

Topics on High-Dimensional Data Analytics

LD Learning using Regularization

Kamran Paynabar, Ph.D.

Associate Professor
School of Industrial and Systems Engineering

Ridge Regression



Learning Objectives

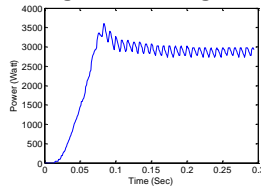
- Define regularization and its importance in estimation
- Define ridge regression
- How to use L_2 regularization to avoid variance inflation.



Sparse Information and Regularization

- High-dimensional data usually have a low dimensional structure.
- Important information of HD data is embedded in a few dimensions (sparse) and the rest are non-informative and noise

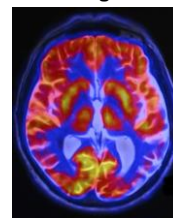
Single-channel signals



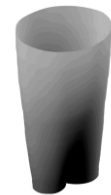
Multi-channel signals



Images



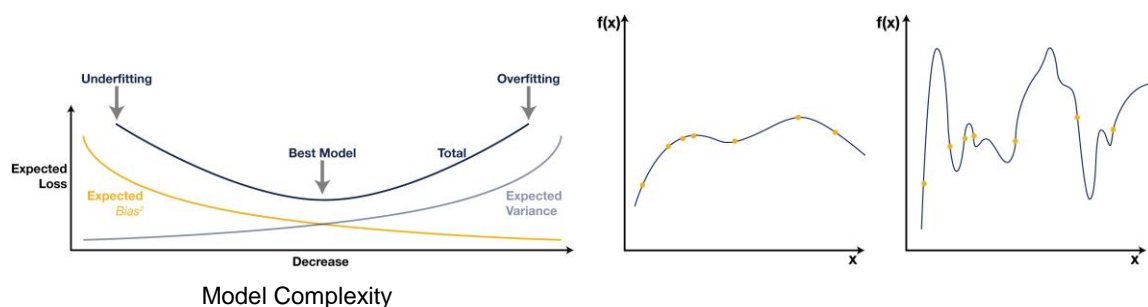
Point Cloud



- Regularization helps identify the sparse informative features and remove the noise.

Model Complexity and Regularization

- Regularization can help adjust model complexity to avoid overfitting.



General Form of Regularization

- Typically a regularized estimation is performed by solving the following optimization problem:

$$\min\{L(\theta; Z_i) + \lambda P(\theta)\}$$

- $L(\theta; Z_i)$ is a loss function (or negative likelihood function)
- $P(\theta)$ is a penalty function.
- λ adjusts the level of regularization.
- Examples include Ridge, Lasso, Non-negative Garrote, Adaptive Lasso, Group Lasso, etc.

$$\min_{\beta_i} \sum_{i=1}^n \left(y_i - \sum_{j=1}^p \beta_j x_{ij} \right)^2 + \lambda \sum_{j=1}^p \beta_j^2$$

Ridge Regression

Assuming the observations are centered, Ridge estimates can be computed by

$$\min_{\beta_i} \sum_{i=1}^n \left(y_i - \sum_{j=1}^p \beta_j x_{ij} \right)^2 + \lambda \sum_{j=1}^p \beta_j^2$$

The Ridge objective function in a matrix form is

$$\min_{\beta} \|\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\beta\|_2^2 + \lambda \|\beta\|_2^2$$

$$\hat{\beta}^{ridge} = (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X} + \lambda \mathbf{I}_p)^{-1} \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{y}$$

- Estimated Ridge coefficients are shrunk towards zero
- $\lambda \geq 0$ is the tuning parameter controls the amount of shrinkage
- λ is chosen based on some prediction criteria (MSE) using CV or independent validation data set

Ridge Regression

An equivalent formulation is given by

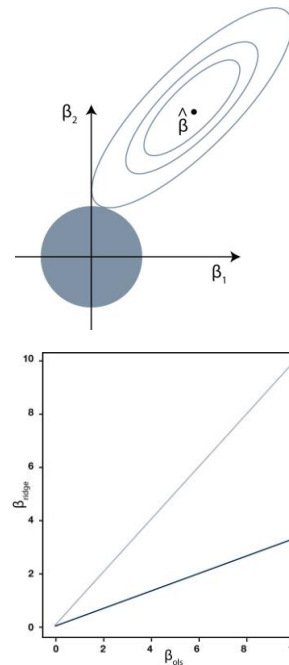
$$\min_{\beta_j} \sum_{i=1}^n \left(y_i - \sum_{j=1}^p \beta_j x_{ij} \right)^2$$

subject to $\sum_{j=1}^p \beta_j^2 \leq s$

Estimated Ridge coefficients

- Are linear in y
- Are biased
- Have smaller variance

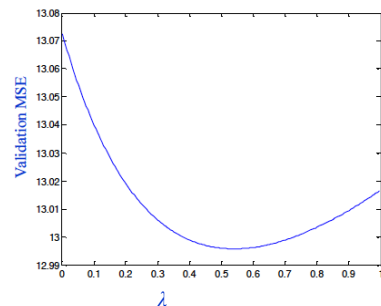
$$\hat{\beta}^{ridge} = (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X} + \lambda \mathbf{I}_p)^{-1} \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{y}$$



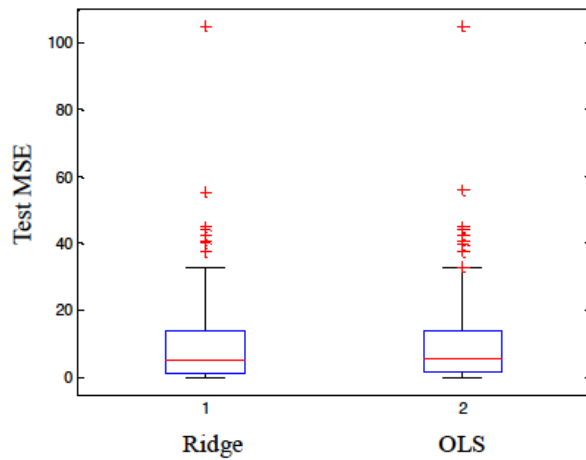
Example

- A sample of 100 centered training data including one response and two independent variables is simulated. $y_i = x_{i1} + x_{i2} + \varepsilon_i$; $\varepsilon_i \sim N(0, 0.5)$
- X1 and X2 are highly correlated.
- Two other independent samples are simulated for validation and test
- Both OLS and Ridge Regression are applied to estimate regression coefficients
- This procedure is repeated 100 times

$$\min_{\beta_j} \sum_{i=1}^n \left(y_i - \sum_{j=1}^p \beta_j x_{ij} \right)^2 + \lambda \sum_{j=1}^p \beta_j^2$$



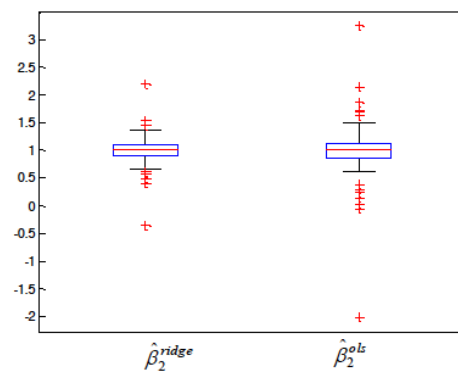
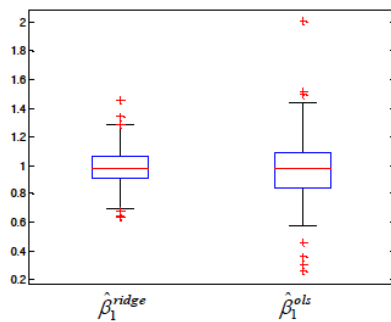
Example



Test MSE for Ridge = 7.1583

Test MSE for OLS = 7.4709

Example (cont.)



Topics on High-Dimensional Data Analytics

LD Learning using Regularization

Kamran Paynabar, Ph.D.

Associate Professor
School of Industrial and Systems Engineering

LASSO



Learning Objectives

- Define L1 regularization and LASSO
- How to use LASSO for variable selection
- How to solve LASSO problem.



Variable (Feature) Selection

To determine a smaller subset of predictors that exhibit the strongest correlation with response. Traditional variable selection methods include:

- Forward selection
- Backward elimination
- Stepwise selection

The selection process is discrete and thus unstable.

Variable (Feature) Selection using Regularization

- Regularized regression provides with a more stable variable selection procedure compared with traditional variable selection methods.
- If an estimated coefficient for a predictor is zero then the predictor may not have information about the response variable.
- Ridge regression can control model complexity by reducing the variance.
- However, the L2 norm or ridge regression cannot be used for variable selection. That is the solution to the ridge problem is likely non-zero.
- L0 and L1 norm, however, can provide sparse solutions where most of non-informative variables have coefficients equal to zero.

Variable Selection Using L_0 Norm

Suppose we know that the number of non-zero coefficients is at most K . Then using L_0 a regularized (penalized) OLS can be written as

$$\hat{\beta} = \underset{\|\beta\|_0 \leq K}{\operatorname{argmin}} \|y - X\beta\|_2^2$$

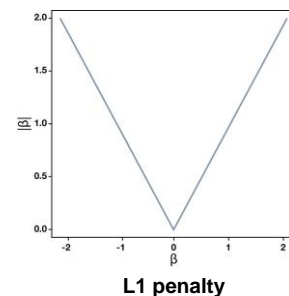
- L_0 norm is the total number of nonzero elements in a vector.
- This problem is combinatorial. The best subset selection approach can be used to solve it.
- Since this approach requires solving an OLS for all possible subsets, it is not efficient for cases with a large number of predictors.
- An alternative solution is find an appropriate convex approximation by replacing L_0 norm with L_1 norm.

LASSO: Least Absolute Shrinkage and Selection Operator

Assuming the observations are centered, lasso estimates can be computed by (Chen, Donoho and Saunders 1996; Tibshirani 1996)

$$\hat{\beta} = \underset{\|\beta\|_1 \leq K}{\operatorname{argmin}} \|y - X\beta\|_2^2 \quad \text{Equivalently} \quad \hat{\beta} = \underset{\lambda \geq 0}{\operatorname{argmin}} \|y - X\beta\|_2^2 + \lambda \|\beta\|_1$$

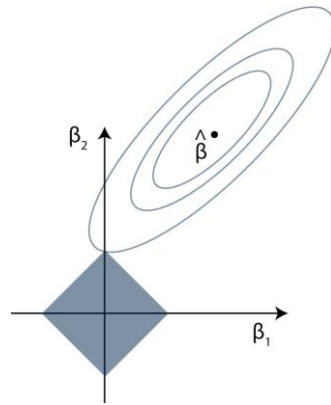
- **Shrinkage:** estimated lasso coefficients are shrunk towards zero
- **Sparsity:** some fitted coefficients are exactly zero
- Continuous variable selection
- $\lambda \geq 0$ is the tuning parameter controls the amount of sparsity



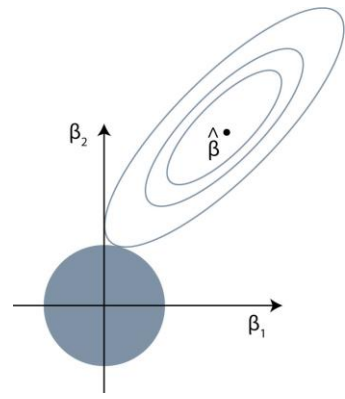
LASSO

$$\min_{\beta_i} \sum_{i=1}^n \left(y_i - \sum_{j=1}^p \beta_j x_{ij} \right)^2$$

$$\text{subject to } \sum_{j=1}^p |\beta_j| \leq s$$



LASSO



Ridge

LASSO with Orthonormal Predictors

$$\min_{\beta_j} \sum_{i=1}^n \left(y_i - \sum_{j=1}^p \beta_j x_{ij} \right)^2 + \lambda \sum_{j=1}^p |\beta_j|$$

When X is orthonormal the above minimization model is reduced to

$$\min_{\beta_j} (\beta_j - \hat{\beta}_j^{\text{ols}})^2 + \lambda |\beta_j|$$

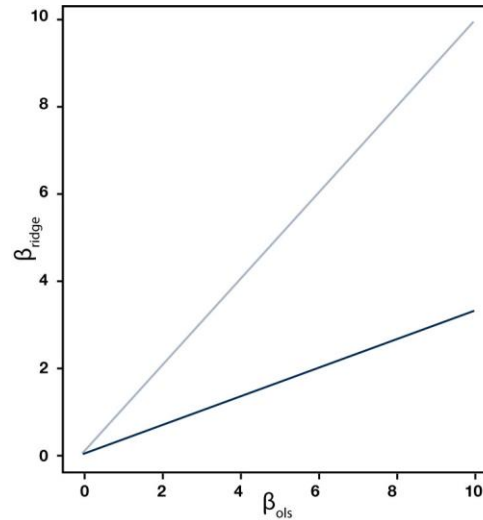
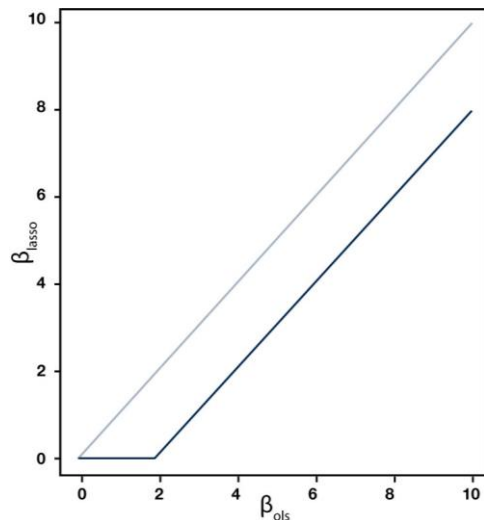
The closed-form solution is given by

$$\hat{\beta}_j^{\text{lasso}} = \begin{cases} \hat{\beta}_j^{\text{ols}} - \frac{\lambda}{2} & \text{if } \hat{\beta}_j^{\text{ols}} > \frac{\lambda}{2} \\ 0 & \text{if } |\hat{\beta}_j^{\text{ols}}| \leq \frac{\lambda}{2} \\ \hat{\beta}_j^{\text{ols}} + \frac{\lambda}{2} & \text{if } \hat{\beta}_j^{\text{ols}} < -\frac{\lambda}{2} \end{cases}$$

$$= \text{sign}(\hat{\beta}_j^{\text{ols}}) \cdot \left(|\hat{\beta}_j^{\text{ols}}| - \frac{\lambda}{2} \right)_+$$

- Lasso shrinks large coefficients by a constant. Lasso truncates small coefficients to zero.

Ridge Vs. LASSO

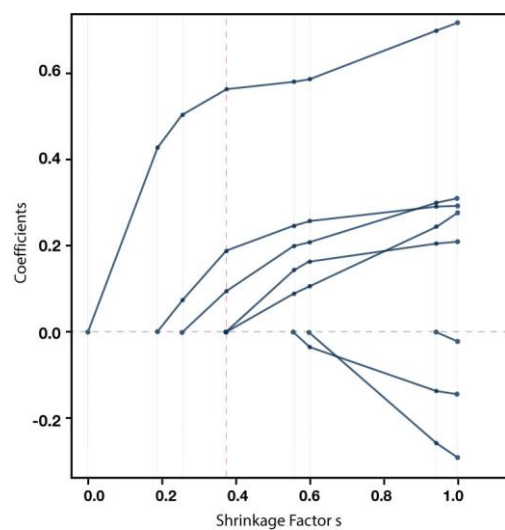


Computation

Convex optimization: Lasso can be solved using convex programming

Piecewise linear solution path by LARS: (Efron et al., 2004)

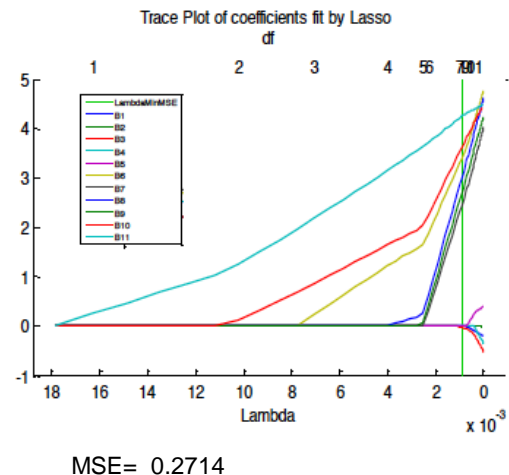
- The path of solution is piecewise linear in λ
- Cost is approximately one least-square calculation



Example

For a regression setting with a 11 predictors, 100 observations are generated such that 5 predictors are not informative.

- Lasso is used to identify important variables and fit a prediction model.
- A 10-fold cross validation is used to choose the tuning parameter.



Example

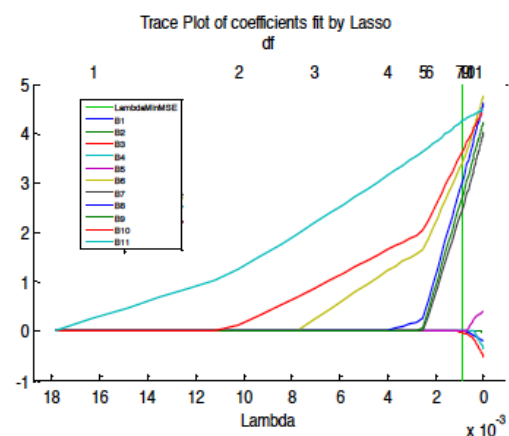
```
clear all
load predictors

for i=1:100
    T(i)=X(i,:)*[0 0 0 0 0 4*ones(1,6)]'+normrnd(0,0.5);
end

[B,FitInfo] = lasso(X,T,'CV',10,'Standardize',0,'Alpha',1)
ax = lassoPlot(B,FitInfo,'PlotType','Lambda')

B(:,FitInfo.IndexMinMSE)

FitInfo.MSE(FitInfo.IndexMinMSE)
```



Topics on High-Dimensional Data Analytics

LD Learning using Regularization

Kamran Paynabar, Ph.D.

Associate Professor
School of Industrial and Systems Engineering

NNG and Adaptive LASSO

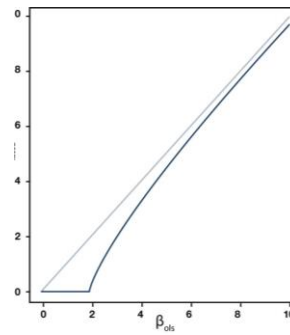
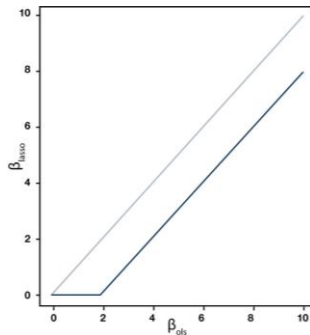


Learning Objectives

- Define Non-Negative Garrote and Adaptive LASSO
- Apply Adaptive LASSO and Non-Negative Garrote



Constant Shrinkage in Lasso



- Lasso shrinks all large coefficients by a constant;
- A better shrinkage would consider the magnitude of coefficients in shrinkage;
- Lasso is not consistent in variable selection.

Non-Negative Garrote

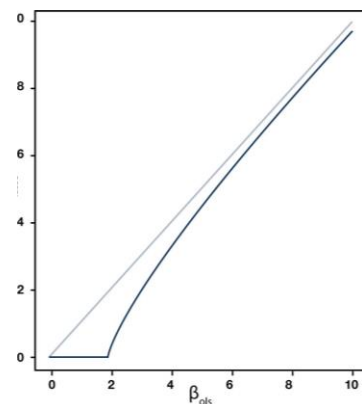
Consider lasso with the following change of variables

$$\min_{d_j} \sum_{i=1}^n \left(y_i - \sum_{j=1}^p d_j \hat{\beta}_j^{\text{ols}} x_{ij} \right)^2 + \lambda \sum_{j=1}^p d_j$$

subject to $d_j \geq 0$

- Final Estimates are
- NNG is proposed by Breiman (1995)
- Closed-form solution in orthonormal case

$$\hat{\beta}_j^{\text{garrote}} = \text{sign}(\hat{\beta}_j^{\text{ols}}) \cdot \left(|\hat{\beta}_j^{\text{ols}}| - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\lambda}{|\hat{\beta}_j^{\text{ols}}|} \right)_+$$



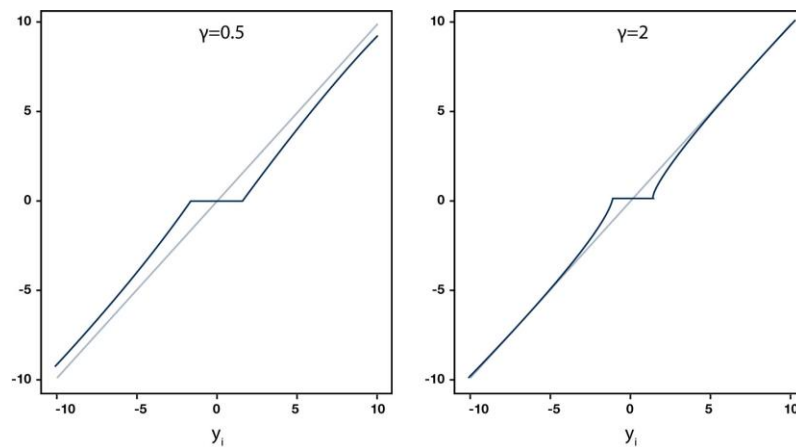
Adaptive LASSO

Assuming the observations are centered, adaptive lasso estimates can be computed by

$$\beta^{\text{Alasso}} = \operatorname{argmin} \|y - X\beta\|_2^2 + \lambda_n \sum_{j=1}^p \hat{w}_j |\beta_j|$$

- where \hat{w}_j is a weight defined by $\hat{w}_j = \frac{1}{|\hat{\beta}_j^{\text{ols}}|^\gamma}$, $\hat{w}_j = \frac{1}{|\hat{\beta}_j^{\text{ridge}}|^\gamma}$, etc.
- Adaptive lasso (Zou, 2007) is very similar to NNG.

Adaptive LASSO



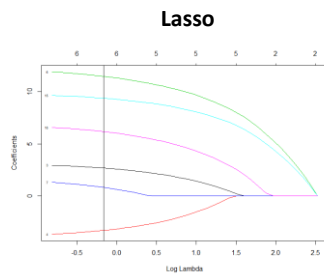
$$\beta^{\text{Alasso}} = \min \|y - X\beta\|_2^2 + \lambda_n \sum_{j=1}^p \hat{w}_j |\beta_j|$$

Example

True model

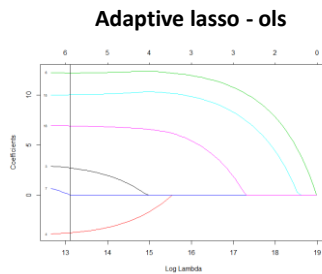
$$y_i = 6.94x_3 - 4.03x_6 + 1.90x_{11} + 3.23x_{14} + 12.26x_{18} + 9.99x_{20} + \epsilon_i$$

$$y \in \mathbb{R}^{100}, X \in \mathbb{R}^{100 \times 20}, \epsilon \in \mathbb{R}^{100}$$



$$\lambda = 0.84, \log \lambda = -0.17$$

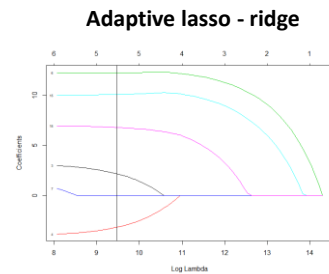
$$mse = 4.12$$



$$\gamma = 2$$

$$\lambda = 499,558.56, \log \lambda = 13.12$$

$$mse = 3.19$$



$$\gamma = 2$$

$$\lambda = 12,892.95, \log \lambda = 9.46$$

$$mse = 4.73$$

Example

True model

$$y_i = -8.18x_1 + 4.17x_2 + 9.23x_5 + 3.90x_8 + 8.56x_{10} + 7.40x_{14} + \epsilon_i$$

$$y \in \mathbb{R}^{100}, X \in \mathbb{R}^{100 \times 20}, \epsilon \in \mathbb{R}^{100}$$

Using CV, to find the optimal lambda we get:

| | True beta | Lasso | Alasso - ols | Alasso - ridge |
|-----------|-----------|-------|--------------|----------------|
| 3 | 6.94 | 6.45 | 6.90 | 6.91 |
| 6 | -4.03 | -3.47 | -3.73 | -3.76 |
| 11 | 1.90 | 1.33 | 0.93 | 1.00 |
| 14 | 3.23 | 2.61 | 2.73 | 2.76 |
| 18 | 12.26 | 11.72 | 12.22 | 12.23 |
| 20 | 9.99 | 9.38 | 9.93 | 9.93 |

Example

Data generation

```
p = 20 #Number of parameters
n = 100 #Number of observations
x = mnorm(p*n,0,1)
X = matrix(x,nrow = n)
rm(x)
n0 = sample(1:p,6)
beta = rep(0,p)
beta[n0] = rnorm(6,0,5)
y = X%*%beta + rnorm(n,0,0.5)
```

Lasso

```
lasso = cv.glmnet(X, y, family = "gaussian", alpha = 1, intercept = FALSE)
lambda = lasso$lambda.min
coef.lasso = matrix(coef(lasso, s = lambda))[2:(p+1)]
lasso = glmnet(X, y, family = "gaussian", alpha = 1, intercept = FALSE)
plot(lasso, xvar = "lambda", label = TRUE, main = "Lasso")
abline(v = log(lambda))
```

Adaptive lasso

```
gamma = 2
b.ols = solve(t(X)%*%X)%*%t(X)%*%y
ridge = cv.glmnet(X, y, family = "gaussian", alpha = 0, intercept = FALSE)
l.ridge = ridge$lambda.min
b.ridge = matrix(coef(ridge, s = l.ridge))[2:(p+1)]
w1 = 1/abs(b.ols)^gamma
w2 = 1/abs(b.ridge)^gamma
alasso1 = cv.glmnet(X, y, family = "gaussian", alpha = 1, intercept = FALSE, penalty.factor = w1)
alasso2 = cv.glmnet(X, y, family = "gaussian", alpha = 1, intercept = FALSE, penalty.factor = w2)
lambda1 = alasso1$lambda.min
lambda2 = alasso2$lambda.min
coef.alasso1 = matrix(coef(alasso1, s = lambda1))[2:(p+1)]
coef.alasso2 = matrix(coef(alasso2, s = lambda2))[2:(p+1)]
alasso1 = glmnet(X, y, family = "gaussian", alpha = 1, intercept = FALSE, penalty.factor = w1)
alasso2 = glmnet(X, y, family = "gaussian", alpha = 1, intercept = FALSE, penalty.factor = w2)
plot(alasso1, xvar = "lambda", label = TRUE, main = "Adaptive lasso - ols")
abline(v=log(lambda1))
plot(alasso2, xvar = "lambda", label = TRUE, main = "Adaptive lasso - ridge")
abline(v=log(lambda2))
```

Topics on High-Dimensional Data Analytics

LD Learning using Regularization

Kamran Paynabar, Ph.D.

Associate Professor
School of Industrial and Systems Engineering

Elastic Net



Learning Objectives

- Create Elastic Net penalty.
- Define the benefits of Elastic Net
- Apply Elastic Net for variable selection



Elastic Net

Assuming the observations are centered, Elastic Net estimates can be computed by (Zou and Hastie, 2006)

$$\min_{\beta} \|y - X\beta\|_2^2 + \lambda_1 \|\beta\|_1 + \lambda_2 \|\beta\|_2^2$$

- **L1 penalty:** encourages sparsity
- **L2 penalty:**
 - Helps perform variable selection when important variable is more than n
 - Alleviates the drawback of multicollinearity

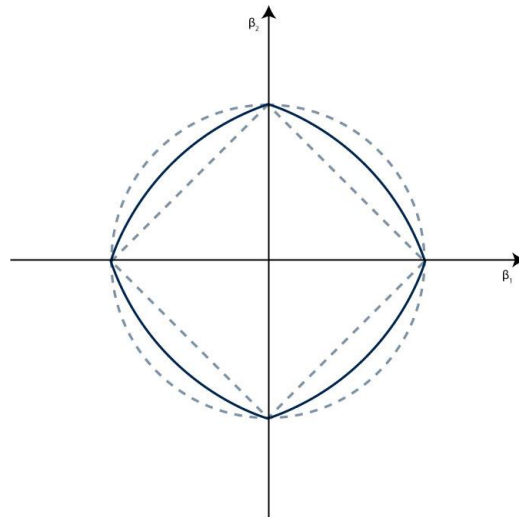
Given λ_2 the solution path of elastic net coefficients is piecewise linear in λ_1

$$\mathbf{X}_{(n+p) \times p}^* = (1 + \lambda_2)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{X} \\ \sqrt{\lambda_2} \mathbf{I} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{y}_{(n+p)}^* = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{y} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Elastic Net

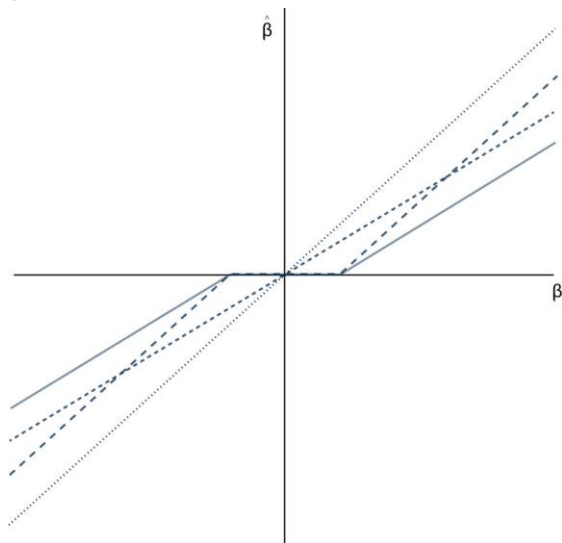
$$\min_{\beta_j} \sum_{i=1}^n \left(y_i - \sum_{j=1}^p \beta_j x_{ij} \right)^2$$

subject to $\alpha \sum_{j=1}^p |\beta_j| + (1-\alpha) \sum_{j=1}^p \beta_j^2 \leq s$



Elastic Net Estimates

$$\min_{\beta} \|\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\beta\|_2^2 + \lambda_1 \|\beta\|_1 + \lambda_2 \|\beta\|_2^2$$

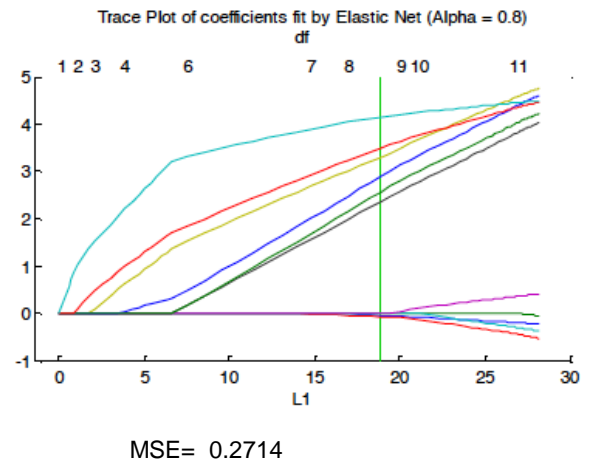


(Zou and Hastie, 2006)

Example

For a regression setting with a 11 predictors, 100 observations are generated such that 5 predictors are not informative.

- Elastic Net is used to identify important variables and fit a prediction model.
- A 10-fold cross validation is used to choose the tuning parameter.



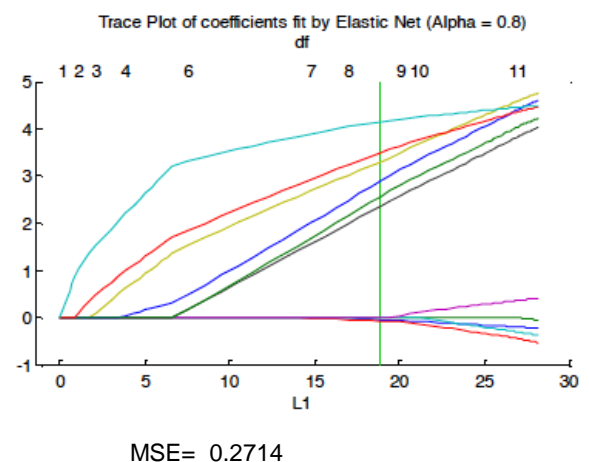
Example

```
clear all
load predictors

for i=1:100
    T(i)=X(i,:)*[0 0 0 0 0 4*ones(1,6)]'+normrnd(0,0.5);
end

[B1,FitInfo1] = lasso(X,T,'CV',10,'Standardize',0,'Alpha',0.8)
ax1 = lassoPlot(B1,FitInfo1)

B1(:,FitInfo1.IndexMinMSE)
FitInfo1.MSE(FitInfo1.IndexMinMSE)
```



Topics on High-Dimensional Data Analytics

LD Learning using Regularization

Kamran Paynabar, Ph.D.

Associate Professor
School of Industrial and Systems Engineering

Group Lasso



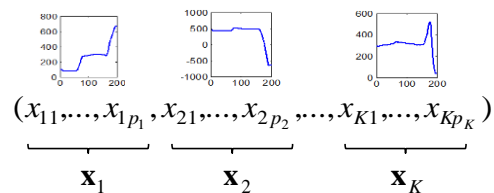
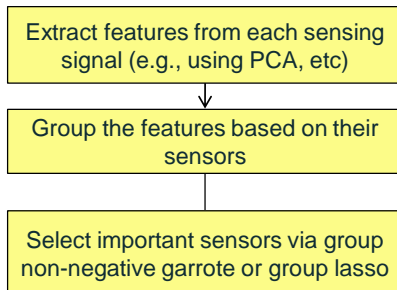
Learning Objectives

- Define group variable selection and sensor selection.
- How to define the group LASSO problem
- Apply group LASSO



Group Variable Selection

- In some cases, features or variables are naturally partitioned into grouped variables, for example
 - Each factor in ANOVA is a group variable that includes dummy variables representing the levels of the factor.
 - The features extracted from a signal can form a grouped variable.



Group LASSO

Assuming the observations are centered, group lasso estimates can be computed by (Yuan and Lin, 2008)

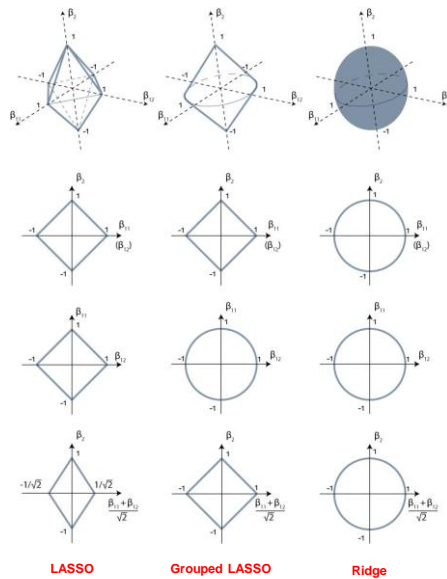
$$\min_{\hat{\beta}_k} \frac{1}{2} \left\| \mathbf{y} - \sum_{k=1}^K \mathbf{X}_k \hat{\beta}_k \right\|^2 + \lambda_1 \sum_{k=1}^K \|\hat{\beta}_k\|$$

where

$$\|\hat{\beta}_k\| = \sqrt{\sum_{j=1}^{p_k} \beta_{kj}^2}$$

$$(\underbrace{x_{11}, \dots, x_{1p_1}}_{\mathbf{X}_1}, \underbrace{x_{21}, \dots, x_{2p_2}}_{\mathbf{X}_2}, \dots, \underbrace{x_{K1}, \dots, x_{Kp_K}}_{\mathbf{X}_K})$$

Group LASSO



(Yuan and Lin, 2008)

Other Group Variable Selection Methods

$$\min_{\hat{\beta}_k} \frac{1}{2} \left\| \mathbf{y} - \sum_{k=1}^K \mathbf{x}_k \hat{\beta}_k \right\|^2 + J(\lambda_t, \hat{\beta}_k)$$

Group Lasso L_2 (Yuan and Lin, 2008)

$$J(\lambda_t, \beta_{kj}) = \lambda_1 \sum_{k=1}^K \|\beta_k\|$$

$$\|\beta_k\| = \sqrt{\sum_{j=1}^{p_k} \beta_{kj}^2}$$

Group Lasso L_∞ (Zhao et al., 2009)

$$J(\lambda_t, \beta_{kj}) = \lambda_1 \sum_{k=1}^K \|\beta_k\|_\infty$$

$$\|\beta_k\|_\infty = \max_j \{|\beta_{kj}|\}$$

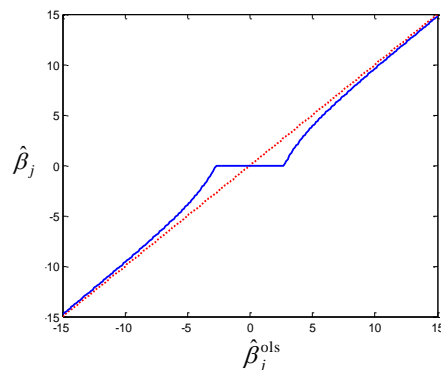
Group Non-negative Garrote
(Yuan and Lin, 2009)

$$J(\lambda_t, \beta_{kj}) = \lambda_1 \sum_{k=1}^K d_k$$

$$\beta_k = d_k \hat{\beta}_k^{\text{ols}}, d_k \geq 0$$

Group NNG: Orthogonal Basis Case

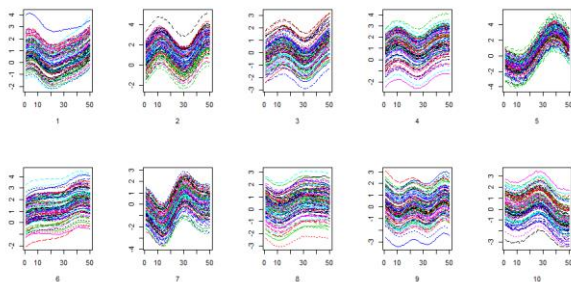
In case of orthogonal predictors (e.g., wavelets) there is a closed-form solution in form of soft-thresholding estimates



$$\hat{d}_k = \left(1 - \lambda / \sum_{j=1}^{p_k} (\hat{\beta}_{kj}^{\text{ols}})^2 \right)_+$$

Example – Function to Scalar Regression

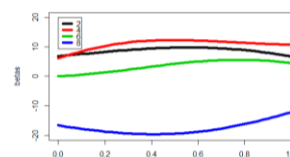
Covariates



Output

$$\begin{aligned} y_i &= \int_0^1 x_{i2}(t) \beta_2(t) dt \\ &+ \int_0^1 x_{i4}(t) \beta_4(t) dt \\ &+ \int_0^1 x_{i6}(t) \beta_6(t) dt \\ &+ \int_0^1 x_{i8}(t) \beta_8(t) dt + \epsilon_i \end{aligned}$$

betas



Example – Function to Scalar Regression

$$y_i = \sum_{j=1}^{10} \int_0^1 x_{ij}(t) \beta_j(t) dt + \epsilon_i$$

We can use b-splines to reduce the dimensionality:

$$\beta_j(t) = \sum_{k=1}^{10} b_{kj} \theta_{kj}(t) = \boldsymbol{\theta}_j^T \mathbf{b}_j$$

With this, we have:

$$\int_0^1 x_{ij}(t) \beta_j(t) dt = \int_0^1 x_{ij}(t) \boldsymbol{\theta}_j^T(t) dt \mathbf{b}_j = \mathbf{z}_{ij} \mathbf{b}_j$$

Therefore:

$$y_i = \mathbf{z}_{i1} \mathbf{b}_1 + \mathbf{z}_{i2} \mathbf{b}_2 + \cdots + \mathbf{z}_{i10} \mathbf{b}_{10} + \epsilon_i$$

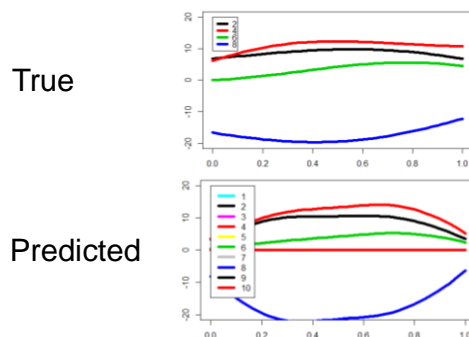
Our goal is to estimate $\mathbf{b}_j \in \mathbb{R}^{10 \times 1}$, using group lasso. The problem we want to solve is:

$$\min_{\mathbf{b}} \|\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{Z}\mathbf{b}\|_2^2 + \sum_{j=1}^{10} \|\mathbf{b}_j\|_2$$

Example – Function to Scalar Regression

$$y_i = \sum_{j=1}^{10} \int_0^1 x_{ij}(t) \beta_j(t) dt + \epsilon_i$$

Prediction using group lasso:



Learned B-spline coefficients:

| | b1 | b2 | b3 | b4 | b5 | b6 | b7 | b8 | b9 | b10 |
|--------|------|-------|------|-------|------|------|------|--------|------|------|
| coef1 | 0.00 | 3.43 | 0.00 | 3.44 | 0.00 | 0.45 | 0.00 | -8.13 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| coef2 | 0.00 | 5.05 | 0.00 | 5.44 | 0.00 | 0.86 | 0.00 | -12.04 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| coef3 | 0.01 | 7.78 | 0.00 | 8.61 | 0.00 | 1.67 | 0.00 | -17.60 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| coef4 | 0.01 | 10.52 | 0.00 | 12.10 | 0.00 | 2.90 | 0.00 | -22.73 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| coef5 | 0.01 | 10.50 | 0.00 | 12.90 | 0.00 | 3.77 | 0.00 | -21.90 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| coef6 | 0.01 | 10.53 | 0.00 | 13.71 | 0.00 | 4.67 | 0.00 | -20.91 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| coef7 | 0.01 | 10.71 | 0.00 | 14.61 | 0.00 | 5.57 | 0.00 | -20.08 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| coef8 | 0.01 | 8.01 | 0.00 | 11.45 | 0.00 | 4.72 | 0.00 | -14.74 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| coef9 | 0.01 | 5.23 | 0.00 | 7.78 | 0.00 | 3.40 | 0.00 | -9.71 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| coef10 | 0.00 | 3.48 | 0.00 | 5.24 | 0.00 | 2.40 | 0.00 | -6.30 | 0.00 | 0.00 |

Example – Function to Scalar Regression

Data generation

```
p = 10 #Number of parameters
tp = 4 #Number of true parameters
n = 50 #Length of observations
m = 100 #Number of observations
snr = 200
ds = 0.2
```

Covariates

```
x_1 = list()
for(i in 1:p)
{ x = seq(0,1,length=n)
  E = as.matrix(dist(x, diag=T, upper=T))
  Sigma = exp(-10*E^2)
  eig = eigen(Sigma)
  Sigma.sqrt = eig$vec%*%diag(sqrt(eig$val+10^(-10)))%*%t(eig$vec)
  mean1 = Sigma.sqrt%*%rnorm(n)
  S_noise = exp(-0.1*E^2)
  eig_noise = eigen(S_noise)
  S.sqrt_noise = eig_noise$vec%*%diag(sqrt(eig_noise$val+10^(-10)))%*%t(eig_noise$vec)
  noise = S.sqrt_noise%*%rnorm(n)
  signal = mean1 + noise
  var = var(signal)
  ds1 = sqrt(var/snr)
  S.sqrt_err = diag(n)*drop(ds1)
  x1 = matrix(0,m,n)
  for(j in 1:(m)) {
    noise = S.sqrt_noise%*%rnorm(n)
    error = S.sqrt_err%*%rnorm(n)
    x1[j,] = mean1 + noise + error }
  x_1[[i]] = x1 }
```