

FAIRGRAD: FAIRNESS AWARE GRADIENT DESCENT

Anonymous authors

Paper under double-blind review

ABSTRACT

We address the problem of group fairness in classification, where the objective is to learn models that do not unjustly discriminate against subgroups of the population. Most existing approaches are limited to simple binary tasks or involve difficult to implement training mechanisms. This reduces their practical applicability. In this paper, we propose FairGrad, a method to enforce fairness based on a reweighting scheme that iteratively learns group specific weights based on whether they are advantaged or not. FairGrad is easy to implement and can accommodate various standard fairness definitions. Furthermore, we show that it is competitive with standard baselines over various datasets including ones used in natural language processing and computer vision.

1 INTRODUCTION

Fair Machine Learning addresses the problem of learning models that are free of any discriminatory behavior against a subset of the population. For instance, consider a company that develops a model to predict whether a person would be a suitable hire based on their biography. A possible source of discrimination here can be if, in the data available to the company, individuals that are part of a subgroup formed based on their gender, ethnicity, or other sensitive attributes, are consistently labelled as unsuitable hires regardless of their true competency due to historical bias. This kind of discrimination can be measured by a fairness notion called Demographic Parity (Calders et al., 2009). If the data is unbiased, another source of discriminate may stem from the model itself that consistently mislabel the competent individuals of a subgroup as unsuitable hires. This can be measured by a fairness notion called Equality of Opportunity (Hardt et al., 2016).

Several such fairness notions have been proposed in the literature as different problems call for different measures. These notions can be divided into two major paradigms, namely (i) Individual Fairness (Dwork et al., 2012; Kusner et al., 2017) where the idea is to treat similar individuals similarly regardless of the sensitive group they belong to, and (ii) Group Fairness (Calders et al., 2009; Hardt et al., 2016; Zafar et al., 2017a; Denis et al., 2021) where the underlying idea is that different sensitive groups should not be disadvantaged compared to an overall reference population. In this paper, we focus on group fairness in the context of classification.

The existing approaches for group fairness in Machine Learning may be divided into three main paradigms. First, pre-processing methods aim at modifying a dataset to remove any intrinsic unfairness that may exist in the examples. The underlying idea is that a model learned on this modified data is more likely to be fair (Dwork et al., 2012; Kamiran & Calders, 2012; Zemel et al., 2013; Feldman et al., 2015; Calmon et al., 2017). Then, post-processing approaches modify the predictions of an accurate but unfair model so that it becomes fair (Kamiran et al., 2010; Hardt et al., 2016; Woodworth et al., 2017; Iosifidis et al., 2019; Chzhen et al., 2019). Finally, in-processing methods aim at learning a model that is fair and accurate in a single step (Calders & Verwer, 2010; Kamishima et al., 2012; Goh et al., 2016; Zafar et al., 2017a;b; Donini et al., 2018; Krasanakis et al., 2018; Agarwal et al., 2018; Wu et al., 2019; Cotter et al., 2019; Iosifidis & Ntoutsi, 2019; Jiang & Nachum, 2020; Lohaus et al., 2020; Roh et al., 2020; Ozdayi et al., 2021). In this paper, we propose a new in-processing approach based on a reweighting scheme that may also be used as a kind of post-processing approach by fine-tuning existing classifiers.

Motivation. In-processing approaches can be further divided into several sub-categories (Caton & Haas, 2020). Common amongst them are methods that relax the fairness constraints under consideration to simplify the learning process (Zafar et al., 2017a; Donini et al., 2018; Wu et al., 2019).

```

# The library is available as a part of the supplementary material.
from fairgrad.torch import CrossEntropyLoss

# Same as PyTorch's loss with some additional meta data.
# A fairness rate of 0.01 is a good rule of thumb for standardized data.
criterion = CrossEntropyLoss(y_train, s_train,
                              fairness_measure, fairness_rate=0.01)

# The dataloader and model are defined and used in the standard way.
for x, y, s in data_loader:
    optimizer.zero_grad()
    loss = criterion(model(x), y, s)
    loss.backward()
    optimizer.step()

```

Figure 1: A standard training loop where the PyTorch’s loss is replaced by FairGrad’s loss.

Indeed, standard fairness notions are usually difficult to handle as they are often non-convex and non-differentiable. Unfortunately, these relaxations may be far from the actual fairness measures, leading to sub-optimal models (Lohaus et al., 2020). Similarly, several approaches address the fairness problem by designing specific algorithms and solvers. This is, for example, done by reducing the optimization procedure to a simpler problem (Agarwal et al., 2018), altering the underlying solver (Cotter et al., 2019), or using adversarial learning (Raff & Sylvester, 2018). However, these approaches are often difficult to adapt to existing systems as they may require special training procedures or changes in the model. They are also often limited in the range of problems to which they can be applied (binary classification, two sensitive groups, ...). Furthermore, they may come with several hyperparameters that need to be carefully tuned to obtain fair models. The complexity of the existing methods might hinder their deployment in practical settings. Hence, there is a need for simpler methods that are straightforward to integrate in existing training loops.

Contributions. In this paper, we present FairGrad, a general purpose approach to enforce fairness for gradient descent based methods. We propose to dynamically update the weights of the examples after each gradient descent update to precisely reflect the fairness level of the models obtained at each iteration and guide the optimization process in a relevant direction. Hence, the underlying idea is to use lower weights for examples from advantaged groups than those from disadvantaged groups. Our method is inspired by recent reweighting approaches that also propose to change the importance of each group while learning a model (Krasanakis et al., 2018; Iosifidis & Ntoutsi, 2019; Jiang & Nachum, 2020; Roh et al., 2020; Ozdayi et al., 2021). We discuss these works in Appendix A.

A key advantage of FairGrad is that it is straightforward to incorporate into standard gradient based solvers that support examples reweighing like Stochastic Gradient Descent. Hence, we developed a Python library (provided in the supplementary material) where we augmented standard PyTorch losses to accommodate our approach. From a practitioner point of view, it means that using FairGrad is as simple as replacing their existing loss from PyTorch with our custom loss and passing along some meta data, while the rest of the training loop remains identical. This is illustrated in Figure 1. It is interesting to note that FairGrad only brings one extra hyper-parameter, the fairness rate, besides the usual optimization ones (learning rates, batch size, ...).

Another advantage of Fairgrad is that, unlike the existing reweighing based approaches which often focus on specific settings, it is compatible with various group fairness notions, including exact and approximate fairness, can handle both multiple sensitive groups and multiclass problems, and can fine tune existing unfair models. Through extensive experiments, we show that, in addition to its versatility, FairGrad is competitive with several standard baselines in fairness on both standard datasets as well as complex natural language processing and computer vision tasks.

2 PROBLEM SETTING AND NOTATIONS

In the remainder of this paper, we assume that we have access to a feature space \mathcal{X} , a finite discrete label space \mathcal{Y} , and a set \mathcal{S} of values for the sensitive attribute. We further assume that there exists an unknown distribution $\mathcal{D} \in \mathcal{D}_{\mathcal{Z}}$ where $\mathcal{D}_{\mathcal{Z}}$ is the set of all distributions over $\mathcal{Z} = \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{Y} \times \mathcal{S}$ and

that we only get to observe a finite dataset $\mathcal{T} = \{(x_i, y_i, s_i)\}_{i=1}^n$ of n examples drawn i.i.d. from \mathcal{D} . Our goal is then to learn an accurate model $h_\theta \in \mathcal{H}$, with learnable parameters $\theta \in \mathbb{R}^D$, such that $h_\theta : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$ is fair with respect to a given fairness definition that depends on the sensitive attribute. In Section 2.1, we formally define the fairness measures that are compatible with our approach and provide several examples of popular notions that are compatible with our method. Finally, for the ease of presentation, throughout this paper we slightly abuse the notation $\mathbb{P}(E)$ and use it to represent both the true probability of an event E and its estimated probability from a finite sample.

2.1 FAIRNESS DEFINITION

We assume that the data may be partitioned into K disjoint groups denoted $\mathcal{T}_1, \dots, \mathcal{T}_k, \dots, \mathcal{T}_K$ such that $\bigcup_{k=1}^K \mathcal{T}_k = \mathcal{T}$ and $\bigcap_{k=1}^K \mathcal{T}_k = \emptyset$. These groups highly depend on the fairness notion under consideration. They might correspond to the usual sensitive groups, as in Accuracy Parity (see Example 1), or might be subgroups of the usual sensitive groups, as in Equalized Odds (see Example 2 in the appendix). For each group, we assume that we have access to a function $F_k : \mathcal{D}_Z \times \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that $F_k > 0$ when the group k is advantaged and $F_k < 0$ when the group k is disadvantaged. Furthermore, we assume that the magnitude of F_k represents the degree to which the group is (dis)advantaged. Finally, we assume that each F_k can be rewritten as follows:

$$F_k(\mathcal{T}, h_\theta) = C_k^0 + \sum_{k'=1}^K C_k^{k'} \mathbb{P}(h_\theta(x) \neq y | \mathcal{T}_{k'}) \quad (1)$$

where the constants C are group specific and independent of h_θ . The probabilities $\mathbb{P}(h_\theta(x) \neq y | \mathcal{T}_{k'})$ represent the error rates of $h_\theta(x)$ over each group $\mathcal{T}_{k'}$ with a slight abuse of notation. Below, we show that Accuracy Parity (Zafar et al., 2017a) respects this definition. In Appendix B, we show that Equality of Opportunity (Hardt et al., 2016), Equalized Odds (Hardt et al., 2016), and Demographic Parity (Calders et al., 2009) also respect this definition.

Example 1 (Accuracy Parity (AP) (Zafar et al., 2017a)). A model h_θ is fair for Accuracy Parity when the probability of being correct is independent of the sensitive attribute, that is, $\forall r \in \mathcal{S}$

$$\mathbb{P}(h_\theta(x) = y | s = r) = \mathbb{P}(h_\theta(x) = y).$$

It means that we need to partition the space into $K = |\mathcal{S}|$ groups and, $\forall r \in \mathcal{S}$, we define $F_{(r)}$ as the fairness level of group (r)

$$\begin{aligned} F_{(r)}(\mathcal{T}, h_\theta) &= \mathbb{P}(h_\theta(x) \neq y) - \mathbb{P}(h_\theta(x) \neq y | s = r) \\ &= (\mathbb{P}(s = r) - 1)\mathbb{P}(h_\theta(x) \neq y | s = r) + \sum_{(r') \neq (r)} \mathbb{P}(s = r') \mathbb{P}(h_\theta(x) \neq y | s = r') \end{aligned}$$

where the law of total probability was used to obtain the last equality. Thus Accuracy Parity satisfies all our assumptions with $C_{(r)}^{(r)} = \mathbb{P}(s = r) - 1$, $C_{(r)}^{(r')} = \mathbb{P}(s = r')$ with $r' \neq r$, and $C_{(r)}^0 = 0$.

3 FAIRGRAD

In this section, we present FairGrad, the main contribution of this paper. We begin by discussing FairGrad for exact fairness and then present an extension to handle ϵ -fairness.

3.1 FAIRGRAD FOR EXACT FAIRNESS

To introduce our method, we first start with the following optimization problem that is standard in fair machine learning (Cotter et al., 2019)

$$\begin{aligned} &\arg \min_{h_\theta \in \mathcal{H}} \mathbb{P}(h_\theta(x) \neq y) \\ &\text{s.t. } \forall k \in [K], F_k(\mathcal{T}, h_\theta) = 0. \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

Then, using Lagrange multipliers, denoted $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_K$, we obtain an unconstrained objective that should be minimized for $h_\theta \in \mathcal{H}$ and maximized for $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_K \in \mathbb{R}$:

$$\mathcal{L}(h_\theta, \lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_K) = \mathbb{P}(h_\theta(x) \neq y) + \sum_{k=1}^K \lambda_k F_k(\mathcal{T}, h_\theta). \quad (3)$$

To solve this problem, we propose to use an alternating approach where the hypothesis and the multipliers are updated one after the other¹.

Updating the Multipliers. To update $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_K$, we will use a standard gradient ascent procedure. Hence, given that the gradient of Problem (3) is

$$\nabla_{\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_K} \mathcal{L}(h_\theta, \lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_K) = \begin{pmatrix} F_1(\mathcal{T}, h_\theta) \\ \vdots \\ F_K(\mathcal{T}, h_\theta) \end{pmatrix}$$

we have the following update rule $\forall k \in [K]$:

$$\lambda_k^{T+1} = \lambda_k^T + \eta_\lambda F_k(\mathcal{T}, h_\theta^T)$$

where η_λ is a rate that controls the importance of each update. In the experiments, we use a constant fairness rate of 0.01 as our initial tests showed that it is a good rule of thumb when the data is properly standardized.

Updating the Model. To update the parameters $\theta \in \mathbb{R}^D$ of the model h_θ , we use a standard gradient descent approach. However, first, we notice that given the fairness notions considered, Equation (3) can be rewritten as

$$\mathcal{L}(h_\theta, \lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_K) = \sum_{k=1}^K \mathbb{P}(h_\theta(x) \neq y | \mathcal{T}_k) \left[\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{T}_k) + \sum_{k'=1}^K C_{k'}^k \lambda_{k'} \right] + \sum_{k=1}^K \lambda_k C_k^0. \quad (4)$$

where $\sum_{k=1}^K \lambda_k C_k^0$ is independent of h_θ by definition. Hence, at iteration t , the update rule becomes

$$\theta^{T+1} = \theta^T - \eta_\theta \sum_{k=1}^K \left[\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{T}_k) + \sum_{k'=1}^K C_{k'}^k \lambda_{k'} \right] \nabla_\theta \mathbb{P}(h_\theta(x) \neq y | \mathcal{T}_k)$$

where η_θ is the usual learning rate that controls the importance of each parameter update. Here, we obtain our group specific weights $\forall k, w_k = \left[\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{T}_k) + \sum_{k'=1}^K C_{k'}^k \lambda_{k'} \right]$, that depend on the current fairness level of the model through $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_K$, the relative size of each group through $\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{T}_k)$, and the fairness notion under consideration through the constants C . The exact values of these constants are given in Section 2.1 and Appendix B for various group fairness notions. Overall, they are such that, at each iteration, the weights of the advantaged groups are reduced and the weights of the disadvantaged groups are increased.

The main limitation of the above update rule is that one needs to compute the group-wise gradients $\nabla_\theta \mathbb{P}(h_\theta(x) \neq y | \mathcal{T}_k) = \frac{1}{n_k} \sum_{(x,y) \in \mathcal{T}_k} \nabla_\theta \mathbb{I}_{\{h_\theta(x) \neq y\}}$. Here, $\mathbb{I}_{\{h_\theta(x) \neq y\}}$ is the indicator function, also called the 0–1-loss, that is 1 when $h_\theta(x) \neq y$ and 0 otherwise. Unfortunately, this usually does not provide meaningful optimization directions. To address this issue, we follow the usual trend in machine learning and replace the 0–1-loss with one of its continuous and differentiable surrogates that provides meaningful gradients. For instance, in our experiments, we use the cross entropy loss.

3.2 COMPUTATIONAL OVERHEAD OF FAIRGRAD.

We summarize our approach in Algorithm 1. We consider batch gradient descent rather than full gradient descent as it is a popular optimization scheme. We empirically investigate the impact of the batch size in Section 4.7. We use italic font to highlight the steps inherent to FairGrad that do not appear in classic batch gradient descent. The main difference is Step 5, that is the computation of the fairness levels for each group. However, these can be cheaply obtained from the predictions of $h_\theta^{(t)}$ on the current batch which are always available since they are also needed to compute the gradient. Hence, the computational overhead of FairGrad is very limited.

¹It is worth noting that, here, we do not have formal duality guarantees and that the problem is not even guaranteed to have a fair solution. Nevertheless, the approach seems to work well in practice as can be seen in the experiments.

Algorithm 1 FairGrad for Exact Fairness

Input: Groups $\mathcal{T}_1, \dots, \mathcal{T}_K$, Functions F_1, \dots, F_K , Function class \mathcal{H} of models h_θ with parameters $\theta \in \mathbb{R}^D$, Learning rates $\eta_\lambda, \eta_\theta$, and Iterator *iter* that returns batches of examples.

Output: A fair model h_θ^* .

- 1: Initialize *the group specific weights* and the model.
- 2: **for** B in *iter* **do**
- 3: Compute the predictions of the current model on the batch B.
- 4: Compute the group-wise losses using the predictions.
- 5: Compute *the current fairness level using the predictions and update the group-wise weights*.
- 6: Compute the overall *weighted* loss using the *group-wise weights*.
- 7: Compute the gradients based on the loss and update the model.
- 8: **end for**
- 9: **return** the trained model h_θ^*

3.3 IMPORTANCE OF NEGATIVE WEIGHTS.

A key property of FairGrad is that we allow the use of negative weights throughout the optimization process, that is $\left[\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{T}_k) + \sum_{k'=1}^K C_{k'}^k \lambda_{k'} \right]$ may become negative, while existing methods often restrict themselves to positive weights (Roh et al., 2020; Iosifidis & Ntoutsis, 2019; Jiang & Nachum, 2020). In this Section, we show that these negative weights are important as they are sometimes necessary to learn fair models. Hence, in the next lemma, we provide sufficient conditions so that negative weights are mandatory if one wants to enforce Accuracy Parity.

Lemma 1 (Negative weights are necessary.). *Assume that the fairness notion under consideration is Accuracy Parity (see Example 1). Let h_θ^* be the most accurate and fair model. Then using negative weights is necessary as long as*

$$\min_{\substack{h_\theta \in \mathcal{H} \\ h_\theta \text{ unfair}}} \max_{\mathcal{T}_k} \mathbb{P}(h_\theta(x) \neq y | \mathcal{T}_k) < \mathbb{P}(h_\theta^*(x) \neq y).$$

Proof. The proof is provided in Appendix C. □

The previous condition can sometimes be verified in practice. As a motivating example, assume a binary setting with only two sensitive groups \mathcal{T}_1 and \mathcal{T}_{-1} . Let h_θ^{-1} be the model minimizing $\mathbb{P}(h_\theta(x) \neq y | \mathcal{T}_{-1})$ and assume that $\mathbb{P}(h_\theta^{-1}(x) \neq y) < \mathbb{P}(h_\theta^{-1}(x) \neq y | \mathcal{T}_{-1})$, that is group \mathcal{T}_{-1} is disadvantaged for accuracy parity. Given h_θ^* the most accurate and fair model, we have

$$\min_{\substack{h_\theta \in \mathcal{H} \\ h_\theta \text{ unfair}}} \max_{\mathcal{T}_k} \mathbb{P}(h_\theta(x) \neq y | \mathcal{T}_k) = \mathbb{P}(h_\theta^{-1}(x) \neq y | \mathcal{T}_{-1}) < \mathbb{P}(h_\theta^*(x) \neq y)$$

as otherwise we would have a contradiction since the fair model would also be the most accurate model for group \mathcal{T}_{-1} since $\mathbb{P}(h_\theta^*(x) \neq y) = \mathbb{P}(h_\theta^*(x) \neq y | \mathcal{T}_{-1})$ by definition of Accuracy Parity. In other words, a dataset where the most accurate model for a given group still disadvantages this group requires negative weights.

3.4 FAIRGRAD FOR ϵ -FAIRNESS

In the previous section, we mainly considered exact fairness and we showed that this could be achieved by using a reweighting approach. In fact, we can extend this procedure to the case of ϵ -fairness where the fairness constraints are relaxed and a controlled amount of violations is allowed. Usually, ϵ is a user defined parameter but it can also be set by the law, as it is the case with the 80% rule in the US. The main difference with the exact fairness case is that each equality constraint in Problem (2) is replaced with two inequalities of the form

$$\begin{aligned} \forall k \in [K], F_k(\mathcal{T}, h_\theta) &\leq \epsilon \\ \forall k \in [K], F_k(\mathcal{T}, h_\theta) &\geq -\epsilon. \end{aligned}$$

The main consequence is that we need to maintain twice as many Lagrange multipliers and that the group-wise weights are slightly different. Since the two procedures are similar, we omit the details here but provide them in Appendix D for the sake of completeness.

4 EXPERIMENTS

In this section, we present several experiments that demonstrate the competitiveness of FairGrad as a procedure to learn fair models in a classification setting. We begin by presenting results over standard fairness datasets and a Natural language Processing dataset in Section 4.4. We then study the behaviour of the ϵ -fairness variant of FairGrad in Section 4.5. Next, we showcase the fine-tuning ability of FairGrad on a Computer Vision dataset in Section 4.6. Finally, we investigate the impact of batch size on the learned model in Section 4.7.

4.1 DATASETS

In the main paper, we consider 4 different datasets and postpone the results on another 6 datasets to Appendix E as they follow similar trends. We also postpone the detailed descriptions of these datasets as well as the pre-processing steps.

On the one hand, we consider commonly used fairness datasets, namely **Adult Income** (Kohavi, 1996) and **CelebA** (Liu et al., 2015). Both are binary classification datasets with binary sensitive attributes (gender). We also consider a variant of the Adult Income dataset where we add a second binary sensitive attribute (race) to obtain a dataset with 4 disjoint sensitive groups.

On the other hand, to showcase the wide applicability of FairGrad, we consider the **Twitter Sentiment**² (Blodgett et al., 2016) dataset from the Natural Language Processing community. It consists of 200k tweets with binary sensitive attribute (race) and binary sentiment score. We also employ the **UTKFace** dataset³ (Zhang et al., 2017) from the Computer Vision community. It consists of 23, 708 images tagged with race, age, and gender.

4.2 PERFORMANCE MEASURES

For fairness, we consider the four measures introduced in Section 2.1 and Appendix B, namely Equalized Odds (EOdds), Equality of Opportunity (EOpp), Accuracy Parity (AP), and Demographic Parity (DP). For each specific fairness notion, we report the average absolute fairness level of the different groups over the test set, that is $\frac{1}{K} \sum_{k=1}^K |F_k(\mathcal{T}, h_\theta)|$ (lower is better). To assess the utility of the learned models, we use their accuracy levels over the test set, that is $\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{I}_{h_\theta(x_i)=y_i}$ (higher is better). All the results reported are averaged over 5 independent runs and standard deviations are provided. Note that, in the main paper, we graphically report a subset of the results over the aforementioned datasets. We provide detailed results in Appendix E, including the missing pictures as well as complete tables with accuracy levels, fairness levels, and fairness level of the most well-off and worst-off groups for all the relevant methods.

4.3 METHODS

We compare FairGrad to 6 different baselines, namely (i) Unconstrained, which is oblivious to any fairness measure and trained using a standard batch gradient descent method, (ii) an Adversarial mechanism (Goodfellow et al., 2014) using a gradient reversal layer (Ganin & Lempitsky, 2015), similar to GRAD-Pred (Raff & Sylvester, 2018), where an adversary, with an objective to predict the sensitive attribute, is added to the unconstrained model, (iii) BiFair (Ozdayi et al., 2021), (iv) FairBatch (Roh et al., 2020), (v) Constraints (Cotter et al., 2019), a non-convex constrained optimization method, and (vi) Weighted ERM where each example is reweighed based on the size of the sensitive group the example belongs to.

In all our experiments, we consider two different hypothesis classes. On the one hand, we use linear models implemented in the form of neural networks with no hidden layers. On the other hand, we use a more complex, non-linear architecture with three hidden layers of respective sizes 128, 64, and 32. We use ReLU as our activation function with batch norm normalization and dropout set to 0.2. In both cases, we optimize the cross-entropy loss. We provide the exact setup and hyper-parameter tuning details for all the methods in Appendix E.1.

²<http://slanglab.cs.umass.edu/TwitterAAE/>

³<https://susanqq.github.io/UTKFace/>

In several experiments, we only consider subsets of the baselines due to the limitations of the methods. For instance, BiFair was designed to handle binary labels and binary sensitive attributes and thus is not considered for the datasets with more than two sensitive groups or more than two labels. Furthermore, we implemented it using the authors code that is freely available online but does not include AP as a fairness measure, thus we do not report results related to this measure for BiFair. Similarly, we also implemented FairBatch from the authors code which does not support AP as a fairness measure, thus we also exclude it from the comparison for this measure. For Constraints, we based our implementation on the publicly available authors library but were only able to reliably handle linear models and thus we do not consider this baseline for non-linear models. Finally, for Adversarial, we used our custom made implementation. However, it is only applicable when learning non-linear models since it requires at least one hidden layer to propagate its reversed gradient.

4.4 RESULTS FOR EXACT FAIRNESS

We report the results over the Adult Income dataset using a linear model, the Adult Income dataset with multiple groups with a non-linear model, and the Twitter sentiment dataset using both linear and nonlinear models in Figures 2, 3, and 4 respectively. In these figures, the best methods are closer to the bottom right corner. If a method is closer to the bottom left corner, it has good fairness but reduced accuracy. Similarly, a method closer to the top right corner has good accuracy but poor fairness, that is it is close to the unconstrained model.

The main take-away from these experiments is that there is no fairness enforcing method that is consistently better than the others. All of them have strengths, that is datasets and fairness measures where they obtain good results, and weaknesses, that is datasets and fairness measures for which they are sub-optimal. For instance, FairGrad achieves better fairness levels for EOdds and EOpp over the Adult dataset with a linear model. However, it pays a price in terms of accuracy in those settings. Similarly, FairBatch induces better accuracy than the other approaches over Adult with linear model and EOdds and only pays a small price in terms of fairness. However, it is significantly worse in terms of fairness over the Adult Multigroup dataset with a non-linear model. Finally, BiFair is sub-optimal on Adult with EOpp, while being comparable to the other approaches on the Twitter Sentiment dataset. We observed similar trends on the other datasets, available in Appendix E.3, with different methods coming out on top for different datasets and fairness measures.

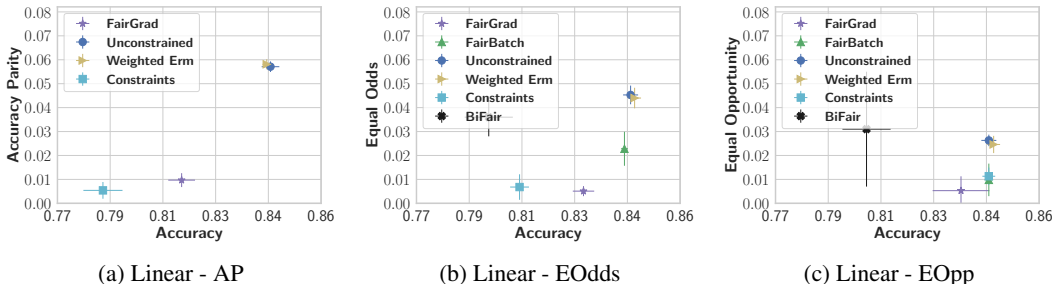


Figure 2: Results for the Adult dataset using Linear Models.

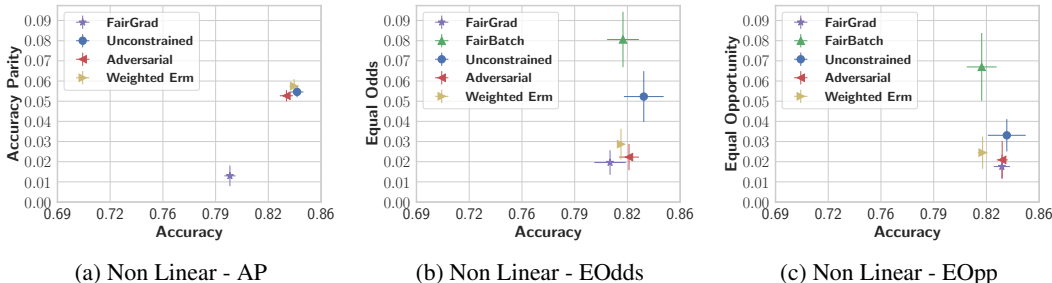


Figure 3: Results for the Adult Multigroup dataset using Non Linear models.

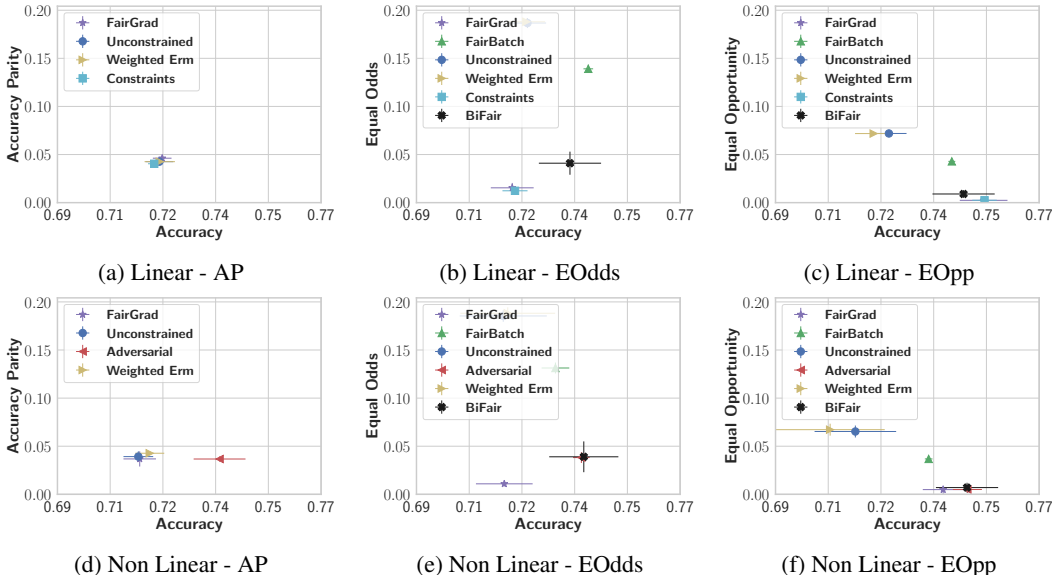


Figure 4: Results for the Twitter Sentiment dataset for Linear and Non Linear Models.

4.5 ACCURACY FAIRNESS TRADE-OFF

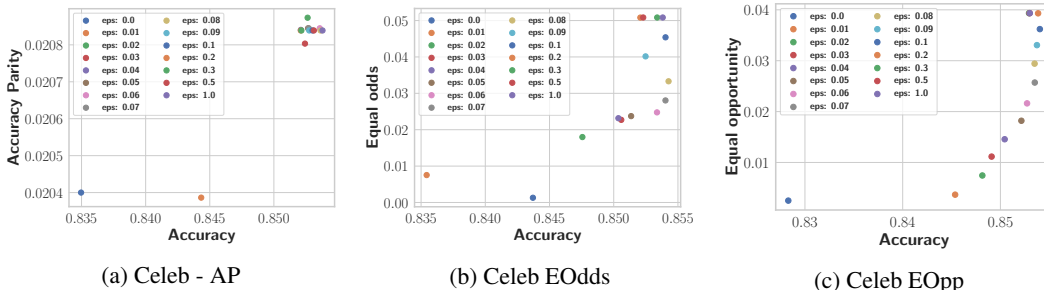


Figure 5: Results for CelebA with different fairness measure using Linear models. The Unconstrained Linear model achieves a test accuracy of 0.8532 with fairness level of 0.0499 for EOdds, 0.0204 for AP, and 0.0387 for EOpp.

In this second set of experiments, we demonstrate the capability of FairGrad to support approximate fairness (see Section 3.4). In Figure 5, we show the performances, as accuracy-fairness pairs, of several models learned on the CelebA dataset by varying the fairness level parameter ϵ . These results suggest that FairGrad respects the constraints well. Indeed, the average absolute fairness level (across all the groups, see Section 4.2) achieved by FairGrad is either the same or less than the given threshold. It is worth mentioning that FairGrad is designed to enforce ϵ -fairness for each constraint individually which is slightly different from the summarized quantity displayed here. Finally, as the fairness constraint is relaxed, the accuracy of the model increases, reaching the same performance as the Unconstrained classifier when the fairness level of the latter is below ϵ .

4.6 FAIRGRAD AS A FINE-TUNING PROCEDURE

While FairGrad has primarily been designed to learn fair classifiers from scratch, it can also be used to fine-tune an existing classifier to achieve better fairness. To showcase this possibility, we fine-tune the ResNet18 (He et al., 2016) model, developed for image recognition, over the UTKFace dataset (Zhang et al., 2017), consisting of human face images tagged with Gender, Age, and Race information. Following the same process as Roh et al. (2020), we use Race as the sensitive attribute and consider two scenarios where either the gender (binary) with Demographic Parity as the fairness

Table 1: Results for the UTKFace dataset where a ResNet18 is fine-tuned using different strategies.

Method	s=Race ; y=Gender		s=Race ; y=Age	
	Accuracy	DP	Accuracy	EOdds
Unconstrained	0.8691 ± 0.0075	0.0448 ± 0.0066	0.6874 ± 0.0080	0.0843 ± 0.0089
FairGrad	0.8397 ± 0.0085	0.0111 ± 0.0064	0.6491 ± 0.0082	0.0506 ± 0.0059

Table 2: Effect of the batch size on the CelebA dataset with Linear Models and EOdds as the fairness measure.

Batch Size	8	16	32	64	128	256	512	1024	2048
Accuracy	0.8186	0.8234	0.8215	0.8268	0.8273	0.8286	0.8292	0.8289	0.8303
Accuracy Std	0.0013	0.006	0.0028	0.0025	0.0031	0.0008	0.0027	0.0017	0.0031
Fairness	0.0031	0.0091	0.0045	0.0036	0.0051	0.0046	0.004	0.0038	0.0057
Fairness Std	0.0042	0.0062	0.0012	0.0014	0.0025	0.0032	0.0026	0.0019	0.0018

measure or age (multi-valued) with Equalized Odds as fairness measure are used as the target label. The results are displayed in Table 1. In both settings, FairGrad is able to learn models that are more fair than an Unconstrained fine-tuning procedure, albeit at the expense of accuracy.

4.7 IMPACT OF THE BATCH-SIZE

In this last set of experiment, we evaluate the impact of batch size on the fairness and accuracy level of the learned model. Indeed, at each iteration, in order to minimize the overhead associated with FairGrad (see Section 3.1), we update the weights using the fairness level of the model estimated solely on the current batch. When these batches are small, these estimates are unreliable and might lead the model astray. This can be observed in Table 2 where we present the performances of several linear models learned with different batch sizes on the CelebA dataset. On the one hand, for very small batch sizes, the learned models tends to have slightly lower accuracy and larger standard deviation in fairness levels. On the other hand, with a sufficiently large batch size, in this case 64 and above, the learned models are close to be perfectly fair. Furthermore, they obtain reasonable levels of accuracy since the Unconstrained model has an accuracy of 0.8532 for this problem.

5 CONCLUSION

In this paper, we proposed FairGrad, a fairness aware gradient descent approach based on a reweighting scheme. We showed that it can be used to learn fair models for various group fairness definitions and is able to handle multiclass problems as well as settings where there is multiple sensitive groups. We empirically showed the competitiveness of our approach against several baselines on standard fairness datasets and on a Natural Language Processing task. We also showed that it can be used to fine-tune an existing model on a Computer Vision task. Finally, since it is based on gradient descent and has a small overhead, we believe that FairGrad could be used for a wide range of applications, even beyond classification.

Limitations and Societal Impact. While appealing, FairGrad also has limitations. It implicitly assumes that a set of weights that would lead to a fair model exists but this might be difficult to verify in practice. Thus, even if in our experiments FairGrad seems to behave quite well, a practitioner using this approach should not trust it blindly. It remains important to always check the actual fairness level of the learned model. On the other hand, we believe that, due to its simplicity and its versatility, FairGrad could be easily deployed in various practical contexts and, thus, could contribute to the dissemination of fair models.

REFERENCES

Alekh Agarwal, Alina Beygelzimer, Miroslav Dudík, John Langford, and Hanna Wallach. A reductions approach to fair classification. In *International Conference on Machine Learning*, pp.

- 60–69. PMLR, 2018.
- Su Lin Blodgett, Lisa Green, and Brendan O’Connor. Demographic dialectal variation in social media: A case study of African-American English. 2016.
- Toon Calders and Sicco Verwer. Three naive bayes approaches for discrimination-free classification. *Data mining and knowledge discovery*, 21(2):277–292, 2010.
- Toon Calders, Faisal Kamiran, and Mykola Pechenizkiy. Building classifiers with independency constraints. In *2009 IEEE International Conference on Data Mining Workshops*, pp. 13–18. IEEE, 2009.
- Flavio P Calmon, Dennis Wei, Bhanukiran Vinzamuri, Karthikeyan Natesan Ramamurthy, and Kush R Varshney. Optimized pre-processing for discrimination prevention. volume 30, 2017.
- Simon Caton and Christian Haas. Fairness in machine learning: A survey. *arXiv preprint arXiv:2010.04053*, 2020.
- Evgenii Chzhen, Christophe Denis, Mohamed Hebiri, Luca Oneto, and Massimiliano Pontil. Leveraging labeled and unlabeled data for consistent fair binary classification. *arXiv preprint arXiv:1906.05082*, 2019.
- Andrew Cotter, Heinrich Jiang, and Karthik Sridharan. Two-player games for efficient non-convex constrained optimization. In *Algorithmic Learning Theory*, pp. 300–332. PMLR, 2019.
- Christophe Denis, Romuald Elie, Mohamed Hebiri, and François Hu. Fairness guarantee in multi-class classification. *arXiv preprint arXiv:2109.13642*, 2021.
- Frances Ding, Moritz Hardt, John Miller, and Ludwig Schmidt. Retiring adult: New datasets for fair machine learning. In Marc’Aurelio Ranzato, Alina Beygelzimer, Yann N. Dauphin, Percy Liang, and Jennifer Wortman Vaughan (eds.), *Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems 34: Annual Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems 2021, NeurIPS 2021, December 6-14, 2021, virtual*, pp. 6478–6490, 2021. URL <https://proceedings.neurips.cc/paper/2021/hash/32e54441e6382a7fbacbbaf3c450059-Abstract.html>.
- Michele Donini, Luca Oneto, Shai Ben-David, John Shawe-Taylor, and Massimiliano Pontil. Empirical risk minimization under fairness constraints. In *Proceedings of the 32nd International Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems*, pp. 2796–2806, 2018.
- Dheeru Dua, Casey Graff, et al. Uci machine learning repository. 2017.
- Cynthia Dwork, Moritz Hardt, Toniann Pitassi, Omer Reingold, and Richard Zemel. Fairness through awareness. In *Proceedings of the 3rd innovations in theoretical computer science conference*, pp. 214–226, 2012.
- Yanai Elazar and Yoav Goldberg. Adversarial removal of demographic attributes from text data. In Ellen Riloff, David Chiang, Julia Hockenmaier, and Jun’ichi Tsujii (eds.), *Proceedings of the 2018 Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing, Brussels, Belgium, October 31 - November 4, 2018*, pp. 11–21. Association for Computational Linguistics, 2018.
- Bjarke Felbo, Alan Mislove, Anders Søgaard, Iyad Rahwan, and Sune Lehmann. Using millions of emoji occurrences to learn any-domain representations for detecting sentiment, emotion and sarcasm. In Martha Palmer, Rebecca Hwa, and Sebastian Riedel (eds.), *Proceedings of the 2017 Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing, EMNLP 2017, Copenhagen, Denmark, September 9-11, 2017*, pp. 1615–1625. Association for Computational Linguistics, 2017.
- Michael Feldman, Sorelle A Friedler, John Moeller, Carlos Scheidegger, and Suresh Venkatasubramanian. Certifying and removing disparate impact. In *proceedings of the 21th ACM SIGKDD international conference on knowledge discovery and data mining*, pp. 259–268, 2015.
- Yaroslav Ganin and Victor Lempitsky. Unsupervised domain adaptation by backpropagation. In Francis Bach and David Blei (eds.), *Proceedings of the 32nd International Conference on Machine Learning*, volume 37 of *Proceedings of Machine Learning Research*, pp. 1180–1189, Lille, France, 07–09 Jul 2015. PMLR.

- Gabriel Goh, Andrew Cotter, Maya Gupta, and Michael P Friedlander. Satisfying real-world goals with dataset constraints. In *Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems*, pp. 2415–2423, 2016.
- Ian Goodfellow, Jean Pouget-Abadie, Mehdi Mirza, Bing Xu, David Warde-Farley, Sherjil Ozair, Aaron Courville, and Yoshua Bengio. Generative adversarial nets. *Advances in neural information processing systems*, 27, 2014.
- Xudong Han, Timothy Baldwin, and Trevor Cohn. Diverse adversaries for mitigating bias in training. In Paola Merlo, Jörg Tiedemann, and Reut Tsarfaty (eds.), *Proceedings of the 16th Conference of the European Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics: Main Volume, EACL 2021, Online, April 19 - 23, 2021*, pp. 2760–2765. Association for Computational Linguistics, 2021.
- Moritz Hardt, Eric Price, and Nati Srebro. Equality of opportunity in supervised learning. *Advances in neural information processing systems*, 29:3315–3323, 2016.
- Kaiming He, Xiangyu Zhang, Shaoqing Ren, and Jian Sun. Deep residual learning for image recognition. In *Proceedings of the IEEE conference on computer vision and pattern recognition*, pp. 770–778, 2016.
- Vasileios Iosifidis and Eirini Ntoutsi. Adafair: Cumulative fairness adaptive boosting. In *Proceedings of the 28th ACM International Conference on Information and Knowledge Management*, pp. 781–790, 2019.
- Vasileios Iosifidis, Besnik Fetahu, and Eirini Ntoutsi. Fae: A fairness-aware ensemble framework. In *2019 IEEE International Conference on Big Data (Big Data)*, pp. 1375–1380. IEEE, 2019.
- Heinrich Jiang and Ofir Nachum. Identifying and correcting label bias in machine learning. In *International Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Statistics*, pp. 702–712. PMLR, 2020.
- Faisal Kamiran and Toon Calders. Data preprocessing techniques for classification without discrimination. *Knowledge and Information Systems*, 33(1):1–33, 2012.
- Faisal Kamiran, Toon Calders, and Mykola Pechenizkiy. Discrimination aware decision tree learning. In *2010 IEEE International Conference on Data Mining*, pp. 869–874. IEEE, 2010.
- Toshihiro Kamishima, Shotaro Akaho, Hideki Asoh, and Jun Sakuma. Fairness-aware classifier with prejudice remover regularizer. In *Joint European Conference on Machine Learning and Knowledge Discovery in Databases*, pp. 35–50. Springer, 2012.
- Ron Kohavi. Scaling up the accuracy of naive-bayes classifiers: A decision-tree hybrid. In Evangelos Simoudis, Jiawei Han, and Usama M. Fayyad (eds.), *Kdd*, pp. 202–207. AAAI Press, 1996.
- Emmanouil Krasanakis, Eleftherios Spyromitros-Xioufis, Symeon Papadopoulos, and Yiannis Kompatsiaris. Adaptive sensitive reweighting to mitigate bias in fairness-aware classification. In *Proceedings of the 2018 World Wide Web Conference*, pp. 853–862, 2018.
- Matt J Kusner, Joshua Loftus, Chris Russell, and Ricardo Silva. Counterfactual fairness. *Advances in neural information processing systems*, 30, 2017.
- Jeff Larson, Surya Mattu, Lauren Kirchner, and Julia Angwin. How we analyzed the compas recidivism algorithm. *ProPublica (5 2016)*, 9(1):3–3, 2016.
- Ziwei Liu, Ping Luo, Xiaogang Wang, and Xiaoou Tang. Deep learning face attributes in the wild. In *Proceedings of the IEEE international conference on computer vision*, pp. 3730–3738, 2015.
- Michael Lohaus, Michaël Perrot, and Ulrike Von Luxburg. Too relaxed to be fair. In *International Conference on Machine Learning*, pp. 6360–6369. PMLR, 2020.
- Ninareh Mehrabi, Fred Morstatter, Nripsuta Saxena, Kristina Lerman, and Aram Galstyan. A survey on bias and fairness in machine learning. *ACM Computing Surveys (CSUR)*, 54(6):1–35, 2021.
- Mustafa Safa Ozdayi, Murat Kantarcioglu, and Rishabh Iyer. Bifair: Training fair models with bilevel optimization. *arXiv preprint arXiv:2106.04757*, 2021.

- Edward Raff and Jared Sylvester. Gradient reversal against discrimination: A fair neural network learning approach. In *2018 IEEE 5th International Conference on Data Science and Advanced Analytics (DSAA)*, pp. 189–198. IEEE, 2018.
- Michael Redmond and Alok Baveja. A data-driven software tool for enabling cooperative information sharing among police departments. *European Journal of Operational Research*, 141(3): 660–678, 2002.
- Yuji Roh, Kangwook Lee, Steven Euijong Whang, and Changho Suh. Fairbatch: Batch selection for model fairness. In *International Conference on Learning Representations*, 2020.
- Blake Woodworth, Suriya Gunasekar, Mesrob I Ohannessian, and Nathan Srebro. Learning non-discriminatory predictors. In *Conference on Learning Theory*, pp. 1920–1953. PMLR, 2017.
- Yongkai Wu, Lu Zhang, and Xintao Wu. On convexity and bounds of fairness-aware classification. In *The World Wide Web Conference*, pp. 3356–3362, 2019.
- Muhammad Bilal Zafar, Isabel Valera, Manuel Gomez Rodriguez, and Krishna P Gummadi. Fairness beyond disparate treatment & disparate impact: Learning classification without disparate mistreatment. In *Proceedings of the 26th international conference on world wide web*, pp. 1171–1180, 2017a.
- Muhammad Bilal Zafar, Isabel Valera, Manuel Gomez Roriguez, and Krishna P Gummadi. Fairness constraints: Mechanisms for fair classification. In *Artificial Intelligence and Statistics*, pp. 962–970. PMLR, 2017b.
- Rich Zemel, Yu Wu, Kevin Swersky, Toni Pitassi, and Cynthia Dwork. Learning fair representations. In *International conference on machine learning*, pp. 325–333. PMLR, 2013.
- Zhifei Zhang, Yang Song, and Hairong Qi. Age progression/regression by conditional adversarial autoencoder. In *Proceedings of the IEEE conference on computer vision and pattern recognition*, pp. 5810–5818, 2017.
- Indre Žliobaite, Faisal Kamiran, and Toon Calders. Handling conditional discrimination. In *2011 IEEE 11th International Conference on Data Mining*, pp. 992–1001. IEEE, 2011.

In this appendix we provide several details that were omitted in the main paper. First, in Section A, we review several works related to ours. Then, in Section B, we show that several well known group fairness measures are compatible with FairGrad. In Section C, we prove Lemma 1. Next, in Section D, we derive the update rules for FairGrad with ϵ -fairness. Finally, in Section E, we provide additional experiments.

A RELATED WORK

The fairness literature is extensive and we refer the interested reader to recent surveys (Caton & Haas, 2020; Mehrabi et al., 2021) to get an overview of the subject. Here, we focus on recent works that are more closely related to our approach.

BiFair (Ozdai et al., 2021). This paper proposes a bilevel optimization scheme for fairness. The idea is to use an outer optimization scheme that learns weights for each example so that the trade-off between fairness and accuracy is as favorable as possible while an inner optimization scheme learns a model that is as accurate as possible. One of the limits of this approach is that it does not directly optimize the fairness level of the model but rather a relaxation that does not provide any guarantees on the goodness of the learned predictor. Furthermore, it is limited to binary classification with binary sensitive attribute. In this paper, we also learn weights for the examples in an iterative way. However, we use a different update rule. Furthermore, we focus on proper fairness definitions rather than relaxations and our objective is to learn accurate models with given levels of fairness rather than a trade-off between the two. Finally, our approach is not limited to the binary setting.

FairBatch (Roh et al., 2020). This paper proposes a batch gradient descent approach that can be used to learn fair models. More precisely, the idea is to draw the batch examples from a skewed distribution that favors the disadvantaged groups by oversampling them. In this paper, we propose to use a reweighting approach which could also be interpreted as altering the distribution of the examples based on their fairness level if all the weights were positive. However, we allow the use of negative weights, and we prove that they are sometimes necessary to achieve fairness. Furthermore, we use a different update rule for the weights.

AdaFair (Ioifidis & Ntoutsis, 2019). This paper proposes a boosting based framework to learn fair models. The underlying idea is to modify the weights of the examples depending on both the performances of the current strong classifier and the group memberships. Hence, examples that belong to the disadvantaged group and are incorrectly classified receive higher weights than the examples that belong to the advantaged group and are correctly classified. In this paper, we use a similar high level idea but we use different weights that do not depend on the performance of the model. Furthermore, rather than a boosting based approach, we consider problems that can be solved using gradient descent. Finally, while AdaFair only focuses on Equalized Odds, we show that our approach works with several fairness notions.

Identifying and Correcting Label Bias in Machine Learning (Jiang & Nachum, 2020). This paper considers the fairness problem from an original point of view as it assumes that the observed labels are biased compared to the true labels. The goal is then to learn a model with respect to the true labels using only the observed labels. To this end, the paper proposes to use an iterative reweighting procedure where positive weights for the examples and updated models are alternatively learned. In this paper, we also propose a reweighting approach. However, we use different weights that are not necessarily positive. Furthermore, our approach is not limited to binary labels and can handle multiclass problems.

B REFORMULATION OF VARIOUS GROUP FAIRNESS NOTION

In this section, we present several group fairness notions which respect our fairness definition presented in Section 2.1.

Example 2 (Equalized Odds (EOdds) (Hardt et al., 2016)). A model h_θ is fair for Equalized Odds when the probability of predicting the correct label is independent of the sensitive attribute,

that is, $\forall l \in \mathcal{Y}, \forall r \in \mathcal{S}$

$$\mathbb{P}(h_\theta(x) = l | s = r, y = l) = \mathbb{P}(h_\theta(x) = l | y = l).$$

It means that we need to partition the space into $K = |\mathcal{Y} \times \mathcal{S}|$ groups and, $\forall l \in \mathcal{Y}, \forall r \in \mathcal{S}$, we define $F_{(l,r)}$ as

$$\begin{aligned} F_{(l,r)}(\mathcal{T}, h_\theta) &= \mathbb{P}(h_\theta(x) \neq l | y = l) - \mathbb{P}(h_\theta(x) \neq l | s = r, y = l) \\ &= \sum_{(l,r') \neq (l,r)} \mathbb{P}(s = r' | y = l) \mathbb{P}(h_\theta(x) \neq l | s = r', y = l) \\ &\quad - (1 - \mathbb{P}(s = r | y = l)) \mathbb{P}(h_\theta(x) \neq l | s = r, y = l) \end{aligned}$$

where the law of total probability was used to obtain the last equation. Thus, Equalized Odds satisfies all our assumptions with $C_{(l,r)}^{(l,r)} = \mathbb{P}(s = r | y = l) - 1$, $C_{(l,r)}^{(l,r')} = \mathbb{P}(s = r' | y = l)$, $C_{(l,r)}^{(l',r')} = 0$ with $r' \neq r$ and $l' \neq l$, and $C_{(l,r)}^0 = 0$.

Example 3 (Equality of Opportunity (EOpp) (Hardt et al., 2016)). A model h_θ is fair for Equality of Opportunity when the probability of predicting the correct label is independent of the sensitive attribute for a given subset $\mathcal{Y}' \subset \mathcal{Y}$ of labels called the desirable outcomes, that is, $\forall l \in \mathcal{Y}', \forall r \in \mathcal{S}$

$$\mathbb{P}(h_\theta(x) = l | s = r, y = l) = \mathbb{P}(h_\theta(x) = l | y = l).$$

It means that we need to partition the space into $K = |\mathcal{Y} \times \mathcal{S}|$ groups and, $\forall l \in \mathcal{Y}, \forall r \in \mathcal{S}$, we define $F_{(l,r)}$ as

$$F_{(l,r)}(\mathcal{T}, h_\theta) = \begin{cases} \mathbb{P}(h_\theta(x) = l | s = r, y = l) \\ \quad - \mathbb{P}(h_\theta(x) = l | y = l) & \forall (l, r) \in \mathcal{Y}' \times \mathcal{S} \\ 0 & \forall (l, r) \in \mathcal{Y} \times \mathcal{S} \setminus \mathcal{Y}' \times \mathcal{S} \end{cases}$$

which can then be rewritten in the correct form in the same way as Equalized Odds, the only difference being that $C_{(l,r)}^0 = 0, \forall (l, r) \in \mathcal{Y} \times \mathcal{S} \setminus \mathcal{Y}' \times \mathcal{S}$.

Example 4 (Demographic Parity (DP) (Calders et al., 2009)). A model h_θ is fair for Demographic Parity when the probability of predicting a binary label is independent of the sensitive attribute, that is, $\forall l \in \mathcal{Y}, \forall r \in \mathcal{S}$

$$\mathbb{P}(h_\theta(x) = l | s = r) = \mathbb{P}(h_\theta(x) = l).$$

It means that we need to partition the space into $K = |\mathcal{Y} \times \mathcal{S}|$ groups and, $\forall l \in \mathcal{Y}, \forall r \in \mathcal{S}$, we define $F_{(l,r)}$ as

$$\begin{aligned} F_{(l,r)}(\mathcal{T}, h_\theta) &= \mathbb{P}(h_\theta(x) \neq l) - \mathbb{P}(h_\theta(x) \neq l | s = r) \\ &= (\mathbb{P}(y = l, s = r) - \mathbb{P}(y = l | s = r)) \mathbb{P}(h_\theta(x) \neq y | s = r, y = l) \\ &\quad + \sum_{(l,r') \neq (l,r)} \mathbb{P}(y = l, s = r') \mathbb{P}(h_\theta(x) \neq y | s = r', y = l) \\ &\quad + (\mathbb{P}(y = \bar{l} | s = r) - \mathbb{P}(y = \bar{l}, s = r)) \mathbb{P}(h_\theta(x) \neq y | s = r, y = \bar{l}) \\ &\quad - \sum_{(\bar{l},r') \neq (\bar{l},r)} \mathbb{P}(y = \bar{l}, s = r') \mathbb{P}(h_\theta(x) \neq y | s = r', y = \bar{l}) \\ &\quad - \mathbb{P}(y = \bar{l}) + \mathbb{P}(y = \bar{l} | s = r) \end{aligned}$$

where the law of total probability was used to obtain the last equation. Thus, Demographic Parity satisfies all our assumptions with $C_{(l,r)}^{(l,r)} = \mathbb{P}(y = l, s = r) - \mathbb{P}(y = l | s = r)$, $C_{(l,r)}^{(l,r')} = \mathbb{P}(y = l, s = r')$ with $r' \neq r$, $C_{(l,r)}^{(\bar{l},r)} = \mathbb{P}(y = \bar{l} | s = r) - \mathbb{P}(y = \bar{l}, s = r)$, $C_{(l,r)}^{(\bar{l},r')} = -\mathbb{P}(y = \bar{l}, s = r')$ with $r' \neq r$, and $C_{(l,r)}^0 = \mathbb{P}(y = \bar{l}) - \mathbb{P}(y = \bar{l} | s = r)$.

C PROOF OF LEMMA 1

Lemma 2 (Negative weights are necessary.). *Assume that the fairness notion under consideration is Accuracy Parity. Let h_θ^* be the most accurate and fair model. Then using negative weights is necessary as long as*

$$\min_{\substack{h_\theta \in \mathcal{H} \\ h_\theta \text{ unfair}}} \max_{\mathcal{T}_k} \mathbb{P}(h_\theta(x) \neq y | \mathcal{T}_k) < \mathbb{P}(h_\theta^*(x) \neq y).$$

Proof. To prove this Lemma, one first need to notice that, for Accuracy Parity, since $\sum_{k=1}^K \mathbb{P}(\mathcal{T}_k) = 1$ we have that

$$\sum_{k'=1}^K C_k^{k'} = (\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{T}_k) - 1) + \sum_{\substack{k'=1 \\ k' \neq k}}^K \mathbb{P}(\mathcal{T}_{k'}) = 0.$$

This implies that

$$\sum_{k=1}^K \left[\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{T}_k) + \sum_{k'=1}^K C_{k'}^k \lambda_{k'} \right] = 1.$$

This implies that, whatever our choice of λ , the weights will always sum to one. In other words, since we also have that $\sum_{k=1}^K \lambda_k C_k^0 = 0$ by definition, for a given hypothesis h_θ , we have that

$$\max_{\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_K \in \mathbb{R}} \sum_{k=1}^K \mathbb{P}(h_\theta(x) \neq y | \mathcal{T}_k) \left[\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{T}_k) + \sum_{k'=1}^K C_{k'}^k \lambda_{k'} \right] \quad (5)$$

$$= \max_{\substack{w_1, \dots, w_K \in \mathbb{R} \\ \text{s.t. } \sum_k w_k = 1}} \sum_{k=1}^K \mathbb{P}(h_\theta(x) \neq y | \mathcal{T}_k) w_k \quad (6)$$

where, given w_1, \dots, w_K , the original values of lambda can be obtained by solving the linear system $C\lambda = w$ where

$$C = \begin{pmatrix} C_1^1 & \dots & C_K^1 \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ C_1^K & \dots & C_K^K \end{pmatrix}, \quad \lambda = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 \\ \vdots \\ \lambda_K \end{pmatrix}, \quad w = \begin{pmatrix} w_1 - \mathbb{P}(\mathcal{T}_1) \\ \vdots \\ w_K - \mathbb{P}(\mathcal{T}_K) \end{pmatrix}$$

which is guaranteed to have infinitely many solutions since the rank of the matrix C is $K - 1$ and the rank of the augmented matrix $(C|w)$ is also $K - 1$. Here we are using the fact that $\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{T}_k) \neq 0, \forall k$ since all the groups have to be represented to be taken into account.

We will now assume that all the weights are positive, that is $w_k \geq 0, \forall k$. Then, the best strategy to solve Problem (6) is to put all the weight on the worst off group k , that is set $w_k = 1$ and $w_{k'} = 0, \forall k' \neq k$. It implies that

$$\max_{\substack{w_1, \dots, w_K \in \mathbb{R} \\ \text{s.t. } \sum_k w_k = 1}} \sum_{k=1}^K \mathbb{P}(h_\theta(x) \neq y | \mathcal{T}_k) w_k = \max_k \mathbb{P}(h_\theta(x) \neq y | \mathcal{T}_k).$$

Furthermore, notice that, for fair models with respect to Accuracy Parity, we have that $\mathbb{P}(h_\theta(x) \neq y | \mathcal{T}_k) = \mathbb{P}(h_\theta(x) \neq y), \forall k$. Thus, if it holds that

$$\min_{\substack{h_\theta \in \mathcal{H} \\ h_\theta \text{ unfair}}} \max_{\mathcal{T}_k} \mathbb{P}(h_\theta(x) \neq y | \mathcal{T}_k) < \mathbb{P}(h_\theta^*(x) \neq y)$$

where h_θ^* is the most accurate and fair model, then the optimal solution of Problem (3) in the main paper will be unfair. It implies that, in this case, using positive weights is not sufficient and negative weights are necessary. \square

D FAIRGRAD FOR ϵ -FAIRNESS

To derive FairGrad for ϵ -fairness we first consider the following standard optimization problem

$$\begin{aligned} \arg \min_{h_\theta \in \mathcal{H}} \mathbb{P}(h_\theta(x) \neq y) \\ \text{s.t. } \forall k \in [K], F_k(\mathcal{T}, h_\theta) \leq \epsilon \\ \forall k \in [K], F_k(\mathcal{T}, h_\theta) \geq -\epsilon. \end{aligned}$$

We, once again, use a standard multipliers approach to obtain the following unconstrained formulation:

$$\mathcal{L}(h_\theta, \lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_K, \delta_1, \dots, \delta_K) = \mathbb{P}(h_\theta(x) \neq y) + \sum_{k=1}^K \lambda_k (F_k(\mathcal{T}, h_\theta) - \epsilon) - \delta_k (F_k(\mathcal{T}, h_\theta) + \epsilon) \quad (7)$$

where $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_K$ and $\delta_1, \dots, \delta_K$ are the multipliers that belong to \mathbb{R}^+ , that is the set of positive reals. Once again, to solve this problem, we will use an alternating approach where the hypothesis and the multipliers are updated one after the other.

Updating the Multipliers. To update the values $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_K$, we will use a standard gradient ascent procedure. Hence, noting that the gradient of the previous formulation is

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla_{\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_K} \mathcal{L}(h_\theta, \lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_K, \delta_1, \dots, \delta_K) &= \begin{pmatrix} F_1(\mathcal{T}, h_\theta) - \epsilon \\ \vdots \\ F_K(\mathcal{T}, h_\theta) - \epsilon \end{pmatrix} \\ \nabla_{\delta_1, \dots, \delta_K} \mathcal{L}(h_\theta, \lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_K, \delta_1, \dots, \delta_K) &= \begin{pmatrix} -F_1(\mathcal{T}, h_\theta) - \epsilon \\ \vdots \\ -F_K(\mathcal{T}, h_\theta) - \epsilon \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

we have the following update rule $\forall k \in [K]$

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_k^{T+1} &= \max(0, \lambda_k^T + \eta (F_k(\mathcal{T}, h_\theta^T) - \epsilon)) \\ \delta_k^{T+1} &= \max(0, \delta_k^T - \eta (F_k(\mathcal{T}, h_\theta^T) + \epsilon)) \end{aligned}$$

where η is a learning rate that controls the importance of each weight update.

Updating the Model. To update the parameters $\theta \in \mathbb{R}^D$ of the model h_θ , we proceed as before, using a gradient descent approach. However, first, we notice that given the fairness notions that we consider, Equation (7) is equivalent to

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}(h_\theta, \lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_K, \delta_1, \dots, \delta_K) &= \sum_{k=1}^K \mathbb{P}(h_\theta(x) \neq y | \mathcal{T}_k) \left[\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{T}_k) + \sum_{k'=1}^K C_{k'}^k (\lambda_{k'} - \delta_{k'}) \right] \\ &\quad - \sum_{k=1}^K (\lambda_k + \delta_k) \epsilon + \sum_{k=1}^K (\lambda_k - \delta_k) C_k^0. \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

Since the additional terms in the optimization problem do not depend on h_θ , the main difference between exact and ϵ -fairness is the nature of the weights. More precisely, at iteration t , the update rule becomes

$$\theta^{T+1} = \theta^T - \eta_\theta \sum_{k=1}^K \left[\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{T}_k) + \sum_{k'=1}^K C_{k'}^k (\lambda_{k'} - \delta_{k'}) \right] \nabla_\theta \mathbb{P}(h_\theta(x) \neq y | \mathcal{T}_k)$$

where η_θ is a learning rate. Once again, we obtain a simple reweighting scheme where the weights depend on the current fairness level of the model through $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_K$ and $\delta_1, \dots, \delta_K$, the relative size of each group through $\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{T}_k)$, and the fairness notion through the constants C .

E EXTENDED EXPERIMENTS

In this section, we provide additional details related to the baselines and the hyper-parameters tuning procedure. We then provide descriptions of the datasets and finally the results.

E.1 BASELINES

- **Adversarial:** One of the common ways of removing sensitive information from the model’s representation is via adversarial learning. Broadly, it consists of three components, namely an encoder, a task classifier, and an adversary. One the on hand, the objective of the adversary is to predict sensitive information from the encoder. On the other hand, the encoder aims to create representations that are useful for the downstream task (task classifier) and, at the same time, fool the adversary. The adversary is generally connected to the encoder via a gradient reversal layer (Ganin & Lempitsky, 2015) which acts like an identity function during the forward pass and scales the loss with a parameter $-\lambda$ during the backward pass. In our setting, the encoder is a Multi-Layer Perceptron with two hidden layers of size 64 and 128 respectively, and the task classifier is another Multi-Layer Perceptron with a single hidden layer of size 32. The adversary is the same as the main task classifier. We use a ReLU as the activation function with the dropout set to 0.2 and employ batch normalization with default PyTorch parameters. As a part of the hyper-parameter tuning, we did a grid search over λ , varying it between 0.1 to 3.0 with an interval of 0.2.
- **BiFair (Ozdai et al., 2021):** For this baseline, we fix the weight parameter to be of length 8 as suggested in the code released by the authors. In this fixed setting, we perform a grid search over the following hyper-parameters:
 - Batch Size: 128,256,512
 - Weight Decay: 0.0, 0.001
 - Fairness Loss Weight: 0.5, 1, 2, 4
 - Inner Loop Length: 5, 25, 50
- **Constraints:** We use the implementation available in the TensorFlow Constrained Optimization library with default hyper-parameters.
- **FairBatch:** We use the implementation publicly released by the authors.
- **Weighted ERM:** We reweigh each example in the dataset based on inverse of the proportion of the sensitive group it belongs to.

In our initial experiments, we varied the batch size, and learning rates for both Constraints and FairBatch. However, we found that the default hyper-parameters as specified by the authors result in the best performances. In the spirit of being comparable in terms of hyper-parameter search budget, we also fix all hyper-parameters of FairGrad, apart from the batch size and weight decay. We experiment with two different batch sizes namely, 64 or 512 for the standard fairness dataset. Similarly, we also experiment with three weight decay values namely, 0.0, 0.001 and 0.01. Note that we also vary weight decay and batch sizes for FairBatch, Adversarial, Unconstrained, and BiFair approach.

For all our experiments, apart from BiFair, we use Batch Gradient Descent as the optimizer with a learning rate of 0.1 and a gradient clipping of 0.05 to avoid exploding gradients. For BiFair, we employ the Adam optimizer as suggested by the authors with a learning rate of 0.001.

Hyper-parameters selection procedure. As mentioned above, all our baselines come with a number of hyper-parameters (learning rates, batch size, weight decay, ...) and selecting the best combination is often key to avoid undesirable behaviours such as over-fitting. In this paper, we proceed as follows. First, for each method, we consider all the X possible hyper-parameter combinations and we run the training procedure for 50 epochs for each combination. Then, we retain all the models returned by the last 5 epochs, that is, for a given method, we have $5X$ models and the goal is to select the best one among them. Since we have access to two measures of performance, we can select either the most accurate model, the most fair model, or a trade-off between the two depending on the goal of the practitioner. In this paper, we chose to focus on the third option and we select the model with the lowest fairness score between certain accuracy intervals. More specifically, let α^* be the highest validation accuracy among the $5X$ models, we choose the model with the lowest validation fairness score amongst all models with a validation accuracy in the interval $[\alpha^* - 0.03, \alpha^*]$.

For FairGrad, FairBatch and Unconstrained, we considered 6 hyper-parameters combinations. For BiFair, we considered 72 such combinations, while for Adversarial, there were 90 combinations.

E.2 DATASETS

Here, we provide additional details on the datasets used in our experiments. We begin by describing the standard fairness datasets for which we follow the pre-processing procedure as described in Lohaus et al. (2020).

- **Adult**⁴: The dataset (Kohavi, 1996) is composed of 45222 instances, with 14 features each describing several attributes of a person. The objective is to predict the income of a person (below or above 50k) while remaining fair with respect to gender (binary in this case). Following the pre-processing step of Wu et al. (2019), only 9 features were used for training.
- **CelebA**⁵: The dataset (Liu et al., 2015) consists of 202,599 images, along with 40 binary attributes associated with each image. We use 38 of these as features while keeping gender as the sensitive attribute and “Smiling” as the class label.
- **Dutch**⁶: The dataset (Žliobaite et al., 2011) is composed of 60,420 instances with each instance described by 12 features. We predict “Low Income” or “High Income” as dictated by the occupation as the main classification task and gender as the sensitive attribute.
- **Compas**⁷: The dataset (Larson et al., 2016) contains 6172 data points, where each data point has 53 features. The goal is to predict if the defendant will be arrested again within two years of the decision. The sensitive attribute is race, which has been merged into “White” and “Non White” categories.
- **Communities and Crime**⁸: The dataset (Redmond & Baveja, 2002) is composed of 1994 instances with 128 features, of which 29 have been dropped. The objective is to predict the number of violent crimes in the community, with race being the sensitive attribute.
- **German Credit**⁹: The dataset (Dua et al., 2017) consists of 1000 instances, with each having 20 attributes. The objective is to predict a person’s creditworthiness (binary), with gender being the sensitive attribute.
- **Gaussian**¹⁰: It is a toy dataset with binary task label and binary sensitive attribute, introduced in Lohaus et al. (2020). It is constructed by drawing points from different Gaussian distributions. We follow the same mechanism as described in Lohaus et al. (2020), and sample 50000 data points for each class.
- **Adult Folktables**¹¹: This dataset (Ding et al., 2021) is an updated version of the original Adult Income dataset. We use California census data with gender as the sensitive attribute. There are 195665 instances, with 9 features describing several attributes of a person. We use the same preprocessing step as recommended by the authors.

For all the dataset, we use a 20% of the data as a test set and 80% as a train set. We further divide the train set into two and keep 25% of the training examples as a validation set. For each repetition, we randomly shuffle the data before splitting it, and thus we had unique splits for each random seed. As a last pre-processing step, we centered and scaled each feature independently by subtracting the mean and dividing by the standard deviation both of which were estimated on the training set.

Twitter Sentiment Analysis¹²: The dataset (Blodgett et al., 2016) consists of 200k tweets with binary sensitive attribute (race) and binary sentiment score. We follow the setup proposed by Han et al. (2021) and Elazar & Goldberg (2018) and create bias in the dataset by changing the proportion of each subgroup (race-sentiment) in the training set. With two sentiment classes being happy and sad, and two race classes being AAE and SAE, the training data consists of 40% AAE-happy, 10%

⁴<https://archive.ics.uci.edu/ml/datasets/adult>

⁵<https://mmlab.ie.cuhk.edu.hk/projects/CelebA.html>

⁶<https://sites.google.com/site/conditionaldiscrimination/>

⁷<https://github.com/propublica/compas-analysis>

⁸<http://archive.ics.uci.edu/ml/datasets/communities+and+crime>

⁹<https://archive.ics.uci.edu/ml/datasets/Statlog+%28German+Credit+Data%29>

¹⁰https://github.com/mloraus/SearchFair/blob/master/examples/get_synthetic_data.py

¹¹<https://github.com/zykls/folktables>

¹²<http://slanglab.cs.umass.edu/TwitterAAE/>

AAE-sad, 10% SAE-happy, and 40% SAE-sad. The test set remains balanced. The tweets are encoded using the DeepMojito (Felbo et al., 2017) encoder with no fine-tuning, which has been pre-trained over millions of tweets to predict their emoji, thereby predicting the sentiment. Note that the train-test splits are pre-defined and thus do not change based on the random seed of the repetition.

E.3 STANDARD FAIRNESS DATASETS

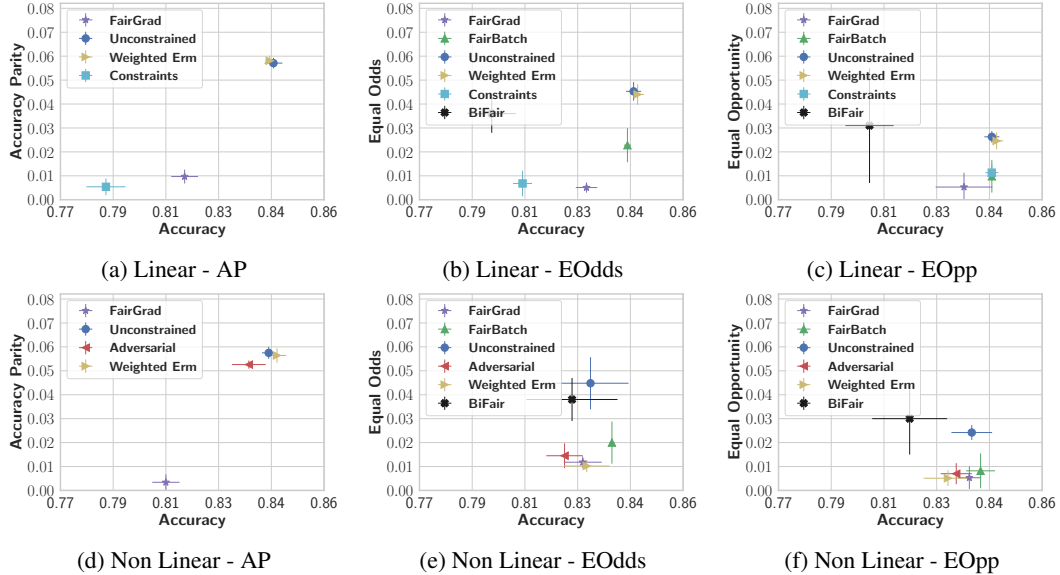


Figure 6: Results for the Adult dataset with different fairness measures.

Table 3: Results for the Adult dataset with Linear Models. All the results are averaged over 5 runs. Here MEAN ABS., MAXIMUM, and MINIMUM represent the mean absolute fairness value, the fairness level of the most well-off group, and the fairness level of the worst-off group, respectively.

METHOD (L)	ACCURACY \uparrow		FAIRNESS			
			MEASURE	MEAN ABS. \downarrow	MAXIMUM	MINIMUM
Unconstrained	0.8456 \pm 0.0033	AP		0.0571 \pm 0.0022	0.077 \pm 0.0029	-0.0373 \pm 0.0017
Constant	0.751 \pm 0.0	AP		0.102 \pm 0.0	0.138 \pm 0.0	0.067 \pm 0.0
Weighted ERM	0.8442 \pm 0.0016	AP		0.0581 \pm 0.0021	0.0783 \pm 0.0028	-0.0379 \pm 0.0014
Constrained	0.783 \pm 0.007	AP		0.005 \pm 0.003	0.007 \pm 0.005	0.004 \pm 0.002
FairGrad	0.8124 \pm 0.005	AP		0.0097 \pm 0.0029	0.0131 \pm 0.004	-0.0063 \pm 0.0019
Unconstrained	0.846 \pm 0.0028	EOdds		0.0453 \pm 0.0039	0.048 \pm 0.0043	-0.0878 \pm 0.01
Constant	0.748 \pm 0.0	EOdds		0.0 \pm 0.0	0.0 \pm 0.0	0.0 \pm 0.0
Weighted ERM	0.8475 \pm 0.0024	EOdds		0.044 \pm 0.0043	0.0477 \pm 0.0031	-0.0837 \pm 0.0124
Constrained	0.805 \pm 0.004	EOdds		0.007 \pm 0.005	0.019 \pm 0.017	0.002 \pm 0.001
BiFair	0.793 \pm 0.009	EOdds		0.036 \pm 0.008	0.085 \pm 0.027	-0.03 \pm 0.016
FairBatch	0.8437 \pm 0.0013	EOdds		0.0228 \pm 0.0071	0.0411 \pm 0.0105	-0.0245 \pm 0.0183
FairGrad	0.8284 \pm 0.004	EOdds		0.0051 \pm 0.0021	0.0078 \pm 0.0068	-0.0078 \pm 0.0054
Unconstrained	0.8457 \pm 0.0028	Eopp		0.0263 \pm 0.0024	0.0157 \pm 0.0011	-0.0893 \pm 0.0083
Constant	0.754 \pm 0.0	Eopp		0.0 \pm 0.0	0.0 \pm 0.0	0.0 \pm 0.0
Weighted ERM	0.8475 \pm 0.0024	Eopp		0.0246 \pm 0.0036	0.0148 \pm 0.002	-0.0837 \pm 0.0124
Constrained	0.846 \pm 0.002	Eopp		0.011 \pm 0.004	0.039 \pm 0.012	0.0 \pm 0.0
BiFair	0.8 \pm 0.009	Eopp		0.031 \pm 0.024	0.019 \pm 0.014	-0.107 \pm 0.083
FairBatch	0.8457 \pm 0.0016	Eopp		0.0098 \pm 0.0068	0.0225 \pm 0.0174	-0.0166 \pm 0.0241
FairGrad	0.8353 \pm 0.0106	Eopp		0.0053 \pm 0.006	0.0177 \pm 0.021	-0.0037 \pm 0.0033

Table 4: Results for the Adult dataset with Non Linear Models. All the results are averaged over 5 runs. Here MEAN ABS., MAXIMUM, and MINIMUM represent the mean absolute fairness value, the fairness level of the most well-off group, and the fairness level of the worst-off group, respectively.

METHOD (L)	ACCURACY \uparrow	FAIRNESS			
		MEASURE	MEAN ABS. \downarrow	MAXIMUM	MINIMUM
Unconstrained	0.8438 \pm 0.0025	AP	0.0575 \pm 0.0025	0.0776 \pm 0.0033	-0.0375 \pm 0.0018
Constant	0.751 \pm 0.0	AP	0.102 \pm 0.0	0.138 \pm 0.0	0.067 \pm 0.0
Weighted ERM	0.8469 \pm 0.0035	AP	0.0564 \pm 0.003	0.0761 \pm 0.0038	-0.0368 \pm 0.0021
Adversarial	0.8364 \pm 0.0063	AP	0.0526 \pm 0.0017	0.0709 \pm 0.0025	-0.0343 \pm 0.0009
FairGrad	0.8054 \pm 0.0051	AP	0.0034 \pm 0.0033	0.0033 \pm 0.0031	-0.0036 \pm 0.0042
Unconstrained	0.8299 \pm 0.0142	Eodds	0.0448 \pm 0.0109	0.0404 \pm 0.0136	-0.0977 \pm 0.0422
Constant	0.748 \pm 0.0	Eodds	0.0 \pm 0.0	0.0 \pm 0.0	0.0 \pm 0.0
Weighted ERM	0.8285 \pm 0.0085	Eodds	0.0102 \pm 0.0025	0.0196 \pm 0.0102	-0.0099 \pm 0.0047
Adversarial	0.8202 \pm 0.0068	Eodds	0.0145 \pm 0.0052	0.0288 \pm 0.0177	-0.0153 \pm 0.0067
BiFair	0.823 \pm 0.017	Eodds	0.038 \pm 0.009	0.09 \pm 0.034	-0.038 \pm 0.015
FairBatch	0.8379 \pm 0.0009	Eodds	0.02 \pm 0.0088	0.0327 \pm 0.0153	-0.0244 \pm 0.0218
FairGrad	0.827 \pm 0.0071	Eodds	0.0118 \pm 0.0024	0.022 \pm 0.014	-0.0165 \pm 0.0135
Unconstrained	0.8382 \pm 0.0076	Eopp	0.0242 \pm 0.0031	0.0145 \pm 0.0017	-0.0822 \pm 0.0108
Constant	0.754 \pm 0.0	Eopp	0.0 \pm 0.0	0.0 \pm 0.0	0.0 \pm 0.0
Weighted ERM	0.8293 \pm 0.0091	Eopp	0.0051 \pm 0.0033	0.0141 \pm 0.0137	-0.0062 \pm 0.0038
Adversarial	0.8324 \pm 0.0058	Eopp	0.007 \pm 0.0044	0.0139 \pm 0.0159	-0.0144 \pm 0.0133
BiFair	0.815 \pm 0.014	Eopp	0.03 \pm 0.015	0.019 \pm 0.009	-0.103 \pm 0.053
FairBatch	0.8415 \pm 0.0054	Eopp	0.0082 \pm 0.0073	0.0157 \pm 0.0121	-0.017 \pm 0.0271
FairGrad	0.8373 \pm 0.0043	Eopp	0.0053 \pm 0.0047	0.0099 \pm 0.0146	-0.0112 \pm 0.0127

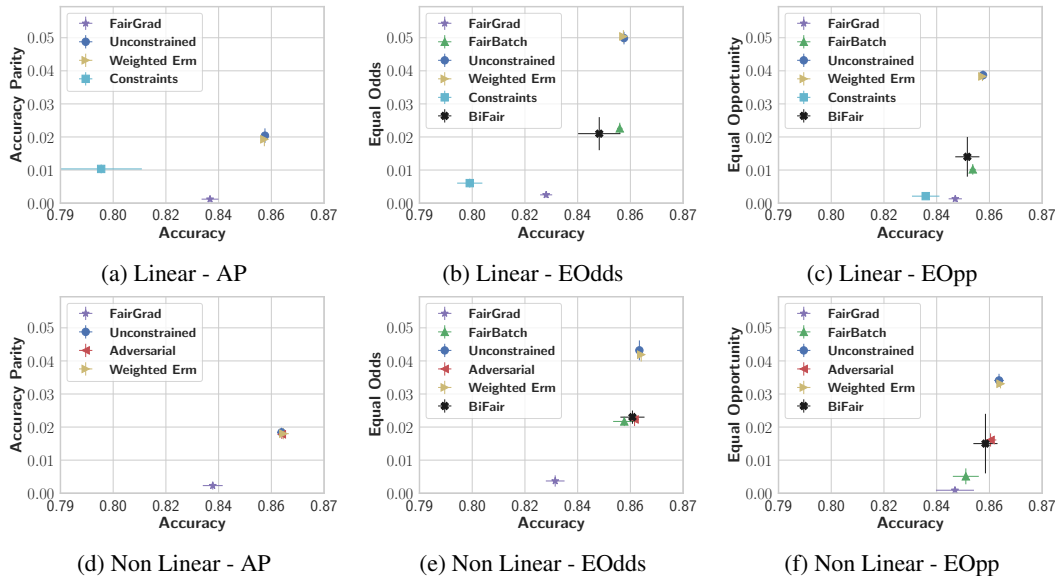


Figure 7: Results for the CelebA dataset with different fairness measures.

Table 5: Results for the CelebA dataset with Linear Models. All the results are averaged over 5 runs. Here MEAN ABS., MAXIMUM, and MINIMUM represent the mean absolute fairness value, the fairness level of the most well-off group, and the fairness level of the worst-off group, respectively.

METHOD (L)	ACCURACY \uparrow	FAIRNESS			
		MEASURE	MEAN ABS. \downarrow	MAXIMUM	MINIMUM
Unconstrained	0.8532 ± 0.0009	AP	0.0204 ± 0.0022	0.017 ± 0.0019	-0.0238 ± 0.0025
Constant	0.516 ± 0.0	AP	0.072 ± 0.0	0.084 ± 0.0	0.06 ± 0.0
Weighted ERM	0.853 ± 0.0008	AP	0.0193 ± 0.0021	0.0161 ± 0.0018	-0.0225 ± 0.0023
Constrained	0.799 ± 0.013	AP	0.01 ± 0.001	0.012 ± 0.002	0.009 ± 0.001
FairGrad	0.835 ± 0.0028	AP	0.0012 ± 0.0009	0.0011 ± 0.0007	-0.0014 ± 0.0011
Unconstrained	0.8532 ± 0.0009	Eodds	0.0499 ± 0.0019	0.0538 ± 0.0024	-0.1011 ± 0.0033
Constant	0.518 ± 0.0	Eodds	0.0 ± 0.0	0.0 ± 0.0	0.0 ± 0.0
Weighted ERM	0.853 ± 0.0009	Eodds	0.0504 ± 0.0019	0.0532 ± 0.0024	-0.1001 ± 0.0032
Constrained	0.802 ± 0.004	Eodds	0.006 ± 0.001	0.01 ± 0.003	0.002 ± 0.001
BiFair	0.845 ± 0.007	Eodds	0.021 ± 0.005	0.02 ± 0.003	-0.036 ± 0.009
FairBatch	0.8518 ± 0.0009	Eodds	0.0226 ± 0.0017	0.0218 ± 0.0028	-0.0411 ± 0.0053
FairGrad	0.8274 ± 0.002	Eodds	0.0025 ± 0.0009	0.0038 ± 0.0018	-0.0046 ± 0.0026
Unconstrained	0.8532 ± 0.0009	Eopp	0.0387 ± 0.0014	0.0538 ± 0.0024	-0.1011 ± 0.0033
Constant	0.518 ± 0.0	Eopp	0.0 ± 0.0	0.0 ± 0.0	0.0 ± 0.0
Weighted ERM	0.853 ± 0.0008	Eopp	0.0383 ± 0.0014	0.0531 ± 0.0024	-0.0999 ± 0.0032
Constrained	0.834 ± 0.005	Eopp	0.002 ± 0.001	0.005 ± 0.002	0.0 ± 0.0
BiFair	0.848 ± 0.004	Eopp	0.014 ± 0.006	0.02 ± 0.009	-0.037 ± 0.017
FairBatch	0.8498 ± 0.001	Eopp	0.0102 ± 0.0016	0.0142 ± 0.0022	-0.0268 ± 0.0042
FairGrad	0.844 ± 0.0022	Eopp	0.0013 ± 0.0009	0.0025 ± 0.0021	-0.0028 ± 0.0018

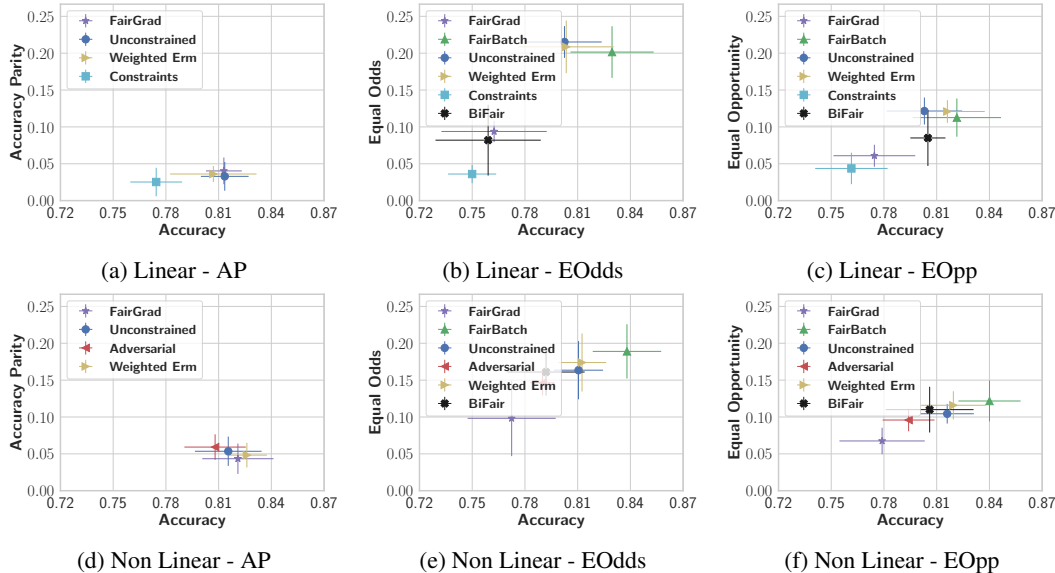


Figure 8: Results for the Crime dataset with different fairness measures.

Table 6: Results for the CelebA dataset with Non Linear Models. All the results are averaged over 5 runs. Here MEAN ABS., MAXIMUM, and MINIMUM represent the mean absolute fairness value, the fairness level of the most well-off group, and the fairness level of the worst-off group, respectively.

METHOD (L)	ACCURACY \uparrow	FAIRNESS			
		MEASURE	MEAN ABS. \downarrow	MAXIMUM	MINIMUM
Unconstrained	0.8587 \pm 0.0015	AP	0.0184 \pm 0.0014	0.0154 \pm 0.0012	-0.0215 \pm 0.0016
Constant	0.516 \pm 0.0	AP	0.072 \pm 0.0	0.084 \pm 0.0	0.06 \pm 0.0
Weighted ERM	0.8593 \pm 0.0018	AP	0.018 \pm 0.0017	0.015 \pm 0.0014	-0.021 \pm 0.0019
Adversarial	0.8588 \pm 0.0012	AP	0.0178 \pm 0.0014	0.0148 \pm 0.0012	-0.0208 \pm 0.0015
FairGrad	0.8359 \pm 0.0033	AP	0.0023 \pm 0.0012	0.0025 \pm 0.0015	-0.0021 \pm 0.0009
Unconstrained	0.8583 \pm 0.0012	Eodds	0.0432 \pm 0.003	0.0475 \pm 0.0028	-0.0893 \pm 0.0049
Constant	0.518 \pm 0.0	Eodds	0.0 \pm 0.0	0.0 \pm 0.0	0.0 \pm 0.0
Weighted ERM	0.8589 \pm 0.0009	Eodds	0.0419 \pm 0.0021	0.0459 \pm 0.0025	-0.0864 \pm 0.0038
Adversarial	0.8567 \pm 0.0014	Eodds	0.0223 \pm 0.002	0.0272 \pm 0.0039	-0.0511 \pm 0.0073
BiFair	0.856 \pm 0.004	Eodds	0.023 \pm 0.002	0.028 \pm 0.005	-0.052 \pm 0.009
FairBatch	0.8533 \pm 0.0037	Eodds	0.0217 \pm 0.0014	0.0197 \pm 0.0026	-0.0321 \pm 0.005
FairGrad	0.8304 \pm 0.0031	Eodds	0.0037 \pm 0.0017	0.0048 \pm 0.0018	-0.0055 \pm 0.0023
Unconstrained	0.8585 \pm 0.0016	Eopp	0.0341 \pm 0.002	0.0473 \pm 0.003	-0.0889 \pm 0.0052
Constant	0.518 \pm 0.0	Eopp	0.0 \pm 0.0	0.0 \pm 0.0	0.0 \pm 0.0
Weighted ERM	0.859 \pm 0.0009	Eopp	0.0331 \pm 0.0014	0.046 \pm 0.0023	-0.0866 \pm 0.0035
Adversarial	0.8557 \pm 0.0019	Eopp	0.0161 \pm 0.002	0.0223 \pm 0.0029	-0.0419 \pm 0.0053
BiFair	0.854 \pm 0.004	Eopp	0.015 \pm 0.009	0.021 \pm 0.012	-0.039 \pm 0.022
FairBatch	0.8475 \pm 0.0043	Eopp	0.0051 \pm 0.0024	0.007 \pm 0.0033	-0.0131 \pm 0.0063
FairGrad	0.8439 \pm 0.0063	Eopp	0.0009 \pm 0.0008	0.002 \pm 0.0022	-0.0016 \pm 0.0011

Table 7: Results for the Crime dataset with Linear Models. All the results are averaged over 5 runs. Here MEAN ABS., MAXIMUM, and MINIMUM represent the mean absolute fairness value, the fairness level of the most well-off group, and the fairness level of the worst-off group, respectively.

METHOD (L)	ACCURACY \uparrow	FAIRNESS			
		MEASURE	MEAN ABS. \downarrow	MAXIMUM	MINIMUM
Unconstrained	0.8145 \pm 0.0136	AP	0.0329 \pm 0.0195	0.0258 \pm 0.0162	-0.0399 \pm 0.0229
Constant	0.734 \pm 0.0	AP	0.272 \pm 0.0	0.377 \pm 0.0	0.168 \pm 0.0
Weighted ERM	0.808 \pm 0.0246	AP	0.0361 \pm 0.0108	0.0284 \pm 0.0091	-0.0438 \pm 0.0129
Constrained	0.775 \pm 0.015	AP	0.025 \pm 0.019	0.031 \pm 0.025	0.019 \pm 0.014
FairGrad	0.814 \pm 0.0102	AP	0.0403 \pm 0.0181	0.0316 \pm 0.0147	-0.049 \pm 0.0218
Unconstrained	0.8035 \pm 0.0212	Eodds	0.2152 \pm 0.0215	0.1038 \pm 0.0231	-0.396 \pm 0.0433
Constant	0.677 \pm 0.0	Eodds	0.0 \pm 0.0	0.0 \pm 0.0	0.0 \pm 0.0
Weighted ERM	0.8045 \pm 0.0271	Eodds	0.2086 \pm 0.0357	0.0974 \pm 0.0165	-0.3747 \pm 0.0679
Constrained	0.751 \pm 0.014	Eodds	0.036 \pm 0.012	0.088 \pm 0.043	0.007 \pm 0.004
BiFair	0.76 \pm 0.03	Eodds	0.082 \pm 0.048	0.048 \pm 0.03	-0.163 \pm 0.092
FairBatch	0.8306 \pm 0.0237	Eodds	0.2015 \pm 0.035	0.1054 \pm 0.0333	-0.3704 \pm 0.067
FairGrad	0.7634 \pm 0.03	Eodds	0.0938 \pm 0.0144	0.0491 \pm 0.016	-0.1927 \pm 0.0362
Unconstrained	0.804 \pm 0.0215	Eopp	0.1215 \pm 0.0183	0.1009 \pm 0.0238	-0.3852 \pm 0.0549
Constant	0.697 \pm 0.0	Eopp	0.0 \pm 0.0	0.0 \pm 0.0	0.0 \pm 0.0
Weighted ERM	0.8171 \pm 0.0213	Eopp	0.1209 \pm 0.0154	0.0985 \pm 0.0106	-0.3851 \pm 0.0599
Constrained	0.762 \pm 0.021	Eopp	0.044 \pm 0.021	0.138 \pm 0.066	0.0 \pm 0.0
BiFair	0.806 \pm 0.01	Eopp	0.085 \pm 0.038	0.073 \pm 0.042	-0.268 \pm 0.112
FairBatch	0.8225 \pm 0.0252	Eopp	0.1126 \pm 0.0259	0.1002 \pm 0.0281	-0.3501 \pm 0.0821
FairGrad	0.7755 \pm 0.0233	Eopp	0.0609 \pm 0.0149	0.0507 \pm 0.0166	-0.193 \pm 0.0456

Table 8: Results for the Crime dataset with Non Linear Models. All the results are averaged over 5 runs. Here MEAN ABS., MAXIMUM, and MINIMUM represent the mean absolute fairness value, the fairness level of the most well-off group, and the fairness level of the worst-off group, respectively.

METHOD (L)	ACCURACY \uparrow	FAIRNESS			
		MEASURE	MEAN ABS. \downarrow	MAXIMUM	MINIMUM
Unconstrained	0.8165 \pm 0.019	AP	0.0535 \pm 0.0199	0.0423 \pm 0.0155	-0.0648 \pm 0.0251
Constant	0.734 \pm 0.0	AP	0.272 \pm 0.0	0.377 \pm 0.0	0.168 \pm 0.0
Weighted ERM	0.8271 \pm 0.0114	AP	0.0483 \pm 0.0167	0.0382 \pm 0.0139	-0.0584 \pm 0.02
Adversarial	0.809 \pm 0.0175	AP	0.0592 \pm 0.0173	0.0464 \pm 0.0135	-0.0719 \pm 0.0223
FairGrad	0.822 \pm 0.0203	AP	0.0434 \pm 0.0206	0.0341 \pm 0.0162	-0.0526 \pm 0.0252
Unconstrained	0.8115 \pm 0.014	Eodds	0.1635 \pm 0.0395	0.0854 \pm 0.014	-0.3326 \pm 0.0649
Constant	0.677 \pm 0.0	Eodds	0.0 \pm 0.0	0.0 \pm 0.0	0.0 \pm 0.0
Weighted ERM	0.8135 \pm 0.0137	Eodds	0.1739 \pm 0.0394	0.0861 \pm 0.0212	-0.3309 \pm 0.0778
Adversarial	0.791 \pm 0.007	Eodds	0.1464 \pm 0.0168	0.0797 \pm 0.0192	-0.3001 \pm 0.0296
BiFair	0.793 \pm 0.022	Eodds	0.161 \pm 0.032	0.091 \pm 0.025	-0.339 \pm 0.048
FairBatch	0.8391 \pm 0.0195	Eodds	0.189 \pm 0.0368	0.1106 \pm 0.0313	-0.3828 \pm 0.0671
FairGrad	0.7734 \pm 0.0251	Eodds	0.0982 \pm 0.0513	0.0511 \pm 0.0179	-0.2016 \pm 0.0771
Unconstrained	0.817 \pm 0.0152	Eopp	0.1044 \pm 0.0133	0.0856 \pm 0.0123	-0.3321 \pm 0.0489
Constant	0.697 \pm 0.0	Eopp	0.0 \pm 0.0	0.0 \pm 0.0	0.0 \pm 0.0
Weighted ERM	0.8205 \pm 0.0184	Eopp	0.1159 \pm 0.0191	0.0955 \pm 0.019	-0.368 \pm 0.0642
Adversarial	0.795 \pm 0.0148	Eopp	0.0959 \pm 0.0153	0.0802 \pm 0.0227	-0.3036 \pm 0.042
BiFair	0.807 \pm 0.025	Eopp	0.11 \pm 0.031	0.091 \pm 0.031	-0.351 \pm 0.097
FairBatch	0.8411 \pm 0.0177	Eopp	0.1217 \pm 0.0277	0.1083 \pm 0.0311	-0.3784 \pm 0.0891
FairGrad	0.7799 \pm 0.0243	Eopp	0.0675 \pm 0.0179	0.0556 \pm 0.0147	-0.2143 \pm 0.0592

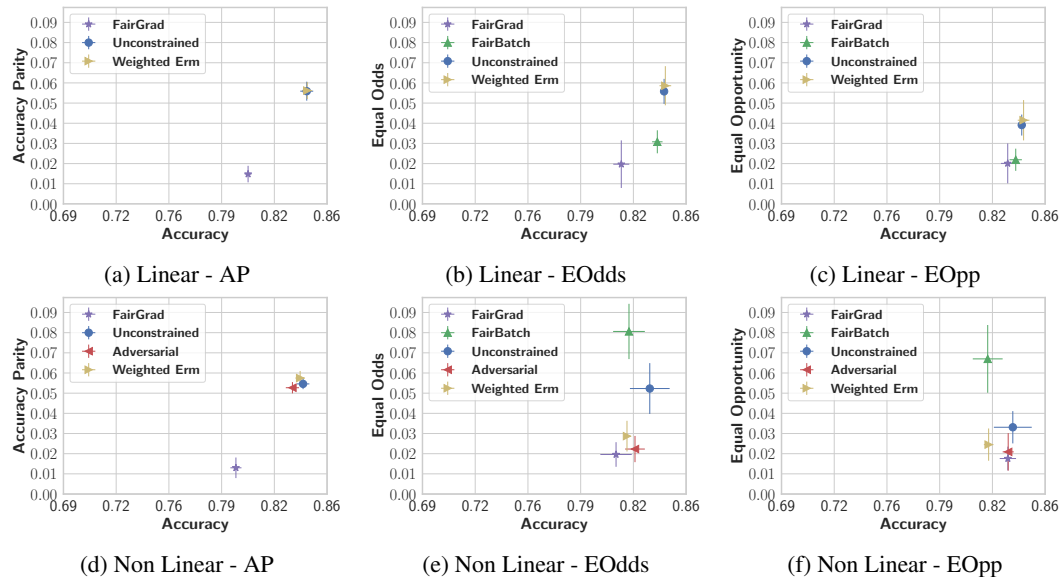


Figure 9: Results for the Adult with multiple groups dataset with different fairness measures.

Table 9: Results for the Adult with multiple groups dataset with Linear Models. All the results are averaged over 5 runs. Here MEAN ABS., MAXIMUM, and MINIMUM represent the mean absolute fairness value, the fairness level of the most well-off group, and the fairness level of the worst-off group, respectively.

METHOD (L)	ACCURACY \uparrow	FAIRNESS			
		MEASURE	MEAN ABS. \downarrow	MAXIMUM	MINIMUM
Unconstrained	0.8451 ± 0.0042	AP	0.0559 ± 0.0047	0.0985 ± 0.0111	-0.042 ± 0.003
Constant	0.754 ± 0.0	AP	0.097 ± 0.0	0.159 ± 0.0	0.024 ± 0.0
Weighted ERM	0.8454 ± 0.0032	AP	0.0562 ± 0.0042	0.0993 ± 0.0117	-0.0426 ± 0.0018
FairGrad	0.807 ± 0.0022	AP	0.0148 ± 0.0041	0.0256 ± 0.0048	-0.0107 ± 0.0045
Unconstrained	0.844 ± 0.0011	Eodds	0.0558 ± 0.0062	0.0578 ± 0.0069	-0.1586 ± 0.0621
Constant	0.75 ± 0.0	Eodds	0.0 ± 0.0	0.0 ± 0.0	0.0 ± 0.0
Weighted ERM	0.8448 ± 0.0038	Eodds	0.0586 ± 0.0097	0.0567 ± 0.0048	-0.1702 ± 0.0776
FairBatch	0.8396 ± 0.0034	Eodds	0.0308 ± 0.0057	0.0565 ± 0.0116	-0.0641 ± 0.0234
FairGrad	0.8162 ± 0.0052	Eodds	0.0197 ± 0.0118	0.0373 ± 0.0233	-0.0493 ± 0.0403
Unconstrained	0.8431 ± 0.002	Eopp	0.0391 ± 0.0052	0.0297 ± 0.0131	-0.169 ± 0.0565
Constant	0.762 ± 0.0	Eopp	0.0 ± 0.0	0.0 ± 0.0	0.0 ± 0.0
Weighted ERM	0.8443 ± 0.0038	Eopp	0.0415 ± 0.01	0.0316 ± 0.0145	-0.1767 ± 0.0797
FairBatch	0.8392 ± 0.004	Eopp	0.0219 ± 0.0055	0.05 ± 0.0133	-0.0749 ± 0.0285
FairGrad	0.834 ± 0.0044	Eopp	0.0201 ± 0.0099	0.0442 ± 0.0415	-0.0679 ± 0.0808

Table 10: Results for the Adult with multiple groups dataset with Non Linear Models. All the results are averaged over 5 runs. Here MEAN ABS., MAXIMUM, and MINIMUM represent the mean absolute fairness value, the fairness level of the most well-off group, and the fairness level of the worst-off group, respectively.

METHOD (L)	ACCURACY \uparrow	FAIRNESS			
		MEASURE	MEAN ABS. \downarrow	MAXIMUM	MINIMUM
Unconstrained	0.8427 ± 0.0041	AP	0.0546 ± 0.0026	0.0966 ± 0.0098	-0.0421 ± 0.0022
Constant	0.754 ± 0.0	AP	0.097 ± 0.0	0.159 ± 0.0	0.024 ± 0.0
Weighted ERM	0.8408 ± 0.0031	AP	0.0575 ± 0.0035	0.101 ± 0.0106	-0.0443 ± 0.0026
Adversarial	0.8358 ± 0.0043	AP	0.0527 ± 0.0028	0.0889 ± 0.0066	-0.0401 ± 0.0022
FairGrad	0.7991 ± 0.0036	AP	0.013 ± 0.0051	0.0257 ± 0.0138	-0.0125 ± 0.0043
Unconstrained	0.8347 ± 0.0129	Eodds	0.0523 ± 0.0126	0.0495 ± 0.0166	-0.1772 ± 0.0512
Constant	0.75 ± 0.0	Eodds	0.0 ± 0.0	0.0 ± 0.0	0.0 ± 0.0
Weighted ERM	0.8199 ± 0.002	Eodds	0.0287 ± 0.0076	0.0274 ± 0.0177	-0.1013 ± 0.0543
Adversarial	0.8251 ± 0.0064	Eodds	0.0223 ± 0.0065	0.0451 ± 0.0308	-0.0667 ± 0.0559
FairBatch	0.8212 ± 0.0103	Eodds	0.0806 ± 0.0137	0.0522 ± 0.0076	-0.2545 ± 0.0525
FairGrad	0.8128 ± 0.0102	Eodds	0.0196 ± 0.0061	0.0392 ± 0.0176	-0.0443 ± 0.0342
Unconstrained	0.8373 ± 0.0123	Eopp	0.0331 ± 0.008	0.0183 ± 0.0045	-0.1587 ± 0.0643
Constant	0.762 ± 0.0	Eopp	0.0 ± 0.0	0.0 ± 0.0	0.0 ± 0.0
Weighted ERM	0.8216 ± 0.0031	Eopp	0.0245 ± 0.008	0.0243 ± 0.0196	-0.1016 ± 0.0543
Adversarial	0.8343 ± 0.0036	Eopp	0.0209 ± 0.0093	0.0327 ± 0.013	-0.0927 ± 0.0589
FairBatch	0.821 ± 0.0097	Eopp	0.067 ± 0.0168	0.047 ± 0.0113	-0.2484 ± 0.0535
FairGrad	0.8341 ± 0.0053	Eopp	0.0176 ± 0.0059	0.0302 ± 0.0272	-0.0731 ± 0.0543

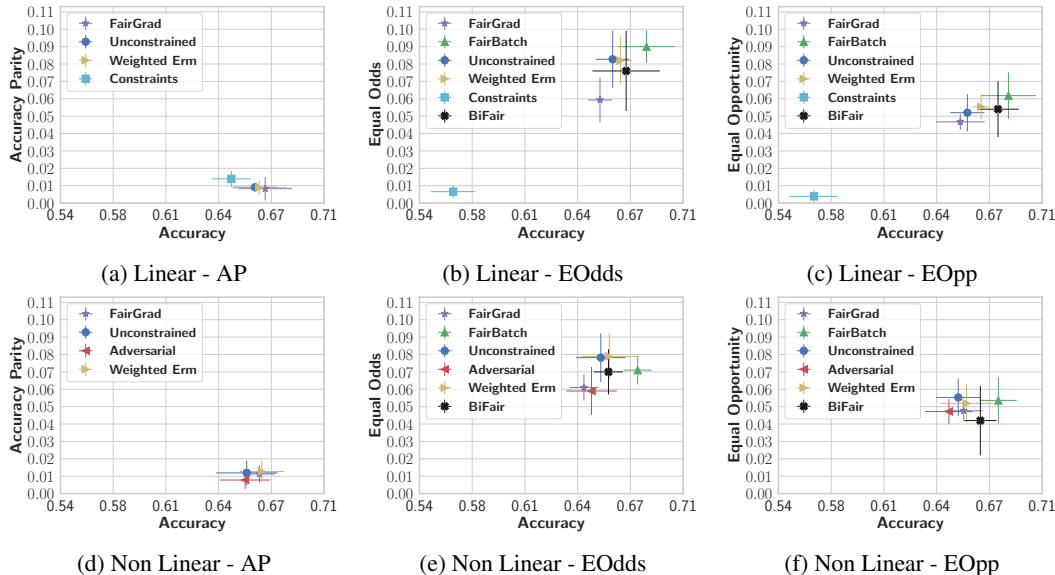


Figure 10: Results for the Compas dataset with different fairness measures.

Table 11: Results for the Compas dataset with Linear Models. All the results are averaged over 5 runs. Here MEAN ABS., MAXIMUM, and MINIMUM represent the mean absolute fairness value, the fairness level of the most well-off group, and the fairness level of the worst-off group, respectively.

METHOD (L)	ACCURACY \uparrow	FAIRNESS			
		MEASURE	MEAN ABS. \downarrow	MAXIMUM	MINIMUM
Unconstrained	0.6644 \pm 0.0137	AP	0.0091 \pm 0.0025	0.0076 \pm 0.0031	-0.0107 \pm 0.004
Constant	0.545 \pm 0.0	AP	0.066 \pm 0.0	0.085 \pm 0.0	0.047 \pm 0.0
Weighted ERM	0.6671 \pm 0.0169	AP	0.0088 \pm 0.004	0.0061 \pm 0.0028	-0.0115 \pm 0.0051
Constrained	0.65 \pm 0.012	AP	0.014 \pm 0.005	0.018 \pm 0.006	0.009 \pm 0.003
FairGrad	0.6708 \pm 0.0166	AP	0.0083 \pm 0.0068	0.0057 \pm 0.0048	-0.0108 \pm 0.0088
Unconstrained	0.6636 \pm 0.0104	Eodds	0.0827 \pm 0.0165	0.0758 \pm 0.0133	-0.1553 \pm 0.0259
Constant	0.527 \pm 0.0	Eodds	0.0 \pm 0.0	0.0 \pm 0.0	0.0 \pm 0.0
Weighted ERM	0.6685 \pm 0.0073	Eodds	0.082 \pm 0.0137	0.0697 \pm 0.0115	-0.1618 \pm 0.0222
Constrained	0.564 \pm 0.014	Eodds	0.007 \pm 0.004	0.014 \pm 0.011	0.002 \pm 0.001
BiFair	0.672 \pm 0.021	Eodds	0.076 \pm 0.023	0.071 \pm 0.025	-0.15 \pm 0.039
FairBatch	0.6847 \pm 0.0175	Eodds	0.09 \pm 0.0094	0.0854 \pm 0.0149	-0.1727 \pm 0.0304
FairGrad	0.6557 \pm 0.0075	Eodds	0.0593 \pm 0.0128	0.0524 \pm 0.0102	-0.1241 \pm 0.0202
Unconstrained	0.6609 \pm 0.0106	Eopp	0.052 \pm 0.0107	0.062 \pm 0.0145	-0.1461 \pm 0.0286
Constant	0.55 \pm 0.0	Eopp	0.0 \pm 0.0	0.0 \pm 0.0	0.0 \pm 0.0
Weighted ERM	0.6695 \pm 0.0055	Eopp	0.0554 \pm 0.0074	0.0659 \pm 0.0107	-0.1557 \pm 0.0194
Constrained	0.565 \pm 0.015	Eopp	0.004 \pm 0.003	0.011 \pm 0.009	0.0 \pm 0.0
BiFair	0.68 \pm 0.013	Eopp	0.054 \pm 0.016	0.064 \pm 0.022	-0.15 \pm 0.044
FairBatch	0.6865 \pm 0.0171	Eopp	0.0618 \pm 0.0134	0.0715 \pm 0.0173	-0.1755 \pm 0.0364
FairGrad	0.6565 \pm 0.0152	Eopp	0.0467 \pm 0.0046	0.0554 \pm 0.0071	-0.1313 \pm 0.0119

Table 12: Results for the Compas dataset with Non Linear Models. All the results are averaged over 5 runs. Here MEAN ABS., MAXIMUM, and MINIMUM represent the mean absolute fairness value, the fairness level of the most well-off group, and the fairness level of the worst-off group, respectively.

METHOD (L)	ACCURACY \uparrow	FAIRNESS			
		MEASURE	MEAN ABS. \downarrow	MAXIMUM	MINIMUM
Unconstrained	0.6593 ± 0.0192	AP	0.0119 ± 0.0072	0.0095 ± 0.004	-0.0144 ± 0.0107
Constant	0.545 ± 0.0	AP	0.066 ± 0.0	0.085 ± 0.0	0.047 ± 0.0
Weighted ERM	0.6687 ± 0.0138	AP	0.0127 ± 0.0061	0.011 ± 0.0034	-0.0145 ± 0.0099
Adversarial	0.6583 ± 0.0157	AP	0.0078 ± 0.0051	0.0066 ± 0.0044	-0.009 ± 0.0069
FairGrad	0.6672 ± 0.0099	AP	0.0113 ± 0.005	0.0095 ± 0.0023	-0.0131 ± 0.0082
Unconstrained	0.6562 ± 0.0154	Eodds	0.0782 ± 0.014	0.0715 ± 0.0136	-0.1521 ± 0.0277
Constant	0.527 ± 0.0	Eodds	0.0 ± 0.0	0.0 ± 0.0	0.0 ± 0.0
Weighted ERM	0.6615 ± 0.0175	Eodds	0.0789 ± 0.0131	0.0726 ± 0.0077	-0.1496 ± 0.0313
Adversarial	0.6504 ± 0.0157	Eodds	0.059 ± 0.0138	0.0549 ± 0.0107	-0.1294 ± 0.0183
BiFair	0.661 ± 0.009	Eodds	0.07 ± 0.013	0.068 ± 0.018	-0.133 ± 0.016
FairBatch	0.6792 ± 0.0086	Eodds	0.071 ± 0.0083	0.0663 ± 0.0091	-0.1508 ± 0.0304
FairGrad	0.6457 ± 0.0088	Eodds	0.061 ± 0.0075	0.0564 ± 0.0065	-0.127 ± 0.0081
Unconstrained	0.6552 ± 0.0137	Eopp	0.0553 ± 0.0108	0.0659 ± 0.015	-0.1552 ± 0.0281
Constant	0.55 ± 0.0	Eopp	0.0 ± 0.0	0.0 ± 0.0	0.0 ± 0.0
Weighted ERM	0.6604 ± 0.0163	Eopp	0.0519 ± 0.0111	0.0618 ± 0.0148	-0.1458 ± 0.0299
Adversarial	0.6494 ± 0.0148	Eopp	0.0472 ± 0.0072	0.0563 ± 0.0108	-0.1327 ± 0.0183
BiFair	0.669 ± 0.01	Eopp	0.042 ± 0.02	0.05 ± 0.025	-0.117 ± 0.055
FairBatch	0.6802 ± 0.0114	Eopp	0.0536 ± 0.0133	0.062 ± 0.0167	-0.1526 ± 0.0367
FairGrad	0.6586 ± 0.0118	Eopp	0.0476 ± 0.0056	0.0563 ± 0.0067	-0.1339 ± 0.0163

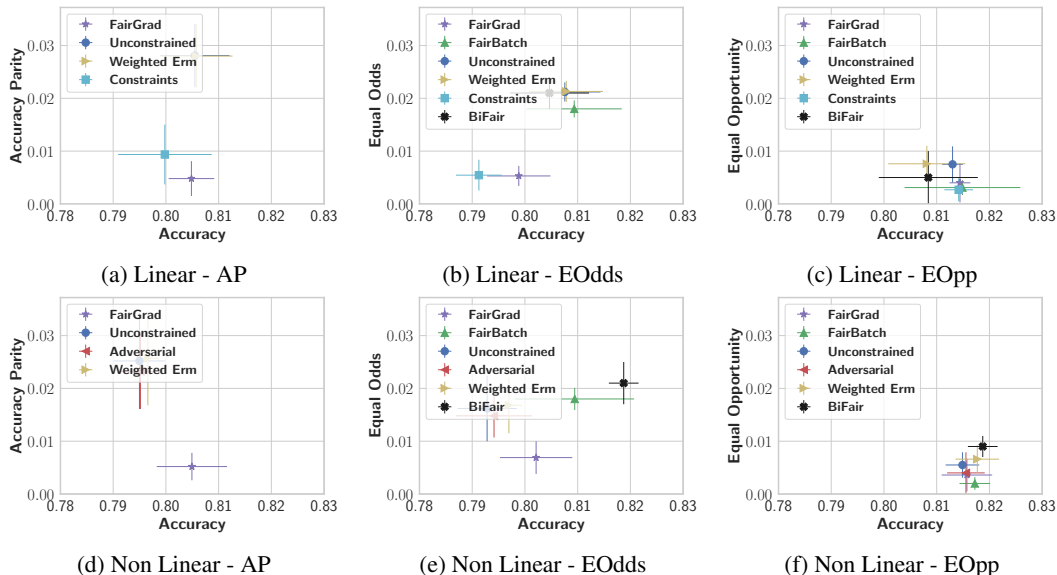


Figure 11: Results for the Dutch dataset with different fairness measures.

Table 13: Results for the Dutch dataset with Linear Models. All the results are averaged over 5 runs. Here MEAN ABS., MAXIMUM, and MINIMUM represent the mean absolute fairness value, the fairness level of the most well-off group, and the fairness level of the worst-off group, respectively.

METHOD (L)	ACCURACY \uparrow	FAIRNESS			
		MEASURE	MEAN ABS. \downarrow	MAXIMUM	MINIMUM
Unconstrained	0.8049 ± 0.007	AP	0.0281 ± 0.006	0.0281 ± 0.006	-0.0282 ± 0.0061
Constant	0.524 ± 0.0	AP	0.151 ± 0.0	0.152 ± 0.0	0.15 ± 0.0
Weighted ERM	0.8052 ± 0.0073	AP	0.028 ± 0.006	0.028 ± 0.006	-0.0281 ± 0.006
Constrained	0.799 ± 0.009	AP	0.009 ± 0.006	0.009 ± 0.006	0.009 ± 0.006
FairGrad	0.8042 ± 0.0046	AP	0.0048 ± 0.0033	0.0048 ± 0.0033	-0.0048 ± 0.0032
Unconstrained	0.8071 ± 0.0072	Eodds	0.0212 ± 0.0018	0.0322 ± 0.009	-0.0256 ± 0.0052
Constant	0.522 ± 0.0	Eodds	0.0 ± 0.0	0.0 ± 0.0	0.0 ± 0.0
Weighted ERM	0.8074 ± 0.0074	Eodds	0.0213 ± 0.002	0.032 ± 0.0086	-0.0254 ± 0.0051
Constrained	0.79 ± 0.005	Eodds	0.005 ± 0.003	0.009 ± 0.005	0.002 ± 0.002
BiFair	0.804 ± 0.008	Eodds	0.021 ± 0.003	0.025 ± 0.004	-0.033 ± 0.01
FairBatch	0.809 ± 0.0096	Eodds	0.018 ± 0.0016	0.0262 ± 0.0039	-0.0211 ± 0.004
FairGrad	0.7978 ± 0.0064	Eodds	0.0053 ± 0.0019	0.007 ± 0.0019	-0.009 ± 0.0049
Unconstrained	0.8129 ± 0.0021	Eopp	0.0075 ± 0.0034	0.0107 ± 0.0049	-0.0193 ± 0.0086
Constant	0.524 ± 0.0	Eopp	0.0 ± 0.0	0.0 ± 0.0	0.0 ± 0.0
Weighted ERM	0.8077 ± 0.0078	Eopp	0.0076 ± 0.0034	0.011 ± 0.0049	-0.0196 ± 0.0087
Constrained	0.814 ± 0.003	Eopp	0.003 ± 0.002	0.007 ± 0.006	0.0 ± 0.0
BiFair	0.808 ± 0.01	Eopp	0.005 ± 0.005	0.008 ± 0.007	-0.012 ± 0.012
FairBatch	0.8149 ± 0.0117	Eopp	0.0031 ± 0.0014	0.0044 ± 0.002	-0.0079 ± 0.0036
FairGrad	0.8144 ± 0.0021	Eopp	0.004 ± 0.0037	0.006 ± 0.0052	-0.0099 ± 0.0097

Table 14: Results for the Dutch dataset with Non Linear Models. All the results are averaged over 5 runs. Here MEAN ABS., MAXIMUM, and MINIMUM represent the mean absolute fairness value, the fairness level of the most well-off group, and the fairness level of the worst-off group, respectively.

METHOD (L)	ACCURACY \uparrow	FAIRNESS			
		MEASURE	MEAN ABS. \downarrow	MAXIMUM	MINIMUM
Unconstrained	0.7937 ± 0.0052	AP	0.0252 ± 0.0091	0.0252 ± 0.009	-0.0252 ± 0.0091
Constant	0.524 ± 0.0	AP	0.151 ± 0.0	0.152 ± 0.0	0.15 ± 0.0
Weighted ERM	0.7954 ± 0.0023	AP	0.0257 ± 0.0089	0.0257 ± 0.0089	-0.0257 ± 0.0089
Adversarial	0.7939 ± 0.0043	AP	0.0232 ± 0.0071	0.0232 ± 0.0071	-0.0232 ± 0.007
FairGrad	0.8043 ± 0.0071	AP	0.0052 ± 0.0026	0.0052 ± 0.0026	-0.0052 ± 0.0026
Unconstrained	0.7914 ± 0.006	Eodds	0.0162 ± 0.0062	0.0193 ± 0.0071	-0.0263 ± 0.0142
Constant	0.522 ± 0.0	Eodds	0.0 ± 0.0	0.0 ± 0.0	0.0 ± 0.0
Weighted ERM	0.7958 ± 0.0027	Eodds	0.0168 ± 0.0053	0.0202 ± 0.0048	-0.0261 ± 0.0131
Adversarial	0.7928 ± 0.0077	Eodds	0.0148 ± 0.0041	0.0202 ± 0.0066	-0.0211 ± 0.006
BiFair	0.819 ± 0.003	Eodds	0.021 ± 0.004	0.03 ± 0.005	-0.028 ± 0.007
FairBatch	0.8091 ± 0.012	Eodds	0.018 ± 0.0021	0.0254 ± 0.0058	-0.0248 ± 0.0062
FairGrad	0.8013 ± 0.0073	Eodds	0.0069 ± 0.0031	0.0099 ± 0.0038	-0.0095 ± 0.0068
Unconstrained	0.8149 ± 0.0034	Eopp	0.0055 ± 0.0024	0.0079 ± 0.0035	-0.014 ± 0.0061
Constant	0.524 ± 0.0	Eopp	0.0 ± 0.0	0.0 ± 0.0	0.0 ± 0.0
Weighted ERM	0.8179 ± 0.0044	Eopp	0.0066 ± 0.0026	0.0095 ± 0.0037	-0.017 ± 0.0065
Adversarial	0.8156 ± 0.0038	Eopp	0.004 ± 0.0039	0.0058 ± 0.0057	-0.0102 ± 0.01
BiFair	0.819 ± 0.003	Eopp	0.009 ± 0.002	0.012 ± 0.003	-0.022 ± 0.006
FairBatch	0.8174 ± 0.0031	Eopp	0.002 ± 0.0012	0.0029 ± 0.0017	-0.0052 ± 0.0031
FairGrad	0.8158 ± 0.0051	Eopp	0.0036 ± 0.0031	0.0051 ± 0.0045	-0.0092 ± 0.0079

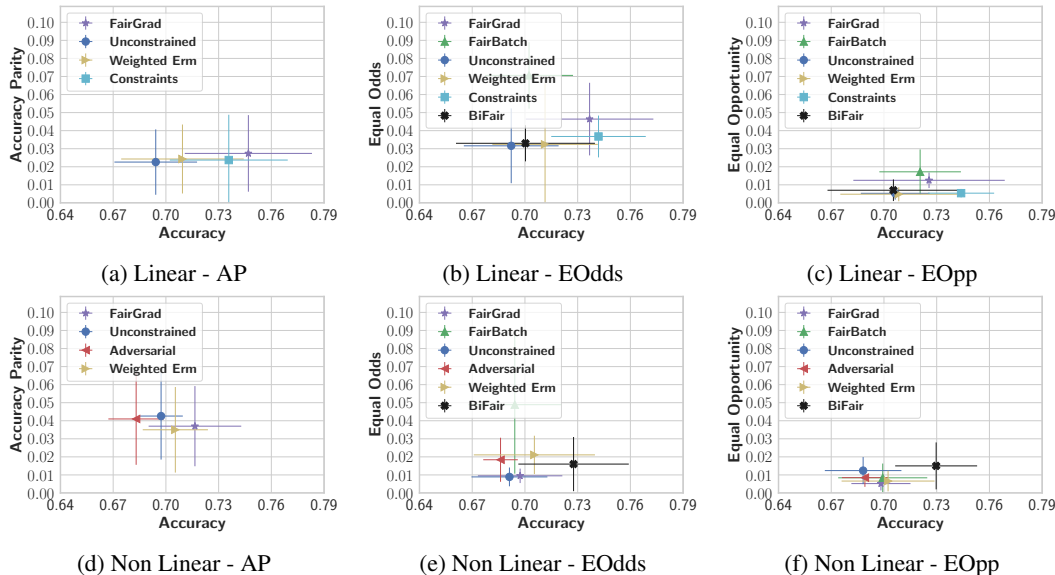


Figure 12: Results for the German dataset with different fairness measures.

Table 15: Results for the German dataset with Linear Models. All the results are averaged over 5 runs. Here MEAN ABS., MAXIMUM, and MINIMUM represent the mean absolute fairness value, the fairness level of the most well-off group, and the fairness level of the worst-off group, respectively.

METHOD (L)	ACCURACY \uparrow	FAIRNESS MEASURE	FAIRNESS		
			MEAN ABS. \downarrow	MAXIMUM	MINIMUM
Unconstrained	0.692 \pm 0.0232	AP	0.0226 \pm 0.0181	0.0169 \pm 0.0111	-0.0284 \pm 0.0256
Constant	0.73 \pm 0.0	AP	0.05 \pm 0.0	0.069 \pm 0.0	0.031 \pm 0.0
Weighted ERM	0.707 \pm 0.0344	AP	0.0243 \pm 0.0191	0.0186 \pm 0.0113	-0.0299 \pm 0.027
Constrained	0.733 \pm 0.033	AP	0.024 \pm 0.025	0.032 \pm 0.033	0.015 \pm 0.017
FairGrad	0.744 \pm 0.0357	AP	0.0274 \pm 0.0212	0.0215 \pm 0.0123	-0.0334 \pm 0.0306
Unconstrained	0.69 \pm 0.0266	Eodds	0.0316 \pm 0.0207	0.0499 \pm 0.0341	-0.0618 \pm 0.0471
Constant	0.7 \pm 0.0	Eodds	0.0 \pm 0.0	0.0 \pm 0.0	0.0 \pm 0.0
Weighted ERM	0.709 \pm 0.0296	Eodds	0.0324 \pm 0.0338	0.0461 \pm 0.046	-0.055 \pm 0.0626
Constrained	0.739 \pm 0.027	Eodds	0.037 \pm 0.012	0.072 \pm 0.025	0.01 \pm 0.004
BiFair	0.698 \pm 0.039	Eodds	0.033 \pm 0.01	0.052 \pm 0.023	-0.059 \pm 0.029
FairBatch	0.7 \pm 0.0247	Eodds	0.0706 \pm 0.0184	0.1102 \pm 0.0489	-0.1134 \pm 0.0518
FairGrad	0.734 \pm 0.0358	Eodds	0.0464 \pm 0.0201	0.0784 \pm 0.0232	-0.0721 \pm 0.0496
Unconstrained	0.704 \pm 0.0193	Eopp	0.0053 \pm 0.0035	0.0096 \pm 0.004	-0.0116 \pm 0.0117
Constant	0.7 \pm 0.0	Eopp	0.0 \pm 0.0	0.0 \pm 0.0	0.0 \pm 0.0
Weighted ERM	0.706 \pm 0.0328	Eopp	0.0048 \pm 0.0039	0.0097 \pm 0.0091	-0.0096 \pm 0.0092
Constrained	0.741 \pm 0.019	Eopp	0.005 \pm 0.002	0.015 \pm 0.006	0.0 \pm 0.0
BiFair	0.703 \pm 0.037	Eopp	0.007 \pm 0.006	0.014 \pm 0.015	-0.013 \pm 0.015
FairBatch	0.718 \pm 0.0229	Eopp	0.0172 \pm 0.0124	0.0272 \pm 0.0187	-0.0416 \pm 0.0396
FairGrad	0.723 \pm 0.0425	Eopp	0.0125 \pm 0.0043	0.0212 \pm 0.0087	-0.0288 \pm 0.0162

Table 16: Results for the German dataset with Non Linear Models. All the results are averaged over 5 runs. Here MEAN ABS., MAXIMUM, and MINIMUM represent the mean absolute fairness value, the fairness level of the most well-off group, and the fairness level of the worst-off group, respectively.

METHOD (L)	ACCURACY \uparrow	FAIRNESS			
		MEASURE	MEAN ABS. \downarrow	MAXIMUM	MINIMUM
Unconstrained	0.695 ± 0.0122	AP	0.0426 ± 0.0241	0.0314 ± 0.0144	-0.0537 ± 0.0345
Constant	0.73 ± 0.0	AP	0.05 ± 0.0	0.069 ± 0.0	0.031 ± 0.0
Weighted ERM	0.703 ± 0.0183	AP	0.035 ± 0.0237	0.0265 ± 0.0138	-0.0436 ± 0.0338
Adversarial	0.681 ± 0.0156	AP	0.041 ± 0.0254	0.0327 ± 0.0165	-0.0492 ± 0.0368
FairGrad	0.714 ± 0.026	AP	0.037 ± 0.0222	0.0291 ± 0.0119	-0.0448 ± 0.0331
Unconstrained	0.689 ± 0.0213	Eodds	0.0089 ± 0.0052	0.0117 ± 0.0045	-0.0144 ± 0.0116
Constant	0.7 ± 0.0	Eodds	0.0 ± 0.0	0.0 ± 0.0	0.0 ± 0.0
Weighted ERM	0.703 ± 0.034	Eodds	0.0211 ± 0.0106	0.0305 ± 0.0186	-0.0372 ± 0.0158
Adversarial	0.684 ± 0.0097	Eodds	0.0184 ± 0.0122	0.0263 ± 0.0201	-0.0339 ± 0.0237
BiFair	0.725 ± 0.031	Eodds	0.016 ± 0.015	0.021 ± 0.018	-0.027 ± 0.018
FairBatch	0.692 ± 0.026	Eodds	0.0489 ± 0.0382	0.0607 ± 0.0446	-0.0882 ± 0.0983
FairGrad	0.695 ± 0.0237	Eodds	0.0095 ± 0.004	0.0121 ± 0.0046	-0.0175 ± 0.0076
Unconstrained	0.686 ± 0.0215	Eopp	0.0124 ± 0.0075	0.0227 ± 0.0128	-0.0269 ± 0.0227
Constant	0.7 ± 0.0	Eopp	0.0 ± 0.0	0.0 ± 0.0	0.0 ± 0.0
Weighted ERM	0.7 ± 0.0261	Eopp	0.0066 ± 0.0057	0.0131 ± 0.0071	-0.0133 ± 0.0173
Adversarial	0.687 ± 0.0129	Eopp	0.0085 ± 0.0051	0.0203 ± 0.0147	-0.0137 ± 0.0099
BiFair	0.727 ± 0.023	Eopp	0.015 ± 0.013	0.023 ± 0.019	-0.036 ± 0.038
FairBatch	0.697 ± 0.025	Eopp	0.0084 ± 0.0079	0.0235 ± 0.0226	-0.0102 ± 0.0094
FairGrad	0.696 ± 0.0166	Eopp	0.0052 ± 0.0038	0.0093 ± 0.0064	-0.0115 ± 0.0108

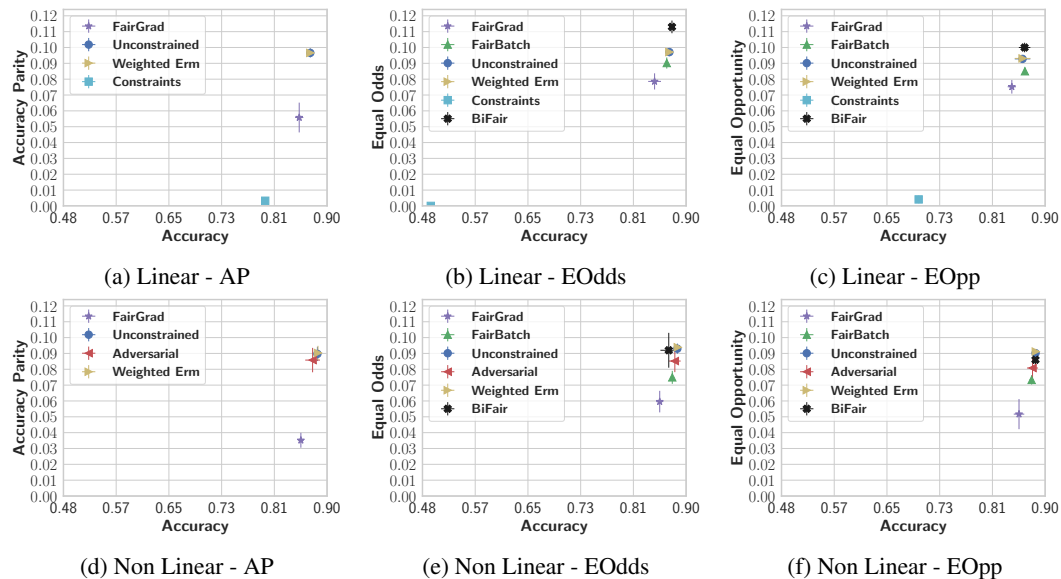


Figure 13: Results for the Gaussian dataset with different fairness measures.

Table 17: Results for the Gaussian dataset with Linear Models. All the results are averaged over 5 runs. Here MEAN ABS., MAXIMUM, and MINIMUM represent the mean absolute fairness value, the fairness level of the most well-off group, and the fairness level of the worst-off group, respectively.

METHOD (L)	ACCURACY \uparrow	MEASURE	FAIRNESS		
			MEAN ABS. \downarrow	MAXIMUM	MINIMUM
Unconstrained	0.8689 ± 0.0037	AP	0.0966 ± 0.0029	0.0957 ± 0.0028	-0.0974 ± 0.0036
Constant	0.497 ± 0.0	AP	0.001 ± 0.0	0.001 ± 0.0	0.001 ± 0.0
Weighted ERM	0.869 ± 0.0039	AP	0.0966 ± 0.0026	0.0957 ± 0.0023	-0.0974 ± 0.0034
Constrained	0.799 ± 0.004	AP	0.003 ± 0.002	0.003 ± 0.002	0.003 ± 0.002
FairGrad	0.8516 ± 0.0064	AP	0.0558 ± 0.0094	0.0553 ± 0.0093	-0.0562 ± 0.0096
Unconstrained	0.869 ± 0.0037	Eodds	0.0971 ± 0.0026	0.1872 ± 0.0067	-0.1896 ± 0.0056
Constant	0.499 ± 0.0	Eodds	0.0 ± 0.0	0.0 ± 0.0	0.0 ± 0.0
Weighted ERM	0.869 ± 0.0039	Eodds	0.0971 ± 0.0023	0.1869 ± 0.0063	-0.1894 ± 0.0051
Constrained	0.497 ± 0.003	Eodds	0.0 ± 0.0	0.0 ± 0.0	0.0 ± 0.0
BiFair	0.873 ± 0.004	Eodds	0.113 ± 0.004	0.21 ± 0.007	-0.213 ± 0.004
FairBatch	0.8649 ± 0.0025	Eodds	0.0902 ± 0.0035	0.1717 ± 0.0046	-0.1719 ± 0.0079
FairGrad	0.8459 ± 0.01	Eodds	0.0786 ± 0.0051	0.1504 ± 0.0102	-0.1527 ± 0.0142
Unconstrained	0.8598 ± 0.0121	Eopp	0.0928 ± 0.0012	0.1845 ± 0.0041	-0.1869 ± 0.0041
Constant	0.498 ± 0.0	Eopp	0.0 ± 0.0	0.0 ± 0.0	0.0 ± 0.0
Weighted ERM	0.8599 ± 0.0121	Eopp	0.0931 ± 0.0011	0.1849 ± 0.004	-0.1874 ± 0.004
Constrained	0.698 ± 0.005	Eopp	0.004 ± 0.002	0.008 ± 0.005	0.0 ± 0.0
BiFair	0.863 ± 0.009	Eopp	0.1 ± 0.003	0.2 ± 0.007	-0.202 ± 0.006
FairBatch	0.8635 ± 0.0024	Eopp	0.085 ± 0.0023	0.17 ± 0.0032	-0.1702 ± 0.0065
FairGrad	0.8431 ± 0.0065	Eopp	0.0752 ± 0.0043	0.1494 ± 0.0087	-0.1514 ± 0.0094

Table 18: Results for the Gaussian dataset with Non Linear Models. All the results are averaged over 5 runs. Here MEAN ABS., MAXIMUM, and MINIMUM represent the mean absolute fairness value, the fairness level of the most well-off group, and the fairness level of the worst-off group, respectively.

METHOD (L)	ACCURACY \uparrow	MEASURE	FAIRNESS		
			MEAN ABS. \downarrow	MAXIMUM	MINIMUM
Unconstrained	0.88 ± 0.0038	AP	0.0897 ± 0.0045	0.0888 ± 0.0035	-0.0905 ± 0.0055
Constant	0.497 ± 0.0	AP	0.001 ± 0.0	0.001 ± 0.0	0.001 ± 0.0
Weighted ERM	0.8809 ± 0.0048	AP	0.0903 ± 0.0045	0.0894 ± 0.0033	-0.0911 ± 0.0057
Adversarial	0.8725 ± 0.0115	AP	0.0858 ± 0.0077	0.0851 ± 0.0076	-0.0866 ± 0.0081
FairGrad	0.8542 ± 0.0047	AP	0.0352 ± 0.0047	0.0349 ± 0.0048	-0.0355 ± 0.0046
Unconstrained	0.8814 ± 0.0024	Eodds	0.093 ± 0.0032	0.1807 ± 0.0066	-0.183 ± 0.005
Constant	0.499 ± 0.0	Eodds	0.0 ± 0.0	0.0 ± 0.0	0.0 ± 0.0
Weighted ERM	0.8821 ± 0.0031	Eodds	0.0939 ± 0.0013	0.1826 ± 0.0042	-0.185 ± 0.0033
Adversarial	0.8775 ± 0.0091	Eodds	0.0852 ± 0.007	0.1643 ± 0.0125	-0.1666 ± 0.0146
BiFair	0.868 ± 0.013	Eodds	0.092 ± 0.011	0.167 ± 0.035	-0.168 ± 0.031
FairBatch	0.8735 ± 0.0032	Eodds	0.0749 ± 0.0041	0.1455 ± 0.0059	-0.1456 ± 0.0056
FairGrad	0.8539 ± 0.0056	Eodds	0.0596 ± 0.0068	0.1013 ± 0.0147	-0.1025 ± 0.0144
Unconstrained	0.8801 ± 0.004	Eopp	0.0902 ± 0.0017	0.1792 ± 0.0041	-0.1816 ± 0.0053
Constant	0.498 ± 0.0	Eopp	0.0 ± 0.0	0.0 ± 0.0	0.0 ± 0.0
Weighted ERM	0.8805 ± 0.0046	Eopp	0.0912 ± 0.0008	0.1812 ± 0.0024	-0.1837 ± 0.0045
Adversarial	0.8754 ± 0.0086	Eopp	0.0808 ± 0.0066	0.1605 ± 0.0128	-0.1628 ± 0.0143
BiFair	0.88 ± 0.003	Eopp	0.086 ± 0.005	0.17 ± 0.013	-0.172 ± 0.009
FairBatch	0.874 ± 0.0035	Eopp	0.0733 ± 0.0029	0.1465 ± 0.0054	-0.1467 ± 0.0066
FairGrad	0.8543 ± 0.0082	Eopp	0.0517 ± 0.0095	0.1028 ± 0.0191	-0.1041 ± 0.0192

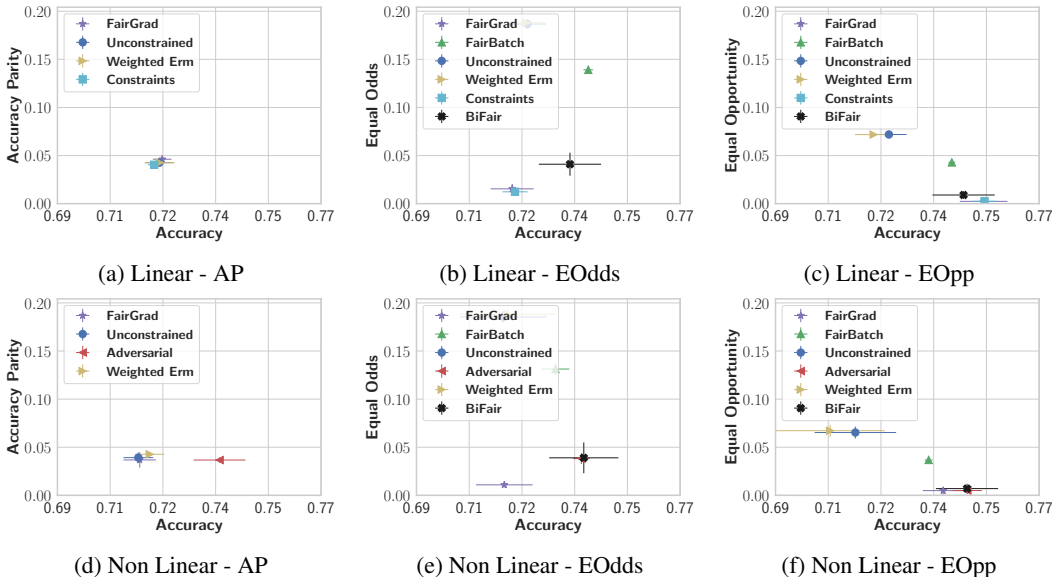


Figure 14: Results for the Twitter Sentiment dataset with different fairness measures.

Table 19: Results for the Twitter Sentiment dataset with Linear Models. All the results are averaged over 5 runs. Here MEAN ABS., MAXIMUM, and MINIMUM represent the mean absolute fairness value, the fairness level of the most well-off group, and the fairness level of the worst-off group, respectively.

METHOD (L)	ACCURACY \uparrow	FAIRNESS MEASURE	FAIRNESS		
			MEAN ABS. \downarrow	MAXIMUM	MINIMUM
Unconstrained	0.7211 \pm 0.004	AP	0.0426 \pm 0.0011	0.0426 \pm 0.0011	-0.0426 \pm 0.0011
Constant	0.5 \pm 0.0	AP	0.0 \pm 0.0	0.0 \pm 0.0	0.0 \pm 0.0
Weighted ERM	0.7212 \pm 0.0044	AP	0.0426 \pm 0.0011	0.0426 \pm 0.0011	-0.0426 \pm 0.0011
Constrained	0.72 \pm 0.002	AP	0.04 \pm 0.003	0.04 \pm 0.003	0.04 \pm 0.003
FairGrad	0.7219 \pm 0.0027	AP	0.0462 \pm 0.0021	0.0462 \pm 0.0021	-0.0462 \pm 0.0021
Unconstrained	0.7237 \pm 0.0054	Eodds	0.1867 \pm 0.0052	0.2287 \pm 0.0078	-0.2288 \pm 0.0078
Constant	0.5 \pm 0.0	Eodds	0.0 \pm 0.0	0.0 \pm 0.0	0.0 \pm 0.0
Weighted ERM	0.7234 \pm 0.0054	Eodds	0.188 \pm 0.0033	0.2314 \pm 0.0056	-0.2315 \pm 0.0056
Constrained	0.72 \pm 0.004	Eodds	0.012 \pm 0.002	0.019 \pm 0.005	0.006 \pm 0.005
BiFair	0.736 \pm 0.009	Eodds	0.041 \pm 0.012	0.056 \pm 0.022	-0.056 \pm 0.022
FairBatch	0.7413 \pm 0.0014	Eodds	0.1391 \pm 0.0043	0.1755 \pm 0.0084	-0.1756 \pm 0.0084
FairGrad	0.7193 \pm 0.0062	Eodds	0.0154 \pm 0.0051	0.0204 \pm 0.0098	-0.0204 \pm 0.0098
Unconstrained	0.7244 \pm 0.0051	Eopp	0.0719 \pm 0.0012	0.1439 \pm 0.0023	-0.1438 \pm 0.0023
Constant	0.5 \pm 0.0	Eopp	0.0 \pm 0.0	0.0 \pm 0.0	0.0 \pm 0.0
Weighted ERM	0.72 \pm 0.0054	Eopp	0.0718 \pm 0.0013	0.1437 \pm 0.0026	-0.1436 \pm 0.0026
Constrained	0.752 \pm 0.004	Eopp	0.002 \pm 0.001	0.005 \pm 0.001	0.0 \pm 0.0
BiFair	0.746 \pm 0.009	Eopp	0.009 \pm 0.004	0.017 \pm 0.009	-0.017 \pm 0.009
FairBatch	0.7426 \pm 0.001	Eopp	0.0429 \pm 0.0005	0.0858 \pm 0.0011	-0.0858 \pm 0.0011
FairGrad	0.7518 \pm 0.0069	Eopp	0.0024 \pm 0.002	0.0049 \pm 0.004	-0.0049 \pm 0.004

Table 20: Results for the Twitter Sentiment dataset with Non Linear Models. All the results are averaged over 5 runs. Here MEAN ABS., MAXIMUM, and MINIMUM represent the mean absolute fairness value, the fairness level of the most well-off group, and the fairness level of the worst-off group, respectively.

METHOD (L)	ACCURACY \uparrow	FAIRNESS			
		MEASURE	MEAN ABS. \downarrow	MAXIMUM	MINIMUM
Unconstrained	0.715 ± 0.0043	AP	0.0392 ± 0.0055	0.0392 ± 0.0055	-0.0392 ± 0.0055
Constant	0.5 ± 0.0	AP	0.0 ± 0.0	0.0 ± 0.0	0.0 ± 0.0
Weighted ERM	0.7183 ± 0.0042	AP	0.0427 ± 0.0019	0.0427 ± 0.0019	-0.0427 ± 0.0019
Adversarial	0.7385 ± 0.0075	AP	0.0367 ± 0.0027	0.0367 ± 0.0027	-0.0368 ± 0.0027
FairGrad	0.7154 ± 0.0047	AP	0.0368 ± 0.0079	0.0367 ± 0.0078	-0.0368 ± 0.0079
Unconstrained	0.7167 ± 0.0126	Eodds	0.1854 ± 0.0061	0.2349 ± 0.0091	-0.235 ± 0.0091
Constant	0.5 ± 0.0	Eodds	0.0 ± 0.0	0.0 ± 0.0	0.0 ± 0.0
Weighted ERM	0.718 ± 0.0137	Eodds	0.1882 ± 0.0062	0.2379 ± 0.0073	-0.2381 ± 0.0073
Adversarial	0.7393 ± 0.0024	Eodds	0.0382 ± 0.0056	0.06 ± 0.0151	-0.06 ± 0.0151
BiFair	0.74 ± 0.01	Eodds	0.039 ± 0.016	0.058 ± 0.017	-0.058 ± 0.017
FairBatch	0.7318 ± 0.004	Eodds	0.1313 ± 0.0057	0.1724 ± 0.0055	-0.1725 ± 0.0055
FairGrad	0.717 ± 0.0082	Eodds	0.0109 ± 0.0027	0.0165 ± 0.0053	-0.0165 ± 0.0053
Unconstrained	0.7147 ± 0.0118	Eopp	0.0653 ± 0.0062	0.1306 ± 0.0124	-0.1306 ± 0.0124
Constant	0.5 ± 0.0	Eopp	0.0 ± 0.0	0.0 ± 0.0	0.0 ± 0.0
Weighted ERM	0.7074 ± 0.0158	Eopp	0.0672 ± 0.0062	0.1346 ± 0.0125	-0.1345 ± 0.0125
Adversarial	0.7471 ± 0.0042	Eopp	0.005 ± 0.0035	0.0099 ± 0.007	-0.0099 ± 0.007
BiFair	0.747 ± 0.009	Eopp	0.007 ± 0.005	0.013 ± 0.01	-0.013 ± 0.01
FairBatch	0.7359 ± 0.0011	Eopp	0.0368 ± 0.0012	0.0736 ± 0.0025	-0.0736 ± 0.0025
FairGrad	0.7401 ± 0.0059	Eopp	0.0049 ± 0.0041	0.0099 ± 0.0083	-0.0099 ± 0.0083

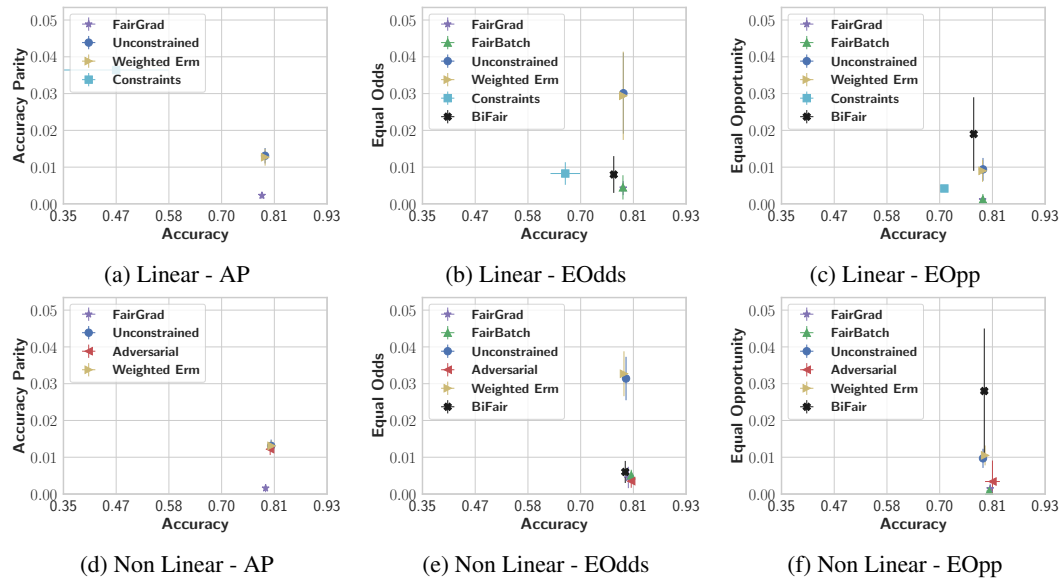


Figure 15: Results for the Folktables Adult dataset with different fairness measures.

Table 21: Results for the Folktables Adult dataset with Linear Models. All the results are averaged over 5 runs. Here MEAN ABS., MAXIMUM, and MINIMUM represent the mean absolute fairness value, the fairness level of the most well-off group, and the fairness level of the worst-off group, respectively.

METHOD (L)	ACCURACY \uparrow	FAIRNESS			
		MEASURE	MEAN ABS. \downarrow	MAXIMUM	MINIMUM
Unconstrained	0.7905 \pm 0.0033	AP	0.0131 \pm 0.0021	0.0123 \pm 0.0021	-0.0138 \pm 0.0022
Constant	0.666 \pm 0.0	AP	0.053 \pm 0.0	0.056 \pm 0.0	0.051 \pm 0.0
Weighted ERM	0.7906 \pm 0.0032	AP	0.0127 \pm 0.0023	0.0119 \pm 0.0022	-0.0134 \pm 0.0024
Constrained	0.467 \pm 0.115	AP	0.036 \pm 0.003	0.039 \pm 0.003	0.034 \pm 0.003
FairGrad	0.7837 \pm 0.0049	AP	0.0023 \pm 0.0009	0.0023 \pm 0.001	-0.0022 \pm 0.0008
Unconstrained	0.789 \pm 0.0026	Eodds	0.0301 \pm 0.011	0.0377 \pm 0.0153	-0.0458 \pm 0.0184
Constant	0.667 \pm 0.0	Eodds	0.0 \pm 0.0	0.0 \pm 0.0	0.0 \pm 0.0
Weighted ERM	0.7886 \pm 0.0032	Eodds	0.0294 \pm 0.012	0.0364 \pm 0.0169	-0.0443 \pm 0.0206
Constrained	0.663 \pm 0.032	Eodds	0.008 \pm 0.003	0.013 \pm 0.004	0.004 \pm 0.002
BiFair	0.768 \pm 0.007	Eodds	0.008 \pm 0.005	0.011 \pm 0.006	-0.011 \pm 0.008
FairBatch	0.788 \pm 0.0027	Eodds	0.0045 \pm 0.0033	0.0069 \pm 0.0065	-0.0063 \pm 0.0049
FairGrad	0.7885 \pm 0.0027	Eodds	0.0043 \pm 0.0019	0.0073 \pm 0.0037	-0.0068 \pm 0.0045
Unconstrained	0.7902 \pm 0.0038	Eopp	0.0094 \pm 0.0031	0.0162 \pm 0.0053	-0.0215 \pm 0.0071
Constant	0.667 \pm 0.0	Eopp	0.0 \pm 0.0	0.0 \pm 0.0	0.0 \pm 0.0
Weighted ERM	0.7893 \pm 0.0031	Eopp	0.009 \pm 0.003	0.0155 \pm 0.0051	-0.0206 \pm 0.0069
Constrained	0.706 \pm 0.002	Eopp	0.004 \pm 0.0	0.01 \pm 0.001	0.0 \pm 0.0
BiFair	0.77 \pm 0.002	Eopp	0.019 \pm 0.01	0.033 \pm 0.017	-0.044 \pm 0.023
FairBatch	0.79 \pm 0.0031	Eopp	0.0012 \pm 0.0015	0.0022 \pm 0.0026	-0.0026 \pm 0.0034
FairGrad	0.7893 \pm 0.0026	Eopp	0.0011 \pm 0.0009	0.0024 \pm 0.002	-0.0021 \pm 0.0016

Table 22: Results for the Folktables Adult dataset with Non Linear Models. All the results are averaged over 5 runs. Here MEAN ABS., MAXIMUM, and MINIMUM represent the mean absolute fairness value, the fairness level of the most well-off group, and the fairness level of the worst-off group, respectively.

METHOD (NL)	ACCURACY \uparrow	FAIRNESS			
		MEASURE	MEAN ABS. \downarrow	MAXIMUM	MINIMUM
Unconstrained	0.8037 \pm 0.0037	AP	0.0131 \pm 0.0017	0.0123 \pm 0.0016	-0.0139 \pm 0.0017
Constant	0.666 \pm 0.0	AP	0.053 \pm 0.0	0.056 \pm 0.0	0.051 \pm 0.0
Weighted ERM	0.8046 \pm 0.0049	AP	0.0131 \pm 0.0014	0.0123 \pm 0.0014	-0.0138 \pm 0.0015
Adversarial	0.8016 \pm 0.0053	AP	0.0122 \pm 0.0016	0.0115 \pm 0.0015	-0.0129 \pm 0.0016
FairGrad	0.7917 \pm 0.0025	AP	0.0016 \pm 0.0011	0.0016 \pm 0.0011	-0.0016 \pm 0.001
Unconstrained	0.7947 \pm 0.0078	Eodds	0.0314 \pm 0.0059	0.0373 \pm 0.0058	-0.0454 \pm 0.0066
Constant	0.667 \pm 0.0	Eodds	0.0 \pm 0.0	0.0 \pm 0.0	0.0 \pm 0.0
Weighted ERM	0.7902 \pm 0.0049	Eodds	0.0327 \pm 0.0061	0.04 \pm 0.0067	-0.0488 \pm 0.0077
Adversarial	0.806 \pm 0.0047	Eodds	0.0035 \pm 0.0018	0.0051 \pm 0.0021	-0.0053 \pm 0.0028
BiFair	0.793 \pm 0.006	Eodds	0.006 \pm 0.003	0.007 \pm 0.003	-0.007 \pm 0.004
FairBatch	0.8061 \pm 0.0044	Eodds	0.0051 \pm 0.0015	0.0087 \pm 0.0048	-0.0084 \pm 0.0029
FairGrad	0.7997 \pm 0.0087	Eodds	0.0045 \pm 0.0029	0.0067 \pm 0.0045	-0.0071 \pm 0.0058
Unconstrained	0.7902 \pm 0.0044	Eopp	0.0097 \pm 0.0026	0.0168 \pm 0.0045	-0.0222 \pm 0.006
Constant	0.667 \pm 0.0	Eopp	0.0 \pm 0.0	0.0 \pm 0.0	0.0 \pm 0.0
Weighted ERM	0.7947 \pm 0.0022	Eopp	0.0105 \pm 0.0027	0.0181 \pm 0.0047	-0.024 \pm 0.0062
Adversarial	0.8108 \pm 0.0161	Eopp	0.0034 \pm 0.0057	0.0041 \pm 0.0057	-0.0095 \pm 0.017
BiFair	0.793 \pm 0.008	Eopp	0.028 \pm 0.017	0.048 \pm 0.029	-0.064 \pm 0.039
FairBatch	0.8038 \pm 0.0063	Eopp	0.0008 \pm 0.0005	0.0014 \pm 0.0009	-0.0018 \pm 0.0012
FairGrad	0.8058 \pm 0.0035	Eopp	0.0014 \pm 0.0014	0.003 \pm 0.0031	-0.0026 \pm 0.0024