

Lasso vs Ridge

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$$\begin{aligned}\hat{\beta}^{\text{ridge}} &= \operatorname{argmin}_{\beta} \|\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\beta\|^2 \\ &\text{subject to } \sum_{i=1}^p \beta_i^2 \leq s.\end{aligned}$$

- Contour of the optimization function: Ellipsoid;
- Lasso constraint: Diamond.
- Ridge constraint: Sphere.

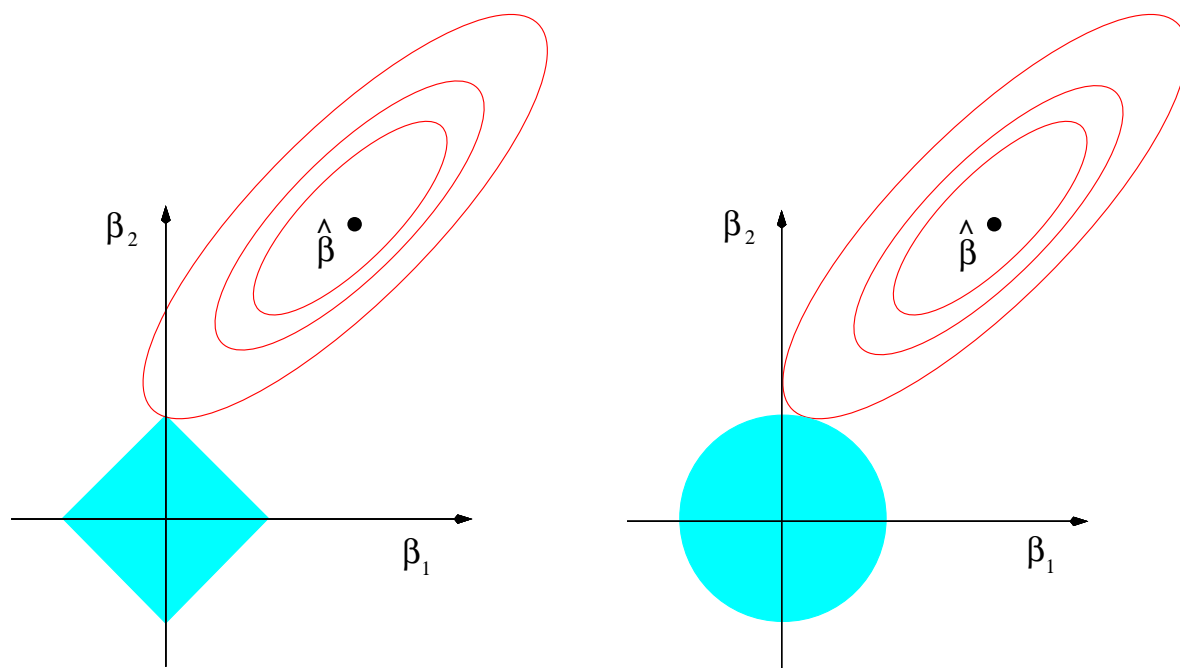


FIGURE 3.11. *Estimation picture for the lasso (left) and ridge regression (right). Shown are contours of the error and constraint functions. The solid blue areas are the constraint regions $|\beta_1| + |\beta_2| \leq t$ and $\beta_1^2 + \beta_2^2 \leq t^2$, respectively, while the red ellipses are the contours of the least squares error function.*

TABLE 3.4. Estimators of β_j in the case of orthonormal columns of \mathbf{X} . M and λ are constants chosen by the corresponding techniques; sign denotes the sign of its argument (± 1), and x_+ denotes “positive part” of x . Below the table, estimators are shown by broken red lines. The 45° line in gray shows the unrestricted estimate for reference.

Estimator	Formula
Best subset (size M)	$\hat{\beta}_j \cdot I[\text{rank}(\hat{\beta}_j \leq M)$
Ridge	$\hat{\beta}_j / (1 + \lambda)$
Lasso	$\text{sign}(\hat{\beta}_j)(\hat{\beta}_j - \lambda)_+$

