

## A Additional Proof Details

*Proof.* of Lemma 5. Fix some  $\mathbf{w}$ . Denote  $h(\mathbf{x}) = x_j \cdot \sigma'(\mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{x} + b > 0)$ . Let  $A' \subseteq [n]$  be some subset with  $|A'| = k$  and  $j \notin A'$ .

$$\mathbb{E} x_j f_{A'}(\mathbf{x}) \cdot \sigma'(\mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{x} + b > 0) = \hat{h}(A')$$

Now, we have

$$\mathbb{E}_{A'} \left| \hat{h}(A') \right|^2 = \frac{1}{\binom{n-1}{k}} \sum_{A' \in \binom{[n-1]}{k}} \left| \hat{h}(A') \right|^2 \leq \frac{\|h\|_2^2}{\binom{n-1}{k}} \leq \frac{1}{\binom{n-1}{k}}$$

Finally,

$$\mathbb{E}_{A'} \left| \hat{h}(A') \right| \leq \sqrt{\mathbb{E}_{A'} \left| \hat{h}(A') \right|^2} \leq \sqrt{\frac{1}{\binom{n-1}{k}}}$$

Since the above holds for all  $\mathbf{w}$ , we get that:

$$\mathbb{E}_{A' \mid \mathbf{w}} \left| \hat{h}(A') \right| = \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{w}} \mathbb{E}_{A'} \left| \hat{h}(A') \right| \leq \sqrt{\frac{1}{\binom{n-1}{k}}}$$

Fix some  $A' \subseteq [n]$  (with  $|A'| = k$  and  $j \notin A'$ ), and observe that, from symmetry to permutations of the uniform distribution, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{w}} \left| \hat{h}(A') \right| &= \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{w}} \left| \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{x}} x_j f_{A'}(\mathbf{x}) \cdot \sigma'(\mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{x} + b > 0) \right| \\ &= \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{w}} \left| \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{x}} x_j f_A(\mathbf{x}) \cdot \sigma'(\mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{x} + b > 0) \right| = \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{w}} \left| \hat{h}(A) \right| \end{aligned}$$

And therefore, we get that:  $\mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{w}} \left| \hat{h}(A) \right| = \mathbb{E}_{A'} \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{w}} \left| \hat{h}(A') \right| \leq \sqrt{\frac{1}{\binom{n-1}{k}}}$ . Now, using Markov's inequality achieves the required. A similar calculation is valid for  $h(\mathbf{x}) = \sigma'(\mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{x} + b > 0)$ .  $\square$

*Proof.* of Lemma 7. W.l.o.g., assume  $A = [k]$  and  $j = k+1$ . We will show that the conclusion of the lemma is true even if we condition of the value of  $x_{k+1}, \dots, x_n$ . Indeed, in that case the conditional expectation of  $x_j f(\mathbf{x}) \cdot \sigma'(\mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{x} + b > 0)$  is

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{1}{2} x_{k+1} f(1, \dots, 1, x_{k+1}, \dots, x_k) \cdot \sigma' \left( \sum_{i=1}^k w_i + \sum_{i=k+1}^n w_i x_i + b > 0 \right) \\ &+ \frac{1}{2} x_{k+1} f(-1, \dots, -1, x_{k+1}, \dots, x_k) \cdot \sigma' \left( \sum_{i=1}^k -w_i + \sum_{i=1}^n w_i x_i + b > 0 \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} x_{k+1} \cdot \sigma' \left( \sum_{i=k+1}^n w_i x_i + b > 0 \right) \\ &- \frac{1}{2} x_{k+1} \cdot \sigma' \left( \sum_{i=k+1}^n w_i x_i + b > 0 \right) \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, the conditional expectation of  $f(\mathbf{x}) \cdot \sigma'(\mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{x} + b > 0)$  is

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{1}{2} f(1, \dots, 1, x_{k+1}, \dots, x_k) \cdot \sigma' \left( \sum_{i=1}^k w_i + \sum_{i=k+1}^n w_i x_i + b > 0 \right) \\
& + \frac{1}{2} f(-1, \dots, -1, x_{k+1}, \dots, x_k) \cdot \sigma' \left( \sum_{i=1}^k -w_i + \sum_{i=1}^n w_i x_i + b > 0 \right) \\
& = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \sigma' \left( \sum_{i=k+1}^n w_i x_i + b > 0 \right) \\
& - \frac{1}{2} \cdot \sigma' \left( \sum_{i=k+1}^n w_i x_i + b > 0 \right) \\
& = 0
\end{aligned}$$

□

*Proof.* of Lemma 8. Fix some  $y \in \{\pm 1\}$ . Denote  $\hat{S}$  to be the random variable  $\hat{S} := \sum_{j \notin A} w_j x_j = \sum_{j \in J} w_j x_j$ . Notice that for every  $y \in \{\pm 1\}$ , the following holds:

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbb{P}[h(\mathbf{x}) = y \wedge \sigma'(\mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{x} + b) = 1] & \leq \mathbb{P}\left[h(\mathbf{x}) = y \wedge \hat{S} + b \in \left(\frac{k}{\sqrt{n}}, 6 - \frac{k}{\sqrt{n}}\right)\right] \\
& + \mathbb{P}\left[h(\mathbf{x}) = y \wedge \hat{S} + b \in \left(-\frac{k}{\sqrt{n}}, \frac{k}{\sqrt{n}}\right] \cup \left[6 - \frac{k}{\sqrt{n}}, 6\right)\right] \\
& = \mathbb{P}[h(\mathbf{x}) = y] \mathbb{P}\left[\hat{S} + b \in \left(\frac{k}{\sqrt{n}}, 6 - \frac{k}{\sqrt{n}}\right)\right] \\
& + \mathbb{P}\left[h(\mathbf{x}) = y \wedge \hat{S} + b \in \left(-\frac{k}{\sqrt{n}}, \frac{k}{\sqrt{n}}\right] \cup \left[6 - \frac{k}{\sqrt{n}}, 6\right)\right]
\end{aligned}$$

Where we use the fact that  $h(\mathbf{x})$  is independent from every  $x_j$  with  $j \notin A$ . Since  $\{\sqrt{n}x_j\}_{j \in J}$  are Rademacher random variables, from Littlewood-Offord there exists a universal constant  $B$  such that  $\mathbb{P}[\hat{S} \in I] \leq \frac{B}{\sqrt{|J|}}$ , for every open interval  $I$  of length  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}$ . Using the union bound we get that  $\mathbb{P}\left[\hat{S} + b \in \left(-\frac{k}{\sqrt{n}}, \frac{k}{\sqrt{n}}\right] \cup \left[6 - \frac{k}{\sqrt{n}}, 6\right)\right] \leq \frac{3k+2}{\sqrt{|J|}}$ . Therefore, we get the following:

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left| \mathbb{P}[h(\mathbf{x}) = y \wedge \sigma'(\mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{x} + b) = 1] - \mathbb{P}[h(\mathbf{x}) = y] \mathbb{P}\left[\hat{S} + b \in \left(\frac{k}{\sqrt{n}}, 6 - \frac{k}{\sqrt{n}}\right)\right] \right| \\
& \leq \mathbb{P}\left[h(\mathbf{x}) = y \wedge \hat{S} + b \in \left(-\frac{k}{\sqrt{n}}, \frac{k}{\sqrt{n}}\right] \cup \left[6 - \frac{k}{\sqrt{n}}, 6\right)\right] \\
& = \mathbb{P}[h(\mathbf{x}) = y] \mathbb{P}\left[\hat{S} + b \in \left(-\frac{k}{\sqrt{n}}, \frac{k}{\sqrt{n}}\right] \cup \left[6 - \frac{k}{\sqrt{n}}, 6\right)\right] \\
& \leq \mathbb{P}[h(\mathbf{x}) = y] \frac{(3k+1)B}{\sqrt{|J|}}
\end{aligned}$$

Since the above is true for every  $y \in \{\pm 1\}$ , we get that:

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left| \mathbb{E} [h(\mathbf{x}) \cdot \sigma'(\mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{x} + b)] - \mathbb{E} [h(\mathbf{x})] \mathbb{P} \left[ \hat{S} + b \in \left( \frac{k}{\sqrt{n}}, 6 - \frac{k}{\sqrt{n}} \right) \right] \right| \\
&= \left| \sum_{y \in \{\pm 1\}} y \mathbb{P} [h(\mathbf{x}) = y \wedge \sigma'(\mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{x} + b) = 1] - \sum_{y \in \{\pm 1\}} y \mathbb{P} [h(\mathbf{x}) = y] \mathbb{P} \left[ \hat{S} + b \in \left( \frac{k}{\sqrt{n}}, 6 - \frac{k}{\sqrt{n}} \right) \right] \right| \\
&\leq \sum_{y \in \{\pm 1\}} \left| \mathbb{P} [h(\mathbf{x}) = y \wedge \sigma'(\mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{x} + b) = 1] - \mathbb{P} [h(\mathbf{x}) = y] \mathbb{P} \left[ \hat{S} + b \in \left( \frac{k}{\sqrt{n}}, 6 - \frac{k}{\sqrt{n}} \right) \right] \right| \\
&\leq \frac{(3k+1)B}{\sqrt{|J|}} \sum_{y \in \{\pm 1\}} \mathbb{P} [h(\mathbf{x}) = y] = \frac{(3k+1)B}{\sqrt{|J|}}
\end{aligned}$$

And this gives the required.  $\square$

*Proof.* of Lemma 9. Denote  $\mathbf{w} := \mathbf{w}_i^{(0)}$ ,  $b := b_i^{(0)}$ . We show that with probability at least  $\frac{1}{14\sqrt{k}}$  over the choice of  $\mathbf{w}_i^{(0)}$  we have:

1.  $|\mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{x}} x_j f(\mathbf{x}) \cdot \sigma'(\mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{x} + b)| \leq 14\sqrt{k}(n-1)\sqrt{\frac{1}{\binom{n-1}{k}}}$   
 $|\mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{x}} f(\mathbf{x}) \cdot \sigma'(\mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{x} + b)| \leq 14\sqrt{k}(n-1)\sqrt{\frac{1}{\binom{n-1}{k}}}$
2.  $\sum_{j \in A} w_j = 0$
3.  $|J| := |\{j \in [n] \setminus A : w_j \neq 0\}| \geq \frac{n-k}{3}$

We start by calculating the probability to get each of the above separately:

1. From Lemma 6, this holds with probability at least  $1 - \frac{1}{14\sqrt{k}}$ .
2. Denote  $A_0 = \{j \in A \mid w_j = 0\}$ . Now, to calculate the probability that 2 holds, we start by noting that it can hold only when  $|A_0|$  is odd (since  $k$  is odd). Now, note that  $\mathbb{P}[w_j = 0] = \frac{1}{3}$  independently for every coordinate. Therefore, we have the following:

$$\begin{aligned}
((1 - \frac{1}{3}) + \frac{1}{3})^k &= \mathbb{P}[|A_0| \text{ is even}] + \mathbb{P}[|A_0| \text{ is odd}] \\
((1 - \frac{1}{3}) - \frac{1}{3})^k &= \mathbb{P}[|A_0| \text{ is even}] - \mathbb{P}[|A_0| \text{ is odd}] \\
\Rightarrow \mathbb{P}[|A_0| \text{ is odd}] &= \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}(\frac{1}{3})^k \geq \frac{1}{3}
\end{aligned}$$

Now, conditioning on the event that  $|A_0|$  is odd, we have:

$$\mathbb{P} \left[ \sum_{j \in A} w_j = 0 \right] = \frac{1}{2^{k-|A_0|}} \binom{k-|A_0|}{\frac{1}{2}(k-|A_0|)} \geq \frac{1}{2\sqrt{k-|A_0|}} \geq \frac{1}{2\sqrt{k}}$$

All in all, we get that 2 holds with probability at least  $\frac{1}{6\sqrt{k}}$ .

3. Denote  $X_j = \mathbf{1}\{w_j \neq 0\}$ , and note that we have  $\mathbb{E} \left[ \sum_{j \notin A} X_j \right] = \frac{2(n-k)}{3}$ . Then, from Hoeffding's inequality we get that  $\mathbb{P} [|J| \leq \frac{n-k}{3}] \leq \exp(-\frac{2}{9}(n-k)) \leq \frac{1}{7}$ , since we assume  $n - k \geq \frac{9}{2} \log 7$ .

To calculate the probability that both 1,2 and 3 hold, note that 2 and 3 are independent, and therefore the probability that both of them hold is at least  $\frac{1}{7\sqrt{k}}$ . Using the union bound we get that the probability that all 1-3 hold is at least  $\frac{1}{14\sqrt{k}}$ .

Now, we assume that the above hold. In this case we have:

$$\begin{aligned}
|b_i^{(1)} - b_i^{(0)}| &= \left| \eta_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial b_i} L_{\mathcal{D}}(g^{(0)}) \right| \\
&= \left| \mathbb{E} \left[ \ell'(f_A(\mathbf{x}), g^{(0)}(\mathbf{x})) \frac{\partial}{\partial b_i} g^{(0)}(\mathbf{x}) \right] \right| \\
&= \left| u_i^{(0)} \right| \left| \frac{1}{2} \mathbb{E}_{\mathcal{D}_A^{(1)}} f_A(\mathbf{x}) \cdot \sigma'(\mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{x} + b) - \frac{1}{2} \mathbb{E}_{\mathcal{D}_A^{(2)}} f_A(\mathbf{x}) \cdot \sigma'(\mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{x} + b) \right| \\
&= \frac{n}{2k} \left| \mathbb{E}_{\mathcal{D}_A^{(1)}} f(\mathbf{x}) \cdot \sigma'(\mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{x} + b) \right| \\
&\leq 7 \frac{n(n-1)}{\sqrt{k}} \sqrt{\frac{1}{\binom{n-1}{k}}} \leq 7(n-1)^2 \sqrt{\frac{1}{\binom{n-1}{5}}} \leq 7(n-1)^2 \sqrt{\left(\frac{5}{n-1}\right)^5} \leq \frac{\sqrt{2} \cdot 7 \cdot 5^{2.5}}{\sqrt{n}}
\end{aligned}$$

Where we use the result of Lemma 7 and the above conditions. Now, for all  $j \in [n]$  we have:

$$\begin{aligned}
w_{i,j}^{(1)} &= w_{i,j}^{(0)} - \eta_1 \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial w_{i,j}} L_{\mathcal{D}}(g^{(0)}) + \lambda_1 R(g^{(0)}) \right) \\
&= w_i^{(0)} - \mathbb{E} \left[ \ell'(f_A(\mathbf{x}), g^{(0)}(\mathbf{x})) \frac{\partial}{\partial w_{i,j}} g^{(0)}(\mathbf{x}) \right] - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial w_{i,j}^{(0)}} R(g^{(0)}) \\
&= -u_i^{(0)} \mathbb{E} [x_j f_A(\mathbf{x}) \sigma'(\mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{x} + b)]
\end{aligned}$$

So, denote  $h(\mathbf{x}) = \sqrt{n} x_j f_A(\mathbf{x})$  and note that for every  $j \in A$  we get  $h(\mathbf{x}) \equiv 1$ . So, from Lemma 8 we get that for every  $j \in A$  we have:

$$\begin{aligned}
\left| w_{i,j}^{(1)} - \varphi(\mathbf{w}, b) \frac{u_i^{(0)}}{\sqrt{n}} \right| &= \left| \frac{u_i^{(0)}}{\sqrt{n}} \right| \left| \mathbb{E}_{\mathcal{D}_A} h(\mathbf{x}) \sigma'(\mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{x} + b) - \varphi(\mathbf{w}, b) \mathbb{E}_{\mathcal{D}_A} h(\mathbf{x}) \right| \\
&\leq \frac{C_1 \sqrt{n}}{\sqrt{|J|}} \leq \frac{\sqrt{3} C_1 \sqrt{n}}{\sqrt{(n-k)}} \leq \sqrt{6} C_1
\end{aligned}$$

Now, let  $\alpha_i = \varphi(\mathbf{w}, b)$  and recall that  $\varphi(\mathbf{w}, b) = \mathbb{P} \left[ \frac{k}{\sqrt{n}} < \sum_{j \in J} w_j x_j + b < 6 - \frac{k}{\sqrt{n}} \right]$ , and since  $\frac{k}{\sqrt{n}} \leq \frac{1}{8k}$  and  $b = \frac{1}{8k}$  we have:

$$\alpha_i \geq \mathbb{P} \left[ 0 \leq \sum_{j \in J} w_j x_j < 5 \right] = \frac{1}{2} - \mathbb{P} \left[ \sum_{j \in J} w_j x_j > 5 \right]$$

From Markov's inequality we have:  $\mathbb{P} \left[ \left| \sum_{j \in J} w_j x_j \right| > 5 \right] \leq \frac{1}{5^2}$ . And from symmetry we get that  $\mathbb{P} \left[ \sum_{j \in J} w_j x_j > 5 \right] \leq \frac{1}{2 \cdot 5^2} \leq \frac{1}{4}$ , and so  $\alpha_i \geq \frac{1}{4}$ . Finally, for every  $j \notin A$ , using Lemma 7 we get:

$$\begin{aligned}
|w_{i,j}^{(1)}| &= |u_i^{(0)}| \left| \frac{1}{2} \mathbb{E}_{\mathcal{D}_A^{(1)}} x_j f_A(\mathbf{x}) \sigma'(\mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{x} + b) + \frac{1}{2} \mathbb{E}_{\mathcal{D}_A^{(2)}} x_j f_A(\mathbf{x}) \sigma'(\mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{x} + b) \right| \\
&= \frac{n}{2k} \left| \mathbb{E}_{\mathcal{D}_A^{(1)}} x_j f_A(\mathbf{x}) \sigma'(\mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{x}) \right| \leq 7 \frac{n(n-1)}{\sqrt{k}} \sqrt{\frac{1}{\binom{n-1}{k}}} \\
&\leq \frac{7}{n-1} (n-1)^3 \sqrt{\frac{1}{\binom{n-1}{6}}} \leq \frac{7}{n-1} (n-1)^3 \sqrt{\frac{6^6}{(n-1)^6}} \leq 7 \cdot \frac{6^3}{n-1}
\end{aligned}$$

□

*Proof.* of Lemma 10. Denote  $u^* = -\frac{bn}{\alpha r}$ , and let  $\epsilon' = \frac{bn}{\alpha|r|k} \epsilon$ . Notice that  $|u^*| \leq \frac{n}{2k}$  so  $[u^* - \epsilon', u^* + \epsilon'] \subset [-\frac{n}{k}, \frac{n}{k}]$ . Therefore, we get that  $\mathbb{P} [|u - u^*| \leq \epsilon'] = \frac{\epsilon' k}{n} = \frac{b\epsilon}{\alpha|r|} \geq \frac{1}{8k^2} \epsilon$ . Notice that:

$$\phi_r(z) = \frac{|r|}{b} \sigma \left( \frac{\alpha}{n} u^* z + b \right)$$

And therefore:

$$\left| \frac{|r|}{b} \sigma\left(\frac{\alpha}{n}uz + b\right) - \phi_r(z) \right| = \left| \frac{|r|}{b} \left| \sigma\left(\frac{\alpha}{n}uz + b\right) - \sigma\left(\frac{\alpha}{n}u^*z + b\right) \right| \leq \frac{|rz|\alpha}{bn} |u - u^*| \leq \frac{r\alpha k}{bn} \epsilon' = \epsilon$$

□

*Proof.* of Lemma 11. From Lemma 9, with probability at least  $\frac{1}{14\sqrt{k}}$  over the choice of  $\mathbf{w}_i^{(0)}$ , we have that:  $\max_{j \in A} \left| w_{i,j}^{(0)} - \frac{\alpha_i}{\sqrt{n}} u_i^{(0)} \right| \leq C_1$ ,  $\max_{j \notin A} \left| w_{i,j}^{(0)} - \frac{\alpha_i}{\sqrt{n}} u_i^{(0)} \right| \leq \frac{C_2}{n-1}$  and  $|b^{(1)} - b^{(0)}| \leq \frac{C_3}{\sqrt{n}}$  for some universal constants  $C_1, C_2, C_3$ , and some  $\alpha_i \in [\frac{1}{4}, 1]$  depending only on  $\mathbf{w}_i^{(0)}$ . From Lemma 10, with probability at least  $\frac{\epsilon}{8k^2}$  over the choice of  $u_i^{(0)}$  (and independently of the choice of  $\mathbf{w}_i^{(0)}$ ), we have  $\left| \frac{|r|}{b_i^{(0)}} \sigma\left(\frac{\alpha}{n}u_i^{(0)}z + b_i^{(0)}\right) - \phi_r(z) \right| \leq \epsilon$  for every  $z \in [-k, k]$ .

Assume the results of both lemmas hold, which happens with probability at least  $\frac{\epsilon}{112k^{2.5}}$ . Now, fix some  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{X}$  and let  $z = \sqrt{n} \sum_{j \in A} x_j \in [-k, k]$ . Then we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \widehat{\psi}_i(\mathbf{x}) - \psi_r(\mathbf{x}) \right| &= \left| \frac{|r|}{b_i^{(0)}} \sigma\left(\langle \mathbf{w}_i^{(1)}, \mathbf{x} \rangle + b_i^{(1)}\right) - \sigma(-\text{sign}(r)z + |r|) \right| \\ &= \frac{|r|}{b_i^{(0)}} \left| \sigma\left(\langle \mathbf{w}_i^{(1)}, \mathbf{x} \rangle + b_i^{(1)}\right) - \sigma\left(\frac{\alpha_i}{n}u_i^{(0)}z + b_i^{(0)}\right) \right| \\ &\quad + \left| \frac{|r|}{b_i^{(0)}} \sigma\left(\frac{\alpha_i}{n}u_i^{(0)}z + b_i^{(0)}\right) - \sigma(-\text{sign}(r)z + |r|) \right| \end{aligned}$$

From the result of Lemma 9:

$$\begin{aligned} &\left| \sigma\left(\langle \mathbf{w}_i^{(1)}, \mathbf{x} \rangle + b_i^{(1)}\right) - \sigma\left(\frac{\alpha_i}{\sqrt{n}}u_i^{(0)}z + b_i^{(0)}\right) \right| \\ &\leq \left| \langle \mathbf{w}_i^{(1)}, \mathbf{x} \rangle + b_i^{(1)} - \frac{\alpha_i}{n}u_i^{(0)}z + b_i^{(0)} \right| \\ &\leq \left| \langle \mathbf{w}_i^{(1)}, \mathbf{x} \rangle - \frac{\alpha_i}{\sqrt{n}}u_i^{(0)} \sum_{j \in A} x_j \right| + \left| b_i^{(1)} - b_i^{(0)} \right| \\ &\leq \sum_{j \in A} \left| w_{i,j}^{(1)}x_j - \frac{\alpha_i}{\sqrt{n}}u_i^{(0)}x_j \right| + \sum_{j \notin A} \left| w_{i,j}^{(1)}x_j \right| + \left| b_i^{(1)} - b_i^{(0)} \right| \\ &\leq \frac{kC_1}{\sqrt{n}} + \frac{C_2}{\sqrt{n}} + \frac{C_3}{\sqrt{n}} \end{aligned}$$

Using the result of Lemma 10 we get that:

$$\left| \widehat{\psi}_i(\mathbf{x}) - \psi_r(\mathbf{x}) \right| \leq \frac{|r|}{b_i^{(0)}} \left( \frac{C_1k + C_2 + C_3}{\sqrt{n}} \right) + \epsilon \leq \frac{C_4k^4}{\sqrt{n}} + \epsilon$$

For some universal constant  $C_4$ . Using the assumption on  $k$  concludes the proof. □

*Proof.* of Lemma 12. Fix some  $r \in \{-k, -k+2, \dots, k-2, k\}$ . Let  $\epsilon = \frac{1}{10k}$ , and from Lemma 11, with probability at least  $\frac{1}{1120k^{3.5}}$  over the choice of  $\mathbf{w}_i^{(0)}, u_i^{(0)}$  we have:

$$\left| \widehat{\psi}_i(\mathbf{x}) - \psi_r(\mathbf{x}) \right| \leq \frac{1}{10k}$$

Assume  $q \geq 2 \cdot 1120^2 k^7 \log(\frac{k+1}{\delta})$ . Denote  $I_r = \{i \in [q] : |\widehat{\psi}_i(\mathbf{x}) - \psi_r(\mathbf{x})| \leq \frac{1}{10k}\}$ . Denote  $p := \frac{1}{1120k^{3.5}}$ , and using Hoeffding's inequality, with probability at least  $1 - \exp\{-\frac{p^2}{2}q\} \geq 1 - \frac{\delta}{k+1}$

we have  $|I_r| \geq \frac{p}{2}q$ . Therefore, using the union bound we get that with probability at least  $1 - \delta$ , for every  $r \in \{-k, -k+2, \dots, k-2, k\}$  we have  $|I_r| \geq \frac{p}{2}q$ . Let  $J_r \subset I_r$  be some subset of size  $|J_r| = \frac{p}{2}q$ . Define:

$$v_r = \begin{cases} 1 & |r| = k \\ 2.5 & |r| = 1 \\ 2 & 1 < |r| < k \end{cases}$$

Observe that  $\sum_r (-1)^{\frac{k-r}{2}} v_r \psi_r(\mathbf{x}) = f_A(\mathbf{x})$ . Therefore, we have that:

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \frac{2}{pq} \sum_r \sum_{i \in J_r} (-1)^{\frac{k-r}{2}} v_r \widehat{\psi}_i(\mathbf{x}) - f_A(\mathbf{x}) \right| &= \left| \frac{2}{pq} \sum_r \sum_{i \in J_r} (-1)^{\frac{k-r}{2}} v_r \widehat{\psi}_i(\mathbf{x}) - \sum_r (-1)^{\frac{k-r}{2}} v_r \psi_r(\mathbf{x}) \right| \\ &\leq \frac{2}{pq} \sum_r \sum_{i \in J_r} |v_r| |\widehat{\psi}_i(\mathbf{x}) - \psi_r(\mathbf{x})| \\ &\leq 2.5(k+1) \frac{1}{10k} \leq \frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$$

Define:

$$u_i^* = \begin{cases} (-1)^{\frac{k-r}{2}} \frac{2v_r|r|}{pq b_i^{(0)}} & \exists r \text{ s.t } i \in J_r \\ 0 & \text{o.w} \end{cases}$$

Now, we have  $|u_i| \leq \frac{2}{pq} 10(k+1)k \leq \frac{Bk^{5.5}}{q}$  where  $B$  is a universal constant. Therefore, we get that  $\|\mathbf{u}^*\| \leq \sqrt{\frac{q(k+1)}{2240k^2}} \cdot \frac{Bk^{5.5}}{q} = B' \frac{k^5}{\sqrt{q}}$ . From what we showed, such  $\mathbf{u}^*$  achieves the required.  $\square$

*Proof.* of Theorem 13. We follow an analysis similar to [23]. Let  $R_t(\theta) = \sum_{i=1}^t \langle \theta, \nabla f_i \rangle + \frac{1}{2\eta} \|\theta\|^2$ , and notice that  $\arg \min_\theta R_t = -\eta \sum_{i=1}^t \nabla f_i = \theta_{t+1} - \theta_1$ . We show by induction that for every  $\theta^*$  we have:

$$\sum_{t=1}^T \langle \theta_{t+1} - \theta_1, \nabla f_t(\theta_t) \rangle \leq \sum_{t=1}^T \langle \theta^*, \nabla f_t(\theta_t) \rangle + \frac{1}{2\eta} \|\theta^*\|^2 = R_T(\theta^*) \quad (5)$$

First, we have:

$$\langle \theta_2 - \theta_1, \nabla f_t(\theta_t) \rangle \leq R_1(\theta_2 - \theta_1) \leq R_1(\theta^*)$$

since  $\theta_2 - \theta_1$  minimizes  $R_1$ . Now, assume the above is true for  $T-1$ , then we have:

$$\sum_{t=1}^{T-1} \langle \theta_{t+1} - \theta_1, \nabla f_t(\theta_t) \rangle \leq \sum_{t=1}^{T-1} \langle \theta_{T+1} - \theta_1, \nabla f_t(\theta_t) \rangle$$

And by adding  $\langle \theta_{T+1} - \theta_1, \nabla f_T(\theta_T) \rangle$  to both sides we get:

$$\sum_{t=1}^T \langle \theta_{t+1} - \theta_1, \nabla f_t(\theta_t) \rangle \leq \sum_{t=1}^T \langle \theta_{T+1} - \theta_1, \nabla f_t(\theta_t) \rangle \leq R_T(\theta_{T+1} - \theta_1) \leq R_T(\theta^*)$$

Now, from (5) we get that:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{t=1}^T \langle \theta_t - \theta_1, \nabla f_t(\theta_t) \rangle - R_T(\theta^*) &\leq \sum_{t=1}^T \langle \theta_t - \theta_1, \nabla f_t(\theta_t) \rangle - \sum_{t=1}^T \langle \theta_{t+1} - \theta_1, \nabla f_t(\theta_t) \rangle \\ &= \sum_{t=1}^T \langle \theta_t - \theta_{t+1}, \nabla f_t(\theta_t) \rangle = \eta \sum_{t=1}^T \|\nabla f_t(\theta_t)\|^2 \end{aligned}$$

Using Cauchy-Schwartz inequality and rearranging the above yields:

$$\sum_{t=1}^T \langle \theta_t - \theta^*, \nabla f_t(\theta_t) \rangle \leq \frac{1}{2\eta} \|\theta^*\|^2 + \|\theta_1\| \sum_{t=1}^T \|\nabla f_t(\theta_t)\| + \eta \sum_{t=1}^T \|\nabla f_t(\theta_t)\|^2$$

Finally, from convexity of  $f_t$  we get:

$$\sum_{t=1}^T (f_t(\theta_t) - f_t(\theta^*)) \leq \sum_{t=1}^T \langle \theta_t - \theta^*, \nabla f_t \rangle \leq \frac{1}{2\eta} \|\theta^*\|^2 + \|\theta_1\| \sum_{t=1}^T \|\nabla f_t(\theta_t)\| + \eta \sum_{t=1}^T \|\nabla f_t(\theta_t)\|^2$$

□

*Proof.* of Lemma 14. W.l.o.g., assume  $A = [k]$ . Denote  $I_{even} := \{\mathbf{z} \in \{\pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}\}^k : \prod_i z_i > 0\}$  and  $I_{odd} := \{\mathbf{z} \in \{\pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}\}^k : \prod_i z_i < 0\}$ . Notice that since  $k$  is odd, we have  $I_{odd} = -I_{even}$ . From the symmetric initialization we have  $g^{(0)} \equiv 0$ . By definition of the gradient-updates, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} u_i^{(1)} &= u_i^{(0)} - \eta_1 \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial u_i} L_{\mathcal{D}}(g^{(0)}) + \lambda_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial u_i^{(0)}} R(g^{(0)}) \right) \\ &= u_i^{(0)} - \mathbb{E} \left[ \ell'(f_A(\mathbf{x}), g^{(0)}(\mathbf{x})) \frac{\partial}{\partial u_i} g^{(0)}(\mathbf{x}) \right] - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial u_i^{(0)}} R(g^{(0)}) \\ &= -\mathbb{E} \left[ f_A(\mathbf{x}) \sigma(\langle \mathbf{w}_i^{(0)}, \mathbf{x} \rangle + b) \right] \\ &= - \sum_{\mathbf{z} \in I_{even}} \mathbb{E} \left[ \sigma(\langle \mathbf{w}_i^{(0)}, \mathbf{x} \rangle + b) | \mathbf{x}_{1\dots k} = \mathbf{z} \right] \mathbb{P}[\mathbf{x}_{1\dots k} = \mathbf{z}] \\ &\quad + \sum_{\mathbf{z} \in I_{even}} \mathbb{E} \left[ \sigma(\langle \mathbf{w}_i^{(0)}, \mathbf{x} \rangle + b) | \mathbf{x}_{1\dots k} = -\mathbf{z} \right] \mathbb{P}[\mathbf{x}_{1\dots k} = -\mathbf{z}] \end{aligned}$$

Since by definition of the distribution  $\mathcal{D}_A$  we have  $\mathbb{P}[\mathbf{x}_{1\dots k} = \mathbf{z}] = \mathbb{P}[\mathbf{x}_{1\dots k} = -\mathbf{z}]$ , we get that:

$$\begin{aligned} u_i^{(1)} &= \sum_{\mathbf{z} \in I_{even}} \mathbb{P}[\mathbf{x}_{1\dots k} = \mathbf{z}] \mathbb{E} \left[ \sigma \left( \sum_{j=1}^k w_{i,j}^{(0)} z_j + \sum_{j=k+1}^n w_{i,j}^{(0)} x_j + b \right) \right] \\ &\quad - \sum_{\mathbf{z} \in I_{even}} \mathbb{P}[\mathbf{x}_{1\dots k} = \mathbf{z}] \mathbb{E} \left[ \sigma \left( - \sum_{j=1}^k w_{i,j}^{(0)} z_j + \sum_{j=k+1}^n w_{i,j}^{(0)} x_j + b \right) \right] \end{aligned}$$

And since  $\sigma$  is 1-Lipschitz we get:

$$|u_i^{(1)}| \leq \sum_{\mathbf{z} \in I_{even}} \mathbb{P}[\mathbf{x}_{1\dots k} = \mathbf{z}] 2 \left| \sum_{j=1}^k w_{i,j}^{(0)} z_j \right| \leq \frac{k}{\sqrt{n}} 2 \sum_{\mathbf{z} \in I_{even}} \mathbb{P}[\mathbf{x}_{1\dots k} = \mathbf{z}] = \frac{k}{\sqrt{n}}$$

Where we use the fact that  $\sigma$  is 1-Lipschitz. □

*Proof.* of Lemma 15. From Lemma 14 we have that  $|u_i^{(1)}| \leq \frac{k}{\sqrt{n}}$ . For every  $t > 1$ :

$$\begin{aligned} |u_i^{(t)}| &= \left| u_i^{(t-1)} - \eta \frac{\partial}{\partial u_i} L_{\mathcal{D}}(g^{(t-1)}) - \eta \lambda \frac{\partial}{\partial u_i} R(g^{(t-1)}) \right| \\ &= \left| u_i^{(t-1)} - \eta \mathbb{E} \left[ \ell'(f_A(\mathbf{x}), g^{(t-1)}(\mathbf{x})) f_A(\mathbf{x}) \sigma(\langle \mathbf{w}_i^{(t-1)}, \mathbf{x} \rangle + b_i^{(t-1)}) \right] - 2\eta \lambda u_i^{(t-1)} \right| \\ &\leq \left| (1 - 2\eta \lambda) u_i^{(t-1)} - 6\eta \right| \leq |u_i^{(t-1)}| + 6\eta \leq \dots \leq |u_i^{(1)}| + 6\eta(t-1) \leq 6\eta t + \frac{k}{\sqrt{n}} \end{aligned}$$

Now, using the above we get that:

$$\begin{aligned}
\left\| \mathbf{w}_i^{(t)} - \mathbf{w}_i^{(1)} \right\| &= \left\| \mathbf{w}_i^{(t)} - \eta \frac{\partial}{\partial w_i} L_{\mathcal{D}}(g^{(t-1)}) - \eta \lambda \frac{\partial}{\partial w_i} R(g^{(t-1)}) \right\| \\
&= \left\| \mathbf{w}_i^{(t-1)} - \mathbf{w}_i^{(1)} - \eta \mathbb{E} \left[ \ell'(f_A(\mathbf{x}), g^{(t-1)}(\mathbf{x})) u_i^{(t-1)} \sigma'(\mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{x} + b) \mathbf{x} \right] - 2\eta \lambda \mathbf{w}_i^{(t-1)} \right\| \\
&\leq \left\| \mathbf{w}_i^{(t-1)} - \mathbf{w}_i^{(1)} - 2\eta \lambda \mathbf{w}_i^{(t-1)} \right\| + \eta \left| u_i^{(t-1)} \right| \\
&\leq (1 - 2\eta \lambda) \left\| \mathbf{w}_i^{(t-1)} - \mathbf{w}_i^{(1)} \right\| + 2\eta \lambda \left\| \mathbf{w}_i^{(1)} \right\| + 6\eta^2 t + \eta \frac{k}{\sqrt{n}} \\
&\leq \left\| \mathbf{w}_i^{(t-1)} - \mathbf{w}_i^{(1)} \right\| + 2\eta \lambda \frac{n}{k} + 6\eta^2 t + \eta \frac{k}{\sqrt{n}} \leq \dots \leq 2\eta t \lambda \frac{n}{k} + 6\eta^2 t^2 + \eta t \frac{k}{\sqrt{n}}
\end{aligned}$$

Where we use the fact that:

$$\left\| \mathbf{w}_i^{(1)} \right\| = \left\| \mathbb{E} \left[ \ell'(f_A(\mathbf{x}), g^{(0)}(\mathbf{x})) u_i^{(0)} \sigma'(\mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{x} + b) \mathbf{x} \right] \right\| \leq \left| u_i^{(0)} \right| \leq \frac{n}{k}$$

Finally, for the bias we get:

$$\begin{aligned}
\left| b_i^{(t)} - b_i^{(1)} \right| &= \left| b_i^{(t)} - \eta \frac{\partial}{\partial b_i} L_{\mathcal{D}}(g^{(t-1)}) \right| \\
&= \left| b_i^{(t-1)} - b_i^{(1)} - \eta \mathbb{E} \left[ \ell'(f_A(\mathbf{x}), g^{(t-1)}(\mathbf{x})) u_i^{(t-1)} \sigma'(\mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{x} + b) \right] \right| \\
&\leq \left| b_i^{(t-1)} - b_i^{(1)} \right| + \eta \left| u_i^{(t-1)} \right| \\
&\leq \left| b_i^{(t-1)} - b_i^{(1)} \right| + 6\eta^2 t + \eta \frac{k}{\sqrt{n}} \leq \dots \leq 6\eta^2 t^2 + \eta t \frac{k}{\sqrt{n}}
\end{aligned}$$

□

*Proof.* of Lemma 16. Denote the support of  $u^*$  by  $I := \{i \in [2q] : u_i^* \neq 0\}$ . Then we have:

$$\begin{aligned}
\left| \ell(g_{\mathbf{u}^*}^{(t)}(\mathbf{x}), y) - \ell(g_{\mathbf{u}^*}^{(1)}(\mathbf{x}), y) \right| &\leq \left| g_{\mathbf{u}^*}^{(t)}(\mathbf{x}) - g_{\mathbf{u}^*}^{(1)}(\mathbf{x}) \right| \\
&= \left| \sum_{i \in I} u_i^* \left( \sigma \left( \langle \mathbf{w}_i^{(t)}, \mathbf{x} \rangle + b_i^{(t)} \right) - \sigma \left( \langle \mathbf{w}_i^{(1)}, \mathbf{x} \rangle + b_i^{(1)} \right) \right) \right| \\
&\leq \|\mathbf{u}^*\|_2 \sqrt{|I|} \left| \sigma \left( \langle \mathbf{w}_i^{(t)}, \mathbf{x} \rangle + b_i^{(t)} \right) - \sigma \left( \langle \mathbf{w}_i^{(1)}, \mathbf{x} \rangle + b_i^{(1)} \right) \right| \\
&\leq \|\mathbf{u}^*\|_2 \sqrt{|I|} \left( \left| \langle \mathbf{w}_i^{(t)}, \mathbf{x} \rangle - \langle \mathbf{w}_i^{(1)}, \mathbf{x} \rangle \right| + \left| b_i^{(t)} - b_i^{(1)} \right| \right) \\
&\leq \|\mathbf{u}^*\|_2 \sqrt{|I|} \left( \left\| \mathbf{w}_i^{(t)} - \mathbf{w}_i^{(1)} \right\| + \left| b_i^{(t)} - b_i^{(1)} \right| \right)
\end{aligned}$$

Using Lemma 15 we get:

$$\left| \ell(g_{\mathbf{u}^*}^{(t)}(\mathbf{x}), y) - \ell(g_{\mathbf{u}^*}^{(1)}(\mathbf{x}), y) \right| \leq \|\mathbf{u}^*\|_2 \sqrt{|I|} \left( 12\eta^2 t^2 + 2\eta t \frac{k}{\sqrt{n}} + 2\eta t \lambda \frac{n}{k} \right)$$

□