

MIO:

Computational cost

solution

$$\min F(\beta) \quad \text{s.t. } \beta_j = 0, j \notin I(\tilde{\beta})$$

$$f(\beta) + \lambda \|\beta\|_q$$

$I(\tilde{\beta})$

DFO:

$$\beta^{(m+1)} \in S\left(\beta^{(m)} - \frac{1}{L} \nabla f(\beta^{(m)}); k; \frac{\lambda}{L} \log\right)$$

Discrete First Order

thresholding operator

sensitive to the initialization  $\beta^{(1)}$

$$\beta^{(1)}, \lambda, L, \tau$$

$$(L \geq L_0)$$

$$k\text{-sparse}$$

$$\Rightarrow I(\tilde{\beta}) = \{i; \tilde{\beta}_i \neq 0, i \in [p]\}$$

Neighborhood Continuation:

① initialize  $\hat{\beta}(\lambda_i; k_j) \leftarrow 0, i, j \in [N] \times [r]$

$\Downarrow$

$\hat{\beta}(\lambda_a, k_b)$

all OR one?

$\beta^{(1)}$  SWAP

② for  $i \in [N], j \in [r]$

a.  $\hat{\beta}(\lambda_a; k_b) \rightarrow \text{DFO} \rightarrow \{\hat{\beta}_{a,b}, F_{a,b}\}$   
4 neighborhood initializations

b.  $\hat{\beta}(\lambda_i; k_j) \leftarrow \hat{\beta}_{a,b}$  with minimum  $\{F_{a,b}\}$

③ repeat ② until  $\{F(\lambda_i; k_j)\}_{i,j}$  stop changing between successive sweeps.

A (Randomized) Local Search Heuristic:

for every nonzero initialization  $\hat{\beta}(\lambda_a, k_b)$ , randomly swap

roughly 50% of the nonzero coefficients with an equal number of zero coefficients before passing it as an initialization to the DFO.

How to ensure 50% of nonzero  $\leftrightarrow$  number of zero?