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**INTRODUCTION TO MACHINE LEARNING  
(NPFL054)  
A template for Homework #2**

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- **Provide answers for the exercises.**
- **For each exercise, your answer cannot exceed one sheet of paper.**

## 1.1 Multiple linear regression

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Coefficients:  
(Intercept)      cylinders      displacement      horsepower  
-17.218435      -0.493376      0.019896      -0.016951  
weight      acceleration      year      origin  
-0.006474      0.080576      0.750773      1.426140

**Intercept**                      **-17.218435**

Car with no cylinders, zero displacement, weighing nothing etc. is not really a car, so talking about its mpg does not really make much sense.

**Cylinders**                      **-0.493376**

More cylinders generally means more fuel is burned per cycle, so the mpg goes down.

**Displacement**                      **0.019896**

When everything is kept that same, and the only thing changing is engine displacement, the mpg goes slightly up, which is probably because engines with bigger displacements and the same power output are probably running leaner fuel-air mixtures, which can be more efficient. But if we take a look only at mpg ~ displacement relationship, it is completely opposite (coefficient of -0.06005), which agrees with our intuition that bigger engines are used in heavier cars, which naturally have lower mpg. And indeed, displacement and weight is highly positively correlated (  $\text{cor}(\text{displacement}, \text{weight}) = 0.9329944$  )

**Horsepower**                      **-0.016951**

Powerful cars are either sports cars, which have notoriously bad fuel economy, or they are heavy. Either way with higher hp, mpg goes down.

**Weight**                      **-0.006474**

Heavier cars have worse fuel economy for the reasons above. The coefficient is quite small though, which corresponds to the fact, that weight feature has much bigger standard deviation than other features.

**Acceleration**                      **0.080576**

If acceleration of a car increases, while all other features stay constant, mpg goes up, which may be due to better aerodynamics, though the relationship is weak.

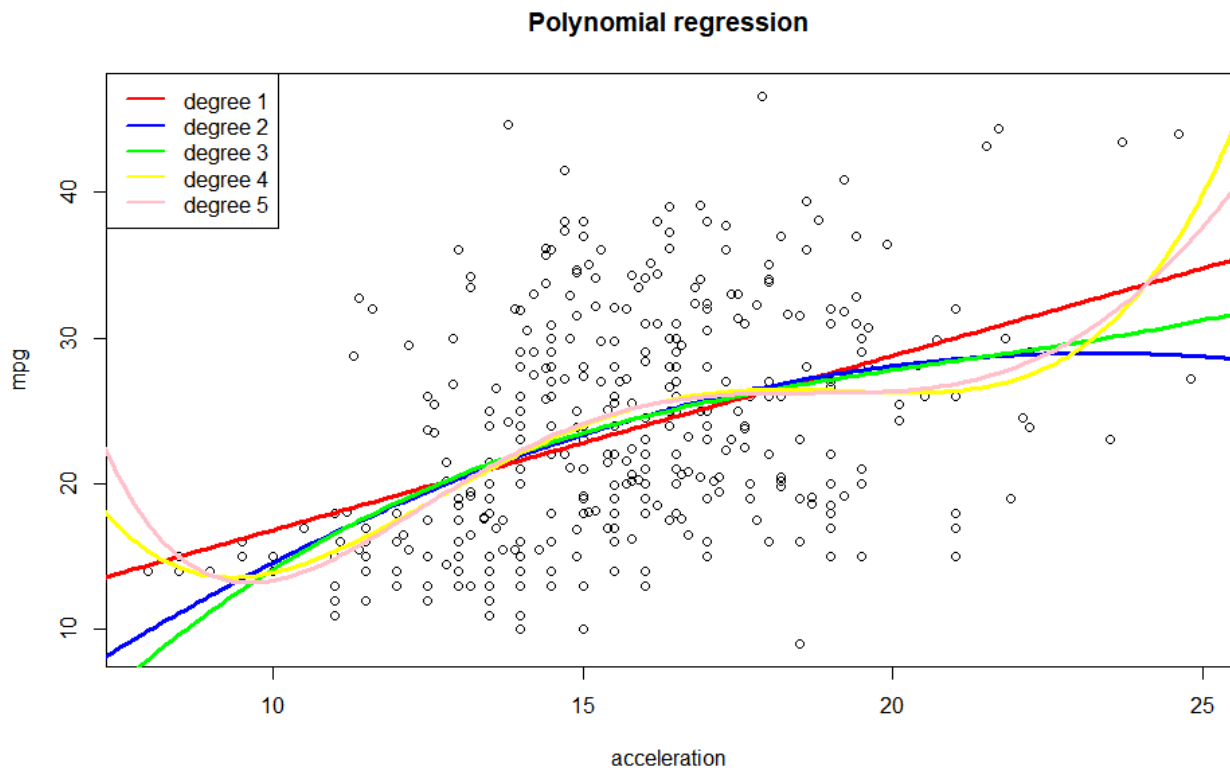
**Year**                      **0.750773**

Newer car has better mpg, probably due to better technology, turbocharged engines etc.

**Origin**                      **1.426140**

American cars in the 70s and 80s had terrible mpg, but because gas was cheap, it wasn't a problem.

## 1.2 Polynomial regression



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polynomial degree: 1, R^2: 0.179207050156255  
polynomial degree: 2, R^2: 0.193964011032176  
polynomial degree: 3, R^2: 0.195508000328506  
polynomial degree: 4, R^2: 0.213597901585262  
polynomial degree: 5, R^2: 0.214801832251011
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## 2.1 Binary attribute `mpg01` and its entropy

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Entropy of `d$mpg01` is 1, because of how it is constructed. Half of cars have mpg higher than median and half have mpg lower than median, so there will be the same number of ones and zeros in the `mpg01` vector. The entropy is therefore  $2 \cdot 0.5 \cdot \log_2(2) = \log_2(2) = 1$ .

## 2.3 Trivial classifier accuracy

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Accuracy of MFC trained on train data, evaluated on test data is 43.59%.

Note, that because train and test data have the same number of ones and zeros in mpg01 vector, MFC, that selects the value, that is most common in train data, will ALWAYS have accuracy less or equal to 50% when evaluated on test data. That is because if zeros are more common in train dataset, they will be less common in test dataset and vice versa.

## 2.4 Logistic regression – training and test error rate, confusion matrix, interpretation

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GLM error rate on training data: 0.0987261146496815  
GLM error rate on test data: 0.0769230769230769

Test error rate is usually greater than train error rate, which is not the case here. That is most likely caused by the small size of the dataset (only 78 cars in test set), so the confidence interval is quite spread out.

Confusion matrix test.true vs test.predicted:

	predicted	
true	0	1
0	29	5
1	1	43

### Model parameters

Call: glm(formula = mpg01 ~ ., family = binomial(link = "logit"), data = d.train)

Coefficients:

(Intercept)	cylinders	displacement	horsepower
-17.379228	0.094411	-0.001464	-0.049519
weight	acceleration	year	origin
-0.003941	0.019771	0.418720	0.491627

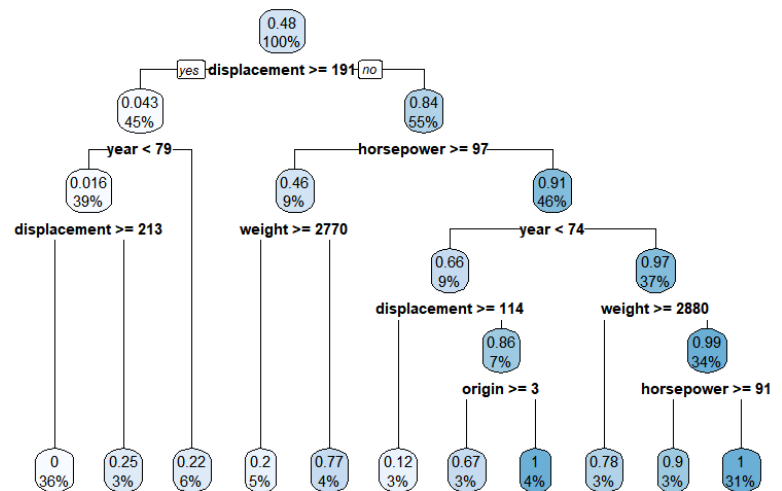
Model parameters are quite similar to the linear regression hypothesis parameters. The minor differences are due to the fact, that output of linear model is fed to the sigmoid squishification function and because logistic regression uses Log loss instead of MSE. Though the relationship between features and probabilities predicted by the model is non-linear, it preserves monotonicity. So if for example horsepower increases, because horsepower coefficient is negative, the probability of high gas milage goes down. Similarly, if year increases, the probability of high gas milage goes up quite a bit. So the explanation of all the hypothesis parameters would be exactly the same as in exercise 1.1.

## 2.5 Decision tree algorithm – training and test error rate, cp parameter

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train error rate:  
0.0605095541401274  
test error rate:  
0.0769230769230769

When choosing the best cp parameter, the rule of thumb is to choose the lowest level (minimum number of splits), where xerror falls into the  $\pm 1$  xstd range of min(xerror), i.e.,  $xerror < \min(xerror) + xstd$ . This method takes into account the variability of xerror resulting from cross-validation.



tree with cp=0.0001

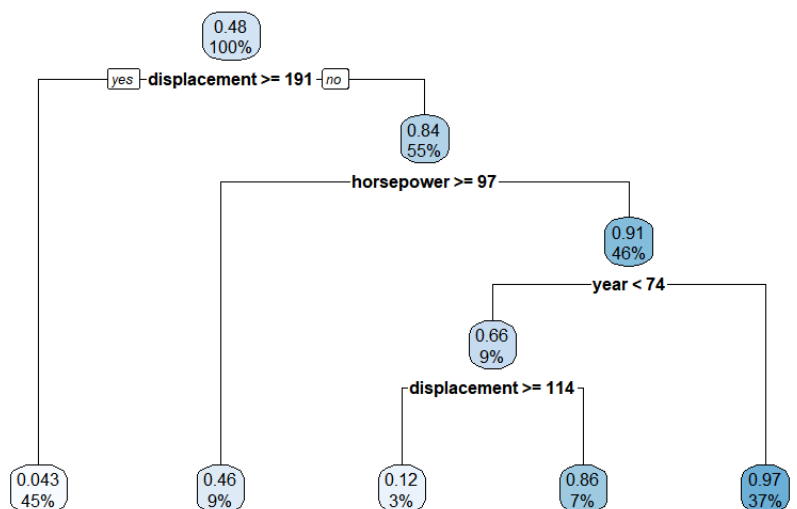
cp table

	CP	xerror	xstd
1	0.6271746	1.00459	0.0040271
2	0.0597740	0.43435	0.0565681
3	0.0348950	0.36268	0.0534779
4	0.0287756	0.33757	0.0529388
5	0.0084740	0.31825	0.0526457
6	0.0072867	0.31541	0.0509605
7	0.0059578	0.32344	0.0517137
8	0.0048046	0.32520	0.0519322
9	0.0011571	0.32399	0.0512734
10	0.0001000	0.32156	0.0505955

$\min(xerror) + xstd = 0.31541 + 0.0509 = 0.366$ , So the optimal cp parameter is 0.0348950.

optimal cp train error rate :  
0.0828025477707006  
optimal cp test error rate :  
0.115384615384615

Test error rate is bigger in this case, but this is probably due to the small test set size and thus big variance of test results.



Optimal cp tree

## 2.6 Naive Bayes algorithm – precision and recall

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train accuracy: 0.898089171974522
test accuracy:  0.923076923076923
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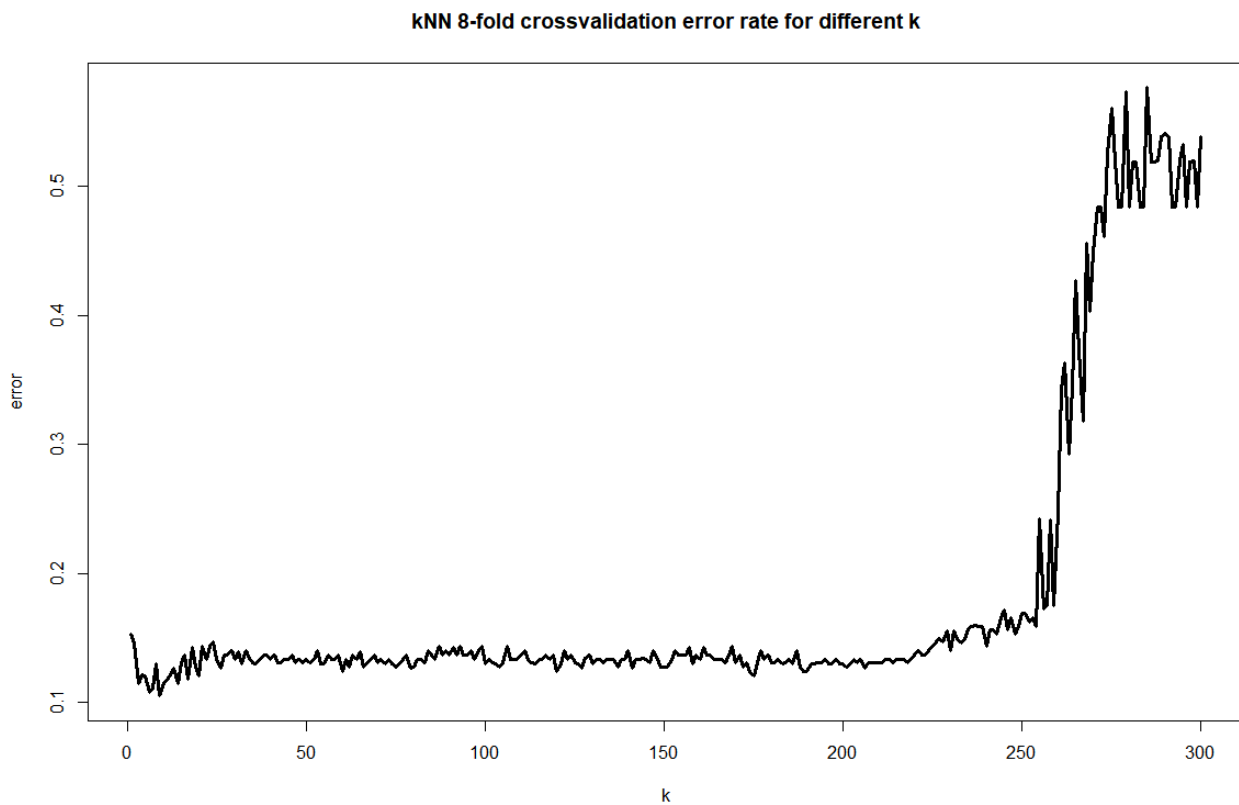
**confusion matrix:**

```
      true
test.pred 0  1
0  30  2
1   4 42
```

```
test precision: 0.954545454545455
test recall:    0.91304347826087
```



## 2.7 k-NN -- cross validation error rate



This graph shows that a wide range of k yields quite similar results, but as k is near the train set size, kNN turns into MFC classifier and performs noticeably worse.