

# High-Dimensional Poisson DAG Model Learning Using $\ell_1$ -Regularized Regression

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# Infection Path - MERS

## The MERS virus

**MERS-CoV** *Middle East Respiratory Syndrome*

Coronavirus: family of common viruses that affect humans and animals, including the SARS virus which killed nearly 800 people around the world in 2003



First detected April 2012



Not seen in humans before



### Confirmed worldwide

**1,179** cases

**442** deaths

*As of June 3*

UNITED STATES

All cases have had some connection with the Middle East

■ Countries affected

BRITAIN

NETHERLANDS

GERMANY

AUSTRIA

FRANCE

ITALY

TURKEY

TUNISIA

GREECE

ALGERIA

EGYPT

LEBANON

JORDAN

KUWAIT

QATAR

UAE

OMAN

YEMEN

### SOUTH KOREA

*Since May 2015*

**40** cases

**4** deaths

CHINA

PHILIPPINES

MALAYSIA

**SAUDI ARABIA**  
*More than 85% of reported cases*

Source: WHO

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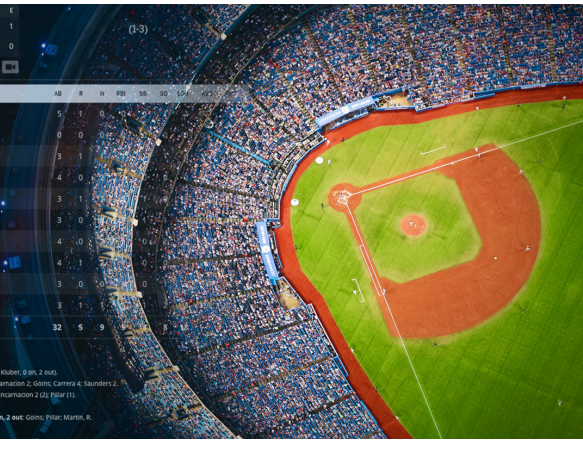
# Sports Data - Player's ability

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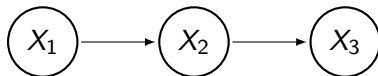
(1-3)  
 (1-0) L: Kluber (1-1)

SO	LOB	AVG	OPS	TORONTO BATTERS	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	LOB	AVG
1	2	.143	.607	1 Bautista RF	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	
2	1	.067	.392	Upton Jr. LF	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
0	0	.267	.780	2 Donaldson 3B	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	
2	0	.167	.786	3 Encarnacion 1B	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	
0	1	.077	.154	4 Tulowitzki SS	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	
1	1	.333	.666	5 Martin, R C	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	
1	0	.000	.000	6 Saunders, M DH	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	
1	1	.167	.542	7 Carrera LF-RF	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	
1	1	.222	.666	8 Pillar CF	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	
0	0	.000	.000	9 Goins 2B	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	
0	0	.182	.523	Totals	32	5	9					

**9 7**  
**BATTING**  
 3B: Carrera (2, Cleveland).  
 HR: Donaldson (1, 3rd Inning off Kluber, 9 on, 2 out).  
 TB: Tulowitzki; Donaldson 4; Encarnacion 2; Goins; Carrera 4; Saunders 2.  
 RBI: Donaldson (2); Carrera (1); Encarnacion 2 (2); Pillar (1).  
 2-out RBI: Donaldson.  
 Runners left in scoring position, 2 out: Goins; Pillar; Martin, R.  
 SF: Pillar.

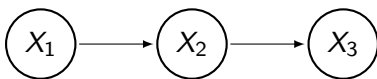


# What is the Directed Graphical Model?



- $X_1$ ,  $X_2$  and  $X_3$  are random variables.
- $X_1$  affects  $X_2$ . Similarly  $X_2$  also affects  $X_3$ .
- $X_1$  is a parent of  $X_2$ . Conversely,  $X_2$  is a child of  $X_1$ .

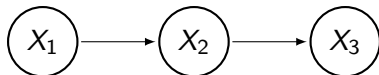
## Directed Acyclic Graphical (DAG) Model: Notations



- $X_{Pa(j)}$  is a parents set of  $X_j$ . e.g.  $X_{Pa(3)} = \{X_2\}$ .
- The set  $De(k)$  denotes the set of all descendants of node  $k$ .  
Non-descendants set  $Nd(k) := V \setminus (\{k\} \cup De(k))$ .  
e.g.  $De(1) = \{2, 3\}$ ,  $Nd(3) = \{1, 2\}$
- Ordering : an indicator that indicates causal ordering.  
In this graph,

$$\pi = \{1, 2, 3\}$$

# DAG Model: Factorization



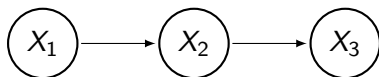
Factorization(Lauritzen, 1996):

$$f(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_p) = \prod_{j=1}^p f(X_j | X_{\text{Pa}(j)}).$$

- In this graph,

$$\begin{aligned} f(X_1, X_2, X_3) &= f(X_1)f(X_2|X_1)f(X_3|X_2, X_1) \\ &= f(X_1)f(X_2|X_1)f(X_3|X_2). \end{aligned}$$

# Poisson DAG Model



- Each node follows a conditional Poisson distribution given its parents.
- $X_1 \sim Poi(\lambda)$ ,  $X_2|X_1 \sim Poi(g_2(X_1))$ ,  $X_3|X_2 \sim Poi(g_3(X_2))$ .  
where  $g_j(\cdot)$  is a function of  $X_{Pa(j)}$  to determine  $X_j$ 's parameters.
- $f(X_1, X_2, X_3) = f(X_1)f(X_2|X_1)f(X_3|X_2)$ .
  - $X_1, X_2, X_3 \sim Poi(\lambda) \times Poi(g_2(X_1)) \times Poi(g_3(X_2))$ .

# Poisson Structural Equation Models

## Poisson SEM(Structural Equation Models)

In Poisson DAG,

$$X_j \mid X_{\text{Pa}(j)} \sim \text{Poisson}(g_j(X_{\text{Pa}(j)})),$$

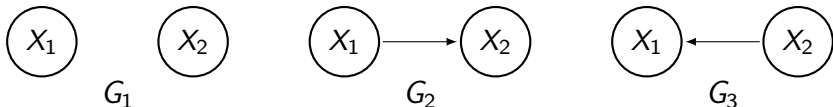
where rate parameter  $g_j(X_{\text{Pa}(j)}) = \exp(\theta_j + \sum_{k \in \text{Pa}(j)} \theta_{jk} X_k)$

- Rate parameter function  $g_j$  is canonical form.
- Parents contribute to child's variability.



## Question: Model Identifiability

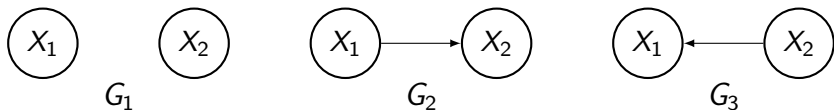
Is it possible to recover a graph from distribution? **Partially Yes.**



- We can distinguish  $G_2$  and  $G_3$  from  $G_1$ .
- We cannot identify a direction of an edge. Hence, we cannot distinguish  $G_2$  and  $G_3$ .

# Model Identifiability

Is it possible to recover a graph from count data? **Yes**



Suppose that  $X_1 \sim Poi(\lambda_1)$  and  $X_2 \sim Poi(\lambda_2)$  where the parameter only depends on the parents in the graph.

- For  $G_1$ ,  $\text{Var}(X_1) = \mathbb{E}(X_1)$  and  $\text{Var}(X_2) = \mathbb{E}(X_2)$ .
- For  $G_2$ ,  $\text{Var}(X_1) = \mathbb{E}(X_1)$ , while

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Var}(X_2) &= \mathbb{E}[\text{Var}(X_2 \mid X_1)] + \text{Var}[\mathbb{E}(X_2 \mid X_1)] \\ &= \mathbb{E}[\mathbb{E}(X_2 \mid X_1)] + \text{Var}[\mathbb{E}(X_2 \mid X_1)] > \mathbb{E}(X_2).\end{aligned}$$

# Identifiability: Moment Ratio

## Theorem: Identifiability

For any node  $j \in V$ , *non – empty*  $Pa_0(j) \subset Pa(j)$  and  $S_j \subset Nd(j) \setminus Pa_0(j)$ ,

$$\mathbb{E}(X_j^2) > \mathbb{E}(\mathbb{E}(X_j \mid X_{S_j}) + \mathbb{E}(X_j \mid X_{S_j})^2),$$

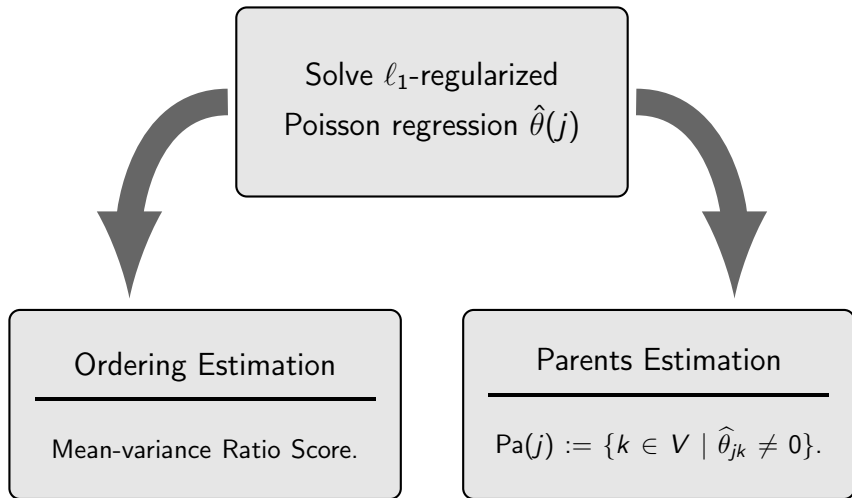
the Poisson DAG model is identifiable.

- The identifiability condition in theorem is equivalent to

$$\mathbb{E}(\text{Var}(\mathbb{E}(X_j \mid X_{Pa(j)}) \mid X_{S_j})) > 0,$$

if all parents of node  $j$  contribute to its variability.

# MRS Algorithm



# $\ell_1$ -Regularized Poisson Regression

Assume that  $X_j \mid X_S \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda)$  then  $\hat{\lambda} = g_j(X_S)$ .

$$g_j(X_S) = \exp(\theta_j + \sum_{k \in S} \theta_{jk} X_k)$$

- The estimate of  $\theta_S(j) = (\theta_j, (\theta_{jk})_{k \in S})$  :

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\theta}_S(j) := \arg \min \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \left[ -X_j^{(i)} \left( \theta_j + \sum_{k \in S} \theta_{jk} X_k^{(i)} \right) \right. \\ \left. + \exp \left( \theta_j + \sum_{k \in S} \theta_{jk} X_k^{(i)} \right) \right] + \lambda_j \sum_{k \in S} |\theta_{jk}|. \end{aligned}$$

- Use estimate that minimizes negative log likelihood function.

# MRS Algorithm - Scoring

Mean-variance Ratio Score (MRS) :

$$\hat{S}_r(1, j) := \frac{\hat{\mathbb{E}}(X_j^2)}{\hat{\mathbb{E}}(X_j) + \hat{\mathbb{E}}(X_j)^2} \quad \text{and} \quad \hat{S}_r(m, j) := \frac{\hat{\mathbb{E}}(X_j^2)}{\hat{\mathbb{E}}(\hat{\mathbb{E}}(X_j | X_S) + \hat{\mathbb{E}}(X_j | X_S)^2)}$$

- $\hat{\mathbb{E}}(X_j) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_j^{(i)}$  and  $\hat{\mathbb{E}}(X_j^2) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_j^{(i)})^2$
- $\hat{\mathbb{E}}(X_j | X_S) = \exp(\hat{\theta}_j^S + \sum_{k \in S} \hat{\theta}_{jk}^S X_k)$  where  $\hat{\theta}_j^S$  and  $\hat{\theta}_{jk}^S$  are the solution of the  $\ell_1$ -regularized GLM.
- Condition set  $S = \hat{\pi}_{1:(m-1)}$

# MRS Algorithm - Estimation

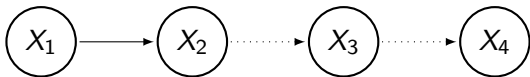
Ordering and parents estimation :

$$\hat{\pi}_m = \arg \min_j \hat{S}(m, j) \quad \text{and} \quad \text{Pa}(\hat{\pi}_m) := \{k \in S \mid \hat{\theta}_{jk} \neq 0\}$$

In population,

- $S_r(m, j) = 1$ , when  $\text{Pa}(j) \subset S$ .
- Otherwise,  $S_r(m, j) > 1$ .

# MRS Algorithm: Example



- When true ordering is  $\pi = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$  and  $\hat{\pi}_{3:4}$  is unknown,  $\hat{\pi}_{1:2} = \{1, 2\}$ .
- In population, we choose  $X_3$  as third element of estimated ordering, because  $\mathcal{S}_r(3, 3) < \mathcal{S}_r(3, 4)$ .  
 $\hat{\pi}_3 = \{3\}$ .
- $\hat{g}_3(X_{\text{Pa}(3)}) = \exp(\hat{\theta}_3 + \hat{\theta}_{31}X_1 + \hat{\theta}_{32}X_2)$ ,  $\hat{\theta}_{31} = 0$  and  $\hat{\theta}_{32} \neq 0$ .  
Therefore,  $X_2$  is estimated parent of  $X_3$ .



# Consistency of Algorithm

## Theorem: Consistency

For any  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exists positive  $C_\epsilon > 0$  such that if

$$n \geq C_\epsilon (d^2 \log^9 p),$$

$$P(G \neq \hat{G}) \leq \epsilon,$$

under the regularity conditions.

### Notations

- $\hat{G}$ : Estimated graph via the MRS algorithm.
- $d$ : Maximum indegree of the graph.
- If the graph is sparse, the algorithm works in the high-dimensional setting.

# Simulation Settings for Poisson SEM

200 realizations of  $p$ -node Poisson SEM.

Log-link:

$$g_j(X_{\text{Pa}(j)}) = \exp(\theta_j + \sum \theta_{jk} X_{\text{Pa}_k(j)})$$

- For  $d = 1$ ,

$$n \in \{25, 50, 75, \dots, 250\},$$

$$\theta_j \in [1, 3],$$

$$\theta_{jk} \in [-1.5, -0.5] \cup [0.5, 1.5],$$

$$p \in \{20, 200\}.$$

- For  $d = 10$ ,

$$n \in \{100, 200, 300, \dots, 1000\},$$

$$\theta_j \in [1, 3],$$

$$\theta_{jk} \in [-1, -0.1] \cup [0.1, 1],$$

$$p \in \{20, 200\}.$$

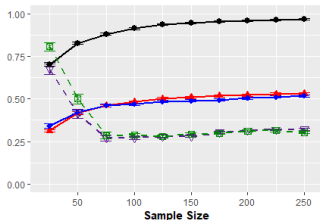
# Simulation: Measurement

Average measurement of 200 realization sets.

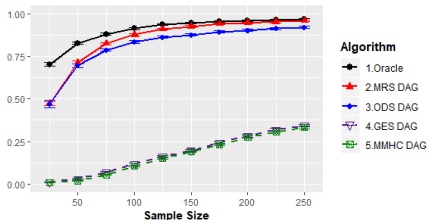
Measurement of result:

- Average precision :  $\frac{\# \text{ of correctly estimated edges}}{\# \text{ of estimated edges}}$
- Average recall :  $\frac{\# \text{ of correctly estimated edges}}{\# \text{ of true edges}}$

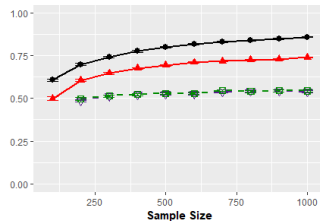
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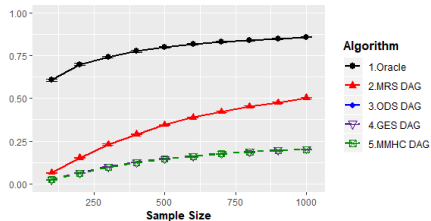
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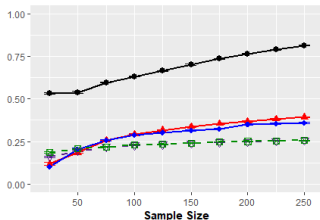


(c) Precision:  $p=20, d=10$

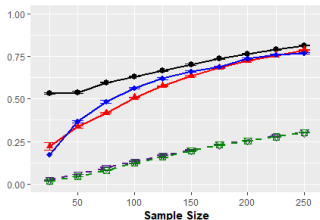


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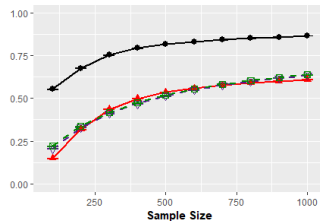
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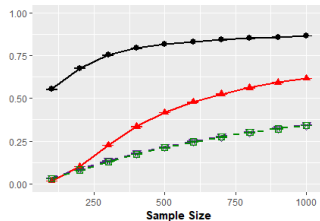
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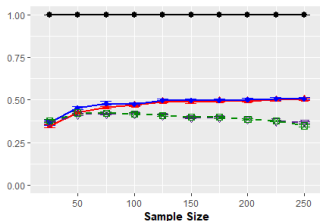
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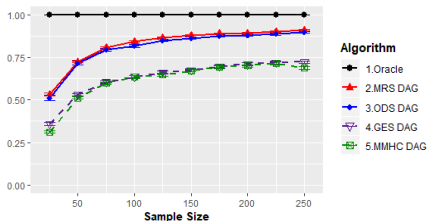
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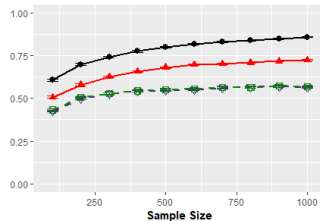
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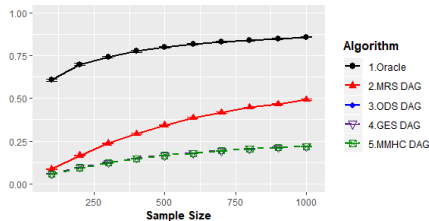
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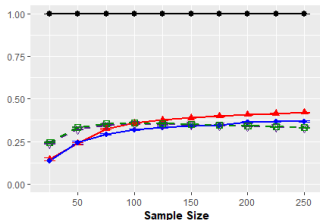


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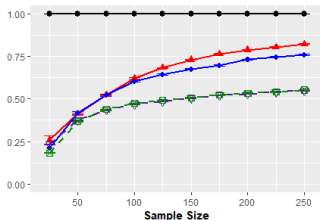


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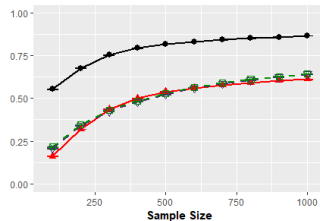
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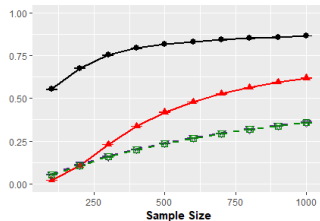
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# Simulation Setting for Poisson DAG

200 realizations of  $p$ -node Poisson DAG.

Identity-link:

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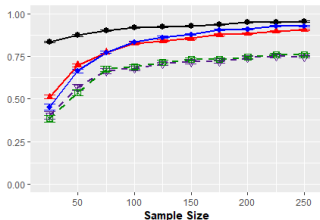
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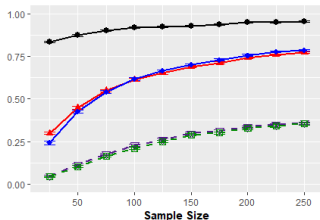
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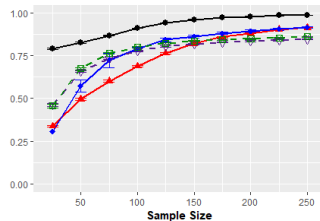
# Simulation: Identity Link Function



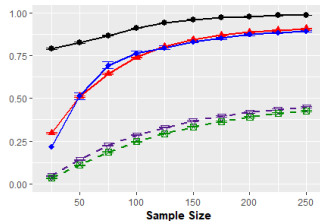
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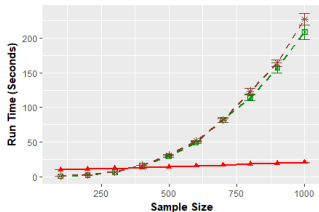
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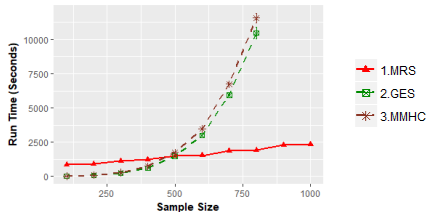
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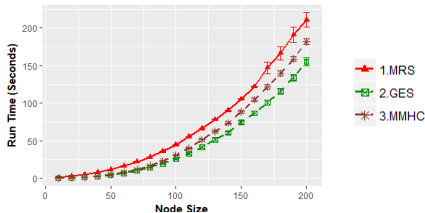
# Simulation: Computational Complexity



(a) Varying  $n$  for  $p=100$ ,  $d=5$



(b) Varying  $n$  for  $p=500$ ,  $d=5$



(c) Varying  $p$  for  $n=500$ ,  $d=5$

# Real Multivariate Count Data: MLB Statistics



- 800 MLB players salary and batting statistics from the 2003 season from R package Lahman.
- We considered players in the top 25% in terms of the number of games played.

feature	name	feature	name
G	Games played	SB	Stolen Bases
AB	At Bats	BB	Bases on Balls
R	Runs	SO	Strikeouts
H	Hits	IBB	Intentional Walks
X2B	Doubles	HBP	times Hit by Pitch
X3B	Triples	SH	Sacrifice Hits
HR	Home Runs	SF	Sacrifice Flies
RBI	Run Batted In	GIDP	times Ground into Double Plays
CS	times Caught Stealing	salary	Annual salary

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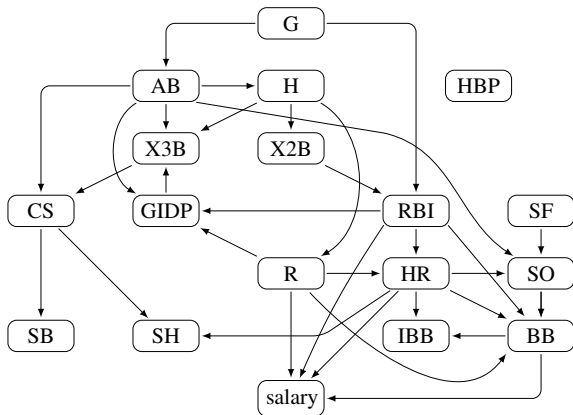
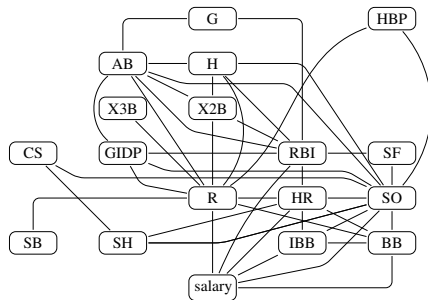
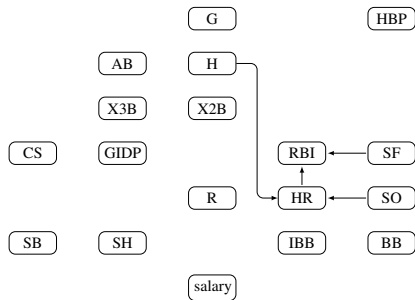


Figure: Estimated Graph by MRS Algorithm

# Real Multivariate Count Data: MLB Statistics



(a) Estimated Graph by Poisson MRF



(b) Estimated Graph by MMHC

# Summary

- By calculating moment ratio via  $\ell_1$ -regularized regression, we can learn Poisson SEM.
- MRS algorithm via is consistent, and sample bound  $n = \Omega(d^2 \log^9 p)$ .
- MRS algorithm works well for identity link function.
  - ▶ MRS algorithm learns Poisson DAG for MLB statistics successfully.

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Thank You



# Additional Explanation: Assumption 1

## Dependence Assumption:

For any  $j \in V$  with  $S_j \in \{\{\pi_1\}, \{\pi_1, \pi_2\}, \dots, \{\pi_1, \dots, \pi_{j-1}\}\}$  and non-empty  $T_j = S_j \cap \text{Pa}(j)$ , there exists positive constants  $\rho_{\min}$  and  $\rho_{\max}$  such that

$$\min_{j \in V} \lambda_{\min} \left( Q_{T_j, T_j}^{j, S_j} \right) \geq \rho_{\min}, \quad \text{and} \quad \max_{j \in V} \lambda_{\max} \left( \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_{\text{Pa}(j)}^{(i)} (X_{\text{Pa}(j)}^{(i)})^T \right) \leq \rho_{\max},$$

where  $\lambda_{\min}(A)$  and  $\lambda_{\max}(A)$  are the smallest and largest eigenvalues of the matrix  $A$ , respectively.

## Additional Explanation: Assumption 2

Incoherence Assumption:

For any  $j \in V$  with  $S_j \in \{\{\pi_1\}, \{\pi_1, \pi_2\}, \dots, \{\pi_1, \dots, \pi_{j-1}\}\}$  and non-empty  $T_j = S_j \cap \text{Pa}(j)$ , there exists a constant  $\alpha \in (0, 1]$  such that

$$\max_{j, S_j} \max_{t \in T_j^c} \|Q_{tT_j}^{j, S_j} (Q_{T_j T_j}^{j, S_j})^{-1}\|_1 \leq 1 - \alpha.$$

Concentration Bound Assumption:

For any  $j \in V$  and  $\theta_{S_j}^*(j) = (\theta_j^{S_j}, \theta_{jk}^{S_j})$ , there exists a constant  $M_{\max} > 0$  such that

$$\max_{j, S_j} \mathbb{E} \left( e^{\exp(\theta_j^{S_j} + \sum_{k \in S_j} \theta_{jk}^{S_j} x_k)} \right) < M_{\max}.$$

## Additional Explanation: Assumption 3

For all  $j \in V$  and any non-empty  $\text{Pa}_0(j) \subset \text{Pa}(j)$  where  $S_j \subset \text{Nd}(j) \setminus \text{Pa}_0(j)$ , there exists an  $M_{\min} > 0$  such that

$$\mathbb{E}(X_j^2) > (1 + M_{\min})\mathbb{E}(\mathbb{E}(X_j \mid X_{S_j}) + \mathbb{E}(X_j \mid X_{S_j})^2).$$

# ODS algorithm implementations

n	100	200	300	400	500	600	700	800	900	1000
$p = 20$	199	175	107	64	1	0	0	0	0	0
$p = 50$	200	200	200	199	192	179	151	140	99	86

Number of failures in ODS algorithm implementations from among 200 sets of samples for different node sizes  $p \in \{20, 50\}$ , and sample sizes  $n \in \{100, 200, \dots, 1000\}$ , when the indegree is  $d = 5$ .