

Ch 7.4: Cubic splines

Lecture 22 - CMSE 381

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Last time:

- 7.2 Step functions
- 7.3 Basis functions

This lecture:

- 7.4 Cubic splines

Announcements:

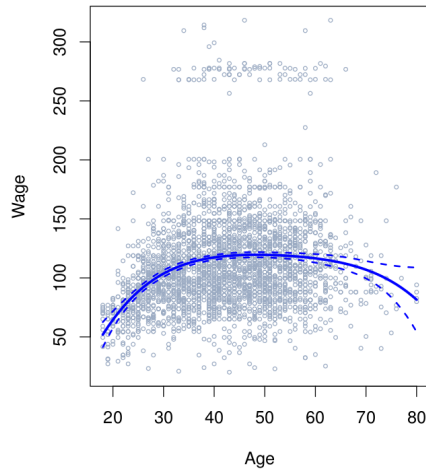
- Homework # 7 is now (for real) on github

Section 1

Last time

Polynomial regression

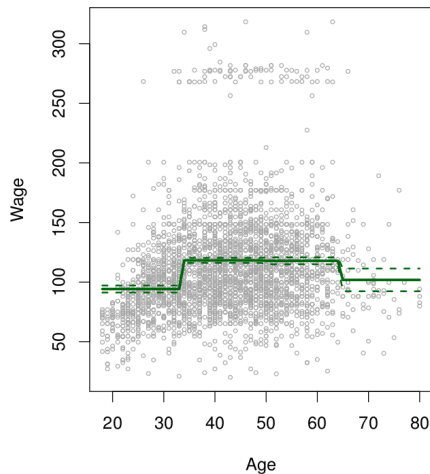
$$y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1 + \beta_2 x_i^2 + \cdots + \beta_d x_i^d + \varepsilon_i$$



Step function regression

$$\begin{aligned}C_0(X) &= I(X < c_1), \\C_1(X) &= I(c_1 \leq X < c_2), \\C_2(X) &= I(c_2 \leq X < c_3), \\&\vdots \\C_{K-1}(X) &= I(c_{K-1} \leq X < c_K), \\C_K(X) &= I(c_K \leq X),\end{aligned}$$

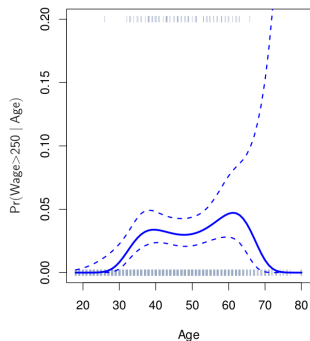
$$y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 C_1(x_i) + \beta_2 C_2(x_i) + \cdots + \beta_K C_K(x_i) + \varepsilon_i$$



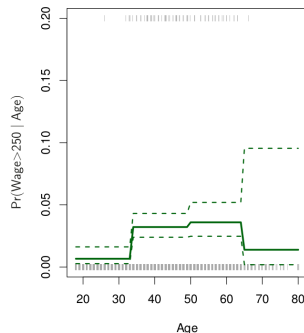
Classification version

$$\Pr(y_i > 250 \mid x_i) =$$

$$\frac{\exp(\beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i + \cdots + \beta_d x_i^d)}{1 + \exp(\beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i + \cdots + \beta_d x_i^d)}$$



$$\frac{\exp(\beta_0 + \beta_1 C_1(x_i) + \beta_2 C_2(x_i) + \cdots + \beta_K C_K(x_i))}{1 + \exp(\beta_0 + \beta_1 C_1(x_i) + \beta_2 C_2(x_i) + \cdots + \beta_K C_K(x_i))}$$



Basis Functions Setup

Polynomial and piecewise-constant regression models are special cases of a *basis function* approach.

$$y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 b_1(x_i) + \beta_2 b_2(x_i) + \cdots + \beta_K b_K(x_i) + \varepsilon_i$$

Section 2

Regression Splines

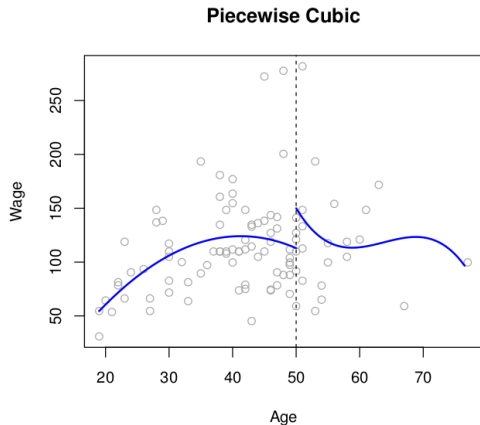
Piecewise polynomials

- Fit a polynomial regression

$$y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i + \beta_2 x_i^2 + \cdots + \beta_d x_i^d + \varepsilon_i$$

- Let the β_i 's be different at different locations of the range.

Example of piecewise polynomial

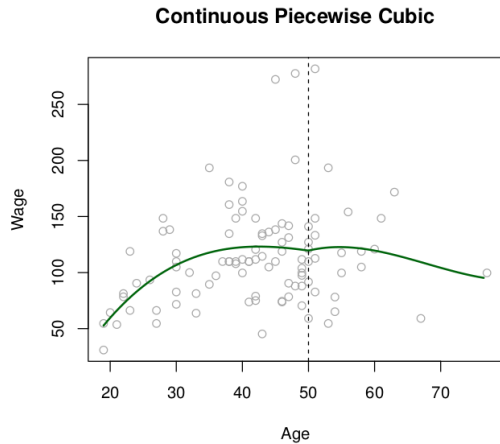


Example:

$$y_i = \begin{cases} \beta_{01} + \beta_{11}x_i + \beta_{21}x_i^2 + \beta_{31}x_i^3 + \epsilon_i & \text{if } x_i < c \\ \beta_{02} + \beta_{12}x_i + \beta_{22}x_i^2 + \beta_{32}x_i^3 + \epsilon_i & \text{if } x_i \geq c. \end{cases}$$

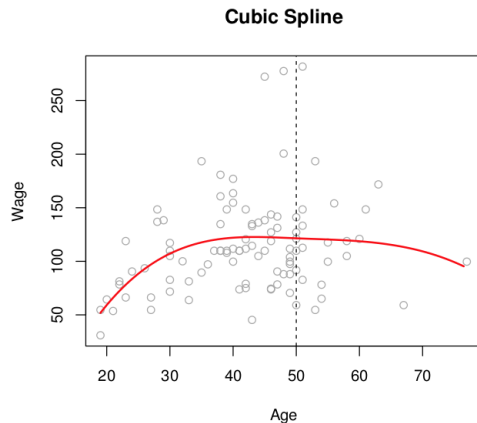
The fix

- Fit piecewise polynomial
- Require continuity at knots



The better fix: Cubic splines

- Fit piecewise polynomial
- Require continuity at knots
- Require the first and second derivatives to be continuous at knots

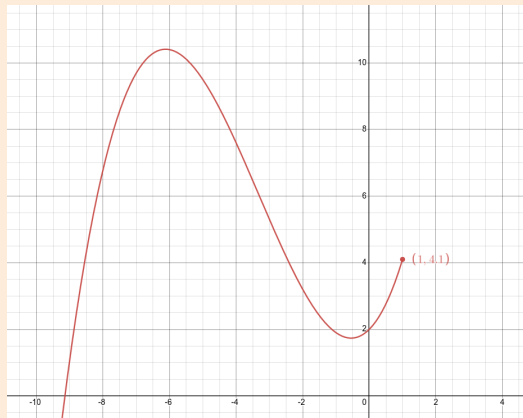


Example

We have the following piecewise cubic polynomial:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 2 + x + x^2 + 0.1x^3 & x \leq 1 \\ b_0 + b_1x + b_2x^2 - x^3 & x > 1 \end{cases}$$

What are b_1 , b_1 , and b_2 to make this a cubic spline?



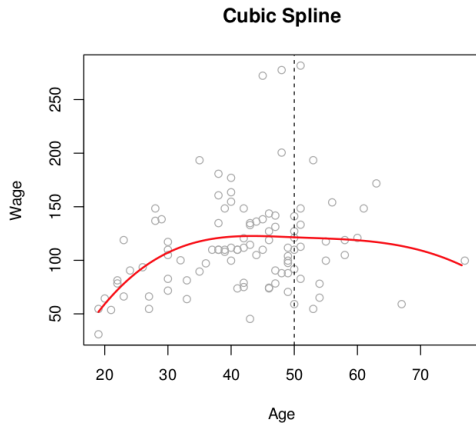
Check your answers: [desmos.com/calculator/ns4tr7mw0n](https://www.desmos.com/calculator/ns4tr7mw0n)

More space for work

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 2 + x + x^2 + 0.1x^3 & x \leq 1 \\ 3.1 + -2.3x + 4.3x^2 - x^3 & x > 1 \end{cases}$$

Cubic splines: degrees of freedom

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \beta_0^1 + \beta_1^1 x + \beta_2^1 x^2 + \beta_3^1 x^3 & x < c \\ \beta_0^2 + \beta_1^2 x + \beta_2^2 x^2 + \beta_3^2 x^3 & x > c \end{cases}$$



Spline basis representation

Want to pick b_i so that we represent a cubic spline with K knots as

$$y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 b_1(x_i) + \beta_2 b_2(x_i) + \cdots + \beta_{K+3} b_{K+3}(x_i) + \varepsilon_i$$

Truncated power basis function

$$h(x, z) = (x - z)_+^3 = \begin{cases} (x - z)^3 & \text{if } x > z \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

Desmos link: <https://www.desmos.com/calculator/esucuulbgj>

The basis for cubic splines

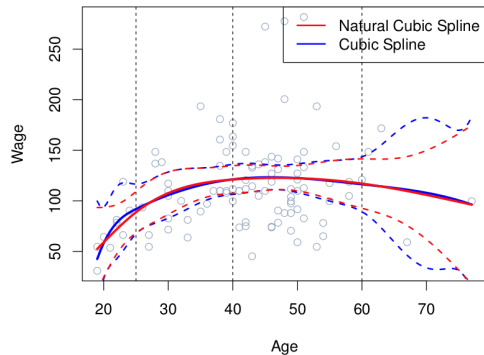
Given knots at z_1, \dots, z_K

- X
- X^2
- X^3
- $h(X, z_1)$
- $h(X, z_2)$
- \vdots
- $h(X, z_K)$

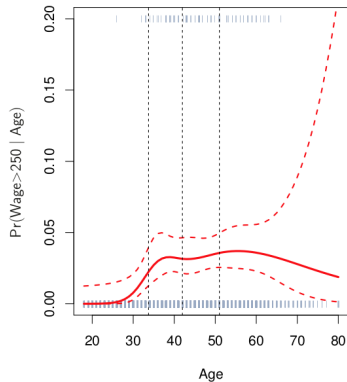
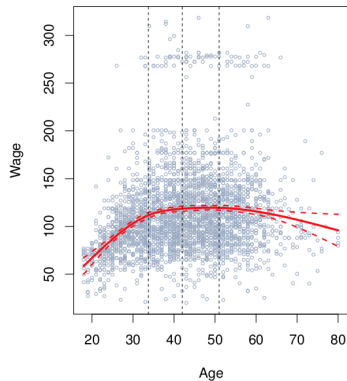
$$f(X) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X + \beta_2 X^2 + \beta_3 X^3 + \beta_4 h(X, z_1) + \beta_5 h(X, z_2) + \dots + \beta_{k+3} h(X, z_K)$$

Coding example

Notes on cubic splines

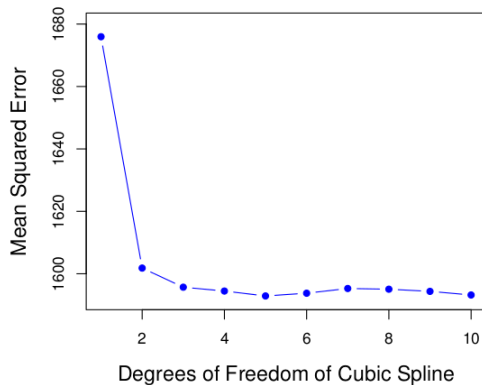


Where to put the knots?

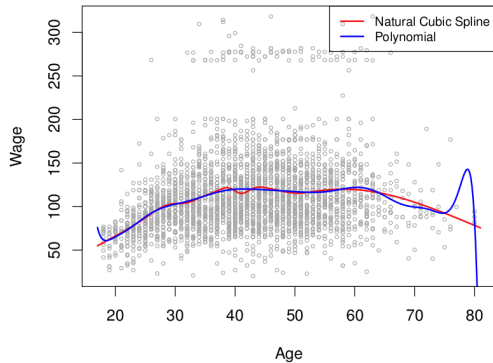


How many knots to use?

When in doubt, Cross-Validate.



Cubic splines vs Polynomial Regression



Next time

20	F	Nov 4	Polynomial & Step Functions.	7.1,7.2	
21	M	Nov 7	Step Functions	7.2	
22	W	Nov 9	Basis functions, Regression Splines	7.3,7.4	
23	F	Nov 11	Decision Trees	8.1	HW #7 Due
24	M	Nov 14	Ensemble methods	8.2	
25	W	Nov 16	Maximal Margin Classifier	9.1	
26	F	Nov 18	SVC	9.2	HW #8 Due
27	M	Nov 21	SVM	9.3, 9.4, 9.5	
28	W	Nov 23	Single layer NN	10.1	
	F	Nov 25	No class - Thanksgiving		
29	M	Nov 28	Multi Layer NN	10.2	HW #9 Due
30	W	Nov 30	CNN	10.3	
31	F	Dec 2	Unsupervised Learning & Clustering	12.1, 12.4	
32	M	Dec 5	More Clustering	12.4	HW #10 Due
	W	Dec 7	Review		
	F	Dec 9	Midterm #3	Bring your cheat sheet and a non-internet-connected calculator	