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# Online Heavy-tailed Change-point detection (Supplementary Materials)

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## A CHANGE-POINT LOCALIZATION

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### Algorithm 1 Online Clipped-SGD Change Point Detection and Localization

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1: Input:  $(\eta_t)_{t \geq 1}$ ,  $\lambda > 0$ ,  $\theta_0 \in \Theta$ ,  $\delta \in (0, 1)$  FPR guarantee
2:  $r \leftarrow 1$ 
3:  $\hat{\theta}_{t,t-1} \leftarrow \theta_0$ , for all  $t \geq 1$ .
4: Set  $\tau_c^{(0)} \leftarrow 0$ 
5: Set Num-change-points  $\leftarrow 0$ 
6: for each time  $t = 1, 2, \dots$ , do
7:   Receive sample  $X_t$ 
8:    $\hat{\theta}_{s,t} \leftarrow \prod_{\theta} (\hat{\theta}_{s,t-1} - \eta_{t-s} \text{clip}(X_t - \hat{\theta}_{s,t-1}, \lambda))$ , for every  $r \leq s \leq t$ .
9:   if  $\exists s \in (r, t)$  such that  $\|\hat{\theta}_{r:s} - \hat{\theta}_{s+1:t}\|_2^2 > \mathcal{B}\left(s-r, \frac{\delta}{2(t-r)(t-r+1)}\right) + \mathcal{B}\left(t-s-1, \frac{\delta}{2(t-r)(t-r+1)}\right)$   $\{B(\cdot, \cdot)$  is defined in Equation (5) then
10:     Set Restart $_t \leftarrow 1$  {Change point detected}
11:     Set Num-change-points  $\leftarrow$  Num-change-points  $+1$  {Increment number of change-points detected}
12:     Output time interval  $[\inf\{s \in (r, t)$  s.t.  $\mathfrak{B}(r, s, t, \delta) = 1\}, \sup\{s \in (r, t)$  s.t.  $\mathfrak{B}(r, s, t, \delta) = 1\}]$  as the location of the change-point  $\{\mathfrak{B}(\cdot)$  defined in Equation (8) end if
13:    $r \leftarrow t + 1$ 
14: else
15:   Set Restart $_t \leftarrow 0$ 
16: end if
17: end for

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## B PROOF FOR ROBUST ESTIMATION IN THEOREM 3.1

We follow the same proof architecture as that of Proof of [Tsai et al., 2022].

Fix a time  $t \in \mathbb{N}$ . We define a sequence of random variable  $(\psi_t)_{t \geq 1}$  as follows.

$$\psi_t := \text{clip}((X_t - \hat{\theta}_{t-1}), \lambda) - (\theta^* - \hat{\theta}_{t-1}),$$

Consider any time  $t$ . We have

$$\|\theta_t - \theta^*\|_2^2 = \left\| \prod_{\Theta} (\hat{\theta}_{t-1} - \eta_t \text{clip}(X_t - \hat{\theta}_{t-1}, \lambda)) - \theta^* \right\|_2^2, \quad (1)$$

$$\stackrel{(a)}{\leq} \|\hat{\theta}_{t-1} - \eta_t \text{clip}(X_t - \hat{\theta}_{t-1}, \lambda) - \theta^*\|_2^2, \quad (2)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \|\widehat{\theta}_{t-1} - \eta_t(\psi_t + (\theta^* - \widehat{\theta}_{t-1})) - \theta^*\|_2^2, \\
&= \|\widehat{\theta}_{t-1} - \theta^*\|_2^2 + \eta_t^2 \|\psi_t + (\theta^* - \widehat{\theta}_{t-1})\|_2^2 - 2\eta_t \langle \widehat{\theta}_{t-1} - \theta^*, \psi_t + (\theta^* - \widehat{\theta}_{t-1}) \rangle, \\
&\stackrel{(b)}{\leq} \|\widehat{\theta}_{t-1} - \theta^*\|_2^2 + 2\eta_t^2 \|\psi_t\|_2^2 + 2\eta_t^2 \|(\theta^* - \widehat{\theta}_{t-1})\|_2^2 - 2\eta_t \langle \widehat{\theta}_{t-1} - \theta^*, \psi_t + (\theta^* - \widehat{\theta}_{t-1}) \rangle, \tag{3}
\end{aligned}$$

Step (a) follows since  $\Theta$  is a convex set,  $\|\mathcal{P}_\Theta(\widehat{\theta}_t) - \theta^*\| \leq \|\widehat{\theta}_t - \theta^*\|$ , since  $\theta^* \in \Theta$ . In step (b), we use the fact that  $\|a + b\|_2^2 \leq 2\|a\|_2^2 + 2\|b\|_2^2$ , for all  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}^d$ . Substituting Equation (35) into (3), we get that

$$\begin{aligned}
\|\theta^* - \theta_t\|_2^2 &\leq \|\widehat{\theta}_{t-1} - \theta^*\|_2^2 + 2\eta_t^2 \|\psi_t\|_2^2 - 2\eta_t \langle \widehat{\theta}_{t-1} - \theta^*, \psi_t \rangle \\
&\quad + 2\eta_t^2 \left( (M + m) \langle (\theta^* - \widehat{\theta}_{t-1}), \widehat{\theta}_{t-1} - \theta_t^* \rangle - mM \|\widehat{\theta}_{t-1} - \theta^*\|_2^2 \right) - 2\eta_t \langle (\theta^* - \widehat{\theta}_{t-1}), \widehat{\theta}_{t-1} - \theta_t^* \rangle.
\end{aligned}$$

Re-arranging the equation above yields

$$\begin{aligned}
\|\theta^* - \theta_t\|_2^2 &\leq (1 - 2\eta_t^2 mM) \|\widehat{\theta}_{t-1} - \theta^*\|_2^2 + 2\eta_t^2 \|\psi_t\|_2^2 - 2\eta_t \langle \widehat{\theta}_{t-1} - \theta^*, \psi_t \rangle \\
&\quad - 2\eta_t (1 - \eta_t ((M + m))) \langle (\theta^* - \widehat{\theta}_{t-1}), \widehat{\theta}_{t-1} - \theta_t^* \rangle.
\end{aligned}$$

Further substituting Equation (34) into the display above yields that

$$\begin{aligned}
\|\theta^* - \widehat{\theta}_t\|_2^2 &\leq (1 - 2\eta_t m + 2\eta_t^2 m^2) \|\widehat{\theta}_{t-1} - \theta^*\|_2^2 + 2\eta_t^2 \|\psi_t\|_2^2 - 2\eta_t \langle \widehat{\theta}_{t-1} - \theta^*, \psi_t \rangle, \\
&\leq (1 - \eta_t m) \|\widehat{\theta}_{t-1} - \theta^*\|_2^2 + 2\eta_t^2 \|\psi_t\|_2^2 - 2\eta_t \langle \widehat{\theta}_{t-1} - \theta^*, \psi_t \rangle,
\end{aligned}$$

where the inequality comes from the fact that if  $\eta_t m < 1 \implies 2\eta_t m - 2\eta_t^2 m^2 > \eta_t m$ .

$$\|\theta^* - \widehat{\theta}_t\|_2^2 \leq (1 - \eta_t m) \|\widehat{\theta}_{t-1} - \theta^*\|_2^2 + 2\eta_t^2 \|\psi_t\|_2^2 - 2\eta_t \langle \widehat{\theta}_{t-1} - \theta^*, \psi_t \rangle. \tag{4}$$

Unrolling the recursion yields,

$$\begin{aligned}
\|\theta^* - \widehat{\theta}_t\|_2^2 &\leq \prod_{u=1}^t (1 - \eta_u m) \|\theta_1 - \theta^*\|_2^2 + 2\eta_t^2 \sum_{s=1}^{t-1} \prod_{u=1}^s (1 - \eta_{t-u+1} m) \|\psi_{t-s+1}\|_2^2 \\
&\quad - 2\eta_t \sum_{s=1}^{t-1} \prod_{u=1}^s (1 - \eta_{t-u+1} m) \langle \theta_{t-s} - \theta^*, \psi_{t-s+1} \rangle.
\end{aligned}$$

Using the fact that  $\prod_{u=1}^s (1 - \eta_{t-u+1} m) = \frac{(t-s+\gamma-3)(t-s+\gamma-2)}{(t+\gamma)(t+\gamma-1)}$ , we get that

$$\|\theta^* - \widehat{\theta}_t\|_2^2 \leq \frac{(\gamma-2)(\gamma-1) \|\theta_1 - \theta^*\|_2^2}{(t+\gamma)(t+\gamma-1)} \tag{5}$$

$$-2\eta_t \sum_{s=1}^{t-1} \frac{(t-s+\gamma-3)(t-s+\gamma-2) \langle \theta_{t-s} - \theta^*, \psi_{t-s+1} \rangle}{(t+\gamma)(t+\gamma-1)}. \tag{6}$$

Denote by  $\psi_t := \psi_t^{(b)} + \psi_t^{(v)}$ , where  $\psi_t^{(b)} := \mathbb{E}_{Z_t}[\psi_t | \mathcal{F}_{t-1}]$  and  $\psi_t^{(v)} := \psi_t - \psi_t^{(b)}$ . Using this in the display above and using that fact that  $\|a + b\|_2^2 \leq 2\|a\|_2^2 + 2\|b\|_2^2$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned}
\|\theta_t^* - \theta\|_2^2 &\leq \frac{(\gamma-1)(\gamma-2) \|\theta_1 - \theta^*\|_2^2}{(t+\gamma)(t+\gamma-1)} + 4\eta_t^2 \sum_{s=1}^{t-1} \frac{(t-s+\gamma-3)(t-s+\gamma-2) \|\psi_{t-s+1}\|_2^2}{(t+\gamma)(t+\gamma-1)} \\
&\quad - 2\eta_t \sum_{s=1}^{t-1} \frac{(t-s+\gamma-3)(t-s+\gamma-2) \langle \theta_{t-s} - \theta^*, \psi_{t-s+1}^{(b)} \rangle}{(t+\gamma)(t+\gamma-1)} \\
&\quad - 2\eta_t \sum_{s=1}^{t-1} \frac{(t-s+\gamma-3)(t-s+\gamma-2) \langle \theta_{t-s} - \theta^*, \psi_{t-s+1}^{(v)} \rangle}{(t+\gamma)(t+\gamma-1)}.
\end{aligned}$$

Further simplifying by adding and subtracting  $\mathbb{E}_{Z_t}[\|\psi_t^{(v)}\|_2^2|\mathcal{F}_{t-1}]$  to be above display, we get

$$\|\theta^* - \widehat{\theta}_t\|_2^2 \leq \frac{(\gamma-1)(\gamma-2)\|\theta_1 - \theta^*\|_2^2}{(t+\gamma)(t+\gamma-1)} + 4\eta_t^2 \sum_{s=1}^{t-1} \frac{(t-s+\gamma-3)(t-s+\gamma-2)\|\psi_{t-s+1}^{(b)}\|_2^2}{(t+\gamma)(t+\gamma-1)} \quad (7)$$

$$+ 4\eta_t^2 \sum_{s=1}^{t-1} \frac{(t-s+\gamma-3)(t-s+\gamma-2)\mathbb{E}_{Z_t}[\|\psi_{t-s+1}^{(v)}\|_2^2|\mathcal{F}_{t-s}]}{(t+\gamma)(t+\gamma-1)} \quad (8)$$

$$+ 4\eta_t^2 \sum_{s=1}^{t-1} \frac{(t-s+\gamma-3)(t-s+\gamma-2)(\|\psi_{t-s+1}^{(v)}\|_2^2 - \mathbb{E}_{Z_t}[\|\psi_{t-s+1}^{(v)}\|_2^2|\mathcal{F}_{t-s}])}{(t+\gamma)(t+\gamma-1)} \quad (8)$$

$$- 2\eta_t \sum_{s=1}^{t-1} \frac{(t-s+\gamma-3)(t-s+\gamma-2)\langle \theta_{t-s} - \theta^*, \psi_{t-s+1}^{(b)} \rangle}{(t+\gamma)(t+\gamma-1)} \quad (9)$$

$$- 2\eta \sum_{s=1}^{t-1} \frac{(t-s+\gamma-3)(t-s+\gamma-2)\langle \theta_{t-s} - \theta^*, \psi_{t-s+1}^{(v)} \rangle}{(t+\gamma)(t+\gamma-1)}. \quad (9)$$

**Lemma B.1** (Lemma F.5 [Gorbunov et al., 2020]). *If  $\lambda \geq 2G$ , the following inequalities hold almost-surely for all times  $t$ .*

$$\|\psi_t^{(v)}\| \leq 2\lambda\sigma > 0 \quad (10)$$

$$\|\psi_t^{(b)}\|_2 \leq \frac{4\sigma^2}{\lambda} \quad (11)$$

$$\mathbb{E}_{Z_t}[\|\psi_t^{(v)}\|_2^2|\mathcal{F}_{t-1}] \leq 10\sigma^2 \quad (12)$$

Simplifying Equation (9) using bounds in Lemma B.1, along with the fact that for all  $1 \leq s \leq t$  and  $\gamma \geq 1$ ,  $\frac{(t-s+\gamma-3)(t-s+\gamma-2)}{(t+\gamma)(t+\gamma-1)} \leq \frac{t-s+\gamma}{t+\gamma}$  we get

$$\|\theta^* - \widehat{\theta}_t\|_2^2 \leq \frac{(\gamma-1)(\gamma-2)\|\theta_1 - \theta^*\|_2^2}{(t+\gamma)(t+\gamma-1)} + \frac{16\eta_t^2\sigma^2}{\lambda} \sum_{s=1}^{t-1} \frac{t-s+\gamma}{t+\gamma} + 4\eta_t^2\sigma^2 \sum_{s=1}^{t-1} \frac{t-s+\gamma}{t+\gamma} \quad (13)$$

$$+ 4\eta_t^2 \sum_{s=1}^{t-1} \frac{(t-s+\gamma)(\|\psi_{t-s+1}^{(v)}\|_2^2 - \mathbb{E}_{Z_t}[\|\psi_{t-s+1}^{(v)}\|_2^2|\mathcal{F}_{t-s+1}])}{t+\gamma}$$

$$+ 2\eta_t \sum_{s=1}^{t-1} \frac{(t-s+\gamma)\|\theta_{t-s} - \theta^*\| \|\psi_{t-s+1}^{(b)}\|}{t+\gamma} + -2\eta_t \sum_{s=1}^{t-1} \frac{(t-s+\gamma)\langle \theta_{t-s} - \theta^*, \psi_{t-s+1}^{(v)} \rangle}{t+\gamma}.$$

Further applying the bound that  $\|\psi_t^{(b)}\| \leq \frac{4\sigma^2}{\lambda}$

$$\|\theta^* - \widehat{\theta}_t\|_2^2 \leq \frac{(\gamma-1)(\gamma-2)\|\theta_1 - \theta^*\|_2^2}{(t+\gamma)(t+\gamma-1)} + \underbrace{\left( \frac{16\eta_t^2\sigma^2}{\lambda} + 4\eta_t^2\sigma^2 \right) \sum_{s=1}^{t-1} \frac{t-s+1}{t+\gamma}}_{\text{Term 1}} \quad (14)$$

$$+ \underbrace{4\eta_t^2 \sum_{s=1}^{t-1} \frac{(t-s+\gamma)(\|\psi_{t-s+1}^{(v)}\|_2^2 - \mathbb{E}_{Z_t}[\|\psi_{t-s+1}^{(v)}\|_2^2|\mathcal{F}_{t-s+1}])}{t+\gamma}}_{\text{Term 2}}$$

$$+ \underbrace{\frac{8\sigma^2\eta_t}{\lambda} \sum_{s=1}^{t-1} \frac{(t-s+\gamma)\|\theta_{t-s} - \theta^*\|}{t+\gamma}}_{\text{Term 3}} - \underbrace{2\eta_t \sum_{s=1}^{t-1} \frac{(t-s+\gamma)\langle \theta_{t-s} - \theta^*, \psi_{t-s+1}^{(v)} \rangle}{t+\gamma}}_{\text{Term 4}}.$$

## B.1 PROBABILISTIC ANALYSIS

### Definitions

For every  $t \geq 1$ , denote by the constant

$$C_t = \max \left( \frac{1024\sigma^4}{G^2 m^2 \lambda^2}, \frac{8\lambda \sqrt{\ln \left( \frac{2t^3}{\delta} \right)}}{\gamma^2 G} \right). \quad (15)$$

Denote by the deterministic constant  $\xi_u^{(t)}$  for  $u = 1, \dots, t$  as

$$\left( \xi_u^{(t)} \right)^2 := C_t \left[ \left( \frac{16\sigma^2}{\lambda} + 4\sigma^2 \right) \frac{1}{2m^2(u+1)} + \frac{96\lambda^2 \ln \left( \frac{2t^3}{\delta} \right) \sigma(\sigma+1)}{m(u+\gamma)\sqrt{u+1}} \right]. \quad (16)$$

From the definition, the following in-equalities hold.

**Proposition B.2.** For all times  $u \in \{1, \dots, t\}$ ,

$$\sum_{s=1}^{u-1} (u-s+\gamma) \xi_s^{(t)} \leq 2(u+\gamma)\sqrt{u+1} \xi_u^{(t)}, \quad (17)$$

$$\sum_{s=1}^{u-1} (\xi_s^{(t)})^2 \leq 2(u+1) \ln(u+1) (\xi_u^{(t)})^2 \quad (18)$$

*Proof.* This follows from the following fact.

**Proposition B.3.** For all  $u \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $\gamma \geq 0$ , we have

$$\sum_{s=1}^{u-1} \frac{u-s+\gamma}{\sqrt{u+1}} \leq 2(u+\gamma)\sqrt{u+1}.$$

□

For each time  $u \in \{1, \dots, t\}$ , denote by the random variable  $\nu_u^{(t)}$  by

$$\nu_u^{(t)} := \begin{cases} \theta_u - \theta^* & \text{if } \|\theta_u - \theta^*\|^2 \leq (\xi_u^{(t)})^2 + \frac{C_t \gamma^2 G^2}{(u+1)} \\ 0 & \text{if otherwise} \end{cases}$$

For every  $u \in \{1, \dots, t\}$ , denote by the event  $\mathcal{E}_{u;1}^{(t)}$  to be the one in which the following inequality holds for all  $u \in \{1, \dots, t\}$ .

$$\mathcal{E}_{u;1}^{(t)} := \left\{ 4\eta_t^2 \sum_{s=1}^{u-1} \frac{(u-s+\gamma) (\|\psi_{u-s+1}^{(v)}\|_2^2 - \mathbb{E}_{Z_{u-s+1}} [\|\psi_{u-s+1}^{(v)}\|_2^2 | \mathcal{F}_{u-s+1}])}{t+\gamma} \leq \frac{96\lambda^2 \ln \left( \frac{2t^2(t+1)}{\delta} \right) \sigma(\sigma+1)}{m(u+\gamma)\sqrt{u+1}} \right\}. \quad (19)$$

and  $\mathcal{E}_{u;2}^{(t)}$  as

$$\mathcal{E}_{u;2}^{(t)} := \left\{ -2\eta_u \sum_{s=1}^{u-1} \frac{(u-s+\gamma) \langle v_{u-s}, \psi_{u-s+1}^{(v)} \rangle}{t+\gamma} \leq \frac{\xi_u^{(t)} \ln \left( \frac{2t^2(t+1)}{\delta} \right)}{10\sqrt{u+1}} + \frac{C_u \gamma^2 G^2}{4(u+1)} \right\} \quad (20)$$

Denote by the event  $\mathcal{E}^{(t)}$  as

$$\mathcal{E}^{(t)} := \bigcap_{u=1}^t \left( \mathcal{E}_{u;1}^{(t)} \cap \mathcal{E}_{u;2}^{(t)} \right). \quad (21)$$

Lemma B.4. For all  $t \geq 1$ ,

$$P[E^{(t)}] \leq \frac{1}{t(t+1)}:$$

We now prove by induction hypothesis that

Lemma B.5. For every  $t$ , under the event  $E^{(t)}$ , the following holds.

$$k_{u+1}^2 \leq k_u^2 + \frac{C_t - 2G^2}{(u+1)^2} + \binom{t}{u}^2; \quad (22)$$

for all  $u \geq 1$ ;  $t \geq 1$ .

Proof. Proof of Lemma B.1 We will prove this lemma by induction on  $u$  by analyzing Equation (14). The base-case of  $u = 1$  holds trivially with probability 1 since  $C_t > 1$ ,  $8t \geq 1$  and  $\binom{t}{u} > 2$ .

Now, assume that on the event  $E^{(t)}$ , the induction hypothesis in Equation (22) holds for all times  $s \leq u - 1$ . We prove this by expanding Equation (14) and bounding each of the terms.

Term 1

It is easy to verify that

$$\frac{16 \binom{t}{u}^2 + 4 \binom{t}{u}^2}{\binom{t}{u}^2} \leq \frac{16 \binom{t}{u}^2 + 4 \binom{t}{u}^2}{2m^2(u+1)^2};$$

The last inequality follows since  $2 > 1$ .

Term 2

First notice that

$$4 \binom{t}{u} \sum_{s=1}^{u-1} \frac{\binom{t}{u-s} (k_{u-s+1}^2 - k_{u-s}^2) E_{Z_{u-s+1}} [k_{u-s+1}^2 F_{u-s+1}]}{t+1} \leq \frac{4 \binom{t}{u}}{u+1} \sum_{s=1}^{u-1} (k_{u-s+1}^2 - k_{u-s}^2) E_{Z_{u-s+1}} [k_{u-s+1}^2 F_{u-s+1}]$$

From the definition of  $\text{even}E^{(t)}$  in Equation (21), we get that

$$\text{Term 2} \leq \frac{96 \binom{t}{u} \ln \frac{2t^2(t+1)}{u+1}}{m(u+1)^2}:$$

Term 3

$$\frac{8 \binom{t}{u} \sum_{s=1}^{u-1} \binom{t}{u-s} k_{u-s}^2}{m(u+1)^2} \leq \frac{8 \binom{t}{u} \sum_{s=1}^{u-1} \binom{t}{u-s} k_{u-s}^2}{m(u+1)^2} + \frac{C_t G}{(u+1)^2};$$

$$(18) \frac{16 \cdot 2^p \binom{t}{u+1}}{m(u+1)} + \frac{8^p C_t \cdot 2 \cdot 2Gu}{m(u+1)^2};$$

$$\frac{16 \cdot 2^p \binom{t}{u+1}}{m(u+1)} + \frac{8^p C_t \cdot 2 \cdot 2G}{m(u+1)};$$

$$(a) \frac{10^p \binom{t}{u+1}}{10^p \binom{t}{u+1}} + \frac{C_t \cdot 2G^2}{4(u+1)};$$

The last inequality follows since  $\frac{320 \cdot 2}{m} + 1 = \frac{8 \cdot 2^{(u+1)^2 \log(u+1)}}{m(u+1)} \cdot \frac{1}{10^p \binom{t}{u+1}}$ , for all  $u \leq t$  and the fact that  $C_t \leq \frac{1024 \cdot 4}{G^2 m^2 \cdot 2}$ .

Term 4

The definition of event  $E^{(t)}$  in Equation (21) gives that Term 4  $\leq \frac{\binom{t}{u} \ln \frac{2t^2(t+1)}{u+1}}{10^p \binom{t}{u+1}} + \frac{C_t \cdot 2G^2}{4(u+1)}$

Now, adding in the bounds together into Equation (14),

$$k b_u \leq k_2^2 \frac{2G^2}{u+1} + \frac{16 \cdot 2 + 4 \cdot 2}{2m^2(u+1)} + \frac{10^p \binom{t}{u}}{10^p \binom{t}{u+1}} + \frac{1600 \cdot 2 \ln \frac{2t^2(t+1)}{u+1}}{m(u+1) \cdot 10^p \binom{t}{u+1}}$$

$$+ \frac{\binom{t}{u} \ln \frac{2t^2(t+1)}{u+1}}{10^p \binom{t}{u+1}} + \frac{C_t \cdot 2G^2}{2(u+1)};$$

Now using the fact that  $\frac{\binom{t}{u} \ln \frac{2t^3}{u+1}}{10^p \binom{t}{u+1}} \leq \left(\frac{t}{u}\right)^2$ , we get that

$$k b_u \leq k_2^2 \left( 1 + \frac{C_t}{2} \frac{2G^2}{u+1} + \frac{16 \cdot 2 + 4 \cdot 2}{2m^2(u+1)} + \left(\frac{t}{u}\right)^2 + \frac{96 \cdot 2 \ln \frac{2t^2(t+1)}{u+1}}{m(u+1) \cdot 10^p \binom{t}{u+1}} \right);$$

Substituting the definition of  $\binom{t}{u}$  from Equation (16), we get that

$$k b_u \leq k_2^2 \left( 1 + \frac{C_t}{2} \frac{2G^2}{u+1} + \frac{16 \cdot 2 + 4 \cdot 2}{2m^2(u+1)} + \frac{96 \cdot 2 \ln \frac{2t^2(t+1)}{u+1}}{m(u+1) \cdot 10^p \binom{t}{u+1}} \right)^3;$$

$$\left(\frac{t}{u}\right)^2 + \frac{C_t \cdot 2G^2}{u+1};$$

The last inequality follows since  $C_t = \max \left\{ \frac{1024 \cdot 4}{G^2 m^2 \cdot 2}, \frac{8 \cdot \ln \frac{2t^3}{u+1}}{2G} A \right\} \leq C_t \cdot 2$ .

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## B.2 PROOF OF LEMMA B.4

We first reproduce an useful result.

Lemma B.6 (Freedman's inequality [Victor, 1999]) Suppose  $\{Y_t\}_{t=0}^T$  is a bounded martingale with respect to a filtration  $(F_t)_{t=0}^T$  with  $E[Y_t | F_{t-1}] = 0$  and  $P[|Y_t| \leq B] = 1$  for all  $t \leq T$ ;  $T, G$ . Denote by  $v_s := \sum_{n=1}^s \text{Var}(Y_n | F_{n-1})$  be the sum of conditional variances. Then, for every  $\gamma > 0$ ,

$$P \left[ \exists n \leq [1; T] \text{ such that } \sum_{t=1}^n Y_t \geq a \text{ and } V_n \leq v \right] \leq \exp \left( -\frac{a^2}{2(v + Ba)} \right); \quad (23)$$

Re-arranging the above inequality, we see that if

$$a \leq B \ln \frac{2T}{u} + \frac{S}{u+1} \left( B \ln \frac{2T}{u+1} + 2v \ln \frac{2T}{u+1} \right); \quad (24)$$

then the RHS of Equation (23) is bounded above by

Proof of Lemma B.4 Proof of Equation (19)

Fix a  $u \geq 1$ ;  $t \geq 1$ ;  $u \geq 1$ , denote by the random variable  $Y_s^{(u)} := \frac{(u-s+1)}{u+1} (k_{u-s+1}^{(v)})^2 k_{u-s+1}^2$   
 $E_{Z_{u-s+1}} [k_{u-s+1}^{(v)} k_{u-s+1}^2 | F_{u-s}]$ . Thus,

$$4 \sum_{s=1}^u \frac{(u-s+1) (k_{u-s+1}^{(v)})^2 k_{u-s+1}^2 E_{Z_{u-s+1}} [k_{u-s+1}^{(v)} k_{u-s+1}^2 | F_{u-s+1}]}{u+1} = 4 \sum_{s=1}^u Y_s^{(u)}.$$

Observe that the sequence  $(Y_s^{(u)})_{s=1}^u$  is a martingale difference sequence with respect to the filtration  $(\mathcal{G}_s)_{s=1}^u$ , where  $\mathcal{G}_s := F_{u-s}$ . Furthermore, observe that with probability  $1 - 4^{-2t} > 0 + 4^{-2t} > 0 - 8^{-2t} > 0$ . We can bound the conditional variance as

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{s=1}^u \text{Var}(Y_s^{(u)} | \mathcal{G}_s) &\leq \sum_{s=1}^u \frac{(u-s+1)^2}{u+1} E_{Z_{u-s}} [(k_{u-s+1}^{(v)})^2 k_{u-s+1}^2 E_{Z_{u-s+1}} [k_{u-s+1}^{(v)} k_{u-s+1}^2 | F_{u-s}]^2 | F_{u-s}]; \\ &\leq 10 \sum_{s=1}^u 8^{-2t} E_{Z_{u-s}} [k_{u-s+1}^{(v)} k_{u-s+1}^2 E_{Z_{u-s+1}} [k_{u-s+1}^{(v)} k_{u-s+1}^2 | F_{u-s}]] | F_{u-s}]; \\ &\leq 8^{-2t} \sum_{s=1}^u 2 E_{Z_{u-s}} [k_{u-s+1}^{(v)} k_{u-s+1}^2 | F_{u-s}]; \\ &\leq 12 \cdot 160^{-2t} (u+1); \end{aligned}$$

Now, putting  $B := 8^{-2t}$  and  $v = 160^{-2t} u$ , we get from Equation (24) that with probability at-least  $1 - (2t^2(t+1))^{-1}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{s=1}^u Y_s^{(u)} &\geq 8^{-2t} \ln \frac{2t^2(t+1)}{u+1} + \frac{S}{u+1} \left( 8^{-2t} \ln \frac{2t^2(t+1)}{u+1} + 160^{-2t} u \ln \frac{2t^2(t+1)}{u+1} \right); \\ &\stackrel{(a)}{\geq} 32^{-2t} \ln \frac{2t^2(t+1)}{u+1} - (t+1)^{2t} \frac{1}{u+1}; \end{aligned}$$

Step(a) follows from the fact that  $1 - (2t^2(t+1))^{-1} > 1 - \frac{1}{2t^2(t+1)}$ . Thus, we have with probability at-least  $1 - \frac{1}{2t^2(t+1)}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} 4 \sum_{s=1}^u \frac{(u-s+1) (k_{u-s+1}^{(v)})^2 k_{u-s+1}^2 E_{Z_{u-s+1}} [k_{u-s+1}^{(v)} k_{u-s+1}^2 | F_{u-s+1}]}{u+1} &\geq 96^{-2t} \ln \frac{2t^2(t+1)}{u+1} - (t+1)^{2t} \frac{1}{u+1}; \\ &\geq \frac{96^{-2t} \ln \frac{2t^2(t+1)}{u+1} - (t+1)^{2t} \frac{1}{u+1}}{m^2(u+1)^2}; \\ &\geq \frac{96^{-2t} \ln \frac{2t^2(t+1)}{u+1} - (t+1)^{2t} \frac{1}{u+1}}{m^2(u+1)^{2t} \frac{1}{u+1}}; \end{aligned}$$

Now taking an union bound over all  $1 \leq t \leq T$ ;  $t \geq 1$  yields that with probability at-least  $1 - \frac{1}{2t(t+1)}$ , for all time  $u \geq 1$ ;

$$4 \sum_{s=1}^u \frac{(u-s+1) (k_{u-s+1}^{(v)})^2 k_{u-s+1}^2 E_{Z_{u-s+1}} [k_{u-s+1}^{(v)} k_{u-s+1}^2 | F_{u-s+1}]}{u+1} \geq \frac{96^{-2t} \ln \frac{2t^2(t+1)}{u+1} - (t+1)^{2t} \frac{1}{u+1}}{m^2(u+1)^{2t} \frac{1}{u+1}}$$

Proof of Equation (20)

$$2 \sum_{s=1}^u \frac{\sum_{i=1}^m (u-s+1)h_{u-s}; \binom{v}{u-s+1} i}{u+1} = \frac{2}{m(u+1)^2} \sum_{s=1}^u h_{u-s}; \binom{v}{u-s+1} i$$

Fix a  $u \geq 1$ ;  $t \geq 0$  and denote by  $Y_s^{(u)} := (u-s+1)h_{u-s}; \binom{v}{u-s+1} i$ . Since  $u-s$  is measurable with respect to the sigma-algebra generated by  $\mathcal{F}_s$ , the conditional expectation  $E[Y_s^{(u)} | \mathcal{F}_{u-s}] = 0$ . Thus,  $(Y_s^{(u)})_{s=1}^u$  is a martingale difference sequence with respect to the filtration  $(\mathcal{F}_s)_{s=1}^u$ . Furthermore, we have from Equation (10) that  $E[Y_s^{(u)} | \mathcal{F}_{u-s}] = 2(u-s+1) \binom{t}{u-s} + 2G$ . We can now bound the sum of conditional variances as

$$\sum_{s=1}^u \text{Var}(Y_s^{(u)} | \mathcal{F}_{u-s}) \stackrel{(18)}{\leq} \sum_{s=1}^u 4(u-s+1)^2 \binom{t}{u-s}^2 + 4^2 G^2; \\ \stackrel{(18)}{\leq} 12^2 \sum_{s=1}^u (u-s+1)^2 (u+1) \log(u+1) \binom{t}{u-s}^2 + 4^2 \sum_{s=1}^u G^2;$$

Step(a) follows since  $m < 1$ . Now applying the bound in Equation (24) with  $\mu := 2(u-s+1) \binom{t}{u-s} + 2G$  and  $v = 12^2 \sum_{s=1}^u (u-s+1)^2 (u+1) \log(u+1) \binom{t}{u-s}^2 + 4^2 \sum_{s=1}^u G^2$ , we get that with probability at-least  $1 - (2t^2(t+1))^{-s}$ ,

$$\sum_{s=1}^u (u-s+1)h_{u-s}; \binom{v}{u-s+1} i \leq 2(u-s+1) \binom{t}{u-s} + R_1 \ln \frac{2t^2(t+1)}{s} + 2(u-s+1) \binom{t}{u-s} + G \ln \frac{2t^2(t+1)}{s} \\ + 12^2 \sum_{s=1}^u (u-s+1)^2 (u+1) \log(u+1) \binom{t}{u-s}^2 + 4^2 \sum_{s=1}^u G^2 (u+1) \ln \frac{2t^2(t+1)}{s} \\ 6(u-s+1)^2 \frac{1}{u+1} \log(u+1) \binom{t}{u-s} (s+1) \ln \frac{2t^2(t+1)}{s} + 2G \frac{1}{(u+1) \ln \frac{2t^2(t+1)}{s}};$$

Thus,

$$2 \sum_{s=1}^u \frac{\sum_{i=1}^m (u-s+1)h_{u-s}; \binom{v}{u-s+1} i}{u+1} \leq \frac{12^2 \sum_{s=1}^u (u-s+1)^2 (u+1) \log(u+1) \binom{t}{u-s}^2 (s+1) \ln \frac{2t^2(t+1)}{s}}{(u-s+1)} + \frac{C_t G}{10(u+1)}; \\ \frac{\binom{t}{u} \ln \frac{2t^2(t+1)}{s}}{10 \sum_{s=1}^u (u+1)} + \frac{C_t G}{10(u+1)};$$

The first inequality follows since  $C_t \leq \frac{8}{2G} \ln \frac{2t^3}{s}$ . The last inequality follows since for all times  $s \leq t$ , we have

$$\frac{12^2 \sum_{s=1}^u (u-s+1)^2 (u+1) \log(u+1) \binom{t}{u-s}^2 (s+1) \ln \frac{2t^2(t+1)}{s}}{(u-s+1)} \leq \frac{\ln \frac{2t^2(t+1)}{s}}{10}$$

as a consequence of  $120 \leq (s+1)$ .

□

## C PROOFS FROM SECTION 4.2

### C.1 PROOF OF THEOREM 4.1

We bound this probability using the result of 3.1 and a simple union bound argument. For any  $\epsilon > 0$ , we observe that

$$P[9t \leq [r+1]; \binom{r}{c} \text{ s.t. } A_t = 1 | A_r = 1] = P[\bigcup_{t=r+1}^c A_t = 1 | A_r = 1]$$



$$\prod_{t=r+1}^{X-1} P[A_t = 1 | A_r = 1]; \quad (25)$$

We now examine the above Equation to bound it. For any  $t \in \mathbb{N}(r; c^{(r)})$

$$\begin{aligned} P[A_t = 1 | A_r = 1] &= \prod_{s=r+1}^{t-1} P[A_s = 1 | A_r = 1, A_{s+1:t} = 1]; \\ &= \prod_{s=r+1}^{X-1} P[A_s = 1 | A_r = 1, A_{s+1:t} = 1] + \prod_{s=r+1}^{X-1} P[A_s = 1 | A_r = 1, A_{s+1:t} = 1]; \\ (a) \quad &= \prod_{s=r+1}^{X-1} \frac{1}{2t(t+1)(s-r)(s-r+1)} + \frac{1}{2t(t+1)(t-s-1)(t-s)}; \\ &= \frac{1}{2t(t+1)} \prod_{s=r+1}^{X-1} \frac{1}{(s-r)(s-r+1)} + \frac{1}{2t(t+1)} \prod_{s=r+1}^{X-1} \frac{1}{(t-s-1)(t-s)}; \\ &= \frac{1}{2t(t+1)} \prod_{s=1}^{t-X+r} \frac{1}{s(s+1)} + \frac{1}{2t(t+1)} \prod_{s=1}^{t-X+r} \frac{1}{s(s+1)}; \\ (b) \quad &= \frac{1}{t(t+1)}; \end{aligned} \quad (26)$$

Since for all  $t < c^{(r)}$ , the mean of the random variables  $X_{s+1}; \dots; X_t$  are identical and equal to  $c-1$  (see notation in Section 2), Theorem 3.1 gives rise to inequality (a). Step (b) follows from the fact that  $\prod_{s=1}^{t-1} \frac{1}{s(s+1)} = \frac{1}{t(t+1)}$ . Now substituting the bound from Equation (26) into Equation (25), we get that

$$\begin{aligned} P[\exists t \in \mathbb{N}(r+1; c^{(r)}) \text{ s.t. } A_t = 1 | A_r = 1] &= \prod_{t=r+1}^{X-1} \frac{1}{t(t+1)}; \\ &= \frac{1}{X}; \end{aligned}$$

Since the above bound holds for all  $r$  and processes  $M$ , we have

$$\sup_{M; r} P[\exists t \in \mathbb{N}(r+1; c^{(r)}) \text{ s.t. } A_t = 1 | A_r = 1] = \frac{1}{X};$$

## C.2 PROOF OF LEMMA 4.2

Recall from the definition that the  $t$ th detection is false if

$$r^{(A)} = 1 \text{ (6 } \theta \text{ s.t. } c \geq 2 (t_r^{(A)}; t_r^{(A)}));$$

We will show that  $E[r^{(A)}] = \frac{1}{X}$ . This will then conclude the proof of the lemma.

$$\begin{aligned} E[r^{(A)}] &= P[6 \theta \text{ s.t. } c \geq 2 (t_r^{(A)}; t_r^{(A)})]; \\ &= E[P[6 \theta \text{ s.t. } c \geq 2 (s; t_r^{(A)}) | t_r^{(A)} = s]]; \\ &= E[P[\prod_{t=s+1}^{c-1} \frac{1}{t} = 1 | t_r^{(A)} = s]]; \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & E P[9t \geq 2[s+1; \binom{s}{c}]; A_t = 1] t_r^{(A)} = s ; \\
 (a) & E P[9t \geq 2[s+1; \binom{s}{c}]; A_t = 1 | A_s = 1] t_r^{(A)} = s ; \\
 (b) & :
 \end{aligned}$$

Inequality(a) follows from the fact that on the event  $t_r^{(A)} = s, A_s = 1$ . Inequality(b) follows from Theorem 4.1.

### D PROOF OF LEMMA 4.3

The proof follows from a straightforward application of Theorem 3.1 as follows. Let  $n \geq 1$ ,  $d \geq 0$  and  $\theta \in (0, 1)$  be arbitrary.

$$\begin{aligned}
 P[D(n; \theta) \leq d] &= P[\bigwedge_{s=1}^{n+d} A(X_{1:s}) = 0]; \\
 &= P[\bigwedge_{s=1}^{n+d} k_{b_{1:s}} \leq b_{s+1:n+d} k_2^2 \leq B \binom{s}{2} + B \binom{n+d-s-1}{2}]; \\
 &= P[k_{b_{1:n-1}} \leq b_{n:n+d} k_2^2 \leq B \binom{n-1}{2} + B \binom{d}{2}];
 \end{aligned} \tag{27}$$

From triangle-inequality, we know that

$$\begin{aligned}
 k_{b_{1:n-1}} \leq b_{n:n+d} k_2^2 &\leq k_{b_{1:n-1}} + k_{b_{n:n+d}} k_2^2; \\
 &= k_{b_{1:n-1}} + k_{b_{n:n+d}} k_2^2.
 \end{aligned} \tag{28}$$

Thus, substituting Equation (28) into Equation (27), we get that

$$\begin{aligned}
 P[D(n; \theta) \leq d] &= P[k_{b_{1:n-1}} + k_{b_{n:n+d}} k_2^2 \leq B \binom{n-1}{2} + B \binom{d}{2}];
 \end{aligned}$$

Denote by the event  $E_i$  for  $i = 1, 2$  as

$$\begin{aligned}
 E_1 &:= k_{b_{1:n-1}} > B \binom{n-1}{2}; \\
 E_2 &:= k_{b_{n:n+d}} k_2^2 > B \binom{d}{2};
 \end{aligned}$$

Denote by  $E := E_1 \cup E_2$ . Theorem 3.1 gives that  $P[E_1] \leq \frac{\theta}{2(n(n+1))}$  and  $P[E_2] \leq \frac{\theta}{2d(d+1)}$ . Thus, an union bound gives that  $P[E] \leq \theta$ . Let  $d \geq 2$  be arbitrary, where

$$G := d \geq 2 : \frac{\theta}{2} + B \binom{d}{2} + B \binom{n}{2} + \frac{\theta}{2(n+d+1)(n+d)} + B \binom{d}{2} \tag{29}$$

Claim : If the event  $E^c$  holds, then  $D(n; \theta) \leq d$  for all  $d \geq 2$ .

Suppose  $d \geq 2$  and event  $E^c$  holds. Then, we know by triangle inequality in Equation (28) that

Figure 1: Plot of  $D(n; \epsilon; \delta)$  in Lemma 4.3 for  $\epsilon = 10^{-3}$ ;  $\delta = 0.1$ .

$$k_{1:n-1}^2 b_{n:n+d}^2 k_2^2 + k_{1:n-1}^2 k_2^2 + k_{1:n-1}^2 k_2^2 + k_{n:n+d}^2 k_2^2; \quad (30)$$

$$\stackrel{(a)}{=} 2 B_{n-1; \frac{0}{2}} + B_{d; \frac{0}{2}}; \quad (31)$$

$$\stackrel{(b)}{=} B_{n; \frac{1}{2(n+d+1)(n+d)}} + B_{d; \frac{1}{2(n+d+1)(n+d)}}; \quad (32)$$

Step (a) follows from the definition of even  $E$  and on the assumption of the claim that even  $E$  holds. Step (b) follows from the fact that  $2G$  is arbitrary (cf. Equation (29)). The last step says from Lemma Algorithm 1 that if no detection has been made till time  $n+d$ , then under the event  $\mathcal{E}^c$ , time step  $n+d$  is a detection time. Since even  $E$  holds with probability at-least  $1 - \epsilon$ , this concludes the proof.

### D.1 USEFUL CONVEXITY BASED INEQUALITIES

Let  $f : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a strongly convex function with strong convexity parameters  $m$  and  $M < \infty$ . Denote by  $\hat{x} := \arg \min_{x \in \mathbb{R}^d} f(x)$ . Since  $f(\cdot)$  is convex and  $\mathbb{R}^d$  is convex and compact, the existence and uniqueness is guaranteed. Strong convexity gives that for any  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^d$ ,

$$f(x) \geq f(\hat{x}) + m \|x - \hat{x}\|^2; \quad (33)$$

Further since  $\hat{x} = \arg \min_{x \in \mathbb{R}^d} f(x)$ , we have that

$$f(\hat{x}) \leq f(x) - m \|x - \hat{x}\|^2;$$

Putting these two together, we see that

$$m \|x - \hat{x}\|^2 \leq f(x) - f(\hat{x}) \leq M \|x - \hat{x}\|^2; \quad (34)$$

Also, We further use the following lemma.

Lemma D.1 (Lemma 3.11 from [Bubeck, 2015]) Let  $g : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a  $M$ -smooth and  $m$ -strongly convex function. Then for all  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^d$ ,

$$\|g(x) - g(y)\| \leq \frac{mM}{M+m} \|x - y\|^2 + \frac{1}{M+m} \|g(x) - g(y)\| k_2^2;$$

By substituting  $x = \hat{x}, y = x$  and  $g(\cdot) = f(\cdot)$  and by leveraging the fact that  $f(\hat{x}) = 0$ , we get the inequality that

$$\|f(\hat{x}) - f(x)\| \leq \frac{mM}{m+M} \|x - \hat{x}\|^2 + \frac{1}{M+m} \|f(\hat{x}) - f(x)\| k_2^2;$$

Re-arranging, we see that

$$\|\nabla f(\hat{\theta}_{t-1})\|_2^2 \leq (M + m)\langle \nabla f(\hat{\theta}_{t-1}), \hat{\theta}_{t-1} - \theta^* \rangle - mM\|\hat{\theta}_{t-1} - \theta^*\|_2^2. \quad (35)$$

## E ADDITIONAL SIMULATIONS

In Figure 2, we plot a sample path of observed data and mark out the true change-points and the detected time-instants by Algorithm 1. The plots indicate that although visually identifying the change in the means is hard, our change-point detection algorithm is able to consistently across variety of distribution families.

(a) Unit-variance Gaussian.

(b) Pareto with  $s = 2:1$ .

(c) Pareto with  $s = 2:01$ .

(d) Alternate Pareto  $s = 2:01$  and Gaussian. (e) Alternate Pareto  $s = 2:01$  and Gaussian (f) Alternate Pareto  $s = 2:01$  and Gaussian

(g) Pareto  $s = 2:01; d = 15; \quad = 5$

(h) Pareto  $s = 2:01; d = 15; \quad = 2$

Figure 2: In all plots, we choose the change-point gap to be  $\Delta = 0.1$  and  $\delta = 0.05$  except (g) and (h) where  $\Delta = 5$  and 2 respectively. In plots (g) and (h), we plot the norm of the observed random vector and thus the Y-axis is non-negative. We see missed detection in Figures (e) and (h) with the last change-point on the right being missed. We do not observe False-positives in these plots.