

$x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ is multivariate Gaussian.

$$x_i \perp x_j \mid x_{-ij} \Leftrightarrow Q_{ij} = 0$$

(Q is precision matrix $Q = \Sigma^{-1}$)

$$\text{corr}(x_i, x_j \mid x_{-ij}) = - \frac{Q_{ij}}{\sqrt{Q_{ii} Q_{jj}}} \quad \text{conditional}$$

$$\text{corr}(x_i, x_j) = \Sigma_{ij} / \sqrt{\Sigma_{ii} \Sigma_{jj}} \quad \text{marginal}$$

- Estimate Q by maximizing log-likelihood

$$\log \det Q - \text{tr}(S Q)$$

(S : the empirical covariance matrix)

- To enforce sparsity, introduce penalty term.

$$\log \det Q - \text{tr}(S Q) - \lambda \|Q\|_1$$

Existing Solution:

△. (Yuan and Lin): Interior point method.

△. Banerjee et al.: estimate covariance matrix Σ , instead of its inverse Q

- Friedman: Graphical Lasso

Solve Lasso problem on each variable separately until convergence.

Lasso Problem:

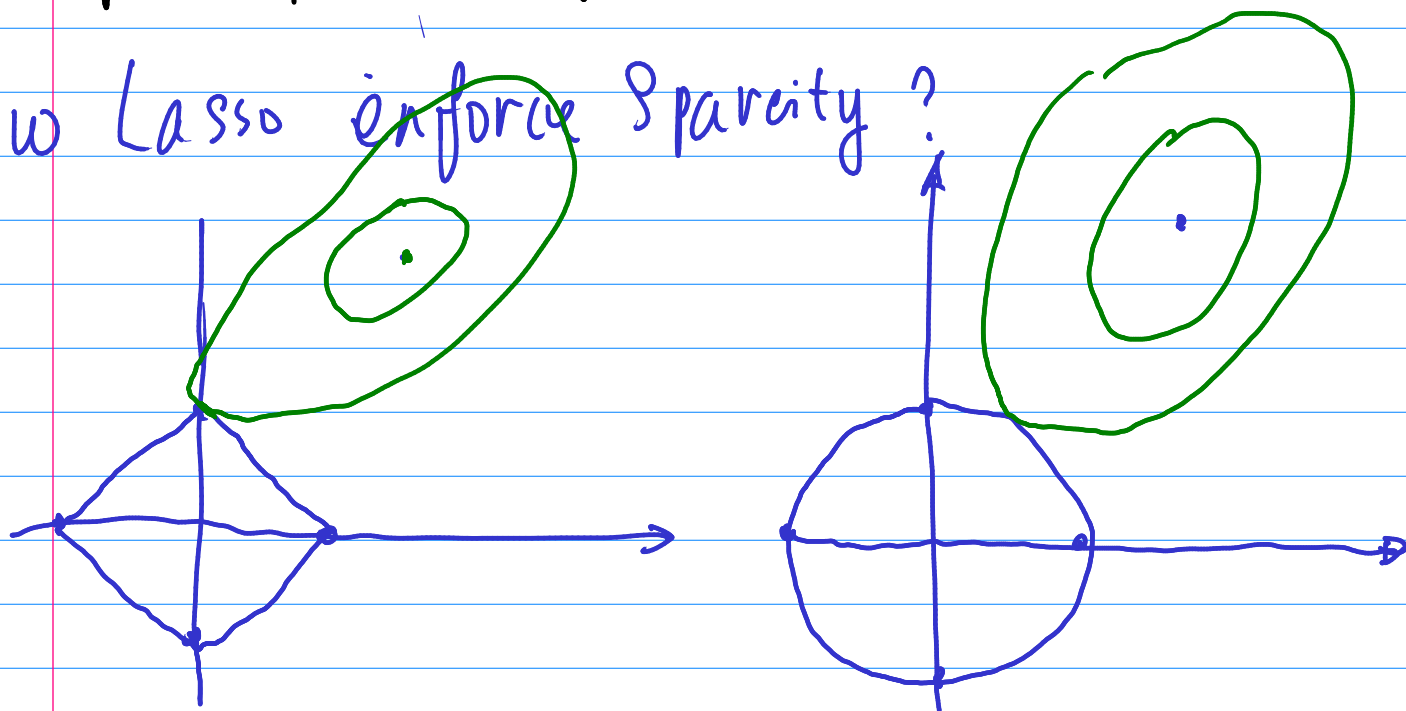
$$\hat{\beta} = \operatorname{argmin} \sum_{i=1}^N (y_i - \sum_{j=1}^p x_{ij} \beta_j)^2$$

$$\text{subject to } \sum_{j=1}^p |\beta_j| \leq t$$

or equivalently

$$f(\beta) = \sum_{i=1}^N (y_i - \sum_{j=1}^p x_{ij} \beta_j)^2 + \lambda \sum_{j=1}^p |\beta_j|$$

How Lasso enforce sparsity?



Graphical Lasso : Estimate sparseness of the graph (for multivariate Gaussian), i.e. Model selection.

Elastic Net : Regularization term is linear combination of L_1 and L_2 penalty.

$$\rho_{\alpha}(\beta) = (1-\alpha) \|\beta\|_{L_2}^2 + \alpha \|\beta\|_{L_1}$$
$$\min \left[\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (y_i - x_i^T \beta)^2 + \lambda \rho_{\alpha}(\beta) \right]$$

- Elastic Net can be used to estimate graph sparseness just like Lasso.
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Extension Lasso to multi-subjects of fMRI

Group Lasso :

X : $N \times p$ observation matrix

Y : $N \times 1$ response variable.

p features are grouped into $\beta_1, \dots, \beta_j, \dots, \beta_J$

into J groups

Group lasso try to minimize

$$\|y - \sum_{j=1}^J X_j \beta_j\|^2 + \lambda \sum_{j=1}^J \|\beta_j\|$$

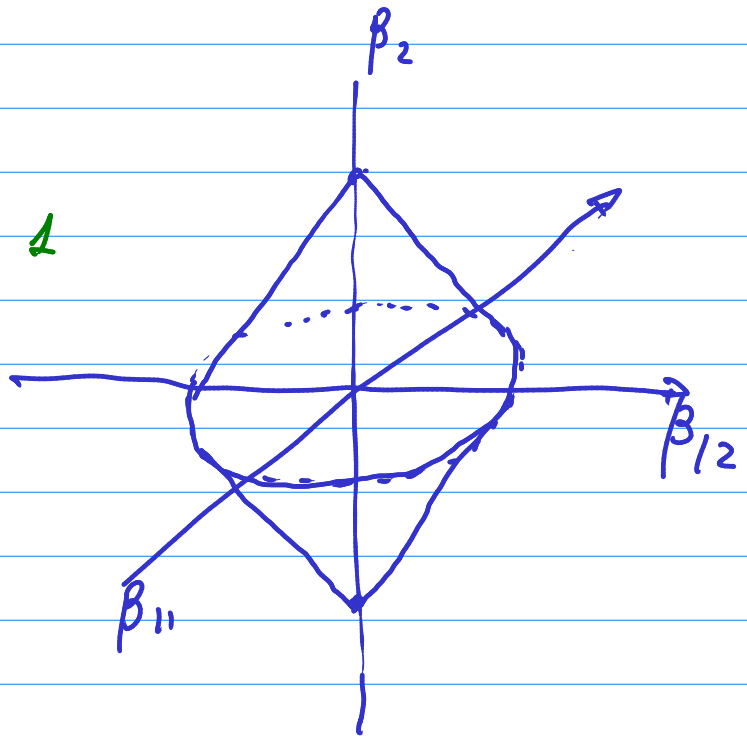
X_j : design matrix for β_j feature in group j

β_j : for group j .

all β in β_j are removed or added into the model together.

β_{11} and β_{12} in same Group 1

β_2 in group 2



Relation to fMRI

Each subject in a group

$$\begin{bmatrix} y_1^{(1)} \\ \vdots \\ y_N^{(1)} \\ y_1^{(2)} \\ \vdots \\ y_N^{(2)} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_{11}^{(1)} & \dots & x_{1p}^{(1)} & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots \\ x_{N1}^{(1)} & \dots & x_{Np}^{(1)} & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots \\ x_{11}^{(2)} & \dots & x_{1p}^{(2)} & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots \\ x_{N1}^{(2)} & \dots & x_{Np}^{(2)} & \dots & 0 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} \beta_1^{(1)} \\ \vdots \\ \beta_p^{(1)} \\ \beta_1^{(2)} \\ \vdots \\ \beta_p^{(2)} \end{bmatrix} + \epsilon$$

$N \times 1$

$N \times p$

$p \times 1$

time points \times # sub
300 20

voxels \times # subs
1000~30K 20

X is big, sparse.

Solution available for sparse X

We can use group lasso to estimate graph edges. thus Graphical group Lasso (Friedman, 2010)

A few notes:

* Estimate sparseness also can estimate arc strength (Gaël Varoquaux) only estimate sparseness.

arc strength $\Leftrightarrow \beta$

* disregard temporal correlation (same with linear correlation)

* P independent regression problem \Rightarrow potential to parallel

* choose λ (sparseness), cross validation.

~~* sparsity should be smooth~~

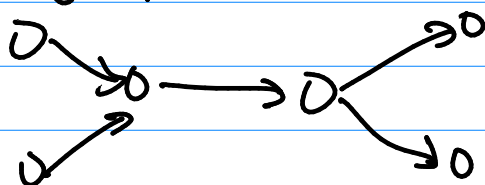
* Use network as regressor for regression on clinical variable?

* Negative correlation?

* Can Lasso replace the regression on white matter and CSF?

* Use flow-cut to analyze network?

* How to generate synthetic data
generate graph first?



\Rightarrow generate sample?

△. also estimate the sparsity of edges.

$$\triangle \| \beta \|_k = (\beta' K \beta)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

△ Bayesian interpretation: regularizer as prior
Lasso \Rightarrow Laplacian prior.

[DTI into prior?]

△ Post processing on the network
small-worldness u.u.

△ Multi-task Learning in ML community.