

1.) (1 pt.) **True or False:** In penalized regression, the  $\alpha$  tuning parameter tends to have a greater impact on model accuracy than the  $\lambda$  tuning parameter.

False

2.) (1 pt.) Name the eminent Stanford statistics professor typically credited with inventing the elastic net technique.

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3. (1 pt.) State the three common names for the type of regularization used in the elastic net technique to reduce the impact of multicollinearity on model parameter stability.

L2, Ridge, Tikhonov (1/3 pt. each)

4. (1 pt.) State the two common names for the type of regularization used in the elastic net technique for variable selection.

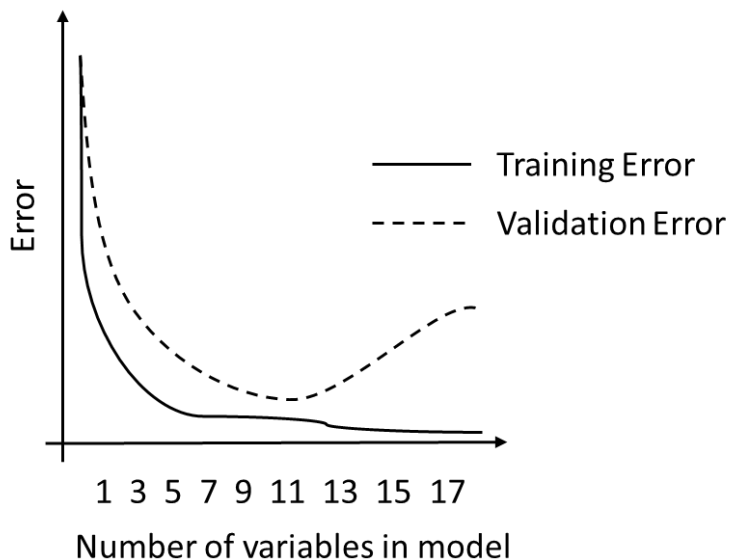
L1, LASSO (1/2 pt. each)

5.) (3 pts.) In the figure below, two partitions of data are used to fit and asses a predictive model.

At what number of variables does the model display the best generalization abilities, i.e. the best tradeoff between error due to bias and variance? **11**

At what number of variables does the model display the highest level of error due to bias? **1**

At what number of variables does the model display the highest level of error due to variance? **17**



6. (3 pts.) A traditional linear regression analysis was conducted to determine the relationship between a dependent variable and two independent variables.

Variable	Value	Std error	t-statistic	p-value
Intercept	128.8128	16.3083	7.8986	0.0000
X1	-143.1620	19.8332	-7.2183	0.0000
X2	61.9603	6.0084	10.3122	0.0000

The model formula was specified as:  $Y \sim \text{Intercept} + X1 + X2$ . State the exact interpretation of the coefficient for X2.

Holding all else constant (1pt.), a one unit change in the value of X2 results in a decrease of 143.162 in Y (1 pt.) on average (1 pt.).