Selecting features for model performance

DIMENSIONALITY REDUCTION IN PYTHON



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Ansur dataset sample

| Gender | chestdepth | handlength | neckcircumference | shoulderlength | earlength |
|--------|------------|------------|-------------------|----------------|-----------|
| Female | 243 | 176 | 326 | 136 | 62 |
| Female | 219 | 177 | 325 | 135 | 58 |
| Male | 259 | 193 | 400 | 145 | 71 |
| Male | 253 | 195 | 380 | 141 | 62 |



Creating a logistic regression model

```
from sklearn.linear_model import LogisticRegression
from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
from sklearn.metrics import accuracy_score

scaler = StandardScaler()
X_std = scaler.fit_transform(X)

X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(X_std, y, test_size=0.3)
```

Creating a logistic regression model

```
lr = LogisticRegression()
lr.fit(X_train, y_train)
print(accuracy_score(y_test, lr.predict(X_test)))
```

Inspecting the feature coefficients

```
print(lr.coef_)
array([[-3. , 0.14, 7.46, 1.22, 0.87]])
print(dict(zip(X.columns, abs(lr.coef_[0]))))
{'chestdepth': 3.0,
 'handlength': 0.14,
 'neckcircumference': 7.46,
 'shoulderlength': 1.22,
 'earlength': 0.87}
```



Features that contribute little to a model

```
scaler = StandardScaler()
X_std = scaler.fit_transform(X.drop('handlength', axis=1))
X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(X_std, y, test_size=0.3)
lr = LogisticRegression()
lr.fit(X_train, y_train)
print(accuracy_score(y_test, lr.predict(X_test)))
```



Recursive Feature Elimination

```
from sklearn.feature_selection import RFE

rfe = RFE(estimator=LogisticRegression(), n_features_to_select=2, verbose=1)

rfe.fit(X_train, y_train)
```

```
Fitting estimator with 5 features.
Fitting estimator with 4 features.
Fitting estimator with 3 features.
```

Dropping one feature at a time is safest since it will affect other feature's coefficients

Inspecting the RFE results

```
X.columns[rfe.support_]
Index(['chestdepth', 'neckcircumference'], dtype='object')
print(dict(zip(X.columns, rfe.ranking_)))
 'chestdepth': 1,
 'handlength': 4,
 'neckcircumference': 1,
 'shoulderlength': 2,
 'earlength': 3}
print(accuracy_score(y_test, rfe.predict(X_test)))
0.99
```



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Tree-based feature selection

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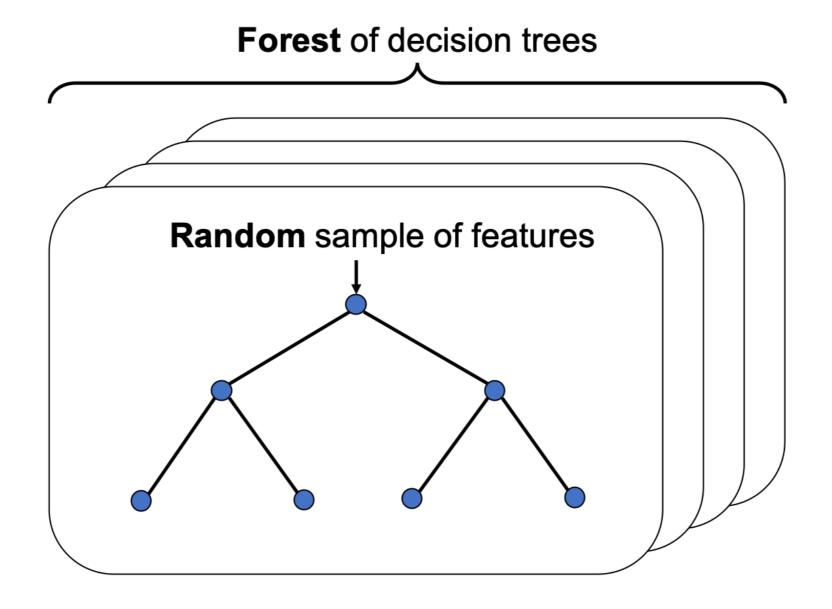
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Random forest classifier



Random forest classifier

```
from sklearn.ensemble import RandomForestClassifier
from sklearn.metrics import accuracy_score

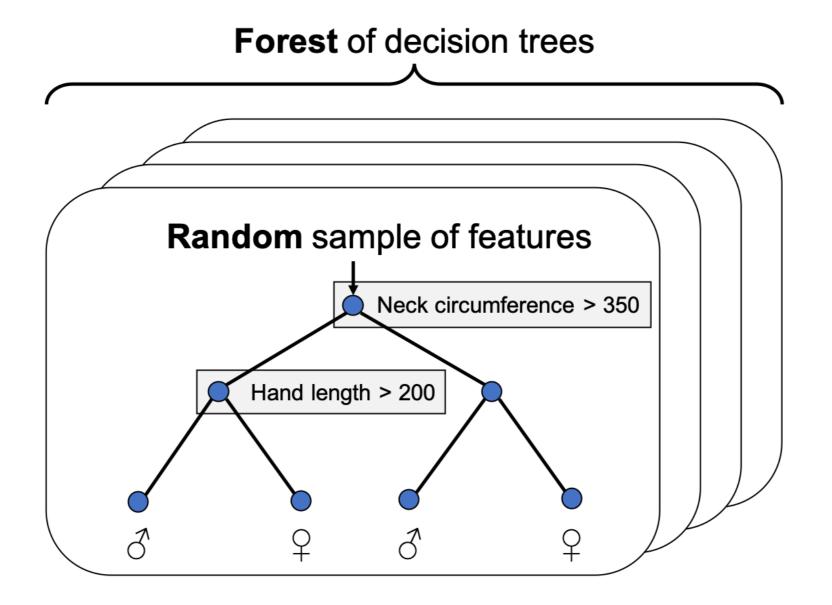
rf = RandomForestClassifier()

rf.fit(X_train, y_train)

print(accuracy_score(y_test, rf.predict(X_test)))
```



Random forest classifier



Feature importance values

```
rf = RandomForestClassifier()

rf.fit(X_train, y_train)

print(rf.feature_importances_)
```

```
print(sum(rf.feature_importances_))
```



Feature importance as a feature selector

```
mask = rf.feature_importances_ > 0.1
print(mask)
array([False, False, ..., True, False])
X_reduced = X.loc[:, mask]
print(X_reduced.columns)
Index(['chestheight', 'neckcircumference', 'neckcircumferencebase',
       'shouldercircumference'], dtype='object')
```



RFE with random forests

```
from sklearn.feature_selection import RFE
rfe = RFE(estimator=RandomForestClassifier(),
          n_features_to_select=6, verbose=1)
rfe.fit(X_train,y_train)
Fitting estimator with 94 features.
Fitting estimator with 93 features
Fitting estimator with 8 features.
Fitting estimator with 7 features.
print(accuracy_score(y_test, rfe.predict(X_test))
0.99
```



RFE with random forests

```
from sklearn.feature_selection import RFE
rfe = RFE(estimator=RandomForestClassifier(),
         n_features_to_select=6, step=10, verbose=1)
rfe.fit(X_train,y_train)
Fitting estimator with 94 features.
Fitting estimator with 84 features.
Fitting estimator with 24 features.
Fitting estimator with 14 features.
print(X.columns[rfe.support_])
Index(['biacromialbreadth', 'handbreadth', 'handcircumference',
       'neckcircumference', 'neckcircumferencebase', 'shouldercircumference'], dtype='object')
```



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Regularized linear regression

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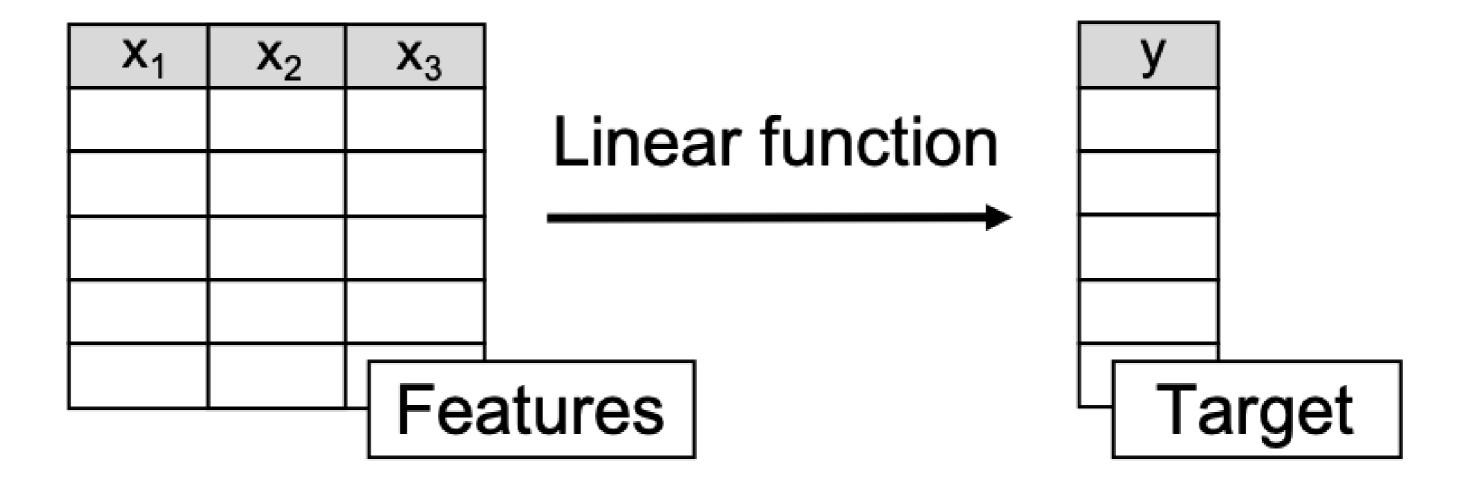


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Linear model concept

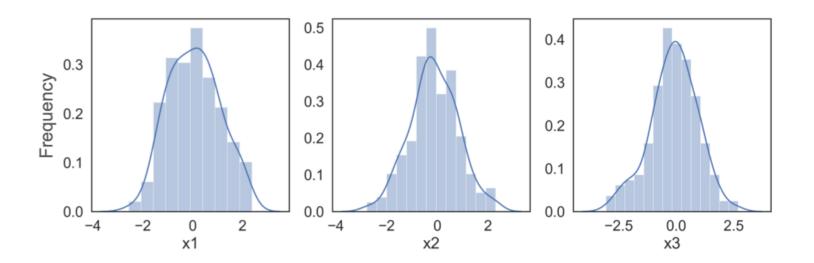


Creating our own dataset

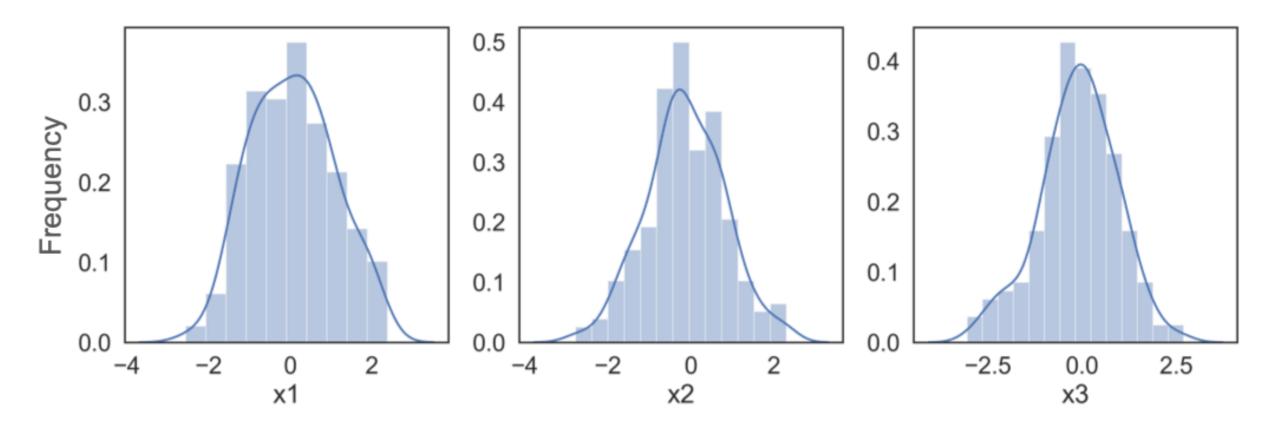
| x1 | x2 | х3 |
|-----------|-----------|-------|
| 1.76 | -0.37 | -0.60 |
| 0.40 | -0.24 | -1.12 |
| 0.98 | 1.10 | 0.77 |
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Creating our own dataset



Creating our own target feature:

$$y = 20 + 5x_1 + 2x_2 + 0x_3 + error$$

Linear regression in Python

```
from sklearn.linear_model import LinearRegression

lr = LinearRegression()
lr.fit(X_train, y_train)

# Actual coefficients = [5 2 0]
print(lr.coef_)
```

```
[ 4.95 1.83 -0.05]
```

```
# Actual intercept = 20
print(lr.intercept_)
```



Linear regression in Python

```
# Calculates R-squared
print(lr.score(X_test, y_test))
```

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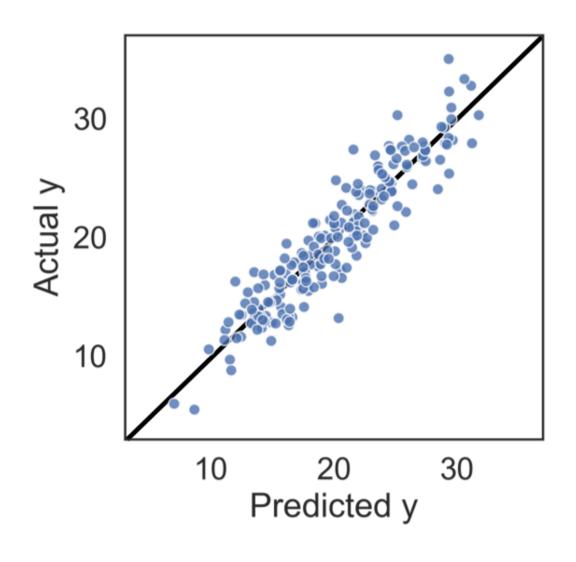
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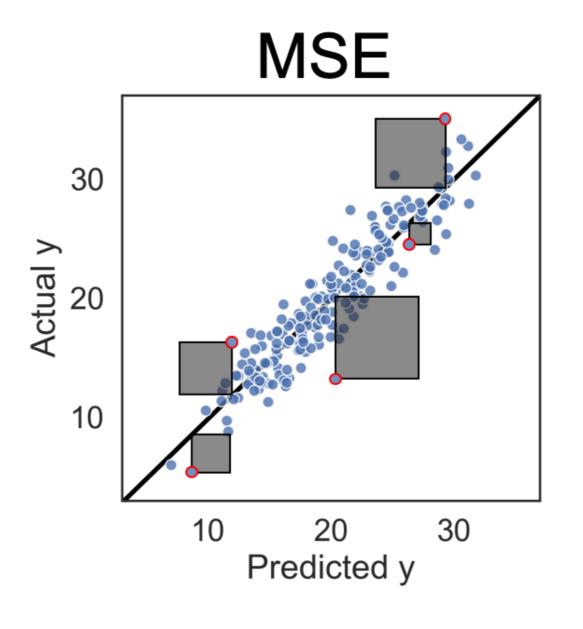
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```



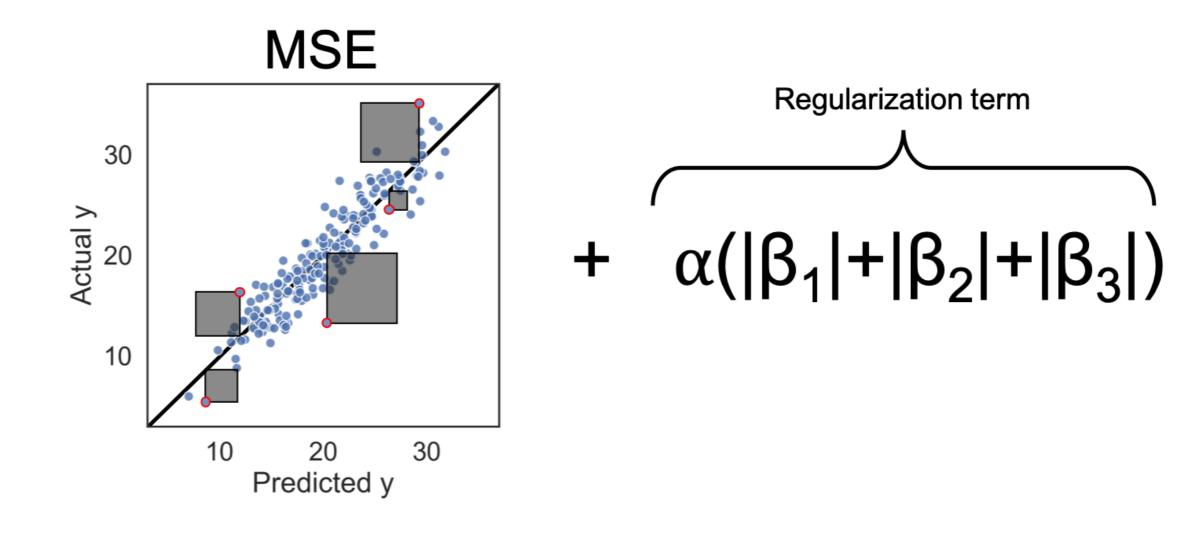
Loss function: Mean Squared Error



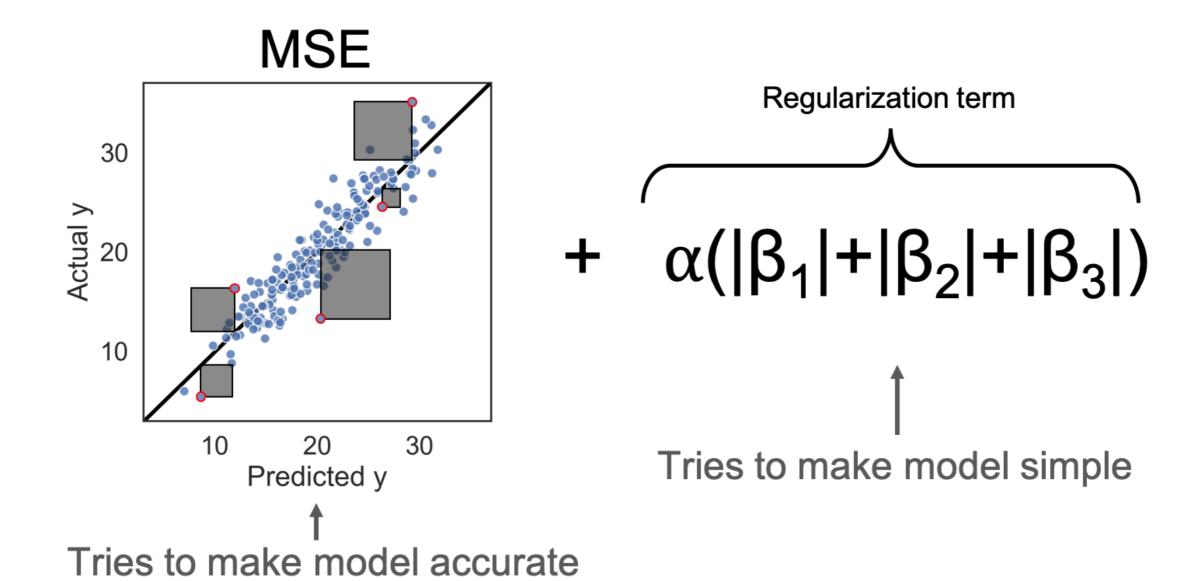
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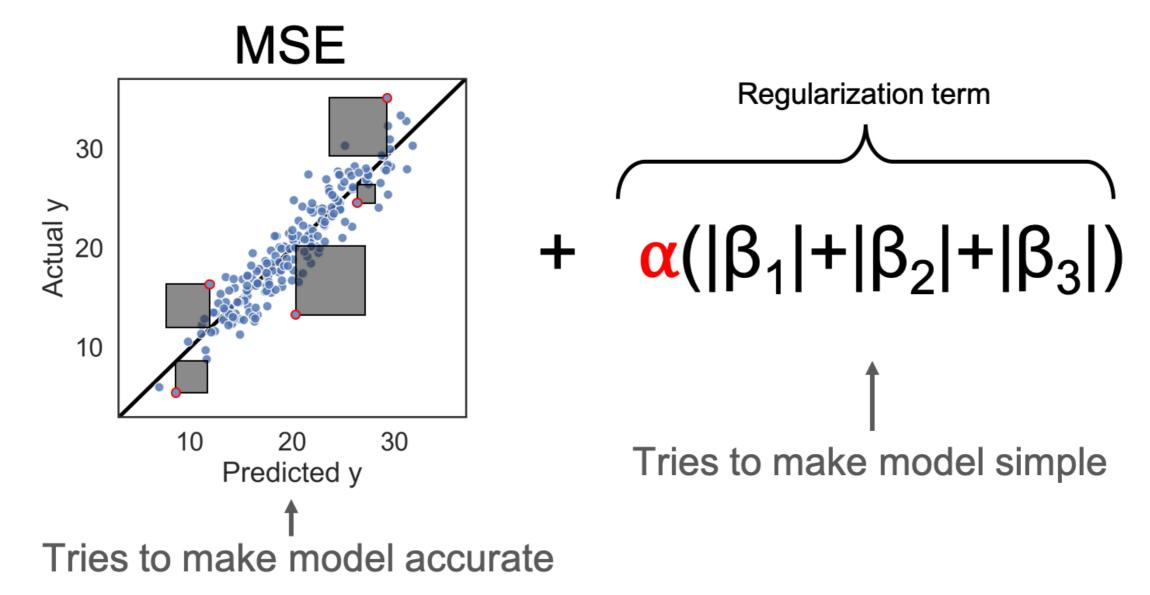
Adding regularization



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¹ alpha, when it's too low the model might overfit, when it's too high the model might become too simple and inaccurate. One linear model that includes this type of regularization is called Lasso, for least absolute shrinkage and

Lasso regressor

```
from sklearn.linear_model import Lasso

la = Lasso()
la.fit(X_train, y_train)

# Actual coefficients = [5 2 0]
print(la.coef_)
```

```
[4.07 0.59 0. ]

print(la.score(X_test, y_test))
```



Lasso regressor

```
from sklearn.linear_model import Lasso

la = Lasso(alpha=0.05)
la.fit(X_train, y_train)

# Actual coefficients = [5 2 0]
print(la.coef_)
```

```
[ 4.91 1.76 0. ]
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Combining feature selectors

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```



LassoCV regressor

```
from sklearn.linear_model import LassoCV

lcv = LassoCV()

lcv.fit(X_train, y_train)

print(lcv.alpha_)
```

LassoCV regressor

```
mask = lcv.coef_ != 0
print(mask)
```

```
[ True True False ]
```

```
reduced_X = X.loc[:, mask]
```

Taking a step back

- Random forest is combination of decision trees.
- We can use combination of models for feature selection too.

Feature selection with LassoCV

```
from sklearn.linear_model import LassoCV

lcv = LassoCV()
lcv.fit(X_train, y_train)

lcv.score(X_test, y_test)
```

0.99

```
lcv_mask = lcv.coef_ != 0
sum(lcv_mask)
```

66

Feature selection with random forest

```
from sklearn.feature_selection import RFE
from sklearn.ensemble import RandomForestRegressor
rfe_rf = RFE(estimator=RandomForestRegressor(),
             n_features_to_select=66, step=5, verbose=1)
rfe_rf.fit(X_train, y_train)
rf_mask = rfe_rf.support_
```

Feature selection with gradient boosting

```
from sklearn.feature_selection import RFE
from sklearn.ensemble import GradientBoostingRegressor
rfe_gb = RFE(estimator=GradientBoostingRegressor(),
             n_features_to_select=66, step=5, verbose=1)
rfe_gb.fit(X_train, y_train)
gb_mask = rfe_gb.support_
```

Combining the feature selectors

```
import numpy as np
votes = np.sum([lcv_mask, rf_mask, gb_mask], axis=0)
print(votes)
```

```
array([3, 2, 2, ..., 3, 0, 1])
```

```
mask = model_votes >= 2
reduced_X = X.loc[:, mask]
```

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