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## Bayesian Statistics and Data Analysis Lecture 8b

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Mean squared (prediction) error (MSE)

$$MSE = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} [y_i - E(\tilde{y}_i|y)]^2.$$

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$$= log \int p(y|\theta)p(\theta|y)d\theta$$



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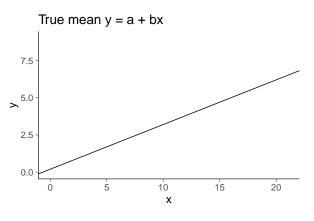
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$$elpd_{loo} = lpd + p_{loo}$$

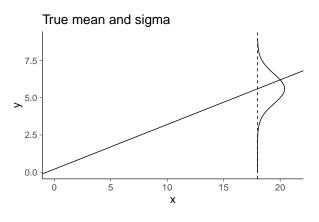


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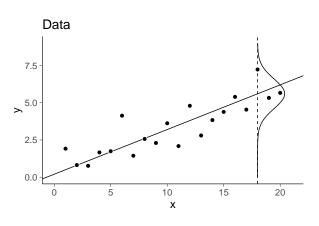


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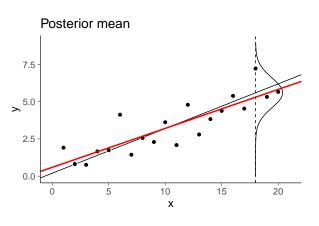


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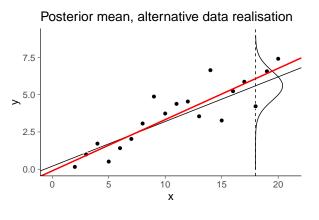


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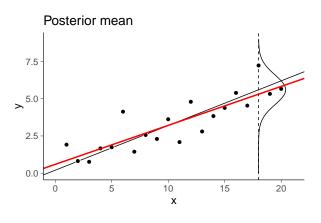


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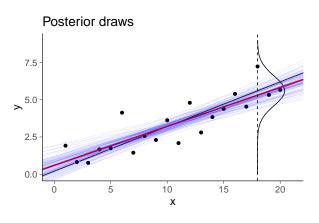


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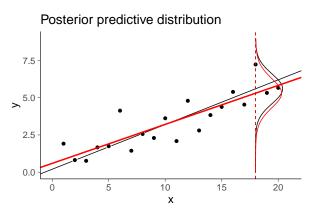


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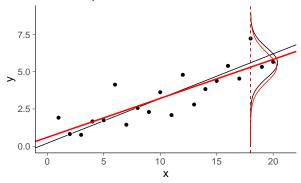
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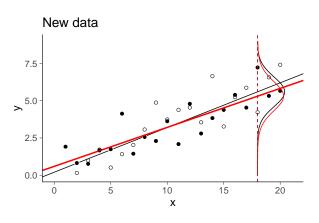
#### Posterior predictive distribution



$$p(\tilde{y}|\tilde{x}=18,x,y) = \int p(\tilde{y}|\tilde{x}=18,\theta)p(\theta|x,y)d\theta$$

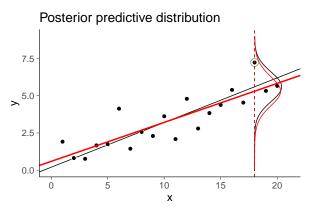


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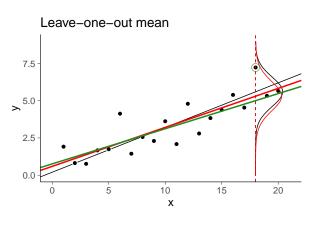


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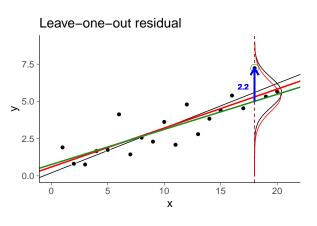


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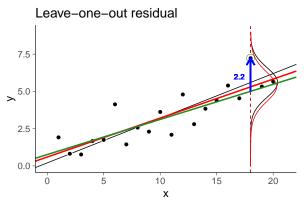
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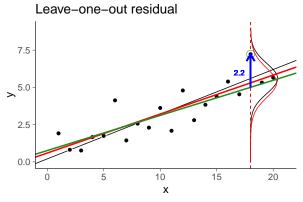
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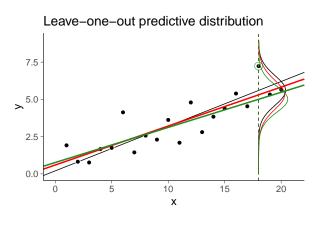


$$y_{18} - E[p(\tilde{y}|\tilde{x}=18, x_{-18}, y_{-18})]$$

Can be use to compute, e.g., RMSE, R<sup>2</sup>, 90% error

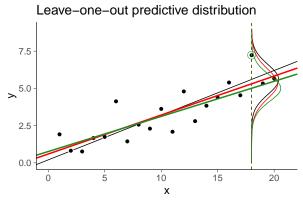


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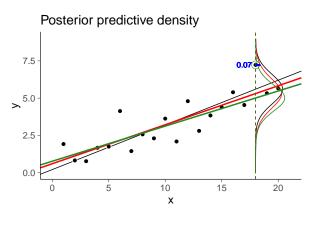
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$$p(\tilde{y}|\tilde{x} = 18, x_{-18}, y_{-18}) = \int p(\tilde{y}|\tilde{x} = 18, \theta)p(\theta|x_{-18}, y_{-18})d\theta$$

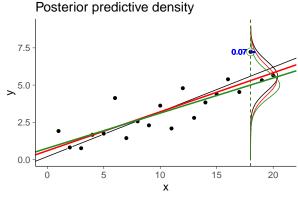


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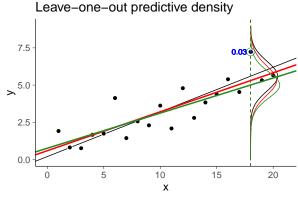
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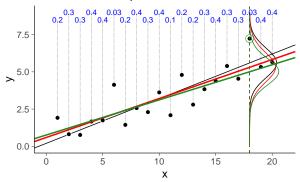
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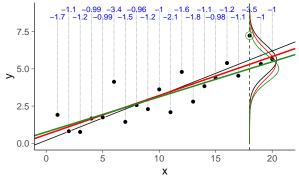


$$p(y_i|x_i,x_{-i},y_{-i}), \quad i=1,\ldots,20$$



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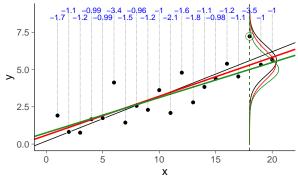
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 $\log p(y_i|x_i,x_{-i},y_{-i}), \quad i=1,\ldots,20$ 



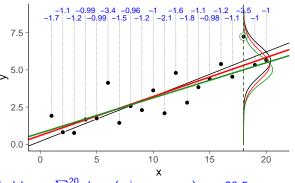
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$$\sum_{i=1}^{20} \log p(y_i|x_i, x_{-i}, y_{-i}) \approx -29.5$$



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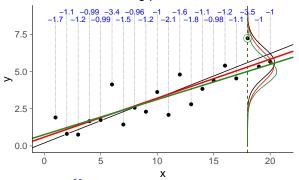


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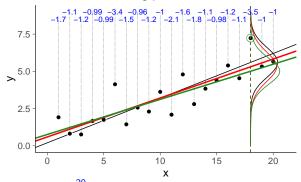


elpd\_loo =  $\sum_{i=1}^{20} \log p(y_i|x_i,x_{-i},y_{-i}) \approx -29.5$ unbiased estimate of log posterior pred. density for new data



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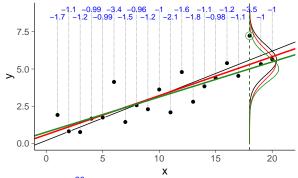
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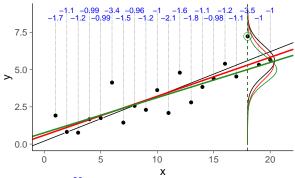


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elpd\_loo = 
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$$\mathsf{SE} = \mathsf{sd}(\log p(y_i|x_i, x_{-i}, y_{-i})) \cdot \sqrt{20} \approx 3.3$$



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## Stan and loo package

Computed from 4000 by 20 log-likelihood matrix

 $\begin{array}{ccc} & \text{Estimate} & \text{SE} \\ \text{elpd\_loo} & -29.5 & 3.3 \\ \text{p\_loo} & 2.7 & 1.0 \end{array}$ 

Monte Carlo SE of elpd\_loo is 0.1.

Pareto k diagnostic values:

		Count	Pct.	win.	n_eff
(-Inf, 0.5]	(good)	18	90.0%	899	
(0.5, 0.7]	(ok)	2	10.0%	459	
(0.7, 1]	(bad)	0	0.0%	<NA $>$	
(1, Inf)	(very bad)	0	0.0%	<NA $>$	

All Pareto k estimates are ok (k < 0.7). See help('pareto-k-diagnostic') for details.



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#### Pro and cons with LOO-CV

- + Intuitive
- + Robust
- + Good theoretical properties



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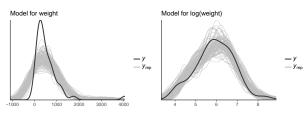
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- Can be costly (naive LOO-CV mean *n* posterior computations)



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Posterior predictive checking can be sufficient



Predicting the yields of mesquite bushes.

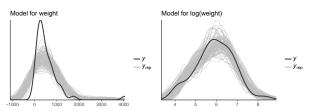
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 In nested case, often easier and more accurate to analyse posterior distribution of more complex model directly



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# Data generating mechanisms and prediction tasks

1. You have to make some assumptions on data generating mechanism  $p_{\text{true}}$ 

$$\mathsf{elpd}_M = \int \mathsf{log}\, p_M(\boldsymbol{\tilde{y}}|y) p_\mathsf{true}(\boldsymbol{\tilde{y}}) d\boldsymbol{\tilde{y}}\,,$$

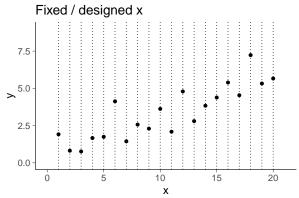
- 2. Use the knowledge of the prediction task if available
- 3. Cross-validation can be used to analyse different parts, even if there is no clear prediction task



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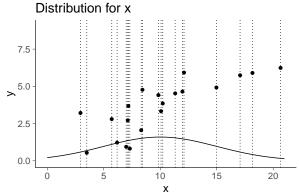


LOO is ok for fixed / designed x:  $p_{true}(y|x)$ 



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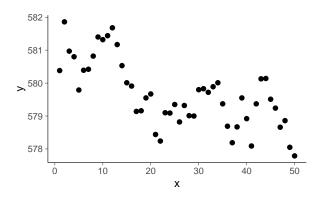


LOO is ok for random x.  $p_{true}(y, x)$ 



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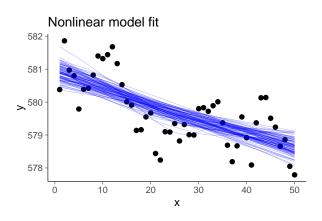




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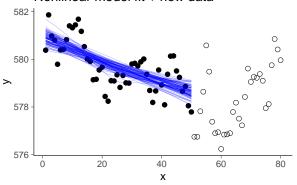




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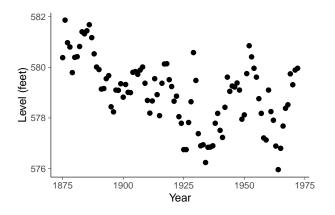


Extrapolation is more difficult



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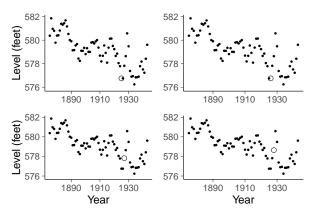
 $p_{\text{true}}$  for time series?



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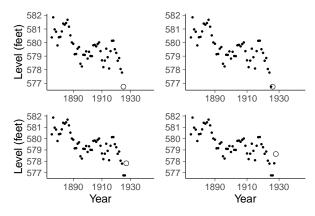


Leave-one-out cross-validation is ok for assessing conditional model



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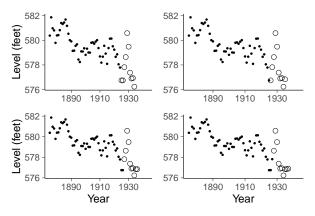
Leave-future-out cross-validation is better for predicting future



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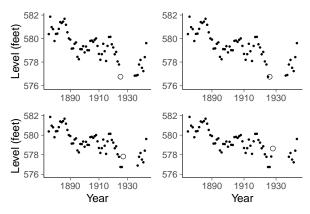


m-step-ahead cross-validation is better for predicting further future



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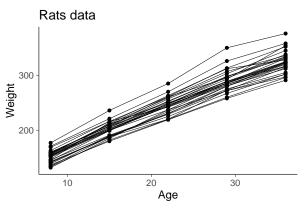


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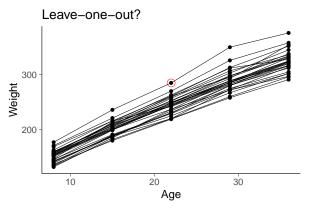


Can LOO or other cross-validation be used with hierarchical data?



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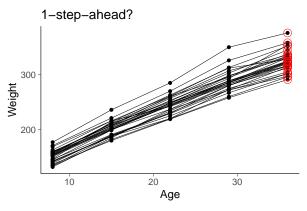




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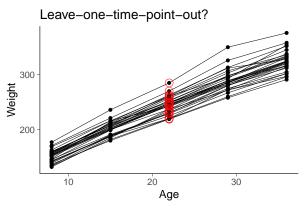




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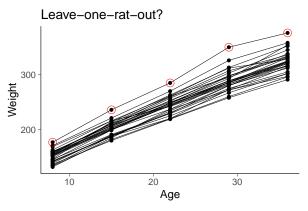




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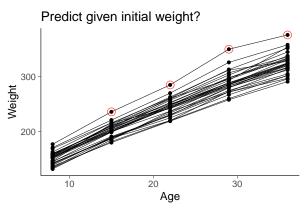
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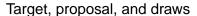
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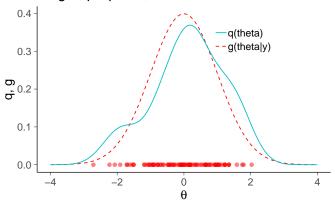
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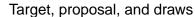


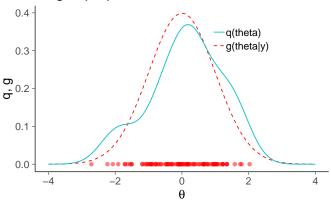


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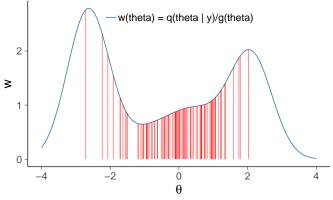


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## Draws and importance weights



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# Importance sampling for LOO-CV

• Let  $f = p(\tilde{y}_i|y_{-i})$ ,  $g = p(\theta|y)$ , and  $q = p(\theta|y_{-i})$ 



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- Let  $f = p(\tilde{y}_i|y_{-i})$ ,  $g = p(\theta|y)$ , and  $q = p(\theta|y_{-i})$
- Having samples  $\theta^s$  from  $p(\theta^s|y)$

$$p(\tilde{y}_i|y_{-i}) pprox rac{\sum_{s=1}^{S} p(\tilde{y}_i|\theta^s)w_i^s}{\sum_{s=1}^{S} w_i^s},$$

where  $w_i^s$  are importance weights and

$$w_i^s = \frac{p(\theta^s|y_{-i})}{p(\theta^s|y)}.$$



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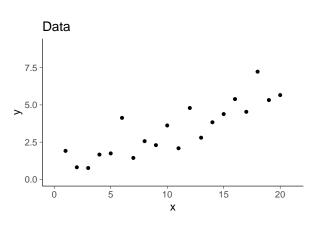
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and

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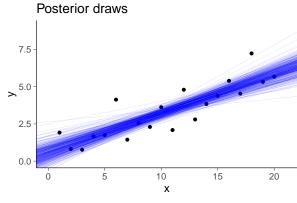


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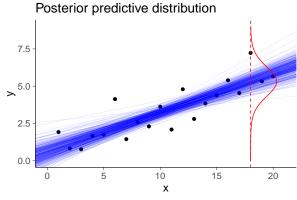


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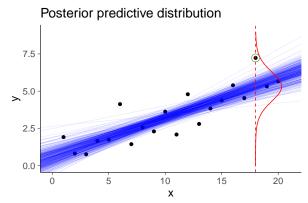
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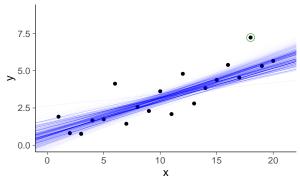


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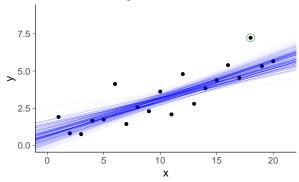
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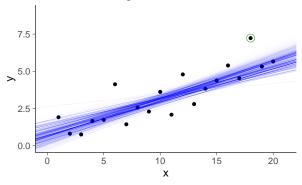
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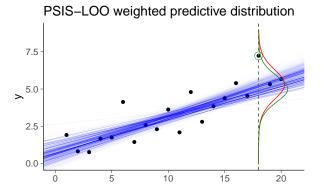
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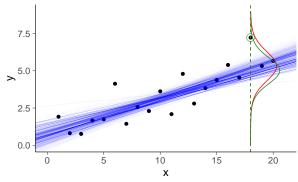
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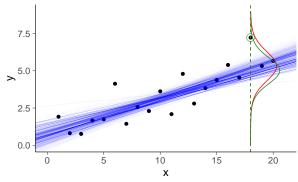
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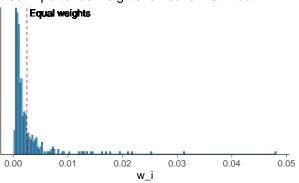
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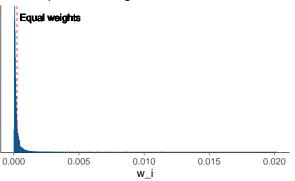
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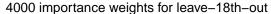
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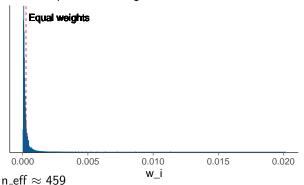
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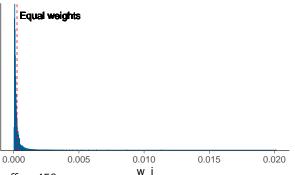


see Vehtari, Gelman & Gabry (2017b)



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 $n\_eff \approx 459$ 

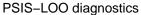
Pareto  $\hat{k} \approx 0.52$ 

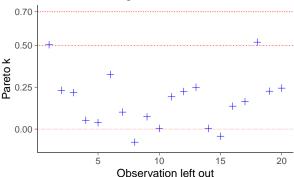
1. Pareto  $\hat{k}$  estimates the tail shape which determines the convergence rate of PSIS. Less than 0.7 is ok.

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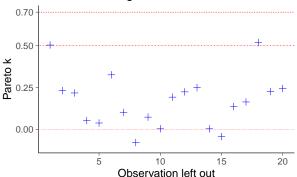






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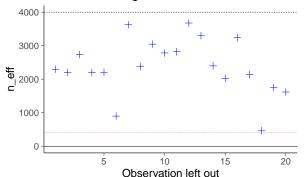
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# loo package

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  v ~ normal(mu, sigma);
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  vector[N] log_lik;
  for (i in 1:N)
    log_lik[i] = normal_lpdf(y[i] | mu[i], sigma);
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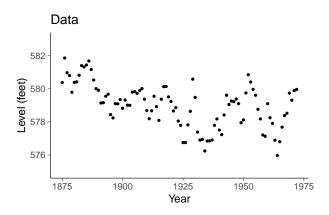
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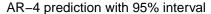
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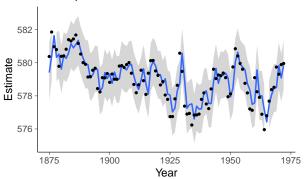




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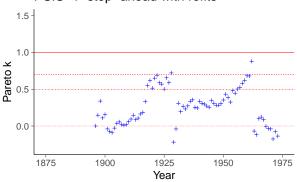
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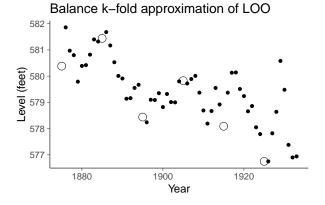
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### K-fold cross-validation

- 1. K-fold cross-validation can approximate LOO
  - 1.1 all uses for LOO
- 2. K-fold cross-validation can be used for hierarchical models
  - 2.1 good for leave-one-group-out
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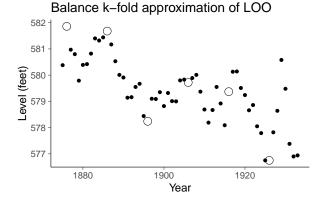


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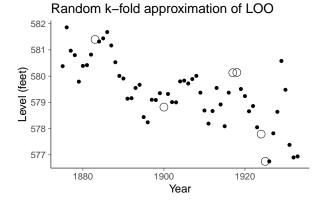


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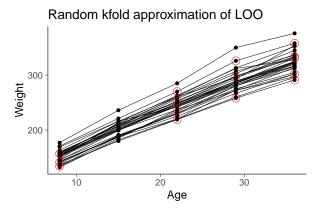


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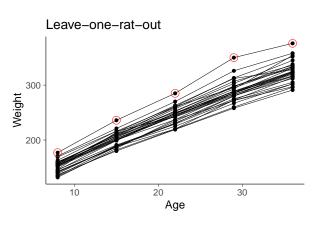


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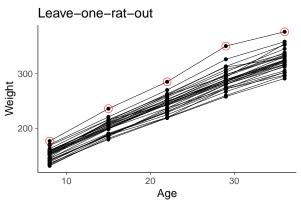


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- Also useful in model checking in similar way as posterior predictive checking (PPC)
  - 2.1 model misspecification diagnostics (e.g. Pareto-*k* and p\_loo)
  - 2.2 checking calibration of leave-one-out predictive posteriors (ppc\_loo\_pit in bayesplot)

see demos avehtari.github.io/modelselection/



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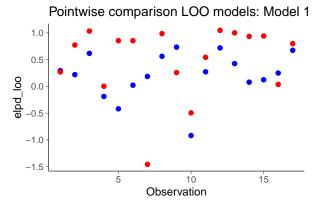
# Model comparison

- "A popular hypothesis has it that primates with larger brains produce more energetic milk, so that brains can grow quickly" (from Statistical Rethinking)
  - 1.1 Model 1: formula = kcal.per.g  $\sim$  neocortex
  - 1.2 Model 2: formula = kcal.per.g  $\sim$  neocortex + log(mass)

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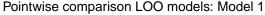
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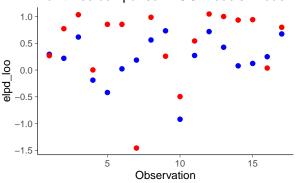




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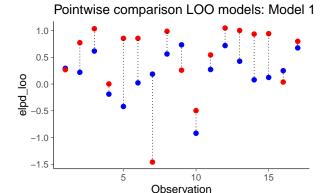


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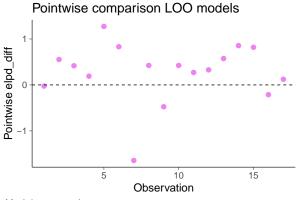
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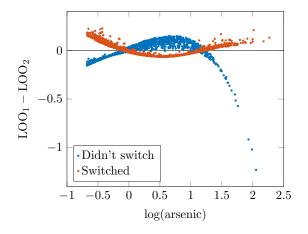
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elpd\_diff se 4.7 2.7



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An estimated difference in  $\mathrm{elpd}_{\mathrm{loo}}$  of 16.4 with SE of 4.4.

see Vehtari, Gelman & Gabry (2017a)



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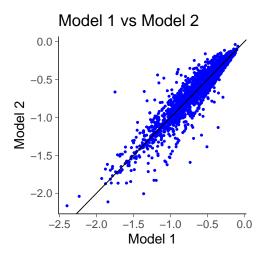
- Probability of switching well with high arsenic level in rural Bangladesh
  - 1.1 Model 1 covariates: log(arsenic) and distance
  - 1.2 Model 2 covariates: log(arsenic), distance and education level

Gelman, Hill & Vehtari (2020): Regression and Other Stories, Chapter 13.



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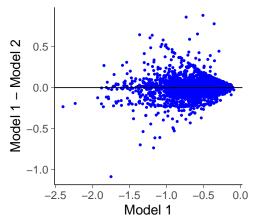
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### Model 1 vs Model 2



 $\begin{array}{cccc} \text{model2} & 0.0 & 0.0 \\ \text{model1} & -14.4 & 6.1 \end{array}$ 

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> loo_compare(model1, model2)
elpd_diff se_diff
model2 0.0 0.0
model1 -14.4 6.1
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se\_diff and normal approximation for the uncertainty in the difference is good only if models are well specified and the number of observations is relatively big (more details in a forthcoming article).



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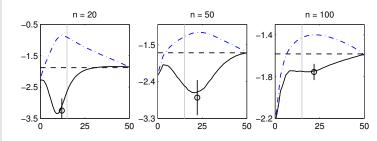
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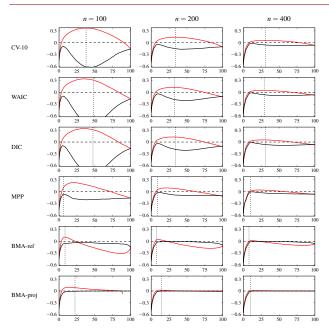


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- 1. AIC uses maximum likelihood estimate for prediction
- 2. DIC uses posterior mean for prediction
- 3. BIC is an approximation for marginal likelihood
- 4. TIC, NIC, RIC, PIC, BPIC, QIC, AICc, ...



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