

A Proofs related to OMPR: Exact Recovery Case

Let us denote the objective function by $f(x) = \frac{1}{2}\|Ax - b\|^2$. Let I_t denote the support set of x^t and I^* be the support set of x^* . Define the sets

$$\begin{aligned} FA_t &= I_t \setminus I^* && \text{(false alarms)} \\ MD_t &= I^* \setminus I_t && \text{(missed detections)} \\ CO_t &= I_t \cap I^* && \text{(correct detections)}. \end{aligned}$$

As the algorithms proceed, elements move in and out of the current set I_t . Let us give names to the set of found and lost elements as we move from I_t to I_{t+1} :

$$\begin{aligned} F_t &= I_{t+1} \setminus I_t && \text{(found)} \\ L_t &= I_t \setminus I_{t+1} && \text{(lost)}. \end{aligned}$$

We first state two technical lemmas that we will need. These can be found in [19].

Lemma 13. *For any $S \subset [n]$, we have,*

$$\|I - A_S^T A_S\| \leq \delta_{|S|}.$$

Lemma 14. *For any $S, T \subset [n]$ such that $S \cap T = \emptyset$, we have,*

$$\|A_S^T A_T\|_2 \leq \delta_{|S \cup T|}.$$

Proof of Theorem 4

Lemma 15. *Let $\delta_{2k} < 1 - \frac{1}{2\eta}$, $f(x^t) > 0$. Then, in OMPR (l),*

$$0 < 2(2\eta - \frac{1}{1 - \delta_{2k}})f(x^t) \leq \|z_{MD_t}^{t+1}\|^2 - \|x_{FA_t}^t\|^2.$$

Proof. Since $x_{I_t}^t$ is the solution to the least squares problem $\min_x \|A_{I_t}x - b\|^2$,

$$A_{I_t}^T (A_{I_t} x_{I_t}^t - b) = \mathbf{0}. \quad (6)$$

Now, note that

$$\begin{aligned} f(x^t) &= \frac{1}{2} \|A_{I_t} x_{I_t}^t - A_{I^*} x_{I^*}^*\|^2, \\ &= \frac{1}{2} ((x_{I_t}^t)^T A_{I_t}^T (A_{I_t} x_{I_t}^t - A_{I^*} x_{I^*}^*) - (x_{I^*}^*)^T A_{I^*}^T (A_{I_t} x_{I_t}^t - A_{I^*} x_{I^*}^*)), \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} (x_{MD_t}^*)^T A_{MD_t}^T (A_{I_t} x_{I_t}^t - A_{I^*} x_{I^*}^*), \quad \text{by (6)} \\ &= \frac{1}{2\eta} (x_{MD_t}^*)^T z_{MD_t}^{t+1}. \quad \text{by (3)} \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} \|x_{MD_t}^* - z_{MD_t}^{t+1}\|^2 &= \|x_{MD_t}^*\|^2 + \|z_{MD_t}^{t+1}\|^2 - 2(x_{MD_t}^*)^T z_{MD_t}^{t+1} \\ &= \|x_{MD_t}^*\|^2 + \|z_{MD_t}^{t+1}\|^2 - 4\eta f(x^t). \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

That is,

$$\begin{aligned} 4\eta f(x^t) &\leq \|x_{MD_t}^*\|^2 + \|z_{MD_t}^{t+1}\|^2, \\ &\leq \|x_{MD_t}^*\|^2 + \|x_{FA_t}^t\|^2 + \|x_{CO_t}^t - x_{CO_t}^*\|^2 - \|x_{FA_t}^t\|^2 + \|z_{MD_t}^{t+1}\|^2, \\ &= \|x^t - x^*\|^2 + \|z_{MD_t}^{t+1}\|^2 - \|x_{FA_t}^t\|^2, \\ &\leq \frac{1}{1 - \delta_{2k}} \|A(x^t - x^*)\|^2 + \|z_{MD_t}^{t+1}\|^2 - \|x_{FA_t}^t\|^2, \quad \text{by RIP} \\ &= \frac{2}{1 - \delta_{2k}} f(x^t) + \|z_{MD_t}^{t+1}\|^2 - \|x_{FA_t}^t\|^2, \end{aligned}$$

where the third line follows from the fact that MD_t , FA_t , and CO_t are disjoint sets.

As $f(x^t) > 0$ and $\delta_{2k} < 1 - \frac{1}{2\eta}$, the above inequality implies

$$0 < 2(2\eta - \frac{1}{1 - \delta_{2k}})f(x^t) \leq \|z_{MD_t}^{t+1}\|^2 - \|x_{FA_t}^t\|^2.$$

□

Next, we provide a lemma that bounds the function value $f(x^t)$ in terms of missed detections MD_t and also $z_{MD_t}^{t+1}$.

Lemma 16. *Let $f(x^t) = \frac{1}{2}\|Ax^t - b\|^2$, $b = Ax^*$, $\delta_{2k} < 1 - \frac{1}{2\eta}$ and $\eta < 1$. Then, at each step,*

$$\frac{(1 - \eta)^2}{\eta} \|x_{MD_t}^*\|^2 \leq f(x^t) \leq \frac{1}{4\eta(1 - \eta)^2} \|z_{MD_t}^{t+1}\|^2 \quad (9)$$

Proof. Now, using Lemma 2 of [4] with $I = MD_t$, $J = I_t$, $y = A_{MD_t}x_{MD_t}^*$ we get

$$\begin{aligned} f(x^t) &= \frac{1}{2}\|Ax^t - b\|^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{2}\|A_{I_t}(x^t - x^*)_{I_t} - A_{MD_t}x_{MD_t}^*\|^2 \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\geq \frac{1}{2} \left(1 - \frac{\delta_{2k}}{1 - \delta_k}\right)^2 \|A_{MD_t}x_{MD_t}^*\|^2 \\ &\geq \frac{1}{2} \left(1 - \frac{\delta_{2k}}{1 - \delta_k}\right)^2 (1 - \delta_k) \|x_{MD_t}^*\|^2 \quad \text{by RIP} \\ &\geq \frac{1}{2} \left(1 - \frac{\delta_{2k}}{1 - \delta_{2k}}\right)^2 (1 - \delta_{2k}) \|x_{MD_t}^*\|^2 \\ &\geq \frac{(1 - 2\delta_{2k})^2}{2(1 - \delta_{2k})} \|x_{MD_t}^*\|^2 \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

The assumption that $\delta_{2k} < 1 - \frac{1}{2\eta}$ and $\eta < 1$ implies that $\delta_{2k} < 1 - \frac{1}{2\eta} < 1/2$. The function $\alpha \mapsto (1 - 2\alpha)^2/(2(1 - \alpha))$ is decreasing on $[0, 1/2]$ and hence (11) implies

$$f(x^t) \geq \frac{\left(1 - 2(1 - \frac{1}{2\eta})\right)^2}{2(1 - 1 + \frac{1}{2\eta})} \|x_{MD_t}^*\|^2 = \frac{(1 - \eta)^2}{\eta} \|x_{MD_t}^*\|^2. \quad (12)$$

Next, using (7) and Cauchy-Schwarz inequality:

$$\|z_{MD_t}^{t+1}\|^2 \geq 4\eta^2 \frac{f(x^t)^2}{\|x_{MD_t}^*\|^2}. \quad (13)$$

The result now follows using the above equation with (12). □

Lemma 17. *Let $\delta_{2k} < 1 - \frac{1}{2\eta}$ and $1/2 < \eta < 1$. Then assuming $f(x^t) > 0$, at least one new element is found i.e. $F_t \neq \emptyset$. Furthermore, $\|y_{F_t}^{t+1}\|^2 > \frac{l}{k}cf(x^t)$, where $c = \min(4\eta(1 - \eta)^2, 2(2\eta - \frac{1}{1 - \delta_{2k}})) > 0$ is a constant.*

Proof. We consider the following three exhaustive cases:

1. $|F_t| < l$ and $|F_t| < |MD_t|$: Here, we first argue that $F_t \neq \emptyset$. Assuming $\delta_{2k} < 1 - 1/2\eta$, $f(x_t) > 0$ and using Lemma 15,

$$\|z_{MD_t}^{t+1}\| > \|x_{FA_t}^t\|.$$

Also, $|MD_t| = |FA_t|$. Using (3), $z_{FA_t}^{t+1} = x_{FA_t}^t$. Now partial hard-thresholding selects top l elements from z^{t+1} , hence at least one element of $x_{FA_t}^t$ must not have been selected in I_{t+1} (as MD_t should have at least one larger element). Hence F_t and L_t cannot be empty.

Let $S \subseteq |MD_t \setminus F_t|$, s.t., $|S| = |F_t| - |MD_t \cap F_t|$. Now,

$$|S \cup (MD_t \cap F_t)| = |F_t|, \quad |(MD_t \setminus F_t) \setminus S| = |MD_t| - |F_t|.$$

Now, as y_{F_t} consists of top F_t elements of $z_{MD_t}^{t+1}$:

$$\|z_{S \cup (MD_t \cap F_t)}^{t+1}\|^2 \leq \|y_{F_t}\|^2. \quad (14)$$

Furthermore, since $|F_t| < l$, hence every element of $z_{MD_t \setminus F_t}^{t+1}$ is smaller in magnitude than every element of $x_{FA_t \setminus L_t}^t$, otherwise that element should have been included in F_t . Furthermore, $|MD_t| - |F_t| = |FA_t| - |L_t| \leq |FA_t \setminus L_t|$. Hence,

$$\|z_{(MD_t \setminus F_t) \setminus S}^{t+1}\|^2 \leq \|x_{FA_t \setminus L_t}^t\|^2 \leq \|x_{FA_t}^t\|^2, \quad (15)$$

Adding (14) and (15), we get:

$$\|z_{MD_t}^{t+1}\|^2 \leq \|y_{F_t}^{t+1}\|^2 + \|x_{FA_t}^t\|^2. \quad (16)$$

Using above equation along with Lemma 15, we get:

$$\|y_{F_t}^{t+1}\|^2 \geq 2 \left(2\eta - \frac{1}{1 - \delta_{2k}} \right) f(x^t). \quad (17)$$

Now, note that if $|F_t| = 0$, then $y_{F_t}^{t+1} = 0$ implying that $f(x^t) = 0$. Hence, at least one new element is added, i.e., $y_{F_t}^{t+1} \neq \emptyset$.

2. $|F_t| = l < |MD_t|$: By definition of $y_{F_t}^{t+1}$:

$$\frac{\|y_{F_t}^{t+1}\|^2}{|F_t|} \geq \frac{\|z_{MD_t}^{t+1}\|^2}{|MD_t|}.$$

Hence, using Lemma 16 and the fact that $|F_t| = l$:

$$\|y_{F_t}^{t+1}\|^2 \geq \frac{l}{|MD_t|} 4\eta(1 - \eta)^2 f(x^t) \geq \frac{l}{k} 4\eta(1 - \eta)^2 f(x^t), \quad (18)$$

as $|MD_t| \leq k$.

3. $|F_t| \geq |MD_t|$: Since, $y_{F_t}^{t+1}$ is the top most elements of z^{t+1} . Hence, assuming $|F_t| \geq |MD_t|$,

$$\|y_{F_t}^{t+1}\|^2 \geq \|z_{MD_t}^{t+1}\|^2.$$

Now, using Lemma 16:

$$\|y_{F_t}^{t+1}\|^2 \geq 4\eta(1 - \eta)^2 f(x^t). \quad (19)$$

We get the lemma by combining bounds for all the three cases, i.e., (17), (18), (19). \square

Now we give a complete proof of Theorem 4.

Proof. We have,

$$\begin{aligned} f(y^{t+1}) - f(x^t) &= (y^{t+1} - x^t)^T A^T A(x^t - x^*) + 1/2 \|A(y^{t+1} - x^t)\|^2, \\ &\leq (y^{t+1} - x^t)^T A^T A(x^t - x^*) + \frac{(1 + \delta_{2l})}{2} (\|y_{F_t}^{t+1}\|^2 + \|x_{L_t}^t\|^2). \end{aligned} \quad (20)$$

where the second inequality follows by using the fact that $y_{I_{t+1} \cap I_t}^{t+1} = x_{I_{t+1} \cap I_t}^t$ and using RIP of order $2l$ (since $|\text{supp}(y^{t+1} - x^t)| = |F_t \cup L_t| \leq 2l$).

Since $x_{I_t}^t$ is obtained using least squares,

$$A_{I_t}^T A(x^t - x^*) = \mathbf{0}.$$

Thus, $A_{L_t}^T A(x^t - x^*) = \mathbf{0}$, because $L_t \subseteq I_t$. Next, note that

$$y_{F_t}^{t+1} = -\eta A_{F_t}^T A(x^t - x^*).$$

Hence,

$$f(y^{t+1}) - f(x^t) \leq \left(\frac{1 + \delta_{2l}}{2} - \frac{1}{\eta} \right) \|y_{F_t}^{t+1}\|^2 + \frac{1 + \delta_{2l}}{2} \|x_{L_t}^t\|^2. \quad (21)$$

Furthermore, since y^{t+1} is chosen based on the k largest entries in $z_{J_{t+1}}^{t+1}$, we have,

$$\|y_{F_t}^{t+1}\|^2 = \|z_{F_t}^{t+1}\|^2 \geq \|z_{L_t}^{t+1}\|^2 = \|x_{L_t}^t\|^2.$$

Plugging this into (21), we get:

$$f(y^{t+1}) - f(x^t) \leq \left(1 + \delta_{2l} - \frac{1}{\eta} \right) \|y_{F_t}^{t+1}\|^2.$$

Now, using Lemma 17, $\|y_{F_t}^{t+1}\|^2 \geq \frac{l}{k} c f(x^t)$ and therefore,

$$f(x^{t+1}) - f(x^t) \leq f(y^{t+1}) - f(x^t) \leq -\alpha \frac{l}{k} f(x^t)$$

where $\alpha = c \left(1 + \delta_{2l} - \frac{1}{\eta} \right) > 0$ since $\eta(1 + \delta_{2l}) < 1$. Hence,

$$f(x^{t+1}) \leq (1 - \alpha \frac{l}{k}) f(x^t) \leq e^{-\alpha \frac{l}{k}} f(x^t).$$

The above inequality shows that at each iteration OMPR (l) reduces the objective function value by a fixed multiplicative factor. Furthermore, if x^0 is chosen to have entries bounded by 1, then $f(x^0) \leq (1 + \delta_{2k})k$. Hence, after $O(\frac{k}{l} \log((1 + \delta_{2k})k/\epsilon))$ iterations, the function value reduces to ϵ , i.e., $f(x^t) \leq \epsilon$. \square

B Proofs related to the LSH Section

Lemma 18. *Let $\|x\| = 1$ for all points x in our database. Let x^* be the nearest neighbor to \mathbf{r} in L_2 distance metric, and let $\mathbf{r}^T x^* \geq c > 0$. Then, a $(1 + \alpha\epsilon)$ -nearest neighbor to \mathbf{r} is also a $(1 - \epsilon)$ -similar neighbor to \mathbf{r} , where $\alpha \leq \frac{2c}{1 + \mathbf{r}^T \mathbf{r} - 2c}$.*

Proof. Let x' be a $(1 + \alpha\epsilon)$ -nearest neighbor to \mathbf{r} , then:

$$\|x' - \mathbf{r}\|^2 \leq (1 + \alpha\epsilon) \|x^* - \mathbf{r}\|^2.$$

Using $\|x'\| = \|x^*\| = 1$ and simplifying, we get:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{r}^T x' &\geq (1 - \epsilon) \mathbf{r}^T x^* + (\alpha + 1) \epsilon \mathbf{r}^T x^* - \frac{\alpha\epsilon}{2} (1 + \mathbf{r}^T \mathbf{r}), \\ &\geq (1 - \epsilon) \mathbf{r}^T x^* + ((\alpha + 1)c - \frac{\alpha}{2} (1 + \mathbf{r}^T \mathbf{r})) \epsilon. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, x' is a $(1 - \epsilon)$ -approximate similar neighbor to \mathbf{r} if:

$$(\alpha + 1)c \geq \frac{\alpha}{2} (1 + \mathbf{r}^T \mathbf{r}).$$

The result follows after simplification. \square

We now provide a proof of Theorem 7.

Proof. Let us first consider a single step of OMPR. Now, similar to Lemma 15, we can show that if $\delta_{2k} < 1/4 - \gamma$ and $\eta = 1 - \gamma$, $\gamma > 0$, then $\|z_{MD_t}^{t+1}\|^2 > \frac{3}{2} \|x_{FA_t}^t\|^2$. Setting $\epsilon = 1 - \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}$, implies that $(1 - \epsilon) \max |z_{MD_t}^{t+1}| \geq \min |x_{FA_t}^t|$, i.e., a $(1 - \epsilon)$ -similar neighbor to $\max |z_{MD_t}^{t+1}|$ will still lead to a constant decrease in the objective function.

So, the goal is to ensure that with probability $1 - \delta$, $\delta > 0$, for all the $O(k)$ iterations, our LSH method returns at least a $(1 - \epsilon)$ -similar neighbor to $\max |z_{MD_t}^{t+1}|$ where $\epsilon = 1 - \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}$. To this end, we need to ensure that at each step t , LSH finds at least a $(1 - \epsilon)$ -similar neighbor to $\max |z_{MD_t}^{t+1}|$ with probability at least $1 - \delta/k$. Using Lemma 18, we need to find a $(1 + \alpha\epsilon)$ -nearest neighbor to $\max |z_{MD_t}^{t+1}|$, where

$$\alpha \leq \frac{2c}{1 + \mathbf{r}^T \mathbf{r} - 2c},$$

and $\mathbf{r}^T x^* \geq c$. Using Lemma 17, $\alpha = O(1/k)$. Hence the result now follows using Theorem 6 (main text). \square

C Extension to Noisy Case

In this section, we consider the noisy case in which our objective function is $f(x) = \frac{1}{2} \|Ax - b\|^2$, where $b = Ax^* + e$ and $e \in \mathbb{R}^m$ is the “noise” vector.

Let I_t denote the support set of x^t and I^* be the support set of x^* . Define the sets

$$\begin{aligned} FA_t &= I_t \setminus I^* && \text{(false alarms)} \\ MD_t &= I^* \setminus I_t && \text{(missed detections)} \\ CO_t &= I_t \cap I^* && \text{(correct detections)}. \end{aligned}$$

Lemma 19. *Let $f(x^t) \geq \frac{C}{2} \|e\|^2$ and $\delta_{2k} < 1 - \frac{1}{2D\eta}$, where $D = \frac{C - \sqrt{C}}{(\sqrt{C} + 1)^2}$. Then,*

$$\|z_{MD_t}^{t+1}\|^2 - \|x_{FA_t}^t\|^2 \geq cf(x^t),$$

where $c = 2 \frac{(\sqrt{C} + 1)^2}{C} (2\eta D - \frac{1}{1 - \delta_{2k}}) > 0$.

Proof. Since $x_{I_t}^t$ is the solution to the least squares problem $\min_x \|A_{I_t} x - b\|^2$,

$$A_{I_t}^T (A_{I_t} x_{I_t}^t - b) = 0. \tag{22}$$

Now, note that

$$\begin{aligned} f(x^t) &= \frac{1}{2} \|A_{I_t} x_{I_t}^t - b\|^2, \\ &= \frac{1}{2} ((x_{I_t}^t)^T A_{I_t}^T (A_{I_t} x_{I_t}^t - b) - b^T (A_{I_t} x_{I_t}^t - b)), \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} b^T (A_{I_t} x_{I_t}^t - b), \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} (x_{MD_t}^*)^T A_{MD_t}^T (A_{I_t} x_{I_t}^t - b) - \frac{1}{2} e^T (A_{I_t} x_{I_t}^t - b), \\ &= \frac{1}{2\eta} (x_{MD_t}^*)^T z_{MD_t}^{t+1} - \frac{1}{2} e^T (A_{I_t} x_{I_t}^t - b), \end{aligned} \tag{23}$$

where the third equality follows from (22).

Now,

$$\begin{aligned} \|x_{MD_t}^* - z_{MD_t}^{t+1}\|^2 &= \|x_{MD_t}^*\|^2 + \|z_{MD_t}^{t+1}\|^2 - 2(x_{MD_t}^*)^T z_{MD_t}^{t+1} \\ &= \|x_{MD_t}^*\|^2 + \|z_{MD_t}^{t+1}\|^2 - 4\eta(f(x^t) + \frac{1}{2} e^T (A_{I_t} x_{I_t}^t - b)) \end{aligned} \tag{24}$$

So,

$$\begin{aligned}
0 &\leq \|x_{MD_t}^*\|^2 + \|x_{FA_t}^t\|^2 - \|x_{FA_t}^t\|^2 + \|z_{MD_t}^{t+1}\|^2 - 4\eta(f(x^t) + \frac{1}{2}e^T(A_{I_t}x_{I_t}^t - b)), \\
&\leq \|x_{MD_t}^*\|^2 + \|x_{FA_t}^t\|^2 + \|x_{CO_t}^t - x_{CO_t}^*\|^2 - \|x_{FA_t}^t\|^2 + \|z_{MD_t}^{t+1}\|^2 - 4\eta(f(x^t) + \frac{1}{2}e^T(A_{I_t}x_{I_t}^t - b)), \\
&\leq \|x^t - x^*\|^2 - \|x_{FA_t}^t\|^2 + \|z_{MD_t}^{t+1}\|^2 - 4\eta(f(x^t) + \frac{1}{2}e^T(A_{I_t}x_{I_t}^t - b)), \\
&\leq \frac{1}{1 - \delta_{2k}} \|A(x^t - x^*)\|^2 - \|x_{FA_t}^t\|^2 + \|z_{MD_t}^{t+1}\|^2 - 4\eta(f(x^t) + \frac{1}{2}e^T(A_{I_t}x_{I_t}^t - b)), \\
&= \frac{1}{1 - \delta_{2k}} \|A(x^t - x^*)\|^2 - \|x_{FA_t}^t\|^2 + \|z_{MD_t}^{t+1}\|^2 - 4\eta(1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{C}})f(x^t).
\end{aligned}$$

Now, by assumption: $f(x^t) \geq \frac{C}{2}\|e\|^2$. Hence,

$$\begin{aligned}
\|A(x^t - x^*)\| &\leq \|A(x^t - x^*) - e\| + \|e\|, \\
\|A(x^t - x^*)\|^2 &\leq 2(1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{C}})^2 f(x^t).
\end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$2 \left(2\eta(1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{C}}) - \frac{1}{1 - \delta_{2k}}(1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{C}})^2 \right) f(x^t) \leq \|z_{MD_t}^{t+1}\|^2 - \|x_{FA_t}^t\|^2$$

Now, by assumption $\delta_{2k} < 1 - \frac{1}{2D\eta}$, where $D = \frac{(\sqrt{C}+1)^2}{C-\sqrt{C}}$. Hence, $c = 2 \frac{(\sqrt{C}+1)^2}{C} (2\eta D - \frac{1}{1-\delta_{2k}}) > 0$. \square

Next, we provide a lemma that bounds the function value $f(x^t)$ in terms of missed detection MD_t and also $z_{MD_t}^{t+1}$.

Lemma 20. *Let $f(x^t) = \frac{1}{2}\|Ax^t - b\|^2 \geq \frac{C}{2}\|e\|^2$, $b = Ax^* + e$, $\delta_{2k} < 1 - \frac{1}{2D\eta}$ and $D = \frac{C-\sqrt{C}}{(\sqrt{C}+1)^2}$. Then, at each step,*

$$\frac{(1-\eta)^2 C}{\eta(\sqrt{C}+1)^2} \|x_{MD_t}^*\|^2 \leq f(x^t) \leq \frac{1}{4\eta(1-\eta)^2} \frac{(\sqrt{C}+1)^2}{(\sqrt{C}-1)^2} \|z_{MD_t}^{t+1}\|^2 \quad (25)$$

Proof. First we lower bound $f(x^t)$:

$$\begin{aligned}
\sqrt{f(x^t)} &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \|Ax^t - Ax^* - e\|, \\
&\geq \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\|Ax^t - Ax^*\| - \|e\|), \\
&\geq \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left(\min_{x: x_{I_t}=0} \|Ax - Ax^*\| - \|e\| \right), \\
&\geq \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left(\frac{(1-2\delta_{2k})}{\sqrt{(1-\delta_{2k})}} \|x_{MD_t}^*\| - \|e\| \right),
\end{aligned}$$

where last equality follows from Lemma 16. Using the above inequality with $f(x^t) \geq \frac{C}{2}\|e\|^2$, we get:

$$f(x^t) \geq \frac{(1-2\delta_{2k})^2 C}{2(1-\delta_{2k})(\sqrt{C}+1)^2} \|x_{MD_t}^*\|^2. \quad (26)$$

The assumption that $\delta_{2k} < 1 - \frac{1}{2D\eta}$ and $D\eta < 1$ implies that $\delta_{2k} < 1 - \frac{1}{2D\eta} < 1/2$. The function $\alpha \mapsto (1 - 2\alpha)^2/(2(1-\alpha))$ is decreasing on $[0, 1/2]$ and hence the above equation implies

$$f(x^t) \geq \frac{(1-D\eta)^2}{D\eta} \|x_{MD_t}^*\|^2. \quad (27)$$

Now, we upper bound $f(x^t)$. Using definition of $f(x^t)$:

$$\frac{1}{2\eta}(x_{MD_t}^*)^T z_{MD_t}^{t+1} = f(x^t) + \frac{1}{2}e^T(A_{I_t}x_{I_t}^t - b).$$

Now, using Cauchy-Schwarz and $f(x^t) \geq \frac{C}{2}\|e\|^2$,

$$|e^T(A_{I_t}x_{I_t}^t - b)| \leq \|e\| \|A_{I_t}x_{I_t}^t - b\| \leq \frac{2}{\sqrt{C}}f(x^t).$$

Hence,

$$\frac{1}{2\eta}\|x_{MD_t}^*\| \|z_{MD_t}^{t+1}\| \geq \frac{1}{2\eta}(x_{MD_t}^*)^T z_{MD_t}^{t+1} \geq (1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{C}})f(x^t).$$

That is,

$$\|z_{MD_t}^{t+1}\|^2 \geq 4\eta^2 \left(1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{C}}\right)^2 \frac{f(x^t)^2}{\|x_{MD_t}^*\|^2} \geq 4\eta(1 - D\eta)^2 \frac{(\sqrt{C}-1)^2}{CD} f(x^t), \quad (28)$$

where the second inequality follows from (27). \square

Next, we present the following lemma that shows “enough” progress at each step:

Lemma 21. *Let $f(x^t) \geq \frac{C}{2}\|e\|^2$, $\eta < 1$ and $\delta_{2k} < 1 - \frac{1}{2D\eta}$, where $D = 1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{C}-1}$. Then at least one new element is found i.e. $F_t \neq \emptyset$. Furthermore, $\|y_{F_t}^{t+1}\| > \frac{1}{k}\alpha f(x^t)$, where $\alpha = \min(4\eta(1 - D\eta)^2 \frac{(\sqrt{C}-1)^2}{CD}, 2\frac{(\sqrt{C}+1)^2}{C}(2\eta D - \frac{1}{1-\delta_{2k}})) > 0$ is a constant.*

Proof. As for the exact case, we analyse the following three exhaustive cases:

1. $|F_t| < l$ and $|F_t| < |MD_t|$: Here we use the exactly similar argument as the exact case to obtain the following inequality (see (16)):

$$\|z_{MD_t}^{t+1}\|^2 \leq \|y_{F_t}^{t+1}\|^2 + \|x_{FA_t}^t\|^2. \quad (29)$$

Using Lemma 19, we get:

$$\|y_{F_t}^{t+1}\|^2 \geq cf(x^t), \quad (30)$$

where c is as defined in Lemma 19. Now, note that if $|F_t| = 0$, then $y_{F_t}^{t+1} = 0$ implying that $f(x^t) = 0$. Hence, at least one new element is added, i.e., $y_{F_t}^{t+1} \neq \emptyset$.

2. $|F_t| = l < |MD_t|$: By definition of $y_{F_t}^{t+1}$:

$$\frac{\|y_{F_t}^{t+1}\|^2}{|F_t|} \geq \frac{\|z_{MD_t}^{t+1}\|^2}{|MD_t|}.$$

Hence, using Lemma 20 and the fact that $|F_t| = l$:

$$\|y_{F_t}^{t+1}\|^2 \geq \frac{l}{|MD_t|} 4\eta(1 - D\eta)^2 \frac{(\sqrt{C}-1)^2}{CD} f(x^t) \geq \frac{l}{k} 4\eta(1 - D\eta)^2 \frac{(\sqrt{C}-1)^2}{CD} f(x^t), \quad (31)$$

as $|MD_t| \leq k$.

3. $|F_t| \geq |MD_t|$: Since, $y_{F_t}^{t+1}$ is the top most elements of z^{t+1} . Hence, assuming $|F_t| \geq |MD_t|$,

$$\|y_{F_t}^{t+1}\|^2 \geq \|z_{MD_t}^{t+1}\|^2.$$

Now, using Lemma 20:

$$\|y_{F_t}^{t+1}\|^2 \geq 4\eta(1 - D\eta)^2 \frac{(\sqrt{C}-1)^2}{CD} f(x^t). \quad (32)$$

We get the lemma by combining bounds for all the three cases, i.e., (30), (31), (32). \square

Now, we provide a proof of Theorem 2.

Proof. We have,

$$\begin{aligned} f(y^{t+1}) - f(x^t) &= (y^{t+1} - x^t)^T A^T (Ax^t - b) + 1/2 \|A(y^{t+1} - x^t)\|^2, \\ &\leq (y^{t+1} - x^t)^T A^T (Ax^t - b) + \frac{(1 + \delta_{2l})}{2} (\|y_{F_t}^{t+1}\|^2 + \|x_{L_t}^t\|^2). \end{aligned} \quad (33)$$

where the second inequality follows by using the fact that $y_{I_{t+1} \cap I_t}^{t+1} = x_{I_{t+1} \cap I_t}^t$ and using RIP of order $2l$ (since $|\text{supp}(y^{t+1} - x^t)| = |F_t \cup L_t| \leq 2l$).

Since $x_{I_t}^t$ is obtained using least squares,

$$A_{I_t}^T (Ax^t - b) = \mathbf{0}.$$

That is, $A_{L_t}^T (Ax^t - b) = \mathbf{0}$, because $L_t \subseteq I_t$. Next, note that

$$y_{F_t}^{t+1} = -\eta A_{F_t}^T (Ax^t - b).$$

Hence,

$$f(y^{t+1}) - f(x^t) \leq \left(\frac{1 + \delta_{2l}}{2} - \frac{1}{\eta} \right) \|y_{F_t}^{t+1}\|^2 + \frac{1 + \delta_{2l}}{2} \|x_{L_t}^t\|^2. \quad (34)$$

Furthermore, since y^{t+1} is chosen based on largest entries in $z_{J_{t+1}}^{t+1}$, we have,

$$\|y_{F_t}^{t+1}\|^2 = \|z_{F_t}^{t+1}\|^2 \geq \|z_{L_t}^{t+1}\|^2 = \|x_{L_t}^t\|^2.$$

Plugging this into (34), we get:

$$f(y^{t+1}) - f(x^t) \leq \left(1 + \delta_{2l} - \frac{1}{\eta} \right) \|y_{F_t}^{t+1}\|^2.$$

Now, using Lemma 21, $\|y_{F_t}^{t+1}\|^2 \geq \alpha f(x^t) > 0$ and therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} f(x^{t+1}) - f(x^t) &\leq f(y^{t+1}) - f(x^t) \\ &\leq -c' \frac{l}{k} f(x^t), \end{aligned}$$

where $c' = \frac{1 - \eta(1 + \delta_{2l})}{\eta(1 + \delta_{2l})} \alpha > 0$ since $\eta(1 + \delta_{2l}) < 1$. The above inequality shows that at each iteration OMPR (l) reduces the objective function value by a fixed multiplicative factor. Furthermore, if x^0 is chosen to have entries bounded by 1, then $f(x^0) \leq O((1 + \delta_{2k})k + \|e\|^2)$. Hence, after $O(\frac{k}{l} \log((k + \|e\|^2)/\epsilon))$ iterations, the function value reduces to $C\|e\|^2/2 + \epsilon$. \square

D Analysis of 2-stage Algorithms

In this section, we consider the family of two-stage hard thresholding algorithms (see Algorithm 3) introduced by [17].

We now provide a simple analysis for the general two-stage hard thresholding algorithms. We first present a few technical lemmas that we will need for our proof.

Lemma 22. Let $b = Ax^*$, where $I^* = \text{supp}(x^*)$. Also, let $x = \text{argmin}_{\text{supp}(x)=I} \|Ax - b\|^2$. Then,

$$\sqrt{\|(x - x^*)_{I \cap I^*}\|^2 + \|x_{I \setminus I^*}\|^2} = \|(x - x^*)_I\| \leq \frac{\delta_{|I \cup I^*|}}{\sqrt{1 - \delta_{|I \cup I^*|}^2}} \|x_{I^* \setminus I}^*\|$$

Algorithm 3 Two-stage(l)

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1: Input: matrix  $A$ , vector  $b$ , sparsity level  $k$ 
2: Initialize  $x^1$ 
3: for  $t = 1$  to  $T$  do
4:    $\text{top}_{t+1} \leftarrow$  indices of top  $l$  elements of  $|A^T(Ax^t - b)|$ 
5:    $J_{t+1} \leftarrow I_t \cup \text{top}_{t+1}$ 
6:    $z_{J_{t+1}}^{t+1} \leftarrow A_{J_{t+1}} \setminus b, z_{\bar{J}_{t+1}}^{t+1} \leftarrow \mathbf{0}$ 
7:    $y^{t+1} \leftarrow H_k(z^{t+1})$ 
8:    $I_{t+1} \leftarrow \text{supp}(y^{t+1})$ 
9:    $x_{I_{t+1}}^{t+1} \leftarrow A_{I_{t+1}} \setminus b, x_{\bar{I}_{t+1}}^{t+1} \leftarrow \mathbf{0}$ 
10: end for
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Proof. A similar inequality appears in [10] and we rewrite the proof here. Since x_I is the solution to $\min_u \|A_I u - b\|^2$,
 $A_I^T(A_I x_I - b) = 0$. (35)

In the exact case, $b = Ax^*$. Hence,

$$\|(x - x^*)_I\|^2 = [(x - x^*)_I \ 0]^T \begin{bmatrix} (x - x^*)_I \\ -x_{I^* \setminus I}^* \end{bmatrix} \quad (36)$$

Now, using (35):

$$0 = [(x - x^*)_I \ 0]^T A_G^T A_G \begin{bmatrix} (x - x^*)_I \\ -x_{I^* \setminus I}^* \end{bmatrix}, \quad (37)$$

where $G = [I \ I^* \setminus I]$. Subtracting (37) from (36) we get,

$$\begin{aligned} \|(x - x^*)_I\|^2 &= [(x - x^*)_I \ 0]^T (I - A_G^T A_G) \begin{bmatrix} (x - x^*)_I \\ -x_{I^* \setminus I}^* \end{bmatrix}, \\ &\leq \delta_{2k} \|(x - x^*)_I\| \sqrt{\|(x - x^*)_I\|^2 + \|x_{I^* \setminus I}^*\|^2}, \end{aligned} \quad (38)$$

where the second inequality follows using Lemma 13. Lemma follows by just rearranging terms now. □

We now present our main theorem and its proof for two-stage thresholding algorithms.

Theorem 23. Suppose the vector $x^* \in \mathbb{R}^n$ is k -sparse and binary. Then Two-stage(l) recovers x^* from measurements $b = Ax^*$ in $O(k)$ iterations provided:

$$\delta_{2k+l} \leq .35$$

Proof. As z^{t+1} is the least squares solution over support set J_{t+1} , hence:

$$f(z^{t+1}) - f(x^t) \leq f(s^{t+1}) - f(x^t), \quad (39)$$

where $s_{J_{t+1}}^{t+1} = (x^t - \eta A^T(Ax^t - b))_{J_{t+1}}$, $\eta = \frac{1}{1+\delta_l}$ and $s_{\bar{J}_{t+1}}^{t+1} = 0$.

Now,

$$f(s^{t+1}) - f(x^t) = (s^{t+1} - x^t)^T A^T(Ax^t - b) + \frac{1}{2} \|As^{t+1} - Ax^t\|^2. \quad (40)$$

Now, as x^t is the least squares solution over I_t . Hence, $A_{I_t}^T(Ax^t - b) = 0$. Hence,

$$(s^{t+1} - x^t)_{I_t} = 0, \quad (s^{t+1} - x^t)_{\text{top}_{t+1}} = -\eta A_{\text{top}_{t+1}}^T(Ax^t - b), \quad (s^{t+1} - x^t)_{\bar{J}_{t+1}} = 0. \quad (41)$$

Using (40) and (41):

$$\begin{aligned} f(s^{t+1}) - f(x^t) &= -\eta \|A_{\text{top}_{t+1}}^T(Ax^t - b)\|^2 + \frac{\eta^2}{2} \|A_{\text{top}_{t+1}} A_{\text{top}_{t+1}}^T(Ax^t - b)\|^2, \\ &\leq -\eta \|A_{\text{top}_{t+1}}^T(Ax^t - b)\|^2 + \frac{\eta^2(1+\delta_l)}{2} \|A_{\text{top}_{t+1}}^T(Ax^t - b)\|^2, \\ &= -\frac{\eta}{2} \|A_{\text{top}_{t+1}}^T(Ax^t - b)\|^2. \end{aligned} \quad (42)$$

Now, let MD_t be the set of missed detections, i.e., $MD_t = I^* \setminus I^t$. Then, by definition of top_{t+1} :

$$\|A_{\text{top}_{t+1}}^T(Ax^t - b)\|^2 \geq \min\left(1, \frac{l}{|MD_t|}\right) \|A_{MD_t}^T(Ax^t - b)\|^2. \quad (43)$$

Furthermore,

$$\begin{aligned} \|A_{MD_t}^T(Ax^t - b)\| &= \|A_{MD_t}^T A_{MD_t} x_{MD_t}^* - A_{MD_t}^T A_{I_t}(x^t - x^*)_{I_t}\|, \\ &\geq \|A_{MD_t}^T A_{MD_t} x_{MD_t}^*\| - \|A_{MD_t}^T A_{I_t}(x^t - x^*)_{I_t}\|, \\ &\geq (1 - \delta_k) \|x_{MD_t}^*\| - \frac{\delta_{2k}^2}{\sqrt{1 - \delta_{2k}^2}} \|x_{MD_t}^*\|, \end{aligned} \quad (44)$$

where last inequality follows using Lemma 14 and Lemma 22.

Hence, using (42), (43), and (44):

$$f(z^{t+1}) - f(x^t) \leq f(s^{t+1}) - f(x^t) \leq -\frac{1}{2(1 + \delta_l)} \min\left(1, \frac{l}{|MD_t|}\right) \left(1 - \delta_k - \frac{\delta_{2k}^2}{\sqrt{1 - \delta_{2k}^2}}\right)^2 \|x_{MD_t}^*\|^2. \quad (45)$$

Next, we upper bound increase in the objective function by removing l elements from z^{t+1} .

$$\begin{aligned} f(y^{t+1}) - f(z^{t+1}) &= (y^{t+1} - z^{t+1})^T A^T (Az^{t+1} - b) + \frac{1}{2} \|Ay^{t+1} - Az^{t+1}\|^2, \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \|Ay^{t+1} - Az^{t+1}\|^2, \\ &\leq \frac{1 + \delta_l}{2} \|z_{J_{t+1} \setminus I_{t+1}}^{t+1}\|^2, \end{aligned} \quad (46)$$

where the second equation follows as z^{t+1} is a least squares solution, and both y^{t+1} , z^{t+1} 's support is a subset of J_{t+1} . The third equation follows from RIP and the fact that $z_{I_{t+1}}^{t+1} = y_{I_{t+1}}^{t+1}$.

Now, using Lemma 22:

$$\|z_{J_{t+1} \setminus I^*}^{t+1}\|^2 \leq \frac{\delta_{2k+l}^2}{1 - \delta_{2k+l}^2} \|x_{I^* \setminus J_{t+1}}^*\|^2. \quad (47)$$

Furthermore, $|J_{t+1} \setminus I_{t+1}| = l \leq |J_{t+1} \setminus I^*|$. Hence, by definition of I_{t+1} ,

$$\|z_{J_{t+1} \setminus I_{t+1}}^{t+1}\|^2 \leq \frac{l}{|J_{t+1} \setminus I^*|} \|z_{J_{t+1} \setminus I^*}^{t+1}\|^2.$$

Using above equation and (47), we get:

$$\|z_{J_{t+1} \setminus I_{t+1}}^{t+1}\|^2 \leq \frac{l}{|J_{t+1} \setminus I^*|} \frac{\delta_{2k+l}^2}{1 - \delta_{2k+l}^2} \|x_{I^* \setminus J_{t+1}}^*\|^2, \quad (48)$$

Also, $|J_{t+1} \setminus I^*| = l + |I^* \setminus J_{t+1}| \leq l + |MD_t|$. Using (46), (48), and the fact that $f(x^{t+1}) \leq f(y^{t+1})$ and each $x_{I^*}^* = 1$:

$$f(x^{t+1}) - f(z^{t+1}) \leq \frac{l}{l + |I^* \setminus J_{t+1}|} \frac{1 + \delta_l}{2} \frac{\delta_{2k+l}^2}{1 - \delta_{2k+l}^2} |I^* \setminus J_{t+1}|. \quad (49)$$

Adding (45) and (49), we get:

$$f(x^{t+1}) - f(x^t) \leq -\frac{1}{2(1 + \delta_l)} \left(\min(|MD_t|, l) \left(1 - \delta_k - \frac{\delta_{2k}^2}{\sqrt{1 - \delta_{2k}^2}}\right)^2 - \frac{l \cdot |I^* \setminus J_{t+1}|}{l + |I^* \setminus J_{t+1}|} \frac{(1 + \delta_l)^2 \delta_{2k+l}^2}{1 - \delta_{2k+l}^2} \right). \quad (50)$$

Now, $\frac{l \cdot |I^* \setminus J_{t+1}|}{l + |I^* \setminus J_{t+1}|} \leq \min(l, |I^* \setminus J_{t+1}|) \leq \min(l, |MD_t|)$.

Hence,

$$f(x^{t+1}) - f(x^t) \leq -\frac{\min(l, |MD_t|)}{2(1 + \delta_l)} \left(\left(1 - \delta_k - \frac{\delta_{2k}^2}{\sqrt{1 - \delta_{2k}^2}} \right)^2 - \frac{(1 + \delta_l)^2 \delta_{2k+l}^2}{1 - \delta_{2k+l}^2} \right). \quad (51)$$

Now consider:

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\left(1 - \delta_k - \frac{\delta_{2k}^2}{\sqrt{1 - \delta_{2k}^2}} \right)^2 - \frac{(1 + \delta_l)^2 \delta_{2k+l}^2}{1 - \delta_{2k+l}^2} \right) &\geq \frac{1}{1 - \delta_{2k+l}^2} \left(((1 - \delta_{2k+l}) \sqrt{1 - \delta_{2k+l}^2} - \delta_{2k+l}^2)^2 - (1 + \delta_{2k+l})^2 \delta_{2k+l}^2 \right), \\ &> 0.01, \end{aligned} \quad (52)$$

where the second inequality follows by substituting $\delta_{2k+1} \leq .35$.

Hence, using (51) and (52), we have:

$$f(x^{t+1}) \leq f(x^t) - \min(l, |MD_t|) \cdot 0.0001. \quad (53)$$

The above equation guarantees convergence to the optima in at least $O(k)$ steps although faster convergence can be shown for larger k . \square

Corollary 24. *Cosamp converges to the optima provided*

$$\delta_{4k} \leq 0.35.$$

Corollary 25. *Subspace-Pursuit converges to the optima provided*

$$\delta_{3k} \leq 0.35.$$

Note that CoSamp's analysis given by [19] requires $\delta_{4k} \leq 0.1$ while Subspace pursuit's analysis given by [4] requires $\delta_{3k} \leq 0.205$. Note that our generic analysis provides significantly better guarantees for both the methods.