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Ridge and LASSO: Step by Step

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Ridge regularization with validation only: step by step

Here we will go through Ridge regularization using using a single validation set using **MSE** as our loss.

For ridge regression there exist an analytical solution for the coefficients:

1. Split the data into train, validation, and test sets, $\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}_{train}, \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}_{validation}, \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}_{test}$

2. Iterate over a range of λ values for λ in $\lambda_{min} \dots \lambda_{max}$:

- Determine the β that minimizes the L_{ridge} using the train data,
$$\beta_{ridge}(\lambda) = (X^T X + \lambda I)^{-1} X^T Y$$
- Record the **MSE** loss for this λ using the validation data, $L_{MSE}(\lambda)$.

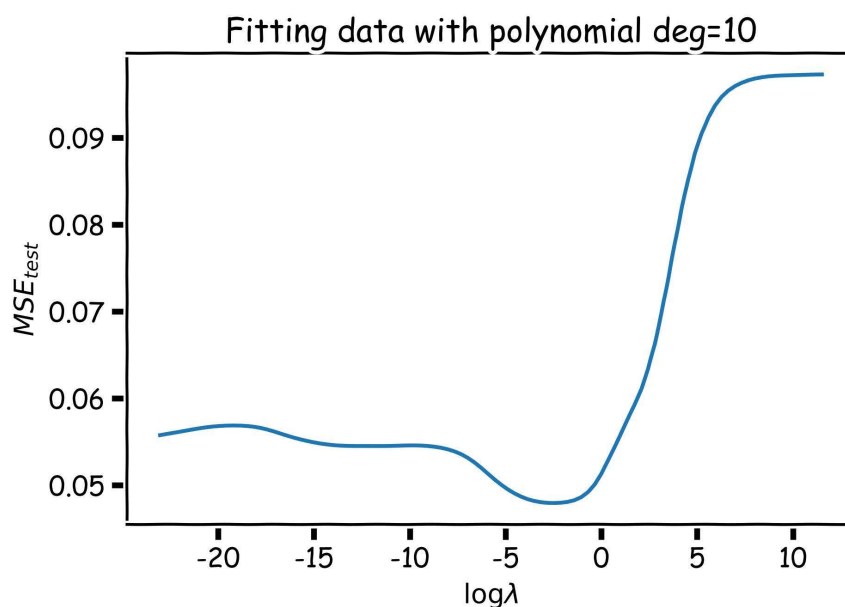
3. Select the λ that minimizes the **MSE** loss on the validation data,

$$\lambda_{ridge} = \operatorname{argmin}_{\lambda} L_{MSE}(\lambda)$$

4. Refit the model using **both train and validation data combined** using the selected λ ,

$\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}_{train}, \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}_{validation}$, now using λ_{ridge} , resulting to $\hat{\beta}_{ridge}(\lambda_{ridge})$

5. Report the **MSE** on the test set, $\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}_{test}$ given the $\hat{\beta}_{ridge}(\lambda_{ridge})$.



LASSO regularization with validation only: step by step

Here we will go through Lasso regularization using using a single validation set using **MSE** as our loss .

The steps are largely the same as with Ridge regression except that there is **no** analytical solution for the coefficients in Lasso regression, so we use a **solver**.

1. Split the data into train, validation, and test sets, $\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}_{train}, \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}_{validation}, \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}_{test}$

2. Iterate over a range of λ values for λ in $\lambda_{min} \dots \lambda_{max}$:

- Determine the β that minimizes the L_{lasso} , $\beta_{lasso}(\lambda)$ using the train data. **This is done using a solver.**
- Record the **MSE** loss for this λ using the validation data, $L_{MSE}(\lambda)$.

3. Select the λ that minimizes the **MSE** loss on the validation data,

$$\lambda_{lasso} = \operatorname{argmin}_{\lambda} L_{MSE}(\lambda)$$

4. Refit the model using **both train and validation data combined** using the selected λ ,

$\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}_{train}, \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}_{validation}$, now using λ_{lasso} , resulting to $\hat{\beta}_{ridge}(\lambda_{lasso})$

5. Report the **MSE** on the test set, $\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}_{test}$, given the $\hat{\beta}_{lasso}(\lambda_{lasso})$.

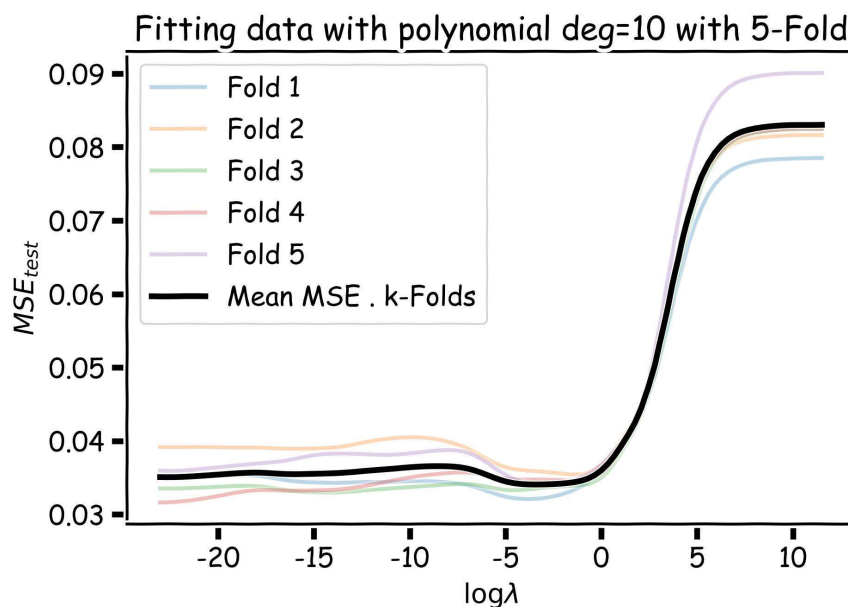
Ridge regularization with CV: step by step

Lastly, let us go through Ridge regularization using a **cross-validation** using **MSE** as our loss.

1. Split the data into train, validation, and test sets, $X, Y_{train}, X, Y_{validation}, X, Y_{test}$
2. Split the train data into K folds, $X, Y_{train}^{-k}, X, Y_{validation}^k$
3. Iterate over these K folds for k in $1, \dots, K$
4. Iterate over a range of λ values for λ in $\lambda_0 \dots \lambda_n$:
 - Determine the β that minimizes the $L_{ridge}, \beta_{ridge}(\lambda, k) = (X^T X + \lambda I)^{-1} X^T Y$ using the train data of the fold, X, Y_{train}^{-k}
 - Record $L_{MSE}(\lambda, k)$ using the validation data of the fold $X, Y_{validation}^k$

At this point we have a 2-D matrix, rows are for different k, and columns are for different λ values.

1. Average the $L_{MSE}(\lambda, k)$ for each λ , $\bar{L}_{MSE}(\lambda)$
2. Find the λ that minimizes the $\bar{L}_{MSE}(\lambda)$, resulting to λ_{ridge} .
3. Refit the model using the full training data, $X, Y_{train}, X, Y_{validation}$, resulting to $\hat{\beta}_{ridge}(\lambda_{ridge})$
4. Report the **MSE** on the test set, X, Y_{test} given the $\hat{\beta}_{ridge}(\lambda_{ridge})$



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