

Predictive Model Comparison :

If we score model $y \sim [y | \theta]$ with

$$D(y, \theta) = -2 \log [y | \theta] \quad \left(\begin{array}{l} \text{"Deviance"} \\ \text{smaller is} \\ \text{better} \end{array} \right)$$

- θ is unknown
- This score is optimistic if we fit and score model w/ y .

Out-of-sample validation

for new data \tilde{y} score model with $D(\tilde{y}, \theta)$, but we don't know θ .

Two options:

$$1) \hat{D}(\tilde{y}) = D(\tilde{y}, \hat{\theta}), \quad \hat{\theta} = \int \theta [\theta | y] d\theta$$

$$2) \bar{D}(\tilde{y}) = \int D(\tilde{y}, \theta) [\theta | y] d\theta$$

\uparrow accounts for uncertainty associated w/ θ based on info in y .

Cross-Validation : $\bar{D}_{cv} = \frac{1}{L} \sum_{l=1}^L \bar{D}(y_{-l})$, where $y = (y_1, \dots, y_L)'$ and

$$\bar{D}(y_{-l}) = \int D(y_{-l}, \theta) [\theta | y_{-l}] d\theta$$

y_{-l} : all data excluding y_l

In-sample validation: Need to account for optimism if we use $\hat{D}(y)$ as score.

Estimate for optimism: $2p_0 = 2(\bar{D}(y) - \hat{D}(y))$

Thus, a bias-corrected score is

$$\begin{aligned} \text{DIC} &= \hat{D}(y) + 2p_0 \\ &= \bar{D} + \underbrace{p_0}_{\text{"penalty" for model complexity}} \end{aligned}$$

Question: why not use $p_0 = p$?

DIC is valid when:

- 1.) regular models, non-hierarchical
- 2.) $p_0 \ll n$
- 3.) $\hat{\theta} = E(\theta | y)$ is good for central tendency

using MC integration:

$$\hat{\theta} = \frac{\sum_{k=1}^K \theta^{(k)}}{K}, \quad \bar{D}(y) = \frac{\sum_{k=1}^K D(y, \theta^{(k)})}{K}$$