



Regularization



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- Regularization seeks to solve a few common model issues by:
 - Minimizing model complexity
 - Penalizing the loss function
 - Reducing model overfitting (add more bias to reduce model variance)



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- In general, we can think of regularization as a way to reduce model overfitting and variance.
 - Requires some additional bias
 - Requires a search for optimal penalty hyperparameter.



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- Three main types of Regularization:
 - L1 Regularization
 - LASSO Regression
 - L2 Regularization
 - Ridge Regression
 - Combining L1 and L2
 - Elastic Net



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- L1 regularization adds a penalty equal to the **absolute value** of the magnitude of coefficients.
 - Limits the size of the coefficients.
 - Can yield sparse models where some coefficients can become zero.



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$$\sum_{i=1}^n \left(y_i - \beta_0 - \sum_{j=1}^p \beta_j x_{ij} \right)^2 + \lambda \sum_{j=1}^p |\beta_j| = \text{RSS} + \lambda \sum_{j=1}^p |\beta_j|$$



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- L2 regularization adds a penalty equal to the **square** of the magnitude of coefficients.
 - All coefficients are shrunk by the same factor.
 - Does not necessarily eliminate coefficients.



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- Elastic net combines L1 and L2 with the addition of an alpha parameter deciding the ratio between them:

$$\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - x_i^J \hat{\beta})^2}{2n} + \lambda \left(\frac{1 - \alpha}{2} \sum_{j=1}^m \hat{\beta}_j^2 + \alpha \sum_{j=1}^m |\hat{\beta}_j| \right)$$



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- These regularization methods do have a cost:
 - Introduce an additional hyperparameter that needs to be tuned.
 - A multiplier to the penalty to decide the “strength” of the penalty.