# Math 390.4 / 650.3 Spring 2020 Midterm Examination Two

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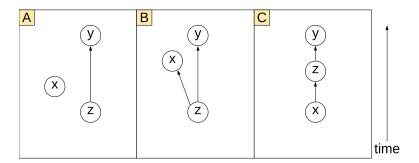
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### Instructions

This exam has 146 total points, is 120 minutes (variable time per question) and closed-book. You are allowed **two** pages (front and back) of a "cheat sheet", one table of reference and scrap paper and a graphing calculator. Please read the questions carefully. No food is allowed, only drinks.

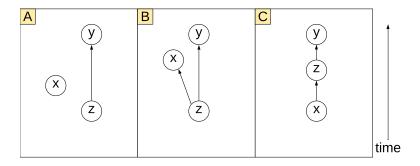
**Problem 1** [10min] Consider the following causal diagrams A, B and C below. In each diagram, all three events x, y, z have other causes that are not displayed.



- [13 pt / 13 pts] Record the letter(s) of all the following that are **true**.
  - (a) In diagram A, x and y could be spuriously correlated.
  - (b) In diagram A, x and y are correlated.
  - (c) In diagram A, z causes y.
  - (d) In diagram B, x and y could be spuriously correlated.
  - (e) In diagram B, x and y are correlated.
  - (f) In diagram A, x causes y.
  - (g) In diagram C, x and y could be spuriously correlated.
  - (h) In diagram C, x and y are correlated.
  - (i) In diagram C, z could cause x.
  - (j) In diagram A, x causes z and x causes y.
  - (k) Let y be number of car accidents daily in New York City, let z be daily rainfall in New York City and let x be the phase of the moon in degrees. The most likely causal diagram reflecting this situation is A.
  - (l) Let y be number of car accidents daily in New York City, let z be daily rainfall in New York City and let x be the number of people working from home. The most likely causal diagram reflecting this situation is B.
  - (m) Let y be number of car accidents daily in New York City, let z be daily rainfall in New York City and let x be the number of people working from home. The most likely causal diagram reflecting this situation is C.



**Problem 2** [11min] Consider the same causal diagrams A, B and C below. In each diagram, all three events x, y, z have other causes that are not displayed.



Consider the following two predictive models fit by OLS:

$$\begin{aligned} [I] \qquad \hat{\pmb{y}}^I &= b_0^I + b_1^I x \\ [II] \qquad \hat{\pmb{y}}^{II} &= b_0^{II} + b_1^{II} x + b_2^{II} z \end{aligned}$$

- [8 pt / 21 pts] Record the letter(s) of all the following that are **true**.
  - (a) In causal diagram A,  $b_1^I x \approx b_1^{II} x \approx 0$ .
  - (b) In causal diagram B,  $b_1^I x \approx b_1^{II} x \approx 0$ .
  - (c) In causal diagram C,  $b_1^I x \approx b_1^{II} x \approx 0$ .
  - (d) In causal diagram B,  $b_1^I x \neq b_1^{II} x \approx 0$ .
  - (e) In causal diagram C,  $b_1^I x \neq b_1^{II} x \approx 0$ .
  - (f) In all causal diagrams, model [II] performs better out of sample.

The following statements are true about the most correct interpretation of  $b_1^I$  for causal diagram B for two observations, O1 and O2.

- (g) O1 and O2 must be sampled in same way as the observations in  $\mathbb{D}$  and O2's x measurement is one unit higher than O1's x unit, then the y value of O2 will be on average  $b_1^I$  higher than O1 assuming the linear model is true.
- (h) O1 and O2 must be sampled in same way as the observations in  $\mathbb{D}$  and O1 and O2 have the same x and then I manipulate the x value of O2 to be one higher than O1, then the y value of O2 will be on average  $b_1^I$  higher than O1 assuming the linear model is true.



Problem 3 [11min] In lab 10 we worked with a data from an accounting firm. The tables were bills, payments and discounts. The bills for one customer and the discounts table is below. The discount\_id column references the id column in the discounts table.

```
billsA [order (discount_id)]
             id
                  due_date invoice_date
                                               amount discount_id
  1: 16294508 2017 - 06 - 25
                               2017 - 06 - 25
                                                            7302585
                                             99476.43
     17129704 2017-07-29
                               2017 - 06 - 29
                                             99475.01
                                                            7564949
  3: 15247786 2015-09-18
                               2015 - 08 - 19
                                             99484.62
                                                            8218876
     17096637 \ 2016-02-02
                               2016 - 01 - 03
                                             99668.94
                                                            8806662
  5: 17222576 2016-09-15
                               2016 - 08 - 16
                                             99476.93
                                                            8806662
                               2016 - 12 - 30 116487.16
  6: 16797375 2017-01-29
                                                            8806662
    discounts [order (id)]
             id num_days pct_off days_until_discount
   1: 6098612
                       20
                                NA
                                                       NA
11
   2:
      6386294
                      120
                                NA
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                       NA
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   3: 6609438
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13
   4: 7197225
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       7833213
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      8295837
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      8496508
                       10
                                  2
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  10: 8583519
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                        1
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  11: 8610918
  12: 8784190
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                                NA
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  13: 8806662
                       30
                                NA
                                                       NA
  14: 8951244
                       NA
                                NA
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                                NA
                                                       NA
  15: 8988984
                       60
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- [12 pt / 33 pts] Each of the following are short for "If we were to do a \_\_\_\_\_\_ of billsA and discounts, we would create a table with \_\_\_\_\_". Record the letter(s) of all the following that are **true**.
  - (a) left join / 8 columns.
  - (b) left join / 9 columns.
  - (c) left join / 6 rows.
  - (d) left join / 2 rows.
  - (e) right join / 17 rows.
  - (f) right join / 15 rows.
  - (g) inner join / 2 rows.
  - (h) inner join / 4 rows.
  - (i) inner join / 21 rows.
  - (j) full join / 2 rows.
  - (k) full join / 21 rows.
  - (l) full join / > 21 rows.



#### Problem 4 [11min] Here is a dataset about weather:

```
> skim(weather)
-- Data Summary
                             weather
Number of rows
                             26115
Number of columns
                             13
Column type frequency:
                             13
  numeric
Group variables
                             None
-- Variable type: numeric
# A tibble: 13 x 11
                                                                                p25
   skim_variable n_missing complete_rate
                                                                        p0
                                                                                        p50
                                                                                                       p100 hist
   <chr>
                       <int>
                                      <db1>
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                           0
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                                               15.7
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                                                                                      16
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                                                           6.91
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                                               55.3
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   temp
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                                                                     -9.94
   dewp
                                      1.00
                                               41.4
                                                          19.4
                                                                              26.1
                                                                                      42.1
                                                                                              57.9
                                                                                                      78.1
                                                          19.4
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                                                                              47.0
                                                                                      61.8
   humid
                                      1.00
                                                                     12.7
 8 wind_dir
                         460
                                      0.982
                                                                      0
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                                                                                     220
                                                                                             290
                                                                                                     360
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 9 wind_speed
                                      1.00
                                               10.5
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10 wind_gust
                       20778
                                      0.204
                                               25.5
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- [10 pt / 43 pts] Record the letter(s) of all the following that are **true**.
  - (a) If listwise deletion would be used, there would be n = 5,337 observations left.
  - (b) If wind\_gust were dropped, there would be less imputations that would have to be made.
  - (c) It would be good practice to drop the observations that have missingness in temp, dewp and humid.
  - (d) If wind\_gust were the response variable, then n = 5,337.
  - (e) If wind\_gust were the response variable, and listwise deletion was used, then  $n \geq 2141$ .
  - (f) If imputation via missForest were used on the weather data frame, the resulting data frame would have n = 26, 115 observations.

If each of these columns contained measurements that were features in a model and we were to both impute and record missingness, the resulting X matrix in  $\mathbb{D}$  would have \_\_\_\_ columns:

- (g) 13
- (h) 16
- (i) 20
- (j) 26



**Problem 5** [11min] Let p+1=501 of features that are all standardized and n>p+1. Let  $f(\boldsymbol{x})=\boldsymbol{x}\boldsymbol{\beta}$ , the first entry of  $\boldsymbol{x}$  is one always, let  $\delta$  be a non-trivial amount of homoskedastic noise and  $\boldsymbol{\beta}=\begin{bmatrix}\beta_0 & \beta_1 & \dots & \beta_{500}\end{bmatrix}^\top=\begin{bmatrix}-5 & 5 & 4 & 3 & 2 & 1 & \mathbf{0}_{495}\end{bmatrix}^\top$ . Consider the usual definition of SSE as the sum of squared error,  $\mathcal{H}=\{\boldsymbol{w}^\top\boldsymbol{x}: \boldsymbol{w}\in\mathbb{R}^{p+1}\}$  and all the following algorithms that produce an estimate of  $\boldsymbol{\beta}$  via:

$$\mathcal{A}_{1} : \mathbf{b}^{\mathcal{A}_{1}} = \underset{\mathbf{w} \in \mathbb{R}^{p+1}}{\operatorname{arg \, min}} \left\{ SSE \right\} 
\mathcal{A}_{2} : \mathbf{b}^{\mathcal{A}_{2}} = \underset{\mathbf{w} \in \mathbb{R}^{p+1}}{\operatorname{arg \, min}} \left\{ SSE + \sum_{j=1}^{p+1} |w_{j}| \right\} 
\mathcal{A}_{3} : \mathbf{b}^{\mathcal{A}_{3}} = \underset{\mathbf{w} \in \mathbb{R}^{p+1}}{\operatorname{arg \, min}} \left\{ SSE + \sum_{j=1}^{p+1} w_{j}^{2} \right\} 
\mathcal{A}_{4} : \mathbf{b}^{\mathcal{A}_{4}} = \underset{\mathbf{w} \in \mathbb{R}^{p+1}}{\operatorname{arg \, min}} \left\{ SSE + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^{p+1} |w_{j}| + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^{p+1} w_{j}^{2} \right\}$$

• [12 pt / 55 pts] Record the letter(s) of all the following that are **true**.

(a) 
$$\boldsymbol{b}^{\mathcal{A}_1} = \left( \boldsymbol{X}^{\top} \boldsymbol{X} + \boldsymbol{I} \right)^{-1} \boldsymbol{X}^{\top} \boldsymbol{y}$$
.

(b) 
$$\boldsymbol{b}^{\mathcal{A}_2} = \left( \boldsymbol{X}^{\top} \boldsymbol{X} + \boldsymbol{I} \right)^{-1} \boldsymbol{X}^{\top} \boldsymbol{y}.$$

(c) 
$$\boldsymbol{b}^{\mathcal{A}_3} = \left( \boldsymbol{X}^{\top} \boldsymbol{X} + \boldsymbol{I} \right)^{-1} \boldsymbol{X}^{\top} \boldsymbol{y}$$
.

- (d) The OLS algorithm will fail in this setting.
- (e)  $\mathcal{A}_4$  is elastic net regression with  $\alpha = \frac{1}{2}$ .
- (f) Out of sample,  $A_2$ ,  $A_3$  and  $A_4$  will have higher predictive performance than  $A_1$ .
- (g)  $A_2$  likely produces an estimate of  $\boldsymbol{\beta}$  with more zero entries than  $A_4$ .
- (h)  $\mathcal{A}_3$  likely produces an estimate of  $\boldsymbol{\beta}$  with more zero entries than  $\mathcal{A}_4$ .
- (i)  $\mathcal{A}_2$  is the most straightforward algorithm that could be used to locate variables that affect the response.

(j) 
$$\left| \left| \left[ b_6^{\mathcal{A}_1}, b_7^{\mathcal{A}_1}, \dots, b_{500}^{\mathcal{A}_1} \right]^\top \right| \right| < \left| \left| \left[ b_6^{\mathcal{A}_2}, b_7^{\mathcal{A}_2}, \dots, b_{500}^{\mathcal{A}_2} \right]^\top \right| \right|$$

(k) 
$$\left| \left| \left[ b_6^{\mathcal{A}_2}, b_7^{\mathcal{A}_2}, \dots, b_{500}^{\mathcal{A}_2} \right]^{\top} \right| \right| < \left| \left| \left[ b_6^{\mathcal{A}_3}, b_7^{\mathcal{A}_3}, \dots, b_{500}^{\mathcal{A}_3} \right]^{\top} \right| \right|$$

(l) 
$$\left| \left| \left[ b_6^{\mathcal{A}_4}, b_7^{\mathcal{A}_4}, \dots, b_{500}^{\mathcal{A}_4} \right]^\top \right| \right| < \left| \left| \left[ b_6^{\mathcal{A}_1}, b_7^{\mathcal{A}_1}, \dots, b_{500}^{\mathcal{A}_1} \right]^\top \right| \right|$$



**Problem 6** [11min] Assume the response is a real number. In class we studied the following three decompositions of MSE in the modeling context where  $\delta$  was realized from a mean-centered r.v. with variance  $\sigma^2$  independent of the value of  $\boldsymbol{x}$ :

$$\begin{split} [I] & \quad MSE(\boldsymbol{x}_*) = \sigma^2 + (f(\boldsymbol{x}_*) - g(\boldsymbol{x}_*))^2 \\ [II] & \quad MSE(\boldsymbol{x}_*) = \sigma^2 + \mathbb{B}\mathrm{ias}\left[G(\boldsymbol{x}_*)\right]^2 + \mathbb{V}\mathrm{ar}\left[G(\boldsymbol{x}_*)\right] \\ [III] & \quad MSE = \sigma^2 + \mathbb{E}_{\mathcal{X}}\left[\mathbb{B}\mathrm{ias}\left[G(\boldsymbol{x}_*)\right]^2\right] + \mathbb{E}_{\mathcal{X}}\left[\mathbb{V}\mathrm{ar}\left[G(\boldsymbol{x}_*)\right]\right] \end{split}$$

- [17 pt / 72 pts] Record the letter(s) of all the following that are **true**.
  - (a) In I and II, the new observation  $x_*$  was considered drawn from a random universe.
  - (b) In I and II, the training set  $\mathbb{D}$  was considered drawn from a random universe.
  - (c) In II and III, the training set  $\mathbb{D}$  was considered drawn from a random universe.
  - (d) In II, the responses y were considered drawn from a random universe.
  - (e) In III, the responses y were considered drawn from a random universe.
  - (f) In II, the design matrix  $\boldsymbol{X}$  was considered drawn from a random universe.
  - (g) In III, the design matrix  $\boldsymbol{X}$  was considered drawn from a random universe.

In general...

- (h) the  $\mathbb{B}ias[G(\boldsymbol{x}_*)]$  term is low for OLS.
- (i) the  $\mathbb{B}ias[G(\boldsymbol{x}_*)]$  term is low for CART.
- (j) the  $\mathbb{B}$ ias  $[G(\boldsymbol{x}_*)]$  term is low for a bag of CART models.
- (k) the  $\mathbb{B}ias[G(\boldsymbol{x}_*)]$  term is low for RF.
- (l) the  $Var[G(\boldsymbol{x}_*)]$  term is low for OLS.
- (m) the  $Var[G(\boldsymbol{x}_*)]$  term is low for CART.
- (n) the  $\operatorname{Var}[G(\boldsymbol{x}_*)]$  term is low for bag of CART models.
- (o) the  $\mathbb{V}$ ar  $[G(\boldsymbol{x}_*)]$  term is low for RF.
- (p) the  $Var[G(x_*)]$  term is lower for CART than it is for a bag of CART models.
- (q) the  $Var[G(x_*)]$  term is lower for RF than it is for a bag of CART models.

Your answer will consist of a string (e.g. aebgd) where the order of the letters does not matter nor does upper / lowercase.

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#### Problem 7 [11min] Consider the following RF model output:

```
YARF v1.0 for classification
Missing data feature ON.
500 trees, training data n = 2000 and p = 99
Model construction completed within 0.08 minutes.
OOB results on all observations as a confusion matrix:
            predicted 0 predicted 1 model errors
               1425.000
                              77.000
                                             0.051
actual 0
                192.000
                             306.000
                                             0.386
actual 1
                  0.119
                               0.201
                                            0.134
use errors
```

- [20 pt / 92 pts] Record the letter(s) of all the following that are **true**.
  - (a)  $\mathcal{Y} = \{0, 1\}.$
  - (b) The features that are important in this model are simple to ascertain.
  - (c) The best estimate of this model's accuracy in-sample is less than 86.6%.
  - (d) The best estimate of this model's accuracy in-sample is more than 86.6%.
  - (e) The best estimate of this model's accuracy oos is 86.6%.
  - (f) This RF model will be more accurate oos if it was rebuilt with M > 500.
  - (g) This RF model will be less accurate oos if it was rebuilt with M > 500.
  - (h) This RF model will be more accurate if  $p_{\text{try}} = 99$ .
  - (i) When predicting in the future, if there were 100 samples where y = 1, this model would predict incorrectly 38.6% of the time.
  - (j) When predicting in the future, if there were 100 samples where y = 1, this model would predict incorrectly 20.1% of the time.
  - (k) When predicting in the future, if there were 100 samples where  $\hat{y} = 1$ , this model would predict incorrectly 38.6% of the time.
  - (l) When predicting in the future, if there were 100 samples where  $\hat{y} = 1$ , this model would predict incorrectly 20.1% of the time.
  - (m) The oos precision of this model is 79.9%.
  - (n) The oos recall of this model is 79.9%.
  - (o) The oos FDR estimate of this model is 11.9%.
  - (p) The oos FOR estimate of this model is 11.9%.
  - (q) If the cost of the false positive is greater than the cost of a false negative, this would be a good model to use in the real world.
  - (r) The AUC for this model can be calculated given the output above.
  - (s) The OOB results were calculated on about 2/3 of the total number of observations, n = 2000.
  - (t) The predictions from each of the M=500 constituent trees in this model are positive correlated.

**Problem 8** [11min] Let  $\mathcal{Y} = \{0, 1\}$  and employ the following algorithm on training data  $\mathbb{D}$ :

$$\mathcal{A} : \boldsymbol{b} = \underset{\boldsymbol{w} \in \mathbb{R}^{p+1}}{\min} \left\{ \prod_{i=1}^{n} \left( \frac{1}{1 + e^{-\boldsymbol{w}^{\top} \boldsymbol{x}_{i}}} \right)^{y_{i}} \left( \frac{1}{1 + e^{\boldsymbol{w}^{\top} \boldsymbol{x}_{i}}} \right)^{1 - y_{i}} \right\}$$

- [13 pt / 105 pts] Record the letter(s) of all the following that are **true**.
  - (a) This algorithm has a closed-form solution for  $\boldsymbol{b}$  as a function of  $\boldsymbol{X}$  and  $\boldsymbol{y}$ .
  - (b)  $R^2$  is an interpretable metric in this model.
  - (c) This algorithm has hyperparameter(s) that need to be specified before running.
  - (d) This algorithm is called "logistic regression".
  - (e) The  $\boldsymbol{b}$  that is returned by this algorithm may have numerical error.
  - (f) This algorithm makes statistical assumptions about the training data.
  - (g) The **b** returned by this algorithm allows us to compute probability estimates of  $\mathbb{P}(Y_* = 1 \mid \boldsymbol{x}_*) = \boldsymbol{b}\boldsymbol{x}_*$ .
  - (h) If  $bx_{*_1} > bx_{*_2}$  that implies that the model's estimate for the probability of the response being one for observation  $x_{*_1}$  is higher than for observations  $x_{*_2}$ .

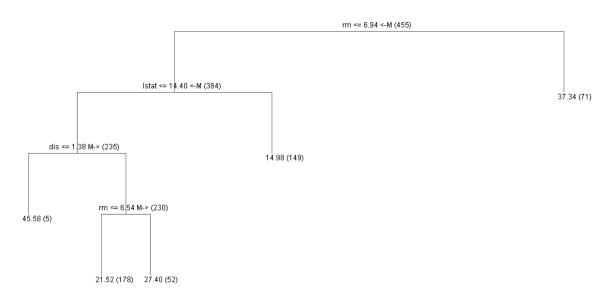
Consider the following output of  $\mathcal{A}$  on the training data  $\mathbb{D}$ :

1	> b			
2	(Intercept)	x1	x2	
3	-10.0175573	0.5971474	0.3090818	

- (i) If  $x_* = [0 \ 0]$  then the probability estimate of  $Y_* = 1$  will be very low.
- (j) Using the above output, one can compute the Brier score for training data  $\mathbb{D}$ .
- (k) Using the above output, one can compute an ROC curve for this model.
- (1)  $g_0(\boldsymbol{x}) = 0$  for this model.
- (m)  $g_0(\mathbf{x}) = \bar{y}$  for this model.



**Problem 9** [11min] Consider the boston housing data that has response as the median home value and n = 506 and p = 13. We fit a regression tree model fit setting  $N_0 = 200$ . Here is the tree visualized:



- [12 pt / 117 pts] Record the letter(s) of all the following that are **true**.
  - (a) This tree model can be written as a linear model.
  - (b) This tree model has 5 nodes.
  - (c) This tree model has 5 root nodes.
  - (d) This tree model splits  $\mathcal{X}$  into rectangular prisms (i.e. dimension 3).
  - (e) This tree model is overfit.
  - (f) If you label the leaves 1,2 ..., L from left to right in the above, and you must split further on one of them, then splitting on leaf #1 is most likely to yield a better tree model.
  - (g) An OLS model will be more accurate out of sample than this model.
  - (h) The most important feature in the data for predicting the response is 1stat.
  - (i) The model of the form  $\hat{\boldsymbol{y}} = b_0 + b_1 \boldsymbol{u}$  where is  $\boldsymbol{u}$  restricted totr be one of the features in this dataset has highest  $R^2$  when  $\boldsymbol{u}$  is the variable rm.
  - (j) The model of the form  $\hat{\boldsymbol{y}} = b_0 + b_1 \boldsymbol{u}$  where  $\boldsymbol{u}$  is restricted to be dummy has highest  $R^2$  when  $\boldsymbol{u}$  is the computed via the function  $\mathbb{1}_{rm \leq 6.94}$ .
  - (k) If rm = 7, the tree would predict 37.34 for y regardless of the values of the other 12 features.
  - (l) If rm = 6, the tree would predict < 37.34 for y regardless of the values of the other 12 features.



**Problem 10** [11min] Let p = 1, n > 100 + 1,  $d \in \{10, 11, ..., 100\}$ ,  $\mathcal{A} = \text{OLS}$  and consider the following different complexity sets that are used within the algorithm:

$$\mathcal{H}_{1} = \{w_{0} + w_{1}x_{1} : w_{0}, w_{1} \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

$$\mathcal{H}_{2} = \{w_{0} + w_{1}\ln(x_{1}) : w_{0}, w_{1} \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

$$\mathcal{H}_{3} = \{w_{0} + w_{1}x_{1} + w_{2}x^{2} : w_{0}, w_{1}, w_{2} \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

$$\mathcal{H}_{4} = \{w_{0} + w_{1}x_{1} + w_{2}x^{2} + \ldots + w_{d}x^{d} : w_{0}, w_{1}, \ldots, w_{d} \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

- [17 pt / 134 pts] Record the letter(s) of all the following that are **true**.
  - (a) The lowest RMSE will be from  $\mathcal{H}_4$ .
  - (b) The lowest oos RMSE will be from  $\mathcal{H}_4$ .
  - (c) The degrees of freedom in  $\mathcal{H}_4$  equals d.
  - (d)  $b_1$  is the same in both  $\mathcal{H}_1$  and  $\mathcal{H}_3$ .
  - (e) If the response was logged,  $b_1$  would be the same in both  $\mathcal{H}_1$  and  $\mathcal{H}_2$ .
  - (f) The design matrix for  $\mathcal{H}_2$  looks like  $\boldsymbol{X} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{1}_n, [\ln{(x_1)} \ln{(x_2)} \dots \ln{(x_n)}]^{\top} \end{bmatrix}$ .
  - (g) The design matrix for  $\mathcal{H}_3$  looks like  $\boldsymbol{X} = \begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{1}_n, [x_1^2 \ x_2^2 \ \dots \ x_n^2]^\top \end{bmatrix}$ .
  - (h) In  $\mathcal{H}_4$ , if d = 100, then  $R^2 = 100\%$ .
  - (i) In  $\mathcal{H}_4$ , if d was set to be large, predictions for  $\boldsymbol{x}_* \in \mathcal{X}$  will likely be more accurate than  $\boldsymbol{x}_* \notin \mathcal{X}$ .
  - (j) In  $\mathcal{H}_4$ , if d was set to be large, predictions for  $x_* \notin \mathcal{X}$  will likely be worse than if d were set to be small.
  - (k) In  $\mathcal{H}_4$ , if d was varied across its range specified in the problem, then you can trace out the in-sample vs. oos complexity curve and locate the optimal model as a function of the hyperparameter d.
  - (l) Assuming you do the procedure in the previous question and locate the optimal model given by  $d = d^*$ , the oos  $s_e$  from that procedure for the optimal model would be biased upwards.
  - (m) The  $\cos s_e$  from that procedure for the optimal model would be biased downwards.

When comparing two mutually observed observations (A) and (B) sampled in the same fashion as those in  $\mathbb{D}$ , when the x measurement of (A) is \_\_\_\_\_\_ than the x measurement of (B) then (A) is predicted to have a \_\_\_\_\_ from the (B)'s assuming the model is true. The blanks would be filled in by...

- (n) In  $\mathcal{H}_1$ , "one unit larger" / "response y that differs by  $b_1$ ".
- (o) In  $\mathcal{H}_2$ , "one unit larger" / "response y that differs by  $b_1$ ".
- (p) In  $\mathcal{H}_2$ , "10% larger" / "response y that differs by  $0.1b_1$ ".
- (q) In  $\mathcal{H}_2$ , "10% larger" / "response y 10% larger".



**Problem 11** This question is about the concept of model validation and the strategy we discussed in class. Let's say we divide scramble the rows of  $\mathbb{D}$  then create a partition

$$\mathbb{D} = \left[ egin{array}{c} \mathbb{D}_{ ext{train}} \ \mathbb{D}_{ ext{select}} \ \mathbb{D}_{ ext{test}} \end{array} 
ight]$$

in a 8:1:1 ratio train: select: test (in number of rows). We wish to select the best model  $g_{m_*}$  out of M candidate models  $g_1, g_2, \ldots, g_M$  using the model selection procedure from class.

- [12 pt / 146 pts] Record the letter(s) of all the following that are **true**.
  - (a) The three sets above could be permuted and the model selection procedure would still be valid.
  - (b) The three sets above could be permuted and the model selection procedure would yield the same  $g_{m_*}$ .
  - (c) The test set has 10% of the total dataset.
  - (d) The select set has 11.11% of the total dataset.
  - (e) When selecting models, the training data has 80% of the data used for exclusively the selection step of the model selection procedure.
  - (f) If we were to use only inner CV, then there would be a total of K = 10 folds.
  - (g) If we were to use only outer CV, then there would be a total of K = 10 folds.
  - (h) If we were to not use any CV, then we would get an estimate of the future performance of one specific  $g_{m_*}$ .
  - (i) If we were to use only inner CV, then we would get an estimate of the future performance of one specific  $g_{m_*}$ .
  - (j) If we were to use only outer CV, then we would get an estimate of the future performance of one specific  $g_{m_*}$ .
  - (k) If we were to use both inner and outer CV, then we would get an estimate of the future performance of one specific  $g_{m_*}$ .
  - (l) If  $\mathbb{D}_{\text{train}}$  was reduced in size, then we increase misspecification error among all M models during the model selection procedure.

