

Problem 3: Time spent by students on watching TV

The data in the `students.txt` file were gathered from 148 students who were enrolled in an introductory statistics course at a large university. This dataset includes various attributes, including gender, age (in years), height (in inches), the distance from a student's hometown to the university (in miles), the number of siblings, hours spent on a computer per week, hours dedicated to exercise per week, the count of music CDs owned, hours allocated to playing games per week, and hours dedicated to watching TV per week.

- a) Formulate a linear regression model to predict the weekly hours spent on watching TV based on all the other variables. Provide estimates for the model unknowns.
- b) Perform variable selection using the Lasso method, setting the regularization parameter to $\lambda = 0.3$. Identify and report the significant coefficients.
- c) *For this question, the random state should be fixed by inserting `set.seed(20231108)` at the beginning of the code.*

Optimize the regularization parameter λ through cross-validation within the interval $[0.01, 10]$. Report the optimal λ , the associated mean cross validation MSE (mean-squared error) and the value of the coefficients for the optimal lambda.