HW4

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8.4.2

Since Boosting is a stagewise regression, adding basis function to the model will not change coefficients of previous basis.

Suppose there are k stumps choose predictor X_j , then there are k basis functions. If $Z_{j1} < Z_{j2} ... < Z_{jk}$, then basis functions are

$$B_{j1}(Z) = I(Z_{j1} < X_j \le Z_{j2})$$

$$B_{j2}(Z) = I(Z_{j2} < X_j \le Z_{j3})$$
...
$$B_{jk}(Z) = I(Z_{jk} < X_j)$$

$$B_j = \sum_{i=1}^k B_{ji}$$

then for any predictor X_j , $f_j(X_j)$ can be represented as $(\lambda \text{ is learning rate})$

$$f_j(X_j) = \lambda [c_1 B_{j1} + c_2 B_{j2} \dots + c_k B_{jk}]$$
$$= \lambda \sum_{i=1}^k c_i B_{ji}$$

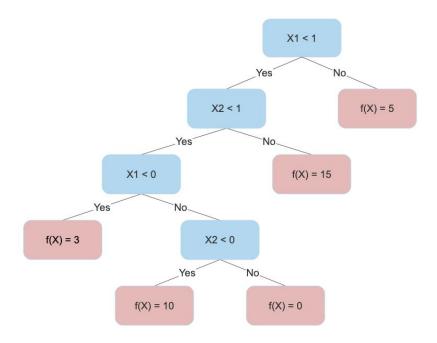
Since each function f_j depends only on single predictor X_j , the model can be represented as

$$f(X) = \sum_{j=1}^{p} f_j X_j$$

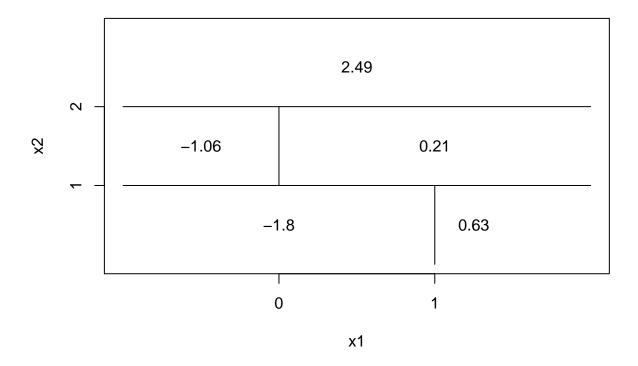
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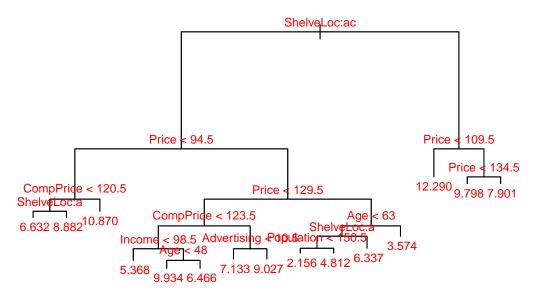
b

```
train_tree <- tree(formula = Sales~., data=Carseats.train)

test_pred <- predict(train_tree, Carseats.test)

test_mse <- mean((test_pred - Carseats.test$Sales)^2)
print(test_mse)

## [1] 4.965909
plot(train_tree)
text(train_tree, cex=0.75, col='red')</pre>
```



The expected value of Sales for observations with 'Price < 94.5', 'CompPrice < 120.5', and 'ShelveLoc = Bad' is 6.632.

The expected value of Sales for observations with 'Price < 94.5', 'CompPrice < 120.5', and 'ShelveLoc = Medium' is 8.882.

The expected value of Sales for observations with 'Price < 94.5', 'CompPrice >= 120.5', and 'ShelveLoc = Medium or Bad' is 10.870.

The expected value of Sales for observations with '94.5 <= Price < 129.5', 'CompPrice < 123.5', 'Income < 98.5', and 'ShelveLoc = Medium or Bad' is 5.368.

The expected value of Sales for observations with '94.5 <= Price < 129.5', 'CompPrice < 123.5', 'Income >= 98.5', 'Age < 48', and 'ShelveLoc = Medium or Bad' is 9.934.

The expected value of Sales for observations with '94.5 \leq Price < 129.5', 'CompPrice < 123.5', 'Income > 98.5', 'Age > 48', and 'ShelveLoc = Medium or Bad' is 6.466.

The expected value of Sales for observations with '94.5 <= Price < 129.5', 'CompPrice >= 123.5', 'Advertising < 10.5', and 'ShelveLoc = Medium or Bad' is 7.133.

The expected value of Sales for observations with '94.5 <= Price < 129.5', 'CompPrice >= 123.5', 'Advertising >= 10.5', and 'ShelveLoc = Medium or Bad' is 9.027.

The expected value of Sales for observations with 'Price >= 129.5', 'Age < 63', 'Population < 150.5', and 'ShelveLoc = Bad' is 2.156.

The expected value of Sales for observations with 'Price ≥ 129.5 ', 'Age < 63', 'Population ≥ 150.5 ', and 'ShelveLoc = Bad' is 4.812.

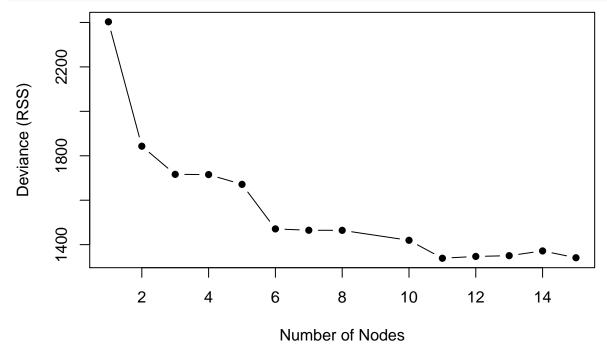
The expected value of Sales for observations with 'Price >= 129.5', 'Age < 63', and 'ShelveLoc = Medium' is 6.337.

The expected value of Sales for observations with 'Price ≥ 129.5 ', 'Age ≥ 63 ', and 'ShelveLoc = Medium or Bad' is 3.574.

The expected value of Sales for observations with 'ShelveLoc = Good', and 'Price < 109.5' is 12.29.

The expected value of Sales for observations with 'ShelveLoc = Good', and '109.5 <= Price < 134.5' is 9.798.

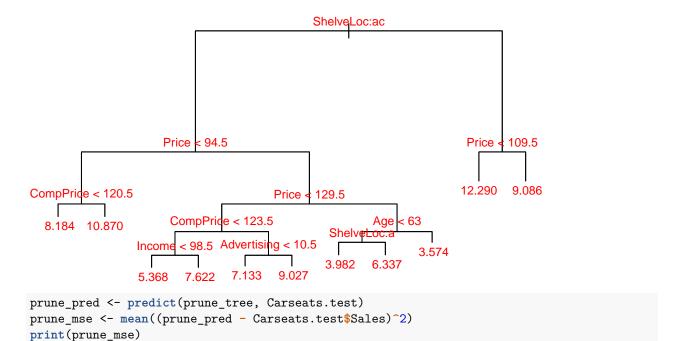
The expected value of Sales for observations with 'ShelveLoc = Good', and 'Price ≥ 134.5 ' is 7.901.



```
best_node <- train_cv$size[which(train_cv$dev == min(train_cv$dev))]
print(best_node)

## [1] 11
prune_tree <- prune.tree(train_tree, best=best_node)

plot(prune_tree)
text(prune_tree, cex=0.75, col='red')</pre>
```



```
## [1] 5.307632
```

In this case, optimized level of complexity chosen by cross-validation failed to improve test mse.

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```
set.seed(123)

D <- ncol(Carseats.train) - 1

train_bag <- randomForest(formula=Sales~., data=Carseats.train, mtry=D, importance=TRUE)
test_pred <- predict(train_bag, Carseats.test)

test_mse <- mean((test_pred - Carseats.test$Sales)^2)
print(test_mse)</pre>
```

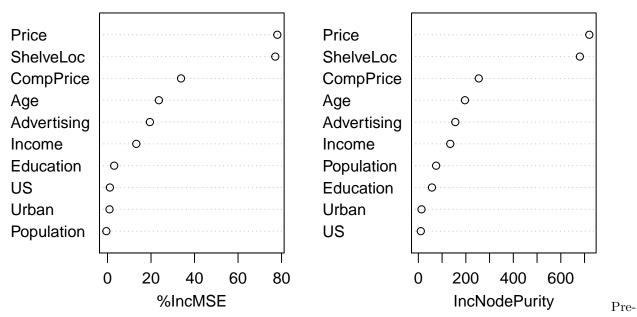
[1] 2.62921

importance(train_bag)

```
##
                  %IncMSE IncNodePurity
## CompPrice
               33.7824819
                               254.51264
## Income
               13.2326243
                               134.39193
## Advertising 19.4864506
                               155.67375
## Population
               -0.5286856
                                74.85775
## Price
               78.0379499
                               720.11336
## ShelveLoc
               77.1062401
                               680.28547
                               196.26516
## Age
               23.6156429
## Education
                3.0659529
                                57.20060
                0.9235326
## Urban
                                13.30628
## US
                1.0935985
                                10.35043
```

varImpPlot(train_bag)

train_bag



dictors 'ShelveLoc' and 'Price' are most important in decreasing impurity of splits and training RSS.

Test MSE by bagging procedure is less than MSE of single decision tree.

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```
set.seed(123)

## use m = D/3 \approx 3 as number of predictors in each tree
train_rf <- randomForest(formula=Sales~., data=Carseats.train, mtry=3, importance=TRUE)
test_pred <- predict(train_rf, Carseats.test)

test_mse <- mean((test_pred - Carseats.test$Sales)^2)
print(test_mse)</pre>
```

[1] 2.960136

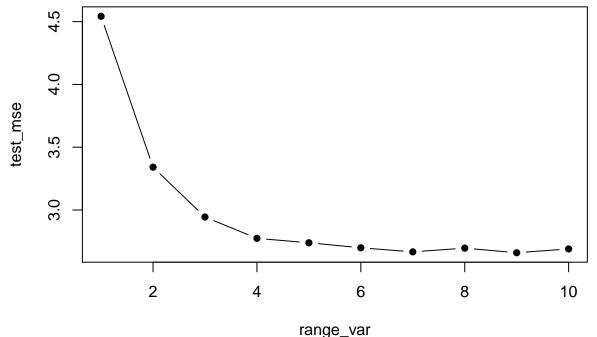
Following the rule that number of predictors applied in each tree equals $(total/3) \approx 3$ in regression tree, we obtained test_mse approximately equal to 3.

```
range_var <- 1:D

test_mse <- numeric(length(range_var))

for(i in 1:length(range_var)) {</pre>
```

```
train_rf <- randomForest(formula=Sales~., data=Carseats.train, mtry=range_var[i], importance=TRUE)
test_pred <- predict(train_rf, Carseats.test)
test_mse[i] <- mean((test_pred - Carseats.test$Sales)^2)
}
plot(range_var, test_mse, type='b', pch=16)</pre>
```



```
best_m <- range_var[which(test_mse == min(test_mse))]
print(best_m)</pre>
```

[1] 9

It turns out 9 predictors in each tree optimized test MSE.

```
## use m = D/3 \approx 3 as number of predictors in each tree
train_rf <- randomForest(formula=Sales~., data=Carseats.train, mtry=best_m, importance=TRUE)
test_pred <- predict(train_rf, Carseats.test)

test_mse <- mean((test_pred - Carseats.test$Sales)^2)
print(test_mse)</pre>
```

[1] 2.64404

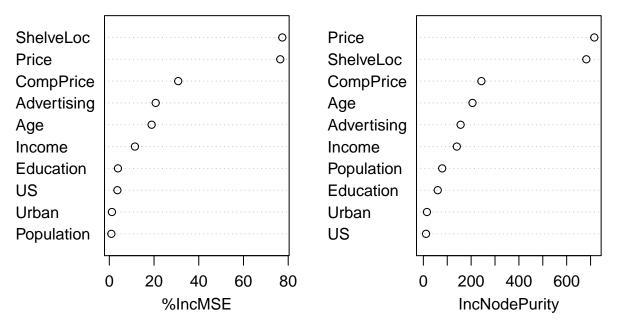
importance(train_rf)

```
%IncMSE IncNodePurity
##
## CompPrice
              30.8081431
                             242.96069
               11.4588632
## Income
                             139.99843
## Advertising 20.7462180
                             155.95451
## Population 0.9075274
                              78.83739
## Price
              76.4509153
                             715.71083
## ShelveLoc
              77.3612266
                             682.30356
```

```
## Age 18.9296370 205.72320
## Education 3.8607126 60.20539
## Urban 1.1627837 15.01071
## US 3.6060744 11.19286
```

varImpPlot(train_rf)

train_rf



For random forest with 9 predictors considered in each split, 'Price' and 'ShelveLoc' are most important ones in predicting expected value of Sales.