

## A Maximin $\Phi_p$ -Efficient Design for Multivariate Generalized Linear Models

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### Supplementary Material

#### S1 Lemmas and Proofs of Theorems

**Lemma 1.**  $\text{EA}(\cdot; \mathcal{M}')$  defined in (2.9) is a convex function of design  $\xi$ .

*Proof.* Since  $\Phi_p(\cdot; \mathcal{M}')$  is convex with respect to  $\xi$  (Yang and Stufken, 2012) and  $\exp(\cdot)$  is a convex and strictly increasing function, the composite function  $\xi \mapsto \exp\left(\frac{\Phi_p^j(\xi)}{\Phi_p^{\text{opt}_j}}\right)$  is a convex function of  $\xi$ . As a result,  $\text{EA}(\cdot; \mathcal{M}')$  is a convex function of  $\xi$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 2.** The directional derivative of  $\text{EA}(\xi; \mathcal{M}')$  in the direction from  $\xi$  to  $\xi'$  is

$$\text{when } p = 0, \quad \phi(\xi', \xi) = \sum_{j=1}^m \tilde{\Phi}_0^j(\xi) \left[ q - \text{tr}(\mathbf{F}_j(\xi)^{-1} \mathbf{G}_j(\xi, \xi')) \right],$$

$$\text{when } p > 0, \quad \phi(\xi', \xi) = \sum_{j=1}^m \tilde{\Phi}_p^j(\xi) \left[ \Phi_p^j(\xi) - q^{-1/p} (\text{tr}(\mathbf{F}_j(\xi))^p)^{1/p-1} \text{tr}((\mathbf{F}_j(\xi))^{p-1} \mathbf{G}_j(\xi, \xi')) \right],$$

where

$$\tilde{\Phi}_p^j(\xi) = \left[ \Phi_p^{\text{opt}_j} \right]^{-1} \exp \left( \frac{\Phi_p^j(\xi)}{\Phi_p^{\text{opt}_j}} \right), \quad \mathbf{B}_j = \left. \frac{\partial \mathbf{f}(\boldsymbol{\beta})}{\partial \boldsymbol{\beta}^\top} \right|_{\boldsymbol{\beta}=\boldsymbol{\beta}_j},$$

$$\mathbf{F}_j(\xi) = \mathbf{B}_j \mathbf{l}_j(\xi)^{-1} \mathbf{B}_j^\top, \quad \mathbf{G}_j(\xi, \xi') = \mathbf{B}_j \mathbf{l}_j(\xi)^{-1} \mathbf{l}_j(\xi') \mathbf{l}_j(\xi)^{-1} \mathbf{B}_j^\top.$$

*Proof.* Given  $\tilde{\xi} = (1 - \alpha)\xi + \alpha\xi'$ , we have  $\mathbf{l}_j(\tilde{\xi}) = (1 - \alpha)\mathbf{l}_j(\xi) + \alpha\mathbf{l}_j(\xi')$ . For any invertible matrix  $\mathbf{S}$ , whose elements are functions of  $\alpha$ , the derivative of  $\mathbf{S}^{-1}$  is  $\frac{\partial \mathbf{S}^{-1}}{\partial \alpha} = -\mathbf{S}^{-1} \frac{\partial \mathbf{S}}{\partial \alpha} \mathbf{S}^{-1}$ . So, the derivative of  $\mathbf{l}_j(\tilde{\xi})^{-1}$  with respect to  $\alpha$  can be expressed as,

$$\frac{\partial \left[ \mathbf{l}_j(\tilde{\xi})^{-1} \right]}{\partial \alpha} = -\mathbf{l}_j(\tilde{\xi})^{-1} [\mathbf{l}_j(\xi') - \mathbf{l}_j(\xi)] \mathbf{l}_j(\tilde{\xi})^{-1}. \quad (\text{S1.1})$$

Thus, for  $p = 0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \Phi_0^j(\tilde{\xi})}{\partial \alpha} &= \frac{\partial \log \left| \mathbf{F}_j(\tilde{\xi}) \right|}{\partial \alpha} = \text{tr} \left[ \mathbf{F}_j(\tilde{\xi})^{-1} \mathbf{B}_j \frac{\partial \left[ \mathbf{l}_j(\tilde{\xi})^{-1} \right]}{\partial \alpha} \mathbf{B}_j^\top \right] \\ &= -\text{tr} \left[ \mathbf{F}_j(\tilde{\xi})^{-1} \mathbf{B}_j \mathbf{l}_j(\tilde{\xi})^{-1} [\mathbf{l}_j(\xi') - \mathbf{l}_j(\xi)] \mathbf{l}_j(\tilde{\xi})^{-1} \mathbf{B}_j^\top \right]; \end{aligned} \quad (\text{S1.2})$$

for  $p > 0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \Phi_p^j(\tilde{\xi})}{\partial \alpha} &= \frac{\partial \left[ \left( q^{-1} \text{tr} \left( \mathbf{F}_j(\tilde{\xi}) \right)^p \right)^{1/p} \right]}{\partial \alpha} \\ &= -q^{-1/p} \left( \text{tr} \left( \mathbf{F}_j(\tilde{\xi}) \right)^p \right)^{1/p-1} \text{tr} \left[ \left( \mathbf{F}_j(\tilde{\xi}) \right)^{p-1} \mathbf{B}_j \mathbf{l}_j(\tilde{\xi})^{-1} [\mathbf{l}_j(\xi') - \mathbf{l}_j(\xi)] \mathbf{l}_j(\tilde{\xi})^{-1} \mathbf{B}_j^\top \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{S1.3})$$

Based on (S1.2) and (S1.3), the directional derivative of  $\text{EA}(\xi, \mathcal{M}')$  is

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(\xi', \xi) &= \frac{\partial \left[ \sum_{j=1}^m \exp \left( \frac{\Phi_p^j(\tilde{\xi})}{\Phi_p^{\text{opt}_j}} \right) \right]}{\partial \alpha} \Bigg|_{\alpha=0} = \sum_{j=1}^m \tilde{\Phi}_p^j(\xi) \frac{\partial \Phi_p^j(\tilde{\xi})}{\partial \alpha} \Bigg|_{\alpha=0} \\ &= \begin{cases} \sum_{j=1}^m \tilde{\Phi}_0^j(\xi) [q - \text{tr}(\mathbf{F}_j(\xi)^{-1} \mathbf{G}_j(\xi, \xi'))], & p = 0; \\ \sum_{j=1}^m \tilde{\Phi}_p^j(\xi) \left[ \Phi_p^j(\xi) - q^{-1/p} (\text{tr}(\mathbf{F}_j(\xi))^p)^{1/p-1} \text{tr}((\mathbf{F}_j(\xi))^{p-1} \mathbf{G}_j(\xi, \xi')) \right], & p > 0. \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

□

**Lemma 3.** The directional derivative of  $\text{EA}(\xi; \mathcal{M}')$  in the direction of a single point  $\mathbf{x}$  is given as,

$$\phi(\mathbf{x}, \xi) = \begin{cases} \sum_{j=1}^m \tilde{\Phi}_p^j(\xi) [q - w_j(\mathbf{x}) \mathbf{g}_j^\top(\mathbf{x}) \mathbf{M}_j(\xi) \mathbf{g}_j(\mathbf{x})], & p = 0; \\ \sum_{j=1}^m \tilde{\Phi}_p^j(\xi) \left[ \Phi_p^j(\xi) - q^{-1/p} w_j(\mathbf{x}) (\text{tr}(\mathbf{F}_j(\xi))^p)^{1/p-1} \mathbf{g}_j^\top(\mathbf{x}) \mathbf{M}_j(\xi) \mathbf{g}_j(\mathbf{x}) \right], & p > 0, \end{cases}$$

where  $\mathbf{M}_j(\xi) = \mathbf{I}_j(\xi)^{-1} \mathbf{B}_j^\top \mathbf{F}_j(\xi)^{p-1} \mathbf{B}_j \mathbf{I}_j(\xi)^{-1}$ .

Particularly, the directional derivatives of D-, A- and the prediction-oriented criterion EI-optimality defined in (Li and Deng, 2020) are:

$$\phi(\mathbf{x}, \xi) = \begin{cases} \sum_{j=1}^m \tilde{\Phi}_p^j(\xi) [l - w_j(\mathbf{x}) \mathbf{g}_j^\top(\mathbf{x}) \mathbf{I}_j^{-1}(\xi) \mathbf{g}_j(\mathbf{x})], & \text{D-optimality;} \\ \sum_{j=1}^m \tilde{\Phi}_p^j(\xi) [\text{tr}(\mathbf{I}_j^{-1}(\xi)) - w_j(\mathbf{x}) \mathbf{g}_j^\top(\mathbf{x}) \mathbf{I}_j^{-2}(\xi) \mathbf{g}_j(\mathbf{x})], & \text{A-optimality;} \\ \sum_{j=1}^m \tilde{\Phi}_p^j(\xi) [\text{tr}(\mathbf{I}_j^{-1}(\xi) \mathbf{A}_j) - w_j(\mathbf{x}) \mathbf{g}_j^\top(\mathbf{x}) \mathbf{I}_j^{-1}(\xi) \mathbf{A}_j \mathbf{I}_j^{-1}(\xi) \mathbf{g}_j(\mathbf{x})], & \text{EI-optimality,} \end{cases}$$

where  $\mathbf{A}_j = \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{g}_j(\mathbf{x}) \mathbf{g}_j^\top(\mathbf{x}) \left[ \frac{dh_j^{-1}}{d\eta_j} \right]^2 dF_{\text{IMSE}}(\mathbf{x})$  for EI-optimality is pre-determined

and it does not depend on the design  $\xi$ . The cdf  $F_{\text{IMSE}}$  is the user-specified distribution for the EI-optimality.

**Lemma 4.** For a design  $\xi^\lambda$  with fixed design points  $\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n$ ,  $\text{EA}(\cdot; \mathcal{M}')$  in (2.11) is a convex function with respect to the weight vector  $\boldsymbol{\lambda}$ .

*Proof.* The proof is similar to that of Lemma 1. □

### Proof of Theorem 1

*Proof.* i. (1)  $\rightarrow$  (2): As  $\text{EA}(\cdot; \mathcal{M}')$  is a convex function in  $\xi$  proved in

Lemma 1, the directional derivative  $\phi(\mathbf{x}, \xi_{\mathcal{M}'}^{\text{Mm}}) \geq 0$  holds for any  $\mathbf{x} \in \Omega$ , and the inequality becomes equality if  $\mathbf{x}$  is a support point of the design

$\xi_{\mathcal{M}'}^{\text{Mm}}$ .

ii. (2)  $\rightarrow$  (1): If  $\phi(\mathbf{x}, \xi_{\mathcal{M}'}^{\text{Mm}}) \geq 0$  holds for any  $\mathbf{x} \in \Omega$ , then  $\xi_{\mathcal{M}'}^{\text{Mm}}$  minimizes  $\text{EA}(\xi; \mathcal{M}')$  as  $\text{EA}(\cdot; \mathcal{M}')$  is a convex function in  $\xi$ .

□

### Proof of Theorem 2

We first establish the proof of the following lemma.

**Lemma 5.** For any design  $\xi$  and the Mm- $\Phi_p$  design  $\xi_{\mathcal{M}'}^{\text{Mm}}$  that minimizes  $\text{EA}(\xi; \mathcal{M}')$  or equivalently minimizes  $\text{LEA}(\xi; \mathcal{M}')$ , the following inequality

holds:

$$\min_{\mathbf{x} \in \Omega} \phi(\mathbf{x}, \xi) \leq \phi(\xi_{\mathcal{M}'}^{\text{Mm}}, \xi) \leq \text{EA}(\xi_{\mathcal{M}'}^{\text{Mm}}; \mathcal{M}') - \text{EA}(\xi; \mathcal{M}') \leq 0,$$

where  $\phi(\mathbf{x}, \xi)$  and  $\phi(\xi_{\mathcal{M}'}^{\text{Mm}}, \xi)$  are the directional derivatives defined in (2.10).

*Proof.* The lemma is proved for the  $p > 0$  case, and the case  $p = 0$  could be proved similarly. The directional derivative of  $\text{EA}(\xi; \mathcal{M}')$  in the direction of the point  $\mathbf{x}^* = \underset{\mathbf{x} \in \Omega}{\text{argmin}} \phi(\mathbf{x}, \xi)$  is:

$$\begin{aligned} & \min_{\mathbf{x} \in \Omega} \phi(\mathbf{x}, \xi) = \phi(\mathbf{x}^*, \xi) \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^m \tilde{\Phi}_j(\xi) \left[ \Phi_p^j(\xi) - q^{-1/p} (\text{tr}(\mathbf{F}_j(\xi))^p)^{1/p-1} \text{tr}((\mathbf{F}_j(\xi))^{p-1} \mathbf{B}_j \mathbf{l}_j(\xi^{(r)})^{-1} \mathbf{l}_j(\mathbf{x}_r^*) \mathbf{l}_j(\xi)^{-1} \mathbf{B}_j^\top) \right] \\ &\leq \sum_{j=1}^m \tilde{\Phi}_j(\xi) \left[ \Phi_p^j(\xi) - q^{-1/p} (\text{tr}(\mathbf{F}_j(\xi))^p)^{1/p-1} \text{tr}((\mathbf{F}_j(\xi))^{p-1} \mathbf{B}_j \mathbf{l}_j(\xi)^{-1} \mathbf{l}_j(\mathbf{z}) \mathbf{l}_j(\xi)^{-1} \mathbf{B}_j^\top) \right] \end{aligned} \tag{S1.4}$$

for any  $\mathbf{x} \in \Omega$ , where  $\mathbf{l}_j(\mathbf{x})$  denotes the information matrix of the design with a unit mass on single point  $\mathbf{x}$ .

Denote the Mm- $\Phi_p$  design  $\xi_{\mathcal{M}'}^{\text{Mm}} = \left\{ \begin{array}{ccc} \mathbf{x}_1, & \dots, & \mathbf{x}_n \\ \lambda_1^*, & \dots, & \lambda_n^* \end{array} \right\}$ . With (S1.4), we

have

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \phi(\mathbf{x}^*, \xi) \\
 \leq & \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i^* \sum_{j=1}^m \tilde{\Phi}_j(\xi) \left[ \Phi_p^j(\xi) - q^{-1/p} (\text{tr}(\mathbf{F}_j(\xi))^p)^{1/p-1} \text{tr}((\mathbf{F}_j(\xi))^{p-1} \mathbf{B}_j \mathbf{l}_j(\xi)^{-1} \mathbf{l}_j(\mathbf{x}_i) \mathbf{l}_j(\xi)^{-1} \mathbf{B}_j^\top) \right] \\
 = & \sum_{j=1}^m \tilde{\Phi}_j(\xi) \left[ \Phi_p^j(\xi) - q^{-1/p} (\text{tr}(\mathbf{F}_j(\xi))^p)^{1/p-1} \text{tr}((\mathbf{F}_j(\xi))^{p-1} \mathbf{B}_j \mathbf{l}_j(\xi)^{-1} \mathbf{l}_j(\xi_{\mathcal{M}'}^{\text{Mm}}) \mathbf{l}_j(\xi)^{-1} \mathbf{B}_j^\top) \right] \\
 = & \phi(\xi_{\mathcal{M}'}^{\text{Mm}}, \xi) \tag{S1.5}
 \end{aligned}$$

Furthermore, with the definition of directional derivative in the direction of the Mm- $\Phi_p$  design  $\xi_{\mathcal{M}'}^{\text{Mm}}$  and convexity of  $\text{EA}(\cdot; \mathcal{M}')$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \phi(\xi_{\mathcal{M}'}^{\text{Mm}}, \xi) &= \lim_{\alpha \rightarrow 0} \frac{\text{EA}((1-\alpha)\xi + \alpha\xi_{\mathcal{M}'}^{\text{Mm}}; \mathcal{M}') - \text{EA}(\xi; \mathcal{M}')}{\alpha} \\
 &\leq \lim_{\alpha \rightarrow 0} \frac{(1-\alpha)\text{EA}(\xi; \mathcal{M}') + \alpha\text{EA}(\xi_{\mathcal{M}'}^{\text{Mm}}; \mathcal{M}') - \text{EA}(\xi; \mathcal{M}')}{\alpha} \\
 &= \text{EA}(\xi_{\mathcal{M}'}^{\text{Mm}}; \mathcal{M}') - \text{EA}(\xi; \mathcal{M}') \tag{S1.6}
 \end{aligned}$$

Combining (S1.5) and (S1.6), we complete the proof that

$$\min_{\mathbf{x} \in \Omega} \phi(\mathbf{x}, \xi) \leq \phi(\xi_{\mathcal{M}'}^{\text{Mm}}, \xi) \leq \text{EA}(\xi_{\mathcal{M}'}^{\text{Mm}}; \mathcal{M}') - \text{EA}(\xi; \mathcal{M}') \leq 0.$$

□

*Proof.* When  $1 + 2 \frac{\min_{\mathbf{x} \in \Omega} \phi(\mathbf{x}, \xi)}{\text{EA}(\xi; \mathcal{M}')} < 0$ ,  $\text{Eff}_{\text{LEA}}(\xi, \xi_{\mathcal{M}'}^{\text{Mm}}; \mathcal{M}') \geq 1 + 2 \frac{\min_{\mathbf{x} \in \Omega} \phi(\mathbf{x}, \xi)}{\text{EA}(\xi; \mathcal{M}')}$  holds automatically.

When  $1 + 2 \frac{\min_{\mathbf{x} \in \Omega} \phi(\mathbf{x}, \xi)}{\text{EA}(\xi; \mathcal{M}')} \geq 0$ , that is,  $\frac{\min_{\mathbf{x} \in \Omega} \phi(\mathbf{x}, \xi)}{\text{EA}(\xi; \mathcal{M}')} \geq -0.5$ , define  $\frac{\text{EA}(\xi_{\mathcal{M}'}^{\text{Mm}}; \mathcal{M}')}{\text{EA}(\xi; \mathcal{M}')} =$

$a > 0$ , then it follows immediately from Lemma 5 that

$$1 \geq a = \frac{\text{EA}(\xi_{\mathcal{M}'}^{\text{Mm}}, \mathcal{M}')}{\text{EA}(\xi; \mathcal{M}')} \geq 1 + \frac{\min_{\mathbf{x} \in \Omega} \phi(\mathbf{x}, \xi)}{\text{EA}(\xi; \mathcal{M}')} \geq 0.5. \quad (\text{S1.7})$$

Since the function  $\frac{\ln(a)}{\ln(\text{EA}(\xi; \mathcal{M}'))} + 1 - a$  is an increasing function of  $\text{EA}(\xi; \mathcal{M}')$ ,

$\text{EA}(\xi; \mathcal{M}') \geq e$  because of its definition and  $a \geq 0.5$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \text{Eff}_{\text{LEA}}(\xi, \xi_{\mathcal{M}'}^{\text{Mm}}; \mathcal{M}') - \frac{\text{EA}(\xi_{\mathcal{M}'}^{\text{Mm}}; \mathcal{M}')}{\text{EA}(\xi; \mathcal{M}')} \right| = \left| \frac{\ln(a \text{EA}(\xi; \mathcal{M}'))}{\ln(\text{EA}(\xi; \mathcal{M}'))} - \frac{a \text{EA}(\xi; \mathcal{M}')}{\text{EA}(\xi; \mathcal{M}')} \right| \\ &= \left| \frac{\ln(a)}{\ln(\text{EA}(\xi; \mathcal{M}'))} + 1 - a \right| \leq \max(|\ln(a) + 1 - a|, |1 - a|) \\ &= \max(-\ln(a) - 1 + a, 1 - a) = 1 - a. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, together with (S1.7),  $\text{Eff}_{\text{LEA}}(\xi, \xi_{\mathcal{M}'}^{\text{Mm}}; \mathcal{M}') \geq 2a - 1 \geq 1 + 2 \frac{\min_{\mathbf{x} \in \Omega} \phi(\mathbf{x}, \xi)}{\text{EA}(\xi; \mathcal{M}')}.$

□

### Proof of Theorem 3

*Proof.* We show the proof for the scenario  $p > 0$  in the  $\Phi_p$ -criterion. The proof for  $p = 0$  could be done similarly. The proof is established by proof of contradiction. Suppose that the Algorithm 1 does not converge to the Mm- $\Phi_p$  design  $\xi^*$ , then we have

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \text{EA}(\xi^{(r)}; \mathcal{M}') > \text{EA}(\xi_{\mathcal{M}'}^{\text{Mm}}; \mathcal{M}').$$

For any iteration  $r+1 \geq 1$ , since  $\mathcal{X}^{(r)} \subset \mathcal{X}^{(r+1)}$  and the Optimal-Weight Procedure returns optimal weight vector that minimizes EA criterion, the

design  $\xi^{(r+1)}$  cannot be worse than the design in the previous iteration  $\xi^{(r)}$ ,  
i.e.,

$$\text{EA}(\xi^{(r+1)}; \mathcal{M}') \leq \text{EA}(\xi^{(r)}; \mathcal{M}').$$

Thus, for all  $r \geq 0$ , there exists  $a > 0$ , such that,

$$\text{EA}(\xi^{(r)}; \mathcal{M}') > \text{EA}(\xi_{\mathcal{M}'}^{\text{Mm}}; \mathcal{M}') + a.$$

According to Lemma 5,

$$\phi(\mathbf{x}_r^*, \xi^{(r)}) \leq \phi(\xi_{\mathcal{M}'}^{\text{Mm}}, \xi^{(r)}) \leq \text{EA}(\xi_{\mathcal{M}'}^{\text{Mm}}; \mathcal{M}') - \text{EA}(\xi^{(r)}; \mathcal{M}') < -a,$$

for any  $r \geq 0$ . Then, the Taylor expansion of  $\text{EA}((1 - \alpha)\xi^{(r)} + \alpha\mathbf{x}_r^*; \mathcal{M}')$  is upper bounded by

$$\begin{aligned} \text{EA}((1 - \alpha)\xi^{(r)} + \alpha\mathbf{x}_r^*; \mathcal{M}') &= \text{EA}(\xi^{(r)}; \mathcal{M}') + \phi(\mathbf{x}_r^*, \xi^{(r)})\alpha + \frac{u}{2}\alpha^2 \\ &< \text{EA}(\xi^{(r)}; \mathcal{M}') - a\alpha + \frac{u}{2}\alpha^2, \end{aligned} \quad (\text{S1.8})$$

where  $u \geq 0$  is the second-order directional derivative of EA evaluated at a value between 0 and  $\alpha$ .

For Algorithm 1, the criterion EA is minimized, for all  $0 \leq \alpha \leq 1$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} \text{EA}(\xi^{(r+1)}; \mathcal{M}') &\leq \text{EA}((1 - \alpha)\xi^{(r)} + \alpha\mathbf{x}_r^*; \mathcal{M}') \\ &< \text{EA}(\xi^{(r)}; \mathcal{M}') - a\alpha + \frac{u}{2}\alpha^2, \end{aligned}$$

or equivalently,

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{EA}(\xi^{(r+1)}; \mathcal{M}') - \text{EA}(\xi^{(r)}; \mathcal{M}') < -a\alpha + \frac{u}{2}\alpha^2 = \frac{u}{2} \left( \alpha - \frac{a}{u} \right)^2 - \frac{a^2}{2u} \\ & < \begin{cases} -\frac{a^2}{2u} < 0, & \text{choosing } \alpha = \frac{a}{u} \text{ if } a \leq u \\ \frac{u-4a}{8} < 0, & \text{choosing } \alpha = 0.5 \text{ if } a > u \end{cases}. \end{aligned}$$

As a result,  $\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \text{EA}(\xi^{(r)}; \mathcal{M}') = -\infty$ , which contradicts with the fact that

$\text{EA}(\xi^{(r)}; \mathcal{M}') \geq 0$  for any design  $\xi^{(r)}$ . Thus,

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \text{EA}(\xi^{(r)}; \mathcal{M}') = \text{EA}(\xi_{\mathcal{M}'}^{\text{Mm}}; \mathcal{M}').$$

Since  $\ln(\cdot)$  on  $[1, \infty)$  is a continuous function,

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \text{LEA}(\xi^{(r)}; \mathcal{M}') = \text{LEA}(\xi_{\mathcal{M}'}^{\text{Mm}}; \mathcal{M}').$$

□

## S2 Modified Multiplicative Algorithm (Algorithm 2) to Optimize Weights

### Description of Algorithm 2.

There are three user-specified parameters  $\delta$ ,  $Tol$ , and  $MaxIter_2$  in Algorithm 2.  $Tol$  is the tolerance of convergence, and we usually set it to be  $Tol = 1e-15$ .  $MaxIter_2$  is the maximum number of iterations and we set it to be  $MaxIter_2 = 200$  in all numerical examples. The parameter  $\delta \in (0, 1]$

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**Algorithm 2 (Optimal-Weight Procedure)** A Modified Multiplicative Approach.

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1: Assign a uniform initial weight vector  $\boldsymbol{\lambda}^{(0)} = [\lambda_1^{(0)}, \dots, \lambda_n^{(0)}]^\top$ , and  $k = 0$ .

2: **while**  $change > Tol$  and  $k < MaxIter_2$  **do**

3:   **for**  $i = 1, \dots, n$  **do**

4:       Update the weight of design point  $\mathbf{x}_i$ :

$$\lambda_i^{(k+1)} = \lambda_i^{(k)} \frac{\left(d_p(\mathbf{x}_i, \boldsymbol{\xi}^{\boldsymbol{\lambda}^{(k)}})\right)^\delta}{\sum_{s=1}^n \lambda_s^{(k)} \left(d_p(\mathbf{x}_s, \boldsymbol{\xi}^{\boldsymbol{\lambda}^{(k)}})\right)^\delta},$$

$$= \begin{cases} \lambda_i^{(k)} \frac{\left(\sum_{j=1}^m \tilde{\Phi}_0^j(\boldsymbol{\xi}^{\boldsymbol{\lambda}^{(k)}}) w_j(\mathbf{x}_i) \mathbf{g}_j^\top(\mathbf{x}_i) \mathbf{M}_j(\boldsymbol{\xi}^{\boldsymbol{\lambda}^{(k)}}) \mathbf{g}_j(\mathbf{x}_i)\right)^\delta}{\sum_{s=1}^n \lambda_s^{(k)} \left(\sum_{j=1}^m \tilde{\Phi}_0^j(\boldsymbol{\xi}^{\boldsymbol{\lambda}^{(k)}}) w_j(\mathbf{x}_s) \mathbf{g}_j^\top(\mathbf{x}_s) \mathbf{M}_j(\boldsymbol{\xi}^{\boldsymbol{\lambda}^{(k)}}) \mathbf{g}_j(\mathbf{x}_s)\right)^\delta}, & p = 0; \\ \lambda_i^{(k)} \frac{\left(\sum_{j=1}^m \tilde{\Phi}_p^j(\boldsymbol{\xi}^{\boldsymbol{\lambda}^{(k)}}) w_j(\mathbf{x}_i) \left(\text{tr}\left(\mathbf{F}_j(\boldsymbol{\xi}^{\boldsymbol{\lambda}^{(k)}})\right)^p\right)^{1/p-1} \mathbf{g}_j^\top(\mathbf{x}_i) \mathbf{M}_j(\boldsymbol{\xi}^{\boldsymbol{\lambda}^{(k)}}) \mathbf{g}_j(\mathbf{x}_i)\right)^\delta}{\sum_{s=1}^n \lambda_s^{(k)} \left(\sum_{j=1}^m \tilde{\Phi}_p^j(\boldsymbol{\xi}^{\boldsymbol{\lambda}^{(k)}}) w_j(\mathbf{x}_s) \left(\text{tr}\left(\mathbf{F}_j(\boldsymbol{\xi}^{\boldsymbol{\lambda}^{(k)}})\right)^p\right)^{1/p-1} \mathbf{g}_j^\top(\mathbf{x}_s) \mathbf{M}_j(\boldsymbol{\xi}^{\boldsymbol{\lambda}^{(k)}}) \mathbf{g}_j(\mathbf{x}_s)\right)^\delta}, & p > 0. \end{cases} \quad (\text{S2.9})$$

5:        $change = \left| \frac{\text{EA}(\boldsymbol{\lambda}^{(k+1)}; \mathcal{M}') - \text{EA}(\boldsymbol{\lambda}^{(k)}; \mathcal{M}')}{\text{EA}(\boldsymbol{\lambda}^{(k)}; \mathcal{M}')} \right|$ .

6:        $k = k + 1$ .

7:   **end for**

8: **end while**

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plays the same role as in the classical multiplicative algorithm (Silvey et al., 1978), which is to control the speed of the convergence. According to the numerical study by Fellman (1974) and Fiacco and Kortanek (1983),  $\delta$  is often chosen as 1 for D-optimality, and 0.5 for A- or EI-optimality.

Derivation of (S2.9) is stated as follows. Update the weight of  $\mathbf{x}_i$  in

iteration  $k$  with

$$\tilde{\lambda}_i^{(k+1)} = \lambda_i^{(k)} \left( \frac{d_p(\mathbf{x}_i, \xi^{\lambda^{(k)}})}{\sum_{t=1}^n \lambda_t^{(k)} d_p(\mathbf{x}_t, \xi^{\lambda^{(k)}})} \right)^\delta, \quad (\text{S2.10})$$

then normalize the weights to ensure the sum 1 condition as

$$\lambda_i^{(k+1)} = \frac{\tilde{\lambda}_i^{(k+1)}}{\sum_{s=1}^n \tilde{\lambda}_s^{(k+1)}}. \quad (\text{S2.11})$$

Plugging (S2.10) into (S2.11), we have  $\lambda_i^{(k+1)} = \lambda_i^{(k)} \frac{(d_p(\mathbf{x}_i, \xi^{\lambda^{(k)}}))^\delta}{\sum_{s=1}^n \lambda_s^{(k)} (d_p(\mathbf{x}_s, \xi^{\lambda^{(k)}}))^\delta}$ .

It is worth pointing out that, occasionally,  $\tilde{\Phi}_p^j(\xi^{(r)}) = [\Phi_p^{\text{opt}_j}]^{-1} \exp\left(\frac{\Phi_p^j(\xi^{(r)})}{\Phi_p^{\text{opt}_j}}\right)$  and  $\tilde{\Phi}_p^j(\xi^{\lambda^{(k)}}) = [\Phi_p^{\text{opt}_j}]^{-1} \exp\left(\frac{\Phi_p^j(\xi^{\lambda^{(k)}})}{\Phi_p^{\text{opt}_j}}\right)$  in (S2.9) of Algorithm 2 and directional derivative  $\phi(\mathbf{x}, \xi^{(r)})$  in Algorithm 1 can get extreme large and cause overflow, which is a well-recognized issue with the Log-Sum-Exp approximation in the literature. One remedy is to introduce a constant  $c$ , and  $\exp\left(\frac{\Phi_p^j(\xi^{(r)})}{\Phi_p^{\text{opt}_j}}\right) = \exp(c) \exp\left(\frac{\Phi_p^j(\xi^{(r)})}{\Phi_p^{\text{opt}_j}} - c\right)$ . This constant scaling factor  $\exp(c)$  is eventually canceled in (S2.9) in Algorithm 2 and does not affect the search for the next design point Algorithm 1. We set  $c = \left\lceil \max_j \left(\frac{\Phi_p^j(\xi^{\lambda^{(k)}})}{\Phi_p^{\text{opt}_j}}\right) - 500 \right\rceil$  in Algorithm 2 and  $c = \left\lceil \max_j \left(\frac{\Phi_p^j(\xi^{(r)})}{\Phi_p^{\text{opt}_j}}\right) - 500 \right\rceil$  in Algorithm 1 whenever overflow occurs.

**Comparison between the proposed Algorithm 2 and existing convex optimization tools.**

To show the strength of the proposed Algorithm 2, we use a small and simple example with three design points and two  $\beta$  values. In the following *Example 1*, we compare Algorithm 2 with two existing convex optimization tools, `fmincon` function in MATLAB using interior-point method and the `CVX` toolbox in MATLAB for convex optimization. To solve an optimization problem with the exponential objective function, `CVX` constructed a successive approximation heuristic that approximates the local exponential function with polynomial approximation and solves the approximate model using symmetric primal/dual solvers (Grant et al., 2009).

*Example 1.* Consider a univariate logistic regression model with the experimental domain  $\Omega = [-1, 1]$ , basis function  $\mathbf{g} = [1, x]^\top$  and a parameter space  $\mathcal{B} = \{\beta_1, \beta_2\}$  consisting of only two possible regression coefficients  $\beta_1 = [-1.4, 2.3]^\top$  and  $\beta_2 = [0.5, 1.2]^\top$ . The model space is  $\mathcal{M} = \{M_1 = (h, \mathbf{g}, \beta_1), M_2 = (h, \mathbf{g}, \beta_2)\}$ , where  $h$  is the link function of logistic regression. Given design points  $x \in \{-1, 0, 1\}$ , all three optimization methods return the same optimal weights,

$$\boldsymbol{\lambda}^* = \{0.3832, 0.2660, 0.3508\}.$$

Table 1 reports the computational times of the three comparison methods. The results clearly show that Algorithm 2 is far more efficient than both `CVX` and `fmincon`. Furthermore, Algorithm 2 boosts the speed of sequential

Algorithm 1 dramatically as finding the optimal weights is done in every iteration of the sequential algorithm.

Table 1: Computational Times (in seconds) of Three Optimization Methods.

CVX	fmincon	Algorithm 2 (Optimal-Weight Procedure)
1.71	0.12	0.03

### S3 Connection to Compromise Design

Woods et al. (2006) proposed a compromise design that optimizes the weighted average of certain criteria, where each criterion is based on a potential model from some prior. It means that the compromise design requires a prior distribution  $p(M)$  for the model specifications  $M \in \mathcal{M}'$ . The prior distribution can be as simple as a uniform distribution or other informative distributions.

There can be two different ways to define a compromise design. The first way aims at maximizing a weighted average of the local  $\Phi_p$ -efficiencies.

That is

$$\xi_{\mathcal{M}'}^{\text{eff-com}} = \operatorname{argmax}_{\xi} \sum_{j=1}^m p(M_j) \operatorname{eff}_{\Phi_p}(\xi, \xi_{M_j}^{\text{opt}}; M_j),$$

and it is henceforth called the eff-compromise design. Clearly, this averaged

local efficiency is not smaller than the reciprocal of  $\text{LEA}(\xi, \mathcal{M}')$  since

$$[\text{LEA}(\xi; \mathcal{M}')]^{-1} \leq \min_{M \in \mathcal{M}'} \text{eff}_{\Phi_p}(\xi, \xi_M^{\text{opt}}; M) \leq \sum_{j=1}^m p(M_j) \text{eff}_{\Phi_p}(\xi, \xi_{M_j}^{\text{opt}}; M_j).$$

Thus the compromise design maximizes an upper bound of the worst  $\Phi_p$ -efficiency. This is not as ideal as  $\text{LEA}(\xi; \mathcal{M}')$ . Minimizing  $\text{LEA}(\xi; \mathcal{M}')$  simultaneously maximizes a lower and an upper bound of the worst  $\Phi_p$ -efficiency (see (2.7)), even though the two upper bounds  $[\text{LEA}(\xi; \mathcal{M}') - \ln(m)]^{-1}$  and  $\sum_{j=1}^m p(M_j) \text{eff}_{\Phi_p}(\xi, \xi_{M_j}^{\text{opt}}; M_j)$  can be both attainable, depending on the prior distributions.

Another type of compromise design is to minimize the weighted average of local  $\Phi_p$ -criterion. That is

$$\xi_{\mathcal{M}'}^{\Phi_p\text{-com}} = \underset{\xi}{\text{argmin}} \sum_{j=1}^m p(M_j) \Phi_p(\xi; M_j),$$

which is henceforth called the  $\Phi_p$ -compromise design. Such a design criterion is more consistent with the classic Bayesian optimal design. According to Woods et al. (2006) and Atkinson and Woods (2015), the Bayesian optimal design can be considered as a special case of the compromise design, as the former only deals with the uncertainty of the unknown parameters of the GLMs, whereas the compromise design handles all three kinds of uncertainties that are listed previously, including uncertainty of the parameters. We would like to point out that the  $\Phi_p$ -compromise design can be sensitive

to the choice of the prior distribution, especially when the optimal criterion values of different model specifications are very different. On the contrary,  $LEA(\xi, \mathcal{M}')$  does not assume any prior distribution and is robust to all the choices of the prior distribution of model specifications.

## S4 Additional Tables and Figures in Sections 4.2 - 4.4

### Example 3 in Section 4.2

Figure 1 and 2 are the constructed designs and LEA criterion values versus iteration, respectively.

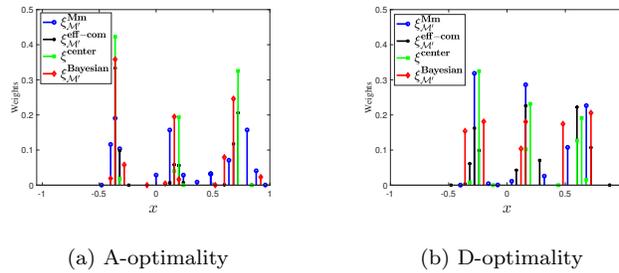


Figure 1: Mm- $\Phi_p$  Design, Eff-Compromise Design, Centroid Optimal Design and Bayesian Optimal Design

### Potato packaging example in Section 4.3

Table 2 includes the estimates of regression coefficients from a preliminary study, and Figure 3 shows the design points of the constructed designs.

### Example of exponential growth model in Section 4.4

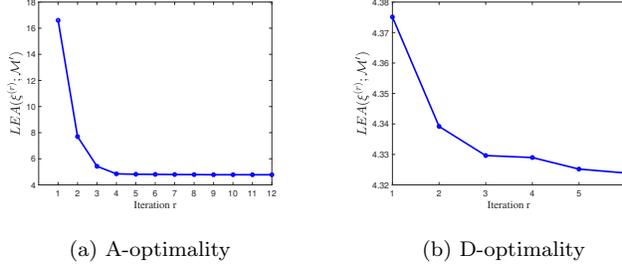


Figure 2:  $LEA(\xi^{(r)}, \mathcal{M}')$  of the  $r$ -th iteration in Algorithm 1.

Table 2: Model Space  $\mathcal{M}$  of Potato Packing Example

Term	First-Order $M_1$	With interaction $M_2$	Second-order $M_3$
Intercept	-0.28	-1.44	-2.93
$x_1$	0	0	0
$x_2$	-0.76	-1.95	-0.52
$x_3$	-1.15	-2.36	-0.79
$x_1x_2$		0	0
$x_1x_3$		0	0
$x_2x_3$		-2.34	-0.66
$x_1^2$			0.94
$x_2^2$			0.79
$x_3^2$			1.82

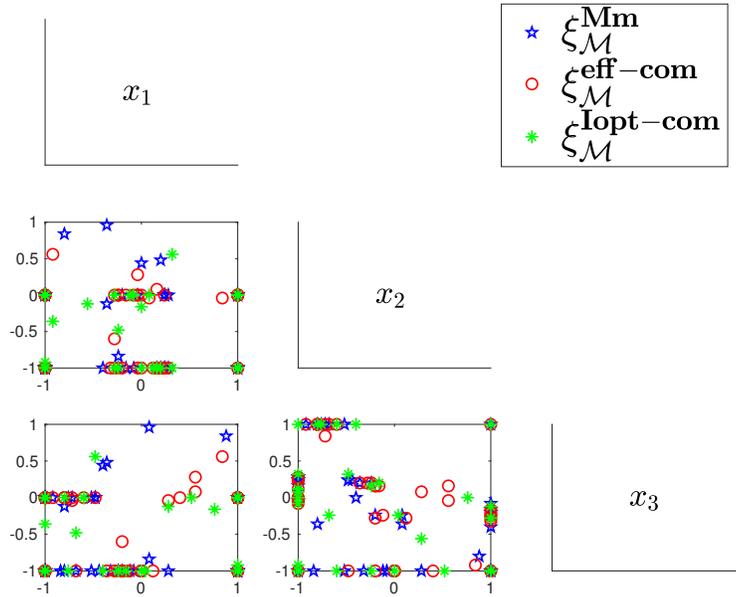


Figure 3: Design Points of  $Mm-\Phi_p$  Design and Compromise Designs

Table 3 shows the standardized maximin D-optimal designs in (Braess et al., 2007).

Table 3: Standardized maximin D-optimal designs.

$B$	10	40	100
$x_1$	0.142	0.037	0.014
$\lambda_1$	0.553	0.414	0.336
$x_2$	0.771	0.193	0.064
$\lambda_2$	0.447	0.272	0.193
$x_3$		0.772	0.156
$\lambda_3$		0.314	0.093
$x_4$			0.287
$\lambda_4$			0.137
$x_5$			0.838
$\lambda_5$			0.241

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