

- Faraway (1st edition) problem 6.1
- Faraway (1st edition) problem 6.5 (you can find the function names for LAD, Huber, etc regression in the robust regression code example from lecture 10)
- Multiple testing** simulation. First generate data:

- Generate  $X \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times p}$  with i.i.d.  $N(0, 1)$  entries, then normalize the columns to have unit norm.
- Let the true coefficient vector be  $\beta = (\underbrace{5, \dots, 5}_{10 \text{ times}}, \underbrace{0, \dots, 0}_{p - 10 \text{ times}})$ .
- Generate  $Y = X\beta + (\text{noise})$  where the noise values are i.i.d.  $N(0, 1)$ .

Run this simulation with  $n = 400$  and try each value  $p = 200, 400, 600, 800$ . You may want to run both parts of the simulation a few times to get a clear picture of what the results typically look like, since these plots may be fairly noisy, especially for the second part.

- First, run **forward stepwise** starting with a model of size 0 (intercept only) and up to a model of size 30. (You can either implement forward selection "by hand", or use pre-existing R code as long as you're certain it's doing the same thing.) Evaluate the **BIC** at each model size, and plot BIC against model size. Repeat this for each choice of  $p$ , the total number of available covariates. Compare the resulting plots you see. How does BIC perform when  $p$  is smaller—does it do a good job of picking an appropriate model? What goes wrong as  $p$  increases?
  - Next, we'll do this again but we'll use a **held-out validation set** to test the model. Split your data at random into 200 training points and 200 validation points. Run **forward stepwise** on the 200 training points to obtain a model of size 0, a model of size 1, ..., a model of size 30. Then **evaluate** the prediction error of each model on the validation set (i.e. using the selected subset & fitted coefficients  $\hat{\beta}$  from the training set). Plot prediction error against model size. What do you see? How do these results compare to BIC? RSS
- Consider the following iteratively reweighted least squares (IRLS) algorithm:
    - Solve least squares (weights  $w_i = 1$ ) to get  $\hat{\beta}$ .
    - Update the weights by setting  $w_i = 1/\sqrt{|Y_i - X_i^\top \hat{\beta}|}$
    - Solve WLS to get a new  $\hat{\beta}$
    - Iterate the last two steps until convergence

- What is the M-estimator that this IRLS procedure is trying to solve? That is, the procedure above is designed to minimize

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \ell(Y_i - X_i^\top \beta)$$

for what loss function  $\ell$ ?

- Using your answer from above, how would this loss  $\ell$  compared to existing options, specifically least squares & LAD & Huber, in terms of robustness to outliers?