

Lasso 问题的求解

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1 问题重述

To find β :

$$\min_{\beta} \left\{ \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \left(y_i - \beta_0 - \sum_{j=1}^p \beta_j x_{ij} \right)^2 + \lambda \sum_{j=1}^p |\beta_j| \right\}$$

when $\beta_0 = 0$, it is equal to:

$$\min_{\beta} \left\{ \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n \left(y_i - \sum_{j=1}^p \beta_j x_{ij} \right)^2 + \lambda \sum_{j=1}^p |\beta_j| \right\} \quad (1)$$

After standardization:

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_i y_i = 0, \quad \frac{1}{n} \sum_i x_{ij} = 0, \quad \frac{1}{n} \sum_i x_{ij}^2 = 1$$

2 单变量

$$\begin{aligned} (1) &\Rightarrow \min_{\beta} \left\{ \frac{1}{2n} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - z_i \beta)^2 + \lambda |\beta| \right\} \\ &\Rightarrow \min_{\beta} \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \beta^2 - \frac{1}{n} \langle z, y \rangle \beta + \lambda |\beta| + const \right\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\hat{\beta} = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{n} \langle z, y \rangle - \lambda, & \text{if } \frac{1}{n} \langle z, y \rangle > \lambda \\ 0 & \text{if } \frac{1}{n} |\langle z, y \rangle| \leq \lambda \\ \frac{1}{n} \langle z, y \rangle + \lambda, & \text{if } \frac{1}{n} \langle z, y \rangle < -\lambda \end{cases}$$

define **soft threshold** as:

$$\hat{\beta} = S_\lambda \left(\frac{1}{n} \langle z, y \rangle \right)$$

where

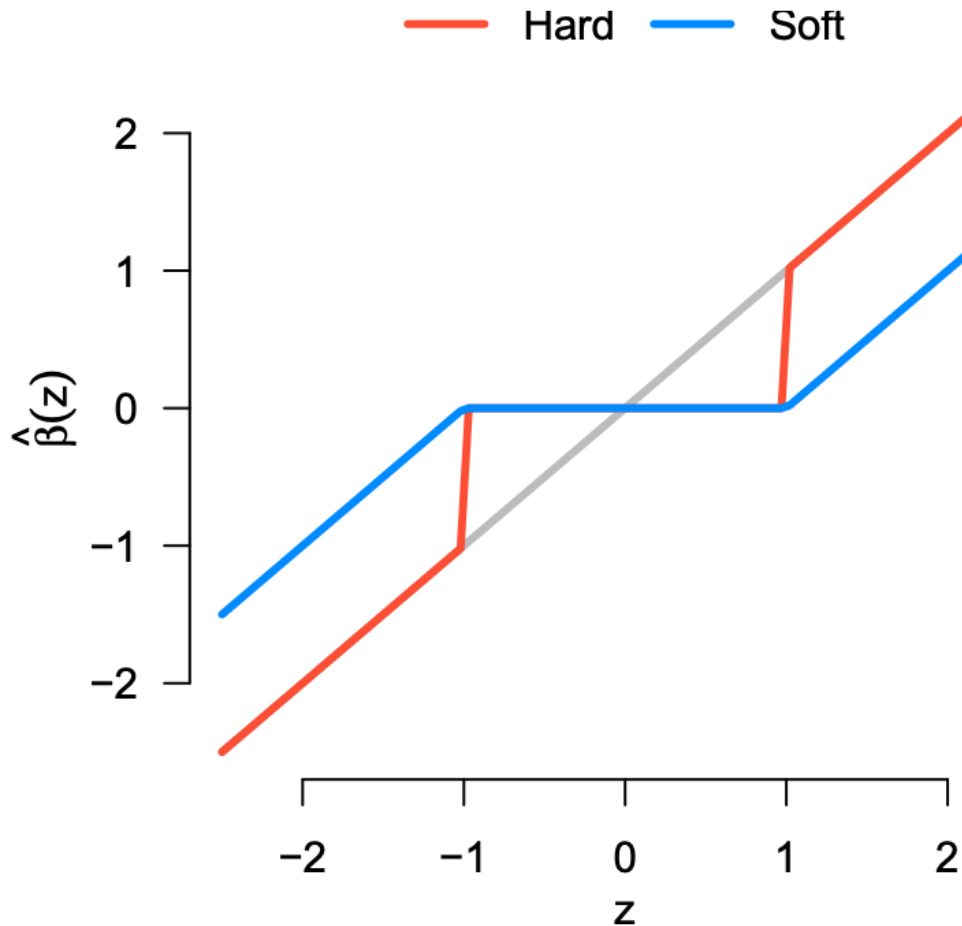
$$S_\lambda(x) = \text{sign}(x)(|x| - \lambda)_+$$

note that

$$(|x| - \lambda)_+ = \begin{cases} |x| - \lambda, & |x| - \lambda > 0 \\ 0 & |x| - \lambda < 0 \end{cases}$$

$$S_\lambda(x) = \begin{cases} \text{sign}(x)(|x| - \lambda), & |x| > \lambda \\ 0, & |x| \leq \lambda \end{cases}$$

$$= \begin{cases} x - \lambda, & x > \lambda > 0 \\ x + \lambda, & x < -\lambda < 0 \\ 0, & |x| \leq \lambda \end{cases}$$



3 多变量循环坐标下降

object function for multiple variables. at j^{th} step, we want to minimize:

$$\frac{1}{2n} \sum_{i=1}^n \left(y_i - \sum_{k \neq j} x_{ik} \beta_k - x_{ij} \beta_j \right)^2 + \lambda \sum_{k \neq j} |\beta_k| + \lambda |\beta_j|$$

$$fix \{ \hat{\beta}_k, k \neq j \}, \text{ update } \beta_j$$

denote partial residual $\gamma_i^{(j)} = y_i - \sum_{k \neq j} x_{ik} \hat{\beta}_k$, which could be regarded as the y in single variable scenario.

$$\begin{aligned}\Rightarrow \hat{\beta}_j &= S_\lambda \left(\frac{1}{n} \langle x_j, r^{(j)} \rangle \right) \\ \Rightarrow \hat{\beta}_j &\leftarrow S_\lambda \left(\hat{\beta}_j + \frac{1}{n} \langle x_j, r \rangle \right)\end{aligned}$$

where $r_i = y_i - \sum_{j=1}^p x_{ij}\beta_j$