# Project 2: Breast Cancer Prediction Model

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#### Introduction

Breast cancer is the most common invasive cancer and the second leading cause of death from cancer in women worldwide, marked by the uncontrolled growth of breast cells. Non-cancerous breast tumors do not metastasize and are usually not life-threatening, while malignant tumors are cancerous, aggressive and deadly. Therefore, it's important to have breast lumps accurately diagnosed so that decision with regard to medical treatment, rehabilitation and personal matters can be made appropriately.

## **Objectives**

The main objective of this project is to build an accurate predictive model based on logistic regression that classifies between malignant and benign images of breast tissue. Using the Breast Cancer Diagnosis dataset, logistics model and logistic-LASSO model will be implemented to predict the diagnosis. A Newton-Raphson algorithm and Pathwise Coordinate optimization will be developed to estimate the logistic model and the lasso model respectively. We aim to find the model with the best performance in terms of predicting when breast tissue is malignant.

## **Breast Cancer Diagnosis Dataset**

The Breast Cancer Diagnosis dataset, with 569 observations, contains the diagnosis and a set of 10 features capturing the characteristics of the cell nuclei present in the digitized image of breast mass. The ten features collected for each cell nucleus are:

- radius (mean of distances from center to points on the perimeter)
- texture (standard deviation of gray-scale values)
- perimeter
- area
- smoothness (local variation in radius lengths)
- compactness (perimeter 2 / area 1.0)
- concavity (severity of concave portions of the contour)
- concave points (number of concave portions of the contour)
- symmetry
- fractal dimension ("coastline approximation" 1)

The mean, standard deviation (SD) and largest values of these features are computed for each image, resulting in 30 possible predictive variables. We will analyze the predictive ability for diagnosis of malignant or benign cases of these covariates. The mean of each feature will be included in our models and presented in the result section. We will also create models with all 30 predictors however, these results will be reported in the supplement section.

#### Methods

## **Model Parameters**

For logistic regression we assume the response variable  $Y_i$  for the  $i_{th}$  observation follows a binary distribution:

$$Y_i \sim Bin(\pi_i)$$

where  $\pi_i$  denotes the probability that the  $i_{th}$  observation's tissue is malignant. We can assume all observations are independent from one another, hence the likelihood function for the vector  $\boldsymbol{\pi}$  can be written as:

$$L(\pi) = \prod_{i=1}^{n} f(y_i) = \prod_{i=1}^{n} \pi_i^{y_i} (1 - \pi_i)^{1 - y_i}$$

For logistic regression, the logit link function is used:

$$\log(\frac{\pi_i}{1-\pi_i}) = \boldsymbol{\beta}^T \boldsymbol{x}_i = \theta_i$$

where  $\mathbf{x}_i^T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & x_{1i} & x_{2i} & \dots & x_{pi} \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\boldsymbol{\beta}^T = \begin{bmatrix} \beta_0 & \beta_1 & \beta_2 & \dots & \beta_p \end{bmatrix}$ . One can solve for  $\pi_i = \frac{e^{\theta_i}}{1 + e^{\theta_i}}$ . We aim to find the best estimate of the vector of coefficients,  $\boldsymbol{\beta}$ . The log-likelihood function for this vector can be written as:

$$l(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = logL(\boldsymbol{\pi}) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} (Y_i log \frac{\pi_i}{1 - \pi_i} + log(1 - \pi_i)) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} (Y_i \theta_i - log(1 + e^{\theta_i}))$$

The maximum likelihood is thus achieved when the gradient is equal to zero and the Hessian is negative definite. The gradient can be found to be:

$$\nabla l(\boldsymbol{\theta}|\boldsymbol{X}) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} (Y_i - \pi_i) \boldsymbol{x}_i = \boldsymbol{X}^T (\boldsymbol{Y} - \boldsymbol{\pi})$$

The Hessian matrix is thus:

$$\nabla^2 l(\boldsymbol{\theta}|\boldsymbol{X}) = -\sum_{i=1}^n \pi_i (1 - \pi_i) \boldsymbol{x}_i \boldsymbol{x}_i^T = -\boldsymbol{X}^T diag(\pi_i (1 - \pi_i)) \boldsymbol{X}$$

## Full model

In order to estimate  $\beta$  we need to maximize the loglikelihood function. There is no closed form, hence we turn to numerical methods. The Newton-Raphson method is used to fit the full logistic model. To find the maximum likelihood estimate of each element of  $\beta$ , an iterative process is set as follows:

$$\theta_{i+1} = \theta_i - \delta(\nabla^2 l(\theta_i | \boldsymbol{X}) - \gamma I)^{-1} \nabla l(\theta_i | \boldsymbol{X})$$

This is the Newton-Raphson method with two modifications.  $\delta$  is included in the process to accomplish the step-halving modification, the step coefficient ensures the likelihood is always increasing in order to achieve quicker convergence. Once the likelihood approaches convergence the steps become smaller until convergence is reached.  $\gamma$  is the modification coefficient to ensure the aescent direction of the iteration vector at  $\theta_i$ .

## Logit-lasso Pathwise Coordinate-wise Update Algorithm

In the case of large dimensionality or multicollinearity of predictors it can be beneficial to perform a regularization method which shrinks coefficients and can perform variable selection. Here we implement the Least Absolute Shrinkage and Selection Operator (LASSO) method for logistic regression with a path-wise coordinate-wise optimization algorithm to select variables from the full model, increase the prediction efficiency and avoid overfitting. With the ten predictor model, LASSO may not be as beneficial compared to the 30 predictor model where we have 30 predictors describing 10 features hence are likely to experience multicollinearity and expect LASSO to outperform the classical logistic regression.

In LASSO we add an L1 penalization term to the loss function, such that we try to find the coefficients to minimize:

$$min_{(\boldsymbol{\beta})}\{-l(\boldsymbol{\beta}) + \lambda \sum_{j=0}^{p} |\beta_j|\}$$

With the pathwise coordinate-wise update algorithm, we find the likelihood to be:

$$l(\boldsymbol{\beta}) = -\frac{1}{2n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \omega_i (z_i - \boldsymbol{X_i} \boldsymbol{\beta})^2$$

where,

$$\pi_i = \frac{exp(\boldsymbol{X_i\beta})}{1 + exp(\boldsymbol{X_i\beta})}$$

$$\omega_i = \pi_i (1 - \pi_i)$$

$$z_i = \boldsymbol{X_i}\boldsymbol{\beta} + \frac{y_i - \pi_i}{\pi_i(1 - \pi_i)}$$

One must pre-define the tuning parameter sequence  $\{\lambda_1, ..., \lambda_s\}$  and a starting vector  $\boldsymbol{\beta_{start}} = \{\beta_0^{(0)}, ..., \beta_p^{(0)}\}$ . When choosing the sequence of lambdas, it is best to define  $max(\boldsymbol{\lambda}) = max(\boldsymbol{\beta})$ , where  $\boldsymbol{\beta}$  refers to the estimated coefficients from the logistic regression, such that all coefficients will shrink to zero. The optimal process for each  $\lambda_u$  is then found by using the optimal  $\boldsymbol{\beta_{u-1}}$  from the previous iteration as a warm start in order to reach the optimal values quicker. Within every iteration for each lambda, the optimal  $\boldsymbol{\beta}$  is searched using coordinate-wise updating, that is it is minimized over one parameter at a time while keeping all others fixed.

For  $\beta_i$  in  $t_{th}$  iteration

$$\beta_{j}^{(t)} = \begin{cases} \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} \omega_{i}(z_{i} - \sum_{j=1}^{p} X_{i} \beta_{j})}{\sum_{i}^{n} \omega_{i}}, & j = 0\\ \frac{s(\beta_{j}^{(t*)}, \lambda_{u} n)}{\sum_{i=1}^{n} \omega_{i} x_{ij}^{2}}, & j = 1, 2, ..., p \end{cases}$$

$$\beta_{j}^{(t*)} = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \omega_{i} x_{ij} z_{ij}^{*}$$

$$z_{ij}^{*} = z_{i} - \sum_{k=0}^{j-1} \beta_{k}^{(i)} x_{ik} - \sum_{k=j+1}^{p} \beta_{k}^{(i-1)} x_{ik}$$

$$\beta_{k} \neq 0$$

#### **Cross Validation**

In order to find the optimal lambda, we use 5-fold cross validation. The dataset is divided into five subdatasets. The optimal coefficients is then found five times by running the logit-LASSO on a combination of four of the five subsets, leaving a different subset out each time. The subset left out is then used to estimate the model performance. This is done for all lambdas in the pre-defined sequence in order to search for the lambda with the highest average predictive ability. The statistics we use to compare predictive ability auc AUC, SSE and G-statistic. AUC is defined as:

$$AUC = \frac{\sum_{i \in M} rank_i(\frac{-P(P+1)}{2})}{PN}$$

where i indicates the  $i_{th}$  observation; M is defined as the collection of malignant cases; rank is defined as the rank of the predicted probability among all observations (if same prediction among observations, take the averaged rank), and P and N are defined as the total number of malignant and benign cases, respectively.

SSE is defined as:

$$SSE = \sum_{i=1}^{n} (y_i - \widehat{\pi}_i)^2$$

where  $\widehat{\pi}_i = log \frac{exp(\mathbf{X}_i \beta)}{1 + exp(\mathbf{X}_i \beta)}$ .

G-statistic is defined as:

$$G = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{y_i - \widehat{\pi}_i}{\widehat{\pi}_i (1 - \widehat{\pi}_i)}$$

We want both of SSE and the G-statistics to be minimized and the AUC, which ranges from 0 to 1, to be as close to 1 as possible. We calculate the above three values using the test set to evaluate the model performance. We will use the AUC as the criteria to choose the best tuning parameter  $(\lambda)$  and the corresponding model obtained using the training sets.

# Results

## Logistic Regression Model

The results from the logistic model estimated using the modified Newton-Raphson algorithm with stephalving and gradient ascent can be found in Table 1. Here we are showing the results when only using the means of the ten features as predictors. We found average area had the largest coefficient. For a one unit increase in the average area of the tissue, we expect to see a change in the log odds of having a malignant tutor of 14, holding all other predictors constant. The predictors were all standardized so caution must be used when analyzing these coefficients however, this seems to be very high however. The smallest coefficient, -7.22, was estimated for average radius. The results from logistic regression using the mean, SD and largest values of the 10 features (30 predictors) are shown in Supplementary Table 1.

| o:                     |            |
|------------------------|------------|
| intercept              | 0.4870168  |
| radius_mean            | -7.2218505 |
| texture_mean           | 1.6547562  |
| perimeter_mean         | -1.7376303 |
| area_mean              | 14.0048456 |
| smoothness_mean        | 1.0749533  |
| compactness_mean       | -0.0772346 |
| concavity_mean         | 0.6751231  |
| concave points_mean    | 2.5928743  |
| symmetry_mean          | 0.4462563  |
| fractal_dimension_mean | -0.4824842 |

Table 1. Estimated coefficients of logistic regression with 10 mean features

# Logistic-LASSO Model

The sequence of  $\lambda$  we compared ranged from three to zero, with a length of 100. The pre-defined values for all  $\beta$  coefficients including the intercept was 0.02. The optimal  $\lambda$  was selected based on the minimum SSE, maxmimum AUC and minimum g-statistics estimated on the test dataset. The results from each of the five folds can be found in Table 2.

|               | Enter                | Fold1       | Fold2       | Fold3       | Fold4       | Fold5       |
|---------------|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| k             | 0.00                 | 1.0000000   | 2.0000000   | 3.0000000   | 4.0000000   | 5.0000000   |
| best_lambda   | 0.00                 | 0.0000000   | 0.0000000   | 0.0000000   | 0.0000000   | 0.0000000   |
| $beta\_vec1$  | 0.02                 | -0.5851898  | -0.5921021  | -0.6782398  | -0.6305423  | -0.5250743  |
| $beta\_vec2$  | 0.02                 | 1.9370600   | 1.8598428   | 1.8706748   | 1.0162875   | 1.7805325   |
| $beta\_vec3$  | 0.02                 | 0.8620696   | 0.9438123   | 0.9124855   | 0.8276538   | 0.9191474   |
| $beta\_vec4$  | 0.02                 | -0.0027197  | 0.0110750   | 0.0517034   | 1.0505263   | -0.0067178  |
| $beta\_vec5$  | 0.02                 | -0.0045932  | -0.0077140  | -0.0160055  | -0.0010837  | -0.0105529  |
| beta_vec6     | 0.02                 | 0.4154545   | 0.4039963   | 0.3839284   | 0.3662432   | 0.5432791   |
| $beta\_vec7$  | 0.02                 | -0.0406285  | 0.0146759   | -0.0267084  | 0.0795153   | -0.0452543  |
| beta_vec8     | 0.02                 | 0.1820403   | 0.1956254   | 0.3122696   | 0.2686984   | 0.1299537   |
| beta_vec9     | 0.02                 | 2.0666740   | 1.9595822   | 1.9458032   | 1.8233049   | 2.3142211   |
| $beta\_vec10$ | 0.02                 | 0.0725989   | 0.1110710   | 0.1140780   | 0.1066402   | 0.1031025   |
| beta_vec11    | 0.02                 | -0.1413081  | -0.1589079  | -0.1699873  | -0.1369779  | -0.1387135  |
| $g.stat\_tr$  | $\operatorname{Inf}$ | 137.3082360 | 135.9975379 | 116.9462145 | 135.4900541 | 114.5090024 |
| auc_te        | 0.00                 | 0.9913435   | 0.9923154   | 0.9849530   | 0.9826870   | 0.9743770   |
| $g.stat\_te$  | Inf                  | 22.6159703  | 22.1514224  | 48.1975784  | 34.5067570  | 48.0076306  |
| SSE_test      | $\operatorname{Inf}$ | 4.2783563   | 4.1138120   | 4.9735803   | 5.9718400   | 6.8409613   |

Table 2. 5-fold cross validation coefficients of logistic-LASSO model and optimal lambda

We find the results are consistant across all five folds based on all three statistics. The optimal  $\lambda$  appears to be zero. This implies the L1 penalization term added to the loss function is not effecting our model. Using the test data of each fold, the AUC ranges from 0.99 to 0.97, the g-statistic ranges from 22.6 to 48.0, while SSE ranges from 4.1 to 6.8.

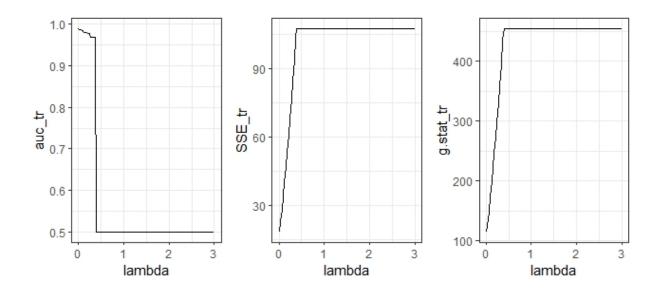


Fig 1. Predictive ability criteria over range of  $\lambda$ 

Figure 1 shows the trend in AUC, SSE and g-statistic over the range of lambdas tested. With the increase of  $\lambda$ , both SSE and g-statistics have a dramatic increase and become constant around 0.4. AUC decreases drastically from 1 to 0.4. All of them indicate that the bigger the  $\lambda$  is, the worse the model performs.

Since the optimal  $\lambda = 0$ , none of the coefficients of the logistic-lasso is shrunk to zero, as seen in Table 3. The coefficient terms are much smaller compared to those estimated by the classic logistic regression however.

| beta_0   | beta_1 | beta_2  | beta_3  | beta_4  | beta_5  | beta_6 | beta_7  | beta_8  | beta_9  | beta_10  |
|----------|--------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------|---------|---------|---------|----------|
| -0.53551 | 2.1002 | 0.87201 | 0.08757 | -0.0195 | 0.81993 | 0.0722 | 0.41069 | 1.27974 | 0.07145 | -0.15123 |

Table 3. Coefficients of final logistic-LASSO model

The results when all 30 predictors are considered, and their corresponding Cross Validation results in each fold, are shown in Supplementary Table 2. The optimal  $\lambda$  under that scenario is 0.03, which shrinks about 20 coefficients to 0, as presented in Supplementary Table 3.

#### Discussion

The full logistic model using the ten predictors resulted in an AUC of 0.9879 while the LASSO-Logistic model using the same predictors resulted in an AUC of 0.99, thus as expected the logistic-LASSO regression is a more optimal model between these two options. The difference is very small however and if one is interested in interpreting the coefficients the full logistic model may still be preferred. When attempting to estimate a binary outcome, there are many other models which could have been examined as well. We could have compared our results to other generalized linear models using a probit or complementary log-log link function. It could be of interest to perform these models in addition to the logistic link.

The logistic-LASSO model appears to perform very well on this data, achieving a very high AUC (found in Table 2). This is very important because it implies a high sensitivity and specificity, thus often properly

diagnosing breast tissue. This is most likely a result of our predictors being highly associated with whether or not tissue is malignant. When all 30 predictors are included in our model, the AUC only increases marginally (found in Supplementary Table 2). However when LASSO is performed, many predictors based on mean are shrunk to zero and instead predictors based on largest (worst) value of the features remain in the model. This could be due to largest value being better predictors but could also be due to the predictors being highly correlated with one another and thus LASSO is picking largest value to remain in the model at random. This is a potential limitation of LASSO regression.

# Supplement

|                                 | coef         |
|---------------------------------|--------------|
| cur.ones                        | 10.9788932   |
| cur.radius_mean                 | -156.8293242 |
| cur.texture_mean                | 2.4425562    |
| cur.perimeter_mean              | 14.5634941   |
| cur.area_mean                   | 131.2208078  |
| $cur.smoothness\_mean$          | 8.6614671    |
| cur.compactness_mean            | -23.4558454  |
| cur.concavity_mean              | 14.5243749   |
| cur.concave.points_mean         | 11.9608850   |
| cur.symmetry_mean               | -4.3787895   |
| $cur.fractal\_dimension\_mean$  | 1.9332019    |
| cur.radius_se                   | -1.0039330   |
| cur.texture_se                  | -3.2262845   |
| $cur.perimeter\_se$             | -15.6575530  |
| cur.area_se                     | 51.9843423   |
| $cur.smoothness\_se$            | -0.3215738   |
| $cur.compactness\_se$           | 14.6159803   |
| cur.concavity_se                | -20.2182318  |
| $cur.concave.points\_se$        | 19.2175444   |
| $cur.symmetry\_se$              | -5.9974445   |
| $cur.fractal\_dimension\_se$    | -23.1327888  |
| cur.radius_worst                | 73.9636466   |
| cur.texture_worst               | 7.1661910    |
| cur.perimeter_worst             | 19.0033108   |
| cur.area_worst                  | -62.7328247  |
| $cur.smoothness\_worst$         | -4.6440407   |
| $cur.compactness\_worst$        | -11.0534416  |
| cur.concavity_worst             | 16.8479478   |
| cur.concave.points_worst        | -2.8942002   |
| $cur.symmetry\_worst$           | 9.6950239    |
| $cur.fractal\_dimension\_worst$ | 14.7267503   |
| step                            | 0.0000000    |

Supplementary Table 1: Estimated coefficients of 30 features under Newton-Raphson method

|               | Enter | Fold1      | Fold2      | Fold3      | Fold4      | Fold5        |
|---------------|-------|------------|------------|------------|------------|--------------|
| k             | 0     | 1.0000000  | 2.0000000  | 3.0000000  | 4.0000000  | 5.0000000    |
| best_lambda   | 0     | 0.0000000  | 0.0000000  | 0.0000000  | 0.0000000  | 0.0303030    |
| beta_vec1     | 1     | -0.6663464 | -0.8606693 | -0.6244876 | -0.5355721 | -0.7737072   |
| $beta\_vec2$  | 1     | 1.4446157  | 1.7172558  | 2.1313547  | 2.2414343  | 0.2165391    |
| beta_vec3     | 1     | 1.1141379  | 1.0516070  | 1.0438591  | 1.0085630  | 0.3121205    |
| $beta\_vec4$  | 1     | 0.1525774  | 0.0710993  | 0.3134996  | 0.1776248  | 0.0000000    |
| beta_vec5     | 1     | 0.3582305  | 0.2507639  | -0.0270073 | 0.1110899  | 0.0000000    |
| beta_vec6     | 1     | 0.7406111  | 0.6795368  | 1.0789549  | 1.0204367  | 0.0000000    |
| beta_vec7     | 1     | -0.7592081 | -0.5953038 | -0.0628564 | -0.3732903 | 0.0000000    |
| beta_vec8     | 1     | 0.9333178  | 0.7112050  | 1.0380966  | 0.3601083  | 0.0000000    |
| beta_vec9     | 1     | 1.1557369  | 1.4566499  | 0.2751937  | 1.9059881  | 0.8541841    |
| $beta\_vec10$ | 1     | 0.0243545  | 0.3555338  | 0.0343354  | 0.1857253  | 0.0000000    |
| $beta\_vec11$ | 1     | -0.2790475 | -0.4709215 | -0.5075943 | -0.5182740 | 0.0000000    |
| $beta\_vec12$ | 1     | 1.4844467  | 1.1900859  | 1.1684542  | 1.1049459  | 0.0000000    |
| $beta\_vec13$ | 1     | -0.1769061 | -0.0938746 | -0.0395756 | -0.1096598 | 0.0000000    |
| $beta\_vec14$ | 1     | 1.3698537  | 1.2170041  | 1.0613571  | 0.9619370  | 0.0000000    |
| $beta\_vec15$ | 1     | 1.6500516  | 1.3190013  | 1.2700602  | 1.1353677  | 0.0000000    |
| $beta\_vec16$ | 1     | -0.1667238 | -0.1415278 | -0.3170986 | -0.4389349 | 0.0000000    |
| $beta\_vec17$ | 1     | -0.5206480 | -0.3403789 | -0.3967853 | -0.3717366 | 0.0000000    |
| $beta\_vec18$ | 1     | -0.3255053 | -0.1431664 | -0.2770359 | -0.1385741 | 0.0000000    |
| $beta\_vec19$ | 1     | -0.4716457 | -0.2749817 | -0.3331025 | -0.2050350 | 0.0000000    |
| $beta\_vec20$ | 1     | -0.6296226 | -0.3529685 | -0.3045117 | -0.3653631 | 0.0000000    |
| $beta\_vec21$ | 1     | -0.4037133 | -0.2866930 | -0.3612959 | -0.3119301 | 0.0000000    |
| $beta\_vec22$ | 1     | 4.0435322  | 2.7400581  | 3.7517734  | 2.3336327  | 2.0672393    |
| $beta\_vec23$ | 1     | 0.8868274  | 1.1107406  | 1.2166616  | 1.0809459  | 0.7069871    |
| $beta\_vec24$ | 1     | 4.4380960  | 2.9678262  | 3.7811780  | 2.3000294  | 1.8912901    |
| $beta\_vec25$ | 1     | 2.4154698  | 1.4236061  | 2.0741866  | 1.1815997  | 0.3085923    |
| $beta\_vec26$ | 1     | 1.0240182  | 0.9518878  | 0.6785581  | 0.6943120  | 0.1512226    |
| $beta\_vec27$ | 1     | 0.4841746  | 0.6177355  | 0.7418958  | 0.6275855  | 0.0000000    |
| $beta\_vec28$ | 1     | 0.9079662  | 0.7588550  | 1.1239071  | 0.7332618  | 0.1695023    |
| $beta\_vec29$ | 1     | 2.9778771  | 3.5427933  | 4.0128312  | 3.8603744  | 2.4497217    |
| $beta\_vec30$ | 1     | 1.0674250  | 1.2512243  | 0.9738290  | 0.9026693  | 0.4915037    |
| $beta\_vec31$ | 1     | 0.4788639  | 0.5340397  | 0.6037901  | 0.4549507  | 0.0000000    |
| $g.stat\_tr$  | Inf   | NaN        | NaN        | NaN        | NaN        | 59.6412968   |
| auc_te        | 0     | 0.9986486  | 0.9993243  | 0.9983897  | 0.9920077  | 0.9705285    |
| $g.stat\_te$  | Inf   | NaN        | NaN        | NaN        | NaN        | 1868.0016983 |
| SSE_test      | Inf   | 2.5853338  | 2.0644662  | 3.2451899  | 4.0137240  | 3.8903373    |

Supplementary Table 2: Estimated coefficients of 30 features in each fold of Cross Validation

|            | coef       |
|------------|------------|
| beta_0     | -0.7737072 |
| beta_1     | 0.2165391  |
| $beta_2$   | 0.3121205  |
| $beta\_3$  | 0.0000000  |
| $beta\_4$  | 0.0000000  |
| $beta_5$   | 0.0000000  |
| $beta\_6$  | 0.0000000  |
| $beta_7$   | 0.0000000  |
| $beta_8$   | 0.8541841  |
| $beta\_9$  | 0.0000000  |
| $beta_10$  | 0.0000000  |
| $beta_11$  | 0.0000000  |
| $beta_12$  | 0.0000000  |
| $beta_13$  | 0.0000000  |
| $beta_14$  | 0.0000000  |
| $beta_15$  | 0.0000000  |
| $beta_16$  | 0.0000000  |
| $beta_17$  | 0.0000000  |
| $beta_18$  | 0.0000000  |
| $beta_19$  | 0.0000000  |
| $beta\_20$ | 0.0000000  |
| $beta\_21$ | 2.0672393  |
| $beta\_22$ | 0.7069871  |
| $beta_23$  | 1.8912901  |
| $beta_24$  | 0.3085923  |
| $beta\_25$ | 0.1512226  |
| $beta\_26$ | 0.0000000  |
| $beta\_27$ | 0.1695023  |
| $beta\_28$ | 2.4497217  |
| $beta\_29$ | 0.4915037  |
| beta_30    | 0.0000000  |

Supplementary Table 3: Estimated coefficients of 30 features in final model in Cross Validation

- beta\_0 refers to the intercept
- beta\_1 beta\_10 refers to feature means
- beta\_11 beta\_20 refer to feature standard error
- beta\_21 beta\_30 refer to the largest value of the feature

# Code

```
knitr::opts_chunk$set(echo = TRUE,message = FALSE,warning = FALSE)

require(survival)
require(quantreg)
require(glmnet)
require(MASS)
require(pROC)
```

```
library(tidyverse)
library(caret)
library(patchwork)
```

Read in Data and Manipulation:

```
cancer = read_csv("breast-cancer.csv") %>%
  mutate(diagnosis = as.numeric(factor(diagnosis, levels = c("B","M"), labels = c(0,1)))-1) %>%
  mutate(radius_mean = scale(radius_mean))

predictor_scale = as_tibble(scale(cancer[3:12]))
  cancer_package = cancer %>% select(contains("mean"), diagnosis)
  cancer_scale = cbind(rep(1,569), predictor_scale, cancer$diagnosis)
  names(cancer_scale) = c("ones", names(cancer)[3:12], "response")

predictor_scale2 = as_tibble(scale(cancer[3:32]))
  cancer_scale2 = cbind(rep(1,569), predictor_scale2, cancer$diagnosis)
  names(cancer_scale2) = c("ones", names(cancer)[3:32], "response")

## standardize data!!
```

Find likelihood, gradient, and Hessian matrix for logistic model:

$$\log(\frac{\pi_i}{1-\pi_i}) = \mathbf{x}_i \boldsymbol{\beta}$$

```
hessian_gradient_log = function(data, beta_vec){
    y = as.matrix(data %>% select(last_col()))
    x = as.matrix(data[, 1:dim(data)[2]-1])
    theta = x%*%beta_vec
    pi = exp(theta)/(1 + exp(theta))
    loglikelihood = sum(y*theta - log(1 + exp(theta)))
    gradient = t(x)%*%(y - pi)
    pi_matrix = matrix(0, nrow = dim(data)[1],ncol = dim(data)[1])
    diag(pi_matrix) = pi*(1 - pi)
    hessian = -t(x)%*%pi_matrix%*%(x)
    return(list(loglikelihood = loglikelihood, gradient = gradient, hessian = hessian))
}
a = hessian_gradient_log(cancer_scale, rep(0.02,11)) #Example of function
a = hessian_gradient_log(cancer_scale2, rep(0.02,31)) #Example of function
```

Function for Newton-Raphson algorithm:

```
NR = function(data, beta_start, tol = 1e-10, max = 200){
  i = 0
    cur = beta_start
    stuff = hessian_gradient_log(data, cur)
    curlog = stuff$loglikelihood
    res = c(i = 0,curlog = curlog,cur = cur, step = 1)
    prevlog = -Inf
```

```
while((i <= max) && (abs(curlog - prevlog) > tol)){
   step = 1
   i = i+1
   prevlog = stuff$loglikelihood
    #Check ascent directions
   eigen = eigen(stuff$hessian)
   if(max(eigen$values) <= 0){ #Check if negative definite</pre>
      hessian = stuff$hessian
   else{ #Create a similar negative definite matrix
     hessian = stuff$hessian - (max(eigen$values) + 0.1)*diag(dim(stuff$hessian)[1])
   }
   prev = cur
    cur = prev - rep(step,length(prev))*(solve(hessian)%*%stuff$gradient)
    stuff = hessian_gradient_log(data,cur)
    curlog = stuff$loglikelihood
   while(curlog < prevlog){</pre>
      stuff = hessian_gradient_log(data, prev)
      step = step/2 #For step halving
      cur = prev - rep(step, length(prev))*(solve(hessian)%*%stuff$gradient)
      stuff = hessian gradient log(data,cur)
      curlog = stuff$loglikelihood
   names(cur) = names(data)[-dim(data)[2]]
   res = rbind(res, c(i=i, curlog = curlog, cur = cur, step = step))
 }
 return(res)
}
#run NR algorithm, only mean values as predictors
beta_start = rep(0.02,11)
names(beta_start) = names(cancer_scale)[-12]
NR_result = NR(cancer_scale, beta_start)
#extract final coefficients from NR
NR coeff = NR result[dim(NR result)[1], c(-1,-2, -dim(NR result)[2])]
#compare results to glm package logistic regression:
cancer_fit = glm(response ~ ., data = cancer_scale[, -1], family = binomial(link = "logit"))
round(as.vector(cancer_fit$coefficients), 3) == round(as.vector(NR_coeff), 3)
# same results as NR
roc(cancer_scale$response ~ predict(cancer_fit, type = "response"))
#run NR algorithm, all measures as predictors
beta_start2 = rep(0.001, 31)
names(beta_start2) = names(cancer_scale2)[-32]
#run NR algorithm
NR_result2 = NR(cancer_scale2, beta_start2)
#extract final coefficients from NR
```

```
NR_coeff2 = NR_result2[dim(NR_result2)[1], c(-1,-2, -dim(NR_result2)[2])]
round(as.vector(NR_coeff2), 3)
```

Function to find AUC:

```
auc = function(yi,pi_hat){
  auc = c()
  for (i in seq(dim(pi_hat)[2])){
   c = tibble(pi_hat = pi_hat[,i],yi = yi)
   m = sum(vi==1)
   n = length(yi)-m
   c =
      c %>%
     arrange(pi_hat) %>%
     mutate(order = seq_along(pi_hat)) %>%
     group_by(pi_hat) %>%
     mutate(mean_order = mean(order))
   pos_order = c %>% filter(yi == 1) %>% pull(mean_order)
   auc = c(auc, (sum(pos_order)-m*(m+1)/2)/(m*n))
 }
 return(auc)
yi = c(0,1,0,1,0,0,0,1)
pi = matrix(rep(rep(c(0.2,0.000001,0.3,0.4),2),2),ncol = 2)
auc(yi,pi)
```

Build a logistic LASSO model with k-fold cross validation:

```
set.seed(2019)
\#lambda_max = max(abs(NR_coeff)) \#\# warm start
tuning_grid = seq(3, -1, length = 100) ## tuning seq
## function of lasso coordinate descent algorithm
# input:
# data: y -- binary response;
      x -- scaled predictors
# k: # fold for CV
# beta_vec: initial beta guess
# tune_grid: seq of lambda used in variable selection
# tol: tolerance for stop iteration
# max: max iteration times
# output: res--result list containing:
# beta -- tibble:
#
     rows: lambdas
#
     columns:
    beta1-beta10: beta estimation for every lambda
     targ: target function value for every lambda iteration
     times: times of iteration in each lambda iteration
# coeff -- list of final coefficient
# best tune -- best tuning parameter lambda
# SSE_te -- test SSE results among cv
```

```
lasso_co_des = function(data, beta_vec, k = 5, tune_grid, tol = 1e-10, max = 200){
   ## create fold
   folds = createFolds(data$response,k = k, returnTrain = T)
   cv result = c(k = NULL, best lambda = NULL, beta vec = beta vec,
                               g.stat_tr = Inf, auc_te = 0, g.stat_te = Inf, SSE_test = Inf)
   ## lasso coord des for train data
   for (i in 1:k) {
       tr rows = folds[[i]]
       train = data[tr rows, ]
       test = data[-tr_rows, ]
       n_tr = dim(train)[1]
       x_tr = as.matrix(train[ , 1:dim(train)[2] - 1])
       y_tr = as.matrix(train[ , dim(train)[2]])
       x_t = as.matrix(test[, 1:dim(test)[2] - 1])
       y_te = as.matrix(test[, dim(test)[2]])
       res = NULL
       ## for performance measure for every lambda
       for (lambda in sort(tune_grid, decreasing = T)) {
           theta vec = x tr %*% beta vec
           pi_vec = exp(theta_vec)/(1 + exp(theta_vec))
           w_vec = pi_vec*(1 - pi_vec) + rep(1e-10, length(pi_vec))
           z_vec = theta_vec + (y_tr - pi_vec)/w_vec
           w_res_vec = sqrt(w_vec)*(z_vec - theta_vec)
           pre_target = -Inf
           time = 0
           names(beta_vec) = paste("beta_",0:(dim(data)[2]-2), sep = "")
           res = rbind(res, c(k = k, lambda = lambda, time = time, cur_target = cur_target, beta_vec))
           while((abs(pre_target - cur_target) > tol) && time < max && cur_target > pre_target ){
               time = time + 1
               zero_index = seq(1, length(beta_start))
               pre_target = cur_target
               beta_pre = beta_vec
                 for (j in 1:dim(train)[2] - 1) {
                     x_{tr_s} = x_{tr_s} 
                     dim(x tr s) = c(dim(x tr)[1], length(zero index))
                     beta_pre_s = beta_pre[zero_index] ## sparse updating
                     w_zvec_j = as.vector(sqrt(w_vec)*(z_vec - x_tr_s%*%beta_pre_s + as.vector(x_tr[,j]*beta_pre
                     \#w\_z\_vec\_j = w\_z\_vec\_j[!is.nan(w\_z\_vec\_j)]
                     # dim(455,1), working response with out jth predictor
                     w_x_tr_j = as.vector(as.vector(sqrt(w_vec)) * x_tr[,j])
                      \#w_x_tr_j = w_x_tr_j[!is.nan(w_x_tr_j)]
                      ## dim(455,1), weighted obs on jth row
                     tmp = as.numeric(t(w_x_tr_j) %*% w_z_vec_j)
                     lambda_n = lambda*dim(x_tr)[1]
                     if(j == 1){
                        beta_pre[j] = tmp/sum(w_vec)
                     if (j>=2) {
                         if (abs(tmp)>lambda_n) {
```

```
if(tmp > 0) {tmp = tmp - lambda_n}
           else {tmp = tmp + lambda_n}
           }else{
           tmp = 0
           zero_index = zero_index[zero_index!=j]}
        beta_vec = beta_pre
     theta_vec = x_tr%*%beta_vec # dim = (455,1), theta for every obs
     pi_vec = exp(theta_vec)/(1+exp(theta_vec)) # dim = (455,1), pi for every obs
     w_vec = pi_vec*(1-pi_vec) + rep(1e-10, length(pi_vec)) # dim = (455, 1), weight for every obs
     z_vec = theta_vec + (y_tr - pi_vec)/w_vec
     \# dim = (455,1), working response for every obs
     w_res_vec = sqrt(w_vec)*(z_vec - theta_vec)
     #w_res_vec = w_res_vec[!is.nan(w_res_vec)]
     cur_target = (1/(2*n_tr))*t((w_res_vec))%*(w_res_vec) + lambda*sum(abs(beta_vec[-1]))
     res = rbind(res,c(k = k,lambda = lambda,time = time, cur_target = cur_target, beta_vec))
   }
 }
## choose lambda
res = as.tibble(res)
beta lambda = res %>%
 group_by(lambda) %>%
 filter(cur_target == min(cur_target)) %>%
 dplyr::select(contains("beta"))
beta_lambda_m = as.matrix(beta_lambda[2:dim(beta_lambda)[2]]) # dim = (194, 11)
## use train dataset to choose lambda
pi_hat = exp(x_tr %*% t(beta_lambda_m))/(1+exp(x_tr %*% t(beta_lambda_m)))
residual_lambda = rep(y_tr,dim(beta_lambda_m)[1]) - pi_hat
SSE_tr = as.vector(rowSums(t(residual_lambda^2)))
## auc calculation
auc_tr = auc(y_tr,pi_hat = pi_hat)
g.res = (rep(y_tr,dim(beta_lambda_m)[1]) - pi_hat)/sqrt(pi_hat*(1-pi_hat))
g.stat_tr = as.vector(rowSums(t(g.res^2)))
result_tr = as.tibble(cbind(beta_lambda,g.stat_tr = g.stat_tr,auc_tr = auc_tr,SSE_tr = SSE_tr))
best_result = result_tr %>%
 filter(auc_tr == max(auc_tr)) %>% filter(lambda == min(lambda))
best_result = best_result[1,]
# use test datasets to evaluate
best_result_m = as.matrix(best_result[2:(dim(best_result)[2]-3)])
pi_hat_te = exp(x_te %*% t(best_result_m))/(1+exp(x_te %*% t(best_result_m)))
residual_test = y_te - pi_hat_te
SSE_test = as.vector(rowSums(t(residual_test^2)))
auc_te = auc(y_te,pi_hat_te)
g.res_te = (y_te - pi_hat_te)/sqrt(pi_hat_te*(1-pi_hat_te))
g.stat_te = as.vector(rowSums(t(g.res_te^2)))
cv_result = rbind(cv_result, c(k = i,best_lambda = best_result$lambda, beta_vec = best_result[2:(dim(
#cv_result = as.tibble(cv_result)
}
return(list(cv_result = unnest(as.tibble(cv_result)), res = res, result_tr = result_tr , best_result =
```

```
}
set.seed(2020)
x = lasso_co_des(data = cancer_scale, beta_vec = rep(0.02,11), k = 5, tune_grid = tuning_grid, max = 20
beta_start2 = rep(1,31)
beta_vec2 = beta_start2
x = lasso_co_des(data = cancer_scale2, beta_vec = beta_start2, k = 5,tune_grid = tuning_grid,max = 200)
knitr::kable(x$cv_result,digits = 3)
g1 = x$result_tr %>%
  ggplot(aes(x = lambda, y = auc_tr))+
  geom_line()+theme_bw()
g2 = x$result_tr %>%
  ggplot(aes(x = lambda, y = SSE_tr))+
  geom_line()+theme_bw()
g3 = x$result_tr %>%
  ggplot(aes(x = lambda, y = g.stat_tr))+
  geom_line()+theme_bw()
g1+g2+g3
x$res
\# cleaning the above x
library(sjmisc)
y=as.data.frame(x$cv_result)
y_y=rotate_df(y)
names(y_y)=c("Enter", "Fold1", "Fold2", "Fold3", "Fold4", "Fold5")
```

knitr::kable(y\_y)