

Homework 3

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Part 1. Let $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta} + \mathbf{w}$, where $\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^n$, $\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times p}$, $\boldsymbol{\beta} \in \mathbb{R}^p$, and w_i are i.i.d. random vectors with zero mean and variance σ^2 . Recall that the ridge regression estimate is given by

$$\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_\lambda = \arg \min_{\boldsymbol{\beta}} \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta}\|_2^2 + \frac{\lambda}{2} \|\boldsymbol{\beta}\|_2^2$$

1. Show that the variance of $\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_\lambda$ is given by

$$\sigma^2 \mathbf{W} \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X} \mathbf{W},$$

where $\mathbf{W} = (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X} + \lambda \mathbf{I})^{-1}$. To get full credit, you need to argue why $\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X} + \lambda \mathbf{I}$ is invertible.

Answer:

$$\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} = (X^T X + \lambda I)^{-1} X^T Y$$

We let $W = (X^T X + \lambda I)^{-1}$ Then

$$\text{Var}(\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}) = \text{Var}(W X^T Y) = W X^T \text{Var}(Y) (W X^T)^T$$

$$\text{Var}(\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}) = W X^T \sigma^2 X W^T$$

And because W is symmetric we get the following:

$$\text{Var}(\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}) = \sigma^2 W X^T X W$$

And we have shown the result.

We know that $\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X} + \lambda \mathbf{I}$ is invertible because first, for a matrix $X \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times p}$, $X^T X$ is positive semi-definite. Let $z \in \mathbb{R}^p$ Then

$$z^T X^T X z = \|Xz\|_2^2$$

And so it is positive semi-definite. The diagonals of

$$X^T X \geq 0$$

Adding λ to all the diagonals will ensure that the matrix is positive definite, because $\lambda > 0$. And it is a well-known fact that positive definite matrices are invertible. Hence, W is invertible. Q.E.D.

2. Show that the bias of $\hat{\beta}_\lambda$ is given by

$$-\lambda \mathbf{W}\beta$$

Answer:

$$E(\hat{\beta}_\lambda) = E((X^T X + \lambda I)^{-1} X^T Y) = (X^T X + \lambda I)^{-1} X^T X B$$

$$\begin{aligned}(X^T X + \lambda I)^{-1} X^T X B &= (X^T X + \lambda I)^{-1} (X^T X + \lambda I - \lambda I) B = (X^T X + \lambda I)^{-1} (-\lambda I) B \\(X^T X + \lambda I)^{-1} (-\lambda I) B &= -(\lambda I) W B = -\lambda W B\end{aligned}$$

Because λ is just a constant and we can pull it out front. Q.E.D.

3. A natural question is how to choose the tuning parameter λ . There are several classes of solutions. For example given a collection of linear estimators $\hat{\mathbf{y}} = \mathbf{S}_\lambda \mathbf{y}$, we can choose the \mathbf{S}_λ that minimizes the generalized cross validation (GCV) criterion:

$$\text{GCV}(\lambda) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{y_i - \hat{y}_i}{1 - \frac{\text{dof}(\mathbf{S}_\lambda)}{n}} \right)^2,$$

where the degrees of freedom $\text{dof}(\mathbf{S}_\lambda)$ of a linear estimator $\hat{\mathbf{y}} = \mathbf{S}\mathbf{y}$ is given by $\text{tr}(\mathbf{S})$. For other criteria for performing model selection, see Efron's work "The Estimation of Prediction Error."

Ridge regression provides a linear estimator of the observed response \mathbf{y} where $\mathbf{S}_\lambda = \mathbf{X}(\mathbf{X}^\top \mathbf{X} + \lambda \mathbf{I})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^\top$. Show that the degrees of freedom of the ridge estimator is given by

$$\sum_i \frac{\sigma_i^2}{\sigma_i^2 + \lambda},$$

where σ_i is the i th singular value of \mathbf{X} .

Answer: Starting from

$$\text{dof}(S)_\lambda = \text{tr}(S),$$

where $\mathbf{S}_\lambda = \mathbf{X}(\mathbf{X}^\top \mathbf{X} + \lambda \mathbf{I})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^\top$.

Then we have that

$$\mathbf{S}_\lambda = \mathbf{X}(\mathbf{X}^\top \mathbf{X} + \lambda \mathbf{I})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^\top = U D V^\top (V D^\top U^\top U D V^\top + \lambda \mathbf{I})^{-1} V D^\top U^\top$$

Recall that $U^\top U$ is the identity. Also that $D = D^\top$. Finally, apply the fact that $V D^\top D V^\top$ is commutable with $\lambda \mathbf{I}$. And so applying those facts gives the following:

$$U D V^\top (V D^\top U^\top U D V^\top + \lambda \mathbf{I})^{-1} V D^\top U^\top = U D V^\top V (D^\top D + \lambda \mathbf{I})^{-1} V^\top V D U^\top = U D (D^\top D + \lambda \mathbf{I})^{-1} D U^\top$$

Recall that D is diagonal and that each value of the diagonal is the i th singular value. So $D^\top D$ is just D^2 and so adding λ to the diagonal and finding the inverse results in inverse being the following:

$$(D^\top D + \lambda \mathbf{I})^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sigma_1^2 + \lambda} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{\sigma_n^2 + \lambda} \end{bmatrix}$$

And so multiplying by UD on the left and DU^\top on the right results in a diagonal matrix with diagonal values of $\frac{\sigma_i^2}{\sigma_i^2 + \lambda}$. Because we have been told that degrees of freedom $\text{dof}(\mathbf{S}_\lambda)$ of a linear estimator $\hat{\mathbf{y}} = \mathbf{S}\mathbf{y}$ is given by $\text{tr}(\mathbf{S})$ where $\mathbf{S}_\lambda = \mathbf{X}(\mathbf{X}^\top \mathbf{X} + \lambda \mathbf{I})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^\top$, we can use the well-known fact that the trace of a matrix is the sum of its eigenvalues to get that the trace of $\mathbf{S}_\lambda \mathbf{y}$ is

$$\sum_i \frac{\sigma_i^2}{\sigma_i^2 + \lambda}$$

Q.E.D.

Part 2. Ridge Regression.

You will next add an implementation of the ridge regression to your R package.

Please complete the following steps.

Step 0: Make a file called `ridge.R` in your R package. Put it in the R subdirectory, namely we should be able to see the file at `github.ncsu.edu/unityidST758/unityidST758/R/ridge.R`

Step 1: Write a function `ridge_regression` that computes the ridge regression coefficient estimates for a sequence of regularization parameter values λ .

It should return an error message

- if the response variable $\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and the design matrix $\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times p}$ are not conformable
- if the tuning parameters are negative

Please use the `stop` function.

- Your function should return a matrix of regression coefficients $\mathbf{B} \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times n_\lambda}$ whose columns are regression coefficient vectors for each value of λ in the vector `lambda` and n_λ is `length(lambda)`.

Step 2: Write a unit test function `test-ridge` that

- checks the error messages for your `ridge_regression` function
- checks the correctness of the estimated regression coefficients produced by `ridge_regression` function. Given data (\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{X}) , recall that \mathbf{b} is the ridge estimate with regularization parameter λ if and only if

$$(\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X} + \lambda \mathbf{I}) \mathbf{b} = \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{y}.$$

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library(devtools)

## Loading required package: usethis
setwd('/Users/bulldogwill/Documents/ST 758/twedwar2ST758/twedwar2ST758')
test()

## Loading twedwar2ST758
##
## Attaching package: 'testthat'
##
## The following object is masked from 'package:devtools':
##
##   test_file
##
## Testing twedwar2ST758
## v | OK F W S | Context
##
## / | 0      | test_ridge
## v | 4      | test_ridge
##
## == Results ==
## OK:          4
## Failed:      0
## Warnings:    0
## Skipped:     0
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Step 3: Write a function `gcv` that computes the GCV criterion of your ridge regression model prediction error estimate.

Step 4: Write a function `leave_one_out` that computes the following leave-one-out (LOO) prediction error estimate:

$$\text{LOO}(\lambda) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n (y_k - \hat{y}_k^{-k}(\lambda))^2,$$

where

$$y_k - \hat{y}_k^{-k}(\lambda) = \frac{y_k - \hat{y}_k(\lambda)}{1 - h_k(\lambda)},$$

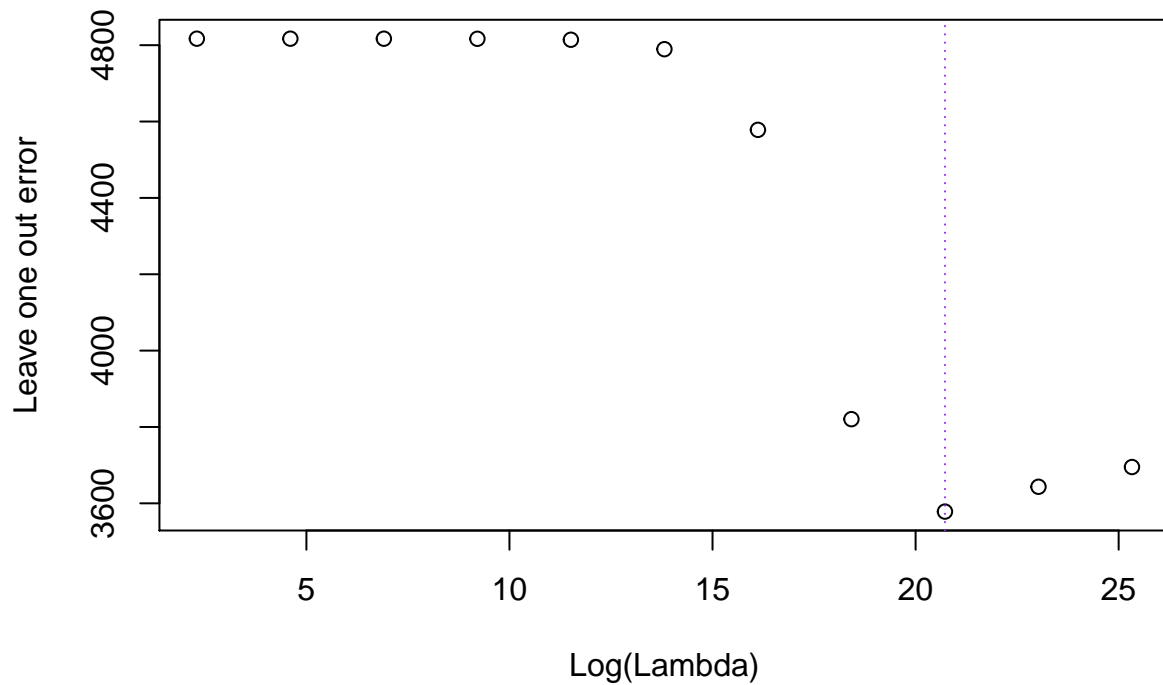
and $h_k(\lambda)$ is the k th diagonal entry of the matrix $\mathbf{X}(\mathbf{X}^\top \mathbf{X} + \lambda \mathbf{I})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^\top$.

Step 5: Compute ridge regression estimates of the data in `homework3_x.csv.gz` (design matrix) and `homework3_y.csv` (response) for several values of λ . This is semi-synthetic data derived from the radiation sensitivity data set available at <https://web.stanford.edu/~hastie/ElemStatLearn/>. Plot the LOO prediction error as a function of λ and highlight the one that minimizes the LOO prediction error (plot a vertical line at λ_{LOO}). Plot the GCV criterion as a function of λ and highlight the one that minimizes the GCV criterion (plot a vertical line at λ_{LOO}). Discuss what you would do with the information conveyed in the two plots.

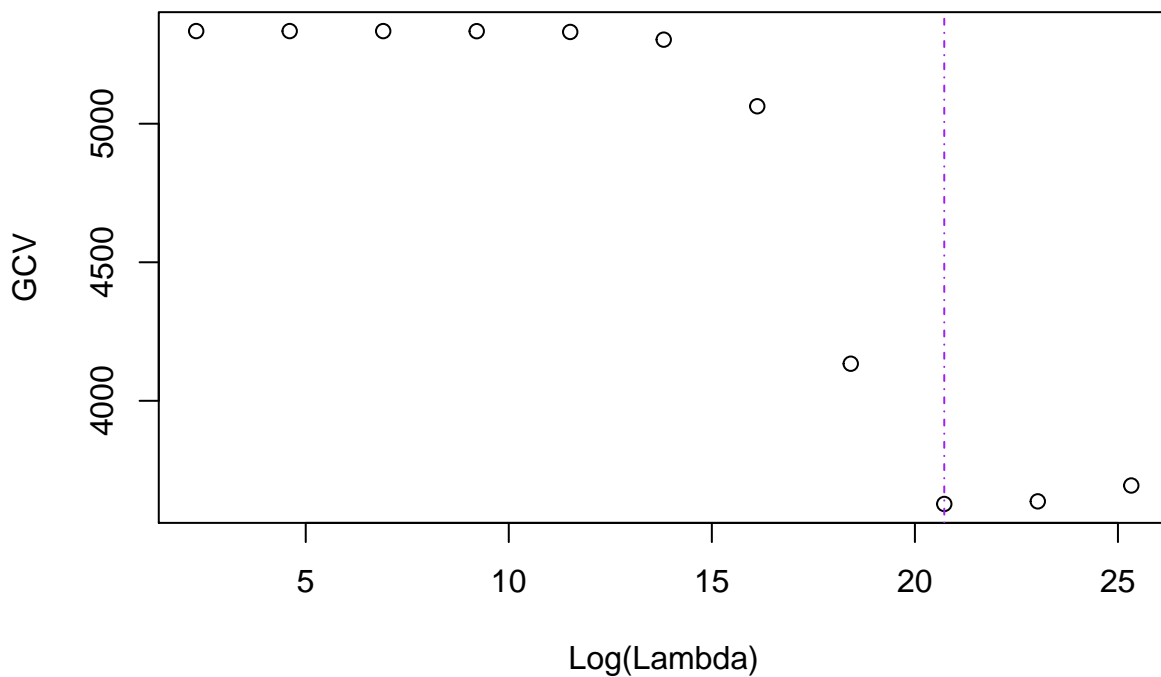
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library(tweedwar2ST758)
library(readr)
design_mat <- as.matrix(read.csv('/Users/bulldogwill/Documents/ST 758/tweedwar2ST758/HW3/homework3_x.csv'))
y <- read.csv('/Users/bulldogwill/Documents/ST 758/tweedwar2ST758/HW3/homework3_y.csv')$V1
tuning <- c(10, 100, 1000, 10^4, 10^5, 10^6, 10^7, 10^8, 10^9, 10^10, 10^11)

betas <- ridge_regression(y, design_mat, tuning)
loos <- leave_one_out(y, design_mat, tuning)
criterion <- gcv(y, design_mat, tuning)

plot(log(tuning), loos, xlab = 'Log(Lambda)', ylab = 'Leave one out error')
abline(v=log(10^9), col = 'purple', lty = 3)
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plot(log(tuning),criterion, xlab = 'Log(Lambda)', ylab = 'GCV')
abline(v = log(10^9), col = 'purple',lty = 4)
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Based on this information we should select $\lambda = 10^9$. It may be a good idea to search within an interval around $\lambda = 10^9$ to find an even more optimal λ , that can minimize LOO and GCV.