## Math 342W / 650.4 Spring 2022 Midterm Examination Two

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#### Instructions

This exam is 110 minutes and closed-book. You are allowed **two** pages (front and back) of a "cheat sheet." You may use a graphing calculator of your choice. Please read the questions carefully. If the question reads "compute," this means the solution will be a number otherwise you can leave the answer in any widely accepted mathematical notation which could be resolved to an exact or approximate number with the use of a computer. I advise you to skip problems marked "[Extra Credit]" until you have finished the other questions on the exam, then loop back and plug in all the holes. I also advise you to use pencil. The exam score will be normed to be out of 100 points total plus extra credit if it exists. Partial credit will be granted for incomplete answers on most of the questions. Box in your final answers. Good luck!

Problem 1 In class, we spoke about probability estimation for a binary phenomenon  $\mathcal{Y} = \{0,1\}$ . We modeled each observation as an independent Bernoulli  $(\theta_i)$  i.e.  $Y_i \overset{ind}{\sim} \theta_i^{y_i} (1-\theta_i)^{1-y_i}$  where  $\theta_i := \mathbb{E}[Y_i = 1 \mid x_i]$  which for the Bernoulli is synonymous with  $\mathbb{P}(Y_i = 1 \mid x_i)$  and it varies with observation based on the features  $x_i$  which is a row vector of length p+1 since the first entry is set to be one.

To do so, we used a generalized linear model (GLM) which coerced the linear model  $x \cdot w$  into the support of the parameter  $\theta_i$ , a probability ranging from [0,1]. To do this coercion, we used a link function  $\phi(x \cdot w)$  which mapped  $x \cdot w \in \mathbb{R} \to \text{Supp } [\theta_i] = [0,1]$ . Any monotonically increasing function with domain  $\mathbb{R}$  and range [0,1] was legal. For example, any CDF of a random variable with support  $\mathbb{R}$  fits this definition.

Let's use the link function  $\phi(u)$  is the CDF of the standard normal denoted  $\Phi(u)$ . This algorithm is called "probit regression" and we'll denote it  $\mathcal{A}_{\text{probit}}$ .

• [5 pt / 5 pts] Write out the objective function to maximize which is the probability of the entire training set  $\mathbb{D}$ . Since this is a GLM, your answer must include the linear term for the *i*th observation,  $x_i \cdot w$ .

$$\mathbb{P}\left(Y_{1},\ldots,Y_{n}\mid\boldsymbol{x}_{1},\ldots,\boldsymbol{x}_{n}\right)=\prod_{i=1}^{n}\mathbb{P}\left(Y_{i}\mid\boldsymbol{x}_{i}\right)=\prod_{i=1}^{n}\boldsymbol{\mathcal{F}\left(\boldsymbol{\mathcal{V}_{i}}\mid\boldsymbol{x}_{i}\right)}\overset{\boldsymbol{\mathcal{Y}}_{i}}{\left(1-\boldsymbol{\mathcal{F}\left(\boldsymbol{\mathcal{V}_{i}}\mid\boldsymbol{\mathcal{X}_{i}}\right)\right)^{1-\boldsymbol{\mathcal{Y}_{i}}}}}$$

- [2 pt / 7 pts] Our algorithm  $\mathcal{A}_{\text{probit}}$  involves running this optimization problem in the computer:  $b := \arg\max_{w} \{\text{your answer from the previous problem}\}$ . What is the dimension of the vector b?
- [3 pt / 10 pts] Given **b**, for a new observation  $x_{\star}$ , write the explicit functional form of  $g(x_{\star})$ , an expression that computes  $\hat{p}_{\star}$ , the estimate that  $\mathbb{P}(Y_{\star} = 1 \mid x_{\star})$ .

$$\hat{\beta}_{\star} = \mathbb{E}(\vec{b} \cdot \vec{X}_{ot})$$

• [6 pt / 16 pts] Assume the dataset now had p = 1 and  $\mathcal{A}_{probit}$  returned  $b_0 = 1.77$  and  $b_1 = 1.10$ . Interpret the value  $b_1 = 1.10$ . This means you must write a few sentences in English below.

When companing two musually observed observations (A) and (b)

Sampled in the same way as observations in the training ser

where (A) has an X, value one quit larger than the X,

value of (b) then (A) is predicted to have a probat-probability

that distra by +1.10 ands on average from the probat-probability

of (b) assume the linear - probat model is true.

Assume p=1 for the rest of the problem. Displayed below is  $\mathbb{D}_{\text{test}}^{\top}$  with  $n_{\text{test}}=10$  including the probability estimates from g denoted as the vector  $\hat{p}$  underneath  $\mathbb{D}_{\text{test}}^{\top}$ :

	$x_{\cdot 1} \mid$	-2.51	0.73	-3.34	6.38	1.32	-3.28	1.95	2.95	2.30	-1.22
	y	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	0
_	$\hat{p}$	0.08	0.68	0.03	0.99	0.79	0.04	0.88	0.95	0.91	0.23
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- $\bullet$  [5 pt / 21 pts] Circle the letters of all the following that are true.
  - (a) You have enough information to compute the out-of-sample Brier scoring rule
  - (b) You have enough information to compute the out-of-sample log scoring rule
  - (c) You have enough information to compute the out-of-sample AUC metric
  - (d) The oos AUC is definite vely greater than 0.5 for this model
  - (e) You have enough information to compute an approximate out-of-sample DET
- [4 pt / 25 pts] We now use this probit regression model to do binary classification. Using the naive threshold classifier, compute the average oos misclassification error.

$$\frac{1}{9} \sum_{i=1}^{9} 1_{y_i \neq \hat{y}_i} = \frac{1}{10} (1) = 0.1 = 10 \%$$

• [3 pt / 28 pts] If the cost of false positives was \$2 and the cost of false negatives was \$1, compute an estimate of mean cost per prediction to the nearest cent.

• [4 pt / 32 pts] If the cost of false negatives was much much greater than the cost of false positives, what explicit thresholding rule would minimize mean cost per prediction? Hint: there are many correct answers.

Problem 2 In class, we never spoke about count modeling i.e.  $\mathcal{Y} = \{0, 1, 2, ...\}$  but it is very similar to our discussion of probability estimation. We will now model each observation as an independent Poisson  $(\theta_i)$  i.e.  $Y_i \stackrel{ind}{\sim} \theta_i^{y_i} e^{-\theta_i}/y_i!$  where  $\theta_i$  is the  $\mathbb{E}[Y_i = 1 \mid x_i]$  and it varies with observation based on the features  $x_i$  which is a row vector of length p+1 since the first entry is set to be one.

To do so, we will use a generalized linear model (GLM) which coerces the linear model  $x \cdot w$  into the support of the parameter  $\theta_i$ , a mean count ranging in  $(0, \infty)$ . To do this coercion, we can use a link function  $\phi(x \cdot w)$  which maps  $x \cdot w \in \mathbb{R} \to \text{Supp} [\theta_i] = (0, \infty)$ . Any monotonically increasing function with domain  $\mathbb{R}$  and range  $(0, \infty)$  is legal.

Let's use the link function  $\phi(u) = 10^u$ . This algorithm is called "poisson regression" and we'll denote it  $\mathcal{A}_{\text{poisson}}$ .

• [6 pt / 38 pts] Write out the objective function to maximize which is the probability of the entire training set  $\mathbb{D}$ . Since this is a GLM, your answer must include the linear term for the *i*th observation,  $x_i \cdot w$ .

$$\mathbb{P}\left(Y_{1},\ldots,Y_{n}\mid\boldsymbol{x}_{1},\ldots,\boldsymbol{x}_{n}\right)=\prod_{i=1}^{n}\mathbb{P}\left(Y_{i}\mid\boldsymbol{x}_{i}\right)=\prod_{i=1}^{n}\left(10^{\overrightarrow{w_{i}}\overrightarrow{x_{i}}}\right)^{Y_{i}}\underbrace{-10^{\overrightarrow{w_{i}}\overrightarrow{x_{i}}}}_{Y_{i}}$$

- [1 pt / 39 pts] Our algorithm  $\mathcal{A}_{poisson}$  involves running this optimization problem in the computer:  $\mathbf{b} := \arg\max_{\mathbf{w}} \{\text{your answer from the previous problem}\}$ . What is the dimension of the vector  $\mathbf{b}$ ?
- [4 pt / 43 pts] For the  $n_{\text{test}}$  oos responses denoted by the vector  $\mathbf{y}$  and oos predictions denoted by the vector  $\hat{\mathbf{y}}$ , propose a sensical error metric that gauges the oos performance of the model returned by  $\mathcal{A}_{\text{poisson}}$ . There are many acceptable answers.

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$$SSE := (\vec{y} - \vec{y})^T (\vec{y} - \vec{y})$$
•  $SAE := \underbrace{S}_{i=1} | y_i - \hat{y}_i |$ 
•  $MAE := \underbrace{SAE}_{n}$ 
•  $RMSE := I - SSE / SST$ 

• [4 pt / 47 pts] Assume the dataset now had p=1 and  $\mathcal{A}_{probit}$  returned  $b_0=1.77$  and  $b_1=1.10$ . For  $x_{\star}=1$ , compute  $\hat{y}_{\star}$ .

$$\hat{y}_{*} = 10^{\hat{b} \cdot \hat{x}_{a}} = 10^{\hat{b}$$

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Problem 3 In the lab we analyzed three tables: bills, bill payments, bill discounts which have 226,434 rows, 194,850 rows and 60 rows respectively. Here are the first six rows of the bills table followed by the first 6 rows of the bill payments table and the first 6 rows of the bill discounts table:

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		id	due_date	invoice_date	tot amount	customer_id	discount id
	1:	15163811		2017-01-13			
				2016-02-21			
				2016-07-17			
	4:	15446684	2017-05-29	2017-05-29	99478.60	14488427	
	5:	16257142	2017-06-09	2017-05-10	99678.17	14497172	7197225
	6:	17244880	2017-01-24	2017-01-24	99475.04	14663516	7197225
		id	paid_amount	transaction	_date bill_	id	
	1:	15272980	99165.60	2017-	01-16 165711	.85	
	2:	15246935	99148.12	2017-	01-03 166600	000	
	3:	16596393	99158.06	2017-	06-19 169854	107	
	4:	16596651	99175.03	2017-	06-19 170624	91	
	5:	16687702	99148.20	2017-	02-15 171845	83	
1	6:	16593510	99153.94	2017-	06-11 166862	215	
			num_days pct.	_off days_un	til_discount	;	
	1:	5,000,000	20	NA	NA		
	2:	5693147	NA	2	NA		
,	3:	6098612	20	NA	NA		
		6386294	120	NA	NA		
ļ	5:	6609438	NA	1	7	•	

If we were to do a left join where the left table was bill discounts and the right table was bills, what would be the maximum number of rows in the final joined table?

NA

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• [2 pt / 51 pts] If we were to do a full join where the left table was bill discounts and the right table was bills, what would be the maximum number of rows in the final joined table?

• [6 pt / 57 pts] Draw below a long version of the first six rows of the bill discounts table where the metric variables are the columns num\_days, pct\_off, days\_until\_discount and the id column is still the id column. Make sure the long table you display does not have any missingness. Use the listwise deletion procedure to address any missingness if it exists.

id	value	metric
5000000	20	nun-dags
5693147	2	PL+-off
6098613	20	nun-days
6386274	120	num-days
6609438	(	pc+-off
6609450	7	days-until-discour
6791759	31	hun-days
6791759	1	pc+-off

After merging the three tables appropriately, we generated a feature paid\_in\_full  $\in \mathcal{Y} = \{0,1\}$  which will be our prediction target where 1 = the customer indeed paid on time. We also generate reasonable features and drop other columns that have no relevance to our prediction problem. Below is the first 6 rows of the final data frame. The first column is y followed by p = 8 features.

	paid_in_ful	.1	${\tt tot\_amount}$	num_da	ays_to_pay	disc_days	discount_pct	_off
1:		0	99505.86		1	13		2
2:		1	99576.09		30	4		NA
3:		0	99475.42		30	2		NA
4:		0	99479.24		1	13		2
5:		0	99475.05		30	13		2
6:		0	99475.05		30	4		NA
	disc_delay	nι	um_previous	_bills	num_prev_h	oills_yes	owed_per_day	
1 🔅	NA			107		0	99505.857	
2:	NA			4859		922	3319.203	
3:	60			1046		0	3315.847	
4:	NA NA			1023		0	99479.237	
5:	NA			800		0	3315.835	
6:	NA			1595		860	3315.83	

We then assume the missingness is this data frame is imputed using the missForest algorithm. Assume the final data frame does not have any missingness whatsover.

We then sample 2,000 observations from that final imputed data frame to fit two models of all features on paid\_in\_full:

(A = RF) A random forest classification model with 500 trees, 4 variables tried at each split and nodesize = 400. Here are the OOB results:

	predicted 0	predicted 1	model errors
actual 0	1568	170	0.098
actual 1	60	202	0.229
use errors	0.037	0.457	0.115
Accuracy	: 88.5%		

 $(\mathcal{A} = CART)$  A classification tree model with nodesize = 1. Here are the OOB results:

	predicted 0	predicted 1	model errors
actual 0	614	19	0.030
actual 1	16	83	0.162
use errors	0.025	0.186	0.048
Accuracy	95.219%		

- [13 pt / 70 pts] Circle the letters of all the following that are true.
  - (a) The nodesize is a hyperparameter of A = RF
  - (b) The nodesize is a hyperparameter of A = CART
  - (c) The number of trees is a hyperparameter of A = RF
  - (d) The number of trees is a hyperparameter of A = CART
  - (e) The number of variables tried at each split is a hyperparameter of A = RF
  - (f) The number of variables tried at each split is a hyperparameter of  $\mathcal{A} = \text{CART}$
  - (g) A = CART cannot overfit since p = 8 while n = 2,000

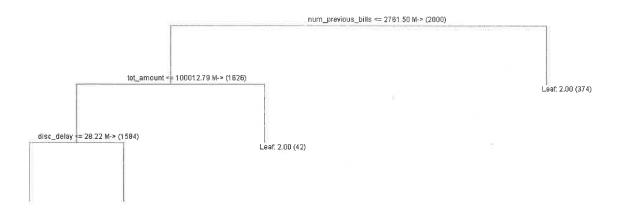
(B) A = CAR1 cannot overnt since p = 8 while n = 2,000 this RF middle. In this example, the CART model is estimated to do better when predicting in the future if CRR = CRRthe future if  $c_{FP} = c_{FN}$ 

For the remainder of this true/false set of questions, assume the terms "MSE", "bias" and "variance" are the terms employed in the bias-variance tradeoff theorem we discussed in class. We will assume that this theorem extends to situations where  $\mathcal{Y} = \{0, 1\}$  even though it was proven for  $\mathcal{Y} \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ .

- i) If the RF model was fit on more than 2,000 observations, it would have had less bias.
- (j)) If the CART model was fit on more than 2.000 observations, it would have had less bias.

- (k) The RF model has less variance than the CART model
- (l) If the RF model was fit with nodesize = 1, it would have had less bias than the CART model
- (m) If the RF model was fit with nodesize = 1, it would have had less variance than the CART model

Below is an illustration of tree #1 in the RF model (fit with 500 trees, 4 variables tried at each split and nodesize = 400). The leaf value of "2.00" means that  $\hat{y} = 1$  for that leaf. The left direction mean the inequality in the split rule was true.



- [9 pt / 79 pts] Circle the letters of all the following that are true.
  - (a) If RF model was fit with nodesize < 400, the tree would likely have more nodes and be deeper
  - This tree was fit seeing approximately 2/3 of the training data's observations supplied to the algorithm

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- (d) This tree was fit with seeing half of the columns of the training data supplied to the algorithm
- (e) The RF model would predict this bill to be paid back if num\_previous\_bills > 2761.5
- In this displayed tree, if num\_previous\_bills = 1000 and tot\_amount = 50,000, then we are unsure what  $\hat{y}$  for this tree would be.
- In this displayed tree, if tot\_amount = 150,000, then we are unsure what  $\hat{y}$  for this tree would be.
- (h) The num\_previous\_bills feature is definitely the most important feature in the RF model.
- (i) The num\_previous\_bills feature is definitely the most important feature in the CART model.

Problem 4 Your training data D consists of a survey among births of mice in a laboratory where many features are recorded: weight, length, hair length, gender. Mice are known to be born with equal chance of male and female. Among a sample of 50 mice, 25 were recorded male, 16 were recorded female and 9 gender values are missing.

• [2 pt / 81 pts] Regardless of any previous knowledge of biology, what would be the naive imputed values for the 9 missing gender values?

### all male

• [3 pt / 84 pts] Of the three missing data mechanisms we studied which one is *least* likely to be the mechanism that creates the missingness in the mice gender values?

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• [4 pt / 88 pts] Consider the missingness mechanism to be one of the remaining two mechanisms. In order for missForest to be able to impute the missing mice's gender, what would this dataset need to exhibit? Write a few sentences below.

The mice's weight, lench, her langth should contain information about the mice's gender.

Problem 5 You seek to create a better model to predict the  $y := \ln(\text{wind speed})$  of storms using ten continuous non-dummy linearly independent features of each storm  $x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_{10}$ . Consider the OLS algorithm on the following hypothesis sets consisting of linear models where the terms are described below:

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\mathcal{H}_{0} := \{w_{0} : w_{0} \in \mathbb{R}\}
\mathcal{H}_{1} := \mathcal{H}_{0} \cup \{\text{all linear terms } w_{j} \text{ for all } x_{j} : w_{j} \in \mathbb{R} \text{ for all } j\}
\mathcal{H}_{2a} := \mathcal{H}_{1} \cup \{\text{all linear terms } w_{j} \text{ for all } x_{j} \times x_{k} \text{ where } j \neq k : w_{j} \in \mathbb{R} \text{ for all } j\}
\mathcal{H}_{2b} := \mathcal{H}_{2a} \cup \{\text{all linear terms } w_{j} \text{ for all } x_{j}^{2} : w_{j} \in \mathbb{R} \text{ for all } j\}
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 $\mathcal{H}_{3a} := \mathcal{H}_{2a} \cup \{\text{all linear terms } w_j \text{ for all } x_j \times x_k \times x_\ell \text{ where } j \neq k, k \neq \ell, j \neq \ell : w_j \in \mathbb{R} \text{ for all } j\}$   $\mathcal{H}_{3b} := \mathcal{H}_{2b} \cup \mathcal{H}_{2a} \cup \{\text{all linear terms } w_j \text{ for all } x_j^2 \times x_k \text{ where } j \neq k \text{ and all } x_j^3 : w_j \in \mathbb{R} \text{ for all } j\}$ 

Let  $g_m$  denote the model that is produced by OLS when  $\mathcal{H}_m$  is employed e.g.  $g_1 = b_0 + b_1 x_1 + \ldots + b_{10} x_{10}$  is the standard OLS model since it uses the  $x_j$  terms from  $\mathcal{H}_1$  and the intercept from  $\mathcal{H}_0$ .

• [3 pt / 91 pts] What is the most likely reason the response was defined as the log of the measured metric wind speed?

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• [3 pt / 94 pts] What is the number of terms in the mathematical model  $g_{2a}$ ?

 $1+10+\binom{10}{2}=11+45=56$ 

• Opt / 96 pts] If you were to employ  $\mathcal{H}_{3b}$  instead of  $\mathcal{H}_{3a}$ , which of the three types of deling error can potentially decrease?

# unable to be determined

opt / 98 pts] If you were to employ  $\mathcal{H}_{3b}$  instead of  $\mathcal{H}_{3a}$ , which of the three types of modeling error can potentially increase?

### unable to be determined

• [4 pt / 102 pts] If you knew some of your future predictions would be extrapolations, which would you be more comfortable employing:  $\mathcal{H}_{3b}$  or  $\mathcal{H}_{3a}$  and why? Write a couple of sentences below.

Hza since the has 3td-order polynomial serms. Such models can colibit Runge's phenomenon which is

large magnitude derivatives in g at edges and outside of the covariate space of Dtrain (i.e. extrapolations in the future). These large magnitude derivatives make these extrapolations very noisy and thus very inaccurate.

- [9 pt / 111 pts] Let  $SSE_m$  denote the SSE for  $g_m$ , let  $SSR_m$  denote the SSR for  $g_m$ , let  $MSE_m$  denote the MSE for  $g_m$ , let  $RMSE_m$  denote the RMSE for  $g_m$ , let  $R^2$  denote the  $R^2$  for  $g_m$ . Circle the letters of all the following that are true.
  - (a)  $RMSE_0 < RMSE_1 < RMSE_{2a} < RMSE_{2b} < RMSE_{3a} < RMSE_{3b}$
  - (b)  $RMSE_0 < RMSE_1 < RMSE_{2b} < RMSE_{2a} < RMSE_{3b} < RMSE_{3a}$
  - (c)  $R_0^2 < R_1^2 < R_{2a}^2 < R_{2b}^2 < R_{3a}^2 < R_{3b}^2$
  - (d)  $R_0^2 < R_1^2 < R_{2b}^2 < R_{2a}^2 < R_{3b}^2 < R_{3a}^2$
  - (e)  $SST = SSE_0 + SSE_1 + SSE_{2b} + SSE_{2a} + SSE_{3b} + SSE_{3a} + SSR_0 + SSR_1 + SSR_{2b} + SSR_{2a} + SSR_{3b} + SSR_{3a}$
  - (f)  $g_0(x_*) < g_1(x_*) < g_{2b}(x_*) < g_{2a}(x_*) < g_{3a}(x_*) < g_{3b}(x_*)$  for all  $x_* \in \mathcal{X}$

- [3 pt / 114 pts] Circle the letters of all the following that are true.
  - (a) If ridge regression with a cross-validated  $\lambda$  was employed for linear models with under  $\mathcal{H}_{3b}$  it is likely many of the  $b_j$  values would be set to exactly zero.
  - (b) If the lasso with a cross-validated  $\lambda$  was employed for linear models with under  $\mathcal{H}_{3b}$  it is likely many of the  $b_j$  values would be set to exactly zero.
  - The out-of-sample (oos) RMSE<sub>3b</sub> under OLS is likely larger than the out-of-sample RMSE<sub>3b</sub> if ridge regression was employed for linear models under  $\mathcal{H}_{3b}$

For the remainder of the problem, we employ  $\mathcal{H}_{3b}$  and  $\mathcal{A} = \text{OLS}$ . Let p+1 refer to the total number of columns in the design matrix under  $\mathcal{H}_{3b}$  and  $\mathcal{A} = \text{OLS}$ .

Let  $\mathbb{D} = \mathbb{D}_{\text{train}} \cup \mathbb{D}_{\text{select}}$  and run stepwise regression by training each iterated model on  $\mathbb{D}_{\text{train}}$  and gauging oos performance on  $\mathbb{D}_{\text{select}}$  where K = 5. Let  $g_{\text{step}}$  denote the model produced by this procedure and let  $p_{\text{step}}$  denote the number of linear terms in  $g_{\text{step}}$ .

- [5 pt / 119 pts] Circle the letters of all the following that are true.
  - (a) There are no observations that are both  $\in \mathbb{D}_{train}$  and  $\in \mathbb{D}_{select}$
  - 6 There are exactly 20% of the n observations in  $\mathbb{D}_{\text{select}}$  if n is divisible by 5
  - (c) It is likely that  $p_{\text{step}}$
  - (d) If you randomize the order of  $\mathbb{D}$ , split it into a different  $\mathbb{D}_{train} \cup \mathbb{D}_{select}$ , then run the stepwise algorithm, it will definitely return the same model as when you ran it the first time
  - (e) Using the residuals from  $g_{\text{step}}$ 's predictions on  $\mathbb{D}_{\text{select}}$  will give an honest estimate of  $g_{\text{step}}$ 's future performance

We now use the nested cross-validation resampling procedure from class. Let  $\mathbb{D} = \mathbb{D}_{\text{train}} \cup \mathbb{D}_{\text{select}} \cup \mathbb{D}_{\text{test}}$  and run stepwise regression by training each iterated model on  $\mathbb{D}_{\text{train}}$  and gauging oos performance on  $\mathbb{D}_{\text{select}}$  where  $K_{\text{inner}} = 5$ . This represents the number of folds among  $\mathbb{D}_{\text{train}} \cup \mathbb{D}_{\text{select}}$ . We then cross validate this cross validation with  $K_{\text{outer}} = 4$ . Let  $g_{\text{final}}$  denote the final model from this procedure.

- [7 pt / 121pts] Circle the letters of all the following that are true.
  - (a) There are exactly 20% of the n observations in  $\mathbb{D}_{\text{select}}$  if n is divisible by 5
  - (b) There are exactly 25% of the n observations in  $\mathbb{D}_{\text{test}}$  if n is divisible by 4
  - (c) If you randomize the order of  $\mathbb{D}$ , split it into a different  $\mathbb{D}_{\text{train}} \cup \mathbb{D}_{\text{select}} \cup \mathbb{D}_{\text{test}}$ , then run the stepwise algorithm, it will definitely return the same model as when you ran it the first time
  - $\bigcirc$  This method results in 4 potentially different  $g_{\text{step}}$  models
  - (e) This method results in 5 potentially different  $g_{\text{step}}$  models
  - (f) This method results in 20 potentially different  $g_{\text{step}}$  models
  - (g)  $g_{\text{final}}$  is the best of the many  $g_{\text{step}}$  models produced in this procedure