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Selected Topics in

High-Dimensional Regression

From Double Descent to Learning under Distribution Shift

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Last part is based on a recent joint work with Donghwan Lee, Xinmeng Huang, Edgar Dobriban, and Hamed Hassani.

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Figure: [Belkin et al., 2018].



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where $\Pi = I - \hat{\Sigma}^+ \hat{\Sigma}$, and $\hat{\Sigma} = \frac{1}{n} X^\top X$.



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[Tulino and Verdu, 2004], [Dobriban and Wager, 2015], [Hastie et al., 2020].



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One can use the Marchenko–Pastur Theorem to compute this limit.



Figure: Histogram of the eigenvalues of $\hat{\Sigma}$ with $d/n \to \gamma$



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[Rahimi and Recht, 2007]



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• Proportional limit:

$$n, N, d \to \infty$$
, with $N/d \to \psi$, $n/d \to \phi$.

[Mei and Montanari, 2019] and [Adlam and Pennington, 2020].

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- Labeled data from test?



• Dating at least back to [Recht et al., 2019], we know that:







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Does not necessarily hold for other shifts!



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Agreement-on-the-line in RF Regression

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• Non-zero Ridge:







Figure 4: (a) CIFAR-10-C-Snow (severity 3) (b) Tiny ImageNet-C-Fog (severity 3) (c) Camelyon17;



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