

# Ch 6.2: Shrinkage - The Lasso

## Lecture 19 - CMSE 381

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## **Last time:**

- Ridge Regression

## **This time:**

- The Lasso

## **Announcements:**

- HW # 5 due tonight
- Friday Review Class
- Monday No class
- Weds Exam #2

# Section 1

Last time

# Goal

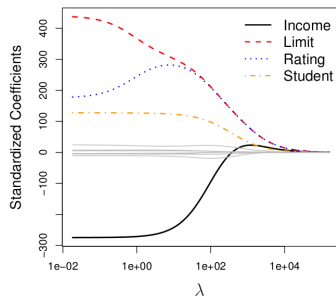
- Fit model using all  $p$  predictors
- Aim to constrain (regularize) coefficient estimates
- Shrink the coefficient estimates towards 0

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# Ridge regression

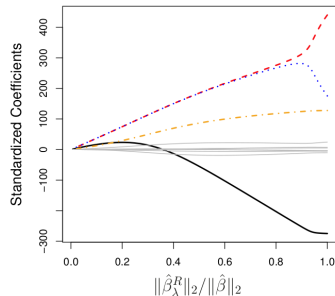
**Before:**

$$RSS = \sum_{i=1}^n \left( y_i - \beta_0 - \sum_{j=1}^p \beta_j x_{ij} \right)^2$$



**After:**

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \left( y_i - \beta_0 - \sum_{j=1}^p \beta_j x_{ij} \right)^2 + \lambda \sum_{j=1}^p \beta_j^2 = RSS + \lambda \sum_{j=1}^p \beta_j^2$$



# Scale equivariance (or lack thereof)

**Scale equivariant:** Multiplying a variable by  $c$  ( $cX_i$ ) just returns a coefficient multiplied by  $1/c$  ( $1/c\beta_i$ )

**Solution: standardize predictors**

$$\tilde{x}_{ij} = \frac{x_{ij}}{\sqrt{\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_{ij} - \bar{x}_j)^2}}$$

- Least squares is scale equivariant
- Ridge regression is not

## Section 2

### The Lasso

## Same goal as before

- Fit model using all  $p$  predictors
- Aim to constrain (regularize) coefficient estimates
- Shrink the coefficient estimates towards 0

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# The lasso

## Least Squares:

$$RSS = \sum_{i=1}^n \left( y_i - \beta_0 - \sum_{j=1}^p \beta_j x_{ij} \right)^2$$

## Ridge:

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \left( y_i - \beta_0 - \sum_{j=1}^p \beta_j x_{ij} \right)^2 + \lambda \sum_{j=1}^p \beta_j^2 = RSS + \lambda \sum_{j=1}^p \beta_j^2$$

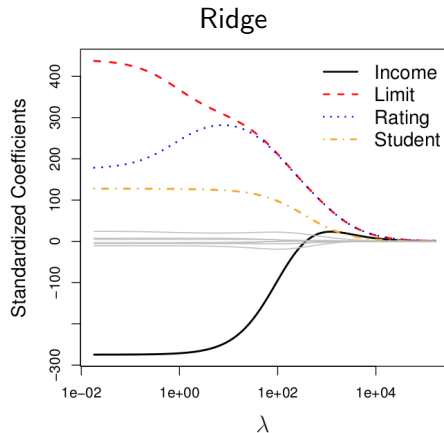
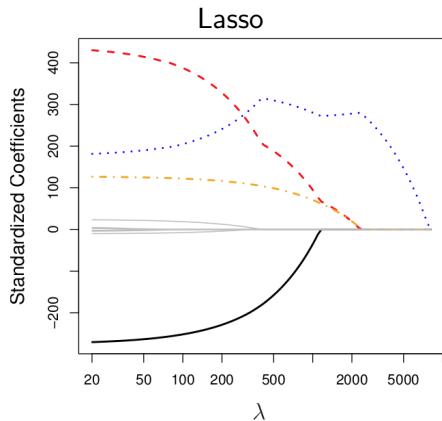
## The Lasso:

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \left( y_i - \beta_0 - \sum_{j=1}^p \beta_j x_{ij} \right)^2 + \lambda \sum_{j=1}^p |\beta_j| = RSS + \lambda \sum_{j=1}^p |\beta_j|$$

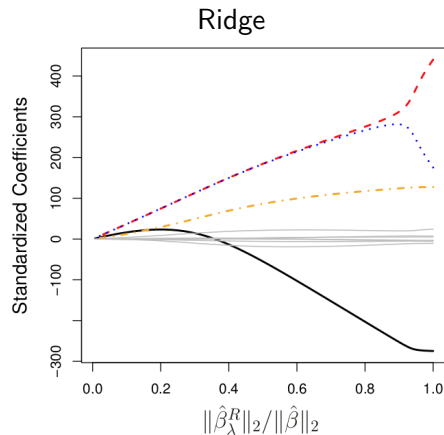
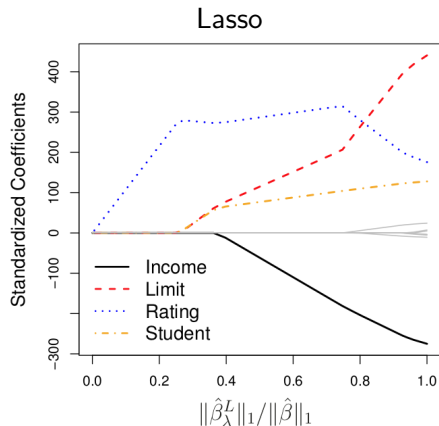
## Subsets with lasso

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \left( y_i - \beta_0 - \sum_{j=1}^p \beta_j x_{ij} \right)^2 + \lambda \sum_{j=1}^p |\beta_j| = RSS + \lambda \sum_{j=1}^p |\beta_j|$$

# An example on Credit data set



# More example on Credit data set



# Scale equivariance (or lack thereof)

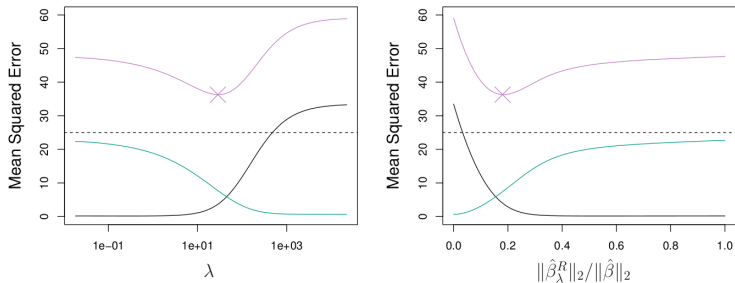
**Scale equivariant:** Multiplying a variable by  $c$  just returns a coefficient multiplied by  $1/c$

Least squares **is** scale equivariant.  
Ridge/Lasso **are very much not**.

**Solution: standardize predictors**

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# Bias-Variance tradeoff

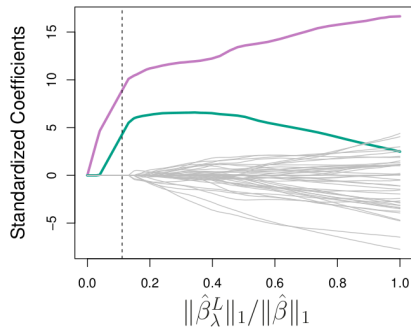
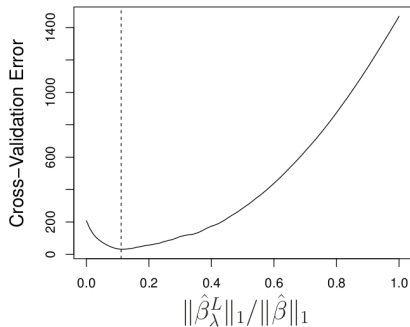


Squared bias (black), variance (green), and test mean squared error (purple) for simulated data.

# Using Cross-Validation to find $\lambda$

- Choose a grid of  $\lambda$  values
- Compute the ( $k$ -fold) cross-validation error for each value of  $\lambda$
- Select the tuning parameter value  $\lambda$  for which the CV error is smallest.
- The model is re-fit using all of the available observations and the selected value of the tuning parameter.

# 10-fold CV choice of $\lambda$ for lasso and simulated data





# Coding example

## Section 3

### Optimization Formulation

## Another formulation for Ridge Regression

Find  $\beta$  to minimize:

$$RSS + \lambda \sum_{j=1}^p \beta_j^2$$

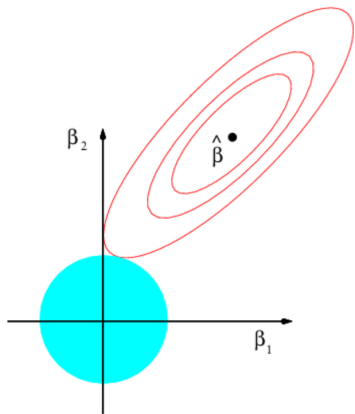
Find  $\beta$  to minimize

$$RSS$$

subject to

$$\sum_{j=1}^p \beta_j^2 \leq s$$

# Visualization using disks



Find  $\beta$  to minimize

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subject to

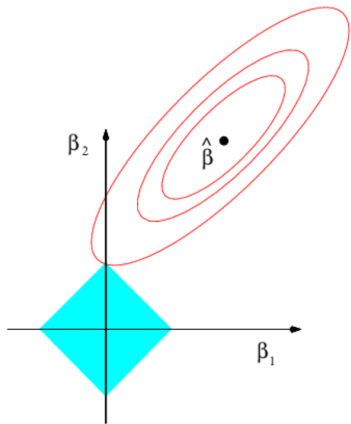
$$\sum_{j=1}^p \beta_j^2 \leq s$$

## What about $\ell_1$ ?

$$\|\beta\|_1 = \sum |\beta_i|$$

What does the set of points  $(\beta_1, \beta_2)$  for which  $\|(\beta_1, \beta_2)\|_1 \leq s$  look like?

# Same game for Lasso



Find  $\beta$  to minimize

$$RSS = \sum_{i=1}^n \left( y_i - \beta_0 - \sum_{j=1}^p \beta_j x_{ij} \right)^2$$

subject to

$$\sum_{j=1}^p |\beta_j| \leq s$$

# Same game for subset selection

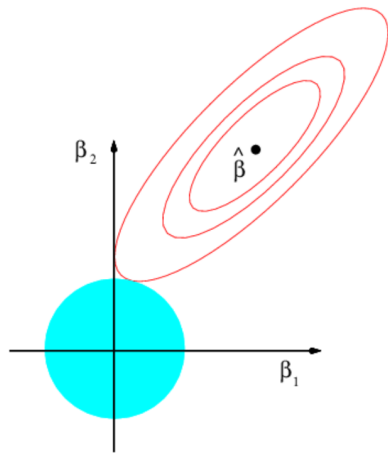
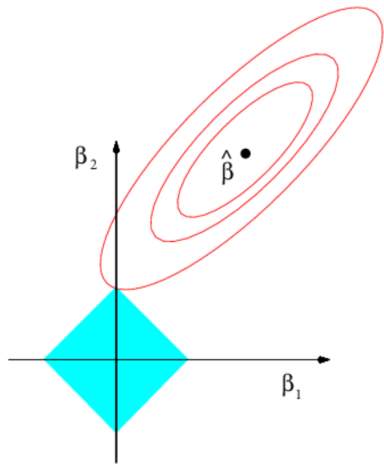
Find  $\beta$  to minimize

$$RSS = \sum_{i=1}^n \left( y_i - \beta_0 - \sum_{j=1}^p \beta_j x_{ij} \right)^2$$

subject to

$$\sum_{j=1}^p \mathbf{I}(\beta_j \neq 0) \leq s$$

# Using this visual to understand why lasso gets us zero values





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## Ridge:

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## The Lasso:

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \left( y_i - \beta_0 - \sum_{j=1}^p \beta_j x_{ij} \right)^2 + \lambda \sum_{j=1}^p |\beta_j| = RSS + \lambda \sum_{j=1}^p |\beta_j|$$

Find  $\beta$  to minimize

$$RSS = \sum_{i=1}^n \left( y_i - \beta_0 - \sum_{j=1}^p \beta_j x_{ij} \right)^2$$

subject to:

**Least Squares:**

No constraints

**Ridge:**

$$\sum_{j=1}^p \beta_j^2 \leq s$$

**The Lasso:**

$$\sum_{j=1}^p |\beta_j| \leq s$$

# Next time

12	Mon	Oct 2	Leave one out CV	5.1.1, 5.1.2	
13	Wed	Oct 4	k-fold CV	5.1.3	
14	Fri	Oct 6	More k-fold CV,	5.1.4-5	
15	Mon	Oct 9	k-fold CV for classification	5.1.5	HW #4 Due
16	Wed	Oct 11	Resampling methods: Bootstrap	5.2	
17	Fri	Oct 13	Subset selection	6.1	
18	Mon	Oct 16	Shrinkage: Ridge	6.2.1	
19	Wed	Oct 18	Shrinkage: Lasso	6.2.2	
	Fri	Oct 20	<b>Review</b>		
	Mon	Oct 23	No class - Fall break		
	Wed	Oct 25	<b>Midterm #2</b>		
20	Fri	Oct 27	Dimension Reduction	6.3	