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## Appendix: Learning Strictly Orthogonal p-Order Nonnegative Laplacian Embedding via Smoothed Iterative Reweighted Method

#### 1 Proof of Theorem and Lemmas

**Theorem 1** The Algorithm ?? will monotonically decrease the objective of the problem (??) in each iteration until the algorithm converges.

Before proving the convergence of the Algorithm ??, we first introduce several lemmas:

**Lemma 1** For any  $\sigma > 0$ , the following inequality holds when 0 :

$$\frac{p}{2}\sigma - \sigma^{\frac{p}{2}} + \frac{2-p}{2} \ge 0 \quad . \tag{1}$$

**Proof.** Denote  $f(\sigma) = p\sigma - 2\sigma^{\frac{p}{2}} + 2 - p$ , we have the following derivatives:

$$f'(\sigma)=p(1-\sigma^{\frac{p-2}{2}}), \quad \text{and} \quad f''(\sigma)=\frac{p(2-p)}{2}\sigma_i^{\frac{p-4}{2}}.$$

Obviously, when  $\sigma > 0$  and  $0 , then <math>f''(\sigma) \ge 0$  and  $\sigma = 1$  is the only point that  $f'(\sigma) = 0$ . Note that f(1) = 0, thus when  $\sigma > 0$  and  $0 , then <math>f(\sigma) \ge 0$ , which indicates Eq.(1).

**Lemma 2** [?] For any positive definite matrices  $\tilde{M}$ , M with the same size, suppose the eigen-decomposition  $\tilde{M} = U\Sigma U^T$ ,  $M = V\Lambda V^T$ , where the eigenvalues in  $\Sigma$  is in increasing order and the eigenvalues in  $\Lambda$  is in decreasing order. Then the following inequality holds when 0 :

$$Tr(\tilde{M}M) \ge Tr(\Sigma\Lambda)$$
 (2)

**Lemma 3** For any positive definite matrices  $\tilde{M}$ , M with the same size, the following inequality holds when 0 :

$$tr(\tilde{M}^{\frac{p}{2}}) - \frac{p}{2}tr(\tilde{M}M^{\frac{p-2}{2}}) \le tr(M^{\frac{p}{2}}) - \frac{p}{2}tr(MM^{\frac{p-2}{2}}).$$
 (3)

**Proof.** For any  $\sigma>0, \lambda>0$  and  $0< p\leq 2$ , according to Lemma 1 we have  $\frac{p}{2}(\frac{\sigma}{\lambda})-(\frac{\sigma}{\lambda})^{\frac{p}{2}}+\frac{2-p}{2}\geq 0$ , which indicates

$$\frac{p}{2}\sigma\lambda^{\frac{p-2}{2}} - \sigma^{\frac{p}{2}} + \frac{2-p}{2}\lambda^{\frac{p}{2}} \ge 0 . \tag{4}$$

Suppose the eigen-decomposition  $\tilde{M}=U\Sigma U^T,\,M=V\Lambda V^T,$  where the eigenvalues in  $\Sigma$  is in increasing order and the eigenvalues in  $\Lambda$  is in decreasing order. Then according to Eq.(4), we have

$$\frac{p}{2}tr(\Sigma\Lambda^{\frac{p-2}{2}}) - tr(\Sigma^{\frac{p}{2}}) + \frac{2-p}{2}tr(\Lambda^{\frac{p}{2}}) \ge 0 , \qquad (5)$$

and according to Lemma 2 we have

$$\frac{p}{2}tr(\tilde{M}M^{\frac{p-2}{2}}) - \frac{p}{2}tr(\Sigma\Lambda^{\frac{p-2}{2}}) \ge 0 , \qquad (6)$$

$$\frac{p}{2}tr(\tilde{M}M^{\frac{p-2}{2}}) - tr(\Sigma^{\frac{p}{2}}) + \frac{2-p}{2}tr(\Lambda^{\frac{p}{2}}) \ge 0 \ . \tag{7}$$

Note that  $tr(\tilde{M}^{\frac{p}{2}}) = tr(\Sigma^{\frac{p}{2}})$  and  $tr(M^{\frac{p}{2}}) = tr(\Lambda^{\frac{p}{2}})$ , so we have

$$\begin{split} & \frac{p}{2} tr(\tilde{M} M^{\frac{p-2}{2}}) - tr(\tilde{M}^{\frac{p}{2}}) + \frac{2-p}{2} tr(M^{\frac{p}{2}}) \geq 0 \\ & \Rightarrow tr(\tilde{M}^{\frac{p}{2}}) - \frac{p}{2} tr(\tilde{M} M^{\frac{p-2}{2}}) \leq \frac{2-p}{2} tr(M^{\frac{p}{2}}) \\ & \Rightarrow tr(\tilde{M}^{\frac{p}{2}}) - \frac{p}{2} tr(\tilde{M} M^{\frac{p-2}{2}}) \leq tr(M^{\frac{p}{2}}) - \frac{p}{2} tr(MM^{\frac{p-2}{2}}) \ , \end{split}$$

which completes the proof.

**Lemma 4** For any matrices  $\tilde{A}$ , A with the same size and  $\delta > 0$ , the following inequality holds when 0 :

$$tr((\tilde{A}^T \tilde{A} + \delta I)^{\frac{p}{2}}) - \frac{p}{2} tr(\tilde{A}^T \tilde{A} (A^T A + \delta I)^{\frac{p-2}{2}})$$

$$\leq tr((A^T A + \delta I)^{\frac{p}{2}}) - \frac{p}{2} tr(A^T A (A^T A + \delta I)^{\frac{p-2}{2}}) .$$
(8)

**Proof.** Note that  $\tilde{A}^T\tilde{A} + \delta I$  and  $A^TA + \delta I$  are positive definite matrices since  $\delta > 0$ . Then according to Lemma 3 we have

$$tr((\tilde{A}^T \tilde{A} + \delta I)^{\frac{p}{2}}) - \frac{p}{2} tr((\tilde{A}^T \tilde{A} + \delta I)(A^T A + \delta I)^{\frac{p-2}{2}})$$

$$\leq tr((A^T A + \delta I)^{\frac{p}{2}}) - \frac{p}{2} tr((A^T A + \delta I)(A^T A + \delta I)^{\frac{p-2}{2}}),$$
(9)

which indicates Eq.(8).

As a result, we can prove Theorem ?? as follows now.

**Proof of Theorem ??.** In step 2 of Algorithm ??, suppose the updated x is  $\tilde{x}$ . According to step 2, we know

$$f(\tilde{x}) + \sum_{i} tr(g_i^T(\tilde{x})g_i(\tilde{x})D_i) \le f(x) + \sum_{i} tr(g_i^T(x)g_i(x)D_i) , \qquad (10)$$

where the equality holds when and only when the algorithm converges.

For each i, according to Lemma 4, we have

$$tr((g_{i}^{T}(\tilde{x})g_{i}(\tilde{x}) + \delta I)^{\frac{p}{2}}) - \frac{p}{2}tr(g_{i}^{T}(\tilde{x})g_{i}(\tilde{x})(g_{i}^{T}(x)g_{i}(x) + \delta I)^{\frac{p-2}{2}}) \le tr((g_{i}^{T}(x)g_{i}(x) + \delta I)^{\frac{p}{2}}) - \frac{p}{2}tr(g_{i}^{T}(x)g_{i}(x)(g_{i}^{T}(x)g_{i}(x) + \delta I)^{\frac{p-2}{2}}) .$$
(11)

Note that  $D_i = \frac{p}{2}(g_i^T(x)g_i(x) + \delta I)^{\frac{p-2}{2}}$ , so for each i we have

$$tr((g_i^T(\tilde{x})g_i(\tilde{x}) + \delta I)^{\frac{p}{2}}) - tr(g_i^T(\tilde{x})g_i(\tilde{x})D_i)$$

$$\leq tr((g_i^T(x)g_i(x) + \delta I)^{\frac{p}{2}}) - tr(g_i^T(x)g_i(x)D_i) .$$
(12)

Then we have

$$\sum_{i} tr((g_i^T(\tilde{x})g_i(\tilde{x}) + \delta I)^{\frac{p}{2}}) - \sum_{i} tr(g_i^T(\tilde{x})g_i(\tilde{x})D_i) 
\leq \sum_{i} tr((g_i^T(x)g_i(x) + \delta I)^{\frac{p}{2}}) - \sum_{i} tr(g_i^T(x)g_i(x)D_i) .$$
(13)

Summing Eq. (10) and Eq. (13) in the two sides, we arrive at

$$f(\tilde{x}) + \sum_{i} tr((g_{i}^{T}(\tilde{x})g_{i}(\tilde{x}) + \delta I)^{\frac{p}{2}}) \leq f(x) + \sum_{i} tr((g_{i}^{T}(x)g_{i}(x) + \delta I)^{\frac{p}{2}}) .$$
(14)

### 2 The Algorithm in the Method

#### Algorithm 1 The ADMM algorithm.

Set  $1 < \rho < 2$  and initialize  $\mu > 0$  and y.

while not converge do

- 1. Update x by solving  $x^{k+1} = \arg\min_x (f(x) + \frac{\mu}{2} ||h(x, z^k) + \frac{y^k}{\mu}||^2)$ .
- **2.** Update z by solving  $z^{k+1} = \arg\min_{z} (g(z) + \frac{\mu}{2} ||h(x^{k+1}, z) + \frac{y^{k}}{\mu}||^{2})$
- **3.** Update y by  $y^{k+1} = y^k + \mu h(x^{k+1}, z^{k+1})$
- **4.** Update  $\mu$  by  $\mu = \rho \mu$ .

end while

#### 3 The Detailed Procedures to Solve Eq. (??)

Step 1. Initialization.

**Step 2.** Solving Y, when we fix the other variable X and the Lagrangian multiplier variable  $\Lambda$ :

$$\min_{\mathbf{Y}} \operatorname{tr}\left(\mathbf{Y}^{T} \mathbf{L} \mathbf{X}\right) + \frac{\mu}{2} \left\| \mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{X} + \frac{1}{\mu} \mathbf{\Lambda} \right\|_{\mathrm{F}}^{2}, \quad s.t. \quad \mathbf{Y}^{T} \mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{I} . \tag{15}$$

Denoting  $\mathbf{M} = \mu \mathbf{X} - \mathbf{\Lambda} - \mathbf{L} \mathbf{X}$ , we can write the optimization problem in Eq. (15) as following:

$$\max_{\mathbf{Y}} \operatorname{tr}\left(\mathbf{Y}^{T}\mathbf{M}\right) \quad s.t. \quad \mathbf{Y}^{T}\mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{I} . \tag{16}$$

According to Theorem 1 in [?]the problem in Eq. (16) can be solved by computing the SVD of M: if  $svd(\mathbf{M}) = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{V}^T$ , the solution of Eq. (16) is given by  $\mathbf{U}\mathbf{V}^T$ .

**Step 3.** Solving **X**, when we fix the other variable **Y** and the Lagrangian multiplier variable  $\Lambda$ :

$$\min_{\mathbf{X}} \operatorname{tr}\left(\mathbf{Y}^{T} \mathbf{L} \mathbf{X}\right) + \frac{\mu}{2} \left\| \mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{X} + \frac{1}{\mu} \mathbf{\Lambda} \right\|_{F}^{2}, \quad s.t. \quad \mathbf{X} \ge 0 .$$
(17)

Denoting  $\mathbf{N} = \mathbf{Y} + \frac{1}{\mu}\mathbf{\Lambda} - \frac{1}{\mu}\mathbf{L}^T\mathbf{Y}$ , we can write the optimization problem in Eq. (17) as following:

$$\min_{\mathbf{X}} \|\mathbf{X} - \mathbf{N}\|_{\mathbf{F}}^{2}, \quad s.t. \quad \mathbf{X} \ge 0 , \qquad (18)$$

which can be decoupled to solve the following problem for every entry of  $\mathbf{X}$ :

$$\min_{x_{ij}} (x_{ij} - n_{ij})^2 , \quad s.t. \quad x_{ij} \ge 0 ,$$
 (19)

which can be easily solved as follows:  $x_{ij} = \max(n_{ij}, 0)$ .

**Step 4.** Update  $\Lambda$  by  $\Lambda = \Lambda + \mu (\mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{X})$ .

**Step 5.** Update  $\mu$  by  $\mu = \rho \mu$ .

#### 4 Additional Experiments

#### 4.1 Orthogonality

Figure 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 show the comparisons between our approach (on the left side) and NLE (on the right side). The result on AT&T data set could not be shown here due to large number of classes. In all 7 data sets, the solution of NLE method are very loosely constrained by  $X^TX = I$ . The experiment results so far show that our method can achieve a strict orthogonality for each data set which will in return have a better performance and robustness after embedding while NLE failed to guarantee the orthogonality constraint.

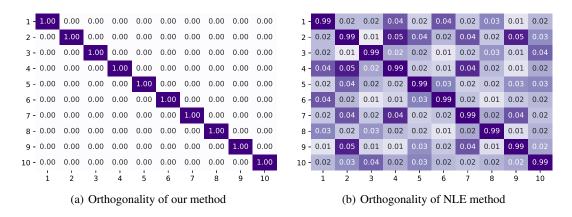


Figure 1: The comparison of orthogonality between our method and NLE on minist data set.

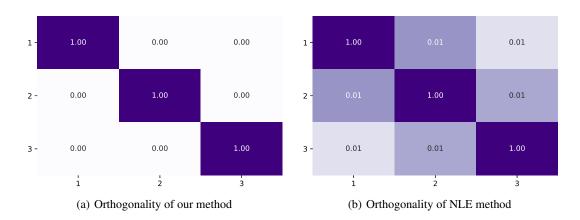


Figure 2: The comparison of orthogonality between our method and NLE on caltech101 data set.

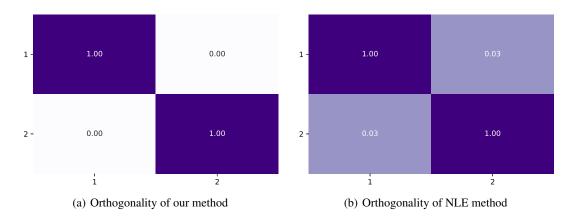


Figure 3: The comparison of orthogonality between our method and NLE on ionosphere data set.

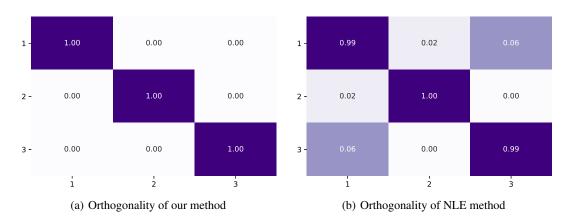


Figure 4: The comparison of orthogonality between our method and NLE on wine data set.

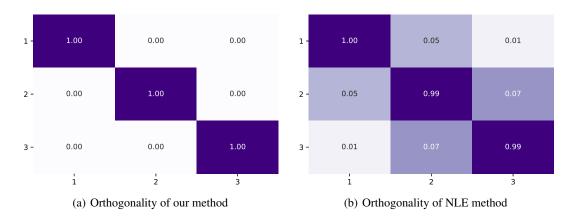


Figure 5: The comparison of orthogonality between our method and NLE on iris data set.

#### 4.2 Performance on both Noiseless and Noisy Data

Figure 6, ??, 7, 9, 8, 10 and 11 show the clustering performances of the proposed method on the experimental data sets as described in Section ?? and Section ??.

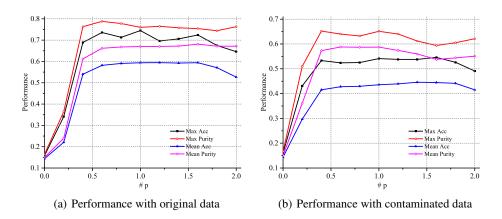


Figure 6: The comparison of performance on original and contaminated minist data set.

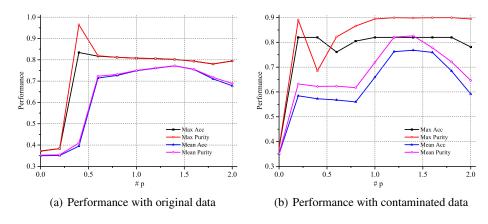


Figure 7: The comparison of performance on original and contaminated caltech101 data set.

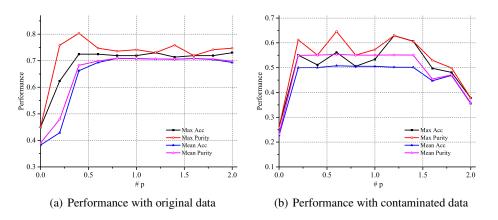


Figure 8: The comparison of performance on original and contaminated wine data set.

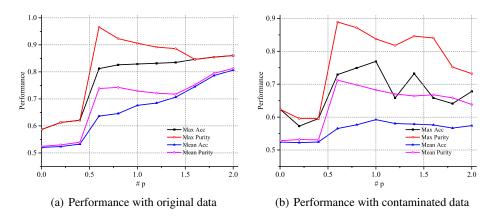


Figure 9: The comparison of performance on original and contaminated ionosphere data set.

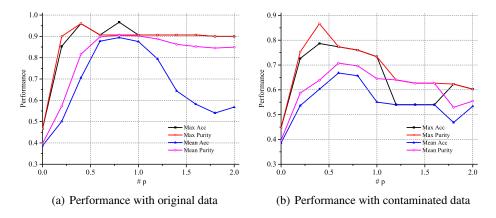


Figure 10: The comparison of performance on original and contaminated iris data set.

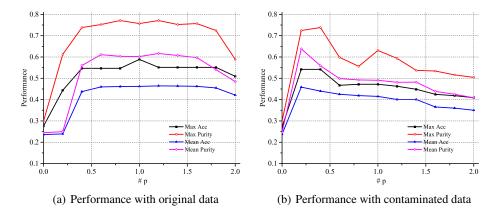


Figure 11: The comparison of performance on original and contaminated glass data set.