Applied Geodata Science I

Session 10

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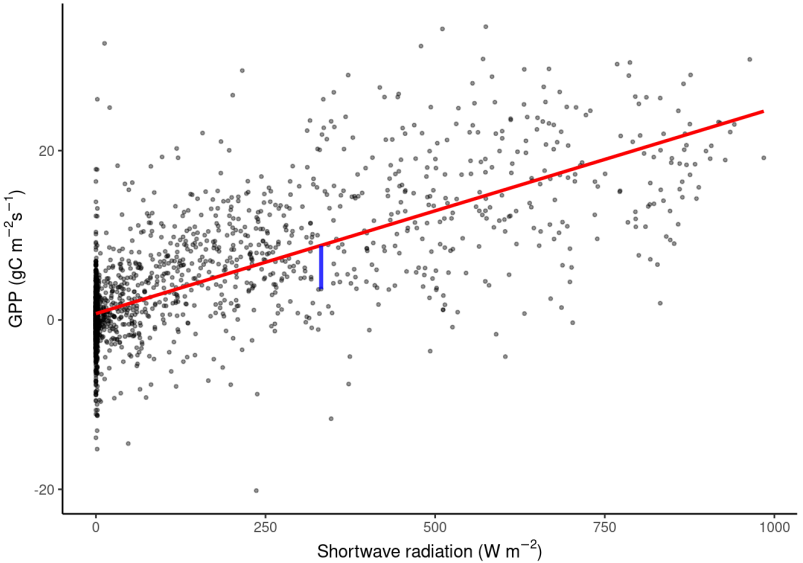

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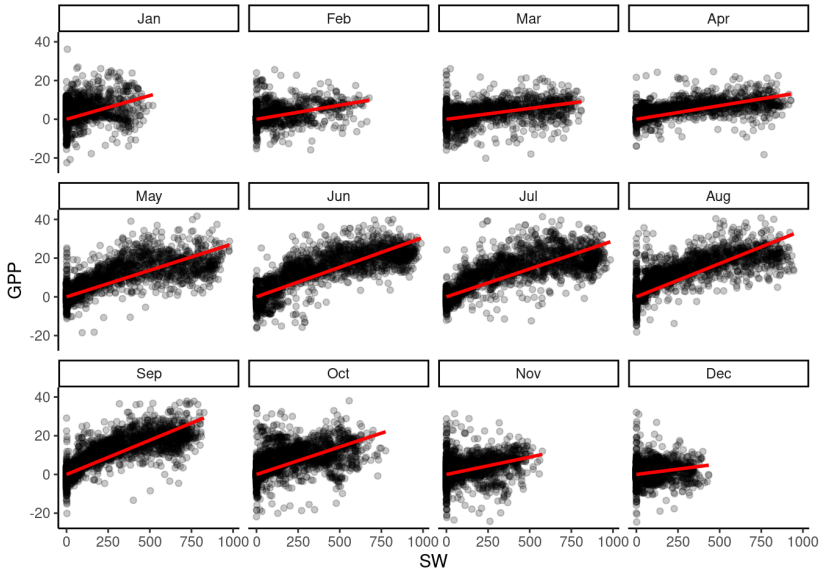

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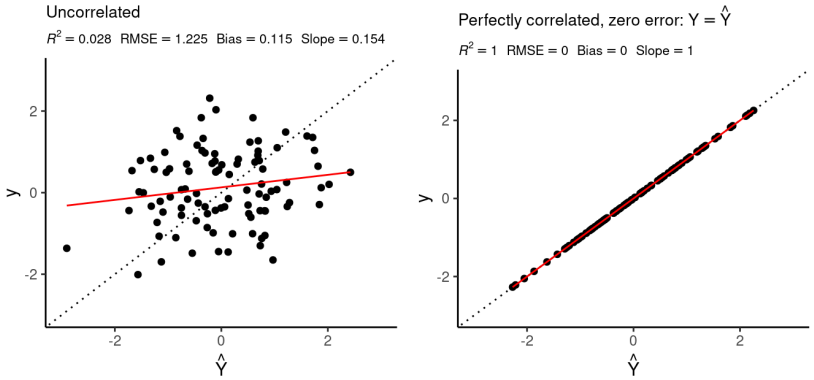

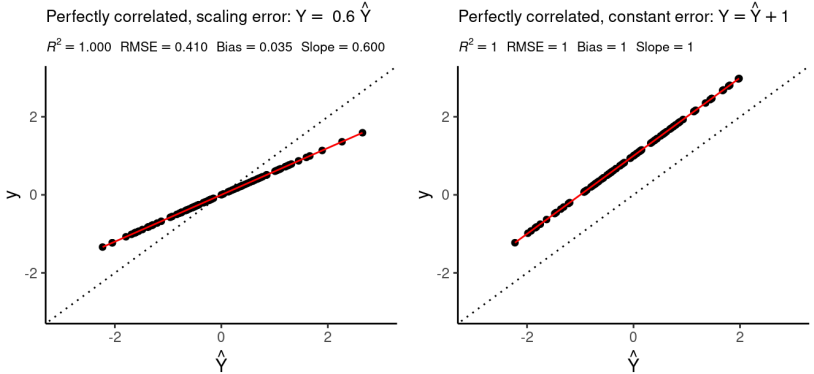

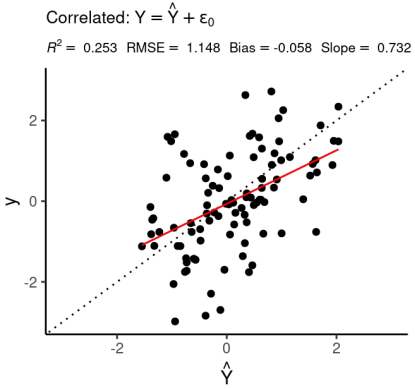

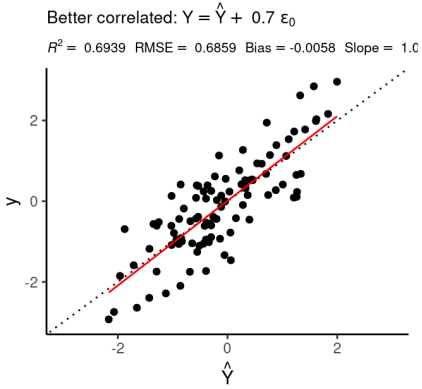

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- Metrics that penalise model complexity should be used for comparing models of different complexity (e.g., AIC).

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- Sketch pseudo-code for the stepwise forward regression
  - Define the loops.
  - At what position do you create the formula?
  - At what position do you select predictors?
  - How do you retain and complement the list of selected predictors?
  - How do you determine and update the list of remaining (“candidate”) predictors?