

Here we give the ADMM algorithm for fitting the lasso problem:

$$\min_{\beta} \frac{1}{2n} (X\beta - y)^2 + \lambda |\beta|$$

We frame this question in ADMM way:

$$\min_{\beta, \alpha} \frac{1}{2n} (X\beta - y)^2 + \lambda |\alpha|$$

$$\text{subject to } \beta - \alpha = 0$$

The augmented Lagrangian is

$$\frac{1}{2n} (X\beta - y)^2 + \lambda |\alpha| + \gamma^T (\beta - \alpha) + \frac{\rho}{2} (\beta - \alpha)^2$$

The algorithm follows

$$v^k = \alpha^k - u^k$$

$$\beta^{k+1} = \arg \min_{\beta} \frac{1}{2n} (X\beta - y)^2 + \frac{\rho}{2} (\beta - v^k)^2 = \left(\frac{1}{n} X^T X + \rho I \right)^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{n} X^T y + \rho v^k \right)$$

$$w^k = \beta^{k+1} + u^k$$

$$\alpha^{k+1} = \arg \min_{\alpha} \lambda |\alpha| + \frac{\rho}{2} (\alpha - w^k)^2 = S_{\frac{\lambda}{\rho}}(w^k)$$

$$u^{k+1} = u^k + \beta^{k+1} - \alpha^{k+1}$$