

# Ridge and Lasso - Hyperparameters

## CS109A Introduction to Data Science

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# Outline

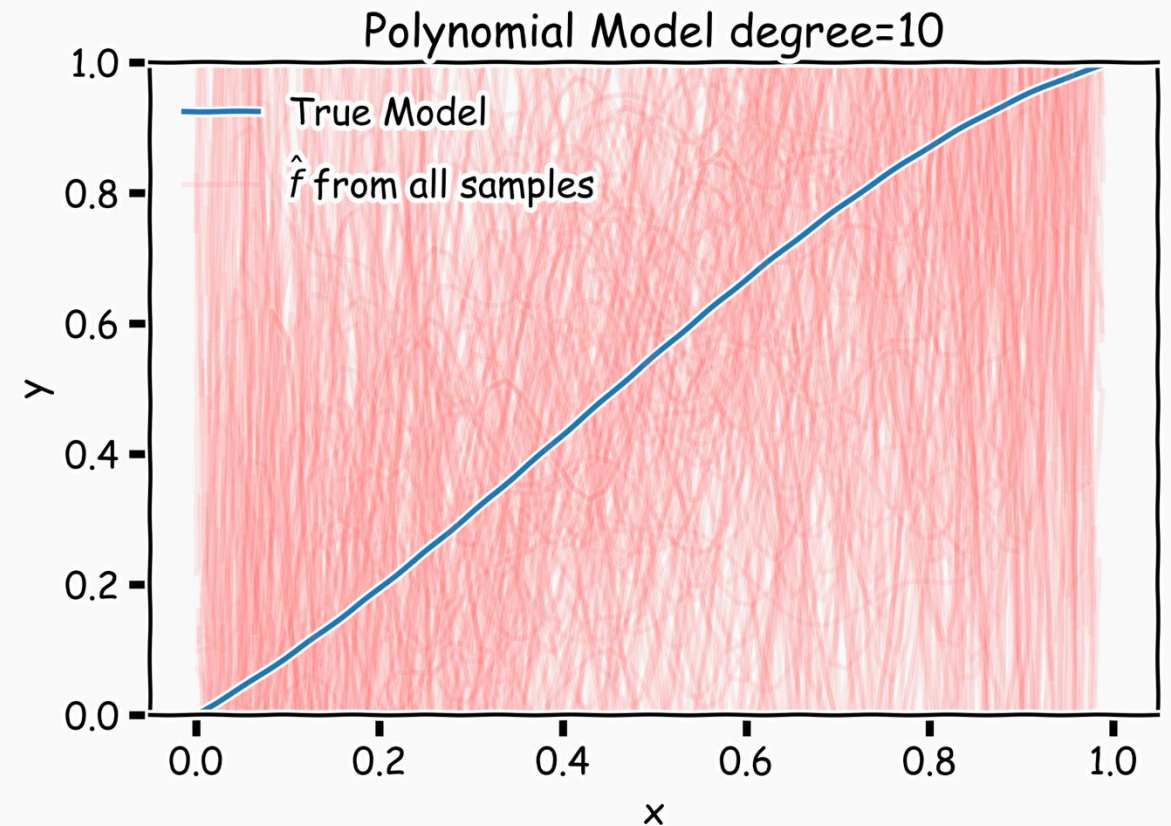
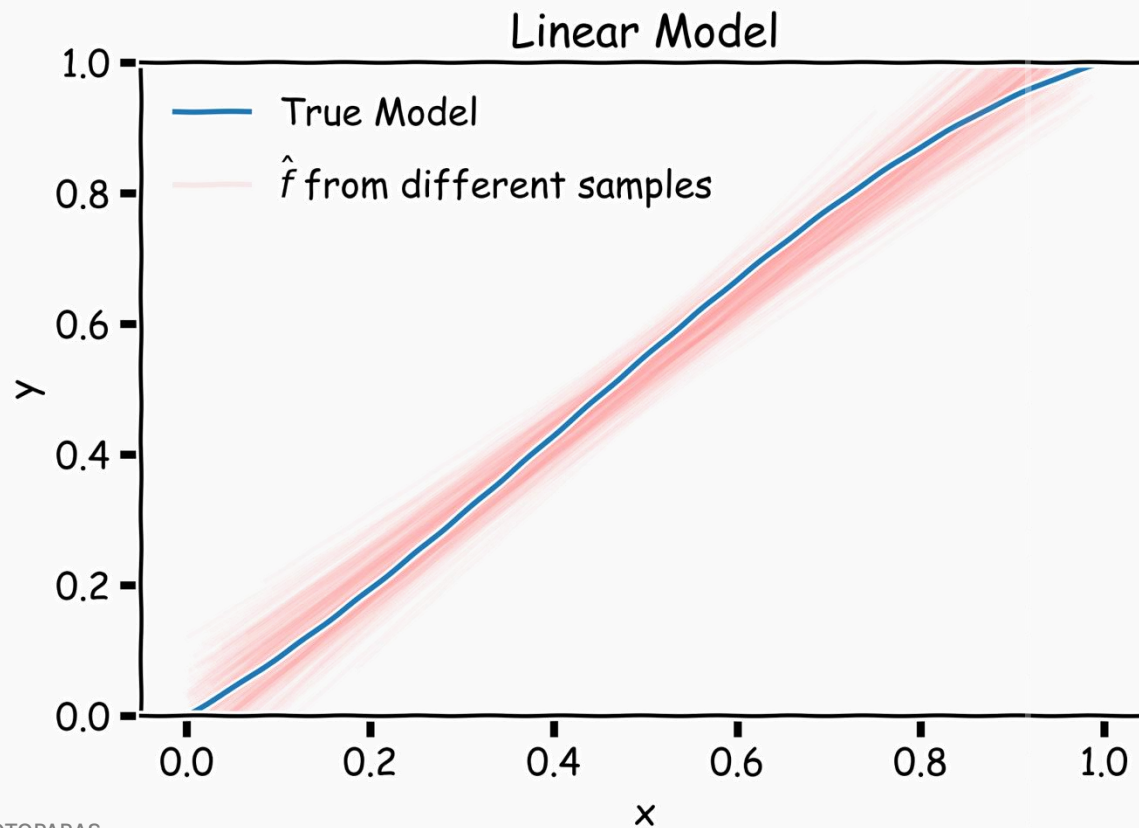
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- Recap – Model Selection
- Generalization Error, Bias Variance Tradeoff
- **Regularization Techniques: Lasso, Ridge**

# Bias vs Variance

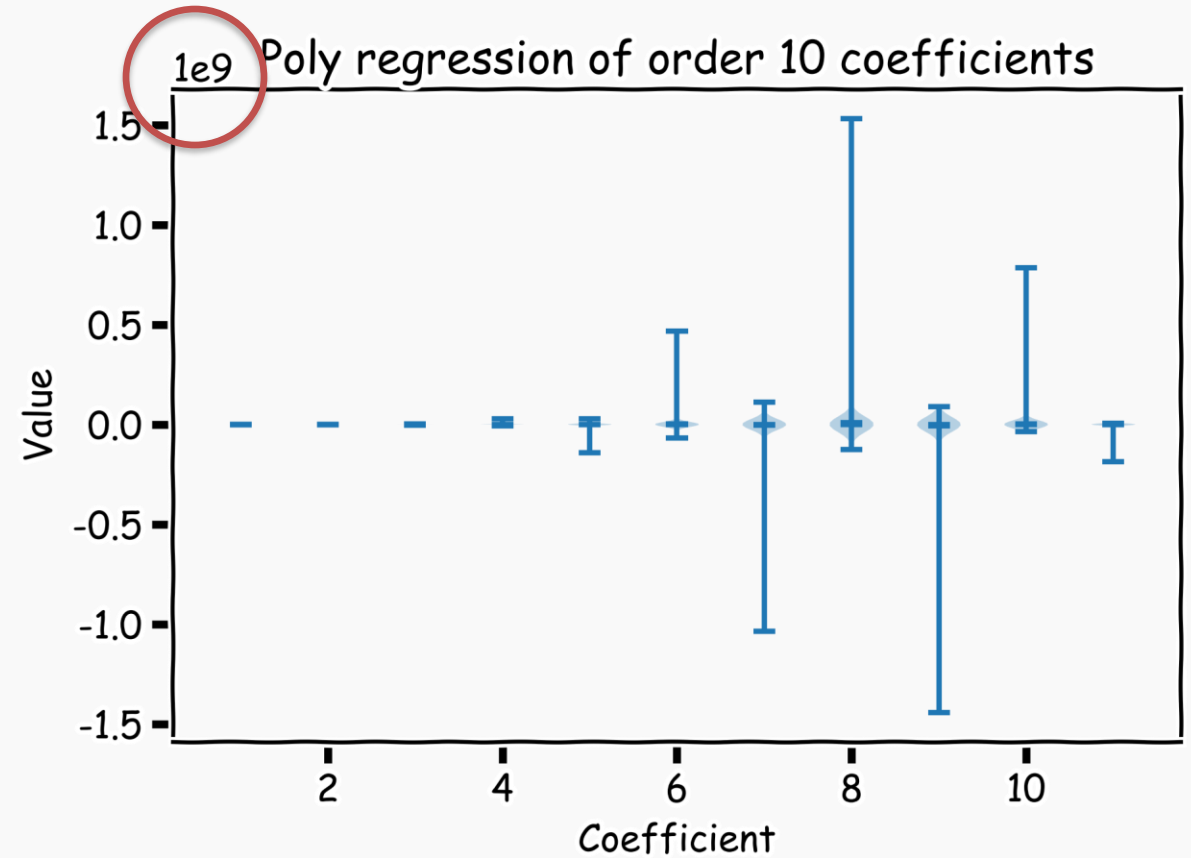
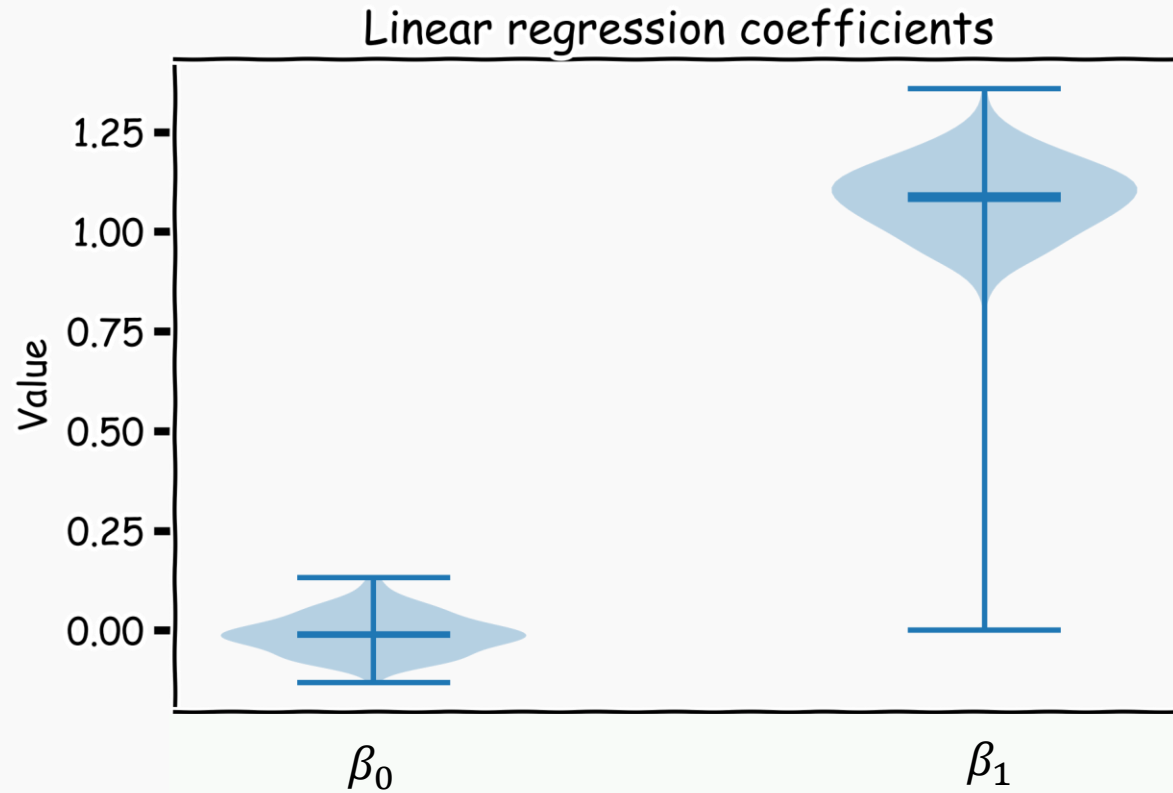
**Left:** 2000, best fit straight lines, each fitted on a different 20-point training set.

**Right:** Best-fit models using degree-10 polynomial





# Bias vs Variance





**Model selection** is the application of a principled method to determine the complexity of the model, e.g., choosing a subset of predictors, choosing the degree of the polynomial model etc.

A strong model is a good fit to the training data but a bad fit to the test data. This is called **overfitting**.

**How do we discourage extreme values in the model parameters?**

- there are several reasons why a model might overfit:
  - the feature space has high dimensionality
  - the polynomial degree is too high
  - too many cross terms are considered
- the coefficients values are too **extreme**

# Quiz

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How would you discourage extreme values in the model parameters

## Options:

- A. Divide all model parameters by a large number
- B. Make sure the causal relationship between predictors and response variable is true
- C. Discard any model with model parameter value larger than 1
- D. Penalize the model with a penalty that is proportional to the value its parameters

# Regularization

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Low model error

Minimize:

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How do we combine these two objectives?

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$\lambda$  is the **regularization parameter**. It controls the relative importance between model error and the regularization term

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$\lambda = 0$ : equivalent to simple linear  
regression

$\lambda = \infty$ : yields a model with  $\beta's = 0$

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How do we  
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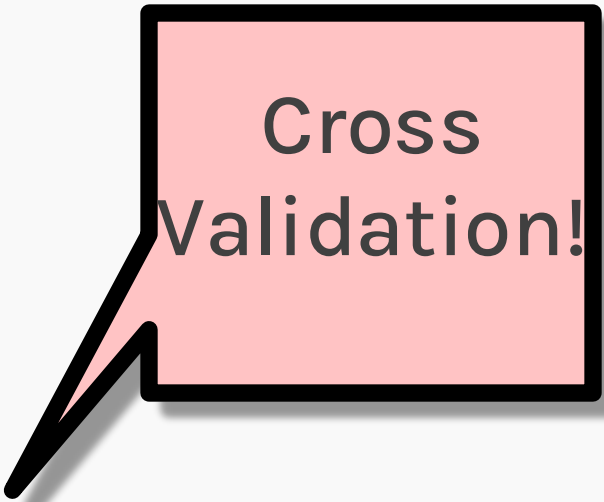
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Cross Validation!

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# Regularization: **LASSO** Regression

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No need to regularize the bias,  $\beta_0$ , since it is not connected to the predictors.

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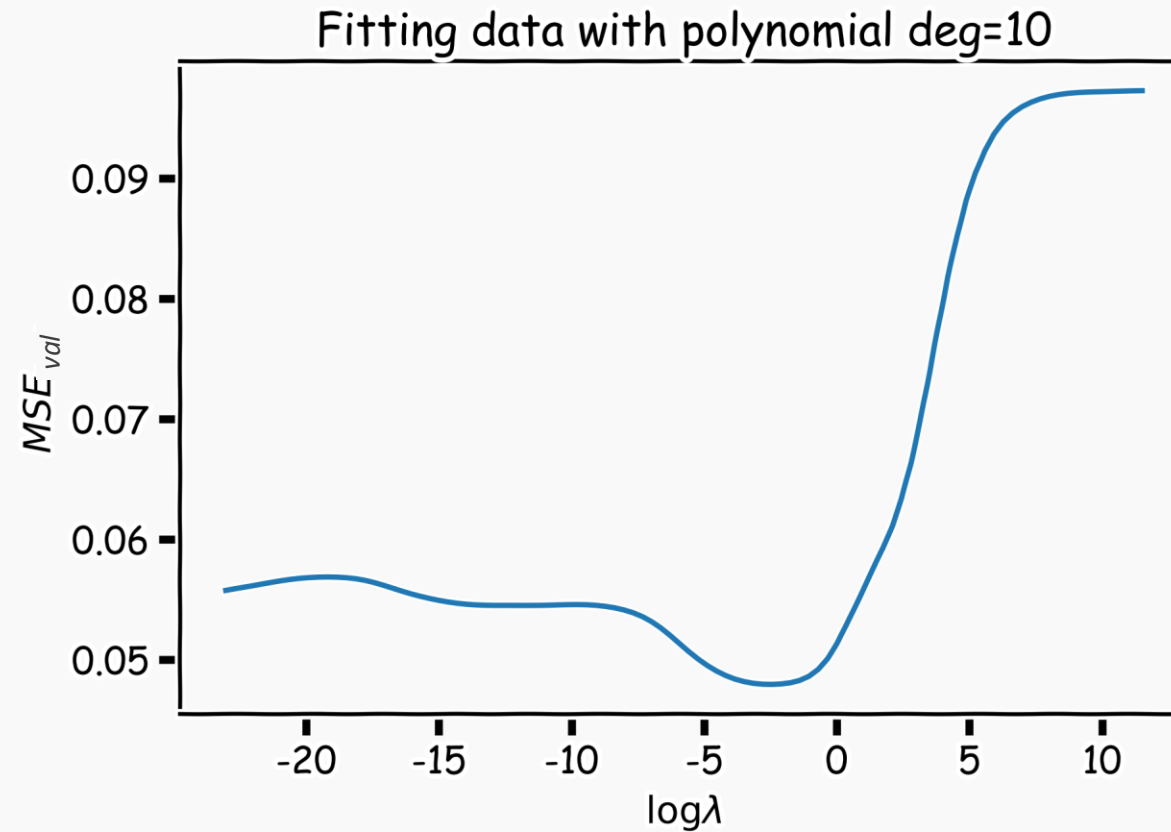
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# Ridge regularization with **cross-validation** only: step by step

