SLLD - Module 2

Ridge and Lasso

S. Tonini, F. Chiaromonte

Sant'Anna School of Advanced Study - Pisa

6/3/2025

Libraries

We are going to use

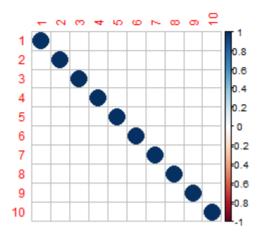
```
library(glmnet)  # ridge and lasso for GLMs
library(tidyverse)  # data manipulation and visualization
library(caret)  # statistical learning techniques
library(ggplot2)  # plots
library(corrplot)  # correlation matrix plotting
library(mvtnorm)  # Sampling from a multivariate Normal
library(clusterGeneration)  # Random matrix generation
```

Data

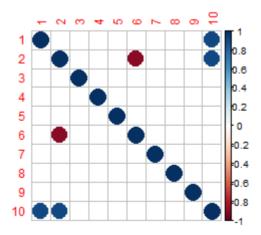
We simulate data as follows

```
p <- 10
set.seed(123)
Sigma1 = diag(p)
Sigma2 = diag(p)
Sigma2[10,1]=Sigma2[1,10]=0.9
Sigma2[10,2]=Sigma2[2,10]=0.9
Sigma2[6,2]=Sigma2[2,6]=-0.9</pre>
```

corrplot(Sigma1)



corrplot(Sigma2)



```
n<-100
set.seed(1)
x1 <- rmvnorm(n=n, replicate(p,0), Sigma1)
beta <- replicate(5,1)
y1 <- x1[,1:5]%*%beta + rnorm(n, 0, 0.3)
df1 <- cbind(y1,x1)
x2 <- rmvnorm(n, sigma=Sigma2)
y2 <- x2[,1:5]%*%beta + rnorm(n, 0, 0.3)
df2 <- cbind(y2,x2)</pre>
```

Penalized regression

We will perform ridge/lasso penalization through the **glmnet** package. The function **glmnet()** fits a generalized linear model via penalized maximum likelihood. The regularization path is computed for the lasso or elasticnet penalty at a grid of values for the regularization parameter lambda. The main arguments are:

- x: input matrix
- y: response variable
- α : the elastic-net mixing parameter with range [0, 1]. Namely, $\alpha = 1$ is the lasso (default) and $\alpha = 0$ is the ridge.
- **standardize:** a logical flag for x variable standardization, prior to fitting the model sequence. The coefficients are always returned on the original scale. Default is standardize=TRUE.

Ridge

To perform ridge regression, we run glmnet with α =0. The λ 's sequence is internally computed by the package itself – although a user-defined sequence can be provided.

```
ridge <- glmnet(x1, y1, alpha=0)
summary(ridge)</pre>
```

##		Length	Class	Mode
##	a0	100	-none-	numeric
##	beta	1000	dgCMatrix	S4
##	df	100	-none-	numeric
##	dim	2	-none-	numeric
##	lambda	100	-none-	numeric
##	dev.ratio	100	-none-	numeric
##	nulldev	1	-none-	numeric
##	npasses	1	-none-	numeric
##	jerr	1	-none-	numeric
##	offset	1	-none-	logical
##	call	4	-none-	call
##	nobs	1	-none-	numeric

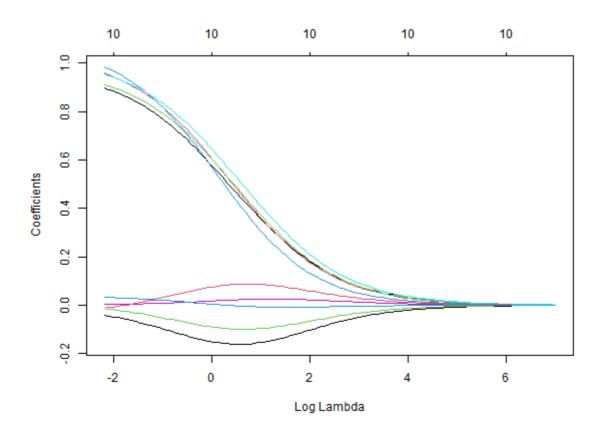
The summary is quite different than the one for linear regression, since ridge regression requires the tuning of λ . The code above fits a ridge regression for each λ value, and we have access to each of these model estimates.

We can plot the regularization path as follows:

```
dim(ridge$beta)
```

[1] 10 100

plot(ridge, xvar="lambda")



We can automate the task of finding the optimal lambda value using the **cv.glmnet** function. This performs a k-fold cross-validation for **glmnet**, produces a plot, and returns "optimal" λ values.

```
cv_ridge <- cv.glmnet(x1, y1, alpha = 0)
cv_ridge

##
## Call: cv.glmnet(x = x1, y = y1, alpha = 0)
##
## Measure: Mean-Squared Error
##
## Lambda Index Measure SE Nonzero
## min 0.1106 100 0.1244 0.01936 10
## 1se 0.1462 97 0.1394 0.02256 10</pre>
```

Two particular values of λ are highlighted: the minimum (min) and the largest value of lambda such that error is within 1 standard error of the minimum (1se).

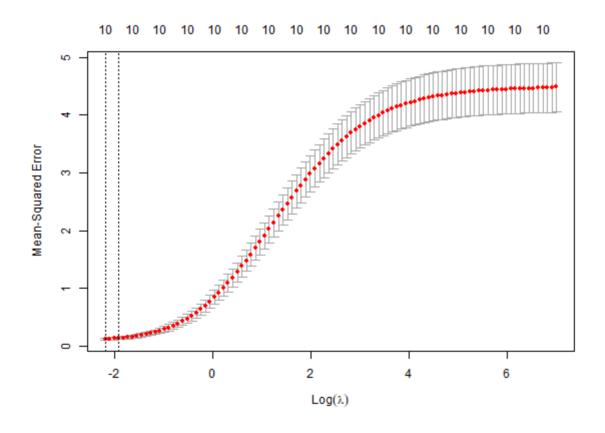
```
cv_ridge$lambda.min

## [1] 0.1105733

cv_ridge$lambda.1se
```

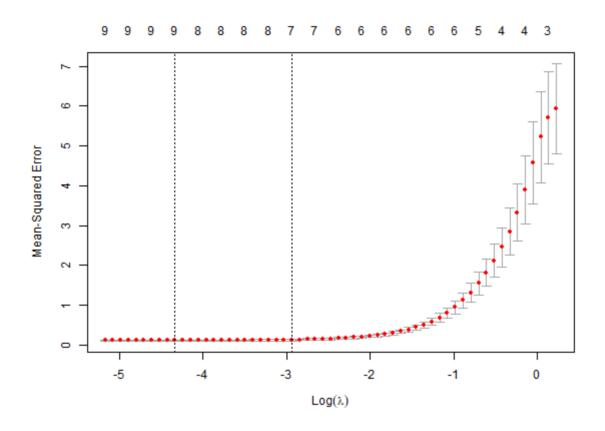
We can visualize them in this way:

plot(cv_ridge)



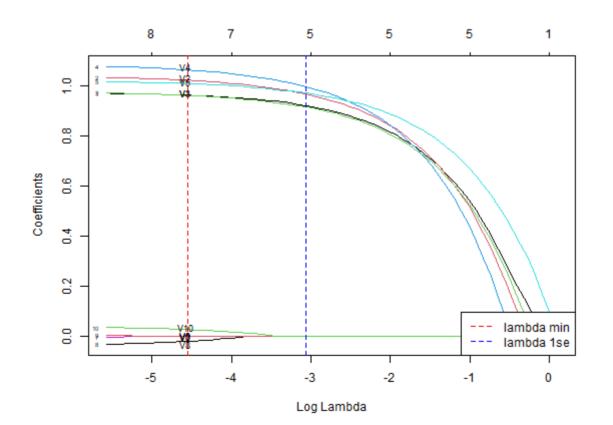
LASSO

Let us now perform Lasso regression using the glmnet package. We follow the same approach as in Ridge regression, but set $\alpha=1$

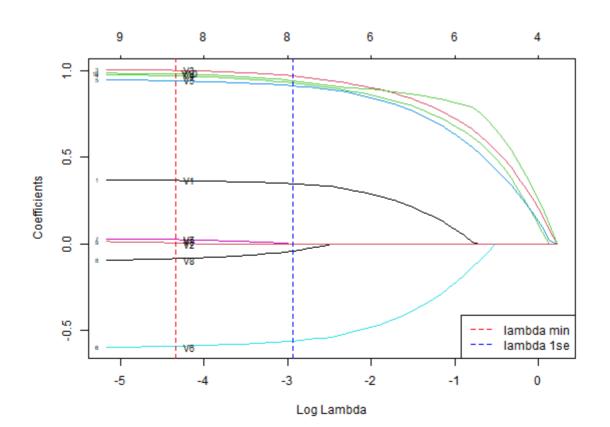


Let us see how the regression coefficients change by modifying λ :

```
plot(lasso1, xvar = "lambda", label=T)
lbs_fun(lasso1)
abline(v=log(cv_lasso1$lambda.min), col = "red", lty=2)
abline(v=log(cv_lasso1$lambda.1se), col="blue", lty=2)
legend(x = "bottomright", legend = c("lambda min", "lambda 1se"),
lty = c(2, 2), col = c("red", "blue"))
```



```
plot(lasso2, xvar = "lambda", label=T)
lbs_fun(lasso2)
abline(v=log(cv_lasso2$lambda.min), col = "red", lty=2)
abline(v=log(cv_lasso2$lambda.1se), col="blue", lty=2)
legend(x = "bottomright",
legend = c("lambda min", "lambda 1se"),
lty = c(2, 2),
col = c("red", "blue"))
```



Ridge and LASSO with Information Criterion

```
library(HDeconometrics)
```

We perform penalization through the **HDeconometrics** package. The function **ic.glmnet** allows us to estimate a GLM with lasso, elasticnet or ridge regularization using information criterion. It avoids some complications of cross-validation in time-series.

```
lasso_BIC1 <- ic.glmnet(x1, y1, crit = "bic")
lasso_BIC1$lambda</pre>
```

[1] 0.0322327

```
lasso_BIC2 <- ic.glmnet(x2, y2, crit = "bic")
lasso_BIC2$lambda</pre>
```

[1] 0.0174015

Let us rebuild the model and compare the estimated coefficients for min and 1se λ .

```
## 11 x 3 sparse Matrix of class "dgCMatrix"
##
                      x1 min
                                 x1 1se
                                             x1 bic
## (Intercept) 0.0060195430 0.004081654 0.005787302
## V1
               0.9616428042 0.919692520 0.937039701
## V2
            1.0208922537 0.966049084 0.986742026
## V3
               0.9605879276 0.914761272 0.932609192
## V4
               1.0628414516 0.995947325 1.021470111
               1.0079865828 0.969626939 0.983313205
## V5
## V6
## V7
               -0.0001048491 .
              -0.0209647223 .
## V8
## V9
## V10
               0.0259341480 .
```

lasso_mat[,4:6]

```
## 11 x 3 sparse Matrix of class "dgCMatrix"
##
                   x2 min
                              x2 1se x2 bic
## (Intercept) 0.012820004 0.005360225 0.01156280
              0.366774187 0.347429030 0.36379493
## V1
## V2
## V3
              1.004338791 0.972115997 1.00116840
              0.972414637 0.931835248 0.96823245
## V4
## V5
             0.943921984 0.915280215 0.94056787
## V6
             -0.594149179 -0.564772826 -0.59029867
## V7
             0.023743918 . 0.02090666
## V8
     -0.086377928 -0.041366994 -0.08177566
## V9
             0.003709776 .
## V10
              0.982488433 0.943333881 0.97951439
```

Now it's your turn!!!