

Testing and Estimation for Sparsity-Inducing Power Penalties

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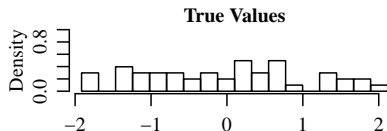
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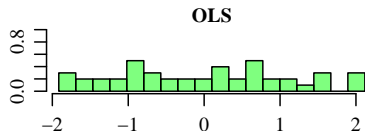
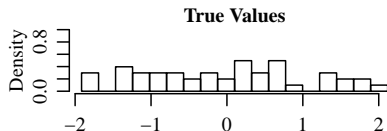
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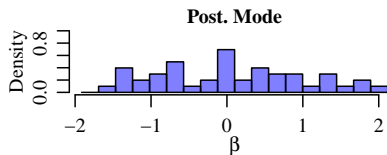
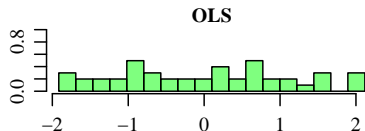
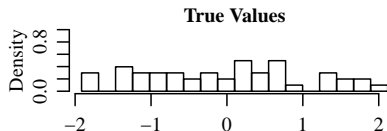
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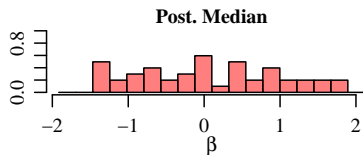
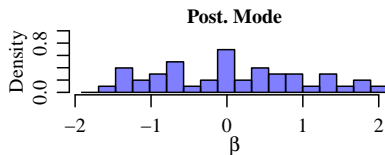
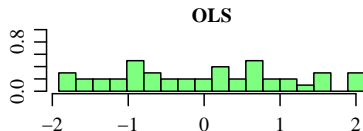
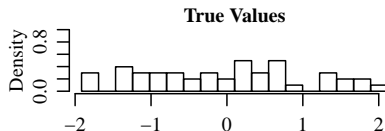
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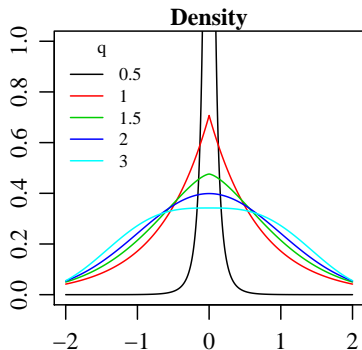
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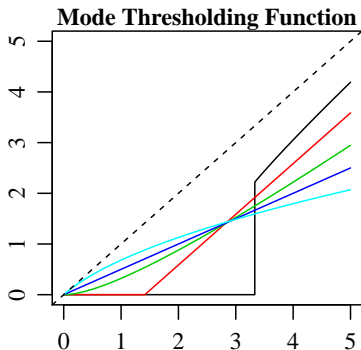
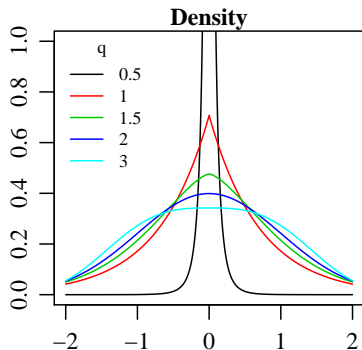
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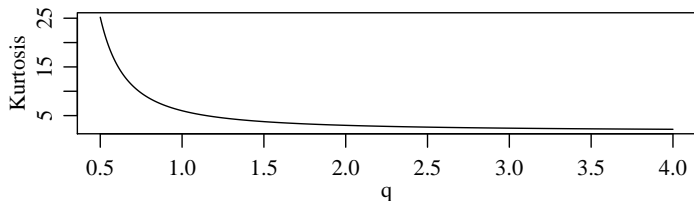
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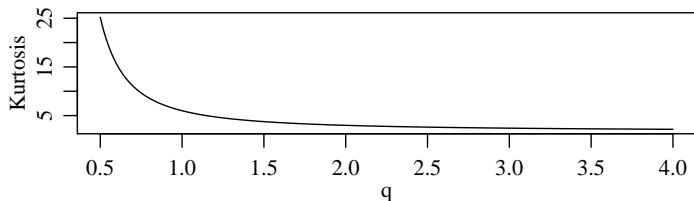
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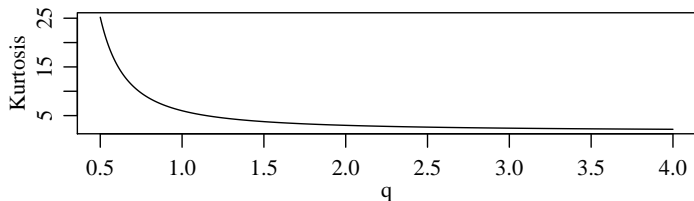
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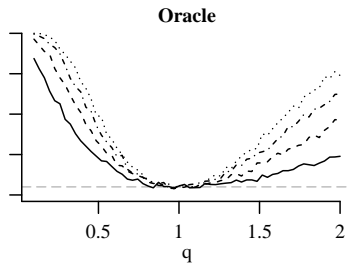
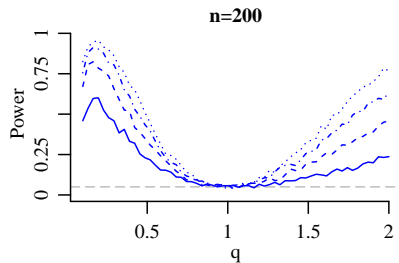
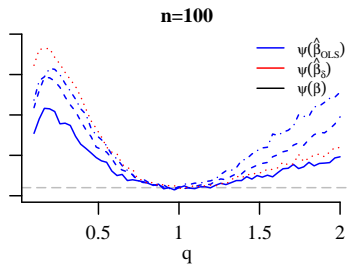
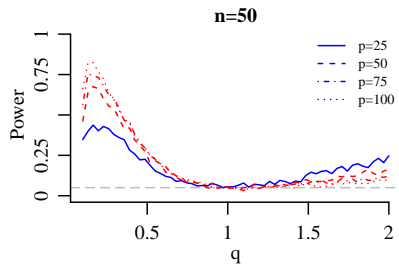
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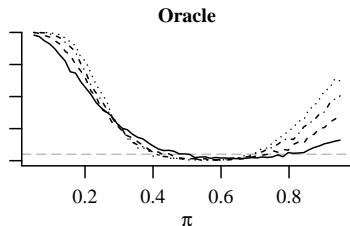
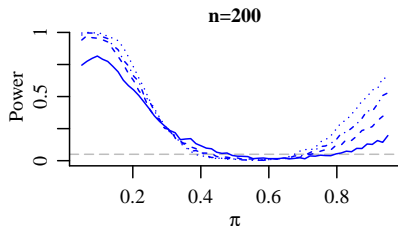
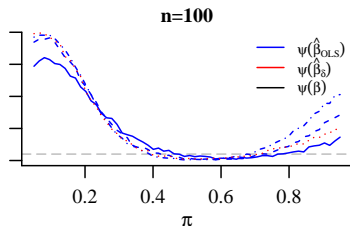
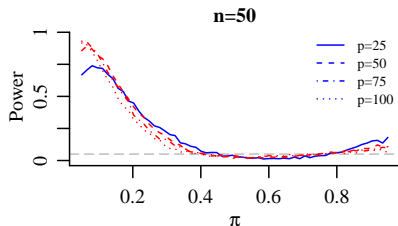
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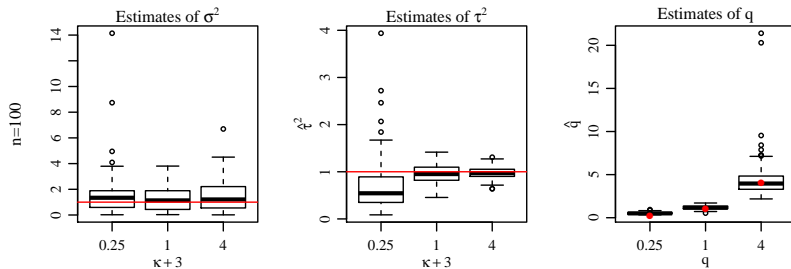
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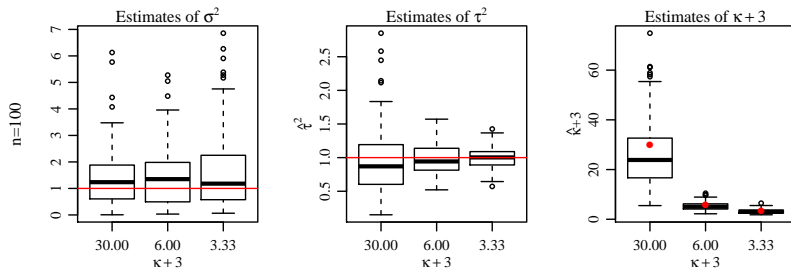
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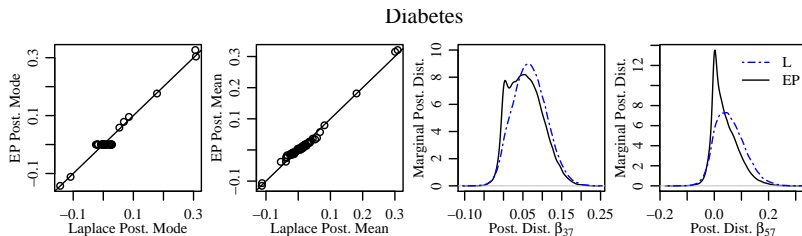
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Motif	287	195	2.87	10.35	5.77
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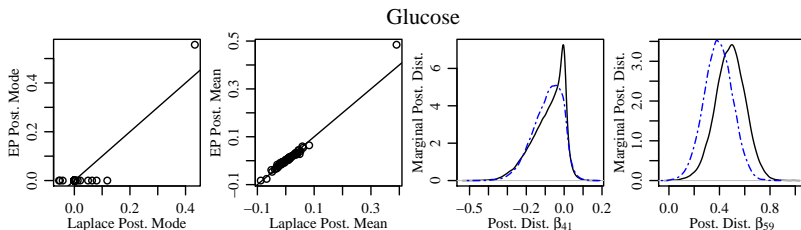
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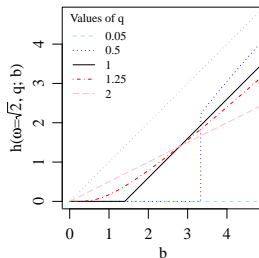
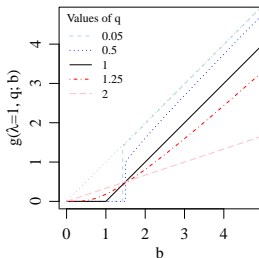
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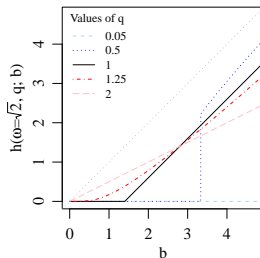
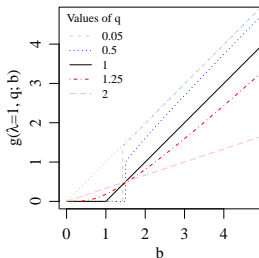
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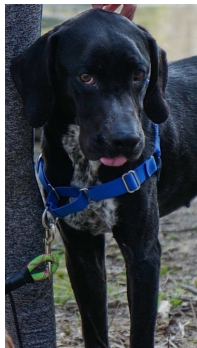


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- Reparametrization facilitates pathwise algorithms!

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Details for Estimating \hat{q}

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[\bar{\beta}_{\delta, \mathbf{X}}^{(2)}] &= \alpha_{\delta, \mathbf{X}} \tau^2 \\ \mathbb{E}[\bar{\beta}_{\delta, \mathbf{X}}^{(4)}] &= \gamma_{\delta, \mathbf{X}} (\kappa + 3) \tau^4 + \omega_{\delta, \mathbf{X}} \tau^4 \end{aligned} \right\} \rightarrow \widehat{\kappa + 3} = \left(\frac{\alpha_{\delta, \mathbf{X}}^2}{\gamma_{\delta, \mathbf{X}}} \right) \left(\hat{\psi}_{\delta, \mathbf{X}} - \frac{\omega_{\delta, \mathbf{X}}}{\alpha_{\delta, \mathbf{X}}^2} \right)$$

$$\alpha_{\delta, \mathbf{X}} = \text{tr}(\mathbf{X}' \mathbf{X} \mathbf{D} \mathbf{D} \mathbf{X}' \mathbf{X}) / p$$

$$\gamma_{\delta, \mathbf{X}} = \sum_{j=1}^p (\mathbf{D} \mathbf{X}' \mathbf{X})_{jj}^4 / p$$

$$\omega_{\delta, \mathbf{X}} = 3 \left(\sum_{j=1}^p (\mathbf{X}' \mathbf{X} \mathbf{D} \mathbf{D} \mathbf{X}' \mathbf{X})_{jj}^2 / p - \gamma_{\delta, \mathbf{X}} \right)$$