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# ORACLE INEQUALITIES FOR LASSO AND DANTZIG SELECTOR IN HIGH-DIMENSIONAL LINEAR REGRESSION

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## ABSTRACT

During the last few years, a great deal attention has been focused on lasso and Dantzig selector in high-dimensional linear regression under a sparsity scenario, that is, when the number of variables can be much larger than the sample size. The authors [4][11][12] derived sparsity oracle inequalities of lasso and Dantzig selector for the prediction risk and bounds on the  $\ell_p$  ( $1 \leq p \leq 2$ ) estimation loss under a variety of assumptions. In this paper, we take the restricted eigenvalue conditions, compatibility condition and UDP condition for examples to show oracle inequalities about lasso and Dantzig selector for high-dimensional linear regression.

## KEYWORDS

lasso; Dantzig selector; oracle inequalities; restricted eigenvalue conditions; compatibility condition; UDP condition

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

In many modern applications, one has to deal with very large datasets. Regression problems may involve a large number of covariates, possibly larger than the sample size. In this situation, a major issue lies in dimension reduction, which can be performed through the selection of a Small amount of relevant covariates. For this purpose, numerous regression methods has been proposed in the literature, ranging from the classical information criteria such as  $C_p$ , AIC, and BIC to the more recent regularization-based techniques such as the  $l_1$  penalized least square estimator, known as the lasso and Dantzig selector[12]. Their popularity might be due to the fact that these techniques are computationally tractable, even for high-dimensional data when the number of covariates  $p$  is large. Besides, there are much regularization schemes for high-dimensional regression, for example NNLS is a very simple and effective regularization technique for a certain class of high-dimensional regression problems[6]. Consider the high-dimensional linear model where one observes a vector  $y \in R^n$  such that

$$y = X\beta + \varepsilon \quad (1)$$

Where  $\beta \in R^p$  is an unknown target vector one would like to recover,  $X \in R^{n \times p}$  is called design matrix with possibly much fewer rows than columns,  $n \ll p$ , and  $\varepsilon \in R^n$  is a random error term that contains all perturbations of the experiment.

A standard hypothesis in high-dimensional regression [14] requires that one can provide a constant  $\lambda_n^0 \in R$ , as small as possible, such that

$$\|X^T \varepsilon\|_{\infty} \leq \lambda_n^0 \quad (2)$$

With an overwhelming probability. In the case of  $n$ -multivariate Gaussian distribution, it is known that  $\lambda_n^0 = O(\sigma_n \sqrt{\log p})$ ,

where  $\sigma_n > 0$  denotes the standard deviation of the noise; (see Lemma A.1.[1])

In general terms, we are interested in accurately estimating the target vector  $\beta$  and  $X\beta$  from few and corrupted observations. During the past decade, this challenging issue has attracted a lot of attention among the statistical society. In 1996, Tibshirani introduced the lasso(see[13]):

$$\hat{\beta}_L = \arg \min_{\beta \in R^p} \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \|y - X\beta\|_2^2 + \lambda_t \|\beta\|_1 \right\} \quad (3)$$

Where  $\lambda_t > 0$  is some tuning constant. Two decades later, this estimator continues to play a key role in our understanding of high-dimensional inverse problems. Its popularity may be due to the fact that this estimator is computational feasibility. Recently, Candes and Tao [12] have introduced the the Dantzig selector as

$$\hat{\beta}_D = \arg \min_{\beta \in R^p} \|\beta\|_1 \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \|X^T (y - X\beta)\|_{\infty} \leq \lambda_d \quad (4)$$

Where  $\lambda_d > 0$  is a tuning parameter. It is known that it can be recasted as a linear program. Hence, it is also computationally tractable. Interestingly, both the lasso and the Dantzig selector can be seen as orthogonal projections of 0 into  $DC(s) = \{\beta \in R^p, \|X^T (y - X\beta)\|_{\infty} \leq s\}$ , using an  $l_1$  distance for the Dantzig selector and  $l_2$  distance for the lasso.

So we also can investigate the properties of estimators defined as projections on  $DC(s)$  using general distances[5]. Based on the linear model, we know that these estimators not only rely on the sparsity of unknown vector and the tuning parameter, but also rely on the distribution assumptions of random errors. In recent years, authors has out forward new methods to improve above problems. Such as the method in [2] allows for very weak distribution assumptions and does not require the knowledge of the variance of random errors. The result in [3] tells us the lasso prediction works well for any degree of correlations if suitable tuning parameters are chosen.

There are several objectives may be considered by the statistician when we deal with the model given by Equation(1). Usually, we consider two specific objectives: prediction and estimation in the high-dimensional setting.



The reconstruction of the signal  $X\beta$  is first considered. The quality of the reconstruction with an estimator  $\hat{\beta}$  is

often measured with the squared error  $\|X\hat{\beta} - X\beta\|_2^2$ , namely prediction risk. Another thinking is that the estimator

$\hat{\beta}$  is close to  $\beta$  in terms of the  $\ell_q$  distance for  $q \geq 1$ , namely bounds on the  $\ell_p (1 \leq p \leq 2)$  estimation loss.

In this paper, under a sparsity case, we introduce some results about lasso and Dantzig selector about prediction risk and estimation loss for high-dimensional linear regression with noiseless observations.

## 2. DEFINITIONS AND NOTATIONS

Unless stated otherwise, all through this paper we will assume that  $\varepsilon \sim N(0, \sigma^2 I_n)$   $\sigma^2 > 0$ . The analysis of regularized regression methods for high-dimensional data usually involves a sparsity assumption on  $\beta$ . Let

$M(\beta) = \sum_{j=1}^p I_{(\beta_j \neq 0)} = |J(\beta)|$  denote the number of nonzero coordinates of  $\beta$ , where  $I_{\{\cdot\}}$  denotes the indicator function  $J(\beta) = \{j \in \{1, \dots, P\} : \beta_j \neq 0\}$  and  $|J|$  denotes the cardinality of  $J$ . The value  $M(\beta)$  characterizes the sparsity of the vector  $\beta$ . The smaller  $M(\beta)$ , the sparser  $\beta$ . For a vector  $\delta \in R^p$  and a subset  $J \subset \{1, \dots, P\}$ , we denote by  $\delta_J$  the vector in  $R^p$  that has the same coordinates as  $\delta$  on  $J$  and zero coordinates on the complement  $J^c$  of  $J$ . For any  $q \geq 1, a \in R^p$ , denote  $\|a\|_q^q = \sum_{i=1}^p |a_i|^q$ ;  $\|a\|_\infty = \max_{1 \leq i \leq p} |a_i|$ , the  $\ell_q$  and  $\ell_\infty$  norms, respectively.

## 3. RESULTS ABOUT LASSO AND DANTZIG SELECTOR UNDER DIFFERENT ASSUMPTIONS

Now we will show some results about lasso and Dantzig selector in high-dimensional linear regression under different assumptions on  $X$ .

### 3.1 $X$ satisfies $RE(s, c_0)$ [4]

Assumption  $RE(s, c_0)$  for some integer  $1 \leq s \leq p, c_0 > 0$ , the following condition holds:

$$\kappa(s, c_0) = \min_{\substack{J \subset \{1, \dots, P\} \\ |J| \leq s}} \min_{\substack{\delta \neq 0 \\ \|\delta_{J^c}\|_1 \leq c_0 \|\delta_J\|_1}} \frac{\|X\delta\|_2}{\|\delta_J\|_2} > 0 \quad (5)$$

There is an improvement of the restricted eigenvalue condition, it replace the  $\|\delta_J\|_2$  with  $\|\delta_J\|_1$  ([10])

Result 1 assume  $X$  satisfies  $RE(s, c_0)$  and  $|J(\beta)| \leq s$  consider the lasso defined by (3), we have

$$\|\hat{\beta}_L - \beta\|_1 \leq \frac{2(\lambda_n^0 + \lambda_n)(1 + c_0)^2 s}{\kappa^2(s, c_0)}$$

$$\|X\hat{\beta}_L - X\beta\|_2 \leq \frac{2(\lambda_n + \lambda_n^0)(1 + c_0)\sqrt{s}}{\kappa(s, c_0)}$$

**Proof** let  $h = \hat{\beta}_L - \beta \in R^p$

By optimality, we have



$$\frac{1}{2} \|y - X \hat{\beta}_L\|_2^2 + \lambda_\ell \|\hat{\beta}_L\|_1 \leq \frac{1}{2} \|y - X\beta\|_2^2 + \lambda_\ell \|\beta\|_1$$

It yield

$$\frac{1}{2} \|Xh\|_2^2 - \langle X^T \varepsilon, h \rangle + \lambda_\ell \|\hat{\beta}_L\|_1 \leq \lambda_\ell \|\beta\|_1$$

Using (2) we can get  $\langle X^T \varepsilon, h \rangle \leq \|X^T \varepsilon\|_\infty \|h\|_1 \leq \lambda_n^0 \|h\|_1$

using the triangle inequality  $\|\beta\|_1 - \|\hat{\beta}_L\|_1 \leq \|\beta - \hat{\beta}_L\|_1 = \|h\|_1$

Then  $\frac{1}{2} \|Xh\|_2^2 \leq \lambda_\ell \|\beta\|_1 - \lambda_\ell \|\hat{\beta}_L\|_1 + \lambda_n^0 \|h\|_1 \leq (\lambda_n^0 + \lambda_\ell) \|h\|_1$

Based on the inequality  $\|h_{j,c}\|_1 \leq c_0 \|h_j\|_1$

We get  $\|h\|_1 = \|h_j\|_1 + \|h_{j,c}\|_1 \leq (1 + c_0) \|h_j\|_1 \leq (1 + c_0) \sqrt{s} \|h_j\|_2$

Here  $X$  satisfies  $RE(s, c_0)$  so we can get

$$\frac{\|Xh\|_2}{\|h_j\|_2} \geq \kappa(s, c_0) > 0$$

It equals to  $\|h_j\|_2 \leq \frac{\|Xh\|_2}{\kappa(s, c_0)}$  or  $\|Xh\|_2 \geq \kappa(s, c_0) \|h_j\|_2$

So  $\frac{1}{2} \|Xh\|_2^2 \leq (\lambda_n^0 + \lambda_\ell) (1 + c_0) \sqrt{s} \|h_j\|_2 \leq (\lambda_n^0 + \lambda_\ell) (1 + c_0) \sqrt{s} \frac{\|Xh\|_2}{\kappa(s, c_0)}$

Or  $\frac{1}{2} \kappa^2(s, c_0) \|h_j\|_2^2 \leq \frac{1}{2} \|Xh\|_2^2 \leq (\lambda_n^0 + \lambda_\ell) (1 + c_0) \sqrt{s} \|h_j\|_2$

It equals that  $\|Xh\|_2 \leq \frac{2(\lambda_n^0 + \lambda_\ell)(1 + c_0)\sqrt{s}}{\kappa(s, c_0)}$  or  $\|h_j\|_2 \leq \frac{2(\lambda_n^0 + \lambda_\ell)(1 + c_0)\sqrt{s}}{\kappa^2(s, c_0)}$

So we can get  $\|h\|_1 \leq (1 + c_0) \sqrt{s} \|h_j\|_2 \leq \frac{2(\lambda_n^0 + \lambda_\ell)(1 + c_0)^2 s}{\kappa^2(s, c_0)}$

Result 2 assume  $X$  satisfies  $RE(s, c_0)$  and  $|J(\beta)| \leq s$  consider the Dantzig selector defined by (4), we have

$$\|\hat{\beta}_D - \beta\|_1 \leq \frac{(\lambda_n^0 + \lambda_\ell)(1 + c_0)^2 s}{\kappa^2(s, c_0)}$$

$$\|X \hat{\beta}_D - X\beta\|_2 \leq \frac{(\lambda_n^0 + \lambda_\ell)(1 + c_0)\sqrt{s}}{\kappa(s, c_0)}$$

**Proof** Let  $h = \hat{\beta}_D - \beta \in R^p$



Recall that  $\|X^T \varepsilon\|_\infty \leq \lambda_n^0$ , it yields

$$\|Xh\|_2^2 \leq \|X^T Xh\|_\infty \|h\|_1 = \left\| X^T \left( y - X \hat{\beta}_D \right) + X^T (X\beta - y) \right\|_\infty \|h\|_1 \leq (\lambda_d + \lambda_n^0) \|h\|_1$$

Based on the inequality  $\|h_{j^c}\|_1 \leq c_0 \|h_j\|_1$

We get  $\|h\|_1 = \|h_j\|_1 + \|h_{j^c}\|_1 \leq (1 + c_0) \|h_j\|_1 \leq (1 + c_0) \sqrt{s} \|h_j\|_2$

Here  $X$  satisfies  $RE(s, c_0)$  so we can get

$$\frac{\|Xh\|_2}{\|h_j\|_2} \geq \kappa(s, c_0) > 0$$

It equals to  $\|h_j\|_2 \leq \frac{\|Xh\|_2}{\kappa(s, c_0)}$  or  $\|Xh\|_2 \geq \kappa(s, c_0) \|h_j\|_2$

So  $\|Xh\|_2^2 \leq (\lambda_n^0 + \lambda_d)(1 + c_0) \sqrt{s} \|h_j\|_2 \leq (\lambda_n^0 + \lambda_d)(1 + c_0) \sqrt{s} \frac{\|Xh\|_2}{\kappa(s, c_0)}$

Or  $\kappa^2(s, c_0) \|h_j\|_2^2 \leq \|Xh\|_2^2 \leq (\lambda_d^0 + \lambda_\ell)(1 + c_0) \sqrt{s} \|h_j\|_2$

It equals that  $\|Xh\|_2 \leq \frac{(\lambda_d^0 + \lambda_\ell)(1 + c_0) \sqrt{s}}{\kappa(s, c_0)}$  or  $\|h_j\|_2 \leq \frac{(\lambda_n^0 + \lambda_d)(1 + c_0) \sqrt{s}}{\kappa^2(s, c_0)}$

So we can get  $\|h\|_1 \leq (1 + c_0) \sqrt{s} \|h_j\|_2 \leq \frac{(\lambda_d^0 + \lambda_\ell)(1 + c_0)^2 s}{\kappa^2(s, c_0)}$

### 3.2 $X$ satisfies compatibility condition [8]

A matrix  $X \in R^{n \times p}$  satisfies the Compatibility condition  $(S, c_0)$  if and only if

$$\phi(S, c_0) = \min_{\substack{J \subset \{1, \dots, p\} \\ |J| \leq s}} \min_{\substack{\delta \neq 0 \\ \|h_{j^c}\|_1 \leq c_0 \|h_j\|_1}} \frac{\sqrt{|J|} \|Xh\|_2}{\|h_j\|_1} > 0 \quad (6)$$

Result 1 assume that  $X$  satisfies the Compatibility condition  $(S, c_0)$  and  $|J(\beta)| \leq s$  consider the lasso defined by (3), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|\hat{\beta}_L - \beta\|_1 &\leq \frac{2(\lambda_n^0 + \lambda_\ell)(1 + c_0)^2 s}{\phi^2(s, c_0)} \\ \|X \hat{\beta}_L - X\beta\|_2 &\leq \frac{2(\lambda_\ell + \lambda_n^0)(1 + c_0) \sqrt{s}}{\phi(s, c_0)} \end{aligned}$$

**Proof** let  $h = \hat{\beta}_L - \beta \in R^p$

By optimality, we have





$$\frac{1}{2} \|y - X \hat{\beta}_L\|_2^2 + \lambda_\ell \|\hat{\beta}_L\|_1 \leq \frac{1}{2} \|y - X\beta\|_2^2 + \lambda_\ell \|\beta\|_1$$

It yield

$$\frac{1}{2} \|Xh\|_2^2 - \langle X^T \varepsilon, h \rangle + \lambda_\ell \|\hat{\beta}_L\|_1 \leq \lambda_\ell \|\beta\|_1$$

Using (2) we can get  $\langle X^T \varepsilon, h \rangle \leq \|X^T \varepsilon\|_\infty \|h\|_1 \leq \lambda_n^0 \|h\|_1$

using the triangle inequality  $\|\beta\|_1 - \|\hat{\beta}_L\|_1 \leq \|\beta - \hat{\beta}_L\|_1 = \|h\|_1$

Then  $\frac{1}{2} \|Xh\|_2^2 \leq \lambda_\ell \|\beta\|_1 - \lambda_\ell \|\hat{\beta}_L\|_1 + \lambda_n^0 \|h\|_1 \leq (\lambda_n^0 + \lambda_\ell) \|h\|_1$

Based on the inequality  $\|h_{J^c}\|_1 \leq c_0 \|h_J\|_1$

We get  $\|h\|_1 = \|h_J\|_1 + \|h_{J^c}\|_1 \leq (1 + c_0) \|h_J\|_1$

Here  $X$  satisfies Compatibility condition  $(S, c_0)$  so we can get

$$\frac{\sqrt{|J|} \|Xh\|_2}{\|h_J\|_1} \geq \phi(S, c_0) > 0$$

It equals to  $\|h_J\|_1 \leq \frac{\sqrt{|J|} \|Xh\|_2}{\phi(S, c_0)} \leq \frac{\sqrt{s} \|Xh\|_2}{\phi(S, c_0)}$  or

$$\|Xh\|_2 \geq \frac{\phi(s, c_0) \|h_J\|_1}{\sqrt{|J|}} \geq \frac{\phi(s, c_0) \|h_J\|_1}{\sqrt{s}}$$

So  $\frac{1}{2} \|Xh\|_2^2 \leq (\lambda_n^0 + \lambda_\ell)(1 + c_0) \|h_J\|_1 \leq (\lambda_n^0 + \lambda_\ell)(1 + c_0) \frac{\sqrt{s} \|Xh\|_2}{\phi(S, c_0)}$

Or  $\frac{1}{2} \frac{\phi^2(s, c_0)}{s} \|h_J\|_1^2 \leq \frac{1}{2} \|Xh\|_2^2 \leq (\lambda_n^0 + \lambda_\ell)(1 + c_0) \|h_J\|_1$

It equals that  $\|Xh\|_2 \leq \frac{2(\lambda_n^0 + \lambda_\ell)(1 + c_0)\sqrt{s}}{\kappa(s, c_0)}$  or  $\|h_J\|_1 \leq \frac{2(\lambda_n^0 + \lambda_\ell)(1 + c_0)^2 s}{\phi^2(s, c_0)}$

So we can get  $\|h\|_1 \leq (1 + c_0) \|h_J\|_1 \leq \frac{2(\lambda_n^0 + \lambda_\ell)(1 + c_0)^2 s}{\phi^2(s, c_0)}$

Result 2 assume  $X$  satisfies Compatibility condition  $(S, c_0)$  and  $|J(\beta)| \leq s$  consider the Dantzigselector defined by (4), we have

$$\|X \hat{\beta}_D - X\beta\|_2 \leq \frac{(\lambda_d + \lambda_n^0)(1 + c_0)\sqrt{s}}{\phi(s, c_0)}$$



$$\|\hat{\beta}_D - \beta\|_1 \leq \frac{(\lambda_n^0 + \lambda_d)(1 + c_0)^2 s}{\phi^2(s, c_0)}$$

**Proof** Let  $h = \hat{\beta}_D - \beta \in R^p$

Recall that  $\|X^T \varepsilon\|_\infty \leq \lambda_n^0$ , it yields

$$\|Xh\|_2^2 \leq \|X^T Xh\|_\infty \|h\|_1 = \left\| X^T \left( y - X \hat{\beta}_D \right) + X^T (X\beta - y) \right\|_\infty \|h\|_1 \leq (\lambda_d + \lambda_n^0) \|h\|_1$$

Based on the inequality  $\|h_{J^c}\|_1 \leq c_0 \|h_J\|_1$

We get  $\|h\|_1 = \|h_J\|_1 + \|h_{J^c}\|_1 \leq (1 + c_0) \|h_J\|_1$

Here  $X$  satisfies Compatibility condition  $(S, c_0)$  so we can get

$$\frac{\sqrt{|J|} \|Xh\|_2}{\|h_J\|_1} \geq \phi(S, c_0) > 0$$

It equals to  $\|h_J\|_1 \leq \frac{\sqrt{|J|} \|Xh\|_2}{\phi(S, c_0)} \leq \frac{\sqrt{s} \|Xh\|_2}{\phi(S, c_0)}$

or  $\|Xh\|_2 \geq \frac{\phi(s, c_0) \|h_J\|_1}{\sqrt{|J|}} \geq \frac{\phi(s, c_0) \|h_J\|_1}{\sqrt{s}}$

So  $\|Xh\|_2^2 \leq (\lambda_n^0 + \lambda_d)(1 + c_0) \|h_J\|_1 \leq (\lambda_n^0 + \lambda_d)(1 + c_0) \sqrt{s} \frac{\|Xh\|_2}{\phi(s, c_0)}$

Or  $\frac{\phi^2(s, c_0) \|h_J\|_1^2}{s} \leq \|Xh\|_2^2 \leq (\lambda_n^0 + \lambda_d)(1 + c_0) \|h_J\|_1$

It equals that  $\|Xh\|_2 \leq \frac{(\lambda_n^0 + \lambda_d)(1 + c_0) \sqrt{s}}{\phi(s, c_0)}$  or  $\|h_J\|_1 \leq \frac{(\lambda_n^0 + \lambda_d)(1 + c_0) s}{\phi^2(s, c_0)}$

So we can get  $\|h\|_1 \leq (1 + c_0) \|h_J\|_1 \leq \frac{(\lambda_n^0 + \lambda_d)(1 + c_0)^2 s}{\phi^2(s, c_0)}$

based on the definition of Compatibility condition  $(S, c_0)$  and the restricted eigenvalue condition, we can deduce that  $\phi(s, c_0) \geq RE(s, c_0)$ , so

$$\begin{aligned} \|Xh\|_2 &\leq \frac{(\lambda_n^0 + \lambda_d)(1 + c_0) \sqrt{s}}{\phi(s, c_0)} \leq \frac{(\lambda_n^0 + \lambda_d)(1 + c_0) \sqrt{s}}{\kappa(s, c_0)} \\ \|h_J\|_1 &\leq \frac{(\lambda_n^0 + \lambda_d)(1 + c_0) s}{\phi^2(s, c_0)} \leq \frac{(\lambda_n^0 + \lambda_d)(1 + c_0) s}{\kappa^2(s, c_0)} \end{aligned}$$

we can proof that the compatibility condition is the weaker than the restricted eigenvalue condition.(see[ 9])



**3.3  $x$  satisfies  $UDP(S_0, \kappa_0, \Delta)$  [1]**

$UDP(S_0, \kappa_0, \Delta)$  Given  $1 \leq S_0 \leq P$  and  $0 < \kappa_0 < \frac{1}{2}$ , we say that a matrix  $X \in R^{n \times P}$  satisfies the universal distortion condition of order  $S_0$ , magnitude  $\kappa_0$  and parameter  $\Delta$  if and only if for all  $\delta \in R^P$ , for all integers  $s \in \{1, \dots, S_0\}$ , for all subsets  $J \subseteq \{1, \dots, p\}$  such that  $|J| = s$ , it holds

$$\|\delta_J\|_1 \leq \Delta\sqrt{s}\|X\delta\|_2 + \kappa_0\|\delta\|_1 \quad (7)$$

Result1: assume that  $X$  satisfies  $UDP(S_0, \kappa_0, \Delta)$  with  $\kappa_0 < \frac{1}{2}$  and that (2) holds. Then for any  $\lambda_\ell > \lambda_n^0/1 - 2\kappa_0$ , it holds

$$\|\hat{\beta}_L - \beta\|_1 \leq \frac{2}{\left(1 - \frac{\lambda_n^0}{\lambda_\ell}\right) - 2\kappa_0} \min_{\substack{J \subseteq \{1, \dots, p\} \\ |J|=s, s \leq S_0}} \left( \lambda_\ell \Delta^2 s + \|\beta_{J^c}\|_1 \right)$$

$$\|X\hat{\beta}_L - X\beta\|_2 \leq \min_{\substack{J \subseteq \{1, \dots, p\} \\ |J|=s, s \leq S_0}} \left( 4\lambda_\ell \Delta\sqrt{s} + \frac{\|\beta_{J^c}\|_1}{\Delta\sqrt{s}} \right)$$

See theorem 2.1, 2.2.[1]

**Proof.** Let  $h = \hat{\beta}_L - \beta \in R^P$  and  $\lambda_\ell \geq \lambda_n^0$

by optimality, we have

$$\frac{1}{2} \|X\hat{\beta}_L - y\|_2^2 + \lambda_\ell \|\hat{\beta}_L\|_1 \leq \frac{1}{2} \|X\beta - y\|_2^2 + \lambda_\ell \|\beta\|_1$$

It yields

$$\frac{1}{2} \|Xh\|_2^2 - \langle X^T \varepsilon, h \rangle + \lambda_\ell \|\hat{\beta}_L\|_1 \leq \lambda_\ell \|\beta\|_1$$

Let  $J \subseteq \{1, \dots, p\}$ ; we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2} \|Xh\|_2^2 + \lambda_\ell \|\hat{\beta}_{L_{J^c}}\|_1 &\leq \lambda_\ell \left( \|\beta_J\|_1 - \|\hat{\beta}_{L_J}\|_1 \right) + \lambda_\ell \|\beta_{J^c}\|_1 + \langle X^T \varepsilon, h \rangle \\ &\leq \lambda_\ell \|h_J\|_1 + \lambda_\ell \|\beta_{J^c}\|_1 + \lambda_n^0 \|h\|_1 \end{aligned}$$

Using(2). Adding  $\lambda_\ell \|\beta_{J^c}\|_1$  on both sides, it holds

$$\frac{1}{2} \|Xh\|_2^2 + (\lambda_\ell - \lambda_n^0) \|h_{J^c}\|_1 \leq (\lambda_\ell + \lambda_n^0) \|h_J\|_1 + 2\lambda_\ell \|\beta_{J^c}\|_1$$

Adding  $(\lambda_\ell - \lambda_n^0) \|h_J\|_1$  on both sides, we can get

$$\frac{1}{2} \|Xh\|_2^2 + (\lambda_\ell - \lambda_n^0) \|h\|_1 \leq 2\lambda_\ell \|h_J\|_1 + 2\lambda_\ell \|\beta_{J^c}\|_1$$

Using (7), it follows that





$$\frac{1}{2} \|Xh\|_2^2 + (\lambda_\ell - \lambda_n^0) \|h\|_1 \leq 2\lambda_\ell (\Delta\sqrt{s} \|Xh\|_2 + \kappa_0 \|h\|_1) + 2\lambda_\ell \|\beta_{J^c}\|_1$$

$$\frac{1}{2\lambda_\ell} \left[ \frac{1}{2} \|Xh\|_2^2 + (\lambda_\ell - \lambda_n^0) \|h\|_1 \right] \leq \Delta\sqrt{s} \|Xh\|_2 + \kappa_0 \|h\|_1 + \|\beta_{J^c}\|_1$$

It yields that

$$\left[ \frac{1}{2} \left( 1 - \frac{\lambda_\ell}{\lambda_n^0} \right) - \kappa_0 \right] \|h\|_1 \leq \left( -\frac{1}{4\lambda_\ell} \|Xh\|_2^2 + \Delta\sqrt{s} \|Xh\|_2 \right) + \|\beta_{J^c}\|_1$$

$$\leq \lambda_\ell \Delta^2 s + \|\beta_{J^c}\|_1$$

Using the fact that  $2ab - b^2 \leq a^2$ , this concludes the proof.

Using this equality  $\frac{1}{2\lambda_\ell} \left[ \frac{1}{2} \|Xh\|_2^2 + (\lambda_\ell - \lambda_n^0) \|h\|_1 \right] \leq \Delta\sqrt{s} \|Xh\|_2 + \kappa_0 \|h\|_1 + \|\beta_{J^c}\|_1$

And  $\lambda_\ell > \lambda_n^0 / 1 - 2\kappa_0$  we can get

$$\|Xh\|_2^2 - 4\lambda_\ell \Delta\sqrt{s} \|Xh\|_2 \leq 4\lambda_\ell \|\beta_{J^c}\|_1$$

This latter is of the form  $x^2 - bx \leq c$  which implies that  $x \leq b + c/b$ . Hence,

$$\|Xh\|_2 \leq 4\lambda_\ell \Delta\sqrt{s} + \frac{\|\beta_{J^c}\|_1}{\Delta\sqrt{s}}$$

Result 2: assume that  $X$  satisfies  $UDP(S_0, \kappa_0, \Delta)$  with  $\kappa_0 < \frac{1}{4}$  and that (2) holds. Then for any  $\lambda_d > \lambda_n^0 / 1 - 4\kappa_0$ , it holds

$$\left\| \hat{\beta}_D - \beta \right\|_1 \leq \frac{4}{\left( 1 - \frac{\lambda_n^0}{\lambda_d} \right) - 4\kappa_0} \min_{\substack{J \subseteq \{1, \dots, p\} \\ |J|=s, s \leq S_0}} \left( \lambda_d \Delta^2 s + \|\beta_{J^c}\|_1 \right)$$

$$\left\| X \hat{\beta}_D - X\beta \right\|_2 \leq \min_{\substack{J \subseteq \{1, \dots, p\} \\ |J|=s, s \leq S_0}} \left( 4\lambda_d \Delta\sqrt{s} + \frac{\|\beta_{J^c}\|_1}{\Delta\sqrt{s}} \right)$$

See theorem 2.3, 2.4.[1]

**Proof** Let  $h = \hat{\beta}_D - \beta \in R^p$ ,  $\lambda_\ell \geq \lambda_n^0$  and  $J \subseteq \{1, \dots, p\}$

Recall that  $\|X^T \varepsilon\|_\infty \leq \lambda_n^0$ , it yields

$$\|Xh\|_2^2 \leq \|X^T Xh\|_\infty \|h\|_1 = \left\| X^T \left( y - X \hat{\beta}_D \right) + X^T (X\beta - y) \right\|_\infty \|h\|_1$$

$$\leq (\lambda_d + \lambda_n^0) \|h\|_1$$

Hence we get



$$\|Xh\|_2^2 - (\lambda_d + \lambda_n^0)\|h_{J^c}\|_1 \leq (\lambda_d + \lambda_n^0)\|h_J\|_1$$

Since  $\hat{\beta}_D$  is feasible, it yields  $\|\hat{\beta}_D\|_1 \leq \|\beta\|_1$ . Thus

$$\|\hat{\beta}_{D_{J^c}}\|_1 \leq \|\beta_J\|_1 - \|\hat{\beta}_J\|_1 + \|\beta_{J^c}\|_1 \leq \|h_J\|_1 + \|\beta_{J^c}\|_1$$

Since  $\|h_{J^c}\|_1 \leq \|\hat{\beta}_{D_{J^c}}\|_1 + \|\beta_{J^c}\|_1$ , it yields

$$\|h_{J^c}\|_1 \leq \|h_J\|_1 + 2\|\beta_{J^c}\|_1$$

Multiply by  $2\lambda_d$  to both sides we can get

$$2\lambda_d\|h_{J^c}\|_1 \leq 2\lambda_d\|h_J\|_1 + 4\lambda_d\|\beta_{J^c}\|_1$$

Combing this inequality and  $\|Xh\|_2^2 - (\lambda_d + \lambda_n^0)\|h_{J^c}\|_1 \leq (\lambda_d + \lambda_n^0)\|h_J\|_1$  we get

$$\|Xh\|_2^2 + (\lambda_d - \lambda_n^0)\|h_{J^c}\|_1 \leq (3\lambda_d + \lambda_n^0)\|h_J\|_1 + 4\lambda_d\|\beta_{J^c}\|_1$$

Adding  $(\lambda_d - \lambda_n^0)\|h_J\|_1$  on both sides, we get

$$\|Xh\|_2^2 + (\lambda_d - \lambda_n^0)\|h\|_1 \leq 4\lambda_d\|h_J\|_1 + 4\lambda_d\|\beta_{J^c}\|_1$$

Here  $X$  satisfies  $UDP(S_0, \kappa_0, \Delta)$ , namely  $\|h_J\|_1 \leq \Delta\sqrt{s}\|Xh\|_2 + \kappa_0\|h\|_1$  so

$$\|Xh\|_2^2 + (\lambda_d - \lambda_n^0)\|h\|_1 \leq 4\lambda_d\Delta\sqrt{s}\|Xh\|_2 + 4\lambda_d\kappa_0\|h\|_1 + 4\lambda_d\|\beta_{J^c}\|_1$$

Thus  $\frac{1}{4\lambda_d} [\|Xh\|_2^2 + (\lambda_d - \lambda_n^0)\|h\|_1] \leq \Delta\sqrt{s}\|Xh\|_2 + \kappa_0\|h\|_1 + \|\beta_{J^c}\|_1$

It yields,

$$\left[ \frac{1}{4} \left( 1 - \frac{\lambda_n^0}{\lambda_d} \right) - \kappa_0 \right] \|h\|_1 \leq \left( -\frac{1}{4\lambda_d} \|Xh\|_2^2 + \Delta\sqrt{s}\|Xh\|_2 \right) + \|\beta_{J^c}\|_1$$

$$\leq \lambda_d \Delta^2 s + \|\beta_{J^c}\|_1$$

Using the fact that  $2ab - b^2 \leq a^2$ , this concludes the proof.

$$\|h\|_1 \leq \frac{\lambda_d \Delta^2 s + \|\beta_{J^c}\|_1}{\left[ \frac{1}{4} \left( 1 - \frac{\lambda_n^0}{\lambda_d} \right) - \kappa_0 \right]} \leq \frac{4}{\left( 1 - \frac{\lambda_n^0}{\lambda_d} \right) - 4\kappa_0} \min_{\substack{J \subseteq \{1, \dots, p\} \\ |J|=s, s \leq S_0}} (\lambda_d \Delta^2 s + \|\beta_{J^c}\|_1)$$

Using this equality  $\|Xh\|_2^2 + (\lambda_d - \lambda_n^0)\|h\|_1 \leq 4\lambda_d\Delta\sqrt{s}\|Xh\|_2 + 4\lambda_d\kappa_0\|h\|_1 + 4\lambda_d\|\beta_{J^c}\|_1$  and  $\lambda_d > \lambda_n^0/1 - 4\kappa_0$ , we can get

$$\|Xh\|_2^2 - 4\lambda_d\Delta\sqrt{s}\|Xh\|_2 \leq 4\lambda_d\|\beta_{J^c}\|_1$$



This latter is of the form  $x^2 - bx \leq c$  which implies that  $x \leq b + c/b$ . Hence,

$$\|Xh\|_2 \leq 4\lambda_d \Delta \sqrt{s} + \frac{\|\beta_{J^c}\|_1}{\Delta \sqrt{s}}$$

#### 4.SUMMARY

Oracle inequalities for lasso and Dantzig selector in linear models have been established under a variety of different assumptions on the design matrix and how the different conditions and concepts relate to see other [9]. We know that the restricted eigenvalue conditions or the slightly weaker compatibility condition are sufficient for oracle results. In this paper, we not only show these oracle results under eigenvalue conditions, and compatibility condition but also show results under UDP condition. We also prove that compatibility condition is weaker than the restricted eigenvalue conditions. The UDP condition is similar to the them, see proposition 3.1. [1]. As a matter of fact, the UDP condition, the restricted eigenvalue conditions, and compatibility condition are expressions with the same flavor: they aim at controlling the eigenvalues of  $X$  on a cone  $\{\delta \in R^p \mid \forall s \in \{1, \dots, p\}, s.t. |\delta| \leq s, \|\delta_{J^c}\|_1 \leq c \|\delta_J\|_1\}$ , where  $c > 0$  is a tuning parameter.

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