



IRTG 1792 Short Course

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Inference in High-Dimensions

1. De-biased Methods for Inference in High-Dimensions

Examples of causal parameters include individual regression coefficients, average treatment effects, average lifts, and demand or supply elasticities. In fact, estimates of such causal parameters obtained via naively plugging ML estimators into estimating equations for such parameters can behave very poorly due to the regularization bias. Fortunately, this regularization bias can be removed by solving auxiliary prediction problems via ML tools. The method could be called a "double/de-biased ML" method because it relies on estimating primary and auxiliary predictive models to overcome regularization biases.

2. Central Limit Theorems in High Dimensions

We introduce central limit and bootstrap theorems for probabilities that sums of centered high-dimensional random vectors hit hyperrectangles and sparsely convex sets. The result holds uniformly over all hyperrectangles, or more generally, sparsely convex sets, and does not require any restriction on the correlation structure among coordinates of X_i .

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