

# Regularization with Lipschitz Loss

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Idea :  $M^*$  is (approximately) low-rank.



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Minimax rates of convergence derived in



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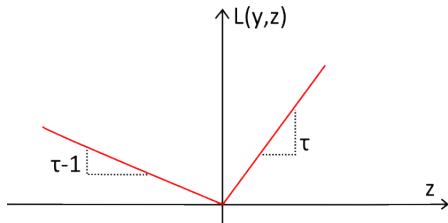
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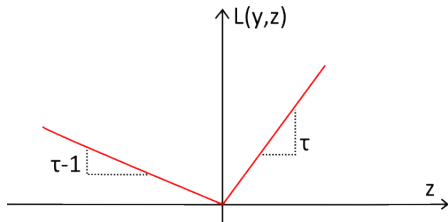
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- hinge loss  $\ell(y', y) = (1 - y'y)_+$  etc.

# Lipschitz losses

All the aforementioned losses :

- hinge,
- logistic,
- quantile

are Lipschitz. And so are other popular losses :

- Huber,
- ...

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## Rademacher complexity

In this case we define, for  $B$  the unit ball in  $E$ ,

$$\text{comp}(B) = \mathbb{E} \sup_{f \in B} \left| \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{i=1}^N \epsilon_i f(X_i) \right|, \quad (\epsilon_i) \text{ i.i.d Rademacher.}$$

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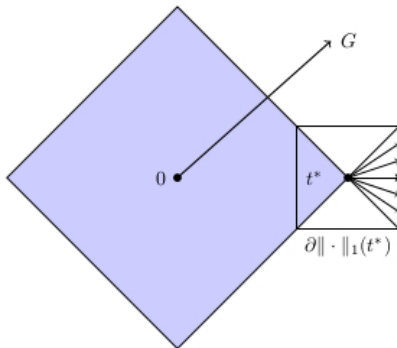
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Example : the  $\|\cdot\|_1$  penalty.



Idea :  $t^*$  sparse (easier to estimate)  $\leftrightarrow \partial\|\cdot\|_1(t^*)$  is a large set.

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# Sharp oracle inequality

$C$  stands for a constant that depends on  $A$ ,  $\kappa$ , ... and may change from line to line.

## Theorem

Take  $\lambda = 720 \text{comp}(B) / (7\sqrt{N})$ . Then with probability at least

$$1 - C \exp \left[ -CN^{\frac{1}{2\kappa}} (\rho^* \text{comp}(B))^{\frac{2\kappa-1}{\kappa}} \right]$$

we have simultaneously

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	LASSO	SLOPE
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where  $|t_{(1)}| \geq \dots \geq |t_{(p)}|$ .



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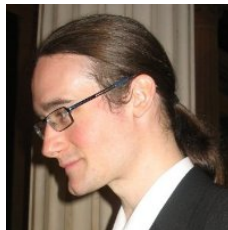
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Jupyter notebooks :

<https://sites.google.com/site/vincentcottet/code>

Thank you !