

Experimental Design on a Budget for Sparse Linear Models

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Regression terminology

- $\text{Rent} = f(\text{Area}, \text{Locality} \dots)$

Data
point, x

Area	Bus stop	Amenities	Locality	Rent
550	0.1	1	1	610
600	0.09	1	1	660
850	0.12	4	1	1030
800	0.2	3	3	980
950	0.18	5	3	1210

Features

Target
variable, y

Regularized linear regression

- To build a linear model:

$$y_i = x_i^T \beta + \epsilon$$

where $x_i, \beta \in \mathbb{R}^p, y_i \in \mathbb{R}$ and $\epsilon \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$

- Regression setting:

$$\beta^* := \arg \min_{\beta} \frac{1}{2} \|X\beta - y\|_u^v + \epsilon g(\beta)$$

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Least
squares regn
loss function
for $v = u = 2$.

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Penalty
function

Choices for penalty function

- Ridge regression:

$$g(\beta) = \beta^T M \beta \quad \text{for some } M \succ 0$$

- closed form solution exists

$$\beta^* = (X^T X + \epsilon M)^{-1} X^T y$$

- LASSO (Least Absolute Shrinkage & Selection Operator):

$$g(\beta) = \|\beta\|_1$$

Choices for penalty function

- LASSO often leads to unstable solutions

β_1	β_2	Ridge penalty	LASSO penalty
0	1	1	1
0.2	0.8	0.68	-
0.5	0.5	0.5	-
0.8	0.2	0.68	-
1	0	1	1

- Elastic net regression:

$$g(\beta) = \lambda ||\beta||_1 + (1 - \lambda) ||\beta||_2$$

Objective

- Given a fixed budget, B identify a set of x_i 's for which corresponding y_i 's would be obtained experimentally.

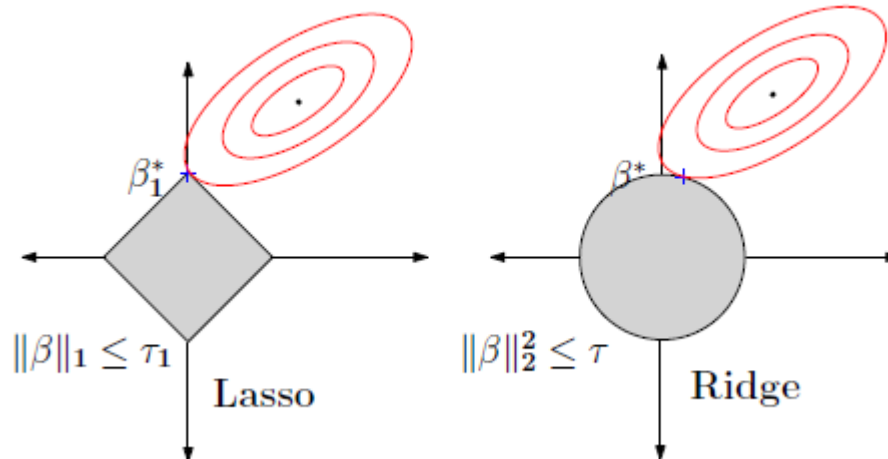
ED-S: Spectral Experimental Design

$$\beta^* = \arg \min_{\beta} \frac{1}{2} \|X\beta - y\|_2^2 + \lambda \|\beta\|_2^2 \quad (\text{RIDGE})$$

$$\equiv \arg \min_{\beta} \frac{1}{2} \|X\beta - y\|_2^2 \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \|\beta\|_2^2 \leq \tau$$

$$\beta_1^* = \arg \min_{\beta} \frac{1}{2} \|X\beta - y\|_2^2 + \lambda \|\beta\|_1 \quad (\text{LASSO})$$

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- Spectral ED formulation:

$$\begin{aligned} & \min_{\mu, u} \log \det \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \mu_i x_i x_i^T + \epsilon I \right)^{-1} + \lambda \|\gamma - u\|_2^2 \\ & \text{s.t. } 0 \leq \mu \leq 1, \mathbf{1}^T \mu \leq B, \\ & u \in \arg \max_v \left\{ v^T \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \mu_i x_i x_i^T + \epsilon I \right) v \text{ s.t. } v^T v = 1 \right\} \end{aligned}$$

- For a symmetric positive definite matrix, M the largest eigenvector is given by:

$$\arg \max_{u: \|u\|_2^2=1} u^T M u = \arg \min_{u: \|u\|_2^2=1} u^T M^{-1} u$$

- ED-S upon reformulation:

$$S = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \min_{\mu, u} \log \det \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \mu_i x_i x_i^T + \epsilon I \right)^{-1} \\ + \lambda \|\gamma - u\|_2^2 + u^T \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \mu_i x_i x_i^T + \epsilon I \right)^{-1} u \\ \text{s.t. } 0 \leq \mu \leq 1, \quad \mathbf{1}^T \mu \leq B, \quad \|u\|_2^2 = 1 \end{array} \right. \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{Non-convex} \\ \text{problem} \end{array} \right.$$

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- Define sub-problems:

- Fix μ to get S_0
- Fix u to get S_μ

Algorithm 1 Alternating Minimization Algorithm

Pick arbitrary starting point μ , initialize u such that $\|u\|_2 = 1$.
for $t = 1, 2, \dots, T$ **do**
 Update $\mu \leftarrow \arg \min S_\mu$
 Update $u \leftarrow \arg \min S_0$
end for

Some extensions:

- If Hessian matrix is large, use top k eigenvectors:

$$S = \min_{\mu, u} \log \det \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \mu_i x_i x_i^T + \epsilon I \right)^{-1} \\ + \lambda \|\gamma - u\|_2^2 + u^T \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \mu_i x_i x_i^T + \epsilon I \right)^{-1} u \\ \text{s.t. } 0 \leq \mu \leq 1, \quad \mathbf{1}^T \mu \leq B, \quad \|u\|_2^2 = 1$$

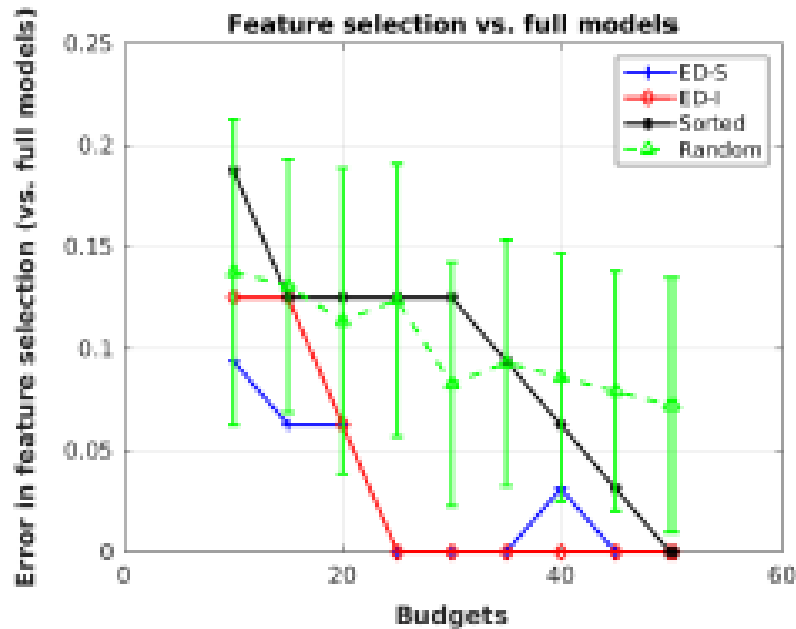
$$S_0 = \min_{u: \|u\|_2^2=1} \lambda \|\gamma - u\|_2^2 + u^T M u \quad \text{where } M = \left(\sum_{i=1}^k \mu_i x_i x_i^T + \epsilon I \right)^{-1}.$$

$$\min_{U \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times k}} \sum_{j=1}^k \|\gamma_j - u_j\|_2^2 + \text{tr}(U^T M U) \quad \text{s.t. } U^T U = I$$

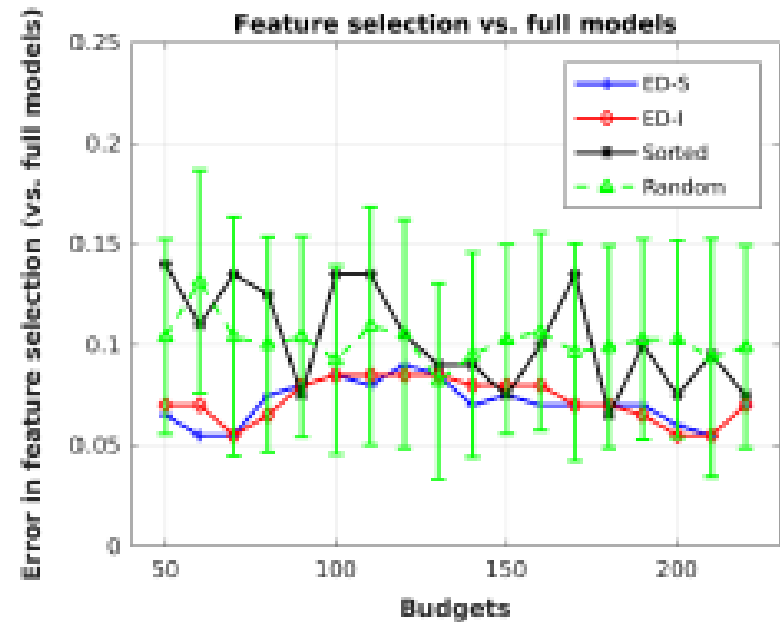
- Number of decision variables = **pk + n** where p = # of features
Propose ED-I strategy for p >> n

Comparison to baseline designs

(a)



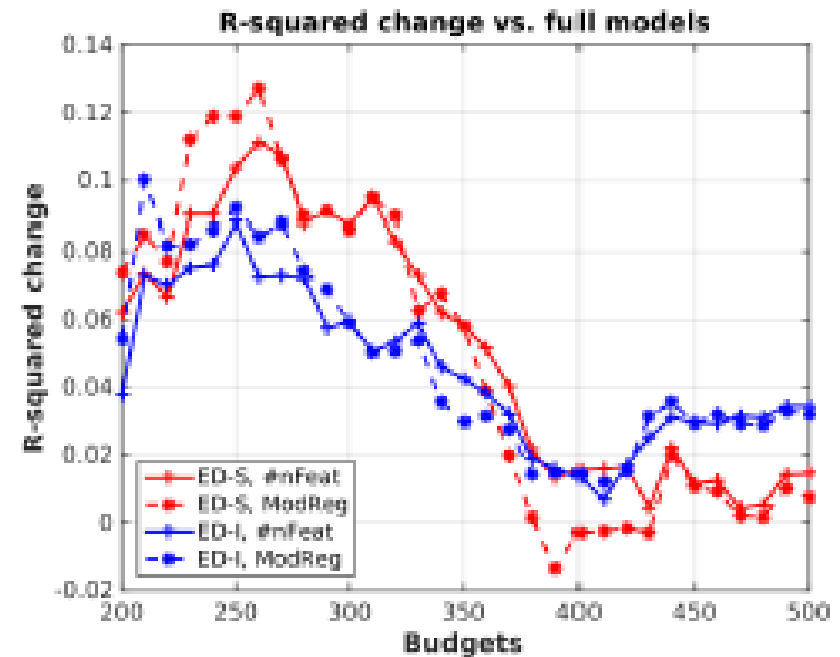
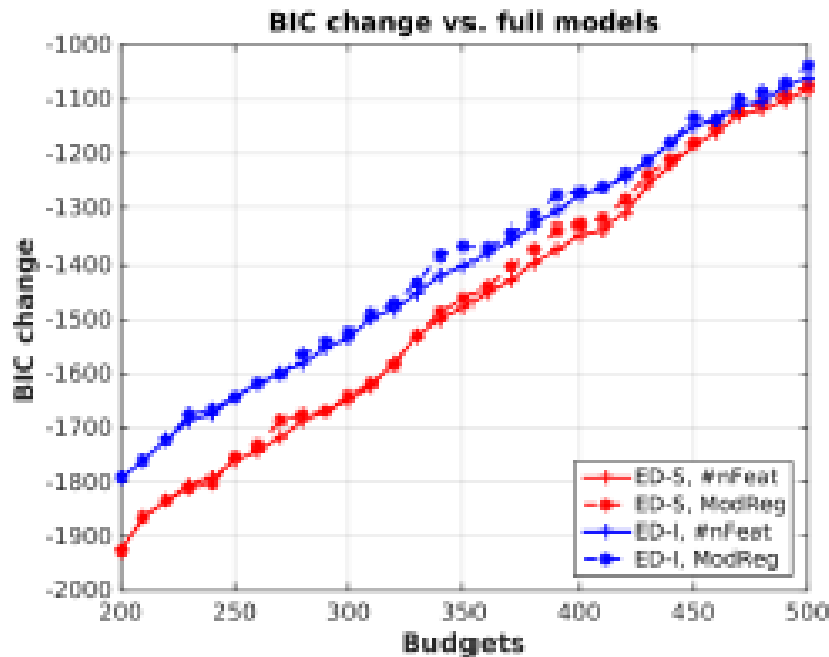
(b)



Error in consistent selection of correct features (derived from full model) for *prostate* and *lars* datasets having 8 and 10 features resp.

Neuro dataset

- 118 Region-of-interest based features (PET scans); ~1000 subjects



- Potential cost savings in longitudinal clinical trials

Reference

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