

# An Elastic-Net regularized Approach to Nonnegative Latent Factorization of Tensors

## Supplementary File

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### I. INTRODUCTION

This is the supplementary file for paper entitled “*An Elastic-Net Regularized Approach to Nonnegative Latent Factorization of Tensors*”. We have put the convergence proof of ER-NLFT model in Section II, and the supplementary tables and figures of empirical studies in Section III.

### II. CONVERGENCE PROOF OF ER-NLFT

Considering the nonnegative constraints for latent feature matrices  $S$ ,  $D$ , and  $T$  and linear bias vectors  $\mathbf{a}$ ,  $\mathbf{b}$ , and  $\mathbf{c}$ , we have the Lagrangian function  $L$  for (6) as:

$$L = \varepsilon(S, D, T, \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{c}) - \sum_{i=1}^{|I|} \sum_{r=1}^R \tilde{s}_{ir} s_{ir} - \sum_{j=1}^{|J|} \sum_{r=1}^R \tilde{d}_{jr} d_{jr} - \sum_{k=1}^{|K|} \sum_{r=1}^R \tilde{t}_{kr} t_{kr} - \sum_{i=1}^{|I|} \tilde{a}_i a_i - \sum_{j=1}^{|J|} \tilde{b}_j b_j - \sum_{k=1}^{|K|} \tilde{c}_k c_k. \quad (\text{S1})$$

where  $\tilde{S}$ ,  $\tilde{D}$ ,  $\tilde{T}$   $\tilde{\mathbf{a}}$ ,  $\tilde{\mathbf{b}}$ , and  $\tilde{\mathbf{c}}$  denote Lagrangian multipliers for  $S$ ,  $D$ ,  $T$ ,  $\mathbf{a}$ ,  $\mathbf{b}$ , and  $\mathbf{c}$ .

Considering the partial derivatives of  $L$  with latent feature and linear bias, they are highly similar for  $S$ ,  $D$ ,  $T$  and  $\mathbf{a}$ ,  $\mathbf{b}$ ,  $\mathbf{c}$ . Hence, we consider the case of  $s_{ir}$  and  $a_i$  as follows:

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial L}{\partial s_{ir}} = \sum_{y_{ijk} \in \Lambda(i)} ((y_{ijk} - \hat{y}_{ijk})(-d_{jr} t_{kr})) + \gamma \phi(|\Lambda(i)|) \left( s_{ir} + s_{ir} / \sqrt{s_{ir}^2 + \mu} \right) - \tilde{s}_{ir} = 0, \\ \frac{\partial L}{\partial a_i} = \sum_{y_{ijk} \in \Lambda(i)} ((y_{ijk} - \hat{y}_{ijk})(-1)) + \gamma \phi(|\Lambda(i)|) \left( a_i + a_i / \sqrt{a_i^2 + \mu} \right) - \tilde{a}_i = 0. \end{cases} \quad (\text{S2})$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} \tilde{s}_{ir} = \sum_{y_{ijk} \in \Lambda(i)} ((y_{ijk} - \hat{y}_{ijk})(-d_{jr} t_{kr})) + \gamma \phi(|\Lambda(i)|) \left( s_{ir} + s_{ir} / \sqrt{s_{ir}^2 + \mu} \right), \\ \tilde{a}_i = \sum_{y_{ijk} \in \Lambda(i)} ((y_{ijk} - \hat{y}_{ijk})(-1)) + \gamma \phi(|\Lambda(i)|) \left( a_i + a_i / \sqrt{a_i^2 + \mu} \right). \end{cases}$$

Then, considering the KKT conditions of (S1), i.e.,  $\forall s_{ir}, \tilde{s}_{ir}: s_{ir}\tilde{s}_{ir}=0$ , and  $\forall a_i, \tilde{a}_i: a_i\tilde{a}_i=0$ , we have:

$$\begin{cases} s_{ir} \left( \sum_{y_{ijk} \in \Lambda(i)} ((y_{ijk} - \hat{y}_{ijk})(-d_{jr} t_{kr})) + \gamma \phi(|\Lambda(i)|) \left( s_{ir} + s_{ir} / \sqrt{s_{ir}^2 + \mu} \right) \right) = 0, \\ a_i \left( \sum_{y_{ijk} \in \Lambda(i)} ((y_{ijk} - \hat{y}_{ijk})(-1)) + \gamma \phi(|\Lambda(i)|) \left( a_i + a_i / \sqrt{a_i^2 + \mu} \right) \right) = 0; \end{cases} \quad (\text{S3})$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} s_{ir} \sum_{y_{ijk} \in \Lambda(i)} y_{ijk} d_{jr} t_{kr} = s_{ir} \left( \sum_{y_{ijk} \in \Lambda(i)} \hat{y}_{ijk} d_{jr} t_{kr} + \gamma \phi(|\Lambda(i)|) \left( s_{ir} + s_{ir} / \sqrt{s_{ir}^2 + \mu} \right) \right), \\ a_i \sum_{y_{ijk} \in \Lambda(i)} y_{ijk} = a_i \left( \sum_{y_{ijk} \in \Lambda(i)} \hat{y}_{ijk} + \gamma \phi(|\Lambda(i)|) \left( a_i + a_i / \sqrt{a_i^2 + \mu} \right) \right). \end{cases}$$

With (S3), we conveniently achieve the iterative learning rules given in (17). Hence, an SLF-NMU-based learning scheme in an ER-NLFT model is closely connected to the KKT conditions of its learning objective. From this point of view, we theoretically prove the convergence of ER-NLFT in the following two steps:

**Step 1:** The objective function (6) is non-increasing and lower-bounded.

**Step 2:** ER-NLFT is guaranteed to converge at a KKT stationary point of its learning objective with the EFR scheme and SLF-NMU-based learning rules.

To implement Step 1, we present the following *Lemma 1*.

**Lemma 1.** With the following definitions,

$$\tau_1 = \begin{cases} \gamma\phi(|\Lambda(i)|) \left( (s_{ir}^{n+1} - s_{ir}^n)^2 \left( (s_{ir}^{n+1})^2 + \mu \right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} + (a_i^{n+1} - a_i^n)^2 \left( (a_i^{n+1})^2 + \mu \right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \right) + (s_{ir}^{n+1} - s_{ir}^n)^2 \sum_{y_{ijk} \in \Lambda(i)} (d_{jr}^n t_{kr}^n)^2 + (a_i^{n+1} - a_i^n)^2 |\Lambda(i)| \\ + \gamma\phi(|\Lambda(j)|) \left( (d_{jr}^{n+1} - d_{jr}^n)^2 \left( (d_{jr}^{n+1})^2 + \mu \right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} + (b_j^{n+1} - b_j^n)^2 \left( (b_j^{n+1})^2 + \mu \right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \right) + (d_{jr}^{n+1} - d_{jr}^n)^2 \sum_{y_{ijk} \in \Lambda(i)} (s_{ir}^{n+1} t_{kr}^n)^2 + (b_j^{n+1} - b_j^n)^2 |\Lambda(j)| \\ + \gamma\phi(|\Lambda(k)|) \left( (t_{kr}^{n+1} - t_{kr}^n)^2 \left( (t_{kr}^{n+1})^2 + \mu \right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} + (c_k^{n+1} - c_k^n)^2 \left( (c_k^{n+1})^2 + \mu \right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \right) + (t_{kr}^{n+1} - t_{kr}^n)^2 \sum_{y_{ijk} \in \Lambda(i)} (s_{ir}^{n+1} d_{jr}^{n+1})^2 + (c_k^{n+1} - c_k^n)^2 |\Lambda(k)| \end{cases}$$

and

$$\tau_2 = \begin{cases} \gamma\phi(|\Lambda(i)|) \left( (s_{ir}^{n+1} - s_{ir}^n)^2 \left( (s_{ir}^{n+1})^2 + \mu \right)^{-\frac{3}{2}} + (a_i^{n+1} - a_i^n)^2 \left( (a_i^{n+1})^2 + \mu \right)^{-\frac{3}{2}} \right) \\ + \gamma\phi(|\Lambda(j)|) \left( (d_{jr}^{n+1} - d_{jr}^n)^2 \left( (d_{jr}^{n+1})^2 + \mu \right)^{-\frac{3}{2}} + (b_j^{n+1} - b_j^n)^2 \left( (b_j^{n+1})^2 + \mu \right)^{-\frac{3}{2}} \right) \\ + \gamma\phi(|\Lambda(k)|) \left( (t_{kr}^{n+1} - t_{kr}^n)^2 \left( (t_{kr}^{n+1})^2 + \mu \right)^{-\frac{3}{2}} + (c_k^{n+1} - c_k^n)^2 \left( (c_k^{n+1})^2 + \mu \right)^{-\frac{3}{2}} \right) \end{cases}$$

if  $\tau_1 \geq \tau_2$ , then the following inequality holds:

$$\varepsilon(s_{ir}^{n+1}, d_{jr}^{n+1}, t_{kr}^{n+1}, a_i^{n+1}, b_j^{n+1}, c_k^{n+1}) - \varepsilon(s_{ir}^n, d_{jr}^n, t_{kr}^n, a_i^n, b_j^n, c_k^n) \leq 0. \quad (\text{S4})$$

Moreover, if  $\gamma \geq 0$ , we constantly have:

$$\varepsilon(s_{ir}^n, d_{jr}^n, t_{kr}^n, a_i^n, b_j^n, c_k^n) \geq 0. \quad (\text{S5})$$

Proof of Lemma 1. Firstly, considering the difference between  $\varepsilon(s_{ir}^{n+1}, d_{jr}^n, t_{kr}^n, a_i^n, b_j^n, c_k^n)$  and  $\varepsilon(s_{ir}^n, d_{jr}^n, t_{kr}^n, a_i^n, b_j^n, c_k^n)$ , we have:

$$\begin{aligned} & \varepsilon(s_{ir}^{n+1}, d_{jr}^n, t_{kr}^n, a_i^n, b_j^n, c_k^n) - \varepsilon(s_{ir}^n, d_{jr}^n, t_{kr}^n, a_i^n, b_j^n, c_k^n) \\ & \triangleq \left( \sum_{y_{ijk} \in \Lambda(i)} \left( y_{ijk} - \left( \sum_{r=1}^R s_{ir}^{n+1} d_{jr}^n t_{kr}^n + a_i^n + b_j^n + c_k^n \right) \right) (-d_{jr}^n t_{kr}^n) + \gamma\phi(|\Lambda(i)|) \left( s_{ir}^{n+1} + s_{ir}^{n+1} / \sqrt{(s_{ir}^{n+1})^2 + \mu} \right) (s_{ir}^{n+1} - s_{ir}^n) \right. \\ & \quad \left. - \frac{1}{2} \left( \sum_{y_{ijk} \in \Lambda(i)} (d_{jr}^n t_{kr}^n)^2 + \gamma\phi(|\Lambda(i)|) \left( \sqrt{(s_{ir}^{n+1})^2 + \mu} - (s_{ir}^{n+1})^2 \left( (s_{ir}^{n+1})^2 + \mu \right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \right) \right) / \left( (s_{ir}^{n+1})^2 + \mu \right) (s_{ir}^{n+1} - s_{ir}^n)^2 \right). \end{aligned} \quad (\text{S6})$$

where  $\triangleq$  denotes the second-order approximation of a function. Based on SLF-NMU, considering  $s_{ir}$ 's optimal condition, (S6) is reformulated as:

$$\begin{aligned} & \varepsilon(s_{ir}^{n+1}, d_{jr}^n, t_{kr}^n, a_i^n, b_j^n, c_k^n) - \varepsilon(s_{ir}^n, d_{jr}^n, t_{kr}^n, a_i^n, b_j^n, c_k^n) \\ & = -\frac{1}{2} \left( \sum_{y_{ijk} \in \Lambda(i)} (d_{jr}^n t_{kr}^n)^2 + \gamma\phi(|\Lambda(i)|) \left( \sqrt{(s_{ir}^{n+1})^2 + \mu} - (s_{ir}^{n+1})^2 / \sqrt{(s_{ir}^{n+1})^2 + \mu} \right) / \left( (s_{ir}^{n+1})^2 + \mu \right) \right) (s_{ir}^{n+1} - s_{ir}^n)^2. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{S7})$$

Similarly, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} & \varepsilon(s_{ir}^{n+1}, d_{jr}^{n+1}, t_{kr}^n, a_i^n, b_j^n, c_k^n) - \varepsilon(s_{ir}^{n+1}, d_{jr}^n, t_{kr}^n, a_i^n, b_j^n, c_k^n) \\ & = -\frac{1}{2} \left( \sum_{y_{ijk} \in \Lambda(j)} (s_{ir}^{n+1} t_{kr}^n)^2 + \gamma\phi(|\Lambda(j)|) \left( \sqrt{(d_{jr}^{n+1})^2 + \mu} - (d_{jr}^{n+1})^2 / \sqrt{(d_{jr}^{n+1})^2 + \mu} \right) / \left( (d_{jr}^{n+1})^2 + \mu \right) \right) (d_{jr}^{n+1} - d_{jr}^n)^2. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{S8})$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \varepsilon(s_{ir}^{n+1}, d_{jr}^{n+1}, t_{kr}^{n+1}, a_i^n, b_j^n, c_k^n) - \varepsilon(s_{ir}^{n+1}, d_{jr}^{n+1}, t_{kr}^n, a_i^n, b_j^n, c_k^n) \\ & = -\frac{1}{2} \left( \sum_{y_{ijk} \in \Lambda(k)} (s_{ir}^{n+1} d_{jr}^{n+1})^2 + \gamma\phi(|\Lambda(k)|) \left( \sqrt{(t_{kr}^{n+1})^2 + \mu} - (t_{kr}^{n+1})^2 / \sqrt{(t_{kr}^{n+1})^2 + \mu} \right) / \left( (t_{kr}^{n+1})^2 + \mu \right) \right) (t_{kr}^{n+1} - t_{kr}^n)^2. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{S9})$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \varepsilon(s_{ir}^{n+1}, d_{jr}^{n+1}, t_{kr}^{n+1}, a_i^{n+1}, b_j^n, c_k^n) - \varepsilon(s_{ir}^{n+1}, d_{jr}^{n+1}, t_{kr}^{n+1}, a_i^n, b_j^n, c_k^n) \\ & = -\frac{1}{2} \left( |\Lambda(i)| + \gamma\phi(|\Lambda(i)|) \left( \sqrt{(a_i^{n+1})^2 + \mu} - (a_i^{n+1})^2 / \sqrt{(a_i^{n+1})^2 + \mu} \right) / \left( (a_i^{n+1})^2 + \mu \right) \right) (a_i^{n+1} - a_i^n)^2. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{S10})$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathcal{E}(s_{ir}^{n+1}, d_{jr}^{n+1}, t_{kr}^{n+1}, a_i^{n+1}, b_j^{n+1}, c_k^n) - \mathcal{E}(s_{ir}^{n+1}, d_{jr}^{n+1}, t_{kr}^{n+1}, a_i^{n+1}, b_j^n, c_k^n) \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} \left( |\Lambda(j)| + \gamma \phi(|\Lambda(j)|) \left( \sqrt{(b_j^{n+1})^2 + \mu} - (b_j^{n+1})^2 / \sqrt{(b_j^{n+1})^2 + \mu} \right) / ((b_j^{n+1})^2 + \mu) \right) (b_j^{n+1} - b_j^n)^2. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{S11})$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathcal{E}(s_{ir}^{n+1}, d_{jr}^{n+1}, t_{kr}^{n+1}, a_i^{n+1}, b_j^{n+1}, c_k^{n+1}) - \mathcal{E}(s_{ir}^{n+1}, d_{jr}^{n+1}, t_{kr}^{n+1}, a_i^{n+1}, b_j^{n+1}, c_k^n) \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} \left( |\Lambda(k)| + \gamma \phi(|\Lambda(k)|) \left( \sqrt{(c_k^{n+1})^2 + \mu} - (c_k^{n+1})^2 / \sqrt{(c_k^{n+1})^2 + \mu} \right) / ((c_k^{n+1})^2 + \mu) \right) (c_k^{n+1} - c_k^n)^2. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{S12})$$

With (S7)-(S12), we have:

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathcal{E}(s_{ir}^{n+1}, d_{jr}^{n+1}, t_{kr}^{n+1}, a_i^{n+1}, b_j^{n+1}, c_k^{n+1}) - \mathcal{E}(s_{ir}^n, d_{jr}^n, t_{kr}^n, a_i^n, b_j^n, c_k^n) \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} \left( \sum_{y_{ijk} \in \Lambda(i)} (d_{jr}^n t_{kr}^n)^2 + \gamma \phi(|\Lambda(i)|) \left( \sqrt{(s_{ir}^{n+1})^2 + \mu} - (s_{ir}^{n+1})^2 / \sqrt{(s_{ir}^{n+1})^2 + \mu} \right) / ((s_{ir}^{n+1})^2 + \mu) \right) (s_{ir}^{n+1} - s_{ir}^n)^2 \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{2} \left( \sum_{y_{ijk} \in \Lambda(j)} (s_{ir}^{n+1} t_{kr}^n)^2 + \gamma \phi(|\Lambda(j)|) \left( \sqrt{(d_{jr}^{n+1})^2 + \mu} - (d_{jr}^{n+1})^2 / \sqrt{(d_{jr}^{n+1})^2 + \mu} \right) / ((d_{jr}^{n+1})^2 + \mu) \right) (d_{jr}^{n+1} - d_{jr}^n)^2 \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{2} \left( \sum_{y_{ijk} \in \Lambda(k)} (s_{ir}^{n+1} d_{jr}^{n+1})^2 + \gamma \phi(|\Lambda(k)|) \left( \sqrt{(t_{kr}^{n+1})^2 + \mu} - (t_{kr}^{n+1})^2 / \sqrt{(t_{kr}^{n+1})^2 + \mu} \right) / ((t_{kr}^{n+1})^2 + \mu) \right) (t_{kr}^{n+1} - t_{kr}^n)^2 \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{2} \left( |\Lambda(i)| + \gamma \phi(|\Lambda(i)|) \left( \sqrt{(a_i^{n+1})^2 + \mu} - (a_i^{n+1})^2 / \sqrt{(a_i^{n+1})^2 + \mu} \right) / ((a_i^{n+1})^2 + \mu) \right) (a_i^{n+1} - a_i^n)^2 \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{2} \left( |\Lambda(j)| + \gamma \phi(|\Lambda(j)|) \left( \sqrt{(b_j^{n+1})^2 + \mu} - (b_j^{n+1})^2 / \sqrt{(b_j^{n+1})^2 + \mu} \right) / ((b_j^{n+1})^2 + \mu) \right) (b_j^{n+1} - b_j^n)^2 \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{2} \left( |\Lambda(k)| + \gamma \phi(|\Lambda(k)|) \left( \sqrt{(c_k^{n+1})^2 + \mu} - (c_k^{n+1})^2 / \sqrt{(c_k^{n+1})^2 + \mu} \right) / ((c_k^{n+1})^2 + \mu) \right) (c_k^{n+1} - c_k^n)^2. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{S13})$$

Hence, if  $\tau_1 \geq \tau_2$ , the following inequality evidently holds:

$$\mathcal{E}(s_{ir}^{n+1}, d_{jr}^{n+1}, t_{kr}^{n+1}, a_i^{n+1}, b_j^{n+1}, c_k^{n+1}) - \mathcal{E}(s_{ir}^n, d_{jr}^n, t_{kr}^n, a_i^n, b_j^n, c_k^n) \leq 0. \quad (\text{S14})$$

Thus, the objective function (6) is non-increasing.

Moreover, after the  $n$ -th iteration, (6) is formulated as:

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathcal{E}(s_{ir}^n, d_{jr}^n, t_{kr}^n, a_i^n, b_j^n, c_k^n) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{y_{ijk} \in \Lambda} \left( y_{ijk} - \left( \sum_{r=1}^R s_{ir}^n d_{jr}^n t_{kr}^n + a_i^n + b_j^n + c_k^n \right) \right)^2 \\ &\quad + \gamma \sum_{i=1}^{|I|} \phi(\Lambda(i)) \left( \sum_{r=1}^R \left( \frac{1}{2} (s_{ir}^n)^2 + \sqrt{(s_{ir}^n)^2 + \mu} \right) + \frac{1}{2} (a_i^n)^2 + \sqrt{(a_i^n)^2 + \mu} \right) \\ &\quad + \gamma \sum_{j=1}^{|J|} \phi(\Lambda(j)) \left( \sum_{r=1}^R \left( \frac{1}{2} (d_{jr}^n)^2 + \sqrt{(d_{jr}^n)^2 + \mu} \right) + \frac{1}{2} (b_j^n)^2 + \sqrt{(b_j^n)^2 + \mu} \right) \\ &\quad + \gamma \sum_{k=1}^{|K|} \phi(\Lambda(k)) \left( \sum_{r=1}^R \left( \frac{1}{2} (t_{kr}^n)^2 + \sqrt{(t_{kr}^n)^2 + \mu} \right) + \frac{1}{2} (c_k^n)^2 + \sqrt{(c_k^n)^2 + \mu} \right). \end{aligned} \quad (\text{S15})$$

From (S15), we see that if  $\gamma \geq 0$  is satisfied, the following inequality must be true:

$$\mathcal{E}(s_{ir}^n, d_{jr}^n, t_{kr}^n, a_i^n, b_j^n, c_k^n) \geq 0. \quad (\text{S16})$$

Hence, the objective function (6) is low-bounded. According to the above inferences, *Lemma 1* holds. Then to implement Step 2, we present the following *Theorem 1*.

**Theorem 1.** Sequences  $\{s_{ir}^n, d_{jr}^n, t_{kr}^n, a_i^n, b_j^n, c_k^n\}$  learnt from update rules in (17) converge to a stationary point  $\{s_{ir}^*, d_{jr}^*, t_{kr}^*, a_i^*, b_j^*, c_k^*\}$  of  $\mathcal{E}(s_{ir}, d_{jr}, t_{kr}, a_i, b_j, c_k)$  in (6).

Note that the proof process of  $\{s_{ir}^n, d_{jr}^n, t_{kr}^n\}$  is similar and  $\{a_i^n, b_j^n, c_k^n\}$  is also similar, hence, for conciseness, we only present the proof with  $\{s_{ir}^n\}$  and  $\{a_i^n\}$ .

*Proof of Theorem 1.* Firstly, based on (S4) and (S5),  $\forall i \in I, j \in J, k \in K$ , we have the following references [58]:

$$\begin{aligned}
\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} (s_{ir}^{n+1} - s_{ir}^n) &= 0, \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} (a_i^{n+1} - a_i^n) = 0; \\
\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} (d_{jr}^{n+1} - d_{jr}^n) &= 0, \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} (b_j^{n+1} - b_j^n) = 0; \\
\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} (t_{kr}^{n+1} - t_{kr}^n) &= 0, \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} (c_k^{n+1} - c_k^n) = 0.
\end{aligned} \tag{S17}$$

From (S14) we see that a sequence  $\{s_{ir}^n\}$  converges with the update rule (17). Let  $\{s_{ir}^*\}$  denotes the converging state of  $\{s_{ir}^n\}$ , i.e.,  $0 \leq s_{ir}^* = \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} s_{ir}^n < +\infty$ . Then for the objective (6), the following KKT conditions related to  $\{s_{ir}^n\}$  should be fulfilled if  $\{s_{ir}^*\}$  is one of its stationary point.

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial s_{ir}} \Big|_{s_{ir}=s_{ir}^*} = \sum_{y_{ijk} \in \Lambda(i)} (y_{ijk} - \hat{y}_{ijk}) (-d_{jr} t_{kr}) + \gamma \phi(|\Lambda(i)|) \left( s_{ir}^* + s_{ir}^* / \sqrt{(s_{ir}^*)^2 + \mu} \right) - \tilde{s}_{ir}^* = 0, \tag{S18a}$$

$$\tilde{s}_{ir}^* \cdot s_{ir}^* = 0, \tag{S18b}$$

$$s_{ir}^* \geq 0, \tag{S18c}$$

$$\tilde{s}_{ir}^* \geq 0. \tag{S18d}$$

Note that following (S1)-(S3), condition (S18a) is evidently fulfilled with parameter update rule (17), making the following equation holds:

$$\tilde{s}_{ir}^* = \sum_{y_{ijk} \in \Lambda(i)} (y_{ijk} - \hat{y}_{ijk}) (-d_{jr} t_{kr}) + \gamma \phi(|\Lambda(i)|) \left( s_{ir}^* + s_{ir}^* / \sqrt{(s_{ir}^*)^2 + \mu} \right). \tag{S19}$$

Hence, we focus on analyzing condition (S18c) and (S18d). We first construct  $\xi_{ir}^n$  as:

$$\xi_{ir}^n = \frac{\sum_{y_{ijk} \in \Lambda(i)} y_{ijk} d_{jr} t_{kr}}{\sum_{y_{ijk} \in \Lambda(i)} \hat{y}_{ijk} d_{jr} t_{kr} + \gamma \phi(|\Lambda(i)|) \left( s_{ir}^n + s_{ir}^n / \sqrt{(s_{ir}^n)^2 + \mu} \right)}. \tag{S20}$$

Naturally, (S20) is bounded by non-negative  $s_{ir}$ :

$$0 \leq \xi_{ir}^* = \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \xi_{ir}^n = \frac{\sum_{y_{ijk} \in \Lambda(i)} y_{ijk} d_{jr} t_{kr}}{\sum_{y_{ijk} \in \Lambda(i)} \hat{y}_{ijk} d_{jr} t_{kr} + \gamma \phi(|\Lambda(i)|) \left( s_{ir}^* + s_{ir}^* / \sqrt{(s_{ir}^*)^2 + \mu} \right)}. \tag{S21}$$

Thus, we write the update rule of  $s_{ir}$  with SLF-NMU as:

$$s_{ir}^{n+1} = s_{ir}^n \xi_{ir}^n. \tag{S22}$$

By combining (S17) and (S22), we have:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} (s_{ir}^{n+1} - s_{ir}^n) = 0 \Rightarrow s_{ir}^* \xi_{ir}^* - s_{ir}^* = 0. \tag{S23}$$

Note that following the update rule (17),  $s_{ir}^* \geq 0$  with a non-negatively initial hypothesis. Hence, we have the following inferences.

a) **When  $s_{ir}^* > 0$ .** Based on (S20) and (S23), we have:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} s_{ir}^* \xi_{ir}^* - s_{ir}^* = 0, \quad s_{ir}^* > 0 \Rightarrow \xi_{ir}^* = 1 \Rightarrow \sum_{y_{ijk} \in \Lambda(i)} \hat{y}_{ijk} d_{jr} t_{kr} + \gamma \phi(|\Lambda(i)|) \left( s_{ir}^* + s_{ir}^* / \sqrt{(s_{ir}^*)^2 + \mu} \right) - \sum_{y_{ijk} \in \Lambda(i)} y_{ijk} d_{jr} t_{kr} = 0. \tag{S24}$$

By combing (S19) and (S24), we achieve condition (S18b):

$$s_{ir}^* = \sum_{y_{ijk} \in \Lambda(i)} \hat{y}_{ijk} d_{jr} t_{kr} + \gamma \phi(|\Lambda(i)|) \left( s_{ir}^* + s_{ir}^* / \sqrt{(s_{ir}^*)^2 + \mu} \right) - \sum_{y_{ijk} \in \Lambda(i)} y_{ijk} d_{jr} t_{kr} = 0 \Rightarrow \tilde{s}_{ir}^* \cdot s_{ir}^* = 0. \tag{S25}$$

Meanwhile, when  $\tilde{s}_{ir}^* = 0$  and  $s_{ir}^* > 0$ , condition (S18c) and (S18d) are naturally fulfilled. Hence, when  $s_{ir}^* > 0$ , KKT conditions in (S18) are all satisfied.

b) **When  $s_{ir}^* = 0$ .** The conditions (S18b) and (S18c) naturally holds. Hence, we only need to justify that whether condition (S18d) is fulfilled or not. To do so, we reformulate  $s_{ir}^*$  as follows:

$$s_{ir}^* = s_{ir}^0 \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \prod_{h=1}^n \xi_{ir}^h. \tag{S26}$$

Based on (S26) we further have the following deduction:

$$\begin{aligned}
& s_{ir}^0 > 0, s_{ir}^0 \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \prod_{h=1}^n \xi_{ir}^h = s_{ir}^* = 0 \Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \prod_{h=1}^n \xi_{ir}^h = 0 \\
& \Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \xi_{ir}^n = \xi_{ir}^* = \frac{\sum_{y_{ijk} \in \Lambda(i)} y_{ijk} d_{jr} t_{kr}}{\sum_{y_{ijk} \in \Lambda(i)} \hat{y}_{ijk} d_{jr} t_{kr} + \gamma \phi(|\Lambda(i)|) \left( s_{ir}^* + s_{ir}^* / \sqrt{(s_{ir}^*)^2 + \mu} \right)} \leq 1 \\
& \Rightarrow \tilde{s}_{ir}^* = \sum_{y_{ijk} \in \Lambda(i)} \hat{y}_{ijk} d_{jr} t_{kr} + \gamma \phi(|\Lambda(i)|) \left( s_{ir}^* + s_{ir}^* / \sqrt{(s_{ir}^*)^2 + \mu} \right) - \sum_{y_{ijk} \in \Lambda(i)} y_{ijk} d_{jr} t_{kr} \geq 0.
\end{aligned} \tag{S27}$$

Hence, the condition (S18d) holds. Therefore, when  $s_{ir}^* = 0$ , KKT conditions in (S18) are all satisfied.

By analogy, we can prove that sequences  $\{d_{jr}^n\}$  and  $\{t_{kr}^n\}$  converge to a stationary point of (6), too. Next, we prove the convergence of sequence  $\{a_i^n\}$ .

Let  $a_i^*$  denotes the converging state of sequence  $\{a_i^n\}$ , i.e.,  $\forall i \in I : 0 \leq a_i^* = \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} a_i^n \leq +\infty$ . If  $a_i^*$  is one of  $a_i^n$ 's stationary point, the following KKT conditions should be fulfilled:

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial a_i} \Big|_{a_i=a_i^*} = \sum_{y_{ijk} \in \Lambda(i)} ((y_{ijk} - \hat{y}_{ijk})(-1)) + \gamma \phi(|\Lambda(i)|) \left( a_i^* + a_i^* / \sqrt{(a_i^*)^2 + \mu} \right) - \tilde{a}_i^* = 0, \tag{S28a}$$

$$\tilde{a}_i^* \cdot a_i^* = 0. \tag{S28b}$$

$$a_i^* \geq 0, \tag{S28c}$$

$$\tilde{a}_i^* \geq 0. \tag{S28d}$$

Following (S1)-(S3), we see that condition (S28a) naturally holds. Hence, we have:

$$\tilde{a}_i^* = \sum_{y_{ijk} \in \Lambda(i)} ((y_{ijk} - \hat{y}_{ijk})(-1)) + \gamma \phi(|\Lambda(i)|) \left( a_i^* + a_i^* / \sqrt{(a_i^*)^2 + \mu} \right). \tag{S29}$$

Thus, we focus on condition (S28c) and (S28d), we first construct  $\zeta_i^n$  as follows:

$$\zeta_i^n = \frac{\sum_{y_{ijk} \in \Lambda(i)} y_{ijk}}{\sum_{y_{ijk} \in \Lambda(i)} \hat{y}_{ijk} + \gamma \phi(|\Lambda(i)|) \left( a_i^n + a_i^n / \sqrt{(a_i^n)^2 + \mu} \right)}. \tag{S30}$$

Obviously, (S30) is bounded by non-negative  $a_i^n$ , hence, we have:

$$0 \leq \zeta_i^* = \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \zeta_i^n = \frac{\sum_{y_{ijk} \in \Lambda(i)} y_{ijk}}{\sum_{y_{ijk} \in \Lambda(i)} \hat{y}_{ijk} + \gamma \phi(|\Lambda(i)|) \left( a_i^n + a_i^n / \sqrt{(a_i^n)^2 + \mu} \right)}. \tag{S31}$$

Accordingly, the update rule of  $a_i^n$  can be rewrite as:

$$a_i^{n+1} = a_i^n \zeta_i^n \tag{S32}$$

By combining (S17) and (S32), we have:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} (a_i^{n+1} - a_i^n) = 0 \Rightarrow a_i^* \zeta_i^* - a_i^* = 0. \tag{S33}$$

Note that following the update rule (17),  $a_i^* \geq 0$  with a non-negatively initial hypothesis. Hence, we have the following inferences.

a) When  $a_i^* > 0$ . Based on (S30) and (S33), we have:

$$a_i^* \zeta_i^* - a_i^* = 0, a_i^* \geq 0 \Rightarrow \zeta_i^* = 1 \Rightarrow \sum_{y_{ijk} \in \Lambda(i)} \hat{y}_{ijk} + \gamma \phi(|\Lambda(i)|) \left( a_i^* + a_i^* / \sqrt{(a_i^*)^2 + \mu} \right) - \sum_{y_{ijk} \in \Lambda(i)} y_{ijk} = 0. \tag{S34}$$

By combing (S29) and (S34), we achieve condition (S28b):

$$\tilde{a}_i^* = \sum_{y_{ijk} \in \Lambda(i)} \hat{y}_{ijk} + \gamma \phi(|\Lambda(i)|) \left( a_i^* + a_i^* / \sqrt{(a_i^*)^2 + \mu} \right) - \sum_{y_{ijk} \in \Lambda(i)} y_{ijk} = 0 \Rightarrow \tilde{a}_i^* \cdot a_i^* = 0. \tag{S35}$$

Meanwhile, when  $a_i^* > 0$  and  $\tilde{a}_i^* = 0$ , conditions (S28c) and (S28d) naturally hold. Therefore, when  $a_i^* > 0$ , KKT conditions in (S28) are all satisfied.

b) When  $a_i^*=0$ . Under such circumstance, conditions (S28b) and (S28c) are naturally fulfilled. Thus, we need to justify that whether condition (S28d) is fulfilled or not. To this end, we formulated  $\tilde{a}_i^*$  as follows:

$$a_i^* = a_i^0 \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \prod_{h=1}^n \varsigma_i^h. \quad (\text{S36})$$

Following (S36), we have:

$$\begin{aligned} a_i^0 > 0, a_i^0 \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \prod_{h=1}^n \varsigma_i^h = a_i^* = 0 &\Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \prod_{h=1}^n \varsigma_i^h = 0 \\ \Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \varsigma_i^n = \varsigma_i^* &= \frac{\sum_{y_{ijk} \in \Lambda(i)} y_{ijk}}{\sum_{y_{ijk} \in \Lambda(i)} \hat{y}_{ijk} + \gamma \phi(|\Lambda(i)|) \left( a_i^* + a_i^* / \sqrt{(a_i^*)^2 + \mu} \right)} \leq 1 \\ \Rightarrow \tilde{a}_i^* &= \sum_{y_{ijk} \in \Lambda(i)} \hat{y}_{ijk} + \gamma \phi(|\Lambda(i)|) \left( a_i^* + a_i^* / \sqrt{(a_i^*)^2 + \mu} \right) - \sum_{y_{ijk} \in \Lambda(i)} y_{ijk} \geq 0. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{S37})$$

Hence, when  $a_i^* = 0$ , KKT conditions in (S28) are also satisfied. Therefore, based on the above inference, *Theorem 1* stands. According to Theorem 1, Step 2 is implemented. By combining steps 1-2, we conclude that with the SLF-NMU-based learning scheme (17), an ER-NLFT model's convergence on a nonnegative HDI tensor is guaranteed.

### III. SUPPLEMENTARY TABLES AND FIGURES OF EMPIRICAL STUDIES

TABLE S.I  
HYPER-PARAMETER SETTINGS OF M1-M6.

Dataset	Hyper-parameter Setting					
D1	M1: Self-adaptation	M2: $\lambda=0.001, \eta=0.001$	M3: $\lambda_a=0.05, \lambda_b=0.05, \lambda_c=0.0001$	M4: $\lambda=0.05, \eta=0.01$		
D2	M1: Self-adaptation	M2: $\lambda=0.001, \eta=0.001$	M3: $\lambda_a=0.05, \lambda_b=0.05, \lambda_c=0.0001$	M4: $\lambda=0.03, \eta=0.01$		
D3	M1: Self-adaptation	M2: $\lambda=0.01, \eta=0.004$	M3: $\lambda_a=0.01, \lambda_b=0.01, \lambda_c=0.0005$	M4: $\lambda=0.01, \eta=0.02$		
D4	M1: Self-adaptation	M2: $\lambda=0.01, \eta=0.005$	M3: $\lambda_a=0.005, \lambda_b=0.01, \lambda_c=0.0005$	M4: $\lambda=0.01, \eta=0.02$		
D5	M1: Self-adaptation	M2: $\lambda=0.05, \eta=0.0005$ M5: $\rho_{\bar{\lambda}n}=0.1, \rho_{\bar{\lambda}n}=0.1, \mu=0.0001$	M3: $\lambda_a=0.01, \lambda_b=0.001, \lambda_c=0.001$ M6: $\alpha=0.001, \beta=0.1$	M4: $\lambda=0.05, \eta=0.02$		
D6	M1: Self-adaptation	M2: $\lambda=0.05, \eta=0.0001$ M5: $\rho_{\bar{\lambda}n}=0.1, \rho_{\bar{\lambda}n}=0.1, \mu=0.00001$	M3: $\lambda_a=0.01, \lambda_b=0.001, \lambda_c=0.001$ M6: $\alpha=0.001, \beta=0.1$	M4: $\lambda=0.1, \eta=0.02$		

TABLE S.II  
RMSE, MAE, WIN/LOSS COUNTS AND FRIEDMAN TEST OF M1-6 ON D1-6.

Dataset	Metric	M1	M2	M3	M4	M5	M6
<b>D1</b>	RMSE	<b>0.2826±0.0005</b>	0.3091±0.0006•	0.3082±0.0041•	0.3189±0.0006•	Intractable	Intractable
	MAE	<b>0.2088±0.0004</b>	0.2171±0.0004•	0.2207±0.0010•	0.2375±0.0005•	Intractable	Intractable
<b>D2</b>	RMSE	<b>0.2989±0.0004</b>	0.3221±0.0003•	0.3223±0.0025•	0.3342±0.0007•	Intractable	Intractable
	MAE	<b>0.2228±0.0003</b>	0.2287±0.0002•	0.2340±0.0010•	0.2499±0.0005•	Intractable	Intractable
<b>D3</b>	RMSE	<b>0.2597±0.0003</b>	0.2723±0.0005•	0.2920±0.0054•	0.2837±0.0005•	Intractable	Intractable
	MAE	<b>0.1817±0.0003</b>	0.1823±0.0003•	0.1834±0.0014•	0.1938±0.0003•	Intractable	Intractable
<b>D4</b>	RMSE	<b>0.2629±0.0005</b>	0.2738±0.0004•	0.2935±0.0043•	0.2895±0.0005•	Intractable	Intractable
	MAE	<b>0.1862±0.0004</b>	0.1868±0.0004•	0.1871±0.0005•	0.1997±0.0006•	Intractable	Intractable
<b>D5</b>	RMSE	<b>0.3213±0.0020</b>	0.3311±0.0026•	0.3315±0.0024•	0.3337±0.0019•	0.3346±0.0022•	0.3529±0.0025•
	MAE	<b>0.2125±0.0009</b>	0.2136±0.0009•	0.2143±0.0010•	0.2229±0.0006•	0.2426±0.0012•	0.2570±0.0019•
<b>D6</b>	RMSE	<b>0.3255±0.0018</b>	0.3382±0.0018•	0.3358±0.0053•	0.3457±0.0042•	0.3337±0.0027•	0.3506±0.0015•
	MAE	<b>0.2221±0.0019</b>	0.2258±0.0011•	0.2249±0.0021•	0.2355±0.0021•	0.2420±0.0023•	0.2569±0.0015•
Statistical analysis	Win/Loss	--	12/0	12/0	12/0	4/0	4/0
	F-rank	1.00	2.33	3.00	3.92	5.08	5.67

• indicates M1 has a lower RMSE/MAE than the comparison models.

TABLE S.III  
TOTAL TIME COST IN RMSE/MAE(SECONDS), WIN/LOSS COUNTS AND FRIEDMAN TEST OF M1-6 ON D1-6.

Dataset	Metric	M1	M2	M3	M4	M5	M6
<b>D1</b>	RMSE	<b>7338±1380</b>	495716±18683•	303003±43492•	147879±9603•	Intractable	Intractable
	MAE	<b>9942±1923</b>	642177±123801•	312970±60759•	156782±16735•	Intractable	Intractable
<b>D2</b>	RMSE	<b>5274±590</b>	510699±63729•	182743±43469•	87766±5855•	Intractable	Intractable
	MAE	<b>6592±590</b>	722891±71839•	188198±41723•	99132±7937•	Intractable	Intractable
<b>D3</b>	RMSE	<b>442±52</b>	104987±4051•	35755±3367•	11888±737•	Intractable	Intractable
	MAE	<b>814±52</b>	144982±6662•	32238±7620•	20850±963•	Intractable	Intractable
<b>D4</b>	RMSE	<b>380±77</b>	91194±2012•	19394±4173•	7931±428•	Intractable	Intractable
	MAE	<b>605±71</b>	120565±11957•	20741±3418•	13078±734•	Intractable	Intractable
<b>D5</b>	RMSE	<b>11.95±3.09</b>	6583.24±0.00•	327.95±79.17•	175.14±7.95•	3603082±0•	1157406±106958•
	MAE	<b>57.76±8.44</b>	6583.24±0.00•	327.95±82.29•	158.93±4.59•	3603082±0•	1150391±128675•
<b>D6</b>	RMSE	<b>2.40±0.70</b>	4102.06±0.00•	118.56±30.25•	74.13±10.43•	517117±0•	93264±5589•
	MAE	<b>12.57±1.11</b>	4102.06±0.00•	114.00±39.23•	63.61±5.03•	517117±0•	93753±5694•
Statistical analysis	Win/Loss	--	12/0	12/0	12/0	4/0	4/0
	F-rank	1.00	4.00	3.00	2.00	5.67	5.33

• indicates M1 has a less total time cost than the comparison models in RMSE/MAE.

TABLE S.IV  
ITERATION COUNT IN RMSE/MAE, WIN/LOSS COUNTS AND FRIEDMAN TEST OF M1-6 ON D1-6.

Dataset	Metric	M1	M2	M3	M4	M5	M6
<b>D1</b>	RMSE	<b>6±1</b>	29±2•	25±4•	50±3•	Intractable	Intractable
	MAE	<b>9±2</b>	38±7•	26±5•	53±3•	Intractable	Intractable
<b>D2</b>	RMSE	<b>7±1</b>	47±6•	22±5•	46±3•	Intractable	Intractable
	MAE	<b>8±1</b>	67±7•	23±5•	52±4•	Intractable	Intractable
<b>D3</b>	RMSE	<b>3±1</b>	67±4•	31±3•	43±3•	Intractable	Intractable
	MAE	<b>6±1</b>	92±5•	28±6•	76±4•	Intractable	Intractable
<b>D4</b>	RMSE	<b>4±1</b>	74±3•	24±5•	44±3•	Intractable	Intractable
	MAE	<b>6±1</b>	98±9•	26±4•	72±4•	Intractable	Intractable
<b>D5</b>	RMSE	<b>5±1</b>	200±0•	7±2•	36±2•	200±0•	66±6•
	MAE	24±3	200±0•	<b>7±3</b>	33±2•	200±0•	66±7•
<b>D6</b>	RMSE	<b>4±1</b>	200±0•	9±3•	49±7•	200±0•	48±3•
	MAE	23±2	200±0•	<b>8±3</b>	42±4•	200±0•	48±3•
Statistical analysis	Win/Loss	--	12/0	10/2	12/0	4/0	4/0
	F-rank	1.17	4.33	1.83	3.25	5.50	4.92

• indicates M1 has a less converging iteration count than the comparison models in RMSE/MAE.

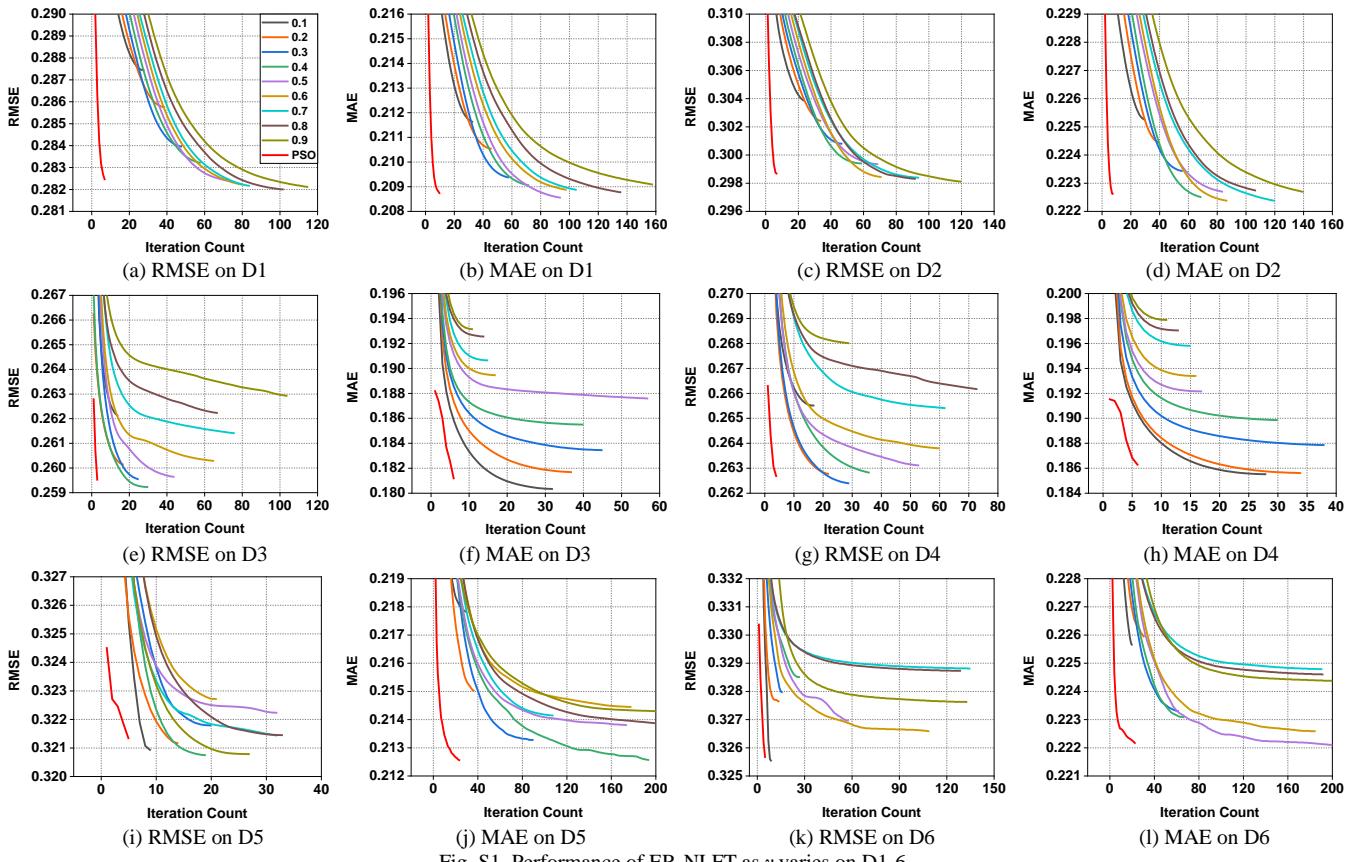


Fig. S1. Performance of ER-NLFT as  $\gamma$  varies on D1-6.

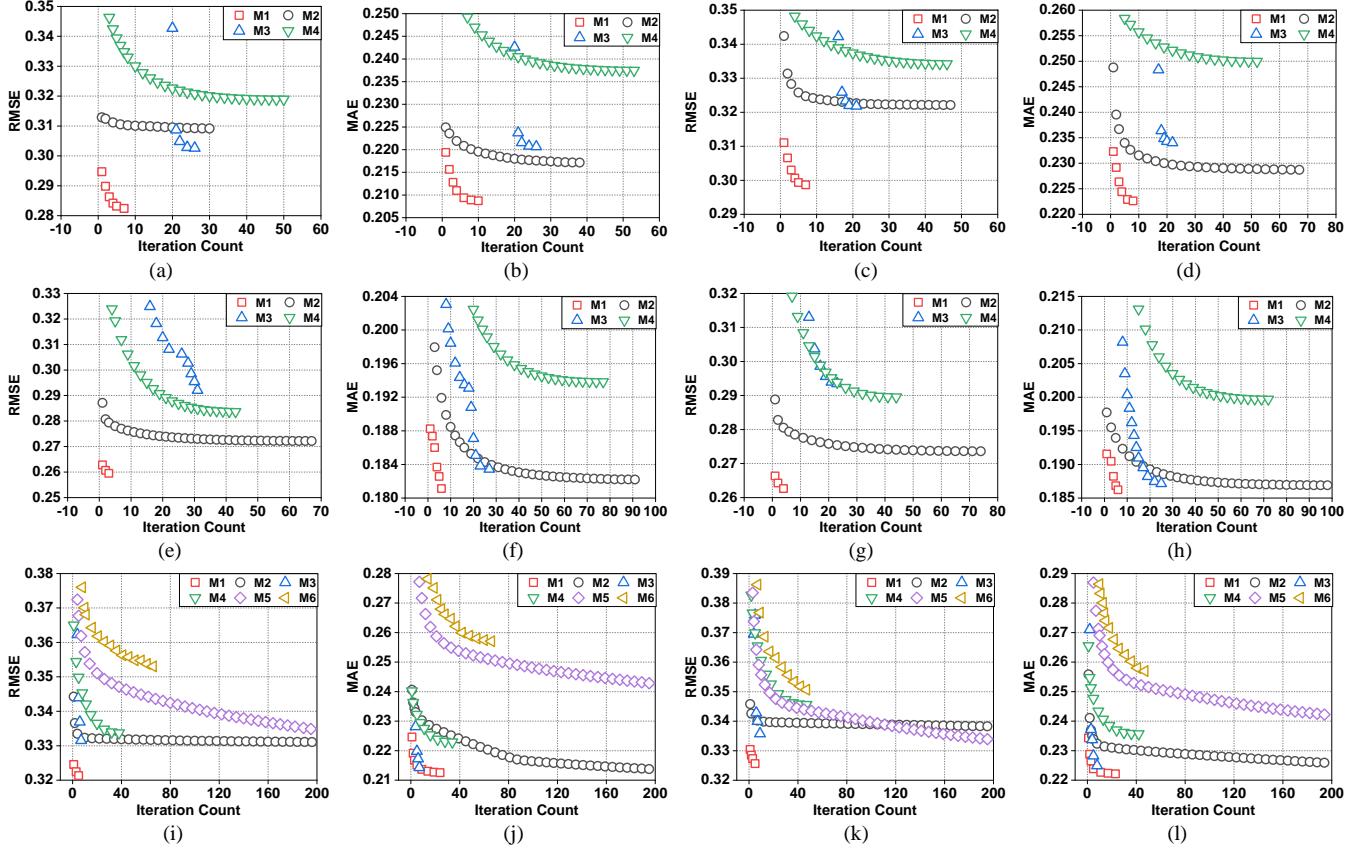


Fig. S2. Training curves of M1-6 in RMSE and MAE on D1-6.