Appendix R7B: Dimensionality - Dimension Reduction

Principal Components and Partial Least Squares Regressions

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Technical Note: All procedures involving machine learning and cross-validation are based on random sampling. Therefore, results may change when you run the analysis multiple times, depending on the kind of random number generator **RNGkind** and the seed selected. The results in this script may not match the outputs in the main text of the book. Follow the chapter and this script appendix independently. Let's first set the random number generator default

RNGkind(sample.kind = "default") # To use the R default RNG

Dimensionality

As discussed previously, large and complex models generally experience **dimensionality** issues, causing them to be overfitting and have hight variance. One of the most pervasive dimensionaity issues is multi-collinearity. **Regularized** methods like Ridge and LASSO help us reduce the detrimental effects of multi-collinearity by shrinking (i.e. biasing) the predictors. In contrast, dimension reduction methods don't just help correct for multi-collinearity, but actually take advantage of the collinearity structure of the data. In fact, dimension reduction methods like PCR and PLSR don't do much to improve the model if the multi-collinearity condition in the data is low. But it can improve things dramatically when

there is severe multi-collinearity. This family of methods is particularly useful when there are too many predictors relative to the number of observations. The basic idea is this.

If two predictors are uncorrelated, a scatter plot of the two variables will show a somewhat spherical cloud of data points with no clear alignment in one direction or another. In contrast, if two predictors are highly correlated, the scatter plot of these two predictors will show a thin cloud of data points aligned in one direction. The direction of this alignment is the direction in which the variance in the data is the highest. When there are more than 2 predictors, there will be more than one direction of alignment, depending on which variable is correlated with which. If you move the origin of the plot to the mean of all variables and then rotate the axes in the direction of highest variance, second highest, etc. you would be aligning the rotated axes with 1st. Principal Component (1st PC), 2nd PC, etc.

The idea behind dimension reduction is that, for **n predictors**, there are **n PCs** and these PC's have some interesting properties:

- 1. They are perpendicular to each other. The 2nd PC is found by taking an axis that is perpendicular to the 1st PC and rotating it around it until the direction of second largest variance is found. Same thing with the 3rd PC, and so on.
- 2. The resulting PCs constructed as linear combinations of the predictors are independent or uncorrelated.
- 3. The PCs are ordered from highest to lowest variance. This allows you to explore the PCs to find the first **m PCs** that explain a substantial amount of variance in the data.
- 4. When the predictors are highly correlated, the first few PCs will explain a large proportion of variance in the data, and the last PCs will explain very little.
- 5. So, the goal is to identify first m PC's that explain, say 70% or 80% of the variance of the predictors and disregard the remaining PCs. If **m** << **p** you will be achieving substantial dimension reduction, because you can now run a regression with m PC's, rather than with p predictors.
- 6. All m PC's are linear combinations of all p predictors, so all variables are represented in the PC's. More importantly, the PC's are uncorrelated, so the are truly independent variables.
- 7. PCR and PLSR will estimate a 1 PC model, 2 PC model, etc., up to a p PC model with all components. The model (either PCR or PLSR) with p PCs will yield identical results to the OLS or GLM model. As the number of PCs in the model decreases, the variance of the model decreases too, but the bias increases. Therefore, models with more PCs are better for interpretations, models with the lowest CV test deviance are best for predictions.

There a few dimension reduction methods, but the two most popular ones are: (1) **Principal Components Regression (PCR)** in which the predictors are rotated to find the PCs, without taking into account whether these dimensions help predict the outcome

variable (i.e., unsupervised method); and (2) **Partial Least Squares Regression (PLSR)**, which is similar to PCR, but the axes are further rotated to improve their correlation with the response variable (i.e., supervised method). PCR and PLSR are competing methods of similar king and there is no guarantee that one method will be better than the other. It is recommended to test both and select the one with best results.

Principal Components Regression (PCR)

I will use the **{pls}** R package for both PCR and PLSR and also the **Hitters** data set from the **{ISLR}** R package, containing baseball player salaries and 19 predictors. Note that thepcr() function syntax is similar to the 1m() function syntax, with a few additional parameters.

```
library(pls) # Has the Principal Components Regression pcr() function
library(ISLR) # Has the Hitters data set

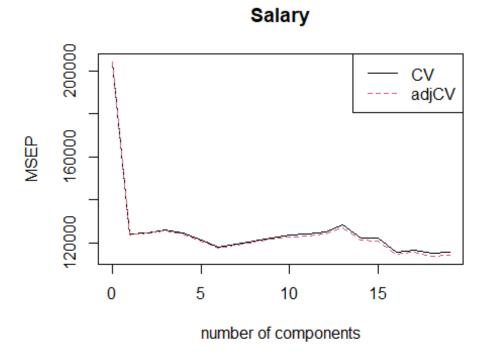
Hitters <- na.omit(Hitters) # Let's remove missing values

set.seed(2) # Arbitrary</pre>
```

Predict Salary with all predictors. scale = T standardizes the predictors, which is recommended, and necessary when variables are in different scales (e.g., lbs, feet, etc.). Also, validation="CV" does 10FCV and validation="LOO" does LOOCV. We use all predictors in the model.

```
pcr.fit <- pcr(Salary ~ ., data = Hitters, scale = T, validation = "CV")</pre>
```

The first step is to analyze the model results visually. We do this by plotting the **Scree Plot**, which shows the MSE or RMSE for all the PC models. I'm showint the plot with **MSE** but you can use change the val.type = parameter to "RMSEP" if you prefer the RMSE. Both graphs are similar, except for the scale of the error.`



In the Scree plot above, one can see that the MSE drops substantially from 0 PCs (Null model) to 1 PC and it then the graph **elbows** to the right. These sharp elbows to the right are points of interest because they are where we achieve sharp error reductions, with little change afterwards. There is another sharp elbow to the right at 6 PCs and then another one at 16 PCs. These are all models of interest worth exploring further quantitatively. There is an elbow pinting upwards at 13 PCs, but this is not a point of interest, because the MSE turns downwards after that, so it is better to continue going to the right.

Let's analyze the model quantitatively with the summary() function.

```
summary(pcr.fit) # Take a Look
            X dimension: 263 19
## Data:
## Y dimension: 263 1
## Fit method: svdpc
## Number of components considered: 19
##
## VALIDATION: RMSEP
## Cross-validated using 10 random segments.
##
          (Intercept)
                        1 comps
                                 2 comps 3 comps
                                                    4 comps
                                                              5 comps
                                                                       6 comps
## CV
                   452
                          351.9
                                   353.2
                                             355.0
                                                       352.8
                                                                348.4
                                                                          343.6
## adjCV
                   452
                          351.6
                                   352.7
                                             354.4
                                                       352.1
                                                                347.6
                                                                          342.7
##
          7 comps
                   8 comps
                             9 comps 10 comps
                                                 11 comps 12 comps
                                                                      13 comps
## CV
            345.5
                      347.7
                               349.6
                                          351.4
                                                    352.1
                                                               353.5
                                                                          358.2
## adjCV
            344.7
                      346.7
                               348.5
                                          350.1
                                                    350.7
                                                               352.0
                                                                          356.5
          14 comps
                     15 comps
                                                    18 comps
##
                               16 comps
                                          17 comps
                                                               19 comps
             349.7
                        349.4
                                  339.9
                                                        339.2
                                                                  339.6
## CV
                                             341.6
             348.0
                        347.7
                                                        337.2
## adjCV
                                  338.2
                                             339.7
                                                                  337.6
```

```
##
## TRAINING: % variance explained
##
         1 comps 2 comps 3 comps 4 comps 5 comps 6 comps 7 comps 8 comps
           38.31 60.16 70.84
                                    79.03
                                            84.29
                                                    88.63
                                                            92.26
                                                                    94.96
## X
## Salary
                                            44.90
           40.63 41.58
                           42.17
                                    43.22
                                                    46.48
                                                            46.69
                                                                    46.75
         9 comps 10 comps 11 comps 12 comps 13 comps 14 comps 15 comps
##
           96.28
                    97.26
                             97.98
                                       98.65
                                                99.15
                                                         99.47
                                                                  99.75
## X
                                                48.10
                                                         50.40
## Salary 46.86
                    47.76
                             47.82
                                       47.85
                                                                  50.55
##
         16 comps 17 comps 18 comps 19 comps
## X
            99.89
                     99.97
                               99.99
                                       100.00
## Salary
            53.01
                     53.85
                              54.61
                                       54.61
```

A few notes about the **summary()** of **PCR** results. First, notice that there are two output panels. The first panel is the **Validation** and the second one is about **explained variance**.

Validation Output Panel

- 1. It shows CV **Square Root (MSE)** values, not MSE. Naturally, you can square these values to get the MSEs. The adjCV is a "bias-corrected" CV. It makes very little difference for our purposes, but adjCV makes some statistical adjustment that may come from sampling bias in CV testing.
- 2. CV RMSEs go down from 0 (Null model) to 1 component and it then goes up and down slightly until it gets to 6 components with a CV RMSE = 343.7. It then goes up and down again, with another low point at 16 components with a CV RMSE = 343.4. The absolute lowest point is at 18 components with a CV RMSE = 341.2.

** Variance Explained Panel**

- 1. The **X** row shows how much of the variance of the original predictors (X) is explained by the PCs. For example, **6 PCs** explain 88.63% of the variance in the predictors. The **1st PC** explains 38.31% of the variance of the predictors. The model with **2 PCs** explains 60.16% of the variance of the predictors. This means that the **2nd PC** alone explains 60.16 38.31 = 21.85% of the variance of the predictors. As expected, the 1st PC explains more variance than the 2nd PC, and so on, but cumulatively, more PCs explain increasingly more variance.
- 2. **Salary** row shows how much of the outcome variable variance is explained by the model. For example, a model with **6 PCs** explain 46.48% of the variance in Salary. This is equivalent to the model's **R-Squared**.

** Selecting the Best Model**

- 1. If the analysis goal is predictive accuracy, I would select the model with the lowest CV RMSE or 18 PCs in this case.
- 2. If the analysis goal is interpretability, I would select the largest possible model with an acceptable CV RMSE, which in this case is also 18 PCs.
- 3. If the analysis goal is to substantially reduce the dimension of the model, I would select the model with the smallest number of PC's that explain at least 70% of the variance of

the predictors, or 3 PCs in this case, which explains 70.84% of the variance in the predictors, which is a good representation of the data.

PCR Loadings and Scores

The **pcr()** object is very complex and is full of information. You can explore this object's results with str(pcr.fit). If you run this function, you will see an object attribute named **\$loadings**, which is a data frame containing one column for each component model and one row for each predictors. I'm only listing the first 8 PC models for simplicity, but you can remove the [,1:8] index to see all of them.

```
round(pcr.fit$loadings[,1:8], digits = 3)
##
             Comp 1 Comp 2 Comp 3 Comp 4 Comp 5 Comp 6 Comp 7 Comp 8
## AtBat
              0.198
                    0.384 -0.089 0.032 -0.028
                                              0.071 -0.107
                                                           0.270
## Hits
             0.196
                    0.377 -0.074 0.018 0.005
                                              0.082 -0.130
                                                           0.389
             0.204
                           0.216 -0.236 -0.078
## HmRun
                    0.237
                                              0.150 0.506 -0.226
## Runs
             0.198 0.378 0.017 -0.050 0.039
                                              0.137 -0.202 0.115
## RBI
             0.235
                    0.315 0.073 -0.139 -0.024
                                              0.112 0.319 0.005
## Walks
             0.209 0.230 -0.046 -0.131 0.032 0.019 -0.558 -0.623
## Years
             0.283 -0.262 -0.035 0.095 0.010 -0.033 0.012 0.138
## CAtBat
             0.330 -0.193 -0.084 0.091 -0.012 -0.024 -0.012
                                                           0.147
## CHits
             0.331 -0.183 -0.086 0.084 -0.009 -0.029 -0.020
                                                           0.195
## CHmRun
             ## CRuns
             0.338 -0.172 -0.053 0.069 0.018 -0.007 -0.063 0.085
## CRBI
             0.340 -0.168 -0.015 0.007 -0.028 -0.011 0.119 -0.002
## CWalks
             0.317 -0.192 -0.042 0.030 0.034 -0.034 -0.178 -0.263
## LeagueN
             -0.054 -0.095 -0.548 -0.396 -0.012
                                              0.137 0.077 -0.026
## DivisionW -0.026 -0.037 0.016 0.043 -0.986 0.091 -0.113 0.003
             0.078   0.156   -0.051   -0.288   -0.106   -0.924   0.019   0.065
## PutOuts
## Assists
             -0.001
                    0.169 -0.398  0.524  0.011 -0.035  0.013 -0.076
## Errors
             -0.008 0.201 -0.383 0.422 -0.055 -0.148 0.373 -0.301
## NewLeagueN -0.042 -0.078 -0.545 -0.418 -0.014 0.157 0.023 0.068
```

You can verify that the sum of squared components for each row or each column always equals 1. These weights can be used to convert predictors into PCs and PCs back into predictors:

```
sum(pcr.fit$loadings[1,]^2) # Sum of squared Loadings for 1st predictor
## [1] 1
sum(pcr.fit$loadings[,1]^2) # Sum of squared Loadings for 1st PC
## [1] 1
```

If you take the predictor values for some observations and convert them into their PC equivalent values, these values are called **PC Scores**. I'm only listing the first 6 scores of the first 10 observations, for simplicity:

```
round(pcr.fit$scores[1:10, 1:6], digits = 4)
```

```
##
                     Comp 1 Comp 2 Comp 3 Comp 4 Comp 5 Comp 6
## -Alan Ashby
                    -0.0096 -1.8670 -1.2627 -0.9337 -1.1075 -1.2097
## -Alvin Davis
                     0.4107
                             2.4248
                                    0.9075 -0.2637 -1.2297 -1.8231
## -Andre Dawson
                     3.4602 -0.8244 -0.5544 -1.6136
                                                     0.8559
## -Andres Galarraga -2.5534 0.2305 -0.5187 -2.1721
                                                     0.8187 -1.4889
## -Alfredo Griffin
                     1.0257
                            1.5705 -1.3288
                                             3.4874 -0.9816 -0.5127
## -Al Newman
                    -3.9731 -1.5044
                                    0.1552 0.3691
                                                     1.2070 -0.0334
## -Argenis Salazar
                    -3.4452 -0.5988
                                     0.6253
                                             1.9960 -0.8055 -0.2056
## -Andres Thomas
                    -3.4258 -0.1133 -1.9959
                                             0.7664 -1.0142
## -Andre Thornton
                     3.8923 -1.9442 1.8170 -0.0267
                                                     1.1350
                                                            0.8195
## -Alan Trammell
                     3.1688 2.3878 -0.7930 2.5641 0.9455 0.0611
```

PCR Coefficients

Reconstructing coefficients for the actual predictors from the PCs is straightforward. The **\$coefficients** attribute of the **pcr()** contains these values in a list with of 3 sets of elements: **n predictors**, **1 response** variable, **m PCs**.

To get the coefficients for the 1 PC model

```
pcr.fit$coefficients[,,1] # Or, alternatively:
##
         AtBat
                      Hits
                                  HmRun
                                               Runs
                                                             RBI
                                                                       Walks
## 21.13207878 20.87321071 21.77988064 21.13705999 25.06279956 22.26529508
##
                    CAtBat
                                  CHits
                                             CHmRun
                                                           CRuns
                                                                        CRBI
         Years
## 30.11445915 35.21789413 35.24760132 33.99408860 36.04328244 36.27081015
##
                   LeagueN
                             DivisionW
                                            PutOuts
        CWalks
                                                        Assists
                                                                      Errors
## 33.76212997 -5.80503669 -2.74157997 8.28029613 -0.08969488 -0.83758395
## NewLeagueN
## -4.46643991
# coef(pcr.fit, ncomp = 1)
```

To get the coefficients for the 3 PC model:

```
pcr.fit$coefficients[,,3] # Or alternatively
##
       AtBat
                   Hits
                             HmRun
                                         Runs
                                                     RBI
                                                             Walks
                                                                        Years
##
   31.596172
              30.841116
                         21.650526 28.894882
                                              30.091792
                                                         28.345853
                                                                    25.276570
##
      CAtBat
                  CHits
                            CHmRun
                                        CRuns
                                                    CRBI
                                                            CWalks
                                                                      LeagueN
## 33.076799
              33.388213 29.160504 33.604363 32.997441
                                                         30.624769
                                                                     5.466047
## DivisionW
                PutOuts
                           Assists
                                       Errors NewLeagueN
##
   -3.929845 12.899211 13.245133 12.826601
                                                7.109718
# coef(pcr.fit, ncomp = 3)
```

Coefficients for the second variable (Hits) of the 3 PC model

```
pcr.fit$coefficients[2,,3]
## [1] 30.84112
```

Coefficients for, say 2 to 4 PCR component models:

```
pcr.fit$coefficients[,, 2:4] # Or alternatively
##
                2 comps
                          3 comps
                                    4 comps
## AtBat
              29.438966 31.596172 30.411575
## Hits
              29.039128 30.841116 30.174755
## HmRun
              26.912608 21.650526 30.389560
## Runs
              29.312723 28.894882 30.745533
## RBI
              31.870731 30.091792 35.242082
## Walks
              27.235049 28.345853 33.185988
              24.434849 25.276570 21.744656
## Years
              31.042550 33.076799 29.700428
## CAtBat
              31.288812 33.388213 30.284689
## CHits
## CHmRun
              31.260422 29.160504 31.912973
## CRuns
              32.314419 33.604363 31.040899
## CRBI
              32.632509 32.997441 32.750143
## CWalks
              29.599532 30.624769 29.499314
## LeagueN
              -7.865898
                         5.466047 20.140856
## DivisionW
             -3.535498 -3.929845 -5.513888
## PutOuts
              11.651168 12.899211 23.556308
               3.560723 13.245133 -6.174373
## Assists
## Errors
               3.507803 12.826601 -2.808121
## NewLeagueN -6.145712 7.109718 22.588848
# coef(pcr.fit, ncomp = 2:4) # Same result different format
```

Coefficients for a group of models, say 3, 6 and 18 PCs

```
pcr.fit$coefficients[,, c(3, 6, 18)] # Or alternatively
##
                3 comps
                           6 comps
                                       18 comps
## AtBat
              31.596172
                         24.363042 -287.1638712
              30.841116 25.321422
## Hits
                                    330.3182702
## HmRun
              21.650526 16.517824
                                     35.8569392
## Runs
              28.894882
                         24.483536
                                    -55.7545172
## RBI
              30.091792
                         26.859813
                                    -25.4323629
## Walks
              28.345853
                         33.873700
                                    133.8275233
## Years
              25.276570
                         24.422920
                                    -15.0311528
## CAtBat
              33.076799 30.534064 -425.9232643
## CHits
              33.388213
                         31.617866
                                    151.1036646
## CHmRun
              29.160504 27.460383
                                     -0.3535161
## CRuns
              33.604363
                         32.497526
                                    452.9583268
## CRBI
              32.997441
                         31.827587
                                    239.5044763
## CWalks
              30.624769
                         33.605665 -206.9835246
## LeagueN
               5.466047
                         10.910631
                                     31.7984349
## DivisionW
             -3.929845 -68.868255
                                    -58.5994581
## PutOuts
              12.899211
                         74.954304
                                     78.7188346
## Assists
              13.245133
                         -3.328012
                                     54.5749754
                                    -22.7108234
## Errors
              12.826601
                          3.191508
## NewLeagueN 7.109718
                        11.959825
                                    -13.0025534
# coef(pcr.fit, ncomp = c(3, 6, 18)) # Same result different format
```

Can you spot the most biased model and the most biased coefficient in that model? Look for any coefficient that changes substantially in sign and magnitude. The most unbiased model of the 3 is the model with 18 PCs, because it is the closest to the OLS. Notice that some coefficients change in value to some extent, but the change is not much (e.g., HmRun, LeagueN), but others change wildly and even change signs (e.g., AtBat, CWalks). Listing the coefficients for various PC models is useful because you can easily spot the most problematic predictors when it comes to bias and interpretation.

Predictions with PCR

To do predictions, you can use any data frame with values to feed to the predict() function. The values need to be in the same format as the original predictors. For this illustration I use 5% of the existing data to test our predictions. For this illustration, we use a model with 18 components for the prediction.

```
set.seed(2)
test <- sample(1:nrow(Hitters), 0.05 * nrow(Hitters))</pre>
Hitters.test <- Hitters[test,] # Test sub-sample</pre>
pcr.pred <- predict(pcr.fit, Hitters.test, ncomp = 18)</pre>
pcr.pred
## , , 18 comps
##
##
                        Salary
                     356.2034
## -Rick Dempsey
## -Willie Upshaw
                    1022.4237
## -Rick Leach
                     247.8984
## -Mookie Wilson
                     649.1189
## -Eric Davis
                     542.5348
## -John Shelby
                     197.9010
## -Dale Murphy
                    1041.7816
## -Kevin Bass
                     564.6475
## -Tony Bernazard
                     797.5811
## -Bill Schroeder
                     208.4064
## -Doug DeCinces
                     694.5173
## -Herm Winningham 211.7767
## -Jose Cruz
                     872.0351
```

We can then ompute the MSE for these predictions

```
MSE <- round(
  mean( (pcr.pred - Hitters.test$Salary) ^ 2 ),
  digits = 2)

paste("MSE =", MSE)

## [1] "MSE = 73830.35"

RMSE <- round(
  sqrt( mean( (pcr.pred - Hitters.test$Salary) ^ 2 ) ),</pre>
```

```
digits = 2)

paste("RMSE =", RMSE)

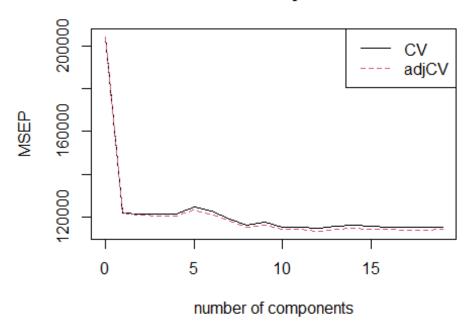
## [1] "RMSE = 271.72"
```

Partial Least Squares (PLS) Regression

The process for fitting **PLSR** models is the same as for **PCR** models, except that we use **plsr()** function from the same **{pls}** library instead. The interpretation and analysis of the outputs is identical to **PCR**. The only thing that changes is how the PCs are constructed, but this is not visble in the **PLSR** output. In the next script lines, repeat the same steps above, but with the **plsr()** function.

```
library(pls)
library(ISLR) # Has the Hitters data set
set.seed(2) # Arbitrary
pls.fit <- plsr(Salary ~ ., data = Hitters, scale = T, validation = "CV")
validationplot(pls.fit, val.type = "MSEP", legendpos = "topright")</pre>
```

Salary



```
# Change to val.type="RMSEP" to use the RMSE instead
summary(pls.fit)

## Data: X dimension: 263 19

## Y dimension: 263 1

## Fit method: kernelpls
```

```
## Number of components considered: 19
##
## VALIDATION: RMSEP
## Cross-validated using 10 random segments.
          (Intercept)
                       1 comps
                                 2 comps
                                          3 comps
                                                   4 comps
                                                             5 comps
                                                                      6 comps
## CV
                  452
                          349.2
                                   348.4
                                            348.2
                                                      348.1
                                                               353.0
                                                                        350.6
## adiCV
                  452
                          348.8
                                   347.6
                                            347.1
                                                      346.9
                                                               350.9
                                                                        348.3
##
                           9 comps 10 comps 11 comps 12 comps 13 comps
          7 comps 8 comps
## CV
            345.0
                     340.9
                               342.8
                                         339.5
                                                    339.3
                                                              338.3
                                                                        340.1
## adjCV
            343.2
                     339.1
                               340.7
                                         337.9
                                                    337.6
                                                              336.6
                                                                        338.2
                                         17 comps
##
          14 comps 15 comps
                               16 comps
                                                   18 comps
                                                              19 comps
## CV
             340.5
                          340
                                  339.6
                                            339.2
                                                       339.3
                                                                 339.6
             338.5
                          338
## adjCV
                                  337.6
                                            337.3
                                                       337.4
                                                                 337.6
## TRAINING: % variance explained
           1 comps 2 comps 3 comps
##
                                       4 comps
                                                5 comps
                                                          6 comps
                                                                   7 comps
                                                                            8 comps
                      51.03
## X
             38.08
                                65.98
                                         73.93
                                                   78.63
                                                            84.26
                                                                     88.17
                                                                               90.12
## Salary
             43.05
                      46.40
                                47.72
                                         48.71
                                                   50.53
                                                            51.66
                                                                     52.34
                                                                               53.26
##
           9 comps 10 comps
                              11 comps
                                         12 comps
                                                   13 comps 14 comps
                                                                        15 comps
## X
             92.92
                       95.00
                                  96.68
                                            97.68
                                                       98.22
                                                                 98.55
                                                                           98.98
## Salary
             53.52
                       53.77
                                  54.04
                                            54.20
                                                       54.32
                                                                 54.47
                                                                            54.54
##
           16 comps
                               18 comps
                                          19 comps
                     17 comps
              99.24
                                   99.99
                                            100.00
## X
                        99.71
              54.59
                         54.61
                                   54.61
                                             54.61
## Salary
```

Notice in the output the similarities and differences between PLSR and PCR. With PLSR, the first marked elbow is also at 1 PC. But the next interesting elbow is at 8 PCs, not 6. But then, the CV MSE goes down slightly and remains relatively flat. These are the recommended models from this output:

- 1. If the analysis goal is predictive accuracy, I would select the model with the lowest CV RMSE or 17 PCs in this case, with CV RMSE = 339.2.
- 2. If the analysis goal is interpretability, I would select the largest possible model with an acceptable CV RMSE, which in this case is also 17 PCs. However, since the difference in CV RMSE between 17 PCs and the full 19 PCs is minuscule, it would be OK to interpret the results with the 19 PC model.
- 3. If the analysis goal is to substantially reduce the dimension of the model, I would select the model with the smallest number of PC's that explain at least 70% of the variance of the predictors, or 4 PCs in this case, which explains 73.93% of the variance in the predictors, which is a good representation of the data.

PLSR Loadings and Scores

PLSR PC Loadings

```
## HmRun
           0.218 0.091 -0.308 -0.014 -0.652
                                       0.389 0.170 0.131
           0.225
                 0.337 -0.375 0.164 -0.079
                                       0.080 -0.036 -0.077
## Runs
           0.257
## RBI
                 0.231 -0.343 0.043 -0.268
                                       0.240 0.128 -0.008
## Walks
           0.229 0.283 -0.168 0.029 -0.098
                                       0.043 -0.050
                                                  0.317
           0.266 -0.344   0.266 -0.166 -0.087 -0.240 -0.005
## Years
                                                  0.123
## CAtBat
           0.036
## CHits
           0.311 -0.226  0.135 -0.025  0.020  0.252  0.068 -0.257
## CHmRun
## CRuns
           ## CRBI
           0.331 -0.241 0.192 -0.074 0.179
                                       0.066 0.051 -0.058
           ## CWalks
           -0.046 0.297 0.209 -0.860 0.421 0.102 0.033 -0.069
## LeagueN
## DivisionW -0.040 -0.376 -0.252 -0.293 0.491 0.164 -0.932 0.599
## PutOuts
           0.100 0.467 0.095 0.236 -0.031 -0.044 -0.737 0.746
## Assists
           0.010
                 0.131 -0.236 -0.012 0.916 -0.654 0.324 -0.244
           0.005   0.165   -0.289   -0.156   0.565   -0.626   0.522   0.305
## Errors
## NewLeagueN -0.032 0.313 0.188 -0.890 0.299 0.058 -0.068 -0.076
```

PLSR PC Scores

```
round(pls.fit$scores[1:10, 1:6], digits = 4)
##
                    Comp 1 Comp 2 Comp 3 Comp 4 Comp 5 Comp 6
## -Alan Ashby
                    -0.1090 -0.0879 1.1147 -1.4059 -0.6158 -1.2286
## -Alvin Davis
                    0.6671 0.8786 -1.0206 0.9639
                                                   0.0307 0.1497
## -Andre Dawson
                    3.4717 0.5270 1.2976 -0.3869
                                                   0.6279 2.0307
## -Andres Galarraga -2.1299 2.4542 2.0764 0.2078 -0.1079 0.5837
## -Alfredo Griffin
                                           0.4122
                    0.9771 -0.7937 -2.1395
                                                   0.8415 -2.3038
## -Al Newman
                    -4.0037 0.1500 1.6439 0.7911 0.5309 0.5485
## -Argenis Salazar -3.6685 -1.3440 -0.5804 0.9552 0.7630 -0.4132
## -Andres Thomas
                    -3.4262 -0.3027 -1.0077 -1.1485
                                                   0.7244 -0.4149
                    3.5184 -1.3746 1.0514 0.3408 -0.8714 0.0946
## -Andre Thornton
## -Alan Trammell 3.2932 0.1716 -1.7483 0.4770 0.1101 -1.6399
```

PLSR Coefficients

To get the coefficients for the 1 PC model

```
pls.fit$coefficients[,,1] # Or, alternatively:
##
                                                            RBI
         AtBat
                      Hits
                                 HmRun
                                               Runs
                                                                      Walks
##
    25.0420570 27.8270677
                            21.7597795
                                         26.6334747
                                                     28.5110396
                                                                 28.1564522
##
         Years
                    CAtBat
                                  CHits
                                             CHmRun
                                                          CRuns
                                                                       CRBI
##
    25.4154350 33.3750764 34.8197471 33.2986538
                                                     35.6931216
                                                                 35.9651267
##
        CWalks
                   LeagueN
                             DivisionW
                                            PutOuts
                                                        Assists
                                                                     Errors
                                                      1.6135259
##
    31.0715657
                -0.9059591 -12.2120349 19.0607903
                                                                 -0.3425902
##
    NewLeagueN
##
    -0.1798022
# coef(pls.fit, ncomp = 1)
```

To get the coefficients for the 3 PC model:

```
pls.fit$coefficients[,,3] # Or alternatively
                      Hits
                                                           RBI
                                                                     Walks
         AtBat
                                 HmRun
                                              Runs
##
    11.5612560
               43.0738184
                           -3.0788552
                                        29.4670885
                                                    21.0426670
                                                                43.6363824
##
                    CAtBat
                                 CHits
                                            CHmRun
                                                         CRuns
                                                                      CRBI
         Years
##
     5.4373897
                28.9571188 41.9403523
                                        35.6444168
                                                    42.6088887
                                                                43.5878120
##
        CWalks
                   LeagueN
                             DivisionW
                                           PutOuts
                                                       Assists
                                                                    Errors
               25.0699041 -69.4031815
## 17.0901059
                                       74.5802997
                                                     0.8434621 -16.4113867
##
    NewLeagueN
##
    17.3645626
# coef(pls.fit, ncomp = 3)
```

Coefficients for the second variable (Hits) of the 3 PC model

```
pls.fit$coefficients[2,,3]
## [1] 43.07382
```

Coefficients for, say 2 to 4 PCR component models:

```
pls.fit$coefficients[,, 2:4] # Or alternatively
##
                 2 comps
                             3 comps
                                        4 comps
## AtBat
               26.988567
                          11.5612560
                                      -6.652720
## Hits
               43.689562
                          43.0738184
                                      58.942213
## HmRun
               12.561740
                          -3.0788552 -18.405673
## Runs
               36.166065
                          29.4670885
                                      31.456684
## RBI
               30.845058
                          21.0426670
                                      16.922246
                          43.6363824 47.896733
## Walks
               42.533221
## Years
                8.957764
                           5.4373897 -14.209470
## CAtBat
               26.430999
                          28.9571188 25.046713
## CHits
               33.829611
                          41.9403523
                                      51.191402
## CHmRun
               30.279265
                          35.6444168 44.690717
## CRuns
               34.715277
                          42.6088887
                                      51.881789
## CRBI
                          43.5878120
               35.195944
                                      55.348469
## CWalks
               20.084235
                          17.0901059
                                      -3.215364
## LeagueN
               17.985777
                          25.0699041
                                       9.757598
## DivisionW
              -48.032748 -69.4031815 -81.335717
## PutOuts
               56.282325
                          74.5802997
                                      89.176182
                           0.8434621
## Assists
                4.199492
                                       8.658344
## Errors
               -4.327875 -16.4113867 -26.720518
## NewLeagueN
              15.096458 17.3645626
                                      -8.808971
# coef(pls.fit, ncomp = 2:4) # Same result different format
```

Coefficients for a group of models, say 1, 8 and 17 PCs

```
pls.fit$coefficients[,, c(1, 8, 17)] # Or alternatively
```

```
##
                  1 comps
                             8 comps
                                         17 comps
## AtBat
               25.0420570 -268.57609 -295.439407
## Hits
               27.8270677
                           208.90183 333.458425
               21.7597795
                           -10.42637
## HmRun
                                       31.880957
## Runs
               26.6334747
                            28.55779
                                      -51.938191
## RBI
               28.5110396
                            26.94159
                                      -19.261427
## Walks
               28.1564522 131.95382
                                      131.287369
## Years
               25.4154350
                           -99.56742
                                      -16.399659
               33.3750764 -23.34822 -409.837439
## CAtBat
## CHits
               34.8197471
                           157.73966
                                      124.930500
## CHmRun
               33.2986538
                            61.17685
                                        -1.550428
## CRuns
               35.6931216
                           160.81868
                                      464.859131
## CRBI
               35.9651267
                           136.84026
                                      238.736301
## CWalks
               31.0715657 -197.27214 -205.460321
## LeagueN
               -0.9059591
                            42.70521
                                        30.749788
## DivisionW
             -12.2120349
                          -61.70447 -57.865552
## PutOuts
               19.0607903
                            83.68301
                                       79.361453
## Assists
                            39.12289
                1.6135259
                                        54.817784
## Errors
               -0.3425902 -13.76418
                                      -22.438269
## NewLeagueN
               -0.1798022
                          -31.85963
                                      -11.533475
# coef(pls.fit, ncomp = c(1, 8, 17)) # Same result different format
```

As with PCR, you can spot the most biased model and the most biased coefficient in that model. Interestingly, the models don't get as biased as with PCR when we reduce the number of components. Notice that some coefficients in the 8 PC model are different than the 17 PC model, but except for a few cases, not by much.

Predictions with PLSR

Again, the process is the same as for PCR:

```
set.seed(2)
test <- sample(1:nrow(Hitters), 0.05 * nrow(Hitters))
Hitters.test <- Hitters[test,] # Test sub-sample</pre>
pls.pred <- predict(pls.fit, Hitters.test, ncomp = 17)</pre>
pls.pred
## , , 17 comps
##
##
                        Salary
## -Rick Dempsey
                      349.9180
## -Willie Upshaw
                     1022.1080
## -Rick Leach
                      251.5487
## -Mookie Wilson
                      652.8297
## -Eric Davis
                      545.9409
## -John Shelby
                      198.3570
## -Dale Murphy
                     1038.4198
## -Kevin Bass
                      566.6128
## -Tony Bernazard
                      801.7325
```

```
## -Bill Schroeder 207.5167

## -Doug DeCinces 695.9014

## -Herm Winningham 209.7285

## -Jose Cruz 869.5758
```

We can then ompute the MSE for these predictions

```
MSE <- round(
    mean( (pls.pred - Hitters.test$Salary) ^ 2 ),
    digits = 2)

paste("MSE =", MSE)

## [1] "MSE = 74394.11"

RMSE <- round(
    sqrt( mean( (pls.pred - Hitters.test$Salary) ^ 2 ) ),
    digits = 2)

paste("RMSE =", RMSE)

## [1] "RMSE = 272.75"</pre>
```

Logistic and GLM Regressions with PCR and PLSR

Running PCR and PLSR models with classification models like Logistic or even other GLM models, is similar to the quantitative methods we discussed above. The only problem is that the **{pls}** R package does not work with **GLM** models. But there are many libraries to estimate these models. In the example below I illustrate estimating a **Logistic PCR** model using the **pcr()** function from the **{compositional}** R package. As with Ridge and LASSO models, this **pcr()** function requires that we specify the model with the **X** predictor matrix and the **Y** outcome vector.

```
library(Compositional)
heart <- read.table(
   "http://www-stat.stanford.edu/~tibs/ElemStatLearn/datasets/SAheart.data",
   sep = ",", head = T, row.names = 1)</pre>
```

Technical Note: the outcome variable in the data set must be an integer. If the outcome is 0 or 1 as an integer, the function will fit a Logistic model. If it contains multiple integer values, it will fit a count data model.

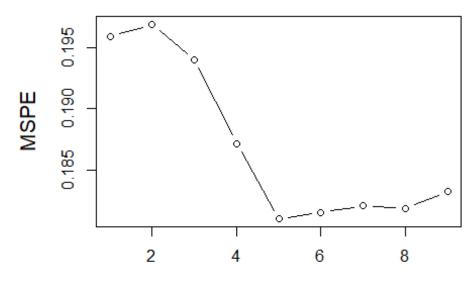
Let's now compute the X matrix and Y vector:

```
y <- heart$chd
x <- model.matrix(chd ~ ., data = heart)[,-1]</pre>
```

The next step is to **tune** the model using the pcr.tune(y, x, graph=T) function. The default CV tuning method is 10FCV, but you can use the nfolds = parameter to change the

number of CV folds. The function renders a scree plot and also the mean deviance for every fold in each PC

```
heart.tune <- pcr.tune(y, x, graph=T)</pre>
```



Number of principal components

```
round(heart.tune$msp, digits = 4)
##
                                [,4]
                                       [,5]
                  [,2]
                         [,3]
                                              [,6]
    [1,] 0.2040 0.2021 0.2031 0.2018 0.1910 0.1953 0.1917 0.1934 0.1962
##
    [2,] 0.1752 0.1748 0.1700 0.1645 0.1636 0.1663 0.1731 0.1743 0.1766
    [3,] 0.2023 0.2007 0.2023 0.1727 0.1784 0.1997 0.2051 0.2076 0.2090
    [4,] 0.2366 0.2431 0.2319 0.2183 0.2001 0.2001 0.2010 0.1997 0.2021
   [5,] 0.1614 0.1609 0.1596 0.1461 0.1565 0.1495 0.1465 0.1464 0.1464
    [6,] 0.2036 0.2086 0.2100 0.2050 0.1892 0.1898 0.1966 0.1956 0.1985
    [7,] 0.2143 0.2154 0.1984 0.2102 0.2070 0.2072 0.2037 0.2009 0.2016
    [8,] 0.1679 0.1685 0.1623 0.1488 0.1515 0.1449 0.1399 0.1396 0.1403
   [9,] 0.2163 0.2269 0.2236 0.2226 0.2186 0.2048 0.2068 0.2056 0.2058
## [10,] 0.1769 0.1676 0.1787 0.1816 0.1544 0.1577 0.1564 0.1557 0.1560
```

To find the number of components that minimizes the CV deviance, we use the **\$k** attribute:

```
best.comp <- heart.tune$k # Number of components that minimizes the deviance
best.comp # Check it out

## PC 5
## 5</pre>
```

You can now fit a PCR model with k components

```
heart.pcr <- pcr(y, x, k = best.comp)
heart.pcr$be # Log-Odds coefficients
##
                          PC5
## sbp
                 -0.002054484
## tobacco
                  0.103656894
## ldl
                  0.057891063
## adiposity
               0.021546279
## famhistPresent 0.091868905
## typea
                0.043635202
## obesity
                 -0.019546803
## alcohol
                 -0.002871749
                0.078381172
## age
```

Let's display the results with log-odds and odds

```
results <- round(cbind(heart.pcr$be, exp(heart.pcr$be)), digits = 4)
colnames(results) <- c("5 PC Log-Odds", "5 PC Odds")</pre>
results
                  5 PC Log-Odds 5 PC Odds
##
                         -0.0021
                                    0.9979
## sbp
## tobacco
                         0.1037
                                    1.1092
## ldl
                         0.0579
                                    1.0596
## adiposity
                         0.0215
                                    1.0218
## famhistPresent
                         0.0919
                                    1.0962
## typea
                         0.0436
                                    1.0446
## obesity
                        -0.0195
                                    0.9806
## alcohol
                        -0.0029
                                    0.9971
## age
                         0.0784
                                    1.0815
```