

Variable Selection for High-Dimensional Longitudinal Omics Data with a Continuous or Misclassified Binary Outcome

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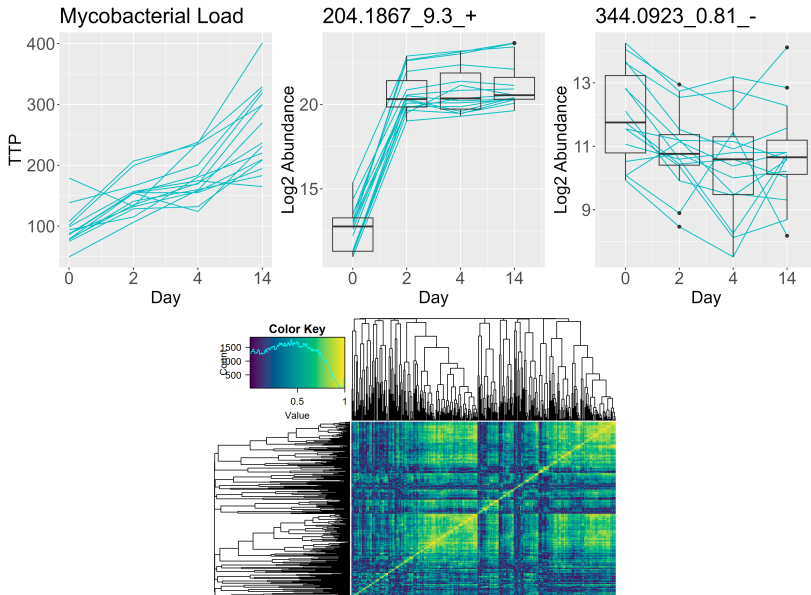
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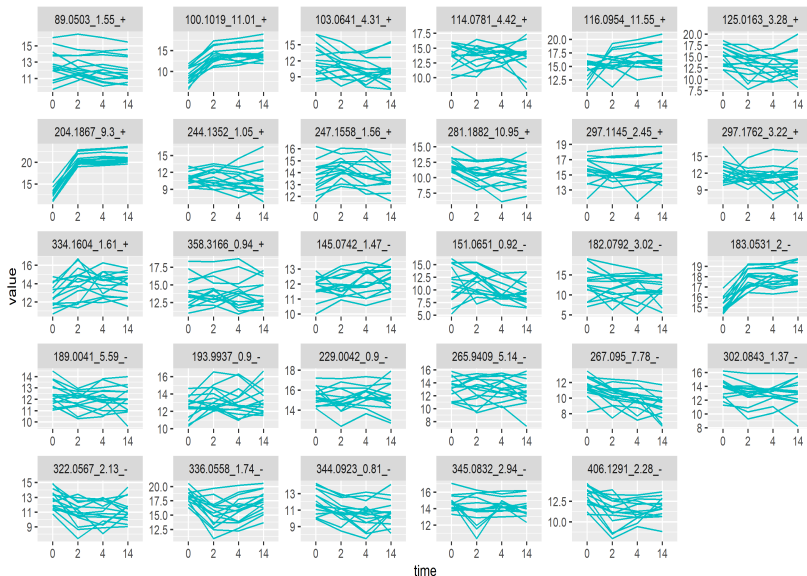
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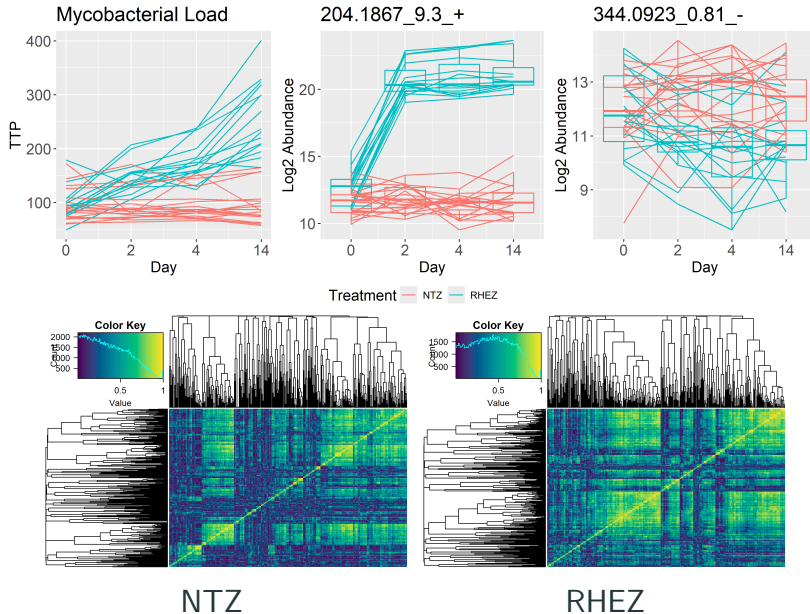
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Sparse Group Lasso

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$$\lambda_1 |\beta|_1 + \lambda_1 \sqrt{(\tau)} \sum_{k=1}^K \sqrt{p_k} \|\beta^{(k)}\|_2 + \lambda_2 \beta^\top L \beta,$$

where we have a weighted sum of lasso and group lasso penalty terms.

The underlying assumption here is that our true β is both sparse not only between groups but also within groups.

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(Grouping Effect). Given dataset (Y, X) and fixed scalars $(\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \tau)$, the response Y is centered and predictors X are standardized. Let $\hat{\beta}(\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \tau)$ be the doubly-sparse PROLONG estimator. Suppose that $\hat{\beta}_i(\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \tau) \hat{\beta}_j(\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \tau) > 0$, the group sizes p_i and p_j are the same, and the two vertices i and j are only linked to each other on the network, $d_i = d_j = w(i, j)$. Define

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where s is a subgradient of the ℓ_1 penalty at $\hat{\beta}_n$.

We add a term proportional to the subgradient to compensate for the downward bias introduced by the ℓ_1 penalty.

$$\hat{\beta}^u = \hat{\beta}^n + \frac{MX^\top(Y - X\hat{\beta}^n)}{n},$$

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Algorithm 1 Relaxed Precision Matrix Estimation

Input: Matrix \mathbf{X} , scalar μ

Set $\hat{\Sigma} \equiv (\mathbf{X}^\top \mathbf{X}) / n$.

for $i = 1, 2, \dots, p$ **do**

Let m_i be a solution of the convex program:

$$\text{minimize } m^\top \hat{\Sigma} m \quad \text{subject to } \left\| \hat{\Sigma} m - e_i \right\|_\infty \leq \mu$$

where $e_i \in \mathbb{R}^p$ is the vector with one at the i -th position and zero everywhere else. \triangleright Set $M = I_{p \times p}$ if not feasible

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Obtaining $\hat{\sigma}^2$

Consider the optimization problem

$$\operatorname{argmin}_{\beta} \left\{ \|Y - X\beta\|_2^2 + \beta^\top (\lambda_2 L + \lambda_R I) \beta \right\},$$

where $\lambda_R I$ ensures that $\lambda_2 L + \lambda_R I$ is invertible.

Maximizing the respective log-likelihood $l(\sigma^2, \lambda_2, \lambda_r)$ gives

$$\sigma^2 = \frac{1}{n} y^\top \Sigma_L^{-1} y.$$

where

$$\Sigma_L = X(\lambda_2 L + \lambda_R I)^{-1} X^\top + I$$

Wald Test

For treatment groups $a = 1, \dots, A$, we seek to test

$$|\hat{\beta}_{g,1}^{u\top}, \dots, \hat{\beta}_{g,A}^{u\top}|^\top = \mathbf{0}.$$

We apply a Wald test with $H_0 : \beta_g = \mathbf{0}; H_A : \beta_g \neq \mathbf{0} \quad \forall g$.

Our covariance matrix is block diagonal, with one block for each treatment group a :

$$\left[\begin{array}{c|c|c} \hat{\sigma}_1^2 Q_1 / n_1^* & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \cdots & \hat{\sigma}_A^2 Q_A / n_A^* \end{array} \right],$$

where $Q_a = M_a \hat{\Sigma}_a M_a$, and M_a is our relaxed inverse of $\hat{\Sigma}_a$.

Debiasing Algorithm

Algorithm 2 PROLONG Debiasing

Input: Vector $y \in \mathbb{R}^{n(T-1)}$, matrix $X \in \mathbb{R}^{n(T-1) \times pT(T-1)/2}$, PROLONG estimator $\hat{\beta}^{n^*}$.

Output: Unbiased estimator $\hat{\beta}^u$, covariance matrix Q .

procedure PROLONG DEBIASING

$$\hat{\Sigma} = \frac{X^\top X}{n}$$

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Algorithm 3 PROLONG Inference

Input: Matrices $Y_a \in \mathbb{R}^{n_a \times T}$, tensors $\mathcal{X}_a \in \mathbb{R}^{n_a \times p \times T}$ for $a = 1, \dots, A$, FDR threshold α .

procedure PROLONG INFERENCE

for $a = 1, \dots, A$ **do**

$X_a = \text{GetDeltaX}(\mathcal{X}_a)$ $\triangleright X_a \in \mathbb{R}^{n_a(T-1) \times pT(T-1)/2}$

$y_a = \text{GetDeltaY}(Y_a)$ $\triangleright y_a \in \mathbb{R}^{n_a(T-1)}$

$\hat{\beta}_a^{n^*} = \text{PROLONG}(y_a, X_a)$ $\triangleright n_a^* = n_a(T-1)$

$(\hat{\beta}_a^u, Q_a) = \text{PROLONG DEBIASING}(Y_a, X_a, \hat{\beta}_a^{n^*})$

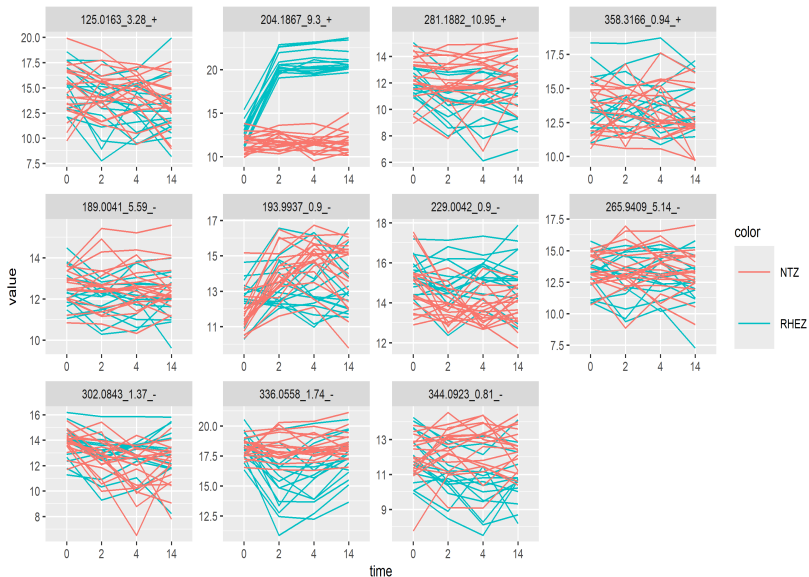
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end for

$\forall g$ Wald test with FDR correction at specified α

end procedure

Inference Procedure Selected Variable Trajectories



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Misclassification Mechanism

Instead of directly observing Y we observe Y^* , which also takes value 1 or 2, that is a potentially misclassified version of Y . We can write Y^* , conditional on Y , as

$$P(Y_i^* = k | Y_i = l, Z_i; \gamma) = \pi_{ikl}^* = \frac{\exp\{\gamma_{kj0} + \gamma_{klZ} Z_i\}}{1 + \exp\{\gamma_{kl0} + \gamma_{klZ} Z_i\}},$$

where Z is a matrix of covariates that may be related to the misclassification.

Complete Data Log-Likelihood

We can estimate (β, γ) via observed log-likelihood

$$\ell_{\text{obs}}(\beta, \gamma; X, Z) = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{k=1}^2 y_{ik}^* \log \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^2 \underbrace{\pi_{ikl}^*}_{\gamma} \underbrace{\pi_{il}}_{\beta} \right\}.$$

However, jointly maxing β, γ is numerically challenging, so we use the complete log-likelihood with the latent Y , separating the π^* and π components

$$\begin{aligned} \ell_{\text{complete}}(\beta, \gamma; X, Z) = & \sum_{i=1}^n \left[\sum_{l=1}^2 y_{il} \log \left\{ \underbrace{\pi_{il}}_{\beta} \right\} \right. \\ & \left. + \sum_{l=1}^2 \sum_{k=1}^2 y_{il} y_{ik}^* \log \left\{ \underbrace{\pi_{ikl}^*}_{\gamma} \right\} \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Network Penalized Log-Likelihood

To incorporate the observed dependence from the covariates in X , we again use penalty $\lambda\beta^\top L\beta$. We modify the complete data log-likelihood as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}\ell_{\text{penalized}}(\beta, \gamma, \lambda, X, Z) \\ &= \ell_{\text{complete}}(\beta, \gamma; X, Z) - \lambda\beta^\top L\beta \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n \left[\sum_{l=1}^2 y_{il} \log \left\{ \underbrace{\pi_{il}}_{\beta} \right\} + \sum_{l=1}^2 \sum_{k=1}^2 y_{il} y_{ik}^* \log \left\{ \underbrace{\pi_{ikl}^*}_{\gamma} \right\} \right] - \lambda\beta^\top L\beta\end{aligned}$$

We use this log-likelihood as the starting point for the penalized EM algorithm.

Penalized EM Algorithm - E-step

In the expectation (E) step, we replace the latent y_{il} with our "best guess" of the probability that $y_{il} = 1$, w_{il}

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Theorem

(Grouping Effect) Given data (Y, X) and fixed scalar λ , let $\hat{\beta}(\lambda)$ be the estimator obtained via the proposed EM algorithm. Suppose $\hat{\beta}_i \hat{\beta}_j > 0$ and the two vertices i and j are only linked to each other on the network, $d_i = d_j = w(i, j)$.

Define

$$D_\lambda(i, j) = \frac{1}{\|Y\|_1} \left| \hat{\beta}_i(\lambda) - \hat{\beta}_j(\lambda) \right|.$$

then

$$D_\lambda(i, j) \leq \frac{\sqrt{2(1 - \rho)}}{2\lambda}.$$

Data Application: MEPS

Data used in original unpenalized method 'COMBO':

- Outcome is self-reported history of MI
- Variables of interest are Age along with Smoking and Exercise Status
- Covariates for Misclassification are Age and Sex

Correlation Table:

| | Smoking | Exercise | Age |
|----------|---------|----------|---------|
| Smoking | 1.0000 | 0.0284 | -0.0593 |
| Exercise | 0.0284 | 1.0000 | 0.0109 |
| Age | -0.0593 | 0.0109 | 1.0000 |

Sanity Checking with Low Correlation Data

| Parameter | Estimates | | SE | Estimates | | SE |
|-----------|-----------|--------|----|-----------|--------|----|
| Intercept | -4.3741 | 0.0655 | | -4.3874 | 0.0670 | |
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| gamma11 | 2.9692 | 0.0997 | | 2.9973 | 0.0988 | |
| gamma21 | -1.7656 | 0.0363 | | -1.7759 | 0.0363 | |
| gamma31 | -0.1984 | 0.0047 | | -0.1995 | 0.0046 | |
| gamma12 | -3.5796 | 0.1124 | | -3.5749 | 0.1128 | |
| gamma22 | -0.8183 | 0.1084 | | -0.8184 | 0.1083 | |
| gamma32 | 0.0835 | 0.0050 | | 0.0833 | 0.0050 | |

Unpenalized

Laplacian

Group Lasso Modification

In some applications, we may prioritize variable selection over unbiased dense coefficient estimation, e.g. biomarker discovery with large p omic data. We can supplement our network penalty with a group lasso penalty, replacing Q_β^L with

$$Q_\beta^g = \sum_{i=1}^n \left[\sum_{l=1}^2 w_{il}^L \log \{ \pi_{il}^L \} \right] - \lambda_g \sum_{k=1}^K p_k \beta^{(k)},$$

where p_k is the group size. We maximize Q_β^g using group lasso, selecting λ_g via cross-validation after we select λ and augment w_{il}^L, X^L .

Future Data Work

This project is particularly motivated by very similar data to the first two, but with binary TB Recurrence as our outcome.

- Consider the same data structure, but now our outcome indicates whether the TB comes back in the next few years after treatment
- This indicator may be misclassified, as some patients can be clinically, but not microbiologically, confirmed
- Can we identify biomarkers for later recurrence of TB?

Another motivating data application is finding early metabolomic biomarkers for drug-resistant TB. Drug resistance in TB can lead to delays in adequate treatment and result in worse disease progression - identifying drug-resistance early is critical.

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