# Consistent Collective Matrix Completion under Joint Low Rank Structure: Supplementary Material



### A Operator Bernstein Inequality

**Theorem 1** (Operator Bernstein Inequality [\[4\]](#page-3-0)). Let  $S_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2, ..., m$  be i.i.d self-adjoint operators of dimension N. If there exists constants R and  $\sigma^2$ , such that  $\forall i \, \|S_i\|_{op} \leq R$  a.s., and  $\sum_i \|E[S_i^2]\|_{op} \leq \sigma^2$ ,

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$$
then \quad \forall \ t > 0 \quad Pr\left(\|\sum_{i} S_{i}\|_{op} > t\right) \le N \exp\left(\frac{-t^{2}/2}{\sigma^{2} + \frac{Rt}{3}}\right) \tag{25}
$$

# B Proof of Lemma 1

Recall that:

- $T(\mathcal{X}) = \text{aff}\{\mathcal{Y} \in \bar{\mathfrak{X}} : \forall v, \text{rowSpan}(\mathbb{Y}_{r_v}) \subseteq \text{rowSpan}(\mathbb{X}_{r_v}) \text{ or } \text{rowSpan}(\mathbb{Y}_{c_v}) \subseteq \text{rowSpan}(\mathbb{X}_{c_v})\}$
- $T^{\perp}(\mathcal{X}) = \{ \mathcal{Y} \in \bar{\mathfrak{X}} : \forall v, \text{rowSpan}(Y_v) \perp \text{rowSpan}(M_v) \text{ and } \text{colSpan}(Y_v) \perp \text{colSpan}(M_v) \}$

We need to show that  $\forall \mathcal{X} \in \bar{\mathfrak{X}}, \mathcal{X} \in T^{\perp}$  iff  $\langle \mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y} \rangle = 0, \forall \mathcal{Y} \in T$ .

 $\Rightarrow$  Let  $\mathcal{X} \in \{ \mathcal{X} \in \bar{\mathfrak{X}} : \langle \mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y} \rangle = 0, \forall \mathcal{Y} \in T \},$  if  $\mathcal{X} \notin T^{\perp}$ , then  $\exists v$  such that at least one of the statements below hold true:

- (a) rowSpan $(X_v) \not\perp \text{rowSpan}(M_v)$ , or
- (b) colSpan $(X_v) \not\perp \text{colSpan}(M_v)$

WLOG let us assume that  $(a)$  is true, the proof for the other case is analogous. Consider the decomposition  $X_v = X_v^{(1)} + X_v^{(2)}$  such that rowSpan $(X_v^{(1)}) \perp \text{rowSpan}(M_v)$  and rowSpan $(X_v^{(2)}) \subseteq \text{rowSpan}(M_v)$ . Consider the collective matrix  $\mathcal Y$  such that  $Y_{v'} = X_v^{(2)}$  if  $v' = v$ , and  $Y_{v'} = 0$  otherwise. Clearly,  $\mathcal Y \in \mathcal T$ as  $\forall v, \text{rowSpan}(\mathbb{Y}_{r_v}) \subseteq \text{rowSpan}(\mathbb{X}_{r_v}),$  but  $\langle \mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y} \rangle \neq 0$ , a contradiction.

 $\iff$  If  $\mathcal{X} \in T^{\perp}$ , then by the definitions,  $\forall \mathcal{Y} \in T$ ,  $\langle \mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y} \rangle = \sum_{v} \langle X_v, Y_v \rangle = 0$ .

#### C Proof of Lemma 3

Recall  $\mathcal{R}_s$  and  $\mathcal{R}_{\Omega}$  from (18) and (19). Also recall that  $\forall \mathcal{X} \in \mathfrak{X}, \mathcal{X} = \sum_{v=1}^V \sum_{(i,j) \in \mathcal{I}(v)} \langle \mathcal{X}, \mathcal{E}^{(v,i,j)} \rangle \mathcal{E}^{(v,i,j)}$ . Thus,  $P_T(\mathcal{X}) = \sum_{v=1}^V \sum_{(i,j) \in \mathcal{I}(v)} \langle P_T(\mathcal{X}), \mathcal{E}^{(v,i,j)} \rangle \mathcal{E}^{(v,i,j)} = \sum_{v=1}^V \sum_{(i,j) \in \mathcal{I}(v)} \langle \mathcal{X}, P_T(\mathcal{E}^{(v,i,j)}) \rangle \mathcal{E}^{(v,i,j)}$ Define  $\mathcal{V}_s := P_T \mathcal{R}_s P_T : \mathcal{X} \to \frac{1}{p(v_s, i_s, j_s)} \langle \mathcal{X}, P_T(\mathcal{E}^{(s)}) \rangle P_T(\mathcal{E}^{(s)}),$  where  $p(v, i, j) = \frac{|\Omega_{r_v}|}{2n_{rv}m_v}$  $\frac{|\Omega_{r_{v}}|}{2n_{r_{v}}m_{r_{v}}}+\frac{|\Omega_{c_{v}}|}{2n_{c_{v}}m_{v}}$  $P_T(\mathcal{E}^{(s)})$ , where  $p(v, i, j) = \frac{|M_{rv}|}{2n_{rv}m_{rv}} + \frac{|M_{cv}|}{2n_{cv}m_{cv}}$ .

We then have  $E[\mathcal{V}_s] = \frac{1}{|\Omega|} P_T$ , and

$$
\|\mathcal{V}_{s}\|_{\text{op}} = \sup_{\|\mathcal{X}\|_{F}=1} \frac{1}{p(v_{s}, i_{s}, j_{s})} \langle \mathcal{X}, P_{T}(\mathcal{E}^{(s)}) \rangle \| P_{T}(\mathcal{E}^{(s)}) \|_{F} = \frac{1}{p(v_{s}, i_{s}, j_{s})} \| P_{T}(\mathcal{E}^{(s)}) \|_{F}^{2}
$$

$$
\overset{(a)}{\leq} \frac{1}{p(v_{s}, i_{s}, j_{s})} \left(\frac{\mu_{0}R}{m_{r_{v_{s}}}} + \frac{\mu_{0}R}{m_{c_{v_{s}}}}\right) \overset{(b)}{\leq} \frac{1}{c_{0}\beta \log N},
$$
(26)

where (a) follows from the incoherence condition in Assumption 2, and (b) follows as  $\forall k, |\Omega_k| >$  $c_0\mu_0n_kR\beta\log N$ .

(i) Bound on  $\|\mathcal{V}_s - E[\mathcal{V}_s]\|_{\text{op}}$ 

$$
\|\mathcal{V}_s - E[\mathcal{V}_s]\|_{\text{op}} \le \max\left(\|\mathcal{V}_s\|_{\text{op}}, \|E[\mathcal{V}_s]\|_{\text{op}}\right) \le \max\left(\frac{1}{c_0 \beta \log N}, \frac{1}{\Omega}\right) = \frac{1}{c_0 \beta \log N} \tag{27}
$$

where (a) follows as both  $\mathcal{V}_s$  and  $E[\mathcal{V}_s]$  are positive semidefinite.

(ii) Bound on  $\sum_{s=1}^{\vert\Omega\vert} \|E[(\mathcal{V}_s - E[\mathcal{V}_s])^2]\|_{\text{op}}.$ 

$$
E[(\mathcal{V}_s)^2(X)] = E\left[\frac{1}{p(v_s, i_s, j_s)^2} \langle \mathcal{X}, P_T(\mathcal{E}^{(s)}) \rangle \| P_T(\mathcal{E}^{(s)}) \|_F^2 P_T(\mathcal{E}^{(s)})\right]
$$
  

$$
\leq \frac{1}{c_0 \beta \log N} E\left[\frac{1}{p(v_s, i_s, j_s)} \langle \mathcal{X}, P_T(\mathcal{E}^{(s)}) \rangle P_T(\mathcal{E}^{(s)})\right] = \frac{1}{|\Omega| c_0 \beta \log N} P_T(\mathcal{X}).
$$
 (28)

 $||E[(\mathcal{V}_s - E[\mathcal{V}_s])^2]||_{op} = ||E[\mathcal{V}_s^2] - (E[\mathcal{V}_s])^2]||_{op} \le \max (||E[\mathcal{V}_s^2]||_{op}, ||(E[\mathcal{V}_s])^2||_{op}) \le \frac{1}{|\Omega|_{op} \beta}$  $\frac{1}{\left|\Omega\right|c_0\beta\log N}$ , (29)

where (a) follows as  $||P_T||_{op} \leq 1$ .

Thus,  $\sigma^2 := \sum_{s=1}^{\vert \Omega \vert} \Vert E[(\mathcal{V}_s - E[\mathcal{V}_s])^2] \Vert_{op} \leq \frac{1}{c_0 \beta \ln \vert \Omega \vert}$  $\overline{c_0 \beta \log N}$ 

(iii) The lemma follows by using  $(i)$  and  $(ii)$  above in the operator Bernstein inequality in [\(25\)](#page-0-0).

### D Proof of Lemma 4

Recall that under the assumptions made in the paper  $\|\cdot\|_{\mathscr{A}}$  is norm, and by the sub differential characterization of norms we have the following:

$$
\partial \|\mathcal{M}\|_{\mathscr{A}} = \{\mathcal{E} + \mathcal{W} : \mathcal{E} \in \mathscr{E}(\mathcal{M}) \cap T, \mathcal{W} \in T^{\perp}, \|\mathcal{W}\|_{\mathcal{A}}^* \le 1\}
$$
(30)

Recall  $\mathscr{E}(\mathcal{M})$  from (4). In particular the set  $\{\mathcal{E}_{\mathcal{M}} + \mathcal{W} : \mathcal{W} \in T^{\perp}, ||\mathcal{W}||_{\mathcal{A}}^{*} \leq 1\} \subset \partial ||\mathcal{M}||_{\mathscr{A}}$ , where  $\mathcal{E}_{\mathcal{M}}$  is the sign vector from Assumption 2.

Given any  $\Delta$ , with  $P_{\Omega}(\Delta) = 0$ , consider any  $W \in T^{\perp}$ , such that  $||P_{T^{\perp}}(\Delta)||_{\mathscr{A}} = \langle W, P_{T^{\perp}}(\Delta) \rangle$  and  $\mathcal{E}_{\mathcal{M}} + \mathcal{W} \in \partial \|\mathcal{M}\|_{\mathscr{A}}$ . Let  $\mathcal{Y} = P_{\Omega}(\mathcal{Y})$  be a dual certificate satisfying the conditions stated in the Lemma.

$$
\|\mathcal{M} + \Delta\|_{\mathscr{A}} \stackrel{(a)}{\geq} \|\mathcal{M}\|_{\mathscr{A}} + \langle \mathcal{E}_{\mathcal{M}} + \mathcal{W} - \mathcal{Y}, \Delta \rangle = \|\mathcal{M}\|_{\mathscr{A}} + \langle \mathcal{E}_{\mathcal{M}} - P_T(\mathcal{Y}), P_T(\Delta) \rangle + \langle \mathcal{W} - P_{T^{\perp}}(\mathcal{Y}), P_{T^{\perp}}(\Delta) \rangle
$$
  
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$$
\stackrel{(b)}{\geq} \|\mathcal{M}\|_{\mathscr{A}} - \|\mathcal{E}_{\mathcal{M}} - P_T(\mathcal{Y})\|_F \|P_T(\Delta)\|_F + \|P_{T^{\perp}}(\Delta)\|_{\mathscr{A}} (1 - \|P_{T^{\perp}}(\mathcal{Y})\|_{\mathscr{A}}^*)
$$
  
\n
$$
\stackrel{(c)}{\geq} \|\mathcal{M}\|_{\mathscr{A}} - \frac{1}{2} \kappa_{\Omega}(N) \|\mathcal{E}_{\mathcal{M}} - P_T(\mathcal{Y})\|_F \|P_{T^{\perp}}(\Delta)\|_F + \frac{1}{2} \|P_{T^{\perp}}(\Delta)\|_{\mathscr{A}} \stackrel{(d)}{>} \|\mathcal{M}\|_{\mathscr{A}},
$$
\n(31)

where (a) follows as  $\langle \Delta, \mathcal{Y} \rangle = 0$ , (b) follows from Holder's inequality, (c) follows as  $||P_{T^{\perp}}(\mathcal{Y})||_{\mathscr{A}}^* \leq \frac{1}{2}$ where (a) follows as  $\langle \Delta, y \rangle = 0$ , (b) follows from 110 der s mequality, (c) follows as  $||T_T \cup y||_{\mathscr{A}} \ge 2$ <br>and  $\frac{1}{2} \kappa_{\Omega}(N) ||P_{T} \perp (\Delta) ||_F \ge ||P_T(\Delta)||_F$  w.h.p. (from (22)), and (d) follows as  $||\mathcal{E}_{\mathcal{M}} - P_T(\mathcal{Y})||_$  $\kappa_\Omega(N)$ and using  $\|\mathcal{X}\|_{\mathscr{A}} = \min_{Z \geq 0} tr(Z)$  s.t. $P_v[Z] = X_v \,\forall v \geq \min_{Z \geq 0} \|Z\|_F$  s.t. $P_v[Z] = X_v \,\forall v \geq \|\mathcal{X}\|_F$ .

#### ${\bf E} \quad {\bf Dual \; Centificate–Bound \; on \;} \| P_{T^\perp} {\cal Y}_p \|_{{\Bbb A}}^*$ A

Recall that  $\mathcal{Y}_p$  was constructed through a iterative process described in Sec. 5.2 following a golfing scheme introduced by Gross et al. [\[1\]](#page-3-1). The proof for the second property of the dual certificate, extends directly from the analogous proof for matrix completion by Recht [\[2\]](#page-3-2). We note that:

$$
||P_{T^{\perp}}\mathcal{Y}_{p}||_{\mathscr{A}}^{*} \leq \sum_{j=1}^{p} ||P_{T^{\perp}}\mathcal{R}_{\Omega^{(j)}}\mathcal{W}_{j-1}||_{\mathscr{A}}^{*} = \sum_{j=1}^{p} ||P_{T^{\perp}}(\mathcal{R}_{\Omega^{(j)}} - \mathcal{I})\mathcal{W}_{j-1}||_{\mathscr{A}}^{*} \leq \sum_{j=1}^{p} ||(\mathcal{R}_{\Omega^{(j)}} - \mathcal{I})\mathcal{W}_{j-1}||_{\mathscr{A}}^{*}
$$
\n(32)

Denote  $\max_{(v,i,j)} |\langle \mathcal{X}, \mathcal{E}^{(v,i,j)} \rangle| = ||\mathcal{X}||_{\text{max}}.$ 

We state the following lemmas which are directly adapted from Theorem 3.5 and Lemma 3.6 in [\[2\]](#page-3-2): **Lemma 5.** Let  $\Omega$  be any subset of entries of size  $|\Omega|$  sampled independently according to Assumption 4, such that  $E[R_s(\mathcal{W})] = \frac{1}{|\Omega|} \mathcal{W}$ , then for all  $\beta > 1$  and  $N \ge 2$ , the following holds with probability greater than  $1 - N^{1-\beta}$  provided  $|\Omega| > 6N\beta \log N$ , and  $\frac{|\Omega_k|}{n_k m_k} \ge \frac{|\Omega|}{N^2}$ ;  $\forall k$ :

$$
\|(\mathcal{R}_{\Omega} - \mathcal{I})\mathcal{W}\|_{\mathscr{A}}^* \le \|\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{R}_{\Omega}\mathcal{W} - \mathcal{W})\|_2 \le \sqrt{\frac{8\beta N^3 \log N}{3|\Omega|}} \|\mathcal{W}\|_{\max}
$$
(33)

Proof. The proof is obtained by applying the steps described for the analogous proof in [\[2\]](#page-3-2) on  $||\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{R}_{\Omega}\mathcal{W}-\mathcal{W})||_2$ . For  $s=1,2,\ldots, |\Omega|$ , let  $\mathcal{V}_s=\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{R}_s(\mathcal{W}))$ , then  $\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{R}_{\Omega}\mathcal{W}-\mathcal{W})=\sum_{s=1}^{|\Omega|}(\mathcal{V}_s-E[\mathcal{V}_s])$ is a sum of independent zero mean random variables. From the proof of Theorem 3.5 in the work by Recht [\[3\]](#page-3-3), we have that for any  $N \times N$  matrix  $Z$ ,  $||Z||_2 \le N||Z||_{\text{max}}$ .

(i) 
$$
\|\mathcal{V}_s - E[\mathcal{V}_s]\|_2 \le \|\mathcal{V}_s\|_2 + \|E[\mathcal{V}_s]\|_2 \le \frac{a}{|\Omega|} \|\mathcal{W}\|_{\max} + \frac{N}{|\Omega|} \|\mathcal{W}\|_{\max} \le \frac{3N^2}{2|\Omega|} \|\mathcal{W}\|_{\max}
$$
 for  $N \ge 2$ , where (a)  
follows as  $\frac{1}{p(v,i,j)} \le \frac{1}{\min_k \frac{|\Omega_k|}{n_k m_k}} \le \frac{N^2}{|\Omega|}$  if  $\frac{|\Omega_k|}{n_k m_k} \ge \frac{|\Omega|}{N^2}$ ,  $\forall k$ ; and  $\|E[\mathcal{V}_s]\|_2 = \frac{1}{|\Omega|} \|\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{W})\|_2$ .  
(ii)  $\|E[(\mathcal{V}_s - E[\mathcal{V}_s])^2]\|_2 = \|E[\mathcal{V}_s^2] - (E[\mathcal{V}_s])^2\|_2 \le \max \{||E[\mathcal{V}_s^2]||_2, ||(E[\mathcal{V}_s])^2||_2\}$ .  
Now,  $\|(E[\mathcal{V}_s])^2\|_2 = \frac{1}{|\Omega|^2} \|\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{W}) * \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{W})\|_2 \le \frac{N^2}{|\Omega|^2} \|\mathcal{W}\|_{\max}^2$ .  
Also,  $\|E[\mathcal{V}_s^2]\|_2 = \frac{1}{|\Omega|} \|\sum_{v=1}^V \sum_{(i,j) \in \mathcal{I}(v)} \frac{1}{p(v,i,j)} \langle \mathcal{W}, \mathcal{E}^{(v,i,j)} \rangle \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{E}^{(v,i,j)})\|_2 \le \frac{N^4}{|\Omega|^2} \|\mathcal{W}\|_{\max}^2$ .  
Thus  $\sigma^2 := \|E[(\mathcal{V}_s - E[\mathcal{V}_s])^2]\|_2 \le \frac{N^4}{|\Omega|^2} \|\mathcal{W}\|_{\max}^2$ 

 $\sqrt{8\beta N^3 \log N}$ The proof follows by using the above bounds in operator Bernstein's inequality with  $t =$  $\frac{\sqrt{3}\log N}{3|\Omega|}\|\mathcal{W}\|_{\max}$ 

**Lemma 6.** If  $\forall k, |\Omega_k| \ge c_0 \beta n_k R \log N$ , and the Assumptions in 3.1 are satisfied, then for sufficiently large  $c_0$ , the following holds with probability greater that  $1 - N^{1-\beta}$ :

$$
\forall \mathcal{W} \in T \ \|P_T \mathcal{R}_{\Omega} \mathcal{W} - \mathcal{W}\|_{\max} \le \frac{1}{2} \|\mathcal{W}\|_{\max} \tag{34}
$$

Using the above lemmas in (32), we have:

$$
||P_{T^{\perp}}\mathcal{Y}_{p}||_{\mathscr{A}}^{*} \leq \sum_{j=1}^{p} ||(\mathcal{R}_{\Omega^{(j)}} - \mathcal{I})\mathcal{W}_{j-1}||_{\mathscr{A}}^{*} \leq \sum_{j=1}^{p} \sqrt{\frac{8\beta N^{3} \log N}{3|\Omega^{(j)}|}} ||\mathcal{W}_{j-1}||_{\max}
$$
  

$$
\leq 2 \sum_{j=1}^{p} 2^{-j} \sqrt{\frac{8\beta N^{3} \log N}{3|\Omega^{(j)}|}} ||\mathcal{E}_{\mathcal{M}}||_{\max} \leq 2 \sum_{j=1}^{p} 2^{-j} \sqrt{\frac{8\beta \mu_{1} R N \log N}{3|\Omega^{(j)}|}} \leq \frac{1}{2}, \quad (35)
$$

where (a) follows from Lemma 5, (b) from Lemma 6 as  $W_j = W_{j-1} - P_T \mathcal{R}_{\Omega} W_{j-1}$ , (c) from the second incoherence condition in Assumption 2, and finally (d) if for large enough  $c_1$ ,  $|\Omega^{(j)}| > c_1 \mu_1 \beta RN \log N$ .

Finally, the probability that the proposed dual certificate  $\mathcal{Y}_p$  fails the conditions of Lemma 4 is given by a union bound of the failure probabilities of (24), Lemma 5, and 6 for any partition  $\Omega^{(j)}$ :  $3c_1 \log(N\kappa_{\Omega}(N))N^{1-\beta}$ ; thus proving Theorem 1.

#### E.1 Proof of Lemma 6

Using union bound and noting that  $\sum_{v} n_{r_v} n_{c_v} \leq N^2$ , we have:

$$
Pr(||P_T \mathcal{R}_{\Omega} \mathcal{W} - \mathcal{W}||_{\max} > \frac{1}{2} ||\mathcal{W}||_{\max}) \le Pr(\langle P_T \mathcal{R}_{\Omega} \mathcal{W} - \mathcal{W}, \mathcal{E}^{(v,i,j)} \rangle > \frac{1}{2} ||\mathcal{W}||_{\max} \text{ for any } (v,i,j))N^2
$$

For each  $(v, i, j)$ , sample  $s' = (v_{s'}, i_{s'}, j_{s'})$  according to the sampling distribution in Assumption 4. Define  $\Psi_{(v,i,j)} = \langle \mathcal{E}^{(v,i,j)}, P_T \mathcal{R}_{s'} \mathcal{W} - \frac{1}{|\Omega|} \mathcal{W} \rangle$ . Recall the definition of  $\mathcal{R}_s$  from the paper. Now each entry of  $P_T \mathcal{R}_{\Omega} \mathcal{W} - \mathcal{W}$  is distributed as  $\sum_{s=1}^{|\Omega|} \Psi_{(v,s)}^{(s)}$  $(v, i,j)$ , where  $\Psi(v, i,j)$  are iid samples of  $\Psi(v, i,j)$ .

We have that :  $|\Psi_{(v,i,j)}| \leq \frac{1}{p(v,i,j)} ||P_T(\mathcal{E}^{(v,i,j)})||_F^2 \langle \mathcal{E}^{(v,i,j)}, \mathcal{W} \rangle \leq \frac{1}{c'\beta \log N} ||\mathcal{W}||_{\max}$ 

Also,  $E[\Psi_{(v,i,j)}^2] = E[\frac{1}{p(v,i)}]$  $\frac{1}{p(v,i,j)^2} \langle \mathcal{E}^{(v,i,j)}, \mathcal{W} \rangle^2 \langle \mathcal{E}^{(v,i,j)}, \mathcal{E}^{(s')} \rangle^2] \leq \frac{1}{|\Omega| c' \beta}$  $\frac{1}{|\Omega|c'\beta\log N}$ , where the expectation is over s'. Standard Bernstein inequality can be used with the above bounds to prove the lemma.

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