

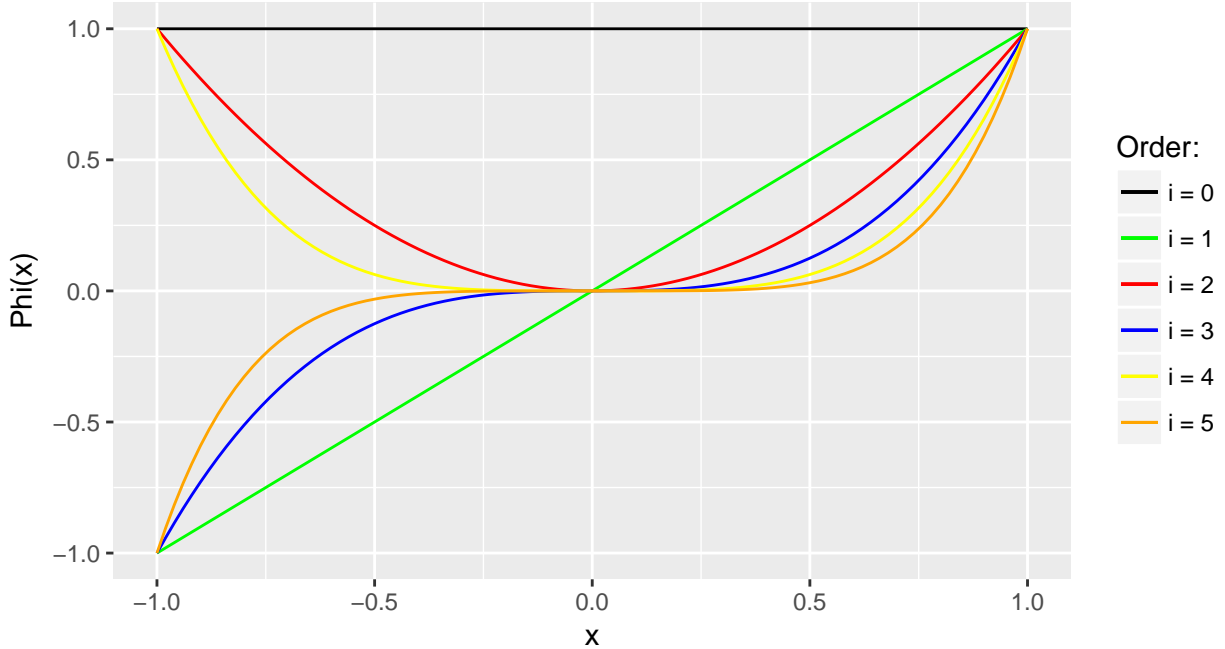
Problem Solutions

Chapter 4

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Problem 4.1

Below we plot the monomials of order i , $\phi_i(x) = x^i$.



It is easy to see that as the order i increases, so does the complexity of the curve (in the sense that it is able to fit more complex target functions).

Problem 4.2

We may write

$$\begin{aligned} h(x) &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} L_0(x) \\ L_1(x) \\ L_2(x) \end{pmatrix} \\ &= L_0(x) - L_1(x) + L_2(x) \\ &= \frac{3}{2}x^2 - x + \frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$$

So we get a degree 2 polynomial.

Problem 4.3

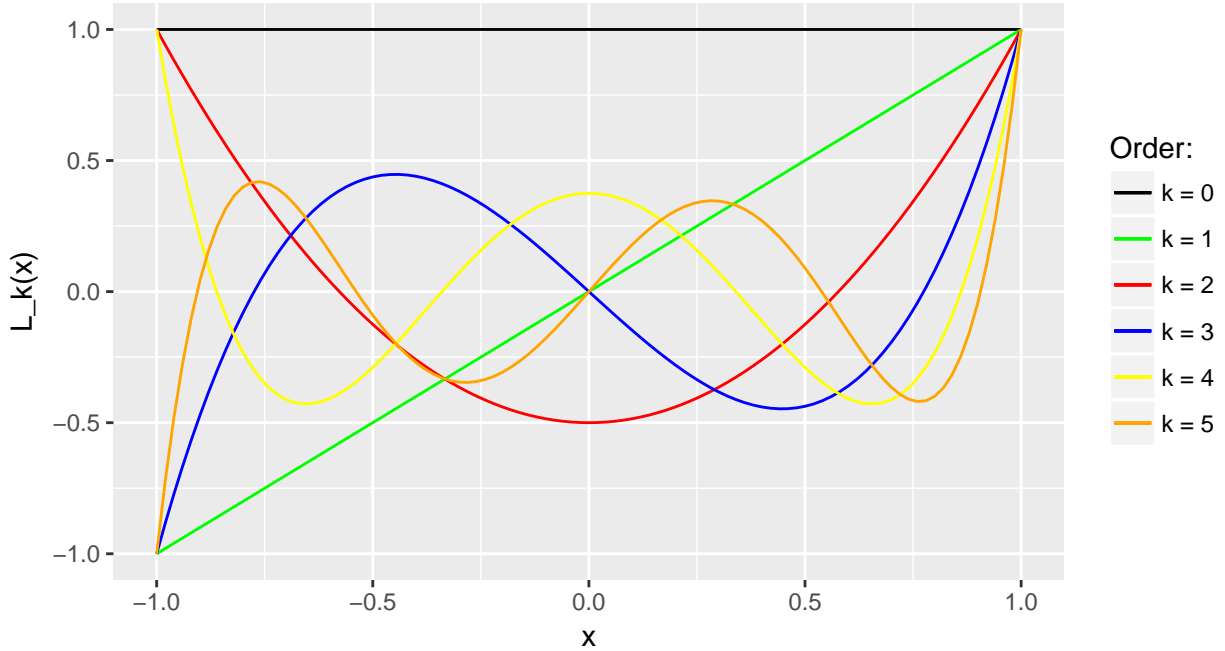
(a) We use the recursive definition of the Legendre polynomials to develop an algorithm to compute $L_k(x)$ given x .

```

Legendre <- function(x, k) {
  if (k == 0)
    return(1)
  if (k == 1)
    return(x)
  else
    return(((2 * k - 1) / k) * x * Legendre(x, k - 1) - ((k - 1) / k) * Legendre(x, k - 2))
}

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Now we plot the first six Legendre polynomials below.



(b) We prove this fact by induction. For $k = 0$, we have $L_0(x) = 1$ which is a monomial of order 0. For $k = 1$, we have $L_1(x) = x$ which is a monomial of order 1. Now we assume that the result is true for all order less than $k + 2$, and we will prove it is still true for order $k + 2$. We will also assume that k is even (the case when it is odd is proved in the same way). We have

$$\begin{aligned}
 L_{k+2}(x) &= \underbrace{\frac{2k+3}{k+2}}_{=c_1} x \cdot \underbrace{L_{k+1}(x)}_{=a_{k+1}x^{k+1}+a_{k-1}x^{k-1}+\dots+a_1x} - \underbrace{\frac{k+1}{k+2}}_{=c_0} \cdot \underbrace{L_k(x)}_{=b_kx^k+b_{k-2}x^{k-2}+\dots+b_0} \\
 &= c_1 a_{k+1} x^{k+2} + (c_1 a_{k-1} - c_0 b_k) x^k + \dots + (c_1 a_1 - c_0 b_2) x^2 - c_0 b_0
 \end{aligned}$$

which is actually a linear combination of monomials all of even order with highest order $k + 2$. In this case we obviously have

$$L_k(-x) = (-1)^k L_k(x).$$

(c) Once again we proceed by induction on k . For $k = 1$, we have

$$\frac{x^2 - 1}{1} \underbrace{\frac{dL_1(x)}{dx}}_{=1} = x^2 - 1 = xL_1(x) - L_0(x).$$

Now we assume that the result is true for all order less than k , and we prove it is still true for k . We have that

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{x^2-1}{k} \frac{dL_k(x)}{dx} \\
&= \frac{x^2-1}{k} \left(\frac{2k-1}{k} L_{k-1}(x) + \frac{(2k-1)x}{k} \frac{dL_{k-1}(x)}{dx} - \frac{k-1}{k} \frac{dL_{k-2}(x)}{dx} \right) \\
&= \frac{(x^2-1)(2k-1)}{k^2} L_{k-1}(x) + \frac{(2k-1)(k-1)x}{k^2} \underbrace{\frac{x^2-1}{k-1} \frac{dL_{k-1}(x)}{dx}}_{=xL_{k-1}(x)-L_{k-2}(x)} - \frac{(k-1)(k-2)}{k^2} \underbrace{\frac{x^2-1}{k-2} \frac{dL_{k-2}(x)}{dx}}_{=xL_{k-2}(x)-L_{k-3}(x)} \\
&= \frac{(2k-1)(kx^2-1)}{k^2} L_{k-1}(x) - \frac{(k-1)(3kx-3x)}{k^2} L_{k-2}(x) + \frac{(k-1)(k-2)}{k^2} L_{k-3}(x) \\
&= x \left(\underbrace{\frac{2k-1}{k} x L_{k-1}(x) - \frac{k-1}{k} L_{k-2}(x)}_{=L_k(x)} \right) - \frac{2k-1}{k^2} L_{k-1}(x) - \frac{(k-1)^2}{k^2} \left(\underbrace{\frac{2k-3}{k-1} x L_{k-2}(x) - \frac{k-2}{k-1} L_{k-3}(x)}_{=L_{k-1}(x)} \right) \\
&= x L_k(x) - \frac{(2k-1) + (k-1)^2}{k^2} L_{k-1}(x) \\
&= x L_k(x) - L_{k-1}(x).
\end{aligned}$$

(d) We may write that

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{d}{dx} \left((x^2-1) \frac{dL_k(x)}{dx} \right) &= \frac{d}{dx} \left(xkL_k(x) - kL_{k-1}(x) \right) \\
&= kL_k(x) + xk \frac{dL_k(x)}{dx} - k \frac{dL_{k-1}(x)}{dx} \\
&= kL_k(x) + \frac{k^2 x^2}{x^2-1} L_k(x) - \frac{k^2 x}{x^2-1} L_{k-1}(x) - \frac{k(k-1)}{x^2-1} x L_{k-1}(x) + \frac{k(k-1)}{x^2-1} L_{k-2}(x) \\
&= \frac{kx^2-k+k^2 x^2}{x^2-1} L_k(x) - \frac{k}{x^2-1} [(2k-1)xL_{k-1}(x) - (k-1)L_{k-2}(x)] \\
&= \frac{kx^2-k+k^2 x^2}{x^2-1} L_k(x) - \frac{k^2}{x^2-1} L_k(x) \\
&= \frac{k}{x^2-1} [(x^2-1) + kx^2 - k] L_k(x) \\
&= k(k+1)L_k(x).
\end{aligned}$$

(e) We will first consider the case where $l \neq k$. We have that

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left((1-x^2) \frac{dL_k(x)}{dx} \right) + k(k+1)L_k(x) = 0$$

and

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left((1-x^2) \frac{dL_l(x)}{dx} \right) + l(l+1)L_l(x) = 0,$$

now we multiply the first identity by $L_l(x)$ and the second by $L_k(x)$, if we subtract and integrate the two identities obtained, we get

$$\int_{-1}^1 L_l(x) \frac{d}{dx} \left((1-x^2) \frac{dL_k(x)}{dx} \right) - L_k(x) \frac{d}{dx} \left((1-x^2) \frac{dL_l(x)}{dx} \right) dx + [k(k+1) - l(l+1)] \int_{-1}^1 L_k(x) L_l(x) dx = 0.$$

Using integration by parts for the first integral, we get

$$\underbrace{\left(L_l(x)(1-x^2) \frac{dL_k(x)}{dx} \right) \Big|_{-1}^1}_{=0} - \underbrace{L_k(x)(1-x^2) \frac{dL_l(x)}{dx} \Big|_{-1}^1}_{=0} - \underbrace{\int_{-1}^1 \frac{dL_l(x)}{dx} (1-x^2) \frac{dL_k(x)}{dx} - \frac{dL_k(x)}{dx} (1-x^2) \frac{dL_l(x)}{dx} dx}_{=0} = 0.$$

Finally, we obtain

$$\int_{-1}^1 L_k(x) L_l(x) dx = 0.$$

Now, we consider the case where $l = k$. We have that

$$\begin{aligned} A_k = \int_{-1}^1 L_k^2(x) dx &= \frac{2k-1}{k} \int_{-1}^1 x L_k(x) L_{k-1}(x) dx - \frac{k-1}{k} \underbrace{\int_{-1}^1 L_k(x) L_{k-2}(x) dx}_{=0} \\ &= \frac{(2k-1)(k+1)}{k(2k+1)} \underbrace{\int_{-1}^1 L_{k+1}(x) L_{k-1}(x) dx}_{=0} + \frac{(2k-1)k}{k(2k+1)} \int_{-1}^1 L_{k-1}^2(x) dx \\ &= \frac{2k-1}{2k+1} \int_{-1}^1 L_{k-1}^2(x) dx. \end{aligned}$$

Finally, we are able to obtain that

$$\begin{aligned} A_k &= \frac{2k-1}{2k+1} A_{k-1} \\ &= \frac{2k-1}{2k+1} \cdot \frac{2k-3}{2k-1} A_{k-2} \\ &= \frac{2k-1}{2k+1} \cdot \frac{2k-3}{2k-1} \cdots \frac{3}{5} \frac{1}{3} \underbrace{A_0}_{=2} \\ &= \frac{2}{2k+1}. \end{aligned}$$

Problem 4.4

The following code is an implementation of the experimental framework used to study various aspects of overfitting.

```
Legendre2 <- function(x, q) {
  vec <- rep(NA, q + 1)
  for (k in 0:q) {
    vec[k + 1] <- (choose(q, k))^2 * (x - 1)^(q - k) * (x + 1)^k / 2^q
  }

  return(sum(vec))
}

f <- function(x, Qf, aq) {
  Lq <- rep(0, Qf + 1)
  for (k in 0:Qf) {
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    Lq[k + 1] <- Legendre2(x, k)
  }

  return(sum(aq * Lq))
}
f <- Vectorize(f, vectorize.args = "x")

experiment <- function(Qf, N, sigma, Ntest) {
  aq <- rnorm(Qf + 1)
  norm <- rep(0, Qf + 1)
  for (q in 0:Qf)
    norm[q + 1] <- 1 / (2 * q + 1)
  norm_fac <- 1 / sqrt(sum(norm))
  aq <- norm_fac * aq

  xn <- runif(N, min = -1, max = 1)
  eps <- rnorm(N)
  yn <- f(xn, Qf, aq) + sigma * eps
  D <- data.frame(x = xn, y = yn)

  y <- D$y
  D2 <- data.frame(x = D$x, x_sq = D$x^2)
  Z2 <- as.matrix(cbind(1, D2))
  Z2_cross <- solve(t(Z2) %*% Z2) %*% t(Z2)
  w2 <- as.vector(Z2_cross %*% y)
  D10 <- data.frame(x = D$x, x_sq = D$x^2, x_cub = D$x^3, x_quad = D$x^4,
    x_quint = D$x^5, x_six = D$x^6, x_seven = D$x^7,
    x_eight = D$x^8, x_nine = D$x^9, x_ten = D$x^10)
  Z10 <- as.matrix(cbind(1, D10))
  Z10_cross <- solve(t(Z10) %*% Z10) %*% t(Z10)
  w10 <- as.vector(Z10_cross %*% y)

  x <- runif(Ntest, min = -1, max = 1)
  eps <- rnorm(Ntest)
  y <- f(x, Qf, aq) + sigma * eps
  Dtest <- data.frame(x = x, y = y)
  Eout2 <- mean((as.matrix(cbind(1, Dtest$x, Dtest$x^2)) %*% w2 - Dtest$y)^2)
  Eout10 <- mean((as.matrix(cbind(1, Dtest$x, Dtest$x^2, Dtest$x^3, Dtest$x^4,
    Dtest$x^5, Dtest$x^6, Dtest$x^7, Dtest$x^8,
    Dtest$x^9, Dtest$x^10)) %*% w10 - Dtest$y)^2)

  return(c(Eout2, Eout10))
}

```

(a) To normalize f , we compute $\mathbb{E}_{a,x}[f^2]$ as follows,

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbb{E}_{a,x}[f^2] &= \mathbb{E}_x[\mathbb{E}_{a|x}[f^2|x]] \\
&= \mathbb{E}_x[\underbrace{\text{Var}_{a|x}[f]}_{=1} + (\underbrace{\mathbb{E}_{a|x}[f]}_{=0})^2] \\
&= \sum_q L_q^2(x) \underbrace{\text{Var}_{a|x}[a_q]}_{=1} = \sum_q L_q(x) \underbrace{\mathbb{E}_{a|x}[a_q]}_{=0} \\
&= \sum_{q=0}^{Q_f} \mathbb{E}_x[L_q^2(x)].
\end{aligned}$$

Moreover, we may write that

$$\mathbb{E}_x[L_q^2(x)] = \frac{1}{2} \int_{-1}^1 L_q^2(x) dx = \frac{1}{2q+1},$$

with which we can conclude that

$$\mathbb{E}_{a,x}[f^2] = \sum_{q=0}^{Q_f} \frac{1}{2q+1}.$$

This means that, to normalize f , we have to multiply each coefficient a_q by the constant factor $1/\sqrt{\sum_q \frac{1}{2q+1}}$. Obviously, if the signal f is normalized to $\mathbb{E}[f^2] = 1$, this implies that the noise level σ^2 is automatically calibrated to the signal level.

(b) To obtain g_2 and g_{10} , we first transform the original data $x \in \mathcal{X}$ with a second (resp. tenth) order transformation $z = \Phi_2(x) \in \mathcal{Z}_2$ (resp. $z = \Phi_{10}(x) \in \mathcal{Z}_{10}$). Then, we find the best linear fit for the data in \mathcal{Z}_2 -space (resp. \mathcal{Z}_{10} -space) to find $\tilde{g}_2 = \tilde{w}^T z$ (resp. $\tilde{g}_{10} = \tilde{w}^T z$). And finally, we get the best fit in \mathcal{X} -space

$$g_2(x) = \tilde{g}_2(\Phi_2(x)) = \tilde{w}^T \Phi_2(x) \text{ (resp. } g_{10}(x) = \tilde{g}_{10}(\Phi_{10}(x)) = \tilde{w}^T \Phi_{10}(x)).$$

(c) To compute analytically E_{out} for a given g_{10} we have to compute

$$E_{out}(g_{10}) = \mathbb{E}_{x,y}[(g_{10}(x) - y(x))^2] = \mathbb{E}_{x,y}[(g_{10}(x) - f(x) - \sigma\epsilon)^2] = \mathbb{E}_x[\mathbb{E}_{y|x}[(g_{10}(x) - f(x) - \sigma\epsilon)^2|x]].$$

(d) Below we plot the extent of overfitting depending on certain parameters of the learning problem. In the first plot, we fix $Q_f = 20$ to study the stochastic noise.

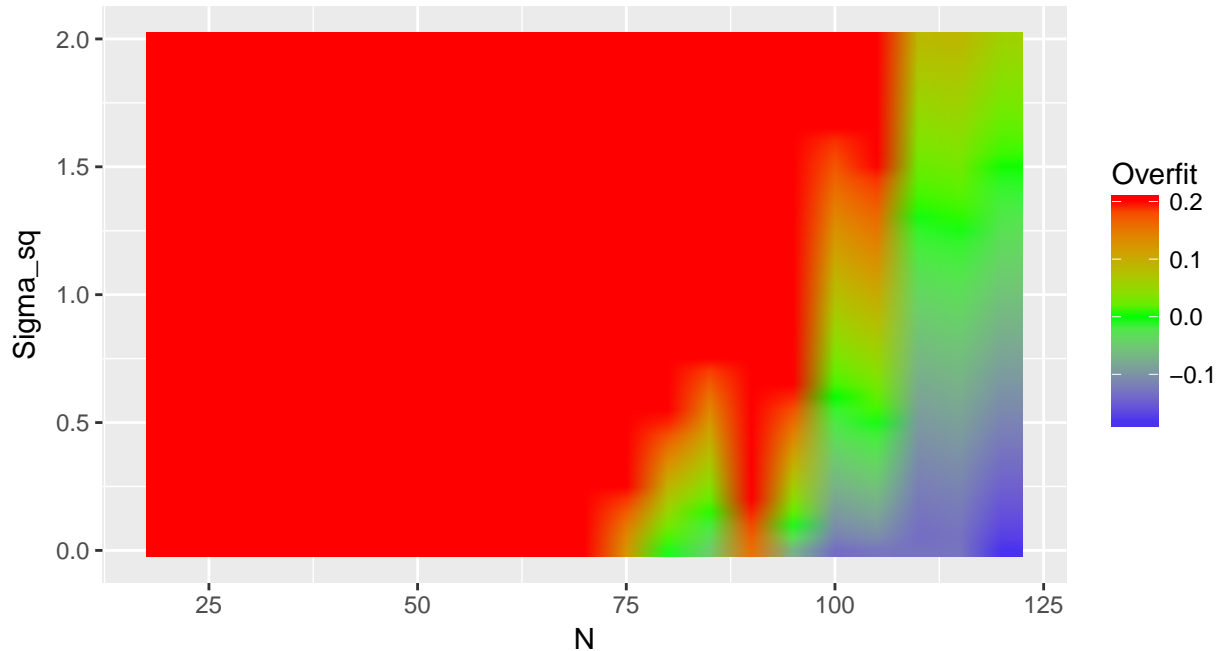
```

# Grid search with Qf = 20
Nexp <- 1000
grid <- expand.grid(N = seq(20, 120, by = 5), sigma_sq = seq(0, 2, by = 0.05))
E_out_Overfit <- foreach(i = 1:nrow(grid), .combine = "rbind") %dopar% {
  set.seed(1975)
  Eout_H2 <- numeric(Nexp)
  Eout_H10 <- numeric(Nexp)
  for (n in 1:Nexp) {
    tmp <- experiment(Qf = 20, grid$N[i], sqrt(grid$sigma[i]), Ntest = 100)
    Eout_H2[n] <- tmp[1]
    Eout_H10[n] <- tmp[2]
  }
  c(mean(Eout_H2), mean(Eout_H10))
}
Eout <- cbind(grid, E_out_Overfit)
colnames(Eout) <- c("N", "sigma_sq", "Eout_H2", "Eout_H10")
Eout["Overfit"] <- Eout$Eout_H10 - Eout$Eout_H2
Eout$Overfit <- ifelse(Eout$Overfit > 0.2, 0.2, Eout$Overfit)

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```
Eout$Overfit <- ifelse(Eout$Overfit < -0.2, -0.2, Eout$Overfit)
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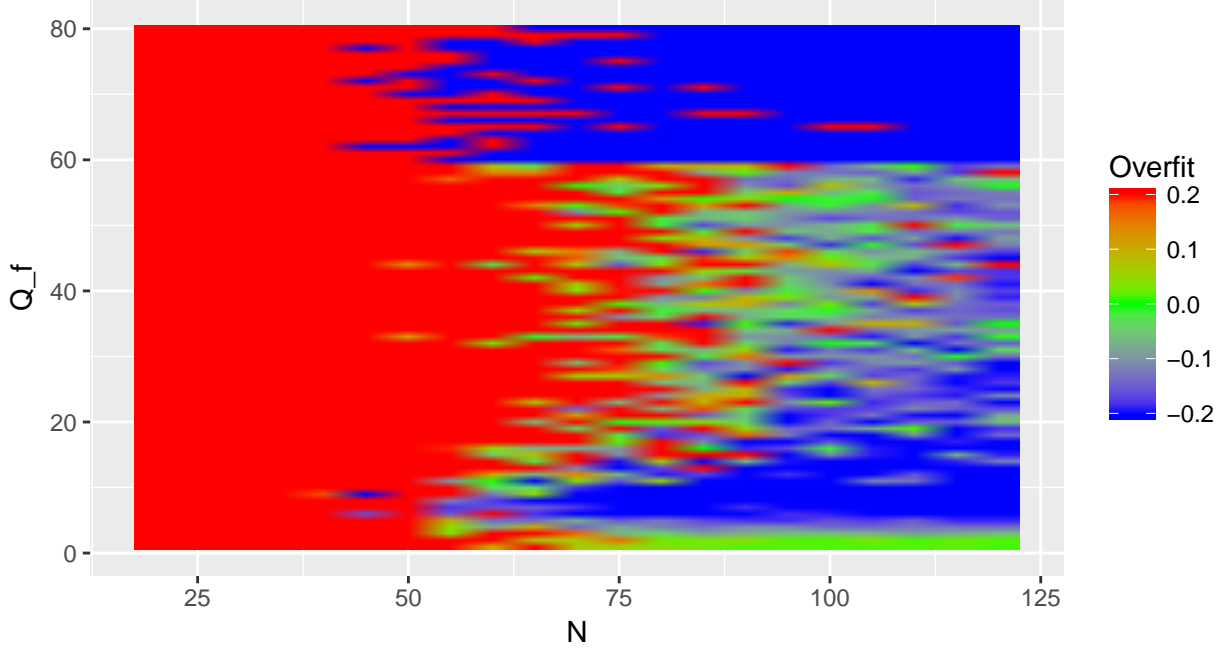
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ggplot(Eout, aes(N, sigma_sq, fill = Overfit)) + geom_raster(interpolate = TRUE) +
  xlab("N") + ylab("Sigma_sq") +
  scale_fill_gradient2(low = "blue", mid = "green", high = "red")
```



In the second plot, we fix $\sigma^2 = 0.1$ to study the deterministic noise.

```
# grid search with sigma_sq = 0.1
Nexp <- 200
grid <- expand.grid(Qf = seq(1, 80, by = 1), N = seq(20, 120, by = 5))
E_out_Overfit <- foreach(i = 1:nrow(grid), .combine = "rbind") %dopar% {
  set.seed(1975)
  Eout_H2 <- numeric(Nexp)
  Eout_H10 <- numeric(Nexp)
  for (n in 1:Nexp) {
    tmp <- experiment(grid$Qf[i], grid$N[i], sqrt(0.1), Ntest = 10)
    Eout_H2[n] <- tmp[1]
    Eout_H10[n] <- tmp[2]
  }
  c(mean(Eout_H2), mean(Eout_H10))
}
Eout <- cbind(grid, E_out_Overfit)
colnames(Eout) <- c("Qf", "N", "Eout_H2", "Eout_H10")
Eout["Overfit"] <- Eout$Eout_H10 - Eout$Eout_H2
Eout$Overfit <- ifelse(Eout$Overfit > 0.2, 0.2, Eout$Overfit)
Eout$Overfit <- ifelse(Eout$Overfit < -0.2, -0.2, Eout$Overfit)

ggplot(Eout, aes(N, Qf, fill = Overfit)) + geom_raster(interpolate = TRUE) +
  xlab("N") + ylab("Q_f") +
  scale_fill_gradient2(low = "blue", mid = "green", high = "red")
```



(e) We take the average over many experiments because we want estimates of the expected out-of-sample error for a given learning scenario (Q_f, N, σ) using \mathcal{H}_2 and \mathcal{H}_{10} .

Problem 4.5

If we consider the following constrained optimization problem

$$\min_w E_{in}(w) \text{ subject to } w^T w \geq C,$$

the theory of Lagrange multipliers tells us that this problem is equivalent to the following unconstrained optimization problem

$$\min_w (E_{in}(w) - \lambda'_C w^T w) ; \lambda'_C \geq 0.$$

If we let $\lambda_C = -\lambda'_C$, we get that the original constrained optimization problem is equivalent to minimizing the augmented error

$$E_{aug}(w) = E_{in}(w) + \lambda_C w^T w ; \lambda_C \leq 0.$$

So, we may conclude that the soft order constraint corresponding to this problem is $w^T w \geq C$.

Problem 4.6

(a) We begin by noting that

$$E_{in}(w_{reg}) = \frac{(w_{reg} - w_{lin})^T Z^T Z (w_{reg} - w_{lin}) + y^T (I - H)y}{N} \geq \frac{y^T (I - H)y}{N} = E_{in}(w_{lin}).$$

Now we suppose that $\|w_{reg}\| > \|w_{lin}\|$, in this case we may write that

$$E_{aug}(w_{reg}) = E_{in}(w_{reg}) + \lambda \|w_{reg}\|^2 > E_{in}(w_{lin}) + \lambda \|w_{lin}\|^2 = E_{aug}(w_{lin}),$$

which is not possible since $w_{reg} = \text{argmin}_w E_{aug}(w)$. So, we may conclude that $\|w_{reg}\| \leq \|w_{lin}\|$.

(b) First, we note that if v_i are eigenvectors with eigenvalues λ_i of a matrix A , then $Av_i = \lambda_i v_i$, and consequently

$$v_i = \lambda_i A^{-1} v_i \Leftrightarrow A^{-1} v_i = \frac{1}{\lambda_i} v_i \Rightarrow A^{-2} v_i = \frac{1}{\lambda_i^2} v_i,$$

which means that v_i are also eigenvectors of A^{-2} with eigenvalues $1/\lambda_i^2$.

Now, let v_i be the orthogonal eigenvectors of non-zero eigenvalues λ_i of $Z^T Z$ (since $Z^T Z$ is invertible and symmetric). We have that

$$\|w_{reg}\|^2 = y^T Z(Z^T Z + \lambda I)^{-2} Z^T y = u^T (Z^T Z + \lambda I)^{-2} u,$$

and

$$\|w_{lin}\|^2 = y^T Z(Z^T Z)^{-2} Z^T y = u^T (Z^T Z)^{-2} u$$

where $u = Z^T y$; if we let $V = (v_0, \dots, v_Q)$ be the orthogonal matrix of eigenvectors, we get

$$V^T Z^T Z V = \text{diag}(\lambda_i)$$

and

$$V^T (Z^T Z + \lambda I) V = V^T Z^T Z V + \lambda V^T V = \text{diag}(\lambda_i + \lambda).$$

If we expand u in the eigenbasis of $Z^T Z$, we get that $u = \sum_i \alpha_i v_i$ and

$$\begin{aligned} \|w_{reg}\|^2 &= \sum_{i,j} \alpha_i \alpha_j v_i^T (Z^T Z + \lambda I)^{-2} v_j \\ &= \sum_{i,j} \alpha_i \alpha_j \frac{1}{(\lambda_i + \lambda)^2} v_i^T v_j \\ &= \sum_i \frac{\alpha_i^2}{(\lambda_i + \lambda)^2} \\ &\leq \sum_i \frac{\alpha_i^2}{\lambda_i^2} = \sum_{i,j} \alpha_i \alpha_j v_i^T (Z^T Z)^{-2} v_j = \|w_{lin}\|^2; \end{aligned}$$

for the above inequality to be true, we have to note that since $Z^T Z$ is (at least) semi positive definite, its eigenvalues are non-negative.

Problem 4.7

Here, for our $(N \times d)$ matrix Z , we assume that $N > d$, and in this case U is a $(N \times d)$ orthogonal matrix, Γ is a $(d \times d)$ diagonal matrix and V is a $(d \times d)$ orthogonal matrix. We begin by noting that

$$Z^T Z = V \Gamma U^T U \Gamma V^T = V \Gamma^2 V^T.$$

Let us first consider the vector Hy , we have

$$\begin{aligned} Hy &= Z(Z^T Z)^{-1} Z^T y \\ &= U \Gamma V^T (V^T)^{-1} \Gamma^{-2} V^{-1} V \Gamma U^T y \\ &= U U^T y; \end{aligned}$$

moreover, we also have for $H(\lambda)y$ that

$$\begin{aligned}
H(\lambda)y &= Z(Z^T Z + \lambda I)^{-1} Z^T y \\
&= U \Gamma V^T (V \Gamma^2 V^T + \lambda I)^{-1} V \Gamma U^T y \\
&= U \Gamma V^T [V \underbrace{(\Gamma^2 + \lambda I)}_{=\text{diag}(\sigma_i^2 + \lambda)} V^T]^{-1} V \Gamma U^T y \\
&= U \Gamma V^T (V^T)^{-1} \text{diag}\left(\frac{1}{\sigma_i^2 + \lambda}\right) V^{-1} V \Gamma U^T y \\
&= U \text{diag}\left(\frac{\sigma_i^2}{\sigma_i^2 + \lambda}\right) U^T y.
\end{aligned}$$

Putting all of the above together, we get

$$(I - H(\lambda))y = (I - H)y + (H - H(\lambda))y = (I - H)y + U \text{diag}\left(1 - \frac{\sigma_i^2}{\sigma_i^2 + \lambda}\right) U^T y,$$

and consequently

$$\begin{aligned}
E_{in}(w_{reg}) &= \frac{1}{N} y^T (I - H(\lambda))^2 y \\
&= \frac{1}{N} y^T (I - H(\lambda))^T (I - H(\lambda)) y \\
&= \frac{1}{N} [y^T (I - H)y + 2y^T (I - H) U \text{diag}\left(1 - \frac{\sigma_i^2}{\sigma_i^2 + \lambda}\right) U^T y + y^T U \text{diag}\left(1 - \frac{\sigma_i^2}{\sigma_i^2 + \lambda}\right) U^T U \text{diag}\left(1 - \frac{\sigma_i^2}{\sigma_i^2 + \lambda}\right) U^T y] \\
&= \frac{1}{N} [y^T (I - H)y + y^T U \text{diag}\left(1 - \frac{\sigma_i^2}{\sigma_i^2 + \lambda}\right)^2 U^T y + 2y^T \underbrace{(I - H)U}_{=U - HU = U - U U^T U = 0} \text{diag}\left(1 - \frac{\sigma_i^2}{\sigma_i^2 + \lambda}\right) U^T y] \\
&= E_{in}(w_{lin}) + \frac{1}{N} \sum_i a_i^2 \left(1 - \frac{\sigma_i^2}{\sigma_i^2 + \lambda}\right)^2.
\end{aligned}$$

Problem 4.8

First, we compute $\nabla E_{aug}(w)$, we immediately have

$$\nabla E_{aug}(w) = \nabla E_{in}(w) + 2\lambda w.$$

So the gradient descent update rule becomes

$$w(t+1) \leftarrow w(t) - \eta \nabla E_{aug}(w(t)) = (1 - 2\eta\lambda)w(t) - \eta \nabla E_{in}(w(t)).$$

Problem 4.9

(a) Let Γ be the following matrix

$$\Gamma = \begin{pmatrix} - & \gamma_1^T & - \\ & \vdots & \\ - & \gamma_k^T & - \end{pmatrix},$$

now we construct a virtual example $(z_i, 0)$ where $z_i = \sqrt{\lambda}\gamma_i$ for $i = 1, \dots, k$. If $\mathcal{D} = \{(z'_1, y_1), \dots, (z'_N, y_N)\}$, this means that the matrix for the augmented data is

$$Z_{aug} = \begin{pmatrix} - & z_1'^T & - \\ & \vdots & \\ - & z_N'^T & - \\ - & z_1^T & - \\ & \vdots & \\ - & z_k^T & - \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} Z \\ \sqrt{\lambda}\Gamma \end{pmatrix}$$

and

$$y_{aug} = \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ \vdots \\ y_N \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} y \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

(b) If we solve the least squares problem with Z_{aug} and y_{aug} , we get

$$\begin{aligned} w_{lin} &= (Z_{aug}^T Z_{aug})^{-1} Z_{aug}^T y_{aug} \\ &= [(Z^T | \sqrt{\lambda}\Gamma^T) \begin{pmatrix} Z \\ \sqrt{\lambda}\Gamma \end{pmatrix}]^{-1} (Z^T | \sqrt{\lambda}\Gamma^T) \begin{pmatrix} y \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= (Z^T Z + \lambda\Gamma^T \Gamma)^{-1} Z^T y = w_{reg}. \end{aligned}$$

Problem 4.10

(a) If $w_{lin}^T \Gamma^T \Gamma w_{lin} \leq C$, then obviously $w_{reg} = w_{lin}$.

(b) If $w_{lin}^T \Gamma^T \Gamma w_{lin} > C$, then we have that $w_{reg}^T \Gamma^T \Gamma w_{reg} = C$ (see the book illustration).

(c) The original constrained problem is equivalent to solving the following unconstrained problem with Lagrange multipliers,

$$\min_w \underbrace{(E_{in}(w) - \lambda_C(-w^T \Gamma^T \Gamma w + C))}_{=L(w, \lambda_C)}$$

where $\lambda_C \geq 0$. We have that

$$\nabla_{w, \lambda_C} L(w, \lambda_C) = (\nabla_w L(w, \lambda_C), \frac{\partial}{\partial \lambda_C} L(w, \lambda_C))$$

where

$$\nabla_w L(w, \lambda_C) = \nabla E_{in}(w) + 2\lambda_C \Gamma^T \Gamma w \text{ and } \frac{\partial}{\partial \lambda_C} L(w, \lambda_C) = w^T \Gamma^T \Gamma w - C.$$

Since w_{reg} is a solution to the original constrained problem, it must also be a solution to the equivalent unconstrained problem, this means that

$$\nabla E_{in}(w_{reg}) + 2\lambda_C \Gamma^T \Gamma w_{reg} = 0 \text{ and } w_{reg}^T \Gamma^T \Gamma w_{reg} - C = 0;$$

if we solve for λ_C , we get that

$$w_{reg}^T \nabla E_{in}(w_{reg}) + 2\lambda_C \underbrace{w_{reg}^T \Gamma^T \Gamma w_{reg}}_{=C} = 0,$$

and consequently

$$\lambda_C = -\frac{1}{2C} w_{reg}^T \nabla E_{in}(w_{reg}).$$

(d) (i) If $w_{lin}^T \Gamma^T \Gamma w_{lin} \leq C$, we know that $w_{reg} = w_{lin}$, and consequently $\nabla E_{in}(w_{reg}) = 0$, which implies that $\lambda_C = 0$.

(ii) If $w_{lin}^T \Gamma^T \Gamma w_{lin} > C$, let us assume that $\lambda_C = 0$, this means that w_{reg} minimizes

$$E_{in}(w) - \lambda_C(-w^T \Gamma^T \Gamma w + C) = E_{in}(w),$$

so we have $w_{reg} = w_{lin}$ and

$$w_{reg}^T \Gamma^T \Gamma w_{reg} = w_{lin}^T \Gamma^T \Gamma w_{lin} > C,$$

which is not possible since $w_{reg}^T \Gamma^T \Gamma w_{reg} \leq C$ by definition. In conclusion, we have that $\lambda_C > 0$.

(iii) As $w_{lin}^T \Gamma^T \Gamma w_{lin} > C$, we have that $\lambda_C > 0$ which means that $w_{reg}^T \nabla E_{in}(w_{reg}) < 0$. Now, if we compute the derivative relative to C , we get

$$\frac{d\lambda_C}{dC} = \frac{1}{2C^2} w_{reg}^T \nabla E_{in}(w_{reg}) < 0.$$

Problem 4.11

(a) We have immediately

$$w_{lin} = (Z^T Z)^{-1} Z^T y = (Z^T Z)^{-1} Z^T (Z w_f + \epsilon) = w_f + (Z^T Z)^{-1} Z^T \epsilon.$$

And so the average function \bar{g} is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{g}(x) &= \mathbb{E}_{\mathcal{D}}[g^{\mathcal{D}}(x)] \\ &= \mathbb{E}_{\mathcal{D}}[\Phi(x)^T w_{lin}] \\ &= \Phi(x)^T w_f + \mathbb{E}_{\mathcal{D}}[\Phi(x)^T (Z^T Z)^{-1} Z^T \epsilon] \\ &= \Phi(x)^T w_f + \mathbb{E}_Z[E_{y|Z}[\Phi(x)^T (Z^T Z)^{-1} Z^T \epsilon | Z]] \\ &= \Phi(x)^T w_f + \mathbb{E}_Z[\Phi(x)^T (Z^T Z)^{-1} Z^T \underbrace{E_{y|Z}[\epsilon | Z]}_{=\mathbb{E}_{\epsilon}[\epsilon]=0}] \\ &= \Phi(x)^T w_f = f(x), \end{aligned}$$

which means that

$$\text{bias}(x) = (\bar{g}(x) - f(x))^2 = 0,$$

and consequently $\text{bias} = \mathbb{E}_x[\text{bias}(x)] = 0$.

(b) We may write that

$$\begin{aligned} \text{var}(x) &= \mathbb{E}_{\mathcal{D}}[(g^{\mathcal{D}}(x) - \bar{g}(x))^2] \\ &= \mathbb{E}_{\mathcal{D}}[(g^{\mathcal{D}}(x) - f(x))^2] \\ &= \mathbb{E}_{\mathcal{D}}[(\Phi(x)^T (w_f + (Z^T Z)^{-1} Z^T \epsilon) - \Phi(x)^T w_f)^2] \\ &= \mathbb{E}_{\mathcal{D}}[\underbrace{\epsilon^T Z (Z^T Z)^{-1} \Phi(x) \Phi(x)^T (Z^T Z)^{-1} Z^T \epsilon}_{=\text{trace}(\Phi(x) \Phi(x)^T (Z^T Z)^{-1} Z^T \epsilon \epsilon^T Z (Z^T Z)^{-1})}] \\ &= \text{trace}(\mathbb{E}_Z[\mathbb{E}_{y|Z}[\Phi(x) \Phi(x)^T (Z^T Z)^{-1} Z^T \epsilon \epsilon^T Z (Z^T Z)^{-1} | Z]]) \\ &= \text{trace}(\mathbb{E}_Z[\Phi(x) \Phi(x)^T (Z^T Z)^{-1} Z^T \underbrace{\mathbb{E}_{y|Z}[\epsilon \epsilon^T | Z]}_{=\mathbb{E}_{\epsilon}[\epsilon \epsilon^T] = \sigma^2 I} Z (Z^T Z)^{-1}]) \\ &= \sigma^2 \text{trace}(\mathbb{E}_Z[\Phi(x) \Phi(x)^T (Z^T Z)^{-1}]) \end{aligned}$$

where we have used the cyclic property of the trace. This allows us to write that

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{var} &= \mathbb{E}_x[\text{var}(x)] \\
&= \sigma^2 \text{trace}(\mathbb{E}_Z[\mathbb{E}_x[\Phi(x)\Phi(x)^T(Z^T Z)^{-1}]]) \\
&= \sigma^2 \text{trace}(\mathbb{E}_Z[\underbrace{\mathbb{E}_x[\Phi(x)\Phi(x)^T]}_{=\Sigma_\Phi}](Z^T Z)^{-1}) \\
&= \frac{\sigma^2}{N} (\Sigma_\Phi \mathbb{E}_Z[(\frac{1}{N} Z^T Z)^{-1}]).
\end{aligned}$$

(c) We know by the law of large numbers that $\frac{1}{N} Z^T Z$ converges in probability to Σ_Φ , this implies that $(\frac{1}{N} Z^T Z)^{-1}$ converges in probability to Σ_Φ^{-1} . With that in mind, to the first order in $1/N$, we have that

$$\text{var} \approx \frac{\sigma^2}{N} \text{trace}(\Sigma_\Phi \Sigma_\Phi^{-1}) = \frac{\sigma^2(Q+1)}{N}.$$

Problem 4.12

(a) We may write that

$$\begin{aligned}
w_{reg} &= (Z^T Z + \lambda I)^{-1} Z^T (Z w_f + \epsilon) \\
&= (Z^T Z + \lambda I)^{-1} [(Z^T Z w_f + \lambda w_f) - \lambda w_f] + (Z^T Z + \lambda I)^{-1} Z^T \epsilon \\
&= w_f - \lambda (Z^T Z + \lambda I)^{-1} w_f + (Z^T Z + \lambda I)^{-1} Z^T \epsilon.
\end{aligned}$$

(b) The average function \bar{g} is given by

$$\begin{aligned}
\bar{g}(x) &= \mathbb{E}_{\mathcal{D}}[g^{\mathcal{D}}(x)] \\
&= \mathbb{E}_{\mathcal{D}}[\Phi(x)^T w_{reg}] \\
&= \mathbb{E}_{\mathcal{D}}[\Phi(x)^T (w_f - \lambda (Z^T Z + \lambda I)^{-1} w_f + (Z^T Z + \lambda I)^{-1} Z^T \epsilon)] \\
&= \mathbb{E}_Z[\Phi(x)^T w_f - \lambda \Phi(x)^T (Z^T Z + \lambda I)^{-1} w_f + \Phi(x)^T (Z^T Z + \lambda I)^{-1} Z^T \underbrace{\mathbb{E}_{y|Z}[\epsilon|Z]}_{=0}] \\
&= \Phi(x)^T w_f - \lambda \Phi(x)^T \mathbb{E}_Z[(Z^T Z + \lambda I)^{-1}] w_f.
\end{aligned}$$

Thus, thanks to the cyclic property of the trace, the $\text{bias}(x)$ is equal to

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{bias}(x) &= (\bar{g}(x) - f(x))^2 \\
&= \lambda^2 w_f^T \mathbb{E}_Z[(Z^T Z + \lambda I)^{-1}] \Phi(x) \Phi(x)^T \mathbb{E}_Z[(Z^T Z + \lambda I)^{-1}] w_f \\
&= \lambda^2 \text{trace}(\Phi(x)^T \Phi(x) \mathbb{E}_Z[(Z^T Z + \lambda I)^{-1}] w_f w_f^T \mathbb{E}_Z[(Z^T Z + \lambda I)^{-1}]),
\end{aligned}$$

consequently, we have that

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{bias} &= \mathbb{E}_x[\text{bias}(x)] \\
&= \lambda^2 \text{trace}(\underbrace{\mathbb{E}_x[\Phi(x)^T \Phi(x)]}_{=I} \mathbb{E}_Z[(Z^T Z + \lambda I)^{-1}] w_f w_f^T \mathbb{E}_Z[(Z^T Z + \lambda I)^{-1}]) \\
&= \lambda^2 \text{trace}(\underbrace{\mathbb{E}_Z[(Z^T Z + \lambda I)^{-1}]}_{\approx \frac{1}{N+\lambda} I} w_f w_f^T \underbrace{\mathbb{E}_Z[(Z^T Z + \lambda I)^{-1}]}_{\approx \frac{1}{N+\lambda} I}) \\
&\approx \frac{\lambda^2}{(N+\lambda)^2} \underbrace{\text{trace}(w_f w_f^T)}_{=\text{trace}(w_f^T w_f) = \|w_f\|^2} \\
&\approx \frac{\lambda^2}{(N+\lambda)^2} \|w_f\|^2,
\end{aligned}$$

since $Z^T Z \approx N \Sigma_\Phi = NI$.

Now, if we compute $\text{var}(x)$, we get

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{var}(x) &= \mathbb{E}_\mathcal{D}[(g^\mathcal{D} - \bar{g}(x))^2] \\
&= \mathbb{E}_\mathcal{D}[(\lambda \Phi(x)^T \underbrace{\mathbb{E}_Z[(Z^T Z - \lambda I)^{-1}]}_{\approx \frac{1}{N+\lambda} I} - \underbrace{(Z^T Z - \lambda I)^{-1}}_{\approx \frac{1}{N+\lambda} I} w_f + \Phi(x)^T (Z^T Z + \lambda I)^{-1} Z^T \epsilon)^2] \\
&\approx \mathbb{E}_\mathcal{D}[\epsilon^T Z (Z^T Z + \lambda I)^{-1} \Phi(x) \Phi(x)^T (Z^T Z + \lambda I)^{-1} Z^T \epsilon] \\
&\approx \mathbb{E}_Z[\text{trace}(\underbrace{\mathbb{E}_{y|Z}[\epsilon \epsilon^T]}_{=\sigma^2 I} Z (Z^T Z + \lambda I)^{-1} \Phi(x) \Phi(x)^T (Z^T Z + \lambda I)^{-1} Z^T)] \\
&\approx \sigma^2 \mathbb{E}_Z[\text{trace}(\Phi(x) \Phi(x)^T (Z^T Z + \lambda I)^{-1} Z^T Z (Z^T Z + \lambda I)^{-1})].
\end{aligned}$$

And finally we get the variance below,

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{var} &= \mathbb{E}_x[\text{var}(x)] \\
&\approx \sigma^2 \mathbb{E}_Z[\text{trace}(\underbrace{\mathbb{E}_x[\Phi(x) \Phi(x)^T]}_{=I} (Z^T Z + \lambda I)^{-1} Z^T Z (Z^T Z + \lambda I)^{-1})] \\
&\approx \sigma^2 \mathbb{E}_Z[\text{trace}(\underbrace{I}_{\approx \frac{1}{N} Z^T Z} (Z^T Z + \lambda I)^{-1} Z^T Z (Z^T Z + \lambda I)^{-1})] \\
&\approx \frac{\sigma^2}{N} \mathbb{E}_Z[\text{trace}(Z (Z^T Z + \lambda I)^{-1} Z^T Z (Z^T Z + \lambda I)^{-1} Z^T)] \\
&\approx \frac{\sigma^2}{N} \mathbb{E}_Z[\text{trace}(H(\lambda)^2)].
\end{aligned}$$

Problem 4.13

(a) When $\lambda = 0$, we have $H(0) = Z(Z^T Z)^{-1} Z^T$ and $H(0)^2 = Z(Z^T Z)^{-1} Z^T Z (Z^T Z)^{-1} Z^T = H(0)$, which means that

$$\text{trace}(H(0)) = \text{trace}(H(0)^2) = \text{trace}(Z^T Z (Z^T Z)^{-1}) = \text{trace}(I_{\tilde{d}+1}) = \tilde{d} + 1.$$

So, for (i), we get

$$d_{eff}(0) = 2(\tilde{d} + 1) - (\tilde{d} + 1) = \tilde{d} + 1,$$

for (ii), we get

$$d_{eff}(0) = \tilde{d} + 1,$$

and for (iii), we get

$$d_{eff}(0) = \tilde{d} + 1.$$

(b) Here again, for our $(N \times (\tilde{d} + 1))$ matrix Z , we assume that $N > (\tilde{d} + 1)$, and in this case $Z = U\Gamma V^T$ where U is a $(N \times (\tilde{d} + 1))$ orthogonal matrix, Γ is a $((\tilde{d} + 1) \times (\tilde{d} + 1))$ diagonal matrix and V is a $((\tilde{d} + 1) \times (\tilde{d} + 1))$ orthogonal matrix. From Problem 4.7, we know that

$$Z^T Z = V\Gamma^2 V^T \text{ and } H(\lambda) = U \text{diag}\left(\frac{\sigma_i^2}{\sigma_i^2 + \lambda}\right) U^T;$$

we begin by considering (ii), in this case we have

$$0 \leq d_{eff} = \text{trace}(H(\lambda)) = \text{trace}(U^T U \text{diag}\left(\frac{\sigma_i^2}{\sigma_i^2 + \lambda}\right)) = \sum_{i=0}^{\tilde{d}} \frac{\sigma_i^2}{\sigma_i^2 + \lambda} \leq \sum_{i=0}^{\tilde{d}} 1 = \tilde{d} + 1$$

by the cyclic property of the trace. Obviously, if λ increases, d_{eff} decreases. Now, we consider (iii), here we have

$$0 \leq d_{eff} = \text{trace}(H(\lambda)^2) = \text{trace}(U^T U \text{diag}\left(\frac{\sigma_i^4}{(\sigma_i^2 + \lambda)^2}\right)) = \sum_{i=0}^{\tilde{d}} \frac{\sigma_i^4}{(\sigma_i^2 + \lambda)^2} \leq \sum_{i=0}^{\tilde{d}} 1 = \tilde{d} + 1;$$

here also, if λ increases d_{eff} decreases. Finally, we consider (i), and we get

$$0 \leq d_{eff} = 2 \sum_{i=0}^{\tilde{d}} \frac{\sigma_i^2}{\sigma_i^2 + \lambda} - \sum_{i=0}^{\tilde{d}} \frac{\sigma_i^4}{(\sigma_i^2 + \lambda)^2} = \sum_{i=0}^{\tilde{d}} \frac{\sigma_i^4 + 2\sigma_i^2 \lambda}{(\sigma_i^2 + \lambda)^2} \leq \sum_{i=0}^{\tilde{d}} 1 = \tilde{d} + 1;$$

and here again, if λ increases, then d_{eff} increases.

Problem 4.14

We know from Problem 4.7 that

$$\begin{aligned} E_{in}(w_{reg}) &= \frac{1}{N} y^T (I - H(\lambda))^2 y \\ &= \frac{1}{N} (f^T + \epsilon^T) (I - H(\lambda))^2 (f + \epsilon) \\ &= \frac{1}{N} [f^T (I - H(\lambda))^2 f + 2f^T (I - H(\lambda))^2 \epsilon + \epsilon^T (I - H(\lambda))^2 \epsilon]. \end{aligned}$$

Now, if we compute the expectation of $E_{in}(w_{reg})$ relative to ϵ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}_\epsilon[E_{in}(w_{reg})] &= \frac{1}{N} [f^T (I - H(\lambda))^2 f + 2f^T (I - H(\lambda))^2 \underbrace{\mathbb{E}_\epsilon[\epsilon]}_{=0} + \mathbb{E}_\epsilon[\epsilon^T (I - H(\lambda))^2 \epsilon]] \\ &= \frac{1}{N} [f^T (I - H(\lambda))^2 f + \mathbb{E}_\epsilon[\text{trace}(\epsilon \epsilon^T (I - H(\lambda))^2)]] \\ &= \frac{1}{N} [f^T (I - H(\lambda))^2 f + \text{trace}(\underbrace{\mathbb{E}_\epsilon[\epsilon \epsilon^T]}_{=\text{diag}(\sigma^2)} (I - H(\lambda))^2)] \\ &= \frac{1}{N} f^T (I - H(\lambda))^2 f + \frac{\sigma^2}{N} \text{trace}((I - H(\lambda))^2); \end{aligned}$$

moreover, we also have that

$$\text{trace}((I - H(\lambda))^2) = \underbrace{\text{trace}(I_N)}_{=N} - 2\text{trace}(H(\lambda)) + \text{trace}(H(\lambda)^2) = N - d_{eff}(\lambda),$$

with which we conclude that

$$\mathbb{E}_\epsilon[E_{in}(w_{reg})] = \frac{1}{N} f^T (I - H(\lambda))^2 f + \sigma^2 \left(1 - \frac{d_{eff}(\lambda)}{N} \right).$$

(a) The term involving σ^2 should be $\sigma^2 d_{eff}/N$.

(b) It is clear that, if d_{eff} increases, the expected in-sample error $\mathbb{E}_\epsilon[E_{in}(w_{reg})]$ decreases, which is exactly the behaviour exhibited by the number of parameters in the simpler case of linear regression. That explains why d_{eff} is seen as an effective number of parameters in this more complex case.

Problem 4.15

Here also, for our $(N \times (d+1))$ matrix \tilde{Z} , we assume that $N > (d+1)$, and in this case $\tilde{Z} = USV^T$ where U is a $(N \times (d+1))$ orthogonal matrix, S is a $((d+1) \times (d+1))$ diagonal matrix and V is a $((d+1) \times (d+1))$ orthogonal matrix. As $\tilde{Z} = Z\Gamma^{-1}$, we have $Z = \tilde{Z}\Gamma$; in this case, we also have that

$$\begin{aligned} H(\lambda) &= Z(Z^T Z + \lambda \Gamma^T \Gamma)^{-1} Z^T \\ &= \tilde{Z}\Gamma[\Gamma^T(\tilde{Z}^T \tilde{Z} + \lambda I)\Gamma]^{-1} \Gamma^T \tilde{Z}^T \\ &= \tilde{Z}(\tilde{Z}^T \tilde{Z} + \lambda I)^{-1} \tilde{Z}^T \\ &= USV^T(VS^T \underbrace{U^T U}_{=I} SV^T + \lambda VV^T)^{-1} V S U^T \\ &= US(\underbrace{S^T S}_{=S^2} + \lambda I)^{-1} S U^T \\ &= U \text{diag}\left(\frac{s_i^2}{s_i^2 + \lambda}\right) U^T \end{aligned}$$

since $S^2 = \text{diag}(s_i^2)$. In much the same way, we get that

$$H(\lambda)^2 = U \text{diag}\left(\frac{s_i^2}{s_i^2 + \lambda}\right) \underbrace{U^T U}_{=I} \text{diag}\left(\frac{s_i^2}{s_i^2 + \lambda}\right) U^T = U \text{diag}\left(\frac{s_i^4}{(s_i^2 + \lambda)^2}\right) U^T.$$

All of the above implies that

$$\begin{aligned} \text{trace}(H(\lambda)) &= \text{trace}(\underbrace{U^T U}_{=I} \text{diag}\left(\frac{s_i^2}{s_i^2 + \lambda}\right)) \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^d \frac{s_i^2}{s_i^2 + \lambda} \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^d \left(\frac{s_i^2 + \lambda}{s_i^2 + \lambda} - \frac{\lambda}{s_i^2 + \lambda} \right) \\ &= d+1 - \sum_{i=0}^d \frac{\lambda}{s_i^2 + \lambda}, \end{aligned}$$

and also that

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{trace}(H(\lambda)^2) &= \text{trace}(U^T U \text{diag}\left(\frac{s_i^4}{(s_i^2 + \lambda)^2}\right)) \\
&= \sum_{i=0}^d \frac{s_i^4}{(s_i^2 + \lambda)^2} \\
&= \sum_{i=0}^d \left(\frac{s_i^4 + 2\lambda s_i^2 + \lambda^2}{(s_i^2 + \lambda)^2} - \frac{2\lambda s_i^2 + \lambda^2}{(s_i^2 + \lambda)^2} \right) \\
&= d + 1 - \sum_{i=0}^d \frac{2\lambda s_i^2 + \lambda^2}{(s_i^2 + \lambda)^2}.
\end{aligned}$$

(a) In this case, we may write that

$$\begin{aligned}
d_{eff}(\lambda) &= 2\text{trace}(H(\lambda)) - \text{trace}(H(\lambda^2)) \\
&= 2(d + 1) - 2 \sum_{i=0}^d \frac{\lambda}{s_i^2 + \lambda} - (d + 1) + \sum_{i=0}^d \frac{2\lambda s_i^2 + \lambda^2}{(s_i^2 + \lambda)^2} \\
&= d + 1 - \sum_{i=0}^d \frac{\lambda^2}{(s_i^2 + \lambda)^2}.
\end{aligned}$$

(b) In this case, we immediately have that

$$d_{eff}(\lambda) = \text{trace}(H(\lambda)) = d + 1 - \sum_{i=0}^d \frac{\lambda}{s_i^2 + \lambda}.$$

(c) Here we also immediately have that

$$de_{eff}(\lambda) = \text{trace}(H(\lambda)^2) = \sum_{i=0}^d \frac{s_i^4}{(s_i^2 + \lambda)^2}.$$

Problem 4.16

Here, we seek w_{reg} that minimizes $E_{aug}(w)$, where

$$\begin{aligned}
E_{aug}(w) &= \frac{1}{N} \|Zw - y\|^2 + \frac{\lambda}{N} w^T \Gamma^T \Gamma w \\
&= \frac{1}{N} (w^T Z^T Z w - 2y^T Z w + y^T y) + \frac{\lambda}{N} w^T \Gamma^T \Gamma w
\end{aligned}$$

where we assume that $\lambda > 0$. If we take the gradient of the previous expression, we get

$$\nabla E_{aug}(w) = \frac{2}{N} (Z^T Z w - Z^T y + \lambda \Gamma^T \Gamma w).$$

The critical point is found by solving the equation $\nabla E_{aug}(w) = 0$, which gives us

$$w = (Z^T Z + \lambda \Gamma^T \Gamma)^{-1} Z^T y$$

provided that Γ is of full rank (since in this case $\Gamma^T \Gamma$ is positive definite, which consequently makes $Z^T Z + \lambda \Gamma^T \Gamma$ positive definite and thus invertible). For this w to be w_{reg} , we must show that it is actually a minimum, to do that we compute the Hessian, that is

$$\nabla^2 E_{aug}(w) = \frac{2}{N}(Z^T Z + \lambda \Gamma^T \Gamma)$$

which is positive definite; this means that $w_{reg} = w$.

(a) We have that

$$\hat{y} = Z w_{reg} = Z(Z^T Z + \lambda \Gamma^T \Gamma)^{-1} Z^T y = H(\lambda) y.$$

(b) If $\Gamma = Z$, we get that

$$w_{reg} = (Z^T Z + \lambda Z^T Z)^{-1} Z^T y = \frac{1}{\lambda + 1} (Z^T Z)^{-1} Z^T y = \frac{1}{\lambda + 1} w_{lin}.$$