

$\mathcal{H} = \{w_1 b_1(\vec{x}) + w_2 b_2(\vec{x}) + \dots + w_B b_B(\vec{x}) : \vec{w} \in \mathbb{R}^B\}$ $y = \mathbb{R}$
 and b_1, b_2, \dots, b_B are known function that attempt
 to span the function space of $f: \mathbb{R}^p \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$.

Example set of function: Set of all first order interactions

$x_1, x_2, \dots, x_p, x_1^2, x_2^2, \dots, x_p^2, x_1 x_2, x_1 x_3, \dots, x_{p-1} x_p$

$B = 2p + (p^2) = \dots, x_1^3, x_2^3, \dots, x_p^3, x_1^2 x_2, \dots, x_{p-1}^2 x_p, x_1 x_2 x_3, \dots, x_{p-2} x_{p-1} x_p$

Set of all second order interactions.

B is exponentially large.

A: Likely ... w 's will be sparse i.e. most w 's = 0.

Forward stepwise - OLS: $\min_{\vec{w}} \|\vec{y} - \vec{X}\vec{w}\|^2$

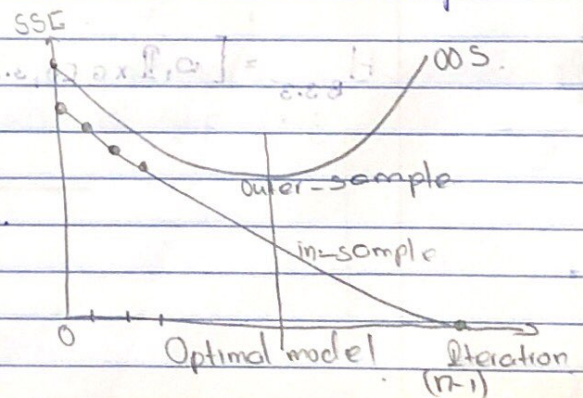
① Let $g(\vec{x}) = g_0(\vec{x}) = \bar{y}$, $\vec{x} = [\vec{1}] = (\vec{x})$ OLS regression

① Try all B individually. $y \sim b_1(\vec{x}), y \sim b_2(\vec{x}), \dots, y \sim b_B(\vec{x})$
 and compute SSE reduction for each $\vec{x} = [\vec{1} \ b_k(\vec{x})]$ and keep best one b_{*1} .

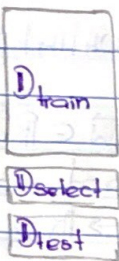
② Try all $B-1$ remaining individually; $y \sim [\vec{1} \ b_{*1}(\vec{x}) \ b_k(\vec{x})]$
 and update SSE reduction for each and keep best one b_{*2} .

repeat.

⑤ Stop if OOS SSE goes up.



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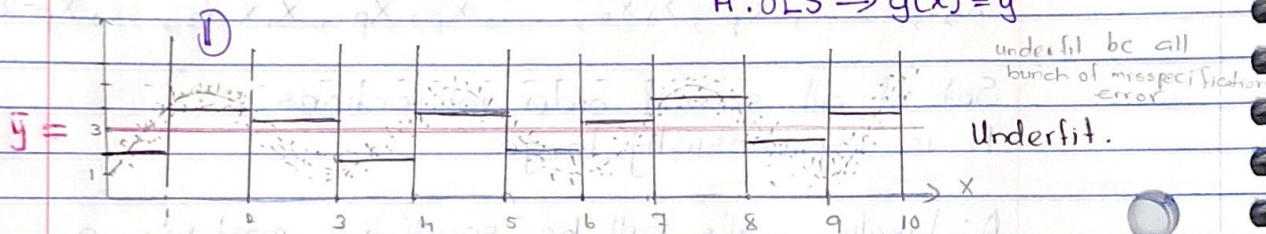


Model selection procedure g_1, g_2, \dots, g_m
 $m = 2^B$

The algorithm could be modified to use K-fold CV (inner & outer)

$y = R$
 Classification & Regression Tree (CART) Algorithm (1984)

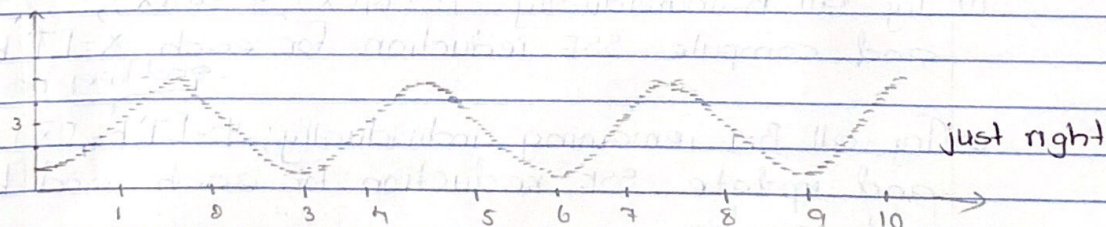
$$A: OLS \Rightarrow g(x) = \bar{y}$$



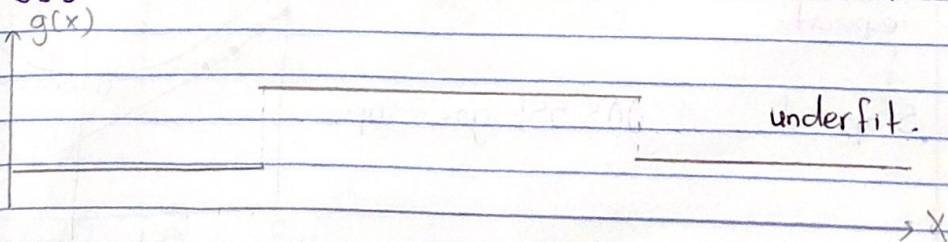
$$H_{B,1} = [w_1 \mathbb{1}_{x \in [0,1]} + w_2 \mathbb{1}_{x \in [1,2]} + \dots + w_9 \mathbb{1}_{x \in [9,10]} : \vec{w} \in \mathbb{R}^9]$$

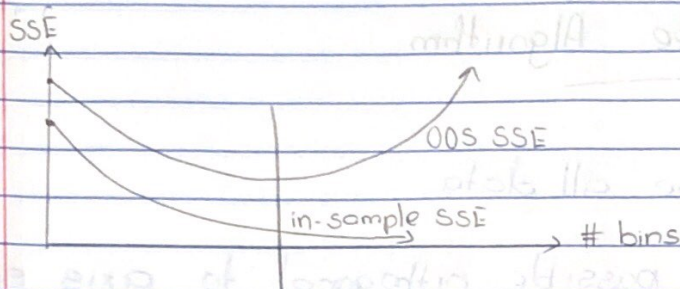
$$A: OLS \Rightarrow g(\vec{x}) =$$

$$H_{B,0.1} = [w_1 \mathbb{1}_{x \in [0,0.1]} + \dots + w_{99} \mathbb{1}_{x \in [9.9,10]} : \vec{w} \in \mathbb{R}^{99}]$$



$$H_{B,3.3} = [w_1 \mathbb{1}_{x \in [0,3.3]} + w_2 \mathbb{1}_{x \in [3.3,6.6]} + w_3 \mathbb{1}_{x \in [6.6,10]} : \vec{w} \in \mathbb{R}^3]$$





Select bin size using the OOS SSE curve

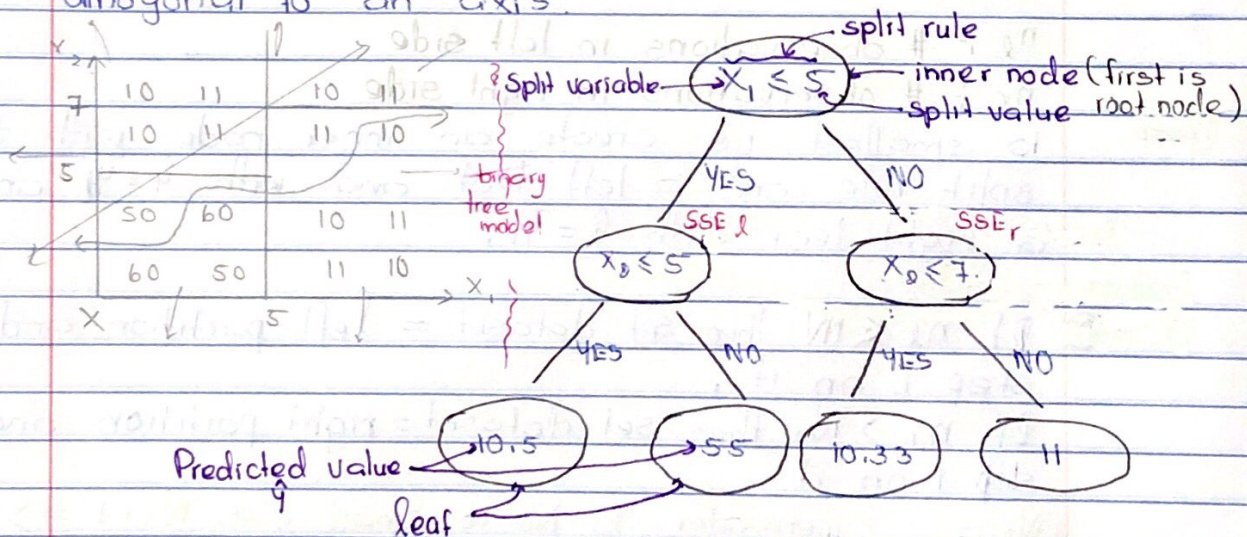
$p=1 \uparrow$

In two dimensions ($p=2$), the bins are squares.

$$B = \# \text{ bins/dim} \Rightarrow B_{\text{tot}} = B^2$$

In p dimensions $B_{\text{tot}} = B^p$ which $> n$; very fast.

A solution: "Binary trees" with split rules that are orthogonal to an axis.



= Union of mutually exclusive, collectively exhaustive possibly infinitely large hyperrectangles.

Regression Tree Algorithm

① Let dataset be all data.

② Consider every possible orthogonal to axis split
 $X_j \leq X_{ij}$ $j=1 \dots p, i \in 1, \dots, n-1$

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ordered/sorted values

And calculate SSE_L , SSE_R the SSE's in the putative left node and right node. Select the rule where

$$SSE_{\text{weighted}} = \frac{n_L SSE_L + n_R SSE_R}{n_L + n_R}$$

n_L : # observations in left set.

n_R : # observations in right set

is smallest. i.e. create an inner node with that split rule and a left leaf and with $\hat{y} = \bar{y}_L$ and a right leaf with $\hat{y} = \bar{y}_R$.

③ If $n_L > N_0$ then set dataset = left partition and run step 1 on it,

If $n_R > N_0$ then set dataset = right partition and run step 1 on it.

(N_0 is a hyperparameter. If N_0 is small e.g. $N_0 = 1 \Rightarrow$ g is overfit.)

If N_0 large \Rightarrow Underfit model.

How to pick N_0 ? Use 3-fold selection.