Machine learning Part 2

Dimensionality reduction & cross-validation

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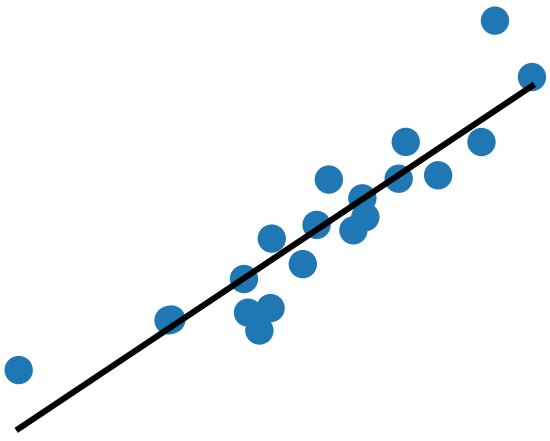

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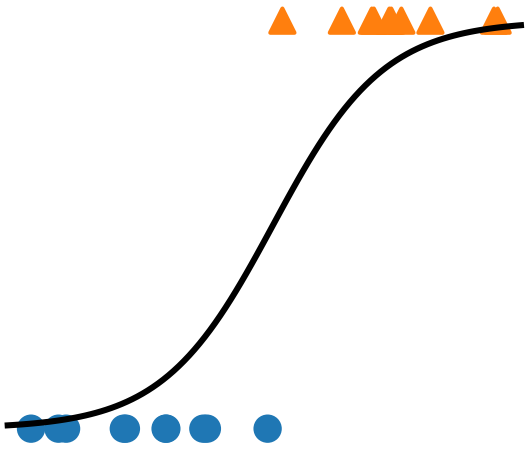

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Don’t remember? watch Part 1 again!

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- f: the function we try to approximate

Example: linear regression

$$Y = \beta_0 + \langle X, \beta \rangle + E \tag{2}$$

$$= \beta_0 + \sum_{j=1}^{p} X_j \, \beta_j + E \tag{3}$$

"learning" = estimating $\beta_0 \in \mathbb{R}$ and $\beta \in \mathbb{R}^p$

How to estimate parameters: Empirical Risk Minimization

Given n training examples $\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times p}$, $\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^n$,
find $\hat{\beta}_0 \in \mathbb{R}, \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} \in \mathbb{R}^p$
that minimize the empirical risk:

$$\|\mathbf{y} - \hat{\mathbf{y}}\|_2^2 = \|\mathbf{y} - \hat{\beta}_0 - \mathbf{X}\,\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}\|_2^2 \tag{4}$$

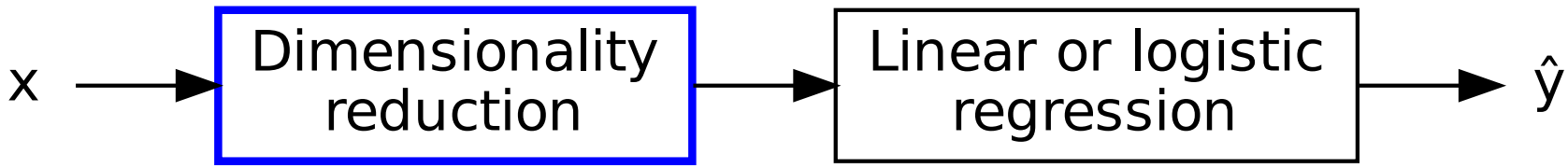
$$= \sum_{i=1}^{n} (\mathbf{y}_i - \hat{\beta}_0 - \sum_{j=1}^{p} \mathbf{X}_{ij}\,\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_j)^2 \tag{5}$$

"Fitting" the parameters to $\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{y}$.

Dimensionality reduction

Until now

Add a step in the pipeline: simplifying the inputs



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$$\hat{\mathbf{y}} = \hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_1 \mathbf{X}_{:,1} + \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_2 \mathbf{X}_{:,1} + \cdots + \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_p \mathbf{X}_{:,p} \tag{6}$$

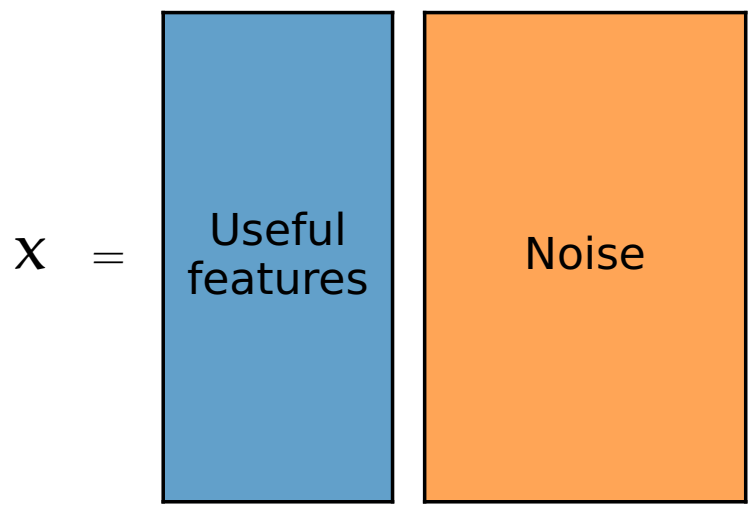
Problems when the number of features p becomes large

- Bigger errors on test data (larger variance of predictions)
- Numerical stability issues
- Computational cost and memory usage

Simulated data for linear regression

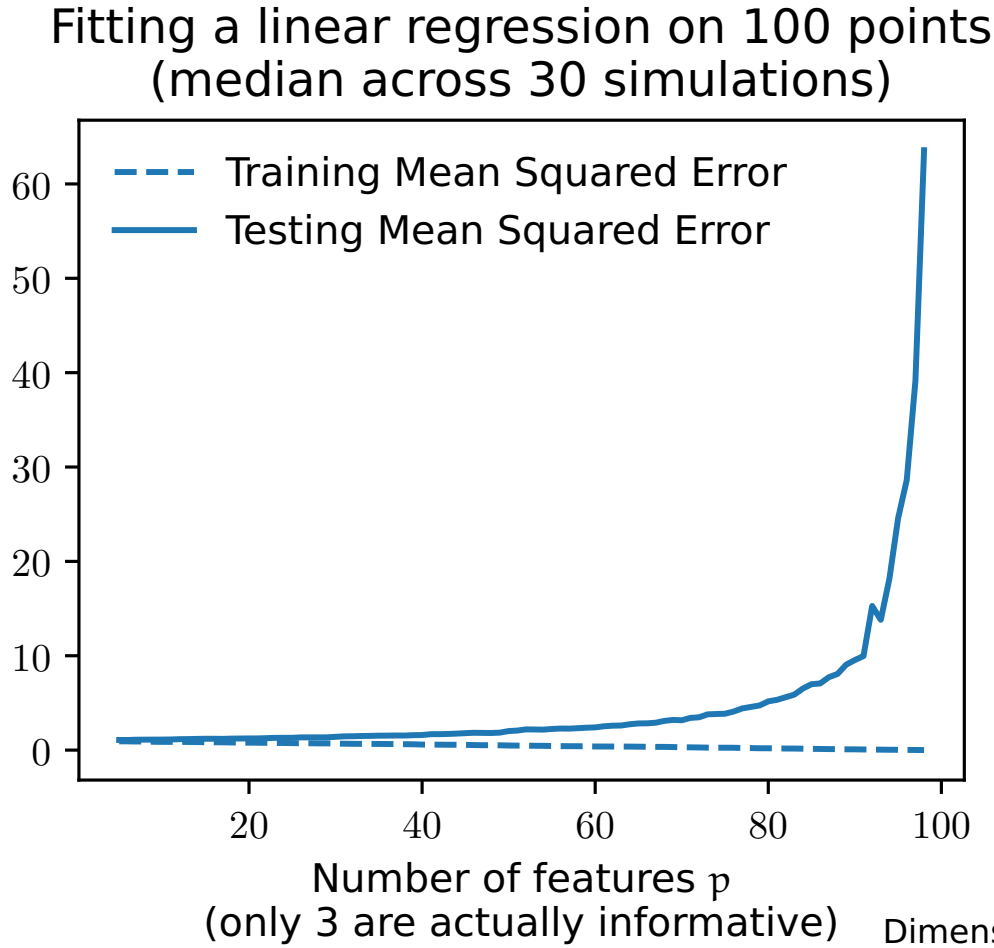
- Generate $\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times 3}$, $\boldsymbol{\beta} \in \mathbb{R}^3$, $\boldsymbol{e} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and $\boldsymbol{y} = \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta} + \boldsymbol{e} \in \mathrm{R}^n$
- Append columns containing random noise to $\mathbf{X}$
- Now $\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times p}$, with $p \geqslant 3$, but only the first 3 columns are linked with $\boldsymbol{y}$
- Split into training and testing tests and evaluate a linear regression model: what happens when p becomes large?

See `sklearn.datasets.make_regression` for generating data



Model complexity: overfitting

- Model complexity increases with dimension.
- Example: a linear model in dimension p can fit exactly (0 training error) any set of $p + 1$ points.
- Risk of overfitting: fitting exactly training data but failing on test data



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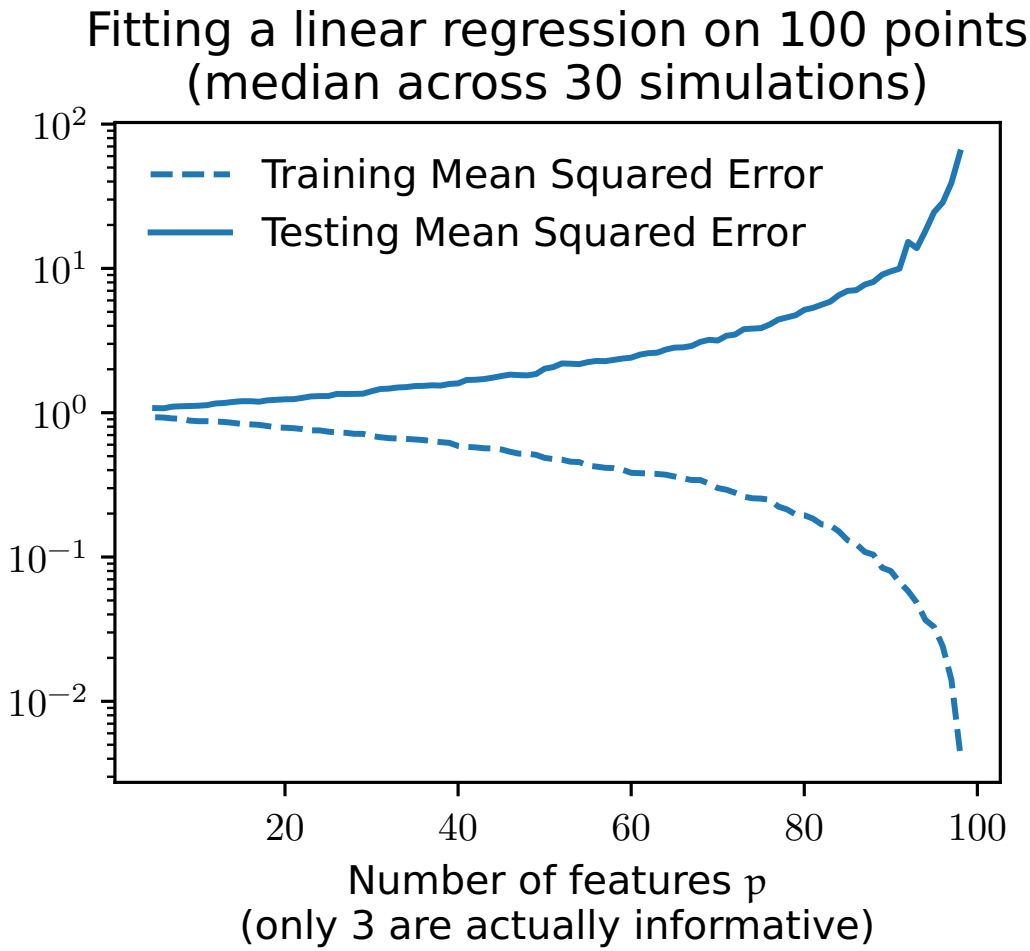
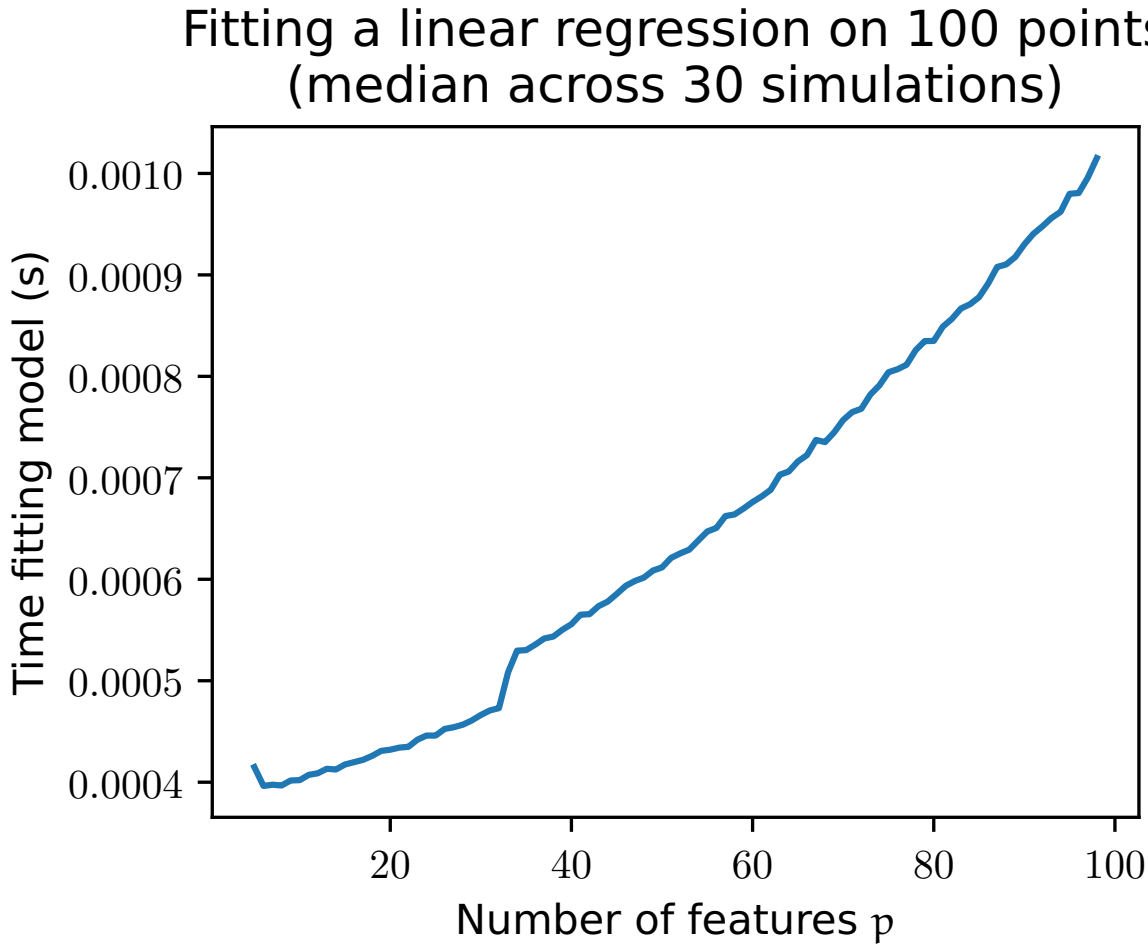


Cost of fitting many parameters

- Many algorithms require polynomial time in p
- Implementations often make copies of the design matrix (e.g. for centering & rescaling)



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Simple (linear) association criteria

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Read more in the scikit-learn user guide

https://scikit-learn.org/stable/modules/feature_selection.html#feature-selection

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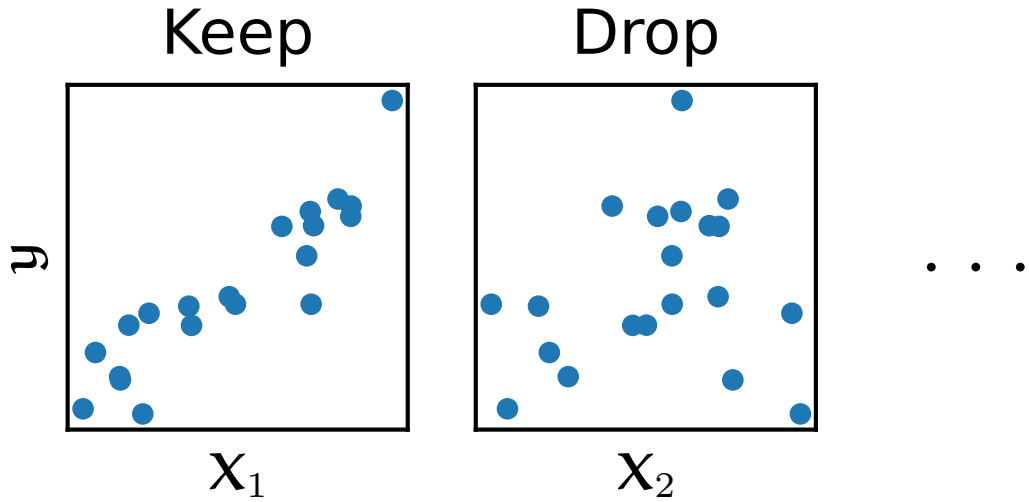
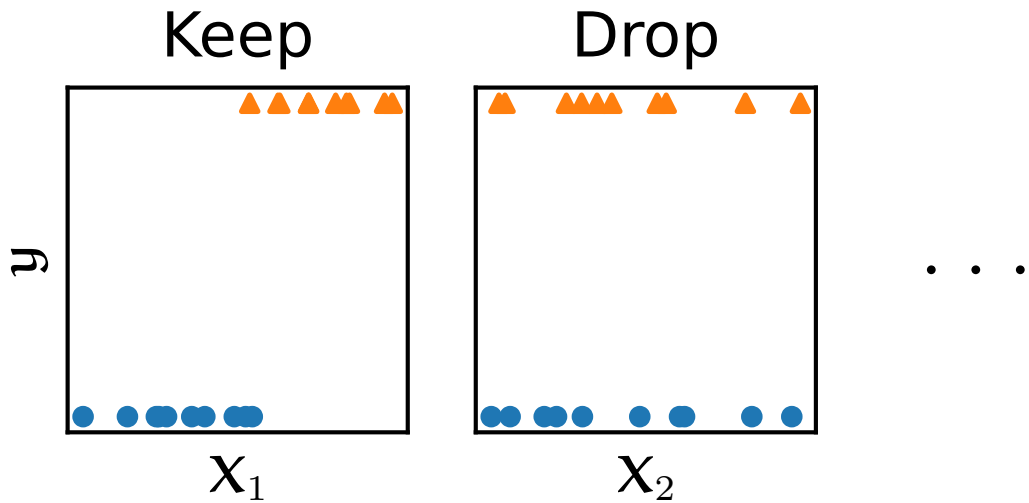
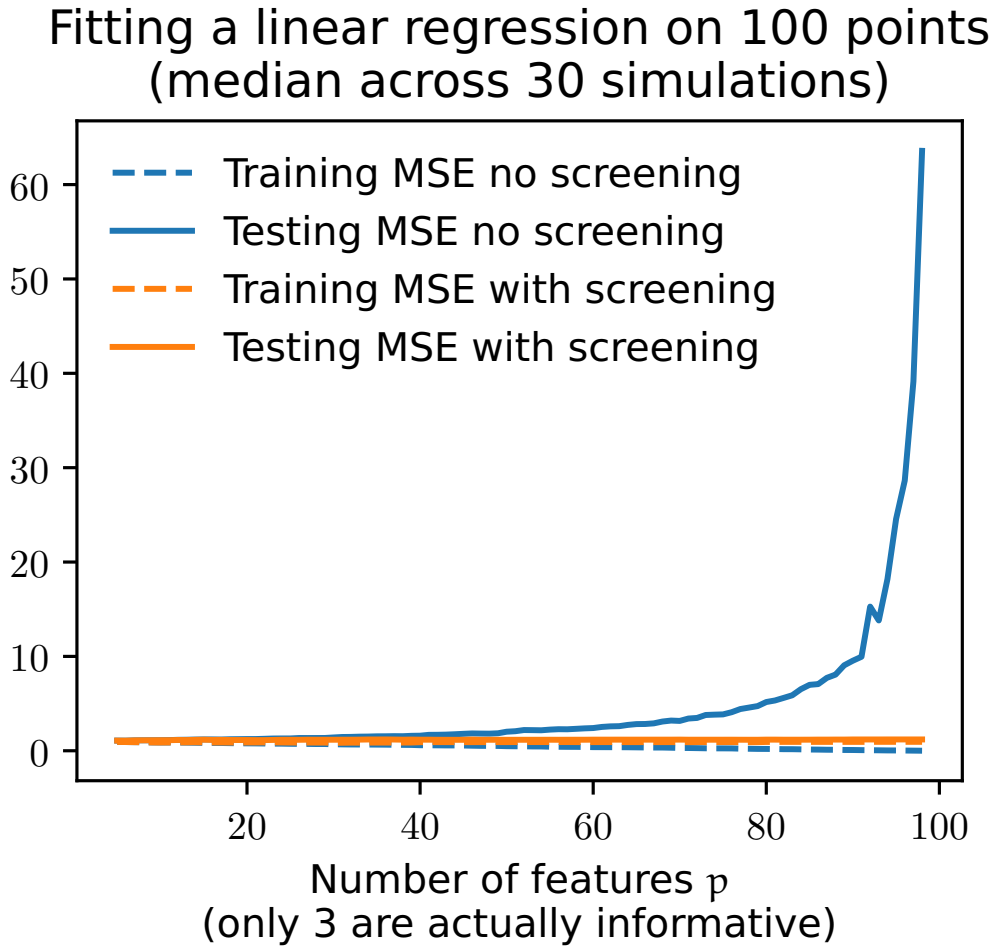


- Classification: ANOVA



Univariate feature selection

Keeping only the 10 best features (most correlated with y)



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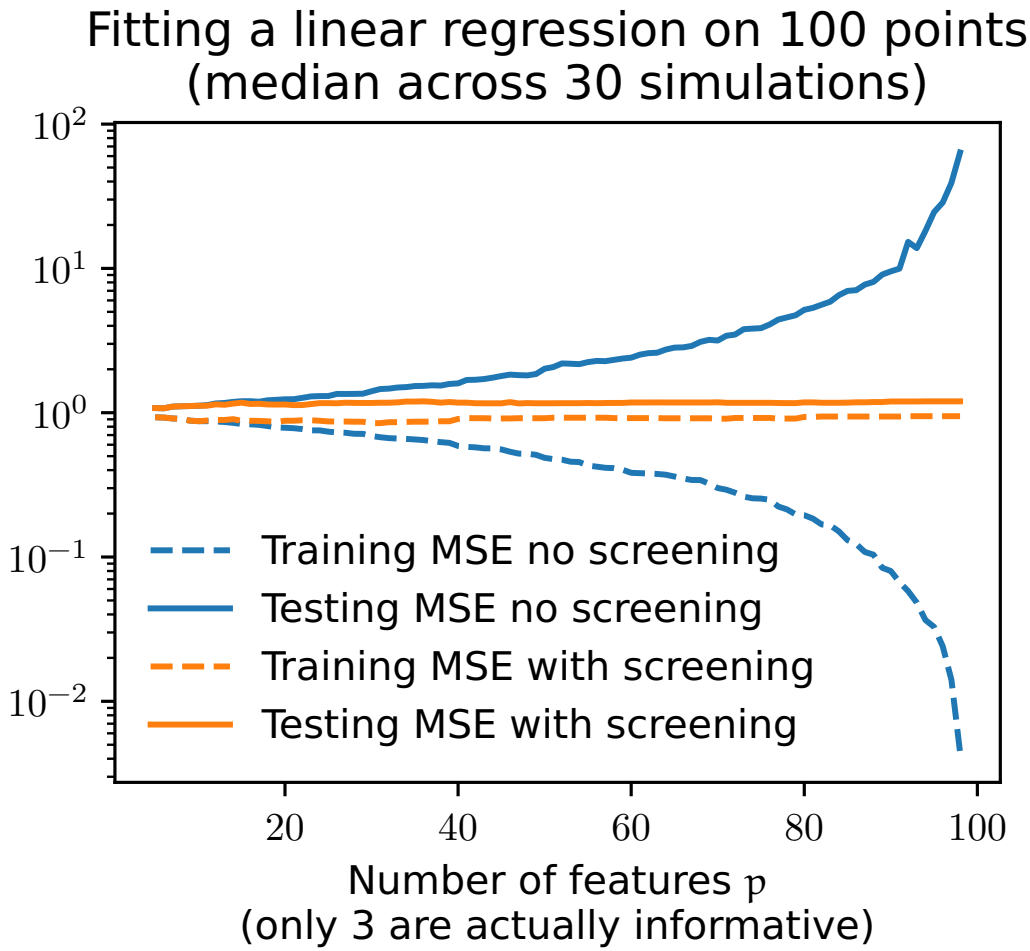
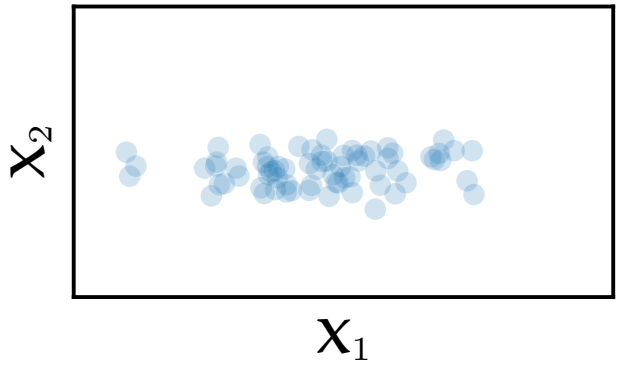
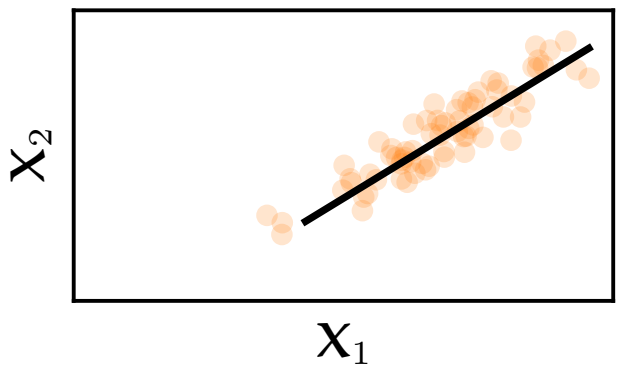


Solution 2: linear decomposition methods

Maybe OK to drop X_2:



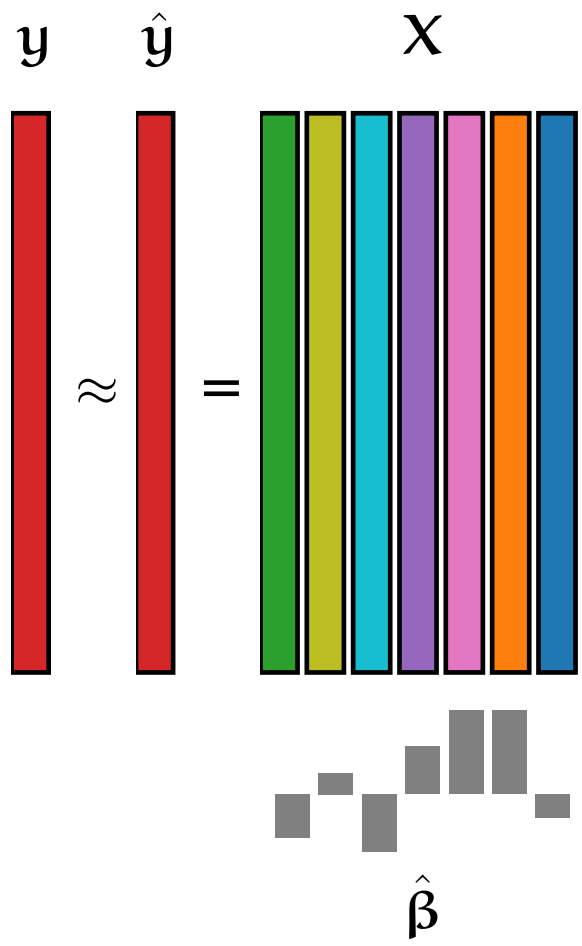
Data low-dimensional but no feature can be dropped:



Find a better referential in which to represent the data

Linear regression: projection on the column space of X

$$\hat{y} = X\hat{\beta} \qquad (7)$$

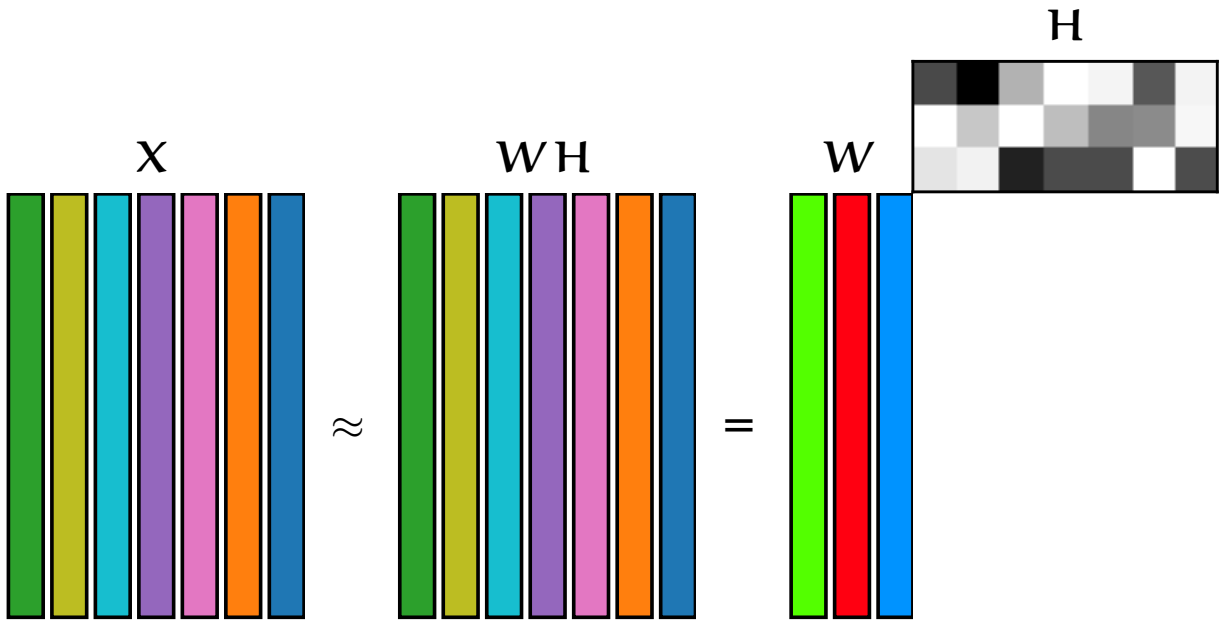


- Too many features: high variance & unstable solution
- Feature selection: drop some columns of X
- Other ways to build a family of k vectors on which to regress y?

Linear decomposition: low-rank approximation of X

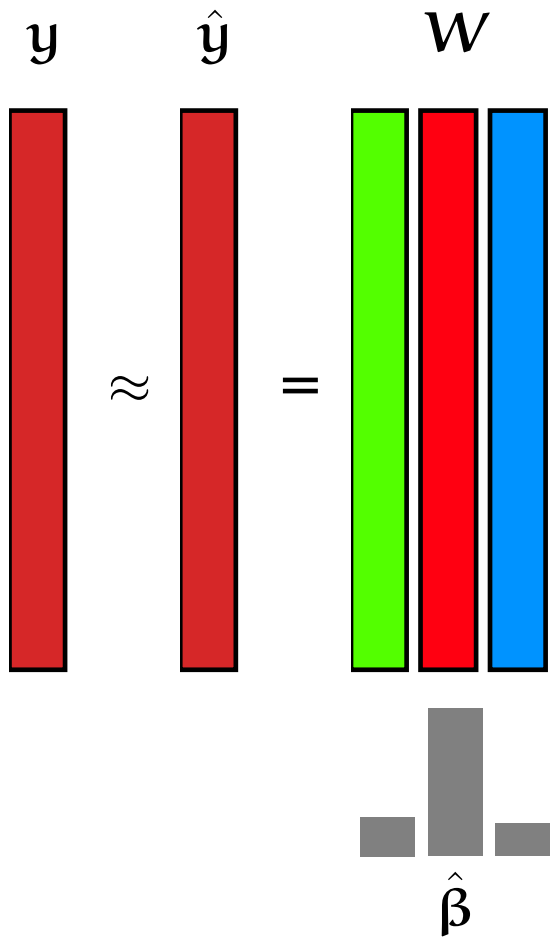
Minimize

$$\|X - WH\|_F^2 = \sum_{i,j} (X_{i,j} - (WH)_{i,j})^2 \tag{8}$$



Linear regression after dimensionality reduction

$$\hat{\mathbf{y}} = \boldsymbol{W}\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} \tag{9}$$



Prediction for a new data point $\boldsymbol{x} \in \mathbb{R}^p$

- Find the combination of rows of $\mathbf{H}$ that is closest to $\boldsymbol{x}$: regress $\boldsymbol{x}$ on $\mathbf{H}^T$
- Multiply by $\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}$

$$\boldsymbol{x} \in \mathbb{R}^p \to \text{projection} \to \boldsymbol{w} \in \mathbb{R}^k \to \langle \cdot\,, \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} \rangle \to \hat{y} \in \mathbb{R} \tag{10}$$

Principal Component Analysis

- Singular Value Decomposition of $\mathbf{X}$:

$$\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{U}\,\mathbf{S}\,\mathbf{V}^{\mathsf{T}} \tag{11}$$

with $\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times p}$, $\mathbf{U} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times r}$, $\mathbf{S} \in \mathbb{R}^{r \times r}$, $\mathbf{V} \in \mathbb{R}^{r \times p}$

- $r = \min(n, p)$
- $\mathbf{S} \succeq 0$ diagonal with decreasing values s_j along the diagonal
- $\mathbf{U}^{\mathsf{T}}\mathbf{U} = \mathrm{I}_r$
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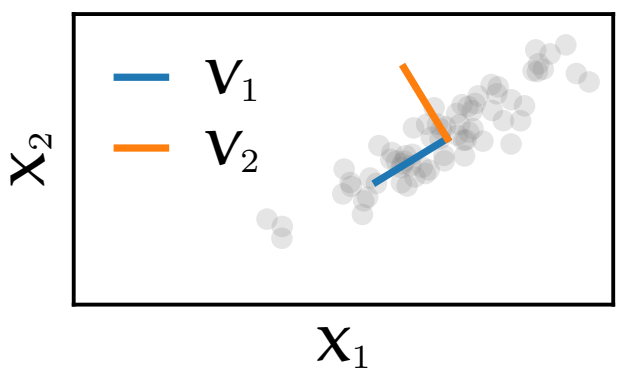
Truncating the SVD to keep only the first k components gives the best rank-k approximation of $\mathbf{X}$



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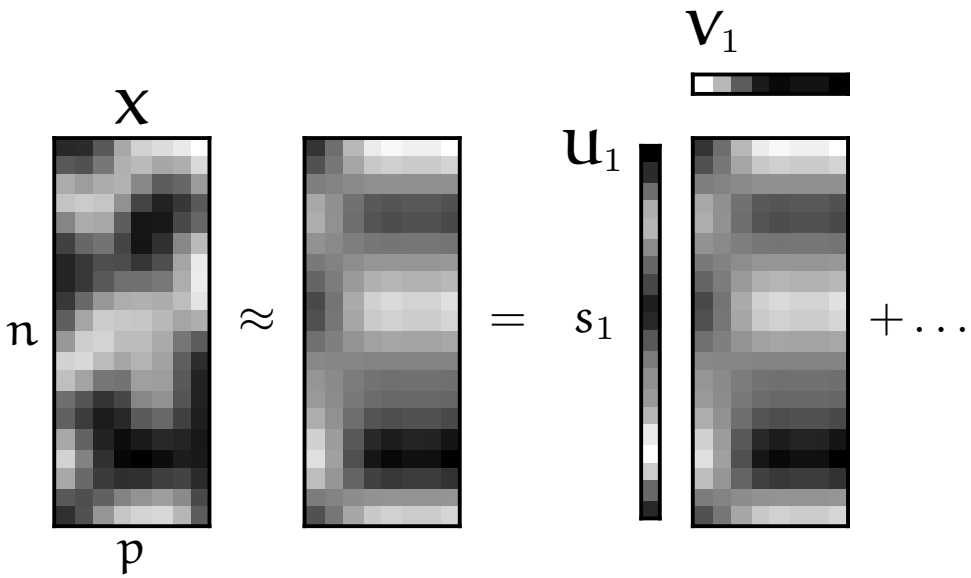

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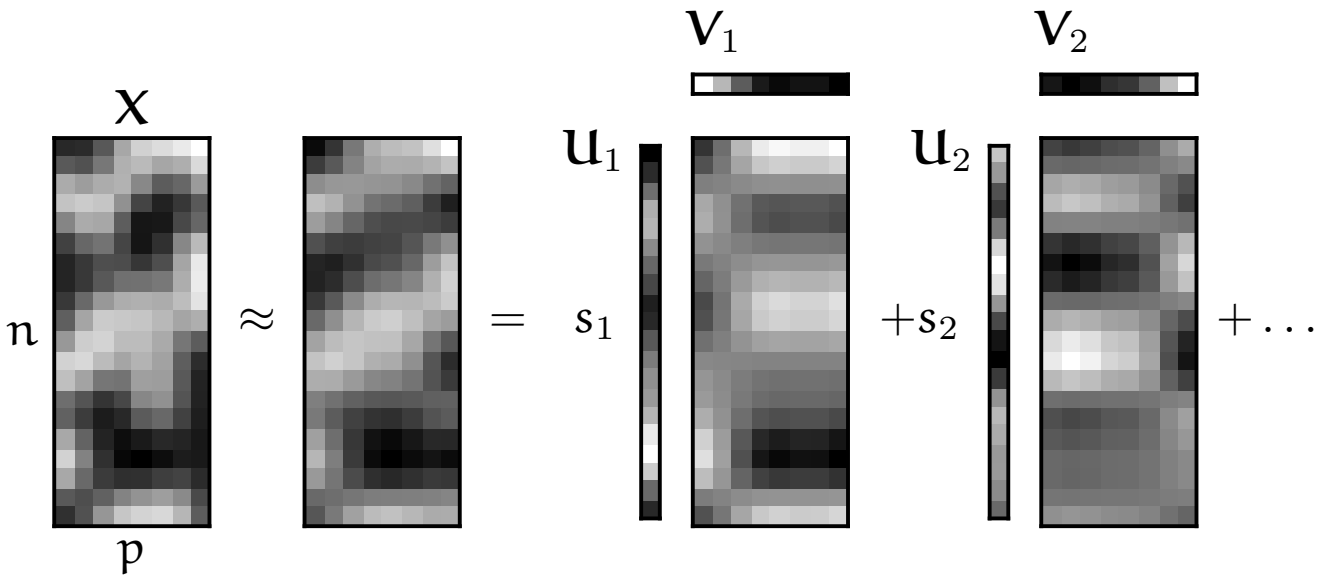

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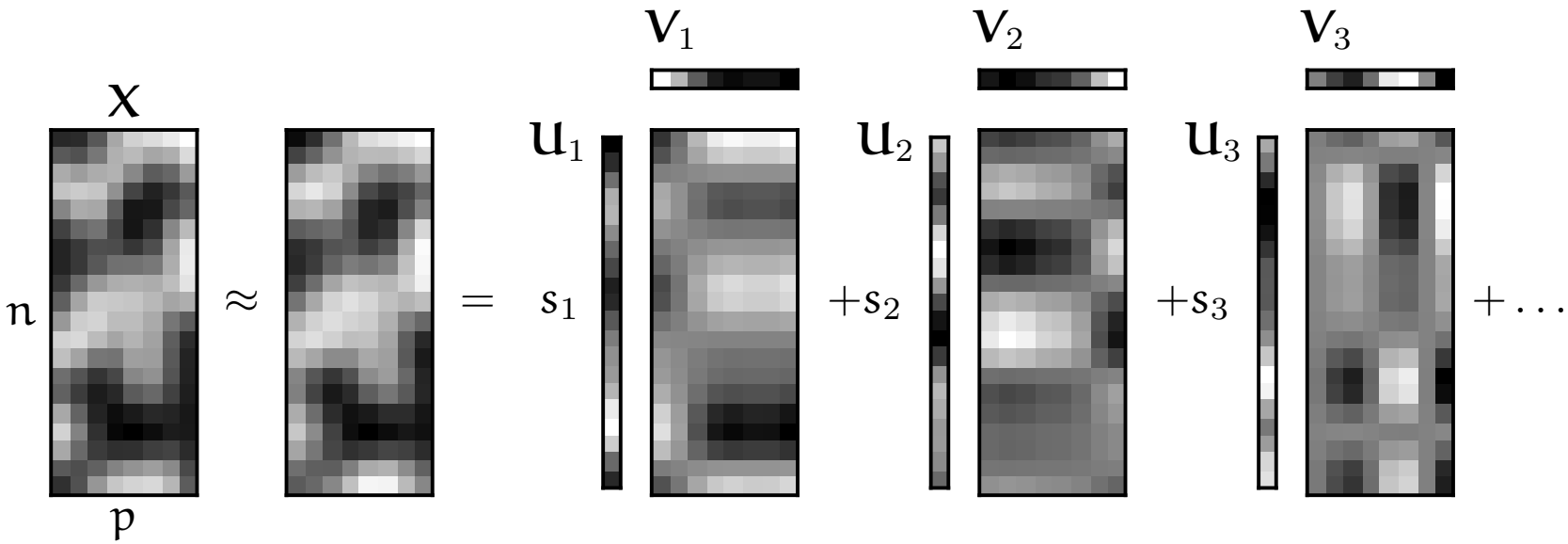

Explained variance: 0.97

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Other decomposition methods

Many other methods use the same objective (sum of squared reconstruction errors), but add penalties or constraints on the factors

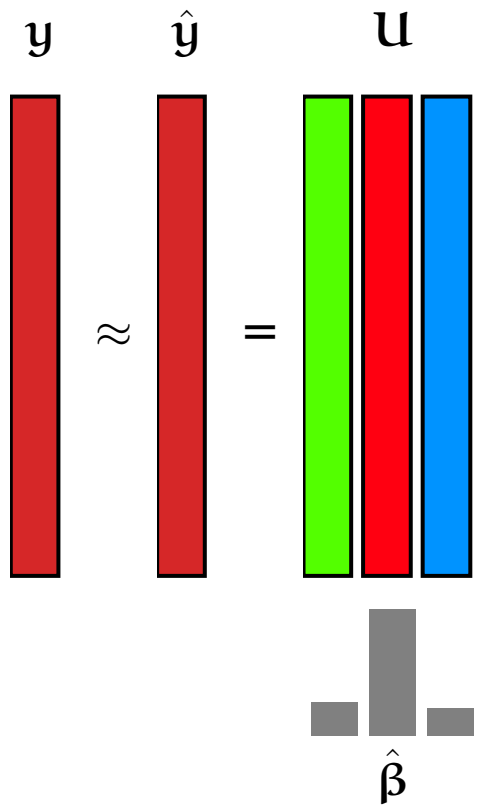
- Dictionary Learning
- Non-negative Matrix Factorization
- K-means clustering
- ...

What about $\mathbf{y}$?

- PCA is an example of *unsupervised* learning: it does not use $\mathbf{y}$
- Some other methods take it into account: e.g. Partial Least Squares

Ridge regression and PCA

- Both ridge regression and PC regression compute the coordinates of $\mathbf{y}$ in the basis given by the SVD of $\mathbf{X}$
- Ridge shrinks the coordinate along $\mathbf{u}_j$ by a factor $s_j^2/(s_j^2+\lambda)$
- PC regression sets the coordinates to 0 except for those corresponding to the k largest s_j: shrinks by a factor $\mathbf{1}_{\{j\leqslant k\}}$



Setting hyperparameters

How can we choose:

- Number of features or PCA components k?
- The ridge hyperparameter λ?

Try a few and pick the best one...
But measure its performance on separate data!

Need for fresh test data

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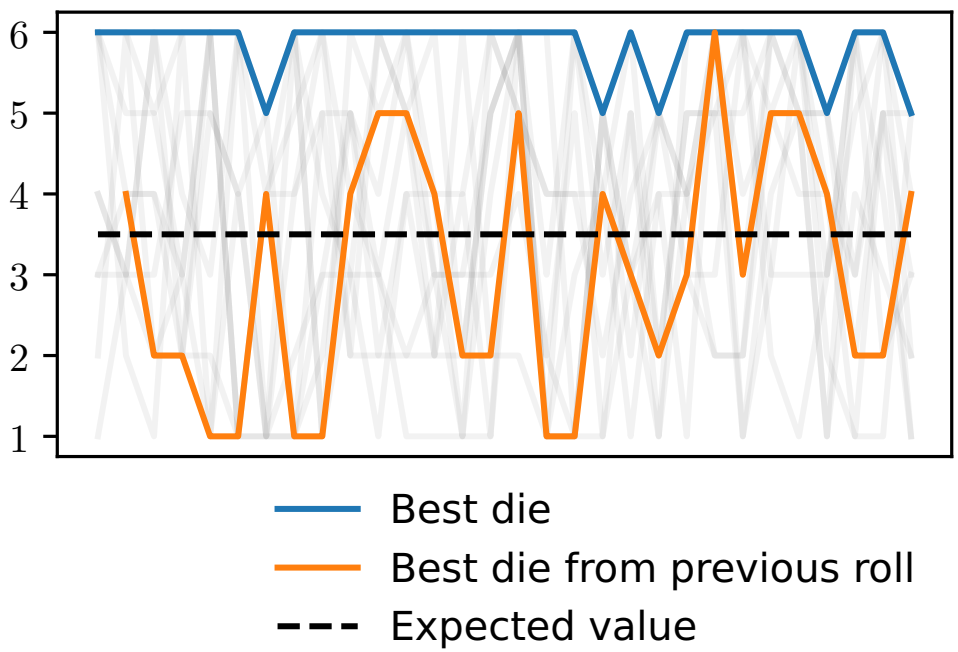
- I have 4 dice and want to find one that rolls high numbers
- I roll them all once and select the die that gives the highest number
- The selected die rolled a 5. Is 5 a good estimate of that die's average result? What if I had 1,000 dice?
- I need to roll it again to get an unbiased estimate



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- Repeat step 1 for a few values of λ, k, *etc.*, fitting and testing several models
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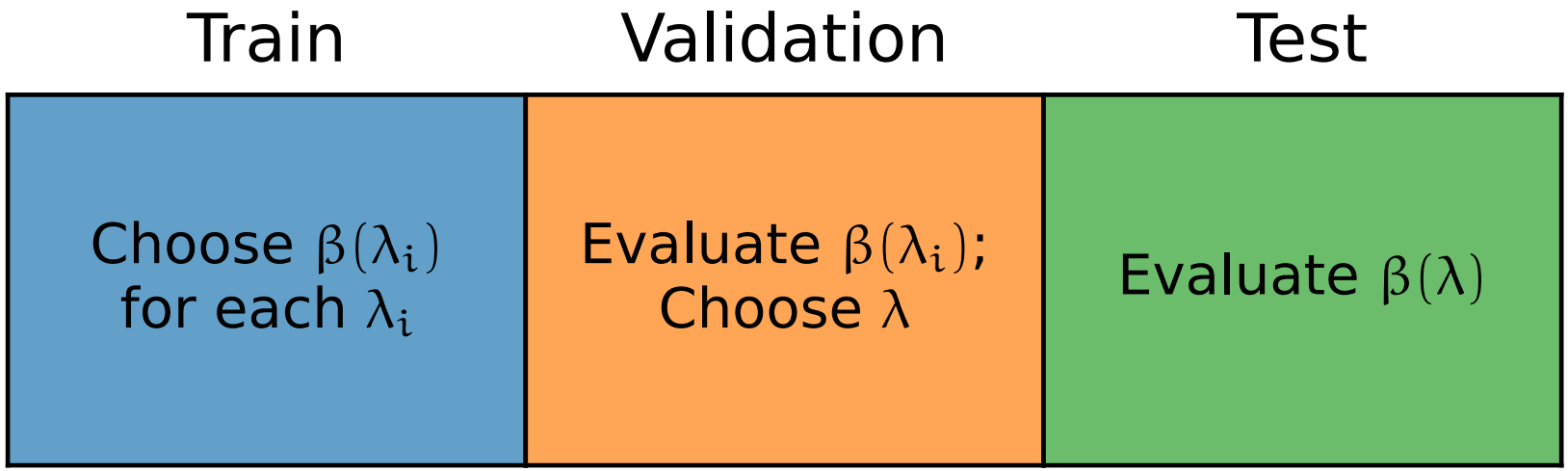
One split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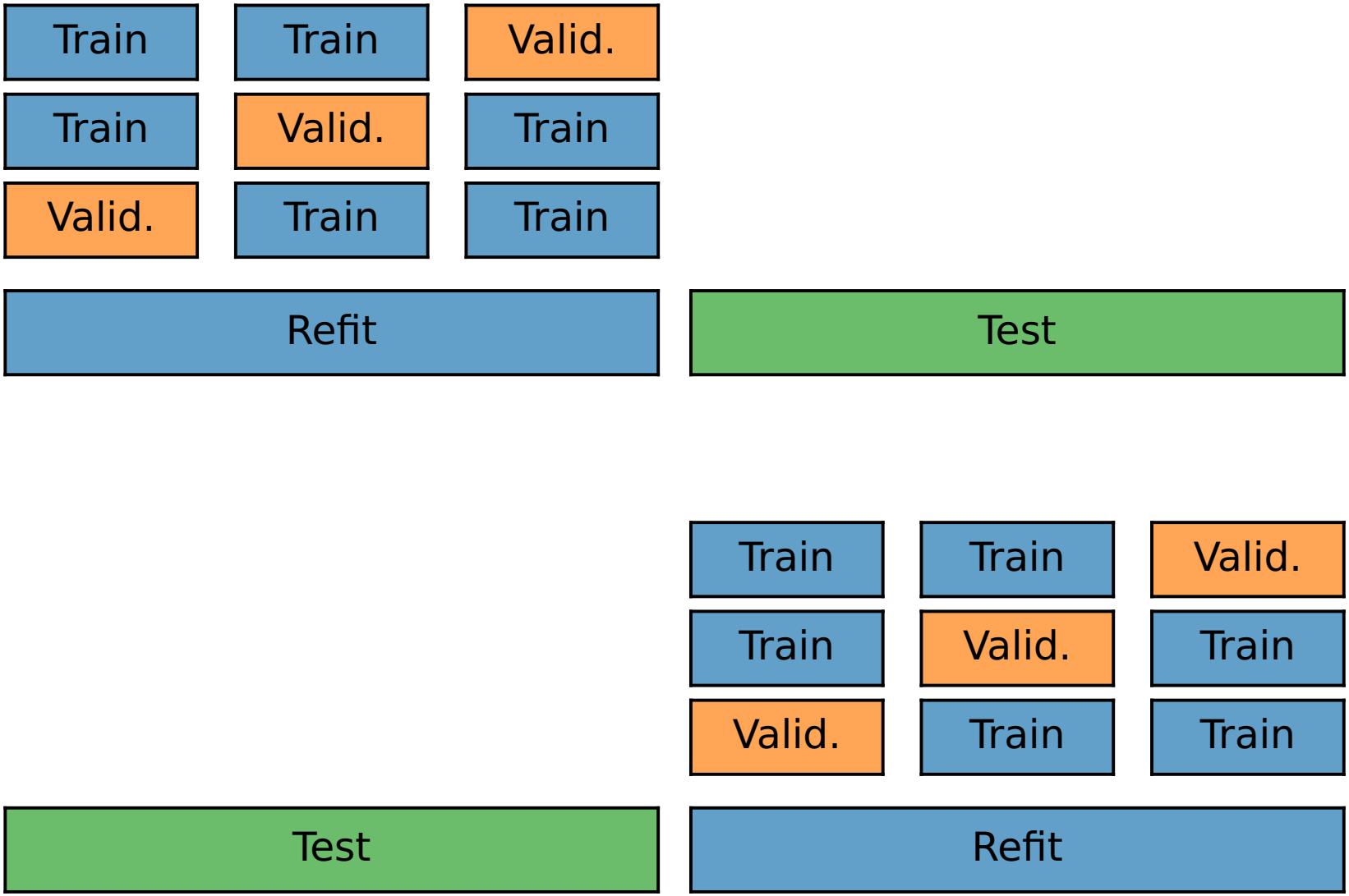

see `sklearn.model_selection.GridSearchCV`

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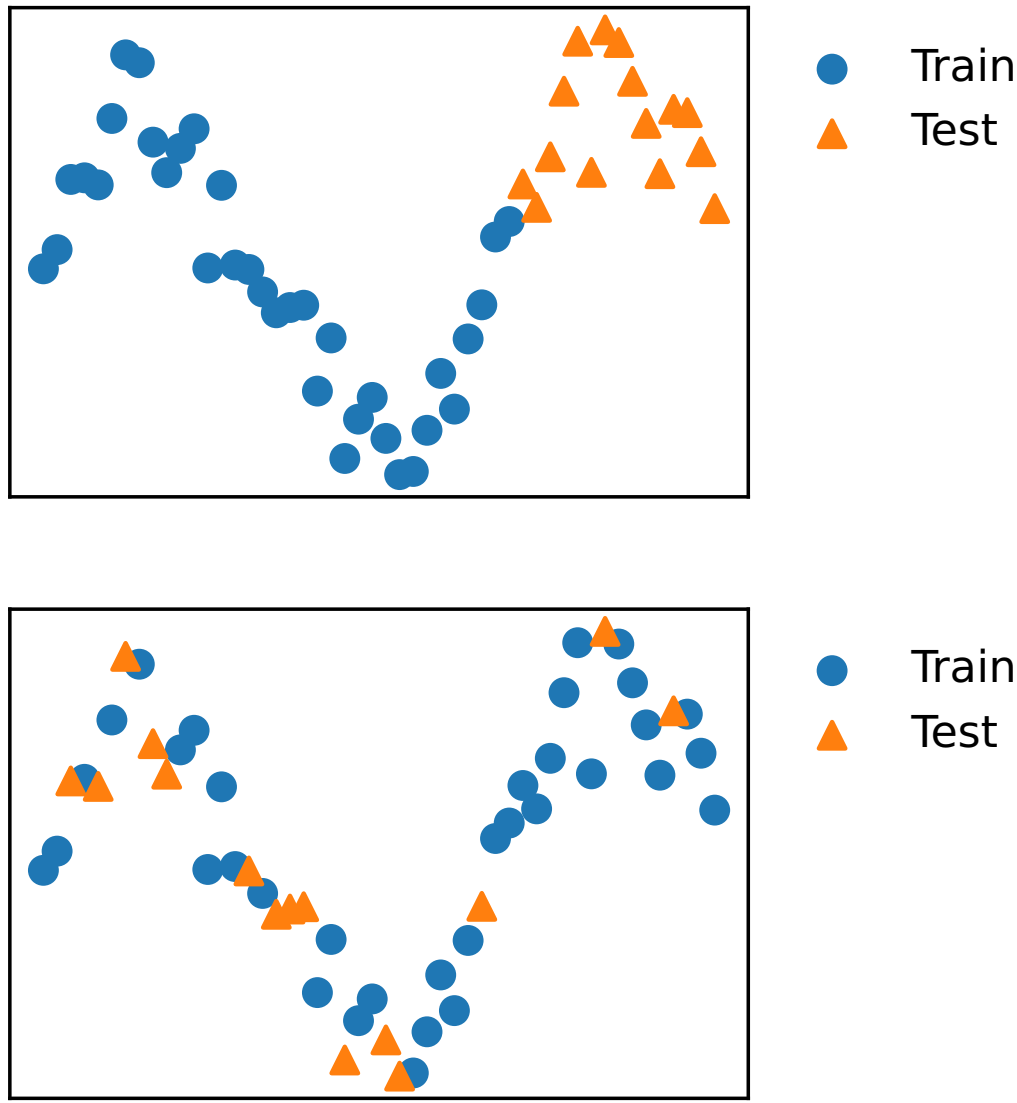
Over-interpreting good CV scores

- Good CV scores on one dataset do not mean the model will always perform well on a new dataset

Split choice example: time series

Which is easier?



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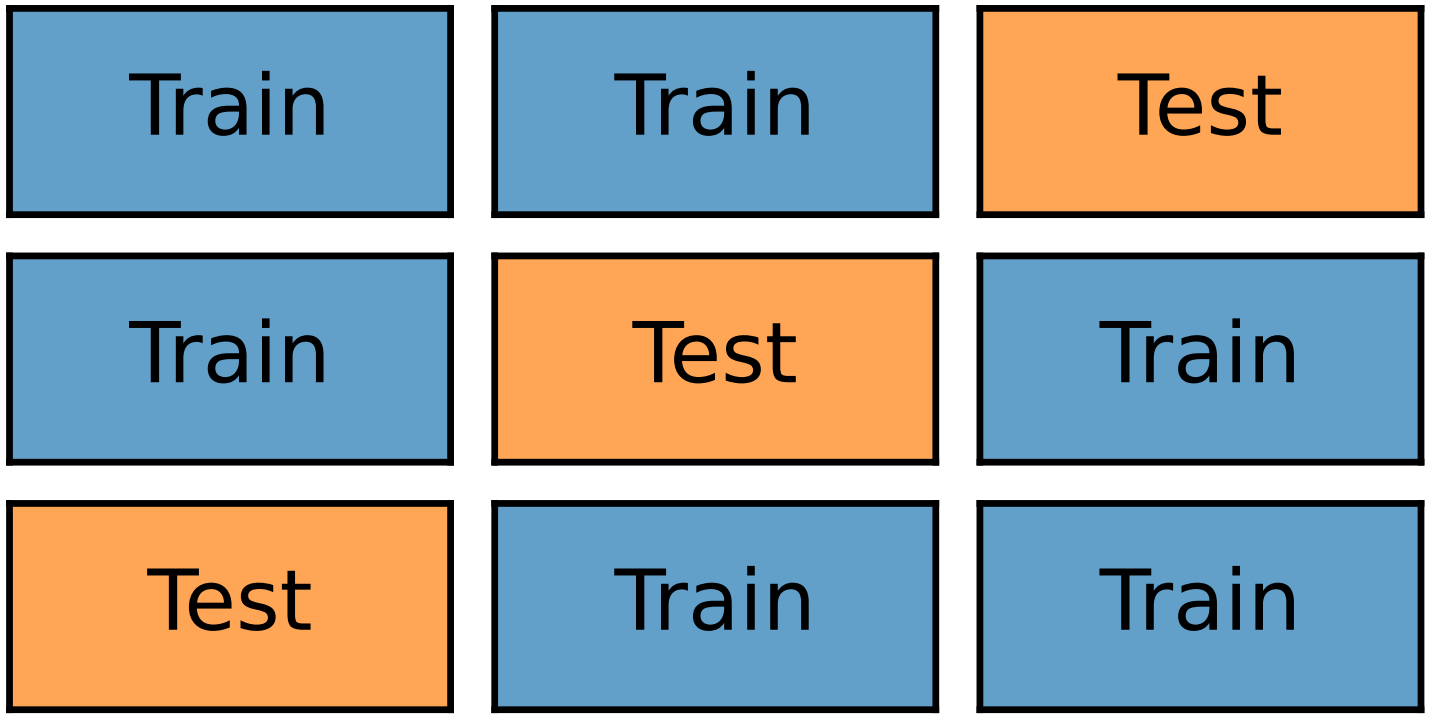

So the scores are not independent! Their variance can be underestimated.

Supervised learning with fMRI

- Predict in which site / with which scanner a resting-state fMRI sequence was acquired

The prediction pipeline

- Masking: extracting voxels that are inside the brain
- Connectivity: measuring correlations between brain regions to build a feature vector for each participant
- Univariate feature selection with ANalysis Of VAriance
- Classifier: logistic regression

Implementation: in class