

## WEEK 5 HOMEWORK

### Question 11.1

Using the crime data set `uscrime.txt` from Questions 8.2, 9.1, and 10.1, build a regression model using:

1. Stepwise regression
2. Lasso
3. Elastic net

For Parts 2 and 3, remember to scale the data first – otherwise, the regression coefficients will be on different scales and the constraint won't have the desired effect.

For Parts 2 and 3, use the `glmnet` function in R.

Notes on R:

- For the elastic net model, what we called  $\lambda$  in the videos, `glmnet` calls "alpha"; you can get a range of results by varying alpha from 1 (lasso) to 0 (ridge regression) [and, of course, other values of alpha in between].
- In a function call like `glmnet(x, y, family="mgaussian", alpha=1)` the predictors `x` need to be in R's matrix format, rather than data frame format. You can convert a data frame to a matrix using `as.matrix` – for example, `x <- as.matrix(data[,1:n-1])`
- Rather than specifying a value of `T`, `glmnet` returns models for a variety of values of `T`.

### Question 12.1

Describe a situation or problem from your job, everyday life, current events, etc., for which a design of experiments approach would be appropriate.

### Question 12.2

To determine the value of 10 different yes/no features to the market value of a house (large yard, solar roof, etc.), a real estate agent plans to survey 50 potential buyers, showing a fictitious house with different combinations of features. To reduce the survey size, the agent wants to show just 16 fictitious houses. Use R's `Frf2` function (in the `Frf2` package) to find a fractional factorial design for this experiment: what set of features should each of the 16 fictitious houses have? Note: the output of `Frf2` is "1" (include) or "-1" (don't include) for each feature.

### Question 13.1

For each of the following distributions, give an example of data that you would expect to follow this distribution (besides the examples already discussed in class).

- a. Binomial
- b. Geometric
- c. Poisson
- d. Exponential
- e. Weibull