

Week 5

# **Cogs 109: Data Analysis and Modeling**

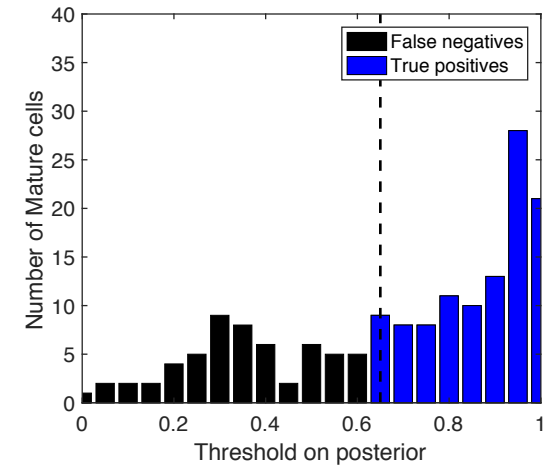
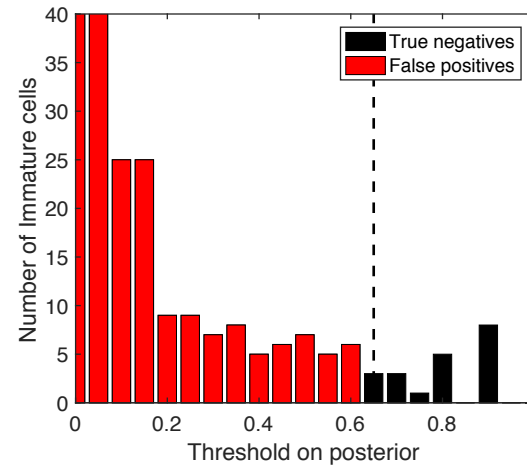
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# ROC plot concepts

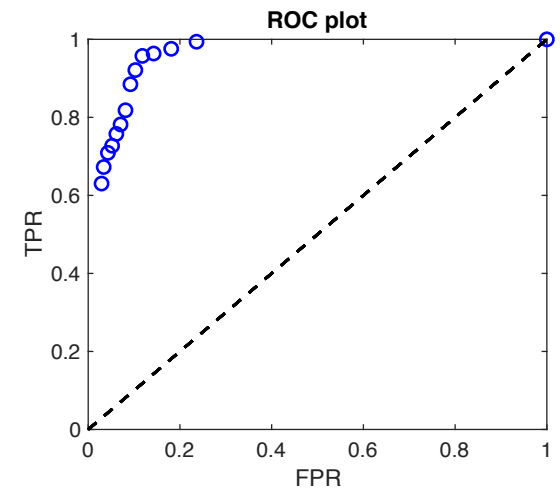
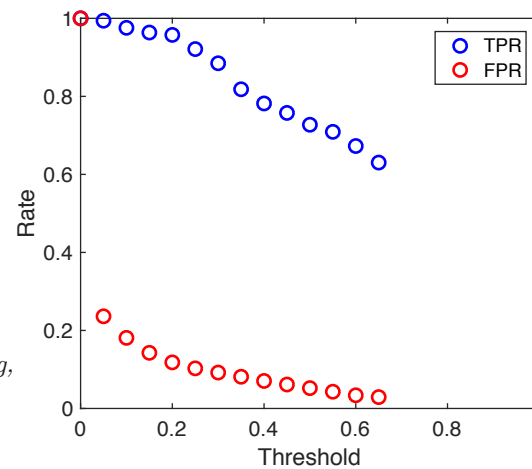
True class	Predicted class			Total
	– or Null	– or Null	+ or Non-null	
	– or Null	True Neg. (TN)	False Pos. (FP)	
	+ or Non-null	False Neg. (FN)	True Pos. (TP)	
	Total	N*	P*	

**TABLE 4.6.** Possible results when applying a classifier or diagnostic test to a population.



Name	Definition	Synonyms
False Pos. rate	FP/N	Type I error, 1–Specificity
True Pos. rate	TP/P	1–Type II error, power, sensitivity, recall
Pos. Pred. value	TP/P*	Precision, 1–false discovery proportion
Neg. Pred. value	TN/N*	

**TABLE 4.7.** Important measures for classification and diagnostic testing, derived from quantities in Table 4.6.



# A “model” is a whole class of possible predictions

- Linear, quadratic and cubic polynomials are different “models” or “model classes”

$$y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x + \varepsilon$$

**Model 1: Linear**

$$y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x + \beta_2 x^2 + \varepsilon$$

**Model 2: Quadratic**

- A particular “model fit” corresponds to a specific set of parameter values (and their corresponding SE, p-value etc.)

$$\{\beta_0 = 1, \beta_1 = 3\} : y = 1 + 3x + \varepsilon$$

$$\{\beta_0 = 0.3, \beta_1 = 5.1\} : y = 0.3 + 5.1x + \varepsilon$$

# Predictive data modeling workflow

Data  
(n observations x p predictors)



## 1. Model selection:

Which model will give the best predictions?

Use cross-validation to estimate  $Err_{test}$  for each model class. For this we need to separate training/testing data

Train

Test



Linear, Quadratic, Cubic, ..., 10-th order

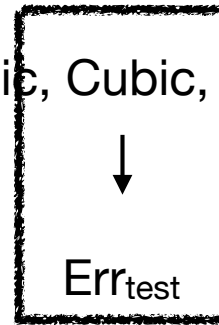


$Err_{test}$

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## 2. Model fit/Parameter estimation:

After selecting the best model class, we fit the model parameters using the full data set (no cross-validation)



Best fit parameters:

$\{\beta_0 = 0.5, \beta_1 = 3.1, \beta_2 = 0.2, \beta_3 = 0.8\}$

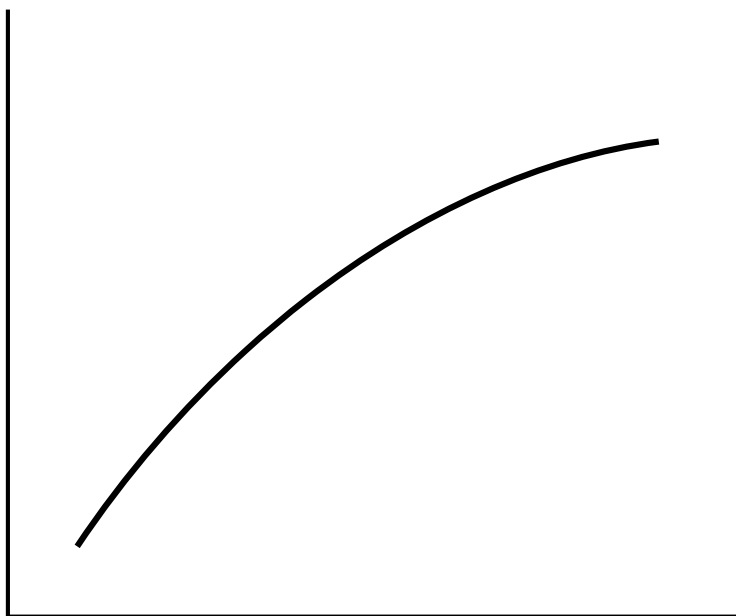


## 3. Estimate parameter SE:

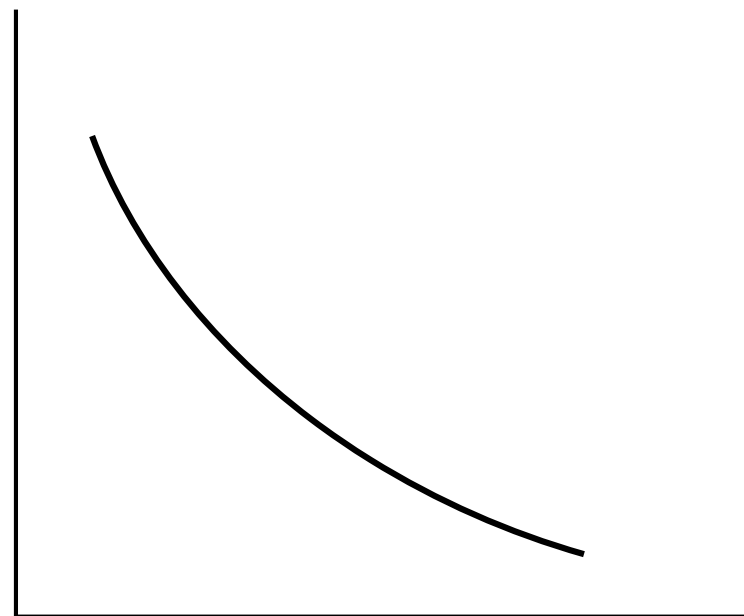
Use bootstrap resampling to determine error bars for the model parameters

$\{\beta_0 = 0.5 \pm 0.2, \beta_1 = 3.1 \pm 1.1, \dots\}$

Optimal  
model  
complexity



Number of training data points ( $N$ )



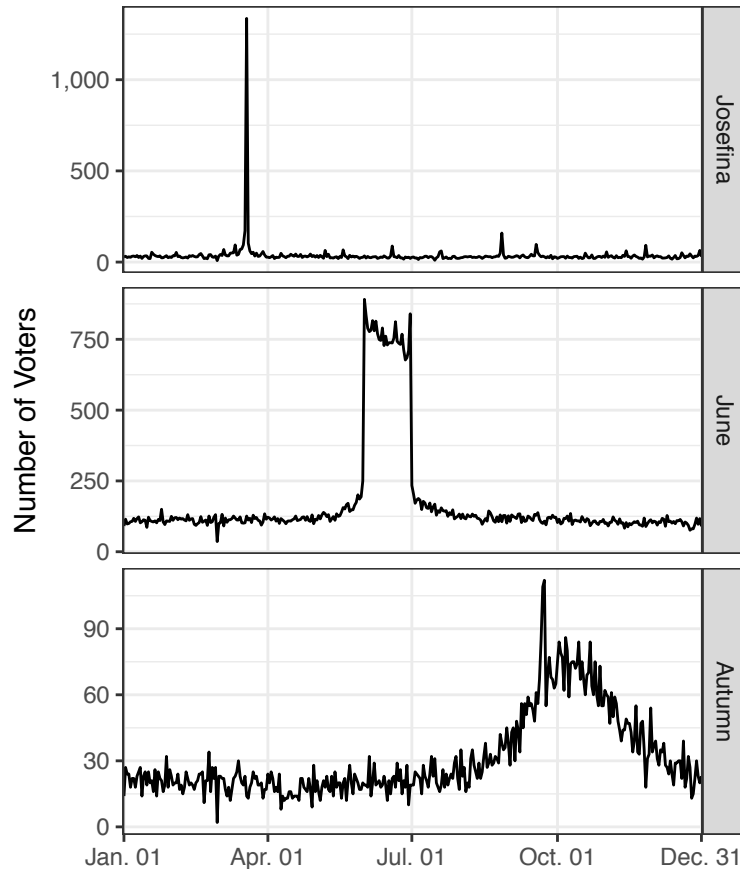
Amount of noise

# One Person, One Vote: Estimating the Prevalence of Double Voting in U.S. Presidential Elections\*

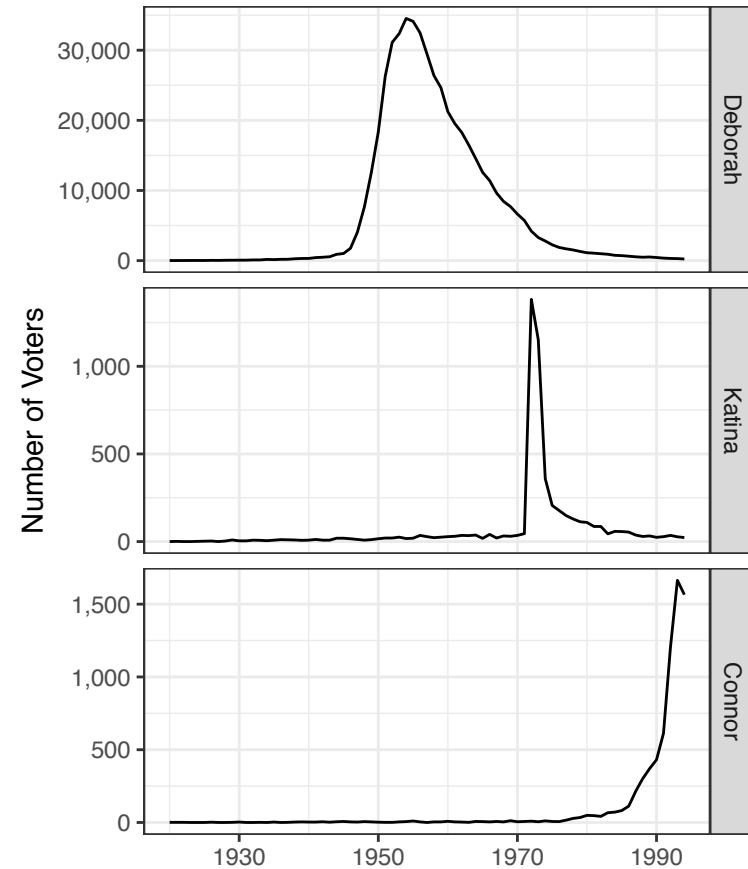
## Cool data science application:

Sharad Goel  
Stanford University

Marc Meredith  
University of Pennsylvania



(a)



(b)

Figure 3: Examples of names among 2012 voters with a non-uniform date of birth distribution, by day (a) or year (b) of birth.

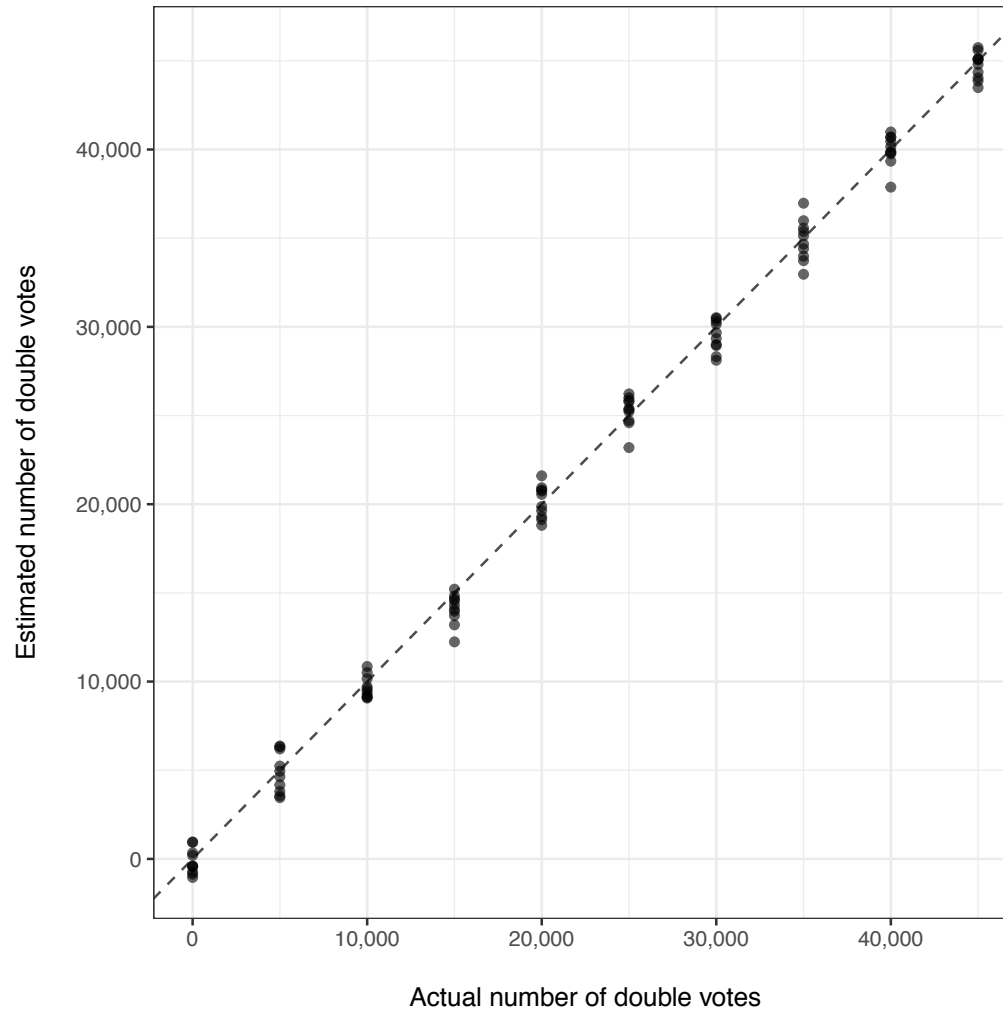


Figure A.2: Estimated number of duplicate records in a simulation compared to actual number of records duplicated.

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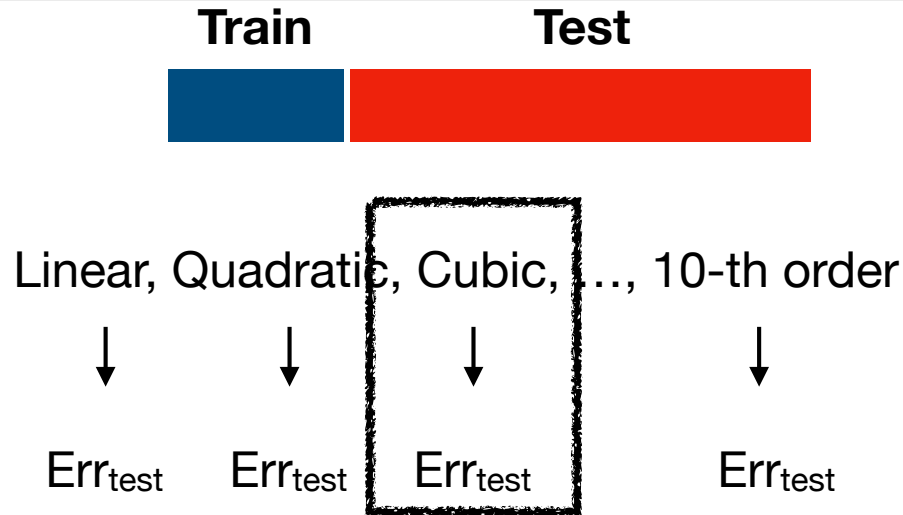
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# Model selection and regularization

- So far we have assumed that we can just try out several models and choose the best one (“brute force search”)
- In real data sets, there may be an *huge* number of possible models, making the brute force method impractical
- Need methods for more efficiently searching for good models

# Method 1: Best subset

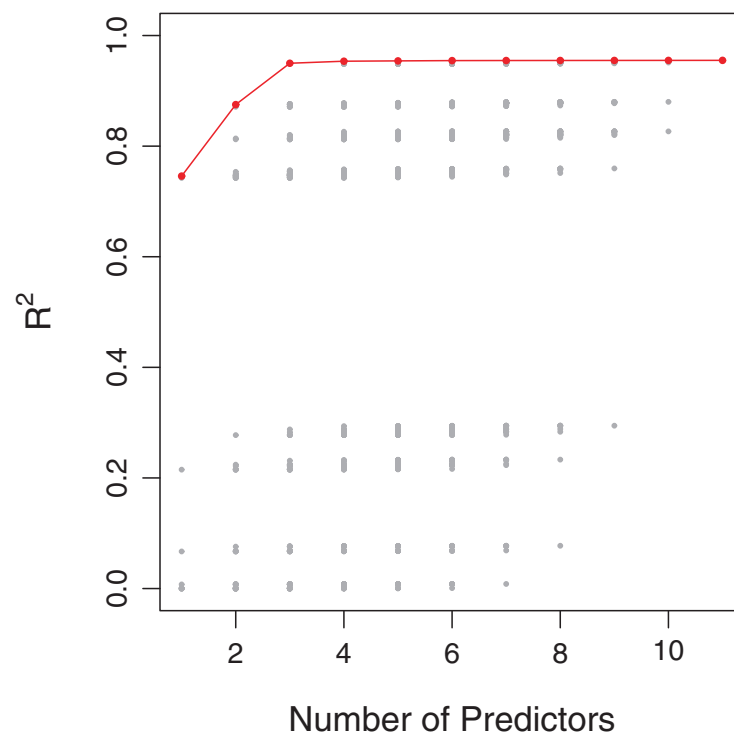
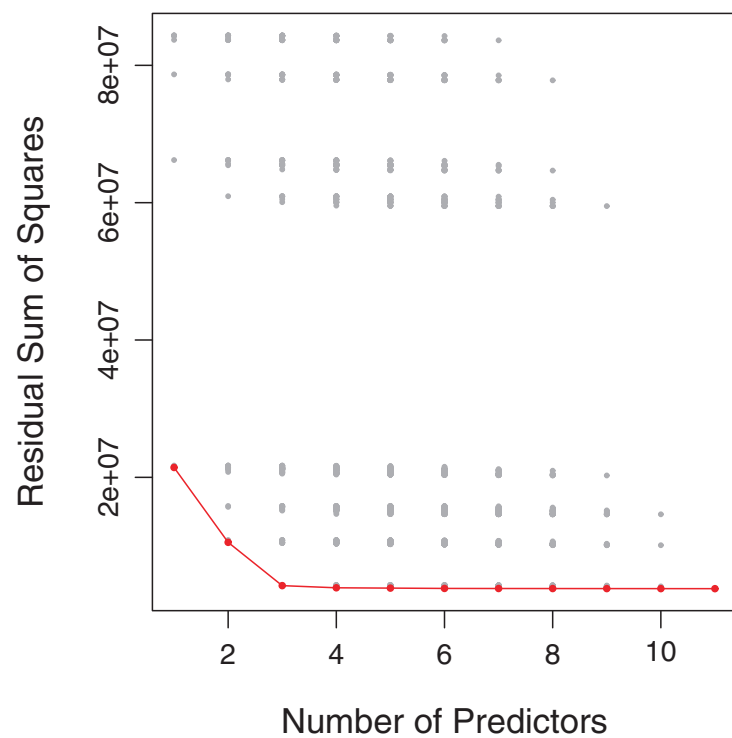
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- We will always use cross-validation in Step 3; you may ignore the other approaches ( $C_p$ , AIC, BIC, etc.)



# When to use cross-validation ( $MSE_{test}$ ) and when to use training data ( $MSE_{train}$ )

- In step 2 of the selection, we are comparing many models with the same number of parameters:

$k = 2$ :

- Model 1:  $Blood\ pressure = \beta_0 + \beta_1 Sex + \beta_2 Age \rightarrow MSE_{train}(1)$
- Model 2:  $Blood\ pressure = \beta_0 + \beta_1 Sex + \beta_2 Exercise \rightarrow MSE_{train}(2)$
- Model 3:  $Blood\ pressure = \beta_0 + \beta_1 Age + \beta_2 Diet \rightarrow MSE_{train}(3)$

- These models are all equally flexible
- Although they may overfit the data ( $MSE_{train} < MSE_{test}$ ), they will all overfit by approximately the same amount. Thus we can use  $MSE_{train}$  to compare them and select the best one (lowest  $MSE_{train}$ )
- In step 3 we are comparing models with different numbers of parameters. Therefore, cross-validation is essential so we can choose a model with low  $MSE_{test}$ .
- Recall that  $MSE_{train}$  is always lower for more flexible models, so  $MSE_{train}$  cannot be used to compare models with different levels of flexibility.

- Model 1,  $k = 1$ :  $Blood\ pressure = \beta_0 + \beta_1 Sex \rightarrow MSE_{test}(1)$
- Model 2,  $k = 2$ :  $Blood\ pressure = \beta_0 + \beta_1 Sex + \beta_2 Age \rightarrow MSE_{test}(2)$
- Model 3,  $k = 3$ :  $Blood\ pressure = \beta_0 + \beta_1 Sex + \beta_2 Age + \beta_3 Exercise \rightarrow MSE_{test}(3)$

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↙ No cross-validation; compare models using MSE<sub>train</sub>

← Use cross-validation; compare models using MSE<sub>test</sub>

# The problem: Too many models

- Complete model:  $Y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_1 + \cdots + \beta_p X_p + \epsilon$

$y$  = Blood pressure

$x_1$  = Age

$x_2$  = Weight

$x_3$  = Sex

$x_4$  = Vegetarian?

$x_5$  = Amount of exercise

...

## 1-variable models

$$y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1$$

$$y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_2$$

$$y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_3$$

$$y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_4$$

$$y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_5$$

## 2-variable models

$$y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1 + \beta_2 x_2$$

$$y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1 + \beta_2 x_3$$

$$y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1 + \beta_2 x_4 \dots$$

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## 3-variable models

$$y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1 + \beta_2 x_2 + \beta_3 x_3$$

$$y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1 + \beta_2 x_3 + \beta_3 x_4 \dots$$

# Number of possible subsets grows exponentially ( $2^P$ )

$$\sum_{k=0}^P \binom{P}{k} = 2^P$$

P=5, k=0, 1 models  
P=5, k=1, 5 models  
P=5, k=2, 10 models  
P=5, k=3, 10 models  
P=5, k=4, 5 models  
P=5, k=5, 1 models  
**Total:  $2^5 = 32$  models**

P=10, k=0, 1 models  
P=10, k=1, 10 models  
P=10, k=2, 45 models  
P=10, k=3, 120 models  
P=10, k=4, 210 models  
P=10, k=5, 252 models  
P=10, k=6, 210 models  
P=10, k=7, 120 models  
P=10, k=8, 45 models  
P=10, k=9, 10 models  
P=10, k=10, 1 models  
**Total:  $2^{10} = 1024$  models**

P=20, k=0, 1 models  
P=20, k=1, 20 models  
P=20, k=2, 190 models  
P=20, k=3, 1140 models  
P=20, k=4, 4845 models  
P=20, k=5, 15504 models  
P=20, k=6, 38760 models  
P=20, k=7, 77520 models  
P=20, k=8, 125970 models  
P=20, k=9, 167960 models  
P=20, k=10, 184756 models  
...  
**Total:  $2^{20} = 1048576$  models**

# Method 2: Stepwise selection

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**Algorithm 6.2** *Forward stepwise selection*

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1. Let  $\mathcal{M}_0$  denote the *null* model, which contains no predictors.
  2. For  $k = 0, \dots, p - 1$ :
    - (a) Consider all  $p - k$  models that augment the predictors in  $\mathcal{M}_k$  with one additional predictor.
    - (b) Choose the *best* among these  $p - k$  models, and call it  $\mathcal{M}_{k+1}$ . Here *best* is defined as having smallest RSS or highest  $R^2$ .
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$$k = 1 : \text{ Blood pressure} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \text{Sex}$$

$$k = 2 : \text{ Blood pressure} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \text{Sex} + \beta_2 \text{Age}$$

$$k = 3 : \text{ Blood pressure} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \text{Sex} + \beta_2 \text{Age} + \beta_3 \text{Exercise}$$



# Stepwise selection is much more efficient than best subset selection

- Instead of exhaustively trying all  $2^P$  possible subsets of parameters, at each stage we just try  $P$  subsets.
- The total number of models we end up fitting is:

$$1 + \sum_{k=0}^{p-1} (p - k) = 1 + p(p+1)/2$$

$P=20, k=0, 20$  models

$P=20, k=1, 19$  models

$P=20, k=2, 18$  models

$P=20, k=3, 17$  models

$P=20, k=4, 16$  models

$P=20, k=5, 15$  models

$P=20, k=6, 14$  models

$P=20, k=7, 13$  models

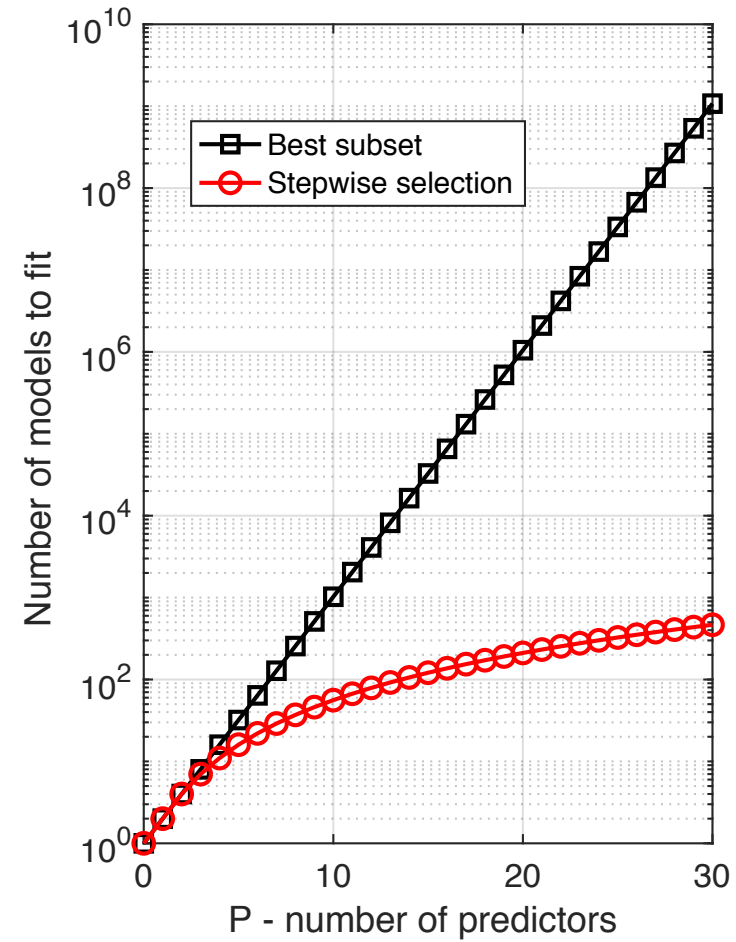
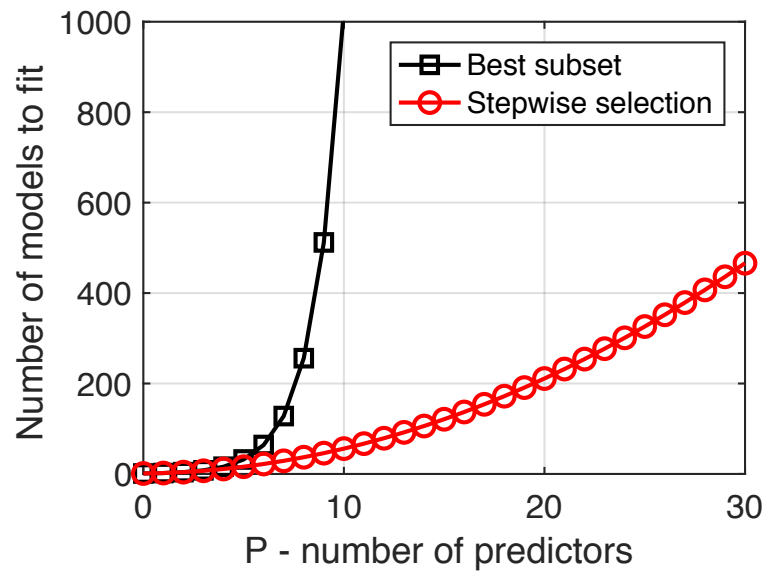
$P=20, k=8, 12$  models

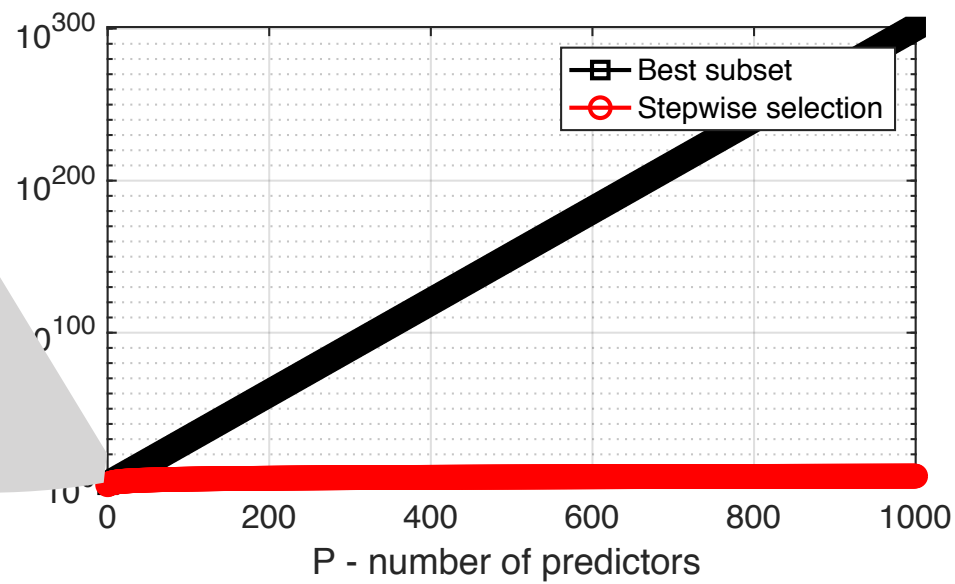
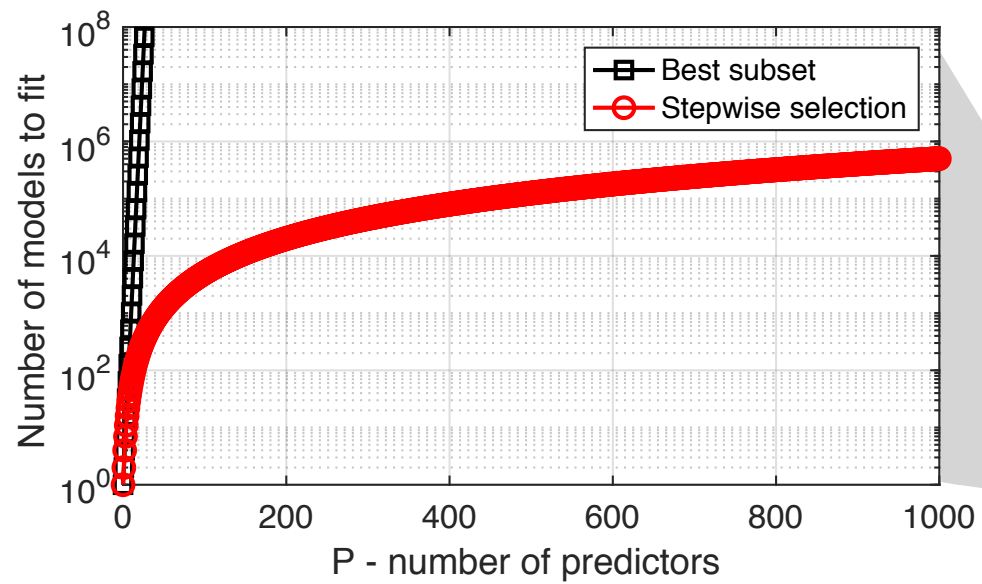
$P=20, k=9, 11$  models

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**Total:  $1+P(P+1)/2 = 211$  models**

Same data on a logarithmic scale for the y-axis





# Stepwise selection may not find the absolute best model

# Variables	Best subset	Forward stepwise
One	rating	rating
Two	rating, income	rating, income
Three	rating, income, student	rating, income, student
Four	cards, income student, limit	rating, income, student, limit

**TABLE 6.1.** *The first four selected models for best subset selection and forward stepwise selection on the Credit data set. The first three models are identical but the fourth models differ.*

# Backward stepwise selection

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**Algorithm 6.3** *Backward stepwise selection*

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1. Let  $\mathcal{M}_p$  denote the *full* model, which contains all  $p$  predictors.
  2. For  $k = p, p - 1, \dots, 1$ :
    - (a) Consider all  $k$  models that contain all but one of the predictors in  $\mathcal{M}_k$ , for a total of  $k - 1$  predictors.
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