

1 We would like to thank the reviewers for their constructive feedbacks and we will correct the typos raised and include
2 the suggestions for improving the paper readability accordingly. We would appreciate if the reviewers positively updated
3 their ratings if our responses were satisfactory.

4 1 Reviewer #1

5 **Full (exact) conformal set vs. split or cross-validated conformal set** *Full (exact)* conformal prediction set is
6 important and worth studying since statistical efficiencies are lost both in the model fitting stage and conformity score
7 rank computation stage in split or cross-validated approach. This is visible in many experiments conducted in previous
8 papers [14, 15] and confirmed in ours.

9 **Non-connectedness of the conformal prediction set.** In practice, we consider the convex hull of the conformal set,
10 which is always an interval. This was initially suggested in [18, Remark 1]. The lack of interpretability is a real issue,
11 but it is an intrinsic default of the conformal set which remains in our proposed computation.

12 **Choice of $[y_{\min}, y_{\max}]$.** We follow the actual practice in the literature [14, Remark 5]. We choose $y_{\min} = y_{(1)}$ and
13 $y_{\max} = y_{(n)}$. In that case, we have $\mathbb{P}(y_{n+1} \in [y_{\min}, y_{\max}]) \geq 1 - 2/(n + 1)$. This implies a loss in the coverage
14 guarantee of $2/(n + 1)$, which is negligible when n is sufficiently large. We did not observe violations.

15 **Direct fitting of C_L and C_U .** We do not agree that computing the whole path, with homotopy, is not needed for
16 computing the lower and upper bound (even for Lasso and Ridge). Defining $C_L = \inf\{y > y_{\min} : \pi(y) > \alpha\}$ and
17 $C_U = \sup\{y < y_{\max} : \pi(y) > \alpha\}$, computing C_L and C_U is as hard as computing the exact conformal set. Indeed,
18 for simplicity assume that the full exact conformal set is an interval. Then, we have

$$[C_L, C_U] = \hat{\Gamma}^{(\alpha)}(x_{n+1}) \cap [y_{\min}, y_{\max}] . \quad (1)$$

19 Unless an explicit and simple enough formula for $\pi(y)$ (i.e. $\hat{\beta}(y)$) is available, such computation are intractable and
20 was, so far, limited to class of regression problem where the entire solution path for y can be computed exactly. Our
21 contribution, based on approximated solution and convex hull, can be interpreted as a direct estimation of C_L and C_U .

22 2 Reviewer #2

23 **Paper readability.** Thanks, we will fix the notation issues and put some remarks and details in the appendix to ease
24 the reading flow. We will also summarize the proposed algorithm in a direct pseudo-code. While important, we believe
25 that the presentation issues pointed out here can be properly corrected in the camera-ready version without changing the
26 main technical body of the work.

27 **Contributions compared to prior work.** As discussed in line 99, the papers [18] and [14] are restricted to Ridge
28 and Lasso where *explicit* solution are available as a piece of linear function of y . In that case, approximation is no
29 longer needed since the exact conformal set can be efficiently computed (with *only* a single model fitting). Our main
30 contribution (which is not limited to linear model) is *not* to provide more computationally efficient method than existing
31 ones but to provide an easily computable conformal set, based on approximated solution, when the exact set *cannot* be
32 computed (we have presented the `logcosh` and `Linex` loss function as examples).

33 Figure 1 merely illustrates the trade-off between the statistical efficiency (length of the interval) and optimization error
34 ϵ (in case of Ridge where the exact set can be computed). We will clarify this; including suggestions of Reviewer #4.

35 Contrarily to previous methods, our approach provide a simple, general and *unified* framework for computing full
36 conformal set under mild assumptions on the loss function and *any* convex regularization Ω , along with a transparent
37 complexity analysis (which is still unknown for the exact homotopy in Lasso; note in general that *worst case* complexity
38 of *exact* homotopy can be exponential in the dimension of the underlying optimization problem (Gartner et al., 2012)).
39 Thus, we generalize [18] and [14] to a much wider class of machine learning problems (See answer to Reviewer #1).

40 3 Reviewer #4

41 **Improvement of the numerical experiments.** Thanks, we highly appreciate your critiques. The suggested experi-
42 ments will be investigated and added in our paper. By doing a quick check, in the Lasso case, we observe consistent
43 results when the coverage level α varies. This is an important point and we will perform a more complete experiments
44 and properly report the results and our understanding.