

## Lecture 7: Analysis of variance

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## ANOVA

Analysis of variance is the term used for statistical methods for comparing means of groups of continuous observations where the groups are defined by the levels of factors.

*Dried weights  $y_i$  of plants from three different growing conditions.*

	Control	Treatment A	Treatment B
	4.17	4.81	6.31
	5.58	4.17	5.12
	5.18	4.41	5.54
	6.11	3.59	5.50
	4.50	5.87	5.37
	4.61	3.83	5.29
	5.17	6.03	4.92
	4.53	4.89	6.15
	5.33	4.32	5.80
	5.14	4.69	5.26
$\Sigma y_i$	50.32	46.61	55.26
$\Sigma y_i^2$	256.27	222.92	307.13



# One-factor ANOVA

If experimental units are randomly allocated to groups corresponding to  $J$  levels of a factor, this is called a **completely randomized experiment**.

*Data from a completely randomized experiment with  $J$  levels of a factor  $A$ .*

	Factor level			
	$A_1$	$A_2$	$\cdots$	$A_J$
	$Y_{11}$	$Y_{21}$		$Y_{J1}$
	$Y_{12}$	$Y_{22}$		$Y_{J2}$
	$\vdots$			$\vdots$
	$Y_{1n_1}$	$Y_{2n_2}$		$Y_{Jn_J}$
Total	$Y_{1\cdot}$	$Y_{2\cdot}$	$\cdots$	$Y_{J\cdot}$

To simplify the discussion, suppose all the groups have the same sample size, so  $n_j = K$  for  $j = 1, \dots, J$ . The response  $\mathbf{y}$  is the column vector of all  $N = JK$  measurements

$$\mathbf{y} = [Y_{11}, Y_{12}, \dots, Y_{1K}, Y_{21}, \dots, Y_{2K}, \dots, Y_{J1}, \dots, Y_{JK}]^T.$$

We consider three different specifications of a model to test the hypothesis that the response means differ among the factor levels.



## Model 1

- a. The simplest specification is

$$E(Y_{jk}) = \mu_j \quad \text{for } j = 1, \dots, J.$$

This can be written as

$$E(Y_i) = \sum_{j=1}^J x_{ij} \mu_j, \quad i = 1, \dots, N,$$

where  $x_{ij} = 1$  if response  $Y_i$  corresponds to level  $A_j$  and  $x_{ij} = 0$  otherwise.

Thus,  $E(\mathbf{y}) = \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta}$  with

$$\boldsymbol{\beta} = \begin{bmatrix} \mu_1 \\ \mu_2 \\ \vdots \\ \mu_J \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{X} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & & \vdots \\ \vdots & . & \mathbf{O} & \\ & \mathbf{O} & . & 0 \\ 0 & & & 1 \end{bmatrix},$$



## Model 2

b. The second specification is one such formulation:

$$E(Y_{jk}) = \mu + \alpha_j, \quad j = 1, \dots, J,$$

where  $\mu$  is the average effect for all levels and  $\alpha_j$  is an additional effect due to level  $A_j$ . For this parameterization there are  $J + 1$  parameters.

$$\boldsymbol{\beta} = \begin{bmatrix} \mu \\ \alpha_1 \\ \vdots \\ \alpha_J \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{X} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{1} & \mathbf{1} & \mathbf{0} & \dots & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{1} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{1} & & \\ \vdots & & & \mathbf{O} & \\ \vdots & \mathbf{O} & & & \\ \mathbf{1} & & & & \mathbf{1} \end{bmatrix},$$

where  $\mathbf{0}$  and  $\mathbf{1}$  are vectors of length  $K$  and  $\mathbf{O}$  denotes a matrix of zeros.



## Model 3

- c. A third version of the model is  $E(Y_{jk}) = \mu + \alpha_j$  with the constraint that  $\alpha_1 = 0$ . Thus  $\mu$  represents the effect of the first level, and  $\alpha_j$  measures the difference between the first level and  $j$ th level of the factor. This is called a **corner point parameterization**. For this version there are  $J$  parameters

$$\boldsymbol{\beta} = \begin{bmatrix} \mu \\ \alpha_2 \\ \vdots \\ \alpha_J \end{bmatrix}. \quad \text{Also } \mathbf{X} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{1} & \mathbf{0} & \cdots & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{1} & \mathbf{1} & & \\ \vdots & & \ddots & \mathbf{0} \\ \vdots & \mathbf{0} & & \\ \mathbf{1} & & & \mathbf{1} \end{bmatrix},$$



## ANOVA Table

*ANOVA table for plant weight data*

Source of variation	Degrees of freedom	Sum of squares	Mean square	F
Mean	1	772.0599		
Between treatment	2	3.7663	1.883	4.85
Residual	27	10.4921	0.389	
Total	30	786.3183		



## Two-factor analysis of variance

The main hypotheses are the following:

$H_I$ : there are no interaction effects, that is, the effects of A and B are additive;

$H_A$ : there are no differences in response associated with different levels of factor A;

$H_B$ : there are no differences in response associated with different levels of factor B.

Thus we need to consider a **saturated model** and three **reduced models** formed by omitting various terms from the saturated model.

*Fictitious data for two-factor ANOVA with equal numbers of observations in each subgroup.*

Levels of factor A	Levels of factor B		
	B <sub>1</sub>	B <sub>2</sub>	Total
A <sub>1</sub>	6.8, 6.6	5.3, 6.1	24.8
A <sub>2</sub>	7.5, 7.4	7.2, 6.5	28.6
A <sub>3</sub>	7.8, 9.1	8.8, 9.1	34.8
Total	45.2	43.0	88.2



1. The saturated model is

$$E(Y_{jkl}) = \mu + \alpha_j + \beta_k + (\alpha\beta)_{jk},$$

where the terms  $(\alpha\beta)_{jk}$  correspond to **interaction effects** and  $\alpha_j$  and  $\beta_k$  to **main effects** of the factors.

2. The **additive model** is

$$E(Y_{jkl}) = \mu + \alpha_j + \beta_k.$$

This is compared with the saturated model to test hypothesis  $H_I$ .

3. The model formed by omitting effects due to B is

$$E(Y_{jkl}) = \mu + \alpha_j.$$

This is compared with the additive model to test hypothesis  $H_B$ .

4. The model formed by omitting effects due to A is

$$E(Y_{jkl}) = \mu + \beta_k.$$

This is compared with the additive model to test hypothesis  $H_A$ .



*ANOVA table for data*

Source of variation	Degrees of freedom	Sum of squares	Mean square	F
Mean	1	648.2700		
Levels of A	2	12.7400	6.3700	25.82
Levels of B	1	0.4033	0.4033	1.63
Interactions	2	1.2067	0.6033	2.45
Residual	6	1.4800	0.2467	
Total	12	664.1000		



## ANCOVA

Analysis of covariance is the term used for models in which some of the explanatory variables are dummy variables representing factor levels and others are continuous measurements called covariates. As with ANOVA, we are interested in comparing means of subgroups defined by factor levels, but recognizing that the covariates may also affect the responses, we compare the means after **adjustment for covariate effects**.

<i>Achievement scores</i>						
	Training method					
	A		B		C	
	y	x	y	x	y	x
	6	3	8	4	6	3
	4	1	9	5	7	2
	5	3	7	5	7	2
	3	1	9	4	7	3
	4	2	8	3	8	4
	3	1	5	1	5	1
	6	4	7	2	7	4
Total	31	15	53	24	47	19
Sum of squares	147	41	413	96	321	59
$\sum xy$	75		191		132	



To test the hypothesis that there are no differences in mean achievement scores among the three training methods, after adjustment for initial aptitude, we compare the saturated model

$$E(Y_{jk}) = \mu_j + \gamma x_{jk},$$

with the reduced model

$$E(Y_{jk}) = \mu + \gamma x_{jk},$$

for  $j = 1, 2, 3$ ,  $k = 1, \dots, 7$ .

<i>ANCOVA table for data</i>				
Source of variation	Degrees of freedom	Sum of squares	Mean square	F
Mean and covariate	2	853.766		
Factor levels	2	16.932	8.466	13.97
Residuals	17	10.302	0.606	
Total	21	881.000		



If we assume that the saturated Model is correct, then  $D_1 \sim \chi^2(17)$ .  
 If the null hypothesis corresponding to reduced Model is true,  $D_0 \sim \chi^2(19)$   
 so

$$F = \frac{D_0 - D_1}{2\sigma^2} \bigg/ \frac{D_1}{17\sigma^2} \sim F(2, 17).$$

For these data

$$F = \frac{16.932}{2} \bigg/ \frac{10.302}{17} = 13.97,$$

indicating a significant difference in achievement scores for the training methods, after adjustment for initial differences in aptitude.



# Polynomial Regression

Regression models play an important role in many data analyses, providing prediction and classification rules, and data analytic tools for understanding the importance of different inputs. Although attractively simple, the traditional linear model often fails in these situations: in real life, effects are often not linear.

The standard linear model

$$y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i + \epsilon_i.$$

The polynomial regression

$$y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i + \beta_2 x_i^2 + \beta_3 x_i^3 + \dots + \beta_d x_i^d + \epsilon_i.$$

Generally speaking, **it is unusual to use  $d$  greater than 3 or 4** because for large values of  $d$ , the polynomial curve can become overly flexible and can take on some very strange shapes. This is especially true near the boundary of the  $X$  variable



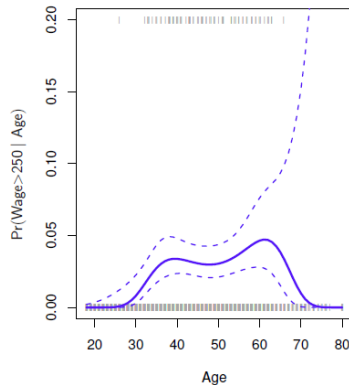
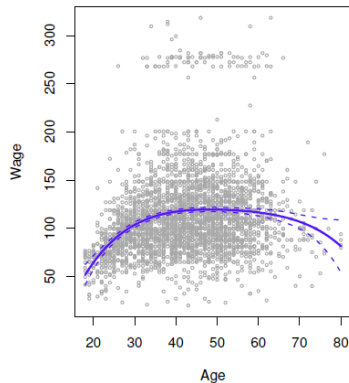
- Create new variables  $X_1 = X$ ,  $X_2 = X^2$ , etc and then treat as multiple linear regression.
- Not really interested in the coefficients; more interested in the fitted function values at any value  $x_0$ :

$$\hat{f}(x_0) = \hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 x_0 + \hat{\beta}_2 x_0^2 + \hat{\beta}_3 x_0^3 + \hat{\beta}_4 x_0^4.$$

- Since  $\hat{f}(x_0)$  is a linear function of the  $\hat{\beta}_\ell$ , can get a simple expression for *pointwise-variances*  $\text{Var}[\hat{f}(x_0)]$  at any value  $x_0$ . In the figure we have computed the fit and pointwise standard errors on a grid of values for  $x_0$ . We show  $\hat{f}(x_0) \pm 2 \cdot \text{se}[\hat{f}(x_0)]$ .
- We either fix the degree  $d$  at some reasonably low value, else use cross-validation to choose  $d$ .



## Degree-4 Polynomial



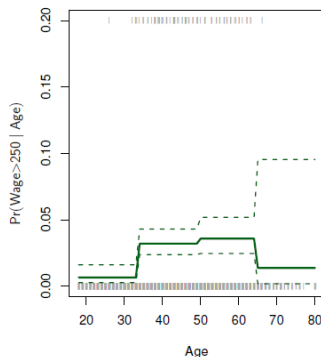
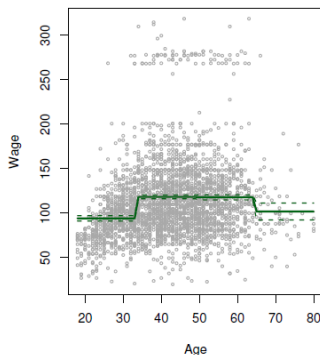


# Step functions

Another way of creating transformations of a variable — cut the variable into distinct regions.

$$C_1(X) = I(X < 35), \quad C_2(X) = I(35 \leq X < 65), \dots, C_3(X) = I(X \geq 65)$$

**Piecewise Constant**



## Step functions

- Easy to work with. Creates a series of dummy variables representing each group.
- Useful way of creating interactions that are easy to interpret. For example, interaction effect of **Year** and **Age**:

$$I(\text{Year} < 2005) \cdot \text{Age}, \quad I(\text{Year} \geq 2005) \cdot \text{Age}$$

would allow for different linear functions in each age category.

- In R: `I(year < 2005)` or `cut(age, c(18, 25, 40, 65, 90))`.
- Choice of cutpoints or *knots* can be problematic. For creating nonlinearities, smoother alternatives such as *splines* are available.



## Piecewise Polynomials

- Instead of a single polynomial in  $X$  over its whole domain, we can rather use different polynomials in regions defined by knots. E.g. (see figure)

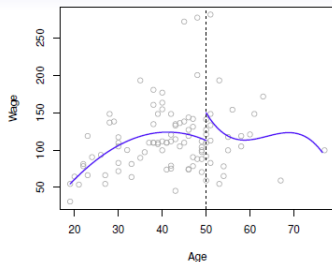
$$y_i = \begin{cases} \beta_{01} + \beta_{11}x_i + \beta_{21}x_i^2 + \beta_{31}x_i^3 + \epsilon_i & \text{if } x_i < c; \\ \beta_{02} + \beta_{12}x_i + \beta_{22}x_i^2 + \beta_{32}x_i^3 + \epsilon_i & \text{if } x_i \geq c. \end{cases}$$

- Better to add constraints to the polynomials, e.g. continuity.
- *Splines* have the “maximum” amount of continuity.

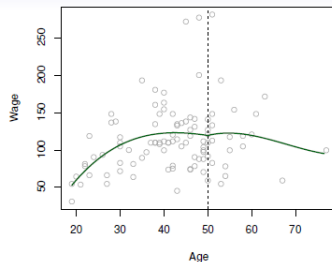


# Piecewise Polynomials

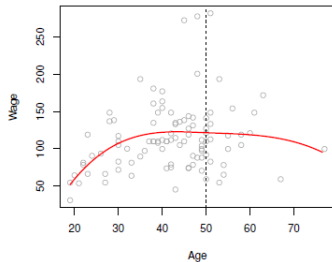
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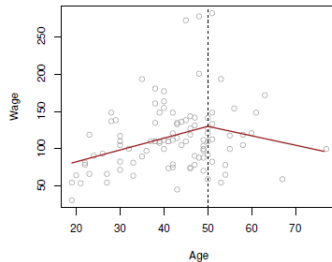
### Continuous Piecewise Cubic



### Cubic Spline



### Linear Spline



## Linear Splines

*A linear spline with knots at  $\xi_k$ ,  $k = 1, \dots, K$  is a piecewise linear polynomial continuous at each knot.*

We can represent this model as

$$y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 b_1(x_i) + \beta_2 b_2(x_i) + \dots + \beta_{K+3} b_{K+3}(x_i) + \epsilon_i,$$

where the  $b_k$  are *basis functions*.

$$\begin{aligned} b_1(x_i) &= x_i \\ b_{k+1}(x_i) &= (x_i - \xi_k)_+, \quad k = 1, \dots, K \end{aligned}$$

Here the  $()_+$  means *positive part*; i.e.

$$(x_i - \xi_k)_+ = \begin{cases} x_i - \xi_k & \text{if } x_i > \xi_k \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$



## Cubic Splines

*A cubic spline with knots at  $\xi_k$ ,  $k = 1, \dots, K$  is a piecewise cubic polynomial with continuous derivatives up to order 2 at each knot.*

Again we can represent this model with truncated power basis functions

$$y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 b_1(x_i) + \beta_2 b_2(x_i) + \dots + \beta_{K+3} b_{K+3}(x_i) + \epsilon_i,$$

$$b_1(x_i) = x_i$$

$$b_2(x_i) = x_i^2$$

$$b_3(x_i) = x_i^3$$

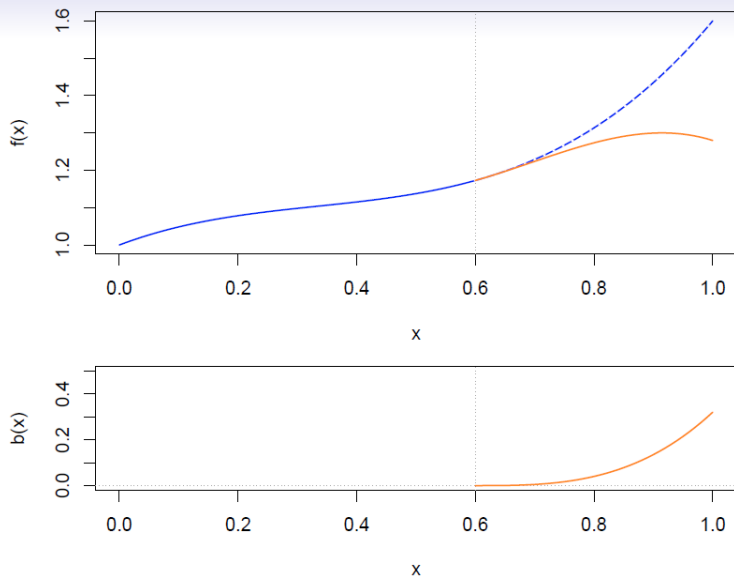
$$b_{k+3}(x_i) = (x_i - \xi_k)_+^3, \quad k = 1, \dots, K$$

where

$$(x_i - \xi_k)_+^3 = \begin{cases} (x_i - \xi_k)^3 & \text{if } x_i > \xi_k \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

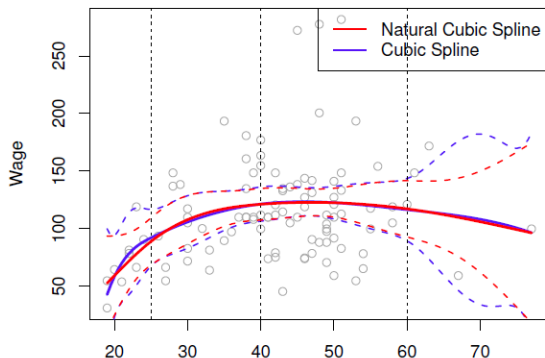


# Cubic Splines



## Natural Cubic Splines

A natural cubic spline extrapolates linearly beyond the boundary knots. This adds  $4 = 2 \times 2$  extra constraints, and allows us to put more internal knots for the same degrees of freedom as a regular cubic spline.

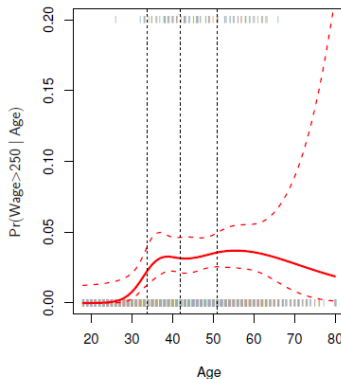
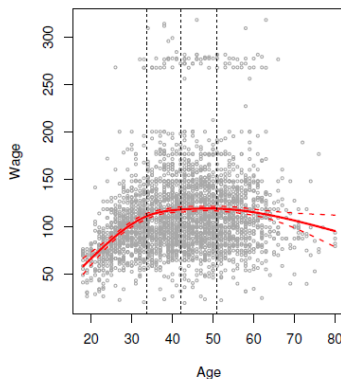




# Natural Cubic Splines

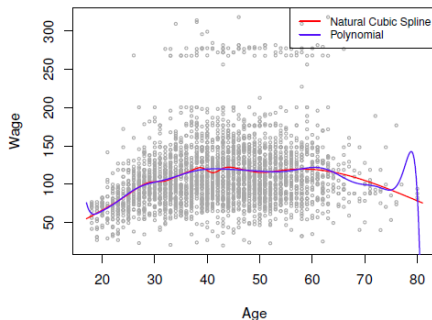
Fitting splines in R is easy: `bs(x, ...)` for any degree splines, and `ns(x, ...)` for natural cubic splines, in package `splines`.

Natural Cubic Spline



## Knot placement

- One strategy is to decide  $K$ , the number of knots, and then place them at appropriate quantiles of the observed  $X$ .
- A cubic spline with  $K$  knots has  $K + 4$  parameters or degrees of freedom.
- A natural spline with  $K$  knots has  $K$  degrees of freedom.



Comparison of a degree-14 polynomial and a natural cubic spline, each with 15df.

`ns(age, df=14)`

`poly(age, deg=14)`

# Smoothing Splines

Consider this criterion for fitting a smooth function  $g(x)$  to some data:

$$\underset{g \in \mathcal{S}}{\text{minimize}} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - g(x_i))^2 + \lambda \int g''(t)^2 dt$$

- The first term is RSS, and tries to make  $g(x)$  match the data at each  $x_i$ .
- The second term is a *roughness penalty* and controls how wiggly  $g(x)$  is. It is modulated by the *tuning parameter*  $\lambda \geq 0$ .
  - The smaller  $\lambda$ , the more wiggly the function, eventually interpolating  $y_i$  when  $\lambda = 0$ .



# Smoothing Splines

The solution is a natural cubic spline, with a knot at every unique value of  $x_i$ . The roughness penalty still controls the roughness via  $\lambda$ .

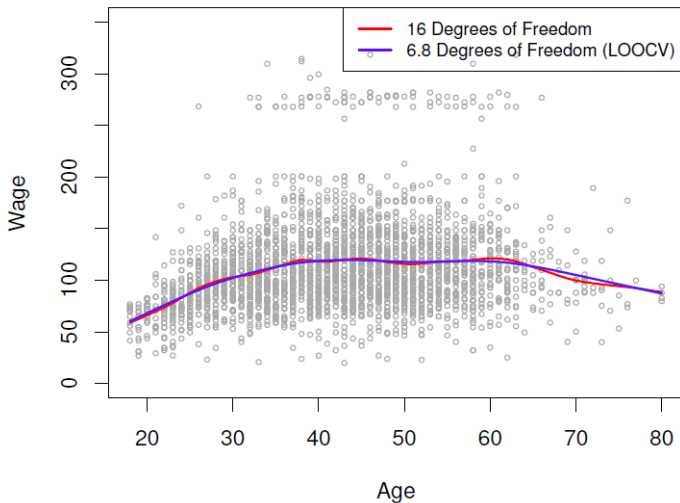
Some details

- Smoothing splines avoid the knot-selection issue, leaving a single  $\lambda$  to be chosen.
- The algorithmic details are too complex to describe here. In R, the function `smooth.spline()` will fit a smoothing spline.
- The vector of  $n$  fitted values can be written as  $\hat{\mathbf{g}}_\lambda = \mathbf{S}_\lambda \mathbf{y}$ , where  $\mathbf{S}_\lambda$  is a  $n \times n$  matrix (determined by the  $x_i$  and  $\lambda$ ).
- The *effective degrees of freedom* are given by

$$df_\lambda = \sum_{i=1}^n \{\mathbf{S}_\lambda\}_{ii}.$$



## Smoothing Spline



## Generalized additive model

In general, the conditional mean of a response  $Y$  is related to an additive function of the predictors via a link function  $g$ :

$$g[\mu(X)] = \alpha + f_1(X_1) + \cdots + f_p(X_p).$$

Examples of classical link functions are the following:

- $g(\mu) = \mu$  is the identity link, used for linear and additive models for Gaussian response data.
- $g(\mu) = \text{logit}(\mu)$  as above, or  $g(\mu) = \text{probit}(\mu)$ , the *probit* link function, for modeling binomial probabilities. The probit function is the inverse Gaussian cumulative distribution function:  $\text{probit}(\mu) = \Phi^{-1}(\mu)$ .
- $g(\mu) = \log(\mu)$  for log-linear or log-additive models for Poisson count data.

The functions  $\hat{f}_j$  are estimated in a flexible manner, using an algorithm whose basic building block is a scatterplot smoother. Note that not all of the functions  $f_j$  need to be nonlinear.

- $g(\mu) = X^T\beta + \alpha_k + f(Z)$ —a *semiparametric* model, where  $X$  is a vector of predictors to be modeled linearly,  $\alpha_k$  the effect for the  $k$ th level of a qualitative input  $V$ , and the effect of predictor  $Z$  is modeled nonparametrically.
- $g(\mu) = f(X) + g_k(Z)$ —again  $k$  indexes the levels of a qualitative input  $V$ , and thus creates an interaction term  $g(V, Z) = g_k(Z)$  for the effect of  $V$  and  $Z$ .
- $g(\mu) = f(X) + g(Z, W)$  where  $g$  is a nonparametric function in two features.

