

# An Introduction to subDebiased

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## Introduction

subDebiased is a package that implements two bootstrap-assisted estimators: bootstrap-assisted desparsified Lasso and R-split. The two methods remove the subgroup selection bias and regularization bias induced by high-dimensional covariates.

## Installation

```
devtools::install_github("WaverlyWei/subDebiased")
```

## Quick start

First we load the subDebiased package:

```
library(subDebiased)
```

We generate high-dimensional data with 2 subgroups of interest. We predefine a set of tuning parameters, denoted as  $r$ .

```
library(MASS)
library(glmnet)

p <- 200 # number of confounders

n <- 100 # sample size

ngroups <- 2 # number of subgroups/treatments;

s0 <- 4

m <- ngroups

Sigma <- matrix(0,p,p)
```

```

for (i in 1:n){
  for(j in 1:p){
    Sigma[i,j] <- 0.5^(abs(i-j))
  }
}

# generate X
X <- mvrnorm( n = n, mu = rep(0,p), Sigma = Sigma )

Z <- matrix(0,n,m)

for(i in 1:n){
  for(j in 1:m){
    Z[i,j] <- rbinom(1,1,exp(X[i,2*j-1] + X[i,2*j])/(1+exp(X[i,2*j-1] + X[i,2*j])))
  }
}

# noise: heter/homo
noise.y <- 1

betas <- 1

#index of the subgroups
w.index <- seq(1, m, 1)

x <- cbind(Z,X)

## Model:  $Y = Z * \beta + X * \gamma + \text{noise}$ 

# Generate coefficients
beta <- c(rep(0,m-1),betas)

gamma <- c(rep(1, s0), rep(0, p-s0))

beta0 <- c(beta, gamma)

# Generate noise
noise <- mvrnorm( n = 1, mu = rep(0,n), Sigma = diag(n) * noise.y )

# Generate response Y
Y <- 0.5 + x %*% beta0 + noise

## parameters in the function
r <- 1/(3*1:10)

```

## Bootstrap-calibrated Desparsified Lasso

Bootstrap iterations are recommended to be  $B = 200$ . Here we use  $B = 5$  for demonstration purpose.

```

desparse_res <- BSDesparsifyLasso(y = Y,
                                  x = x,

```

```

r = r,
G = w.index,
B = 5)

```

### Result summary

The tuning parameter is selected through `cvDesparse`.

```
desparse_res$LowerBound
```

```
##          95%
## 0.5097611
```

```
desparse_res$UpperBound
```

```
##          95%
## 2.061519
```

`betaMax` is the bias-reduced maximum beta estimate.

```
desparse_res$betaMax
```

```
## [1] 0.8820112
```

`betaEst` contains the beta estimate for each subgroup.

```
desparse_res$betaEst
```

```
## [1] 0.3232306 1.2856400
```

`op` is the cross-validated optimal tuning.

```
desparse_res$op
```

```
## [1] 0.3333333
```

### Bootstrap-calibrated R-Split

Bootstrap iterations are recommended to be  $B = 200$ ,  $BB = 1000$ . Here we use  $B = 5$  and  $BB = 10$  as demo. The tuning parameter is selected through `cvSplit`.

```

rsplit_res <- BSSplitLasso(y = Y,
                           x = x,
                           r = r,
                           G = w.index,
                           B = 5, BB = 10)

```

### Result summary

```
rsplit_res$LowerBound
```

```
##          95%
## 0.7358887
```

```
rsplit_res$UpperBound
```

```
##          95%
## 1.346438
```

`betaMax` is the bias-reduced maximum beta estimate.

```
rsplit_res$betaMax
```

```
## [1] 0.9857366
```

betaEst contains the beta estimate for each subgroup.

```
rsplit_res$betaEst
```

```
## [1] -0.2233648 1.0411635
```

modelSize contains the R-split model size for each bootstrap iteration.

```
summary(rsplit_res$modelSize)
```

```
##      Min. 1st Qu.  Median    Mean 3rd Qu.    Max.
##      5.00   5.25   6.00   5.70   6.00   6.00
```

op is the cross-validated optimal tuning parameter

```
rsplit_res$op
```

```
## [1] 0.03333333
```