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5.1.2: Leave-One-Out Cross-Validation (LOOCV)

- A single observation is used as the validation set, (x_i, y_i). The MSE is then $(y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2$.
- This MSE is unbiased, but highly variable.
- What we do is repeat this procedure leaving out each observation, giving n squared errors, $\{MSE_i\}_{i=1}^n$.
- Then: the LOOCV test error estimate is

$$CV_{(n)} = \frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^{n} MSE_i$$

Advantages:
1) Far less bias than the validation set approach.
2) LOOCV always yields the same result for a given dataset.

Disadvantages:
1) Can be slow to implement if n is large or fitting the model is slow.

Note that for polynomial regression, the following fast formula holds:

$$CV_{(n)} = \frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^{n}\left(\frac{y_i - \hat{y}_i}{1-h_i}\right)^2$$

where h_i is the leverage of observation i and $\hat{y}_i$ comes from fitting the model on all n observations.

A very general method.

5.1.3: k-Fold Cross-Validation

1) Randomly break the observations into k folds
2) Fit the model on the last $k-1$ folds
3) Calculate the test MSE on the first fold. $\{MSE_i\}_{i=1}^k$
4) Iterate over $[k]$ to get
5) Estimate the test MSE as

$$CV_{(k)} = \frac{1}{k}\sum_{i=1}^{k} MSE_i$$

Often. k=5 or 10. Why?

1) Computational advantage for large or complex fitting model.
2) If we only want to identify the correct level of flexibility, then k-fold CV does a good job of identifying the degrees of freedom giving the minimum test MSE.

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5.1.4: Bias-Variance Trade-Off for k-Fold Cross-Validation

1) k-fold CV is more computationally efficient than LOOCV
2) k-fold CV gives more accurate estimates of the test error than LOOCV

LOOCV reduces bias the most, but has high variance
k-fold CV reduces bias. Why

LOOCV estimates the test MSE with a mean of ~~highly correlated observations, which~~ nearly identical datasets, which causes higher correlation in the test error estimates from iteration.

k-folds observations are less correlated

5.1.5: Cross-Validation on Classification Problems

Instead of using MSE to quantify error, we use the misclassification rate. Then, the LOOCV error rate is

$$CV_{(n)} = \frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^{n} Err_i$$

And likewise for validation of k-fold