ ".

**Lemma 5.** Suppose  $\zeta_i \geq 8 \ln(20/\varepsilon w_0)$ . With probability at least  $1-2m^2kd \exp(-c\varepsilon r w_0)$  (over the choice of  $\mathbf{A}^{(1)}$ ):

$$\forall l, \forall j \in T_l, \forall i : \mu_{ij} \leq \varepsilon_l \sqrt{\zeta_i} \ OR \ \mu_{ij} \geq \sqrt{\zeta_i} (1 - \varepsilon_l)$$

where,  $\varepsilon_l = 4\varepsilon w_0/\varepsilon_0 w_l$ .

*Proof.* After paying a failure probability of  $2m^2kd\exp(-c\varepsilon rw_0)$ , assume no threshold splits any  $T_l$ . [The factors of k and d come in because we are taking the union bound over all words and all topics.] Then,

$$p_i([0,\zeta_i],l) \le 4\varepsilon \frac{w_0}{\varepsilon_0} = .4\varepsilon_l w_l$$
  
or  $p_i([\zeta_i + 1, m], l) \le 4\varepsilon \frac{w_0}{\varepsilon_0} = .4\varepsilon_l w_l$ .

Wlg, assume that the first inequality holds. Then, by Lemma (3),

$$q_{i}([0,\zeta_{i}],l) \leq .8\varepsilon_{l}w_{l} + \varepsilon w_{0}/4 \leq \varepsilon_{l}w_{l}\sqrt{\zeta_{i}}$$

$$\frac{1}{w_{l}s}\sum_{j\in T_{l}}B_{ij} \geq \frac{w_{l}s(1-\varepsilon_{l})}{w_{l}s} = (1-\varepsilon_{l})\sqrt{\zeta_{i}}$$
(5)

which implies

$$\mu_{ij} \ge (1 - \varepsilon_l) \sqrt{\zeta_i}.$$

This proves the lemma in this case. The other case is symmetric.

So far, we have proved that for every i, the threshold does not split any  $T_l$ . But this is not sufficient in itself to be able to cluster (and hence identify the  $T_l$ ), since, for example, this alone does not rule out the extreme cases that for most j in every  $T_l$ ,  $A_{ij}^{(2)}$  is above the threshold (whence  $\mu_{ij} \geq (1 - \varepsilon_l) \sqrt{\zeta_l^2}$ for almost all j) or for most j in no  $T_l$  is  $A_{ij}^{(2)}$  above the threshold, whence,  $\mu_{ij} \leq \varepsilon_l \sqrt{\zeta_i'}$  for almost all j. Both these extreme cases would make us loose all the information about  $T_l$  due to thresholding; this scenario and milder versions of it have to be proven not to occur. We do this by considering how thresholds handle catchwords. Indeed we will show that for a catchword  $i \in S_l$ , each  $j \in T_l$  has  $A_{ij}^{(2)}$  above the threshold and each  $j \notin T_l$  has  $A_{ij}^{(2)}$ below the threshold. (Both statements will only hold with high probability, of course.) To do this, we first define a  $\eta_i$  (which is not random and only depends on parameters, not data) and show (Lemma (6)) that whp, for  $j \in T_l, A_{ij} > \eta_i/m$  and for  $j \notin T_l, A_{ij} < \eta_i/m$ . Then we show (Lemma (7)) that with high probability,  $\zeta_i \geq \eta_i$ . So it follows for  $i \in S_l$ ,  $j \notin T_l$ , whp,  $A_{ij} < \zeta_i/m$  and so  $B_{ij} = 0$ . Since  $\zeta_i$  can be greater than  $\eta_i$ , it does not automatically follow that for  $j \in T_l$ ,  $A_{ij} > \zeta_i/m$ . Since for  $j \notin T_l$ ,  $A_{ij} < \zeta_i/m$ , and since by definition of  $\zeta_i$  in the algorithm, we have at least  $w_0 r/2$  documents j with  $A_{ij} > \zeta_i/m$ , most of these must be in  $T_l$ . Now, the "no threshold splits any  $T_l$ " lemma comes in handy to show that indeed, most of  $T_l$  lies above threshold. This is used in the proof of the Lemma that  $\mu_{.,j}$  and  $\mu_{.,j'}$  differ a lot for j,j' in different  $T_l$ .

**Lemma 6.** For  $i \in S_l$ , and  $l' \neq l$ , we have with  $\eta_i = |M_{il}^{(1)}(\alpha + \beta + \rho)m/2|$ ,

$$p_i([0, \eta_i + \varepsilon_0 m], l) \le \varepsilon w_0 w_l / 20,$$
  
 $p_i([\eta_i - \varepsilon_0 m, m], l') \le \varepsilon w_0 w_l / 20.$ 

*Proof.* Recall that  $P_{ij}$  is the probability of word i in document j conditioned on **W**. Fix an  $i \in S_l$ . From the dominant topic assumption,

$$\forall j \in T_l, (\mathbf{MW})_{ij} = \sum_{l_1} M_{il_1}^{(1)} W_{l_1,j}^{(1)} \ge M_{il}^{(1)} W_{lj}^{(1)} \ge M_{il}^{(1)} \alpha_l \implies P_{ij} \ge M_{il}^{(1)} \alpha - \varepsilon w_0 / 8.$$

$$(6)$$

Note that (6) holds with probability 1. From Catchword assumption we get that

$$M_{il}^{(1)}\alpha_l - (\eta_i/m) - (\varepsilon w_0/8) \ge M_{il}^{(1)}\alpha - M_{il}^{(1)}((\alpha + \beta + \rho)/2) - (\varepsilon w_0/8) \ge M_{il}^{(1)}\alpha\delta/2.$$

Now, we will apply H-C with  $\mu - t = \varepsilon_0 + \eta_i/m$  and  $\mu \ge M_{il}^{(1)} \alpha_l - (\varepsilon w_0/8)$  for the m independent words in a document. By Calculus, the probability bound from H-C of

$$\exp(-t^2 m/2\mu) = \exp(-(\mu - \varepsilon_0 - (\eta_i/m))^2 m/2\mu)$$

is highest subject to the constraints  $\mu \geq M_{il}^{(1)}\alpha_l$ ;  $\eta_i \leq mM_{il}^{(1)}(\alpha+\beta+\rho)/2$ , when  $\mu = M_{il}^{(1)}\alpha - (\varepsilon w_0/8)$  and  $t = M_{il}^{(1)}\alpha_l - \frac{\eta_i}{m} - \varepsilon_0$ , whence, we get

$$p_i([0, \eta_i + \varepsilon_0 m], l) \le \exp(-M_{il}^{(1)} \alpha \delta^2 m / 16) \le \varepsilon w_0 / 20,$$

using (7). Now, we prove the second assertion of the Lemma.

$$\forall j \in T_{l'}, l' \neq l, \sum_{l_1} M_{il_1}^{(1)} W_{l_1, j}^{(1)} = M_{il}^{(1)} W_{lj}^{(1)} + \sum_{l_1 \neq l} M_{il_1}^{(1)} W_{l_1, j}^{(1)}$$

$$\leq M_{il}^{(1)} W_{lj}^{(1)} + \left( \text{Max}_{l_1 \neq l} M_{il_1}^{(1)} \right) (1 - W_{lj}^{(1)})$$

$$\leq M_{il}^{(1)} (\beta + \rho) \implies P_{ij} \leq M_{il}^{(1)} (\beta + \rho) + (\varepsilon w_0 / 8). \tag{7}$$

$$\frac{\eta_i}{m} - \varepsilon_0 - M_{il}^{(1)}(\beta + \rho) \ge \frac{M_{il}^{(1)}(\alpha + \beta + \rho)}{2} - M_{il}^{(1)}(\beta + \rho) - \frac{1}{m} - \varepsilon_0 \ge 0.4M_{il}^{(1)}\alpha\delta,$$

using the bounds on  $\alpha, \beta, \rho$ . Applying the first inequality of Lemma (1) with  $\mu + t = \eta_i/m - \varepsilon_0$  and  $\mu \leq M_{il}^{(1)}(\beta + \rho)$  and we get the second assertion of the Lemma.

**Lemma 7.** For  $i \in S_l$ ,  $Pr(\zeta_i < \eta_i) \leq 3km^2e^{-c\varepsilon rw_0}$ , with  $\eta_i$  as defined in Lemma 6.

*Proof.* Let  $I = \left[\frac{\eta_i}{m} - \varepsilon_0, \frac{\eta_i}{m} + \varepsilon_0\right]$ . Fix attention on an  $i \in S_l$ . After paying the failure probability of  $3m^2ke^{-c\varepsilon rw_0}$ , assume the conclusions of Lemma (3) hold for all l and all intervals I. It suffices to show that

$$\left| \{j : A_{ij}^{(1)} > \eta_i / m\} \right| \ge \frac{w_0 r}{2} , \left| \{j : A_{ij}^{(1)} \in I\} \right| < 3w_0 \varepsilon r,$$

since,  $\eta_i$  is an integer and  $\zeta_i$  is the largest integer satisfying the inequalities. For the first statement, we have from Lemma 6 with  $I' = [\eta_i + 1, m]$ :  $p_i(I', l) \ge w_l(1 - (\varepsilon w_0/20w_l)) \ge 0.9w_l$ . So,

$$|\{j: A_{ij}^{(1)} > \eta_i/m\}| \ge rq_i(I, l) \ge w_l r(.81 - (\varepsilon w_0/4)) \ge w_0 r/2.$$

The second statement is slightly more complicated. Using both the first and second assertions of Lemma 6, we get that for all l' (including l' = l), we have

$$p_i(I, l') \le \varepsilon w_0 w_l / 20 \implies \sum_{l'=1}^k p_i(I, l') \le \varepsilon w_0 / 20.$$

Now, Lemma (3) implies

$$\left| \{j : A_{ij}^{(1)} \in I\} \right| = r \sum_{l'=1}^{k} q_i(I, l') \le \left(\frac{\varepsilon w_0}{10} + \frac{\varepsilon w_0}{4}\right) r \le \varepsilon w_0 r,$$

thus completing the proof.

**Lemma 8.** Define  $I_l = \{i \in S_l : \zeta_i \geq \eta_i\}$ . With probability at least  $1 - 6m^2dk \exp(-c\varepsilon r)$ , we have for all l,

$$\sum_{i \in I_l} \zeta_i' \ge m\alpha p_0/4.$$

*Proof.* After paying the failure probability, we assume the conclusion of Lemma 3 holds for all  $i, \zeta, l$ . Now, by Lemma 7, we have (with **1** denoting the indicator function)

$$E\left(\sum_{i \in S_l} M_{il}^{(1)} \mathbf{1}(\zeta_i < \eta_i)\right) \le 3m^2 k \exp(-\varepsilon r w_0/8) \sum_{i \in S_l} M_{il}^{(1)},$$

which using Markov inequality implies that with probability at least  $1 - 6m^2k \exp(-c\varepsilon sw_0)$ ,

$$\sum_{i \in I_l} M_{il}^{(1)} \ge \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i \in S_l} M_{il}^{(1)} \ge p_l/2. \tag{8}$$

Note that no catchword has  $\zeta_i'$  set to zero. So,

$$\sum_{i \in I_l} \zeta_i' = \sum_{i \in I_l} \zeta_i \ge \sum_{i \in I_l} \eta_i \ge \sum_{I_l} m M_{il}^{(1)} \alpha_l / 2 \ge \alpha_l p_l m / 4.$$

**Lemma 9.** With probability at least  $1 - 8m^2dk \exp(-c\varepsilon w_0 r)$ , we have for  $l \neq l'$ ,

$$|\mu^{(l)} - \mu^{(l')}|^2 \ge \frac{2m}{9} \alpha p_0.$$

*Proof.* For this proof, i will denote an element of  $I_l$ . By Lemma 6,

$$\forall i \in I_l, l' \neq l, p_i([\zeta_i, m], l') \leq \frac{\varepsilon w_0 w_l}{20}.$$
 (9)

This implies by Lemma 3,

$$\sum_{l' \neq l} \left| \{ j \in T_{l'}^{(1)} : A_{ij}^{(1)} > \frac{\zeta_i}{m} \} \right| \le \sum_{l' \neq l} r \frac{\varepsilon w_0}{10} w_{l'} + r \frac{\varepsilon w_0}{4} \le \varepsilon w_0 r. \tag{10}$$

Now the definition of  $\zeta_i$  in the algorithm implies that:

$$r\sum_{\zeta>\zeta_i}q_i(\zeta,l)=\left|\{j\in T_l^{(1)}:A_{ij}>\frac{\zeta_i}{m}\}\right|\geq \left(\frac{w_0}{2}-\varepsilon w_0\right)r\geq w_0r/4.$$

So, by Lemma 3,

$$p_i([\zeta_i + 1, m], l) \ge \frac{1}{2} q_i([\zeta_i + 1, m], l) - \frac{1}{4} \varepsilon w_0$$
  
  $\ge \frac{w_0}{8} - \frac{1}{4} \varepsilon w_0 \ge w_0/9,$ 

using (7). Next let  $I = \left[\frac{\zeta_i}{m} - \varepsilon_0, \frac{\zeta_i}{m} + \varepsilon_0\right]$  and  $\tilde{p} = p_i(I, l)$ . Since  $|\{j \in T_l^{(1)} : A_{ij} \in I\}| \leq 3\varepsilon w_0 r$ , by the definition of  $\zeta_i$  in the algorithm, we get from Lemma 3 again:

$$\tilde{p} \le 2q_i(I, l) + \varepsilon w_0/4 \le 7\varepsilon w_0.$$
(11)

Now, by Lemma 2, we have

$$\tilde{p} \ge \operatorname{Min}\left(\frac{2\varepsilon_0 w_0}{9}, 2\varepsilon_0 p_i([0, \zeta_i], l)\right).$$

By (7),  $7\varepsilon w_0 < 2\varepsilon_0 w_0/9$  and so  $\tilde{p} < 2\varepsilon_0 w_0/9$  and we get:

$$p_i([0,\zeta_i],l) \le 7\varepsilon w_0/2\varepsilon_0.$$

Noting that by (2,3,4), no catchword has  $\zeta_i'$  set to zero,  $\Pr(B_{ij} = 0|j \in$  $T_l^{(2)} \le 7\varepsilon w_0/2\varepsilon_0 w_l \le 1/6$ , by the bounds on  $\varepsilon$ . This implies

$$\mu_{ij} \ge \frac{5}{6} \sqrt{\zeta_i'}.$$

Now, by (9), we have for  $j' \notin T_l$ ,

$$\mu_{ij'} \leq \sqrt{\zeta_i'}/6.$$

So, we have

$$\sum_{i \in I_l} (\mu_{ij} - \mu_{ij'})^2 \ge (4/9) \sum_{i \in I_l} \zeta_i'.$$

Similarly, we get  $\sum_{i \in I_{l'}} (\mu_{ij} - \mu_{ij'})^2 \ge \frac{4}{9} \sum_{i \in I_{l'}} \zeta_i'$ . Now Lemma (8) implies the current Lemma.

**Lemma 10.** With probability at least  $1 - \exp(-c\varepsilon w_0 s)$ , we have

$$||\mathbf{B}||_F^2 \ge \frac{sm\alpha p_0}{20}.$$

*Proof.* By Lemma (8),

$$E(|B_{.,j}|^2 \mid j \in T_l) \ge \frac{1}{2} E(\sum_{i \in S_l} \zeta_i') \ge \frac{m\alpha p_0}{10}.$$
  
So,  $E(||\mathbf{B}||_F^2) \ge \frac{m\alpha p_0 s}{10}.$ 

Now,  $||\mathbf{B}||_F^2 = \sum_j |B_{.,j}|^2$  is the sum of independent random variables  $|B_{.,j}|^2$ which are each at most 8km by Lemma (11). So applying H-C to  $|B_{,j}|^2/(8km)$ , we get the current Lemma.

Since with high probability, for all  $i \in S_l$  and  $j \in T_l$ ,  $B_{ij} = \zeta_i'$  and also by the argument of Lemma (6),  $\zeta_i' \geq m M_{il}^{(1)} \alpha/2$ , we have whp for  $j \in T_l$ ,  $|B_{\cdot,j}|^2 \geq c\alpha p_0 m$  and so  $\sum_{j\in T_l} |B_{\cdot,j}|^2 |\geq csw_l p_0 \alpha m$ .

Also, for any j,  $\sum_{i:B_{ij}>0} \zeta_i' \leq m$  and so  $||\mathbf{B}||_F^2 \leq sm$ .

Now also we have that for  $i \in S_l$ ,  $j \notin T_l$ ,  $B_{ij} = 0$  whp. Further, for  $i \in S_0$ ,  $B_{ij}^2 \leq \lambda_i$  implies (recall the definition of  $p_0$  from the Notation section) that whp  $\sum_{i \in S_0} B_{ij}^2 \le p_0 m$ .. Thus, whp,  $||\mathbf{B}||_F^2 \le s(p_0 + \sum_{l'} w_{l'} p_{l'})$ .

#### 1.2 k-means find dominant topics

We need a piece of notation: For t = 1, 2, ..., r, if  $B_{\cdot,j}, j \in T_l$  was picked to be the t th column of  $\mathbf{C}$ , we form a  $d \times r$  matrix  $\tilde{\mu}$  with  $\tilde{\mu}_{\cdot,t} = \mu_{\cdot,j}$ . We denote by  $\tilde{T}_l$  the set of columns in  $T_l$  which were sampled and included in  $\mathbf{C}$ .

We first prove:

**Theorem 1.1.** With probability at least  $1 - cm^2 dk \exp(-c\varepsilon w_0 r)$ , we have

$$||\mathbf{C} - \tilde{\mu}||_F^2 \le ck^3 \frac{\varepsilon w_0 m}{p_0 \alpha \varepsilon_0} r.$$

Proof.

Let 
$$\mathcal{E}_1 : \sum_{i=1}^d \zeta_i' \le ckm$$
 ;  $\mathcal{E}_2$  :  $||\mathbf{B}||_F^2 \ge csm\delta_0$ . (12)

After paying the failure probability of  $m^2 dk \exp(-c\varepsilon w_0 r)$ , we may assume from Lemmas (11) and (10), that  $\mathcal{E}_1, \mathcal{E}_2$  hold.

Consider the random variable  $X = ||\mathbf{C} - \tilde{\mu}||_F^2$ . It is the sum of r independent i.i.d. random variables:  $X_t = |C_{\cdot,t} - \tilde{\mu}_{\cdot,t}|^2$ . Changing one  $C_{\cdot,t}$  changes X by at most ckm since each  $|B_{\cdot,j}|^2 \leq \sum_{i=1}^d \zeta_i'$  and under  $\mathcal{E}_1, \sum_i \zeta_i' \leq ckm$ . So we have by Bounded Difference Inequality that with high probability, |X - EX| is small. So, now, it suffices to bound E(X). Now,

$$E(X) = rE_{\text{length}^2} \left( |C_{\cdot,1} - \tilde{\mu}_{\cdot,1}|^2 \right) = E\left( \sum_{i=1}^s \frac{|B_{\cdot,j}|^2}{||\mathbf{B}||_F^2} |B_{\cdot,j} - \mu_{\cdot,j}|^2 \right). \tag{13}$$

$$E\left(\sum_{j=1}^{s} \frac{|B_{\cdot,j}|^2}{||\mathbf{B}||_F^2} |B_{\cdot,j} - \mu_{\cdot,j}|^2\right) \le E\left(\sum_{j=1}^{s} \frac{|B_{\cdot,j}|^2}{||\mathbf{B}||_F^2} |B_{\cdot,j} - \mu_{\cdot,j}|^2 \mid \mathcal{E}_1, \mathcal{E}_2\right) + m^2 dk \exp(-c\varepsilon w_0 r) m^2,$$

where, for the second term, we have used  $|B_{\cdot,j}|^2 \le ||\mathbf{B}||_F^2$  and  $|B_{\cdot,j}|^2, |\mu^{(l)}|^2 \le m^2$ . The second term is easily seen to be lower order, so we may ignore it

and just bound the first term. Now since  $|B_{\cdot,j}|^2 \leq \sum_{i=1}^d \zeta_i'$ ,

$$E\left(\sum_{j=1}^{s} \frac{|B_{\cdot,j}|^{2}}{|\mathbf{B}|^{2}} |B_{\cdot,j} - \mu_{\cdot,j}|^{2} | \mathcal{E}_{1}, \mathcal{E}_{2}\right) \leq \frac{ckm}{sm\alpha p_{0}} E\left(\sum_{j=1}^{s} |B_{\cdot,j} - \mu_{\cdot,j}|^{2}\right)$$

$$\leq \frac{ck}{s\delta_{0}} \sum_{l=1}^{k} w_{l} s E\left(|B_{\cdot,j} - \mu^{(l)}|^{2} | j \in T_{l}\right)$$

$$\leq \frac{ck^{2} \varepsilon w_{0}}{\varepsilon_{0}\delta_{0}} E\left(\sum_{i} \zeta_{i}'\right) \leq \frac{ck^{3} \varepsilon w_{0} m}{\varepsilon_{0}\delta_{0}},$$

where, we have used Lemma (5) and  $\mathcal{E}_1$ . Since  $|B_{\cdot,j}|^2 \leq ckm$  under  $\mathcal{E}_1$  and  $\mathcal{E}_2$ , we can put in Theorem (1.4)  $\nu \leq c\sqrt{km}$ . Also put  $t = ck\sqrt{\frac{\varepsilon w_0}{\delta_0\varepsilon_0}}\sqrt{r}$ . Then the current theorem follows.

#### 1.2.1 Proximity

We need a piece of notation: For t = 1, 2, ..., r, if  $B_{\cdot,j}, j \in T_l$  was picked to be the t th column of  $\mathbf{C}$ , we form a  $d \times r$  matrix  $\tilde{\mu}$  with  $\tilde{\mu}_{\cdot,t} = \mu_{\cdot,j}$ . We denote by  $\tilde{T}_l$  the set of columns in  $T_l$  which were sampled and included in  $\mathbf{C}$ .

We wish to show that clustering as in  $\ell_2^2$  identifies the dominant topics correctly for most documents, i.e., that  $R_l \approx \tilde{T}_l$  for all l. For this, we will use a theorem from [2] [see also [1]] which in this context says:

**Theorem 1.2.** If all but a f fraction of the the  $C_{\cdot,t}$  satisfy the "proximity condition", then  $\ell_2^2 TSVD$  identifies the dominant topic in all but  $c_1 f$  fraction of the documents correctly after polynomial number of iterations.

To describe the proximity condition, first let  $\sigma$  be the maximum over all directions v of the square root of the mean-squared distance of  $C_{.,t}$  to  $\tilde{\mu}_{.,t}$ , i.e.,

$$\sigma^2 = \text{Max}_{\|v\|=1} \frac{1}{r} |v^T (\mathbf{C} - \tilde{\mu})|^2 = \frac{1}{r} \|\mathbf{C} - \tilde{\mu}\|^2.$$

The parameter  $\sigma$  should remind the reader of standard deviation.

Recall: We showed that  $|\tilde{T}_l|$  is at least  $\Omega(w_l\alpha_l p_l r/k)$ .

**Definition:**  $C_{.,t}, t \in \tilde{T}_l$  is said to satisfy the proximity condition with respect to  $\mu$ , if for each  $l' \neq l$ , the projection of  $C_{.,t}$  onto the line joining  $\mu^{(l)}$  and  $\mu^{(l')}$ 

is closer to  $\mu^{(l)}$  than it is to  $\mu^{(l')}$  by at least at least

$$\Delta_{l.l'} = c_0 k \left( \frac{\sqrt{r}}{\sqrt{|\tilde{T}_l|}} + \frac{\sqrt{r}}{\sqrt{|\tilde{T}_{l'}}} \right) \sigma$$

$$\leq c_0 k^{3/2} \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{w_l \alpha_l p_l}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{w_{l'} \alpha_{l'} p_{l'}}} \right) \sigma.$$

If this fails for an l', we say that t is not proximate with respect to l'.

To prove proximity, we need to upper bound  $\sigma$ . This will be the task of the subsection 1.3 which relies heavily on Random Matrix Theory.

#### 1.3 Bounding the Spectral norm

In this section, we prove:

**Theorem 1.3.** With  $\delta_0$  as in (6), we have: With probability at least  $1 - cm^2 dk \exp(-c\varepsilon w_0 r)$ , we have

$$||\mathbf{C} - \tilde{\mu}||^2 \le ck^3 \frac{\varepsilon w_0 m}{\delta_0 \varepsilon_0} r.$$

**Theorem 1.4.** [3, Theorem 5.44] Suppose R is a  $d \times r$  matrix with columns  $R_{\cdot,j}$  which are independent identically distributed vector-valued random variables. Let  $U = E(R_{\cdot,j}R_{\cdot,j}^T)$  be the inertial matrix of  $R_{\cdot,j}$ . Suppose  $|R_{\cdot,j}| \leq \nu$  always. Then, for any t > 0, with probability at least  $1 - de^{-ct^2}$ , we have

$$||R|| \le ||U||^{1/2} \sqrt{r} + t\nu.$$

We need the following Lemma first.

#### Lemma 11. Let

$$\zeta_i' = \begin{cases} \zeta_i & \text{if } \zeta_i \ge 8 \ln(20/\varepsilon w_0) \\ 0 & \text{if } \zeta_i < 8 \ln(20/\varepsilon w_0) \end{cases}.$$

Let  $\zeta_0 = Max_i\zeta_i'$ . With probability at least  $1 - \exp(-r\varepsilon w_0/3)$ , we have

$$\zeta_0 \le 4m\lambda \; ; \; \sum_i \zeta_i' \le 4km$$
 (14)

Proof. The probability of word i in document j, is given by:  $(\mathbf{MW})_{ij} = \sum_{l} M_{il}^{(1)} W_{lj}^{(1)} \leq \lambda_{i}$  (where,  $\lambda_{i} = \max_{l} M_{il}^{(1)}$ ). If  $\lambda_{i} < \frac{1}{m} \ln(20/\varepsilon w_{0})$ , then,  $\Pr(A_{ij} > (8/m) \ln(20/\varepsilon w_{0})) \leq \varepsilon w_{0}$  by H-C (since  $A_{ij}$  is the average of m i.i.d. trials). Let  $X_{j}$  be the indicator function of  $A_{ij} > (8/m) \ln(20/\varepsilon w_{0})$ .  $X_{j}$  are independent and so using H-C, we see that with probability at least  $1 - \exp(-\varepsilon w_{0}r/3)$ , less than  $w_{0}s/2$  of the  $A_{ij}$  are greater  $(8/m) \ln(20/\varepsilon w_{0})$ , whence,  $\zeta'_{i} = 0$ . So we have (using the union bound over all words):

$$\Pr\left(\sum_{i:\lambda_i < (1/m)\ln(20/\varepsilon w_0)} \zeta_i' > 0\right) \le d\exp(-\varepsilon w_0 s/3).$$

If  $\lambda_i \geq (1/m) \ln(20/\varepsilon w_0)$ , then

$$\Pr(A_{ij} > 4\lambda_i) \le e^{-\lambda_i m} \le \varepsilon w_0/2,$$

which implies by the same  $X_j$  kind of argument that with probability at least  $1 - \exp(-\varepsilon w_0 r/4)$ , for a fixed  $i, \zeta_i \leq 4\lambda_i m$ . Using the union bound over all words and adding all i, we get that with probability at least  $1 - 2d \exp(-\varepsilon w_0 s/4)$ ,

$$\sum_{i} \zeta_i' \le 4m \sum_{i} \lambda_i \le 4m \sum_{i,l} M_{il}^{(1)} \le 4km.$$

Now we prove the bound on  $\zeta_0$ . For each fixed i, j, we have  $\Pr(A_{ij} \geq 4\lambda) \leq e^{-m\lambda} \leq \varepsilon w_0$ . Now, let  $Y_j$  be the indicator variable of  $A_{ij} \geq 4\lambda$ . The  $Y_j, j = 1, 2, \ldots, s$  are independent (for each fixed i). So,  $\Pr(\zeta_i \geq 4m\lambda) \leq \Pr(\sum_j Y_j \geq w_0 s/2) \leq e^{-\varepsilon w_0 r/3}$ . Using an union bound over all words, we get that  $\Pr(\zeta_0 > 4m\lambda) \leq de^{-\varepsilon w_0 r/3}$  by H-C.

*Proof.* (of Theorem 1.3)

Let  $U = E\left((C_{\cdot,1} - \stackrel{'}{\tilde{\mu}_{\cdot,1}})(C_{\cdot,1} - \tilde{\mu}_{\cdot,1})^T\right)$  be the intertial matrix of  $C_{\cdot,1} - \tilde{\mu}_{\cdot,1}$ .

$$||U|| \leq \operatorname{Max}_{v:|v|=1} E_{\operatorname{length}^2} \left( (v^T (C_{\cdot,1} - \tilde{\mu}_{\cdot,1}))^2 \right)$$

$$\leq E_{\text{length}^2} \left( |C_{\cdot,1} - \tilde{\mu}_{\cdot,1}|^2 \right) = E \left( \sum_{j=1}^s \frac{|B_{\cdot,j}|^2}{||\mathbf{B}||_F^2} |B_{\cdot,j} - \mu_{\cdot,j}|^2 \right).$$
 (15)

Let 
$$\mathcal{E}_1 : \sum_{i=1}^d \zeta_i' \le ckm \quad ; \quad \mathcal{E}_2 \qquad \qquad : ||\mathbf{B}||_F^2 \ge csm\delta_0.$$
 (16)

After paying the failure probability of  $m^2 dk \exp(-c\varepsilon w_0 r)$ , we may assume from Lemmas (11) and (10), that  $\mathcal{E}_1, \mathcal{E}_2$  hold. We use this to bound the right hand side of (15). To this end,

$$E\left(\sum_{j=1}^{s} \frac{|B_{\cdot,j}|^2}{||\mathbf{B}||_F^2} |B_{\cdot,j} - \mu_{\cdot,j}|^2\right) \le E\left(\sum_{j=1}^{s} \frac{|B_{\cdot,j}|^2}{||\mathbf{B}||_F^2} |B_{\cdot,j} - \mu_{\cdot,j}|^2 \mid \mathcal{E}_1, \mathcal{E}_2\right) + m^2 dk \exp(-c\varepsilon w_0 r) m^2,$$

where, for the second term, we have used  $|B_{\cdot,j}|^2 \leq ||\mathbf{B}||_F^2$  and  $|B_{\cdot,j}|^2, |\mu^{(l)}|^2 \leq m^2$ . The second term is easily seen to be lower order, so we may ignore it and just bound the first term. Now since  $|B_{\cdot,j}|^2 \leq \sum_{i=1}^d \zeta_i'$ ,

$$E\left(\sum_{j=1}^{s} \frac{|B_{\cdot,j}|^{2}}{|\mathbf{B}|_{F}^{2}} |B_{\cdot,j} - \mu_{\cdot,j}|^{2} | \mathcal{E}_{1}, \mathcal{E}_{2}\right) \leq \frac{ckm}{sm\delta_{0}} E\left(\sum_{j=1}^{s} |B_{\cdot,j} - \mu_{\cdot,j}|^{2}\right)$$

$$\leq \frac{ck}{s\delta_{0}} \sum_{l=1}^{k} w_{l} s E\left(|B_{\cdot,j} - \mu^{(l)}|^{2} | j \in T_{l}\right)$$

$$\leq \frac{ck^{2} \varepsilon w_{0}}{\varepsilon_{0}\delta_{0}} E\left(\sum_{i} \zeta_{i}'\right) \leq \frac{ck^{3} \varepsilon w_{0} m}{\varepsilon_{0}\delta_{0}},$$

where, we have used Lemma (5) and  $\mathcal{E}_1$ . Since  $|B_{\cdot,j}|^2 \leq ckm$  under  $\mathcal{E}_1$  and  $\mathcal{E}_2$ , we can put in Theorem (1.4)  $\nu \leq c\sqrt{km}$ . Also put  $t = ck\sqrt{\frac{\varepsilon w_0}{\delta_0\varepsilon_0}}\sqrt{r}$ . Then the current theorem follows.

# 1.4 Proving Proximity

From Theorem (1.3), the  $\sigma$  in definition 1.4 is  $ck^{3/2}\sqrt{\varepsilon w_0m}/\sqrt{\delta_0\varepsilon_0}$ . So, the  $\Delta$  in definition 1.4 is

$$\Delta_{l,l'} \le ck^3 \sqrt{\frac{\varepsilon w_0 m}{\delta_0 \varepsilon_0}} \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{w_l \alpha_l p_l}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{w_{l'} \alpha_{l'} p_{l'}}} \right).$$

So it suffices to prove:

**Lemma 12.** For  $t \in \tilde{T}_l$  and  $l' \neq l$ , let  $\hat{C}_{.,t}$  be the projection of  $C_{.,t}$  onto the line joining  $\mu^{(l)}$  and  $\mu^{(l')}$ . The probability that  $|\hat{C}_{.,t} - \mu^{(l')}| \leq |\hat{C}_{.,t} - \mu^{(l)}| + \Delta_{l,l'}$  is at most  $c \in w_0 k^{5/2} / \delta_0 \varepsilon_0 \min_l \sqrt{\alpha_l p_l}$ . Hence, with probability at least  $1 - cm^2 dk \exp(-cw_0 \varepsilon r)$ , the number of t for which  $C_{.,t}$  does not satisfy the proximity condition is at most  $\min_l(w_l a_l \delta_l) r / (10c_1)$ , where,  $c_1$  is the constant in Theorem (1.2).

*Proof.* After paying the failure probability of  $cm^2dk \exp(-cw_0r\varepsilon)$ , of Lemmas (11) and (9), assume that  $\zeta_0 \leq 4m\lambda$ ,  $|\mu_{.,j} - \mu_{.,j'}|^2 \geq (\alpha_l p_l + \alpha_{l'} p_{l'})m/9$  and  $\sum_i \zeta_i' \leq 4km$ .

For  $j \in T_l$ , define  $X_{j,l'} = (B_{.,j} - \mu_{.,j}) \cdot (\mu^{(l')} - \mu^{(l)})$ . Since  $\Pr(B_{ij} = \sqrt{\zeta_i'} | j \in T_l) = \mu_{ij} / \sqrt{\zeta_i'}$ , we have:

$$E(|X_{j,l'}| \mid j \in T_l) \leq E \sum_{i} |B_{ij} - \mu_{ij}| \mid \mu_i^{(l')} - \mu_i^{(l)}|$$

$$= \sum_{i} \left[ (\sqrt{\zeta_i'} - \mu_{ij}) \frac{\mu_{ij}}{\sqrt{\zeta_i'}} + (1 - \frac{\mu_{ij}}{\sqrt{\zeta_i'}}) \mu_{ij} \right] |\mu_{ij} - \mu_{ij'}|$$

$$\leq 2\varepsilon_l \sum_{i} \sqrt{\zeta_i'} |\mu_{ij} - \mu_{ij'}| \quad \text{by Lemma 5}$$

$$\leq 2\varepsilon_l \left( \sum_{i} \zeta_i' \right)^{1/2} |\mu_{.,j} - \mu_{.,j'}| \leq 4\varepsilon_l \sqrt{km} |\mu_{.,j} - \mu_{.,j'}|.$$

We claim that: If  $|X_{j,l'}| \leq |\mu_{.,j} - \mu_{.,j'}|^2/8$ , then,  $|\hat{B}_{.,j} - \mu_{.,j'}| \geq |\hat{B}_{.,j} - \mu_{.,j}| + 3|\mu_{.,j} - \mu_{.,j'}|/4 \geq |\hat{B}_{.,j} - \mu_{.,j}| + \Delta_{l,l'}$ .

To prove the claim, it suffices to show that  $|\mu^{(l)} - \mu^{(l')}|^2 \ge 4\Delta_{l,l'}^2$ . There are two cases: **Case 1**  $w_l\alpha_lp_l \le w_{l'}\alpha_{l'}p_{l'}$ : Then we have  $\left(\frac{1}{w_l\alpha_lp_l} + \frac{1}{w_{l'}\alpha_{l'}p_{l'}}\right) \le \frac{2}{w_l\alpha_lp_l}$  and so  $4\Delta_{l,l'}^2 \le cm\alpha_lp_l$ , using (7). **Case 2**  $w_l\alpha_lp_l > w_{l'}\alpha_{l'}p_{l'}$ . By a similar argument,  $4\Delta_{l,l'}^2 \le cm\alpha_{l'}p_{l'}$ . Since  $|\mu^{(l)} - \mu^{(l')}|^2 \ge cm(\alpha_lp_l + \alpha_{l'}p_{l'})$ , the claim follows.

Let  $Y_{i,l'}$  be the indicator of non-proximity of j for l'.

$$\Pr(Y_{j,l'} \mid j \in T_l) \le \Pr(X_{j,l'} \ge (1/8)|\mu_{.,j} - \mu^{(l')}|^2) \le \frac{c\varepsilon_l \sqrt{k}}{\sqrt{\alpha_l p_l}}.$$

Let  $Y_j = \text{indicator of non-proximity of } j$ . Union over all  $l' \neq l$ . Now, under  $\mathcal{E}_1$  and  $\mathcal{E}_2$  of (16),

$$E\left(\frac{|B_{,j}|^2}{||\mathbf{B}||_F^2}Y_j \mid j \in T_l\right) \le \frac{ck}{s\delta_0} \frac{\varepsilon_l k^{3/2}}{\sqrt{\alpha_l p_l}}.$$

$$\Pr(C_{\cdot,1} \text{ doesn't satisfy proximity }) = E_{\text{length}^2} \left[ \sum_{j=1}^s Y_j \right] \leq \frac{ck^{5/2} \varepsilon w_0}{\delta_0 \text{Min}_l \sqrt{\alpha_l p_l \varepsilon_0}}.$$

Now using H-C on the r independent columns of  $\mathbb{C}$ , and (7), the second statement of Lemma follows.

The last Lemma implies by Theorem (1.2):

**Lemma 13.** With probability at least  $1 - \exp(-cw_0\varepsilon r)$ ,  $l_2^2 TSVD$  correctly identifies the dominant topic in all but at most  $\min_l(w_l a_l)\delta/10$  fraction of documents in each  $\tilde{T}_l$ .

## 1.5 Identifying Catchwords

Recall the definition of  $J_l$  from Step 5a of the algorithm. The two lemmas below are roughly converses of each other which prove roughly that  $J_l$  consists of those i for which  $M_{il}^{(1)}$  is strictly higher than  $M_{il'}^{(1)}$ .

**Lemma 14.** Let  $J_l$  be as in step 6b of the Algorithm. For  $i \in J_l$ , and  $l' \neq l$ ,  $M_{il}^{(1)} \geq (1+4\delta)M_{il'}^{(1)}$  and  $M_{il}^{(1)} \geq \frac{3}{m\delta^2}\ln(20/\varepsilon\delta\min_l(w_la_lp_l\alpha_l))$ .

*Proof.* By the definition of  $J_l$  in the algorithm,  $g(i, l) \ge (6/m\delta^2) \ln(20/\varepsilon\delta \min_l(w_l a_l p_l \alpha_l))$ . We claim that this implies:

$$\max_{l_1} M_{il_1}^{(1)} \ge \frac{3}{m\delta^2} \ln(20/\varepsilon\delta \min_{l} (w_l a_l p_l \alpha_l)). \tag{17}$$

Suppose not. Then  $(\mathbf{MW})_{ij} < \frac{3}{m\delta^2} \ln(20/\varepsilon\delta \min_l(w_l a_l p_l \alpha_l))$ , and we have

$$\Pr\left(A_{ij} \ge (4/m\delta^2) \ln(20/\varepsilon \delta w_0 a p_0 \alpha)\right) \le \exp(-\ln(20/\varepsilon \delta w_0 a p_0 \alpha)/8\delta^2) \le \varepsilon \delta a w_0 p_0 \alpha/20,$$

using (6,7). Thus,  $\Pr(g(i,l) \ge (4/m\delta^2) \ln(20/\varepsilon\delta \min_l(w_l a_l p_l \alpha_l))) \le c \exp(-\varepsilon w_0 r)$ , which is a contradiction, proving (17).

Let  $l' = \arg \max_{l_1 \neq l} M_{il_1}^{(1)}$  and assume for contradiction that  $M_{il}^{(1)} \leq (1 + 4\delta)M_{il'}^{(1)}$ . Now, by Lemma, there are at least  $cw_{l'}a_{l'}p_{l'}\alpha_{l'}r/k$  documents in  $\mathbf{C}$  which are  $(1-\delta)$ -pure for topic l' and by Lemma (13), at least  $cw_{l'}a_{l'}p_{l'}\alpha_{l'}r/k$  of these are in  $R_{l'}$  Further, (17) implies that for  $(1-\delta)$ -pure documents in  $T_{l'}$ , whp,  $A_{ij} \geq M_{il'}^{(1)}(1-2\delta)$ . Thus,

$$q(i, l') > M_{il'}^{(1)}(1 - 2\delta).$$
 (18)

On the other hand, we have for all  $l_1$ ,  $M_{il_1}^{(1)} \leq \max(M_{il}^{(1)}, M_{il'}^{(1)}) \leq (1+4\delta)M_{il'}^{(1)}$  and so we have  $g(i, l) \leq M_{il'}^{(1)}(1+5\delta)$  which together with (18) contradicts the fact that i is in  $J_l$ .

**Lemma 15.** If  $M_{il}^{(1)} \geq Max\left(\frac{5}{m\delta^2}\ln(20/\varepsilon\delta\min_l(a_lw_lp_l\alpha_l)), Max_{l'\neq l}(1+12\delta) M_{il'}^{(1)}\right)$ , then, with probability at least  $1-\exp(-c\varepsilon w_0r)$ , we have that  $i \in J_l$ . So,  $S_l \subseteq J_l$ .

*Proof.* Using the pure documents for topic l and proceeding as in Lemma (14), we get:

$$g(i,l) \ge M_{il}^{(1)}(1-1.5\delta).$$
 (19)

On the other hand, for  $j \in T_{l'}$  and for  $l' \neq l$  and  $i : M_{il}^{(1)} \geq (1 + 12\delta)M_{il'}^{(1)}$  (hypothesis of the Lemma),

$$(\mathbf{MW})_{ij} \le M_{il}^{(1)} W_{lj}^{(1)} + \frac{1}{1 + 12\delta} M_{il}^{(1)} (1 - W_{lj}^{(1)}) \le M_{il}^{(1)} \left(\beta_l + \frac{1 - \beta_l}{1 + 12\delta}\right) \le M_{il}^{(1)} \frac{1 + 1.2\delta}{1 + 12\delta},$$

since  $\beta \leq 0.1$ . So whp,

$$g(i, l') \le M_{il}^{(1)} \frac{1 + 2\delta}{1 + 12\delta}.$$
 (20)

From (19) and (20) and hypothesis of the Lemma, it follows that

$$g(i, l) \ge \operatorname{Max}\left(\frac{4}{m\delta^2}\ln(1/\varepsilon w_0), (1+8\delta)\ g(i, l')\right).$$

So,  $i \in J_l$  as claimed. It only remains to check that i in  $S_l$  satisfies the hypothesis of the Lemma which is obvious.

*Proof.* (of Lemma 4): let  $\hat{\mathbf{A}}$  be defined by  $\hat{A}_{lj} = \sum_{i \in J_l} A_{ij}$ , for l = 1, 2, ..., k and  $\hat{A}_{ij} = A_{ij}$  for  $i \notin \bigcup_l J_l$  (except the rows are rearrnaged so that all  $i \notin \bigcup_l J_l$  are put in rows k + 1, k + 2, ...). Similarly define  $\hat{\mathbf{M}}$  and  $\hat{\mathbf{P}}$ . Call j with  $W_{lj}^{(1)} \geq 1 - \delta$  "pure" for topic l. For j pure for topic l, we have:

$$(\mathbf{MW})_{lj} = \sum_{l'} \hat{M}_{ll'}^{(1)} W_{l'j}^{(1)} \ge \hat{M}_{ll}^{(1)} W_{lj}^{(1)} \ge (1 - \delta) \hat{M}_{ll}^{(1)}.$$

Also, since each  $\hat{A}_{lj}$  is the average of m independent trials, and  $(\mathbf{MW})_{lj} \leq M_{ll}^{(1)}$ , we have by Höffding-Chernoff, for j pure for topic l:

$$\Pr\left(\hat{A}_{lj} \leq (\mathbf{M}\mathbf{W})_{lj} - \delta \hat{M}_{ll}^{(1)}\right) \leq ce^{-mc\delta^2 \hat{M}_{ll}^{(1)}} \leq \varepsilon \delta/10,$$

since,  $\hat{M}_{ll}^{(1)} \in \Omega^*(1/m\delta^2)$ . This implies whp:

$$\left| \{ j : W_{lj}^{(1)} \ge 1 - \delta \; ; \; \hat{A}_{lj} \ge (1 - 2\delta) \hat{M}_{ll}^{(1)} \} \right| \ge \frac{3\varepsilon n}{4}$$
 (21)

Now, consider j with  $W_{lj}^{(1)} \leq 1 - 10\delta$ . For such j,

$$(\mathbf{MW})_{lj} = \hat{M}_{ll}^{(1)} + \sum_{l' \neq l} \hat{M}_{ll'}^{(1)} W_{l'j}^{(1)} \le (1 - 10\delta) \hat{M}_{ll}^{(1)} + 10\delta (\hat{M}_{ll}^{(1)}/2) \le (1 - 5\delta) \hat{M}_{ll}^{(1)}.$$

So for these j, we have

$$\Pr\left(\hat{A}_{lj} \ge (1 - 4\delta)\hat{M}_{ll}^{(1)}\right) \le \varepsilon\delta/10,$$

which implies

$$\left| \{ j : W_{lj}^{(1)} \le 1 - 10\delta ; \ \hat{A}_{lj} \ge (1 - 4\delta) \hat{M}_{ll}^{(1)} \} \right| \le \varepsilon \delta n / 10.$$
 (22)

This implies:

$$\left| U_l \cap \{j : W_{lj}^{(1)} \le 1 - 10\delta\} \right| \le \varepsilon \delta/5. \tag{23}$$

This can imply that at least for all  $i \in J_l$ , we have the desired inequality:

$$\widetilde{M}_{il}^{(1)} \ge (1 - c\delta) M_{il}^{(1)}.$$

But we need this inequality for all i and for this, we proceed as follows. Now, we go back to the original  $\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{M}, \mathbf{P}$ . Let

$$\frac{2}{\varepsilon n} \sum_{j \in U_l} A_{ij} = N_{il}.$$

**Lemma 16.** Whp,  $\forall i, l : N_{il} \geq (1 - 14\delta)M_{il}^{(1)} - \frac{10\ln(d/\varepsilon)}{\varepsilon nm}$ .

*Proof.* from (23), it follows that

$$\frac{2}{\varepsilon n} \sum_{j \in U_l} (\mathbf{MW})_{ij} \ge (1 - 10\delta)(1 - (\delta/2)) M_{il}^{(1)} \ge (1 - 12\delta) M_{il}^{(1)}.$$

Now,  $\frac{2}{\varepsilon n} \sum_{j \in U_l} A_{ij}$  is the average of  $\varepsilon nm$  independent Bernoulli random variables (where each is a word of a document in  $U_l$ ). So by H-C, we can show for a single i,

$$\Pr\left(\frac{2}{\varepsilon n} \sum_{j \in U_l} A_{ij} < (1 - 14\delta) M_{il}^{(1)} - \frac{10 \ln(d/\varepsilon)}{\varepsilon n m \delta}\right) \le \frac{\varepsilon}{10d},$$

which implies by union bound that whp,

$$\sum_{j \in U_l} A_{ij} \ge (1 - 14\delta) M_{il}^{(1)} - \frac{10 \ln(d/\varepsilon)}{\varepsilon nm} \forall i,$$

proving the Lemma.

Now the total amount we add to all the  $N_{il}$  is at most  $10 \ln(d/\varepsilon) d / \varepsilon \delta nm$ , which is at most  $\delta$  by assumption on n. So (4) follows.

We now sketch the proof of (5).

$$M_{il}^{(1)}(\mathbf{M^{(2)}W})_{lj} \geq M_{il}^{(1)} \alpha \forall \text{ non-pure } j \in T_l.$$

Now, we can show that  $(\mathbf{MW})_{i,j_0}$  is strictly lower for  $j_0 \notin T_l$ . This implies (by a calculation) that  $l_1(j)$  is correct for all j. For the proof that  $l_2(j)$  is correct, similar calculations are used.

[Note that we can easily extend this to more than 2 dominant basic topics per document.]

The run time complexity estimate is obtained through the following observations. Step (1) is dominated by (c) which has a runtime complexity of O(nd) as it requires Thresholding all n documents. Between Step (2) is O(rd) while Step (3) requires truncated SVD with complexity  $O(rdk_0^2)$ . Step (4) requires  $O(dk_0^2)$ . The remaining steps are all O(nk), where k is the number of edge topics. All this together yields the desired estimate.

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