```
import numpy as np
import pandas as pd
import seaborn as sns
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import statsmodels.formula.api as smf
from sklearn.preprocessing import MinMaxScaler
from sklearn.linear_model import LinearRegression
from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
from sklearn.metrics import mean_absolute_error, r2_score, mean_squared_error
```

## 1. Bias-variance Decomposition

#### (a) plot of 5 curves

```
In [... # sketch
      flexibility = np.linspace(0, 10, 500)
      bias squared = 1 / (1 + flexibility)
      variance = np.exp(flexibility / 5) - 0.5
      irreducible_error = np.ones_like(flexibility) * 1 # set irreducible error to 1
      ## calculate the training error and test error
      training_error = bias_squared + irreducible_error
      test_error = bias_squared + variance + irreducible_error
      # plot
      plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
      plt.plot(flexibility, bias_squared, label="Bias_squared", linestyle="--")
      plt.plot(flexibility, variance, label="Variance", linestyle="--")
      plt.plot(flexibility, training_error, label="Training Error", linestyle=":")
      plt.plot(flexibility, test_error, label="Test Error", linestyle="-")
      plt.plot(flexibility, irreducible_error, label="Irreducible Error", linestyle="-.")
      # add annotation
      plt.title("Bias-Variance Tradeoff")
      plt.xlabel("Flexibility")
      plt.ylabel("Error")
      plt.legend()
      plt.grid(True)
      plt.show()
```

# 

(b)

As model flexibility increases,

- (1)  $Bias^2$  decreases because the model can better capture the true patterns in the data;
- (2) *Variance* increases since a more flexible model becomes overly sensitive to the training data, including noise;
- (3) *Irreducible Error* remains constant as it represents randomness in the data that no model can eliminate, so it would not change with flexibility;
- (4) Training Error consistently decreases because a flexible model fits the training data better;
- (5)  $Test\ Error$  is composed by  $Bias^2$ , Variance and  $Irreducible\ Error$ , which initially decreases as the model improves but later rises due to overfitting, forming a U-shape.

#### 2. Model Choice

#### **Advantages and Disadvantages**

Flexible methods can result in low training error by fitting complex relationships in the data. However, they have higher variance and risk overfitting, making them less generalizable. They also tend to be harder to interpret. In contrast, less flexible methods often have higher bias, as they fail to capture complex relationships, but they have lower variance, are computationally simpler, and are easier to interpret.

#### **Model Choice**

Flexible models are preferred when the relationship between predictors and the response is highly non-linear, and prediction accuracy is the main goal. Less flexible methods are more suitable when the relationship is simple, the data is noisy or limited, or when interpretability is essential.

# 3. Boston housing data

#### (a) load the dataset

```
In [... boston_df = pd.read_csv("./data/Boston.csv")
    display(boston_df.head())
```

|   | CRIM    | ZN   | INDUS | CHAS | NOX   | RM    | AGE  | DIS    | RAD | TAX   | PTRATIO | В      | LSTAT | MDEV |
|---|---------|------|-------|------|-------|-------|------|--------|-----|-------|---------|--------|-------|------|
| 0 | 0.00632 | 18.0 | 2.31  | 0.0  | 0.538 | 6.575 | 65.2 | 4.0900 | 1.0 | 296.0 | 15.3    | 396.90 | 4.98  | 24.0 |
| 1 | 0.02731 | 0.0  | 7.07  | 0.0  | 0.469 | 6.421 | 78.9 | 4.9671 | 2.0 | 242.0 | 17.8    | 396.90 | 9.14  | 21.6 |
| 2 | 0.02729 | 0.0  | 7.07  | 0.0  | 0.469 | 7.185 | 61.1 | 4.9671 | 2.0 | 242.0 | 17.8    | 392.83 | 4.03  | 34.7 |
| 3 | 0.03237 | 0.0  | 2.18  | 0.0  | 0.458 | 6.998 | 45.8 | 6.0622 | 3.0 | 222.0 | 18.7    | 394.63 | 2.94  | 33.4 |
| 4 | 0.06905 | 0.0  | 2.18  | 0.0  | 0.458 | 7.147 | 54.2 | 6.0622 | 3.0 | 222.0 | 18.7    | 396.90 | 5.33  | 36.2 |

#### (b) explore rows and columns

```
In [... print(boston_df.shape)
```

(506, 14)

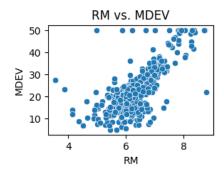
There are 506 rows and 14 columns.

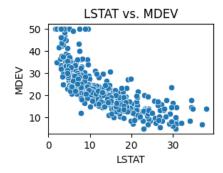
The meaning of each column is below (referred to *Boston data\_description.txt*):

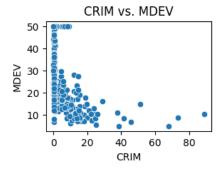
- CRIM: The per capita crime rate in each town, showing how frequently crimes occur relative to the population size.
- ZN: The percentage of land zoned for residential lots larger than 25,000 square feet.
- INDUS: The proportion of land in a town used for non-retail business purposes.
- CHAS: A binary indicator for whether a town borders the Charles River (1 = yes, 0 = no).
- NOX: The average concentration of nitric oxides in the air, measured in parts per 10 million.
- RM: The average number of rooms per home in the town, which often correlates with housing size and affluence.
- AGE: The proportion of owner-occupied units built prior to 1940.
- DIS: The weighted distances to five Boston employment centres, reflecting accessibility to jobs.
- RAD: An index of accessibility to radial highways.
- TAX: The property-tax rate per \$10,000.
- PTRATIO: The ratio of students to teachers in the town.
- B: A transformation of the proportion of Black residents in the town. B = 1000(Bk 0.63)^2, where Bk is the proportion of Black people by town.
- LSTAT: The percentage of lower status of the population.
- MDEV: Median value of owner-occupied homes in \$1000's.

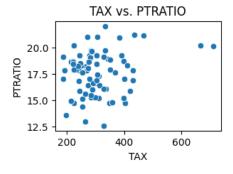
# (c) scatterplots and findings

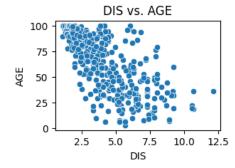
```
# loop through the selected pairs
for x_var, y_var in selected_vars:
   plt.figure(figsize=(3, 2))
   sns.scatterplot(x=boston_df[x_var], y=boston_df[y_var])
   plt.title(f'{x_var} vs. {y_var}')
   plt.xlabel(x_var)
   plt.ylabel(y_var)
   plt.show()
```











The scatterplot between RM and MDEV shows a positive linear relationship. Houses with more rooms generally have higher median values. This suggests that room count is an important determinant of home prices.

The plot of LSTAT versus MDEV has a strong negative relationship. Areas with higher proportions of lower-status populations tend to have lower home values, reflecting socioeconomic disparities.

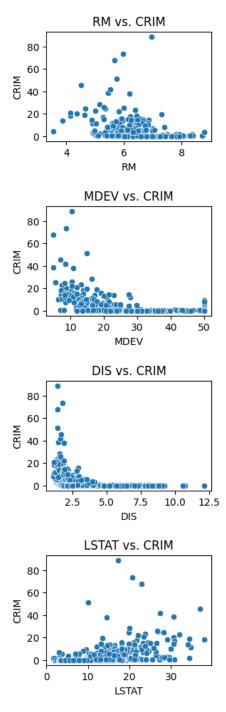
For CRIM and MDEV, there is a weak negative relationship, with higher crime rates generally associated with lower home values, though other factors may also play a role.

For TAX and PTRATIO, the realationship is not very strong. This is also informative, since it suggests that regional tax policies and school resources may not be directly linked.

For DIS and AGE, the older homes are typically located farther from employment centers, likely due to the suburbanization of older housing developments as cities expanded.

(d)

Reviewing the scatterplots in (c) and focusing on the relationship between the above predictors and CRIM, there are 4 predictors that were displayed in (c) has relatively strong relationships with CRIM: RM, MDEV, DIS, LSTAT.



CRIM is positively associated with LSTAT. Areas with higher percentages of lower-status populations tend to have higher crime rates. Bad economic status is an important factor in crime.

CRIM is negatively associated with RM, as areas with more rooms per home generally experience lower crime rates. Similarly, CRIM is negatively associated with MDEV, as areas with higher median home values tend to have lower crime rates. Also, CRIM is negatively related to DIS, with greater distances from employment centers associated with lower crime rates. The reason might be that places with lower population density have lower crime rates.

#### (e) particular high value in Boston

```
# Calculate the range for CRIM, TAX, and PTRATIO
predictors = ['CRIM', 'TAX', 'PTRATIO']

for predictor in predictors:
    minimum = boston_df[predictor].min()
```

```
maximum = boston df[predictor].max()
          ranges = maximum - minimum
          print(f'{predictor}: Min = {minimum}, Max = {maximum}, Range = {ranges}')
      CRIM: Min = 0.00632, Max = 88.9762, Range = 88.96988
      TAX: Min = 187.0, Max = 711.0, Range = 524.0
      PTRATIO: Min = 12.6, Max = 22.0, Range = 9.4
In [... # Find top 1% for each predictor
      for predictor in predictors:
          top = boston df[predictor].quantile(0.99)
          high_values = boston_df[boston_df[predictor] > top][predictor]
          print(f'Top 1% value of {predictor}:\n{high_values}')
      Top 1% value of CRIM:
      380
             88.9762
             41.5292
      404
      405
             67.9208
      410
             51.1358
      414
             45.7461
      418
             73.5341
     Name: CRIM, dtype: float64
      Top 1% value of TAX:
      488
             711.0
      489
             711.0
      490
             711.0
      491
             711.0
      492
             711.0
     Name: TAX, dtype: float64
     Top 1% value of PTRATIO:
      354
             22.0
      355
             22.0
     Name: PTRATIO, dtype: float64
```

#### Comments on the Predictors

The wide range of crime rates (0 to over 80) indicates significant disparities in safety across census tracts.

The large variation in tax rates (187 to 711) reflects differences in local government funding or property values. High tax rates may indicate affluent areas but could also make housing less affordable, contributing to socioeconomic stratification.

While the variation in pupil-teacher ratios is smaller, higher ratios (above 20) may reflect underfunded schools, potentially suggesting educational inequality.

### (f) Bound Charles River

```
In [... # Count tracts that bound the Charles River
    charles_bound = boston_df[boston_df['CHAS'] == 1].shape[0]
    print(f"There are {charles_bound} bound the Charles River.")
```

There are 35 bound the Charles River.

#### (g) median pupil-teacher ratio

```
In [... # Calculate the median of PTRATIO
median_ptratio = boston_df['PTRATIO'].median()
print(f'The median pupil-teacher ratio is {median_ptratio}.')
```

The median pupil-teacher ratio is 19.05.

(h) lowest MDEV and comparison with overall range

```
In [... # Find the lowest MDEV
lowest_mdev = boston_df[boston_df['MDEV'] == boston_df['MDEV'].min()]

# Display other predictors in that tract
print("Census tract with lowest MDEV are below:")
display(lowest_mdev)
```

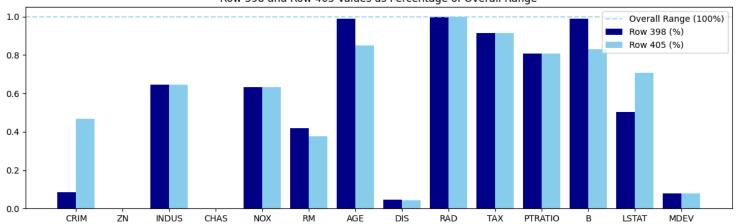
Census tract with lowest MDEV are below:

|     | CRIM    | ZN  | INDUS | CHAS | NOX   | RM    | AGE   | DIS    | RAD  | TAX   | PTRATIO | В      | LSTAT | MDE |
|-----|---------|-----|-------|------|-------|-------|-------|--------|------|-------|---------|--------|-------|-----|
| 398 | 38.3518 | 0.0 | 18.1  | 0.0  | 0.693 | 5.453 | 100.0 | 1.4896 | 24.0 | 666.0 | 20.2    | 396.90 | 30.59 | 5   |
| 405 | 67.9208 | 0.0 | 18.1  | 0.0  | 0.693 | 5.683 | 100.0 | 1.4254 | 24.0 | 666.0 | 20.2    | 384.97 | 22.98 | 5   |

Both 398 and 405 have the lowest MDEV in the dataset (MDEV = 5.0).

```
In [... # Caculate the overall range
      overall min = boston df.min()
      overall_max = boston_df.max()
      overall_range = overall_max - overall_min
      # Compare the 398 and 405 data to overall range
      row_398 = (boston_df.iloc[397] - overall_min) / overall_range
      row_405 = (boston_df.iloc[404] - overall_min) / overall_range
      # draw a bar plot
      variables = boston df.columns
      x = np.arange(len(variables))
      plt.figure(figsize=(12, 4))
      plt.bar(x - 0.2, row_398, 0.4, label="Row 398 (%)", color='darkblue')
      plt.bar(x + 0.2, row_405, 0.4, label="Row 405 (%)", color='skyblue')
      # baseline for overall range
      plt.axhline(y=1, color='lightblue', linestyle='--', label="Overall Range (100%)")
      # add annotation
      plt.xticks(x, variables)
      plt.title("Row 398 and Row 405 Values as Percentage of Overall Range")
      plt.legend(loc = 'upper right')
      plt.tight_layout()
      plt.show()
```

Row 398 and Row 405 Values as Percentage of Overall Range



Both tracts have relatively high values for industrial land use ( INDUS ), air pollution ( NOX ), the proportion of older housing ( AGE ), highway accessibility ( RAD ), property tax rate ( TAX ), student-to-teacher ratio ( PTRATIO ), low racial diversity ( B ), and the percentage of lower-status residents ( LSTAT ). Among these, the proportion of older housing ( AGE ) and highway accessibility ( RAD ) are near the maximum of the overall range, and the racial diversity measure ( B ) for Row 398 is also very close to the maximum. These findings suggest that these areas are heavily urbanized, potentially contributing to poorer living conditions.

Meanwhile, both tracts have very low values for the distance to employment centers (DIS) and the average number of rooms per dwelling (RM). These findings indicate that these tracts are well-connected urban areas, likely in proximity to city centers.

However, Row 398 has a relatively low crime rate (CRIM), while Row 405 has a much higher crime rate. Despite many similar socioeconomic features, there should be other factors that influence crime rates in these areas. This needs further research.

#### (i) rooms per dwelling

```
In [... # Count census tracts with more than 7 rooms per dwelling
m7 = boston_df[boston_df['RM'] > 7].shape[0]

# Count and display census tracts with more than 8 rooms per dwelling
m8 = boston_df[boston_df['RM'] > 8].shape[0]
tracts_m8 = boston_df[boston_df['RM'] > 8]

print(f'{m7} tracts has averagely more than 7 rooms per dwelling.')
print(f'{m8} tracts has averagely more than 8 rooms per dwelling.')
display(tracts_m8.describe().transpose())

64 tracts has averagely more than 7 rooms per dwelling.
```

13 tracts has averagely more than 8 rooms per dwelling.

|         | count | mean       | std        | min       | 25%       | 50%       | 75%       | max       |
|---------|-------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| CRIM    | 13.0  | 0.718795   | 0.901640   | 0.02009   | 0.33147   | 0.52014   | 0.57834   | 3.47428   |
| ZN      | 13.0  | 13.615385  | 26.298094  | 0.00000   | 0.00000   | 0.00000   | 20.00000  | 95.00000  |
| INDUS   | 13.0  | 7.078462   | 5.392767   | 2.68000   | 3.97000   | 6.20000   | 6.20000   | 19.58000  |
| CHAS    | 13.0  | 0.153846   | 0.375534   | 0.00000   | 0.00000   | 0.00000   | 0.00000   | 1.00000   |
| NOX     | 13.0  | 0.539238   | 0.092352   | 0.41610   | 0.50400   | 0.50700   | 0.60500   | 0.71800   |
| RM      | 13.0  | 8.348538   | 0.251261   | 8.03400   | 8.24700   | 8.29700   | 8.39800   | 8.78000   |
| AGE     | 13.0  | 71.538462  | 24.608723  | 8.40000   | 70.40000  | 78.30000  | 86.50000  | 93.90000  |
| DIS     | 13.0  | 3.430192   | 1.883955   | 1.80100   | 2.28850   | 2.89440   | 3.65190   | 8.90670   |
| RAD     | 13.0  | 7.461538   | 5.332532   | 2.00000   | 5.00000   | 7.00000   | 8.00000   | 24.00000  |
| TAX     | 13.0  | 325.076923 | 110.971063 | 224.00000 | 264.00000 | 307.00000 | 307.00000 | 666.00000 |
| PTRATIO | 13.0  | 16.361538  | 2.410580   | 13.00000  | 14.70000  | 17.40000  | 17.40000  | 20.20000  |
| В       | 13.0  | 385.210769 | 10.529359  | 354.55000 | 384.54000 | 386.86000 | 389.70000 | 396.90000 |
| LSTAT   | 13.0  | 4.310000   | 1.373566   | 2.47000   | 3.32000   | 4.14000   | 5.12000   | 7.44000   |
| MDEV    | 13.0  | 44.200000  | 8.092383   | 21.90000  | 41.70000  | 48.30000  | 50.00000  | 50.00000  |

#### Features of Census Tracts with More Than 8 Rooms

Census tracts with an average of more than 8 rooms per dwelling show consistent characteristics in several features. These areas have low percentages of lower-status residents (LSTAT), lower tax rates (TAX) and low crime rates (CRIM), indicating a good socioeconomic status. The houses (AGE) are relatively old, and the student-to-teacher ratio (PTRATIO) is low, suggesting well-resourced schools. Additionally, these areas have similar levels of air pollution (NOX), reflecting a clean environment.

Some other features, such as distance to employment centers (DIS) and highway accessibility (RAD), show some variability. These tracts may include both suburban areas and urban neighborhoods.

# 4. Income and Regression

(a)

(iii) is correct.

For a fixed GPA and IQ, the effect of Level on  $\hat{y}$  is given by  $\beta 3 + \beta 5 \cdot \text{GPA}$ , which equals  $35 - 10 \cdot \text{GPA}$ .

If GPA exceeds 3.5, then  $35-10\cdot {\rm GPA}<0$ , meaning  $\hat{y}$  decreases as Level increases. This explains why high school graduates earn more, on average, than college graduates when GPA is sufficiently high.

(b)

```
In [... # Coefficients
beta_0 = 50
beta_1 = 20
beta_2 = 0.07
beta_3 = 35
beta_4 = 0.01
beta_5 = -10
# Values
GPA = 4.0
```

```
IQ = 110
Level = 1 # College graduate

# Formula
y_hat = (beta_0 + beta_1 * GPA + beta_2 * IQ + beta_3 + beta_4 * GPA * IQ + beta_5 *
print(f'The predicted salary is ${y_hat * 1000}')
```

The predicted salary is \$137100.0

(c)

The statement is false.

Although the coefficient for the GPA/IQ interaction term  $\beta_4=0.01$  is small, the coefficient alone does not determine the size of the interaction effect. The actual contribution of the interaction term depends on both the coefficient and the magnitude of the interaction variable GPA  $\times$  IQ.

In this case, GPA and IQ are likely to take relatively large values (e.g., GPA between 3.0 - 4.0, IQ between 80 - 200), making their product significant.

# 5. Boston data and Regression

(a) separate regression

```
In [... # Lookup the missing values
      # print(boston_df.isna().sum())-- no missing values
In [... # prepare predictors
      predictors = boston_df.drop('CRIM', axis=1).columns
      # create a dictionary to store the coefficients
      univariate_coeffs = []
      # run regression through a loop
      for predictor in predictors:
          formula = f'CRIM ~ {predictor}'
          model = smf.ols(formula, boston_df).fit()
          univariate_coeffs.append({
              'predictor': predictor,
              'coefficient': model.params[predictor],
              'p-value': model.pvalues[predictor]
          })
      # convert to DataFrame
      univariate_coeffs_df = pd.DataFrame(univariate_coeffs)
      display(univariate_coeffs_df)
```

|    | predictor | coefficient | p-value      |
|----|-----------|-------------|--------------|
| 0  | ZN        | -0.073521   | 6.151722e-06 |
| 1  | INDUS     | 0.506847    | 2.444137e-21 |
| 2  | CHAS      | -1.871545   | 2.143436e-01 |
| 3  | NOX       | 30.975259   | 9.159490e-23 |
| 4  | RM        | -2.691045   | 5.838094e-07 |
| 5  | AGE       | 0.107131    | 4.259064e-16 |
| 6  | DIS       | -1.542831   | 1.268832e-18 |
| 7  | RAD       | 0.614137    | 1.620605e-55 |
| 8  | TAX       | 0.029563    | 9.759521e-47 |
| 9  | PTRATIO   | 1.144613    | 3.875122e-11 |
| 10 | В         | -0.035535   | 1.432088e-18 |
| 11 | LSTAT     | 0.544406    | 7.124778e-27 |
| 12 | MDEV      | -0.360647   | 2.083550e-19 |

#### Relationships Between Variables and CRIM

All models show statistically significant associations except CHAS.

# Positive Relationships:

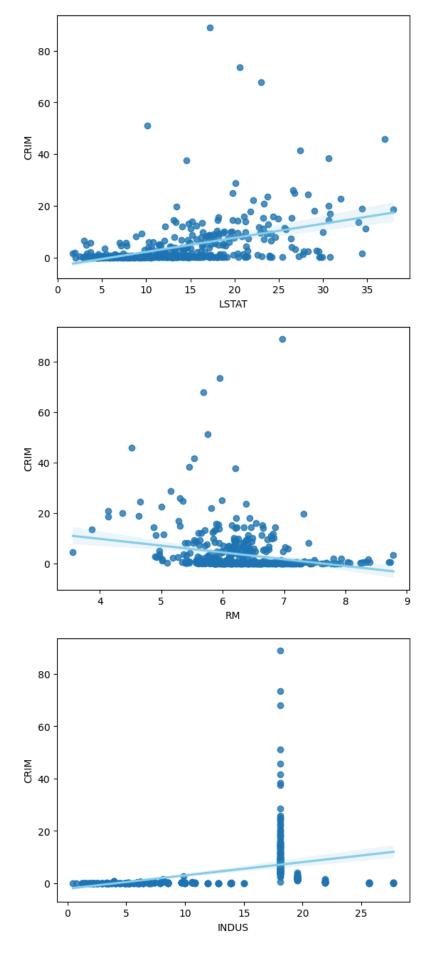
Several variables are positively associated with CRIM. These include INDUS, NOX, AGE, RAD, TAX, PTRATIO, and LSTAT. Areas with higher values in these variables tend to experience higher crime rates. Among these, NOX and INDUS have relatively large coefficients, indicating that changes in these variables have a more pronounced impact on CRIM.

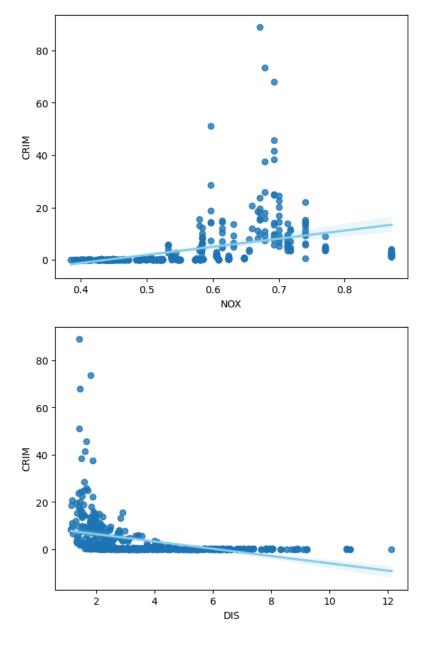
#### Negative Relationships:

On the other hand, variables such as ZN, RM, DIS, B, and MDEV are negatively associated with CRIM. This suggests that areas with higher values in these variables generally have lower crime rates. Among these, DIS and MDEV have relatively large negative coefficients, indicating stronger effects in reducing CRIM as these variables increase.

```
In [... # plot
    selected_predictors = ['LSTAT', 'RM', 'INDUS', 'NOX', 'DIS']

for predictor in selected_predictors:
    sns.regplot(x=boston_df[predictor], y=boston_df['CRIM'], line_kws={"color": "skyb
    plt.xlabel(predictor)
    plt.ylabel("CRIM")
    plt.show()
```





# (b) Multiple Regression

```
In [... # define the regression formula
formula = 'CRIM ~ ' + ' + '.join(predictors)
model = smf.ols(formula, boston_df).fit()

# create a dictionary to store the coefficients
multiple_coeffs = model.params.drop('Intercept')

print(model.summary())
```

#### OLS Regression Results

| ======================================= |                  |                                | ======================================= |
|---|------------------|--------------------------------|---|
| Dep. Variable:                          | CRIM             | R-squared:                     | 0.448                                   |
| Model:                                  | 0LS              | Adj. R-squared:                | 0.434                                   |
| Method:                                 | Least Squares    | F-statistic:                   | 30.73                                   |
| Date:                                   | Wed, 22 Jan 2025 | <pre>Prob (F-statistic):</pre> | 2.04e-55                                |
| Time:                                   | 12:27:11         | Log-Likelihood:                | -1655.7                                 |
| No. Observations:                       | 506              | AIC:                           | 3339.                                   |
| Df Residuals:                           | 492              | BIC:                           | 3399.                                   |
| Df Model:                               | 13               |                                |   |

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[0.025 t 0.975] coef P>|t| std err 2.396 Intercept 17.4184 7.270 0.017 3.135 31.702 2.386 0.082 ΖN 0.0449 0.019 0.017 0.008 **INDUS** -0.06160.084 -0.7350.463 -0.226 0.103 CHAS -0.74141.186 -0.6250.532 -3.0711.588 NOX -10.6455 5.301 -2.008 0.045 -21.061-0.230 RM 0.3811 0.616 0.619 0.536 -0.8291.591 AGE 0.0020 0.018 0.112 0.911 -0.0330.037 -0.439 DIS -1.551-0.99500.283 -3.5140.000 RAD 6.656 0.415 0.763 0.5888 0.088 0.000 TAX -0.7230.470 0.006 -0.00370.005 -0.014PTRATIO -0.2787 0.187 -1.4880.137 -0.6470.089 В -0.00690.004 -1.8570.064 -0.0140.000 LSTAT 0.1213 0.076 1.594 0.112 -0.0280.271 **MDEV** -0.19920.061 -3.2760.001 -0.319-0.080Omnibus: 662.271 Durbin-Watson: 1.515 Prob(Omnibus): 0.000 Jarque-Bera (JB): 82701,666 Skew: 6.544 Prob(JB): 0.00 Kurtosis: 64.248 Cond. No. 1.58e+04

#### Notes:

Covariance Type:

- [1] Standard Errors assume that the covariance matrix of the errors is correctly specified.
- [2] The condition number is large, 1.58e+04. This might indicate that there are strong multicollinearity or other numerical problems.

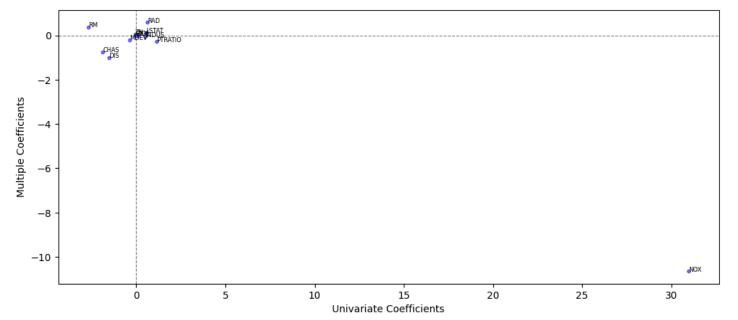
The multiple regression model shows that the predictors **ZN**, **NOX**, **DIS**, and **RAD** are significant with p-values < 0.05, meaning we can reject the null hypothesis for these variables.

#### (c) Compare 5(a) and 5(b)

```
In [... # Convert univariate_coeffs to DataFrame
    univariate_coeffs_df = pd.DataFrame(univariate_coeffs)

# put the coefficients into a DataFrame
    coeffs_df = pd.DataFrame({
        'Predictor': predictors,
        'Univariate': univariate_coeffs_df.set_index('predictor').loc[predictors, 'coeffi
        'Multiple': multiple_coeffs[predictors].values
})
```

```
# plot
plt.figure(figsize=(12, 5))
plt.scatter(coeffs_df['Univariate'], coeffs_df['Multiple'], color='blue', alpha=0.5,
plt.axhline(0, color='gray', linestyle='--', linewidth=0.8)
plt.axvline(0, color='gray', linestyle='--', linewidth=0.8)
for i, row in coeffs_df.iterrows(): # add names to the points
    plt.text(row['Univariate'], row['Multiple'], row['Predictor'], fontsize=6)
plt.xlabel('Univariate Coefficients')
plt.ylabel('Multiple Coefficients')
plt.show()
```



The univariate regression (results from 5(a)) coefficients often overestimate the relationship between individual predictors and CRIM because they do not account for confounding effects from other variables. For example, the coefficient for NOX in the univariate regression is strongly positive, but in the multiple regression (results from 5(b)), it becomes negative, indicating that its effect on CRIM is affected by other factors. On the other hand, some predictors, like DIS and RAD, show consistent relationships in both models. When other variables are present, multiregression is important for us to understand the true predictor effect.

### (d) Non-linear relationship

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In [... # prepare the predictors
    predictors = boston_df.drop(columns=['CHAS', 'CRIM']).columns

# prepare a data frame to store the results
    results = []

# Loop through predictors
for predictor in predictors:
    # Fit the regression model
    formula = f'CRIM ~ {predictor} + I({predictor}**2) + I({predictor}**3)'
    model = smf.ols(formula, boston_df).fit()
    # Store the results
    results.append({
        'Predictor': predictor,
        'P_Value_2': model.pvalues[f'I({predictor}***2)'],
        'P_Value_3': model.pvalues[f'I({predictor}***3)']
```

```
})
# Convert the results to a DataFrame
results_df = pd.DataFrame(results)
display(results_df)
```

|    | Predictor | P_Value_2                    | P_Value_3                    |
|----|-----------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 0  | ZN        | 9.562861e-02                 | 2.322242e-01                 |
| 1  | INDUS     | 4.530067e-10                 | 1.704441e-12                 |
| 2  | NOX       | 1.522887e-14                 | 1.587778e-15                 |
| 3  | RM        | 3.727455e-01                 | 5.206759e-01                 |
| 4  | AGE       | 4.742487e-02                 | 6.784650e-03                 |
| 5  | DIS       | 5.552306e-12                 | 1.161292e-08                 |
| 6  | RAD       | 6.147821e-01                 | 4.851059e-01                 |
| 7  | TAX       | 1.406673e-01                 | 2.474762e-01                 |
| 8  | PTRATIO   | 4.384601e-03                 | 6.674970e-03                 |
| 9  | В         | 4.474840e-01                 | 5.086733e-01                 |
| 10 | LSTAT     | 7.929439e-02                 | 1.553317e-01                 |
| 11 | MDEV      | 4.836717e-18                 | 1.324769e-12                 |
| 9  | B         | 4.474840e-01<br>7.929439e-02 | 5.086733e-01<br>1.553317e-01 |

The predictors INDUS, NOX, AGE, DIS, PTRATIO, and MDEV exhibit statistically significant nonlinear relationships with CRIM, based on the p-values of their quadratic or cubic terms.