PSY9511: Seminar 3

Variable selection and regularization

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1. Introduction

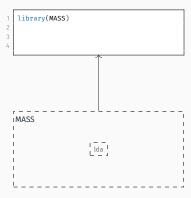
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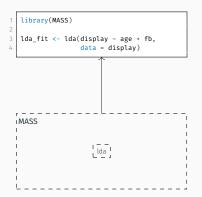
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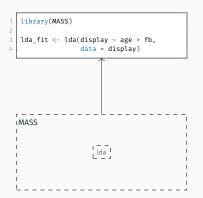
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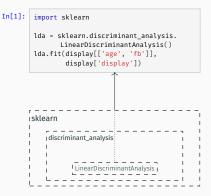
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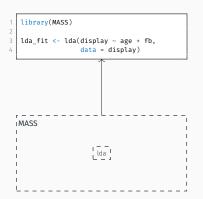
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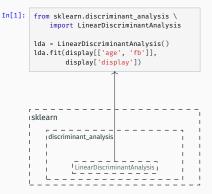






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Python: pandas

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path <- '/Users/esten/Downloads/Auto.csv'
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head(df, 10)</pre>
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mpg cylinders displacement horsepower
     18
                 8
                           307.0
                                          130
                           350.0
     15
                  8
                                          165
3
     18
                  8
                           318.0
                                          150
     16
                           304.0
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                 8
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Out[1]: mpg cylinders displacement horsepower 307.0 350.0 318.0 302.0 429.0 454.0 440.0 455.0 390.0

Python: numpy

```
In[1]: import numpy as np
In[2]: np.random.seed(42)
In[3]:
        np.arange(0, 10, 1)
Out[1]: array([0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9])
In[4]: np.isnan([0, 1, np.nan, 3])
Out[2]: array([False, False, True, False])
In[5]: np.amin([1, 0, 3, 2])
Out[3]: 0
Out[6]: np.argmin([1, 0, 3, 2])
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Out[5]: 0
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Python: statsmodels

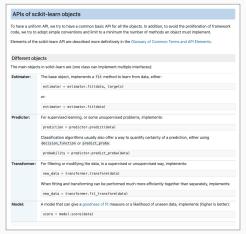
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Coefficients:
               Estimate Std. Frror Pr(>|t|)
(Intercept) -1.454e+01 4.764e+00 0.00244 **
cvlinders
            -3.299e-01 3.321e-01 0.32122
displacement 7.678e-03 7.358e-03 0.29733
horsepower
          -3.914e-04 1.384e-02 0.97745
weight
            -6.795e-03 6.700e-04 < 2e-16 ***
acceleration 8.527e-02 1.020e-01 0.40383
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vear
Signif. codes:
              0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*'
      0.05
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        predictions = model.predict(df[predictors])
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https://scikit-learn.org/stable/developers/develop.html

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        while len(predictors) > 0:
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               test_mse = np.mean((validation[target] - predictions) ** 2)
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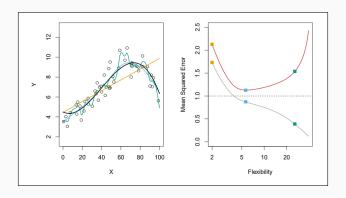
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        def fit and evaluate model(model: LinearRegression, train: pd.DataFrame,
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            and return MSE from a validation dataset. ""
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Regularization: Out-of-sample testing

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print(f'Using {len(train)} samples for training')
    print(f'Using {len(validation)} samples for validation')
```

Regularization: Methods

- 1. Variable selection
 - a. Best subset selection
 - b. Forward stepwise selection
 - c. Backward stepwise selection
- 2. Shrinkage
 - a. LASSO
 - b. Ridge Regression
- 3. Dimensionality reduction
 - a. Principal Component Regression
 - b. Partial Least Squares

Variable selection



The number of predictors we are using in our model directly impacts model complexity.

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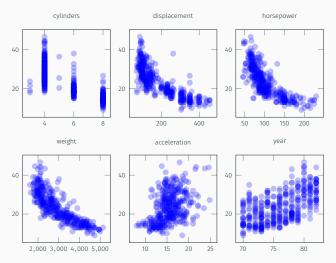
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- 1. Reduce model complexity (overfitting)
- 2. Simplify interpretation

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```
In[1]:
       import numpy as np
       from itertools import chain, combinations
        from sklearn.linear model import LinearRegression
       subsets = list(chain.from_iterable(combinations(predictors, r) \
                                            for r in range(len(predictors)+1)))
       best = {'mse': float('inf'), 'subset': None}
        for subset in subsets:
            if len(subset) == 0:
                continue
            model = LinearRegression()
            model.fit(train[list(subset)], train[target])
            predictions = model.predict(validation[list(subset)])
            mse = np.mean((predictions - validation[target]) ** 2)
            if mse < best['mse']:</pre>
                best = {'mse': mse. 'subset': subset}
       print(f'MSE: {best["mse"]:.2f}, predictors: {best["subset"]}')
Out[1]: MSE: 29.68, predictors: ('cylinders', 'displacement', 'horsepower', 'weight', 'year')
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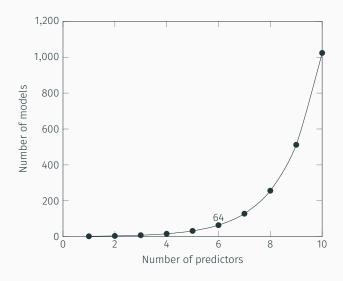
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+ Positives

Guaranteed to find the optimal solution. Simple implementation

Drawbacks

Need to train many $(2^{|P|})$ models.



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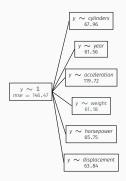
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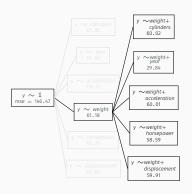
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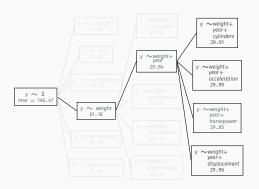
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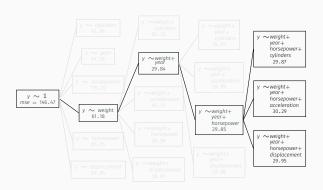
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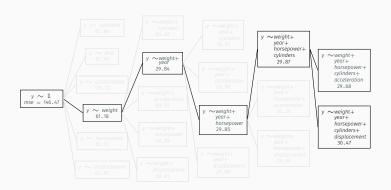
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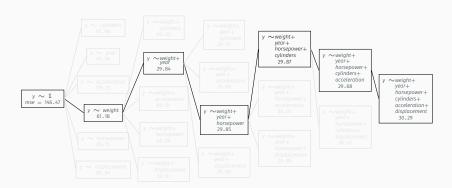
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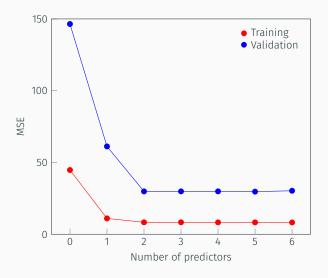


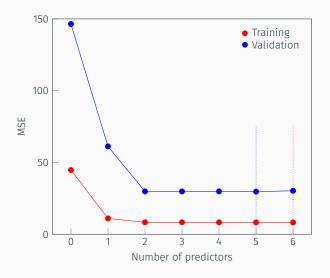
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        predictors = ['cylinders', 'displacement', 'horsepower', 'weight', 'acceleration', 'year']
        target = 'mpg'
        train['intercept'] = 1
        validation['intercept'] = 1
        train mse, validation mse = fit and evaluate(train, 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']:
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           chosen predictors.append(best predictor['predictor'])
           print(f'{chosen predictors}: {best predictor["validation mse"]:.2f} ({best predictor["train mse"]:.2f})')
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Shrinkage

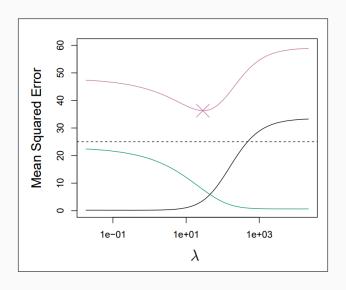
$$y \sim \beta_0 + \frac{\beta_1}{\beta_1} x_1 + \frac{\beta_2}{\beta_2} x_2 + \frac{\beta_3}{\beta_3} x_3 + \frac{\beta_4}{\beta_4} x_4 + \frac{\beta_5}{\beta_5} x_5 + \frac{\beta_6}{\beta_6} x_6$$

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$$y \sim \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1 + \beta_2 x_2 + \beta_3 x_3 + \beta_4 x_4 + \beta_5 x_5 + \beta_6 x_6$$

$$mse = bias^2 + variance + irreducible error$$



salary
$$\sim \beta_0 + \beta_1 * age$$

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$$salary \sim 3000000 + 10000 * age$$

$$salary \sim 6000000 + 0 * age$$

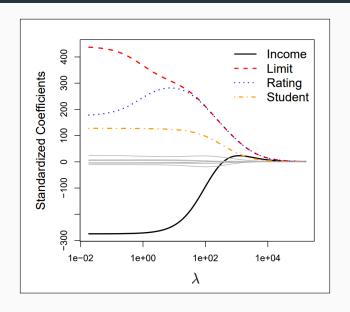
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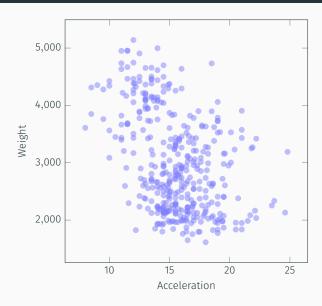
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$$\downarrow \qquad \qquad \qquad \qquad \lambda \to \infty \Rightarrow \beta \to 0$$

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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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In[1]: for col in predictors:
    print(f'{col}: {np.mean(df[col]):.2f} ({np.std(df[col]):.2f})')

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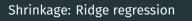
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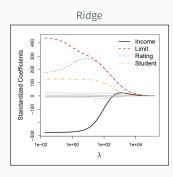
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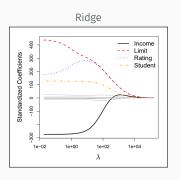
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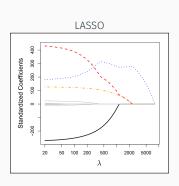
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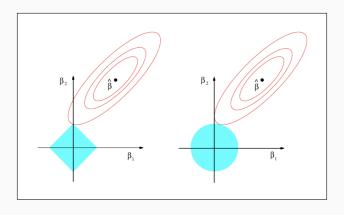
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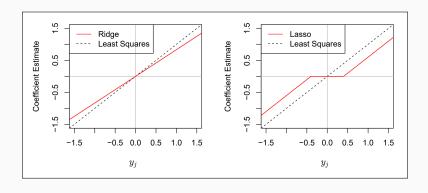


Predictor	Ridge	LASSO
Intercept	23.44	23.44
Weight	-5.59	-4.78
Year	2.75	2.00
Horsepower	-0.07	-0.09
Cylinders	-0.54	0
Acceleration	0.19	0
Displacement	0.66	0

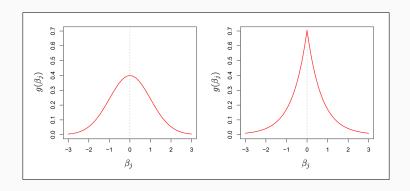


Whiteboard!

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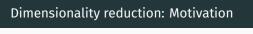
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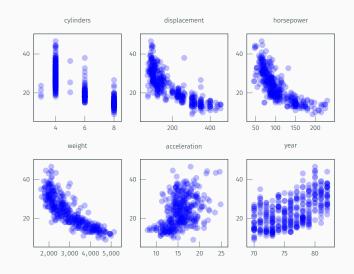
Fits the **best** model to the data while **shrinking** coefficients towards zero such that some variables are effectively **removed**.

Dimensionality reduction

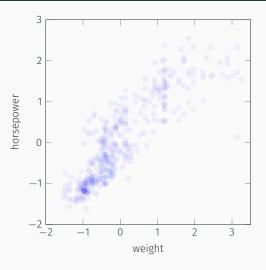


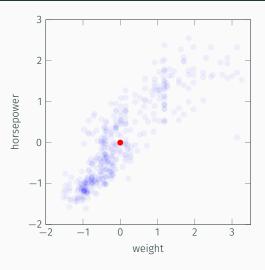
Although we have p predictors, there are actually q < p dimensions of variability in our data, and using q instead of p is going to reduce model complexity.

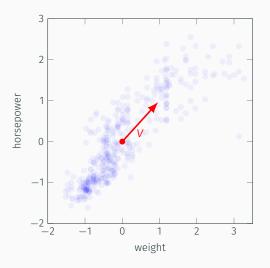
Dimensionality reduction: Outline



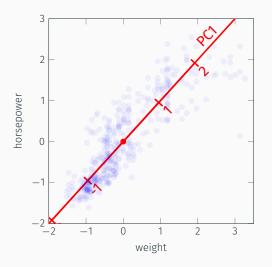
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0.30				
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0.41	0.68	0.50	1	0.54
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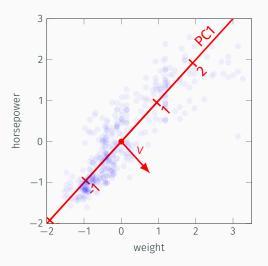




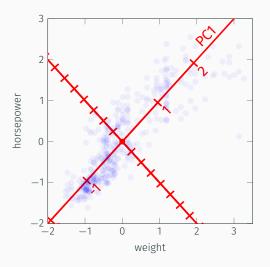
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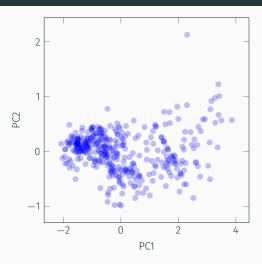
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 $v \implies$ direction of greatest variance in X after regressing out PC1



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Principal component regression

- 1. Fit a PCA to transform your p predictors into p principal components.
- 2. Fit a linear regression model using a subset of the principal components.

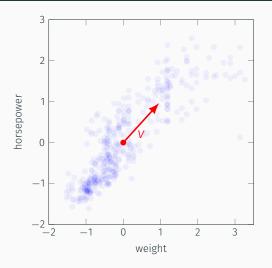
+ Positives

- The principal components are orthogonal, so there is no issue of collinearity.
- The principal components are ordered by the amount of variance they explain, so we can the early principal components are (probably) the best predictors.

- Drawbacks

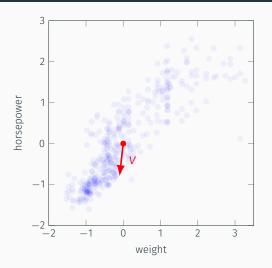
- · Have to select number of principal components to use.
- What if the principal components that explain the largest amount of variance are not related to the outcome?

Dimensionality reduction: Partial least squares



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 $v \implies$ direction of greatest covariance between X and Y