# A  Supplementary material

## A.1  Lipschitz Continuity of $\nabla f(X)$

**Lemma 2.** For any $X, Y \in \mathbb{S}_{++}^p$,

$$\frac{1}{b^2} \|X - Y\|_2 \leq \|X^{-1} - Y^{-1}\|_2 \leq \frac{1}{a^2} \|X - Y\|_2 ,$$

where $a = \min\{\lambda_{\min}(X), \lambda_{\min}(Y)\}$ and $b = \max\{\lambda_{\max}(X), \lambda_{\max}(Y)\}$.

*Proof.* To prove the right-hand side inequality, notice that

$$X^{-1} - Y^{-1} = X^{-1}(Y - X)Y^{-1}.$$

Thus,

$$
\begin{aligned}
\|X^{-1} - Y^{-1}\|_2 &= \|X^{-1}(Y - X)Y^{-1}\|_2 \\
&\leq \|X^{-1}\|_2 \|X - Y\|_2 \|Y^{-1}\|_2 \\
&= \lambda_{\max}(X^{-1})\lambda_{\max}(Y^{-1}) \|X - Y\|_2 \\
&= \frac{1}{\lambda_{\min}(X)} \frac{1}{\lambda_{\min}(Y)} \|X - Y\|_2 \\
&\leq \frac{1}{a^2} \|X - Y\|_2 .
\end{aligned}
$$

To prove the left inequality, note first that

$$Y - X = X(X^{-1} - Y^{-1})Y.$$

Therefore,

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\begin{aligned}
\|X - Y\|_2 &= \|X(X^{-1} - Y^{-1})Y\|_2 \\
&\leq \|X\|_2 \|X^{-1} - Y^{-1}\|_2 \|Y\|_2 \\
&= \lambda_{\max}(X)\lambda_{\max}(Y) \|X^{-1} - Y^{-1}\|_2 \\
&\leq b^2 \|X^{-1} - Y^{-1}\|_2 .
\end{aligned}
$$

This shows that

$$\|X^{-1} - Y^{-1}\|_2 \geq \frac{1}{b^2} \|X - Y\|_2$$

and concludes the proof. $\square$

The function $\nabla f(X) = S - X^{-1}$ is Lipschitz continuous on any compact domain, since for $X, Y \in \mathbb{S}_{++}^p$ such that $aI \preceq X, Y \preceq bI$,

$$
\begin{aligned}
\|\nabla f(X) - \nabla f(Y)\|_F &= \|X^{-1} - Y^{-1}\|_F \\
&\leq \sqrt{p} \|X^{-1} - Y^{-1}\|_2 \\
&\leq \frac{\sqrt{p}}{a^2} \|X - Y\|_2 \\
&\leq \frac{\sqrt{p}}{a^2} \|X - Y\|_F .
\end{aligned}
$$

## A.2  Proof of Theorem 1

We now provide the proof of Theorem 1.

**Lemma 3.** Let $\Theta_t$ be as in Algorithm 1 and let $\Theta_\rho^*$ be the optimal point of problem (1). Also, define

$$b := \max\{\lambda_{\max}(\Theta_t), \lambda_{\max}(\Theta_\rho^*)\}, \quad a := \min\{\lambda_{\min}(\Theta_t), \lambda_{\min}(\Theta_\rho^*)\}.$$

Then

$$\|\Theta_{t+1} - \Theta_\rho^*\|_F \leq \max\left\{\left|1 - \frac{\zeta_t}{b^2}\right|, \left|1 - \frac{\zeta_t}{a^2}\right|\right\} \|\Theta_t - \Theta_\rho^*\|_F .$$

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*Proof.* By construction in Algorithm 1,

$$\Theta_{t+1} = \eta_{\zeta_t \rho}\left((\Theta_t - \zeta_t(S - \Theta_t^{-1}))\right)$$

Moreover, as $\Theta_\rho^*$ is a fixed point of the ISTA iteration [8, Prop. 3.1], it satisfies

$$\Theta_\rho^* = \eta_{\zeta_t \rho}\left(\Theta_\rho^* - \zeta_t(S - (\Theta_\rho^*)^{-1})\right).$$

The soft-thresholding operator $\eta_\rho(\cdot)$ is a proximity operator corresponding to $\rho\left\|\cdot\right\|_1$. Since prox operators are non-expansive [8, Lemma 2.2], it follows that:

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\begin{aligned}
\left\|\Theta_{t+1} - \Theta_\rho^*\right\|_F &= \left\|\eta_{\zeta_t \rho}\left(\Theta_t - \zeta_t(S - \Theta_t^{-1})\right) - \eta_{\zeta_t \rho}\left(\Theta_\rho^* - \zeta_t(S - (\Theta_\rho^*)^{-1})\right)\right\|_F \\
&\leq \left\|\Theta_t - \zeta_t(S - \Theta_t^{-1}) - \left(\Theta_\rho^* - \zeta_t(S - (\Theta_\rho^*)^{-1})\right)\right\|_F \\
&= \left\|(\Theta_t + \zeta_t \Theta_t^{-1}) - \left(\Theta_\rho^* + \zeta_t(\Theta_\rho^*)^{-1}\right)\right\|_F
\end{aligned}
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To bound the latter expression, recall that if $h : U \subset \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}^m$ is a differentiable mapping, with $x, y \in U$, and $cx + (1-c)y \in U$ for all $c \in [0,1]$, then

$$\|h(x) - h(y)\| \leq \sup_{c \in [0,1]} \left\{\left\|J_h\left(cx + (1-c)y\right)\right\| \|x - y\|\right\}$$

where $J_h(\cdot)$ is the Jacobian of $h$. Define $h_\gamma : \mathbb{S}_{++}^p \to \mathbb{R}^{p^2}$ by

$$h_\gamma(X) = \text{vec}(X) + \text{vec}(\gamma X^{-1}),$$

where $\text{vec}(\cdot) : \mathbb{R}^{p \times p} \to \mathbb{R}^{p^2}$ is the vectorization operator defined by

$$\text{vec}(A) = (A_{1,}, A_{2,}, \ldots, A_{p,})^T$$

with $A_{i,}$ the $i^{th}$ row of $A$. Note that for $X \in \mathbb{S}_{++}^p$,

$$\frac{\partial X}{\partial X} = I_{p^2} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\partial X^{-1}}{\partial X} = -X^{-1} \otimes X^{-1},$$

where $\otimes$ is the Kronecker product and $I_{p^2}$ is the $p^2 \times p^2$ identity matrix. Then the Jacobian of $h_\gamma$ is given by:

$$J_{h_\gamma}(X) = I_{p^2} - \gamma X^{-1} \otimes X^{-1}.$$

Application of the mean value theorem to $h_{\zeta_t}$ over $Z_{t,c} = \text{vec}(c\Theta_t + (1-c)\Theta_\rho^*)$, $c \in [0,1]$ yields

$$
\begin{aligned}
\left\|h_{\zeta_t}(\Theta_t) - h_{\zeta_t}(\Theta_\rho^*)\right\|_F &\leq \sup_c \left\{\left\|I_{p^2} - \zeta_t Z_{t,c}^{-1} \otimes Z_{t,c}^{-1}\right\|_2\right\} \left\|\text{vec}(\Theta_t) - \text{vec}(\Theta_\rho^*)\right\|_2 \\
&= \sup_c \left\{\left\|I_{p^2} - \zeta_t Z_{t,c}^{-1} \otimes Z_{t,c}^{-1}\right\|_2\right\} \left\|\Theta_t - \Theta_\rho^*\right\|_F.
\end{aligned}
$$

Denoting the eigenvalues of $Z_{t,c}$ for given values of $t$ and $c$ as $0 < \gamma_1 \leq \gamma_2 \leq \cdots \leq \gamma_p$, the eigenvalues of $I_{p^2} - \zeta_t Z_{t,c}^{-1} \otimes Z_{t,c}^{-1}$ are $\left\{1 - \zeta_t(\gamma_i \gamma_j)^{-1}\right\}_{i,j=1}^p$. By Weyl's inequality,

$$
\begin{aligned}
\gamma_p &= \lambda_{\max}(Z_{t,c}) \leq \max\left\{\lambda_{\max}(\Theta_t), \lambda_{\max}(\Theta_\rho^*)\right\} \\
\gamma_1 &= \lambda_{\min}(Z_{t,c}) \geq \min\left\{\lambda_{\min}(\Theta_t), \lambda_{\min}(\Theta_\rho^*)\right\},
\end{aligned}
$$

and therefore

$$
\begin{aligned}
\lambda_{\min}\left(I_{p^2} - \zeta_t Z_{t,c}^{-1} \otimes Z_{t,c}^{-1}\right) &= 1 - \frac{\zeta_t}{\gamma_1^2} \geq 1 - \frac{\zeta_t}{a^2} \\
\lambda_{\max}\left(I_{p^2} - \zeta_t Z_{t,c}^{-1} \otimes Z_{t,c}^{-1}\right) &= 1 - \frac{\zeta_t}{\gamma_p^2} \leq 1 - \frac{\zeta_t}{b^2}.
\end{aligned}
$$

Hence,

$$\sup_c \left\{\left\|I_{p^2} - \zeta_t Z_{t,c}^{-1} \otimes Z_{t,c}^{-1}\right\|_2\right\} \leq \max\left\{\left|1 - \frac{\zeta_t}{b^2}\right|, \left|1 - \frac{\zeta_t}{a^2}\right|\right\}$$

which completes the proof. $\qquad\square$

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It follows from Lemma 3 that Algorithm 1 converges linearly if

$$s_t(\zeta_t) := \max \left\{ \left| 1 - \frac{\zeta_t}{b^2} \right|, \left| 1 - \frac{\zeta_t}{a^2} \right| \right\} \in (0,1), \forall t. \tag{23}$$

Since the minimum of

$$s(\zeta) = \max \left\{ \left| 1 - \frac{\zeta}{a^2} \right|, \left| 1 - \frac{\zeta}{b^2} \right| \right\}$$

is at $\zeta = \frac{2}{a^{-2}+b^{-2}}$, Theorem 1 follows directly from Lemma 3. It now remains to show that the eigenvalues of the G-ISTA iterates remain bounded in eigenvalue. A more general convergence result for strongly convex functions exists in the literature; this result is stated below.

**Theorem 4.** *Let $f$ be strongly convex with convexity constant $\mu$, and $\nabla f$ be Lipschitz continuous with constant $L$. Then for constant step size $0 < \zeta < \frac{2}{L}$, the iterates of the ISTA iteration (equation (8)), $\{x_t\}_{t \geq 0}$ to minimize $f + g$ as in (4), satisfy*

$$\|x_{t+1} - x^*\|_F \leq \max\left\{|1 - \zeta L|, |1 - \zeta\mu|\right\} \|x_t - x^*\|_F,$$

*which is to say that they converge linearly with rate $\max\left\{|1 - \zeta L|, |1 - \zeta\mu|\right\}$. Furthermore,*

1. *The step size which yields an optimal worst-case contraction bound is $\zeta = \frac{2}{\mu+L}$.*

2. *The optimal worst-case contraction bound corresponding to $\zeta = \frac{2}{\mu+L}$ is given by*

$$s(\zeta) := \max\left\{|1 - \zeta L|, |1 - \zeta\mu|\right\}$$
$$= 1 - \frac{2}{1 + \frac{\mu}{L}}.$$

*Proof.* See [7, 21] and references therein. $\square$

### A.3 Proof of Theorem 2

In this section, the eigenvalues of $\Theta_t, \forall t$ are bounded. To begin, the eigenvalues of $\Theta_{t+\frac{1}{2}} := \Theta_t - \zeta_t(S - \Theta_t^{-1})$ are bounded.

**Lemma 4.** *Let $0 < a < b$ be given positive constants and let $\zeta_t > 0$. Assume $aI \preceq \Theta_t \preceq bI$. Then the eigenvalues of $\Theta_{t+\frac{1}{2}} := \Theta_t - \zeta_t(S - \Theta_t^{-1})$ satisfy:*

$$\lambda_{\min}(\Theta_{t+\frac{1}{2}}) \geq \begin{cases} 2\sqrt{\zeta_t} - \zeta_t \lambda_{\max}(S) & \text{if } a \leq \sqrt{\zeta_t} \leq b \\ \min\left(a + \frac{\zeta_t}{a}, b + \frac{\zeta_t}{b}\right) - \zeta_t \lambda_{\max}(S) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \tag{24}$$

*and*

$$\lambda_{\max}(\Theta_{t+\frac{1}{2}}) \leq \max\left(a + \frac{\zeta_t}{a}, b + \frac{\zeta_t}{b}\right) - \zeta_t \lambda_{\min}(S).$$

*Proof.* Denoting the eigenvalue decomposition of $\Theta_t$ by $\Theta_t = U\Gamma U^T$,

$$\Theta_{t+\frac{1}{2}} = \Theta_t - \zeta_t(S - \Theta_t^{-1})$$
$$= U\Gamma U^T - \zeta_t(S - U\Gamma^{-1}U^T)$$
$$= U\left(\Gamma - \zeta_t(U^T S U - \Gamma^{-1})\right)U^T$$

Let $\Gamma = \text{diag}(\gamma_1, \ldots, \gamma_p)$ with $\gamma_1 \leq \cdots \leq \gamma_p$. By Weyl's inequality, the eigenvalues of $\Theta_{t+\frac{1}{2}}$ are bounded below by

$$\lambda_i\left(\Theta_{t+\frac{1}{2}}\right) \geq \gamma_i + \frac{\zeta_t}{\gamma_i} - \zeta_t \lambda_{\max}(S),$$

and bounded above by

$$\lambda_i\left(\Theta_{t+\frac{1}{2}}\right) \leq \gamma_i + \frac{\zeta_t}{\gamma_i} - \zeta_t \lambda_{\min}(S)$$

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The function $f(x) = x + \frac{\zeta_t}{x}$ over $a \le x \le b$ has only one extremum which is a global minimum at $x = \sqrt{\zeta_t}$. Therefore,

$$\min_{a \le x \le b} x + \frac{\zeta_t}{x} = \begin{cases} 2\sqrt{\zeta_t} & \text{if } a \le \sqrt{\zeta_t} \le b \\ \min\left(a + \frac{\zeta_t}{a}, b + \frac{\zeta_t}{b}\right) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases},$$

and

$$\max_{a \le x \le b} x + \frac{\zeta_t}{x} = \max\left(a + \frac{\zeta_t}{b}, b + \frac{\zeta_t}{b}\right).$$

Since $a \le \gamma_1 \le b$,

$$\lambda_{\min}(\Theta_{t+\frac{1}{2}}) \ge \gamma_1 + \frac{\zeta_t}{\gamma_1} - \zeta_t \lambda_{\max}(S)$$

$$\ge \min_{a \le x \le b}\left(x + \frac{\zeta_t}{x}\right) - \zeta_t \lambda_{\max}(S)$$

$$= \begin{cases} 2\sqrt{\zeta_t} - \zeta_t \lambda_{\max}(S) & \text{if } a \le \sqrt{\zeta_t} \le b \\ \min\left(a + \frac{\zeta_t}{a}, b + \frac{\zeta_t}{b}\right) - \zeta_t \lambda_{\max}(S) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Similarly,

$$\lambda_{\max}(\Theta_{t+\frac{1}{2}}) \le \gamma_p + \frac{\zeta_t}{\gamma_p} - \zeta_t \lambda_{\min}(S)$$

$$\le \max_{a \le x \le b}\left(x + \frac{\zeta_t}{x}\right) - \zeta_t \lambda_{\min}(S)$$

$$= \max\left(a + \frac{\zeta_t}{a}, b + \frac{\zeta_t}{b}\right) - \zeta_t \lambda_{\min}(S).$$

$\square$

It remains to demonstrate that the soft-thresholded iterates $\Theta_{t+1}$ remain bounded in eigenvalue.

**Lemma 5.** Let $0 < a < b$ and $\zeta_t > 0$. Then:

$$\min\left(a + \frac{\zeta_t}{a}, b + \frac{\zeta_t}{b}\right) = a + \frac{\zeta_t}{a}$$

if and only if $\zeta_t \le ab$.

*Proof.* Under the stated assumptions,

$$a + \frac{\zeta_t}{a} \le b + \frac{\zeta_t}{b} \Leftrightarrow \zeta_t\left(\frac{1}{a} - \frac{1}{b}\right) \le b - a$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \zeta_t \le \frac{b - a}{\frac{1}{a} - \frac{1}{b}}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \zeta_t \le ab.$$

$\square$

**Lemma 6.** Let $A$ be a symmetric $p \times p$ matrix. Then the soft-thresholded matrix $\eta_\epsilon(A)$ satisfies

$$\lambda_{\min}(A) - p\epsilon \le \lambda_{\min}(\eta_\epsilon(A))$$

In particular, $A_\epsilon$ is positive definite if $\lambda_{\min}(A) > p\epsilon$.

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*Proof.* Let
$$\mathcal{A} := \{M \in \mathbb{M}_p : M_{i,j} \in \{0, 1, -1\}\}.$$
For every $\epsilon > 0$, the matrix $A_\epsilon$ can be written as
$$\eta_\epsilon(A) = A + \epsilon_1 A_1 + \epsilon_2 A_2 + \cdots + \epsilon_k A_k,$$
for some $k \leq \binom{p}{2} + p$ where $A_i \in \mathcal{A}$, $\epsilon_i > 0$ and $\sum_{i=1}^k \epsilon_i = \epsilon$. Now let
$$c_p := \max\{|\lambda_{\min}(M)| : M \in \mathcal{A}\}.$$

The constant $c_p$ is finite since $\mathcal{A}$ is a finite set. Since $-A \in \mathcal{A}$ for every $A \in \mathcal{A}$, and since $|\lambda_{\min}(-A)| = |\lambda_{\max}(A)|$, it follows that
$$c_p = \max\{|\lambda_{\max}(M)| : M \in \mathcal{A}\}.$$

Applying the Gershgorin circle theorem [see, e.g., 12] gives $c_p \leq p$. Since $p$ is an eigenvalue of the matrix $B$ such that $B_{i,j} = 1$ for all $i, j$, it follows that $c_p = p$.

Recursive application of Weyl's inequality gives that
$$\begin{aligned}
\lambda_{\min}(\eta_\epsilon(A)) &\geq \lambda_{\min}(A) - \epsilon|\lambda_{\max}(A_1)| - \cdots - \epsilon_k|\lambda_{\max}(A_k)| \\
&\geq \lambda_{\min}(A) - c_p \sum_{i=1}^k \epsilon_i \\
&= \lambda_{\min}(A) - c_p \epsilon.
\end{aligned}$$

$\square$

Recall from Lemma 1 that the eigenvalues of the optimal solution to problem (1) are bounded below by $\frac{1}{\|S\|_2 + p\rho}$. The following theorem shows that $\alpha = \frac{1}{\|S\|_2 + p\rho}$ is a valid bound to ensure that $\alpha I \preceq \Theta_{t+1}$ if $\alpha I \preceq \Theta_t$.

**Lemma 7.** Let $\rho > 0$ and $\alpha = \frac{1}{\|S\|_2 + p\rho} < b'$. Assume $\alpha I \preceq \Theta_t \preceq b'$ and consider
$$\Theta_{t+1} = \eta_{\zeta_t \rho}\left(\Theta_t - \zeta_t(S - \Theta_t^{-1})\right)$$
Then for every $0 < \zeta_t \leq \alpha^2$, $\alpha I \preceq \Theta_{t+1}$.

*Proof.* The result follows by combining Lemma 4 and Lemma 6. Notice first that the hypothesis $\zeta_t \leq \alpha^2$ guarantees that $\sqrt{\zeta_t} \notin [\alpha, b']$. Also, from Lemma 5, we have
$$\min\left(\alpha + \frac{\zeta_t}{\alpha}, b' + \frac{\zeta_t}{b'}\right) = \alpha + \frac{\zeta_t}{\alpha}$$
since $\zeta_t \leq \alpha^2 \leq \alpha b'$. Hence, by Lemma 4,
$$\begin{aligned}
\lambda_{\min}(\Theta_{t+\frac{1}{2}}) &\geq \min\left(\alpha + \frac{\zeta_t}{\alpha}, b' + \frac{\zeta_t}{b'}\right) - \zeta_t \lambda_{\max}(S) \\
&= \alpha + \frac{\zeta_t}{\alpha} - \zeta_t \lambda_{\max}(S).
\end{aligned}$$
Now, applying Lemma 6 to $\Theta_{t+1} = \eta_{\zeta_t \rho}(\Theta_{t+\frac{1}{2}})$, we obtain
$$\begin{aligned}
\lambda_{\min}(\Theta_{t+1}) &= \lambda_{\min}\left(\eta_{\zeta_t \rho}(\Theta_{t+\frac{1}{2}})\right) \\
&\geq \lambda_{\min}(\Theta_{t+\frac{1}{2}}) - p\rho\zeta_t \\
&\geq \alpha + \frac{\zeta_t}{\alpha} - \zeta_t \lambda_{\max}(S) - p\rho\zeta_t.
\end{aligned}$$
We therefore have $\alpha I \preceq \Theta_{t+1}$ whenever
$$\alpha + \frac{\zeta_t}{\alpha} - \zeta_t \lambda_{\max}(S) - p\rho\zeta_t \geq \alpha.$$

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This is equivalent to

$$\zeta_t \left( \frac{1}{\alpha} - \lambda_{\max}(S) - p\rho \right) \geq 0.$$

Since $\zeta_t > 0$, this is equivalent to

$$\frac{1}{\alpha} - \lambda_{\max}(S) - p\rho \geq 0.$$

Reorganizing the terms of the previous equation, we obtain that $\alpha I \preceq \Theta_{t+1}$ if

$$\alpha \leq \frac{1}{\lambda_{\max}(S) + p\rho} = \frac{1}{\|S\|_2 + p\rho}.$$

$\square$

It remains to show that the eigenvalues of the iterates $\Theta_t$ remain bounded above, for all $t$.

**Lemma 8.** Let $\alpha = \frac{1}{\|S\|_2 + p\rho}$ and let $\zeta_t \leq \alpha^2, \forall t$. Then the G-ISTA iterates $\Theta_t$ satisfy $\Theta_t \preceq b'I, \forall t$, with $b' = \left\| \Theta_\rho^* \right\|_2 + \left\| \Theta_0 - \Theta_\rho^* \right\|_F$.

*Proof.* By Lemma 7, $\alpha I \preceq \Theta_t$ for every $t$. As $\alpha I \preceq \Theta^*$ (Lemma 1),

$$\Lambda_t^- := \min\{\lambda_{\min}(\Theta_t), \lambda_{\min}(\Theta_\rho^*)\}^2 \geq \alpha^2.$$

for all $t$. Also, since $\Lambda_t^+ \geq \Lambda_t^-$ and $\zeta_t \leq \alpha^2$,

$$\max \left\{ \left| 1 - \frac{\zeta_t}{b^2} \right|, \left| 1 - \frac{\zeta_t}{a^2} \right| \right\} \leq 1.$$

Therefore, by Lemma 3,

$$\|\Theta_t - \Theta_\rho^*\|_F \leq \|\Theta_{t-1} - \Theta_\rho^*\|_F.$$

Applying this result recursively gives

$$\|\Theta_t - \Theta_\rho^*\|_F \leq \|\Theta_0 - \Theta_\rho^*\|_F.$$

Since $\| \cdot \|_2 \leq \| \cdot \|_F$, we therefore have

$$\|\Theta_t\|_2 - \|\Theta_\rho^*\|_2 \leq \|\Theta_t - \Theta_\rho^*\|_2 \leq \|\Theta_t - \Theta_\rho^*\|_F \leq \|\Theta_0 - \Theta_\rho^*\|_F,$$

and so,

$$\lambda_{\max}(\Theta_t) = \|\Theta_t\|_2 \leq \|\Theta_\rho^*\|_2 + \|\Theta_0 - \Theta_\rho^*\|_F$$

which completes the proof. $\square$

## A.4 Additional timing comparisons

This section provides additional synthetic timing comparisions for $p = 500$ and $p = 5000$. In addition, two real datasets were investigated. The "estrogen" dataset [22] contains $p = 652$ dimensional gene expression data from $n = 158$ breast cancer patients. The "temp" dataset [6] consists of average annual temperature measurements from $p = 1732$ locations over $n = 157$ years (1850-2006).

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| problem | algorithm | $\rho$ 0.05 time/iter | 0.10 time/iter | 0.15 time/iter | 0.20 time/iter |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| $p = 500$ $n = 100$ nnz$(\Omega) = 3\%$ | nnz$(\Omega_\rho^*)/\kappa(\Omega_\rho^*)$ | 31.61%/42.76 | 19.61%/18.23 | 11.08%/8.13 | 5.02%/3.06 |
| | glasso | 28.34/11 | 10.91/8 | 7.08/7 | 5.57/6 |
| | QUIC | 8.33/23 | 1.98/13 | 0.96/11 | 0.38/10 |
| | G-ISTA | **4.44**/402 | **1.14**/110 | **0.30**/38 | **0.14**/18 |
| $p = 500$ $n = 600$ nnz$(\Omega) = 3\%$ | nnz$(\Omega_\rho^*)/\kappa(\Omega_\rho^*)$ | 20.73%/6.62 | 3.93%/2.44 | 0.90%/1.49 | 0.13%/1.20 |
| | glasso | 7.44/6 | 4.53/5 | 3.45/4 | 2.62/3 |
| | QUIC | 1.08/9 | 0.17/7 | **0.06**/5 | 0.04/5 |
| | G-ISTA | **0.28**/31 | **0.10**/13 | 0.07/9 | **0.03**/5 |
| $p = 500$ $n = 100$ nnz$(\Omega) = 15\%$ | nnz$(\Omega_\rho^*)/\kappa(\Omega_\rho^*)$ | 31.36%/46.83 | 19.74%/19.93 | 11.65%/8.95 | 5.45%/3.25 |
| | glasso | 28.61/11 | 11.27/8 | 7.22/7 | 5.34/6 |
| | QUIC | 8.47/23 | 2.01/13 | 0.73/9 | 0.22/7 |
| | G-ISTA | **4.80**/466 | **1.09**/115 | **0.28**/34 | **0.15**/20 |
| $p = 500$ $n = 600$ nnz$(\Omega) = 15\%$ | nnz$(\Omega_\rho^*)/\kappa(\Omega_\rho^*)$ | 24.81%/9.78 | 6.36%/2.64 | 0.79%/1.28 | 0.03%/1.08 |
| | glasso | 8.52/6 | 4.59/5 | 3.55/4 | 2.54/3 |
| | QUIC | 1.56/10 | 0.25/7 | **0.05**/5 | 0.03/5 |
| | G-ISTA | **0.50**/51 | **0.10**/13 | 0.06/7 | **0.02**/3 |

Table 2: Timing comparisons for $p = 500$ dimensional datasets, generated as in Section 5.1

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| problem | algorithm | $\rho$ 0.02 time/iter | 0.04 time/iter | 0.06 time/iter | 0.08 time/iter |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| $p = 5000$ $n = 1000$ nnz$(\Omega) = 3\%$ | nnz$(\Omega_\rho^*)/\kappa(\Omega_\rho^*)$ | 26.22%/54.47 | 13.68%/23.74 | 6.36%/8.69 | 2.03%/2.31 |
| | glasso | 30814.29/11 | 12612.85/8 | 9224.79/7 | 6184.84/5 |
| | QUIC | 22547.70/21 | 3725.07/11 | 946.11/8 | 199.48/6 |
| | G-ISTA | **2651.43**/575 | **417.20**/94 | **93.33**/25 | **39.05**/11 |
| $p = 5000$ $n = 6000$ nnz$(\Omega) = 3\%$ | nnz$(\Omega_\rho^*)/\kappa(\Omega_\rho^*)$ | 12.89%/15.18 | 3.23%/3.73 | 1.11%/1.60 | 0.16%/1.16 |
| | glasso | 10307.26/7 | 8725.86/7 | 4846.58/4 | 3587.35/3 |
| | QUIC | 3108.14/10 | 396.60/7 | 86.66/5 | **21.56**/4 |
| | G-ISTA | **268.28**/70 | **50.17**/14 | **35.67**/10 | 28.82/8 |
| $p = 5000$ $n = 1000$ nnz$(\Omega) = 15\%$ | nnz$(\Omega_\rho^*)/\kappa(\Omega_\rho^*)$ | 26.08%/80.04 | 13.93%/37.12 | 6.91%/16.52 | 2.47%/3.08 |
| | glasso | 36302.86/11 | 13413.57/8 | 9914.41/7 | 7408.33/6 |
| | QUIC | 22667.29/21 | 4649.99/12 | 1329.20/9 | 240.25/6 |
| | G-ISTA | **3952.85**/849 | **701.57**/170 | **176.11**/45 | **42.46**/12 |
| $p = 5000$ $n = 6000$ nnz$(\Omega) = 15\%$ | nnz$(\Omega_\rho^*)/\kappa(\Omega_\rho^*)$ | 18.65%/27.69 | 5.34%/7.26 | 0.66%/1.41 | 0.03%/1.09 |
| | glasso | 13180.47/7 | 9052.77/7 | 4842.28/4 | 3578.05/3 |
| | QUIC | 6600.91/12 | 795.46/8 | 59.03/5 | **16.10**/4 |
| | G-ISTA | **804.93**/189 | **103.69**/23 | **36.17**/10 | 18.87/5 |

Table 3: Timing comparisons for $p = 5000$ dimensional datasets, generated as in Section 5.1.

| problem | algorithm | $\rho$ 0.15 time/iter | 0.30 time/iter | 0.45 time/iter | 0.60 time/iter |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| $p = 682$ $n = 158$ *Dataset: estrogen* | nnz$(\Omega_\rho^*)/\kappa(\Omega_\rho^*)$ | 5.29%/290.03 | 3.39%/88.55 | 2.31%/29.69 | 1.63%/8.96 |
| | glasso | 106.18/24 | 120.18/34 | 110.54/35 | 40.52/13 |
| | QUIC | **12.36**/19 | **2.71**/11 | **1.08**/9 | **0.54**/7 |
| | G-ISTA | 43.96/2079 | 11.99/595 | 3.23/172 | 1.00/53 |

| problem | algorithm | $\rho$ 0.2 time/iter | 0.4 time/iter | 0.6 time/iter | 0.8 time/iter |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| $p = 1732$ $n = 157$ *Dataset: temp* | nnz$(\Omega_\rho^*)/\kappa(\Omega_\rho^*)$ | 2.02%/1075.8 | 1.77%/289.63 | 1.34%/23.02 | 0.22%/2.10 |
| | glasso | 1919.64/31 | 2535.86/46 | 1144.07/22 | 254.14/5 |
| | QUIC | **497.47**/18 | **103.76**/13 | **10.16**/8 | 2.31/7 |
| | G-ISTA | 1221.40/6194 | 183.20/819 | 30.01/159 | **1.78**/10 |

Table 4: Timing comparisons for the real datasets described above.

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