

Machine Learning

Lecture 2: Linear Models

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Outline

1. Linear models overview
2. Linear Regression under the hood
3. Gauss-Markov theorem
4. Regularization in Linear regression
5. Model validation and evaluation

Previous lecture recap



- Dataset, observation, feature, design matrix, target
- i.i.d. property
- Model, prediction, loss/quality function
- Parameter, Hyperparameter

Linear Models

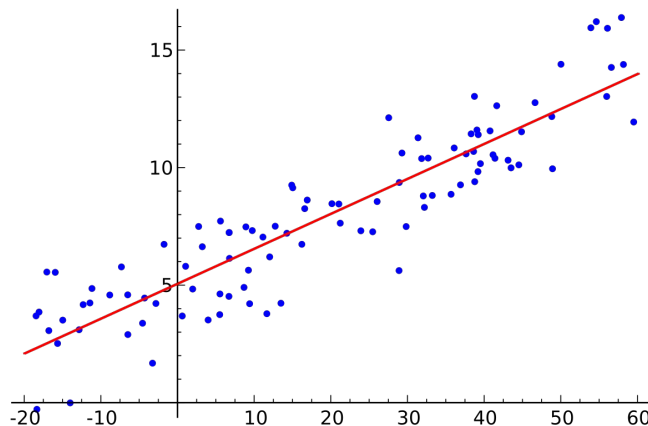
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Linear models



- Regression models



Estimated
(or predicted)
Y value for
observation i

Estimate of
the regression
intercept

Estimate of the
regression slope

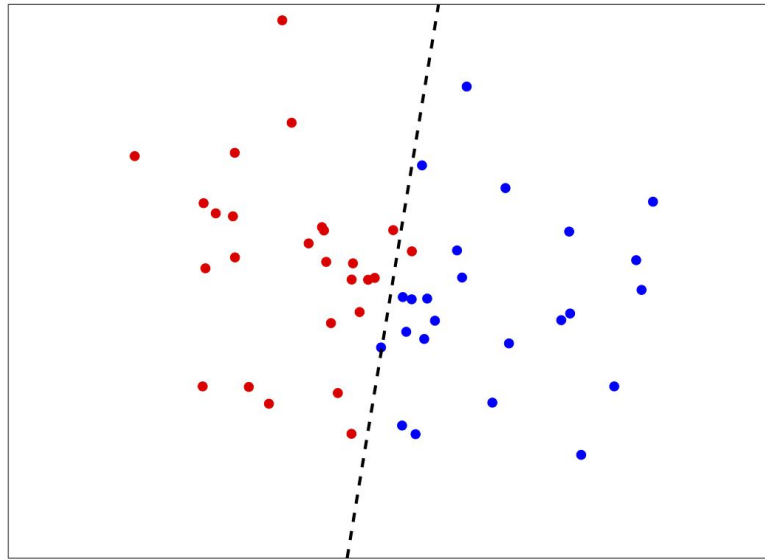
Value of X for
observation i

$$\hat{Y}_i = b_0 + b_1 X_i$$

Linear models



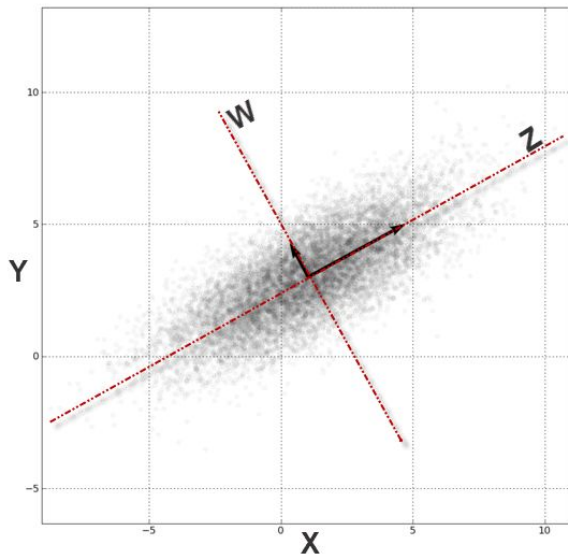
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- Building block of other models (ensembles, NNs, etc.):

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we added an additional column of 1's to the design matrix to simplify the formulas



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- Least squares method (MSE minimization) provides a solution:

$$\hat{\mathbf{w}} = \arg \min_{\mathbf{w}} \|Y - \hat{Y}\|_2^2 = \arg \min_{\mathbf{w}} \|Y - X\mathbf{w}\|_2^2$$



Analytical solution

Denote quadratic loss function:

$$Q(\mathbf{w}) = (Y - X\mathbf{w})^T (Y - X\mathbf{w}) = \|Y - X\mathbf{w}\|_2^2,$$

where $X = [\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n]$, $\mathbf{x}_i \in \mathbb{R}^p$ $Y = [y_1, \dots, y_n]$, $y_i \in \mathbb{R}$.

To find optimal solution let's equal to zero the derivative of the equation above:

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla_{\mathbf{w}} Q(\mathbf{w}) &= \nabla_{\mathbf{w}} [Y^T Y - Y^T X \mathbf{w} - \mathbf{w}^T X^T Y + \mathbf{w}^T X^T X \mathbf{w}] = \\ &= 0 - X^T Y - X^T Y + (X^T X + X^T X) \mathbf{w} = 0\end{aligned}$$

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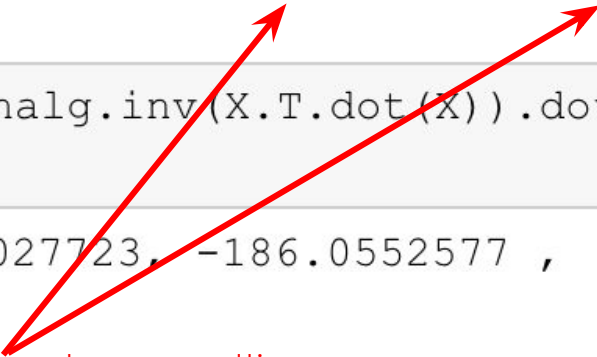


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the coefficients are huge and sum up to almost 0

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Actually, it's a solution for the following loss function:

$$Q(\mathbf{w}) = \|Y - X\mathbf{w}\|_2^2 + \lambda^2 \|\mathbf{w}\|_2^2$$

exercise: derive it by yourself

Gauss-Markov theorem

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Gauss-Markov theorem

Suppose target values are expressed in following form:

$$Y = X\mathbf{w} + \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}, \text{ where } \boldsymbol{\varepsilon} = [\varepsilon_1, \dots, \varepsilon_N] \text{ are random variables}$$

Gauss-Markov assumptions:

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delivers **B**est **L**inear **U**nbiased **E**stimator



Different norms

Once more: loss functions:

$$MSE = \frac{1}{n} \|\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{w} - \mathbf{y}\|_2^2$$

only works for Gauss-Markov theorem

$$MAE = \frac{1}{n} \|\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{w} - \mathbf{y}\|_1$$

Regularization terms:

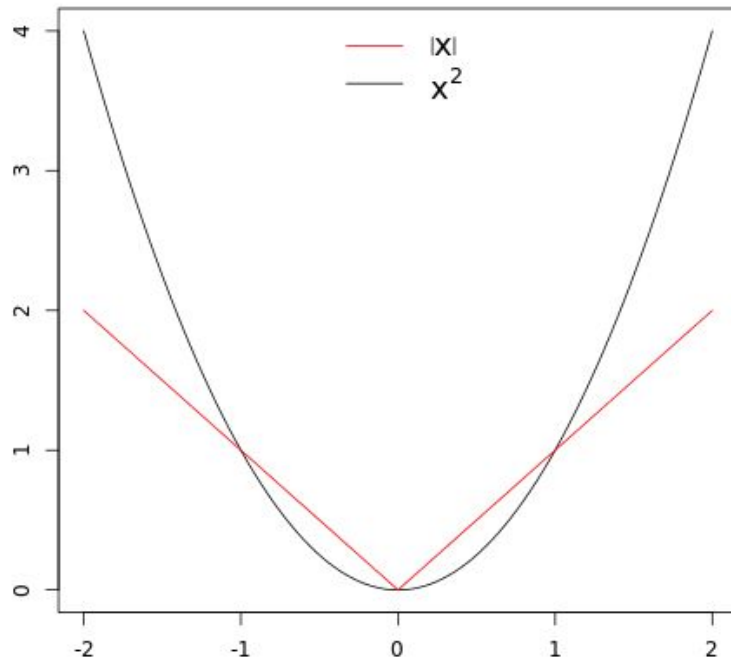
- $L_2 \quad \|\mathbf{w}\|_2^2$

- $L_1 \quad \|\mathbf{w}\|_1$

What's the difference?



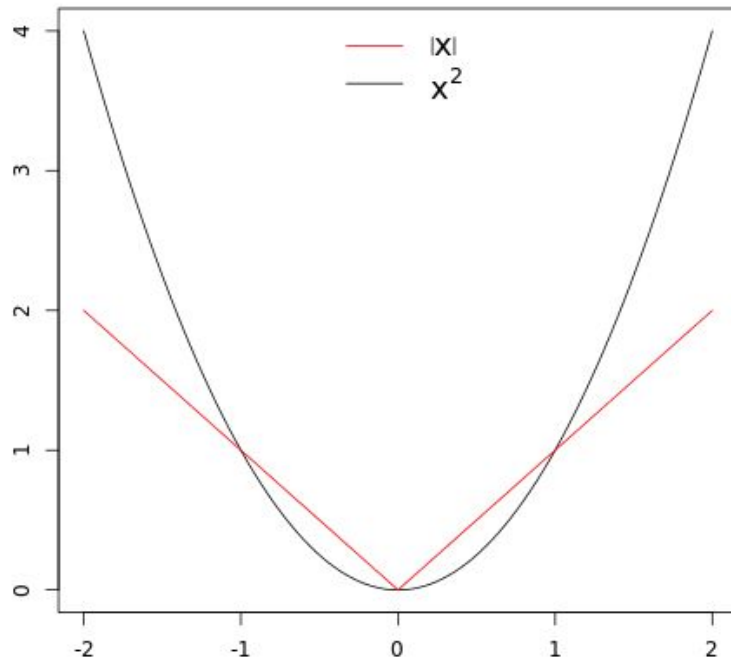
- MSE (L_2)
 - delivers BLUE according to Gauss-Markov theorem
 - differentiable
 - sensitive to noise
- MAE (L_1)
 - non-differentiable
 - not a problem
 - much more prone to noise



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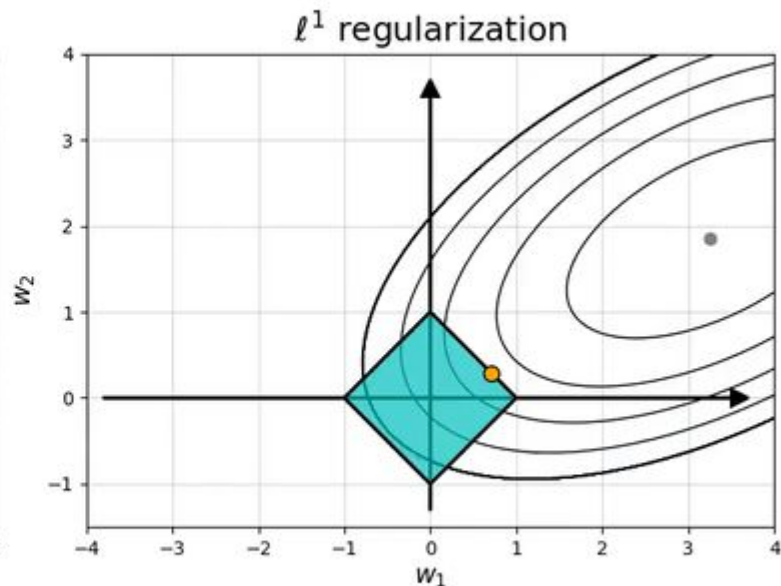
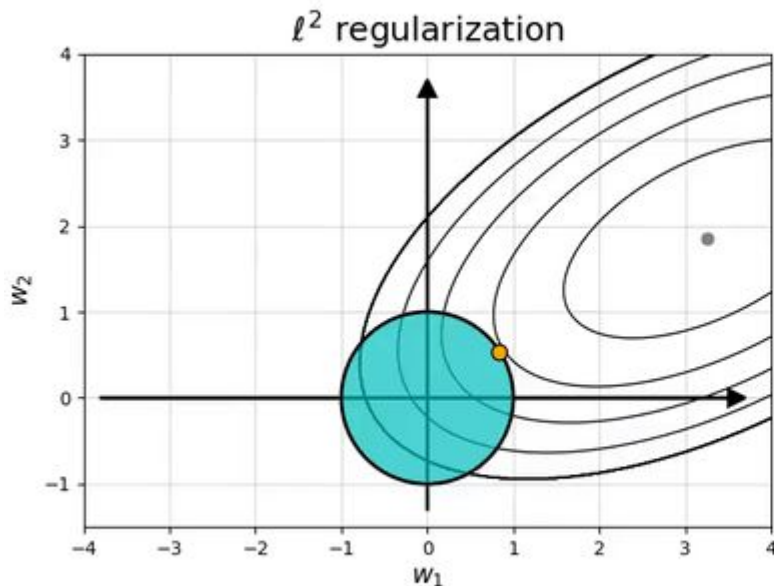
- L2 regularization
 - constraints weights
 - delivers more stable solution
 - differentiable
- L1 regularization
 - non-differentiable
 - not a problem
 - selects features



What's the difference?



ℓ^1 induces sparse solutions for least squares



by @itayevron

Loss functions in regression



Other functions to measure the quality in regression:

- R^2 score
- MAPE
- SMAPE
- ...

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Supervised learning problem statement

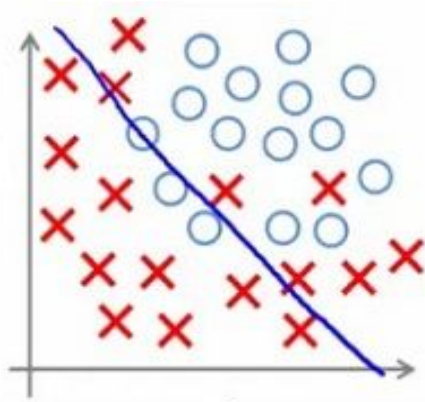
Let's denote:

- Training set $\mathcal{L} = \{\mathbf{x}_i, y_i\}_{i=1}^n$, where
 - $(\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^p, y \in \mathbb{R})$ for regression
 - $\mathbf{x}_i \in \mathbb{R}^p, y_i \in \{+1, -1\}$ for binary classification

Model $f(\mathbf{x})$ predicts some value for every object

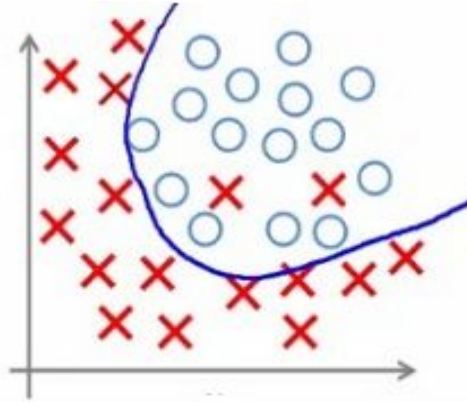
Loss function $Q(\mathbf{x}, y, f)$ that should be minimized

Overfitting vs. underfitting

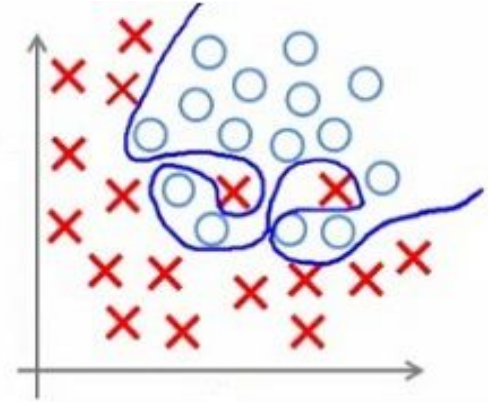


Under-fitting

(too simple to
explain the
variance)



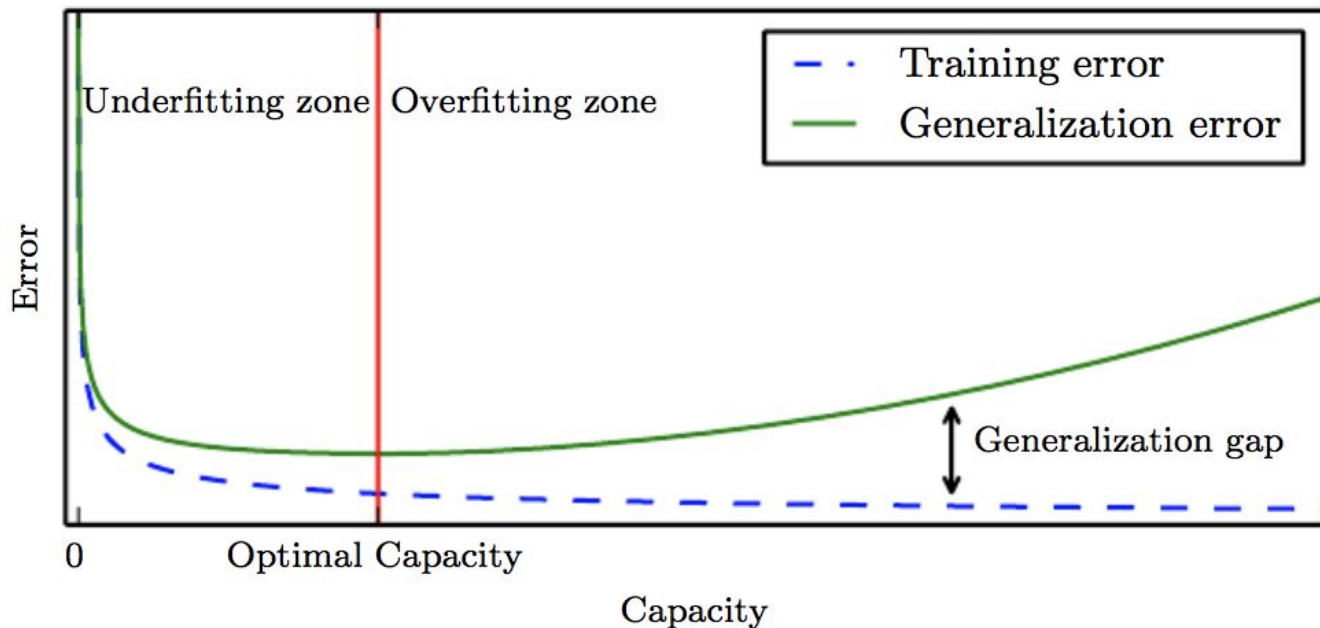
Appropriate-fitting



Over-fitting

(forcefitting -- too
good to be true)

Overfitting vs. underfitting





Overfitting vs. underfitting

- We can control overfitting / underfitting by altering model's capacity (ability to fit a wide variety of functions):
- select appropriate hypothesis space
- learning algorithm's effective capacity may be less than the representational capacity of the model family



Evaluating the quality

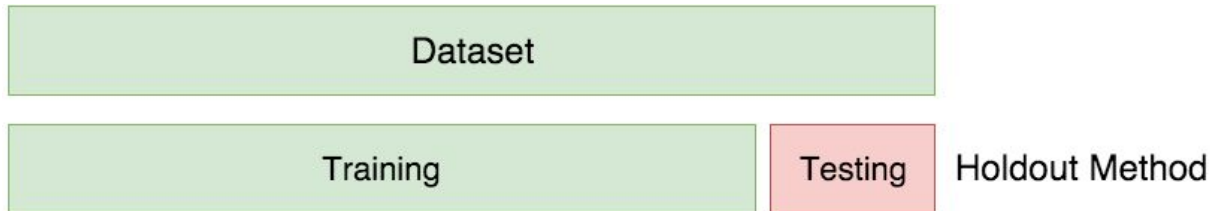


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Evaluating the quality

Dataset

Training

Testing

Holdout Method

Is it good enough?

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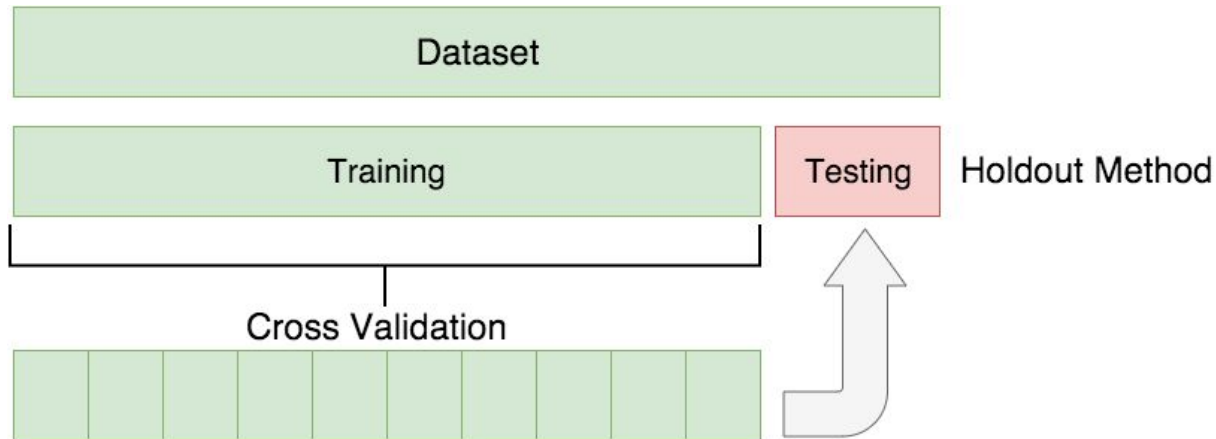
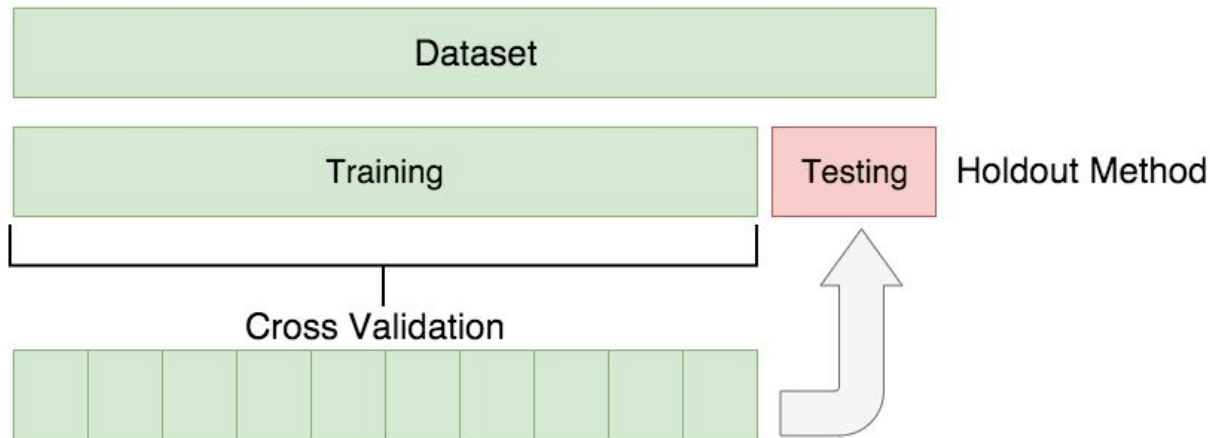


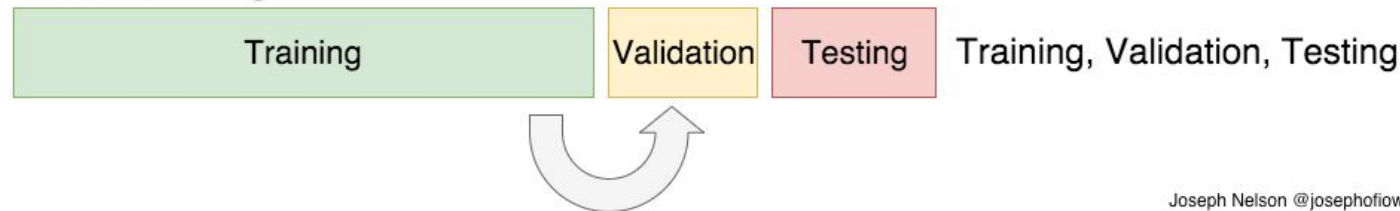
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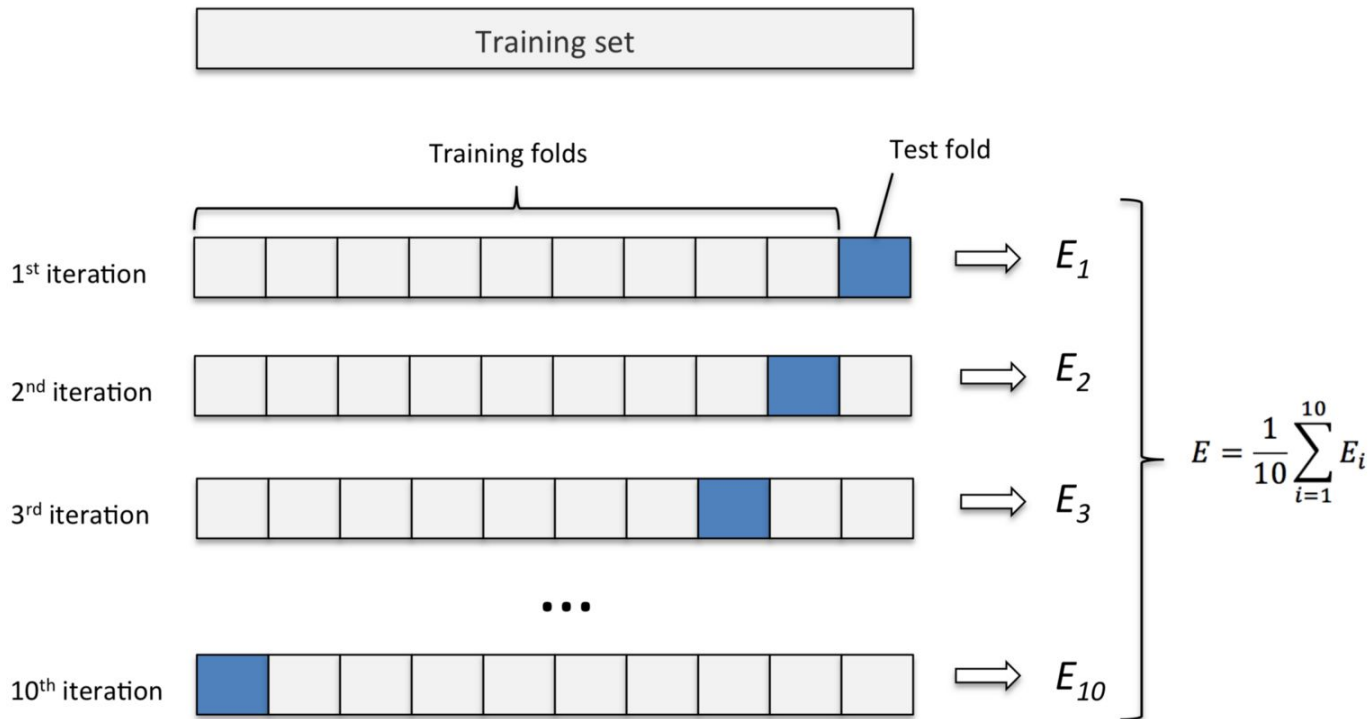
Data Permitting:



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Cross-validation



Outro



- Linear models are simple yet quite effective models
- Regularization incorporates some prior assumptions/additional constraints
- Trust your validation

Revise



1. Linear models overview
2. Linear Regression under the hood
3. Gauss-Markov theorem
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Thanks for attention!

Questions?

