

1 First of all, we would like to thank all the reviewers for their comments. Below we answer to the
2 concerns of each reviewer separately.

3 **Reviewer 1:** Thank you for the review and your comment. We will explain the motivation and
4 the background in details and will give a clear description of the dynamic model and the difference
5 between the streaming and the dynamic setting to improve the presentation of the paper. We will
6 also write a complete related work section and the relation of our work to prior work specially a
7 comparison between our work and the results from KZK18 and MKK17.

8 **Reviewers 1 and 3: a discussion for the update time and the memory constraint.** Here we
9 briefly mention the difference between the streaming and the dynamic setting. In the streaming setting
10 the main concern is the space complexity. We often compute a sketch of the input that is revealed in a
11 streaming fashion. At the end of the stream we compute a solution/function using the sketch that we
12 maintained in the course of stream. On the other hand, in the dynamic setting the main complexity is
13 the time. The idea is given the input that is revealed in a streaming fashion, one is interested in seeing
14 the solution and the changes in the solution after every insert or delete. The main motivation is for
15 learning highly dynamic and sensitive data (such as time series) that we need to take an action as
16 soon as we see a shift in the function of the underlying data that we observe. Since we need to react
17 to changes in the solution fast, we need to (re)-compute the solution as fast as we can. Indeed, we
18 cannot wait till the end of the stream and take the corresponding action afterwards. The underlying
19 assumption for the dynamic setting is nowadays with machines that can easily have (SD)RAMs of
20 GBs and soon TBs, the space constraint won't be a problem, but the time complexity is the main
21 bottleneck. The results from KZK18 and MKK17 are streaming algorithms whose time complexities
22 depend on the number of deletions (Theorem 1 of the second reference) which will be high if we
23 want to (re)-compute a solution after each insertion or deletion.

24 **Reviewer 2:** Thank you for your comments. We find them useful and will incorporate them to
25 improve the presentation of the paper. Yes, the assumption that the function f is monotone has
26 been used in the related results from KZK18 and MKK17. Also, in Lemma 3 we used the fact that
27 the function must be monotone, but indeed it is a good question to see if we can develop dynamic
28 algorithms for non-monotone functions and we will think about it. As for the method of getting a
29 worst case bound in Section 3, we did not know about "A Deamortization Approach for Dynamic
30 Spanner and Dynamic Maximal Matching". Definitely we will cite this paper.

31 **Reviewer 3:** Thank you for the review and the comments. In the appendix we mentioned a version
32 of our algorithm that doesn't need to know the OPT value and has $O(\sqrt{n})$ time complexity. We
33 recently found that a variant of our algorithm that does not need to know the OPT value and has
34 poly-logarithmic dependency on n . The idea is to do our logarithmic rate of sampling and filtering
35 besides maintaining a max-heap as we see new updates. We will add this new algorithm to the paper.

36 **Reviewer 4:** Thank you for your comments. We find them useful and will incorporate them to
37 improve the presentation of the paper. Yes, the running time of our algorithms is measured on the
38 number of oracle calls to the function f and we will explain it explicitly in the paper. We do not know
39 if $1/2$ is the best that we can achieve or not. However, we think it will be very interesting to see if we
40 can develop a dynamic algorithm with better than $1/2$ -approximation guarantee. Many thanks for
41 pointing out to the new arXiv submission "Fully Dynamic Algorithm for Constrained Submodular
42 Optimization". We did not know about this paper. We should mention that this paper presents a
43 dynamic algorithm whose expected update time is poly-logarithmic in n and k . Our algorithm works
44 with high probability. We think we can use our worst case framework in Section 3 to improve their
45 running time bound from expected to a high probability bound.

46 **Reviewers 2 and 4: the dependence on k in the running time.** we recently realized that a simple
47 version of our algorithm has poly-logarithmic dependence on k in the running time. The idea is if at
48 each step i of the recursion we sample $O(\epsilon^{-2}k \log n)$ elements and if we have many elements that
49 are above the threshold, we collect more than one such element. We can then show that the number
50 of elements that are survived after filtering at each step i drops by a factor of $\frac{\epsilon^{-2}}{2k}$. Thus, every insert
51 or delete that changes a partial solution set G_i happens with probability $O(n/k)$, but the number
52 of elements in the steps $> i$ are an order of $O(n/k)$ for which we have enough credit to re-run the
53 following steps.