

MEAN FIELD METHODS IN HIGH-DIMENSIONAL STATISTICS AND NON-CONVEX OPTIMIZATION

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$(P_\theta)_{\theta \in \Theta}$ $\Theta \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$ pr. distr on \mathcal{X}

$z_1, \dots, z_n \sim \text{iid } P_\theta$ $\underline{z} = (z_1, \dots, z_n)$

$\hat{\theta} : \mathcal{X}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$, $\underline{z} \mapsto \hat{\theta}(\underline{z})$

$R(\hat{\theta}, \theta_0) := \mathbb{E}_{\theta_0} \text{dist}(\hat{\theta}(\underline{z}), \theta_0)$

fcn $\ell : \mathcal{X} \times \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$

define $L(\theta, \theta_0) := \mathbb{E}_{\theta_0} \ell(\underline{z}, \theta)$

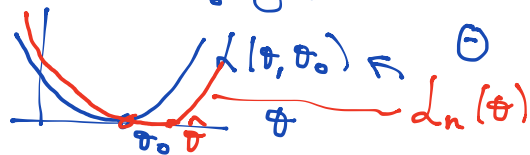
$\theta_0 = \underset{\theta}{\text{argmin}} L(\theta, \theta_0)$

$L_n(\theta) := \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \ell(z_i, \theta) = \widehat{\mathbb{E}}_n \ell(z, \theta)$

$\hat{\theta} := \underset{\theta \in \Omega_n}{\text{argmin}} L_n(\theta)$

$\ell(z, \theta) = -\log p_\theta(z)$

$$L(\theta, \theta_0) = -\mathbb{E}_{\theta_0} \log p_{\theta}(z) = KL(p_{\theta_0} \| p_{\theta}) + \text{cst.}$$



Classically : d fixed, $n \rightarrow \infty$

High. dim : $n, d \rightarrow \infty$, $n \ll d$, $\dim(\Theta) \ll n$

$$\Theta = \{s_0\text{-sparse vectors}\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$$

$$s_0 \ll d \quad s_0 \ll n.$$

Noisy hidim : $\frac{d}{n}, \frac{\dim(\Theta)}{n} \ll 1$

$$1) \quad z_i \stackrel{iid}{\sim} \frac{1}{2} N(\theta_0, I_d) + \frac{1}{2} N(-\theta_0, I_d)$$



2) Sparse regression

$$z_i = (y_i, x_i) \quad x_i \sim N(0, I_d) \quad y_i = \langle \theta_0, x_i \rangle + \epsilon_i \quad \epsilon_i \sim N(0, \sigma^2)$$

θ_0 sparse

$$L_n(\theta) = \frac{1}{2n} \|y - X\theta\|_2^2 + \frac{\lambda}{\sqrt{n}} \|\theta\|_1.$$

\uparrow $-\log p_{\theta}(z)$ \uparrow promotes sparse θ

3) Robust regression (M. estimation)

$$L_n(\theta) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \varphi(y_i - \langle x_i, \theta \rangle)$$

- Gaussian comparison (simple, elegant)

- AMP (algorithmic)

$$\& z_1, \dots, z_n \simeq \theta + \epsilon_i \quad |$$

$$\hat{\theta} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n z_i \leftarrow \frac{\sum_i (z_i - \theta)^2}{\sum_i (z_i - \theta)}$$

$$\hat{\theta} = \text{median}(z_i) \leftarrow \frac{\sum |z_i - \theta|}{\sum \varphi(z_i - \theta)}$$

Theorem (Gordon) $(X_{s,t})_{s \in S, t \in T}$ $(Y_{s,t})_{s \in S, t \in T}$ cent. Gauss

Assume 1) $\mathbb{E} X_{st}^2 = \mathbb{E} Y_{st}^2$

2) $\mathbb{E}[(X_{s_1 t_1} - X_{s_2 t_2})^2] \geq \mathbb{E}[(Y_{s_1 t_1} - Y_{s_2 t_2})^2] \quad \forall t_1, t_2$

3) $\mathbb{E}[(X_{s_1 t_1} - X_{s_2 t_2})^2] \leq \mathbb{E}[(Y_{s_1 t_1} - Y_{s_2 t_2})^2] \quad \forall s_1 \neq s_2$

Then

$$\min_s \max_t (X_{st} - \bar{X}_{st}) \stackrel{d}{\preceq} \min_s \max_t (Y_{st} - \bar{Y}_{st})$$

$\forall (j_{st})$

$$A \preceq B \Leftrightarrow \mathbb{P}(A \geq u) \geq \mathbb{P}(B \geq u) \quad \forall u \in \mathbb{R} \quad \square$$

Rmk Generalizes Fernique $|T|=1 \quad \square$

Corollary $U, \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d, V \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ compact, Q cont.

$$(G_i) \stackrel{iid}{\sim} N(0,1), (g_i) \stackrel{iid}{\sim} N(0,1) \quad (h_j) \stackrel{iid}{\sim} N(0,1)$$

$$L_*(G) := \min_{u \in U} \max_{v \in V} \{ \langle v, Gu \rangle + Q(u, v) \}$$

$$B_*(g, h) := \min_{u \in U} \max_{v \in V} \{ \|v\| \langle g, u \rangle + \|u\| \langle h, v \rangle + Q(u, v) \}$$

Then

$$- \mathbb{P}(L_* \leq u) \leq 2 \mathbb{P}(B_* \leq u) \quad \forall u \in \mathbb{R}$$

Further if minmax is convex-concave

$$- \mathbb{P}(L_* \geq u) \leq 2 \mathbb{P}(B_* \geq u) \quad \square$$



Proof $X_{u,v} = \|v\| \langle g, u \rangle + \|u\| \langle h, v \rangle$

$$Y_{uv} = \langle v, Gu \rangle + z \|u\| \|v\| \quad z \sim N(0,1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}(Y_{u_1 v_1} Y_{u_2 v_2}) - \mathbb{E}(X_{u_1 v_1} X_{u_2 v_2}) &= \langle u_1, u_2 \rangle \langle v_1, v_2 \rangle + \|u_1\| \|u_2\| \|v_1\| \|v_2\| \\ &\quad - \langle u_1, u_2 \rangle \|v_1\| \|v_2\| - \langle v_1, v_2 \rangle \|u_1\| \|u_2\| \end{aligned}$$

$$= (\|u_1\| \|u_2\| - \langle u_1, u_2 \rangle) (\|v_1\| \|v_2\| - \langle v_1, v_2 \rangle)$$

$$\geq 0 \quad \square$$

$$L_* = \min_u \max_v [\langle v, Gu \rangle + \dots]$$

$$= \max_v \min_u [\langle v, Gu \rangle + \dots]$$

$$= - \min_v \max_u [\langle v, (-G)u \rangle + \dots]$$

$\stackrel{!}{=} G \quad \theta$

How to apply it?

$$L_n(\theta) = \frac{1}{2n} \sum_{i=1}^n \|y_i - X_i \theta\|^2 + \lambda \|\theta\|_1, \quad y = X\theta_0 + \sigma w$$

$$\min_{\theta} L_n(\theta) = \min_{\theta \in \mathbb{R}^d} \frac{1}{2n} \|\sigma w - X\theta\|^2 + \lambda \|\theta_0 + w\|_1$$

$$= \min_{\theta \in \mathbb{R}^d} \max_{v \in \mathbb{R}^n} \left\{ \frac{1}{n} \langle v, X\theta \rangle - \frac{1}{2n} (\|v\|^2 - \sigma \langle w, v \rangle) + \lambda \|\theta_0 + w\|_1 \right\}$$

$$\hat{\theta} = \operatorname{argmin}_{\theta} L_n(\theta)$$

$$L_n^*(S) = \min_{\theta \in S} L_n(\theta)$$

$$L_n^*(S) > L_n^* \Rightarrow \hat{\theta} \in S^c$$

$$\|\hat{\theta} - \theta_0\|_2^2 \xrightarrow{P} a \quad S = \{\theta : |\|\theta - \theta_0\|_2^2 - a| \geq \epsilon\}$$

$$n, d \rightarrow \infty, \quad \frac{n}{d} \rightarrow \delta \quad \hat{\mu}_{\theta_0} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \delta_{\theta_{0,i}} \xrightarrow{N_2} P_{\theta_0}$$

τ_*, β_* sol of

$$\left\{ \begin{aligned} \tau^2 &= \sigma^2 + \frac{1}{\delta} \mathbb{E} \left\{ \left(\eta_{\frac{\tau}{\beta}}(\Theta + \tau Z) - \Theta \right)^2 \right\} \\ \beta &= \tau \left(1 - \frac{1}{\delta} \mathbb{P} \left(|\Theta + \tau Z| \geq \frac{\tau}{\beta} \right) \right) \end{aligned} \right. \quad \begin{aligned} \Theta &\sim P_{\theta_0} \\ Z &\sim N(0, 1) \end{aligned}$$

$$\eta(x; u) = (|x| - u)_+ \cdot \operatorname{sign}(x)$$



Thm $\hat{\mu}_\lambda = \frac{1}{d} \sum_{i=1}^d \delta_{\theta_{0,i}, \hat{\theta}_i}$ $\hat{\mu}_\lambda^d = \text{Lan}(\Theta, \eta_{\frac{\epsilon}{d}}(\Theta + \mathbb{Z}))$

$$\mathbb{P}(W_2(\hat{\mu}, \hat{\mu}^d) \geq \epsilon) \leq c(\epsilon) e^{-n \bar{c}(\epsilon)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \|\hat{\theta} - \theta_0\|_2^2 &\rightarrow 0 \quad \text{Class} \\ &= \frac{d}{n} \\ &= \frac{\dim(\Theta)}{n} \log d \rightarrow 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\|\hat{\theta} - \theta_0\|^2 \rightarrow \delta(\tau_*^2 - \sigma^2)$$

$$\psi(\hat{\theta}, \theta_0) = (\hat{\theta} - \theta_0)^2$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^d (\hat{\theta}_i - \theta_{0,i})^2 = \|\hat{\theta} - \theta_0\|^2 \rightarrow (*)$$

$$\mathcal{L}_n(\theta) = \hat{\mathbb{E}}_n \underline{\mathcal{L}}(z, \theta)$$

$$\min \sum_i \underbrace{\mathcal{L}(z_i, \theta)}_{\text{max } \langle \rangle - \mathcal{L}^*}$$