

Assume that  $y = X\theta^* + w$

covariates  $X \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times d}$ ,  $\theta^*$  true parameter,  $w$ : noise vector  
 $\in \mathbb{R}^d$   $\in \mathbb{R}^n$

response  $y \in \mathbb{R}^n$

Lagrangian Lasso:  $\min_{\theta \in \mathbb{R}^d} \frac{1}{2n} \|y - X\theta\|_2^2 + \lambda_n \|\theta\|_1$

Goal: Analyse the consistency of solution  $\hat{\theta}$  of LL

i.e.  $\|\hat{\theta}_n - \theta^*\|_2 \xrightarrow{p} 0$  Asymptotically unbiased.

unbiased estimator:  $\hat{\theta}$  for true parameter  $\theta$ , if

$$E[\hat{\theta}] = \theta$$

Example:  $X_1, \dots, X_n \stackrel{iid}{\sim} \mathcal{N}(\theta, 1)$ ,  $\hat{\theta} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$

$$E[\hat{\theta}] = E\left[\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i\right] = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n E[X_i] = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \theta = \theta$$

$\Rightarrow \hat{\theta}$  unbiased.

① Restricted nullspace.  $\mathcal{C}_\alpha(S) = \{\Delta \in \mathbb{R}^d: \|\Delta_S\|_1 \leq \alpha \|\Delta_{S^c}\|_1\}$

Example: for  $d=4$ ,  $S = \{1, 2\}$ ,  $\alpha=3$

$$\mathcal{C}_3(S) = \{(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) : |x_3| + |x_4| \leq 3(|x_1| + |x_2|)\}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \downarrow \\ \alpha \geq 10 \rightarrow 0.1 \\ \alpha \geq 100 \rightarrow 0.01 \end{array}$$

Assumption:

(A1)  $\theta^*$  is supported on  $S \in \{1, \dots, d\}$ ,  $|S|=s \ll d$

(A2)  $X$  satisfies RE condition with parameter  $(K, 3)$ ,

$$\frac{1}{n} \|X\Delta\|_2^2 \geq K \|\Delta\|_2^2 \text{ for all } \Delta \in \mathcal{C}_3(S).$$

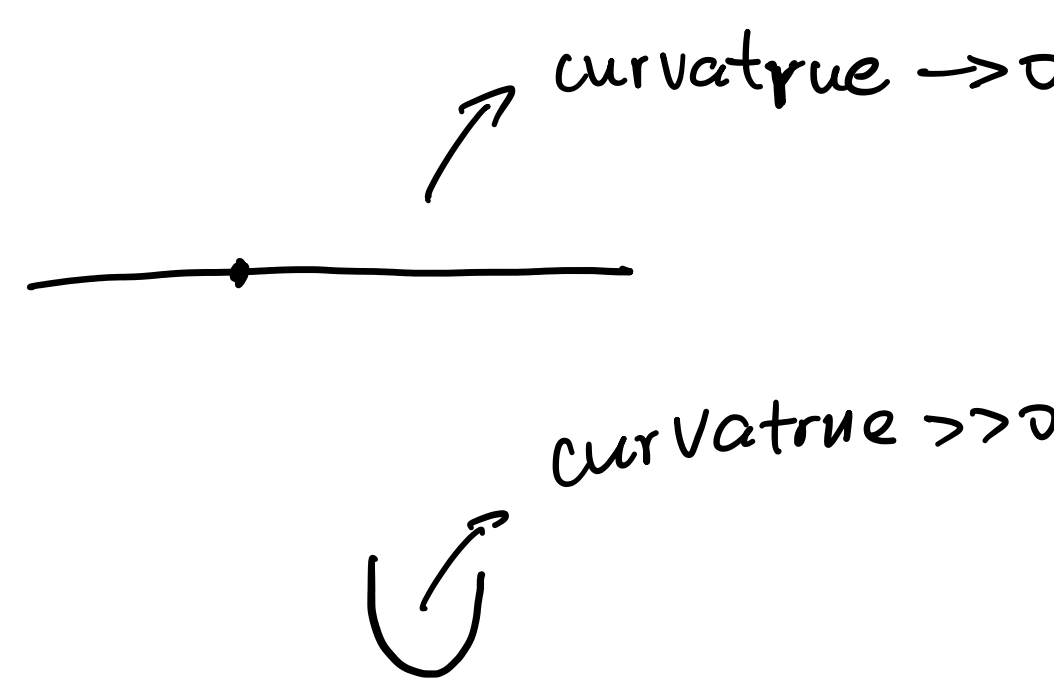
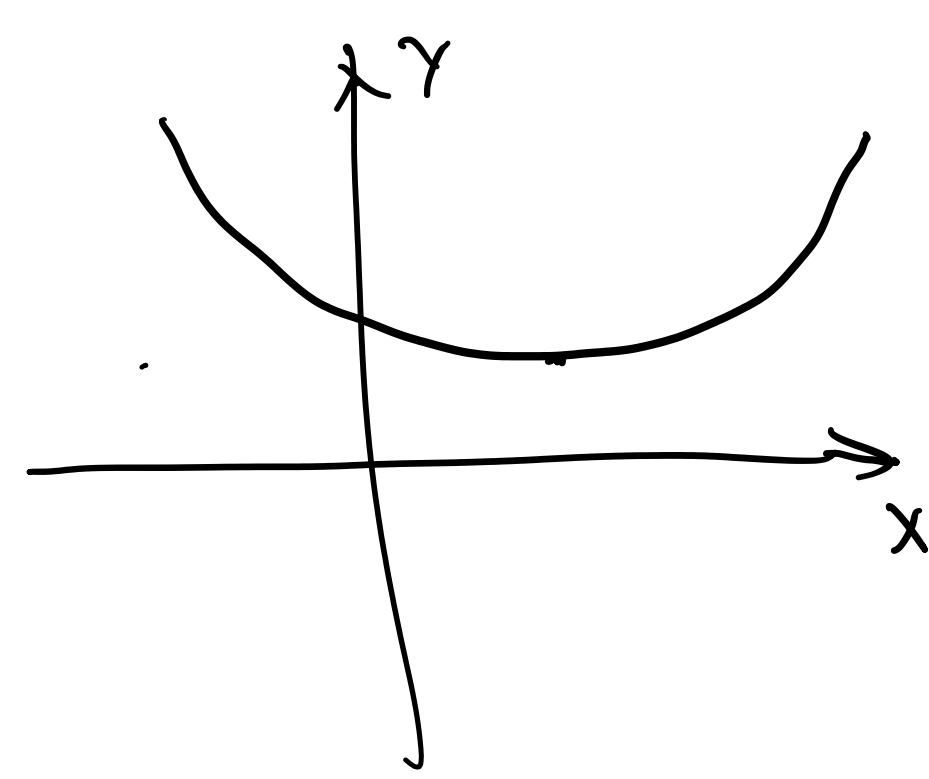
Example: For  $X \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}$ , if  $X$  positive definite,

eigenvalues of  $X$  are all positive.

for  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^d$ , inner product:  $x^T y$ .

generalized product:  $x^T X y$ .

$$\lambda_{\min} \|y\|_2^2 \leq \|Xy\|_2^2 \leq \lambda_{\max} \|y\|_2^2$$



Thm: If (A1), (A2) hold, and  $\lambda_n \geq 2 \left\| \frac{X^T w}{n} \right\|_\infty$ ,  $\in \mathbb{R}^d$ ,

$$\|\hat{\theta} - \theta^*\|_2^2 \leq \frac{2}{K} \sqrt{s} \lambda_n.$$

Pf:  $\min_{\theta \in \mathbb{R}^d} \frac{1}{2n} \|y - X\theta\|_2^2 + \lambda_n \|\theta\|_1 = L(\theta; \lambda_n)$

$$L(\hat{\theta}; \lambda_n) \leq L(\theta^*; \lambda_n)$$

$$\frac{1}{2n} \|y - X\hat{\theta}\|_2^2 + \lambda_n \|\hat{\theta}\|_1 \leq \frac{1}{2n} \|y - X\theta^*\|_2^2 + \lambda_n \|\theta^*\|_1$$

$$\frac{1}{2n} \|X\hat{\Delta} - w\|_2^2 + \lambda_n \|\hat{\theta}\|_1 \leq \frac{1}{2n} \|w\|_2^2 + \lambda_n \|\theta^*\|_1$$

$$0 \leq \frac{1}{2n} \|X\hat{\Delta}\|_2^2 \leq \frac{1}{n} w^T X \hat{\Delta} + \lambda_n \{ \|\theta^*\|_1 - \|\hat{\theta}\|_1 \}$$

$$0 \leq \frac{1}{n} \|X\hat{\Delta}\|_2^2 \leq \frac{1}{n} \|X^T w\|_\infty \|\hat{\Delta}\|_1 + 2\lambda_n \{ \|\theta^*\|_1 - \|\hat{\theta}\|_1 \}$$

$$\hat{\Delta} = \hat{\theta} - \theta^* \leq \lambda_n \{ \|\hat{\Delta}\|_1 + 2(\|\theta^*\|_1 - \|\hat{\theta}\|_1) \}$$

$$\|\hat{\Delta} + \theta^*\|_1 = \sum_{i=1}^d |\hat{\Delta}_i + \theta_i^*| \leq \lambda_n \{ \|\hat{\Delta}\|_1 + 2(\|\theta^*\|_1 - \|\hat{\Delta} + \theta^*\|_1) \}$$

$$\left( \sum_{i \in S} + \sum_{i \in S^c} \right) |\hat{\Delta}_i + \theta_i^*| = \lambda_n \{ \|\hat{\Delta}\|_1 + 2\|\theta^*\|_1 - 2(\|\hat{\Delta}_S + \theta_S^*\|_1 + \|\hat{\Delta}_{S^c} + \theta_{S^c}^*\|_1) \}$$

$$\leq \lambda_n \{ \|\hat{\Delta}_S\|_1 + \|\hat{\Delta}_{S^c}\|_1 + 2\|\hat{\Delta}_{S^c}\|_1 - 2\|\hat{\Delta}_{S^c}\|_1 \}$$

$$\leq \lambda_n \{ 3\|\hat{\Delta}_S\|_1 - \|\hat{\Delta}_{S^c}\|_1 \}$$

$$\Rightarrow \|\hat{\Delta}_{S^c}\|_1 \leq 3\|\hat{\Delta}_S\|_1$$

$$\Rightarrow \hat{\Delta} \in \mathcal{C}_3(S)$$

$$K \|\hat{\Delta}\|_2^2 \leq \frac{1}{n} \|X^T \hat{\Delta}\|_2^2 \leq \lambda_n \{ 3\|\hat{\Delta}_S\|_1 - \|\hat{\Delta}_{S^c}\|_1 \}$$

$$\leq 3\lambda_n \|\hat{\Delta}_S\|_1 \quad \left( \sum_{i=1}^s |\Delta_i| \leq \left( s \cdot \frac{s}{3} K_i^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right)$$

$$\leq 3\lambda_n \sqrt{s} \|\hat{\Delta}_S\|_2$$

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$$\hat{\theta} - \theta^*$$

$$\uparrow$$

$$\|\hat{\Delta}\|_2 \leq \frac{3\lambda_n \sqrt{s}}{K} \quad \square$$