

A Rank-Corrected Procedure for Matrix Completion with Fixed Basis Coefficients

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Correlation matrix completion

A correlation matrix \bar{X} :

symmetric positive semidefinite, $\text{diag}(\bar{X}) = e$.

Question: How to recover \bar{X} from observations of entries

$$\underbrace{\bar{X}_{(a_1, b_1)}, \bar{X}_{(a_2, b_2)}, \dots, \bar{X}_{(a_m, b_m)}}_{m \text{ upper off-diagonal entries}}, \quad a_k < b_k.$$

(Multiple observations of one entry are allowed.)

Density matrix completion

A density matrix \bar{X} of a quantum system:

Hermitian positive semidefinite matrix, $\text{Tr}(\bar{X}) = 1$.

Observations: Pauli measurements, i.e., $\text{Re}(\text{Tr}(\Theta_i \bar{X}))$,

$\Theta_i \in$ Pauli basis : $\{ \sigma_{s_1} \otimes \cdots \otimes \sigma_{s_l} \mid (s_1, \dots, s_l) \in \{0, 1, 2, 3\}^k \}$,

where

$$\sigma_0 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \sigma_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \sigma_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -\sqrt{-1} \\ \sqrt{-1} & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \sigma_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

How to recover the unknown matrix \bar{X} in quantum state tomograph?¹

¹D. Gross, Y.K. Liu, S.T. Flammia, S. Becker, and J. Eisert. Quantum state tomography via compressed sensing. *Physical review letters*, 105 (2010).

Matrix completion with fixed basis coefficients

Correlation matrix completion (an example):

- ◇ all diagonal entries are fixed, i.e., $\langle e_i e_i^T, \bar{X} \rangle = 1, i = 1, \dots, n$;
- ◇ some off-diagonal entries may be fixed as well, [e.g., the correlations among pegged currencies.]

Consider the orthonormal basis ($d = d_1 + d_2 = n(n + 1)/2$):

$$\{\Theta_i\}_{i=1}^d := \underbrace{\{e_i e_i^T \mid 1 \leq i \leq n\}}_{\Theta_\alpha \text{ (fixed)}} \cup \underbrace{\left\{ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(e_i e_j^T + e_j e_i^T) \mid 1 \leq i < j \leq n \right\}}_{\Theta_\beta}.$$

$$\alpha = \{1, \dots, d_1\} \qquad \beta = \{d_1 + 1, \dots, d_1 + d_2\}$$

The observation model

- ◇ Fixed basis coefficients: $\langle \Theta_k, \bar{X} \rangle, k \in \alpha$.
- ◇ The observation model:

$$y_i = \langle \Theta_{\omega_i}, \bar{X} \rangle + \nu \xi_i, \quad \omega_i \in \beta, i = 1, \dots, m,$$

where ξ_i are i.i.d noises with mean 0 and variance 1.

- The sampling probability:

$$p = (\underbrace{0, \dots, 0}_{\alpha}, \underbrace{p_{d_1+1}, \dots, p_{d_1+d_2}}_{\beta})^T, \quad p_k > 0 \forall k \in \beta.$$

Uniform sampling: $p_k = 1/d_2 \forall k \in \beta$.

A problem formulation

- ◇ $\mathcal{R}_\alpha(X) = \left(\langle \Theta_k, X \rangle \right)_{k \in \alpha}^T \in \mathbb{R}^{d_1}$.
- ◇ $\mathcal{R}_\beta(X) = \left(\langle \Theta_k, X \rangle \right)_{k \in \beta}^T \in \mathbb{R}^{d_2}$.
- ◇ $\mathcal{R}_\Omega(X) := \left(\langle \Theta_{\omega_1}, X \rangle, \dots, \langle \Theta_{\omega_m}, X \rangle \right)^T \in \mathbb{R}^m$.

Suppose that \bar{X} has a low-rank structure. One may recover \bar{X} by solving the following problem

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{X \in \mathcal{S}^n} \quad & \frac{1}{2m} \|y - \mathcal{R}_\Omega(X)\|_2^2 + \rho_m \text{rank}(X) \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \mathcal{R}_\alpha(X) = \mathcal{R}_\alpha(\bar{X}), \quad X \in \mathcal{S}_+^n. \end{aligned}$$

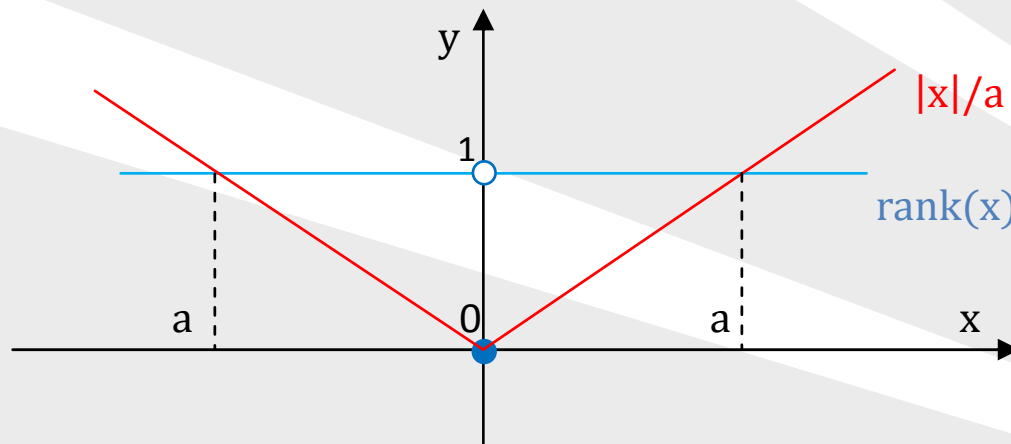
- ◇ NP-hard.
- ◇ This model is also applicable to covariance matrix completion.

Nuclear norm always fails.

A popular convex relaxation to encourage low-rank solutions:

$$\text{rank}(X) \implies \|X\|_* := \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i(X).$$

- ◇ Nuclear norm — convex envelope of the rank function over the unit ball of the spectral norm.



- ◇ Correlation matrices: $\|X\|_* = \text{constant} \implies$ Nuclear norm **fails!**

The rank constrained problem

A majorized penalty approach proposed by Gao and Sun²:

$$\min_{X \in \mathcal{C}} \{ h(X) : \text{rank}(X) \leq r \}$$

$$\Downarrow \quad [\text{rank}(X) \leq r \iff \sigma_{r+1}(X) + \dots + \sigma_n(X) = 0]$$

$$\min_{X \in \mathcal{C}} h(X) + \rho(\|X\|_* - s_r(X))$$

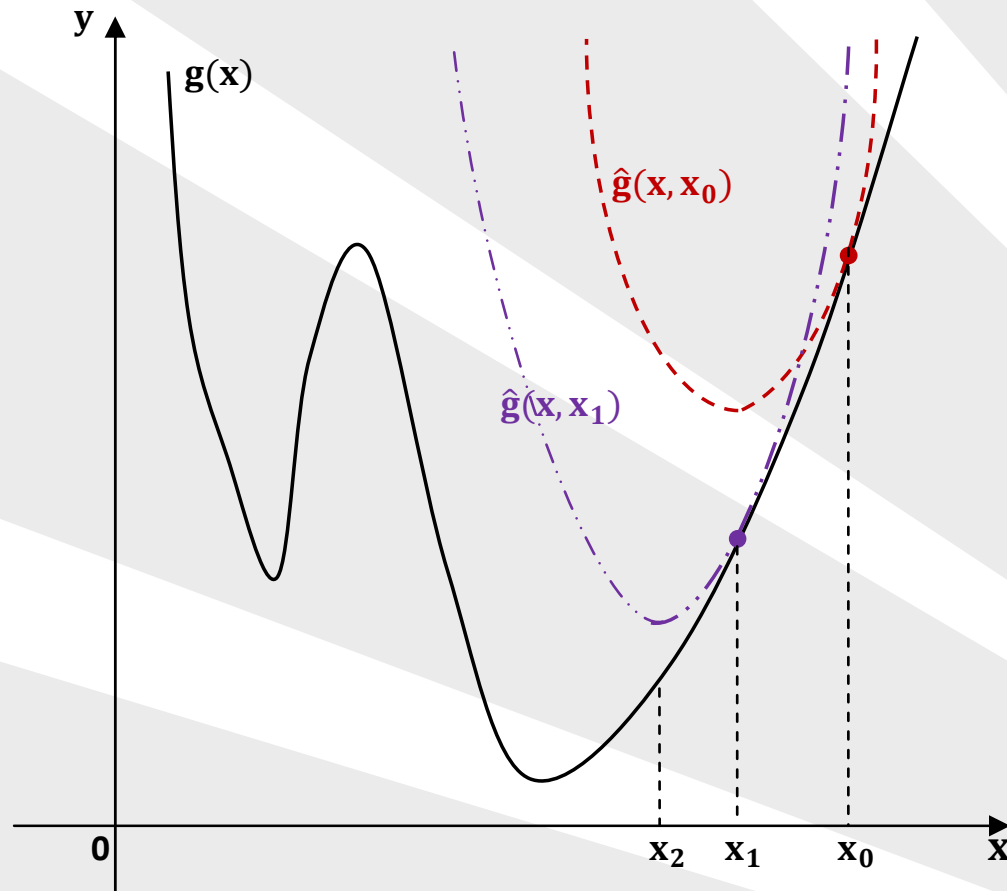
$$\Downarrow \quad [s_r(X) \geq s_r(Y) + \langle G^Y, X - Y \rangle, G^Y \in \partial s_r(Y)]$$

$$X^{k+1} = \arg \min_{X \in \mathcal{C}} \hat{h}^k(X) + \rho\left(\|X\|_* - \langle G^k, X \rangle + \frac{\gamma^k}{2} \|X - X^k\|_F^2\right)$$

where $s_r(X) := \sum_{i=1}^r \sigma_i(X)$, $G^k \in \partial s_r(X^k)$ and \hat{h}^k is a majorized convex function to h at X^k .

²Gao, Y. and Sun, D., A majorized penalty approach for calibrating rank constrained correlation matrix problems, 2010.

The majorization method



A majorization function $\hat{g}(x, x^k)$ of g at x^k satisfies

$$\hat{g}(x^k, x^k) = g(x^k) \quad \text{and} \quad \hat{g}(x, x^k) \geq g(x) \quad \forall x.$$

Our proposed rank-correction step

Our proposed rank-correction step:

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{X \in \mathcal{S}^n} \quad & \frac{1}{2m} \|y - \mathcal{R}_\Omega(X)\|_2^2 + \rho_m \left(\langle I_n - F(\tilde{X}_m), X \rangle + \frac{\gamma_m}{2} \|X - \tilde{X}_m\|_F^2 \right) \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \mathcal{R}_\alpha(X) = \mathcal{R}_\alpha(\bar{X}), \quad X \in \mathcal{S}_+^n, \end{aligned}$$

- ◇ F : a spectral operator.
- ◇ \tilde{X}_m : a reasonable initial estimator, say the (nuclear norm regularized) least squares estimator.
- ◇ $\gamma_m \geq 0$: ensure the boundness of the optimal solution.

The spectral operator

A function $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ is said to be **symmetric** if

$$f(x) = Q^T f(Qx) \quad \forall \text{ signed permutation matrix } Q \text{ and } x \in \mathbb{R}^n.$$

◇ $f_i(x) = 0$ if $x_i = 0$.

The **spectral operator**³ $F : \mathbb{R}^{n_1 \times n_2} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{n_1 \times n_2}$ associated with the symmetric function $f : \mathbb{R}^{\min(n_1, n_2)} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{\min(n_1, n_2)}$ is given by

$$F(X) := U \text{Diag}(f(\sigma(X))) V^T, \quad (U, V) \in \mathcal{O}^{n_1, n_2}(X)^4, X \in \mathbb{R}^{n_1 \times n_2}.$$

◇ For any $X \in \mathbb{S}_+^n$, $F(X) = P \text{Diag}(f(\lambda(X))) P^T$, $P \in \mathcal{O}^n(X)^5$.

³Ding, C, Ph.D. thesis, National University of Singapore, (2012).

⁴For any $X \in \mathbb{R}^{n_1 \times n_2}$, $\mathcal{O}^{n_1, n_2}(X) := \{(U, V) \in \mathcal{O}^{n_1} \times \mathcal{O}^{n_2} \mid X = U \text{Diag}(\sigma(X)) V^T\}$.

⁵For any $X \in \mathcal{S}^n$, $\mathcal{O}^n(X) := \{P \in \mathcal{O}^n \mid X = P \text{Diag}(\lambda(X)) P^T\}$.

Orthogonal decomposition

Suppose that $\text{rank}(\bar{X}) = r$. Decompose $\mathcal{S}^n = T \oplus T^\perp$ with

$$T := \left\{ X \in \mathcal{S}^n \mid X = Y + Y^T \text{ with } \text{row}(Y) \subseteq \text{row}(\bar{X}) \right\},$$

$$T^\perp := \left\{ X \in \mathcal{S}^n \mid \text{row}(X) \perp \text{row}(\bar{X}) \right\},$$

where $\text{row}(X)$ denotes the row space of X .

Then, we have that for any $X \in \mathcal{S}^n$,

$$\mathcal{P}_T(X) = \bar{P}_1 \bar{P}_1^T X + X \bar{P}_1 \bar{P}_1^T - \bar{P}_1 \bar{P}_1^T X \bar{P}_1 \bar{P}_1^T,$$

$$\mathcal{P}_{T^\perp}(X) = \bar{P}_2 \bar{P}_2^T X \bar{P}_2 \bar{P}_2^T,$$

where $[\bar{P}_1 \ \bar{P}_2] \in \mathcal{O}^n(\bar{X})$ with $\bar{P}_1 \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times r}$ and $\bar{P}_2 \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times (n-r)}$.

Error bounds

Let \hat{X}_m be the estimator generated from the rank-correction step.

For simplicity, we set $\gamma_m := 0$. Let

$$a_m := \|\bar{P}_1 \bar{P}_1^T - \mathcal{P}_T(F(\tilde{X}_m))\| \quad \text{and} \quad b_m := 1 - \|\mathcal{P}_{T^\perp}(F(\tilde{X}_m))\|.$$

Assume $b_m > 0$. For any constant $\kappa > 1$, if

$$\rho_m \geq \frac{\kappa \nu}{b_m} \left\| \frac{1}{m} \mathcal{R}_\Omega^*(\xi) \right\|$$

then, from the optimality of \hat{X}_m , we have

$$\frac{1}{2m} \|\mathcal{R}_\Omega(\hat{X}_m - \bar{X})\|_2^2 \leq \sqrt{2r} \left(a_m + \frac{b_m}{\kappa} \right) \rho_m \|\hat{X}_m - \bar{X}\|_F.$$

Error bounds (Cont.)

- ◇ The sampling operator \mathcal{R}_Ω does not satisfy the restricted isometric property (RIP).
- ◇ However, \mathcal{R}_Ω has a similar property with **high probability** under certain conditions, such that

$$\frac{1}{2m} \|\mathcal{R}_\Omega(\hat{X}_m - \bar{X})\|_2^2 \geq C \|\hat{X}_m - \bar{X}\|_F^2 - \text{a small term}$$

for some constant C .

Error bounds (Cont.)

We adopt the setting of Klopp (2012)⁶ and correspondingly modify it. Assume that

- ◇ \bar{X} is **bounded** in terms of $\|\mathcal{R}_\beta(\bar{X})\|_\infty \leq c$ for some constant c .
- ◇ ξ_i are **subexponential**⁷ with mean 0 and variance 1.

Let \hat{X}_m^c be generated from the rank-correction step with an additional constraint $\|\mathcal{R}_\beta(X)\|_\infty \leq c$ to the optimization problem.

- ◇ $\hat{X}_m^c = \hat{X}_m$ if the bound c is not tight.

⁶Klopp, O., Noisy low-rank matrix completion with general sampling distribution, (2012).

⁷ ξ_i is said to be subexponential, i.e., there exists some $C, c, a > 0$ such that for all $t > 0$, $\mathbb{P}(|\xi_i| \geq t) \leq C \exp(-ct^a)$.

Error bounds (Cont.)

Theorem 1. For any given $\kappa > 1$, choose ρ_m by

$$\rho_m = \frac{\kappa\nu}{\beta_m} C^* \sqrt{\frac{\mu_2 \log(n)}{mn}}.$$

Then, \exists a constant C s.t. with probability at least $1 - 1.5/n$,

$$\frac{\|\widehat{X}_m^c - \overline{X}\|_F^2}{d_2} \leq C \max \left\{ \eta_m \mu_1^2 \mu_2 \frac{d_2 r \log(n)}{mn}, c^2 \mu_1 \sqrt{\frac{\log(n)}{m}} \right\},$$

where $\eta_m := \left(\left(1 + \kappa \frac{a_m}{b_m}\right)^2 \nu^2 + \left(\frac{\kappa}{\kappa - 1}\right)^2 \left(1 + \frac{a_m}{b_m}\right)^2 c^2 \right).$

- ◇ μ_1 and μ_2 are constants, irrelevant to n and d_2 .
- ◇ The sample size to control the error bound is $O(nr \log(n)) \approx$ the order of degree of freedom, since $d_2 \leq n^2$.

The power of the correction term

- ◇ The (nuclear norm penalized) least squares estimator:

$$F \equiv 0 \quad \Longrightarrow \quad a_m = b_m = \frac{a_m}{b_m} = 1.$$

- ◇ The rank-correction step:

$$\frac{a_m}{b_m} \leq \frac{\varepsilon_1}{1 - \varepsilon_2} \quad \text{if} \quad \begin{cases} \|\mathcal{P}_T(F(\tilde{X}_m)) - \overline{P}_1 \overline{P}_1^T\| \leq \varepsilon_1, \\ \|\mathcal{P}_{T^\perp}(F(\tilde{X}_m))\| \leq \varepsilon_2 < 1. \end{cases}$$

- ◇ If we have a reasonable \tilde{X}_m , why not use it as a correction?
- ◇ We should construct a spectral operator F such that

$$F(\tilde{X}_m) \quad \text{is close to} \quad \overline{P}_1 \overline{P}_1^T.$$

Rank consistency

Not only potentially reduce the recovery error, but also the rank!

Definition 1 (Bach, 2008). *An estimator X_m of the true matrix \bar{X} is said to be **rank consistent** if*

$$\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{P}(\text{rank}(X_m) = \text{rank}(\bar{X})) = 1.$$

Assumption 1.

- ◇ *The spectral operator F is continuous at \bar{X} .*
- ◇ *The initial estimator \tilde{X}_m satisfies $\tilde{X}_m \xrightarrow{p} \bar{X}$ as $m \rightarrow \infty$.⁸*

⁸“The notation \xrightarrow{p} ” means convergence in probability.

A local necessary condition for rank consistency

Let $Q_\beta(X) := \sum_{k \in \beta} p_k \langle \Theta_k, X \rangle \Theta_k$ and $Q_\beta^\dagger(X) := \sum_{k \in \beta} \frac{1}{p_k} \langle \Theta_k, X \rangle \Theta_k$.

Proposition 1. *If $\rho_m \rightarrow 0$, $\sqrt{m}\rho_m \rightarrow \infty$ and $\gamma_m = O_p(1)$, then $\rho_m^{-1}(\hat{X}_m - \bar{X}) \xrightarrow{p} \hat{\Delta}$, where $\hat{\Delta}$ is the unique optimal solution to*

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{\Delta \in \mathcal{S}^n} \quad & \frac{1}{2} \langle Q_\beta(\Delta), \Delta \rangle + \langle I_n - F(\bar{X}), \Delta \rangle \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \mathcal{R}_\alpha(\Delta) = 0, \quad \bar{P}_2^\top \Delta \bar{P}_2 \in \mathcal{S}_+^{n-r}. \end{aligned}$$

A local necessary condition for rank consistency:

$$\bar{P}_2^\top \hat{\Delta} \bar{P}_2 = 0.$$

A sufficient condition for rank consistency

Assume that the Slater condition holds. Consider the linear system:

$$\overline{P}_2^T \mathcal{Q}_\beta^\dagger(\overline{P}_2 \Lambda \overline{P}_2^T) \overline{P}_2 = \overline{P}_2^T \mathcal{Q}_\beta^\dagger(I_n - F(\overline{X})) \overline{P}_2. \quad (1)$$

Theorem 2. *If $\rho_m \rightarrow 0$, $m^{1/2} \rho_m \rightarrow \infty$ and $\gamma_m = O_p(1)$, then for the rank consistency of \widehat{X}_m ,*

- ◇ *a necessary condition: (1) has a solution $\widehat{\Lambda} \in \mathcal{S}_+^{n-r}$.*
- ◇ *a sufficient condition: (1) has a **unique** solution $\widehat{\Lambda} \in \mathcal{S}_{++}^{n-r}$.*

The linear system can be written concisely as

$$\mathcal{B}_2(\Lambda) = \mathcal{B}_2(I_{n-r}) + \mathcal{B}_1(\text{Diag}(\widehat{g}(\overline{X}))), \quad \Lambda \in \mathcal{S}^{n-r},$$

where $\mathcal{B}_1(Y) := \overline{P}_2^T \mathcal{Q}_\beta^\dagger(\overline{P}_1 Y \overline{P}_1^T) \overline{P}_2$, $\mathcal{B}_2(Z) := \overline{P}_2^T \mathcal{Q}_\beta^\dagger(\overline{P}_2 Z \overline{P}_2^T) \overline{V}_2$
and $\widehat{g}(\overline{X}) := (1 - f_1(\sigma(\overline{X})), \dots, 1 - f_r(\sigma(\overline{X})))^T$.

Constraint nondegeneracy

We say that the constraint nondegeneracy at \bar{X} if

$$\mathcal{R}_\alpha(\text{lin}(\mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{S}_+^n}(\bar{X}))) = \mathbb{R}^{d_1},$$

where

$$\text{lin}(\mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{S}_+^n}(\bar{X})) = \{X \in \mathcal{S}^n \mid \bar{P}_2^T X \bar{P}_2 = 0\}.$$

If **constraint nondegeneracy** holds at \bar{X} , then

- ◇ the linear operators \mathcal{B}_2 is self-adjoint and positive definite;
- ◇ the sufficient condition for rank consistency reduces to

$$I_{n-r} + \mathcal{B}_2^{-1} \mathcal{B}_1(\text{Diag}(g_r(\bar{X}))) \in \mathcal{S}_{++}^{n-r}.$$

In general, $F(\bar{X})$ is desired to be close to $\bar{P}_1^T \bar{P}_1$ for rank consistency.

Rank consistency for correlation matrix compl.

Theorem 3. For the correlation matrix completion problems with all diagonal entries being fixed as ones under *uniform sampling*, if $\rho_m \rightarrow 0$, $\sqrt{m}\rho_m \rightarrow \infty$, $\gamma_m = O_p(1)$ and F is a spectral operator associated with a symmetric function $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ such that for $i = 1, \dots, n$,

$$f_i(x) \geq 0 \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}_+^n \quad \text{and} \quad f_i(x) = 0 \quad \text{if and only if} \quad x_i = 0, \quad (2)$$

then the estimator \hat{X}_m generated from the rank-correction step is rank consistent.

- ◇ Constraint nondegeneracy holds at \bar{X} automatically.
- ◇ This theorem is also applicable to covariance matrix completion with partial positive diagonal entries being fixed.

The construction of F

The results of recovery error and rank consistency suggest a consistent criterion for the construction of the rank-correction function F , if possible, such that

$$F(X) \rightarrow \bar{P}_1 \bar{P}_1^T \quad \text{as} \quad X \rightarrow \bar{X}.$$

When the true rank is known:

$$F(X) := P_1 P_1^T, \tag{3}$$

where $([P_1, P_2]) \in \mathcal{O}^n(X)$, $X \in \mathcal{S}^n$ with $P_1 \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times r}$, $P_2 \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times (n-r)}$.

- ◇ The rank-correction step reduces to one step of the majorized penalty approach proposed by Gao and Sun (2010).

The construction of F (Cont.)

When the true rank is unknown:

$$F(X) := P \text{Diag}(f(\sigma(X))) P^T,$$

associated with the symmetric function $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ defined as

$$f_i(x) = \begin{cases} \phi\left(\frac{x_i}{\|x\|_\infty}\right) & \text{if } x \in \mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{0\}, \\ 0 & \text{if } x = 0, \end{cases}$$

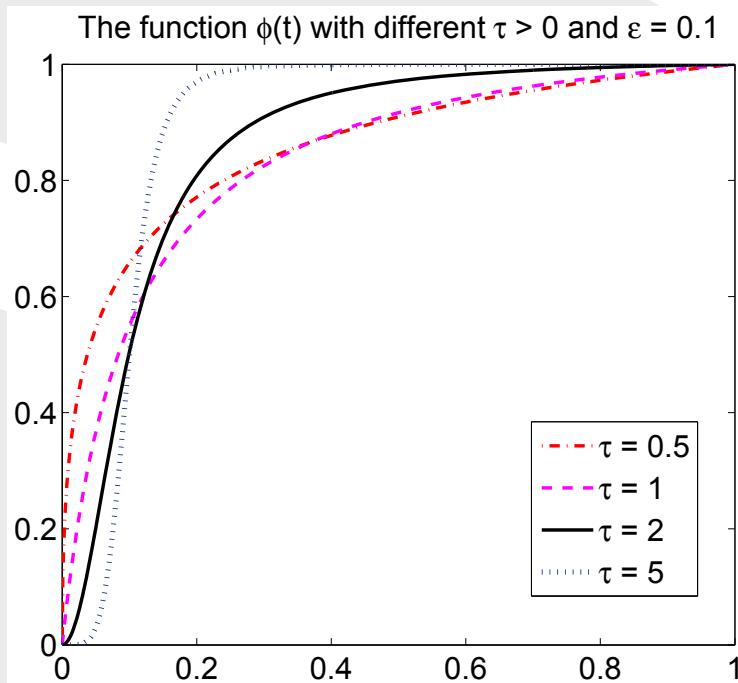
where $P \in \mathcal{O}^n(X)$ and $\phi : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ takes the form

$$\phi(t) := \text{sgn}(t)(1 + \varepsilon^\tau) \frac{|t|^\tau}{|t|^\tau + \varepsilon^\tau}, \quad \forall t \in \mathbb{R},$$

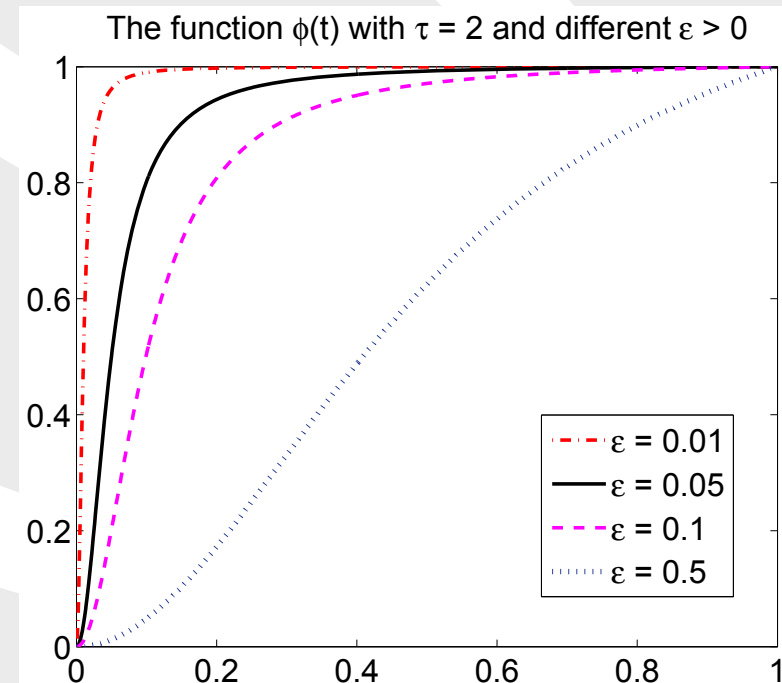
for some $\tau > 0$ and $\varepsilon > 0$.

The construction of F (Cont.)

- ◇ Rank consistency: $\varepsilon \downarrow 0$.
- ◇ $\phi(t)$ over $[0, 1]$ is concave if $0 < \tau \leq 1$ and S -shaped if $\tau > 1$.



(a) $\varepsilon = 0.1$

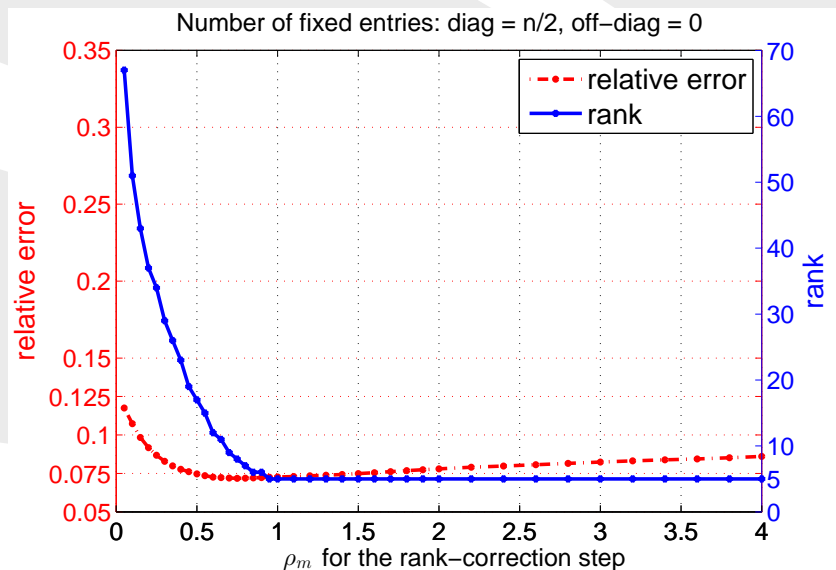
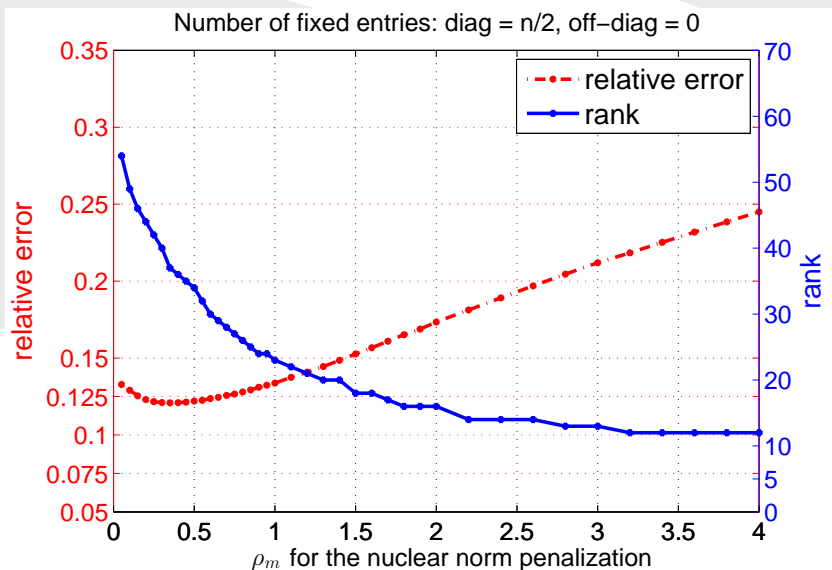
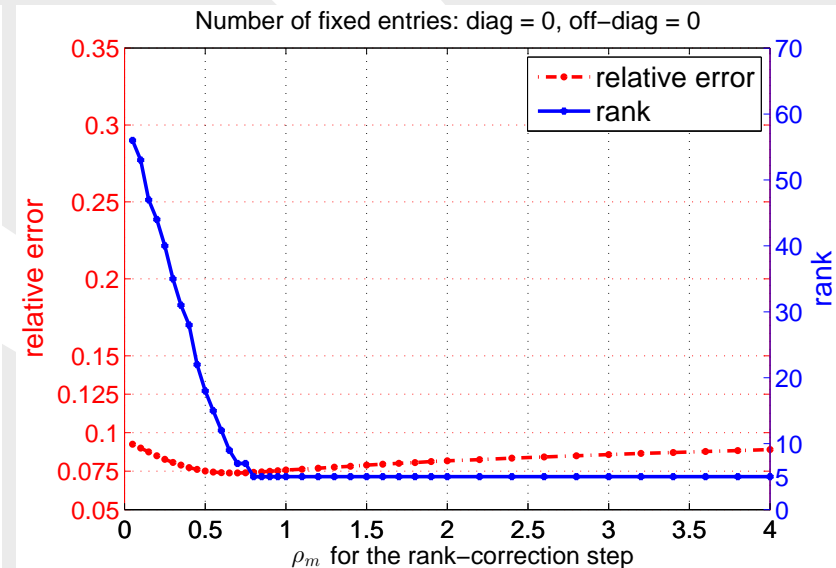
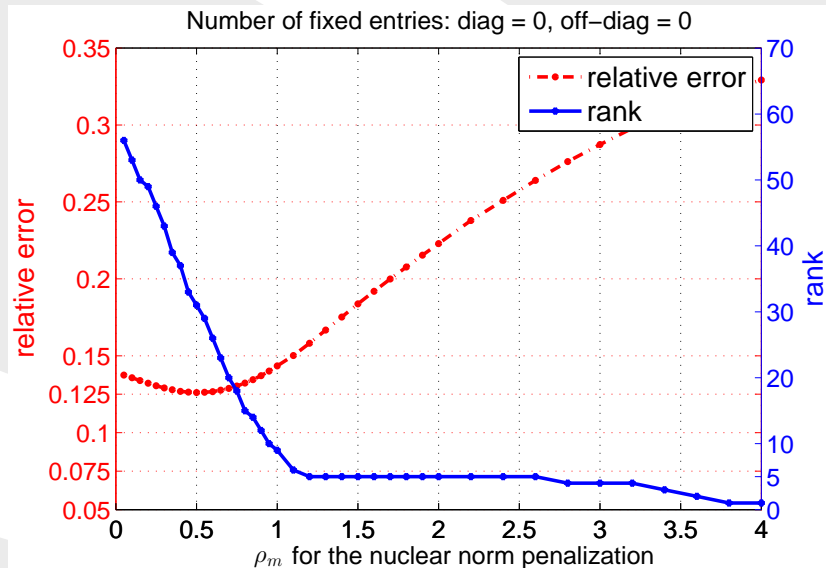


(b) $\tau = 2$

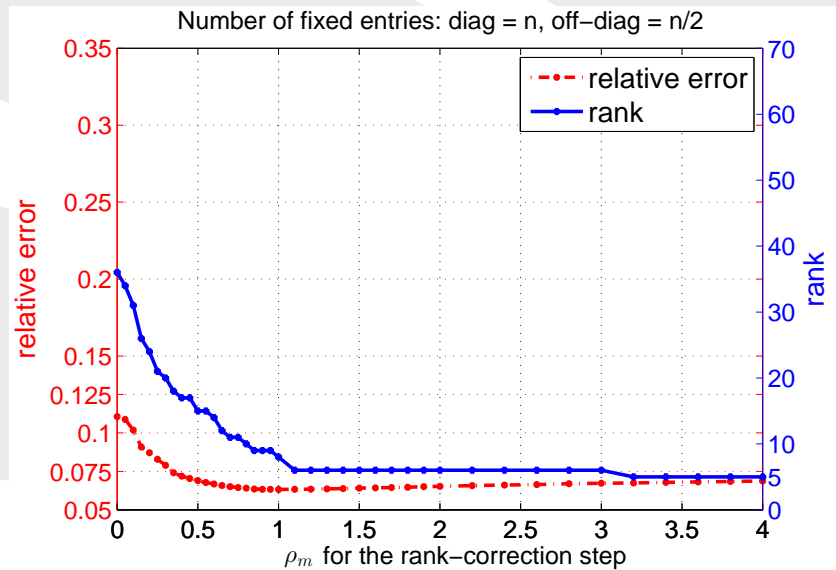
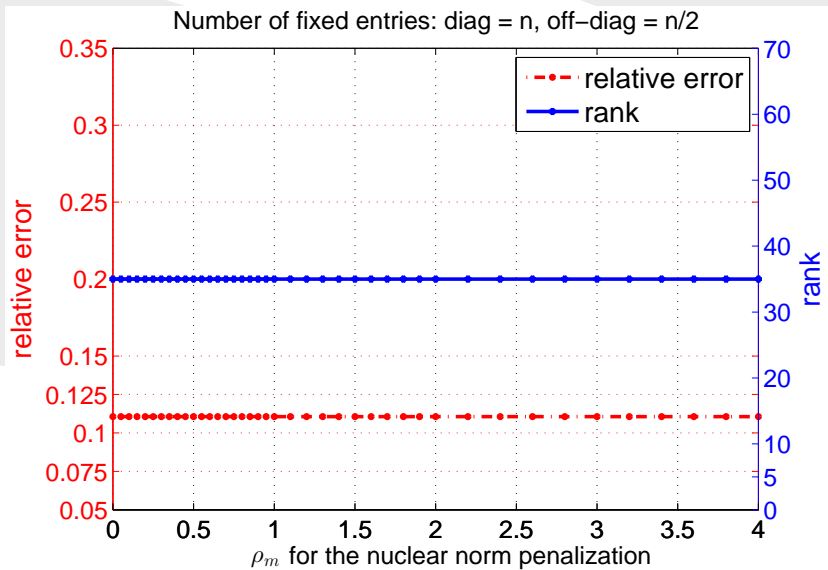
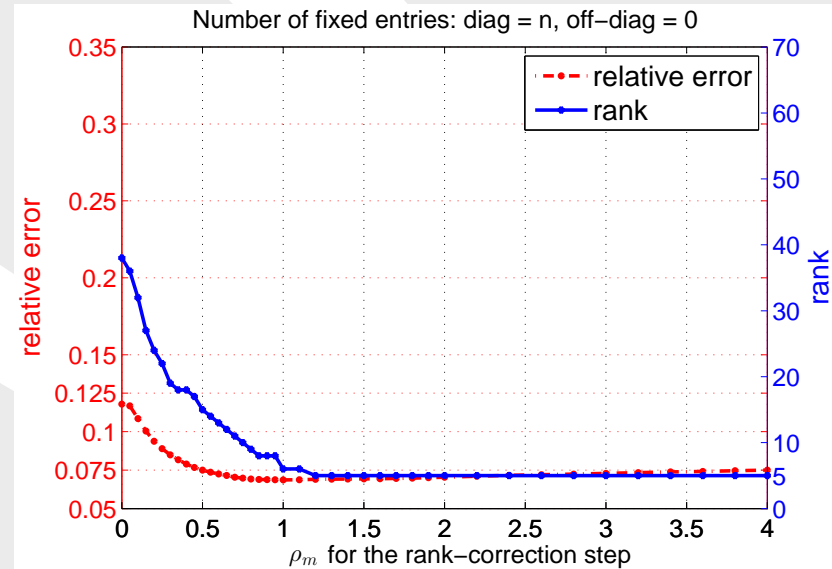
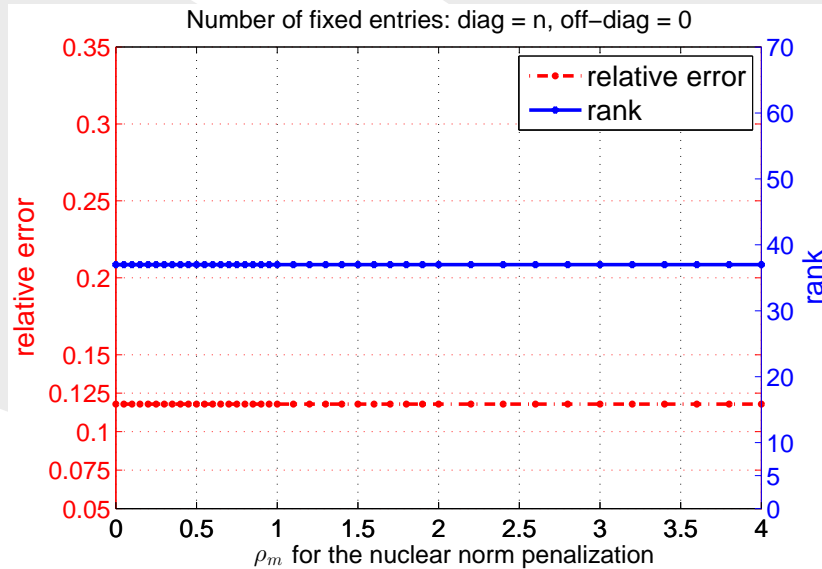
We recommend the choices $\tau = 1, 2$ and $\varepsilon = 0.01 \sim 0.1$ by considering the optimality and robustness of recovery.

Influence of fixed basis coefficients

$n = 1000$, rank = 5, noise level = 10%, sample ratio = 6.38%, $\tau = 2$, $\varepsilon = 0.02$.



Influence of fixed basis coefficients (Cont.)



Performance of different F

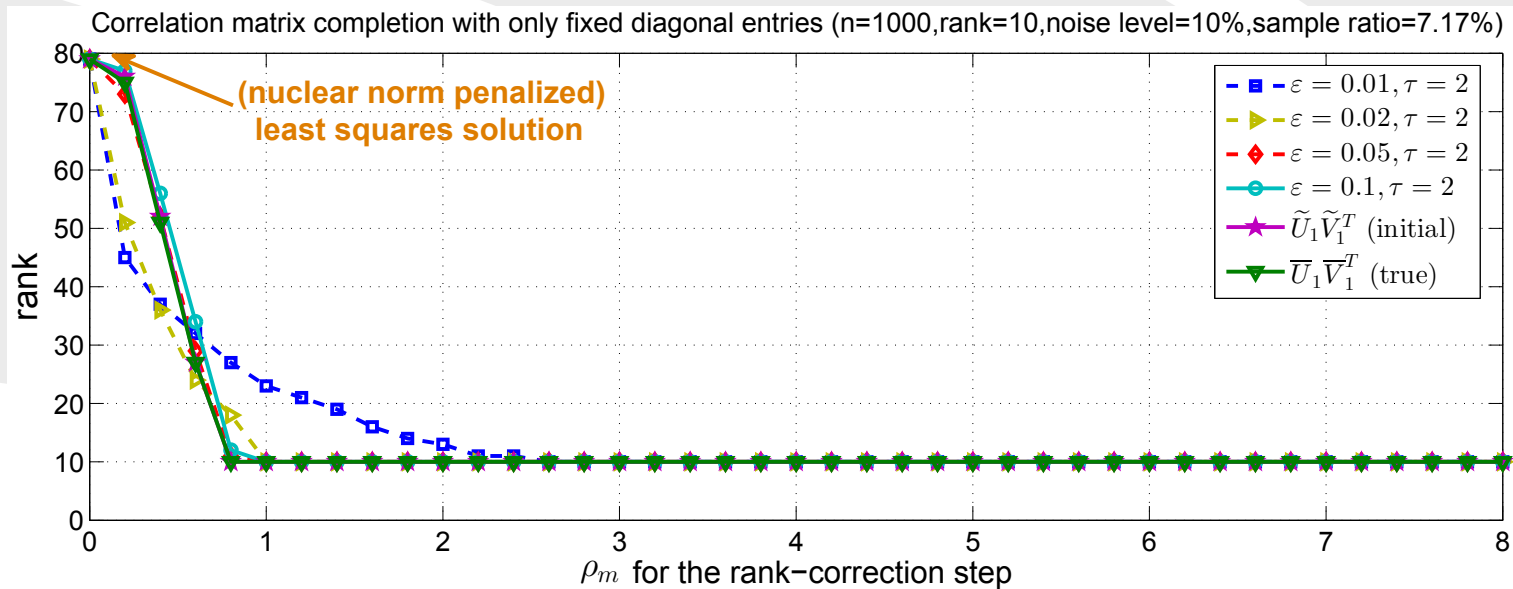
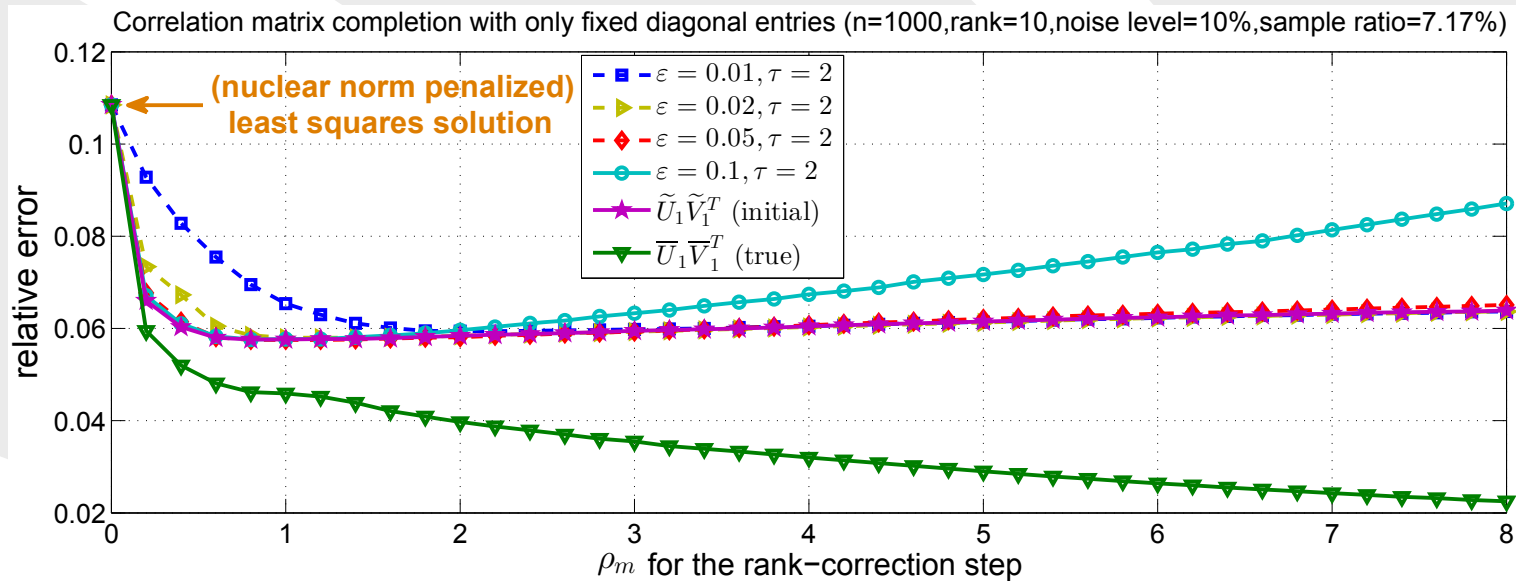
Correlation matrix completion with only diagonal entries being fixed:

$n = 1000$, rank = 10, noise level = 10%, sample ratio = 7.17%.

Initial estimator: (nuclear norm penalized) least squares estimator.

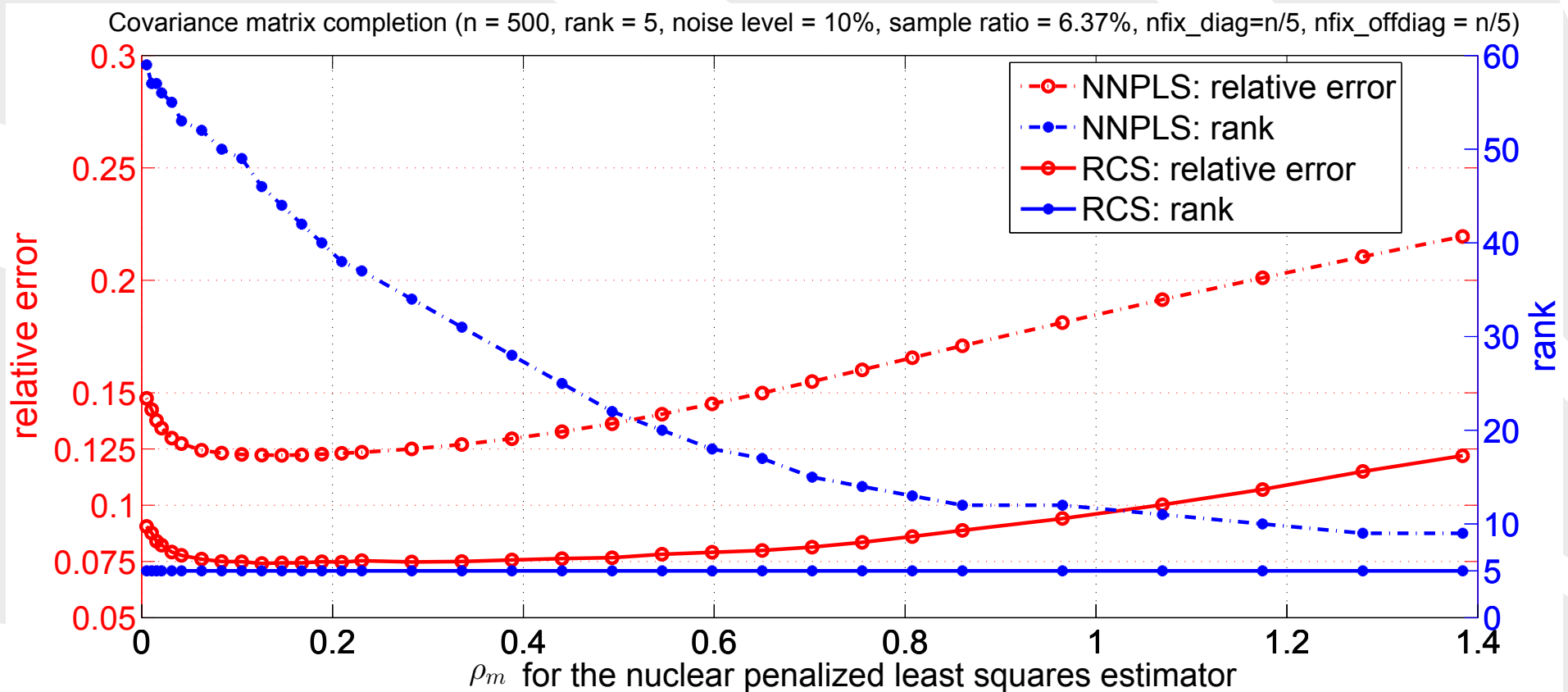
rank-correction function	a_m	b_m	a_m/b_m	optimal relerr
zero function	1	1	1	10.85%
$\varepsilon = 0.01, \tau = 2$	0.1420	0.2351	0.6038	5.96%
$\varepsilon = 0.02, \tau = 2$	0.1459	0.5514	0.2646	5.80%
$\varepsilon = 0.05, \tau = 2$	0.1648	0.8846	0.1863	5.75%
$\varepsilon = 0.1, \tau = 2$	0.2399	0.9681	0.2478	5.77%
$\tilde{U}_1 \tilde{V}_1^\top$ (initial)	0.1445	0.9815	0.1472	5.75%
$\overline{U}_1 \overline{V}_1^\top$ (true)	0	1	0	2.25%

Performance of different F (Cont.)



Covariance matrix completion

$n = 500$, rank = 5, noise level = 10%, sample ratio = 6.37%, $\tau = 2$, $\varepsilon = 0.02$.
 number of fixed diagonal entries = $n/5$, number of fixed off-diagonal entries = $n/5$,



Correlation / covariance matrix completion

r	diag/ off-diag	sample ratio	NNPLS	1st RCS	2st RCS	3rd RCS
			relerr (rank)	relerr(rank)	relerr (rank)	relerr (rank)
5	1000/0	2.40%	1.95e-1 (47)	1.27e-1 (5)	1.18e-1 (5)	1.12e-1 (5)
	1000/0	7.99%	6.10e-2 (51)	3.41e-2 (5)	3.37e-2 (5)	3.36e-2 (5)
	500/50	2.39%	2.01e-1 (45)	1.10e-1 (5)	9.47e-2 (5)	8.97e-2 (5)
	500/50	7.98%	7.19e-2 (32)	3.77e-2 (5)	3.59e-2 (5)	3.58e-2 (5)
10	1000/0	5.38%	1.32e-1 (74)	7.68e-2 (10)	7.39e-2 (10)	7.36e-2 (10)
	1000/0	8.96%	9.18e-2 (78)	5.15e-2 (10)	5.08e-2 (10)	5.08e-2 (10)
	500/100	5.37%	1.58e-1 (57)	8.66e-2 (10)	7.74e-2 (10)	7.60e-2 (10)
	500/100	8.96%	1.02e-1 (49)	5.36e-2 (10)	5.24e-2 (10)	5.25e-2 (10)

- ◇ $n = 1000$.
- ◇ The algorithm is based on an inexact APG method by Jiang, Sun and Toh (2012).⁹

⁹Jiang, K., Sun, D., and Toh, K.C., An inexact accelerated proximal gradient method for large scale linearly constrained convex SDP, *SIAM Journal on Optimization* 22, 22 (2012).

- ◇ Our propose rank-correction procedure is also applicable to the general low-rank matrix completion problems.
- ◇ For additional linear constraints, all the theoretical results hold with slight modifications.
- ◇ This approach can substantially overcome the limitation of the nuclear norm penalization for recovering a low-rank matrix.
- ◇ This approach can significantly improve the recovery performance in the sense of both the recovery error and the rank.
- ◇ It would be of great interest to extend the asymptotic rank consistency results to the case that the matrix size is allowed to grow.