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i.e.:

$$p_\beta^j(x) = \frac{\exp(\alpha_j + \beta_1 x_1 + \dots + \beta_p x_p)}{1 + \exp(\alpha_j + \beta_1 x_1 + \dots + \beta_p x_p)}$$

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## Interpretation of coefficients

The coefficient  $\beta_i$  measures the conditional dependence between  $Y$  and  $X_i$  given  $X_1, \dots, X_{i-1}, X_{i+1}, \dots, X_p$ .

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$$\min_{x \in C} f(x); \quad f, C \text{ convex}$$

Iteration k:

- $s^{(k)} \in \operatorname{argmin}_{s \in C} {}^t \nabla f(x^{(k-1)}).s$
- $x^{(k)} = (1 - \gamma_k)x^{(k-1)} + \gamma_k s^{(k)}, \quad \gamma_k = \frac{2}{k+1}$

☞ linear approximation of the target function

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The idea is to use a matrix of knockoffs of covariates whose structure is similar to  $X$  but independent from  $Y$ :

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- Otherwise  $\rightsquigarrow X_i$  is more likely to be relevant

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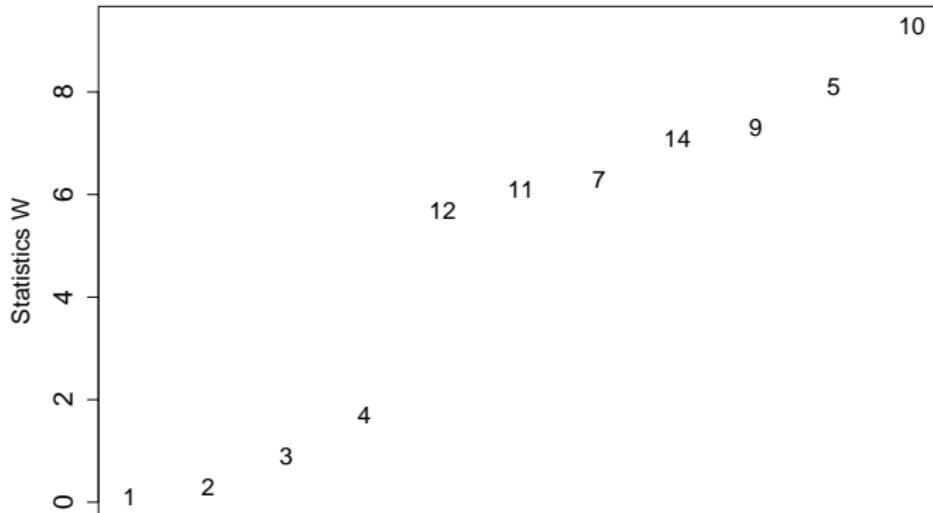
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- ④ Change detection methods applied to the sorted positive statistics  $W_i$  to select variables for which statistics  $W$  is positive and small



**Figure:** Example of sorted positive statistics  $W_i$ . Only variables  $X_1$ ,  $X_2$ ,  $X_3$  and  $X_4$  belong to the model (in this case,  $\beta = (8, 6, 4, 2, 0, \dots, 0)$ ).

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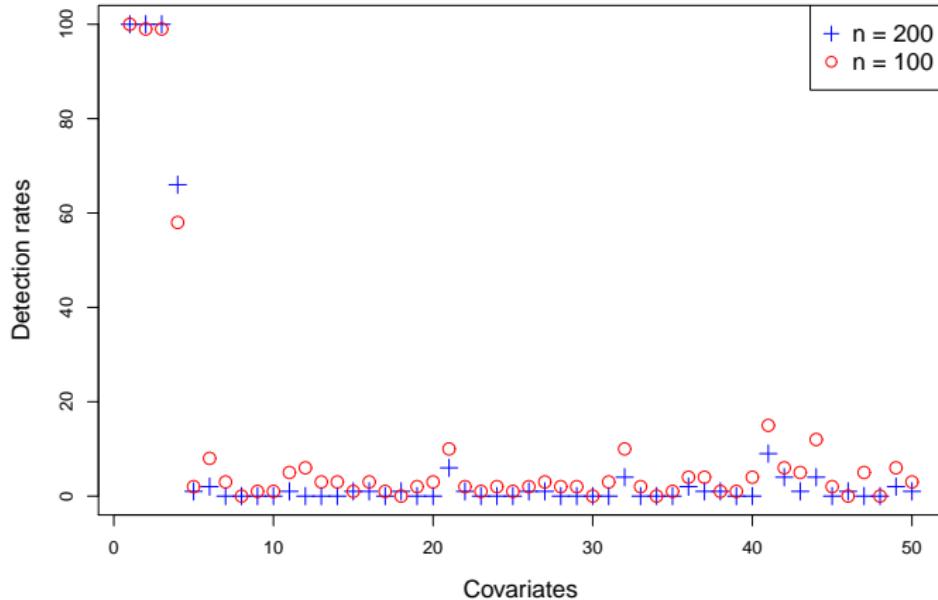


Figure: Detection rates on 100 repetitions after applying revisited knockoffs method.

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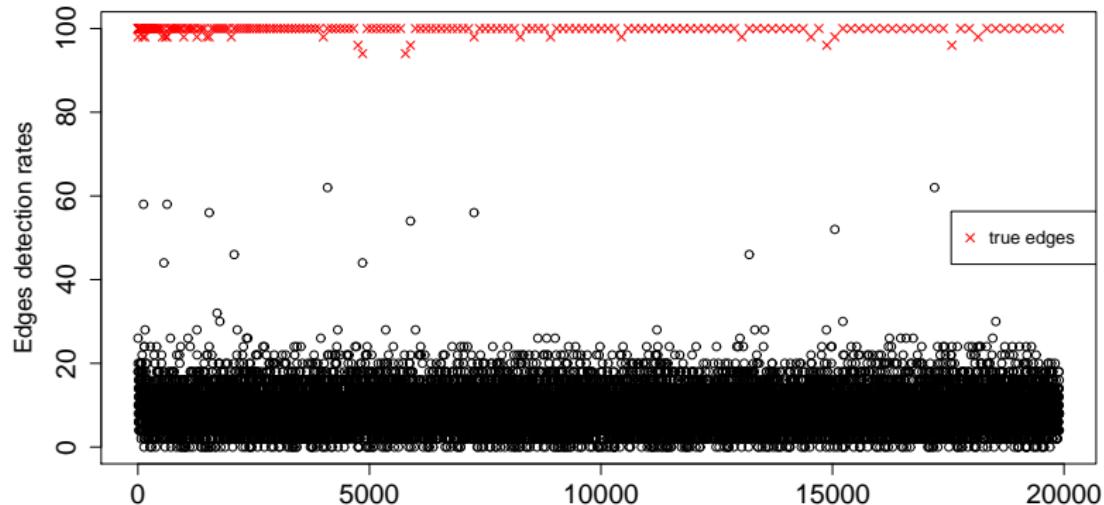


Figure: Edges detection rates (network 'and') on 50 repetitions after applying revisited KO method. Circles and crosses represent respectively false and true edges.

# Thank you !