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# Supplemental Material for the paper: Online Learning in The Manifold of Low-Rank Matrices

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## 1 Proof of Lemma 1

We first describe an auxiliary parametrization. The tangent space at  $x$  is spanned by all the tangent vectors at 0 to the curves  $\gamma : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_k^{n,m}$  such that  $\gamma(0) = x$ . For any such curve, because of the rank  $k$  assumption, we may assume that for all  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ , there exist matrices  $A(t) \in \mathbb{R}_*^{n \times k}$ ,  $B(t) \in \mathbb{R}_*^{m \times k}$ , such that  $\gamma(t) = A(t)B(t)^T$ . By the chain rule we have:  $\dot{\gamma}(0) = \dot{A}(0)B(0)^T + A(0)\dot{B}(0)^T$ . Since  $x = \gamma(0) = A(0)B(0)^T$  we have:

$$T_x \mathcal{M} = \left\{ A(0)X^T + YB(0)^T \mid X \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times k}, Y \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times k} \right\} \quad (1)$$

The space above is clearly a linear space. Being a tangent space to a manifold, it has the same dimension  $(n+m)k - k^2$ .

To prove Lemma 1, It is easy to verify that the dimension of the space defined in the Lemma is  $((n+m)k - k^2)$ . By taking  $X = MB^T + N_1B_\perp^T$  and  $Y = A_\perp N_2$ , it can be seen that the space above is included in  $T_x \mathcal{M}_k^{n,m}$  as defined in Eq. (1)  $\square$

## 2 Proof of theorem 1

To prove that eq. (3) of the main text is a retraction, we first show that  $w_1 x^\dagger w_2$  is indeed a rank  $k$  matrix. Note that  $w_1 = Z_1 B^T$  and likewise,  $w_2 = AZ_2^T$ , for some matrices  $Z_1 \in \mathbb{R}_*^{n \times k}$ ,  $Z_2 \in \mathbb{R}_*^{m \times k}$ . A sufficient condition for these matrices to be of full rank is that the matrix  $M$  is of limited norm. In practice this is never a problem, as the set of matrices not of full rank is of zero measure; in applying the algorithm we have never had any issues concerning this. Thus,  $R_x(\xi) = w_1 x^\dagger w_2 = Z_1 B^T B(B^T B)^{-1} (A^T A)^{-1} A^T A Z_2^T = Z_1 Z_2^T$ , which is exactly a rank- $k$ ,  $n \times m$  matrix. Next we must show that  $R_x(\xi)$  is a retraction, and of second order. It is obvious that  $R_x(0) = x$ , since the projection of the zero vector is zero, and thus  $\xi^S$ ,  $\xi_l^P$  and  $\xi_r^P$  are all zero. If we expand  $w_1 x^\dagger w_2$  up to second order terms many terms cancel and we end up with:

$$R_x(\xi) = x + \xi^S + \xi_l^P + \xi_r^P + \xi_r^P x^\dagger \xi_l^P + O(\|\xi\|^3) = x + \xi + \xi_r^P x^\dagger \xi_l^P + O(\|\xi\|^3) \quad (2)$$

Local first order rigidity is immediately apparent. If we expand the only second order term,  $\xi_r^P x^\dagger \xi_l^P$ , we see that it equals  $A_\perp N_2 N_1^T B_\perp^T$ . We claim this term is orthogonal to the tangent space  $T_x \mathcal{M}_k^{n,m}$ :

$$\begin{aligned} & \langle (A_\perp N_2 N_1^T B_\perp^T), (AMB^T + AN_1^T B_\perp^T + A_\perp N_2 B^T) \rangle = \\ & (B_\perp N_1 N_2^T A_\perp^T AMB^T + B_\perp N_1 N_2^T A_\perp^T AN_1 B_\perp + B_\perp N_1 N_2^T A_\perp^T A_\perp N_2 B^T) = \\ & \quad \text{tr}(B_\perp N_1 N_2^T A_\perp^T A_\perp N_2 B^T) = \\ & \quad \text{tr}(B^T B_\perp N_1 N_2^T A_\perp^T A_\perp N_2) = 0 \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

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Thus, the second order term cancels out if we project the second derivative of the curve defined by the retraction, as required by the second-order condition

$$P_x \left( \frac{dR_x(\tau\xi)}{d\tau^2} \Big|_{\tau=0} \right) = 0 \quad \forall \xi \in T_x \mathcal{M}. \quad (4)$$

We see that the second order term is contained in the normal space. This concludes the proof that the retraction is a second order retraction.

### 3 Rank one pseudo-inverse update rule

For completeness we develop below the procedure for updating the pseudo-inverse of a rank-1 perturbed matrix [1], following the derivation of [2]. We wish to find a matrix  $G$  such that for a given matrix  $A$  along with its pseudo-inverse  $A^\dagger$ , and vectors of appropriate dimension  $c$  and  $d$ , we have:

$$(A + cd^T)^\dagger = A^\dagger + G \quad (5)$$

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#### Algorithm 1 : Rank one pseudo-inverse update

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**Input:** Matrices  $A, A^\dagger \in \mathbb{R}_*^{n \times k}$ , such that  $A^\dagger$  is the pseudo-inverse of  $A$ , vectors  $c \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times 1}, d \in \mathbb{R}^{k \times 1}$

**Output:** Matrix  $Z^\dagger \in \mathbb{R}_*^{k \times n}$ , such that  $Z^\dagger$  is the pseudo-inverse of  $A + cd^T$ .

**Compute:** matrix dimension

$$v = A^\dagger c \quad k \times 1$$

$$\beta = 1 + d^T v \quad 1 \times 1$$

$$n = A^{\dagger T} d \quad n \times 1$$

$$\hat{n} = A^\dagger n \quad k \times 1$$

$$w = c - Av \quad n \times 1$$

**if**  $\beta \neq 0$  AND  $\|w\| \neq 0$

$$G = \frac{\hat{n}}{\beta} \quad k \times 1$$

$$G = Gw^T \quad k \times n$$

$$s = \frac{\beta}{\|w\|^2 \|n\|^2 + \beta^2} \quad 1 \times 1$$

$$t = \frac{\|w\|^2}{\beta} \hat{n} + v \quad k \times 1$$

$$\hat{G} = s \cdot t \left( \frac{\|n\|^2}{\beta} w + n \right)^T \quad k \times n$$

$$G = G - \hat{G} \quad k \times n$$

**elseif**  $\beta = 0$  AND  $\|w\| \neq 0$

$$G = -A^\dagger \frac{n}{\|n\|^2} \quad k \times 1$$

$$G = Gn^T \quad k \times 1$$

$$\hat{G} = v \frac{w^T}{\|w\|^2} \quad k \times n$$

$$G = G - \hat{G} \quad k \times n$$

**elseif**  $\beta \neq 0$  AND  $\|w\| = 0$

$$G = -\frac{1}{\beta} vn^T \quad k \times n$$

**elseif**  $\beta = 0$  AND  $\|w\| = 0$

$$\hat{v} = \frac{1}{\|v\|^2} v (v^T A^\dagger) \quad k \times n$$

$$\hat{n} = \frac{1}{\|n\|^2} (A^\dagger n) n^T \quad k \times n$$

$$G = \frac{v^T A^\dagger n}{\|v\|^2 \|n\|^2} vn^T - \hat{v} - \hat{n} \quad k \times n$$

**endif**

$$Z^\dagger = A^\dagger + G$$


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We use the fact that  $A$  has a full column rank to simplify slightly the algorithm of [2].

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