# STATS 790 Assignment 3

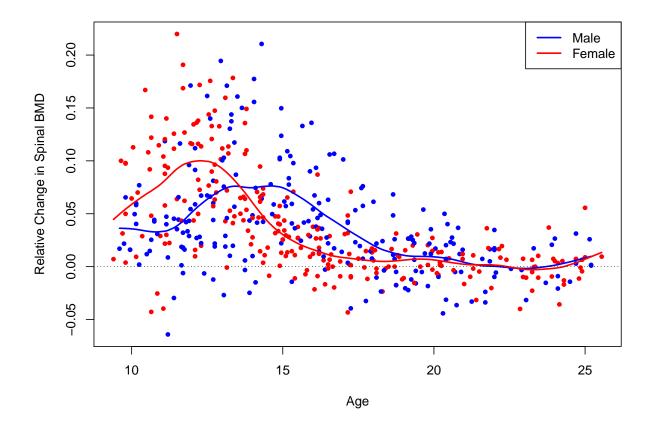
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## Question 1

ESL Chapter 5 Figure 5.6 is replicated, the code is shown as below.

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# Question 1
# Replicate ESL Chapter 5 Figure 5.6
# Import dataset
bone <- read.table('https://hastie.su.domains/ElemStatLearn/datasets/bone.data',
                   header = TRUE)
# According to ESL Figure 5.6 description, spnbmd is the target variable
# and age is the predictor.
# Plot the age against relative change in spinal BMD, color separated by gender.
plot(x = bone\$age, y = bone\$spnbmd,
     col = ifelse(bone$gender == 'female','red','blue'),
     pch = 20, xlab = 'Age', ylab = 'Relative Change in Spinal BMD')
# Split male and female.
male_bone <- bone[bone$gender == 'male', ]</pre>
female_bone <- bone[bone$gender == 'female', ]</pre>
# Spline, using degree of freedom = 12 (given by the textbook)
male_spline <- smooth.spline(x = male_bone$age, y = male_bone$spnbmd, df = 12)
female_spline <- smooth.spline(x = female_bone$age, y = female_bone$spnbmd, df = 12)
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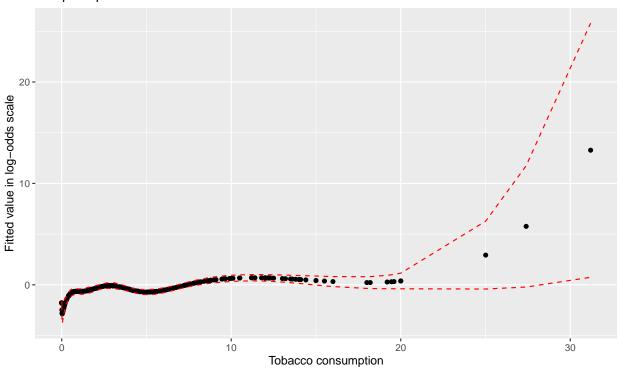
## Question 2 (South Africa coronary heart disease data)

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# Import libraries
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library(splines)
library(ggplot2)
# Import South Africa coronary heart disease data.
url <- "http://www-stat.stanford.edu/~tibs/ElemStatLearn/datasets/SAheart.data"</pre>
heart <- read.csv(url, row.names = 1)</pre>
# Create a list of 5 knots location for the bases
# Knots that can equally divide the tobacco range are chosen
# There are 107 out of 462 tobacco values are 0, 107/462 = 0.2316
# So the first knot need to be greater than 0.2316 to avoid NA values in glm
knots <- quantile(heart$tobacco, probs = c(0.24, 0.40, 0.55, 0.70, 0.85))
# B-spline base
b_spline <- bs(heart$tobacco, knots = knots)</pre>
# Natural spline base
n_spline <- ns(heart$tobacco, knots = knots)</pre>
# Truncated polynomial base
# Below is the function that creates truncated polynomial spline base
# it is modified based on Dr. Bolker's code
truncpolyspline <- function(x, knots) {</pre>
  trunc_fun \leftarrow function(k) (x > k)*(x-k)^3
 S <- sapply(knots, trunc_fun)</pre>
  S \leftarrow cbind(x, x^2, x^3, S)
  return(S)
}
poly_spline <- truncpolyspline(heart$tobacco, knots) # create basis matrix</pre>
# Fit logistic regression
# b-spline
logistic_b <- glm(chd ~ b_spline, data = heart, family = 'binomial')</pre>
# natural spline
logistic_n <- glm(chd ~ n_spline, data = heart, family = 'binomial')</pre>
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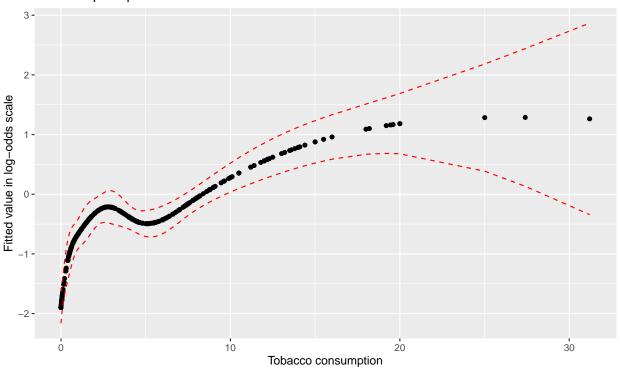
```
# truncated polynomial spline
logistic_poly <- glm(chd ~ poly_spline, data = heart, family = 'binomial')</pre>
# Predict without using predict() function on log-odds scale
# b-spline
X_b <- model.matrix(logistic_b) # design matrix for b-spline</pre>
coef_b <- as.vector(logistic_b$coefficients) # coefficients vector for b-spline</pre>
Y_b <- X_b %*% coef_b # predicted value
var_Y_b <- diag(X_b %*% vcov(logistic_b) %*% t(X_b)) # predicted variance</pre>
se_Y_b <- as.matrix(sqrt(var_Y_b)) # predicted se</pre>
upper_b <- Y_b + se_Y_b # upper bound of the CI</pre>
lower_b <- Y_b - se_Y_b # lower bound of the CI</pre>
# Create a dataframe for b-spline x, predicted y, upper and lower bound of y.
df_b <- as.data.frame(cbind(heart$tobacco, Y_b, upper_b, lower_b))</pre>
colnames(df_b) <- c('tobacco', 'pred', 'upper', 'lower')</pre>
# Plot for b-spline
ggplot(df_b, aes(x=tobacco)) + geom_point(aes(y = pred)) + # scatter plot for Y_b
  geom_line(aes(y = upper), linetype = 'dashed', color = 'red') + # add upper bound
  geom_line(aes(y = lower), linetype = 'dashed', color = 'red') + # add lower bound
  labs(x = "Tobacco consumption", y = "Fitted value in log-odds scale",
       title = "B-Spline prediction") # add axis labels
```

#### B-Spline prediction



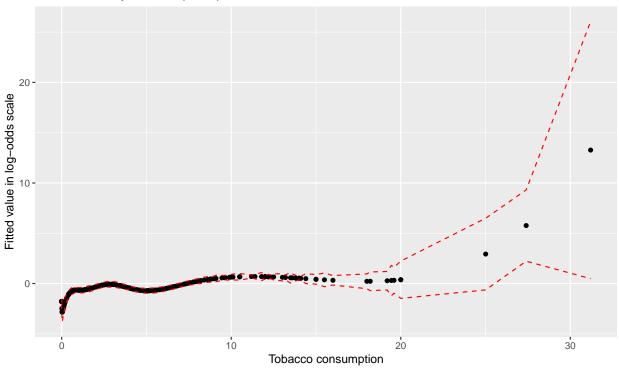
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# natural spline
X_n <- model.matrix(logistic_n) # design matrix for b-spline</pre>
coef_n <- as.vector(logistic_n$coefficients) # coefficients vector for b-spline</pre>
Y_n <- X_n %*% coef_n # predicted value
var_Y_n <- diag(X_n %*% vcov(logistic_n) %*% t(X_n)) # predicted variance</pre>
se_Y_n <- as.matrix(sqrt(var_Y_n)) # predicted se</pre>
upper_n <- Y_n + se_Y_n # upper bound of the CI
lower_n <- Y_n - se_Y_n # lower bound of the CI</pre>
# Create a dataframe for natural spline x, predicted y, upper and lower bound of y.
df_n <- as.data.frame(cbind(heart$tobacco, Y_n, upper_n, lower_n))</pre>
colnames(df_n) <- c('tobacco', 'pred', 'upper', 'lower')</pre>
# Plot for natural spline
ggplot(df_n, aes(x=tobacco)) + geom_point(aes(y = pred)) + # scatter plot for Y_b
  geom_line(aes(y = upper), linetype = 'dashed', color = 'red') + # add upper bound
 geom_line(aes(y = lower), linetype = 'dashed', color = 'red') + # add lower bound
  labs(x = "Tobacco consumption", y = "Fitted value in log-odds scale",
       title = "Natural Spline prediction") # add axis labels
```

#### Natural Spline prediction



```
# truncated polynomial spline
X_poly <- model.matrix(logistic_poly) # design matrix for b-spline</pre>
coef_poly <- as.vector(logistic_poly$coefficients) # coefficients vector for b-spline</pre>
Y_poly <- X_poly %*% coef_poly # predicted value
var_Y_poly <- diag(X_poly %*% vcov(logistic_poly) %*% t(X_poly)) # predicted variance</pre>
se_Y_poly <- as.matrix(sqrt(abs(var_Y_poly))) # predicted se</pre>
upper_poly <- Y_poly + se_Y_poly # upper bound of the CI</pre>
lower_poly <- Y_poly - se_Y_poly # lower bound of the CI</pre>
# Create a dataframe for truncated polynomial spline x, predicted y,
# upper and lower bound of y.
df_poly <- as.data.frame(cbind(heart$tobacco, Y_poly, upper_poly, lower_poly))</pre>
colnames(df_poly) <- c('tobacco', 'pred', 'upper', 'lower')</pre>
# Plot for truncated polynomial spline
ggplot(df_poly, aes(x=tobacco)) + geom_point(aes(y = pred)) + # scatter plot for Y_b
  geom_line(aes(y = upper), linetype = 'dashed', color = 'red') + # add upper bound
 geom_line(aes(y = lower), linetype = 'dashed', color = 'red') + # add lower bound
 labs(x = "Tobacco consumption", y = "Fitted value in log-odds scale",
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### Truncated Polynomial Spline prediction



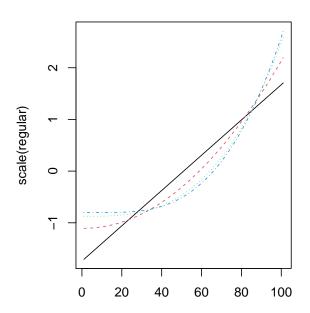
## Question 3

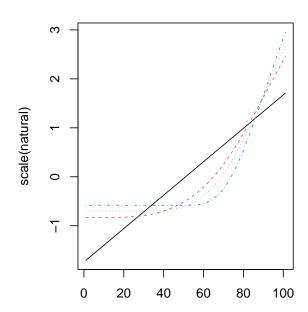
```
# Write a function that adds natural spline constraint on truncated polynomial.
truncPoly <- function(x, df, natural = TRUE) {
    # x is the predictor
    # df is degree of freedom
    # natural is a boolean argument determining if natural constraint is needed
    if (natural){
        K <- df # df = K for natural, K is the number of knots
        knots <- quantile(x, seq(0.1, 0.9, length = K)) # obtain K knots
        # d_k(X) is a matrix with n rows and K-1 columns
        d_k <- matrix(NA, nrow = length(x), ncol = K-1)
        for (i in 1:(K-1)){
              numerator <- (x > knots[i])*(x-knots[i])^3 - (x > knots[K])*(x-knots[K])^3
              denominator <- knots[K]-knots[i]
              d_k[,i] <- numerator/denominator # ESL(5.5)</pre>
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# N_{k+2}(X) is a matrix with n rows and K-2 columns
    N_kplus2 <- matrix(NA, nrow = length(x), ncol = K-2)</pre>
    for (i in 1:(K-2)){
      N_{kplus2[,i]} \leftarrow d_k[,i] - d_k[,K-1] # ESL(5.4)
    # Final matrix of basis, N_2(X) = X, N_{k+2}(X) defined as above
    N <- cbind(x, N_kplus2)</pre>
    return(N)
  }
  else {
    K \leftarrow df - 4 \# df = K+4 \text{ for regular}
    knots <- quantile(x, seq(0.1, 0.9, length = K)) # obtain K knots</pre>
    trunc_fun <- function(k) (x > k)*(x-k)^3
    S <- sapply(knots[1:(df-2)], trunc_fun)</pre>
    S \leftarrow cbind(x, x^2, x^3, S) \# regular truncated polynomial spline
    return(S)
  }
}
# Plot an example of regular and natural bases
x <- seq(0, 10, length = 101) # example from lecture
regular <- truncPoly(x, df = 5, natural = FALSE) # regular bases
natural <- truncPoly(x, df = 5, natural = TRUE) # natural bases</pre>
# Plots
par(mfrow = c(1, 2))
matplot(scale(regular), type = "l", main = "Without Natural Constraints")
matplot(scale(natural), type = "1", main = "With Natural Constraints")
```

#### **Without Natural Constraints**

#### **With Natural Constraints**





## Question 4

```
# Part(a)
# Simulate data from a surface on the unit square with Gaussian noise
my_simulation <- function(n, noise_mean = 0, noise_sd = 1){
    # n is the number of observations required
    # noise_mean is the mean of the noise term, default is 0
    # noise_sd if the sd of the noise term, default is 1

# draw numbers from unit square x-axis
x <- runif(n)
# draw numbers from unit square y-axis
y <- runif(n)
# noise term from Gaussian distribution
noise <- rnorm(n, noise_mean, noise_sd)
# create a smooth surface using a high-order bivariate polynomial
z <- 5*x^7*y^6 + 2*x^6*y^5 + x^5 + 7*x^3*y^2 + 2*x^2*y + x*y^2 + y^3 + 3*y^4*x + y^8
# smooth surface with gaussian noise</pre>
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z_noise <- z + noise
# return a data frame with three columns: x, y, and z
data.frame(x = x, y = y, z = z_noise)
}

# Example of the simulation
# Expect a list of 5 numbers that are generated using the polynomial above
# and with noises from a Gaussian distribution with mean 0.5 and sd 2.5.
my_simulation(5, 0.5, 2.5)$z</pre>
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#### ## [1] 4.1055200 4.8248187 0.9149295 2.8372915 6.6226006

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# Part (b)
# Import libraries
library(mgcv)
# Function below returns the true value of z, used to compare with the prediction
true_z <- function(x, y){</pre>
  5*x^7*y^6 + 2*x^6*y^5 + x^5 + 7*x^3*y^2 + 2*x^2*y + x*y^2 + y^3 + 3*y^4*x + y^8
}
# 250 simulations
simulation num <- 250
\# (i) method = "GCV.Cp".
# Create an empty matrices to store the computed value for each simulation
comp_time1 <- matrix(NA, nrow=simulation_num, ncol=1)</pre>
bias1 <- matrix(NA, nrow=simulation_num, ncol=1)</pre>
variance1 <- matrix(NA, nrow=simulation_num, ncol=1)</pre>
mse1 <- matrix(NA, nrow=simulation_num, ncol=1)</pre>
for (i in 1:simulation_num) {
  # Simulate 500 random samples for each simulation with standard gaussian noise
 my_data <- my_simulation(500, 0, 1)</pre>
  # Fit a GAM model using z \sim te(x,y) formula and method = "GCV.Cp"
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start_time <- Sys.time() # time before running model</pre>
  model1 <- gam(z ~ te(x, y), data = my_data, method = "GCV.Cp")</pre>
  end_time <- Sys.time() # time after running model</pre>
  comp_time1[i] <- as.numeric(end_time - start_time) # computation time</pre>
  # Create test set using runif()
  x_test <- runif(50)</pre>
  y_test <- runif(50)</pre>
  test_set <- as.data.frame(cbind(x = x_test, y = y_test))</pre>
  # Prediction
  pred <- predict(model1, newdata = test_set) # predicted z value</pre>
  true <- true_z(x_test, y_test) # true value of z for comparison</pre>
  # Compute bias, variance, and MSE of the predictions
  bias1[i] <- mean(pred - true)</pre>
  variance1[i] <- mean((pred - mean(pred))^2)</pre>
  mse1[i] <- mean((pred - true)^2)</pre>
}
mean(comp_time1)
## [1] 0.01696334
mean(bias1)
## [1] -0.003385754
mean(variance1)
## [1] 8.630399
mean(mse1)
## [1] 0.06550982
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\# (ii) method = "REML".
# Create an empty matrices to store the computed value for each simulation
comp_time2 <- matrix(NA, nrow=simulation_num, ncol=1)</pre>
bias2 <- matrix(NA, nrow=simulation_num, ncol=1)</pre>
variance2 <- matrix(NA, nrow=simulation_num, ncol=1)</pre>
mse2 <- matrix(NA, nrow=simulation_num, ncol=1)</pre>
for (i in 1:simulation_num) {
  # Simulate 500 random samples for each simulation with standard gaussian noise
  my_data <- my_simulation(500, 0, 1)</pre>
  # Fit a GAM model using z \sim te(x,y) formula and method = "REML"
  start_time <- Sys.time()</pre>
  model2 <- gam(z ~ te(x, y), data = my_data, method = "REML")</pre>
  end_time <- Sys.time()</pre>
  comp_time2[i] <- as.numeric(end_time - start_time) # computation time</pre>
  # Create test set using runif()
  x_test <- runif(50)</pre>
  y_test <- runif(50)</pre>
  test_set <- as.data.frame(cbind(x = x_test, y = y_test))</pre>
  # Prediction
  pred <- predict(model2, newdata = test_set) # predicted z value</pre>
  true <- true_z(x_test, y_test) # true value of z for comparison</pre>
  # Compute bias, variance, and MSE of the predictions
  bias2[i] <- mean(pred - true)</pre>
  variance2[i] <- mean((pred - mean(pred))^2)</pre>
  mse2[i] <- mean((pred - true)^2)</pre>
mean(comp_time2)
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## [1] 0.04123611

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mean(bias2)
## [1] -0.004033614
mean(variance2)
## [1] 8.248558
mean(mse2)
## [1] 0.0515695
# Create a comparison table for two methods
compare <- matrix(c(mean(comp_time1), mean(bias1), mean(variance1), mean(mse1),</pre>
                    mean(comp_time2), mean(bias2), mean(variance2), mean(mse2)),
                  ncol = 2, nrow = 4)
colnames(compare) <- c("GCV.Cp", "REML")</pre>
rownames(compare) <- c("computation time", "bias", "variance", "mse")
compare
##
                          GCV.Cp
                                          REML
## computation time 0.016963342 0.041236107
                    -0.003385754 -0.004033614
## bias
## variance
                     8.630398855 8.248558144
## mse
                     0.065509822 0.051569502
# Generally, both methods have similar computation time, bias, variance and mse.
```

#### Question 5

# REML has slightly greater values in all outputs.

**ESL 5.4** The natural boundary conditions for natural cubic splines is that "the function is linear beyond the boundary knots". When  $X < \xi_1$ ,  $f(x) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x + \beta_2 x^2 + \beta_3 x^3$ , to make it linear, we need  $\beta_2$  and  $\beta_3$  equal to 0. Alternatively, we can prove by taking the second derivative of f(x) and set it to 0.  $f''(x) = 2\beta_2 + 6\beta_3 x = 0$ , hence  $\beta_2 = \beta_3 = 0$ .

Similarly, the function f(x) should be linear when  $X > \xi_k$  where  $f(x) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x + \sum_{k=1}^K \theta_k (X - \xi_k)^3$ , we take second derivative and set it to 0.  $f''(x) = 6\sum_{k=1}^K \theta_k (X - \xi_k) = 6(\sum_{k=1}^K \theta_k X - \sum_{k=1}^K \theta_k \xi_k) = 0$ , then we have  $\sum_{k=1}^K \theta_k X - \sum_{k=1}^K \theta_k \xi_k = 0$ , which implies that  $\sum_{k=1}^K \theta_k = 0$  and  $\sum_{k=1}^K \theta_k \xi_k = 0$ , as required.

Now we derive (5.4) and (5.5). The function we have is  $f(x) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x + \sum_{k=1}^K \theta_k (X - \xi_k)_+^3 = 0$ , by observing the function, we get that  $N_1(X) = 1$ ,  $N_2(X) = X$ , we now want to prove that  $\sum_{k=1}^K \theta_k (X - \xi_k)_+^3$  can be written is the form of  $N_{k+2}(X) = d_k(X) - d_{k-1}(X)$ .

Given that  $\sum_{k=1}^{K} \theta_k = 0$  and  $\sum_{k=1}^{K} \theta_k \xi_k = 0$ , we know that  $\sum_{k=1}^{K-2} \theta_k = -\theta_K - \theta_{K-1}$  and  $\sum_{k=1}^{K-2} \theta_k \xi_k = -\theta_K \xi_K - \theta_{K-1} \xi_{K-1}$ .

$$\sum_{k=1}^{K} \theta_k (X - \xi_k)_+^3 = \sum_{k=1}^{K-2} \theta_k (X - \xi_k)_+^3 + \theta_{K-1} (X - \xi_{K-1})_+^3 + \theta_K (X - \xi_K)_+^3$$

$$\theta_{K-1}(X - \xi_{K-1})_{+}^{3} = \theta_{K-1}(X - \xi_{K-1})_{+}^{3} \frac{\xi_{K-1} - \xi_{K}}{\xi_{K-1} - \xi_{K}}$$

$$= \frac{(X - \xi_{K-1})_{+}^{3}}{\xi_{K-1} - \xi_{K}} (\theta_{K-1}\xi_{K-1} - \theta_{K-1}\xi_{K})$$

$$= \frac{(X - \xi_{K-1})_{+}^{3}}{\xi_{K-1} - \xi_{K}} (\theta_{K-1}\xi_{K-1} - \theta_{K-1}\xi_{K} + \theta_{K}\xi_{K} - \theta_{K}\xi_{K})$$

$$= \frac{(X - \xi_{K-1})_{+}^{3}}{\xi_{K-1} - \xi_{K}} (\theta_{K-1}\xi_{K-1} + \theta_{K}\xi_{K} - \theta_{K-1}\xi_{K} - \theta_{K}\xi_{K})$$

$$= \frac{(X - \xi_{K-1})_{+}^{3}}{\xi_{K-1} - \xi_{K}} (-\sum_{k=1}^{K-2} \theta_{k}\xi_{k} + \xi_{K} \sum_{k=1}^{K-1} \theta_{k})$$

$$= \frac{(X - \xi_{K-1})_{+}^{3}}{\xi_{K-1} - \xi_{K}} \sum_{k=1}^{K-2} \theta_{k}(\xi_{K} - \xi_{k})$$

$$= \sum_{k=1}^{K-2} \theta_{k}(\xi_{K} - \xi_{k}) \frac{(X - \xi_{K-1})_{+}^{3}}{\xi_{K-1} - \xi_{K}}$$

Similarly,

$$\theta_{K}(X - \xi_{K})_{+}^{3} = \frac{(X - \xi_{K})_{+}^{3}}{\xi_{K-1} - \xi_{K}} \theta_{K}(\xi_{K-1} - \xi_{K})$$

$$= \frac{(X - \xi_{K})_{+}^{3}}{\xi_{K-1} - \xi_{K}} (\theta_{K}\xi_{K-1} - \theta_{K}\xi_{K} + \theta_{K-1}\xi_{K-1} - \theta_{K-1}\xi_{K-1})$$

$$= \frac{(X - \xi_{K})_{+}^{3}}{\xi_{K-1} - \xi_{K}} (-\xi_{K-1} \sum_{k=1}^{K-2} \theta_{K} + \sum_{k=1}^{K-2} \theta_{k}\xi_{k})$$

$$= \sum_{k=1}^{K-2} \theta_{k}(\xi_{k} - \xi_{K-1}) \frac{(X - \xi_{K})_{+}^{3}}{\xi_{K-1} - \xi_{K}}$$

Put them back together and get:

$$\begin{split} \sum_{k=1}^{K} \theta_{k}(X - \xi_{k})_{+}^{3} &= \sum_{k=1}^{K-2} \theta_{k}(X - \xi_{k})_{+}^{3} + \theta_{K-1}(X - \xi_{K-1})_{+}^{3} + \theta_{K}(X - \xi_{K})_{+}^{3} \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^{K-2} \theta_{k}(X - \xi_{k})_{+}^{3} + \sum_{k=1}^{K-2} \theta_{k}(\xi_{K} - \xi_{k}) \frac{(X - \xi_{K-1})_{+}^{3}}{\xi_{K-1} - \xi_{K}} + \sum_{k=1}^{K-2} \theta_{k}(\xi_{k} - \xi_{K-1}) \frac{(X - \xi_{K})_{+}^{3}}{\xi_{K-1} - \xi_{K}} \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^{K-2} \theta_{k} [(X - \xi_{k})_{+}^{3} + (\xi_{K} - \xi_{k}) \frac{(X - \xi_{K-1})_{+}^{3}}{\xi_{K-1} - \xi_{K}} + (\xi_{k} - \xi_{K-1}) \frac{(X - \xi_{K})_{+}^{3}}{\xi_{K-1} - \xi_{K}}] \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^{K-2} \theta_{k} [(X - \xi_{k})_{+}^{3} \frac{\xi_{K} - \xi_{k}}{\xi_{K} - \xi_{k}} + (\xi_{K} - \xi_{k}) \frac{(X - \xi_{K-1})_{+}^{3}}{\xi_{K-1} - \xi_{K}} + (\xi_{k} - \xi_{K-1}) \frac{(X - \xi_{K})_{+}^{3}}{\xi_{K-1} - \xi_{K}} \frac{\xi_{K} - \xi_{k}}{\xi_{K} - \xi_{k}}] \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^{K-2} \theta_{k}(\xi_{K} - \xi_{k}) [\frac{(X - \xi_{k})_{+}^{3}}{\xi_{K} - \xi_{k}} + \frac{(X - \xi_{K-1})_{+}^{3}}{\xi_{K-1} - \xi_{K}} + (X - \xi_{K})_{+}^{3} (\xi_{K-1} - \xi_{K}) \frac{(X - \xi_{K})_{+}^{3}}{\xi_{K-1} - \xi_{K}}]] \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^{K-2} \theta_{k}(\xi_{K} - \xi_{k}) [\frac{(X - \xi_{k})_{+}^{3} - (X - \xi_{K})_{+}^{3}}{\xi_{K} - \xi_{k}} + \frac{(X - \xi_{K-1})_{+}^{3} - (X - \xi_{K})_{+}^{3}}{\xi_{K-1} - \xi_{K}}] \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^{K-2} \theta_{k}(\xi_{K} - \xi_{k}) [\frac{(X - \xi_{k})_{+}^{3} - (X - \xi_{K})_{+}^{3}}{\xi_{K} - \xi_{k}} - \frac{(X - \xi_{K-1})_{+}^{3} - (X - \xi_{K})_{+}^{3}}{\xi_{K-1} - \xi_{K}}] \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^{K-2} \theta_{k}(\xi_{K} - \xi_{k}) [\frac{(X - \xi_{k})_{+}^{3} - (X - \xi_{K})_{+}^{3}}{\xi_{K} - \xi_{k}} - \frac{(X - \xi_{K-1})_{+}^{3} - (X - \xi_{K})_{+}^{3}}{\xi_{K-1} - \xi_{K}}] \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^{K-2} \theta_{k}(\xi_{K} - \xi_{k}) [\frac{(X - \xi_{k})_{+}^{3} - (X - \xi_{K})_{+}^{3}}{\xi_{K} - \xi_{k}} - \frac{(X - \xi_{K-1})_{+}^{3} - (X - \xi_{K-1})_{+}^{3}}{\xi_{K} - \xi_{K-1}}] \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^{K-2} \theta_{k}(\xi_{K} - \xi_{k}) [\frac{(X - \xi_{k})_{+}^{3} - (X - \xi_{K})_{+}^{3}}{\xi_{K} - \xi_{k}} - \frac{(X - \xi_{K-1})_{+}^{3} - (X - \xi_{K-1})_{+}^{3}}{\xi_{K} - \xi_{K-1}}] \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^{K-2} \theta_{k}(\xi_{K} - \xi_{k}) [\frac{(X - \xi_{k})_{+}^{3} - (X - \xi_{K})_{+}^{3}}{\xi_{K} - \xi_{K}} - \frac{(X - \xi_{K-1})_{+}^{3} - (X - \xi_{K-1})_{+}^{3}}{\xi_{K} - \xi_{K-1}}] \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^{K-2} \theta_{k}(\xi_{K} - \xi_{k}) [\frac{(X - \xi_{k})_{+}^{3} - (X - \xi_{K})_{+}^{3}}{$$

Therefore, to conclude, we get  $N_1(X) = 1$ ,  $N_2(X) = X$ ,  $N_{k+2}(X) = d_k(X) - d_{K-1}(X)$  as desired in (5.4) and (5.5).

**ESL 5.13** From ESL Chapter 5 we learned that smoothing spline is the function f which minimizes the RSS  $=\sum_{i=1}^{N}(y_i-f(x_i))^2+\lambda\int(f''(t))^2dt$ , where  $\lambda$  is the smoothing parameter. If  $\lambda$  is large, then f will be smooth. And if  $\lambda\to\infty$ , then f will be perfectly smooth like a straight line. Therefore, when we augment our dataset with  $(x_0,\hat{f}_{\lambda}(x_0))$  when  $\lambda$  is very large, then the fitted curve will not change rapidly, the augmented pair has little effect. On the other hand, if  $\lambda$  is small, augmenting the pair  $(x_0,\hat{f}_{\lambda}(x_0))$  will make the smoothing spline more flexible and interpolate the training observations closer.

By the definition of the MSE of n-fold cross validation (leave-one-out cross validation),  $MSE = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} MSE_i$ , where  $MSE_i$  is the MSE of each fit, for i = 1, ..., N. Let  $\hat{f_{\lambda}}^{(-i)}(x_i)$  be the estimate for the  $i^{th}$  fit, where  $(x_i, y_i)$  is left out. Then  $MSE_i = (y_i - \hat{f_{\lambda}}^{(-i)}(x_i))^2$ . Hence by the definition of n-fold cross validation,  $MSE_{CV} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} (y_i - \hat{f_{\lambda}}^{(-i)}(x_i))^2$  (ESL 5.26).

ESL 5.14 states that  $\hat{f}_{\lambda} = S_{\lambda}y$ , then  $\hat{f}_{\lambda}(x_i) = \sum_{j=1}^{n} S_{\lambda}(i,j)y_j$ .

For the estimate at the  $i^{th}$  fit, we can also write:

$$\hat{f}_{\lambda}^{(-i)}(x_i) = \sum_{j=1, j \neq i}^{n} S_{\lambda}(i, j) y_j + S_{\lambda}(i, i) y_i$$

$$= \sum_{j=1}^{n} S_{\lambda}(i, j) y_j - S_{\lambda}(i, i) y_i + S_{\lambda}(i, i) y_i$$

$$= \sum_{j=1}^{n} S_{\lambda}(i, j) y_j - S_{\lambda}(i, i) y_i + S_{\lambda}(i, i) \hat{f}_{\lambda}^{(-i)}(x_i)$$

$$= \hat{f}_{\lambda}(x_i) - S_{\lambda}(i, i) y_i + S_{\lambda}(i, i) \hat{f}_{\lambda}^{(-i)}(x_i)$$

Therefore,

$$\hat{f_{\lambda}}^{(-i)}(x_i)(1 - S_{\lambda}(i, i)) = \hat{f_{\lambda}}(x_i) - S_{\lambda}(i, i)y_i$$

$$\hat{f_{\lambda}}^{(-i)} = \frac{\hat{f_{\lambda}}(x_i) - S_{\lambda}(i, i)y_i}{1 - S_{\lambda}(i, i)}$$

$$y_i - \hat{f_{\lambda}}^{(-i)} = y_i - \frac{\hat{f_{\lambda}}(x_i) - S_{\lambda}(i, i)y_i}{1 - S_{\lambda}(i, i)}$$

$$y_i - \hat{f_{\lambda}}^{(-i)} = \frac{y_i - S_{\lambda}(i, i)y_i - \hat{f_{\lambda}}(x_i) + S_{\lambda}(i, i)y_i}{1 - S_{\lambda}(i, i)}$$

$$y_i - \hat{f_{\lambda}}^{(-i)} = \frac{y_i - \hat{f_{\lambda}}(x_i)}{1 - S_{\lambda}(i, i)}$$

Substitute this result into (5.26) and get  $MSE_{CV}(\hat{f}_{\lambda}) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} (y_i - \hat{f}_{\lambda}^{~(-i)}(x_i))^2 = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} [\frac{y_i - f_{\lambda}(x_i)}{1 - S_{\lambda}(i,i)}]^2$ .

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