# Recent results on the Sorted L-One Penalized Estimator

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#### Outline

- ► Sorted L-One Penalized Estimator for multiple regression
- ► Graphical SLOPE

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then probability of the support recovery by LASSO is smaller than 0.5 (Wainwright, 2009).

#### Identifiability condition

#### Definition (Identifiability)

Let X be a  $n \times p$  matrix. The vector  $\beta \in R^p$  is said to be identifiable with respect to the I norm if the following implication holds

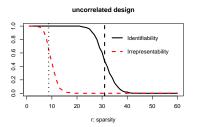
$$X\gamma = X\beta \text{ and } \gamma \neq \beta \Rightarrow \|\gamma\|_1 > \|\beta\|_1.$$
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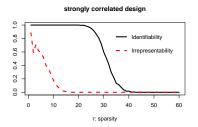
#### Theorem (Tardivel, B., SJS 2022)

For any  $\lambda > 0$  LASSO can separate well the causal and null features if and only if vector  $\beta$  is identifiable with respect to  $l_1$  norm and  $\min_{i \in I} |\beta_i|$  is sufficiently large.



#### Irrepresentablity vs identifiability





Rysunek: n = 100, p = 300, in the right panel  $\rho(X_i, X_j) = 0.9$ , vertical lines correspond to  $n/(2 \log p)$  and the transition curve of Donoho and Tanner (2009).

#### **SLOPE**

 SLOPE (B., van den Berg, Su, Candès, arxiv 2013, B.,van den Berg, Sabatti, Su, Candès, AoAS, 2015) penalizes larger coefficients more stringently

$$\begin{split} \hat{\beta}_{SLOPE} &= \arg\min_{\beta \in \mathbb{R}^p} \frac{1}{2} \|y - X\beta\|^2 + \sigma \sum_{j=1}^p \lambda_j |\beta|_{(j)}, \\ \text{where } \lambda_1 \geq \lambda_2 \geq \cdots \geq \lambda_p \geq 0 \text{ and } \\ |\beta|_{(1)} \geq |\beta|_{(2)} \geq \cdots \geq |\beta|_{(p)}. \end{split}$$

# False discovery rate (FDR) control

- ▶ Let  $\widetilde{\beta}$  be estimate of  $\beta$
- ▶ We define:
  - ▶ the number of all discoveries,  $R := |\{i : \widetilde{\beta}_i \neq 0\}|$
  - ▶ the number of false discoveries,  $V := |\{i : \beta_i = 0, \widetilde{\beta}_i \neq 0\}|$
  - false discovery rate expected proportion of false discoveries among all discoveries

$$\mathit{FDR} := \mathbb{E}\left[rac{V}{\mathsf{max}\{R,1\}}
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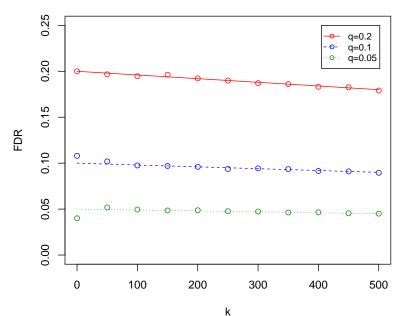
Theorem (B,van den Berg, Su and Candès (2013)) When  $X^TX = I$  SLOPE with

$$\lambda_i^{BH} := \sigma \Phi^{-1} \Big( 1 - i \cdot \frac{q}{2p} \Big)$$

controls FDR at the level  $q_{p_0}^{p_0}$ .



#### Orthogonal design, n = p = 5000



# Asymptotic optimality, Su and Candès (Annals of Statistics, 2016) and FDR control, Kos (2018)

#### **Theorem**

Let  $X_{ij} \sim N(0, 1/\sqrt{n})$ . Fix 0 < q < 1 and choose  $\lambda = \sigma(1+\varepsilon)\lambda^{BH}(q)$  for some arbitrary constant  $0 < \varepsilon < 1$ . Suppose  $k/p \to 0$  and  $\frac{k\log p}{n} \to 0$ . Then

$$\sup_{||\beta_0|| \leq k} P\left(\frac{||\hat{\beta}_{SL} - \beta||^2}{2\sigma^2 k \log(p/k)} > 1 + 3\varepsilon\right) \to 0$$

$$\inf_{\hat{\beta}} \sup_{||\beta_0|| \le k} P\left(\frac{||\hat{\beta} - \beta||^2}{2\sigma^2 k \log(p/k)} > 1 - \varepsilon\right) \to 1$$

(M. Kos, 2018) If additionally  $k^2/n \rightarrow 0$  then

$$FDR_n \leq \Delta_n \rightarrow q$$

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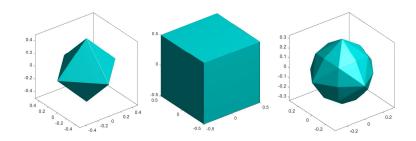
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LASSO rate of convergence -  $k \log(p)$ 

## Clustering properties of SLOPE (2)

- Schneider and Tardivel, arxive 2020 class of models attainable by SLOPE
- B., Dupuis, Graczyk, Kołodziejek, Skalski, Tardivel, Wilczyński, arxiv 2022: Necessary and sufficient condition for SLOPE pattern recovery

## Unit balls for different SLOPE sequences by D.Brzyski



# SLOPE pattern (Schneider, Tardivel, 2020)

#### Definition

For  $b \in \mathbb{R}^p$  its SLOPE pattern  $\operatorname{patt}(b)$  is defined in a following way:

- ightharpoonup sign(patt(b)) = sign(b) (sign preservation),
- ▶  $|b_i| = |b_j| \Rightarrow |\text{patt}(b)_i| = |\text{patt}(b)_j|$  (clustering preservation),
- ▶  $|b_i| > |b_j| \Rightarrow |\text{patt}(b)_i| > |\text{patt}(b)_j|$  (hierarchy preservation).

#### Example

Let 
$$\beta = (4, 0, -1.5, 1.5, -4)$$
. Then  $patt(\beta) = (2, 0, -1, 1, -2)$ .

#### Fact:

$$\operatorname{patt}(b_1) = \operatorname{patt}(b_2) \Leftrightarrow \partial_{\operatorname{slope}}(b_1) = \partial_{\operatorname{slope}}(b_2)$$

# SLOPE model matrix(1)

#### Definition

Let m be a model for SLOPE in  $R^p$  where  $||m||_{\infty} = k$  (the number of non-null clusters). The matrix  $U_m \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times k}$  is defined as follows

$$\forall i \in \{1, \ldots, p\}, \forall j \in \{1, \ldots, k\}, (U_m)_{ij} = sign(m_i)\mathbf{1}_{(|m_i|=k+1-j)}.$$

By convention, when m=0 we define the null model matrix as  $U_0:=0$ .

#### Model matrix example

Let p = 8 and m = (3, -3, 2, 1, 2, -1, 0, 3). Here k = 3 and the model matrix is

$$U_m = egin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \ -1 & 0 & 0 \ 0 & 1 & 0 \ 0 & 0 & 1 \ 0 & 1 & 0 \ 0 & 0 & -1 \ 0 & 0 & 0 \ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Irrepresentability condition for SLOPE (Bogdan et al. (2022)

$$ilde{X} = XU_M, ilde{\Lambda} = ( ilde{\lambda}_1, \dots, ilde{\lambda}_l) \quad ext{where} \quad ilde{\lambda}_j = \sum_{i=k_{j-1}+1}^{k_j} \lambda_i.$$

#### Irrepresentability condition:

$$J^D_{\lambda}(X'\tilde{X}(\tilde{X}'\tilde{X})^{-1}\tilde{\Lambda}) \leq 1$$

where

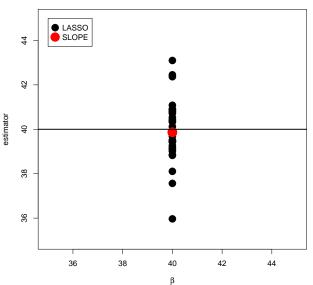
$$J_{\lambda}^{D}(x) := \max \left\{ \frac{|x|_{(1)}}{\lambda_{1}}, \dots, \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{p} |x|_{(i)}}{\sum_{i=1}^{p} \lambda_{i}} \right\}, \text{ where} |x|_{(1)} \geq \dots \geq |x|_{(p)}.$$

#### Theorem (Bogdan et al. (2022))

SLOPE can properly identify a given SLOPE model if and only if the irrepresentability condition is satisfied and the signal is strong enough.

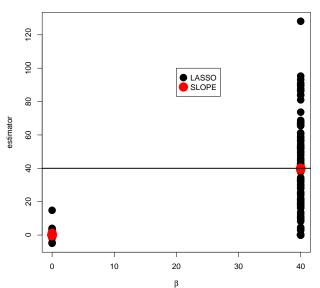
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#### Clustering in financial applications

- ► Kremer, Lee, B., Paterlini, *Journal of Banking and Finance* 110, 105687, 2020 application for portfolio selection.
- ► Kremer, Brzyski, B., Paterlini, *Quantitative Finance*, 2022 application for index tracking.

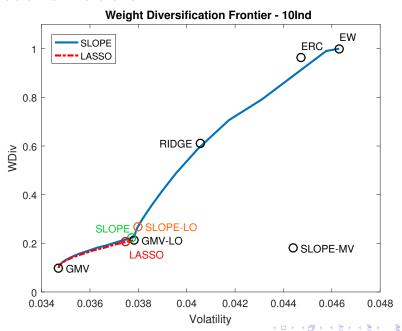
## Portfolio Optimization, (Kremmer et al, 2020, JBF)

$$R_{t imes k} = (R_1, \dots, R_k)$$
 - asset returns,  $Cov(R) = \Sigma$ 

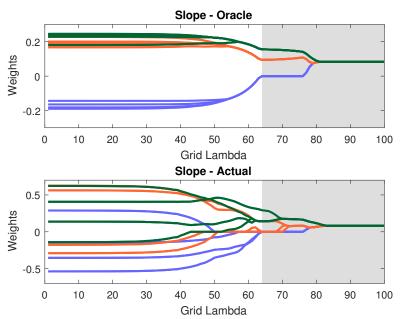
$$\min_{w \in \mathbb{R}^k} w' \Sigma w + J_{\lambda}(w) \tag{2}$$

s.t. 
$$\sum_{i=1}^{k} w_i = 1$$
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#### **Evolution of Portfolio**



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$$\lambda^{Bon} = \frac{t_{n-2}(1 - \frac{\alpha}{2m})}{\sqrt{n - 2 + t_{n-2}^2(1 - \frac{\alpha}{2m})}} ,$$

with  $m = \frac{p(p-1)}{2}$ .

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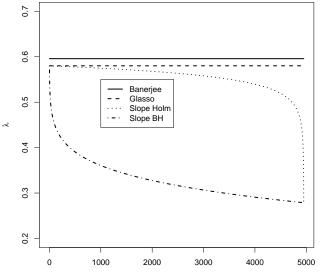
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# Different tuning sequences, $p = 100 \ (m = 4950), \ n = 50$



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### Motivation

SLOPE dual problem

$$\hat{W} = \underset{J_{\lambda}^{D}(W-S) \leq 1}{\operatorname{arg max}} \log \det(W) . \tag{5}$$

lacktriangle Distribution of the sample correlation coefficient when  $ho_{ij}=0$ 

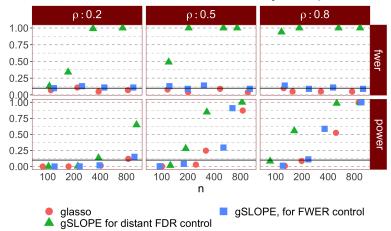
$$\sqrt{n-2}\frac{S_{ij}}{\sqrt{1-S_{ij}^2}}\sim t(n-2)$$

where t(n-2) is Student distribution with n-2 degrees of freedom.

#### FWER control

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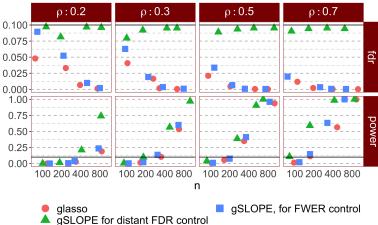
 $\alpha$ =0.1. Number of variables is 200. Block size is 20. Off-diagonal value is  $\rho$ 

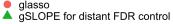


#### Distant FDR Control

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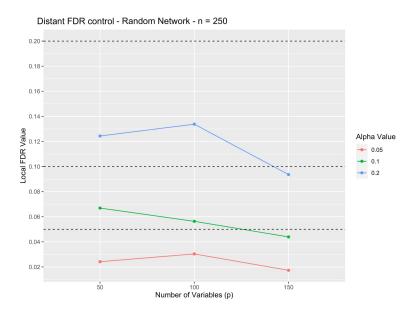
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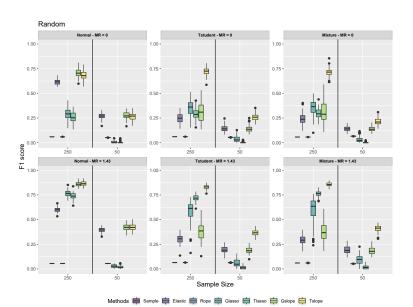
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Shiny application comparing different methods for estimation of the covariance matrix illustrates very good properties of tSLOPE as compared to other methods

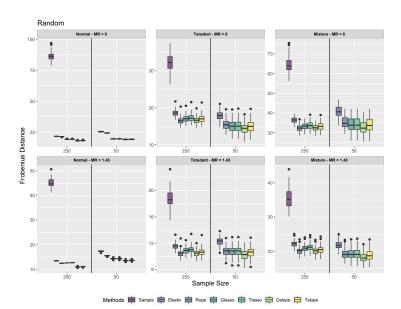
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### F1 scores



### Frobenius distance



# Gene expression network

