HMMA 308 : Machine Learning

Lasso vs FoBa

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Introduction

To measure the quality of prediction, we use linear prediction model :

$$f(x) = \beta^\intercal x$$

With

$$\hat{\beta} = \arg\min_{\beta \in \mathbb{R}^d} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \Phi(\beta^\intercal x_i, y_i) + \lambda g(\beta)$$

The Lasso method

Method uses L_1 regularization.
We have

$$\hat{\beta} = \arg\min_{\beta \in \mathbb{R}^d} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \Phi(\beta^{\mathsf{T}} x_i, y_i) + \lambda ||\beta||_1$$

2 issues :

- strong assumptions
- large regularization parameter (λ)

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Solution : Backward greedy algorithm ?

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*) **Adaptive backward function :**

- Make sure that we progress

Comparison between Lasso and FoBa

Similarity	**Difference**
Path-following algorithm	Conditions to find threshold
Large regularization parameter	Bias
Mistakes in earlier step	

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Loss function used :

$$MSE = \frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^{n}(\hat{Y}_i - Y_i)^2$$

Principle :

- Randomly partition into 50 training points and *nb* test points
- Predict variable
- Compare MSE for each methods and for each groups

Boston Housing **data**

Data : 506 census tracts from 1970 census
14 features

Y : housing price

Principle : 50 training points / 456 test points
We repeat 50 times MSE calculations and compare MSE obtained
With a sparsity between 1 and 10.

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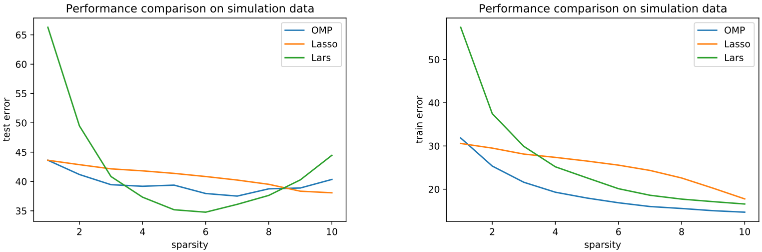


Figure: MSE depending on sparsity for the 3 methods and for the 2 groups.

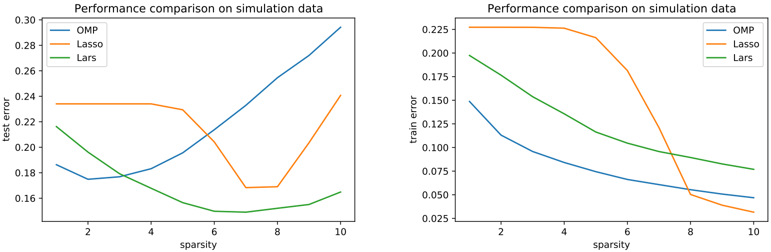
Ionosphere data

Data : 351 data points
35 features

Y : binary variable (Y$\in \{0, 1\}$)

Principle : 50 training points / 301 test points
We repeat 50 times MSE calculations and compare MSE obtained
With a sparsity between 1 and 10.

Ionosphere data



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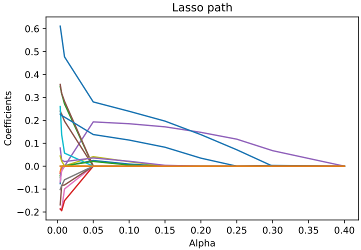
Issues

- Representation of Lasso



alpha	Nb non-zero coefs
0.400	1
0.300	2
0.250	2
0.200	4
0.150	4
0.100	4
0.050	8
0.010	13
0.006	15
0.004	18

Figure: Lasso path and non-zero coefficients for Ionosphere data

- Differences between our algorithms and these in the article

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Conclusion

We find these results :

- **Test points :** FoBa for *Ionosphere* data & FoBa/OMP for *Boston Housing* data
- **Training points :** OMP (depending on sparcity for *Ionosphere* data

The article finds :

- **Test points :** FoBa for small sparsity and for *Boston housing* data & Lasso for *Ionosphere* data
- **Training points :** the mixed algorithm (FoBa)

Finally, we must choose the best algorithm and the best method depending on data, sparsity and mathematics conditions that we can check.

Bibliography