PSY9511: Seminar 3

Regularization and variable selection

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Outline

- 1. Assignment 2
- 2. Regularization
 - · Variable selection
 - Shrinkage
- 3. Assignment 3





- 1. Download the Auto.csv dataset from the ISLP website.
- 2. Read the Auto.csv-dataset into memory.
- 3. In the horsepower-column, some values are missing. These are encoded with '?'. Remove these rows from the dataset.
- 4. Create a new column 'muscle'. This column should contain a 1 for all muscle cars (e.g. cars that have above average horsepower) and 0 for the rest.
- 5. Split the dataset into a training set and a test set, by randomly drawing 80% of the rows for the former and 20% of the rows for the latter.

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- 1. Fit a simple linear regression model using horsepower as the predictor and mpg as the outcome using the training data.
- 2. Create a scatter plot with horsepower on the x-axis and mpg on the y-axis using the testing data. Plot the regression line found by the model in the plot.
- 3. Use the model to generate predictions for the training set. Calculate and report the mean absolute error (MAE) of these predictions.
- 4. Use the model to generate predictions for the test set. Calculate and report the MAE of the predictions.

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Is the training or testing MAE is lower? Does this match your expectation? What would be the general pattern we expect here (e.g. one is lower than the other, they are the same, etc.), and why do we expect that?



- Fit a multivariate linear regression model using horsepower, weight, displacement, and year as predictors and mpg as the outcome.
- 2. Print the intercept and coefficients of the model .
- 3. Use the model to generate predictions for the training set. Calculate and report the MAE of these predictions.
- 4. Use the model to generate predictions for the test set. Calculate and report the MAE of the predictions.

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Is the training MAE lower or higher than in the simple linear regression model? Does it have to be this way, or could it have been otherwise? What about the testing MAE?



- Fit a logistic regression model using weight, displacement and year as predictors and our newly created muscle-column as the outcome.
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In[1]:    model = LogisticRegression()
    model.fit(df[['year', 'weight']], df['muscle'])
    model.predict(df[['year', 'weight']])

Out[1]:    array([0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 1, 0, 0, 0])

In[1]:    model.predict_proba(df[['year', 'weight']])

Out[1]:    array([[0.14, 0.86], [0.08, 0.92], [0.17, 0.83], [0.18, 0.82]])
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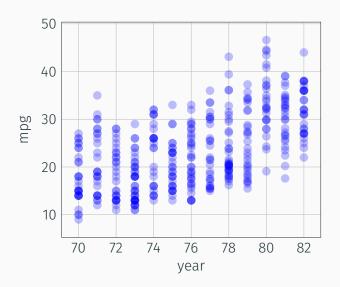
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model <- lm(mpg ~ horsepower, df)
summary(model)</pre>
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```
Coefficients:
Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
(Intercept) 19.59412 0.96187 20.371 < 2e-16 ***
horsepower102 0.40588 4.08087 0.099 0.920840
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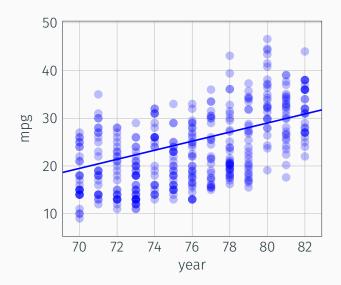


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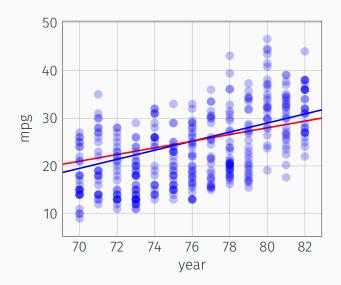


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Regularization



Regularization: A set of techniques to explicitly reduce the complexity of our models to reduce overfitting.

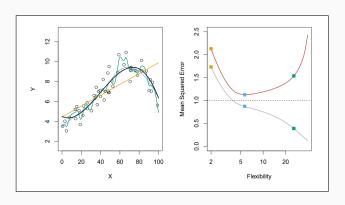
 Encouraging our models to learn broader and more general patterns in the training data instead of memorizing it



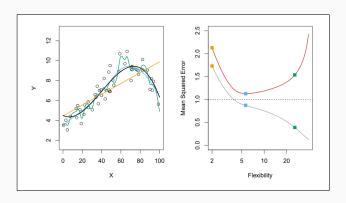
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In[1]: import pandas as pd

    df = pd.read_csv('/Users/esten/Downloads/Auto.csv')
    train = df.iloc[:int(len(df) * 0.8)]
    validation = df.iloc[int(len(df) * 0.8):]

    print(f'Using len(train) samples for training')
    print(f'Using len(validation) samples for validation')
Out[1]: Using 317 samples for training
    Using 80 samples for validation
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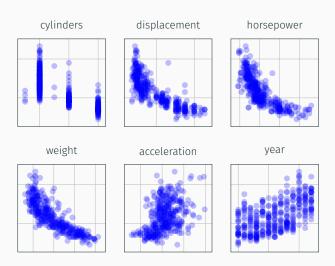


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         for subset in subsets:
             if len(subset) == 0:
                 continue
            model = LinearRegression()
            model.fit(train[list(subset)], train[target])
             predictions = model.predict(validation[list(subset)])
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             best = best if mse > best['mse'] else {'mse': mse, 'subset': subset}
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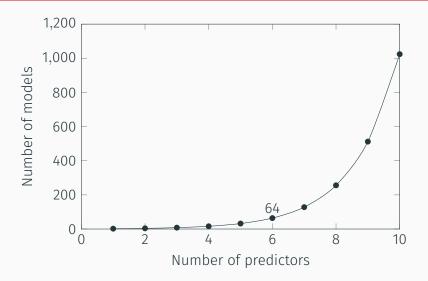
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- · Simple implementation
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- Need to train many $(2^{|P|})$ models.







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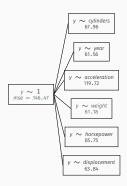
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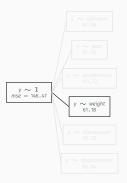
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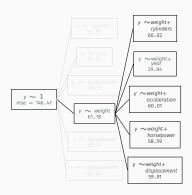




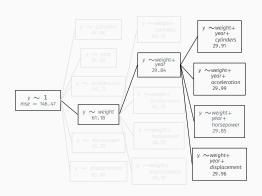




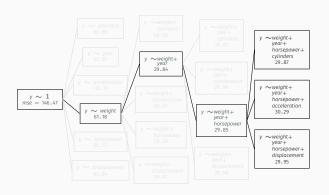




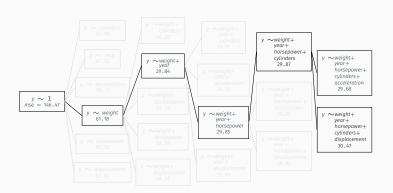




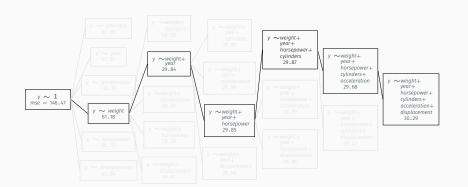




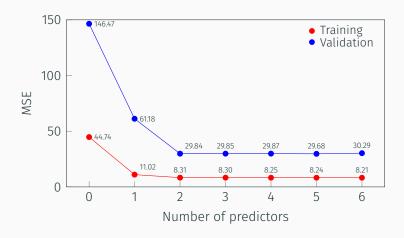














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def fit and evaluate(train: pd.DataFrame, validation: pd.DataFrame,
                     predictors: List[str], target: str):
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    train_predictions = model.predict(train[predictors])
    validation_predictions = model.predict(validation[predictors])
    return np.mean((train_predictions - train[target]) ** 2),
           np.mean((validation predictions - validation[target]) ** 2)
predictors = ['cylinders', 'displacement', 'horsepower', 'weight', 'acceleration', 'year']
target = 'mpg'
train['intercept'] = 1
validation['intercept'] = 1
train mse, validation mse = fit and evaluate(train, validation, predictors=['intercept'], target=target)
print(f'[]: {validation mse:.2f} ({train mse:.2f})')
chosen predictors = []
while len(chosen_predictors) < len(predictors):
    best_predictor = {'train_mse': None, 'validation_mse': float('inf'),
                       'predictor': None}
    for predictor in set(predictors) - set(chosen predictors):
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        if validation mse < best predictor['validation mse']:
            best predictor = { 'train mse': train mse, 'validation mse': validation mse, 'predictor': predictor}
    chosen_predictors.append(best_predictor['predictor'])
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Does forward and backward stepwise selection yield the same set of predictors?



Shrinkage



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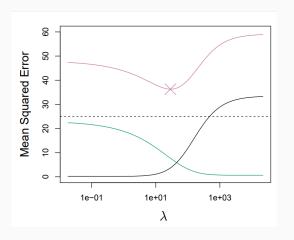
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Shrinkage: Ridge regression

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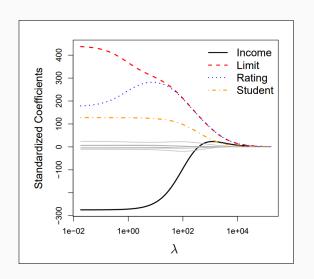


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$$loss_{ridge} = \sum_{i=0}^{n} \left(y_i - \sum_{j=0}^{p} \beta_j x_{ij} \right)^2 + \lambda \sum_{j=0}^{p} \beta_j^2$$









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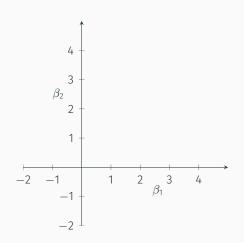
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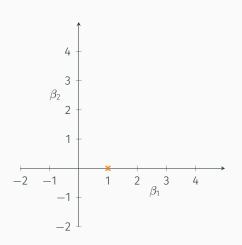
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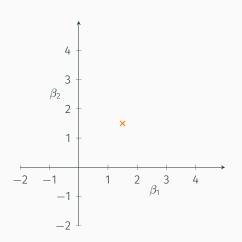
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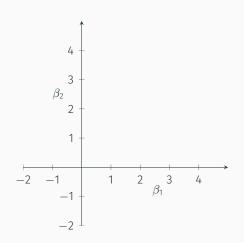
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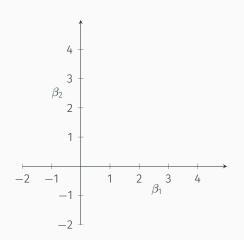
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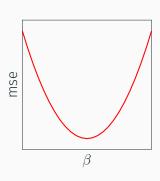
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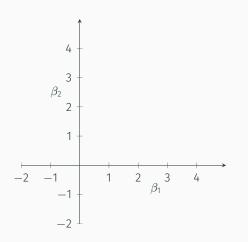
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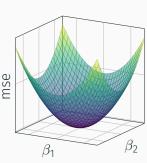
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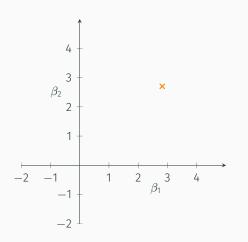


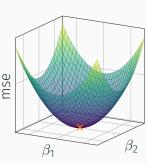




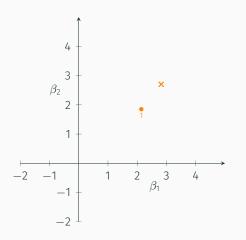


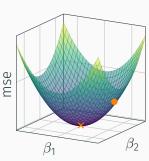




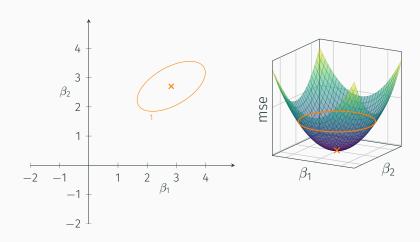




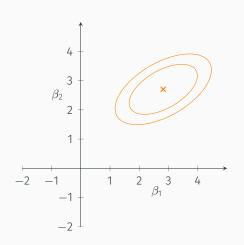






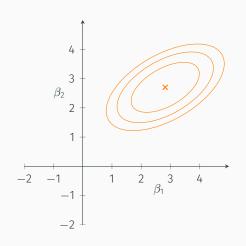






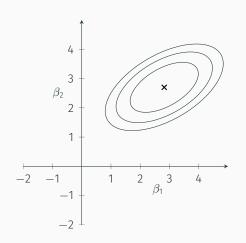
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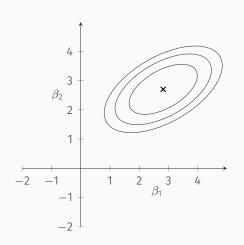
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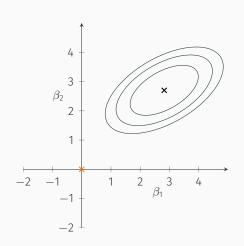
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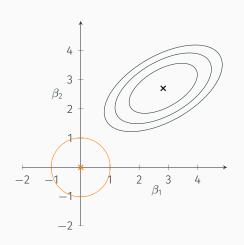
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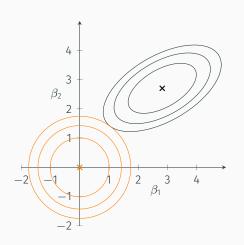
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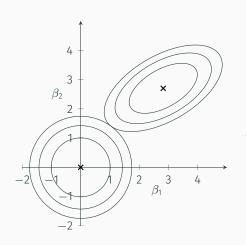
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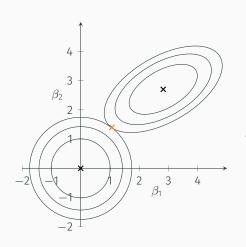
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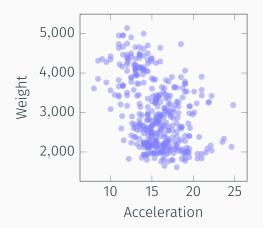
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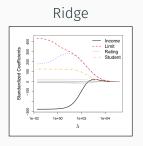


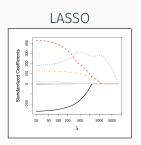
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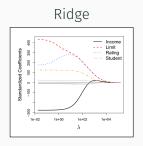


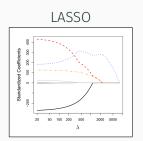
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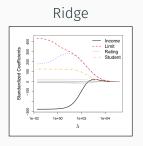


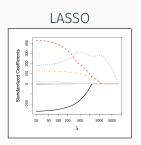


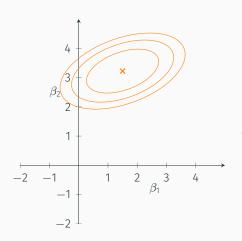




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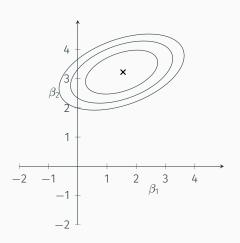






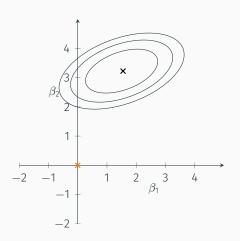
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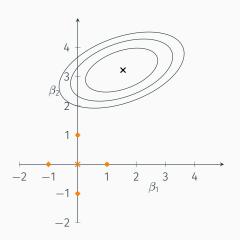
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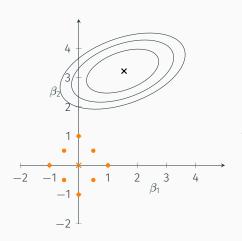
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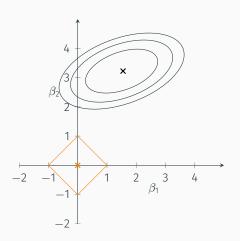
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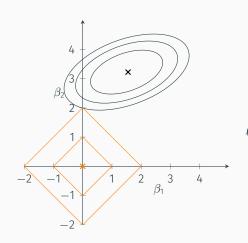
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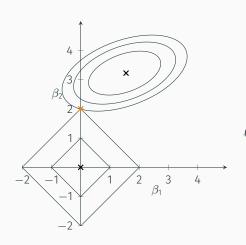
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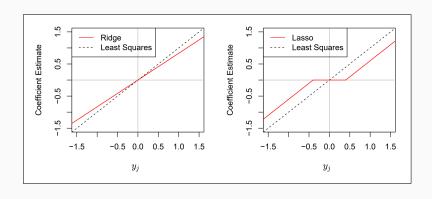
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Assignment 3



Coding tips: Separation of concerns

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