

## Supplementary Material for Indirect multivariate response linear regression

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### 1. PROOF OF PROPOSITION 2

In our proof of Proposition 2, we use the matrix inequality

$$\begin{aligned} \|A^{(1)}A^{(2)}A^{(3)} - B^{(1)}B^{(2)}B^{(3)}\| &\leq \sum_{j=1}^3 \|A^{(j)} - B^{(j)}\| \prod_{k \neq j} \|B^{(k)}\| \\ &\quad + \sum_{j=1}^3 \|B^{(j)}\| \prod_{k \neq j} \|A^{(k)} - B^{(k)}\| + \prod_{j=1}^3 \|A^{(j)} - B^{(j)}\|. \quad (1) \end{aligned}$$

Bickel & Levina (2008) used (1) to prove their Theorem 3.

*Proof of Proposition 2.* From (A2) in the proof of Proposition 1,  $\Sigma_{*E}^{-1} = \Sigma_{*Y}^{-1} + \eta_* \Delta_*^{-1} \eta_*^T$ .

Define  $\hat{\Sigma}_E^{-1} = \hat{\Sigma}_{Y}^{-1} + \hat{\eta} \hat{\Delta}^{-1} \hat{\eta}^T$ . Applying (1),

$$\begin{aligned} \|\hat{\beta} - \beta_*\| &= \|\hat{\Delta}^{-1} \hat{\eta}^T \hat{\Sigma}_E - \Delta_*^{-1} \eta_*^T \Sigma_{*E}\| \\ &\leq \|\hat{\Delta}^{-1} - \Delta_*^{-1}\| \|\eta_*\| \|\Sigma_{*E}\| + \|\hat{\eta} - \eta_*\| \|\Delta_*^{-1}\| \|\Sigma_{*E}\| + \|\hat{\Sigma}_E - \Sigma_{*E}\| \|\Delta_*^{-1}\| \|\eta_*\| \\ &\quad + \|\Delta_*^{-1}\| \|\hat{\eta} - \eta_*\| \|\hat{\Sigma}_E - \Sigma_{*E}\| + \|\eta_*\| \|\hat{\Delta}^{-1} - \Delta_*^{-1}\| \|\hat{\Sigma}_E - \Sigma_{*E}\| \\ &\quad + \|\Sigma_{*E}\| \|\hat{\Delta}^{-1} - \Delta_*^{-1}\| \|\hat{\eta} - \eta_*\| + \|\hat{\eta} - \eta_*\| \|\hat{\Delta}^{-1} - \Delta_*^{-1}\| \|\hat{\Sigma}_E - \Sigma_{*E}\|. \quad (2) \end{aligned}$$

We will show that the third term in (2) dominates the others. We continue by deriving its bound.

Employing a matrix identity used by Cai et al. (2010), we write  $\hat{\Sigma}_E - \Sigma_{*E} = \Sigma_{*E}(\Sigma_{*E}^{-1} -$

49  $\hat{\Sigma}_E^{-1})\hat{\Sigma}_E$ , so

$$50 \quad \|\hat{\Sigma}_E - \Sigma_{*E}\| \leq \|\hat{\Sigma}_E\| \|\Sigma_{*E}\| \|\hat{\Sigma}_E^{-1} - \Sigma_{*E}^{-1}\|. \quad (3)$$

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52 Using the triangle inequality and (1),

$$\begin{aligned} 53 \quad \|\hat{\Sigma}_E^{-1} - \Sigma_{*E}^{-1}\| &\leq \|\hat{\Sigma}_{YY}^{-1} - \Sigma_{*YY}^{-1}\| + \|\hat{\eta}\hat{\Delta}^{-1}\hat{\eta}^T - \eta_*\Delta_*^{-1}\eta_*^T\| \\ 54 \quad &\leq \|\hat{\Sigma}_{YY}^{-1} - \Sigma_{*YY}^{-1}\| + 2\|\hat{\eta} - \eta_*\| \|\Delta_*^{-1}\| \|\eta_*\| + \|\hat{\Delta}^{-1} - \Delta_*^{-1}\| \|\eta_*\|^2 \\ 55 \quad &+ 2\|\eta_*\| \|\hat{\Delta}^{-1} - \Delta_*^{-1}\| \|\hat{\eta} - \eta_*\| + \|\Delta_*^{-1}\| \|\hat{\eta} - \eta_*\|^2 + \|\hat{\eta} - \eta_*\|^2 \|\hat{\Delta}^{-1} - \Delta_*^{-1}\| \\ 56 \quad &= O_P(c_n + a_n \|\eta_*\| \|\Delta_*^{-1}\| + b_n \|\eta_*\|^2). \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

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58 Since  $\varphi_{\min}(\Sigma_{*YY}^{-1}) \geq K$  and  $\Delta_*^{-1}$  is positive definite, Weyl's eigenvalue inequality implies that

$$59 \quad \varphi_{\min}(\Sigma_{*E}^{-1}) \geq K \text{ so}$$

$$60 \quad \|\Sigma_{*E}\| = \varphi_{\min}^{-1}(\Sigma_{*E}^{-1}) \leq 1/K. \quad (5)$$

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$$63 \quad \|\hat{\Sigma}_E\| = \varphi_{\min}^{-1}(\hat{\Sigma}_E^{-1}) = O_P(1) \quad (6)$$

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65 because  $\varphi_{\min}(\Sigma_{*E}^{-1}) \geq K$ ,  $\hat{\Sigma}_E$  is positive definite, and  $a_n \|\eta_*\| \|\Delta_*^{-1}\| + b_n \|\eta_*\|^2 + c_n = o(1)$  in

66 (4). Using (4), (5), and (6), in (3),

$$67 \quad \|\hat{\Sigma}_E - \Sigma_{*E}\| = O_P(a_n \|\eta_*\| \|\Delta_*^{-1}\| + b_n \|\eta_*\|^2 + c_n).$$

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69 We then see that the third term in (2) dominates and

$$\begin{aligned} 70 \quad \|\hat{\beta} - \beta_*\| &= O_P\left\{(a_n \|\eta_*\| \|\Delta_*^{-1}\| + b_n \|\eta_*\|^2 + c_n) \|\eta_*\| \|\Delta_*^{-1}\|\right\} \\ 71 \quad &= O_P\left(a_n \|\eta_*\|^2 \|\Delta_*^{-1}\|^2 + b_n \|\eta_*\|^3 \|\Delta_*^{-1}\| + c_n \|\eta_*\| \|\Delta_*^{-1}\|\right). \end{aligned}$$

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## 2. ADDITIONAL SIMULATION STUDIES

2.1. Sparse inverse regression elliptical  $t$ -distribution simulations

For 200 independent replications, we generated  $n$  independent copies of the random vector  $(X^T, Y^T)^T$  which has the  $p + q$ -variate elliptical  $t$ -distribution with  $\nu$  degrees of freedom and parameters  $\mu_* \in \mathbb{R}^{p+q}$  and  $\Sigma_* \in \mathbb{S}_+^{p+q}$ . This parameterization was used by Muirhead (2005). We set  $\mu_* = 0$  and we picked the entries in  $\Sigma_*$  by specifying  $\Sigma_{*XX}$ ,  $\Sigma_{*XY}$ , and  $\Sigma_{*YY}$  defined through the partition of  $\Sigma_*$  used in Section 2.1. The  $(i, j)$ th element of  $\Sigma_{*YY}$  was  $\rho_Y^{|i-j|}$  and the  $(i, j)$ th element of  $\Delta_*$  was  $0.7^{|i-j|}$ . We set  $\Sigma_{*XY}^T = \Sigma_{*YY}\eta_*$ , and  $\Sigma_{*XX} = \Delta_* + \eta_*\Sigma_{*XY}^T$ , where  $\eta_*$  was generated as it was in Section 5.1 with entry-wise nonzero probability  $s_*$ .

Results when  $\nu = 3$  and  $\nu = 10$  are displayed in Fig. 1 and Fig. 2, respectively. When  $n = 100$ ,  $p = 60$ , and  $q = 60$ , the relative performance of  $I_1$  was similar to the normal data generating model studied in Section 5.1 for both values of  $\nu$ . When  $n = 50$ ,  $p = 200$ ,  $q = 200$ ,  $I_1$  performed worse than both ridge regression estimators except when  $\nu = 10$  and  $\rho_Y = 0.9$ .

## 2.2. Additional sparse inverse regression simulations

Figure 3 displays additional side-by-side boxplots of the observed model errors for the simulation study described in Section 5.1. We see that  $I_1$  generally outperforms the competitors. However, when  $n = 50$ ,  $p = 200$ ,  $q = 200$ , and the responses were marginally uncorrelated, there was a small number of replications in which both ridge regression estimators performed better than  $I_1$  did.

## 2.3. Additional Non-normal forward regression simulations

In Fig. 4, we display additional side-by-side boxplots of the observed model errors for the simulation study described in Section 5.2. When  $n = 100$ ,  $p = 60$ , and  $q = 60$ ,  $I_1$  outperformed all non-oracle competitors. When  $n = 50$ ,  $p = 200$ ,  $q = 200$ , and the responses were marginally

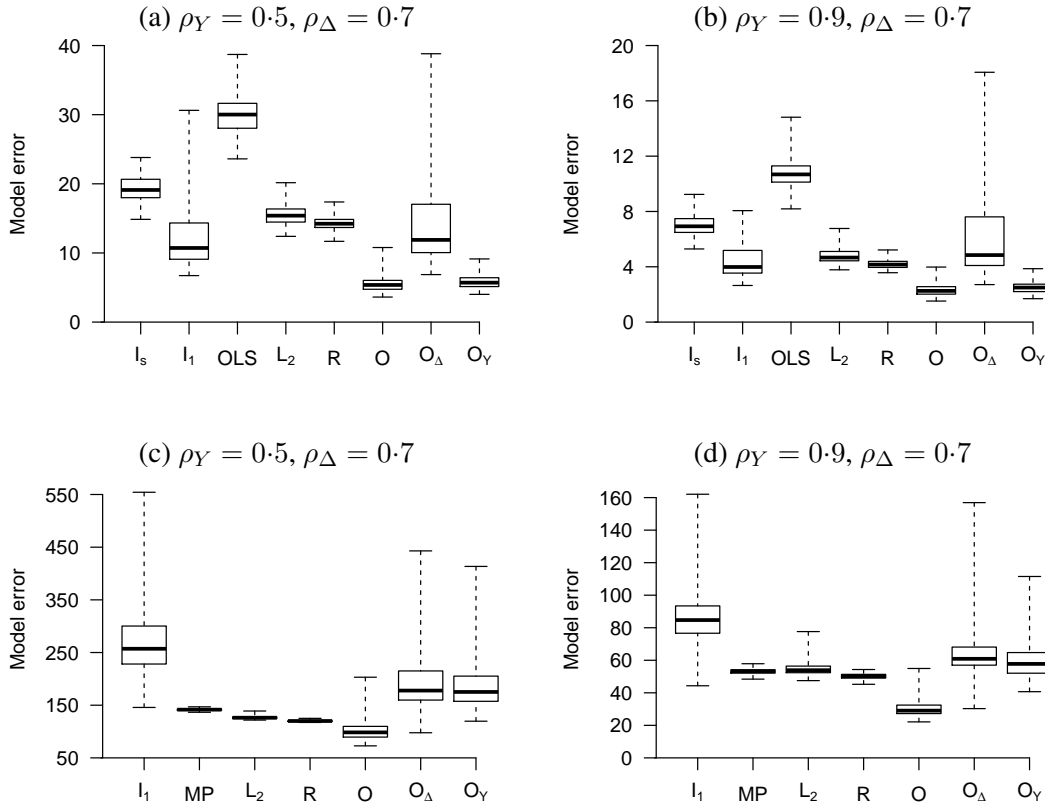


Fig. 1. Boxplots of the observed model errors from 200 replications when the data generating model from Section 2.1 is used. In (a) and (b),  $n = 100, p = 60, q = 60, s_* = 0.1$ , and  $\nu = 3$ . In (c) and (d),  $n = 50, p = 200, q = 200, s_* = 0.03$ , and  $\nu = 3$ .

uncorrelated,  $I_1$  outperformed the non-oracle competitors except for a small number of replications.

#### 2.4. Additional reduced-rank inverse regression simulation

In Fig. 5 (a)-(c), we show additional side-by-side boxplots of observed model errors for the simulation study described in Section 5.3. When responses are marginally uncorrelated,  $I_{RR}$  outperforms the direct likelihood-based reduced-rank regression estimator, both of which performed better than the part oracle estimators  $O_{R\Delta}$  and  $O_{RY}$ .

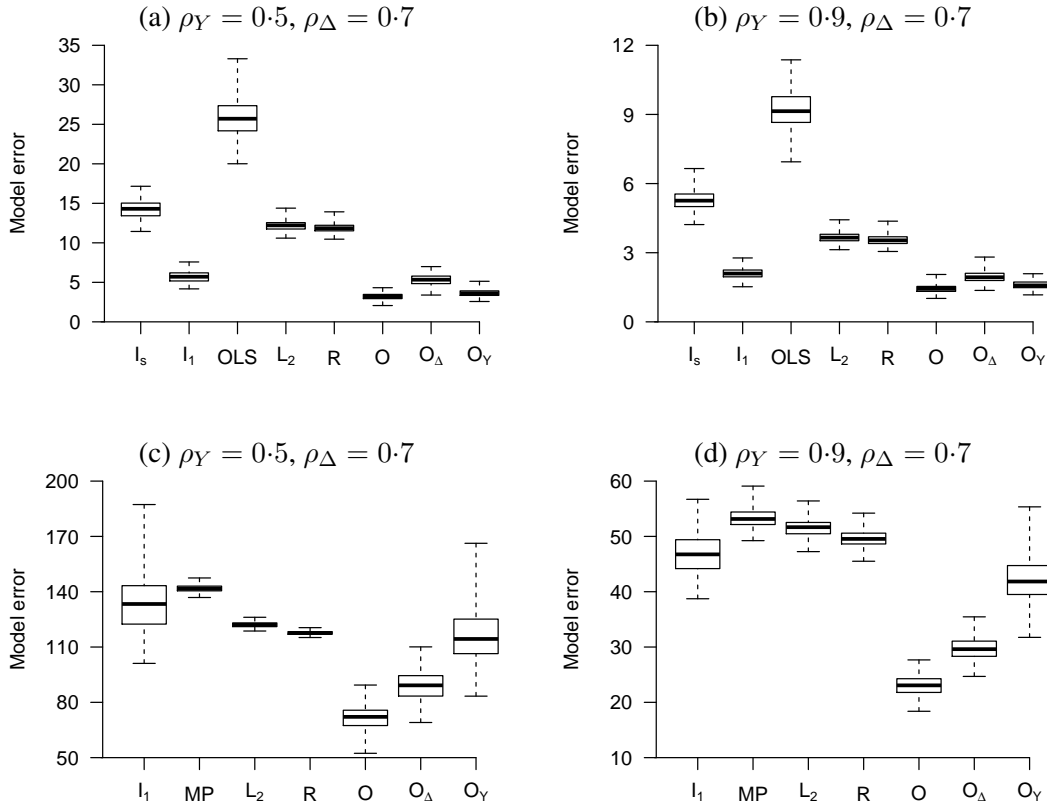


Fig. 2. Boxplots of the observed model errors from 200 replications where (a), (b)  $n = 100, p = 60, q = 60, s_* = 0.1, \nu = 10$ ; (c), (d)  $n = 50, p = 200, q = 200, s_* = 0.03, \nu = 10$ ; and the data generating model from Section 2.1 is used.

2.5. Additional reduced-rank forward regression simulation

In Fig. 5 (d)-(f), we display additional side-by-side boxplots of the observed model errors for the simulation study described in Section 5.4. In each setting,  $I_{RR}$  and  $I_{ML}$  performed similarly to RR. Both  $I_{RR}$  and  $I_{ML}$  outperformed the part oracle estimators as well. Results displayed in Fig. 5 are consistent with those from Section 5.4. This suggests that the indirect estimators  $I_{ML}$  and  $I_{RR}$  are competitive with the direct likelihood-based reduced-rank regression estimator even when the inverse regression error precision matrix is not sparse.

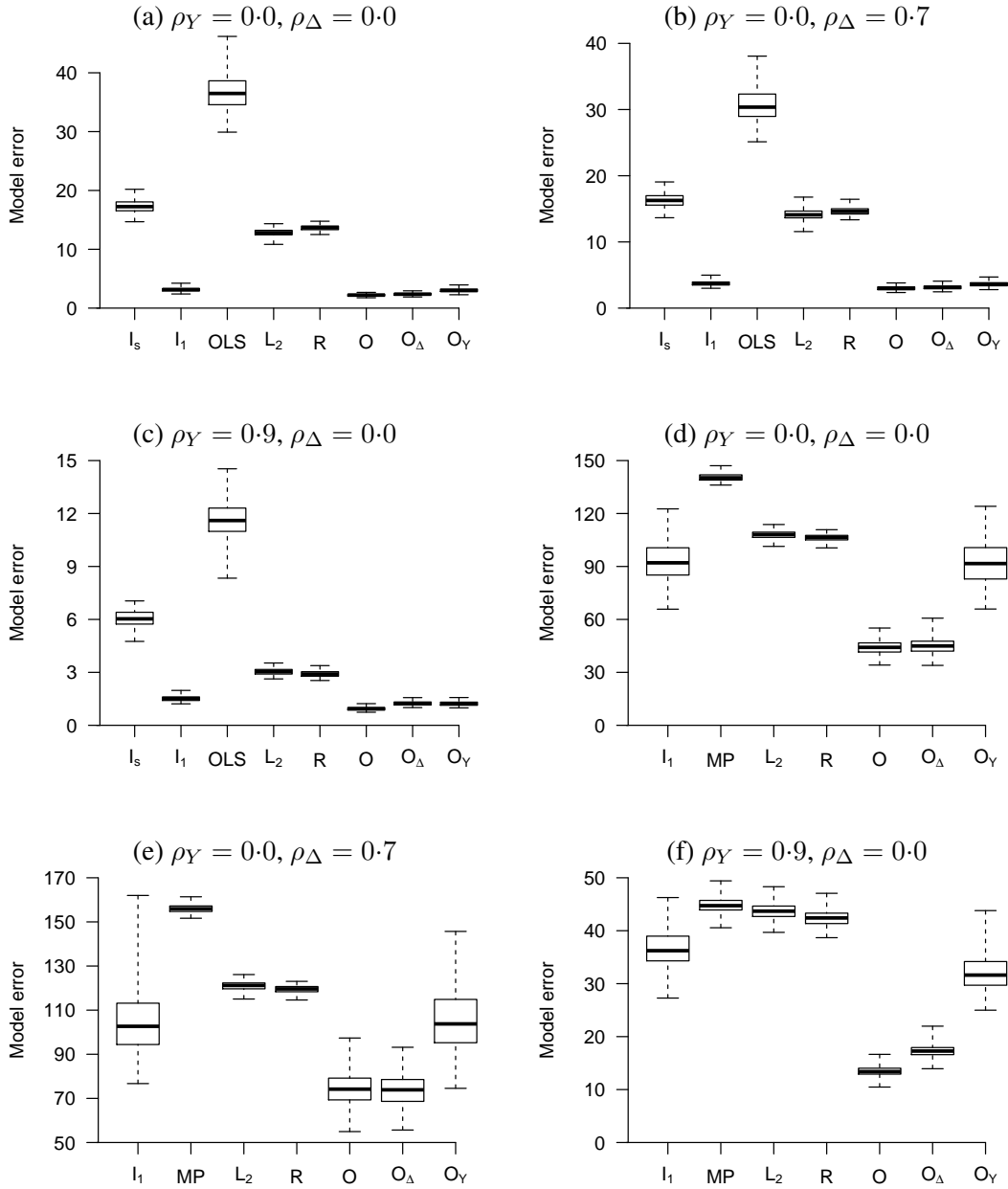


Fig. 3. Boxplots of the observed model errors from 200 replications where the data generating model from Section 5.1 was used. In (a)-(c),  $n = 100, p = 60, q = 60$ , and  $s_* = 0.1$ . In (d)-(f),  $n = 50, p = 200, q = 200$ , and  $s_* = 0.03$ .

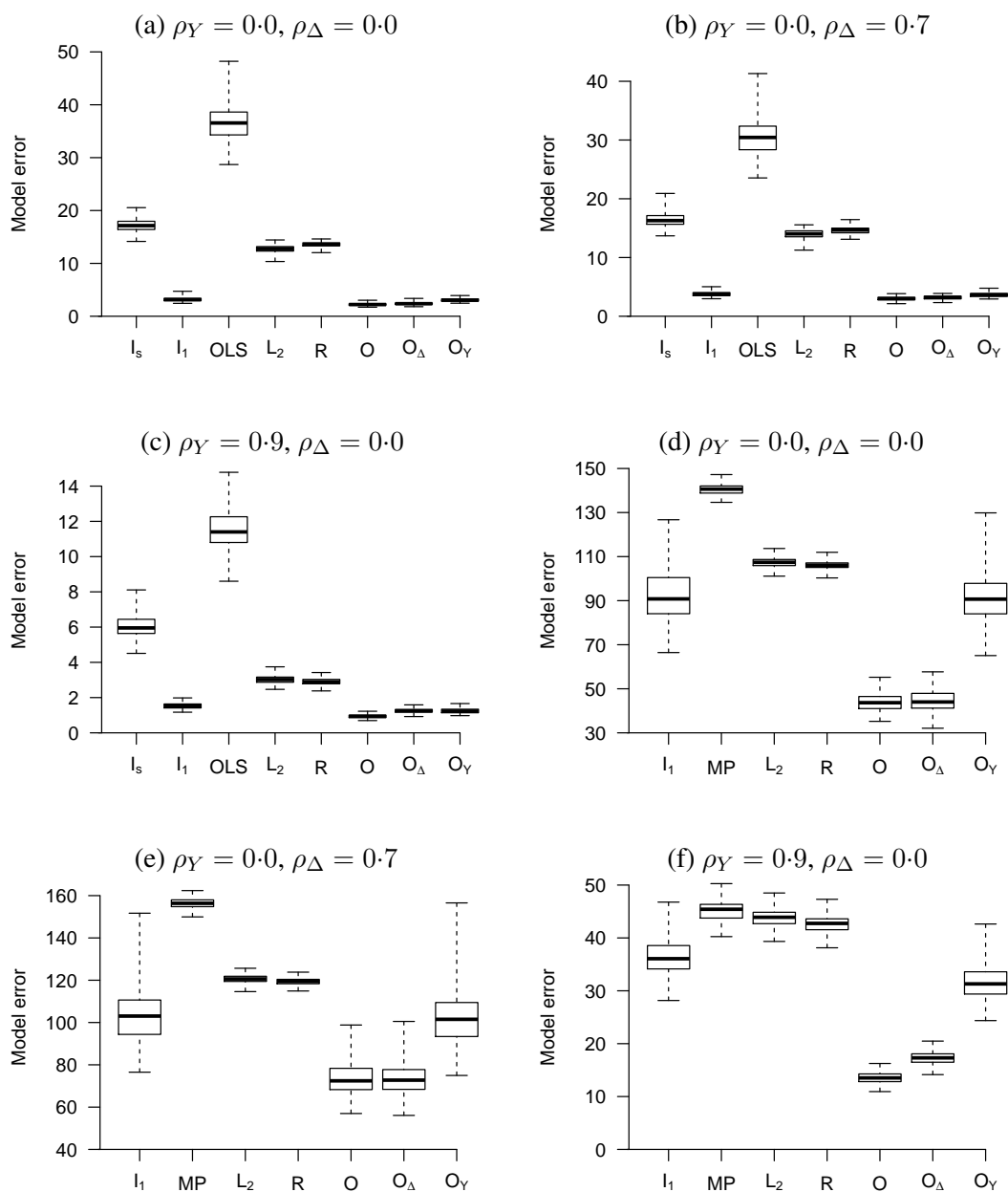


Fig. 4. Boxplots of the observed model errors from 200 replications when the data generating model from Section 5.2 is used. In (a)-(c),  $n = 100, p = 60, q = 60$ , and  $s_* = 0.1$ . In (d)-(f),  $n = 50, p = 200, q = 200$ , and  $s_* = 0.03$ .

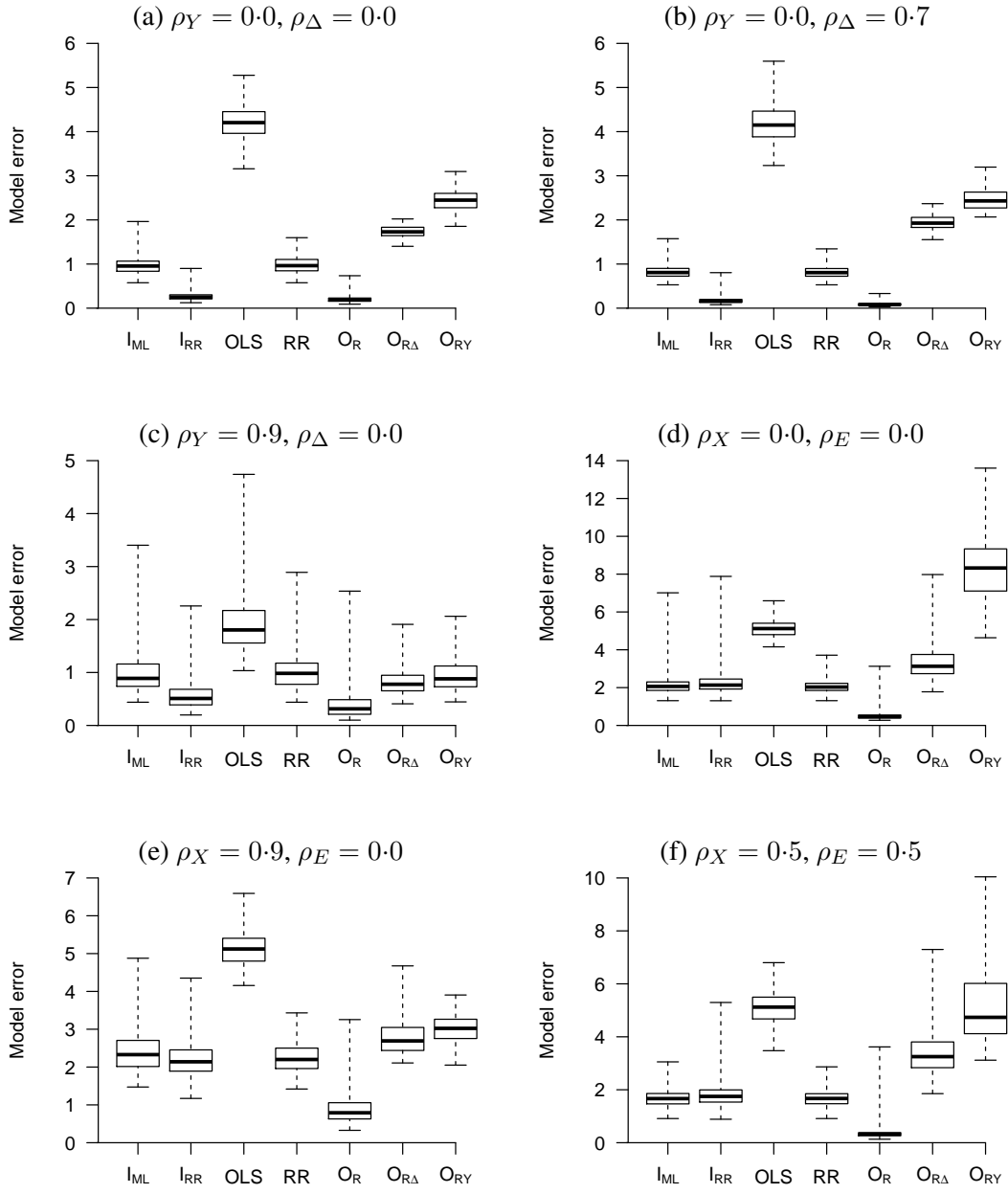


Fig. 5. Boxplots of the observed model errors from 200 replications when  $n = 100, p = 20, q = 20$ . In (a) – (c), the data generating model from Section 5.3 was used. In (d) – (f), the data generating model from Section 5.4 was used.

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