

$$Y = X\beta^0 + \varepsilon$$

← sparsity s

Rows of X iid $N_p(0, \Sigma)$, $\Sigma^{-1} = \Omega$

$$X_j = X_{-j} \gamma^{(j)} + \varepsilon^{(j)}$$

← sparsity s_j

$$s_{\max} = \max(s, \max_j s_j)$$

We consider an asymptotic regime where X, s_{\max} etc. are allowed to change as $n \rightarrow \infty$.
We will treat σ as constant.

Theorem 40 Suppose the min e'val of Σ is always at least some fixed const $c_{\min} > 0$ and $\max_j \Sigma_{jj} < A$, const A . Suppose $s_{\max} \sqrt{\log(p)/n} \rightarrow 0$. Then \exists constants A_1, A_2 s.t. if we take $\lambda = \lambda_j = A_1 \sqrt{\log(p)/n}$, we have

$$\sqrt{n}(\hat{b} - \beta^0) = W + \Delta$$

$$W|X \sim N_p(0, \sigma^2 \hat{\Theta} \hat{\Sigma} \hat{\Theta}^T)$$

$$\text{and as } n, p \rightarrow \infty, P(\|\Delta\|_{\infty} > A_2 s \log(p)/\sqrt{n}) \rightarrow 0.$$

Remark We see in particular that

$$\sqrt{n}(\hat{b}_j - \beta_j^0) \simeq W_j \quad \text{where } W_j \sim N(0, \sigma^2 (\hat{\Theta} \hat{\Sigma} \hat{\Theta}^T)_{jj})$$

This suggests the following approximate $(1-\alpha)$ -level confidence interval for β_j^0 :

$$= \frac{1}{n} \|X_j - X_{-j} \hat{\gamma}^{(j)}\|_2^2$$

$$[\hat{b}_j - Z_{\alpha/2} \sigma \frac{\sqrt{\lambda_j}}{\sqrt{n}}, \hat{b}_j + Z_{\alpha/2} \sigma \frac{\sqrt{\lambda_j}}{\sqrt{n}}]$$

where Z_{α} is the upper α pt of a standard normal. The only unknown quantity is σ , for which \exists estimation techniques e.g. the scaled Lasso of Sunk Zhang 2012.

Proof

Consider the sequence of events Λ_n described by the following properties:

Notation: For a matrix $M \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times p}$ and $m < p$ define

$$\phi_{m,m}^2 = \min_{I \subseteq \{1, \dots, p\}, |I|=m} \phi_m^2(I)$$

where recall

$$\phi_m^2(I) = \inf_{\substack{\beta: \|\beta_I\|_1 \neq 0 \\ \|\beta_{I^c}\|_1 \leq 3\|\beta_I\|_1}} \frac{\beta^T M \beta}{\|\beta_I\|_1^2 / |I|}$$

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- $\phi_{s,s}^2 \geq c_{\min}/2$ and $\phi_{s-j, s-j}^2 \geq c_{\min}/2 \quad \forall j$
- $2\|X^T \varepsilon\|_{\infty}/n \leq \lambda$ and $2\|X_{-j} \varepsilon^{(j)}\|_{\infty}/n \leq \lambda \quad \forall j$
- $\|\varepsilon^{(j)}\|_2^2/n \geq \Omega_{jj}^{-1} (1 - 4\sqrt{\log(p)/n}) \quad \forall j$

$\mathbb{P}(\Lambda_n) \rightarrow 1$, We work on Λ_n .

By thm 23,

$$\|\beta^0 - \hat{\beta}\|_1 \leq c_1 \sqrt{\log(p)/n} \quad \text{const } c_1.$$

Consider the linear models

$$X_j = X_{-j} \gamma^{(j)} + \varepsilon^{(j)} \quad (\varepsilon_i^{(j)} \stackrel{iid}{\sim} N(0, \Omega_{jj}^{-1})) \quad (*)$$

$$\text{Note } \Omega_{jj}^{-1} = \text{Var}(\text{~~the~~ } X_{ij} | X_{i,-j}) \leq \text{Var}(X_{ij}) = \Sigma_{jj} \leq A$$

Also max e'val of Ω is at most c_{\min}^{-1} , so

$$\Omega_{jj} \leq c_{\min}^{-1} \quad (\Omega_{jj} = e_j^T \Omega e_j) \quad \leftarrow j\text{th unit vector}$$

Then

$$\hat{\varepsilon}_j^2 = \frac{1}{n} \|X_j - X_{-j} \hat{\gamma}^{(j)}\|_2^2 + \lambda \|\hat{\gamma}^{(j)}\|_1$$

$$\geq \frac{1}{n} \underbrace{\|X_j - X_{-j} \gamma^{(j)} + X_{-j} \gamma^{(j)} - X_{-j} \hat{\gamma}^{(j)}\|_2^2}_{\varepsilon_j^2}$$

$$\geq \frac{1}{n} \|\varepsilon^{(j)}\|_2^2 + \frac{2}{n} \varepsilon_j^{(j)T} X_{-j} (\gamma^{(j)} - \hat{\gamma}^{(j)})$$

$$\geq \underbrace{\Omega_{jj}^{-1} (1 - 4 \sqrt{\log(p)/n})}_{\rightarrow 0} - \underbrace{\frac{2}{n} \|X_{-j}^T \varepsilon^{(j)}\|_{\infty} \|\hat{\gamma}^{(j)} - \gamma^{(j)}\|_1}_{\leq 1 c_2 s_j \sqrt{\log(p)/n} \quad (\text{thm 23 applied to } (*))}$$

$$\geq c_{\min} / 2$$

for all j , n suff. large.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Thus, } \|\Delta\|_{\infty} &\leq \sqrt{n} \|\beta^0 - \hat{\beta}\|_1 \max_j s_j^2 \\ &\leq c_1 \sqrt{\log p} \frac{1}{2 c_{\min}^{-1}} \wedge \sqrt{\frac{\log p}{n}} \\ &\leq A_2 \frac{\sqrt{\log p}}{n} \end{aligned}$$

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