


Subset Methods

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- Subset Selection

• Best Subset

- Algorithm:

1. M_0 is null model (no features)
2. For $k=1 \dots p$
 - a. Fit all $\binom{p}{k}$ models with k predictors 
 - b. Select best of the k models, called M_k
 \uparrow lowest RSS, highest $R^2 \dots$
3. Select best model overall from $M_0 \dots M_p$
 using AIC / BIC / Adj. R^2

* Computational Considerations / Cost

- Brute Force
- Intractable for large p

- Stepwise Selection

- Algorithm (Forward)

1. M_0 as null model
2. For $k=0 \dots p-1$
 - a. Consider all $p-k$ models that augment the predictors in M_k with one additional predictor
 - b. Choose best of $p-k$ models $\rightarrow M_{k+1}$
 \uparrow lowest RSS, highest R^2
3. Select best model from $M_0 \dots M_p$
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~ AIC/BIC/Adj R^2

* Greedy Strategy

* If $n < p$ in original sample \Rightarrow Forward Selection

- Algorithm (Backward)

1. M_0 as null model

2. For $k = p, \dots, 1$

a. Consider all k models that contain all but one of the predictors in M_k for $k-1$ predictors

b. Choose best among k models $\Rightarrow M_{k-1}$
 \nwarrow lowest RSS, highest R^2

3. Select best model $M_0 \dots M_p$
 \nwarrow AIC/BIC/Adj R^2

* Greedy, regular $n > p$

• Comparison of $M_0 \dots M_k$ (Optimal selection)

- Given multiple models \Rightarrow Directly estimate $E[\epsilon_{\text{cross}}]$

- Indirectly adjust scores for multiple models

\Rightarrow Penalize # of features!

- AIC (C_p)

$$AIC = \frac{1}{n} (RSS + 2d\hat{\sigma}^2)$$

\nwarrow penalty
of # feat
 \times quality

(error)

- BIC

$$BIC = \frac{1}{n} (RSS + \log(n) d \hat{\sigma}^2)$$

- Adjusted R^2

$$Adj R^2 = 1 - \frac{RSS / (n-d-1)}{TSS / (n-1)}$$

$$\max Adj R^2 \rightarrow \min \frac{RSS}{n-d-1}$$