

# An Overview of NLP Techniques

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# Anatomy of a Magic Card

Card Name

Thragtusk

Card Cost



Card Type

Creature — Beast

Set & Rarity



Rules Text

When Thragtusk enters the battlefield,  
you gain 5 life.

When Thragtusk leaves the battlefield,  
put a 3/3 green Beast creature token  
onto the battlefield.

Flavor Text

*"Always carry two spears."  
—Mokgar, Kalonian hunter*

Artist Info

Nils Hamm

5/3

Power & Toughness

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# The Data - Magic: The Gathering Cards

Name	Rules Text	Power	Toughness	Reserved	Booster	EDHRec Rank
“Ach! Hans, Run...	At the beginnin...	0	0	0	1	0
“Brims” Barone,...	When “Brims” Ba...	5	4	0	1	24238
“Rumors of My D...	{3}{B}, Exile a...	0	0	0	1	0
+2 Mace	Equipped creatu...	0	0	0	1	13735
A Display of My...	When you set th...	0	0	0	0	0



# The Data - Magic: The Gathering Cards

Loyalty	Price	Number of Printings	Card Cost	Number of Colors	Year
0	3.32	1	6	2	2004
0	0.02	4	5	2	2022
0	0.09	1	3	1	2017
0	0.02	1	2	1	2021
0	12.47	1	0	0	2010



# The Data - Magic: The Gathering Cards

Rarity

Common	Mythic	Rare	Special	Uncommon
0	0	1	0	0
0	0	0	0	1
0	0	0	0	1
1	0	0	0	0
1	0	0	0	0

Legality

Standard	Pioneer	Modern	Commander
0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0
0	1	1	1
0	0	0	0



# The Data - Magic: The Gathering Cards

Category				
Instant	Land	Planeswalker	Sorcery	Token
0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0



# Histogram of Prices

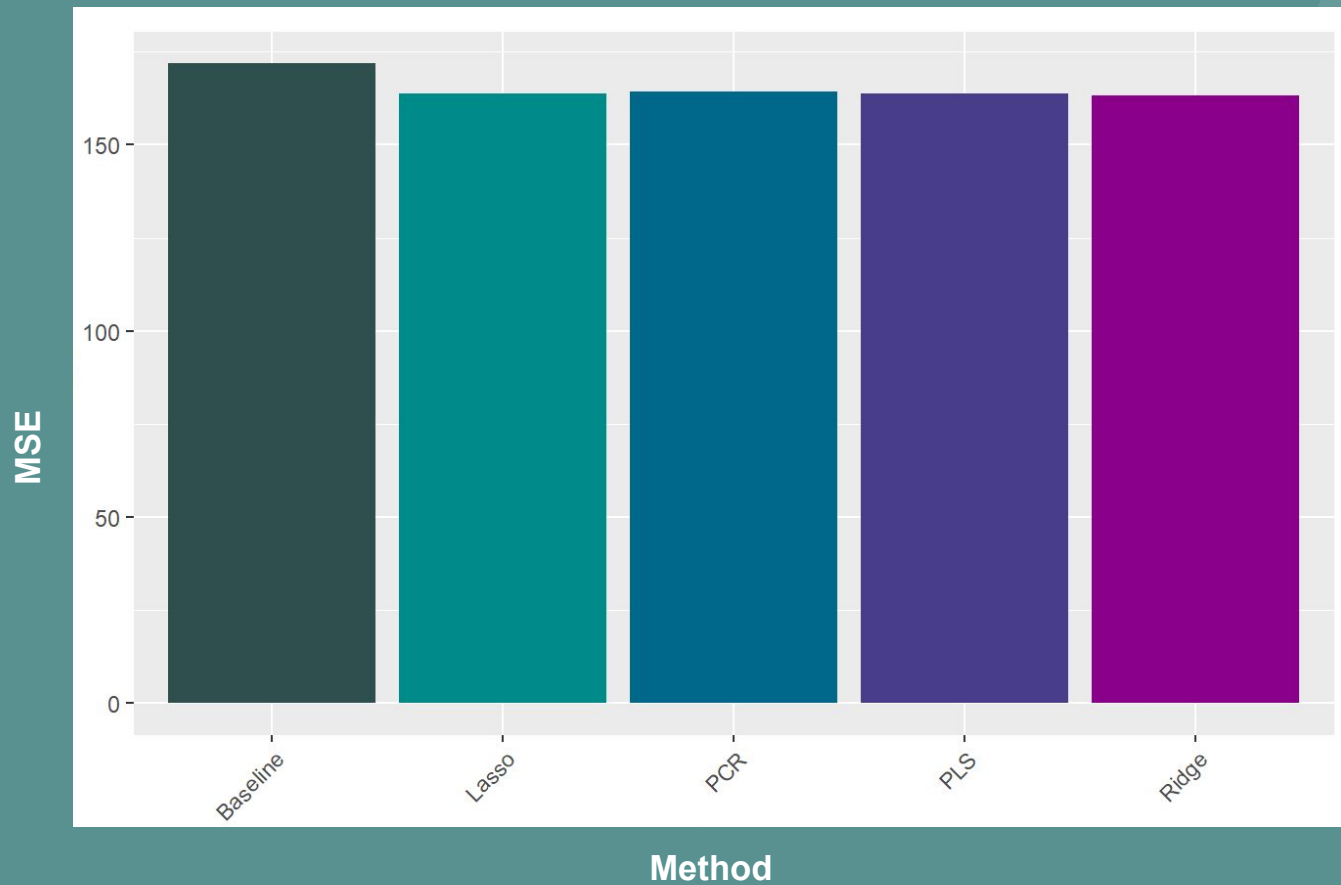




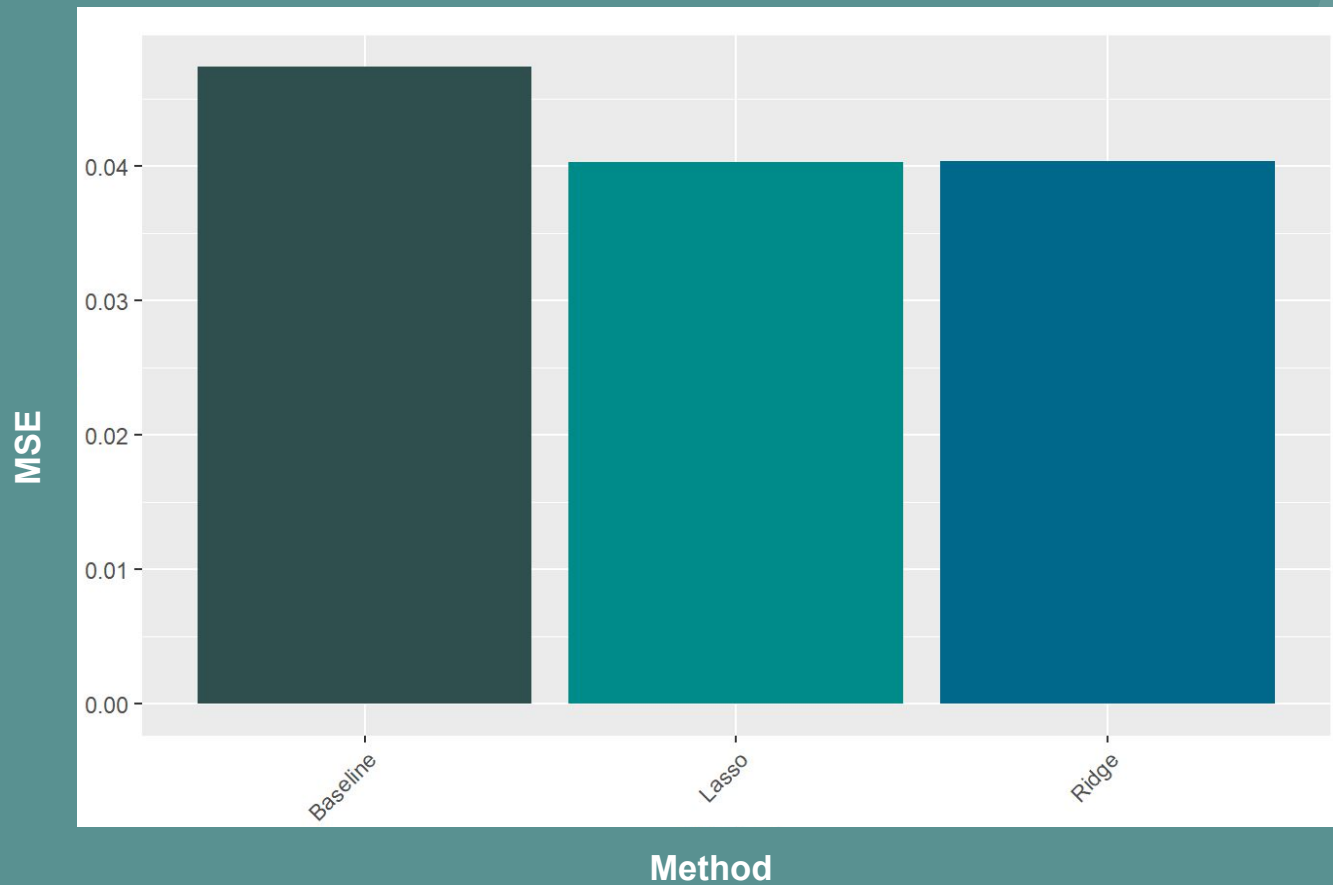
# Word Counting

- This method...
  - Is simple
  - Counts the number of words in the rules text
  - Is computationally cheap
  - Is very lossy

# Continuous Word Counting



# Categorical Word Counting

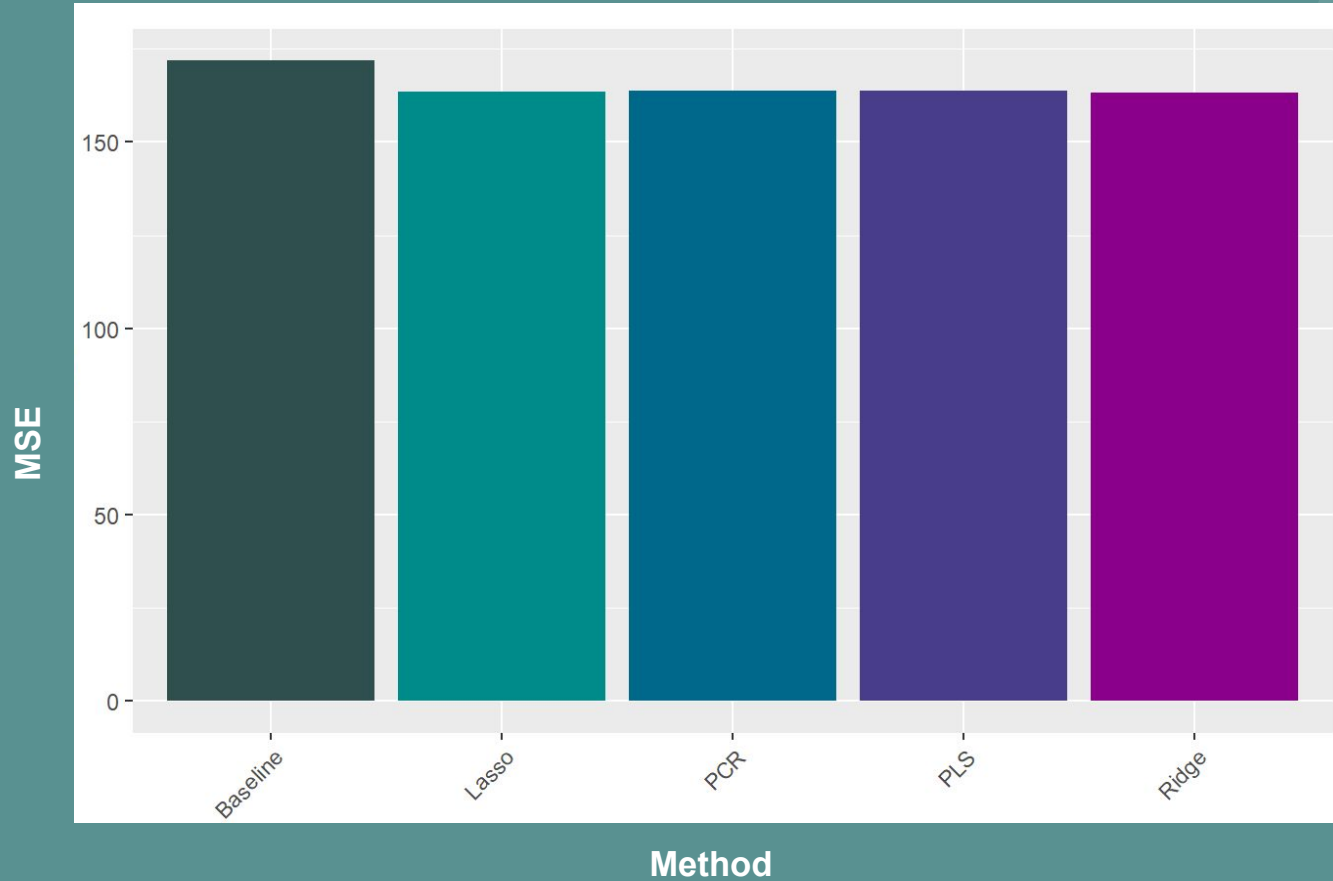




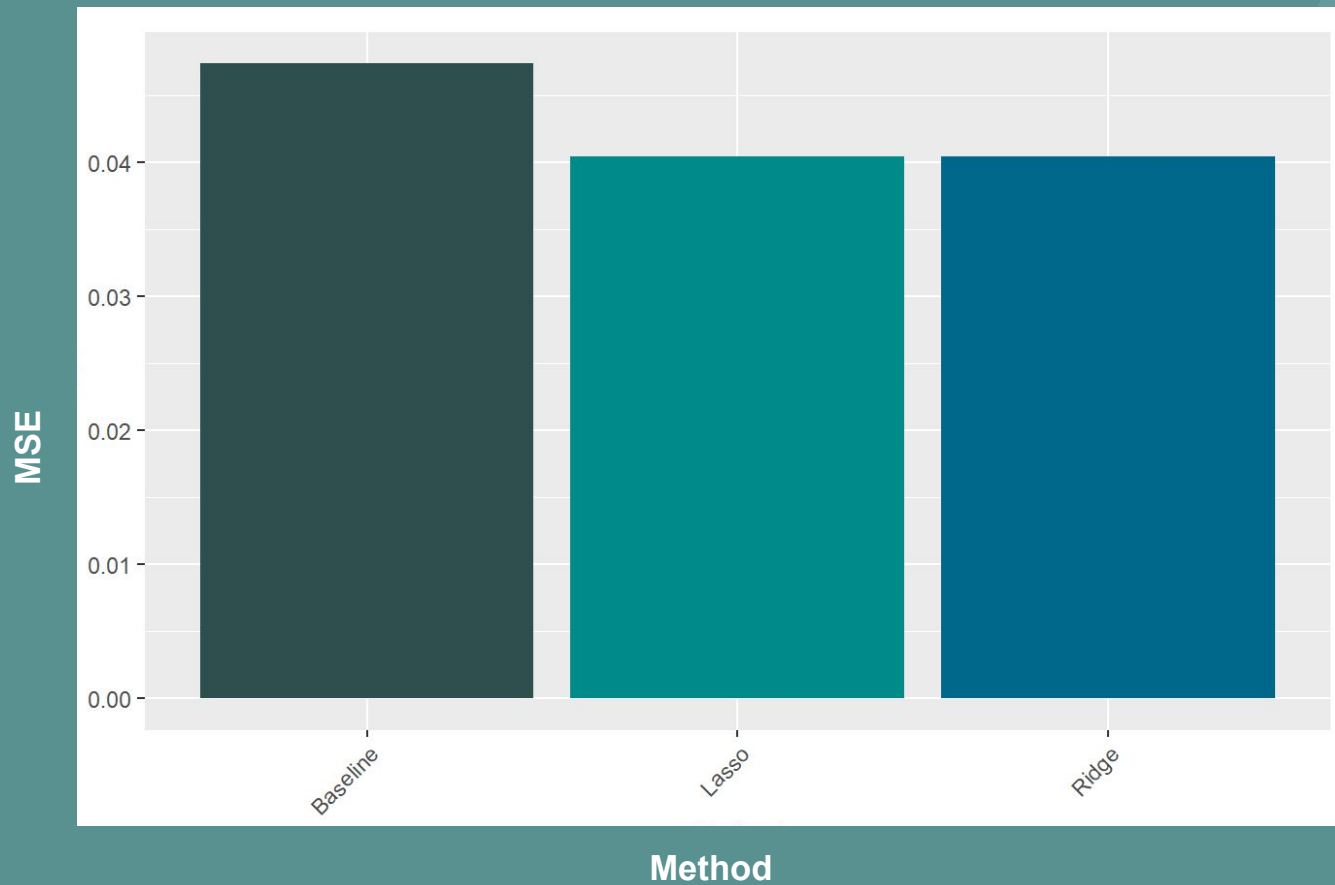
# Phrase Counting

- This method...
  - Is simple
  - Counts the number of occurrences of a phrase, like “draw a card”, in the rules text
  - Is computationally cheap
  - Is very lossy

# Continuous Phrase Counting



# Categorical Phrase Counting





# TF-IDF

- This method is...
  - Complicated
  - Computationally expensive
  - Lossy
- Let's go over how it works...





# TF-IDF

- **Term Frequency:**

$TF(t, d) = (\text{Number of times term } t \text{ appears in document } d) /$   
 $(\text{Total number of terms in document } d)$

- **Inverse Document Frequency:**

$IDF(t, D) = \log(\text{Total number of documents } D / \text{Number of}$   
 $\text{documents containing term } t)$

- **Score:**

$TF-IDF(t, d, D) = TF(t, d) * IDF(t, D)$

# TF-IDF Example

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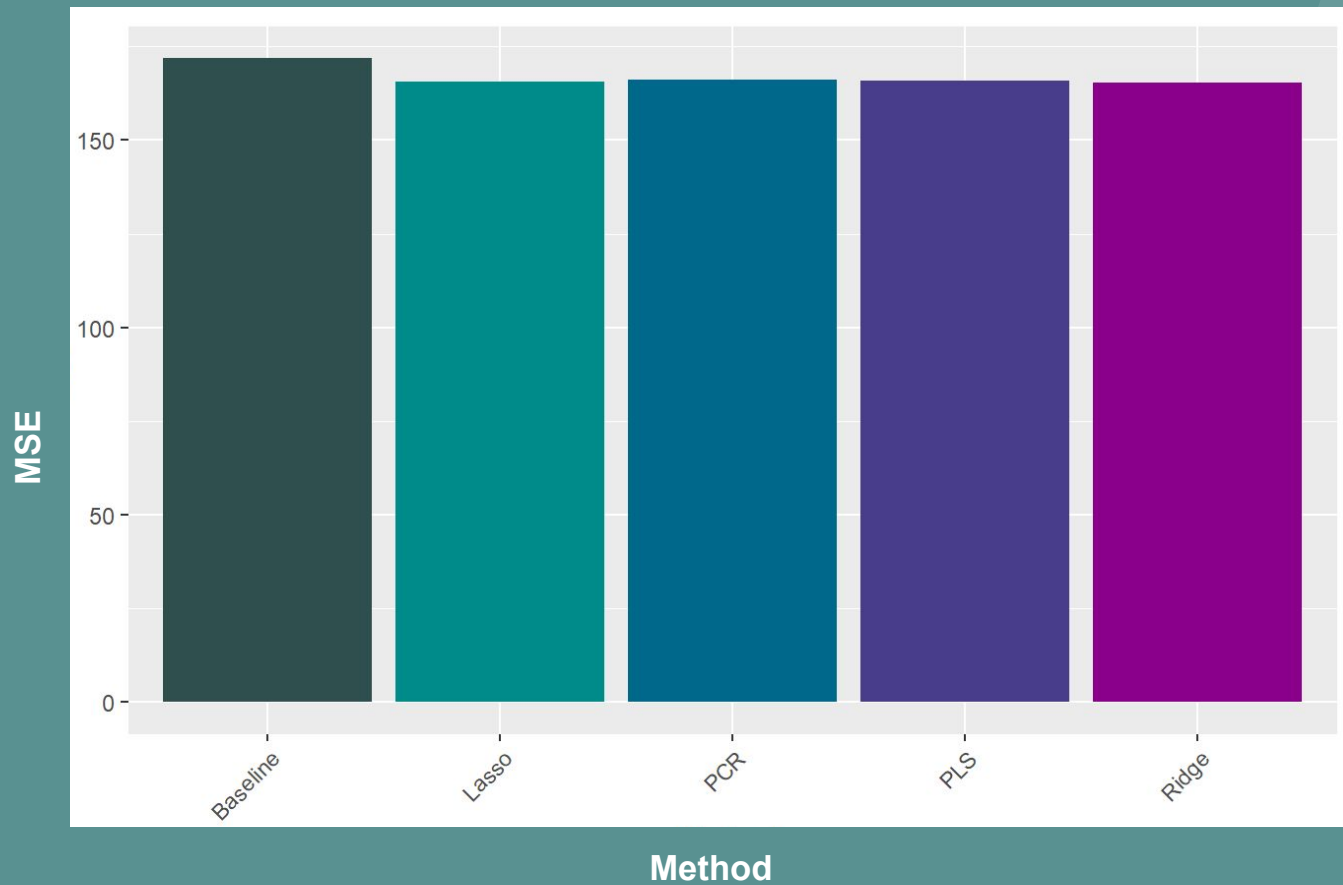
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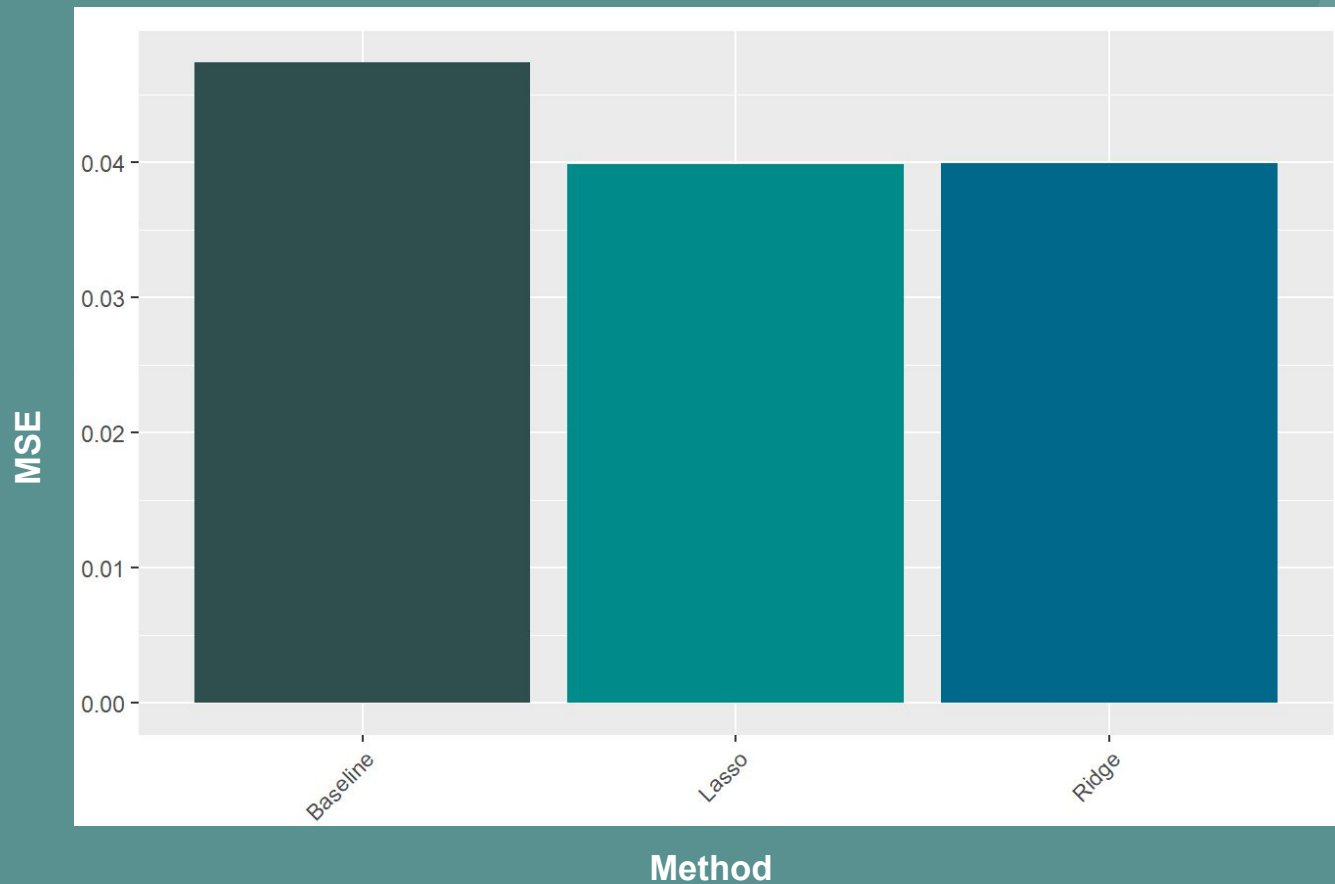
# TF-IDF Example

Card	Word	N	TF	IDF	TF-IDF
Lightning Bolt	3	1	0.125	2.203711087	0.2754638858
Lightning Bolt	any	1	0.125	2.252609716	0.2815762146
Lightning Bolt	damage	1	0.125	1.751213375	0.2189016719
Lightning Bolt	deals	1	0.125	2.080975284	0.2601219105
Lightning Bolt	lightning	1	0.125	6.391198981	0.7988998726
Lightning Bolt	bolt	1	0.125	3.452793202	0.4315991503
Lightning Bolt	target	1	0.125	0.9449543411	0.1181192926
Lightning Bolt	to	1	0.125	1.068746648	0.133593331
Mean		1	0.125	2.203711	0.2754639

# Continuous TF-IDF Counting



# Categorical TF-IDF Counting





# Bag of Words

- This method is...
  - Complicated
  - Very computationally expensive
  - Somewhat less lossy
- Let's go over how it works...



# Bag of Words Example

Card	Lightning	Bolt	Thragtusk	Battlefield	11,500+ more columns
Lightning Bolt	1	1	0	0	
Thragtusk	0	0	2	2	

21,100+ more rows

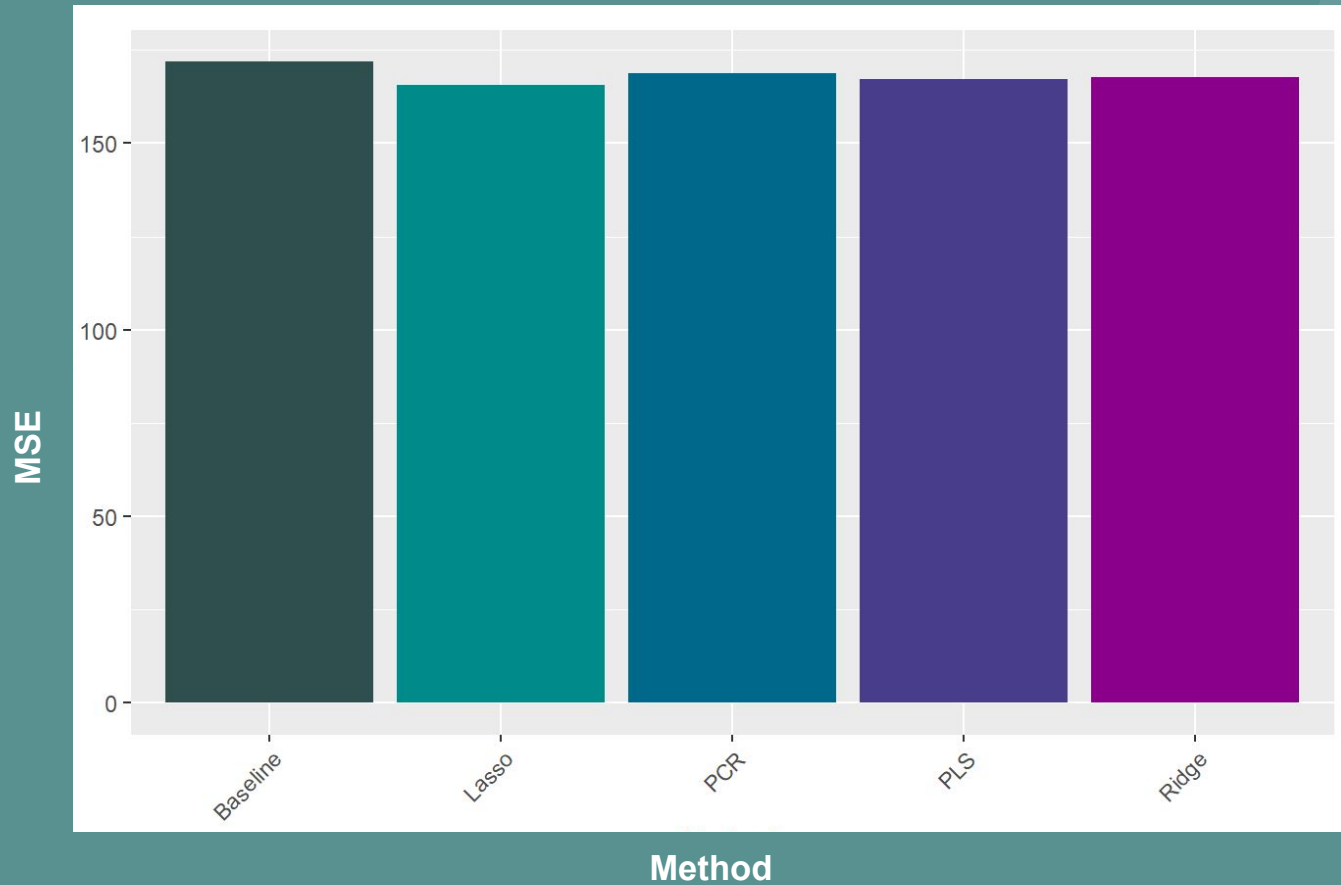


# Bag of Words

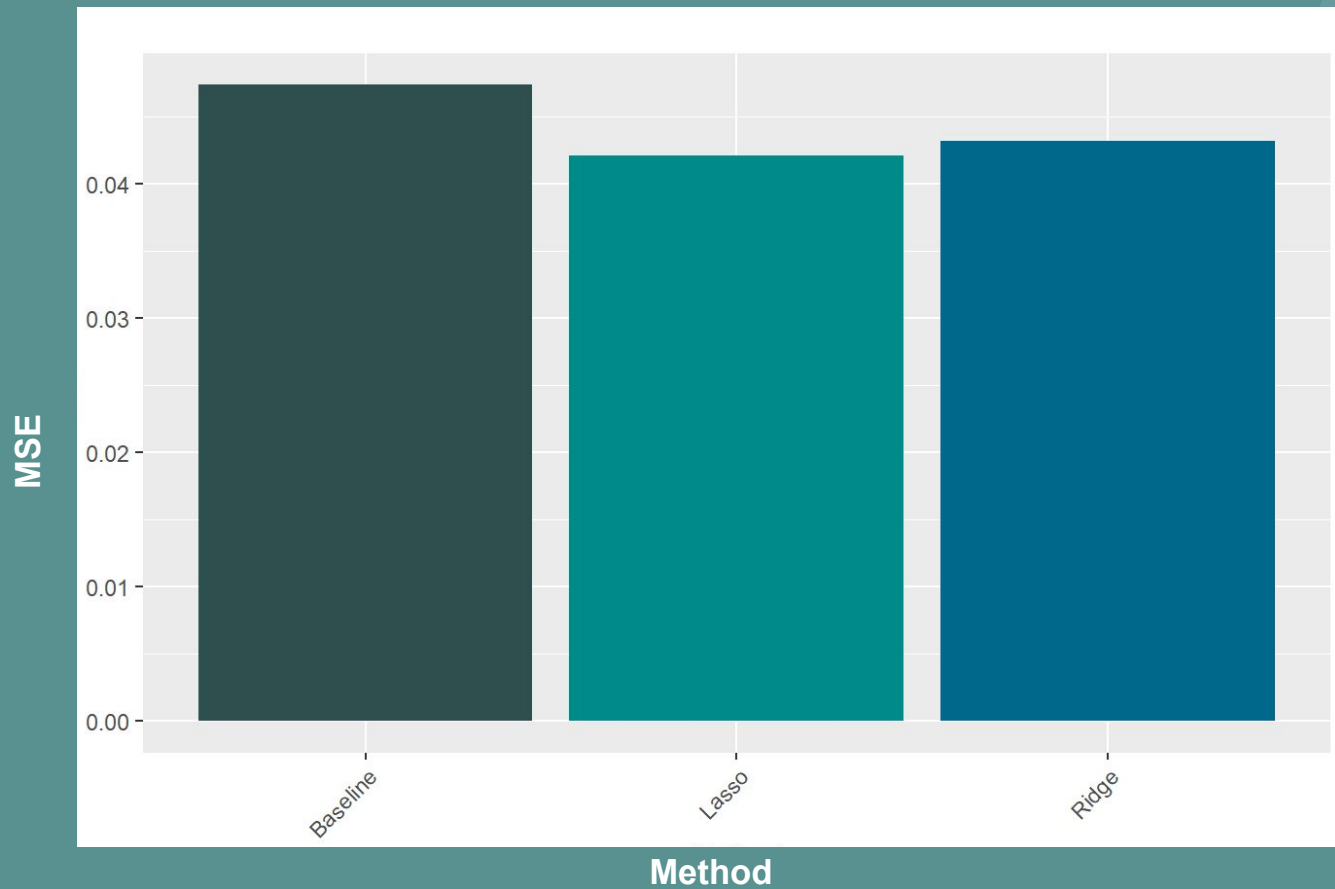
- As you can imagine, regression on over 11,500 words is inefficient
- We remove words with low variance ( $< 0.01$ )
  - This removes words that are less common while leaving words that are more common
- This cuts the number of words down to 222
- Like all the methods we've looked at so far, Bag of Words does not preserve the information stored in word order



# Continuous Bag of Words



# Categorical Bag of Words



# Fine Tuning ChatGPT

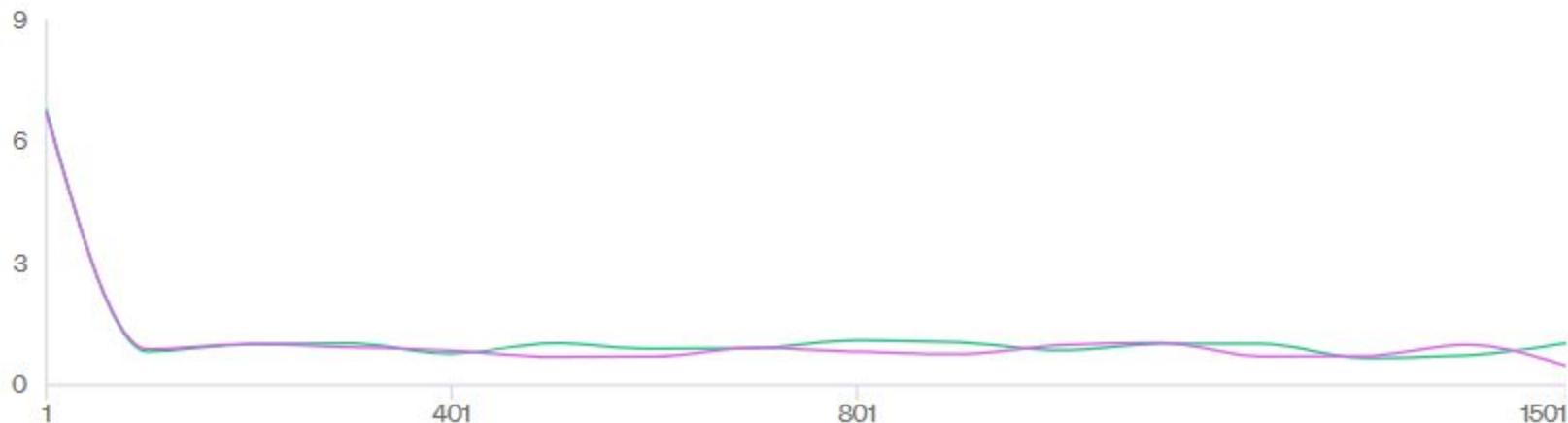
- The data was split into train and test
- Then the data was prepared in prompt/response format (jsonl)
- For example...

```
{ "messages": [ { "role": "system", "content": "You are an expert AI system trained in predicting the price of trading cards." }, { "role": "user", "content": "Guess the price of a trading card with the following statistics.. Name: \"Ach! Hans, Run!\" Cost:6 Type:Enchantment Text:At the beginning of your upkeep, you may say \"Ach! Hans, run! It's the . . .\" and the name of a creature card. If you do, search your library for a card with that name, put it onto the battlefield, then shuffle. That creature gains haste. Exile it at the beginning of the next end step. Number of Printings:1" }, { "role": "assistant", "content": "3.32" } ] }
```



# Fine Tuning ChatGPT

📊 Training loss	1.0269	🔢 Trained tokens	1,906,362
Validation loss	0.4668	💰 Cost	15.25



Step

**USER**

Guess the price of a trading card with the following statistics...

Name: Thragtusk

Cost: 5

Type: Creature - Beast

Text: When Thragtusk enters the battlefield, you gain 5 life.

When Thragtusk leaves the battlefield, create a 3/3 green Beast creature token.

Number of Printings: 9

Power: 5

Toughness: 3

**ASSISTANT**

0.15

Real Price 0.20

**USER**

Guess the price of a trading card with the following statistics...

Name: Lightning Bolt

Cost: 1

Type: Instant

Text: Lightning Bolt deals 3 damage to any target.

Number of Printings: 37

**ASSISTANT**

0.55

Real Price 0.51

**USER**

Guess the price of a trading card with the following statistics...

Name: Thragtusk

Cost: 5

Type: Creature - Beast

Text: When Thragtusk enters the battlefield, you gain 5 life.

When Thragtusk leaves the battlefield, create a 3/3 green Beast creature token.

Number of Printings: 9

Power: 5

Toughness: 3

**ASSISTANT**

0.26.5

- Sometimes doesn't work as shown above
- Also, I forgot to include rarity in the training data



**Questions...**

