C1M6 peer reviewed

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1 Module 6: Peer Reviewed Assignment

1.0.1 Outline:

The objectives for this assignment:

- 1. Apply the processes of model selection with real datasets.
- 2. Understand why and how some problems are simpler to solve with some forms of model selection, and others are more difficult.
- 3. Be able to explain the balance between model power and simplicity.
- 4. Observe the difference between different model selection criterion.

General tips:

- 1. Read the questions carefully to understand what is being asked.
- 2. This work will be reviewed by another human, so make sure that you are clear and concise in what your explanations and answers.

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[1]: # This cell loads in the necesary packages
    library(tidyverse)
    library(leaps)
    library(ggplot2)
```

Attaching packages

tidyverse

1.3.0

```
      ggplot2
      3.3.0
      purrr
      0.3.4

      tibble
      3.0.1
      dplyr
      0.8.5

      tidyr
      1.0.2
      stringr
      1.4.0

      readr
      1.3.1
      forcats
      0.5.0
```

Conflicts

```
tidyverse_conflicts()
```

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dplyr::filter() masks stats::filter()
dplyr::lag() masks stats::lag()
```

1.1 Problem 1: We Need Concrete Evidence!

Ralphie is studying to become a civil engineer. That means she has to know everything about concrete, including what ingredients go in it and how they affect the concrete's properties. She's currently writting up a project about concrete flow, and has asked you to help her figure out which ingredients are the most important. Let's use our new model selection techniques to help Ralphie out!

Data Source: Yeh, I-Cheng, "Modeling slump flow of concrete using second-order regressions and artificial neural networks," Cement and Concrete Composites, Vol.29, No. 6, 474-480, 2007.

```
[2]: concrete.data = read.csv("Concrete.data")

concrete.data = concrete.data[, c(-1, -9, -11)]

names(concrete.data) = c("cement", "slag", "ash", "water", "sp", "course.agg", 
→"fine.agg", "flow")

head(concrete.data)
```

		cement	slag	ash	water	sp	course.agg	fine.agg	flow
		<dbl></dbl>	<dbl $>$	<dbl $>$	<dbl $>$	<dbl $>$	<dbl $>$	<dbl $>$	<dbl $>$
A data.frame: 6×8	1	273	82	105	210	9	904	680	62.0
	2	163	149	191	180	12	843	746	20.0
	3	162	148	191	179	16	840	743	20.0
	4	162	148	190	179	19	838	741	21.5
	5	154	112	144	220	10	923	658	64.0
	6	147	89	115	202	9	860	829	55.0

1.1.1 1. (a) Initial Inspections

Sometimes, the best way to start is to just jump in and mess around with the model. So let's do that. Create a linear model with flow as the response and all other columns as predictors.

Just by looking at the summary for your model, is there reason to believe that our model could be simpler?

```
[6]: # Your Code Here
full_model <- lm(data=concrete.data, flow~.)
summary(full_model)</pre>
```

Call:

lm(formula = flow ~ ., data = concrete.data)

Residuals:

```
Min 1Q Median 3Q Max -30.880 -10.428 1.815 9.601 22.953
```

Coefficients:

Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)

```
(Intercept) -252.87467 350.06649 -0.722
                                           0.4718
                                 0.477
cement
              0.05364
                         0.11236
                                          0.6342
             -0.00569
                         0.15638 -0.036
                                          0.9710
slag
                         0.11402
                                 0.536
ash
              0.06115
                                          0.5930
                                  2.074
water
              0.73180
                         0.35282
                                          0.0408 *
              0.29833
                         0.66263
                                  0.450
                                          0.6536
sp
              0.07366
                         0.13510
                                  0.545
                                          0.5869
course.agg
fine.agg
              0.09402
                         0.14191
                                  0.663
                                          0.5092
Signif. codes: 0 '*** 0.001 '** 0.01 '* 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' 1
Residual standard error: 12.84 on 95 degrees of freedom
Multiple R-squared: 0.5022, Adjusted R-squared: 0.4656
F-statistic: 13.69 on 7 and 95 DF, p-value: 3.915e-12
```

Given that many of the coefficients are not statistically significant at the 0.05 level, there is reason to believe that the model could be much simpler.

1.1.2 1. (b) Backwards Selection

Our model has 7 predictors. That is not too many, so we can use backwards selection to narrow them down to the most impactful.

Perform backwards selection on your model. You don't have to automate the backwards selection process.

```
[7]: # Your Code Here
mod <- update(full_model, .~.-slag)
summary(mod)
mod <- update(mod, .~.-sp)
summary(mod)</pre>
```

Call:

```
lm(formula = flow ~ cement + ash + water + sp + course.agg +
    fine.agg, data = concrete.data)
```

Residuals:

```
Min 1Q Median 3Q Max -30.843 -10.451 1.771 9.589 22.939
```

Coefficients:

```
0.31366
                          0.50874
                                    0.617 0.538997
sp
course.agg
               0.07849
                          0.02447
                                    3.207 0.001820 **
               0.09909
                          0.02644
                                    3.747 0.000305 ***
fine.agg
Signif. codes: 0 '***, 0.001 '**, 0.01 '*, 0.05 '., 0.1 ', 1
Residual standard error: 12.78 on 96 degrees of freedom
Multiple R-squared: 0.5022, Adjusted R-squared: 0.4711
F-statistic: 16.14 on 6 and 96 DF, p-value: 9.229e-13
Call:
lm(formula = flow ~ cement + ash + water + course.agg + fine.agg,
    data = concrete.data)
Residuals:
   Min
             1Q
                Median
                             3Q
                                    Max
-31.893 -10.125
                  1.773
                          9.559
                                 23.914
Coefficients:
              Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
(Intercept) -249.50866
                         48.90884 -5.102 1.67e-06 ***
                                    2.712 0.007909 **
cement
               0.05366
                          0.01979
                                    3.281 0.001436 **
ash
               0.06101
                          0.01859
                                    8.582 1.53e-13 ***
water
               0.72313
                          0.08426
               0.07291
                          0.02266
                                    3.217 0.001760 **
course.agg
               0.09554
                          0.02573
                                    3.714 0.000341 ***
fine.agg
Signif. codes: 0 '***, 0.001 '**, 0.01 '*, 0.05 '., 0.1 ', 1
Residual standard error: 12.74 on 97 degrees of freedom
Multiple R-squared: 0.5003, Adjusted R-squared: 0.4745
```

1.1.3 1. (c) Objection!

Stop right there! Think about what you just did. You just removed the "worst" features from your model. But we know that a model will become less powerful when we remove features so we should check that it's still just as powerful as the original model. Use a test to check whether the model at the end of backward selection is significantly different than the model with all the features.

Describe why we want to balance explanatory power with simplicity.

F-statistic: 19.42 on 5 and 97 DF, p-value: 2.36e-13

```
[12]: # Your Code Here
anova(full_model,mod)
```

		Res.Df	RSS	Df	Sum of Sq	\mathbf{F}	Pr(>F)
A anova: 2×6		<dbl></dbl>	<dbl $>$	<dbl $>$	<dbl $>$	<dbl $>$	<dbl $>$
	1	95	15671.26	NA	NA	NA	NA
	2	97	15733.53	-2	-62.27123	0.1887457	0.8283068

The output from ANOVA for comparing the two models result in an F-statistic of 0.1888, with a p-value of approximately 0.83, indicating that the two models are not significantly different. Therefore, the excluded variables add no explanatory power to the model, and the reduced model should be preferred.

1.1.4 1. (d) Checking our Model

Ralphie is nervous about her project and wants to make sure our model is correct. She's found a function called regsubsets() in the leaps package which allows us to see which subsets of arguments produce the best combinations. Ralphie wrote up the code for you and the documentation for the function can be found here. For each of the subsets of features, calculate the AIC, BIC and adjusted R^2 . Plot the results of each criterion, with the score on the y-axis and the number of features on the x-axis.

Do all of the criterion agree on how many features make the best model? Explain why the criterion will or will not always agree on the best model.

Hint: It may help to look at the attributes stored within the regsubsets summary using names(rs).

```
reg = regsubsets(flow ~ cement+slag+ash+water+sp+course.agg+fine.agg+flow, □
→data=concrete.data, nvmax=6)

rs = summary(reg)

rs$which

# Your Code Here

aic <- 2*(rowSums(rs$which))+nrow(concrete.data)*log(rs$rss/nrow(concrete.data))

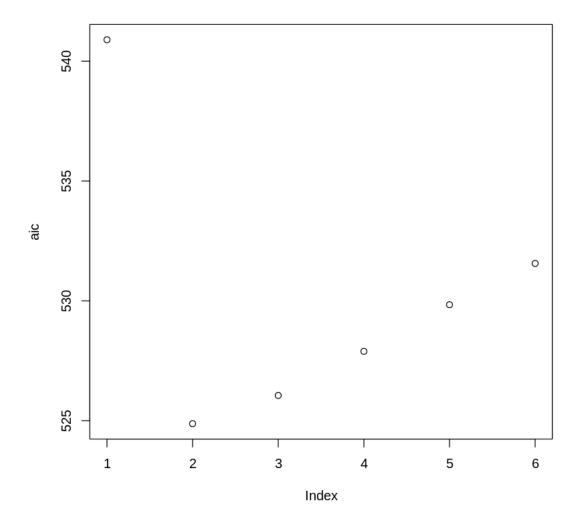
plot(aic,ylab="aic")

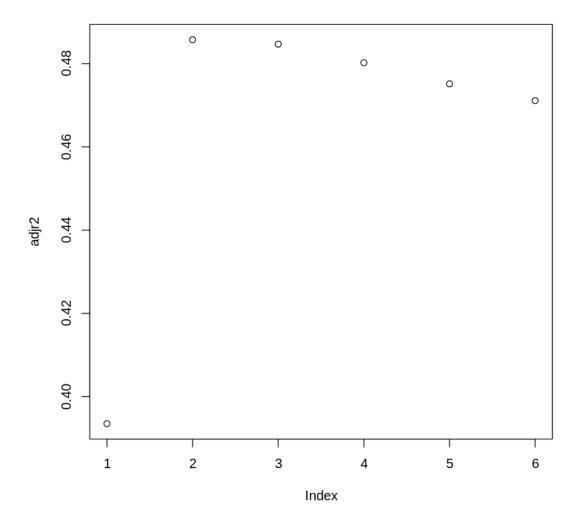
plot(rs$adjr2,ylab="adjr2")

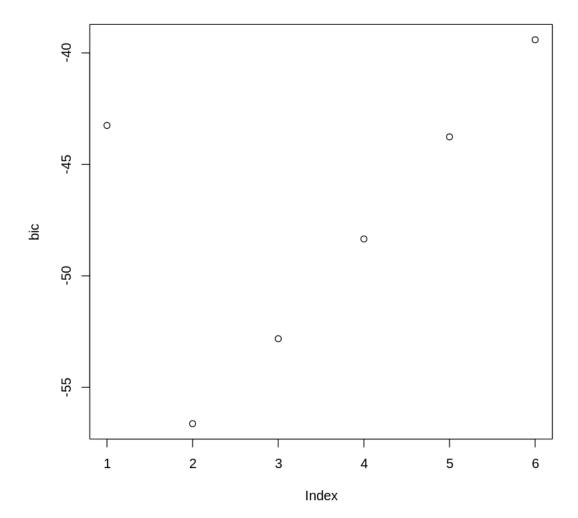
plot(rs$bic,ylab="bic")
```

Warning message in model.matrix.default(terms(formula, data = data), mm):
"the response appeared on the right-hand side and was dropped"
Warning message in model.matrix.default(terms(formula, data = data), mm):
"problem with term 8 in model.matrix: no columns are assigned"

		(Intercept)	cement	slag	ash	water	sp	course.agg	fine.agg
A matrix: 6×8 of type lgl	1	TRUE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	TRUE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE
	2	TRUE	FALSE	TRUE	FALSE	TRUE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE
	3	TRUE	FALSE	TRUE	FALSE	TRUE	FALSE	FALSE	TRUE
	4	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	FALSE	TRUE	FALSE	FALSE	TRUE
	5	TRUE	FALSE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	FALSE	TRUE	TRUE
	6	TRUE	TRUE	FALSE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE







In this case, the three criterion agree on the selected model. This is not necessarily always the case since, the formula for computing each metric is different. For instance, in AIC, the number of number of observations does not enter the term for penalizing the criterion regarding the number of used parameters, whereas in the BIC, the number of observations enters in the computation to penalize the number of used parameters.