

# Adaptive Subspace Detector in High Dimensional Space with Insufficient Training Data

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## Introduction

- When parameters of the noise distribution are known, the likelihood ratio test is the uniformly most powerful (UMP) test [2].
- Adaptive subspace detectors (ASD) generalize matched subspace detectors (MSD) by accounting for possible correlation [1].
- For a limited training data, applying ASD directly on data is inefficient.
- Here we propose a detector which works in lower dimensional space and improves the performance.

## Problem Definition

Given  $d$  samples from a real and scalar time series  $\mathbf{y}(i), i = 0, 1, \dots, d-1$  that is represented by the column vector  $\mathbf{y}$ . This vector of observations is generated by some components based on a general linear model (GLM):

$$\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{H}\boldsymbol{\theta} + \mathbf{n} \quad (1)$$

where

- $\mathbf{H} \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times p}$  is a known full rank matrix.
- $\boldsymbol{\theta} \in \mathbb{R}^p$  is unknown coordinates.
- $\mathbf{n} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2 \mathbf{R})$ , where  $\sigma^2$  and  $\mathbf{R}$  are unknown.
- A training set of  $K$  signal free observations is available.

The aim of detection is to decide between the null hypothesis  $\mathcal{H}_0 : \boldsymbol{\theta} = \mathbf{0}$  and the alternative hypothesis  $\mathcal{H}_1 : \boldsymbol{\theta} \neq \mathbf{0}$  for a given observation  $\mathbf{y}$ .

## The Proposed Algorithm

Goal of the algorithm is to bring observed data to a lower dimensional space to decrease the number of unknown parameters and increase the estimation accuracy. To achieve this goal, we assume:

$$\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{U}_{d_1} \mathbf{z} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{n} = \mathbf{U}_{d_1} \mathbf{e} \quad (2)$$

where  $\mathbf{z} \in \mathbb{R}^{d_1}$  and  $\mathbf{e} \in \mathbb{R}^{d_1}$  with  $d_1 \ll d$  and  $\mathbf{U}_{d_1}$  is an unknown  $d \times d_1$  matrix whose columns are orthonormal, (i.e.  $\mathbf{U}_{d_1}^T \mathbf{U}_{d_1} = \mathbf{I}_{d_1}$ ). Now the GLM is

$$\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{U}_{d_1}^T \mathbf{H} \boldsymbol{\theta} + \mathbf{e} \quad (3)$$

where  $\mathbf{z}$  is in lower dimensional space and subspace of the signal is  $\mathbf{U}_{d_1}^T \mathbf{H}$ , instead of  $\mathbf{H}$ . To solve the problem, we need to find the best set of projection basis and then apply the well known ASD on the latent variable  $\mathbf{z}$ .

- Estimation of  $\mathbf{U}_{d_1}$ : For finding the best projection matrix, we consider two different cases of covariance structures:

- $\mathbf{R}$  with uniform diagonal components: In this case we need to solve the following optimization problem:

$$\hat{\mathbf{U}}_{d_1} = \arg \min_{\mathbf{U}_{d_1}} \|\mathbf{U}_{d_1} \mathbf{U}_{d_1}^T \mathbf{S} \mathbf{U}_{d_1} \mathbf{U}_{d_1}^T - \mathbf{S}\|_F^2 \quad (4)$$

where  $\|\cdot\|_F$  shows Frobenius norm of a matrix. This optimization problem means that we need to regularize the sample covariance in a way that the result gets close enough to the sample covariance  $\mathbf{S}$ . For a known  $d_1$  the solution is the first  $d_1$  eigen-vectors of  $\mathbf{S}$ .

- Ill-conditioned  $\mathbf{R}$ : In this case study, we need to solve the following optimization problem:

$$\hat{\mathbf{U}}_{d_1} = \arg \min_{\mathbf{U}_{d_1}} \|\mathbf{U}_{d_1}^T \mathbf{S} \mathbf{U}_{d_1} + \alpha \|\mathbf{U}_{d_1} \mathbf{U}_{d_1}^T \mathbf{S} \mathbf{U}_{d_1} \mathbf{U}_{d_1}^T - \mathbf{S}\|_F^2 \quad (5)$$

which tries to maximize the likelihood such that the estimated covariance remains in the neighborhood of the sample covariance. The combination of the first  $a$  and the last  $b$  eigen-vectors of  $\mathbf{S}$  is the solution of problem (5) where  $a + b = d_1$ .

- Detection: The ASD for the latent variable  $\mathbf{z}$  is:

$$l(\mathbf{z}) = \frac{\mathbf{z}^T \hat{\boldsymbol{\Lambda}}^{-\frac{1}{2}} \mathbf{P}_B \hat{\boldsymbol{\Lambda}}^{-\frac{1}{2}} \mathbf{z}}{\mathbf{z}^T \hat{\boldsymbol{\Lambda}}^{-1} \mathbf{z}} \quad (6)$$

where  $\mathbf{B}$  is  $\hat{\boldsymbol{\Lambda}}^{-\frac{1}{2}} \mathbf{U}_{d_1}^T \mathbf{H}$  and  $\hat{\boldsymbol{\Lambda}} = \mathbf{U}_{d_1}^T \mathbf{S} \mathbf{U}_{d_1}$ . We name our reduced version of ASD, the adaptive reduced subspace detector (ARSD).

## Algorithm Overview

**Input:**  $\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{N}, \mathbf{H}, d_1, \alpha$

Estimate  $\mathbf{S}$  and find its eigen-vectors by SVD. Find the optimal basis functions by solving equations (4) or (5).

Find the latent variable  $\mathbf{z}$  and new whitened signal subspace  $\mathbf{B}$ .

Apply well known ASD on the  $\mathbf{z}$ .

**Output:**  $\mathcal{H}_0$  or  $\mathcal{H}_1$

## Simulation Results

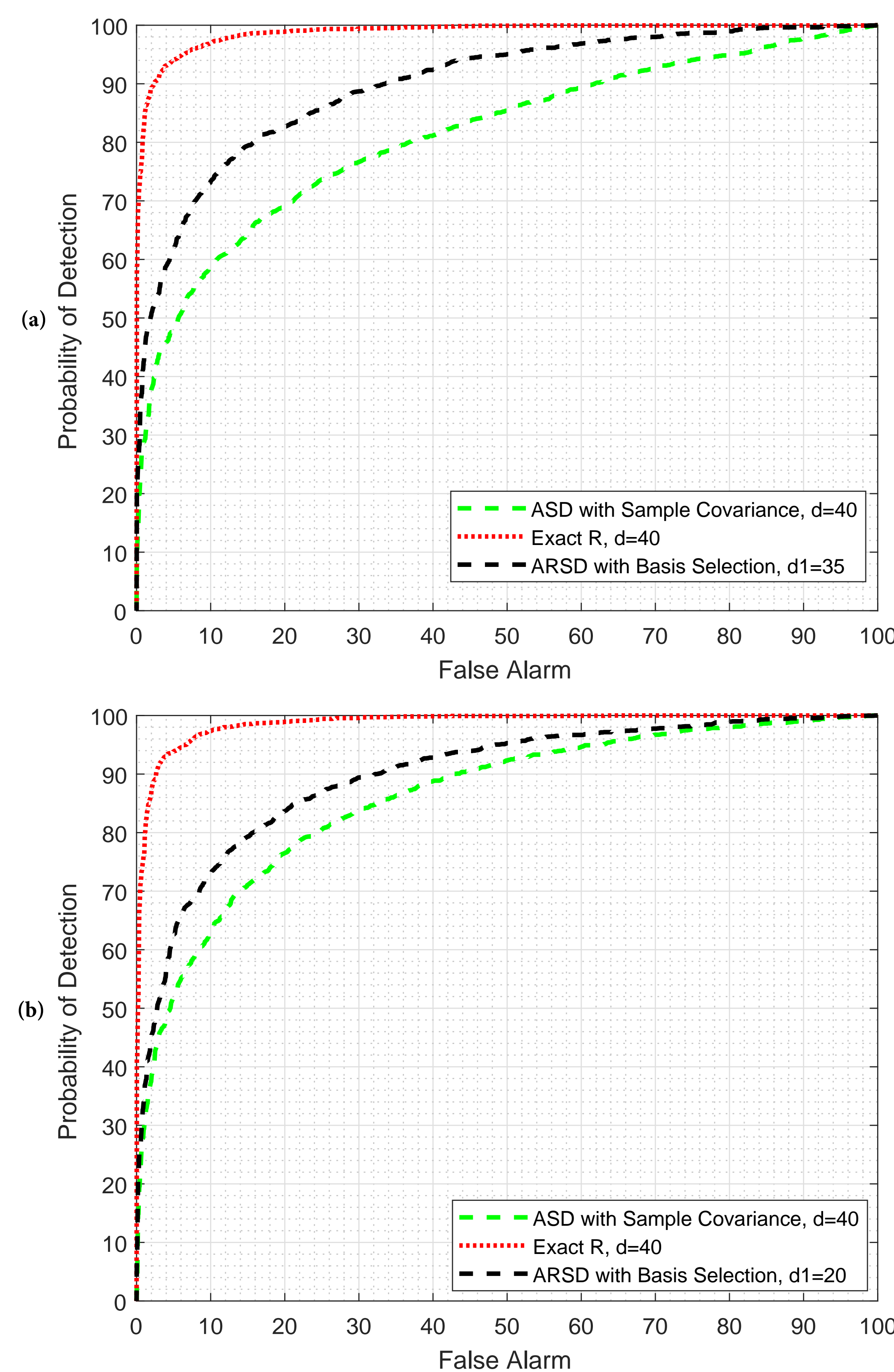


Figure 1: ROC of detectors in SNR=12 dB (a)  $\mathbf{R}$  with uniform diagonal components, (b) Ill-conditioned  $\mathbf{R}$

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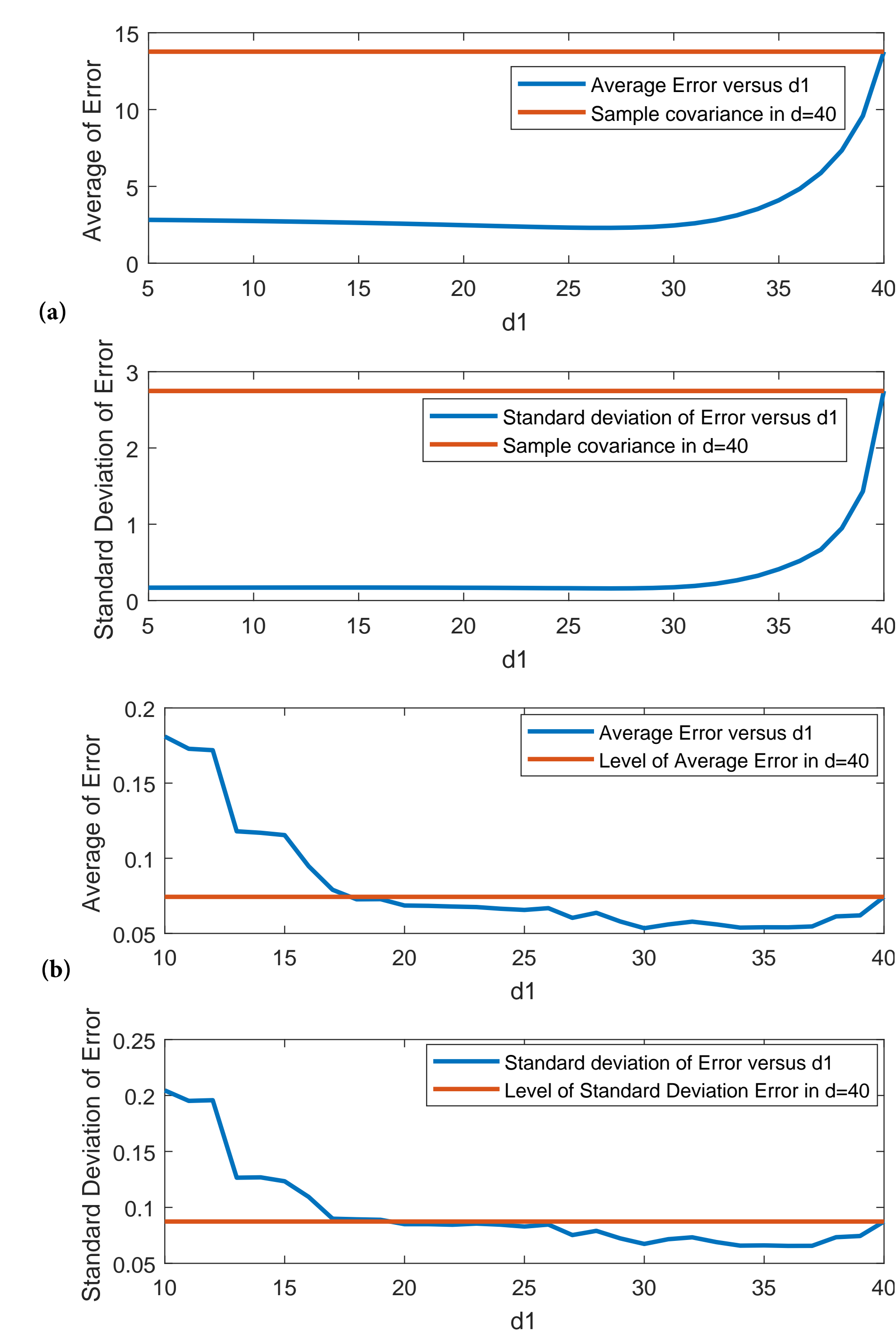


Figure 2: Average and standard deviation of Frobenius norm of difference between the actual and the estimated (a) covariance inverse and (b)  $\boldsymbol{\theta}$ .

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