STAT 471: Homework 3

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Instructions

Setup

Pull the latest version of this assignment from Github and set your working directory to stat-471-fall-2021/homework-3. Consult the getting started guide if you need to brush up on R or Git.

Collaboration

The collaboration policy is as stated on the Syllabus:

"Students are permitted to work together on homework assignments, but solutions must be written up and submitted individually. Students must disclose any sources of assistance they received; furthermore, they are prohibited from verbatim copying from any source and from consulting solutions to problems that may be available online and/or from past iterations of the course."

In accordance with this policy,

Please list anyone you discussed this homework with:

Alex Chen

Please list what external references you consulted (e.g. articles, books, or websites):

Stackoverflow, API

Writeup

Use this document as a starting point for your writeup, adding your solutions after "Solution". Add your R code using code chunks and add your text answers using **bold text**. Consult the preparing reports guide for guidance on compilation, creation of figures and tables, and presentation quality.

Programming

The tidyverse paradigm for data wrangling, manipulation, and visualization is strongly encouraged, but points will not be deducted for using base R.

Grading

The point value for each problem sub-part is indicated. Additionally, the presentation quality of the solution for each problem (as exemplified by the guidelines in Section 3 of the preparing reports guide will be evaluated on a per-problem basis (e.g. in this homework, there are three problems). There are 100 points possible on this homework, 85 of which are for correctness and 15 of which are for presentation.

Submission

Compile your writeup to PDF and submit to Gradescope.

We'll need to use the following R packages:

```
library(kableExtra) # for printing tables
## Warning: package 'kableExtra' was built under R version 4.1.1
library(cowplot)
                    # for side by side plots
## Warning: package 'cowplot' was built under R version 4.1.1
library(glmnet)
                    # to run ridge and lasso
## Warning: package 'glmnet' was built under R version 4.1.1
library(ISLR2)
                    # necessary for College data
library(pROC)
                    # for ROC curves
## Warning: package 'pROC' was built under R version 4.1.1
library(tidyverse)
## Warning: package 'tibble' was built under R version 4.1.1
## Warning: package 'tidyr' was built under R version 4.1.1
## Warning: package 'readr' was built under R version 4.1.1
library(glmnetUtils)
## Warning: package 'glmnetUtils' was built under R version 4.1.1
We'll also need the plot_glmnet function from Unit 3 Lecture 3:
# install.packages("scales")
                                           # dependency of plot_glmnet
source("../../functions/plot_glmnet.R")[]
## $value
## function (elnet_fit)
## {
##
       alpha = elnet_fit$alpha
##
       error = sapply(elnet_fit$modlist, function(mod) {
##
           min(mod$cvm)
##
       })
##
       out = elnet_fit$modlist[[which.min(error)]]
       out$alpha = alpha[which.min(error)]
##
##
       out$use.model.frame = elnet_fit$use.model.frame
       out$call$formula = elnet_fit$call$formula
##
##
       out
## }
##
## $visible
## [1] FALSE
```

1 Framingham Heart Study

Heart disease is the leading cause of the death in United States, accounting for one out of four deaths. It is important to identify risk factors for this disease. Many studies have indicated that high blood pressure, high cholesterol, age, gender, race are among the major risk factors.

Starting from the late 1940s, National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute (NHLBI) launched its famous Framingham Heart Study. By now subjects of three generations together with other people have been

monitored and followed in the study. Over thousands research papers have been published using these longitudinal data sets.

Using a piece of the data gathered at the beginning of the study, we illustrate how to identify risk factors of heart disease and how to predict =this disease.

The data contain the following eight variables for each individual:

| Variable | Description |
|----------|---|
| HD | Indicator of having heart disease or not |
| AGE | Age |
| SEX | Gender |
| SBP | Systolic blood pressure |
| DBP | Diastolic blood pressure |
| CHOL | Cholesterol level |
| FRW | age and gender adjusted weight |
| CIG | Self-reported number of cigarettes smoked each week |

1.1 Data import and exploration

i. Import the data from stat-471-fall-2021/data/Framingham.dat into a tibble called hd_data, specifying all columns to be integers except SEX, which should be a factor. Rename Heart Disease? to HD, and remove any rows containing NA values using na.omit().

ii. What is the number of people in this data? What percentage of them have heart disease?

```
count(hd_data)
```

```
## # A tibble: 1 x 1
## n
## <int>
## 1 307
```

iii. Split hd_data into training (80%) and test (20%) sets, using the rows in train_samples below for training. Store these in tibbles called hd_train and hd_test, respectively.

```
set.seed(5) # seed set for reproducibility (DO NOT CHANGE)
n = nrow(hd_data)
train_samples = sample(1:n, round(0.8*n))
```

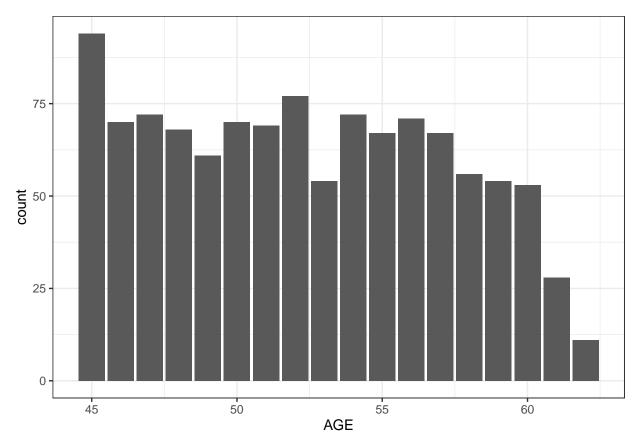
^{**}There are 1393 people in the data. 307/1393 or 22.03% of them have heart disease.

```
hd_train <- hd_data[train_samples,]
hd_test <- hd_data[-train_samples,]</pre>
```

iv. Display the age distribution in hd_train with a plot. What is the median age?

```
ggplot(hd_train, aes(x = AGE)) +
  geom_bar(bins = 15) +
  theme_bw()
```

Warning: Ignoring unknown parameters: bins



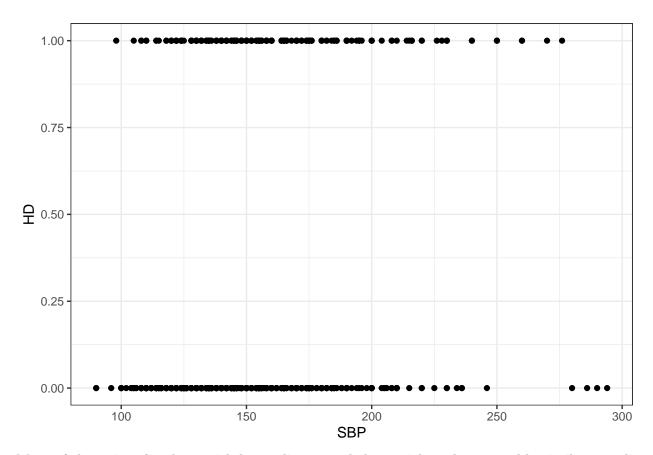
median(hd_train\$AGE)

[1] 52

The median age is 52.

v. Use a plot to explore the relationship between heart disease and systolic blood pressure in hd_train. What does this plot suggest?

```
ggplot(hd_train, aes(x = SBP, y = HD)) +
  geom_point() +
  theme_bw()
```



Most of the points for those with heart disease and those without have roughly similar systolic blood pressure levels. There is a lot of overlap between the two. However, it does appear that those with heart disease do have slightly higher levels.

1.2 Univariate logistic regression

In this part, we will study the relationship of heart disease with systolic blood pressure using univariate logistic regression.

1.2.1 Logistic regression building blocks

Let's take a look under the hood of logistic regression using a very small subset of the data.

i. Define and print a new data frame called hd_train_subset containing HD and SBP for the individuals in hd_train who smoke (exactly) 40 cigarettes per week and have a cholesterol of at least 260.

```
hd_train_subset <- hd_train %>%
filter(CIG == 40) %>%
filter(CHOL >= 260) %>%
select(HD, SBP)
```

ii. Write down the logistic regression likelihood function using the observations in hd_train_subset.

The logistic regression likelihood function is:

$$\frac{(e^{\beta_0+\beta_1*190})*(e^{\beta_0+\beta_1*150})*(e^{\beta_0+\beta_1*130)}}{(1+e^{\beta_0+\beta_1*190})(1+e^{\beta_0+\beta_1*142})(1+e^{\beta_0+\beta_1*150})(1+e^{\beta_0+\beta_1*130})(1+e^{\beta_0+\beta_1*130})}$$

.

iii. Find the MLE based on this subset using glm(). Given a value of SBP, what is the estimated probability P[HD = 1|SBP]?

Remember to calculate the MLE you lazy bum

The estimated probability of heart disease given a particular SBP is

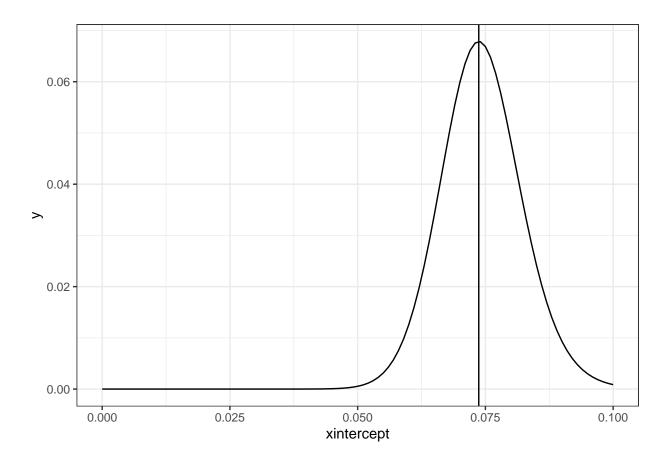
$$\frac{\left(e^{-0.9014+0.0101*SBP}\right)}{\left(1+e^{-0.9014+0.0101*SBP}\right)}$$

iv. Briefly explain how the fitted coefficients in part iii were obtained from the formula in part ii.

The coefficients in part 3 are the ones that maximize the function found in part 2. I believe R does this through the BFGS algorithm.

v. To illustrate this, fix the intercept at its fitted value and define the likelihood as a function of β_1 . Then, plot this likelihood in the range [0, 0.1], adding a vertical line at the fitted value of β_1 . What do we see in this plot? [Hints: Define the likelihood as a function in R via likelihood = function(beta_1)(???). Use stat_function() to plot it.]

```
likelihood <- function(beta_1)(exp(-10.1427*3 + 470*beta_1)/(1+exp(-10.1427 + 190*beta_1))/(1+exp(-10.1427 + 190*beta_1
```



1.2.2 Univariate logistic regression on the full data

i. Run a univariate logistic regression of HD on SBP using the full training data hd_train. According to the estimated coefficient, how do the odds of heart disease change when SBP increases by 1?

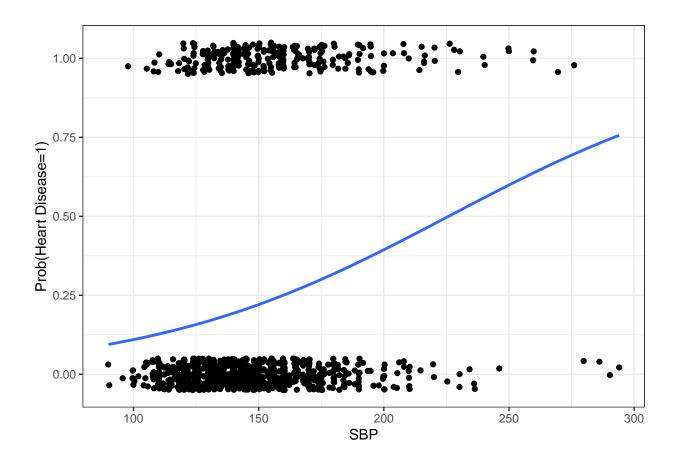
```
hd_logistic <- glm(HD ~ SBP, hd_train, family = "binomial")
coef(hd_logistic)

## (Intercept) SBP
## -3.7558 0.0166</pre>
```

The odds of heart disease are multiplied by by $e^{0.016}$.

ii. Plot the logistic regression fit along with a scatter plot of the data. Use <code>geom_jitter()</code> instead of <code>geom_point()</code> to better visualize the data. Based on the plot, roughly what is the estimated probability of heart disease for someone with SBP = 100?

```
hd_train %>%
ggplot(aes(x = SBP, y = HD))+
geom_jitter(height = .05) +
geom_smooth(method = "glm",
formula = "y~x",
method.args = list(family = "binomial"),
se = FALSE) +
ylab("Prob(Heart Disease=1)") +
theme_bw()
```



1.3 Multiple logistic regression

i. Run a multiple logistic regression of HD on all of the other variables in the data. Other things being equal, do the estimated coefficient suggest that males are more or less prone to heart disease? Other things being equal, what impact does an increase in AGE by 10 years have on the odds of heart disease (according to the estimated coefficients)?

```
hd_logistic_all <- glm(HD ~ ., hd_train, family = "binomial")
coef(hd_logistic_all)
##
   (Intercept)
                        AGE
                                 SEXMALE
                                                  SBP
                                                               DBP
                                                                           CHOL
                                              0.01568
                                                           0.00302
##
      -9.43399
                    0.06151
                                 0.96813
                                                                        0.00439
##
           FRW
                        CIG
##
       0.00618
                    0.01080
```

Being male does seem to imply that people are more prone to heart disease, as the coefficient for SEXMALE is positive. Additionally, being older by ten years increases the odds of heart disease by $e^{0.615}$.

ii. Mary is a patient with the following readings: AGE=50, SEX=FEMALE, SBP=110, DBP=80, CHOL=180, FRW=105, CIG=0. According to the fitted model, what is the estimated probability Mary has heart disease?

```
mary <- tribble(
    ~AGE, ~SEX, ~SBP, ~DBP, ~CHOL, ~FRW, ~CIG,
    50, "FEMALE", 110, 80, 180, 105, 0
)
fitted_prob_mary <- predict(hd_logistic_all,</pre>
```

```
newdata = mary,
type = "response")
head(fitted_prob_mary)
```

1 ## 0.0496

iii. What are the misclassification rate, false positive rate, and false negative rate of the logistic regression classifier (based on the probability threshold of 0.5) on hd_test? Print these in a nice table. Plot the ROC curve, and add a red point to the plot corresponding to the threshold of 0.5 (recalling that the true positive rate is one minus the false negative rate). What is the AUC? How does it compare to that of a classifier that guesses randomly?

```
fitted_probabilities = predict(hd_logistic_all,
    newdata = hd_test,
    type = "response")
predictions = as.numeric(fitted_probabilities > 0.5)
hd_test <- hd_test %>%
    mutate(predicted_hd = predictions)
hd_test %>%
    select(HD, predicted_hd) %>%
    table()
```

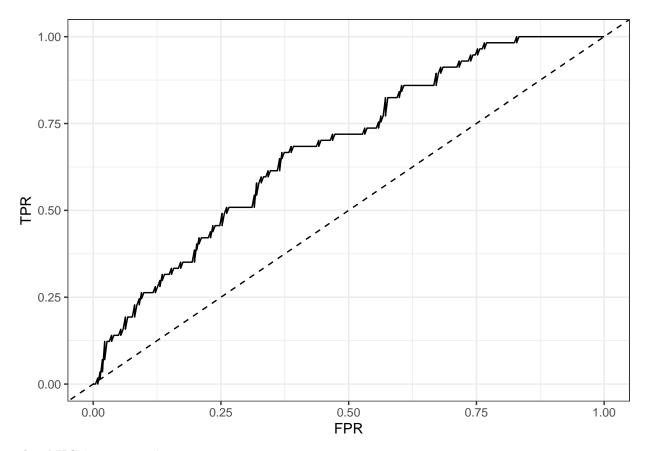
```
## predicted_hd
## HD 0 1
## 0 217 5
## 1 51 6
```

The false positive rate is 5/312. The false negative rate is 51/57.

```
roc_data <- roc(hd_test %>% pull(HD),
  fitted_probabilities)
```

```
## Setting levels: control = 0, case = 1
## Setting direction: controls < cases

tibble(FPR = 1-roc_data$specificities,
    TPR = roc_data$sensitivities) %>%
    ggplot(aes(x = FPR, y = TPR)) +
    geom_line() +
    geom_abline(slope = 1, linetype = "dashed") +
    # geom_point(x = fpr, y = 1-fnr, colour = "red") +
    theme_bw()
```



The AUC is roc_data\$auc.

2 College Applications

Next, we will examine the College dataset from the ISLR package. According to the documentation, these data contain "statistics for a large number of US Colleges from the 1995 issue of US News and World Report." The goal will be to predict the acceptance rate.

Next, let us make a few small adjustments to the data:

```
college_data = ISLR2::College %>%
  bind_cols(Name = rownames(ISLR2::College)) %>% # add college names
  relocate(Name) %>% # put name column first
  mutate(Accept = Accept/Apps) %>% # redefine `Accept`
  select(-Private, -Apps) %>% # remove `Private` and `Apps`
  as_tibble() # cast to tibble
```

Now, let's take a look at the data and its documentation:

```
college_data
                                                  # take a look at the data
## # A tibble: 777 x 17
##
                  Accept Enroll Top10perc Top25perc F.Undergrad P.Undergrad Outstate
      Name
                                      <dbl>
##
      <chr>
                   <dbl>
                           <dbl>
                                                 <dbl>
                                                              <dbl>
                                                                          <dbl>
                                                                                    <dbl>
                                                                                     7440
    1 Abilene C~
                   0.742
                             721
                                         23
                                                    52
                                                               2885
                                                                             537
##
    2 Adelphi U~
                   0.880
                             512
                                         16
                                                    29
                                                               2683
                                                                            1227
                                                                                    12280
##
    3 Adrian Co~
                   0.768
                             336
                                         22
                                                    50
                                                               1036
                                                                              99
                                                                                    11250
    4 Agnes Sco~
                   0.837
                                         60
                                                    89
                                                                              63
                                                                                    12960
                             137
                                                                510
```

```
5 Alaska Pa~ 0.756
                             55
                                       16
                                                 44
                                                             249
                                                                         869
                                                                                 7560
##
                  0.816
                                       38
                                                 62
                                                                          41
                                                                                13500
    6 Albertson~
                           158
                                                             678
                                                                                13290
##
   7 Albertus ~
                  0.963
                           103
                                       17
                                                 45
                                                             416
                                                                         230
##
  8 Albion Co~ 0.906
                           489
                                       37
                                                 68
                                                            1594
                                                                          32
                                                                                13868
  9 Albright ~ 0.808
                           227
                                       30
                                                 63
                                                             973
                                                                         306
                                                                                15595
## 10 Alderson-~ 0.856
                                                 44
                                                             799
                                                                                10468
                           172
                                       21
                                                                          78
## # ... with 767 more rows, and 9 more variables: Room.Board <dbl>, Books <dbl>,
       Personal <dbl>, PhD <dbl>, Terminal <dbl>, S.F.Ratio <dbl>,
       perc.alumni <dbl>, Expend <dbl>, Grad.Rate <dbl>
                                           # read the documentation
?College
```

```
## starting httpd help server ... done
```

Note that Accept is now the acceptance *rate*, and will serve as our response variable. We will use the 15 variables aside from Name and Accept as our features.

Let's define the 80%/20% train/test partition:

```
set.seed(471) # seed set for reproducibility (DO NOT CHANGE)
n = nrow(college_data)
train_samples = sample(1:n, round(0.8*n))
college_train = college_data %>% filter(row_number() %in% train_samples)
college_test = college_data %>% filter(!(row_number() %in% train_samples))
```

In what follows, we will do some exploratory data analysis and build some predictive models on the training data college train.

2.1 Exploratory data analysis

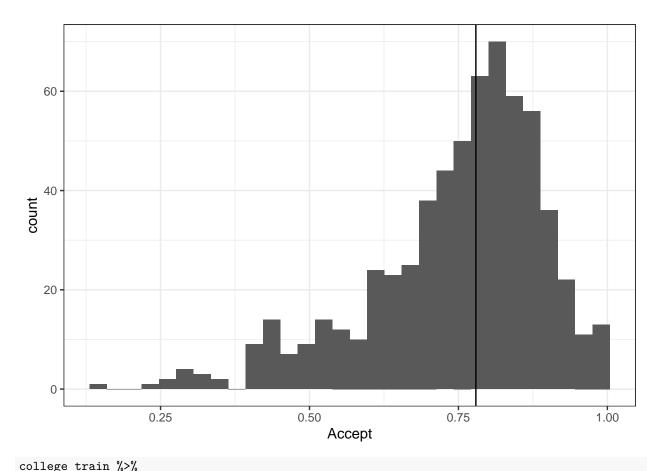
Please use the training data college_train to answer the following EDA questions.

i. Create a histogram of Accept, with a vertical line at the median value. What is this median value? Which college has the smallest acceptance rate in the training data, and what is this rate? How does this acceptance rate (recall the data are from 1995) compare to the acceptance rate for the same university in 2020? Look up the latter figure on Google.

```
ggplot(college_train, aes(x=Accept)) +
  geom_histogram() +
  theme_bw() +
  geom_vline(aes(xintercept = median(college_train$Accept)))
```

```
## Warning: Use of `college_train$Accept` is discouraged. Use `Accept` instead.
```

`stat bin()` using `bins = 30`. Pick better value with `binwidth`.

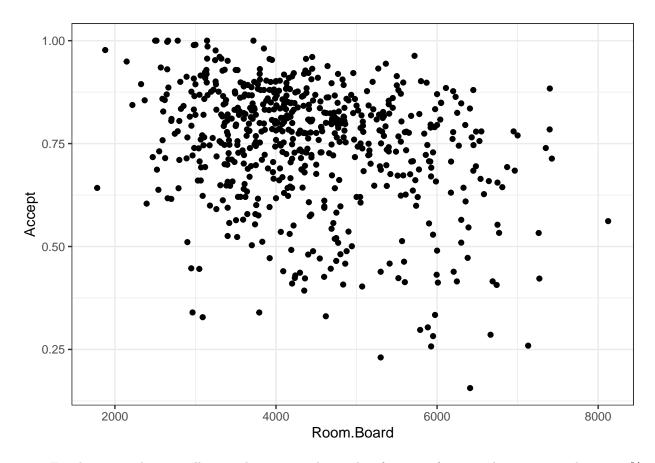


```
filter(Accept == min(college_train$Accept))
## # A tibble: 1 x 17
##
                 Accept Enroll Top1Operc Top25perc F.Undergrad P.Undergrad Outstate
    Name
                                    <dbl>
                                              <dbl>
                                                                      <dbl>
##
     <chr>>
                  <dbl> <dbl>
                                                          <dbl>
                                                                                <dbl>
## 1 Harvard Un~ 0.156
                          1606
                                       90
                                                100
                                                           6862
                                                                         320
                                                                                18485
## # ... with 9 more variables: Room.Board <dbl>, Books <dbl>, Personal <dbl>,
       PhD <dbl>, Terminal <dbl>, S.F.Ratio <dbl>, perc.alumni <dbl>,
       Expend <dbl>, Grad.Rate <dbl>
```

The college with the lowest acceptance rate is Harvard University at 15.6%. The acceptance rate in 2020 is 4.6%, which is a third of the 1995 rate.

ii. Produce separate plots to explore the relationships between Accept and the following three features: Grad.Rate, Top10perc, and Room.Board.

```
accept_grad <- ggplot(college_train, aes(x=Grad.Rate, y = Accept)) +
  geom_point() +
  theme_bw()
accept_Top <- ggplot(college_train, aes(x=Top10perc, y = Accept)) +
  geom_point() +
  theme_bw()
accept_Room <- ggplot(college_train, aes(x=Room.Board, y = Accept)) +
  geom_point() +
  theme_bw()
accept_Room</pre>
```



iii. For the most selective college in the training data, what fraction of new students were in the top 10% of their high school class? For the colleges with the largest fraction of new students in the top 10% of their high school class (there may be a tie), what were their acceptance rates?

```
college_train %>%
  filter(Top10perc == max(college_train$Top10perc))
## # A tibble: 1 x 17
```

```
# A tibble: 1 x 17
##
##
     Name
                 Accept Enroll Top1Operc Top25perc F.Undergrad P.Undergrad Outstate
##
     <chr>
                   <dbl>
                          <dbl>
                                    <dbl>
                                               <dbl>
                                                           <dbl>
                                                                        <dbl>
                                                                                 <dbl>
                  0.334
                           1078
                                       96
                                                            4481
                                                                                 20100
## 1 Massachuse~
     ... with 9 more variables: Room.Board <dbl>, Books <dbl>, Personal <dbl>,
       PhD <dbl>, Terminal <dbl>, S.F.Ratio <dbl>, perc.alumni <dbl>,
## #
       Expend <dbl>, Grad.Rate <dbl>
## #
```

90% of students admitted to Harvard were at the top 10% of their high school class. MIT has the highest fraction of new students in the top 10% of their high school class at 96%, and MIT had 33.4% acceptance rate. ## Predictive modeling

Now we will build some predictive models for Accept. For convenience, let's remove the Name variable from the training and test sets since it is not a feature we will be using for prediction:

```
college_train = college_train %>% select(-Name)
college_test = college_test %>% select(-Name)
```

2.1.1 Ordinary least squares

lm_fit <- lm(Accept~., data = college_train)</pre>

i. Using the training set college_train, run a linear regression of Accept on the other features and display the regression summary. What fraction of the variation in the response do the features explain?

```
summary(lm_fit)
##
## Call:
## lm(formula = Accept ~ ., data = college_train)
##
## Residuals:
##
       Min
                1Q
                   Median
                                3Q
                                       Max
##
   -0.5515 -0.0701 0.0115
                            0.0855
                                    0.2988
##
## Coefficients:
##
                Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
                           5.17e-02
                                      21.29
                                             < 2e-16 ***
## (Intercept)
                1.10e+00
## Enroll
                5.59e-05
                           2.15e-05
                                       2.60
                                             0.00951 **
## Top10perc
                           7.20e-04
               -3.26e-03
                                      -4.52
                                             7.3e-06 ***
                           5.83e-04
## Top25perc
                3.20e-05
                                       0.05
                                             0.95622
## F.Undergrad -8.85e-06
                           4.42e-06
                                      -2.00
                                             0.04552 *
## P.Undergrad -9.74e-06
                           4.07e-06
                                      -2.39
                                             0.01710 *
## Outstate
                6.74e-06
                           2.26e-06
                                       2.98
                                             0.00304 **
## Room.Board -1.92e-05
                           6.19e-06
                                      -3.10
                                             0.00205 **
## Books
               -7.93e-05
                           3.03e-05
                                      -2.62
                                             0.00901 **
## Personal
               7.43e-06
                           8.13e-06
                                       0.91
                                             0.36093
## PhD
               -1.66e-04
                           5.93e-04
                                      -0.28
                                             0.78012
## Terminal
               -1.04e-04
                           6.55e-04
                                      -0.16
                                             0.87403
## S.F.Ratio
               -5.76e-03
                           1.69e-03
                                      -3.42 0.00068 ***
## perc.alumni 1.18e-03
                           5.51e-04
                                       2.14
                                            0.03290 *
## Expend
               -7.28e-06
                           1.54e-06
                                      -4.73
                                             2.8e-06 ***
## Grad.Rate
               -1.13e-03
                           3.84e-04
                                      -2.94 0.00338 **
## ---
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
## Residual standard error: 0.123 on 606 degrees of freedom
                                Adjusted R-squared: 0.303
## Multiple R-squared: 0.32,
                  19 on 15 and 606 DF, p-value: <2e-16
## F-statistic:
```

The value for R^{2} is 0.123, so 12.3% of the variation is explained by the regression.

ii. Do the signs of the fitted coefficients for Grad.Rate, Top1Operc, and Room.Board align with the directions of the univariate relationships observed in part iii of the EDA section?

For Grad.Rate, it does as the data appears to trend downward in the scatterplot and the coefficient is negative. For Top10perc, it does as the data trends downward in the scatterplot and the coefficient is negative. For Room.Board, it does as the data trends downward in the scatterplot and the coefficient is negative.

2.1.2 Ridge regression

i. Fit a 10-fold cross-validated ridge regression to the training data and display the CV plot. What is the value of lambda selecting according to the one-standard-error rule?

```
set.seed(3) # set seed before cross-validation for reproducibility
ridge_fit = cv.glmnet(Accept ~ ., # formula notation, as usual
alpha = 0, # alpha = 0 for ridge
nfolds = 10, # number of folds
data = college_train) # data to run ridge on
```

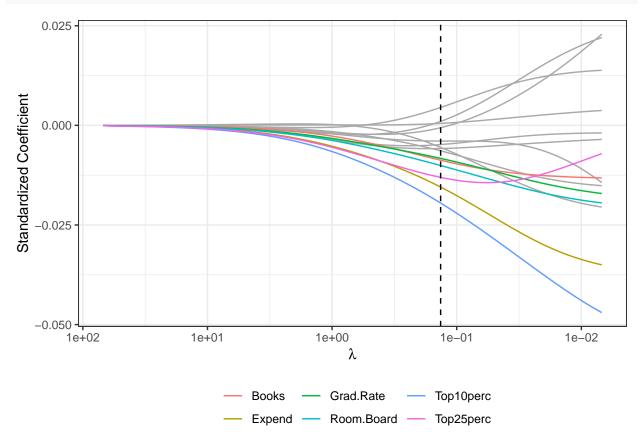
The value of lambada according to the one-standard-error rule is ridge_fit\$lambda.1se.

ii. UPenn is one of the colleges in the training set. During the above cross-validation process (excluding any subsequent refitting to the whole training data), how many ridge regressions were fit on data that included UPenn?

There were 9 ridge regressions fitted on Upenn.

iii. Use plot_glmnet (introduced in Unit 3 Lecture 3) to visualize the ridge regression fitted coefficients, highlighting 6 features using the features_to_plot argument. By examining this plot, answer the following questions. Which of the highlighted features' coefficients change sign as lambda increases? Among the highlighted features whose coefficient does not change sign, which feature's coefficient magnitude does not increase monotonically as lambda decreases?

```
plot_glmnet(ridge_fit, college_train, features_to_plot = 6)
```



iv. Let's collect the least squares and ridge coefficients into a tibble:

```
# A tibble: 15 x 3
##
                    ridge_coef features
          lm coef
            <dbl>
##
                          <dbl> <chr>
##
       0.0000559
                  -0.000000638 Enroll
    1
##
    2 -0.00326
                   -0.00110
                                Top10perc
       0.0000320
                  -0.000658
##
                                Top25perc
    4 -0.00000885 -0.000000814 F.Undergrad
##
    5 -0.00000974 -0.00000406
                                P. Undergrad
##
    6
       0.00000674
                   0.000000249 Outstate
##
    7 -0.0000192
                  -0.00000916
                                Room.Board
    8 -0.0000793
                  -0.0000511
                                Books
       0.00000743
##
                   0.000000707 Personal
  10 -0.000166
                   -0.000348
                                PhD
                   -0.000321
## 11 -0.000104
                                Terminal
## 12 -0.00576
                   -0.00140
                                S.F.Ratio
## 13
       0.00118
                    0.000371
                                perc.alumni
## 14 -0.00000728 -0.00000294
                                Expend
## 15 -0.00113
                   -0.000485
                                Grad.Rate
```

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Answer the following questions by calling summarise on coeffs. How many features' least squares and ridge regression coefficients have different signs? How many features' least squares coefficient is smaller in magnitude than their ridge regression coefficient?

```
coeffs %>%
  summarise(
    diff_signs = sum((lm_coef<0) == (ridge_coef<0)),
    smaller_mag = sum(abs(lm_coef)<abs(ridge_coef))
)

## # A tibble: 1 x 2
## diff_signs smaller_mag
## <int> <int>
```

There were 13 coefficients that had different signs, but only three of the OLS coefficients had smaller magnitudes than their ridge regression counterparts.

v. Suppose instead that we had a set of training features X^{train} such that $n_{\text{train}} = p$ and

$$X_{ij}^{\text{train}} = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } i = j \\ 0, & \text{if } i \neq j. \end{cases}$$

Which of the following phenomena would have been possible in this case?

- Having a feature's ridge regression coefficient change signs based on lambda
- Having a feature's ridge regression coefficient decrease in magnitude as lambda decreases
- Having a feature's coefficients from least squares and ridge regression (the latter based on lambda.1se) have different signs
- Having a feature's coefficient from least squares be smaller in magnitude than its coefficient from ridge regression (based on lambda.1se)

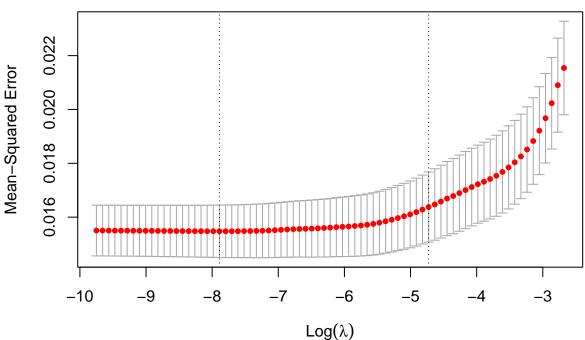
None of these are possible. In the simplified case presented, the ridge regression coefficient is the OLS coefficient divided by (1 + lambda). So, assuming lambda is positive, the ridge regression coefficient would always have the same sign as the OLS coefficient. This is true regardless of whether lambda decreases or increases. The ridge regression coefficient would also have a magnitude always smaller than that of OLS and would increase as lambda decreases.

2.1.3 Lasso regression

i. Fit a 10-fold cross-validated lasso regression to the training data and display the CV plot.

```
set.seed(5) # set seed before cross-validation for reproducibility
lasso_fit = cv.glmnet(Accept ~ ., # formula notation, as usual
    alpha = 1, # alpha = 1 for lasso
    nfolds = 10, # number of folds
    data = college_train) # data to run lasso on

plot(lasso_fit)
```

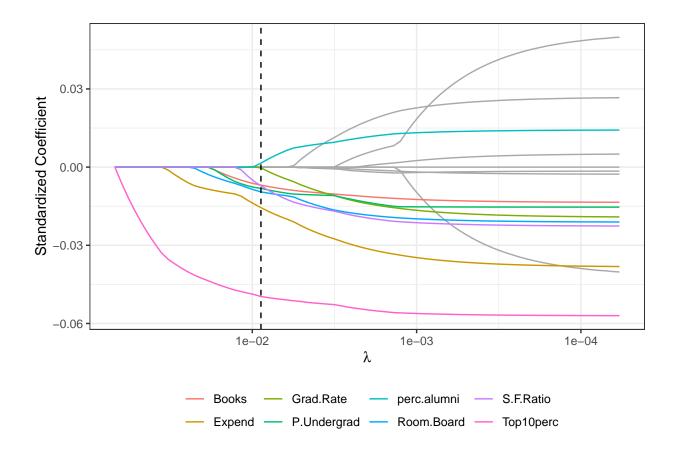


ii. How many features (excluding the intercept) are selected if lambda is chosen according to the one-standard-error rule?

Around eight features are chosen according to the one-standard-error rule.

iii. Use plot_glmnet to visualize the lasso fitted coefficients, which by default will highlight the features selected by the lasso. By examining this plot, answer the following questions. Which feature is the first to enter the model as lambda decreases? Which feature has the largest absolute coefficient for the most flexibly fitted lasso model?

plot_glmnet(lasso_fit, college_train)



2.1.4 Test set evaluation

- i. Calculate the root mean squared test errors of the linear model, ridge regression, and lasso regression (the latter two using lambda.1se) on college_test, and print these in a table. Which of the three models has the least test error?
- ii. Given which model has the lowest test error from part i, as well as the shapes of the CV curves for ridge and lasso, do we suspect that bias or variance is the dominant force in driving the test error in this data? Why do we have this suspicion? Does this suspicion make sense, given the number of features relative to the sample size?