

# Non-smooth optimization for the estimation of cellular immune components in a tumoral environment

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# The importance of the immune system

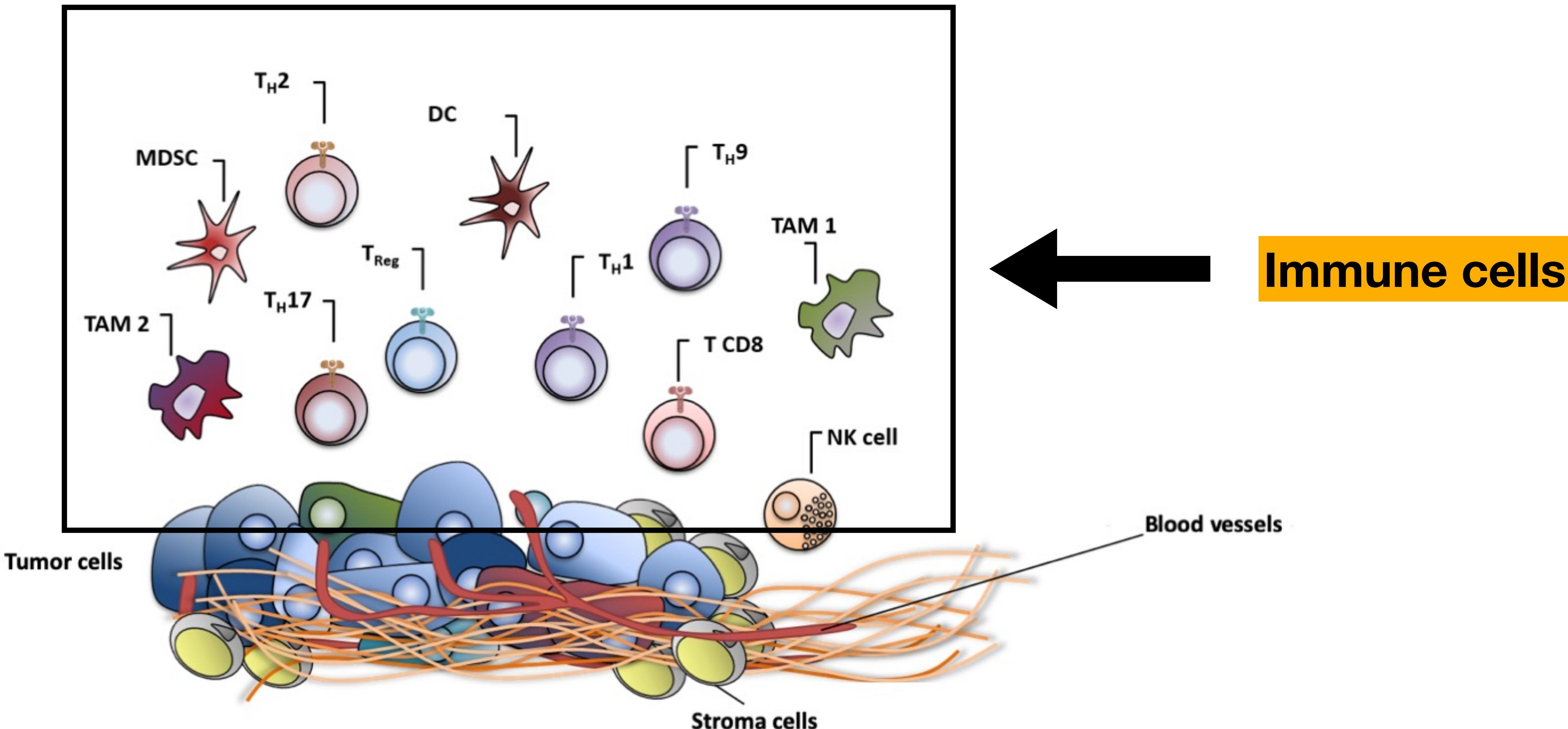
## A new cancer treatment: immunotherapy



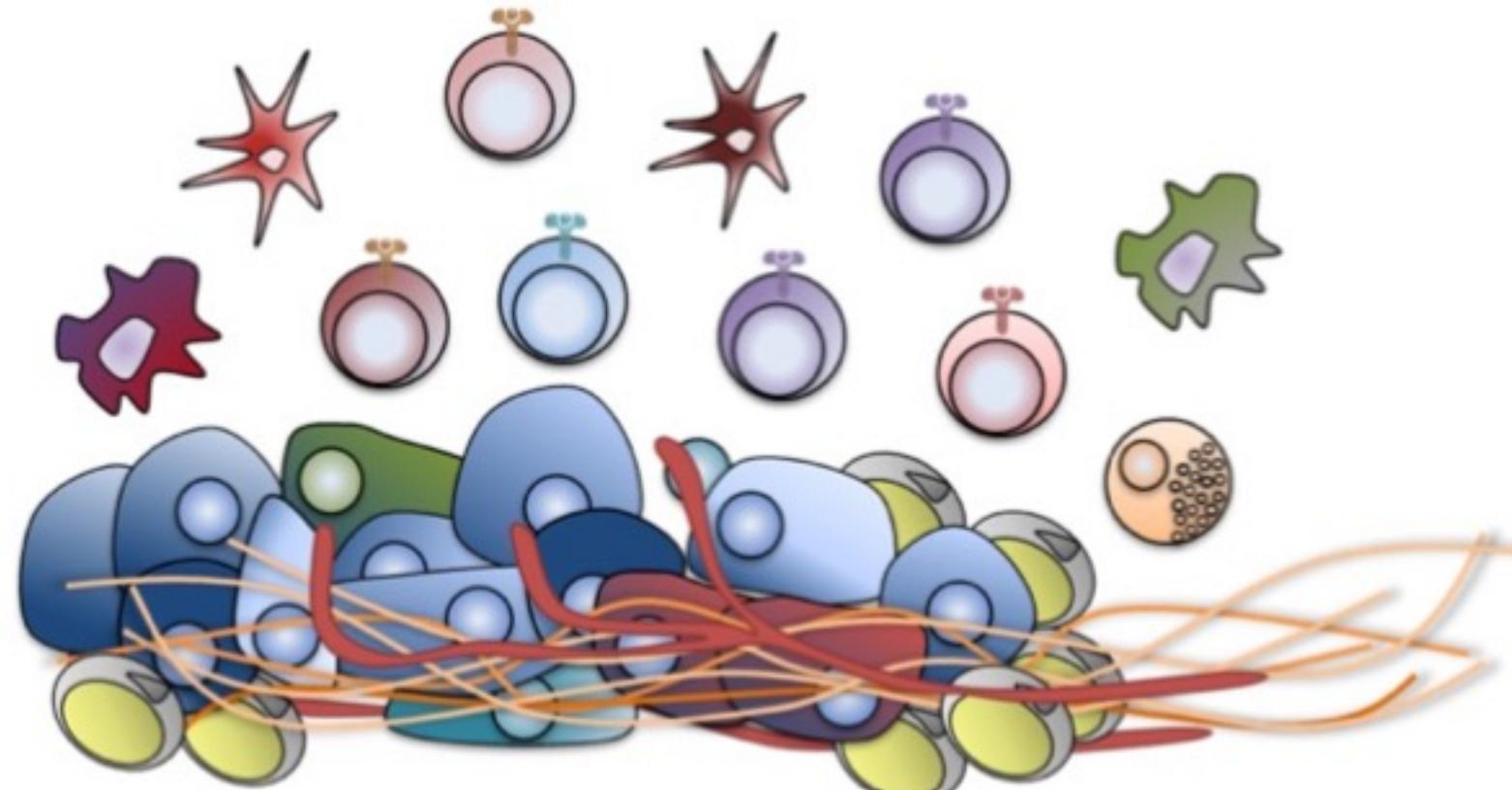
[Couzin-Frankel '13]

- First results seemed **promising**
- Unfortunately, only a **small proportions** of patients respond to immunotherapy
- Goal: find the patients that will respond and **understand the reasons**
- Information about the **tumoral environment** can be key [Glaire et al. '19, Reichling et al. '20]

# The cellular composition of a tumor



# A linear inverse problem

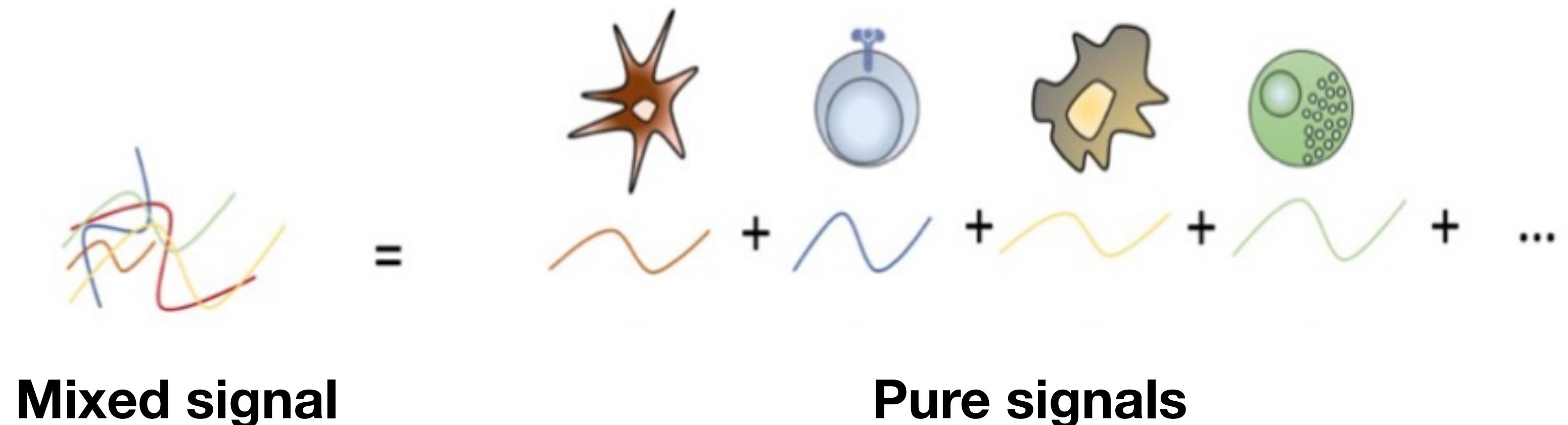
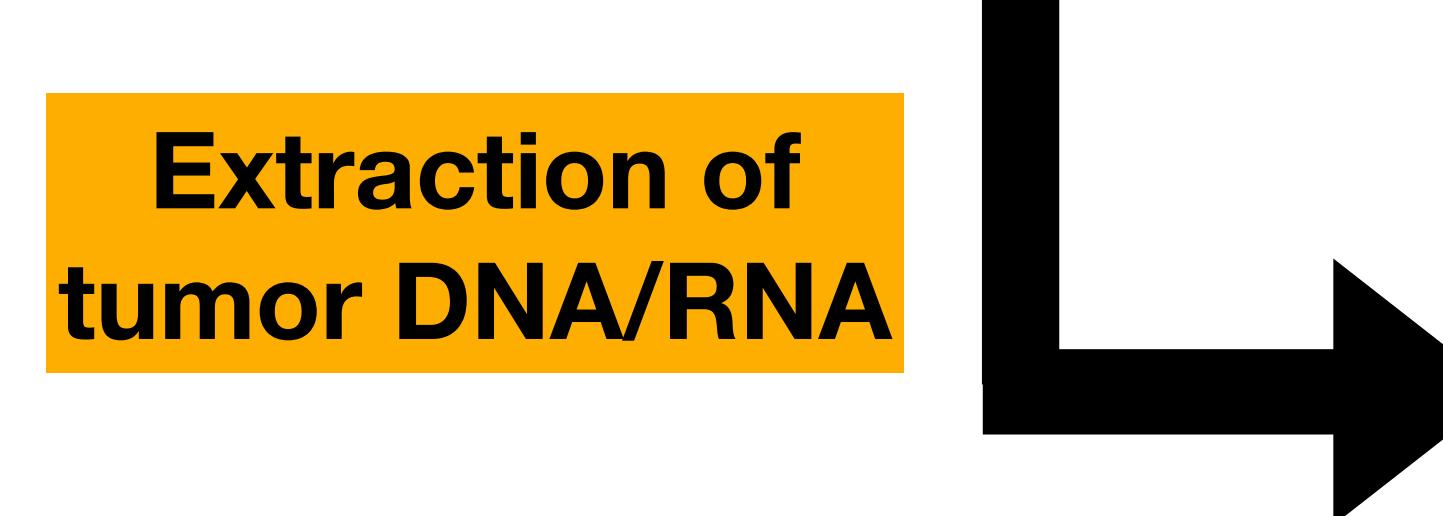


Quantity/Proportions of cells

$$n \approx 10000 \begin{bmatrix} y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} X \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \beta \end{bmatrix} + \epsilon$$

$\beta \in \{x \in \mathbb{R}^p : x_j \geq 0\}$  Positivity constraints

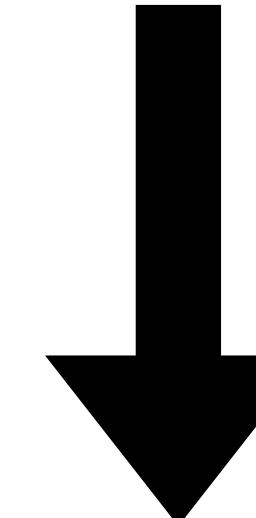
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# State-of-the-art

Authors	Date	Estimator	Constraints
Abbas et al.	2009	Ordinary Least Squares	None
Qiao et al.	2012	Ordinary Least Squares	Positivity
Gong et al.	2011	Ordinary Least Squares	Simplex
Newman et al.	2015	$\nu$ -SVR	None

**Gold Standard**



**CIBERSORT**

[source: [cibersort.stanford.edu/](http://cibersort.stanford.edu/)]

- 1) Compute SVR estimator
- 2) Set negative coefficients to zero
- 3) Divide by the sum of the remaining coefficients

# $\nu$ -Support Vector Regression [Schölkopf et al. '99]

Depends on 2 hyperparameters:

$$C > 0$$

$$\nu \in [0, 1]$$

$$\hat{\beta}_{\text{SVR}} \in \arg \min_{\beta, \beta_0, \xi_i, \xi_i^*, \varepsilon}$$

s.t.

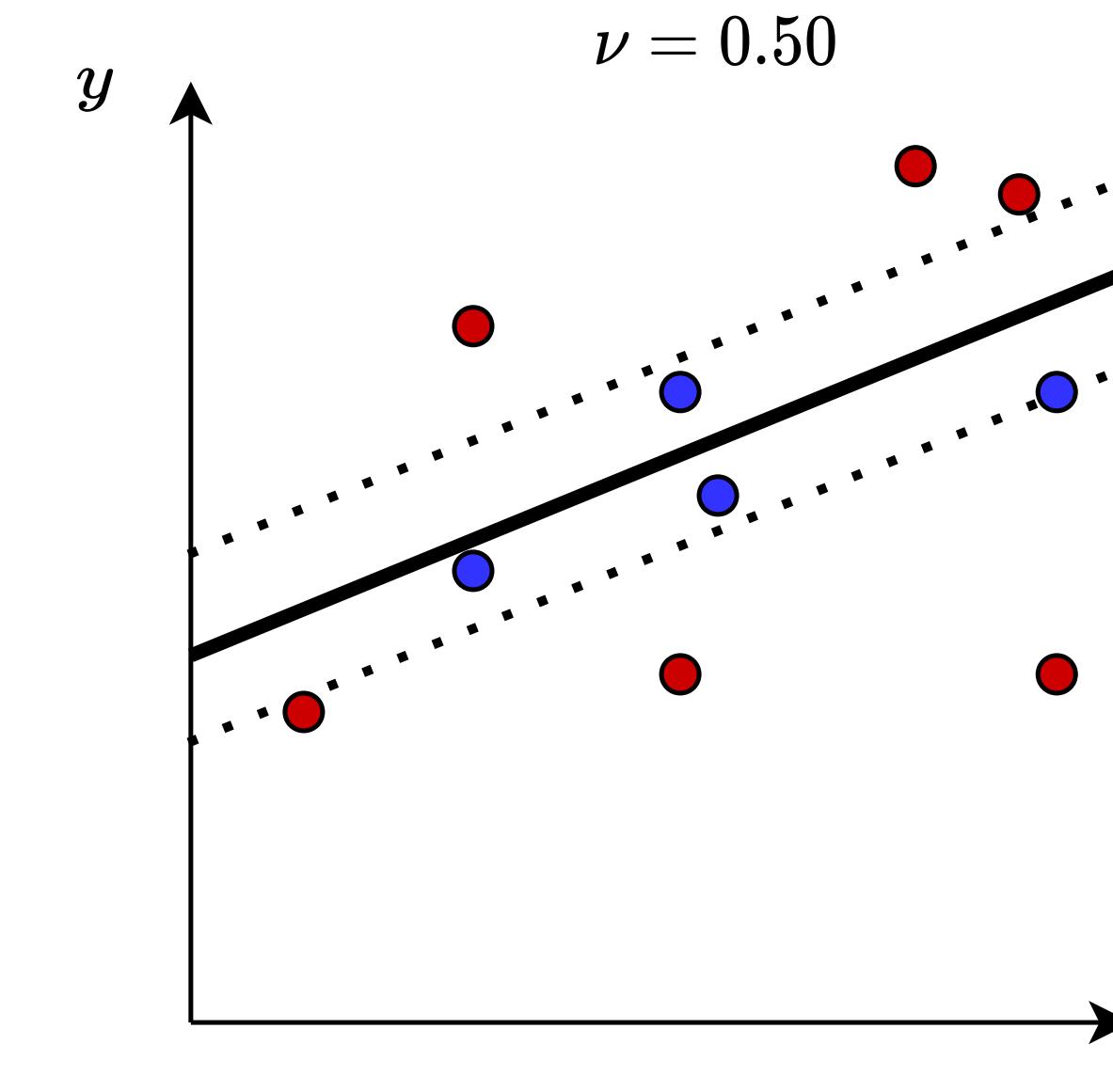
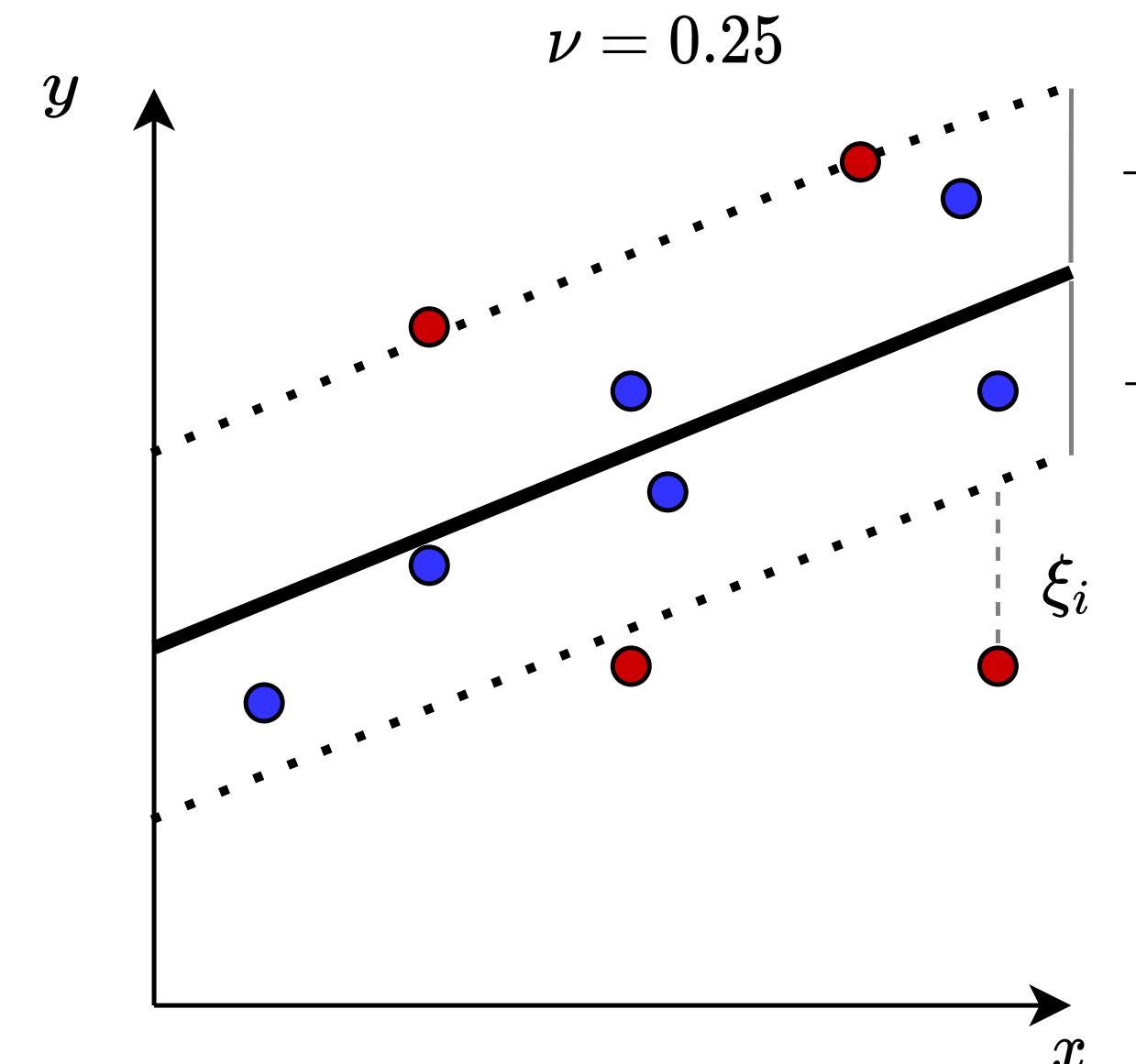
$$\frac{1}{2} \|\beta\|^2 + C(\nu\varepsilon + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (\xi_i + \xi_i^*))$$

$$y_i - X_i:\beta - \beta_0 \leq \varepsilon + \xi_i$$

$$X_i:\beta + \beta_0 - y_i \leq \varepsilon + \xi_i^*$$

$$\xi_i, \xi_i^* \geq 0, \varepsilon \geq 0 .$$

— Regression line ● Support Vectors



# Possible improvements?

$$1) \hat{\beta}_{\text{SSVR}} \in \arg \min_{\beta, \beta_0, \xi_i, \xi_i^*, \varepsilon}$$

s.t.

$$\frac{1}{2} ||\beta||^2 + C(\nu\varepsilon + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (\xi_i + \xi_i^*))$$

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**Simplex constraints**

$$\beta_j \geq 0, \sum_{j=1}^p \beta_j = 1 .$$

**How to solve this optimization problem?**

2) The hyperparameters are set as follows:

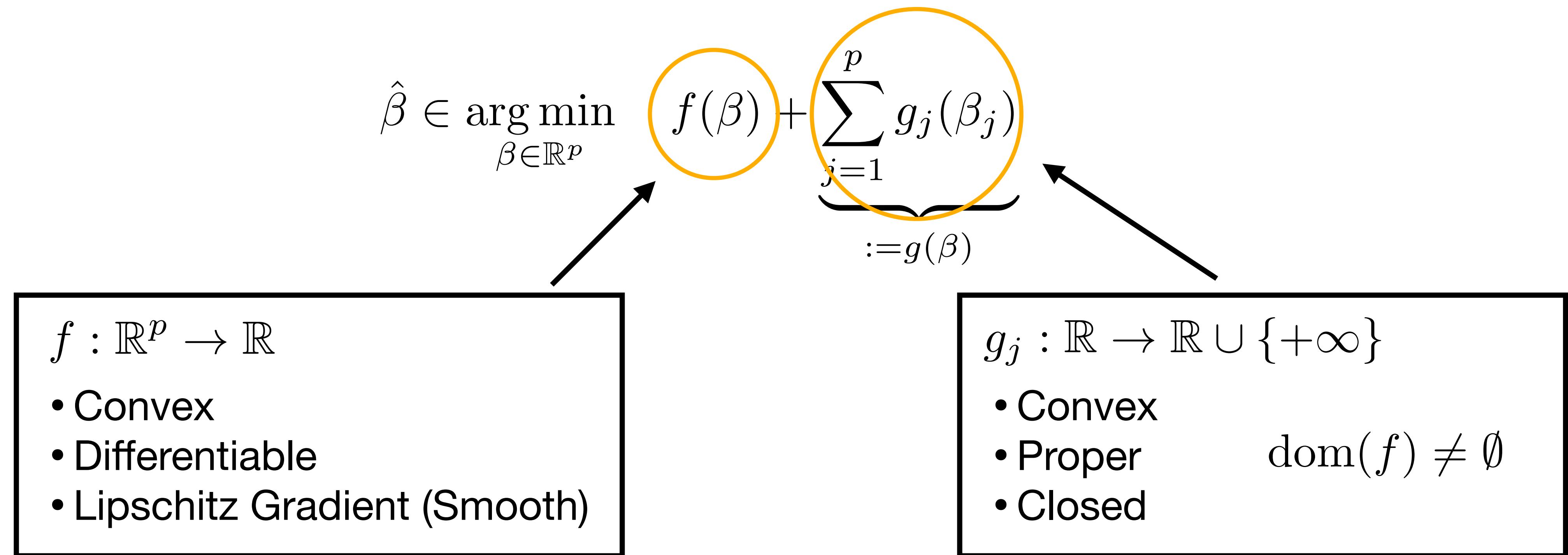
$$C = 1 \quad \nu \in \{0.25, 0.5, 0.75\}$$



**Is there a better way to find the best pair of hyperparameters than grid-search?**

**Fit the three models and keep the one that minimizes the prediction error**

# Composite minimization problem



## Examples:

- Lasso:  $f(\beta) = \frac{1}{2} \|y - X\beta\|^2$   $g_j(\beta_j) = \lambda |\beta_j|$
- Dual SVM:  $f(\beta) = \frac{1}{2} \beta^\top Q \beta - \mathbf{e}^\top \beta$   $g_j(\beta_j) = \iota_{[0,C]}(\beta_j)$

# Coordinate descent

$$\hat{\beta} \in \arg \min_{\beta \in \mathbb{R}^p} f(\beta) + \sum_{j=1}^p g_j(\beta_j)$$

**Proximal operator of a convex function:**

For any  $\gamma > 0$  and  $x \in \mathbb{R}^p$  :  $\text{prox}_{\gamma g}(x) = \arg \min_{y \in \mathbb{R}^p} \frac{1}{2\gamma} \|x - y\|^2 + g(y)$

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**Algorithm 1** Proximal coordinate descent

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init   :    $\beta = 0_p$ ,  $L \in \mathbb{R}^p$ 
for iter = 1, ..., do
    for j = 1, ..., p do
         $z_j \leftarrow \beta_j - \frac{1}{L_j} \nabla_j f(\beta)$  ;           Local Lipschitz constant
         $\beta_j \leftarrow \text{prox}_{\lambda g_j / L_j}(z_j)$  ;
    return  $\beta$ 
    // gradient step
    // proximal step
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Fixed point equation:  $\hat{\beta}_j^{(\lambda)} = \text{prox}_{\gamma_j g_j} \left( \hat{\beta}_j^{(\lambda)} - \gamma_j \nabla_j f(\hat{\beta}^{(\lambda)}) \right)$  [Combettes-Wajs '05]

Convergence results: [Tseng and Yun '09] [Razaviyayn et al. '13]

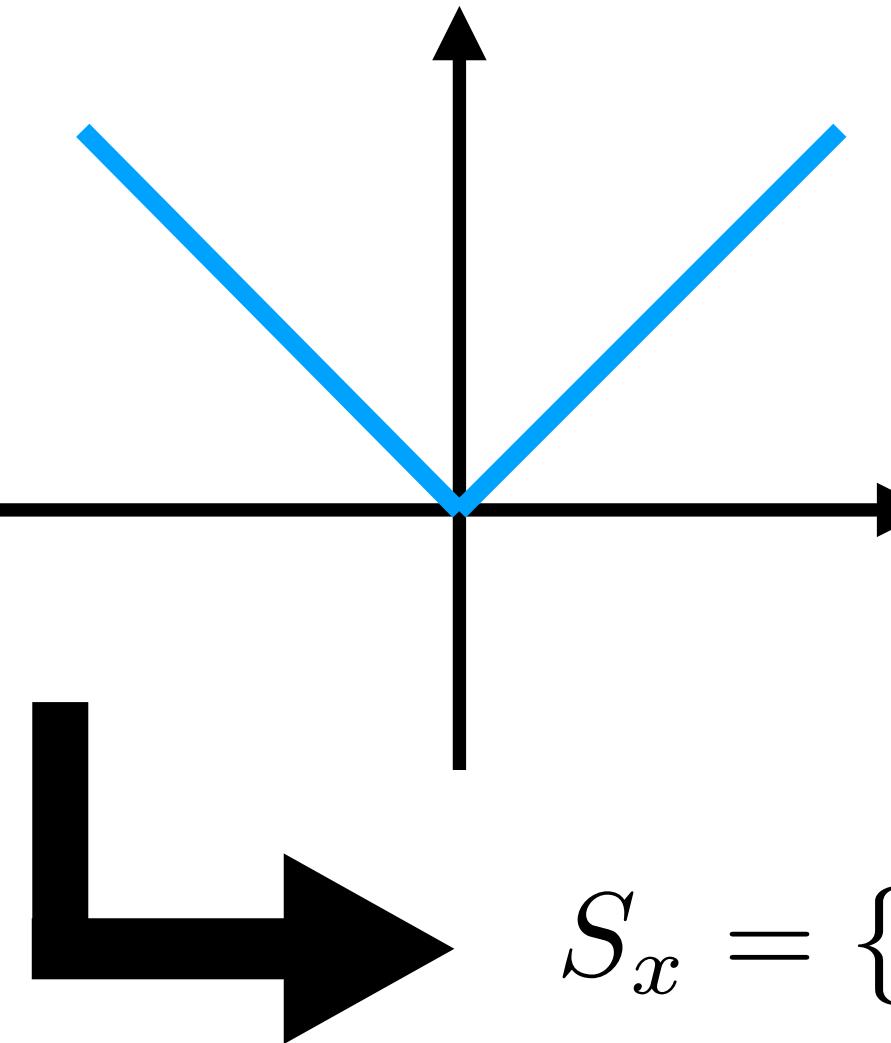
# Structure in non-smooth optimization

**Definition:** Generalized support (e.g. Nutini et al. '19)

For a vector  $x \in \mathbb{R}^p$ , its generalized support  $S_x \subseteq \{1, \dots, p\}$  is the set of indices  $j \in \{1, \dots, p\}$  such that  $g_j$  is differentiable at  $x_j$ :

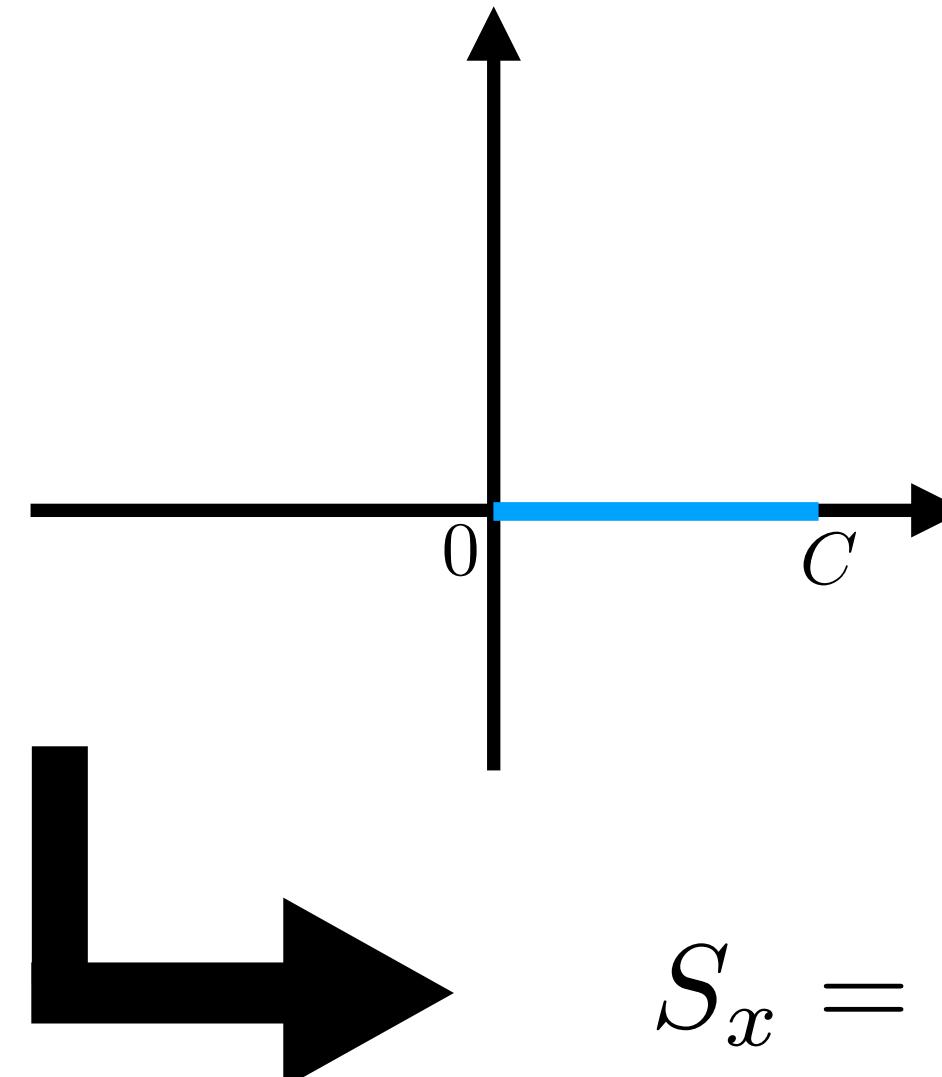
$$S_x := \{j \in \{1, \dots, p\} : \partial g_j(x_j) \text{ is a singleton}\}.$$

Example:  $\ell_1$ -norm



$$S_x = \{j \in [p] : x_j \neq 0\}$$

Example:  $\iota_{[0,C]}$



$$g_j(x_j) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } x_j \in [0, C] \\ +\infty & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$S_x = \{j \in [p] : x_j \in ]0, C[\}$$

# Structure identification for coordinate descent

- Proximal gradient descent identifies the generalized support after a finite number of iterations [Liang et al. '15]
- Is it the case for coordinate descent? [Nutini '18]

**Theorem:** [Q.K. et al. '20]

Let  $\hat{\beta} \in \arg \min_{\beta \in \mathbb{R}^p} f(\beta) + \sum_{j=1}^p g_j(\beta_j)$  and  $S = S_{\hat{\beta}}$ . Suppose

- **Local regularity:** For all  $j \in S$ ,  $g_j$  is locally  $\mathcal{C}^2$  around  $\hat{\beta}_j$  and  $f$  is locally  $\mathcal{C}^2$  around  $\hat{\beta}$
- **Non-degeneracy:**  $-\nabla f(\hat{\beta}) \in \text{ri}(\partial g(\hat{\beta}))$
- **Convergence:** Coordinate algorithm converges to  $\hat{\beta}$

Then, the coordinate descent algorithm identifies the support after a finite number of iterations.

# Local linear convergence

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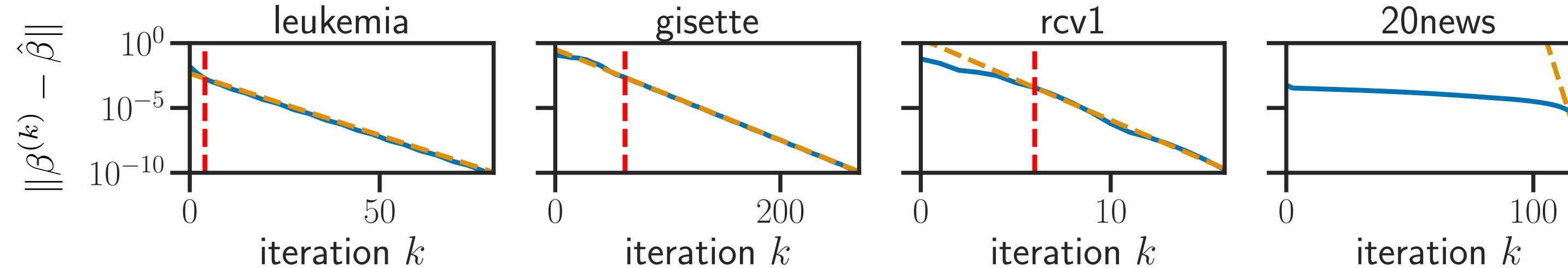
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- **Restricted injectivity:**  $\nabla_{S,S}^2 f(\hat{\beta}) \succ 0$
- **Identification:** The support  $S$  has been identified at iteration  $K > 0$

Then  $(\beta^{(k)})_{k \geq K}$  converges linearly towards  $\hat{\beta}$ .

# Illustration of identification and linear convergence

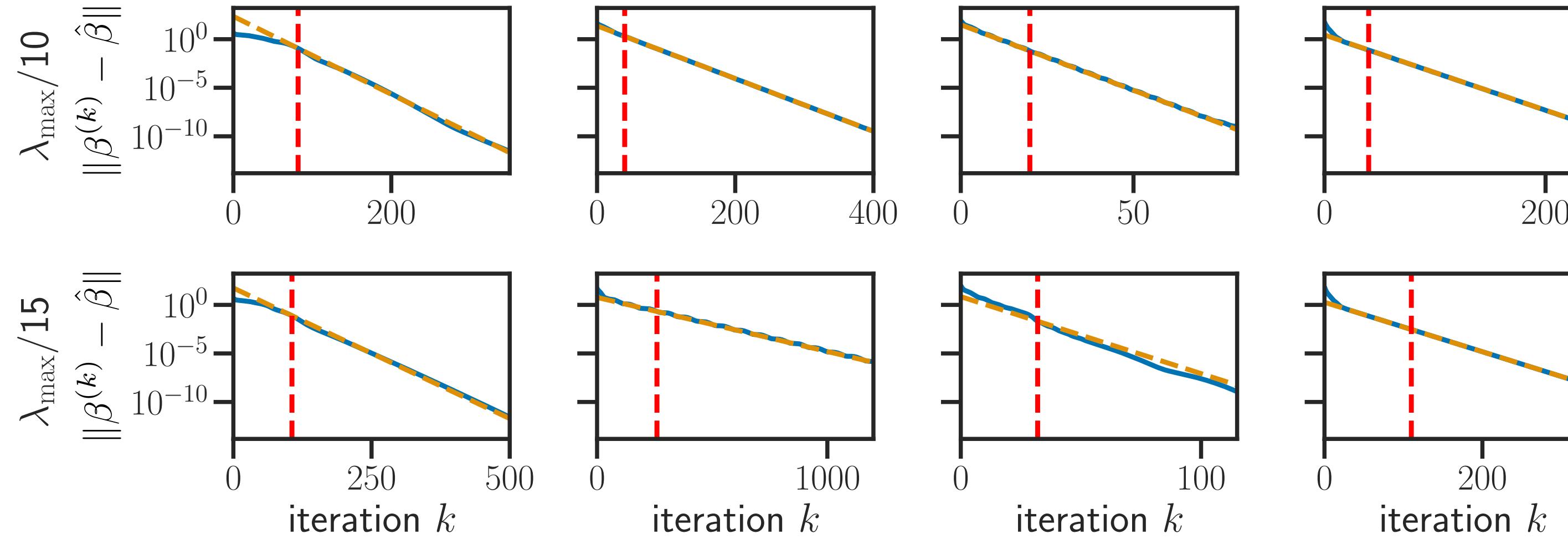
— practical rate    - - - theoretical rate    - - - model identification



**SVM:**

$$\arg \min_{\alpha \in \mathbb{R}^n} \frac{1}{2} \alpha^\top Q \alpha - \mathbf{e}^\top \alpha$$

subject to  $0 \leq \alpha_i \leq C$



**Lasso:**

$$\arg \min_{\beta \in \mathbb{R}^p} \frac{1}{2n} \|X\beta - y\|^2 + \lambda \|\beta\|_1$$

$$\lambda_{\max} = \frac{\|X^\top y\|_\infty}{n}$$

# Linear constraints on Support Vector Regression

$$\min_{\beta, \beta_0, \xi_i, \xi_i^*, \varepsilon} \frac{1}{2} \|\beta\|^2 + C(\nu\varepsilon + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (\xi_i + \xi_i^*))$$

subject to

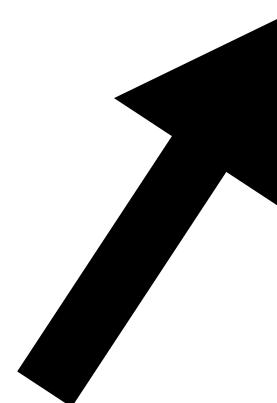
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$$A\beta \leq b$$

$$\Gamma\beta = d$$



**Assumption: Non-empty feasible set**

• Non-negative regression:

$$A = -\text{Id}, \quad b = \mathbf{0}, \quad \Gamma = \mathbf{0}, \quad d = 0$$

• Simplex regression:

$$A = -\text{Id}, \quad b = \mathbf{0}, \quad \Gamma = \mathbf{e}^\top, \quad d = 1$$

• Isotonic regression:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & \ddots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$b = \mathbf{0}, \quad \Gamma = \mathbf{0}, \quad d = 0$$

# Dual optimization problem

$$\min_{\alpha, \alpha^*, \gamma, \mu} \frac{1}{2} \left[ (\alpha - \alpha^*)^\top Q (\alpha - \alpha^*) + \gamma^\top A A^\top \gamma + \mu^\top \Gamma \Gamma^\top \mu + 2 \sum_{i=1}^n (\alpha_i - \alpha_i^*) \gamma^\top A X_{i:} \right]$$

$$-2 \sum_{i=1}^n (\alpha_i - \alpha_i^*) \mu^\top \Gamma X_{i:} - 2 \gamma^\top A \Gamma^\top \mu \Big] + y^\top (\alpha - \alpha^*) + \gamma^\top b - \mu^\top d$$

subject to  $0 \leq \alpha_i, \alpha_i^* \leq \frac{C}{n}$

$$\mathbf{e}^\top (\alpha + \alpha^*) = C\nu$$

$$\mathbf{e}^\top (\alpha - \alpha^*) = 0$$

$$\gamma_j \geq 0$$

**Non-separable constraints**

**Not possible to use vanilla Coordinate descent**

Classical SVR can be solved with Sequential Minimal Optimization algorithm [Platt '98]

It updates two coordinates at a time to keep the non-separable constraints verified at all time

# Proposed algorithm and convergence result

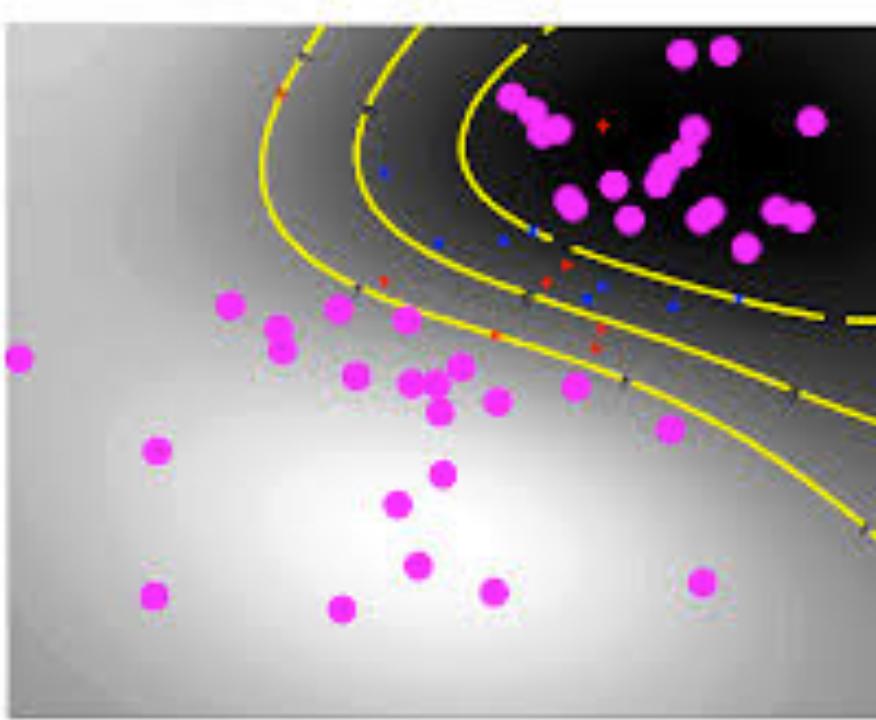
## Generalized SMO :

- Perform SMO algorithm when updating the variables  $\alpha$  or  $\alpha^*$
- Perform projected coordinate descent when updating the variables  $\gamma$
- Perform smooth coordinate descent when updating the variables  $\mu$
- The block in which the update will happen is chosen based on the violation of the KKT conditions

## Theorem: [Q.K. and Vaiter '21]

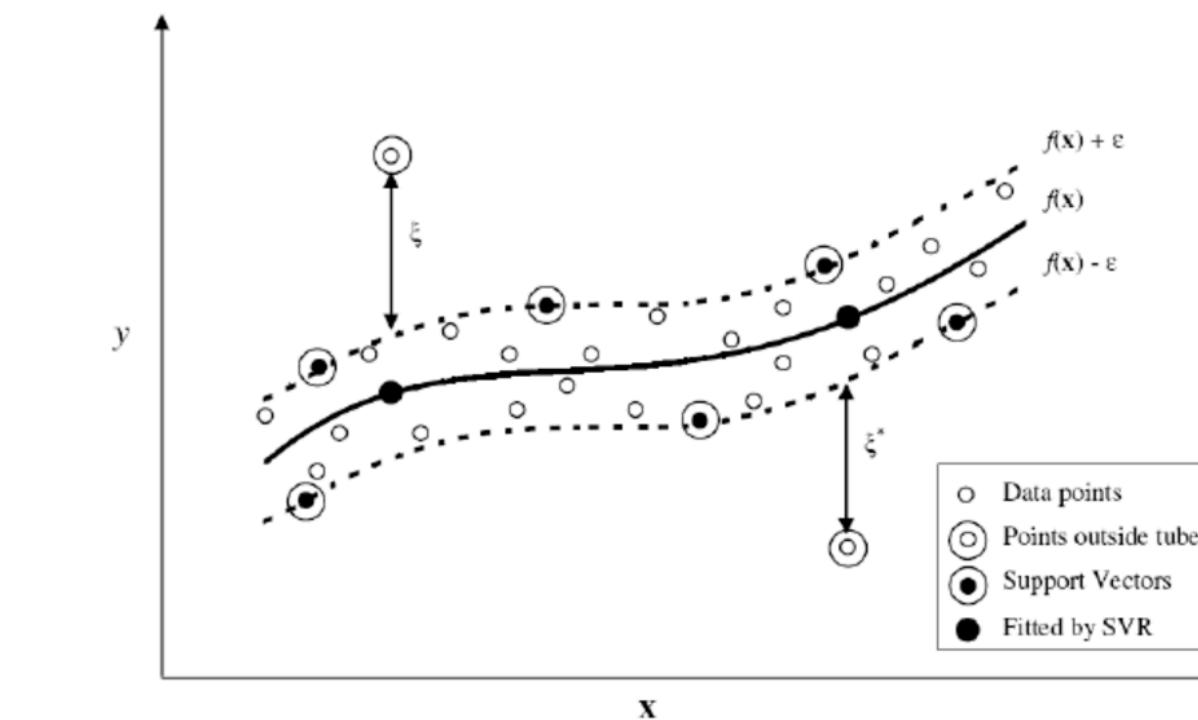
The sequence of iterates obtained by the generalized SMO converges towards a solution of the dual problem of the Linearly constrained SVR.

# Hyperparameters in machine learning



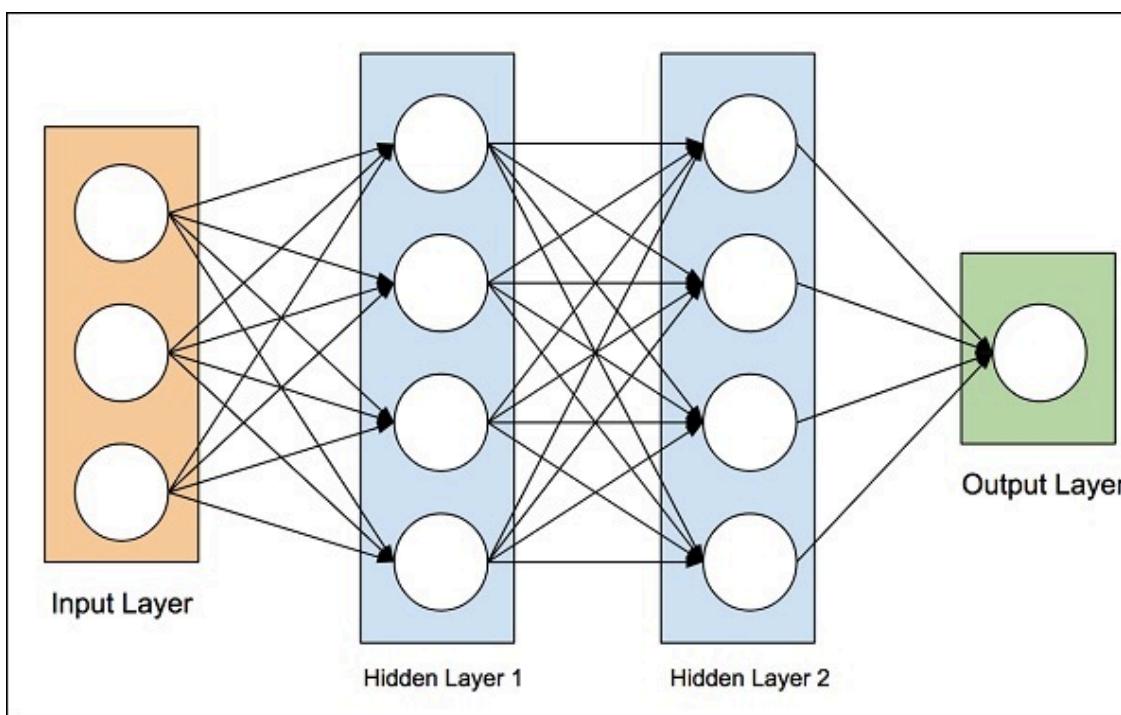
Support Vector Machine [Vapnik '92]

$$C > 0$$



$\varepsilon$ -Support Vector Regression [Drucker et al. '96]

$$C > 0, \varepsilon > 0$$



Neural Networks  
# layers, learning rate

**Regularized models:**  
Lasso [Tibshirani '96]  
Ridge regression [Hoerl-Kennard '70]  
Elastic net [Zou-Hastie '05]  
Total variation [Rudin-Osher-Fatemi '92] ...

Typically  $\lambda > 0$

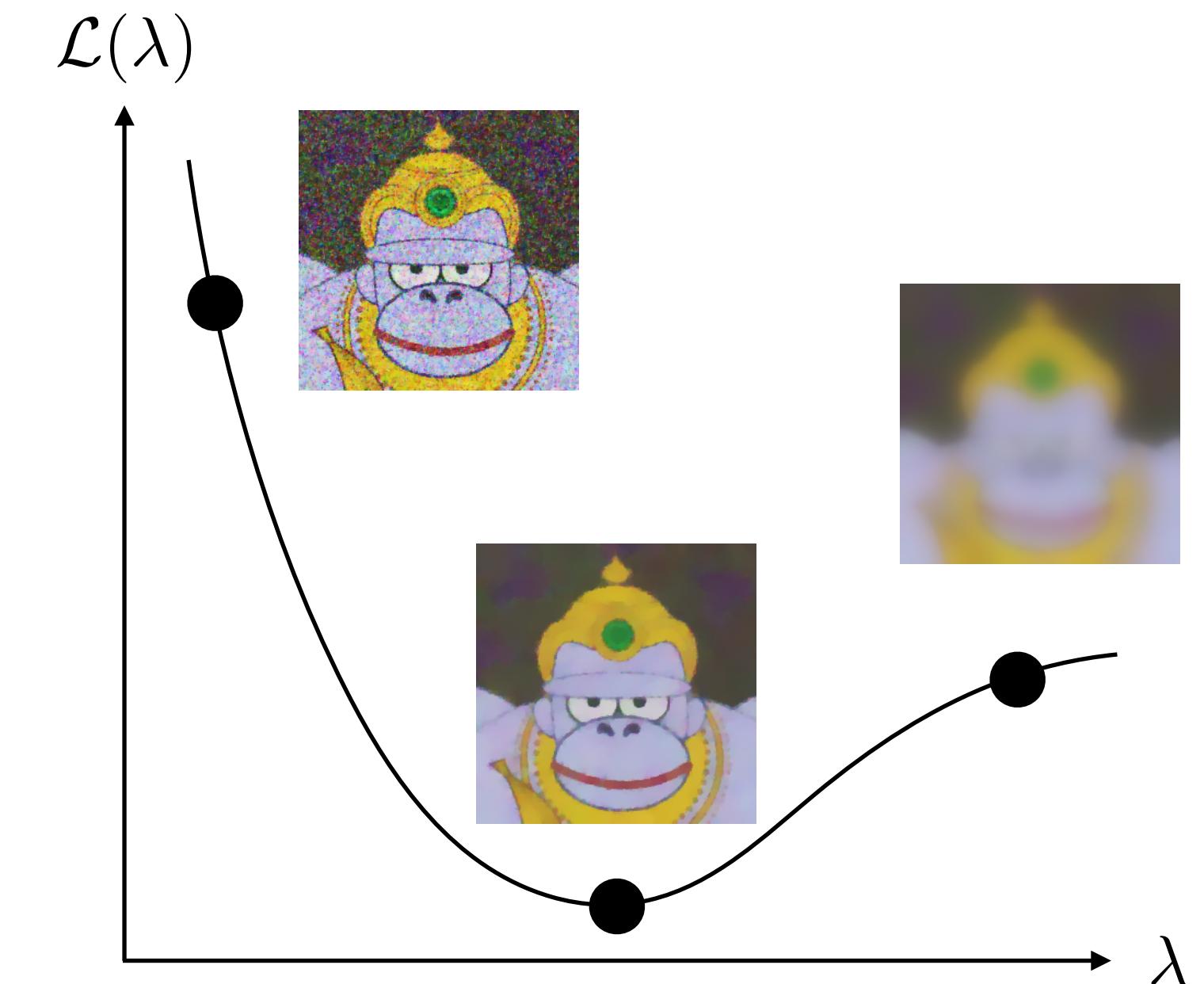
# Selection criteria

**Hyperparameter:**

$$\lambda \in \mathbb{R}^r$$

**Criterion:**

$$\mathcal{L} : \mathbb{R}^r \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$



Goal

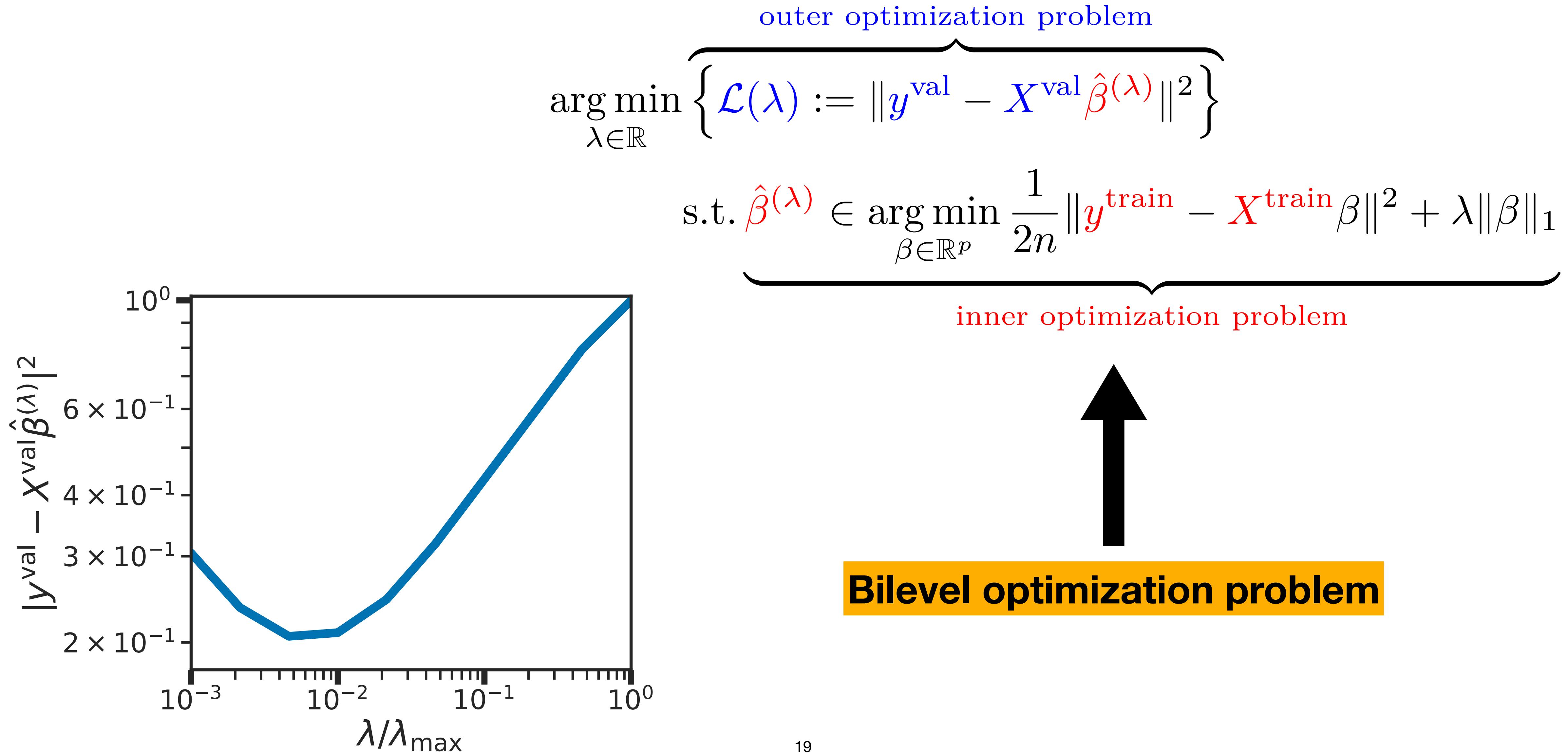
Find:

$$\lambda^* \in \operatorname{argmin}_{\lambda \in \mathbb{R}^r} \mathcal{L}(\lambda)$$

► **Examples:**

cross-validation [Stone-Ramer '65],  
AIC [Akaike '74],  
BIC [Schwarz '78],  
SURE [Stein '81]

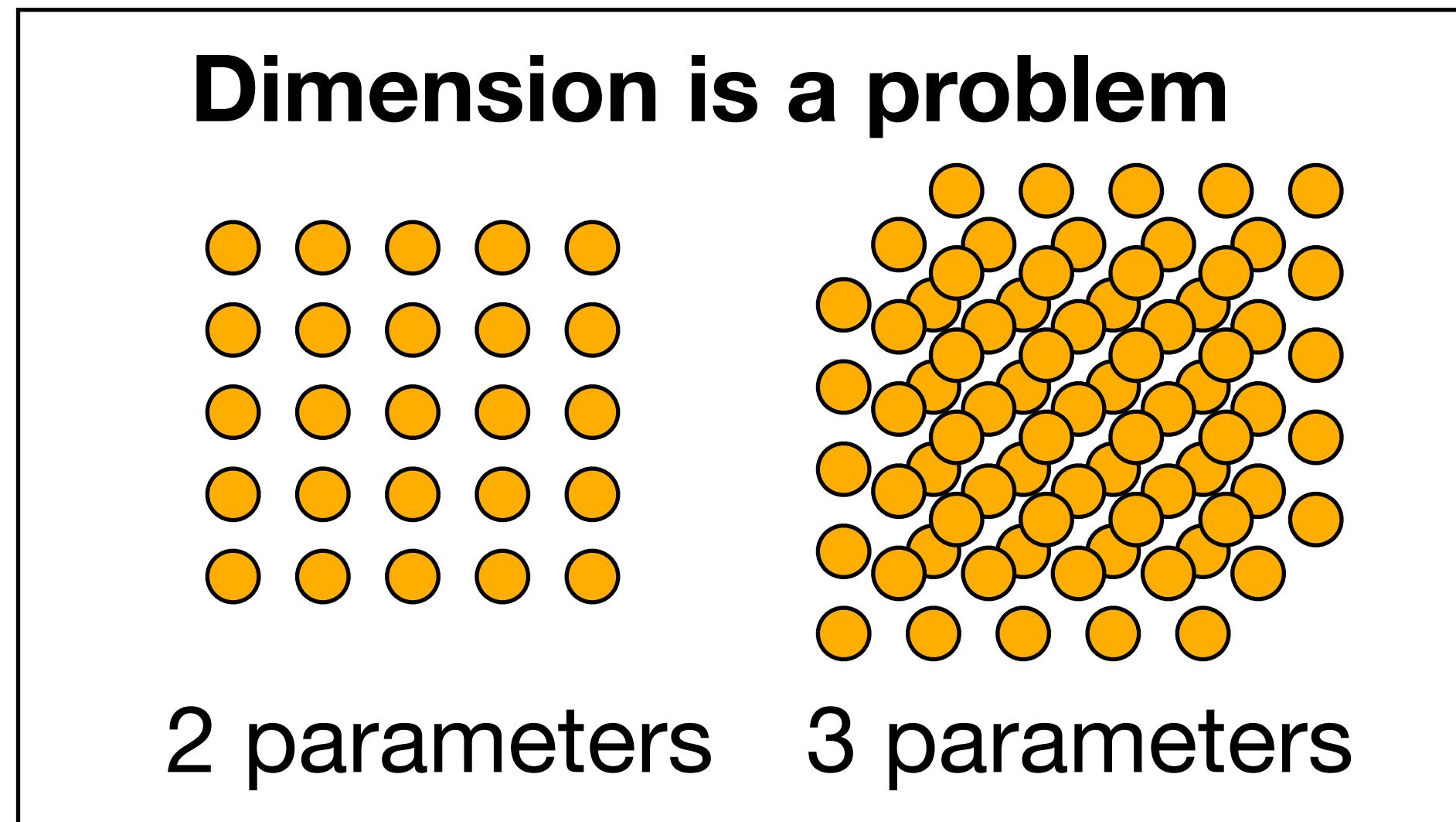
# Hyperparameter optimization (HO)



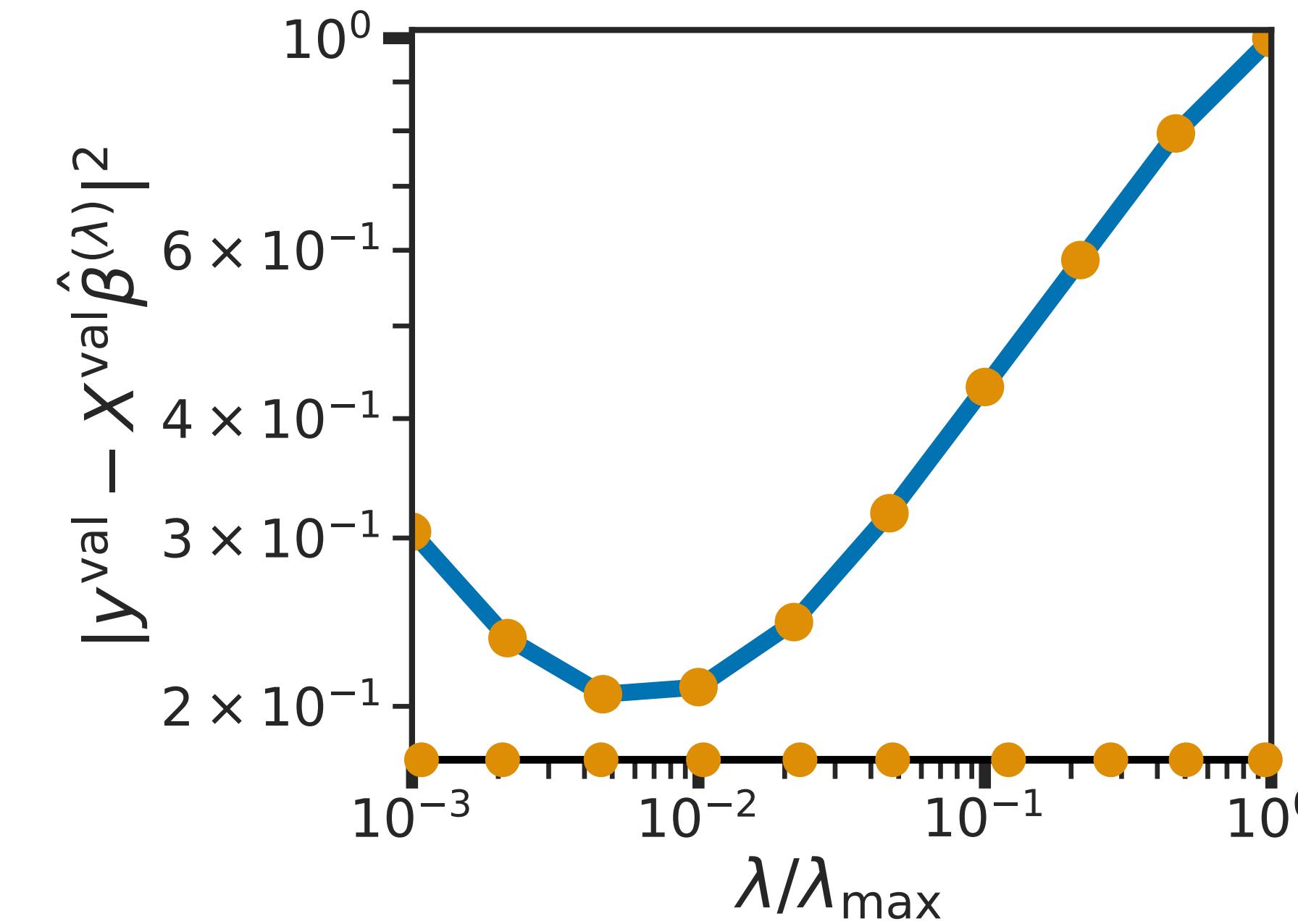
# Grid-search as 0-order optimization method

## Algorithm:

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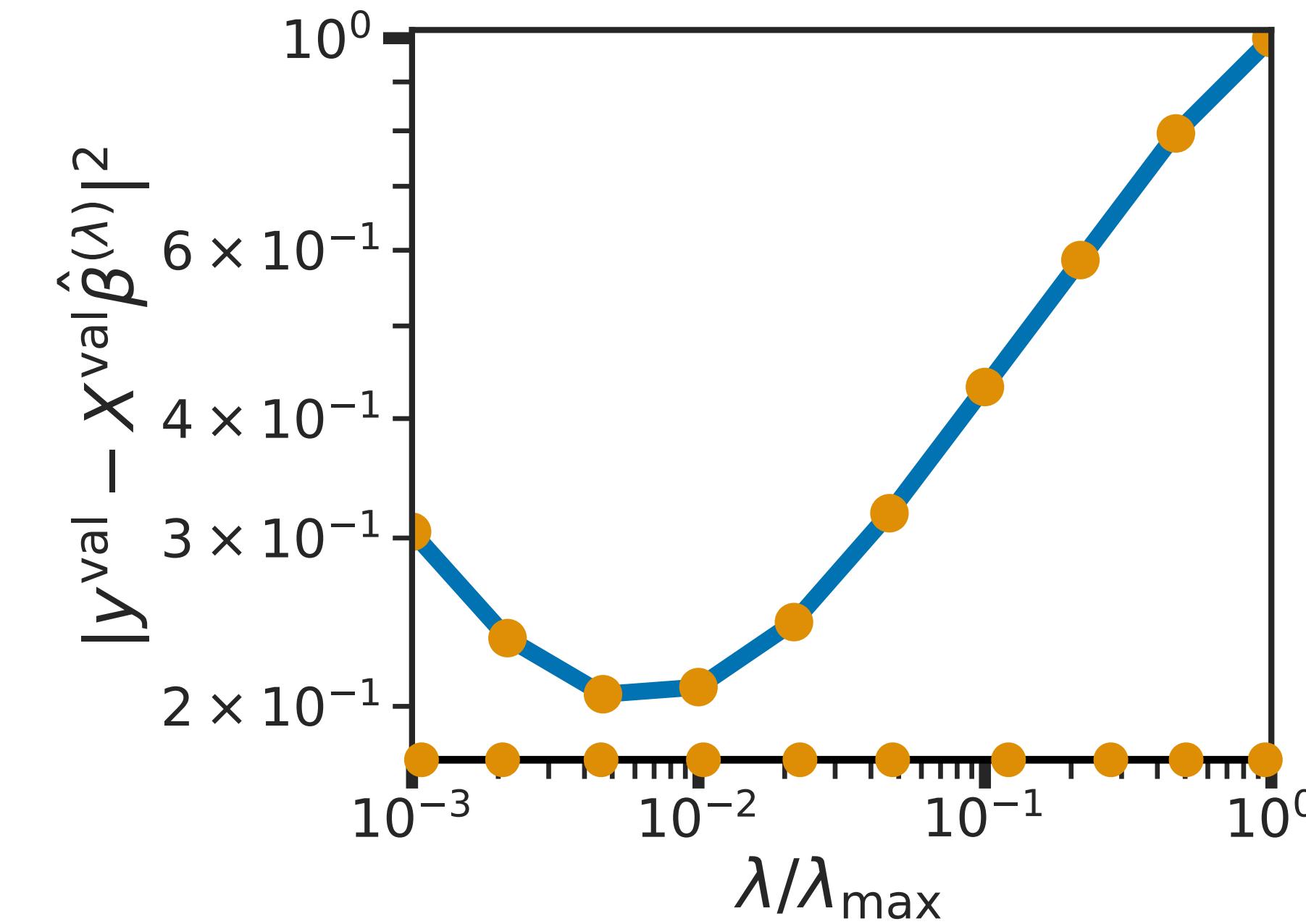
**Idea:**

If  $\mathcal{L}$  is differentiable, use 1st order method

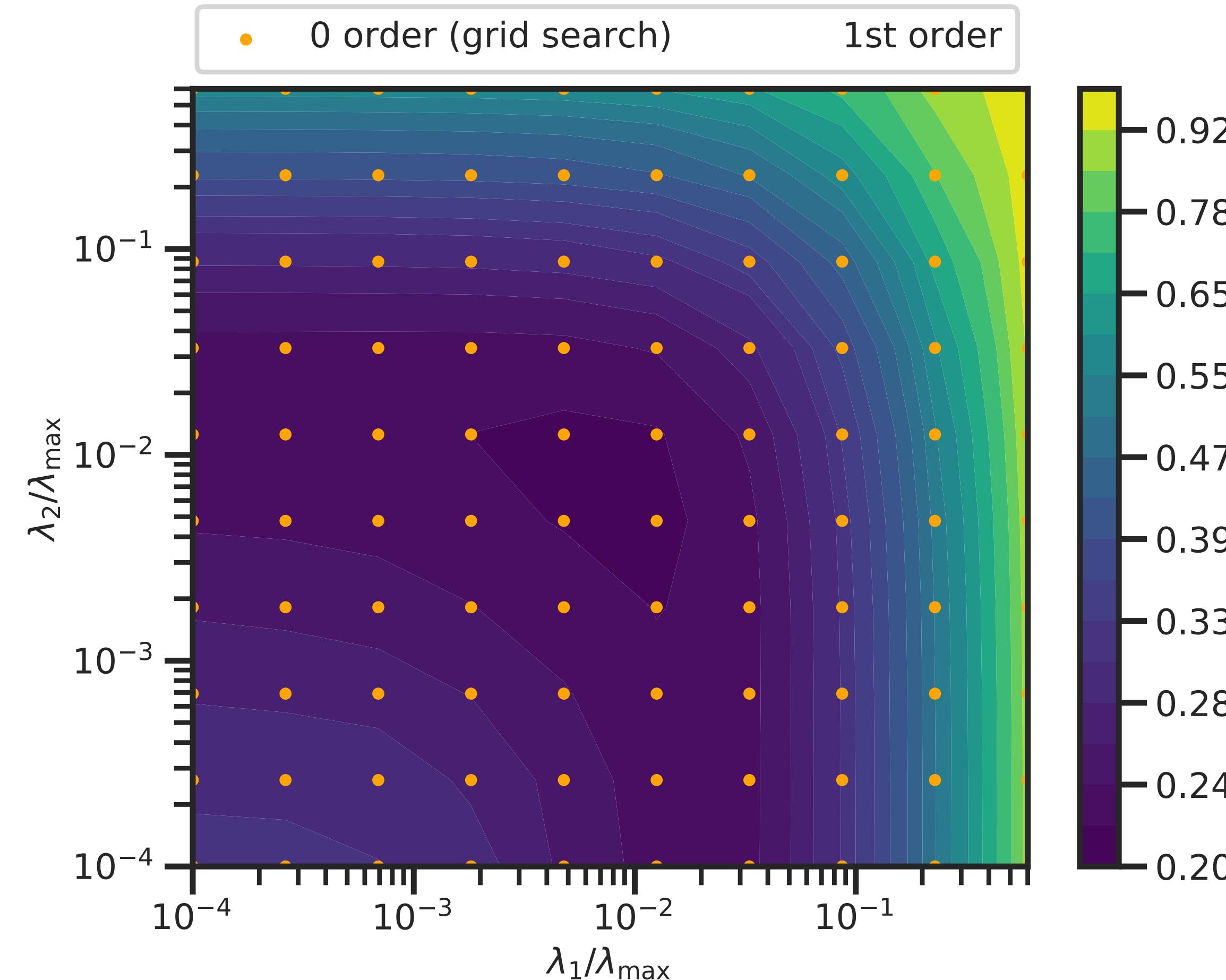
**Algorithm:**

1. Choose a starting point  $\lambda^{(0)}$
2. Compute  $\nabla \mathcal{L}(\lambda^{(t)})$
3. Update  $\lambda^{(t+1)} = \lambda^{(t)} - \rho \nabla \mathcal{L}(\lambda^{(t)})$
4. Repeat 2/3 until convergence

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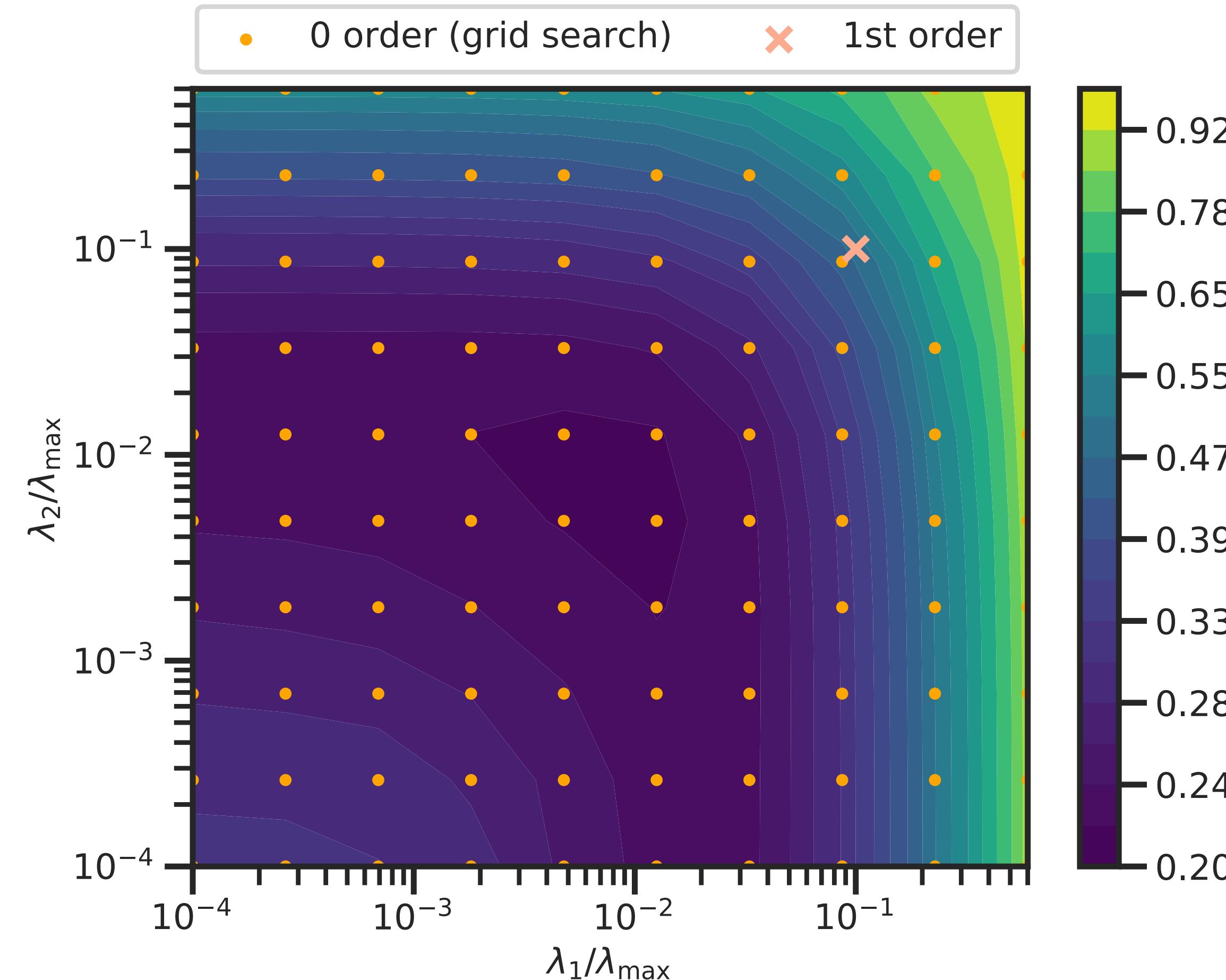


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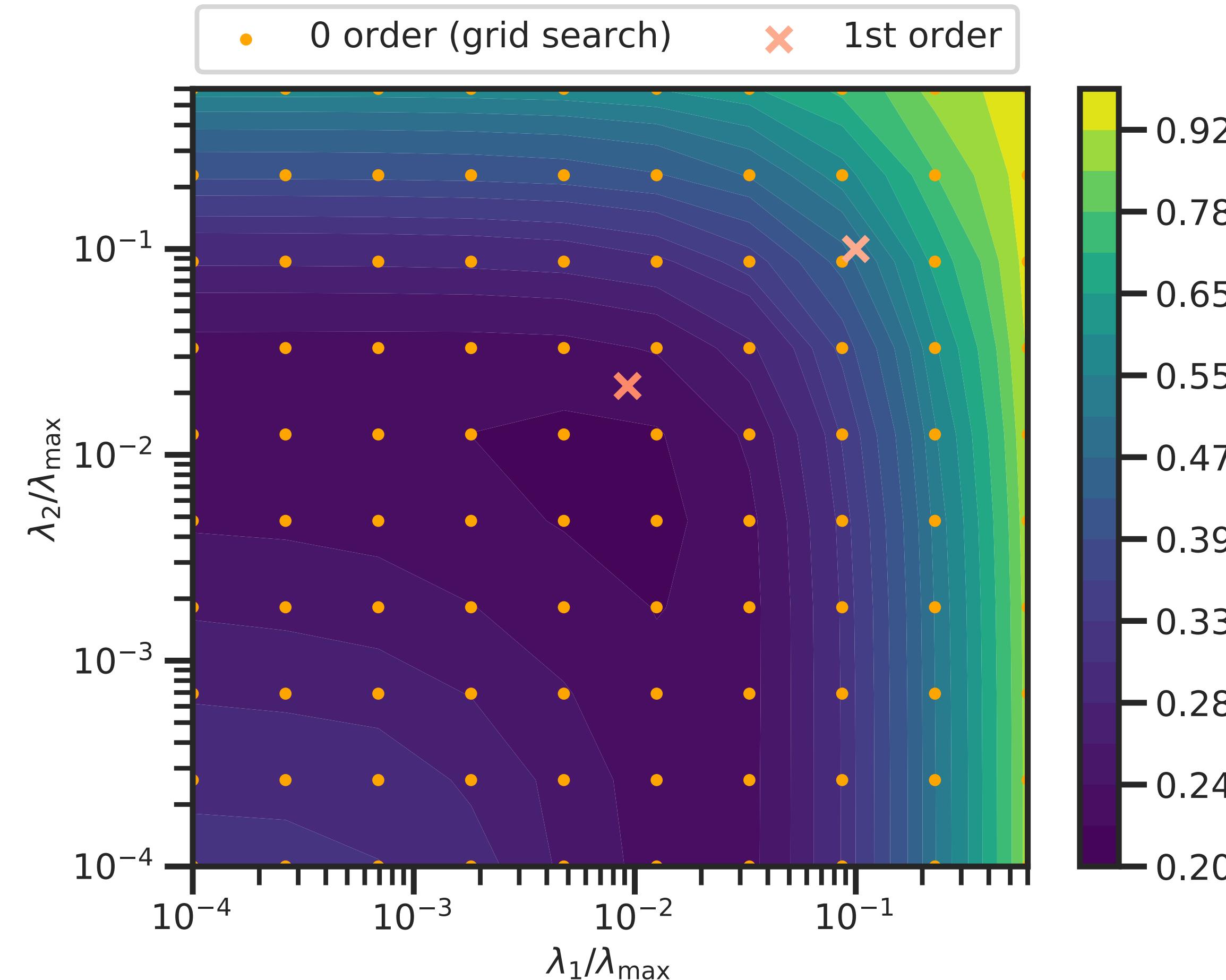
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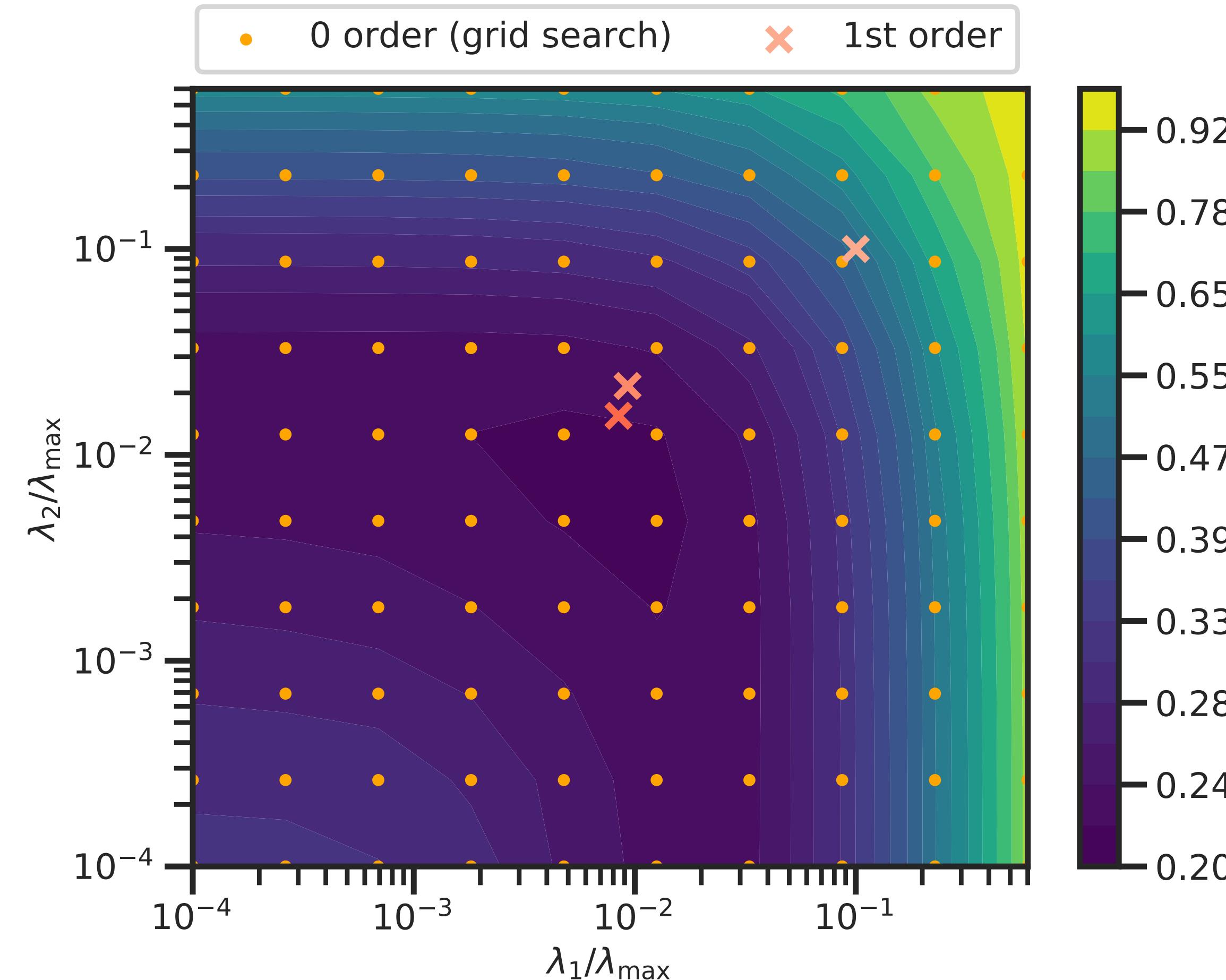
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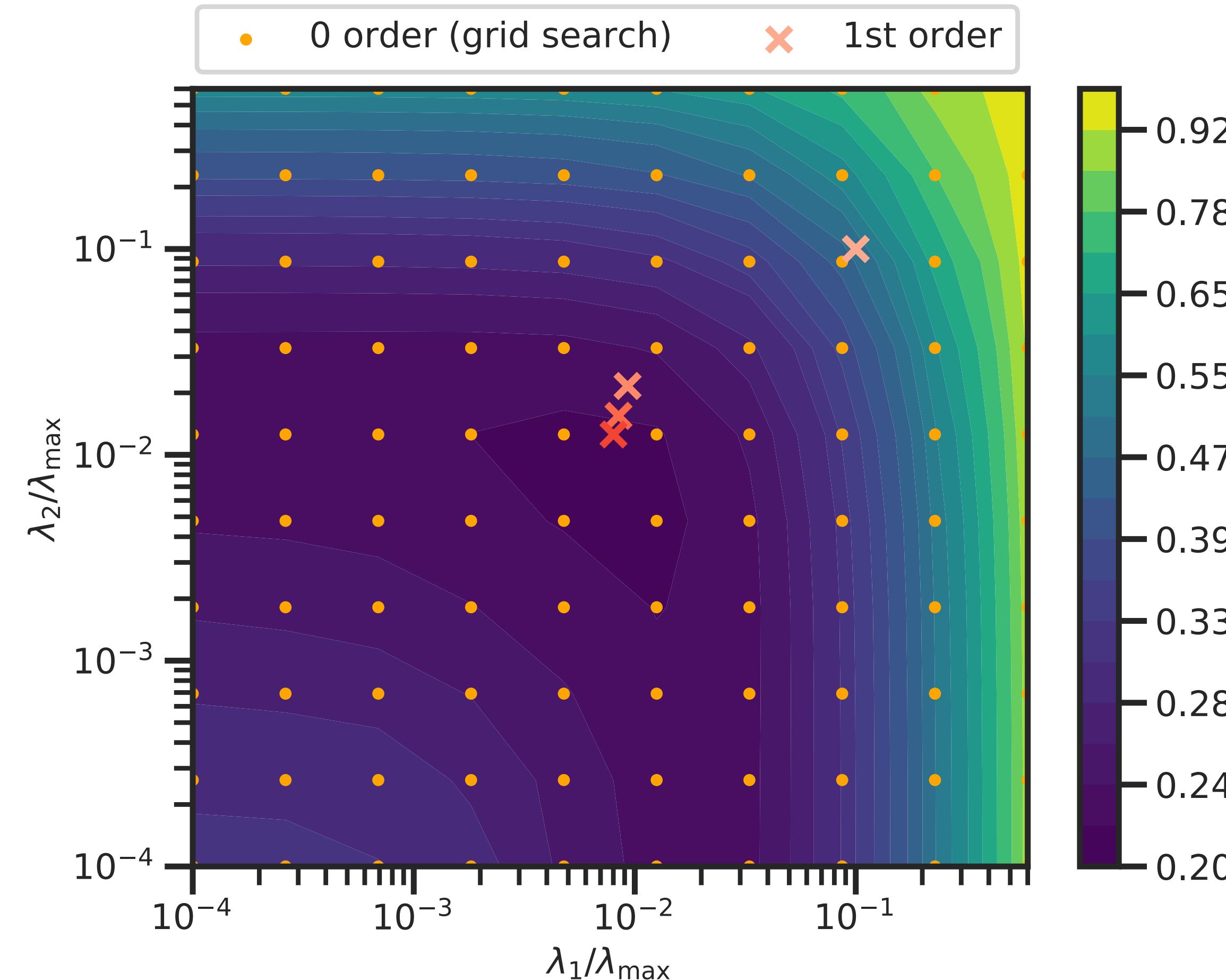
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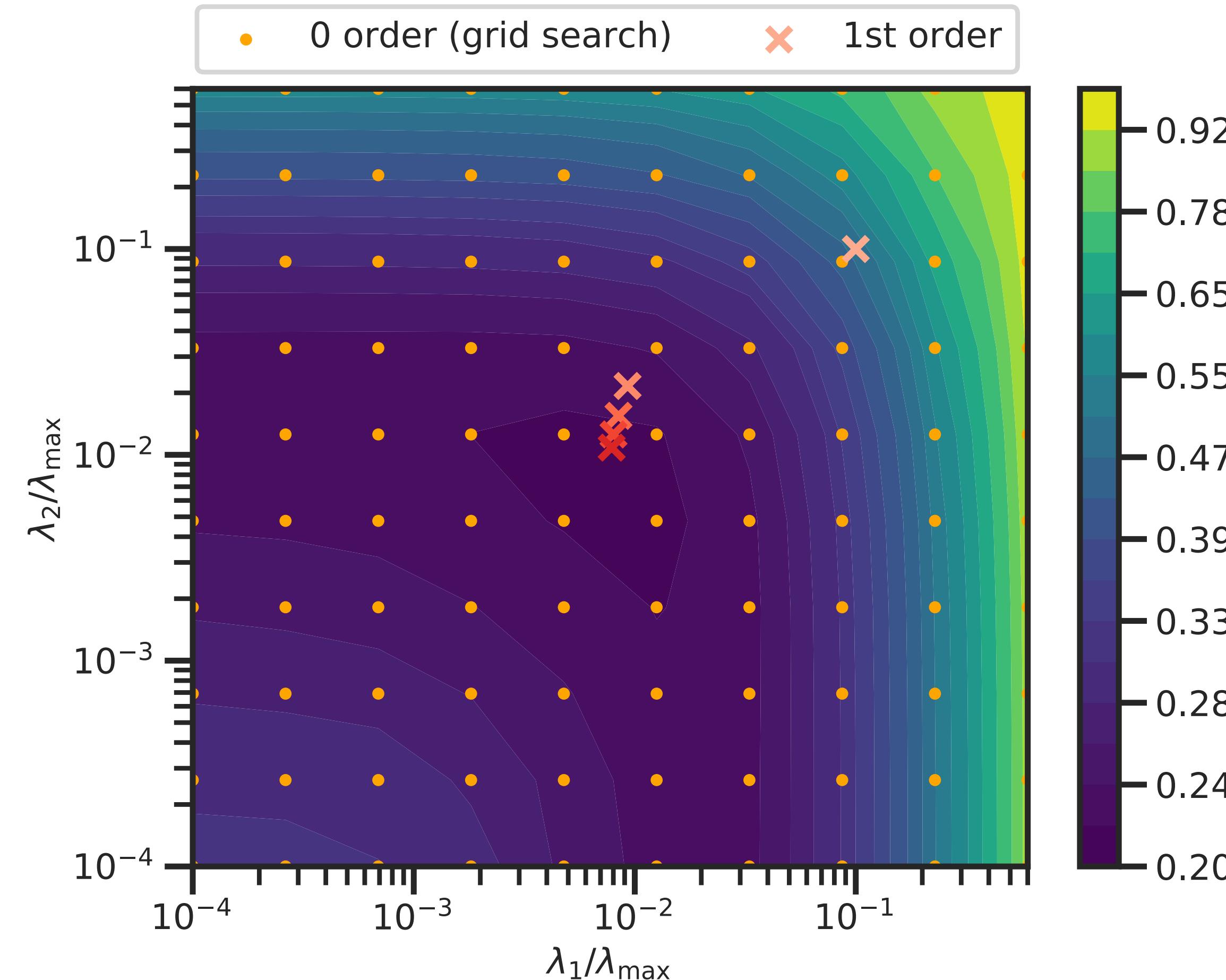
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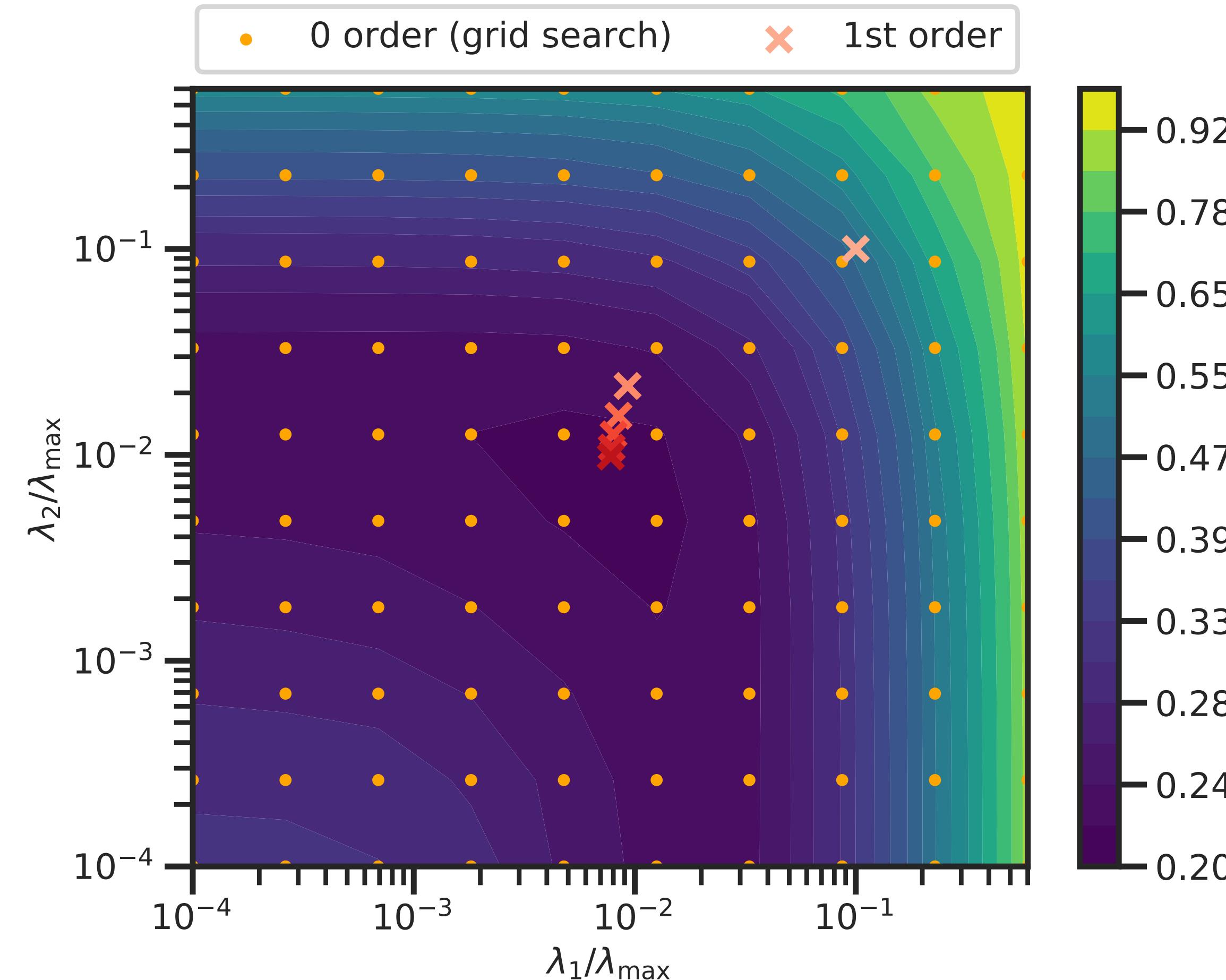
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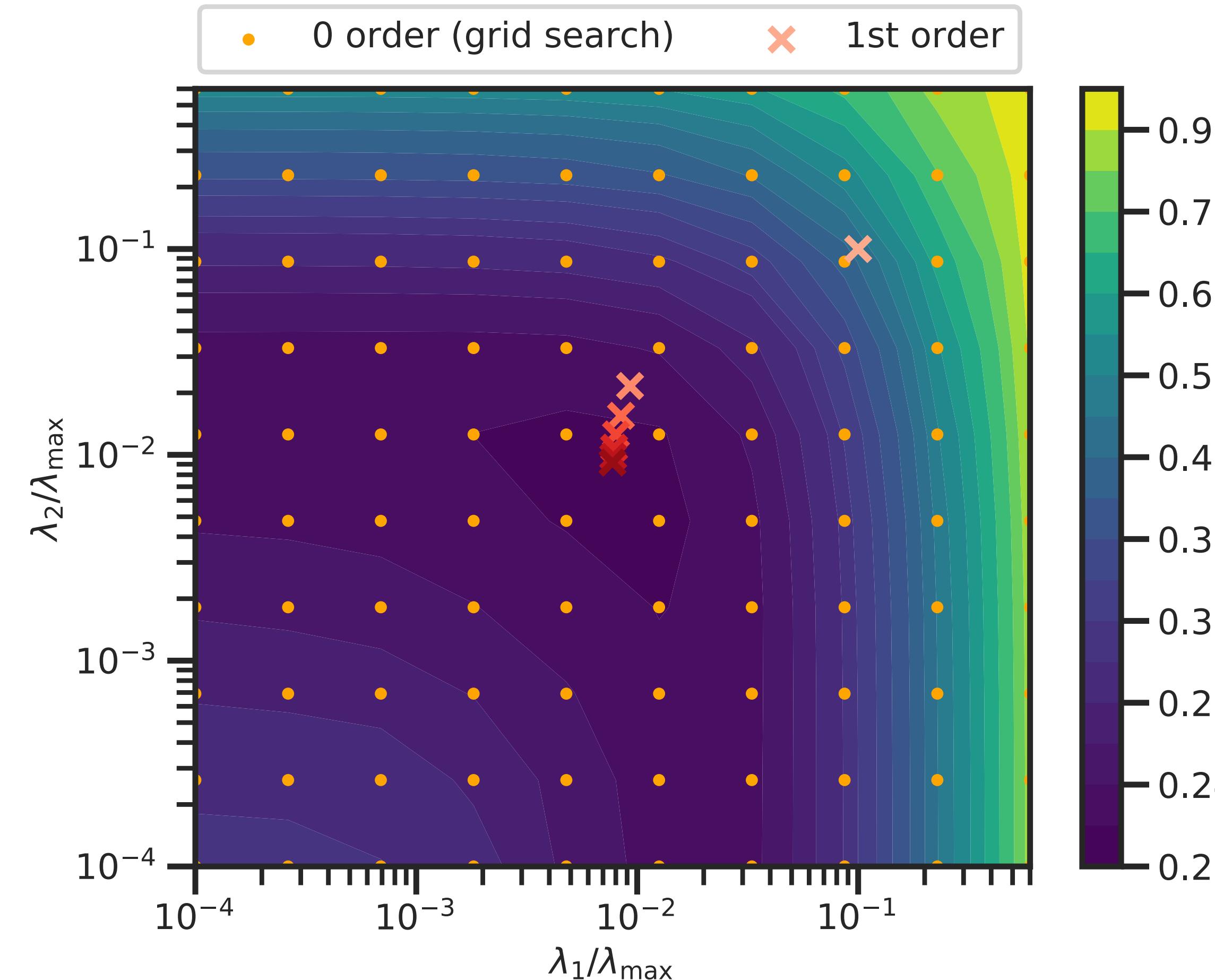
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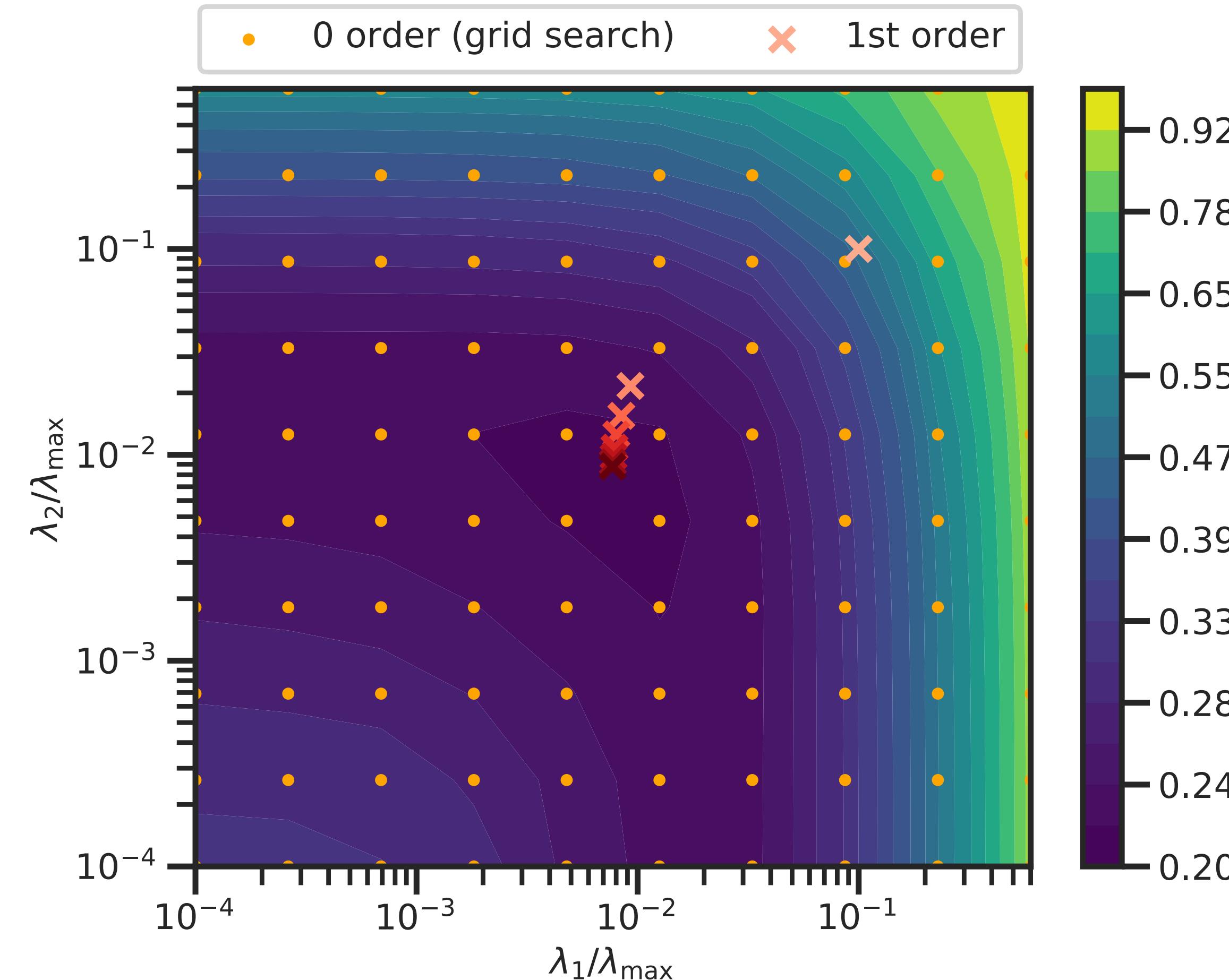
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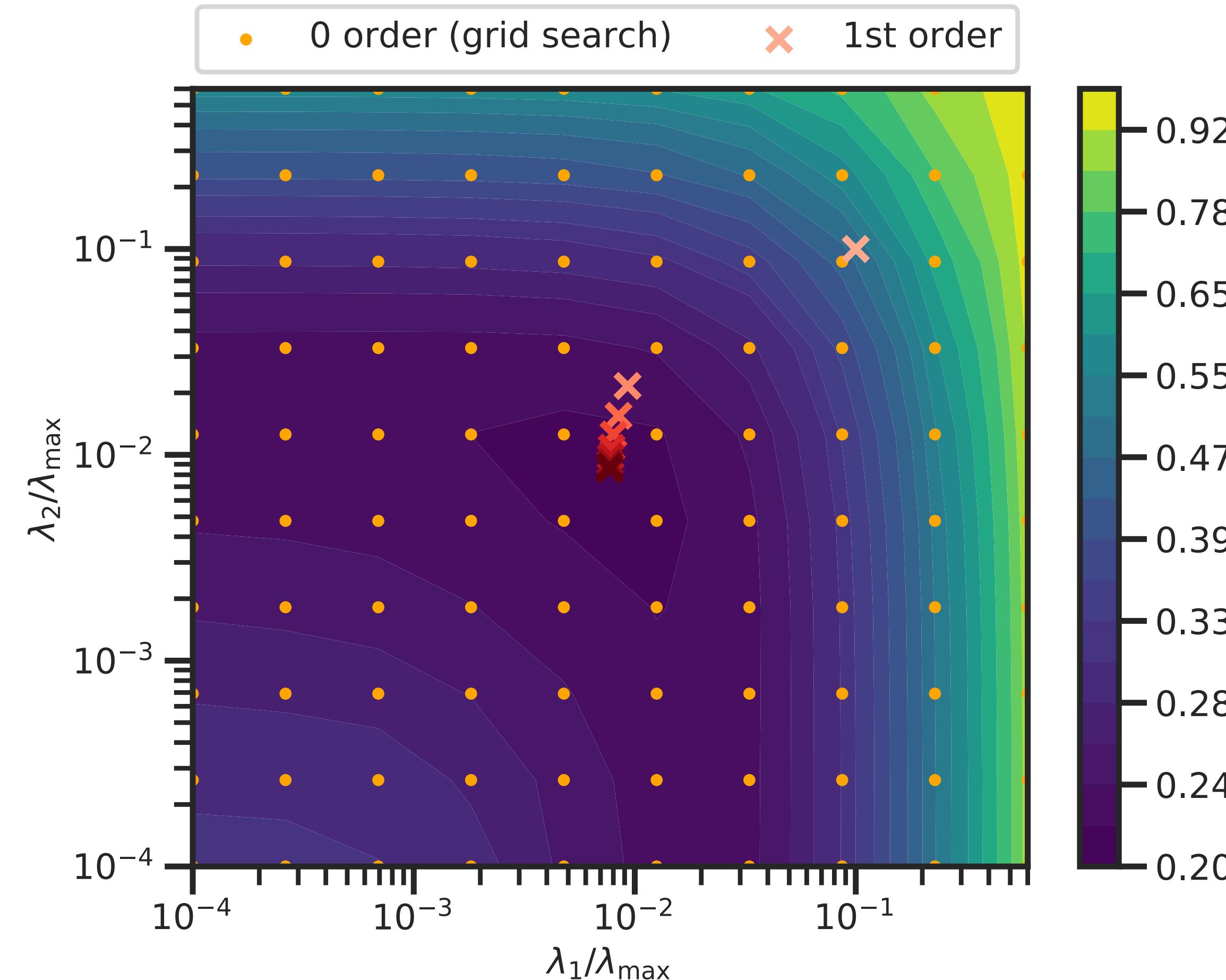
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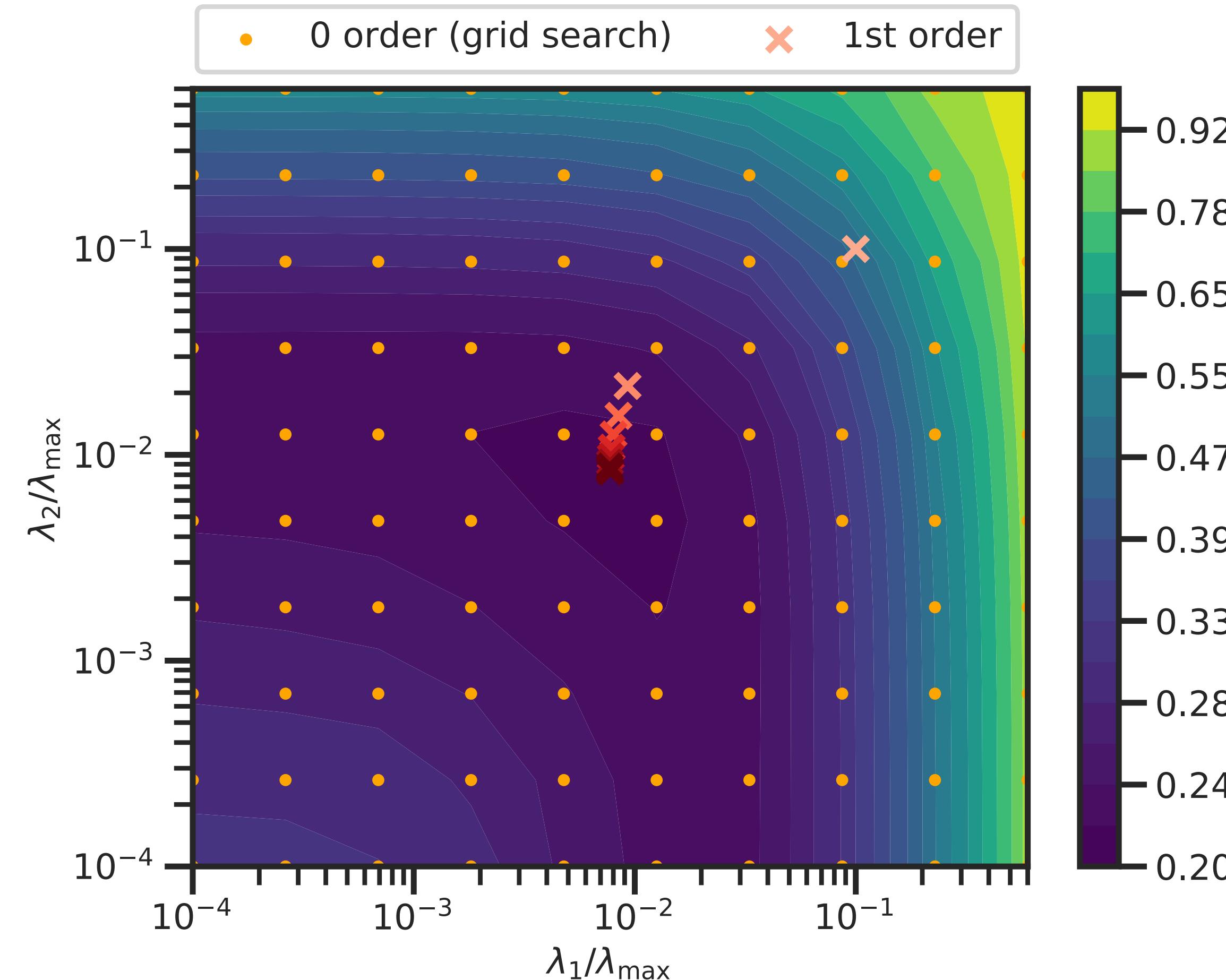
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# How to compute $\nabla \mathcal{L}(\lambda)$ ?

$$\arg \min_{\lambda \in \mathbb{R}^r} \left\{ \mathcal{L}(\lambda) := C(\hat{\beta}^{(\lambda)}) \right\}$$

$$\text{s.t. } \hat{\beta}^{(\lambda)} \in \arg \min_{\beta \in \mathbb{R}^p} \Phi(\beta, \lambda)$$

**The chain rule gives:**

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla_\lambda \mathcal{L}(\lambda) &= \underbrace{\hat{\mathcal{J}}_{(\lambda)}^\top}_{:= (\nabla_\lambda \hat{\beta}_1^{(\lambda)}, \dots, \nabla_\lambda \hat{\beta}_p^{(\lambda)})} \nabla_\beta C(\hat{\beta}^{(\lambda)}) \\ &\rightarrow \text{main challenge} \end{aligned}$$

**Related work:** If inner problem is regular enough

- Implicit differentiation [Larsen et al. '96]-[Bengio '00]

$$\nabla_\beta \Phi(\hat{\beta}^{(\lambda)}, \lambda) = 0$$

*Differentiating with respect to  $\lambda$*

$$\nabla_{\beta, \lambda}^2 \Phi(\hat{\beta}^{(\lambda)}, \lambda) + \hat{\mathcal{J}}_{(\lambda)}^\top \nabla_\beta^2 \Phi(\hat{\beta}^{(\lambda)}, \lambda) = 0$$

$$\hat{\mathcal{J}}_{(\lambda)}^\top = -\nabla_{\beta, \lambda}^2 \Phi(\hat{\beta}^{(\lambda)}, \lambda) \underbrace{\left( \nabla_\beta^2 \Phi(\hat{\beta}^{(\lambda)}, \lambda) \right)^{-1}}_{\in \mathbb{R}^{p \times p}}$$

- Iterative differentiation:

- Forward [Wengert '64]
- Backward [Linnainmaa '70]

# Implicit differentiation

$f(x, \lambda)$ ,  $\partial_1 f$  derivative w.r.t. the first variable  
and  $\partial_2 f$  w.r.t. the second variable

$$\hat{\beta}^{(\lambda)} \in \arg \min_{\beta \in \mathbb{R}^p} \Phi(\beta, \lambda) := f(\beta) + \sum_{j=1}^p g_j(\beta_j, \lambda)$$

**Theorem:** (*Under a set of assumptions*) [Bertrand, Q.K. et al. '21]

Let  $\hat{z} = \hat{\beta} - \gamma \nabla f(\hat{\beta})$ , the Jacobian of the inner problem is obtained by solving the linear system:

$$A \hat{\mathcal{J}}_{\hat{S}} + B = 0$$

with  $A := \text{Id}_{|\hat{S}|} - \partial_1 \text{prox}_{\gamma g}(\hat{z})_{\hat{S}} \left( \text{Id}_{\hat{S}} - \gamma \nabla_{\hat{S}, \hat{S}}^2 f(\hat{\beta}) \right)$

$$B := \partial_2 \text{prox}_{\gamma g}(\hat{z})_{\hat{S}} - \gamma \partial_1 \text{prox}_{\gamma g}(\hat{z})_{\hat{S}} \nabla_{\hat{S}, \hat{S}^c}^2 f(\hat{\beta}) \hat{\mathcal{J}}_{\hat{S}^c}$$

$$\hat{\mathcal{J}}_{\hat{S}^c} = \partial_2 \text{prox}_{\gamma g}(\hat{z})_{\hat{S}^c}$$

# Implicit differentiation

[Gribonval and Nikolova '20]

## Remarks:

- The proof relies on the differentiation of  $\hat{\beta}^{(\lambda)} = \text{prox}_{\gamma g} \left( \hat{\beta}^{(\lambda)} - \gamma \nabla f(\hat{\beta}^{(\lambda)}) \right)$  [Bareilles et al. '20]
- The assumptions ensure that we can **differentiate the fixed point equation**
- To be usable, we need to **ensure support identification**, it is the case for proximal gradient decent [Liang et al. '15] and proximal coordinate descent [Q.K. et al. '20]
- The system to solve has size  $|\hat{S}| \times |\hat{S}|$  instead of  $p \times p$  (for sparse model)  $p \gg |\hat{S}|$
- For the Lasso: [Dossal et al. '13]

$$\mathcal{J}_{\hat{S}} = n(X_{:\hat{S}}^\top X_{:\hat{S}})^{-1} \text{sign}(\hat{\beta}_{\hat{S}})$$



$$\hat{\mathcal{J}}_{\hat{S}^c} = 0$$

**Same sparsity as the solution**

# Proposed algorithm

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**Algorithm** IMPLICIT FORWARD DIFF

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**input** :  $X \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times p}, y \in \mathbb{R}^n, \lambda \in \mathbb{R}, n_{\text{iter}} \in \mathbb{N}, n_{\text{jac}} \in \mathbb{N}$

$\beta = 0$  ; // potentially warm started

; // Compute solution of inner problem

Obtain solution  $\hat{\beta} \in \arg \min_{\beta \in \mathbb{R}^p} f(\beta) + \sum_{i=1}^p g_j(\beta_j, \lambda)$  and its support  $\hat{S}$

$\hat{z} = \hat{\beta} - \gamma \nabla f(\hat{\beta})$

; // Compute the Jacobian

$\mathcal{J}_{\hat{S}^c} = \partial_2 \text{prox}_{\gamma g}(\hat{z})_{\hat{S}^c}$

**for**  $k = 1, \dots, n_{\text{jac}}$  **do**

**for**  $j \in \hat{S}$  **do**

$\mathcal{J}_j = \partial_1 \text{prox}_{\gamma_j g_j}(\hat{z}_j) \left( \mathcal{J}_j - \gamma_j \nabla_{j, \hat{S}}^2 f(\hat{\beta}) \mathcal{J}_{\hat{S}} \right)$

$\mathcal{J}_j+ = \partial_2 \text{prox}_{\gamma_j g_j}(\hat{z}_j) - \gamma \partial_1 \text{prox}_{\gamma_j g_j}(\hat{z}_j) \nabla_{j, \hat{S}^c}^2 f(X \hat{\beta}) \mathcal{J}_{\hat{S}^c}$

**return**  $\beta^{n_{\text{iter}}}, \mathcal{J}^{n_{\text{jac}}}$

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Possible to use solver of choice

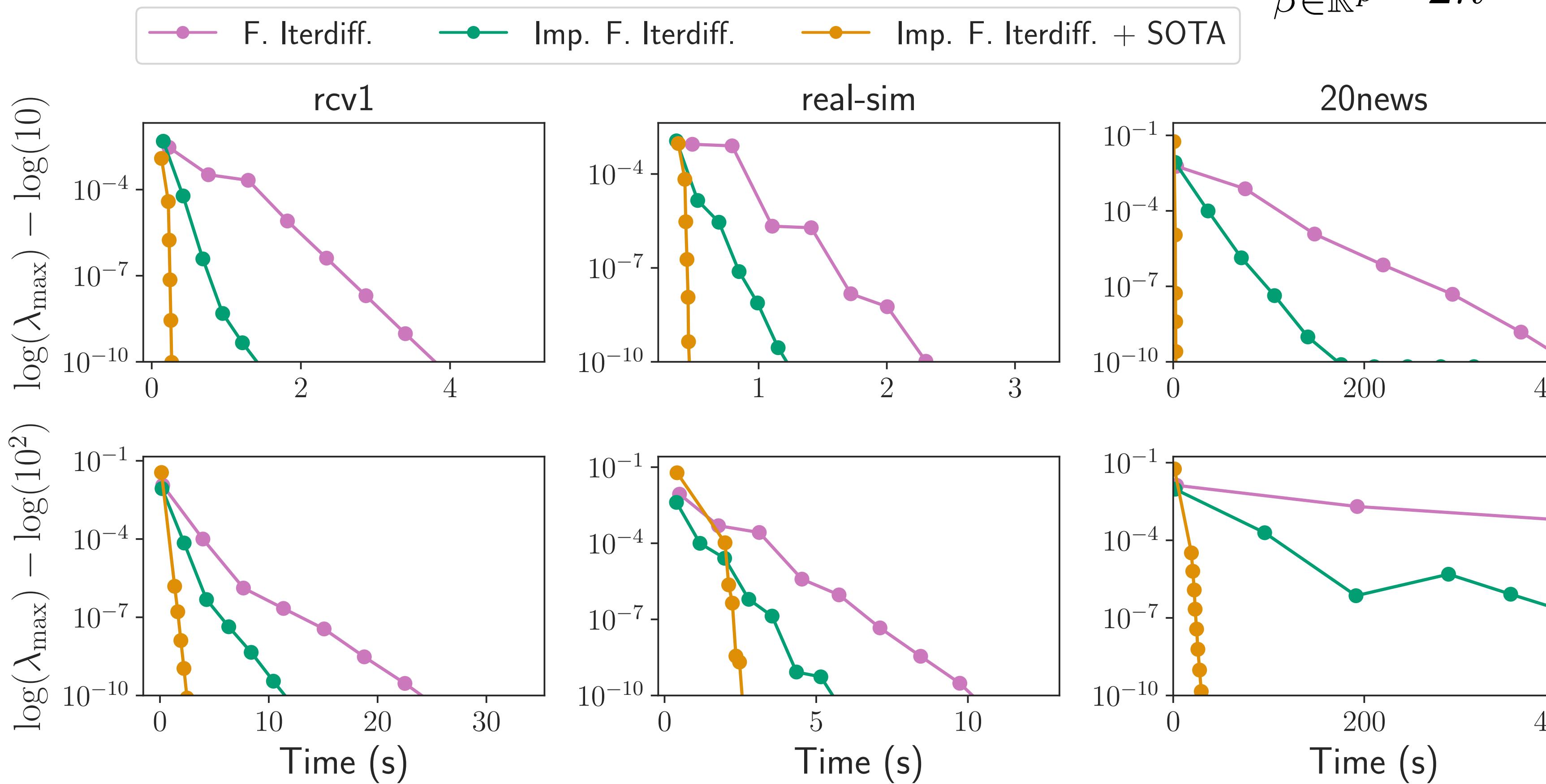
# "Hyper"-gradient computation time

**Model:** Lasso

**Criterion:** hold-out loss

$$\arg \min_{\lambda \in \mathbb{R}} \mathcal{L}(\lambda) := \|y^{\text{val}} - X^{\text{val}} \hat{\beta}^{(\lambda)}\|^2$$

$$\text{s.t } \hat{\beta}^{(\lambda)} \in \arg \min_{\beta \in \mathbb{R}^p} \frac{1}{2n} \|y^{\text{train}} - X^{\text{train}} \beta\|_2^2 + \lambda \|\beta\|_1$$



**F. Iterdiff.** : Forward differentiation

[Deledalle et al. '14]

**Imp.** : Proposed algorithm with vanilla CD

**SOTA**: Acceleration from Celer

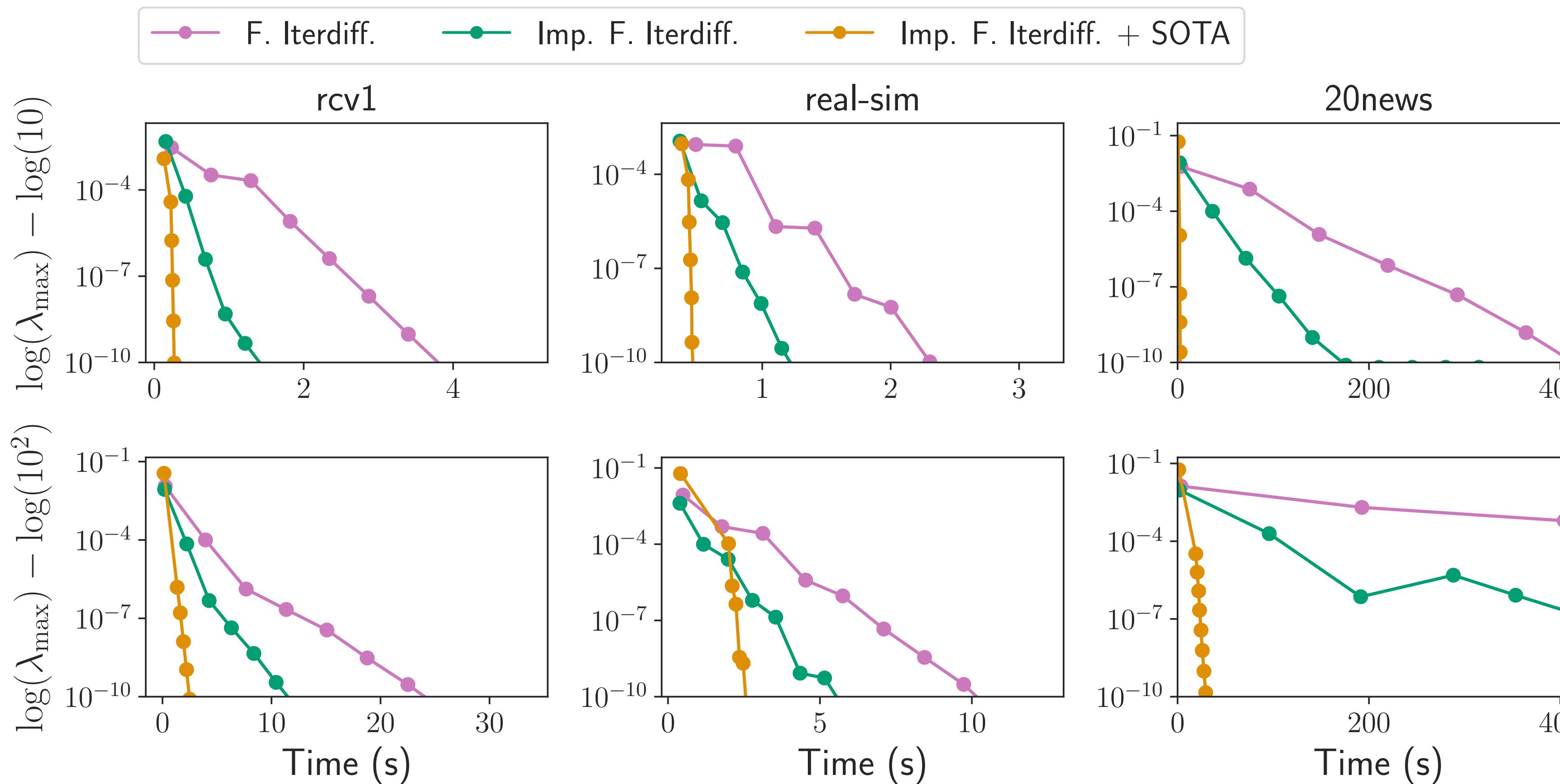
[Massias et al. '20]

# "Hyper"-gradient computation time

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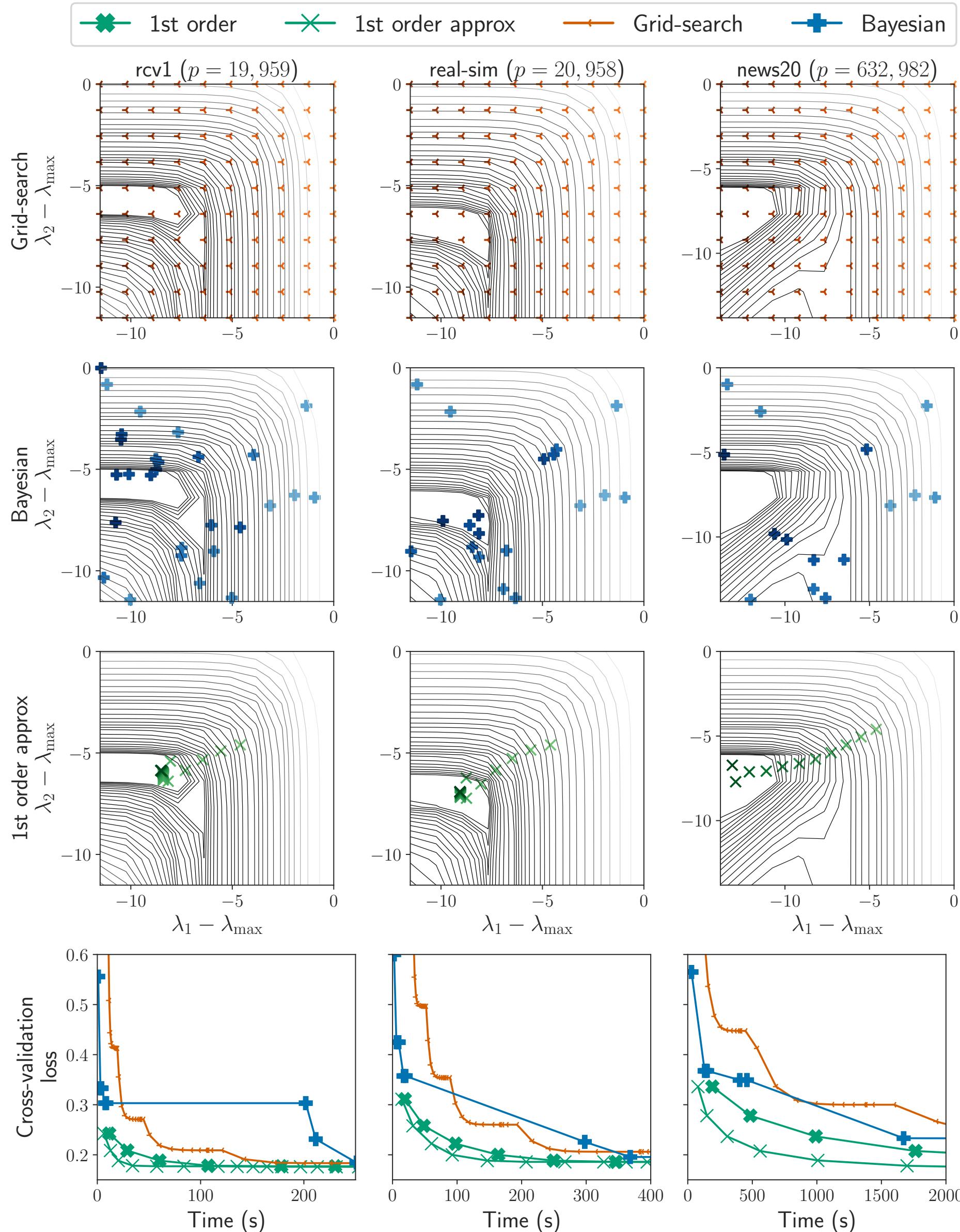


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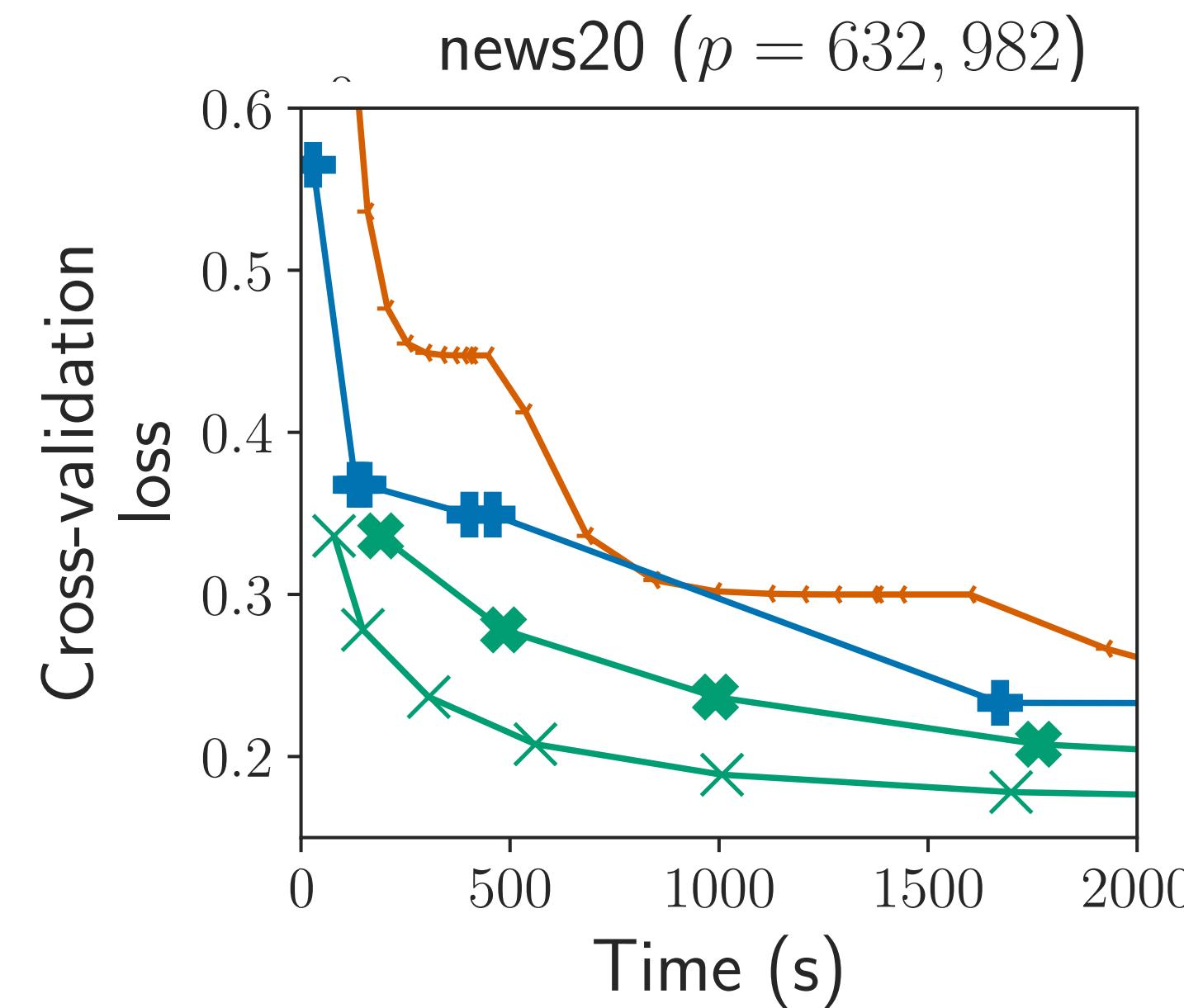
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$$\arg \min_{\lambda=(\lambda_1, \lambda_2) \in \mathbb{R}^2} \mathcal{L}(\lambda) = \frac{1}{n_{\text{fold}}} \sum_{i=1}^{n_{\text{fold}}} \|y^{\text{val}_i} - X^{\text{val}_i} \hat{\beta}^{(\lambda, i)}\|_2^2$$

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# Hyperparameter selection: Elastic net

Legend:  
1st order (green cross)  
1st order approx (green asterisk)  
Grid-search (orange line with arrow)  
Bayesian (blue plus)



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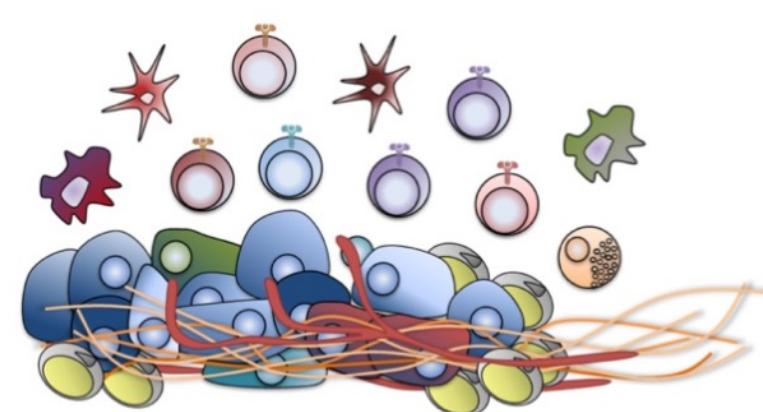
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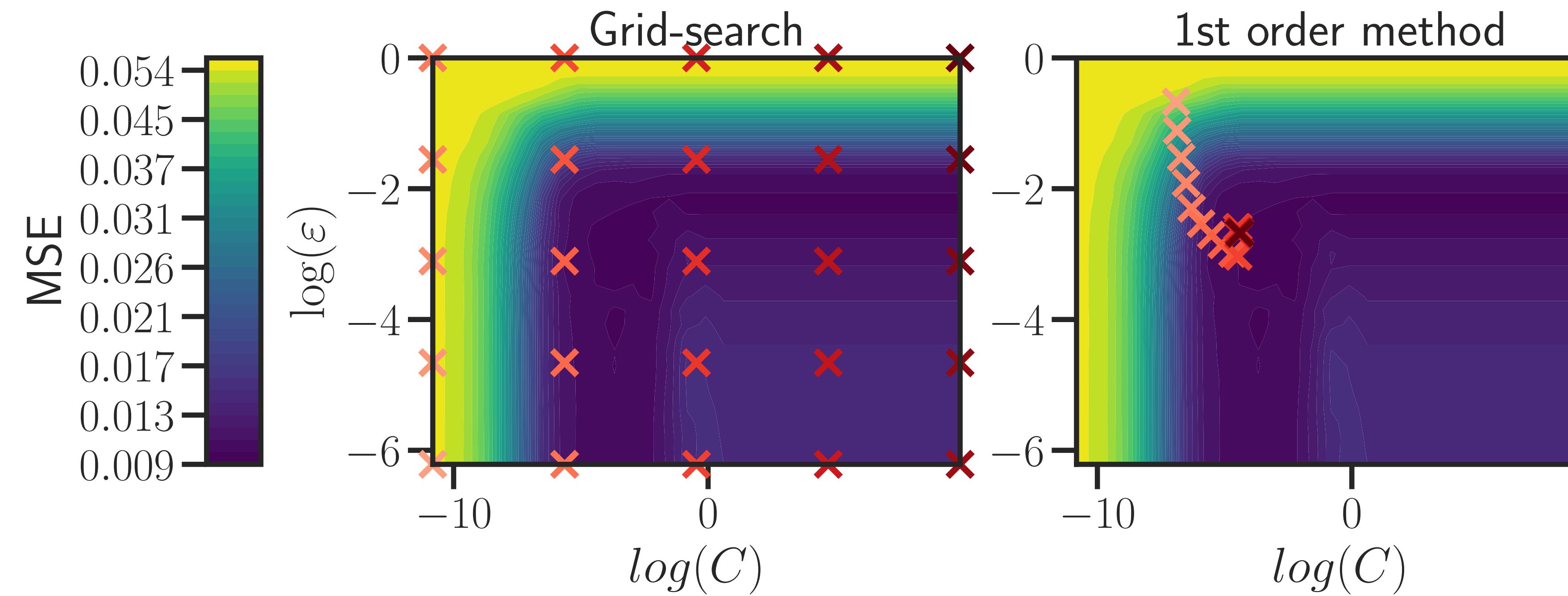
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# A new method for the estimation of cells

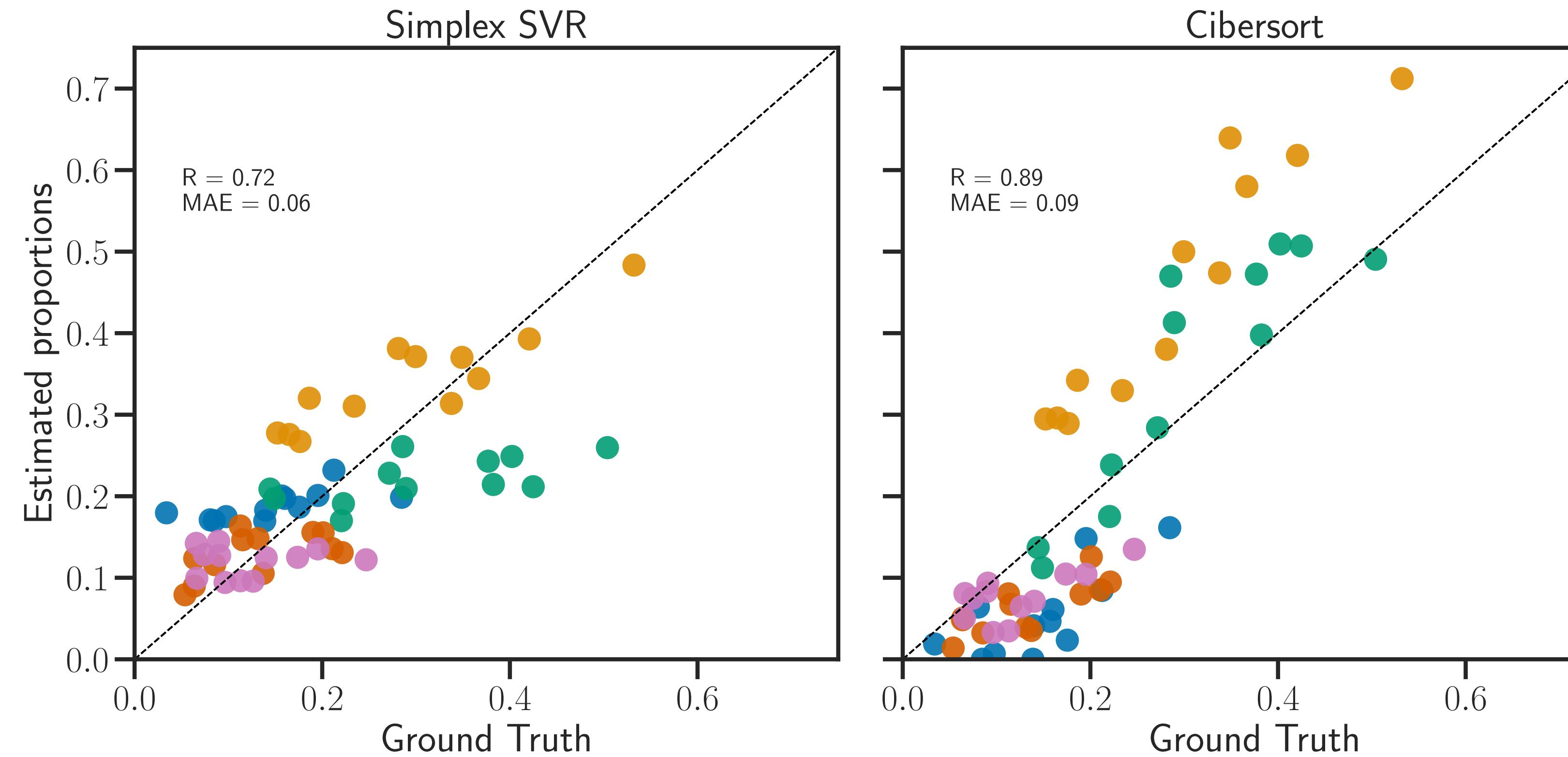


$$n \approx 10000 \begin{bmatrix} y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} X \\ p \approx 25 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \beta \end{bmatrix} + \epsilon$$

- Use Simplex  $\varepsilon$  - SVR without bias (it is separable) solved via coordinate descent
- Select optimal hyperparameters using implicit differentiation and Mean Squared Error as criterion

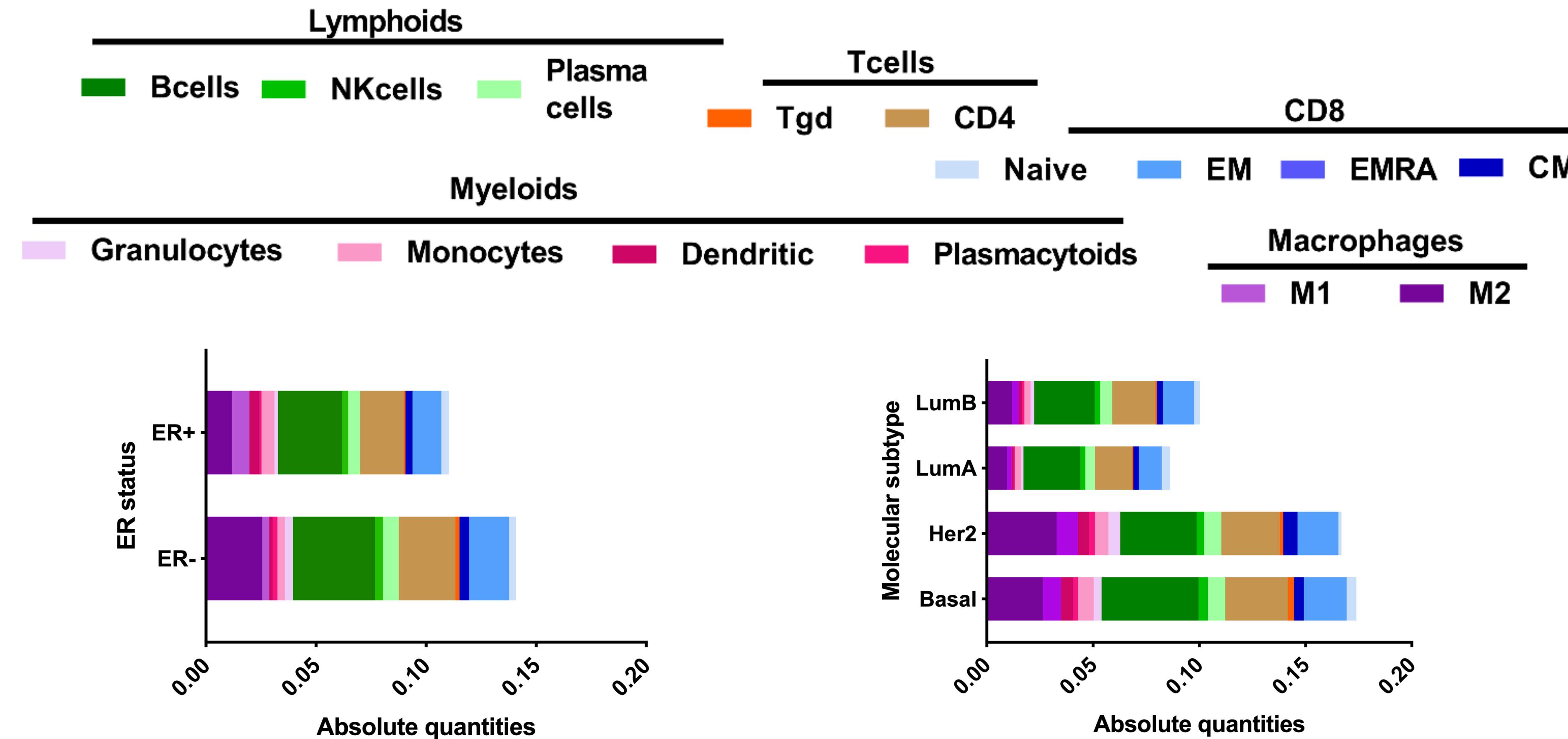


# Comparison on sc-RNAseq/RNAseq



Peripheral blood mononuclear cell samples (GSE127813)

# Immune cells in breast cancer

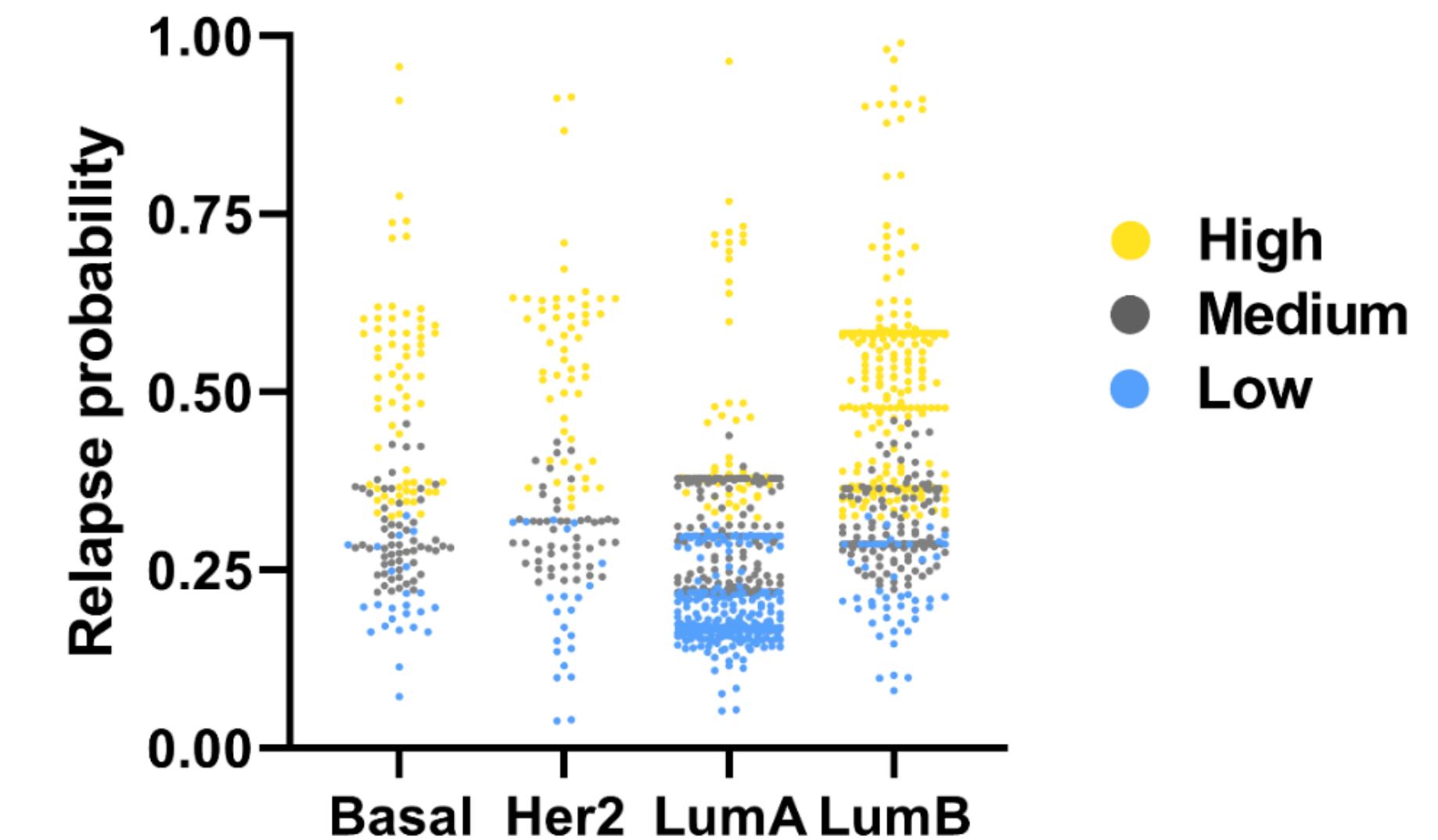
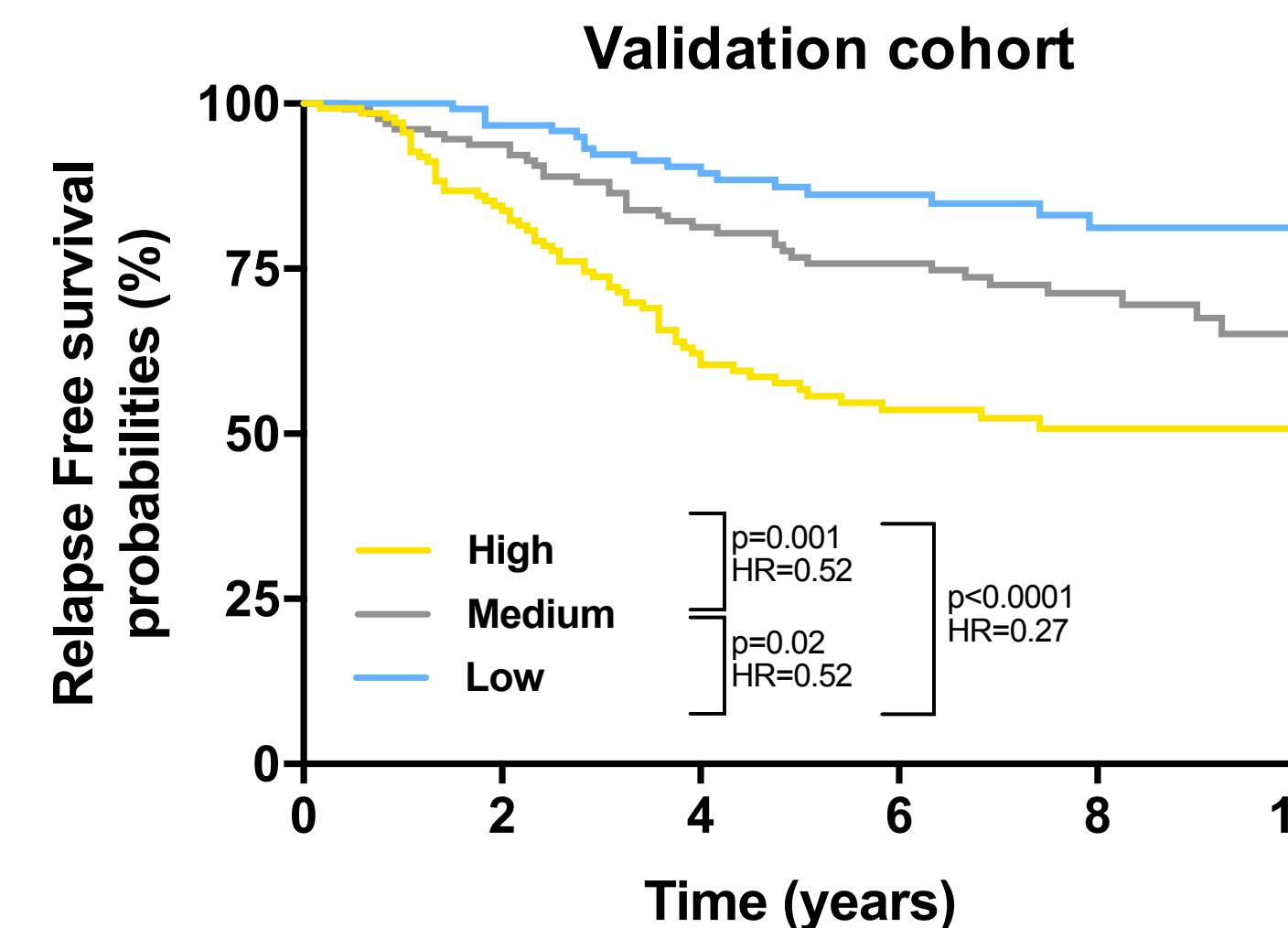
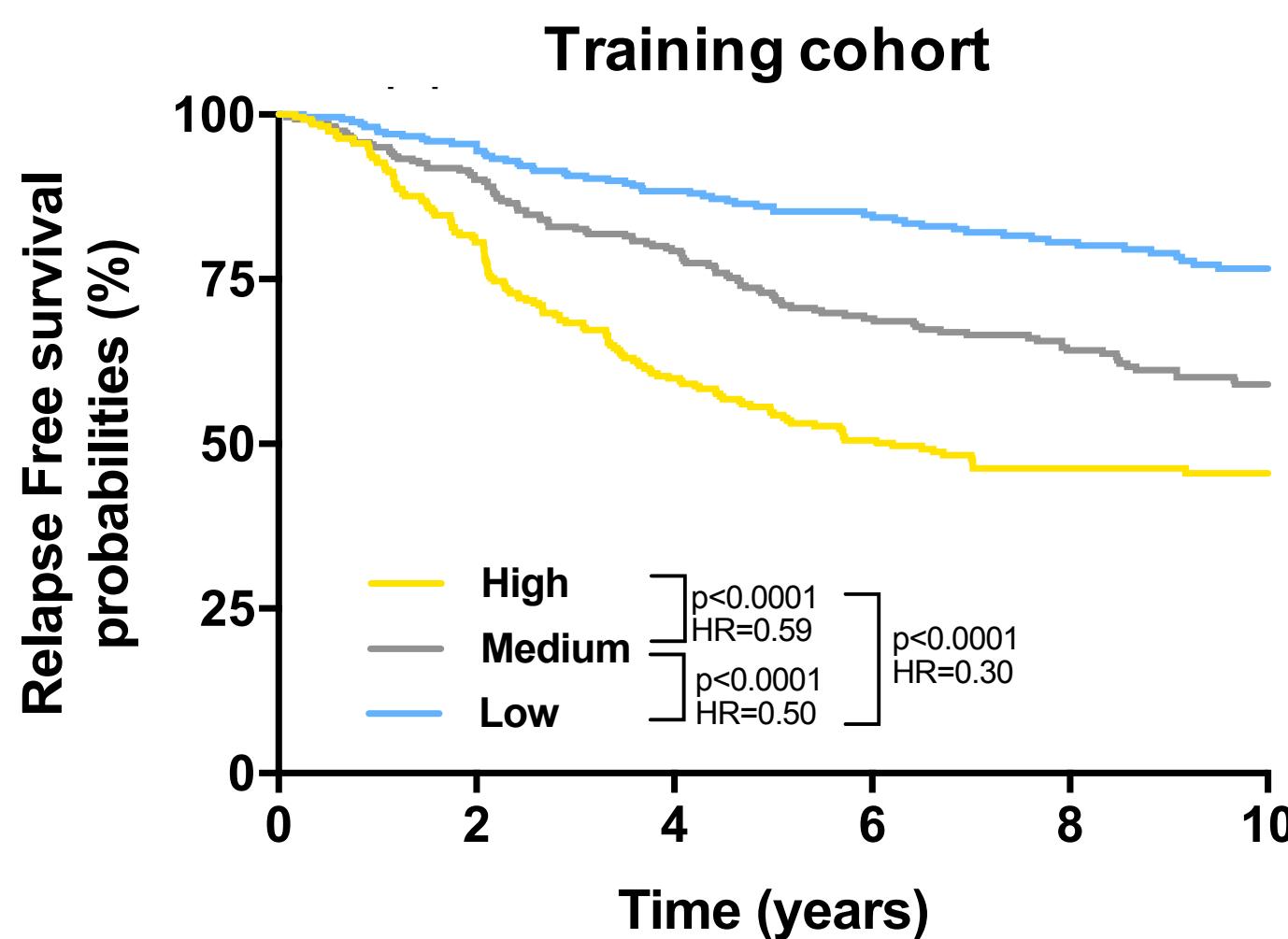


Average proportions of cells in different subgroups of patients suffering from breast cancer (2800 tumors analyzed)

# Immune cells in breast cancer

Construction of a Cox model to predict the risk of relapse including:

- Clinical variables
- Molecular classification of the tumor
- Immune cells proportions estimated



The estimation of immune cells brings valuable information in the prediction of the risk of relapse

# Perspectives and future work

- Extend identification and local linear convergence rates for **block separable functions**
- Validation of this new estimation method on **data obtained at the cancer institute in Dijon**
- Consider **other types of cancer** (colon cancer) where immune cells could be a valuable information
- Perform an extensive **benchmark** against the large number of **estimation methods** proposed in the last years