

Data Science Methods for Clean Energy Research

Week 7 L2: Multiple regression, nonlinear regression and resampling

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You will need the
HCEPD_100K.csv file (or the
path to it) for python example
time today



Outline

- > Quick review from last time
- > Multiple regression
- > Python example of simple and multiple regression
- > Nonlinear regression
 - Python implementation
- > **Resampling methods** (will do this first, depending on time)
 - Cross-validation
 - Bootstrapping
 - Python examples (if time)



Topics last time

- > Simple linear regression and the origin of our fit coefficients
- > Assessing the quality of our fit coefficients
- > Assessing the error in our model



Accuracy of the model – how are we doing overall?

> Residual standard error

$$\text{RSE} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{n-2} \text{RSS}} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{n-2} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2}. \quad (3.15)$$

- A measure of the lack of fit **of your model** (in units of Y!)

> R² statistic

$$R^2 = \frac{\text{TSS} - \text{RSS}}{\text{TSS}} = 1 - \frac{\text{RSS}}{\text{TSS}} \quad (3.17) \quad \text{TSS} = \sum (y_i - \bar{y})^2$$

- A scale invariant measure (0-1 range) that explains "*the proportion of the variability of Y that is explained by X*"
- Lets chat about TSS and what it means...



The correlation

- > Recall the basic descriptor – **correlation coefficient or simply correlation**, which we use to describe trends in our data and relationship between variables

$$\text{Cor}(X, Y) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})(y_i - \bar{y})}{\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2} \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \bar{y})^2}}, \quad (3.18)$$



Multiple regression

- > **Concept: independently assess the variation in Y with different values of X:**

$$Y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_1 + \beta_2 X_2 + \cdots + \beta_p X_p + \epsilon, \quad (3.19)$$

- > **As with SLR, the coefficients are determined by setting the analytical partial derivatives to zero and solving the resultant $p+1$ linear equations**
- > **As with SLR there is an exact solution**
 - Will not show math, but easily found online



Python break /examples

> <<instructions>>



Key questions with multi-parameter fits

- > Section 3.2.2 in ISL does an excellent job of discussing the following four key questions in the context of an MLR fit for marketing/sales data
 1. Is at least one of the predictors X_1, X_2, \dots, X_p useful in predicting the response?
 2. Do all the predictors help to explain Y , or is only a subset of the predictors useful?
 3. How well does the model fit the data?
 4. Given a set of predictor values, what response value should we predict, and how accurate is our prediction?



Big picture concepts

- > Tempting to simply add one term for each feature in X and see how good of a fit we obtain, but that doesn't give us much inference
- > There is a huge risk of overfitting with using a lot of parameters!
- > We can use a new type of hypothesis test to find out if any of the parameters are significant
- > We can use some algorithms (selection algorithms) to try and reduce the number of parameters



Multiple regression and the F-score

> With large number of parameters (p) it is not useful to individually hypothesis on the individual β_i

- Consider $p=100$, and the following hypothesis is true:

$$H_0 : \beta_1 = \beta_2 = \dots = \beta_p = 0$$

- By random chance, you can expect 5% of the individual P-values to be below 0.05!
- Instead we can evaluate the entire hypothesis in one go using the F-statistic

$$F = \frac{(\text{TSS} - \text{RSS})/p}{\text{RSS}/(n - p - 1)}, \quad (3.23)$$



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- > The F-statistic has a penalty for increasing the number of parameters (this should make sense!)
- > Recall from the t-statistic, we had a specific recipe to test the hypothesis at a certain significance level (e.g., $\alpha=0.05$)
- > Similar test is beyond the scope of this class, but you should look for F values: at minimum > 1 as n decreases and p increases the F values to show significance can take values $\gg 1$



Which of the variables are important?

- > Once we have some idea that at least one of the variables are important, how might we figure out what variables matter?
- > 5-10 min discussion (partner/table/group). Think about algorithm!
- > **Two basic concepts**
 - **Forward selection:** start with a null model ($y = \beta_0$) and add to it and find the min RSS
 - **Backward selection:** start with complete model ($\max p$) and remove, in order, variables w/largest P-values
 - **The algorithm continues until a stopping rule is reached**
- > **Selection algorithms foreshadow a need for more sophisticated methods** (subset selection and regularization)

Residual squared error (RSE) in MLR

- > Our error metric for the goodness of fit of the model also includes a penalty for increasing p compared to n

$$\text{RSE} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{n - p - 1} \text{RSS}}, \quad (3.25)$$

- > With an multiple linear regression model in hand, you can make predictions and also trivially add confidence intervals, just as with simple linear regression



When good assumptions go bad

- > We haven't discussed it in detail but there are three key assumptions that have been used to build our linear regression model:
 - Errors are uncorrelated and normally distributed
 - The variance of the error (in Y) is independent of where we are in X
 - Linear relationship between X and Y (the predictor-response relationship)
 - Individual contributions of your X 's are piecewise additive to the response
- > These assumptions underlie many methods we commonly use!



Understanding correlation in error

- > The most common way that error becomes correlated is with time series data

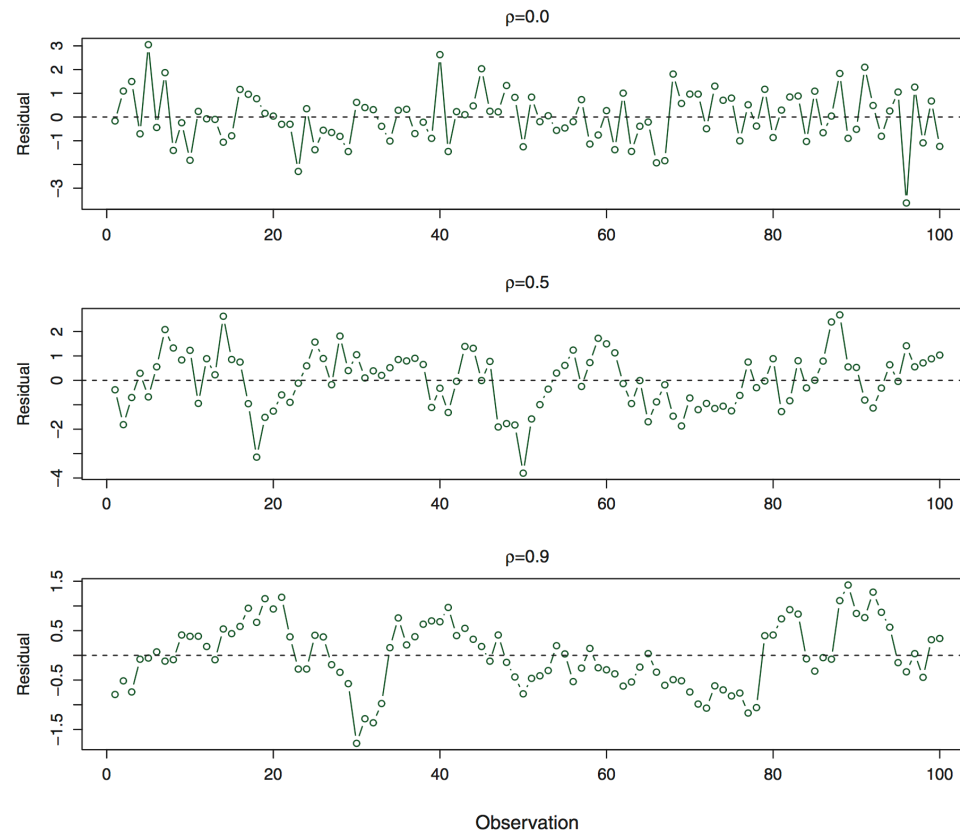
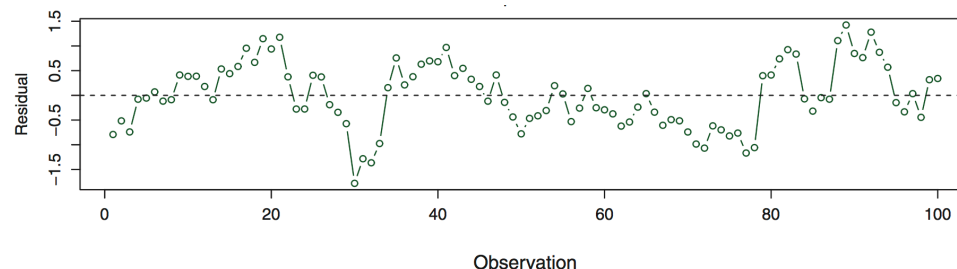


FIGURE 3.10. Plots of residuals from simulated time series data sets generated with differing levels of correlation ρ between error terms for adjacent time points.



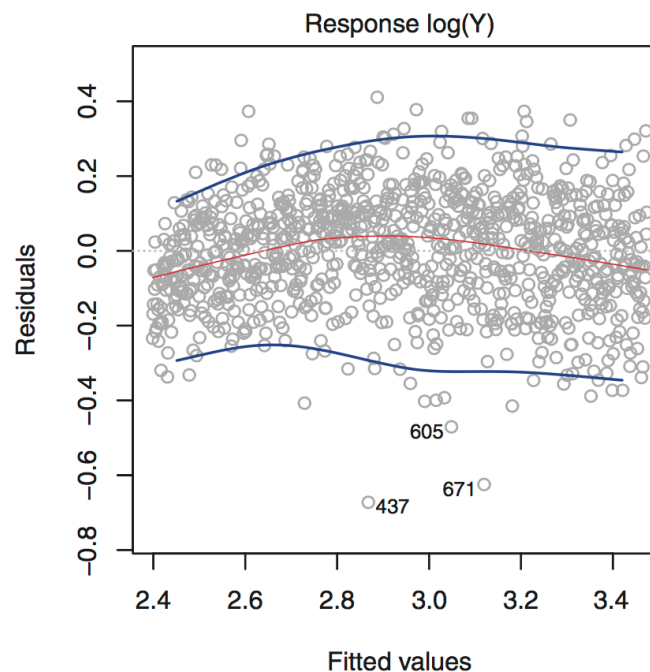
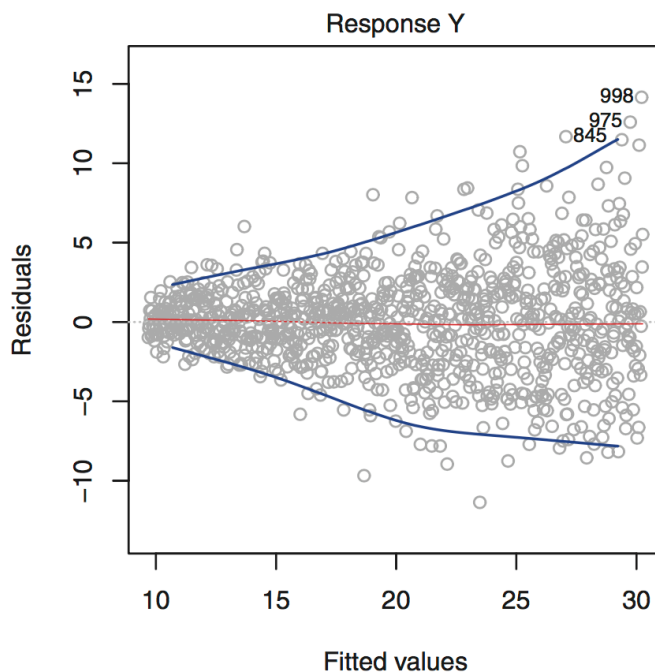
Identifying correlation in error

- > **Note that the plot in the last slide was residual vs. observation** (always a good idea to plot this in addition to a histogram of your residuals – both whether our assumptions are in line)
- > **Introduction and practical implementation of methods to deal w/correlated errors is beyond scope of this class but we can discuss a few principles**
 - **The autocorrelation time**
 - **Getting the most out of your data**



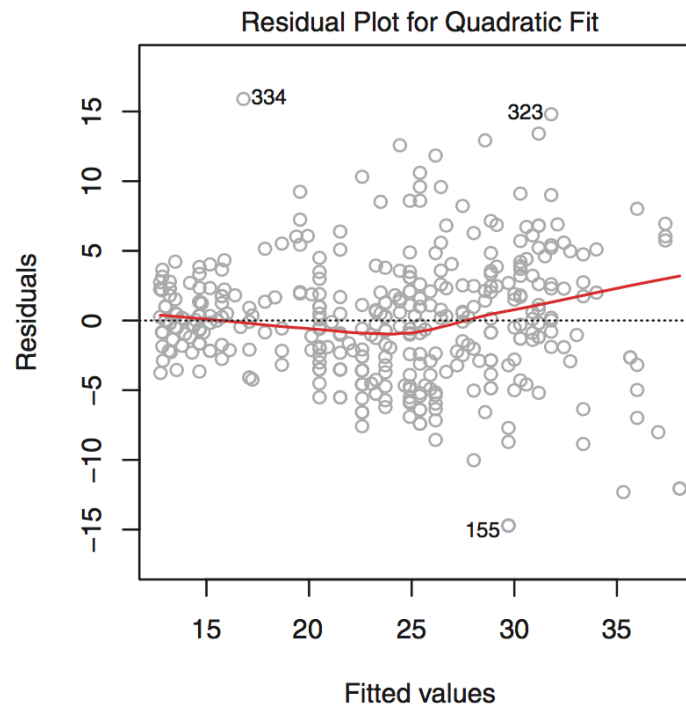
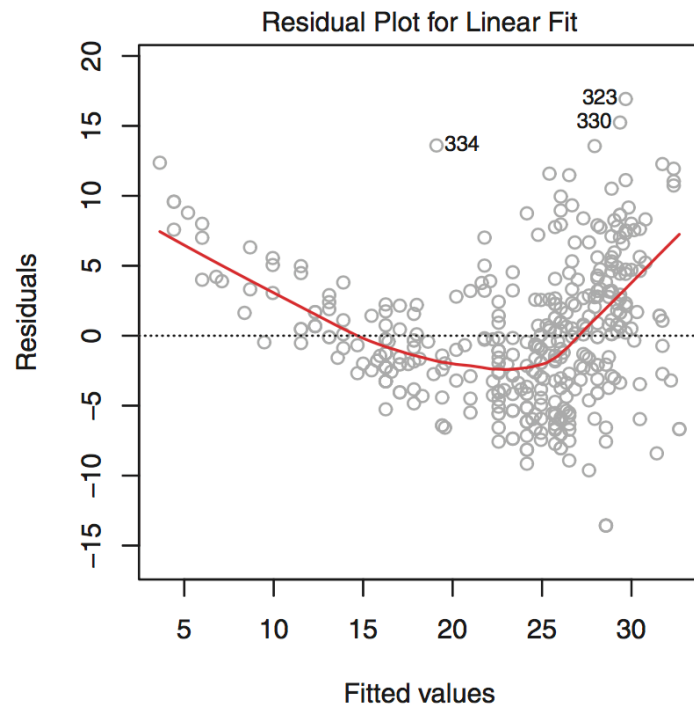
Nonlinear variance

- This phenomena is known as heteroscedasticity
- Transform data (as in Fig 3.11)
- Weigh the observables by their variance (e.g., $y_{i,new} = y_i / \sigma$)



Intro to nonlinear regression

- Sometimes your variables have a clear non-linear dependence on the response
- This is especially clear when you look at the residuals (ISL Fig 3.9)



Simple types nonlinear regression

- > Sometimes a simple variable transformation can take care of nonlinear terms in our regression (e.g., $X_{i,new} = \sqrt{X_i}$)
 - In these cases we can use the same pipeline/framework for large scale MLR approaches
 - This would be performed prior to training your model
- > Sometimes there is a clear co-dependence (interaction) on several of your features/variables

$$Y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_1 + \beta_2 X_2 + \epsilon.$$

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Where to go when you have a true nonlinear model to fit/train?

- > In general, the packages in scikit-learn work for general linear (single or multiple) or very specific types of nonlinear (e.g., splines) models of Y
 - The reason why has to do with speed of model solution and large training data set sizes
- > Other Python packages can also perform regression (See W4L1L2.ipynb in my notes!)

`scipy.optimize.curve_fit`

`scipy.optimize.curve_fit(f, xdata, ydata, p0=None, sigma=None, absolute_sigma=False, check_finite=True, bounds=(-inf, inf), method=None, jac=None, **kwargs)` [\[source\]](#)



Moving from exact solution to finding a minimum MSE

- > When we leave the world of “exact solutions”, we are then confined to using numerical solutions to find the minimum value of $\text{MSE}(\beta_i)$
- > Do we need an initial guess? (yes!)
 - What should it be?
- > A lot of our machinery for assessing the models still works just fine!

$$\text{RSE} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{n - p - 1} \text{RSS}}, \quad (3.25)$$



Other topics / suggestions

- > Chapter 3 of ISL is strongly suggested to read carefully (maybe multiple times)
- > Additional topics we didn't cover
 - Outliers and high leverage points in your training set
 - Collinearity
 - More about nonlinear regression
 - AND MANY MORE!



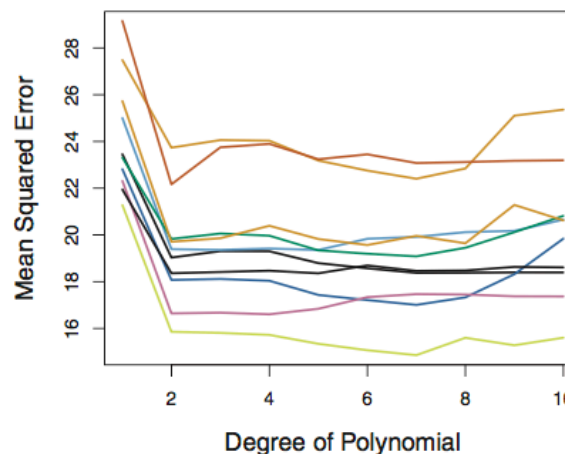
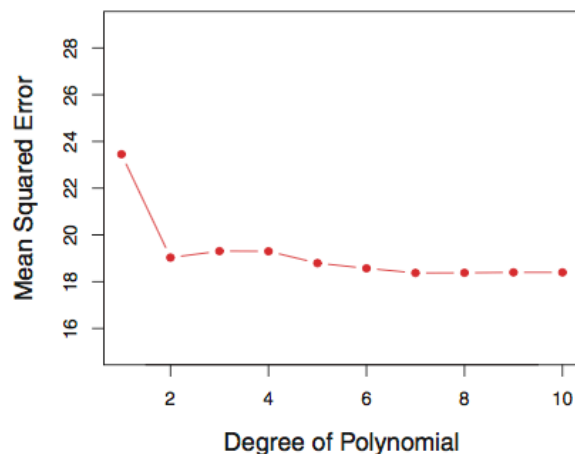
Resampling methods (CH5, ISL)

- > Resampling concept
- > Doing more with your data
- > **A big warning:** as introduced today, the resampling schemes are not to be used to generate independent predictions (**of Y**) for averaging later.
- > This is a concept related to 'ensemble' methods, which we will discuss soon



Cross Validation (k-fold)

- > Suppose you have one set of data and you have to decide how to break it into pieces for training and validation
- > Simplest approach is the “validation set” , just break it into two pieces
- > Example (Fig 5.2) looking at variations on
$$Y = \beta_0 + \beta_0 + X^n$$



Left: training MSE vs n for one data set

Right: training MSE vs n for 10 validation sets

Riddle me this, how many ways are there to choose two 500 data sets from 1000?

Cross Validation (k-fold)

- > Since you only use a portion of your data in the training, the “validation set” approach will tend to overestimate **your error!**
- > **Leave One Out Cross Validation approach**

$$CV_{(n)} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n MSE_i. \quad (5.1)$$

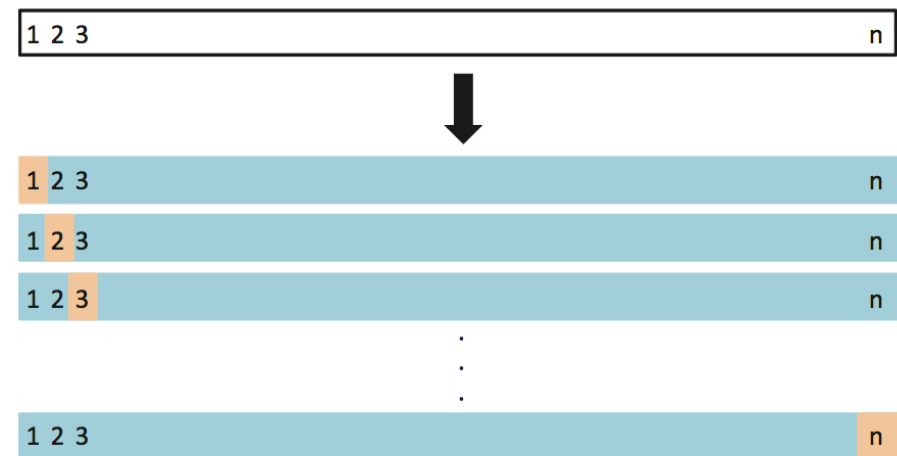
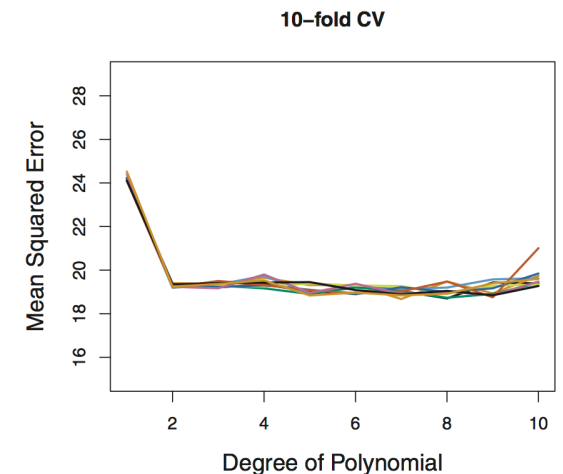
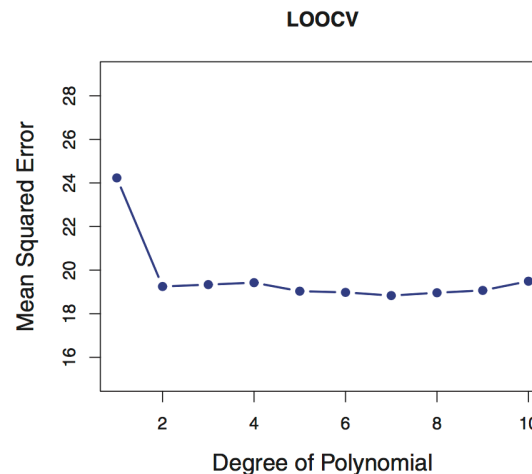


FIGURE 5.3. A schematic display of LOOCV. A set of n data points is repeatedly split into a training set (shown in blue) containing all but one observation, and a validation set that contains only that observation (shown in beige). The test error is then estimated by averaging the n resulting MSE's. The first training set contains all but observation 1, the second training set contains all but observation 2, and so forth.

Cross Validation (k-fold)

- > LOOCV is way more accurate (Fig 5.4), but more computationally expensive!
- > An alternate is to break the data into larger pieces than n and $n-1$
- > We break it into “ k ” folds of data, e.g. 5-fold. The 1st set is saved for validation, remaining $k-1$ sets are used for training

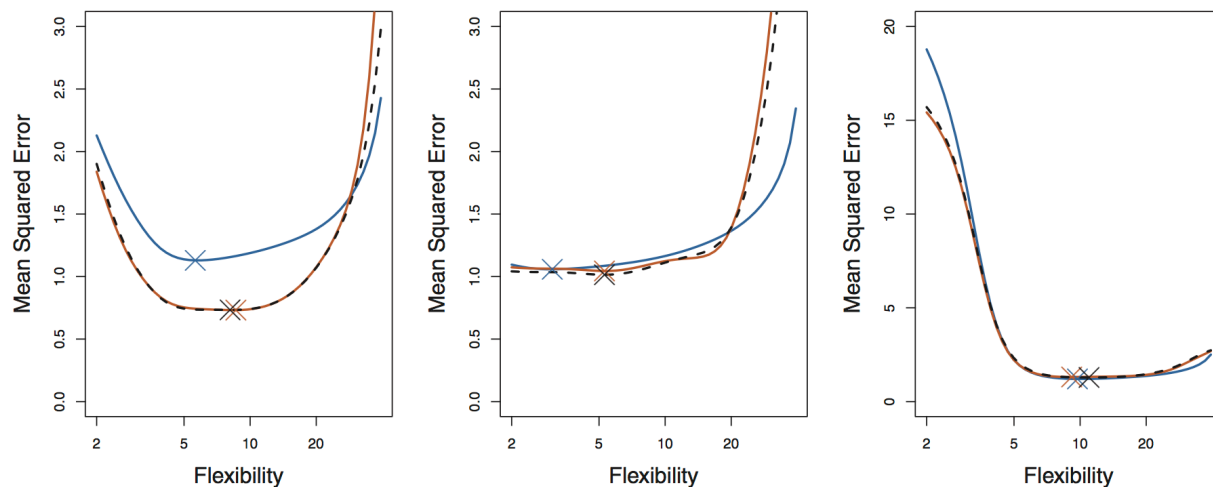
$$CV_{(k)} = \frac{1}{k} \sum_{i=1}^k \text{MSE}_i. \quad (5.3)$$



Bias/variance tradeoff: use 5 or 10 folds

- > Can anyone recall what we meant by the bias/variance tradeoff?
- > Empirically people usually use 5 or 10 folds to avoid too much bias or variance in their resampling algorithm
- > This is a great way to get a true estimate of your model's MSE

Fig 5.6 revisits Fig 2.9 in the context of k-fold cross validation



Bootstrap

- > The bootstrap is one of the most versatile tools you will use in statistical analysis of data sets
- > It involves **resampling** with replacement **from your data set**
- > **Algorithm:**
 - Randomly draw, with replacement, some subset from your training data
 - Train your model and make an estimate of your coefficient and MSE
 - Rinse and repeat until the errors converge



The power of the bootstrap in one figure

> Fig 5.10, estimates of some parameter, α

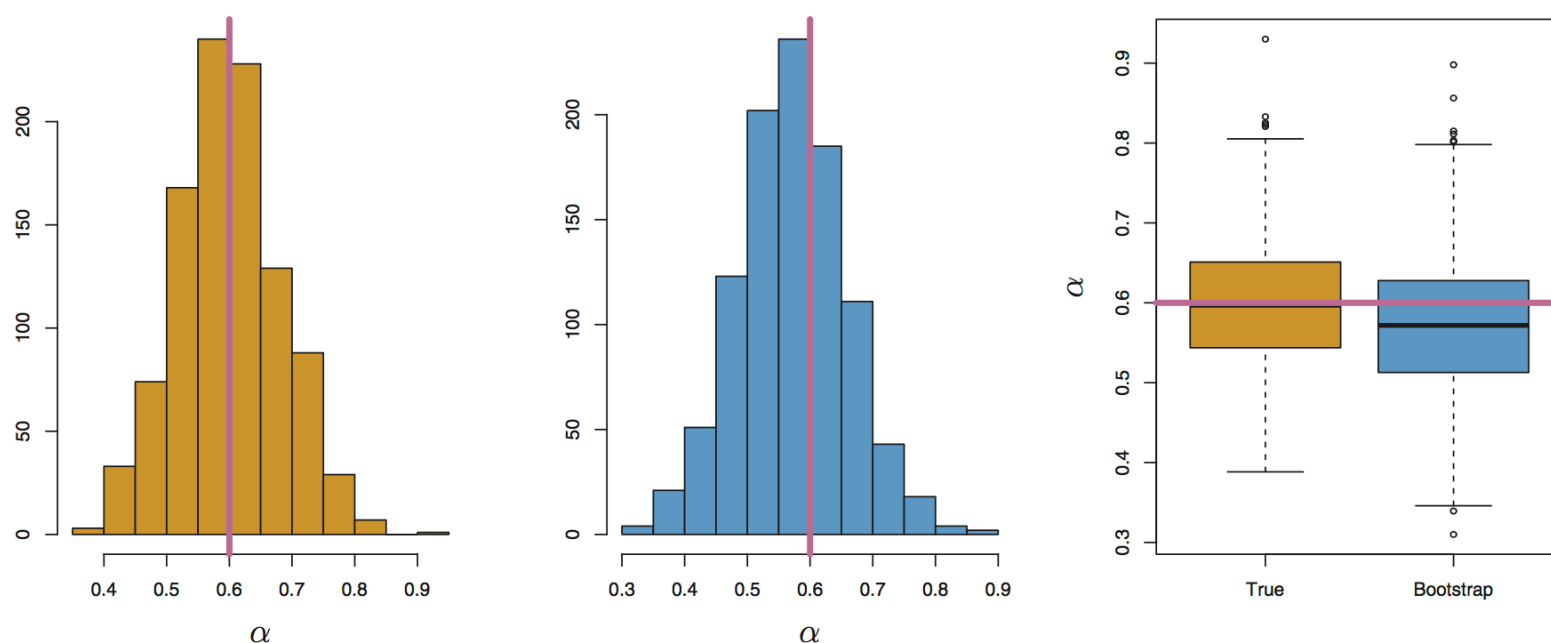


FIGURE 5.10. Left: A histogram of the estimates of α obtained by generating 1,000 simulated data sets from the true population. Center: A histogram of the estimates of α obtained from 1,000 bootstrap samples from a single data set. Right: The estimates of α displayed in the left and center panels are shown as boxplots. In each panel, the pink line indicates the true value of α .

Take care

- > Depending on how large your bootstrap sample data set is, I recommend you avoid using the standard error formula (Eq 5.8) and instead you should use simply the standard deviation of the bootstrap estimates.
 - Can anyone explain why?
- > In this context α , could be any quantity from your training procedure (MSE, β , etc..)

$$SE_B(\hat{\alpha}) = \sqrt{\frac{1}{B-1} \sum_{r=1}^B \left(\hat{\alpha}^{*r} - \frac{1}{B} \sum_{r'=1}^B \hat{\alpha}^{*r'} \right)^2}. \quad (5.8)$$

What's next?

> HW 4!

