

Hinging Hyperplane Regression

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- There has been a large activity during the past years in the field of nonlinear function approximation. Many interesting results have been reported in connection with, for example the projection pursuit regression in neural network and the recent wavelets approach .These methods are closely related to the hinging hyperplane HH model investigated here.

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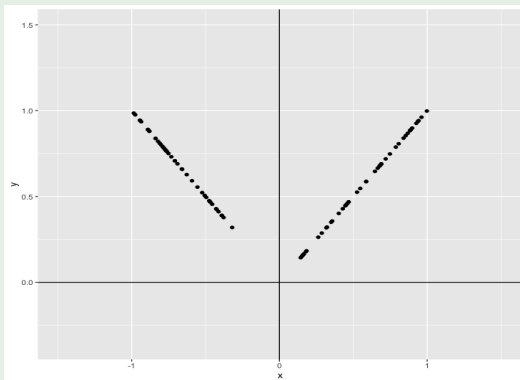
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- 7 Now, let at k -th step we get $\Delta^{(k)}$ as our updated hinge. We find $\cos(\Delta^{(k)}, \Delta^{(k-1)})$. If it becomes ≥ 0.99 we stop otherwise we go to step **2** and continue our process.

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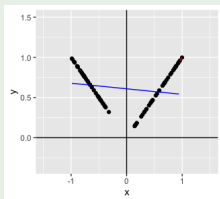
Suppose in a 2 dimensional space a hinge function $y = h(\mathbf{x})$ exists and we have the observations $(y_1, x_1), \dots, (y_n, x_n)$ from $y = |x|$. Upon plotting in 2D let the data set looks like:



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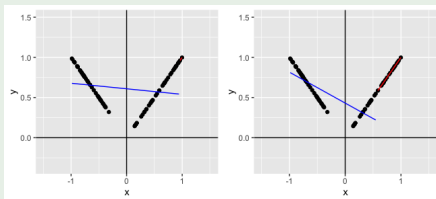
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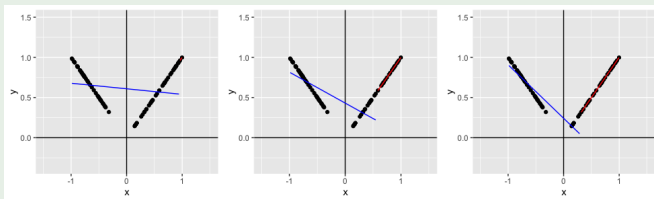
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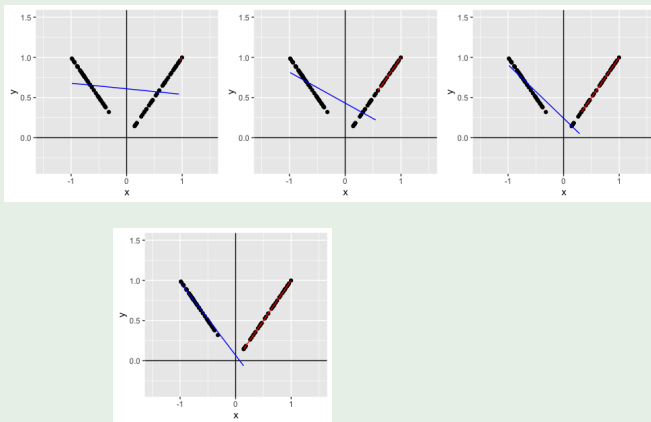
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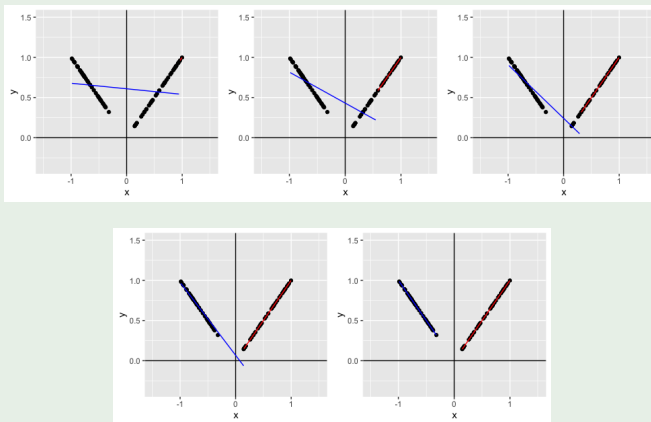


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Theorem: Convergence of Multiple Hinge Algorithm

Let P be any measure with compact support on E^M and $f(x)$ any sufficiently smooth function. Let $\tilde{f}(w)$ be the Fourier transformation of $f(x)$. If support of P contained in the sphere of radius R , and if

$$\int ||w||^2 |f(w)| dw = c < \infty,$$

then there are hinge h_1, h_2, \dots, h_K such that

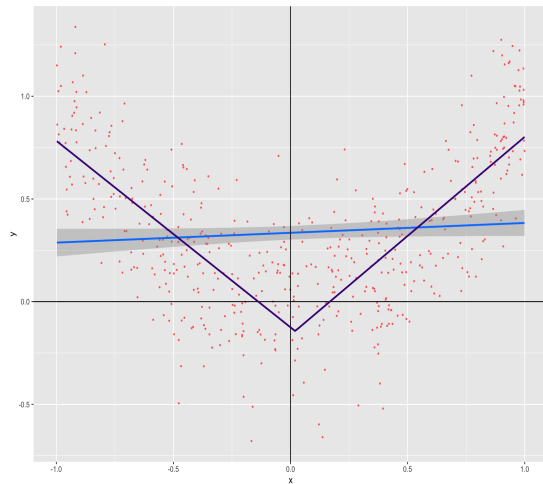
$$\left\| f - \sum_{i=1}^K h_i \right\|^2 \leq \frac{(2R)^4 c^2}{K}$$

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$$y = x^2 + \epsilon, \epsilon \sim N(0, 1/4)$$

Fit ■ Hinge ■ Linear



• SLR solution:

$$\hat{y} = \begin{pmatrix} 0.335 \\ 0.047 \end{pmatrix}^T \cdot \mathbf{x}$$

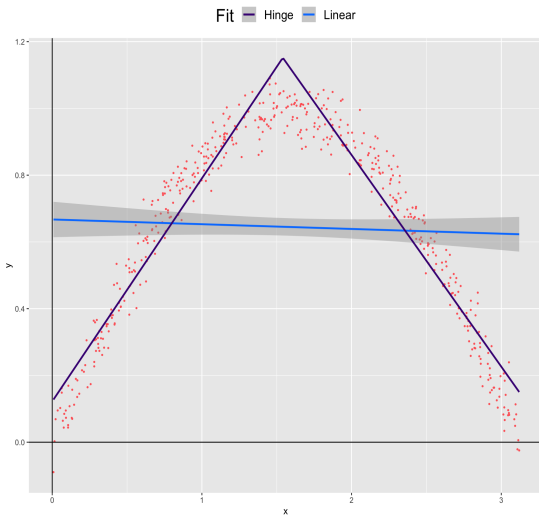
$$RSS = 70.80669$$

• HHR solution:

$$\hat{y} = \max \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} -0.125 \\ -0.908 \end{pmatrix}^T \cdot \mathbf{x}, \begin{pmatrix} -0.162 \\ 0.964 \end{pmatrix}^T \cdot \mathbf{x} \right\}$$

$$RSS = 33.659$$

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$$\hat{y} = \begin{pmatrix} 0.667 \\ -0.014 \end{pmatrix}^T \cdot \mathbf{x}$$

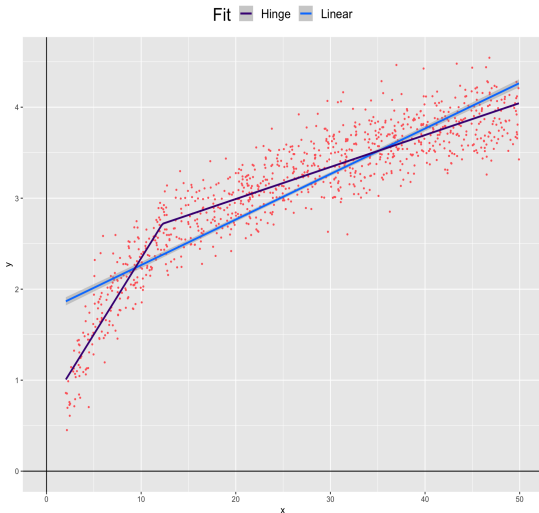
$$RSS = 44.10121$$

- HHR solution:

$$\hat{y} = \min \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0.122 \\ 0.668 \end{pmatrix}^T \cdot \mathbf{x}, \begin{pmatrix} 2.128 \\ -0.634 \end{pmatrix}^T \cdot \mathbf{x} \right\}$$

$$RSS = 3.33$$

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$$\hat{y} = \begin{pmatrix} 1.764 \\ 0.050 \end{pmatrix}^T \cdot \mathbf{x}$$

$$RSS = 122.452$$

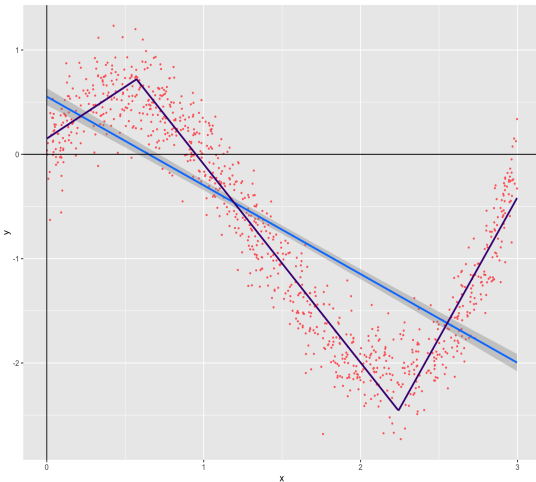
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$$\hat{y} = \min \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0.660 \\ 0.167 \end{pmatrix}^T \cdot \mathbf{x}, \begin{pmatrix} 2.287 \\ 0.035 \end{pmatrix}^T \cdot \mathbf{x} \right\}$$

$$RSS = 66.72372$$

$$y = x(x - 1)(x - 3) + \epsilon, \epsilon \sim N(0, 1/4)$$

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$$\hat{y} = \begin{pmatrix} 0.5529 \\ -0.8506 \end{pmatrix}^T \cdot \mathbf{x}$$

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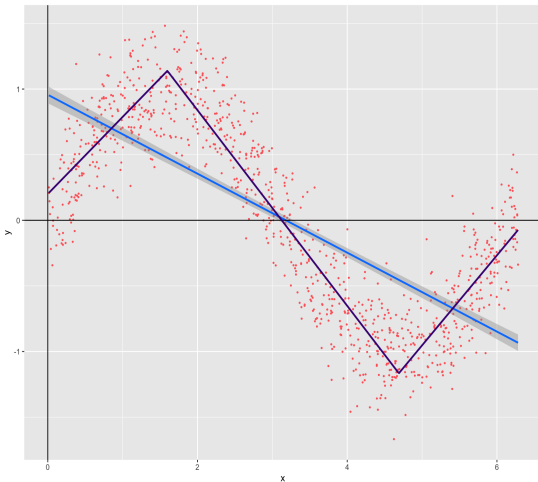
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$$\hat{y} = \min \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} -0.538 \\ 1.772 \end{pmatrix}^T \cdot \mathbf{x}, \begin{pmatrix} 1.118 \\ -1.124 \end{pmatrix}^T \cdot \mathbf{x} \right\} + \max \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0.689 \\ -0.778 \end{pmatrix}^T \cdot \mathbf{x}, \begin{pmatrix} -9.619 \\ 3.821 \end{pmatrix}^T \cdot \mathbf{x} \right\}$$

$$RSS = 73.407$$

$$y = \sin(x) + \epsilon, \epsilon \sim N(0, 1/4), x \in [0, 2\pi]$$

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$$\hat{y} = \begin{pmatrix} 0.956 \\ -0.301 \end{pmatrix}^T \cdot \mathbf{x}$$

$$RSS = 259.7786$$

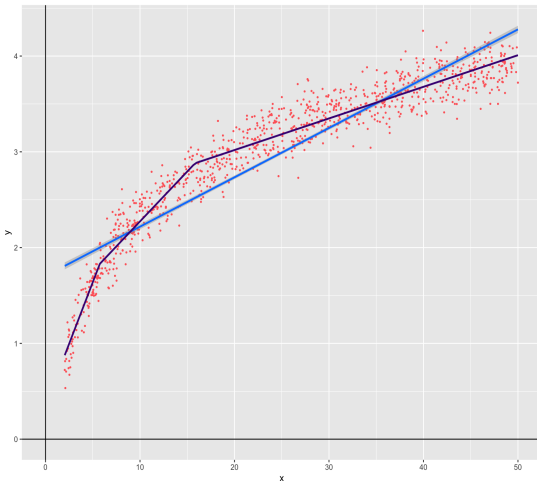
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$$\hat{y} = \min \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} -0.206 \\ 0.827 \end{pmatrix}^T \cdot \mathbf{x}, \begin{pmatrix} 1.867 \\ -0.505 \end{pmatrix}^T \cdot \mathbf{x} \right\} \\ + \max \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0.462 \\ -0.240 \end{pmatrix}^T \cdot \mathbf{x}, \begin{pmatrix} -6.250 \\ 1.191 \end{pmatrix}^T \cdot \mathbf{x} \right\}$$

$$RSS = 70.15768$$

$$y = \log(x) + \epsilon, \epsilon \sim N(0, 1/6)$$

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$$\hat{y} = \begin{pmatrix} 0.317 \\ 0.20 \end{pmatrix}^T \cdot \mathbf{x}$$

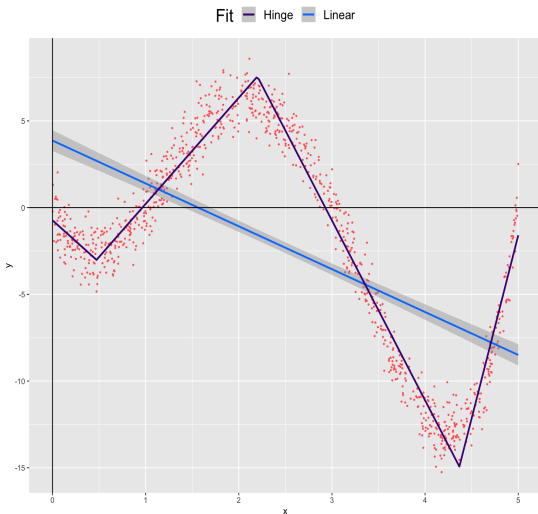
$$RSS = 71.693$$

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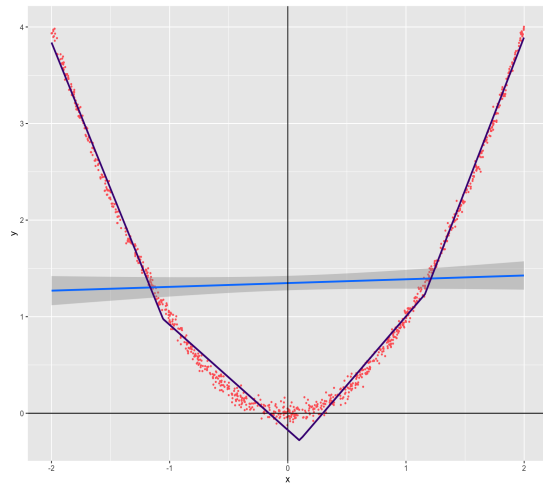
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$$RSS = 10.17562$$

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The Hessian

$$\nabla^2 V_N = \begin{bmatrix} \sum_{\mathbf{x}_i \in S_+} \mathbf{x}_i \mathbf{x}_i^T & 0 \\ 0 & \sum_{\mathbf{x}_i \in S_-} \mathbf{x}_i \mathbf{x}_i^T \end{bmatrix}$$

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- Notice that using Newton-Raphson we get the same update for $\beta^{(k)}$ as we got in case of HFA

Damped Newton-Raphson to update

In damped Newton-Raphson we modify the step length and take relatively small step size

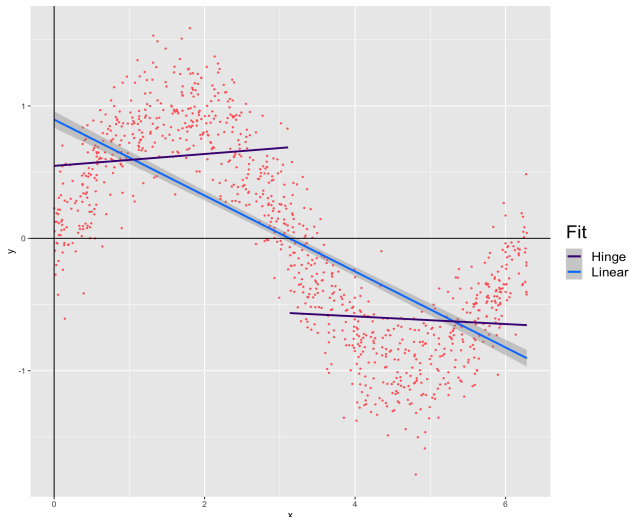
$$\beta^{(k+1)} = \beta^{(k)} + \mu(\beta_{Br}^{(k)} - \beta^{(k)})$$

we will take μ to be $1, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{8}, \frac{1}{16} \dots$ and make step size small so that the method converge.

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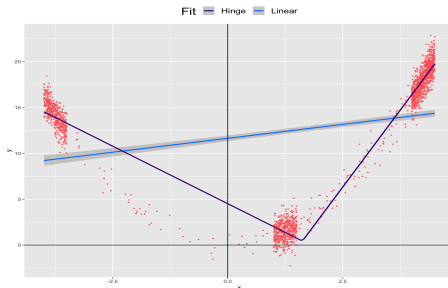
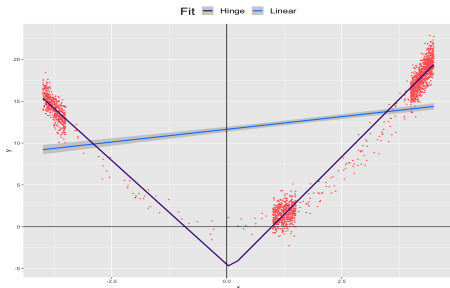
Futility: Convergence problem with any initial hinge



Example

- Here we have simulated data from $\{x, \sin(x) + \epsilon\}$
- If we take our initial hinge at $x = \pi$, this HFA will never converge
- Breiman's algorithm of finding hinge fails here

Futility: Unstable Hinge Positions



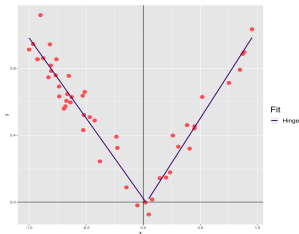
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- Suppose we have data from $\{x, x^2 + \epsilon\}$ and it is non-uniform over the intervals
- Then we get different convergent points. Hence the hinge becomes unstable.

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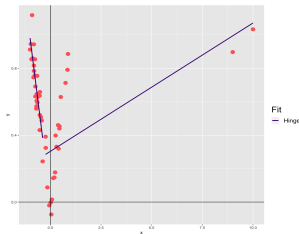
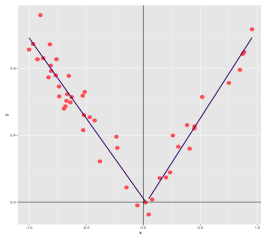
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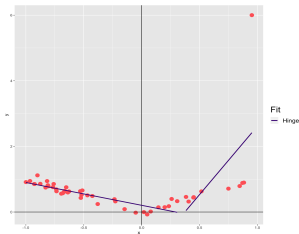
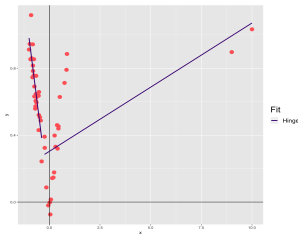
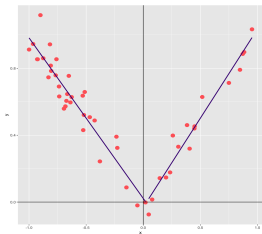
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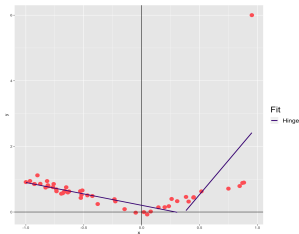
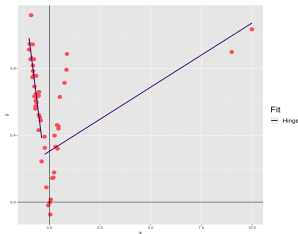
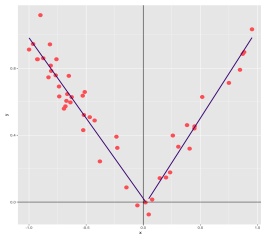
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Reason

We know that SLR is sensitive to outliers. As we are doing SLR in the partitioned sets in HHR, HHR becomes sensitive to outliers

- This method is computationally intensive
- Breiman's algorithm may lead to singularity problem on intermediate steps of HHR and may not converge

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