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- Let's assume $X\beta_1 \neq X\beta_2$.

Let f^* be the optimal value, $\alpha = \frac{1}{2}$, $\beta_\alpha = \alpha\beta_1 + (1 - \alpha)\beta_2$. Then, by the convexity of $\|\cdot\|_2^2, \|\cdot\|_1$:

$$\begin{aligned} f^* &\leq \|Y - X\beta_\alpha\|_2^2 + \lambda\|\beta_\alpha\|_1 \\ &= \|\alpha(Y - X\beta_1) + (1 - \alpha)(Y - X\beta_2)\|_2^2 + \lambda\|\alpha\beta_1 + (1 - \alpha)\beta_2\|_1 \\ &< \alpha(\|Y - X\beta_1\|_2^2 + \lambda\|\beta_1\|_1) + (1 - \alpha)(\|Y - X\beta_2\|_2^2 + \lambda\|\beta_2\|_1) \quad (\text{By strict convexity of } \|\cdot\|_2^2) \\ &\leq f^* \end{aligned}$$

Contradiction.

- $\mathcal{L}(\beta^*, \lambda) = \frac{1}{2}\|Y - X\beta\|_2^2 + \lambda\|\beta\|_1$

$$\partial\|\beta\|_1 = \{\alpha \in [-1, 1]^n, \alpha_j = \text{sign}(\hat{\beta}_j) \text{ when } \hat{\beta}_j \neq 0\}$$

Let (β^*, λ^*) be an optimal solution, then $0 \in \partial_\lambda L(\beta^*, \lambda^*)$

$$\partial_{\lambda^*} L(\beta, \lambda^*) = -X^T(Y - X\beta) + \lambda^* \partial\|\beta\|_1$$

Coordinate wise, this gives for all j :

$$X_j^T(Y - X\beta) = \lambda \text{sign}(\beta_j) \text{ if } \beta_j \neq 0$$

$$-X(Y - X\beta) = \lambda \alpha_i \text{ if } \beta_j = 0$$

e.g

$$\lambda^* = -\text{sign}(\beta_j^*) X_j^T(Y - X\beta^*) \text{ if } \beta_j^* \neq 0$$

$$\lambda^* \geq |2X_j^T(Y - X\beta^*)| \text{ if } \beta_j^* = 0$$

- Let $\hat{\beta}$ be an optimal solution. Let $\chi = \{j, \hat{\beta}_j \neq 0\}$, and let's suppose it is non empty.

Let j such that $\hat{\beta}_j > 0$ (If such j exists)

By 2.2, $\lambda = X_j^T(Y - X\hat{\beta})$, but since $\lambda > \|X^T Y\|_\infty \geq X_j^T Y$, then $X_j^T X\hat{\beta} > 0$.

Similarly, if there for j such that $\hat{\beta} < 0$, $X_j^T X\hat{\beta} < 0$.

$$c/c \beta_j \neq 0 \implies \beta_j X_j^T X\hat{\beta} > 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2}\|Y - X\beta\|_2^2 + \lambda\|\beta\|_1 &= \frac{1}{2}\|Y\|_2^2 - \hat{\beta}^T X^T Y + \frac{1}{2}\beta^T X^T X\hat{\beta} + \lambda \sum_{i \in \chi} |\hat{\beta}_i| \\ &\geq \frac{1}{2}\|Y\|_2^2 + \sum_{i \in \chi} |\hat{\beta}_i|(\lambda - |X_i^T Y|) + \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i \in \chi} \hat{\beta}_i X_i^T X\hat{\beta}}_{>0} \\ &> \frac{1}{2}\|Y\|_2^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{2}\|Y - X0\|_2^2 + \lambda\|0\|_1 \end{aligned}$$

Contradiction, so $\hat{\beta} = 0$

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$$\lambda \in [\lambda_0, \lambda_1]$$

Let $\chi(\lambda) = \{j, \hat{\beta}_j(\lambda) \neq 0\} := \chi$, $r = |\chi|$ (doesn't depend on λ by assumption)

We have proved in 2.2 that there exist $\alpha(\lambda)$

$$X^T(Y - X\hat{\beta}(\lambda)) = \lambda\alpha(\lambda)$$

where $\alpha(\lambda) \in \partial\|\hat{\beta}(\lambda)\|_1$.

It is easy to see that this KKT conditions is actually necessary and sufficient (because we are minimizing a convex function), since we are assuming uniqueness, $\hat{\beta}(\lambda)$ is the unique solution to :

$$(\exists \alpha(\lambda) \in \partial\|\hat{\beta}(\lambda)\|_1) \quad X^T(Y - X\hat{\beta}(\lambda)) = \lambda\alpha(\lambda)$$

Note that by uniqueness of $X\beta$ and $\hat{\beta}(\lambda)$, $\alpha(\lambda)$ is unique when $\lambda > 0$.

Note also, that since we assumed that the signs and support are unchanged, $\partial\|\hat{\beta}(\lambda)\|_1 = \partial\|\hat{\beta}(\lambda_0)\|_1$.

The last condition becomes:

$$X^T(Y - X\hat{\beta}(\lambda)) \in \lambda\partial\|\hat{\beta}(\lambda_0)\|_1$$

Notation: $\alpha(\lambda_0) = X^T \underbrace{\frac{(Y - X\hat{\beta}(\lambda_0))}{\lambda_0}}_v = X^T v$, $\gamma_0 = X^\dagger v$, $\delta = \hat{\beta}(\lambda_0) - (\lambda - \lambda_0)\gamma_0$.

Note that:

$$X^T X \gamma_0 = X^T X X^\dagger v = (V \Lambda U^T)(U \Lambda V^T)(V \Lambda^{-1} U^T)v = V \Lambda U^T v = X^T v = \alpha(\lambda_0)$$

$$\begin{aligned} X^T(Y - X\delta) &= \underbrace{X^T(Y - X\hat{\beta}(\lambda_0))}_{\lambda_0 \alpha(\lambda_0)} + (\lambda - \lambda_0) \underbrace{X^T X \alpha_0}_{\alpha(\lambda_0)} \\ &= \lambda \alpha(\lambda_0) \in \lambda \partial\|\hat{\beta}(\lambda_0)\|_1 \end{aligned}$$

Which proves that $\hat{\beta}(\lambda) = \delta = \hat{\beta}(\lambda_0) - (\lambda - \lambda_0)\alpha(\lambda_0)$

- **Notation:** For a vector v , let $v^+ = \max(v, 0)$, $v^- = -\min(-v, 0)$, $sign(v)$, $supp(v)$ the sign and support of v , $\phi(v) = (supp(v^+), supp(v^-))$

The number of values $\phi(v)$ can take is finite and at most n^2 because $\phi(v) \in \mathcal{P}(\{1 \dots n\})^2$.

Notice that in the last part, we have proven a stronger result: if for λ_1, λ_2 , $\phi(\beta(\lambda_1)) = \phi(\beta(\lambda_2))$, then $\beta(\lambda_2) = \beta(\lambda_1) - (\lambda_2 - \lambda_1)\gamma_0$, where γ_0 depend only on λ_1 . This proves a segment of the path C is fully characterized by the $\phi(v)$ where $v(C)$ is one of the element of C chosen arbitrarily.

Let \mathcal{A} denote the set of segments that form the lasso path, and consider the following application:

$\mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}; C \rightarrow \phi(v(C))$ Where v is an arbitrary element in C .

We have proven that this application is injective, so $|\mathcal{A}| \leq n^2 < \infty$. Which proves that the number of segments in the lasso path is finite. Let λ_0 be small enough so that $(0, \lambda_0]$ corresponds to last segment, and let $0 < \lambda < \lambda_0$ then $\hat{\beta}(\lambda) = \hat{\beta}(\lambda_0) - (\lambda - \lambda_0)\gamma_0$.

This proves that the $\hat{\beta}(\lambda)$ has $\hat{\beta}(\lambda_0) + \lambda_0\gamma_0$ as limit at 0^+ . Let's call $\hat{\beta}$ that limit.

Recall the definition of γ_0 : $X^\dagger \frac{(Y - X\hat{\beta}(\lambda_0))}{\lambda_0}$, and since X is full rank, $XX^\dagger = I_n$. So $X\hat{\beta} = \hat{\beta}(\lambda_0) + XX^\dagger(Y - X\hat{\beta}(\lambda_0)) = Y$

Suppose by contradiction that $\hat{\beta} \neq \hat{\beta}^{CS}$, e.g $\|\hat{\beta}^{CS}\|_1 < \|\hat{\beta}\|_1$.

By continuity of norms in finite dimensional space, $\|\hat{\beta}(\lambda)\|_1 \rightarrow \|\hat{\beta}\|_1$. Let λ be small enough so that

$$\|\hat{\beta}^{CS}\|_1 < \|\hat{\beta}(\lambda)\|_1$$

Which would imply that $\lambda\|\hat{\beta}^{CS}\|_1 < \lambda\|\hat{\beta}(\lambda)\|_1 + \|Y - X\hat{\beta}(\lambda)\|_2^2$, which contradicts the minimality of $\hat{\beta}(\lambda)$.

Conclusion: $\hat{\beta} = \hat{\beta}^{CS}$

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- Let's consider the unconstrained optimization problem:

$$\min \|Y - X\beta\|^2$$

β is optimal iff $X^TY = X^TX\beta$.

We check easily that $(X^TX)^\dagger X^TY$ is a solution to the last equation, therefore it minimizes the L_2 risk.

If $t > \|(X^TX)^\dagger X^TY\|_{L_1}$, then it is also solution to the following problem: $\min_{\|\beta\|_{L_1} \leq t} \|Y - X\beta\|^2$.

- We adopt the following notations:

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$$\gamma = (-1, \beta)^T, |\gamma|_1 = |\beta| + 1, Z_i = (Y_i, X_i^T)^T$$

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$$R(\beta) = \gamma^T \Sigma \gamma$$

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$$\hat{R}(\beta) = \gamma^T \hat{\Sigma} \gamma$$

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$$\hat{R}^{(V_k)}(\beta) := \frac{1}{|V_k|} \sum_{i \in V_k} (Y_i - X_i^T \beta)^2 = \gamma^T \hat{\Sigma}^{V_k} \gamma$$

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$$\hat{R}^{(-V_k)}(\beta) := \sum_{j \neq k} \frac{1}{|V_j|} \sum_{i \in V_j} (Y_i - X_i^T \beta)^2 = \gamma^T \underbrace{(\hat{\Sigma} - \hat{\Sigma}^{V_k})}_{\hat{\Sigma}^{(-V_k)}} \gamma$$

Note that $|Z_i| \leq 2b, |Z_i Z_i^T| \leq 4b^2$, by Hoeffding inequality:

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$$\mathbb{P}(\|\Sigma - \hat{\Sigma}\|_\infty \geq \varepsilon) \leq 2 \exp\left(\frac{-n\varepsilon^2}{8b^4}\right)$$

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$$\mathbb{P}(\|\Sigma - \hat{\Sigma}^{(V_k)}\|_\infty \geq \varepsilon) \leq 2 \exp\left(\frac{-|V_k|\varepsilon^2}{8b^4}\right)$$

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$$\mathbb{P}(\|\Sigma - \hat{\Sigma}^{(-V_k)}\|_\infty \geq \varepsilon) \leq 2 \exp\left(\frac{-(n - |V_k|)\varepsilon^2}{8b^4}\right) \leq 2 \exp\left(\frac{-|V_k|\varepsilon^2}{8b^4}\right)$$

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$$\mathbb{P}(\|\hat{\Sigma} - \hat{\Sigma}^{(V_k)}\|_\infty \geq \varepsilon) \leq \mathbb{P}(\|\Sigma - \hat{\Sigma}^{(V_k)}\|_\infty \geq \frac{\varepsilon}{2}) + \mathbb{P}(\|\Sigma - \hat{\Sigma}\|_\infty \geq \frac{\varepsilon}{2}) \leq 4 \exp\left(\frac{-|V_k|\varepsilon^2}{32b^4}\right)$$

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$$\mathbb{P}(\|\hat{\Sigma}^{(-V_k)} - \hat{\Sigma}^{(V_k)}\|_\infty \geq \varepsilon) \leq \mathbb{P}(\|\Sigma - \hat{\Sigma}^{(V_k)}\|_\infty \geq \frac{\varepsilon}{2}) + \mathbb{P}(\|\Sigma - \hat{\Sigma}^{(-V_k)}\|_\infty \geq \frac{\varepsilon}{2}) \leq 4 \exp\left(\frac{-|V_k|\varepsilon^2}{32b^4}\right)$$

1.)

$$R(\hat{\beta}_t) - \hat{R}_{CV}(\hat{t}) = R(\hat{\beta}_t) - \hat{R}(\hat{\beta}_t) + \hat{R}(\hat{\beta}_t) - \hat{R}_{CV}(\hat{t})$$

$$R(\hat{\beta}_t) - \hat{R}(\hat{\beta}_t) = \hat{\beta}_t(\Sigma - \hat{\Sigma})\hat{\beta}_t \leq \|\Sigma - \hat{\Sigma}\|_\infty |\gamma|_1 \leq \|\Sigma - \hat{\Sigma}\|_\infty (1 + t_n)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{R}(\hat{\beta}_t) - \hat{R}_{CV}(\hat{t}) &= \frac{1}{K} \sum_k (\hat{R}(\hat{\beta}_t) - \hat{R}^{V_k}(\hat{\beta}_t^{(V_k)})) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{K} \sum_k \hat{R}(\hat{\beta}_t^{V_k}) - \hat{R}^{V_k}(\hat{\beta}_t^{(V_k)}) \\ &= \frac{1}{K} \sum_k (\hat{\gamma}_t^{V_k})^T (\hat{\Sigma} - \hat{\Sigma}^{V_k}) \hat{\gamma}_t^{V_k} \\ &\leq \frac{1}{K} |\gamma_t^{V_k}|_{L_1}^2 \sum \|\hat{\Sigma} - \hat{\Sigma}^{V_k}\|_\infty \\ &\leq \frac{1}{K} (1 + t_n)^2 \sum \|\hat{\Sigma} - \hat{\Sigma}^{V_k}\|_\infty \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbb{P}((i) \geq \varepsilon) &\leq \mathbb{P}(\|\Sigma - \hat{\Sigma}\|_\infty \geq \frac{\varepsilon}{(1+t_n)^2}) + \sum_k \mathbb{P}(\frac{1}{K} \|\hat{\Sigma} - \hat{\Sigma}^{(V_k)}\|_\infty \geq \frac{\varepsilon}{(1+t_n)^2 K}) \\
&\leq 2 \exp(\frac{-n\varepsilon^2}{16b^4(1+t_n^2)^2}) + 2K \exp(\frac{-|V_1|\varepsilon^2}{16b^4(1+t_n^2)^2}) \\
&\leq 2(1+K) \exp(\frac{-|V_1|\varepsilon^2}{16b^4(1+t_n^2)^2}) \\
&\leq C_1 K \exp(\exp(\frac{-|V_1|\varepsilon^2}{C_2 b^4(1+t_n^2)^2}))
\end{aligned}$$

Where $C_1 \geq 4, C_2 \geq 32$

2.)

$$\hat{R}_{CV}(\hat{t}) - \hat{R}_{CV}(t_{\max}) \leq 0$$

3.)

$$\begin{aligned}
&\hat{R}_{CV}(t_{\max}) - \hat{R}(\hat{\beta}_{t_{\max}}) \\
&= \frac{1}{K} \sum_k \hat{R}^{V_k}(\hat{\beta}_{t_{\max}}^{V_k}) - \hat{R}(\hat{\beta}_{t_{\max}}) \\
&= \frac{1}{K} \sum_k \hat{R}^{V_k}(\hat{\beta}_{t_{\max}}^{V_k}) + R^{-V_k}(\hat{\beta}_{t_{\max}}^{V_k}) + \underbrace{R^{-V_k}(\hat{\beta}_{t_{\max}}^{V_k}) - \hat{R}^{-V_k}(\hat{\beta}_{t_{\max}})}_{\leq 0} - \hat{R}^{V_k}(\hat{\beta}_{t_{\max}}) \\
&\leq \frac{1}{K} \sum_k \hat{R}^{V_k}(\hat{\beta}_{t_{\max}}^{V_k}) - R^{-V_k}(\hat{\beta}_{t_{\max}}^{V_k}) \\
&= \frac{1}{K} \sum_k (\hat{\gamma}_{t_{\max}}^{V_k})^T (\hat{\Sigma}^{V_k} - \hat{\Sigma}^{-V_k}) \hat{\gamma}_{t_{\max}}^{V_k} \\
&\leq \frac{(1+t_n)^2}{K} \sum_k \|\hat{\Sigma}^{V_k} - \hat{\Sigma}^{-V_k}\|_\infty
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbb{P}(iii \geq \varepsilon) &\leq K \mathbb{P}(\|\hat{\Sigma}^{V_1} - \hat{\Sigma}^{-V_1}\|_\infty \geq \frac{\varepsilon}{(1+t_n)^2}) \\
&\leq 4K \exp(\frac{-|V_1|\varepsilon^2}{32(1+t_n)^2 b^4}) \\
&\leq C_1 K \exp(\frac{-|V_1|\varepsilon^2}{C_2(1+t_n)^2 b^4})
\end{aligned}$$

4.)

$$\hat{R}(\hat{\beta}_{t_{\max}}) = \hat{R}(\hat{\beta}_{t_n})$$

5. and 6.)

$$\begin{aligned}
\hat{R}(\hat{\beta}_{t_n}) - R(\beta_{t_n}) & \\
&\leq \hat{R}(\beta_{t_n}) - R(\beta_{t_n}) \\
&\leq \gamma_{t_n}(\hat{\Sigma} - \Sigma)\gamma_{t_n} \\
&\leq (1 + t_n)^2 |\hat{\Sigma} - \Sigma|_\infty
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbb{P}(v + vi \geq \varepsilon) &\leq \mathbb{P}(\|\Sigma - \hat{\Sigma}\|_\infty \geq \frac{\varepsilon}{(1 + t_n)^2}) \\
&\leq 2 \exp(-\frac{n\varepsilon^2}{8b^4(1 + t_n)^2}) \\
&\leq C_1 K \exp(-\frac{|V_1|\varepsilon^2}{C_2 b^4(1 + t_n)^2})
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbb{P}(i + ii + iii + iv + v + vi \geq \varepsilon) &= \mathbb{P}(i \geq \varepsilon/3) + \mathbb{P}(i \geq \varepsilon/3) + \mathbb{P}(v + vi \geq \varepsilon/3) \\
&\leq 3C_1 K \exp(-\frac{|V_1|\varepsilon^2}{9C_2 b^4(1 + t_n)^2}) \\
&\leq CK \exp(-\frac{n\varepsilon^2}{CK(1 + t_n)^2})
\end{aligned}$$

Where $C \geq \max(3C_1, 9C_2 b^4)$

Which gives the result by setting δ to $CK \exp(-\frac{n\varepsilon^2}{CK(1+t_n)^2})$, or equivalently setting ε to $C(1 + t_n^2) \sqrt{\log(\frac{CK}{\delta})K/n}$