## A Extension to $k$-Means and $(k, p)$-Clustering

As stated in [20, 8], while [27] only discusses the $k$-median problem, their construction can easily be modified to work for $k$-means clustering and further generalized to work for $(k, p)$-clustering, where the $(k, p)$-clustering problem is defined in the same way as $k$-median problem except that we want to minimize $\sum_{x \in U} d(x, S)^{p}$ for some $S \subseteq U$ of size at most $k$. Note that $(k, 1)$-clustering and $(k, 2)$-clustering correspond to $k$-median and $k$-means respectively.
We define a $\rho$-metric space $(U, d)$ in the same way as a metric space except for relaxing the condition that $d$ must satisfy the triangle inequality to the condition that $d(x, y) \leq \rho(d(x, z)+d(z, y))$ for all $x, y, x \in U$. Given a metric space $(U, d)$ and some $p \geq 1$, the results in Section 6 of [9] can easily be used to show that $\left(U, d^{p}\right)$ is a $2^{p-1}$-metric space, where $d^{p}(x, y)$ is defined to be $d(x, y)^{p}$.
We now show that the assignment $\sigma$ maintained by our algorithm is $O\left(\rho^{3}\right)$-approximate when $U$ is a $\rho$-metric space (i.e. that cost $(\sigma)=O\left(\rho^{3}\right) \cdot \operatorname{opt}(U)$ ) and that the extraction technique of [18] can be generalized to $\rho$-metric spaces.
Lemma A.1. When the underlying space $U$ is a $\rho$-metric space, the assignment $\sigma$ maintained by our algorithm is $O\left(\rho^{3}\right)$-approximate.

Proof. By making the appropriate changes to the proofs of Lemma B. 3 and Lemma B.4, we get generalizations of these lemmas to $\rho$-metric spaces, where the lemma statements are the same except for an extra $\rho$ factor in the inequalities.
Lemma A.2. Given any positive $\xi$, there exists a sufficiently large choice of $\alpha$ such that $\nu_{i} \leq$ $2 \rho \cdot \mu_{\gamma}\left(U_{i}^{\mathrm{OLD}}\right)$ for each $i \in[t-1]$ with probability at least $1-e^{-\xi k^{\prime}}$.
Lemma A.3. Given metric subspaces $U_{1}$ and $U_{2}$ of $U$ such that $\left|U_{1} \oplus U_{2}\right| \leq \epsilon \gamma\left|U_{1}\right|$, we have that $\mu_{\gamma}\left(U_{1}\right) \leq 2 \rho \cdot \mu_{\gamma^{*}}\left(U_{2}\right)$.

These two lemmas immediately imply the following generalization of Lemma B.5.
Lemma A.4. $\nu_{i} \leq 4 \rho^{2} \cdot \mu_{\gamma^{*}}\left(U_{i}\right)$ for each $i \in[t-1]$ with probability at least $1-e^{-\xi k^{\prime}}$.
The upper bound on $\operatorname{cost}(\sigma)$ given in Lemma B. 6 can be generalized by noticing that $\operatorname{cost}\left(\sigma, C_{i}\right) \leq$ $2 \rho \nu_{i}\left|C_{i}\right|$ for all $i \in[t-1]$, which us that

$$
\operatorname{cost}(\sigma) \leq \sum_{i=1}^{t} 2 \rho \nu_{i}\left|C_{i}\right|
$$

The lower bound on opt $(U)$ given in Lemma B. 10 holds for $\rho$-metric spaces with no modifications. Hence, we get that with probability at least $1-e^{-\xi k^{\prime}}$ we have that

$$
\operatorname{cost}(\sigma) \leq \sum_{i=1}^{t} 2 \rho \nu_{i}\left|C_{i}\right| \leq \sum_{i=1}^{t} 8 \rho^{3} \mu_{i}\left|C_{i}\right| \leq \frac{16 \rho^{3} r}{1-\gamma^{*}} \operatorname{cost}(S)
$$

By making the appropriate modifications to the proof of Theorem C.1, we can extend this theorem to work for $\rho$-metric spaces. In particular, we can obtain a proof of Theorem A. 5 by taking the proof of Theorem C. 1 and adding extra $\rho$ factors whenever the triangle inequality is applied.
Theorem A.5. Given a $\phi$-approximate m-assignment $\pi: U \rightarrow U$, any $\psi$-approximate solution to the weighted $k$-median instance $(\pi(U), d, w)$, where each point $x \in \pi(U)$ receives weight $w(x):=\left|\pi^{-1}(x)\right|$, is also a $\rho\left(\phi+2(1+\phi) \psi \rho^{2}\right)$-approximate solution to the $k$-median instance $(U, d)$ where $U$ is a $\rho$-metric space.

Since the algorithm in [26] is $O(1)$-approximate on $O(1)$-metric spaces, it immediately follows by applying Theorem A. 5 and Lemma A. 1 that our algorithm maintains a $O(1)$-approximate solution to the $k$-median problem on $\left(U, d^{p}\right)$ for $p=O(1)$. Since the $k$-median problem on $\left(U, d^{p}\right)$ is exactly the $(k, p)$-clustering problem on $(U, d)$, it follows that our algorithm generalizes to solve instances of $(k, p)$-clustering in metric spaces.

## B Proofs of Lemma 3.2 and Lemma 3.3

Throughout this section, we fix $\gamma$ to be any real such that $\beta<\gamma<1$ and $\epsilon$ to be any real such that $0<\epsilon<\min \left\{\frac{1-\gamma}{2 \gamma}, 1\right\}$. Let $\beta^{*}$ and $\gamma^{*}$ denote $\beta(1-\epsilon)$ and $\gamma(1+2 \epsilon)$ respectively.

## B. 1 Proof of Lemma 3.2

We first prove Lemma B.1, which shows that the sizes of the sets $U_{i}$ decrease exponentially with $i$.
Lemma B.1. For all $i \in[t-1],\left|U_{i+1}\right| \leq\left(1-\beta^{*}\right)\left|U_{i}\right|$.

Proof. Consider the ratio $\left|U_{i+1}\right| /\left|U_{i}\right|$. Since $U_{i+1} \subseteq U_{i}$ and $U_{i+1}$ is reconstructed every time $U_{i}$ is reconstructed, it follows that $\left|U_{i+1}\right| /\left|U_{i}\right|$ is at most $\left(n_{i+1}+\ell\right) /\left(n_{i}+\ell-\ell^{\prime}\right)$, where $n_{j}$ is the size of $U_{j}$ at the time it was last reconstructed and $\ell$ and $\ell^{\prime}$ are the number of insertions and deletions that have occurred since the last time $U_{i+1}$ was reconstructed respectively. By Lemma B.2, we get that this expression is upper bounded by $\left(n_{i+1}+\tau n_{i+1}\right) / n_{i}$. Now we can observe that

$$
\frac{\left|U_{i+1}\right|}{\left|U_{i}\right|} \leq \frac{n_{i+1}+\ell}{n_{i}+\ell-\ell^{\prime}} \leq \frac{n_{i+1}+\tau n_{i+1}}{n_{i}} \leq \frac{n_{i+1}}{n_{i}}+\tau \leq(1-\beta)+\epsilon \beta=1-\beta^{*}
$$

where we use the facts that $n_{i+1} \leq(1-\beta) n_{i}$ and $\tau \leq \epsilon \beta$ in the final inequality.
Lemma B.2. Given some integer $i \in[t-1]$, let $\ell$ and $\ell^{\prime}$ be the number of insertions and deletions that have occurred since the last time $U_{i+1}$ was reconstructed respectively. Then we have that

$$
\frac{n_{i+1}+\ell}{n_{i}+\ell-\ell^{\prime}} \leq \frac{n_{i+1}+\tau n_{i+1}}{n_{i}}
$$

Proof. First, note that $\left(n_{i+1}+\ell\right) /\left(n_{i}+\ell-\ell^{\prime}\right) \leq\left(n_{i+1}+\ell\right) /\left(n_{i}-\ell^{\prime}\right)$. Now, given some reals $A \geq$ $a \geq 0$ and $0 \leq N \leq A-a$, we define a function $f:[0,1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ by $f(x)=(a+x N) /(A-(1-x) N)$. The derivative of $f$ is $-N(a-A+N) /((x-1) N+A)^{2}$ and is non-negative for all $x \in[0,1]$. Hence, $f(x) \leq f(1)$ for all $x \in[0,1]$.
By setting $A=n_{i}, a=n_{i+1}, N=\ell+\ell^{\prime}$ and noting that $\ell+\ell^{\prime} \leq \tau n_{i+1}$ by Invariant 3.1 and $n_{i+1} \leq(1-\beta) n_{i}$, we get that

$$
\ell+\ell^{\prime} \leq \tau n_{i+1} \leq \beta n_{i+1}=(1+\beta) n_{i+1}-n_{i+1} \leq(1+\beta)(1-\beta) n_{i}-n_{i+1} \leq n_{i}-n_{i+1}
$$

and hence it follows that

$$
\frac{n_{i+1}+\ell}{n_{i}-\ell^{\prime}}=f\left(\frac{\ell}{\ell+\ell^{\prime}}\right) \leq f(1)=\frac{n_{i+1}+\ell+\ell^{\prime}}{n_{i}} \leq \frac{n_{i+1}+\tau n_{i+1}}{n_{i}} .
$$

Since $\left|U_{1}\right|=|U|,\left|U_{t-1}\right|>(1-\tau) \alpha k^{\prime}=\Omega(k)$, and $\beta^{*}$ is a constant, we infer that $t=$ $O\left(\log \frac{|U|}{k}\right)=\tilde{O}(1)$.

## B. 2 Proof of Lemma 3.3

Bounding the Radii $\nu_{i}$ (Lemma B.5): Let $U_{i}^{\text {oLD }}$ denote the state of the $i$ th layer the last time it was reconstructed for $i \in[t]$. We now use the following crucial lemma which is analogous to Lemma 4.3.3 in [25].

Lemma B.3. Given any positive $\xi$, there exists a sufficiently large choice of $\alpha$ such that $\nu_{i} \leq$ $2 \mu_{\gamma}\left(U_{i}^{\mathrm{OLD}}\right)$ for each $i \in[t-1]$ with probability at least $1-e^{-\xi k^{\prime}}$.

Henceforth, we fix some positive $\xi$ and sufficiently large $\alpha$ such that Lemma B. 3 holds.

Lemma B.4. Given metric subspaces $U_{1}$ and $U_{2}$ of $U$ such that $\left|U_{1} \oplus U_{2}\right| \leq \epsilon \gamma\left|U_{1}\right|$, we have that $\mu_{\gamma}\left(U_{1}\right) \leq 2 \mu_{\gamma^{*}}\left(U_{2}\right) .{ }^{4}$

Proof. Let $X$ be a subset of $U_{2}$ of size $k$ such that $\nu_{\gamma(1+2 \epsilon)}\left(X, U_{2}\right)=\mu_{\gamma(1+2 \epsilon)}\left(U_{2}\right), \rho=$ $\mu_{\gamma(1+2 \epsilon)}\left(U_{2}\right)$, and $A=B_{U_{1}}(X, \rho)$. Now note that

$$
\begin{aligned}
|A| & =\left|B_{U_{1} \cup U_{2}}(X, \rho) \backslash B_{U_{2} \backslash U_{1}}(X, \rho)\right| \\
& \geq\left|B_{U_{2}}(X, \rho)\right|-\left|B_{U_{2} \backslash U_{1}}(X, \rho)\right| \\
& \geq \gamma(1+2 \epsilon)\left|U_{2}\right|-\left|U_{2} \backslash U_{1}\right| \\
& \geq \gamma(1+2 \epsilon)\left|U_{2}\right|-\epsilon \gamma\left|U_{1}\right| \\
& \geq \gamma(1+2 \epsilon)\left(\left|U_{1}\right|-\epsilon \gamma\left|U_{1}\right|\right)-\epsilon \gamma\left|U_{1}\right| \\
& =\gamma\left|U_{1}\right|+\epsilon \gamma(1-\gamma(1+2 \epsilon))\left|U_{1}\right| \\
& \geq \gamma\left|U_{1}\right|
\end{aligned}
$$

Since there also exists a subset $Y \subseteq A$ of size $k$ such that $A \subseteq B_{U_{1}}(Y, 2 \rho)$, it follows that $\nu_{\gamma}\left(Y, U_{1}\right) \leq 2 \rho$. Hence, $\mu_{\gamma}\left(U_{1}\right) \leq \nu_{\gamma}\left(Y, U_{1}\right) \leq 2 \mu_{\gamma(1+2 \epsilon)}\left(U_{2}\right)$.

Lemma B.5. $\nu_{i} \leq 4 \mu_{\gamma^{*}}\left(U_{i}\right)$ for each $i \in[t-1]$ with probability at least $1-e^{-\xi k^{\prime}}$.

Proof. For each $i \in[t-1],\left|U_{i} \oplus U_{i}^{\mathrm{OLD}}\right| \leq \tau\left|U_{i}^{\mathrm{OLD}}\right|$ since, by Invariant 3.1, at most $\tau\left|U_{i}^{\text {OLD }}\right|$ points have been inserted or deleted from $U_{i}$ since it was last reconstructed. Noticing that $\tau \leq \epsilon \gamma$, we can see that

$$
\left|U_{i} \oplus U_{i}^{\mathrm{OLD}}\right| \leq \epsilon \gamma\left|U_{i}^{\mathrm{oLD}}\right|
$$

By now applying Lemma B. 4 it follows that $\mu_{\gamma}\left(U_{i}^{\text {OLD }}\right) \leq 2 \mu_{\gamma^{*}}\left(U_{i}\right)$. The lemma follows by combining this result with Lemma B.3.

## Upper Bounding cost $(\sigma)$ (Lemma B.6):

## Lemma B.6.

$$
\operatorname{cost}(\sigma) \leq \sum_{i=1}^{t} 2 \nu_{i}\left|C_{i}\right|
$$

Proof. We first note that for all $i \in[t-1], \operatorname{cost}\left(\sigma, C_{i}\right) \leq 2 \nu_{i}\left|C_{i}\right|$. This follows directly from the fact that each point $x$ in $C_{i}$ is assigned to some point $y \in C_{i}$ such that $d(x, y) \leq 2 \nu_{i}$. Since the $C_{i}$ partition $U$ and $\operatorname{cost}\left(\sigma, C_{t}\right)=0$, we get:

$$
\operatorname{cost}(\sigma)=\sum_{i=1}^{t} \operatorname{cost}\left(\sigma, C_{i}\right) \leq \sum_{i=1}^{t} 2 \nu_{i}\left|C_{i}\right| .
$$

Lower Bounding opt $(U)$ (Lemma B.10): Let $r$ denote $\left\lceil\log _{1-\beta^{*}} \frac{1-\gamma^{*}}{3}\right\rceil$ and for each $i \in[t]$ let $\mu_{i}$ denote $\mu_{\gamma^{*}}\left(U_{i}\right)$.

For the rest of this subsection we fix an arbitrary $S \subseteq U$ of size $k$. For each $i \in[t]$, let $F_{i}$ denote the set $\left\{x \in U_{i} \mid d(x, S) \geq \mu_{i}\right\}$, and for any integer $m>0$, let $F_{i}^{m}$ denote $F_{i} \backslash\left(\cup_{j>0} F_{i+j m}\right)$ and $G_{i, m}$ denote the set of all integers $j \in[t]$ and $j \equiv i(\bmod m)$.
Lemma B.7. Given some $i \in[t]$ and a subset $X \subseteq F_{i}$, we have that $\left|F_{i}\right| \geq\left(1-\gamma^{*}\right)\left|U_{i}\right|$ and $\operatorname{cost}(S, X) \geq \mu_{i}|X|$.

Proof. It follows directly from the definition of $\mu_{i}$ that we have that $\left|F_{i}\right| \geq\left(1-\gamma^{*}\right)\left|U_{i}\right|$. By the definition of $F_{i}$, we have that $\operatorname{cost}(S, X)=\sum_{x \in X} d(x, S) \geq \mu_{i}|X|$.

The following lemma is proven in [25].

[^0]Lemma B. 8 ([25], Lemma 4.3.8). Given integers $\ell \in[t]$ and $m>0$, we have that

$$
\operatorname{cost}\left(S, \cup_{i \in G_{\ell, m}} F_{i}^{m}\right) \geq \sum_{i \in G_{\ell, m}} \mu_{i}\left|F_{i}^{m}\right|
$$

Lemma B.9. For all $i \in[t-1]$, we have that $\left|F_{i}^{r}\right| \geq \frac{1}{2}\left|F_{i}\right|$.

Proof. We first note that for all $i \in[t-r]$, we have that $\left|F_{i+r}\right| \leq \frac{1}{3}\left|F_{i}\right|$. This follows from the fact that

$$
\left|F_{i+r}\right| \leq\left|U_{i+r}\right| \leq\left(1-\beta^{*}\right)^{r}\left|U_{i}\right| \leq \frac{\left(1-\beta^{*}\right)^{r}}{1-\gamma^{*}}\left|F_{i}\right| \leq \frac{1}{3}\left|F_{i}\right|
$$

where the first inequality follows from the fact that $F_{i+r} \subseteq U_{i+r}$, the second inequality follows from Lemma B.1, the third inequality follows from Lemma B.7, and the fourth inequality follows from the definition of $r$. We now get that

$$
\left|F_{i}^{r}\right|=\left|F_{i} \backslash \cup_{j>0} F_{i+j r}\right| \geq\left|F_{i}\right|-\sum_{j>0} \frac{1}{3^{j}}\left|F_{i}\right| \geq \frac{1}{2}\left|F_{i}\right| .
$$

## Lemma B.10.

$$
\operatorname{cost}(S) \geq \frac{1-\gamma^{*}}{2 r} \sum_{i=1}^{t} \mu_{i}\left|C_{i}\right|
$$

Proof. Let $\ell=\arg \max _{0 \leq \ell<r}\left\{\sum_{i \in G_{\ell, r}} \mu_{i}\left|F_{i}^{r}\right|\right\}$. Then we have that

$$
\begin{aligned}
\operatorname{cost}(S) & \geq \operatorname{cost}\left(S, \cup_{i \in G_{\ell, r}} F_{i}^{r}\right) \geq \sum_{i \in G_{\ell, r}} \mu_{i}\left|F_{i}^{r}\right| \geq \frac{1}{r} \sum_{i=1}^{t} \mu_{i}\left|F_{i}^{r}\right| \geq \frac{1}{2 r} \sum_{i=1}^{t} \mu_{i}\left|F_{i}\right| \\
& \geq \frac{1-\gamma^{*}}{2 r} \sum_{i=1}^{t} \mu_{i}\left|U_{i}\right| \geq \frac{1-\gamma^{*}}{2 r} \sum_{i=1}^{t} \mu_{i}\left|C_{i}\right|
\end{aligned}
$$

The second inequality follows from Lemma B.8, the third inequality from averaging and the choice of $\ell$, the fourth inequality from Lemma B.9, and the fifth inequality from Lemma B.7.

Proof of Lemma 3.3: It follows that with probability at least $1-e^{-\xi k^{\prime}}$ we have that

$$
\operatorname{cost}(\sigma) \leq \sum_{i=1}^{t} 2 \nu_{i}\left|C_{i}\right| \leq \sum_{i=1}^{t} 8 \mu_{i}\left|C_{i}\right| \leq \frac{16 r}{1-\gamma^{*}} \operatorname{cost}(S)
$$

for any set $S \subseteq U$ of size $k$. Hence, we have that

$$
\operatorname{cost}(\sigma) \leq \frac{16 r}{1-\gamma^{*}} \operatorname{opt}(U)
$$

## C Proof of Corollary 3.4

In order to prove this corollary, we apply the extraction technique presented in [27] (with full details appearing in [25]) which is a slight generalization of the techniques from [18]. In particular, we use the following theorem which follows as an immediate corollary of Theorem 6 in [25]. For completeness, we provide a proof of this theorem.
Theorem C.1. Given a $\phi$-approximate m-assignment $\pi: U \rightarrow U$, any $\psi$-approximate solution to the weighted $k$-median instance $(\pi(U), d, w)$, where each point $x \in \pi(U)$ receives weight $w(x):=\left|\pi^{-1}(x)\right|$, is also $a(\phi+2(1+\phi) \psi)$-approximate solution to the $k$-median instance $(U, d)$.

Proof. Let $S^{*}$ be a solution to the weighted $k$-median instance $(\pi(U), d, w)$ and let $S$ be an optimal solution to the $k$-median instance $(U, d)$. Let $\phi$ and $\psi$ be constants such that cost $(\pi, U) \leq \phi \cdot \circ \mathrm{opt}(U)$ and $\operatorname{cost}_{w}\left(S^{*}, \pi(U)\right) \leq \psi \cdot \operatorname{opt}_{w}(\pi(U))$. We now show that $\operatorname{cost}\left(S^{*}, U\right)=O(1) \cdot \operatorname{opt}(U)$. We first note that

$$
\begin{aligned}
\operatorname{cost}\left(S^{*}, U\right) & =\sum_{x \in U} d\left(x, S^{*}\right) \\
& \leq \sum_{x \in U} d(x, \pi(x))+\sum_{y \in \pi(U)} w(y) \cdot d\left(y, S^{*}\right) \\
& =\operatorname{cost}(\pi, U)+\operatorname{cost}_{w}\left(S^{*}, \pi(U)\right) \\
& \leq \phi \cdot \operatorname{opt}(U)+\operatorname{cost}_{w}\left(S^{*}, \pi(U)\right)
\end{aligned}
$$

Now note that, for any $X \subseteq U$ of size at most $k$, there exists some $Y \subseteq \pi(U)$ of size at most $k$ such that $\operatorname{cost}_{w}(Y, \pi(U)) \leq 2 \cdot \operatorname{cost}_{w}(X, \pi(U))$. Since $\operatorname{cost}_{w}\left(S^{*}, \pi(U)\right) \leq \psi \cdot \operatorname{cost}_{w}(Y, \pi(U))$ for all $Y \subseteq \pi(Y)$ of size at most $k$, we get the following.

$$
\begin{aligned}
\operatorname{cost}_{w}\left(S^{*}, \pi(U)\right) & \leq 2 \psi \cdot \operatorname{cost}_{w}(S, \pi(U)) \\
& =2 \psi \cdot \sum_{y \in \pi(U)} w(y) \cdot d(y, S) \\
& =2 \psi \cdot \sum_{x \in U} d(\pi(x), S) \\
& \leq 2 \psi \cdot \sum_{x \in U} d(x, \pi(x))+2 \psi \cdot \sum_{x \in U} d(x, S) \\
& =2 \psi \cdot \operatorname{cost}(\pi, U)+2 \psi \cdot \operatorname{opt}(U) \\
& \leq 2(1+\phi) \psi \cdot \operatorname{opt}(U)
\end{aligned}
$$

By combining these two chains of inequalities, we get that

$$
\operatorname{cost}\left(S^{*}, U\right) \leq \phi \cdot \operatorname{opt}(U)+\operatorname{cost}_{w}\left(S^{*}, \pi(U)\right) \leq(\phi+2(1+\phi) \psi) \cdot \operatorname{opt}(U)
$$

It immediately follows that we can get a $O(1)$-approximate solution to the instance $(U, d)$ by running a static weighted $k$-median algorithm on the instance $(\sigma(U), d, w)$.

## D Lower Bounds on Update and Query Time

In the static (i.e. non-dynamic) setting, the $k$-median problem is defined as follows: given a metric space $U$, return a set $S$ of at most $k$ points from $U$ which minimizes the value of $\sum_{x \in S} d(x, S)$. The following lower bound for the static $k$-median problem is proven by Mettu in [25].
Theorem D.1. Any $O(1)$-approximate randomized (static) algorithm for the $k$-median problem, which succeeds with even negligible probability, runs in time $\Omega(n k)$.

Informally, the proof of this lower bound is obtained by constructing, for each $\delta>0$, an input distribution of metric spaces (with polynomially bounded aspect ratio) on which no deterministic algorithm for the $k$-median problem succeeds with probability more than $\delta$. Theorem D. 1 then follows by an application of Yao's minmax principle.
We can use this lower bound from the static setting in order to get a lower bound for the dynamic setting. First note that any incremental algorithm for $k$-median with amortized update time $u(n, k)$ and query time $q(n, k)$ can be used to construct a static algorithm for the $k$-median problem with running time $n \cdot u(n, k)+q(n, k)$ by inserting each point in the input metric space $U$ followed by a solution query. Hence, by Theorem D.1, we must have that $n \cdot u(n, k)+q(n, k)=\Omega(n k)$. Now assume that some incremental algorithm for $k$-median has query time $\tilde{O}(\operatorname{poly}(k))$. If this algorithm also has an amortized update time of $\tilde{o}(k)$, then for the range of values of $k$ where $q(n, k)=\tilde{o}(n k)$, it follows that $\tilde{o}(n k)$ is $\Omega(n k)$, giving a contradiction. Hence, the amortized update time must be $\tilde{\Omega}(k)$ and Theorem D. 2 follows.

Theorem D.2. Any $O(1)$-approximate incremental algorithm for the $k$-median problem with $\tilde{O}(\operatorname{poly}(k))$ query time must have $\tilde{\Omega}(k)$ amortized update time.

It follows that the update time of our algorithm is optimal up to polylogarithmic factors.

## E Omitted experimental results.

## E. 1 Update time evaluation.



Figure 2: The cumulative update time for the different algorithms, on the Song dataset for $k=10$ (top left), $k=50$ (top right), $k=100$ (bottom).


Figure 3: The cumulative update time for the different algorithms, on the Census dataset for $k=10$ (top left), $k=50$ (top right), $k=100$ (bottom).


Figure 4: The cumulative update time for the different algorithms, on the KDD-Cup dataset for $k=10$ (top left), $k=50$ (top right), $k=100$ (bottom).


Figure 5: The cumulative update time for the different algorithms, on the Drift dataset for $k=10$ (top left), $k=50$ (top right), $k=100$ (bottom).


Figure 6: The cumulative update time for the different algorithms, on the SIFT10M dataset for $k=10$ (top left), $k=50$ (top right), $k=100$ (bottom).

## E. 2 Solution cost evaluation.



Figure 7: The solution cost by the different algorithms, on Song for $k=10$ (top left), $k=50$ (top right), $k=100$ (bottom).


Figure 8: The solution cost by the different algorithms, on Census for $k=10$ (top left), $k=50$ (top right), $k=100$ (bottom).


Figure 9: The solution cost by the different algorithms, on KDD-Cup for $k=10$ (top left), $k=50$ (top right), $k=100$ (bottom).


Figure 10: The solution cost by the different algorithms, on Drift for $k=10$ (top left), $k=50$ (top right), $k=100$ (bottom).


Figure 11: The solution cost by the different algorithms, on SIFT10M for $k=10$ (top left), $k=50$ (top right), $k=100$ (bottom).

Table 4: The average query times for the algorithm $\operatorname{OURALG}(\phi=500)$ and $\operatorname{HK}(\psi=1000)$ (we omit the parameter value from the table to simplify the presentation), on the different datasets that we consider and for $k \in\{10,50,100\}$.

|  | Song |  | Census |  | KDD-Cup |  | Drift |  | SIFT10M |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | OurAlg | HK | OurAlg | HK | OurAlg | HK | OurAlg | HK | OurAlg | HK |
| $k=10$ | 0.569 | 0.327 | 0.478 | 0.280 | 0.069 | 0.176 | 0.729 | 0.421 | 0.732 | 0.419 |
| $k=50$ | 0.610 | 0.347 | 0.511 | 0.295 | 0.075 | 0.141 | 0.784 | 0.447 | 0.795 | 0.448 |
| $k=100$ | 0.665 | 0.373 | 0.552 | 0.317 | 0.085 | 0.131 | 0.857 | 0.483 | 0.866 | 0.483 |

## E. 4 Parameter tuning.

## E.4.1 Update time.



Figure 12: The cumulative update time for different parameters of OURALG and HK , for $k=50$, on datasets Song (top left), Census (top right), and KDD-Cup (bottom).

## E.4.2 Solution cost.



Figure 13: The solution cost for different parameters of OURALG and HK, for $k=50$, on datasets Song (top left), Census (top right), and KDD-Cup (bottom).

## E.4.3 Query time.

Table 5: The average query times for the algorithm OURALG and HK with different parameters, on the different datasets for $k=50$.

|  | Song | Census | KDD-Cup |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| HK $(\psi=250)$ | 0.026 | 0.021 | 0.012 |
| HK $(\psi=500)$ | 0.087 | 0.073 | 0.043 |
| HK $(\psi=1000)$ | 0.293 | 0.249 | 0.156 |
| OURALG $(\phi=250)$ | 0.223 | 0.187 | 0.054 |
| OURALG $(\phi=500)$ | 0.439 | 0.364 | 0.086 |
| OurALG $(\phi=1000)$ | 0.719 | 0.605 | 0.146 |

## E.5.1 Update time.



Figure 14: The cumulative update time for different parameters of OURALG and HK, for $k=50$, over a sequence of updates given by a randomized order of the points in the dataset, on the datasets Song (top left), Census (top right), and KDD-Cup (bottom).

## E. 5 Randomized order of updates.

## E.5.2 Solution cost.



Figure 15: The solution cost for different parameters of OURALG and HK, for $k=50$, over a sequence of updates given by a randomized order of the points in the dataset, on the datasets Song (top left), Census (top right), and KDD-Cup (bottom).

## E.5.3 Query time.

Table 6: The average query times for the algorithm OURALG and HK with different parameters, for $k=50$, over a sequence of updates given by a randomized order of the points in each of the datasets that we consider.

|  | Song | Census | KDD-Cup |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| HK $(\psi=250)$ | 0.025 | 0.021 | 0.014 |
| HK $(\psi=500)$ | 0.086 | 0.073 | 0.050 |
| HK $(\psi=1000)$ | 0.292 | 0.247 | 0.173 |
| OURALG $(\phi=250)$ | 0.225 | 0.185 | 0.062 |
| OURALG $(\phi=500)$ | 0.440 | 0.364 | 0.100 |
| OURALG $(\phi=1000)$ | 0.723 | 0.605 | 0.165 |

## E. 6 Larger experiment.



Figure 16: The total update time for $\operatorname{OurAlG}(\phi=500)$ and $\operatorname{HK}(\psi=1000)$, on the larger instance derived from KDD-Cup, for $k=50$.


Figure 17: The solution cost produced by $\operatorname{OurALG}(\phi=500)$ and $\operatorname{HK}(\psi=1000)$ two algorithms, on the larger instance derived from KDD-Cup, for $k=50$.

The average query times for $\operatorname{OURALG}(\phi=500)$ and $\operatorname{HK}(\psi=1000)$ while handling this longer sequence of updates were 0.416 and 0.225 respectively.


[^0]:    ${ }^{4} \oplus$ denotes symmetric difference, i.e. $U_{1} \oplus U_{2}=\left(U_{1} \backslash U_{2}\right) \cup\left(U_{2} \backslash U_{1}\right)$.

