Breast Cancer Diagnosis

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Background

Breast Cancer Diagnosis:

- ▶ In this project we study the breast cancer diagnosis problem
- ► The goal of the exercise is to build a predictive model based on logistic regression to facilitate cancer diagnosis
- We move towards the goal with the steps of task 1, 2, 3 and 4.

Background

Data Source:

- ► The data is the breast cancer medical data retrieved from "breast-cancer.csv", which has 569 rows and 32 columns
- ► The first column ID labels individual breast tissue images; The second column Diagnosis identifies if the image is coming from cancer tissue or benign cases (M = malignant, B = benign). There are 357 benign and 212 malignant cases
- ▶ The other 30 columns correspond to mean, standard deviation and the largest values (points on the tails) of the distributions of the following 10 features computed for the cellnuclei

Task Introduction

- ➤ Task 1: Build a logistic model to classify the images into malignant/benign, and write down your likelihood function, its gradient and Hessian matrix.
- Task 2: Develop a Newton-Raphson algorithm to estimate your model.
- Task 3: Build a logistic-LASSO model to select features, and implement a path-wise coordinate-wise optimization algorithm to obtain a path of solutions with a sequence of descending λ's.
- Task 4: Use 5-fold cross-validation to select the best λ. Compare the prediction performance between the 'optimal' model and 'full' model

Task 1 - Objective

Objective:

Build a logistic model to classify the images into malignant/benign, and write down your likelihood function, its gradient and Hessian matrix.

Define the "Diagnosis" variable will be coded as 1 for malignant cases and 0 for benign cases.

Given n i.i.d. observations with p predictors, we consider a logistic regression model

$$P(Y_i = 1 \mid \mathbf{x}_i) = \frac{e^{\mathbf{x}_i^\top \boldsymbol{\beta}}}{1 + e^{\mathbf{x}_i^\top \boldsymbol{\beta}}}, \ i = 1, \dots, n$$
 (1)

where $\beta = (\beta_0, \beta_1, \dots, \beta_p)^{\top} \in \mathbb{R}^{p+1}$ is the parameter vector, $\mathbf{x}_i = (1, X_{i1}, \dots, X_{ip})^{\top}$ is the vector of predictors in the *i*-th observation, and $Y_i \in \{0, 1\}$ is the binary response in the *i*-th observation.

Let $\mathbf{y} = (Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_n)^{\top}$ denote the response vector, and $\mathbf{X} = (\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n)^{\top} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times (p+1)}$ denote the design matrix.

The observed likelihood of $\{(Y_1, \mathbf{x}_1), (Y_2, \mathbf{x}_2), \dots, (Y_n, \mathbf{x}_n)\}$ is

$$L(\beta; \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{X}) = \prod_{i=1}^{n} \left| \left(\frac{e^{\mathbf{x}_{i}^{\top} \beta}}{1 + e^{\mathbf{x}_{i}^{\top} \beta}} \right)^{Y_{i}} \left(\frac{1}{1 + e^{\mathbf{x}_{i}^{\top} \beta}} \right)^{1 - Y_{i}} \right|$$

Maximizing the likelihood is equivalent to maximizing the log-likelihood function:

$$f(\beta; \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{X}) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \left[Y_{i} \mathbf{x}_{i}^{\top} \beta - \log \left(1 + e^{\mathbf{x}_{i}^{\top} \beta} \right) \right].$$
 (2)

The estimates of model parameters are

$$\widehat{m{eta}} = \arg\max_{m{eta}} \ f(m{eta}; \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{X}),$$

and the optimization problem is

$$\max_{\beta} f(\beta; \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{X}). \tag{3}$$

Denote $p_i = P(Y_i = 1 \mid \mathbf{x}_i)$ as given in (1) and $\mathbf{p} = (p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n)^{\top}$. The gradient of f is:

$$\nabla f(\beta; \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{X}) = \mathbf{X}^{\top} (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{p})$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{n} (Y_i - p_i) \mathbf{x}_i$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} \sum_{i=1}^{n} (Y_i - p_i) \\ \sum_{i=1}^{n} (Y_i - p_i) X_{i1} \\ \vdots \\ \sum_{i=1}^{n} (Y_i - p_i) X_{ip} \end{pmatrix}$$

Denote $w_i = p_i(1 - p_i) \in (0, 1)$ and $\mathbf{W} = \operatorname{diag}(w_1, \dots, w_n)$. The Hessian matrix of f is given by

$$\nabla^{2} f(\beta; \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{X}) = -\mathbf{X}^{\top} \mathbf{W} \mathbf{X}
= -\sum_{i=1}^{n} w_{i} \mathbf{x}_{i} \mathbf{x}_{i}^{\top}
= -\begin{pmatrix}
\sum_{i=1}^{n} w_{i} & \sum_{i=1}^{n} w_{i} X_{i1} & \cdots & \sum_{i=1}^{n} w_{i} X_{i1} \\
\sum_{i=1}^{n} w_{i} X_{i1} & \sum_{i=1}^{n} w_{i} X_{i1}^{2} & \cdots & \sum_{i=1}^{n} w_{i} X_{i1} X_{ip} \\
\vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\
\sum_{i=1}^{n} w_{i} X_{ip} & \sum_{i=1}^{n} w_{i} X_{ip} X_{i1} & \cdots & \sum_{i=1}^{n} w_{i} X_{ip}^{2}
\end{pmatrix}$$

Next, we show that the Hessian matrix $\nabla^2 f(\beta; \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{X})$ is a negative-definite matrix if \mathbf{X} has full rank.

Proof. For any (p+1)-dimensional nonzero vector α , given that $\mathbf X$ has full rank, $\mathbf X \alpha$ is also a nonzero vector. Since $\mathbf W$ is positive-definite, we have

$$egin{aligned} oldsymbol{lpha}^{ op}
abla^2 f(eta; \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{X}) &lpha = oldsymbol{lpha}^{ op} (-\mathbf{X}^{ op} \mathbf{W} \mathbf{X}) oldsymbol{lpha} \ &= -(\mathbf{X} oldsymbol{lpha})^{ op} \mathbf{W} (\mathbf{X} oldsymbol{lpha}) \ &< 0. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, $\nabla^2 f(\beta; \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{X})$ is negative-definite.

Hence, the optimization problem (3) is a well-defined problem.

Task 1 - Logistic model R code

```
cancer <- read.csv("breast-cancer.csv") %>%
janitor::clean_names()%>%
select(-1,-33) %>%
mutate(diagnosis = recode(diagnosis, "M" = 1, "B" = 0))
cor()
ggcorrplot(corr, type = "upper", tl.cex = 8)
set_seed(1)
trainRows <- createDataPartition(y = cancer$diagnosis, p = 0.8, list = FALSE)
train <- cancer[trainRows, ]</pre>
test <- cancer[-trainRows. ]
glm.fit <- glm(diagnosis ~ .,
               data = train,
               subset = trainRows.
               family = binomial(link = "logit"))
summary(glm.fit)
pred <- predict(glm.fit, newdata = test, type = "response")</pre>
y_test <- factor(test$diagnosis)</pre>
auc_full <- auc(v_test, pred)
auc full
```

- ► Final AUC of full model reaches 0.9641.
- And if we remove correlated variables, the AUC is uplifted to 0.9962.

Task 2 - Objective

Objective:

Develop a Newton-Raphson algorithm to estimate your model

▶ Recall The target function *f* given in task 1 is:

$$f(oldsymbol{eta}; \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{X}) = \sum_{i=1}^n \left[Y_i \mathbf{x}_i^{ op} eta - \log \left(1 + e^{\mathbf{x}_i^{ op} eta}
ight) \right].$$

We develop a modified Newton-Raphson algorithm including a step-halving step to maximize the target function.

Task 2 - Newton-Raphson algorithm design

Algorithm 1 Newton-Raphson algorithm

Require: $f(\beta)$ - target function as given in (2); β_0 - starting value

Ensure:
$$\widehat{\beta}$$
 such that $\widehat{\beta} \approx \arg \max_{\beta} f(\beta)$

$$i \leftarrow 0$$
, where i is the current number of iterations

$$f(\beta_{-1}) \leftarrow -\infty$$
 while convergence criterion is not met **do**

while convergence criterion is not met do
$$i \leftarrow i + 1$$

$$\mathbf{d}_i \leftarrow -[\nabla^2 f(\beta_{i-1})]^{-1} \nabla f(\beta_{i-1})$$
, where \mathbf{d}_i is the direction in the *i*-th iteration

$$\lambda_i \leftarrow 1$$
, where λ_i is the multiplier in the *i*-th iteration

$$eta_i \leftarrow eta_{i-1} + \lambda_i \mathbf{d}_i$$

while $f(eta_i) \leq f(eta_{i-1})$ do $\lambda_i \leftarrow \lambda_i/2$
 $eta_i \leftarrow eta_{i-1} + \lambda_i \mathbf{d}_i$

end while

end while

$$\widehat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} \leftarrow \boldsymbol{\beta}_i$$

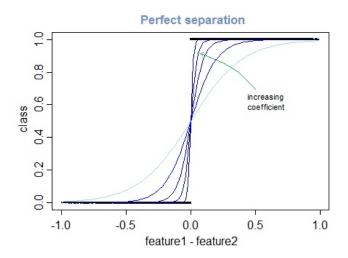
Task 2 - Newton-Raphson algorithm R code

```
NewtonRaphson <- function(dat, func, start, tol = 1e-8, maxiter = 200) {
  i \leftarrow 0
 cur <- start
 stuff <- func(dat, cur)
 res <- c(0, stuff$f, cur)
 prevf <- -Inf
 X <- cbind(rep(1, nrow(dat)), as.matrix(dat[, -1]))</pre>
 v <- dat[, 1]</pre>
  warned <- 0
 while (abs(stuff$f - prevf) > tol && i < maxiter) {
    i < -i + 1
    prevf <- stuff$f
    prev <- cur
    d <- -solve(stuff$Hess) %*% stuff$grad
    cur <- prev + d
    lambda <- 1
    maxhalv <- 0
    while (func(dat, cur)$f < prevf && maxhalv < 50) {
      maxhalv <- maxhalv + 1
     lambda <- lambda / 2
      cur <- prev + lambda * d
    stuff <- func(dat, cur)
    res <- rbind(res, c(i, stuff$f, cur))
    v_hat <- ifelse(X %*% cur > 0, 1, 0)
    if (warned == 0 \&\& sum(v - v hat) == 0) {
      warning("Complete separation occurs. Algorithm does not converge.")
      warned <- 1
  colnames(res) <- c("iter", "target_function", "(Intercept)", names(dat)[-1])</pre>
 return(res)
```

Task 2 - Complete separtion

- ➤ Sometimes our algorithm does not converge because of the complete separation.
- A complete separation in a logistic regression, sometimes also referred as perfect prediction, occurs whenever there exists some vector of coefficients $\boldsymbol{\beta}$ such that $Y_i = 1$ whenever $\mathbf{x}_i^{\top} \boldsymbol{\beta} > 0$ and $Y_i = 0$ whenever $\mathbf{x}_i^{\top} \boldsymbol{\beta} \leq 0$.
- Complete separation occur when a linear function of predictors can perfectly classify the response.

Task 2 - Complete separation



Task 2 - Complete separation

- We have proved that: when there exists a vector of coefficients $\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}$ such that $Y_i=1$ whenever $\mathbf{x}_i^{\top}\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}>0$ and $Y_i=0$ whenever $\mathbf{x}_i^{\top}\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}\leq 0$, there does not exist $\boldsymbol{\beta}^*\in\mathbb{R}^{(p+1)}$ such that $\boldsymbol{\beta}^*=\arg\max_{\boldsymbol{\beta}}f(\boldsymbol{\beta})$, where f is given in (2). Thus our algorithm does not converge. (proof is attached in report appendix)
- ▶ If there is no complete separation, the parameters output by glm function and our algorithm are demonstrated to be the same
- In practice, if complete separation occurs, we randomly pick the parameters which satisfy complete separation as our full model

Task 2 - Comparison

Comparison of using glm function and our algorithm (part of)

| predictor | ours | glm |
|------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| (Intercept) | 111.7230206 | 90.9690365 |
| radius_mean | -3646.8235387 | -2560.3938902 |
| texture_mean | -2.8949199 | 0.8812037 |
| perimeter_mean | 1257.9481173 | 789.2724398 |
| area_mean | 2091.5001210 | 1539.8345650 |
| smoothness_mean | 180.4591375 | 128.8762247 |
| compactness_mean | -471.3749334 | -346.6691873 |
| concavity_mean | -0.3063034 | 9.0810082 |
| concave.points_mean | 287.3555092 | 215.4808031 |
| symmetry_mean | 10.8459784 | 10.4772590 |
| fractal_dimension_mean | -40.6413497 | -28.6916549 |
| radius_se | 854.4290933 | 617.5687358 |
| texture_se | -105.8920782 | -79.9788638 |
| perimeter_se | -1231.6514585 | -917.3916527 |
| area_se | 789.0550146 | 628.6222313 |
| smoothness_se | -83.3449730 | -63.7660367 |
| compactness_se | 473.1970464 | 344.3180183 |
| concavity_se | -440.6629325 | -323.8533730 |
| concave.points_se | 503.3728692 | 374.7610875 |
| symmetry_se | -144.4580558 | -108.6211792 |

Task 3 - Objective

Objective:

Build a logistic-LASSO model to select features by implementing a path-wise coordinate-wise optimization algorithm

▶ Recall Log-likelihood *f* in task 1:

$$f(\beta; \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{X}) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \left[Y_i \mathbf{x}_i^{\top} \beta - \log \left(1 + e^{\mathbf{x}_i^{\top} \beta} \right) \right].$$

▶ LASSO estimates the logistic model parameters β by optimizing a penalized loss function:

$$\min_{\beta} -\frac{1}{n} f(\beta) + \lambda \sum_{k=1}^{p} |\beta_k|. \tag{4}$$

where $\lambda \geq 0$ is the tuning parameter. Note that the intercept is not penalized and all predictors are standardized.

Task 3 - Algorithm of Logistic-LASSO Model

Algorithm Structure:

- OUTER LOOP: Decrement λ.
- ▶ MIDDLE LOOP: Update \tilde{w}_i , \tilde{p}_i , and thus the quadratic approximation ℓ using the current parameters $\tilde{\beta}$.
- ► INNER LOOP: Run the coordinate descent algorithm on the penalized weighted-least-squares problem.

Task 3 - OUTER LOOP

OUTER LOOP:

Compute the solutions of the optimization problem (4) for a decreasing sequence of values for λ : $\{\lambda_1,\ldots,\lambda_m\}$, starting at the smallest value $\lambda_1=\lambda_{max}$

$$\lambda_{max} = \frac{1}{n} \max_{j} \left| \langle \mathbf{x}_{.j}, \mathbf{y} \rangle \right|, \tag{5}$$

where $\mathbf{x}_{\cdot j}$ is the j-th column of the design matrix \mathbf{X} , for $j=1,\ldots,p$.

For tuning parameter value λ_{k+1} , we initialize coordinate descent algorithm at the computed solution for λ_k (warm start).

Task 3 - MIDDLE LOOP

MIDDLE LOOP:

For a fixed λ , find the estimates of β by solving the optimization problem (4).

Based on current parameter estimates $\tilde{\beta}$, we we form a quadratic approximation to the log-likelihood f using a Taylor expansion:

$$egin{aligned} f(oldsymbol{eta}) &pprox \ell(oldsymbol{eta}) = f(ilde{eta}) + (oldsymbol{eta} - ilde{eta})^ op
abla f(ilde{eta}) + rac{1}{2}(oldsymbol{eta} - ilde{eta})^ op
abla^2 f(ilde{eta})(oldsymbol{eta} - ilde{eta}) \ &= -rac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n ilde{w}_i \left[\mathbf{x}_i^ op (ilde{eta} - oldsymbol{eta}) + rac{Y_i - ilde{oldsymbol{p}}_i}{ ilde{w}_i}
ight] + rac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n ilde{w}_i \left(rac{Y_i - ilde{oldsymbol{p}}_i}{ ilde{w}_i}
ight)^2 + f(ilde{eta}), \end{aligned}$$

where $\tilde{\mathbf{p}} = (\tilde{p}_1, \dots, \tilde{p}_n)^{\top}$ and $\tilde{\mathbf{W}} = \operatorname{diag}(\tilde{w}_1, \dots, \tilde{w}_n)$ are the estimates of \mathbf{p} and \mathbf{W} based on $\tilde{\boldsymbol{\beta}}$.

Task 3 - MIDDLE LOOP

▶ Let $\tilde{z}_i = \mathbf{x}_i^{\top} \tilde{\boldsymbol{\beta}} + \frac{Y_i - \tilde{p}_i}{\tilde{w}_i}$, we have

$$\ell(\beta) = -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \tilde{w}_i (\tilde{z}_i - \mathbf{x}_i^{\top} \beta)^2 + C(\tilde{\beta}), \tag{6}$$

where is \tilde{z}_i the working response, \tilde{w}_i is the working weight, and C is a function that does not depend on β .

Task 3 - INNER LOOP

INNER LOOP:

With fixed \tilde{w}_i 's, \tilde{z}_i 's, and a fixed form of ℓ based on the estimates of β in the previous iteration of the middle loop, we use coordinate descent to update β by solving

$$\min_{\beta} \ -\frac{1}{n}\ell(\beta) + \lambda \sum_{k=1}^{p} |\beta_k|, \tag{7}$$

Task 3 - INNER LOOP

Coordinate-wise objective function Based the current estimates $\tilde{\beta}_k$ for $k \neq j$:

$$\min_{\beta_j} \frac{1}{2n} \sum_{i=1}^n \tilde{w}_i \left(\tilde{z}_i - x_{ij}\beta_j - \sum_{k \neq i} x_{ik} \tilde{\beta}_k \right)^2 + \lambda |\beta_j| + \lambda \sum_{k \neq i} |\tilde{\beta}_k|.$$

Updates:

$$\begin{split} \tilde{\beta}_0 \leftarrow \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n \tilde{w}_i (\tilde{z}_i - \sum_{k=1}^p x_{ik} \beta_k)}{\sum_{i=1}^n \tilde{w}_i}, \\ \tilde{\beta}_j \leftarrow \frac{S\left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \tilde{w}_i x_{ij} (\tilde{z}_i - \sum_{k \neq j} x_{ik} \tilde{\beta}_k), \lambda\right)}{\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \tilde{w}_i x_{ii}^2}, \ j = 1, \dots, p \end{split}$$

where $S(z,\gamma)$ is the soft-thresholding operator with value

$$S(z,\gamma) = \operatorname{sign}(z)(|z| - \gamma)_+ = egin{cases} z - \gamma, & \text{if } z > 0 \text{ and } \gamma < |z| \ z + \gamma, & \text{if } z < 0 \text{ and } \gamma < |z| \ 0, & \text{if } \gamma \ge |z| \end{cases}$$

Keep updating estimates of β_j 's repeatedly for j=0,1,2,...,p,0,1,2,... until convergence.

Task 3 - Path-wise coordinate-wise optimization algorithm

Algorithm 1 Path-wise coordinate-wise optimization algorithm

```
Require: g(\beta, \lambda) = -\frac{1}{n}f(\beta) + \lambda \sum_{k=1}^{p} |\beta_k| - target function, where f(\beta) is given in (1); \beta_0 - starting value;
         \{\lambda_1,\ldots,\lambda_m\} - a sequence of descending \lambda's, where \lambda_1=\lambda_{max} is given in (3); \epsilon - tolerance; N_s,N_t
        maximum number of iterations of the middle and inner loops
Ensure: \widehat{\beta}(\lambda_r) such that \widehat{\beta}(\lambda_r) \approx \arg\min_{\beta} q(\beta, \lambda_r), r = 1, \dots, m
   1: \tilde{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_0(\lambda_1) \leftarrow \boldsymbol{\beta}_0
  2: OUTER LOOP
  3: for r \in \{1, \dots, m\}, where r is the current number of iterations of the outer loop, do
                s \leftarrow 0, where s is the current number of iterations of the middle loop
               q(\tilde{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_{-1}(\lambda_r), \lambda_r) \leftarrow \infty
   5:
                MIDDLE LOOP
   6.
                while t > 2 and s < N_s do
   7:
   8.
                       s \leftarrow s + 1
                       Update \tilde{w}_i^{(s)}, \tilde{z}_i^{(s)} (i=1,\ldots,n), and thus \ell_s(\beta) as given in (4) based on \tilde{\beta}_{s-1}(\lambda_r)
   9:
                       t \leftarrow 0, where t is the current number of iterations of the inner loop
 10:
                       \tilde{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_{s}^{(0)}(\lambda_r) \leftarrow \tilde{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_{s-1}(\lambda_r)
 11:
                       h_s(\tilde{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_s^{(-1)}(\lambda_r), \lambda_r) \leftarrow \infty, where h_s(\boldsymbol{\beta}, \lambda) = -\frac{1}{\epsilon}\ell_s(\boldsymbol{\beta}) + \lambda \sum_{k=1}^p |\beta_k|
 12:
                      \begin{split} & \| \mathbf{N} \| \mathbf{E} \mathbf{R} \| \mathbf{L} \mathbf{O} \mathbf{O} \mathbf{P} \\ & \mathbf{while} \left| h_s(\tilde{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_s^{(t)}(\lambda_r), \lambda_r) - h_s(\tilde{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_s^{(t-1)}(\lambda_r), \lambda_r) \right| > \epsilon \text{ and } t < N_t \text{ do} \end{split}
 13:
 14:
 15:
                              \tilde{\beta}_{0}^{(t)}(\lambda_{r}) \leftarrow \sum_{i=1}^{n} \tilde{w}_{i}^{(s)} \left( \tilde{z}_{i}^{(s)} - \sum_{k=1}^{p} x_{ik} \tilde{\beta}_{k}^{(t-1)}(\lambda_{r}) \right) / \sum_{i=1}^{n} \tilde{w}_{i}^{(s)}
 16:
                              for i \in \{1, ..., p\} do
 17:
                                     \tilde{\beta}_{j}^{(t)}(\lambda_{r}) \leftarrow S\left(\frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^{n} \tilde{w}_{i}^{(s)} x_{ij} \left(\tilde{z}_{i}^{(s)} - \sum_{k < j} x_{ik} \tilde{\beta}_{k}^{(t)}(\lambda_{r}) - \sum_{k > j} x_{ik} \tilde{\beta}_{k}^{(t-1)}(\lambda_{r})\right), \lambda_{r}\right) / \frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^{n} \tilde{w}_{i}^{(s)} x_{ij}^{2}
 18:
                              end for
 19:
                       end while \tilde{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_s(\lambda_r) \leftarrow \tilde{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_s^{(t)}(\lambda_r)
 20.
 21:
                end while
 22.
                \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}(\lambda_r) \leftarrow \tilde{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_r(\lambda_r)
 23:
                \widetilde{\beta}_{0}(\lambda_{r+1}) \leftarrow \widehat{\beta}(\lambda_{r})
25: end for
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Task 4

Discussions

- ▶ There is much freedom when designing the simulations.
- ▶ In our algorithm, we have 5 parameters. n, p, ratio, c, corr
- More parameters can be adjusted.

Limitations and Future Work

- ► Limitation: We reproduced high-dimensional scenarios, but we still don't know the solution.
- ► Future Work: We may adjust other parameters to investigate further.

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- ► Thanks for listening!
- Any questions?