

# Computation in Data Science (Third Part) Homework 3

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## 1 Variable selection via lasso estimation

The lasso estimate for  $\beta$  is defined as:

$$\beta^{lasso} = \arg \min_{\beta} \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\beta\|_2^2 + \lambda \|\beta\|_1 \right\}$$

Now, consider use the  $m$  group function, the function becomes:

$$\beta^{lasso} = \arg \min_{\beta} \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^m \|\mathbf{y}_i - \mathbf{X}_i \beta_i\|_2^2 + \lambda \|\beta\|_1 \right\}$$

Reformulate the lasso estimation problem in an ADMM form:

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^m \|\mathbf{y}_i - \mathbf{X}_i \theta_i\|_2^2 + \lambda \|\beta\|_1 \\ & \text{subject to } \theta_i = \beta, \forall i \in \{1, m\} \end{aligned}$$

The Lagrange function becomes:

$$\mathcal{L}(\theta, \beta, \alpha) = \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\theta\|_2^2 + \lambda \|\beta\|_1 + \alpha^T (\beta - \theta) + \frac{\rho}{2} \|\beta - \theta\|_2^2$$

Update function of  $\theta$  from iteration  $r$  to  $r + 1$ :

$$\theta_k^{r+1} = \arg \min_{\theta} \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \|y_k - \mathbf{X}_k \theta_k\|_2^2 + \frac{\rho}{2} \|\theta_k - \beta^r + \alpha_k^r\|_2^2 \right\} = \arg \min_{\theta} \{\blacksquare\}$$

Noticed that it has the closed form:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial \mathbf{\theta}}{\partial \theta} &= -\mathbf{X}_k^T \|y_k - \mathbf{X}_k \theta_k\| + \rho \|\theta_k - \beta^r + \alpha_k^r\| = 0 \\ \rightarrow \theta_k^{r+1} &= (\mathbf{X}_k^T \mathbf{X}_k + \rho \mathbf{I})^{-1} (\mathbf{X}_k^T y_k + \rho(\beta^r - \alpha_k^r)), \forall k = \{1, m\}\end{aligned}$$

Update function of  $\beta$  from iteration  $r$  to  $r + 1$ :

$$\begin{aligned}\beta^{r+1} &= \arg \min_{\beta} \left\{ \lambda \|\beta\|_1 + \frac{mp}{2} \left\| \beta - \frac{1}{m} \sum_{k=1}^m \theta_k^{r+1} - \frac{1}{m} \sum_{k=1}^m \alpha_k^r \right\|_2^2 \right\}, \forall k = \{1, m\} \\ &= S_{\lambda/(\rho m)} \left( \frac{1}{\rho m} \sum_{i=1}^m \rho(x_i^{k+1} + \alpha_i^k) \right)\end{aligned}$$

The soft thresholding operator,  $S(\cdot)$  denotes:

$$S_{\kappa}(a) = \begin{cases} a - \kappa, & a > \kappa \\ 0, & |a| \leq \kappa \\ a + \kappa, & a < -\kappa \end{cases}$$

Update function of  $\alpha$  from iteration  $r$  to  $r + 1$ :

$$\alpha_k^{r+1} = \alpha_k^r + \theta_k^{r+1} - \beta^{r+1}, \forall k = \{1, m\}$$

## 1.1 Data generation

Assume that:

$$\beta^r = 0, \forall r \in \{1, 2, \dots, 500\} \setminus \{100, 200, 300, 400, 500\}$$

$$\theta^r \sim N(0, 1), \forall r$$

$$\alpha^r = 0, \forall r$$

and

$$\rho = 1$$

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[1]: import numpy as np
      np.random.seed(5566)

      # dimension
      p = 500
      n = 30000

      # generate random  $x_i$ : from  $N(0,1)$ 
      X = np.random.normal(0, 1, size=(n, p))

      # generate random  $y_i$ : from  $X$ 
      y = list()
      for i in range(n):
          tmp = -2*X[i][99] - 2*X[i][199] + 2*X[i][299] + 2*X[i][399] - 2*X[i][499] +
          ↪(np.random.normal(0, 0.5))
          y.append([tmp])
      y = np.array(y)

      # generate beta: beta[100], ..., beta[500] given, others assume be zeros
      beta_r = np.zeros(shape=(p, 1))
      for i in range(p):
          if (i==99) or (i==199) or (i==499):
              beta_r[i] = [-2]
          elif (i==299) or (i==399):
              beta_r[i] = [2]

      # generate theta and alpha
      theta_r = np.random.normal(size=(p, 1))
      alpha_r = np.zeros(shape=(p, 1))

      # set parameters
      rho = 1
      num_iterations = 500
```

## 1.2 Check the dimension of each variable and parameters

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[2]: print("dimension of x:", np.shape(X))
      print("dimension of y:", np.shape(y))
      print("dimension of beta:", np.shape(beta_r))
      print("dimension of theta:", np.shape(theta_r))
      print("dimension of alpha:", np.shape(alpha_r))
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dimension of x: (30000, 500)
dimension of y: (30000, 1)
dimension of beta: (500, 1)
dimension of theta: (500, 1)
dimension of alpha: (500, 1)
```

### 1.3 Run

The primal residual ( $\mathbf{t}^{r+1}$ ) and dual residual ( $\mathbf{s}^{r+1}$ ) in iteration  $r + 1$  is:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{t}^{r+1} &= \boldsymbol{\theta}^{r+1} - \boldsymbol{\beta}^{r+1} \\ \mathbf{s}^{r+1} &= -\rho(\boldsymbol{\beta}^{r+1} - \boldsymbol{\beta}^r)\end{aligned}$$

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[3]: import pywt

def objective_function(X ,y, theta_r, lamb):
    return 0.5 * np.linalg.norm(np.dot(X, theta_r) - y, ord=2)**2 + lamb*np.
    ↪linalg.norm(theta_r, ord=1)

def lasso_admm(X, y, lamb, rho, n, p, theta_r, beta_r, alpha_r):
    primal_res_ls = []
    dual_res_ls = []

    # Initializations
    # print("-----INITIALIZATION-----")
    print("lambda =", lamb)
    val = objective_function(X ,y, theta_r, lamb)
    # print("-----")

    for iter in range(num_iterations):
        if (iter%100==0):
            print("Finish", iter, "iterations.")
            # STEP 1: Calculate theta_r
            # This has a closed form solution
            term1 = np.linalg.inv(np.dot(X.T, X) + rho*np.identity(p))
            term2 = np.dot(X.T, y) + rho*(beta_r - alpha_r)
            theta_r = np.dot(term1, term2)

            # STEP 2: Calculate beta_r
            # Taking the prox, we get the lasso problem again, so, using
            ↪coordinate_descent
            beta_r_old = beta_r
            term3 = theta_r + alpha_r
            beta_r = pywt.threshold(term3, lamb/rho, "soft")

            # STEP 2.5: Calculate Euclidean norm of Residuals
            primal_res = np.linalg.norm(np.dot(np.identity(p), theta_r) - np.dot(np.
            ↪identity(p), beta_r), ord=2)
            dual_res = np.linalg.norm(rho*(-1)*(beta_r - beta_r_old), ord=2)
            primal_res_ls.append(primal_res)
            dual_res_ls.append(dual_res)
    # print(primal_res, dual_res)
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    # STEP 3: Update alpha_r (alpha)
    alpha_r = alpha_r + theta_r - beta_r
    val = objective_function(X ,y, theta_r, lamb)

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    primal_res = np.linalg.norm(np.dot(np.identity(p), theta_r) - np.dot(np.
↪identity(p), beta_r), ord=2)
    dual_res = np.linalg.norm(rho*(-1)*(beta_r - beta_r_old), ord=2)
    primal_res_ls.append(primal_res)
    dual_res_ls.append(dual_res)
    print("-----FINISH-----")
    # Return the Primal Residual list, Dual Residual list and the final val as ↪
↪beta ~LASSO
    return primal_res_ls, dual_res_ls, beta_r

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## 1.4 Problem 1

Fix tuning parameter  $\lambda$  at 4 different values you like and run the iterative scheme under the 4 different values of  $\lambda$  separately. Produce 4 plots according to the 4 different values of  $\lambda$  with the following format: The x-axis is the number of iterations  $r$  and the y-axis is the Euclidean norm of the primal residual and dual residual of the iterative scheme.

In here, let  $\lambda = [0.01, 0.1, 0.5, 1]$ .

```

[4]: lamb_ls = [0.01, 0.1, 0.5, 1]
    primal_res_ls = list()
    dual_res_ls = list()
    beta_lasso_ls = list()
    for index in range(len(lamb_ls)):
        primal_res, dual_res, beta_r = lasso_admm(X, y, lamb_ls[index], rho, n, p, ↪
↪theta_r, beta_r, alpha_r)
        primal_res_ls.append(primal_res)
        dual_res_ls.append(dual_res)
        beta_lasso_ls.append(beta_r)

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lambda = 0.01
Finish 0 iterations.
Finish 100 iterations.
Finish 200 iterations.
Finish 300 iterations.
Finish 400 iterations.
-----FINISH-----
lambda = 0.1
Finish 0 iterations.
Finish 100 iterations.
Finish 200 iterations.
Finish 300 iterations.
Finish 400 iterations.

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-----FINISH-----
lambda = 0.5
Finish 0 iterations.
Finish 100 iterations.
Finish 200 iterations.
Finish 300 iterations.
Finish 400 iterations.
-----FINISH-----
lambda = 1
Finish 0 iterations.
Finish 100 iterations.
Finish 200 iterations.
Finish 300 iterations.
Finish 400 iterations.
-----FINISH-----

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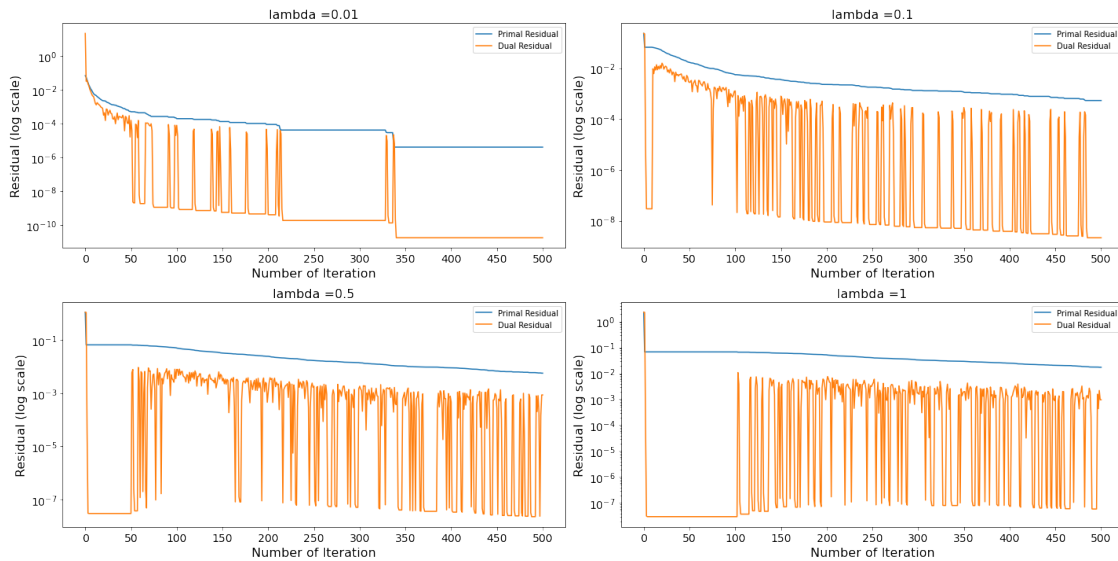
[5]: import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

plt.figure(figsize = (20, 10))

for index in range(len(lamb_ls)):
    plt.subplot(2, 2, index+1)
    plt.plot(primal_res_ls[index], label = "Primal Residual")
    plt.plot(dual_res_ls[index], label = "Dual Residual")
    plt.legend()
    plt.title("lambda =" + str(lamb_ls[index]), fontsize = 16)
    plt.xlabel("Number of Iteration", fontsize = 16)
    plt.ylabel("Residual (log scale)", fontsize = 16)
    plt.xticks(np.arange(0, num_iterations+1, num_iterations/10), fontsize = 14)
    plt.yticks(fontsize = 14)
    plt.yscale("log")

plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()

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## 2 Problem 2

Select 20 different values of  $\lambda$  from the interval  $[0.001, 5]$  and run the iterative scheme under the 20 different values of  $\lambda$  separately. Collect the values of  $\hat{\beta}^{\text{lasso}}(\lambda)$ . Produce a trace plot of  $\hat{\beta}^{\text{lasso}}(\lambda)$  with the following format: The x-axis is the value of  $\lambda$  and the y-axis is  $\hat{\beta}^{\text{lasso}}(\lambda)$ . Since we have  $p = 500$ , there should be 500 such trace lines for  $\hat{\beta}^{\text{lasso}}(\lambda)$ . Use red color to draw the trace lines for the 100th, 200th, 300th, 400th and 500th elements of  $\hat{\beta}^{\text{lasso}}(\lambda)$ , and gray color to draw the trace line for the rest of elements in  $\hat{\beta}^{\text{lasso}}(\lambda)$ .

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[6]: lamb_ls_len = 20
     lamb_ls = np.random.uniform(low = 0.001, high = 5, size=(20,))
     len(lamb_ls)
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[6]: 20
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[7]: primal_res_ls = list()
     dual_res_ls = list()
     beta_lasso_ls = list()
     for index in range(len(lamb_ls)):
         primal_res, dual_res, beta_r = lasso_admm(X, y, lamb_ls[index], rho, n, p, u,
         ↪ theta_r, beta_r, alpha_r)
         primal_res_ls.append(primal_res)
         dual_res_ls.append(dual_res)
         beta_lasso_ls.append(beta_r)
```

```
lambda = 1.590380070898616
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Finish 0 iterations.
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Finish 100 iterations.
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Finish 200 iterations.
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Finish 300 iterations.
Finish 400 iterations.
-----FINISH-----
lambda = 1.6695763722971908
Finish 0 iterations.
Finish 100 iterations.
Finish 200 iterations.
Finish 300 iterations.
Finish 400 iterations.
-----FINISH-----
lambda = 4.84768553586487
Finish 0 iterations.
Finish 100 iterations.
Finish 200 iterations.
Finish 300 iterations.
Finish 400 iterations.
-----FINISH-----
lambda = 1.2596073619216086
Finish 0 iterations.
Finish 100 iterations.
Finish 200 iterations.
Finish 300 iterations.
Finish 400 iterations.
-----FINISH-----
lambda = 4.988591187458686
Finish 0 iterations.
Finish 100 iterations.
Finish 200 iterations.
Finish 300 iterations.
Finish 400 iterations.
-----FINISH-----
lambda = 2.2868549652224037
Finish 0 iterations.
Finish 100 iterations.
Finish 200 iterations.
Finish 300 iterations.
Finish 400 iterations.
-----FINISH-----
lambda = 1.5426213311814418
Finish 0 iterations.
Finish 100 iterations.
Finish 200 iterations.
Finish 300 iterations.
Finish 400 iterations.
-----FINISH-----
lambda = 1.3357004823076384
Finish 0 iterations.
Finish 100 iterations.

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Finish 200 iterations.
Finish 300 iterations.
Finish 400 iterations.
-----FINISH-----
lambda = 2.665296278983647
Finish 0 iterations.
Finish 100 iterations.
Finish 200 iterations.
Finish 300 iterations.
Finish 400 iterations.
-----FINISH-----
lambda = 2.522650144048508
Finish 0 iterations.
Finish 100 iterations.
Finish 200 iterations.
Finish 300 iterations.
Finish 400 iterations.
-----FINISH-----
lambda = 3.197874736766807
Finish 0 iterations.
Finish 100 iterations.
Finish 200 iterations.
Finish 300 iterations.
Finish 400 iterations.
-----FINISH-----
lambda = 2.1549749671180813
Finish 0 iterations.
Finish 100 iterations.
Finish 200 iterations.
Finish 300 iterations.
Finish 400 iterations.
-----FINISH-----
lambda = 3.965521127396994
Finish 0 iterations.
Finish 100 iterations.
Finish 200 iterations.
Finish 300 iterations.
Finish 400 iterations.
-----FINISH-----
lambda = 3.5968752477631547
Finish 0 iterations.
Finish 100 iterations.
Finish 200 iterations.
Finish 300 iterations.
Finish 400 iterations.
-----FINISH-----
lambda = 0.6151221609502391
Finish 0 iterations.

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Finish 100 iterations.
Finish 200 iterations.
Finish 300 iterations.
Finish 400 iterations.
-----FINISH-----
lambda = 0.6922662210820328
Finish 0 iterations.
Finish 100 iterations.
Finish 200 iterations.
Finish 300 iterations.
Finish 400 iterations.
-----FINISH-----
lambda = 1.4408009056010909
Finish 0 iterations.
Finish 100 iterations.
Finish 200 iterations.
Finish 300 iterations.
Finish 400 iterations.
-----FINISH-----
lambda = 4.686215645762935
Finish 0 iterations.
Finish 100 iterations.
Finish 200 iterations.
Finish 300 iterations.
Finish 400 iterations.
-----FINISH-----
lambda = 2.529935491576068
Finish 0 iterations.
Finish 100 iterations.
Finish 200 iterations.
Finish 300 iterations.
Finish 400 iterations.
-----FINISH-----
lambda = 1.9897793787475546
Finish 0 iterations.
Finish 100 iterations.
Finish 200 iterations.
Finish 300 iterations.
Finish 400 iterations.
-----FINISH-----

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[8]: lasso_list = np.reshape(beta_lasso_ls, (len(lamb_ls), p))
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[9]: plt.figure(figsize = (10, 5))

for i in range(len(lasso_list)):
    plt.scatter([lamb_ls[i]]*p, lasso_list[i], color = 'grey')
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plt.scatter([lamb_ls[i]], lasso_list[i][99], color = 'red')
plt.scatter([lamb_ls[i]], lasso_list[i][199], color = 'red')
plt.scatter([lamb_ls[i]], lasso_list[i][299], color = 'red')
plt.scatter([lamb_ls[i]], lasso_list[i][399], color = 'red')
plt.scatter([lamb_ls[i]], lasso_list[i][499], color = 'red')

plt.title("Different lambda with beta^lasso", fontsize = 16)
plt.xlabel("lambda", fontsize = 16)
plt.ylabel("beta^lasso", fontsize = 16)
plt.xticks(np.arange(0, 5.01, 0.5), fontsize = 14)
plt.yticks(fontsize = 14)
plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()

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