

## ST810: Big Data – Assignment 4 – Due 9/17

In this assignment, you will conduct a **simulation** study to determine properties of **bootstrap standard errors for the LASSO**. You may use the bootstrap function is given at

[http://www4.stat.ncsu.edu/~reich/BigData/assignments/lasso\\_boot.R](http://www4.stat.ncsu.edu/~reich/BigData/assignments/lasso_boot.R)

Pick a simulation scenario ( $n$ ,  $p$ , **true  $\beta$** , etc.) and generate 1,000 data sets. For each dataset, obtain **bootstrap confidence intervals** for the elements of  $\beta$  and determine whether the true value of  $\beta$  is in the interval. Report the **empirical coverage probability** for each element of  $\beta$ , that is, the proportion of the 1,000 CIs that contained the true value.

**Final report:** Your final report should be on one piece of paper (front and back, single spaced, 11 font, 1 inch margins) and have the following section titles:

1. **Summary:** One paragraph overview of the objectives, methods, and results.
2. **Methods:** Provide a brief discussion of the methods used to simulate and analyze the datasets, and to **summarize the simulation results** (you **do not need** to include code).
3. **Results:** Create a **well-labeled table or figure** clearly presenting your results.
4. **Conclusions:** Summarize the results in a **paragraph** and give **general recommendations**. Is coverage different **depending on the true value of  $\beta$ ?**