

R Programming - Challenge B

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link towards github repo

<https://github.com/JeromePoulain/Challenge-B-Helgadottir-Poulain.git>

Task 1B - Predicting house prices in Iowa

Step 1: Feedforward neural network

A feedforward neural network defines a mapping $y = f(x; \theta)$ where the objective is to learn the value of the parameters θ that result in the best function approximation. Information travels first through the input nodes, then through the hidden nodes and finally through the output nodes. Information travels only in one direction in the network, which is forward, so there are no loops nor feedback connections.

Step 2: Train technique

```
library(nnet)

training<-nnet(SalePrice~.,train,size=3,linout=TRUE,skip=TRUE)

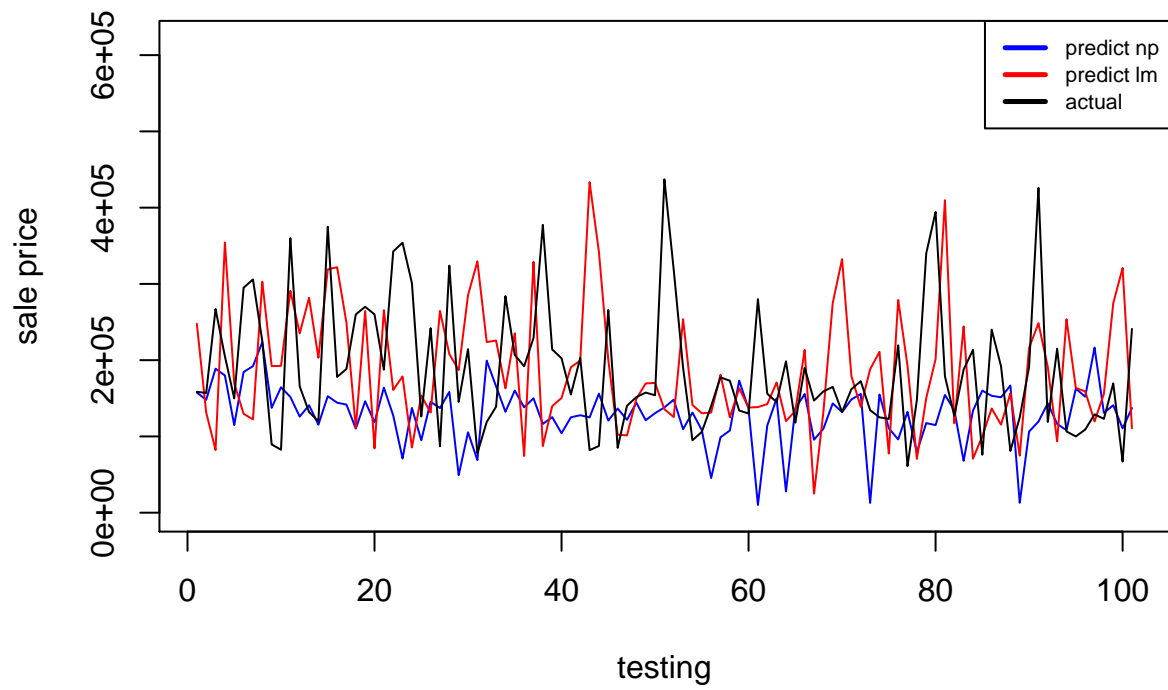
## # weights:  931
## initial  value 55995380051037.304687
## iter   10 value 4036087777041.277344
## iter   20 value 3617898435593.253906
## iter   30 value 2131377219219.887939
## iter   40 value 1630201243140.320312
## iter   50 value 1302991457631.991943
## iter   60 value 980387904059.450684
## iter   70 value 846039983975.093872
## iter   80 value 764546286724.075684
## iter   90 value 731502490003.311279
## iter  100 value 694282406282.365479
## final   value 694282406282.365479
## stopped after 100 iterations
```

Step 3: Predictions

```
predict<-predict(training,test)

predictions<-data.frame(predict=predict,actual=train[1:1459,74])
head(predictions)
```

##	predict	actual
## 1	110978.7	208500
## 2	153715.9	181500
## 3	180949.1	223500
## 4	190157.3	140000
## 5	206627.9	250000
## 6	169044.6	143000



TASK 2B - OVERFITTING IN MACHINE LEARNING (continued)

Step 1: Estimating a low flexibility local linear model

```
# model_low
ll.fit.lowflex <-npreg(y~x,bws=0.5, training_data, regtype="ll")
summary(ll.fit.lowflex)

##
## Regression Data: 122 training points, in 1 variable(s)
##           x
## Bandwidth(s): 0.5
##
## Kernel Regression Estimator: Local-Linear
## Bandwidth Type: Fixed
## Residual standard error: 1.085438
## R-squared: 0.8540956
##
## Continuous Kernel Type: Second-Order Gaussian
## No. Continuous Explanatory Vars.: 1
y1fit<-fitted.values(ll.fit.lowflex)

df_y1fit<-data.frame(y1fit)
```

Step 2: Estimating a high flexibility local linear model

```
# model_high
ll.fit.highflex <-npreg(y~x,bws=0.01, training_data, regtype="ll")
summary(ll.fit.highflex)

##
## Regression Data: 122 training points, in 1 variable(s)
##           x
## Bandwidth(s): 0.01
##
## Kernel Regression Estimator: Local-Linear
## Bandwidth Type: Fixed
## Residual standard error: 0.5070779
## R-squared: 0.9680171
##
## Continuous Kernel Type: Second-Order Gaussian
## No. Continuous Explanatory Vars.: 1
y2fit<-fitted.values(ll.fit.highflex)
df_y2fit<-data.frame(y2fit)
```

Step 3: Plot scatterplot

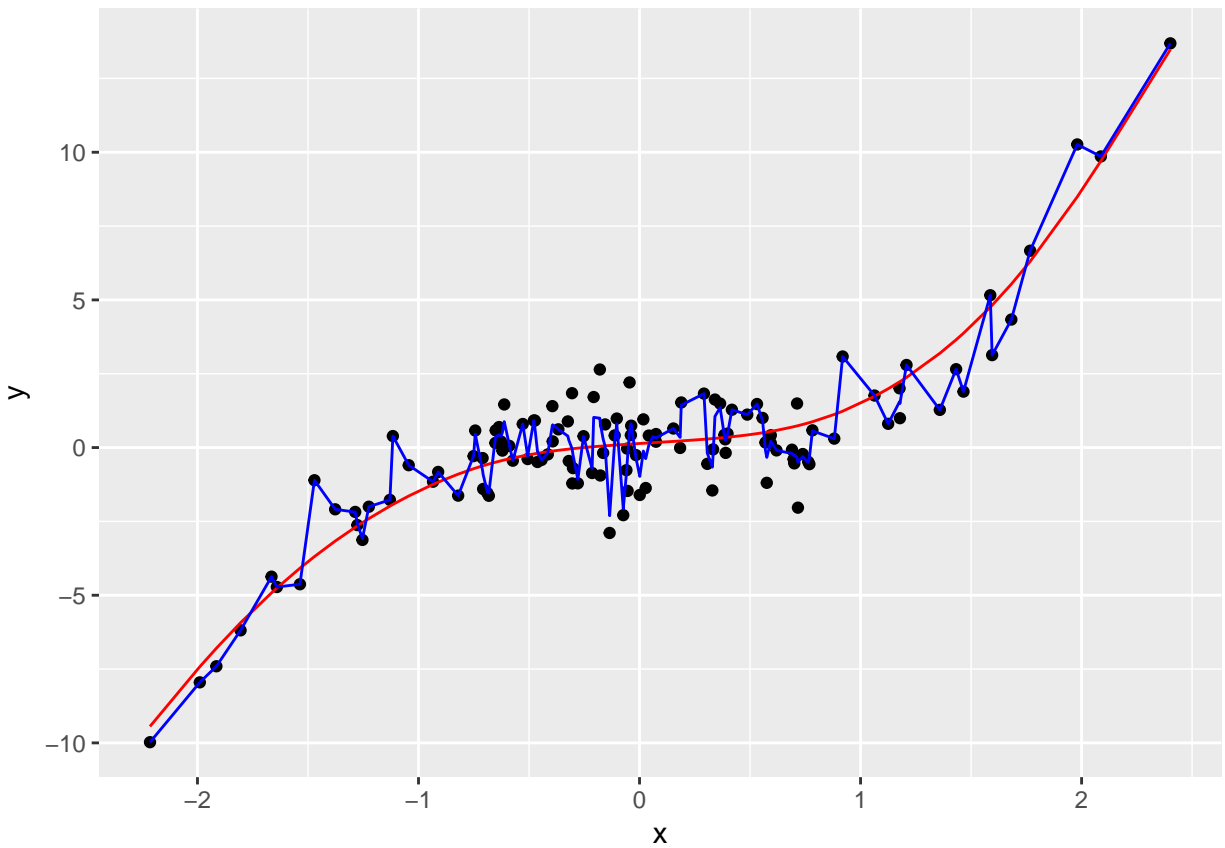


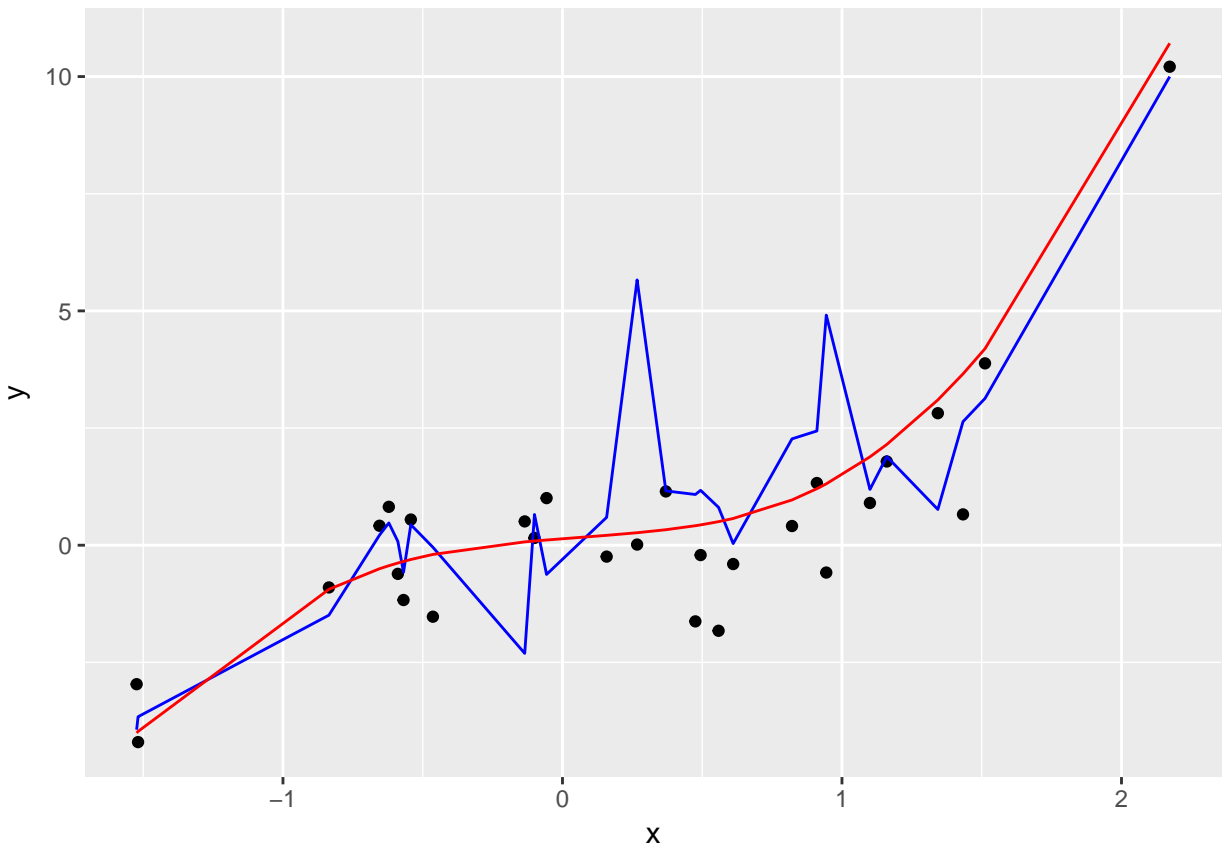
Figure 1: Predictions of `ll.fit.lowflex` and `ll.fit.highflex` on training data

Step 4: Model comparison

The predictions from the high flexibility local linear model are more variable since they fluctuate more around the scatter points. However, since they're closer to the actual values, represented by the scatter points, the high flexibility model is less biased.

Step 5: Plot predictions using test data

```
# model_low  
predh<-predict(l1.fit.highflex, newdata=testing_data)  
predl<-predict(l1.fit.lowflex, newdata=testing_data)
```



The predictions from the high flexibility model are more variable since they fluctuate more around the scatter points. The bias in the high flexibility model has increased since the predictions lie further away from the scatter.

Step 6: creating a vector of bandwidth

Step 7: variation of our estimations according to different flexibility

We summarized all our fitted values from the regressions for each bandwidth in one matrix called `df_finallyfit`, whose each column is the vector of the fitted values of the corresponding bandwidth

Step 8: computing the MSE for training data

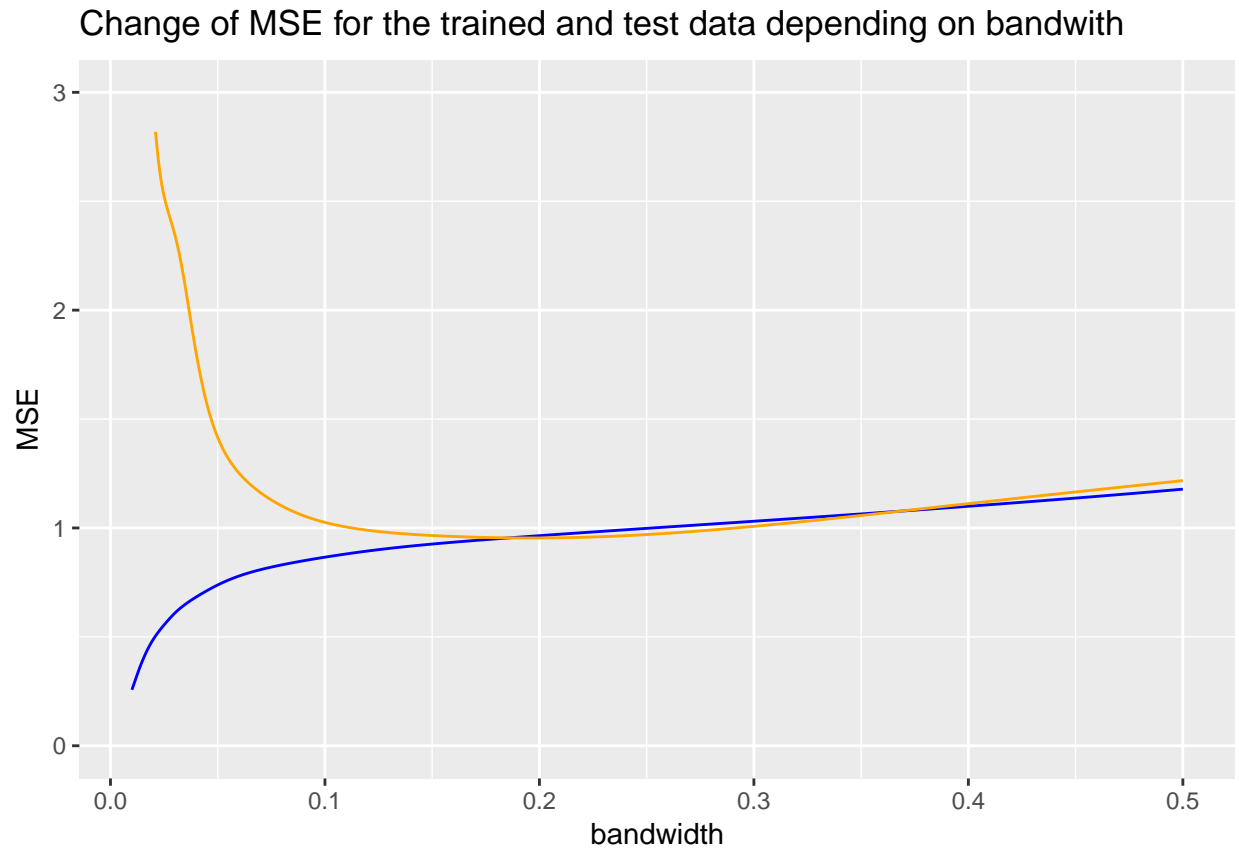
We summarized the MSE of our models in the vector `MSEtrain`

Step 9: computing the MSE for the test data

Similarly, we summarized our MSE of our models using the “test data” in the vector `MSEtest`

Because some MSE (those of the 10 highest flexibility models) are irrelevant, I will not take them into account into my plot (actually, they only accentuate the idea that predictions from models with high flexibility are very biased).

Step 10: plot MSE



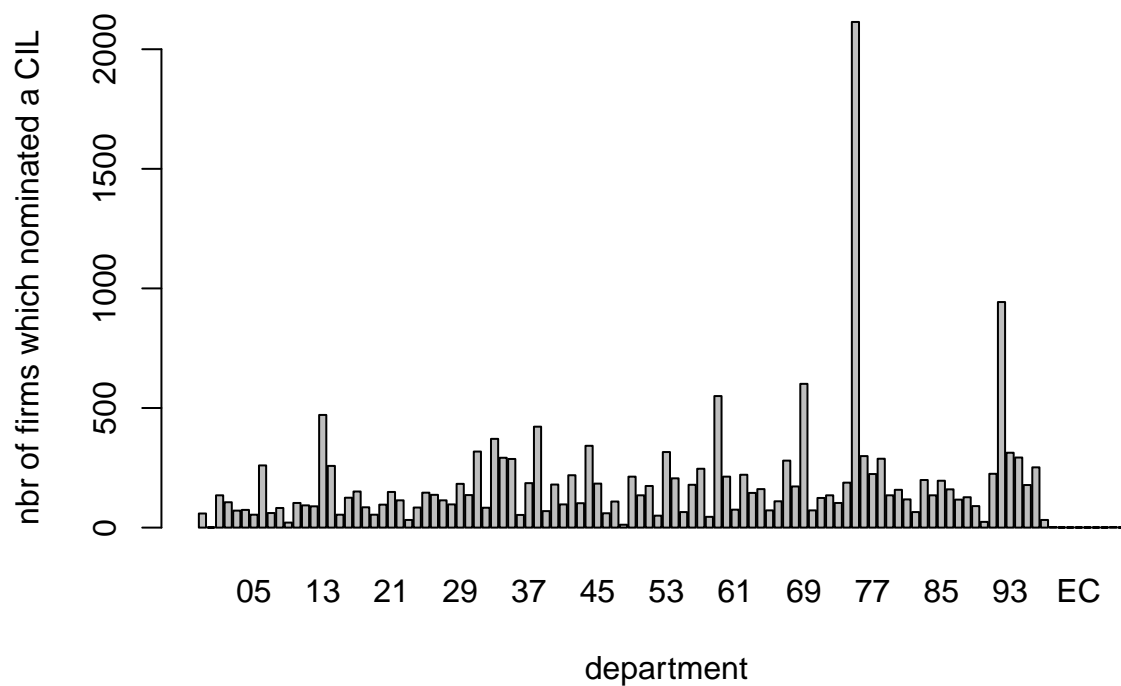
To sum up, we see in our plot that very flexible models (with the lowest bandwidth) produce biased predictions as soon as you change your sample, whereas models with less flexibility are less biased regardless of the data. We may add that the MSE curve has a minimum (here, for the bandwidth of value 0.196)

Task 3B - Privacy regulation compliance in France

Step 1: import the cnil dataset

```
##      Siren      Responsable      Adresse
## Min.      :      0      Length:18629      Length:18629
## 1st Qu.:328922067      Class :character      Class :character
## Median :413893454      Mode  :character      Mode  :character
## Mean    :457377665
## 3rd Qu.:520301044
## Max.    :999999999
## NA's    :301
## Code_Postal      Ville      NAF
## Length:18629      Length:18629      Length:18629
## Class :character      Class :character      Class :character
## Mode  :character      Mode  :character      Mode  :character
##
##
##
##
##      TypeCIL      Portee
## Length:18629      Length:18629
## Class :character      Class :character
## Mode  :character      Mode  :character
##
##
##
##
```

Step 2: nice table



Step 3: the SIREN file

My computer is not powerful enough to solve this question, and unfortunately We're running out of time to try on another device. Nevertheless, Here are some unsuccessful attempts to solve it. - increasing my memory with `memory.limit` - dealing with big data thanks to `fread`, `read.csv.ffdf`, `read.csv2.ffdf` - I also tried to divide my SIREN dataset in smaller portions, then creating a loop to fill so that every row of the CNIL file look into each small portion until finding its equivalence (but my code was not working)