

# Precise Tradeoffs in [and asymptotics of] Adversarial Training for Linear Regression

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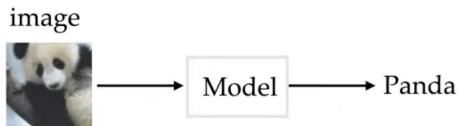
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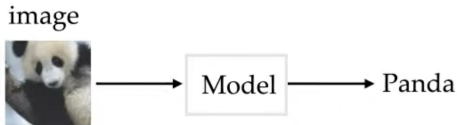
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- ▶ Data:  $(\mathbf{x}_i, y_i) \sim \mathbb{P}(\mathbb{R}^d, \mathbb{R})$
- ▶ Model:  $f_{\theta}(\cdot) : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$
- ▶ Loss Function:  $\ell(\theta, \mathbf{x}, y) = (y - f_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}))^2$

## Traditional Supervised learning

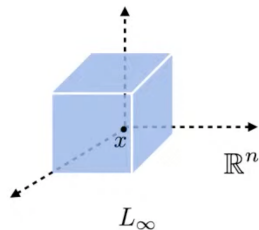
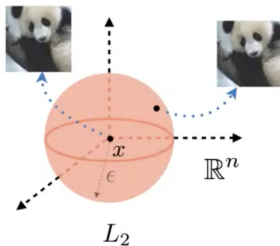
- ▶ Population Loss:

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- ▶ Empirical Risk Minimization:

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$L_p, p \geq 1$ : Simplest Possible Geometry



## Robust supervised learning

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- ▶ Adversarial Training:

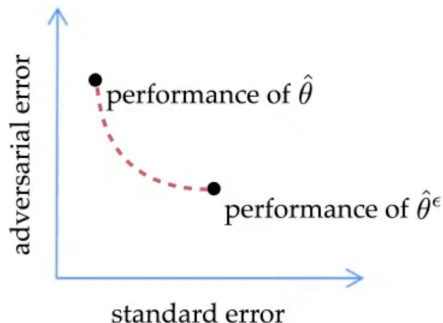
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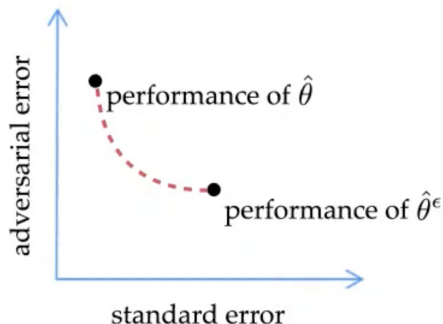
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## Questions:

- ▶ Is there a fundamental tradeoff between  $SR$  and  $AR$ ?
- ▶ How can we algorithmically achieve this tradeoff?

# Linear Regression: Fundamental Tradeoffs

- ▶ We consider standard gaussian linear regression with

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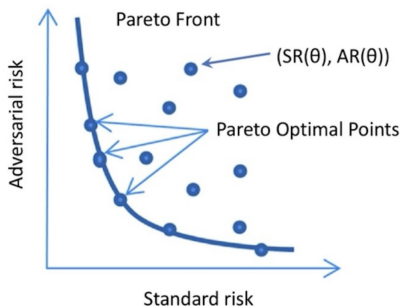
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Pareto-optimal points are the intersection points of the region with the supporting lines:

$$\theta^\lambda := \arg \min_{\theta} \lambda SR(\theta) + AR(\theta)$$



The solution  $\theta^\lambda$  is given by

$$\theta^\lambda = (1 + \gamma_0^\lambda)^{-1} \theta_0,$$

with  $\gamma_0^\lambda$  the fixed point of the following two equations:

$$\gamma_0^\lambda = \frac{\varepsilon_{\text{test}}^2 + \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \varepsilon_{\text{test}} A^\lambda}{1 + \lambda + \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \frac{\varepsilon_{\text{test}}}{A^\lambda}}$$
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They all use the Marchenko-Pastur limit. Here, we cannot use that because there is no closed form for the estimator.

Theorem (Convex Gaussian Min-Max Theorem (CGMT) – informal)

For  $\mathbf{X}$  with i.i.d standard normal entries and  $\psi(\cdot, \cdot)$  a convex-concave function, define

$$\Phi(\mathbf{X}) := \min_{\mathbf{z}} \max_{\mathbf{u}} \mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{X} \mathbf{z} + \psi(\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{u}) \quad (PO)$$

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We have  $\Phi(\mathbf{X}) \approx \phi(\mathbf{g}, \mathbf{h})$ , in which  $\mathbf{g}, \mathbf{h}$  are standard Gaussian random vectors. Also the norms of the solutions for both optimization problems are equal.

[Thrapoulidis, Oymak, and Hassibi; 2016 & 2018]



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- ▶ Hence, the Auxiliary Optimization is:

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- ▶ **Step 3:** Study the Auxiliary Optimization

$$\min_{\mathbf{z} \in \mathbb{R}^d, \mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n} \max_{\mathbf{u} \in \mathbb{R}^n} \frac{1}{2n} \left( \|\mathbf{z}\|_{\ell_2} \mathbf{g}^T \mathbf{u} + \|\mathbf{u}\|_{\ell_2} \mathbf{h}^T \mathbf{z} - \mathbf{u}^T \boldsymbol{\omega} + \mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{v} \right) + \frac{1}{2n} \left( \|\mathbf{v}\|_{\ell_2}^2 + n\varepsilon^2 \|\mathbf{z} + \boldsymbol{\theta}_0\|_{\ell_2}^2 + 2\varepsilon \|\mathbf{z} + \boldsymbol{\theta}_0\|_{\ell_2} \|\mathbf{v}\|_{\ell_1} \right).$$

- ▶ **Scalarization:** Starting with the maximization over  $\mathbf{u}$ , let  $\mathbf{u} = \beta \tilde{\mathbf{u}}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \max_{\mathbf{u} \in \mathbb{R}^n} \frac{1}{2n} \left( \|\mathbf{z}\|_{\ell_2} \mathbf{g}^T \mathbf{u} + \|\mathbf{u}\|_{\ell_2} \mathbf{h}^T \mathbf{z} - \mathbf{u}^T \boldsymbol{\omega} + \mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{v} \right) \\ = \max_{\beta} \frac{1}{2n} \left( \beta \mathbf{h}^T \mathbf{z} + \left\| \|\mathbf{z}\|_{\ell_2} \mathbf{g} - \boldsymbol{\omega} + \mathbf{v} \right\|_{\ell_2} \right). \end{aligned}$$

- ▶ Repeat for the other variables  $\mathbf{z}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$ .

Eventually, the AO is reduced to

$$\max_{0 \leq \beta \leq K\beta} \sup_{\gamma, \tau_h \geq 0} \min_{0 \leq \alpha \leq K\alpha} \min_{\tau_g \geq 0} D(\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \tau_h, \tau_g),$$

with

$$D(\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \tau_h, \tau_g) =$$

$$\frac{\delta\beta}{2(\tau_g + \beta)} (\alpha^2 + \sigma^2) - \frac{\alpha}{2\tau_h} (\gamma^2 + \beta^2) + \gamma \sqrt{\frac{\alpha^2\beta^2}{\tau_h^2} + \mathbf{V}^2} - \frac{\alpha\tau_h}{2} + \frac{\beta\tau_g}{2}$$

$$+ \delta \mathbf{1}_{\{\gamma(\tau_g + \beta) > \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \delta \varepsilon \beta \sqrt{\alpha^2 + \sigma^2}\}} \frac{\beta^2 (\alpha^2 + \sigma^2)}{2\tau_g (\tau_g + \beta)} \left( \operatorname{erf} \left( \frac{\tau_*}{\sqrt{2}} \right) - \frac{\gamma (\tau_g + \beta)}{\delta \varepsilon \beta \sqrt{\alpha^2 + \sigma^2}} \tau_* \right)$$

and  $\tau_*$  is the unique solution to

$$\frac{\gamma (\tau_g + \beta)}{\delta \varepsilon \beta \sqrt{\alpha^2 + \sigma^2}} - \frac{\beta}{\tau_g} \tau - \tau \cdot \operatorname{erf} \left( \frac{\tau}{\sqrt{2}} \right) - \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} e^{-\frac{\tau^2}{2}} = 0$$

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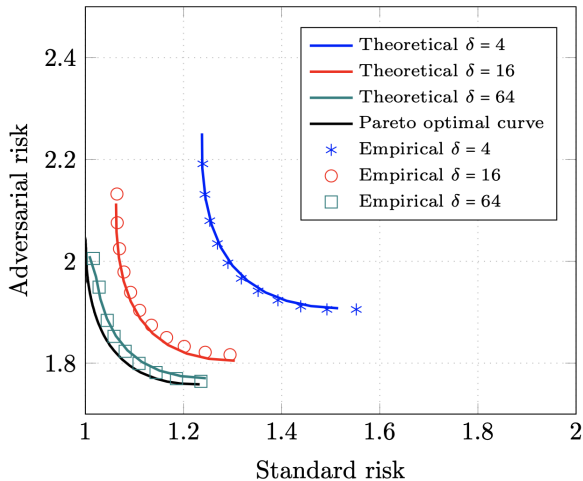
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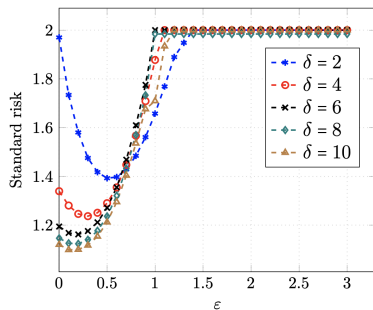
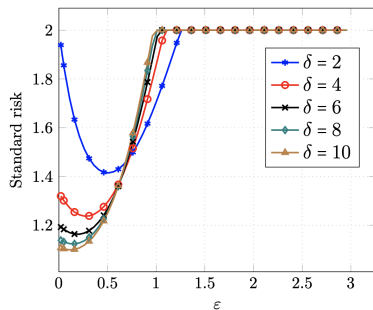
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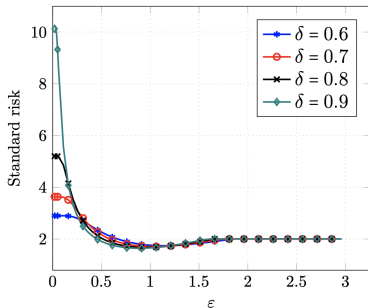
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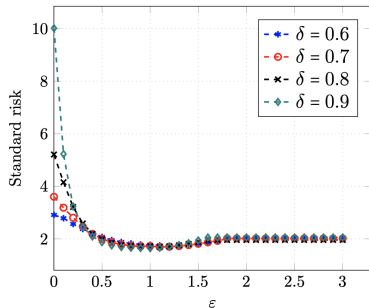
# Role of Overparameterization



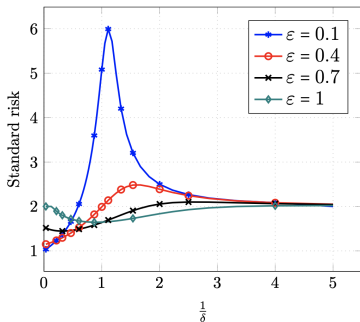




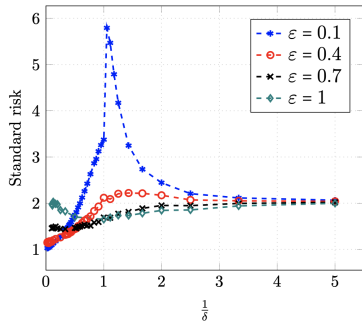
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Interpolation threshold depends on  $\epsilon$ .

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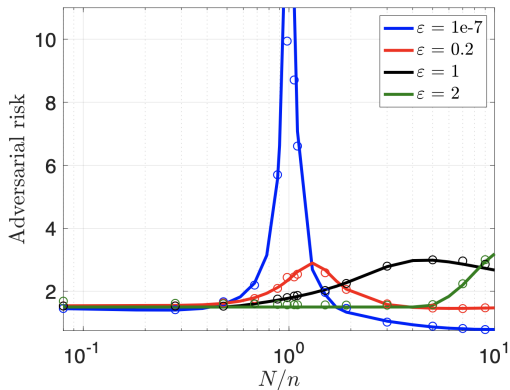
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