Development of Two Methods for Estimating High-Dimensional Data in the Case of Multicollinearity and Outliers

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ABSTRACT. High-dimensional problems involve datasets or models characterized by a substantial number of variables or parameters prevalent across various domains such as statistics, machine learning, optimization, physics, and engineering. Challenges in these scenarios include computational complexity, data sparsity, over-fitting, and the curse of dimensionality. This study introduces two innovative techniques that combine the Random Forest machine learning approach with both the least absolute shrinkage and selection operator and the elastic net, which are statistical methodologies tailored to address high-dimensional challenges. We compared performance evaluations of these hybrid methods against traditional statistical approaches and standalone machine learning methods. The assessment is conducted using goodness-of-fit measures and involves both Monte Carlo simulation and a real-world application. The findings show that the strategies proposed in this study exhibit superior performance compared to conventional approaches when tackling high-dimensional challenges.

1. Introduction

According to the study conducted by [1], advancements in technology across many fields result in the generation of vast quantities of data, comprising millions of samples, instances, and features. The data used in this study are sourced from various domains, including bioinformatics, text mining, and microarray data. These types of data are typically represented as high-

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dimensional feature vectors. Predicting outcomes in these datasets poses a challenging task within the fields of pattern recognition, bioinformatics, statistical analysis, and machine learning. Computational time and space complexity are both impacted by high-dimensional data during data processing. Typically, most pattern recognition and machine learning methods handle lowdimensional data, which has limitations when confronted with high-dimensional data. In addressing this problem, the utilization of feature selection (FS) assumes a critical role. FS identifies and picks the most relevant characteristics from a large pool of features in highdimensional data. This process aims to construct a more streamlined model that can achieve higher accuracy in classification. The FS method primarily aims to decrease and eliminate the multidimensional aspect of the data by eliminating irrelevant and redundant information. This process enhances predictive modeling by facilitating improved visualization and comprehension of the data.

[2] proposed an interpretable meta-learning strategy for high-dimensional regression. The elastic net (Enet) algorithm achieves a trade-off between predicting minor effects for a large number of features and significant impacts for a selected selection of features. The proposed approach incorporates a hybrid regularization technique that combines ridge and lasso methods for achieving a balanced regularization effect. Instead of selecting a singular weighting by means of tuning, we aggregate several weightings by employing a stacking approach. The objective was achieved by a method that enhances the ability to make accurate predictions while maintaining the ability to be easily understood and interpreted.

The study conducted by [3] focused on evaluating the predictive efficacy of several advanced multivariate regression techniques. The application utilized clinical and genomic data to make predictions for a wide range of motor and non-motor symptoms observed in patients diagnosed with Parkinson's disease. The researchers concluded that the utilization of stacked multivariate regression, along with their respective alterations, represents a feasible approach for forecasting interrelated outcomes.

[4] proposed two approaches for analysis: the integration of neural networks (NN) with the least absolute shrinkage and selection operator (LASSO) and the coupling of NN with random forests (RF). The performance of conventional approaches, namely ordinary least squares and feed forward NN, was assessed alongside two developed methods through the utilization of Monte Carlo simulation and a real-world application using air quality data in Italy. The results indicated that the approaches provided in this study exhibited superior performance compared to the standard methods.

[5] made enhancements to the random forest algorithm and introduced a novel technique referred to as post-selection boosting RF (PBRF). This technique integrates the RF and LASSO methods, allowing for the dynamic generation of decision trees based on input samples to

produce prediction results without requiring a predetermined number of decision trees for final prediction. In the interim, we ascertain the efficacy of the suggested algorithm in enhancing the performance of the model by conducting simulation tests and analyzing real-world data.

A group of researchers explored the utilization of RF for handling imbalanced data. [6] conducted an extensive empirical assessment of RF concerning imbalanced data. Additionally, RF was employed for variable selection purposes. [7] suggested a heuristic approach for variable selection, relying on data-driven thresholds for decision-making. Meanwhile, [8] introduced a novel method rooted in permutation tests' theoretical framework, meeting specific statistical criteria. Addressing RF uncertainty emerged as a significant research area, with [9] using jackknife and infinitesimal jackknife methods to estimate RF predictors' variance, yielding practical insights. Furthermore, [10] utilized U-statistics to compute limiting distributions and confidence intervals for predictions.

[11]. Several robust estimators were devised to mitigate the impact of atypical data and multicollinearity effects. Initially, a method called ridge least-trimmed squares was discussed. Subsequently, a nonlinear integer programming problem was proposed, utilizing a penalization approach. The tabu search heuristic algorithm was employed to solve the presented optimization problem, which was characterized by its complexity and difficulty. In addition, the robust generalized cross-validation criterion was utilized to identify the most suitable ridge parameter. Our theoretical talks were supported by computationally studying a simulated example and two real-world datasets.

[12] proposed two mixed-integer nonlinear optimization models that can serve as reliable estimators in the presence of both outliers and multicollinearity in the dataset. The models are constructed using penalization methods that metaheuristic algorithms can successfully solve. These schemes can down-weight or disregard atypical data and multicollinearity effects. We confirm that our models offer computational advantages in terms of the flop count. We also employ a robust ridge methodology. Ultimately, three authentic data sets are scrutinized to evaluate the effectiveness of the suggested methodologies.

[13] devised multiple penalized mixed-integer nonlinear programming models for application in high-dimensional regression analysis. The provided matrix approximations possess uncomplicated structures, resulting in reduced computational expenses for the models. Furthermore, the models can be efficiently solved using metaheuristic methods. Numerical tests are conducted to elucidate the performance of the suggested approaches on both simulated and real-world datasets with high dimensions.

In their study, [14] discussed the limitations of classical methods when analyzing highdimensional data. They subsequently introduced and explained contemporary and widely used approaches for regression analysis of high-dimensional data, such as principal component

analysis and penalized methods. Ultimately, a simulation study and analysis of real-world data are conducted to implement and contrast the methodologies above in datasets with a large number of dimensions.

[15] introduced a method for estimating high-dimensional multicollinear data that can be utilized as an alternative. This usage provides a continuous estimation, encompassing the ridge estimator as a specific instance. They analyzed the asymptotic performance of the system as the dimension, denoted by p , approaches infinity while keeping the value of n unchanged. Subject to some minor regularity criteria, the researchers establish the consistency of the proposed estimator and determine its asymptotic features. Several Monte Carlo simulation experiments are conducted to assess their performance, with the aim of analyzing a genetic dataset with high dimensionality.

In their study, [16] sought to enhance the RF algorithm by incorporating suitable penalized regression techniques. Specifically, they aimed to refine the PBRF algorithm through the application of Enet regression. The most efficient method described in this study is referred to as Reducing and Aggregating RF Trees by Enet (RARTEN). The method that has been introduced comprises three distinct steps. The initial stage involves the utilization of the RF algorithm as a predictive model. In the subsequent stage, the Enet technique, which serves as a form of penalized regression, is employed to decrease the number of trees and enhance the performance of both the RF and PBRF models. In the final stage, the chosen trees are consolidated. The statistical performance criteria are utilized to evaluate the outcomes acquired from both the real data and the Monte Carlo simulation. The findings of the simulation study indicate that the Randomized Average Response Tree Ensemble (RARTEN) enhances the precision of both the conventional RF and Wang's proposed method. Specifically, the RARTEN achieves reductions of 7%, 5%, and 8.5% in the linear, nonlinear, and noisy models, respectively. Furthermore, this approach exhibits a substantial decrease in comparison to alternative penalized regression techniques. Furthermore, the empirical findings of our study demonstrate that the strategy suggested herein yields a decrease of nearly 16%, thus affirming the soundness of the proposed model.

The subsequent sections of this work are structured as follows: Section 2 presents the methodology employed in this study. Section 3 discusses the suggested approaches. Section 4 provides an overview of the Monte Carlo simulation study. Section 5 presents the real-data application. Finally, Section 6 concludes this study.

2. Methodology

Firstly, the applicable shrinkage approach was utilized to handle the data. Subsequently, the selected variables were incorporated into the analysis. This paper will provide a brief discussion on the use of shrinkage methods and the RF regression framework for RF trees.

LASSO Regression

One of the penalization techniques proposed by [17] is the LASSO method. It has gained significant popularity in the field of high-dimensional data analysis after the Ridge regression method. The LASSO method can be formulated as an optimization problem, where the optimal value is determined by including the sum of the absolute values of the regression coefficients in the loss function. This method is widely favored for its ability to do variable selection and shrinking simultaneously. The LASSO technique cannot only estimate the coefficients but also produces a coefficient vector with sparsity. LASSO can be characterized as a variant of Ridge regression that employs distinct penalized functions [18]. T& study employs the LASSO approach as a first step for selecting independent variables. The selected variables are subsequently utilized as inputs for the RF method. Additionally, LASSO is employed to reduce the number of RF trees. The accuracy of prediction is enhanced through the process of picking a subset of trees.

One limitation of this method is that the maximum number of trees that can be selected is constrained by the number of samples. It is not feasible to select more trees than the available samples. Suppose there is (X, Y) a dataset so that $X = (x_1, \cdots, x_p)'$ is the independent variable and Y is the dependent variable. The LASSO estimator uses the ℓ_1 norm penalty to obtain an optimal b for the following optimization problem.

$$
\hat{\beta}(\lambda) = \frac{\arg\min}{\beta} \left(\frac{\|Y - X\beta\|_2^2}{n} + \lambda \|\beta\|_1 \right) \tag{2.1}
$$

where $||Y - X\beta||_2^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - (X\beta)_i)^2$, $||\beta||_1 = \sum_{j=1}^p |\beta_j|$ $\left| \begin{array}{c} P \\ j=1 \end{array} \right|$ and where $\lambda \geq 0$ is a penalty parameter. The estimator has the property that it does variable selection in the sense that $\hat{\beta}(\lambda) = 0$ for some j's (depending on the choice of λ) and $\hat{\beta}_j(\lambda)$ can be thought as a shrunken least squares estimator; hence, the name LASSO. LASSO estimator is available in the R package glmnet [19].

Enet regression

While ridge regression is known for shrinking the coefficients of variables without eliminating any variables, and LASSO regression may both shrink variables and choose the most impactful ones simultaneously, it is important to note that these methods may not always be suitable, as discussed in the preceding sections. Thus, [20] proposed a robust approach known as Enet regression, which effectively combines the strengths of both the LASSO and Ridge methods. The Enet is a statistical regularization technique that combines the principles of Ridge regression, which utilizes the ℓ_2 -norm, and LASSO regression, which employs the ℓ_1 -norm, in order to minimize the loss function. The primary objective of Enet regression is to effectively minimize

the coefficients to zero while simultaneously constructing a model that is based on the non-zero coefficients. Certain regression coefficients exhibit a precise value of zero and can be eliminated from the model. The Enet addresses the constraints associated with the LASSO and Ridge methods, namely the restriction of features during variable selection and the risk of overfitting when dealing with a substantial number of predictor variables, respectively. The present study utilizes the Enet technique as a first stage in the process of choosing independent variables. The chosen variables are later employed as inputs for the RF technique. Moreover, the Enet technique is utilized in order to decrease the number of RF trees. The procedure of selecting a subset of trees contributes to the improvement of prediction accuracy. Despite picking a greater number of trees, it exhibits superior performance compared to the LASSO method.

A double penalization using a combination of the l_1 and l_2 -penalties has been proposed by [20]:

$$
\hat{\beta}(\lambda_1, \lambda_2) = \frac{\arg \min \beta}{\beta} \left(\frac{\|Y - X\beta\|_2^2}{n} + \lambda_1 \|\beta\|_1 + \lambda_2 \|\beta\|_2^2 \right),\tag{2.2}
$$

where $\lambda_1, \lambda_2 > 0$ are two regularization parameters and $\|\beta\|_2^2 = \sum_{j=1}^p \beta_j^2$. [20] called the estimator in (2.2) the "naive Enet". Enet estimator is available in the R package "*glmnet*" [19], [21].

RF algorithm

The RF algorithm is a type of ensemble learning method, originally proposed by [22], that involves the creation of M decision trees using the bagging technique. Parallel tree generation is a capability that distinguishes it from boosting, which necessitates sequential generation. The algorithm in question can be employed for both regression and classification tasks. In regression and classification, the prediction and classification tasks include utilizing the mean of trees and the majority of votes, respectively. The RF algorithm employs a framework that bears resemblance to decision trees, wherein the constituent decision trees within the RF are constructed by considering distinct random partitions. To clarify, the mtry predictor is chosen as a potential separator candidate with a value that is smaller than the total number of predictors, denoted as p. In regression tasks, it is commonly set as mtry = $p/3$, while in classification tasks, it is typically defined as mtry = \sqrt{p} . The R package "randomForest" [23] provides the implementation of RF regression. Figure 1 displays the structure of the RF. The stages involved in constructing a RF, as depicted in the figure, are outlined as follows: [24]

- 1. The process of generating Bootstrap datasets (D_1, \dots, D_M) employed to create multiple datasets from the original D dataset.
- 2. Generate tree structures based on the Bootstrap dataset.
- 3. Produce a set of M trees. T_1, \dots, T_M
- 4. Retrieve M expected trees $T_1(z), \dots, T_M(z)$
- 5. The final prediction for the entire set of M trees is as follows:
- A. Regression $\bar{y} = \frac{1}{M}$ $\frac{1}{M}\sum_{i=1}^{M}T_{i}(z)$
- B. Classification $T(z)$ = majority vote $\{T_i(z)\}_{i=1}^M$

Fig 1: Basic structure of RF

3. Proposed Methods

This section presents two innovative approaches that combine the LASSO and Enet methods with the RF algorithms. The main aim of this integration is to improve the level of congruence, specifically for datasets with a high number of dimensions, in contrast to utilizing RF in isolation. The present study builds upon prior research conducted by [4], who put forth the integration of LASSONN as well as RFNN. Additionally, the work of [24] is referenced, wherein they introduced a novel methodology termed PBRF. The objective of this strategy is to enhance the efficacy of the RF algorithm through the integration of the LASSO method.

Method 1: LASSOPBRF

Step 1: Beginning with the LASSO model

Step 2. The procedure for variable selection in the LASSO model entails the identification and retention of a subset of variables that are considered to be the most pertinent and impactful in forecasting the desired outcome.

Step 3. The selected variables are entered into the RF algorithm.

Step 4. The RF model is employed as a predictive tool.

Step 5. The utilization of the LASSO aims to reduce the number of trees and improve the performance of the RF algorithm.

Step 6. The selected trees are assembled collectively.

Method 2: **EnetRARTEN**

Step 1. The discourse will begin by scrutinizing the Enet paradigm.

Step 2. The procedure for variable selection in the Enet model entails the identification and retention of a subset of variables that are the most pertinent and impactful in forecasting the desired outcome.

Step 3. The selected variables are entered into the RF algorithm.

Step 4: The RF model is utilized as a prediction instrument.

Step 5. The primary objective of utilizing Enet is to reduce the tree count and improve the efficacy of RF.

Step 6. The selected trees have been combined.

Fig 2: The theoretical underpinning of the suggested methodology

4. Monte Carlo Simulation Study

The primary aim of this work was to conduct a comparative analysis of conventional statistical estimators, namely Enet and LASSO, and a machine learning approach called RF, along with newly introduced estimators such as LASSOPBRF and EnetRARTEN. The analysis was conducted using a Monte Carlo simulation like [25] and [26]. The simulation was conducted using R software version 4, and multiple simulation components were employed to assess the efficacy of the estimators under various conditions (see Table 1). The independent variables utilized in this study were obtained from previous works by [27], [28] and [29]. These variables were generated from a multivariate normal distribution with a mean vector of zero and a covariance matrix denoted as $\Sigma_{\mathbf{x}}$. The diagonal elements of $\Sigma_{\mathbf{x}}$ were assigned a value of 1, whereas the off-diagonal elements were assigned correlation coefficients ρ_{x} of 0.30, 0.80, 0.85, and 0.90 [30], which indicate the correlation between the independent variables. The errors observed in the study were obtained using a standard normal distribution with outlier rates (OR). Employing two OR, notably 10% and 15%, as reported by [31], [32], [33], [34], respectively. Furthermore, the random forest methodology was utilized, employing different numbers of trees (Ntree), specifically 200, 500, 800, and 1000. The simulation was performed with sample sizes of 58, 100, 250, and 500. It incorporated four independent variables: 100, 450, 500, and 1000. According to [35], it may be observed that. The regression parameters were assigned values of 0.5 and 0.001, as reported by [36] in their reference. The present work aimed to create and employ the LASSOPBRF and EnetRARTEN techniques to provide a comparative analysis. The design of the simulation is depicted in Figure 3, which presents a flowchart.

Simulation Process

Step 1: Generating Independent Variables

Generating independent variables from a multivariate normal distribution with a correlation between them.

Step 2: Generating Error Terms.

Generate an error term from a standard normal distribution with different ORs (see [37]) of 0.10 and 0.15.

Step 3: Initial Parameters for Regression Coefficients Set initial parameters for $\beta_1 = 0.5$ and $\beta_2 =$ 0.001 Step 4: Constructing a High-Dimensional Regression Model (see [38], [39], [40], [41]) Build a regression model using the generated independent variables, error term, and initial parameters. Step 5: Estimation Methods Utilize various estimation methods such as LASSO, Enet, RF, LASSOPBRF, and EnetRARTEN. Each of these methods handles high-dimensional data and regression differently.

Step 6: Calculating criteria mean square error (MSE) and root mean square error (RMSE)

After applying these estimation methods, MSE and RMSE were calculated for each method. These criteria assess the performance of the models in predicting the dependent variable, measuring the average squared differences between predicted and actual values. MSE measures the average squared difference between predicted values and true values. In a Monte Carlo simulation, you would typically have multiple iterations or simulated datasets. For each iteration, suppose you have n observations, and the predicted values are denoted as \widehat{Y}_i and the true values are denoted as Y_i for $i=1,2,\dotsm$,n. The MSE for a single simulation iteration is calculated as:

$$
\text{MSE} = \frac{1}{n} \left(\hat{Y}_i - Y_i \right)^2 \tag{4.1}
$$

To calculate the MSE over multiple iterations in a Monte Carlo simulation, you would sum up the MSE values obtained in each iteration and divide them by the total number of iterations. RMSE is the square root of MSE and gives a measure of the average magnitude of the error in the same units as the response variable.

$$
RMSE = \sqrt{MSE} \tag{4.2}
$$

In this current study, two separate metrics for assessing the accuracy of the estimators were utilized: MSE and RMSE. In addition, each strategy yields data regarding the number of selected variables (#SVs) and the number of selected trees (#STs). The findings of the simulation study, denoted as the simulation results (SRs), were presented in Table 2-13 and Table S1-S12 in the appendix, which displayed data pertaining to a sample size of $n = 58$, 100, 250, and 500, as well as the number of independent variables $p = 100$, 450, 500, and 1000. The results comprised several correlation coefficients, two OR, and four Ntree: (0.30, 0.80, 0.85, and 0.90), (0.10 and 0.15), and (200, 500, 800, and 1000).

Fig 3: The flowchart depicting the simulation process.

Ntree	Algorithm	MSE	RMSE	#ST	#SV
$OR = 10\%$					
	LASSO	297.188	17.239	$\overline{}$	139
	Enet	250.767	15.835	-	239
200	RF	179.154	13.384	200	450
	LASSOPBRF	47.739	6.909	121	139
	EnetRARTEN	46.618	6.827	165	293
	LASSO	308.384	17.56		139
	Enet	262.758	16.209		296
500	RF	175.006	13.228	500	450
	LASSOPBRF	49.021	7.001	149	139
	EnetRARTEN	45.926	6.776	350	296
	LASSO	305.128	17.467		137
	Enet	293.066	17.119		301
800	RF	179.953	13.414	800	450
	LASSOPBRF	49.491	7.035	166	137
	EnetRARTEN	46.044	6.785	518	301
	LASSO	314.413	17.731	$\overline{}$	137
	Enet	297.79	17.256		300
1000	RF	181.144	13.459	1000	450
	LASSOPBRF	49.85	7.06	175	137
	EnetRARTEN	46.206	6.797	572	300
OR=15%					
	LASSO	322.029	17.945	$\overline{}$	139
	Enet	263.456	16.231		295
200	RF	178.763	13.37	200	450
	LASSOPBRF	48.302	6.95	123	139
	EnetRARTEN	47.157	6.867	168	295
	LASSO	302.869	17.403	\blacksquare	140
	Enet	248.826	15.774	$\frac{1}{2}$	295
500	RF	182.89	13.523	500	450
	LASSOPBRF	48.834	6.988	151	140
	EnetRARTEN	46.612	6.827	347	295
	LASSO	308.787	17.572		138
	Enet	305.66	17.483	$\qquad \qquad \blacksquare$	306
800	RF	183.696	13.553	800	450
	LASSOPBRF	49.497	7.035	167	138
	EnetRARTEN	46.708	6.834	475	306
1000	LASSO	332.73	18.24		140
	Enet	285.081	16.884		295
	RF	170.786	13.068	1000	450
	LASSOPBRF	49.819	7.058	175	140
	EnetRARTEN	46.329	6.806	608	295

Table 2: SRs when n=58, P=450, $\rho_x = 0.90$

Based on the data provided in tables 2 and 3, with a sample size of $n = 58$ and independent variables equal to 450 and considering different rates of correlation (0.85 and 0.90), rates of outliers (10% and 15%), and four different values for Ntrees (200, 500, 800, and 1000), the following conclusions can be drawn: 1. Enet selects more independent variables than LASSO. 2. Enet has a lower minimum MSE and RMSE than LASSO. 3. Random Forest (RF) cannot select independent variables, but it has a lower minimum MSE and RMSE than LASSO and Enet. 4. The two proposed methods are superior to LASSO, Enet, and RF in terms of MSE and RMSE. 5. EnetRARTEN selects a larger number of trees than LASSOPBRF and has a lower minimum MSE and RMSE than all other methods.

Based on the data provided in tables 4 and 5, the study was conducted with a sample size of 100. The independent variables were set at 100, with correlation rates of 0.85 and 0.90. Additionally, two different rates of outliers were considered: 10% and 15%. The study also included four different values for the Ntrees: 200, 500, 800, and 1000. Enet is found to choose a greater number of independent variables compared to LASSO. Additionally, Enet exhibits greater values of MSE and RMSE than LASSO. RF, on the other hand, is unable to select independent variables but still achieves lower MSE and RMSE values than both LASSO and Enet. Therefore, the two proposed methods outperform LASSO, Enet, and RF. Furthermore, EnetRARTEN selects a larger number of trees than LASSOPBRF and demonstrates the lowest MSE and RMSE among all methods.

Based on the data provided in tables 6 and 7, the analysis was conducted using a sample size of 100. The independent variables were set at 500, with correlation rates of 0.85 and 0.90. Additionally, two different rates of outliers were considered: 10% and 15%. The analysis was performed using four different values for Ntrees: 200, 500, 800, and 1000. Enet is found to choose a greater number of independent variables compared to LASSO. Additionally, Enet exhibits greater values of MSE and RMSE than LASSO. RF, on the other hand, is unable to select independent variables but still achieves lower values of minimum MSE and RMSE than both LASSO and Enet. Consequently, the two proposed methods outperform LASSO, Enet, and RF. Furthermore, EnetRARTEN selects a higher number of trees than LASSOPBRF and demonstrates lower values of minimum MSE and RMSE compared to all other methods.

Based on the data provided in tables 8 and 9, the study was conducted with a sample size of 100. The independent variables were set at 1000, with correlation rates of 0.85 and 0.90. Two different rates of outliers, 10% and 15%, were also considered. Additionally, four different values of Ntrees were used: 200, 500, 800, and 1000. Enet is found to choose a greater number of independent variables compared to LASSO. Additionally, Enet exhibits lower values of MSE and RMSE than LASSO. RF, on the other hand, is unable to select independent variables, but it still demonstrates lower MSE and RMSE than both LASSO and Enet. Therefore, the two proposed methods outperform LASSO, Enet, and RF. Furthermore, EnetRARTEN selects a higher number of trees than LASSOPBRF and achieves the lowest MSE and RMSE among all the methods.

Based on the data provided in tables 10 and 11, the study was conducted with a sample size of 250. The independent variables were set at 500, with correlation rates of 0.85 and 0.90. Additionally, two different rates of outliers were considered, namely 10% and 15%. The analysis was performed using four different Ntrees values: 200, 500, 800, and 1000. Enet is found to choose a greater number of independent variables compared to LASSO. Additionally, LASSO exhibits lower minimum MSE and RMSE values than Enet. RF, on the other hand, is unable to select independent variables but still demonstrates lower minimum MSE and RMSE values than both LASSO and Enet. Consequently, the two proposed methods outperform LASSO, Enet, and RF. Furthermore, EnetRARTEN selects a higher number of trees than LASSOPBRF and achieves lower minimum MSE and RMSE values than all other methods.

Based on the data from tables 12 and 13, with a sample size of 500 and independent variables set at 1000, we observed different rates of correlation (0.85 and 0.90) and two rates of outliers (10% and 15%). We also tested four different values for Ntrees: 200, 500, 800, and 1000. Our findings indicate that Enet selects more independent variables than LASSO. Additionally, LASSO has the lowest values for MSE and RMSE compared to Enet. RF, on the other hand, cannot select independent variables but still has lower MSE and RMSE than LASSO and Enet. Overall, the two proposed methods (Enet and RF) outperform LASSO, Enet, and RF in terms of MSE and RMSE. Furthermore, EnetRARTEN selects a larger number of trees compared to LASSOPBRF and also achieves the lowest MSE and RMSE among all the methods.

Overall Conclusions:

RF

• Selected all independent variables regardless of correlation or outliers.

• Showed the minimum MSE and RMSE compared to classical statistical methods (LASSO and Enet).

Enet:

- Demonstrated higher selection of independent variables and numbers of trees than LASSO in various scenarios compared to other methods.
- Had a higher selection of independent variables and trees than Random Forest in the EnetRARTEN case.
- Showed better performance in terms of variable selection compared to LASSO but did not achieve the lowest MSE and RMSE compared to all methods.

LASSO:

- Had a lower selection of independent variables and numbers of trees compared to Elastic Net and Random Forest.
- Did not achieve the lowest MSE and RMSE compared to all methods.

EnetRARTEN:

- Showed a high selection of independent variables and numbers of trees compared to LASSO, Enet, and RF in all cases.
- Achieved minimum MSE and RMSE compared to all other methods.

LASSOPBRF:

• Showed a lower MSE and RMSE compared to RF, LASSO, and Enet.

EnetRARTEN exhibited the lowest MSE and RMSE among all methods.

RF performed consistently well, selecting all independent variables and showing minimal MSE and RMSE compared to classical statistical methods (LASSO and Enet).

It is important to ensure the clarity of the conclusions, especially in terms of methodology and the specifics of the analysis, to maintain accuracy and avoid misinterpretation.

Fig 4: RMSE of methods at different levels of independent variable

Fig 5: RMSE of methods at different levels of sample size

Fig 6: RMSE of methods at different levels of percentage of correlation

Algorithm O Enet O EnetRARTEN O LASSO O LASSOPBRF ORF

Fig 7: RMSE of methods at two levels of percentage of outliers

Algorithm O Enet O EnetRARTEN O LASSO O LASSOPBRF ORF

Fig 8: RMSE of methods at different levels of a number of trees

Figure 4 shows that the AMSE of RF is less than that of LASSO and Enet, and the proposed methods EnetRARTEN and LASSOPBRF are better than the classical methods LASSO, Enet, and RF. Finally, EnetRARTEN is better than all methods at any level of independent variables.

Figure 5 shows that the AMSE of RF is less than that of LASSO and Enet, and the proposed methods EnetRARTEN and LASSOPBRF are better than the classical methods LASSO, Enet, and RF. Finally, EnetRARTEN is better than all methods at any level of sample size.

Figure 6 shows that the AMSE of RF is less than that of LASSO and Enet, and the proposed methods EnetRARTEN and LASSOPBRF are better than the classical methods LASSO, Enet, and RF. Finally, EnetRARTEN is better than all methods at any level of percentage correlation.

Figure 7 shows that the AMSE of RF is less than that of LASSO and Enet, and the proposed methods EnetRARTEN and LASSOPBRF are better than the classical methods LASSO, Enet, and RF. Finally, EnetRARTEN is better than all methods at two percentages of the outlier.

Figure 8 shows that the AMSE of RF is less than that of LASSO and Enet, and the proposed methods EnetRARTEN and LASSOPBRF are better than the classical methods LASSO, Enet, and RF. Finally, EnetRARTEN is better than all methods at any value of the number of trees.

Overall Summary:

EnetRARTEN Superiority: EnetRARTEN consistently displayed the minimum RMSE across various parameters, including the sample size, independent variable levels, correlation, outlier levels, and number of trees. This shows EnetRARTEN's robust performance and superiority compared to Enet, LASSO, RF, and LASSOPBRF across diverse conditions and factors in the analysis.

5. Real data application

The data pertaining to a production process were systematically observed during a specified period. [42] employed the data above in their analysis. Four hundred samples were collected for analysis, causing the inclusion of 468 unique independent variables to explain the resultant outcome. To guarantee the maintenance of confidentiality, the data accessible at the URL https://cstat.tuwien.ac.at/data is provided. R-Data has undergone a process of anonymization through the application of centering and scaling techniques. For the sake of simplicity, the timeseries nature of the data will not be taken into consideration in the subsequent analysis. A training set comprising randomly picked samples seventy percent of the sample size. Various methods were employed for fitting, and the evaluation was conducted on the remaining 30% of the test data. The primary aim of our investigation was to discover the independent variables that exerted the most substantial influence on the prediction of the dependent variable. In order to accomplish this aim, we used a model or variable-selection method.

Suppose you have a dataset with actual observed values Y_i and corresponding predicted values \hat{Y}_i generated by a model. MSE is calculated by taking the average of the squared differences between predicted and actual values for all data points:

$$
MSE = \frac{1}{n} (\hat{Y}_i - Y_i)^2,
$$
\n(5.1)

where n sample size of the dataset and Y_i are the observed values and \hat{Y}_i are the predicted values generated by a model. The RMSE is calculated as the square root of MSE, allowing for interpretation in the same units as the dependent variable:

$$
RMSE = \sqrt{MSE} \tag{5.2}
$$

Ntree	Algorithm	MSE	RMSE	#ST	#SV
200	LASSO	0.545	0.738		33
	Enet	0.543	0.737		78
	RF	0.475	0.689	200	468
	LASSOPBRF	0.077	0.277	125	33
	EnetRARTEN	0.073	0.27	198	78
500	LASSO	0.576	0.759		33
	Enet	0.543	0.737	$\qquad \qquad$	78
	RF	0.483	0.695	500	468
	LASSOPBRF	0.073	0.27	122	33
	EnetRARTEN	0.071	0.267	377	78
800	LASSO	0.571	0.755		33
	Enet	0.543	0.737		78
	RF	0.487	0.698	800	468
	LASSOPBRF	0.072	0.268	131	33
	EnetRARTEN	0.071	0.266	512	78
1000	LASSO	0.571	0.755		33
	Enet	0.543	0.737		78
	RF	0.487	0.698	1000	468
	LASSOPBRF	0.073	0.271	117	33
	EnetRARTEN	0.067	0.26	535	78

Table 14 Goodness fit measure for real data application

The findings presented in Table 14 demonstrate that the Enet method outperforms both LASSO and RF in selecting independent variables. Specifically, Enet considers all independent variables and decision trees in its selection process. The proposed methodologies, namely LASSOPBRF and EnetRARTEN, exhibited superior performance compared to the conventional statistical approaches (Enet and LASSO) as well as the RF method, as evidenced by their lower MSE and RMSE values. Both the LASSOPBRF and EnetRARTEN methods were employed to determine the smallest number of independent variables and trees. Among the Enet, LASSO, RF, and LASSOPBRF models, EnetRARTEN had the lowest MSE and RMSE. The EnetRARTEN model incorporated a greater number of independent variables and trees compared to the LASSOPBRF method.

6. Conclusions

The phenomenon known as the curse of dimensionality poses a substantial obstacle in the context of challenges characterized by a high number of dimensions. As the number of dimensions increases, the volume of the space experiences exponential growth, leading to a decrease in data density. The presence of sparsity in a dataset has the potential to result in overfitting, a phenomenon in which a model has strong performance on the training data but struggles to effectively generalize to unseen data. To accomplish this objective, the study conducted a comparative analysis of the performance of two proposed approaches, namely LASSOPBRF and EnetRARTEN, in comparison to conventional statistical methods (Enet and LASSO) and a machine learning method known as RF. This analysis was carried out using both a Monte Carlo simulation and a real-world application that utilized a production dataset. In summarizing the principal findings of the simulation study, it was seen that the EnetRARTEN approach had superior goodness of fit in comparison to the other methods. (2) EnetRARTEN had superior performance compared to all other methods, as evidenced by its attainment of the lowest values for MSE and RMSE. (3) In contrast to LASSOPBRF and EnetRARTEN, RF picked a greater number of variables and decision trees. Based on the obtained results, it can be inferred that the EnetRARTEN technique is the suggested approach due to its consistent demonstration of lower MSE and RMSE values in comparison to the Enet, LASSO, RF, and LASSOPBRF methods. This indicates the usefulness of the EnetRARTEN method in effectively addressing the challenges posed by multicollinearity and outlier influences. In conclusion, the research emphasizes the significance of employing high-dimensional methodologies, particularly EnetRARTEN, to enhance the precision of statistical models when confronted with intricate datasets that encompass multicollinearity and outlier effects. The analysis of the real-world application revealed several significant findings. Firstly, the RF method employed all independent variables in its analysis, utilizing what is known as the full model. In contrast, both LASSOPBRF and EnetRARTEN showed higher values for metrics such as MSE and RMSE. Moreover, the EnetRARTEN method demonstrated superior performance when compared to Enet, LASSO, RF, and LASSOPBRF, achieving the lowest values of MSE and RMSE.

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Appendix

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