## SUPPLEMENT TO "MINIMAX ESTIMATION IN SPARSE CANONICAL CORRELATION ANALYSIS"

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## APPENDIX A: PROOFS OF TECHNICAL RESULTS

In this appendix, we prove Theorem 4 and Lemmas 7 - 12 in order.

**A.1. Proof of Theorem 4.** We first need a lemma for perturbation bound of square root matrices.

LEMMA 16. Let A, B be positive semi-definite matrices, and then for any unitarily invariant norm  $\|\cdot\|$ ,

$$||A^{1/2} - B^{1/2}|| \le \frac{1}{\sigma_{\min}(A^{1/2}) + \sigma_{\min}(B^{1/2})} ||A - B||.$$

PROOF. The proof essentially follows the idea of [27]. Let D = B - A and  $X = B^{1/2} - A^{1/2}$ . Then we have for every sufficient large q > 0,

$$X = E_2 X E_1 + F,$$

where

$$E_1 = (qI + A^{1/2})^{-1}(qI - A^{1/2}),$$
  

$$E_2 = (qI + B^{1/2})^{-1}(qI - A^{1/2}),$$
  

$$F = 2q(qI + B^{1/2})^{-1}D(qI + A^{1/2})^{-1}.$$

Take the desired norm on both sides, we have

$$||X|| \le ||E_2XE_1|| + ||F|| \le ||E_1||_{\text{op}}||E_2||_{\text{op}}||X|| + ||F||.$$

Here, the first inequality is due the triangle inequality and the second is due to [6, Prop. IV.2.4]. By the proof of Lemma 2.1 in [27],  $||E_i||_{op} < 1$  for i = 1, 2 when q is sufficiently large, and hence

$$||X|| \le \frac{||F||}{1 - ||E_1||_{\text{op}} ||E_2||_{\text{op}}}.$$

Sending  $q \to \infty$  in the last display leads to the desired bound.

We prove (43) and (44) respectively.

Proof of (43).

$$||A_{1}D_{1}B'_{1} - \widehat{A}_{1}\widehat{D}_{1}\widehat{B}'_{1}||$$

$$= ||A_{1}A'_{1}XB_{1}B'_{1} - \widehat{A}_{1}\widehat{A}'_{1}Y\widehat{B}_{1}\widehat{B}'_{1}||$$

$$\leq ||A_{1}A_{1}X(B_{1}B'_{1} - \widehat{B}_{1}\widehat{B}'_{1})|| + ||A_{1}A'_{1}(X - Y)\widehat{B}_{1}\widehat{B}'_{1}||$$

$$+ ||(A_{1}A'_{1} - \widehat{A}_{1}\widehat{A}_{1})Y\widehat{B}_{1}\widehat{B}'_{1}||$$

$$\leq (d_{1} + \widehat{d}_{1})\frac{\sqrt{2}\epsilon}{\delta} + \epsilon,$$

where the last inequality is by Wedin's sin-theta theorem [35].

PROOF OF (44). Without loss of generality, we assume  $p \geq m$ , and hence the columns of  $B_1$  and  $B_2$  span  $\mathbb{R}^m$ . We first have the decomposition

(89) 
$$\widehat{A}_1 \widehat{B}'_1 - A_1 B'_1 = (I - A_1 A'_1) \widehat{A}_1 \widehat{B}'_1$$

$$-A_1 D_1^{-1} B_1' (\widehat{B}_1' \widehat{D}_1 \widehat{A}_1' - B_1 D_1 A_1') \widehat{A}_1 \widehat{B}_1'$$

$$+A_1D_1^{-1}B_1'(\widehat{B}_1\widehat{D}_1\widehat{B}_1'-B_1D_1B_1').$$

We bound each of the three terms above. By Wedin's sin-theta theorem [35], the first term (89) can be bounded by

$$\begin{aligned} \|(I - A_1 A_1') \widehat{A}_1 \widehat{B}_1'\| &= \|(\widehat{A}_1 \widehat{A}_1' - A_1 A_1') \widehat{A}_1 \widehat{B}_1'\| \\ &\leq \|\widehat{A}_1 \widehat{A}_1' - A_1 A_1'\| \leq \frac{\sqrt{2}\epsilon}{\delta}. \end{aligned}$$

Next, we use (43) to bound (90) by

$$d_r^{-1} \|\widehat{B}_1' \widehat{D}_1 \widehat{A}_1' - B_1 D_1 A_1' \| \le \frac{d_1 + \widehat{d}_1}{d_r} \frac{\sqrt{2}\epsilon}{\delta} + \frac{\epsilon}{d_r}.$$

Lastly, (91) is bounded by

$$d_{r}^{-1} \| \widehat{B}_{1} \widehat{D}_{1} \widehat{B}'_{1} - B_{1} D_{1} B'_{1} \|$$

$$\leq d_{r}^{-1} \| \widehat{B}_{1} \widehat{D}_{1} \widehat{B}'_{1} + d_{1} \widehat{B}_{2} \widehat{B}'_{2} - B_{1} D_{1} B'_{1} - d_{1} B_{2} B'_{2} \|$$

$$+ \frac{d_{1}}{d_{r}} \| \widehat{B}_{2} \widehat{B}'_{2} - B_{2} B'_{2} \|$$

$$\leq d_{r}^{-2} \| \widehat{B}_{1} \widehat{D}_{1}^{2} \widehat{B}'_{1} + d_{1}^{2} \widehat{B}_{2} \widehat{B}'_{2} - B_{1} D_{1}^{2} B'_{1} - d_{1}^{2} B_{2} B'_{2} \|$$

$$+ \frac{d_{1}}{d_{r}} \| \widehat{B}_{2} \widehat{B}'_{2} - B_{2} B'_{2} \|$$

$$(92) \qquad \leq \quad d_r^{-2} \|\widehat{B}_1 \widehat{D}_1^2 \widehat{B}_1' - B_1 D_1^2 B_1' \| + \left(\frac{d_1}{d_r} + \frac{d_1^2}{d_r^2}\right) \|\widehat{B}_2 \widehat{B}_2' - B_2 B_2' \|,$$

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where we have used Lemma 16 in the second inequality above. The second term of (92) is

$$\left(\frac{d_1}{d_r} + \frac{d_1^2}{d_r^2}\right) \|\widehat{B}_2 \widehat{B}_2' - B_2 B_2'\| = \left(\frac{d_1}{d_r} + \frac{d_1^2}{d_r^2}\right) \|\widehat{B}_1 \widehat{B}_1' - B_1 B_1'\| \le \left(\frac{d_1}{d_r} + \frac{d_1^2}{d_r^2}\right) \frac{\sqrt{2}\epsilon}{\delta},$$

by Wedin's sin-theta theorem [35]. The first term of (92) is bounded by

$$d_r^{-2} \|B_1 D_1 A_1' (A_1 D_1 B_1' - \widehat{A}_1' \widehat{D}_1 \widehat{B}_1') + (B_1 D_1 A_1' - \widehat{B}_1 \widehat{D}_1 \widehat{A}_1') \widehat{A}_1 \widehat{D}_1 \widehat{B}_1' \|$$

$$\leq \frac{d_1 + \widehat{d}_1}{d_r^2} \|A_1 D_1 B_1' - \widehat{A}_1' \widehat{D}_1 \widehat{B}_1' \| \leq \frac{d_1 + \widehat{d}_1}{d_r^2} \left( (d_1 + \widehat{d}_1) \frac{\sqrt{2}\epsilon}{\delta} + \epsilon \right),$$

by (43). Combining the bounds above, we have

$$\|\widehat{A}_{1}\widehat{B}'_{1} - A_{1}B'_{1}\|$$

$$\leq \left(1 + \frac{d_{1} + \widehat{d}_{1}}{d_{r}} + \frac{(d_{1} + \widehat{d}_{1})^{2}}{d_{r}^{2}} + \frac{d_{1}}{d_{r}} + \frac{d_{1}^{2}}{d_{r}^{2}}\right) \frac{\sqrt{2}\epsilon}{\delta} + \frac{1 + d_{r}^{-1}(d_{1} + \widehat{d}_{1})}{d_{r}}\epsilon$$

$$\leq \frac{C\epsilon}{\delta},$$

under the assumption that  $d_1 \vee \hat{d}_1 \leq \bar{\kappa} d_r$ .

**A.2. Proof of Lemma 7.** Note that for i = 1, 2,

$$\Sigma_{(i)} = I + \frac{\lambda}{2} \begin{bmatrix} U_{(i)} \\ V_{(i)} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} U'_{(i)} & V'_{(i)} \end{bmatrix} - \frac{\lambda}{2} \begin{bmatrix} U_{(i)} \\ -V_{(i)} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} U'_{(i)} & -V'_{(i)} \end{bmatrix}.$$

Thus,  $\Sigma_{(i)}$  has two eigenvalues  $1 \pm \lambda$ , both of multiplicity r and the rest are all ones. This, in particular, implies that

(93) 
$$\det \Sigma_{(1)} = \det \Sigma_{(2)}.$$

Now the KL divergence is

$$D(P_{(1)}||P_{(2)}) = \frac{n}{2} \left[ \text{Tr}(\Sigma_{(2)}^{-1}\Sigma_{(1)}) - (p+m) - \log \det(\Sigma_{(2)}^{-1}\Sigma_{(1)}) \right]$$

$$= \frac{n}{2} \left[ \text{Tr}(\Sigma_{(2)}^{-1}\Sigma_{(1)}) - (p+m) \right]$$

$$= \frac{n}{2} \left[ \text{Tr}(\Sigma_{(2)}^{-1}(\Sigma_{(1)} - \Sigma_{(2)})) \right].$$

Here, the second equality is due to (93).

Note that 
$$\Sigma_{(1)} - \Sigma_{(2)} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & U_{(1)}V'_{(1)} - U_{(2)}V'_{(2)} \\ V_{(1)}U'_{(1)} - V_{(2)}U'_{(2)} & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$
 and that the block inversion formula implies

$$\Sigma_{(2)}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} I_p + \frac{\lambda^2}{1-\lambda^2} U_{(2)} U'_{(2)} & -\frac{\lambda}{1-\lambda^2} U_{(2)} V'_{(2)} \\ -\frac{\lambda}{1-\lambda^2} V_{(2)} U'_{(2)} & I_m + \frac{\lambda^2}{1-\lambda^2} V_{(2)} V'_{(2)}. \end{bmatrix}$$

Plugging these expressions into (94), we obtain

$$\begin{split} D(P_{(1)}||P_{(2)}) &= \frac{n\lambda^2}{2(1-\lambda^2)} (\operatorname{Tr}(U_{(2)}V_{(2)}'(V_{(2)}U_{(2)}' - V_{(1)}U_{(1)}')) \\ &+ \operatorname{Tr}(V_{(2)}U_{(2)}'(U_{(2)}V_{(2)}' - U_{(1)}V_{(1)}'))) \\ &= \frac{n\lambda^2}{2(1-\lambda^2)} 2\operatorname{Tr}\left(I_r - V_{(1)}'V_{(2)}U_{(2)}'U_{(1)}\right) \\ &= \frac{n\lambda^2}{2(1-\lambda^2)} \|U_{(1)}V_{(1)}' - U_{(2)}V_{(2)}'\|_{\operatorname{F}}^2. \end{split}$$

This completes the proof.

**A.3. Proof of Lemma 8.** Before stating the proof, we need the following Bernstein's inequality of Gaussian quadratic form.

LEMMA 17. Let  $\{Z_i\}_{1\leq i\leq n}$  be i.i.d. observations from  $N(0,I_d)$ , and K be a fixed matrix satisfying  $||K||_F \leq 1$ . Then, there exists some C > 0, such that

$$\mathbb{P}\left(\left|\left\langle \frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^{n}Z_{i}Z_{i}'-I_{d},K\right\rangle \right|>t\right)\leq \exp(-Cn(t^{2}\wedge t)),$$

for any t > 0.

Proof. It is sufficient to consider symmetric K because

$$\left\langle \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} Z_i Z_i' - I_d, K \right\rangle = \left\langle \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} Z_i Z_i' - I_d, \frac{1}{2} (K + K') \right\rangle.$$

Let K has spectral decomposition  $K = \sum_{l=1}^{d} \eta_l q_l q'_l$ . Since K has unit Frobenius norm, we have  $\sum_{l=1}^{d} \eta_l^2 = 1$ . Then we have

$$\left\langle \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} Z_i Z_i' - I_d, K \right\rangle = \left\langle \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} Z_i Z_i' - I_d, \sum_{l=1}^{d} \eta_l q_l q_l' \right\rangle$$
$$= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{l=1}^{d} \eta_l (|q_l' Z_i|^2 - 1).$$

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Notice  $|q'_l Z_i|^2 - 1$  is centered sub-exponential random variable for each i and l. Moreover, they are independent across i and l because  $\{q_l\}_{l=1}^d$  is an orthonormal basis. Applying Bernstein's inequality for sub-exponential variables [31, Prop. 5.16], the proof is complete.

Now we are ready to state the main proof.

PROOF OF LEMMA 8. Define the class

$$\mathcal{K}\left(r\right) = \left\{K \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times d} : ||K||_F \leq 1, \operatorname{rank}(K) \leq r\right\}.$$

The strategy is to find an accurate covering number for  $\mathcal{K}(r)$  such that we can apply an  $\epsilon$ -net argument. Suppose we can find a subset  $\mathcal{K}_{\epsilon}(r) = \{K_1, K_2, ..., K_N\} \subset \mathcal{K}(r)$  with finite cardinality  $N = N(\epsilon)$  such that for any  $K \in \mathcal{K}(r)$ , there exists  $K_j \in \mathcal{K}_{\epsilon}(r)$  such that  $||K_j - K||_F \leq \epsilon$ . Define  $S = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n Z_i Z_i^T - I$ , and then for any fixed matrix  $K \subset \mathcal{K}(r)$ , we have that

$$\begin{aligned} |\langle S, K \rangle| &\leq |\langle S, K_j \rangle| + \|K - K_j\|_{F} \left| \left\langle S, \frac{K - K_j}{\|K - K_j\|_{F}} \right\rangle \right| \\ &\leq |\langle S, K_j \rangle| + \epsilon \sup_{H \in \mathcal{K}(2r)} |\langle S, H \rangle| \\ &\leq \max_{j} |\langle S, K_j \rangle| + 2\epsilon \sup_{H \in \mathcal{K}(r)} |\langle S, H \rangle| \,, \end{aligned}$$

where we have used the fact that the rank of  $\frac{K-K_j}{\|K-K_j\|_F}$  is not more than 2r and for any such  $H \in \mathcal{K}(2r)$ , it can be written as the sum of two matrices with rank not more than r. Therefore, taking sup on both sides, we have that  $\sup_{K \in \mathcal{K}(r)} |\langle S, K \rangle| \leq (1-2\epsilon)^{-1} \max_j |\langle S, K_j \rangle|$ . Picking  $\epsilon = 1/4$ , by union bound and Lemma 17, we have

$$\mathbb{P}\left\{\sup_{K\in\mathcal{K}(r)}\left|\left\langle\frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^{n}Z_{i}Z_{i}^{T}-I,K\right\rangle\right|>t\right\}$$

$$\leq \sum_{j=1}^{N(1/4)}\mathbb{P}\left\{\left|\left\langle\frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^{n}Z_{i}Z_{i}^{T}-I,K_{j}\right\rangle\right|>\frac{t}{2}\right\}$$

$$\leq \exp(\log N\left(1/4\right)-Cn(t\wedge t^{2})).$$

Now it is sufficient for us to find the covering number, i.e. to show that  $\log N(1/4)$  is bounded by C'rd to complete our proof. We write the SVD

of any  $K \subset \mathcal{K}(r)$  as  $K = P\Lambda Q'$ . Note that both  $P\Lambda$  and  $Q\Lambda$  belong to the following class

$$\mathcal{B} = \left\{ B \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times r} : \exists U \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times r} \text{and } D \text{ diagonal s.t. } U'U = I, B = UD, ||D||_F \leq 1 \right\}.$$

It is obvious that  $\mathcal{B} \subset \{B \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times r} : ||B||_F \leq 1\}$ , the  $d \times r$  dimensional unit ball. Hence the well-known covering number of unit ball implies that for small  $\epsilon/2 > 0$ , we can find a subset  $\mathcal{B}_{\epsilon/2} = \{B_1, B_2, ..., B_L\} \subset \mathcal{B}$  with cardinality  $L(\epsilon/2) \leq (C\epsilon)^{-C_0rd}$  such that  $\inf_j ||B - B_j||_F \leq \epsilon/2$ . We denote each  $B_j = U_j D_j$ , then we claim the subset  $\mathcal{K}_{\epsilon}(r)$  can be defined as follows

$$\mathcal{K}_{\epsilon}(r) = \left\{ K_{ij} = U_i D_i U'_j : i, j \le L(\epsilon/2) \right\}.$$

As a consequence, we obtain that  $N(\epsilon) \leq L^2 (\epsilon/2) \leq (C\epsilon)^{-2C_0rd}$  and hence  $\log N(1/4) \leq C'rd$ . We prove our claim now. First, it is clear that any  $K_{ij} \in \mathcal{K}_{\epsilon}(r)$  and we have  $||K_{ij}||_F \leq 1$  and  $\operatorname{rank}(K_{ij}) \leq r$ . Second, for any  $K = P\Lambda Q' \subset \mathcal{K}(r)$ , we can find  $B_j = U_j D_j$  such that  $||Q\Lambda - B_j||_F \leq \epsilon/2$  and further can find  $B_i = U_i D_i$  such that  $||PD_j - B_i||_F \leq \epsilon/2$ . Hence we have

$$||K - K_{ij}||_{F} = ||P\Lambda Q' - U_{i}D_{i}U'_{j}||_{F}$$

$$\leq ||P\Lambda Q' - PB'_{j}||_{F} + ||PD_{j}U'_{j} - U_{i}D_{i}U'_{j}||_{F}$$

$$= ||Q\Lambda - B_{j}||_{F} + ||PD_{j} - B_{i}||_{F} \leq \epsilon.$$

Therefore the proof is complete. We remark that a similar covering argument is also obtained by Candes and Plan [11, Lemma 3.1]. The proof we provide above is different from theirs, because we avoid the concepts of Grassmann manifold through very elementary calculation.

**A.4. Proof of Lemma 9.** Expanding the Frobenius norm, we have

$$\left\|AB' - EF'\right\|_{\mathrm{F}}^2 = 2\operatorname{Tr}(I - A'EF'B).$$

On the other hand, we have

$$\left\langle ADB',AB'-EF'\right\rangle = \mathrm{Tr}(D-DA'EF'B) = \sum_{l=1}^r d_l(I-A'EF'B)_{ll}.$$

It is clear that  $(I - A'EF'B)_{ll} \ge 0$ , and thus the result follows.

**A.5. Proof of Lemma 10.** The proof depends on two facts. The first one is deterministic

(95) 
$$\|\widehat{\Sigma}_{x}^{1/2} A \widehat{\Sigma}_{y}^{1/2}\|_{F}^{2} = \|\widehat{\Sigma}_{xT_{u}T_{u}}^{1/2} A_{T_{u}T_{v}} \widehat{\Sigma}_{yT_{v}T_{v}}^{1/2}\|_{F}^{2}.$$

The second one is that with probability at least  $1 - \exp(-C'k_q^u \log(ep/k_q^u)) - \exp(-C'k_q^v \log(em/k_q^v))$ , we have (96)

$$\|\widehat{\Sigma}_{xT_uT_u}^{1/2} - \Sigma_{xT_uT_u}^{1/2}\|_{\text{op}} \vee \|\widehat{\Sigma}_{yT_vT_v}^{1/2} - \Sigma_{yT_vT_v}^{1/2}\|_{\text{op}} \leq \frac{C}{n} (k_q^u \log(ep/k_q^u) + k_q^v \log(em/k_q^v)).$$

The two facts will be derived at the end of the proof.

The assumption that  $\frac{1}{n}(k_q^u \log(ep/k_q^u) + k_q^v \log(em/k_q^v))$  is sufficiently small and the fact (96) immediately imply that there exists some constant C > 0 such that

$$\|\widehat{\Sigma}_{xT_uT_u}^{1/2}\|_{\text{op}}, \|\widehat{\Sigma}_{xT_uT_u}^{-1/2}\|_{\text{op}}, \|\widehat{\Sigma}_{yT_vT_v}^{1/2}\|_{\text{op}}, \|\widehat{\Sigma}_{yT_vT_v}^{-1/2}\|_{\text{op}} \in [1/C, C],$$

since the spectra of  $\Sigma_{yT_vT_v}^{1/2}$  and  $\Sigma_{xT_uT_u}^{1/2}$  are bounded below and above by universal constants. This consequence together with the fact (95) further shows the desired result. Namely,

$$||A||_{\mathcal{F}}^{2} \leq ||\widehat{\Sigma}_{xT_{u}T_{u}}^{-1/2}||_{\text{op}}^{2}||\widehat{\Sigma}_{yT_{v}T_{v}}^{-1/2}||_{\text{op}}^{2}||\widehat{\Sigma}_{xT_{u}T_{u}}^{1/2}A_{T_{u}T_{v}}\widehat{\Sigma}_{yT_{v}T_{v}}^{1/2}||_{\mathcal{F}}^{2} \leq C^{4}||\widehat{\Sigma}_{x}^{1/2}A\widehat{\Sigma}_{y}^{1/2}||_{\mathcal{F}}^{2},$$

$$\|\widehat{\Sigma}_{x}^{1/2} A \widehat{\Sigma}_{y}^{1/2}\|_{F}^{2} \leq \|\widehat{\Sigma}_{xT_{v}T_{v}}^{1/2}\|_{op}^{2}\|\widehat{\Sigma}_{yT_{v}T_{v}}^{1/2}\|_{op}^{2}\|A_{T_{u}T_{v}}\|_{F}^{2} \leq C^{4}\|A\|_{F}^{2}.$$

Now we only need to prove the two facts (95) and (96). The fact (96) is a simple consequence of Lemma 13 and Lemma 16. To see (95), we expand the Frobenius norm by trace product,

$$\begin{split} \|\widehat{\Sigma}_{x}^{1/2} A \widehat{\Sigma}_{y}^{1/2}\|_{\mathrm{F}}^{2} &= \operatorname{Tr}\left(\widehat{\Sigma}_{y}^{1/2} A' \widehat{\Sigma}_{x} A \widehat{\Sigma}_{y}^{1/2}\right) \\ &= \operatorname{Tr}\left((A_{T_{u}T_{v}})' \widehat{\Sigma}_{xT_{u}T_{u}} A_{T_{u}T_{v}} \widehat{\Sigma}_{yT_{v}T_{v}}\right) = \|\widehat{\Sigma}_{xT_{u}T_{u}}^{1/2} A_{T_{u}T_{v}} \widehat{\Sigma}_{yT_{v}T_{v}}^{1/2}\|_{\mathrm{F}}^{2}. \end{split}$$

## A.6. Proofs of Lemma 11 and Lemma 12.

PROOF OF LEMMA 11. The last claim is proved by the following observation.

$$\widetilde{U}_1'\Sigma_x\widetilde{U}_1=(\widetilde{U}_{1S_u*})'\Sigma_{xS_uS_u}\widetilde{U}_{1S_u*}=I_r,\ \widetilde{V}_1'\Sigma_y\widetilde{V}_1=(\widetilde{V}_{1S_v*})'\Sigma_{yS_vS_v}\widetilde{V}_{1S_v*}=I_r.$$

To show the first two claims, we need to prove that all the singular values of  $(\Sigma_{xS_uS_u})^{1/2}U_{1S_u*}$  and  $(\Sigma_{yS_vS_v})^{1/2}V_{1S_u*}$  are close to 1. Indeed, if all singular values are between 0.9 and 1.1, then the range of spectrum of  $P\widetilde{\Lambda}_1Q'$  will

be in the interval  $[0.9\lambda_r, 1.1\lambda_1]$  according to (51). Therefore our assumptions on  $\lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_r$  imply  $1.1\kappa\lambda \geq \widetilde{\lambda}_1 \geq \widetilde{\lambda}_r \geq 0.9\lambda$ . The second term of  $\Xi$  in (53) is orthogonal to the first term  $P\widetilde{\Lambda}_1Q'$  and clearly its largest singular value can be bounded by  $C\lambda_{r+1}$ , which is less than  $c\lambda$  by our assumption on  $\lambda_{r+1}$ . Therefore we finish the proof of the first two claims.

Now we bound the singular values of  $(\Sigma_{xS_uS_u})^{1/2}U_{1S_u*}$  and  $(\Sigma_{yS_vS_v})^{1/2}V_{1S_u*}$ . Note

$$I_r = U_1' \Sigma_x U_1 = (U_{1S_u*})' \Sigma_{xS_uS_u} U_{1S_u*} + (U_{1S_u*})' \Sigma_{xS_uS_u^c} U_{1S_u^c*} + (U_{1S_u^c*})' \Sigma_{xS_u^cS_u} U_{1S_u*} + (U_{1S_u^c*})' \Sigma_{xS_u^cS_u} U_{1S_u^c*}.$$

Therefore we have

$$\|(U_{1S_u*})'\Sigma_{xS_uS_u}U_{1S_u*} - I_r\|_F^2 \le C\|U_{1S_u^c*}\|_F^2 \le \frac{Cq}{2-q}k_q^u(s_u/k_q^u)^{2/q} \le 0.01,$$

where the last two inequalities follow from (56) and (16). Hence we have shown that all singular values of  $(\Sigma_{xS_uS_u})^{1/2}U_{1S_u*}$  are bewteen 0.9 and 1.1. Similar analysis implies that the same result holds for  $(\Sigma_{yS_uS_u})^{1/2}V_{1S_u*}$ .

PROOF OF LEMMA 12. First of all, note that  $\|(U_{1S_u*})'\Sigma_{xS_u*}U_2\|_F^2 \leq C\|U_{1S_u^c*}\|_F^2$  by the following equality,

$$0 = U_1' \Sigma_x U_2 = (U_{1S_u *})' \Sigma_{xS_u *} U_2 + (U_{1S_u *})' \Sigma_{xS_u *} U_2.$$

Moreover, the fact that all singular values of  $(\Sigma_{xS_uS_u})^{1/2}U_{1S_u*}$  are between 0.9 and 1.1, which is shown in Lemma 11, implies that there exists  $W \in \mathbb{R}^{r \times r}$  with  $\|W\|_{\text{op}} \leq 1.2$ , such that  $P = (\Sigma_{xS_uS_u})^{1/2}U_{1S_u*}W$ . Therefore,

$$||P'(\Sigma_{xS_uS_u})^{-1/2}\Sigma_{xS_u*}U_2||_{\mathcal{F}}^2 = ||W'(U_{1S_u*})'\Sigma_{xS_u*}U_2||_{\mathcal{F}}^2$$

$$\leq ||(U_{1S_u*})'\Sigma_{xS_u*}U_2||_{\mathcal{F}}^2 ||W||_{\text{op}}^2 \leq C||U_{1S_u^c*}||_{\mathcal{F}}^2.$$

Similar analysis shows the result for  $Q'(\Sigma_{yS_vS_v})^{-1/2}\Sigma_{yS_v*}V_2$ . Hence the proof is complete.

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