

□ **Motivation:** NOTEARS需要 $c \rightarrow \infty$ 时才能保证无环性，需要多次迭代，容易出现数值问题和病态问题。可证明(a)线性高斯等方差情况下，硬约束不满足时，最小二乘最优解返回有环图；(b)GOLEM-EV最优解对应真实图结构。

**Proposition 1.** Suppose  $X$  follows a linear Gaussian model defined by Eq. (4). Then, asymptotically,

(a)  $B_0$  is the unique global minimizer of least squares objective under a hard DAG constraint, but without the DAG constraint, the least squares objective returns a cyclic graph.

(b)  $B_0$  is the unique global minimizer of likelihood-EV objective (2) under soft  $\ell_1$  or DAG constraint.

$$\text{True SEM: } \left\{ \begin{array}{l} B_0 \text{ 是真实图结构} \\ \text{ground truth DAG } G : X_1 \rightarrow X_2 \\ B_0 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & b_0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \Omega = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma^2 & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma^2 \end{bmatrix}, b_0 \neq 0. \end{array} \right.$$

**无环性硬约束导致优化困难，硬约束不满足时，最优解返回有环图**

□ GOLEM证明基于**最大似然的目标函数代替最小二乘**时，只需**软稀疏性和软DAG约束**即可在**特定假设下**渐近学习与真实DAG “等价” 的 DAG。

➤ GOLEM-NV: 线性高斯不等方差

$$\mathcal{L}_1(B; \mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^d \log \left( \sum_{k=1}^n (x_i^{(k)} - B_i^\top x^{(k)})^2 \right) - \log |\det(I - B)|$$

注:  $B$ 为DAG  $\rightarrow \log |\det(I - B)| = 0$

➤ GOLEM-EV: 线性高斯等方差

$$\mathcal{L}_2(B; \mathbf{x}) = \frac{d}{2} \log \left( \sum_{i=1}^d \sum_{k=1}^n (x_i^{(k)} - B_i^\top x^{(k)})^2 \right) - \log |\det(I - B)|$$

**软稀疏性和软DAG约束，克服ALM缺陷**

□ 无约束优化问题:  $\min_{B \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}} \mathcal{S}_i(B; \mathbf{x}) = \mathcal{L}_i(B; \mathbf{x}) + \lambda_1 \|B\|_1 + \lambda_2 h(B)$

$$h(B) = \text{tr}(e^{B \circ B}) - d$$

GOLEM将最大似然+软DAG约束结合，取代最小二乘+硬DAG约束，优化更易求解，效果更好