AMS 597: Statistical Computing

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Linear models

- Many data sets are inherently too complex to be handled adequately by standard procedures and thus require the formulation of ad hoc models.
- The class of linear models provides a flexible framework into which many although not all of these cases can be fitted.
- Note: To implement the examples in this handout, we need to install the package ISwR

library(ISwR)

• One most straightforward extension to simple linear regression to multiple regression analysis is to include second-order and higher powers of a variable in the model along with the original linear term. That is, you can have a model like

$$y = \alpha + \beta_1 x + \beta_2 x^2 + \dots + \beta_k x^k + \epsilon$$

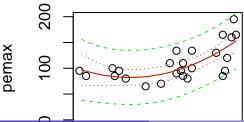
• This obviously describes a nonlinear relation between y and x, but LS estimation is still the same since the model is still a linear model.

```
attach(cystfibr)
summary(lm(pemax ~ poly(height, 2, raw = TRUE)))
##
## Call:
## lm(formula = pemax ~ poly(height, 2, raw = TRUE))
##
## Residuals:
      Min 10 Median
                            30
##
                                     Max
## -51.411 -14.932 -2.288 12.787 44.933
##
## Coefficients:
                               Estimate Std. Error t value I
##
## (Intercept)
                              615.36248 240.95580 2.554
## poly(height, 2, raw = TRUE)1 -8.08324 3.32052 -2.434
## poly(height, 2, raw = TRUE)2 0.03064 0.01126 2.721
## ---
```

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```
pred.frame <- data.frame(height = seq(110, 180, 2))</pre>
lm.pemax.hq <- lm(pemax ~ height + I(height^2))</pre>
predict(lm.pemax.hq, interval = "pred", newdata = pred.frame)
##
            fit
                      lwr
                               upr
## 1
       96.90026 37.94461 155.8559
## 2
       94.33611 36.82985 151.8424
       92.01705 35.73077 148.3033
## 3
## 4
       89.94307 34.66449 145.2217
       88.11418 33.65007 142.5783
## 5
## 6
       86.53038 32.70806 140.3527
## 7
       85, 19166, 31, 85979, 138, 5235
       84.09803 31.12689 137.0692
## 8
       83,24949 30,53064 135,9683
## 9
## 10
       82.64604 30.09150 135.2006
## 11
       82.28767 29.82873 134.7466
## 12
       82.17439 29.76004 134.5887
```

• Based on the predicted data, we have the plot



- Exercise: For the same dataset, fit the response to a cubic polynomial of the dependent variable. Plot the 95% predicted and confidence bands.
- Which model (quadratic or cubic) fits the data better?

Design matrices and dummy variables

• The function model.matrix gives the design matrix for a given model. For example:

```
model.matrix(pemax ~ height + weight)
```

```
##
      (Intercept) height weight
## 1
                      109
                            13.1
                      112
                            12.9
## 2
                      124
                            14.1
## 3
## 4
                      125
                            16.2
                      127
                            21.5
## 5
                            17.5
## 6
                      130
## 7
                      139
                            30.7
## 8
                      150
                            28.4
## 9
                      146
                            25.1
## 10
                      155
                            31.5
## 11
                      156
                            39.9
## 12
                      153
                            42.1
```

Design matrices and dummy variables

• If the same is attempted for a model containing a factor, the following happens.

```
attach(red.cell.folate)
model.matrix(folate ~ ventilation)
      (Intercept) ventilationN2O+O2, op ventilationO2, 24h
##
## 1
   10
```

Design matrices and dummy variables

• The two columns of zeros and ones are sometimes called *dummy* variables. They are interpreted exactly as above: Multiplying them by the respective regression coefficients and adding the results yields the fitted value.

- Suppose the group variable is an ordinal variable, e.g., age group
- In such case, there are two possible models, i.e., (a) fitting a linear regression by treating the group variable as a numeric variable (in this case, we assume linearity over groups) (b) treating the group variable as nominal by fitting one way ANOVA
- In the following example, notice that the variable grp is a numeric vector, and the variable grpf is a factor with six levels.

```
attach(fake.trypsin)
str(fake.trypsin)
  'data.frame': 271 obs. of 3 variables:
##
##
   $ trypsin: num 137.3 87 82.4 127.2 123.5 ...
   $ grp : int 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 ...
##
##
   $ grpf : Factor w/ 6 levels "1", "2", "3", "4", ...: 1 1 1 1
summary(fake.trypsin)
```

```
##
     trypsin
                         grpf
                      grp
                 Min. :1.000 1: 32
##
   Min. :-39.96
##
  1st Qu.:119.52 1st Qu.:2.000 2:137
   Median :167.59
                 Median: 2.000 3: 38
##
                 Mean :2.583 4: 44
##
   Mean :168.68
##
   3rd Qu.:213.98
                 3rd Qu.:3.000 5: 16
                               6: 4
##
   Max. :390.13
                  Max. :6.000
```

- Notice that the residual mean squares did not change very much, indicating that the two models describe the data nearly equally well.
- We can compare the simple linear model against the model where there is a separate mean for each group using a formal test as follows:

```
model1 <- lm(trypsin ~ grp)
model2 <- lm(trypsin ~ grpf)
anova(model1, model2)

## Analysis of Variance Table
##</pre>
```

- So we see that the model reduction has a non-significant p-value and hence that model2 does not fit data significantly better than model1
- This technique works only when one model is a submodel of the other, which is the case here since the linear model is defined by a restriction on the group means

- ullet One possible way to detect multicollinearity is to use the variance inflation factor VIF
- The VIF_k for the k-the predictor is defined as

$$VIF_k = \frac{1}{1 - R_k^2}$$

where R_k^2 is the r^2 value obtained by regressing the k-th predictor on the remaining predictors

- VIF_k of 1 means that there is no correlation among the predictor and the remaining predictor variables, and hence the variance of is not inflated
- $VIF_k > 4$ warrants further investigation
- $VIF_k > 10$ indicates severe multicollinearity requiring correction

```
# multicollinearity
set.seed(123)
n < -50
x1 \leftarrow rnorm(n)
x2 \leftarrow rnorm(n)
x3 \leftarrow x1 + x2 + rnorm(n, sd = 0.2)
x4 \leftarrow rnorm(n)
v \leftarrow x1 - x2 - x3 + x4 + rnorm(n)
cor(cbind(x1, x2, x3, x4))
##
                  x1
                                x2.
                                             x3
                                                           x4
## x1 1.00000000 -0.03586983 0.7084494 -0.1223944
```

```
## x2 -0.03586983 1.00000000 0.6629116 -0.1562637
## x3 0.70844943 0.66291161 1.0000000 -0.2019738
## x4 -0.12239437 -0.15626371 -0.2019738 1.0000000
```

```
fit1 <- lm(y ~ x1 + x2 + x3 + x4)
library(car)
vif(fit1)
##
         x1
             x2 x3
                                     x4
## 23.682775 21.045086 42.232951 1.043507
fit2 \leftarrow lm(y \sim x1 + x2 + x4)
vif(fit2)
        x1 x2
##
                       x4
## 1.018414 1.028266 1.042561
```

- Possible remedies:
- Subset selection (e.g., previous example based on correlation matrix)
- Shrinkage estimators: Ridge and Lasso (regularization)

• The ordinary linear square (OLS) method estimates β_j 's by minimizing

$$RSS = \sum_{i=1}^{n} (y_i - \beta_0 - \sum_{j=1}^{p} \beta_j x_{ij})^2$$

• Ridge regression estimates β_j 's by minimizing

$$RSS + \lambda \sum_{j=1}^{p} \beta_j^2$$

where $\lambda \geq 0$ is the tuning parameter

- Ridge regression belongs to the class of penalized regression framework
- The penalty term in ridge regression is also known as L_2 penalty
- As $\lambda \to 0 \ \hat{\beta}_{ridge} \to \hat{\beta}_{OLS}$
- As $\lambda \to \infty$ $\hat{\beta}_{ridge} \to 0$

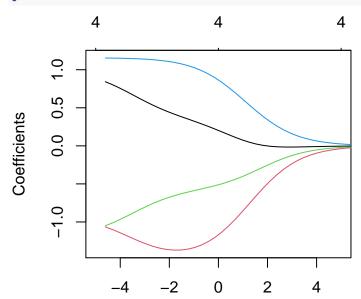
- The advantage of ridge regression over OLS can be explained by the bias-variance trade-off
- The OLS estimates have high variance but zero bias
- As λ increases, the shrinkage of the ridge coefficient estimates leads to a substantial reduction in the variance of the predictions, at the expense of a slight increase in bias
- For complicated data, lower MSE can be achieved at $\lambda > 0$

$$MSE = Variance + Bias^2$$

• Most importantly, if p > n, then OLS estimates do not have a unique solution, whereas ridge regression can still perform well by trading off a small increase in bias for a large decrease in variance

```
library(glmnet)
## Warning: package 'glmnet' was built under R version 4.0.2
x <- cbind(x1, x2, x3, x4)
lambda <- 10^seq(10, -2, length = 100)
# alpha=0 is for ridge regression, alpha=1 for
# lasso
fit3 <- glmnet(x, y, alpha = 0, lambda = lambda)</pre>
```

plot(fit3, xvar = "lambda", xlim = c(-5, 5))



x4

```
coef(glmnet(x, y, alpha = 0, lambda = 0.01))
## 5 x 1 sparse Matrix of class "dgCMatrix"
##
                         s0
## (Intercept) 0.006972247
              0.842351766
## x1
               -1.064960908
## x2
               -1.050266103
## x3
                1.154041794
```

x4

```
coef(glmnet(x, y, alpha = 0, lambda = 100))

## 5 x 1 sparse Matrix of class "dgCMatrix"

## s0

## (Intercept) -0.201065732

## x1 -0.005968152

## x2 -0.054014382

## x3 -0.030556099
```

0.036135903

x4

3.746404e-05

Lasso regression

• Lasso regression estimates β_i 's by minimizing

$$RSS + \lambda \sum_{j=1}^{p} |\beta_j|$$

where $\lambda \geq 0$ is the tuning parameter

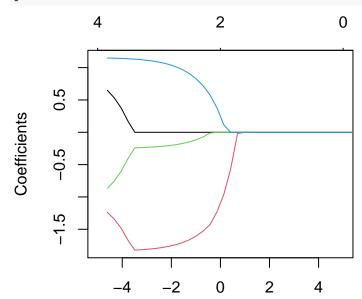
- The penalty term in lasso regression is also known as L_1 penalty
- As with ridge regression, the lasso shrinks the coefficient estimates towards zero
- However, in the case of the lasso, the L_1 penalty has the effect of forcing some of the coefficient estimates to be exactly equal to zero when λ is sufficiently large
- Thus, lasso performs variable selection

Lasso regression

```
library(glmnet)
x <- cbind(x1, x2, x3, x4)
lambda <- 10^seq(10, -2, length = 100)
# alpha=0 is for ridge regression, alpha=1 for
# lasso
fit4 <- glmnet(x, y, alpha = 1, lambda = lambda)</pre>
```

Lasso regression

plot(fit4, xvar = "lambda", xlim = c(-5, 5))



Elastic net regularization

- Although lasso can perform variable selection, it has some limitations
- In "large p, small n" case (high-dimensional data with few examples), the LASSO selects at most n variables before it saturates
- If there is a group of highly correlated variables, then the LASSO tends to select one variable from a group and ignore the others
- To overcome these limitations, the elastic net regularization is proposed which estimates β_i 's by minimizing

$$RSS + \lambda_1 \sum_{j=1}^{p} |\beta_j| + \lambda_2 \sum_{j=1}^{p} \beta_j^2$$

Cross-validation

- \bullet The cross validation (CV) is a general framework used to tune λ 's in the penalized regression
- For example in K=5 fold CV, the data is splitted into 5 roughly equal-sized parts

1	2	3	4	5
Train	Train	Validation	Train	Train

- For the kth part (third above), we fit the model to the other K-1 parts of the data
- ullet W calculate the MSE of the fitted model when predicting the kth part of the data
- We do this for k = 1, 2, ..., K and combine the K estimates of prediction error.

Cross-validation

```
set.seed(123)
cv.out <- cv.glmnet(x, y, alpha = 1, nfolds = 5)</pre>
cv.out
##
## Call: cv.glmnet(x = x, y = y, nfolds = 5, alpha = 1)
##
## Measure: Mean-Squared Error
##
       Lambda Index Measure SE Nonzero
##
## min 0.00228 74 1.026 0.1591
## 1se 0.26174 23 1.162 0.2238
```

Cross-validation

plot(cv.out)

