

- 1) What is the optimal value of alpha for ridge and lasso regression? What will be the changes in the model if you choose double the value of alpha for both ridge and lasso? What will be the most important predictor variables after the change is implemented?

Ans:

Optimal value:

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| Optimal value of Alpha | Ridge | Alpha = 0.1 | R2 = 0.88 |
| | Lasso | Alpha = 0.001 | R2 = 0.85 |
| Double the value of alpha | Ridge | Alpha = 0.2 | R2 = 0.78 |
| | Lasso | Alpha = 0.002 | R2 = 0.87 |

After doubling the alphas, the predictor variables as follows.

| Ridge Alpha Co-Efficient after Doubling | |
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| MSZoning_RL | 0.32 |
| MSZoning_FV | 0.32 |
| MSZoning_RH | 0.32 |
| MSZoning_RM | 0.32 |
| RoofMatl_Membran | 0.22 |
| RoofMatl_Wd Shngl | 0.22 |
| RoofMatl_Roll | 0.22 |
| Condition2_PosA | 0.22 |
| Lasso Co-Efficient after Doubling | |
| OverallQual | 0.102 |
| GrLivArea | 0.101 |
| Neighborhood_Crawfor | 0.068 |
| Neighborhood_NridgHt | 0.057 |
| Neighborhood_Somerst | 0.055 |
| Condition1_Norm | 0.050 |
| GarageCars | 0.050 |
| YearBuilt | 0.049 |

- 2) You have determined the optimal value of lambda for ridge and lasso regression during the assignment. Now, which one will you choose to apply and why?

Ans: Based on R2 score, Ridge model is better. Mean square error is almost same for both models.

Will be choosing Lasso model because it offers feature reduction.

- 3) After building the model, you realised that the five most important predictor variables in the lasso model are not available in the incoming data. You will now have to create another model excluding the five most important predictor variables. Which are the five most important predictor variables now?

Ans: Skipped.

- 4) How can you make sure that a model is robust and generalisable? What are the implications of the same for the accuracy of the model and why?

- The benefits of generalizing the model is the Test accuracy does not change erratically compared with training set. Upon, checking with unknown test sets, the accuracy will be usually approximate to that of training set.
- A model can be made more robust and generalisable by using additional experiments, such application of cross validation, properly choosing hyper parameter along with application of proper penalty ensuring mean squared error to be minimum.
- Outliers may affect the accuracy of the given model. The outliers should be analyzed, and based on analysis it can be retained if they are relevant to data. Or dropped if they are not relevant.