

1 L0.5 for Section 3.5

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The math is very similar to the one for LASSO as shown above (Section 3.2). So, we have left the details to the appendix.

$$\theta_j = \frac{\operatorname{sign}(T) \cdot (|T| - \frac{\lambda}{2\sqrt{\theta_j}})}{N-1}$$

$$\text{Where, } A = N-1 ; B = \frac{\lambda}{2\sqrt{\theta_j}}$$

As seen here, when $0 < q < 1$, the solution is in terms of itself. The solution here is non-trivial or non-convex. This solution is in our desired form of Pathwise Coordinate Descent. We have left the implementation as a future scope of the project.

2 L0.5 for Appendix

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We consider the tuning parameter $\lambda \geq 0$. Now, we consider the above optimization problem as 'O' and take its derivative with respect to θ_j to find the stationary points.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial O}{\partial \theta_j} &= -\sum_{i=1}^N x_{ij} (Y_i - x_{ij} \theta_j - \sum_{k \neq j}^p x_{ik} \theta_k) + \frac{\lambda \operatorname{sign}(\theta_j)}{2\sqrt{|\theta_j|}} \\ \frac{\partial O}{\partial \theta_j} &= \sum_{i=1}^N x_{ij} (Y_i - \sum_{k \neq j}^p x_{ik} \theta_k) - \sum_{i=1}^N x_{ij}^2 \theta_j + \frac{\lambda \operatorname{sign}(\theta_j)}{2\sqrt{|\theta_j|}} \end{aligned}$$

Now, since our data is standardised,

$$\sum_{i=1}^N x_{ij}^2 = N - 1$$

Setting the derivative to 0.

$$\sum_{i=1}^N x_{ij} (Y_i - x_{ij} \theta_j) = (N - 1) \theta_j + \frac{\lambda \operatorname{sign}(\theta_j)}{2\sqrt{|\theta_j|}} \quad T = \sum_{i=1}^N x_{ij} (Y_i - x_{ij} \theta_j)$$

As described before for LASSO, we can divide this into a 2-case argument and parameterize it in terms of A and B for implementing PCD.

The 2-case argument is:

$$1. \quad T \geq \frac{\lambda}{2\sqrt{|\theta_j|}}$$

2. $\theta_j \geq 0$ if $T \geq 0$ else $\theta_j < 0$ if $T < 0$

Finally, we can write our solution as:

$$\theta_j = \frac{\text{sign}(T)(|T| - \frac{\lambda}{2\sqrt{|\theta_j|}})}{N-1}$$

Where,

$$A = N-1 ; B = \frac{\lambda}{2\sqrt{\theta_j}}$$