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### Learning Outcomes: At the end of the course, participants will be able to

- 1. Model the multiple linear relationships between a response variable (Y) and all explanatory variables (both categorical and numerical variables) with interaction terms. Interpret model parameter estimates, construct confidence intervals for regression coefficients, evaluate model fits, and visualize correlations between a response variable (Y) and all explanatory variables (X) by graphs (scatter plot, residual plot) to assess model validity.
- 2. Predict the response variable at a certain level of the explanatory variables once the fit model exists.
- 3. Implement R-software and analyze statistical results for biomedical and other data.

### Evaluations

- 1. Assignments will be posted on Slack (our communication tool with students).
- 2. Students must attend 70% (6/9) of the sessions in order to receive the certificate and are encouraged to work on the assignments progressively throughout the course as the relevant material is covered.

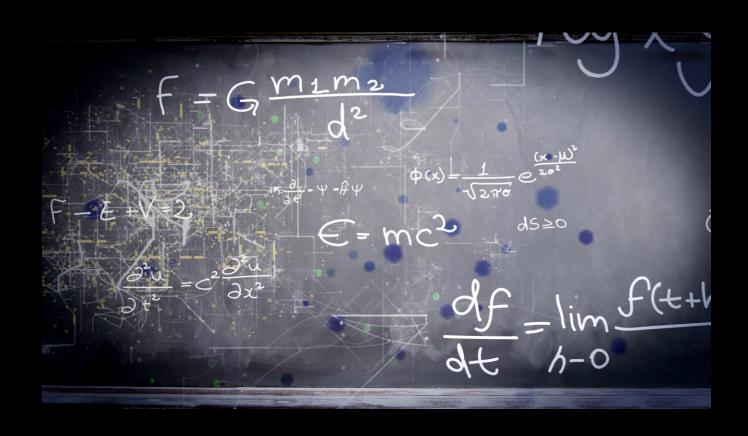






- Supportive materials
  - Lectures slides (2023)
  - R code scripts (2023)
  - PDF (dated 2022)
  - Two Assignments (dated 2022)
- Slack channels
  - Recoding videos
  - Exercises
  - Course-documents

# Lecture 4: Model Selection







# Quick recap of lecture 3

### • Statistics:

- Interaction Effect in Multiple Regression with both Quantitative and Qualitative (Dummy) Variable models
- Two different approaches but result in the same optimal model
- A Quadratic (Second Order) Model with Quantitative predictors
- Cross validation to avoid overfitting and underfitting model

### • Code:

- $Im(y \sim x1+x2+(x1+x2)^2 + I(X1^2)+I(X2^2))$
- CVIm()





### Model Selection

- Stepwise model selection methods
  - Backwards Elimination
  - Forward Selection
  - Stepwise regression
- Criteria for model selection
  - p-values
  - adjusted R<sup>2</sup>
  - RMSE
  - Mallows's Cp Criterion
  - AIC (Akaike's information criterion)





### **Backward Elimination Procedure**

 Step 1: The Backward procedure initially fits a model containing terms for all potential independent variables

$$E(Y) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_1 + \beta_2 X_2 + \dots + \beta_p X_p$$

- Step 2: The variable with the smallest t (or F) test statistic (largest p-value) for testing  $H0:\beta i=0$  is identified and dropped from the model if the t-value is less than some specified critical value or p-value more than a cut-off (common: 0.3)
- The model with the remaining (p-1) independent variables is fit in step 2, and again, the variable associated with the smallest nonsignificant t-value (largest p-value) is dropped. This process is repeated until no further nonsignificant independent variables can be found.





### Backward Elimination Procedure

Dr. Thuntida Ngamkham's approach

- 1. Build an additive model
- 2. Determine significant predictors
- 3. Build an interaction model with significant predictors
- 4. Remove non-significant interactions
- 5. Rerun model to ensure all predictors are significant
- 6. Iterate at step 5 until done

### Leah's approach:

- Start with an interaction model with all predictors
- 2. Remove non-significant interactions
- 3. Rerun model to ensure all predictors are significant
- 4. Iterate step 3 until done.

Similar to backward elimination. But backward elimination is more rigorous as it only remove one predictor at a time





### Forward selection

Do a similar thing like a backward selection but the other way around.

$$null\ model:\ Y=\beta_0$$

• Step 1: The software program fits all possible one-variable models of the form. The independent variable that produces the largest (absolute) t -value (smallest p-value) is then declared the best one-variable predictor of Y. Call this independent variable  $X_1$ .

$$Y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_1$$





### Forward selection

• Step 2: The stepwise program now begins to search through the remaining (p-1) independent variables for the best two-variable model of the form

$$E(Y) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_1 + \beta_2 X_i$$

- This is done by fitting all two-variable models containing  $X_1$  and each of the other (p-1) options for the second variable  $X_i$ . The t-values for the test  $H_0:\beta_2=0$  are computed for each of the p-1 models (corresponding to the remaining independent variables,  $X_i, i=2,3,...,p-1$ ), and the variable having the largest t is retained. Call this variable  $X_2$ .
- Repeat this step 2 until the model go through all predictors





### Stepwise Regression

- Similar to forward selection, but add one more step after adding additional predictor
- Null model
- Add 1<sup>st</sup> predictor
- When 1 more predictor on top of the 1<sup>st</sup> predictor : After step 2 of forward selection, the stepwise routine will go back and check the t-value of  $\widehat{\beta}_1$  after  $\widehat{\beta}_2 X_2$  has been added to the model (check step). If the t-value has become nonsignificant at some specified  $\alpha$  level (say  $\alpha$ =0.3), the variable  $X_1$  is removed and a search is made for the independent variable with a  $\beta$  parameter that will yield the most significant t-value in the presence of  $\widehat{\beta}_2 X_2$ .





# Comparisons of three approaches

To test whether a predictor can be added/removed from the model:

	STEP1	STEP2	STEP3
Backward elimination	The optimal model (Start from Full model)	Identify the predictor with largest p-value and remove it predictor if its p-value is larger than a threshold in anova (f-test).	NA
Forward selection	The optimal model (Start from Y ~ 1)	Identify the predictor with smallest p-value its p-value is smaller than a threshold in t-test.	NA
Stepwise regression	The optimal model (Start from Y ~ 1)	Identify the predictor with smallest p-value its p-value is smaller than a threshold in t-test.	Check the p-value for predictors before adding the new predictor, replace it if its p-value is no longer significant after adding the new predictor.







Use the Executive Salary (EXECSAL2.csv) data.

- (a) Use backward elimination to identify potentially important predictor variables (make sure to specify which are qualitative).
- (b) Use forward selection to identify potentially important predictor variables. Are they the same as backward elimination?
- (c) Use stepwise selection to identify potentially important predictor variables. Are they the same as previous two methods?

#### > backmodel

#### Elimination Summary

Step	Variable Removed	R-Square	Adj. R-Square	C(p)	AIC	RMSE
1	X10	0.9228	0.9151	9.1091	-220.9265	0.0757
2	X7	0.9227	0.9159	7.1956	-222.8295	0.0753
3	X8	0.9225	0.9166	5.4499	-224.5448	0.0750
4	factor(X6)	0.922	0.917	4.0235	-225.9056	0.0749

#### > forwardmodel

### Selection Summary

Step	Variable Entered	R-Square	Adj. R-Square	C(p)	AIC	RMSE
1 2 3 4 5	X1 factor(X3) X4 X2 X5 factor(X9)	0.6190 0.7492 0.8391 0.9075 0.9206 0.9220	0.6151 0.7440 0.8341 0.9036 0.9164 0.9170	343.8566 195.5192 93.7538 16.8128 3.6279 4.0235	-77.2678 -117.0905 -159.4705 -212.8048 -226.1391 -225.9056	0.1612 0.1314 0.1058 0.0807 0.0751 0.0749

#### > ols\_step\_both\_p(full\_model, pent=0.3, prem = 0.3, details = FALSE)

#### Stepwise Selection Summary

Step	Variable	Added/ Removed	R-Square	Adj. R-Square	C(p)	AIC	RMSE
1 2 3	X1 factor(X3) X4	addition addition addition addition	0.619 0.749 0.839	0.615 0.744 0.834	343.8570 195.5190 93.7540	-77.2678 -117.0905 -159.4705	0.1612 0.1314 0.1058
4 5 6	X2 X5 factor(X9)	addition addition addition	0.907 0.921 0.922	0.904 0.916 0.917	16.8130 3.6280 4.0240	-212.8048 -226.1391 -225.9056	0.0807 0.0751 0.0749



# In class Practice Problem 10

Save you day with "olsrr" package! olsrr: Tools for Building OLS Regression Models

>backmodel=ols\_step\_backward\_p(fullmodel, prem = 0.3, details=TRUE)

>forwardmodel=ols\_step\_forward\_p(fullmodel, penter = 0.3, details=TRUE)

>stepwisemodel=ols\_step\_both\_p(fullmodel, pent = 0.3, prem=0.3, details=TRUE)









Use the CREDIT.CSV data.

- (a) Use **backward elimination** to identify potentially important predictor variables (make sure to specify which are qualitative).
- (b) Use **forward selection** to identify potentially important predictor variables.
- (c) Are the results the same?









> backward\_model

#### Elimination Summary

Step	Variable Removed	R-Square	Adj. R-Square	C(p)	AIC	RMSE
1	Education	0.955	0.9539	8.4729	4821.8576	98.7238
2	factor(Ethnicity)	0.9549	0.954	7.9305	4819.3557	98.6556
3	factor(Married)	0.9548	0.954	6.4620	4817.9006	98.5968

backward\_model=Im(Balance ~ Income+Limit+Rating+Cards+Age+factor(Gender)+factor(Student), data=credit)

- > forward\_model = ols\_step\_forward\_p(full\_model,penter=0.3)
- > forward\_model

### Selection Summary

Step	Variable Entered	R-Square	Adj. R-Square	C(p)	AIC	RMSE
1	Rating	0.7458	0.7452	1800.3084	5496.7815	232.0713
2	Income	0.8751	0.8745	685.1965	5214.5571	162.8813
3	factor(Student)	0.9499	0.9495	41.1339	4851.3870	103.3189
4	Limit	0.9522	0.9517	23.1825	4834.5240	101.0389
5	Cards	0.9542	0.9536	8.1316	4819.6668	99.0576
6	Age	0.9547	0.9540	5.5749	4817.0390	98.6115
7	factor(Gender)	0.9548	0.9540	6.4620	4817.9006	98.5968

forward\_model=Im(Balance ~ Rating+Income+Factor(student)+Limit+Cards+Age+factor(Gender), data=credit)



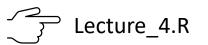






Use the CREDIT.CSV data.

- a) Use **stepwise regression** to find the potentially important independent variables for predicting credit card balance. (make sure to specify which are qualitative).
- b) Is the result the same as the previous two approach?









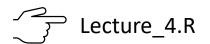
> credit\_stepwise

Stepwise Selection Summary

Step	Variable	Added/ Removed	R-Square	Adj. R-Square	C(p)	AIC	RMSE
1	Rating	addition	0.746	0.745	1800.3080	5496.7815	232.0713
3	Income factor(Student)	addition addition	0.875 0.950	0.874 0.949	685.1970 41.1340	5214.5571 4851.3870	162.8813 103.3189
4	Limit Cards	addition addition	0.952 0.954	0.952 0.954	23.1820 8.1320	4834.5240 4819.6668	101.0389 99.0576
6	Age	addition	0.955	0.954	5.5750	4817.0390	98.6115
7	factor(Gender)	addition	0.955	0.954	6.4620	4817.9006	98.5968

stepwise\_model=Im(Balance ~ Rating+Income+factor(student)+Limit+Cards+Age+factor(Gender), data=credit)

forward\_model=lm(Balance ~ Rating+Income+factor(student)+Limit+Cards+Age+factor(Gender), data=credit)









### All Possible Regressions Selection Criteria

#### **1.** $R^2$ **Criterion** the multiple coefficient of determination

$$R^2 = rac{SSR}{SST} = 1 - rac{SSE}{SST}$$

will increase when independent variables are added to the model. Therefore, the model that includes all p independent variables  $E(Y) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_1 + \beta_2 X_2 + \ldots + \beta_n X_n$  will yield the largest  $R^2$ .

#### 2. Adjusted $\mathbb{R}^2$ or RMSE Criterion

We can use the adjusted  $\mathbb{R}^2$  instead of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . It is easy to show that  $\mathbb{R}^2_{adj}$  is related to MSE as follows:

$$R^2_{adj}=1-rac{rac{SSE}{n-p-1}}{rac{SST}{n-1}}$$
 Adjusted based on the number of predictors  $R^2_{adj}=1-(n-1)rac{MSE}{SST}$   $s=RMSE=\sqrt{rac{1}{n-p-1}SSE}$ 

Note that  $R^2_{adj}$  increases only if RMSE decreases [since SST remains constant for all models]. Thus, an equivalent procedure is to search for the model with the minimum, or near minimum, RMSE.

#### 3. Mallows's Cp Criterion

The Cp criterion, named for Colin Lingwood Mallow, selects as the best subset model with

- 1. a small value of Cp (i.e., a small total mean square error), means that the model is relatively precise.
- 2. a value of Cp near p + 1, a property that indicates that slight (or no) bias exists in the subset regression model.

Thus, the Cp criterion focuses on minimizing total mean square error and the regression bias. If we are mainly concerned with minimizing total mean square error, we will want to choose the model with the smallest Cp value, as long as the bias is not large. On the other hand, we may prefer a model that yields a Cp value slightly larger than the minimum but that has slight (or no) bias.

#### 4. AIC (Akaike's information criterion)

When using the model to predict Y, some information will be lost. Akaike's information criterion estimates the relative information lost by a given model. It is defined as

$$AIC = n \ln(rac{SSE}{n}) + 2(p+1)$$

The formula is formulated by the statistician **Hirotugu Akaike**. Models with smaller values of AIC are preferred.

Hen, these are outdated! We have a powerful tool that is CV MSE! DAAG, CVIm()
That's the point of view of machine learning engineers and data analysts.
But statisticians sometimes still use these criteria as they are more focused on attributes of parameters
Besides, cross validation works better with a lot of samples. Sometimes, we only have a few samples (n<500).



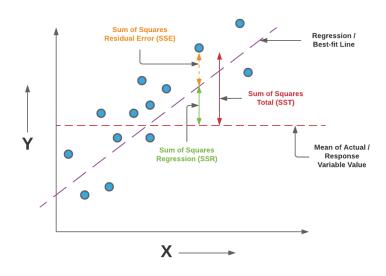




### Criteria for model selection

•  $R^2$  Criterion the multiple coefficient of determination

$$R^2 = \frac{SSR}{SST} = 1 - \frac{SSE}{SST}$$



• R<sup>2</sup> will increase when independent variables are added to the model. Therefore, the model that includes all p independent variables  $E(Y) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_1 + \beta_2 X_2 + ... + \beta_p X_p$  will yield the largest  $R^2$ .





## RMSE or Adjusted R<sup>2</sup>

• Adjusted  $R^2$  or RMSE Criterion

$$R_{adj}^2 = 1 - \frac{\frac{SSE}{n-p-1}}{\frac{SST}{n-1}}$$
 n: samples size, p: # of predictors 
$$R_{adj}^2 = 1 - (n-1)\frac{MSE}{SST}$$
 
$$R_a^2 = R^2 - \left(\frac{p-1}{n-p}\right)(1-R^2)$$
 
$$S = RMSE = \sqrt{\frac{1}{n-p-1}SSE}$$



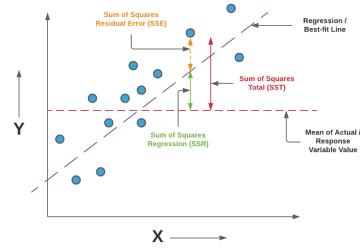
# AIC (Akaike's information criterion)

• Akaike's information criterion estimates the relative information lost by a given model.

$$AIC = -2\ln(\hat{L}) + 2p$$

$$AIC = n\ln(\frac{SSE}{n}) + 2p$$

Models with smaller values of AIC are preferred.





# BIC (Bayesian information criterion)

 Akaike's information criterion estimates the relative information lost by a given model.

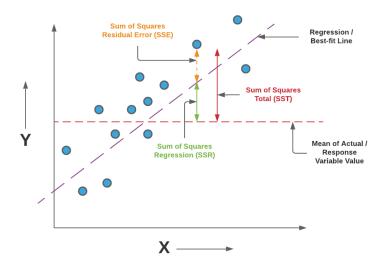
$$BIC = -2 \ln \left( \hat{L} \approx \frac{SSE}{N} \right) + 2 \ln(n) p$$

 Models with small values of BIC are preferred.

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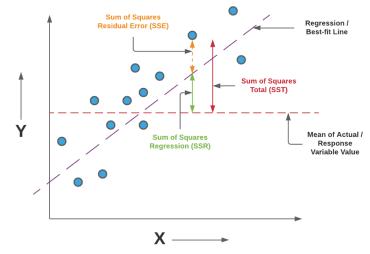
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# Mallows's C<sub>p</sub> Criterion

- A measure for evaluating and comparing models
- Similar in usage to other model evaluation techniques:
  - Adjusted R2
  - Standard error of the regression / RMSE /s
  - AIC and BIC
- Estimated the magnitude of bias (prediction error) present in predicted value when important features are missing; large residuals.
- Here, p full model parameter numbers, k is the subset (reduced) with k adjustable model parameters, n is the sample size
- Full model:  $C_p = p + 1$
- For reduced mode:  $C_p = \frac{SSE_p}{\widehat{\sigma}_{\varepsilon}^2} n + 2(p+1) = \frac{SSE_p}{MSE_k} n + 2(p+1)$
- If the subset model is correct, the C<sub>p</sub> should be about equal to p (smaller is better)
- In best subsets regression, we are looking for the reduced model that is closest to  $C_p={\bf k}+1$  approaching from above.
- Only useful when n >>k



$$SSE_p = \sum_{i=1}^N (Y_i - Y_{pi})^2$$

$$\mathsf{MSEk=} rac{1}{N-K} \sum_{i=1}^N (Y_i - \hat{Y}_i)^2$$

### Combos 5

- #Construct a table for combos 5
- library(olsrr)
- salary=read.csv("EXECSAL2.csv", header = TRUE)
- firstordermodel<-lm(Y~X1+X2+X3+X4+X5+X6+X7+X8+X9+X10, data= salary)</li>
- #Select the subset of predictors that do the best at meeting some welldefined objective criterion, such
- ks=ols\_step\_backward\_p(firstordermodel, details=TRUE)
- # for the output interpretation
- R2<-c(ks\$rsquare)</li>
- AdjustedR2<-c(ks\$adjr)</li>
- Cp<-c(ks\$cp)</li>
- AIC<-c(ks\$aic)</li>
- RMSE<-c(ks\$rmse)</li>
- cbind(R2, AdjustedR2,Cp,AIC, RMSE)

#### > forwardmodel

Selection	Summary

Step	Variable Entered	R-Square	Adj. R-Square	C(p)	AIC	RMSE
1	X1	0.6190	0.6151	343.8566	-77.2678	0.1612
2	factor(X3)	0.7492	0.7440	195.5192	-117.0905	0.1314
3	X4	0.8391	0.8341	93.7538	-159.4705	0.1058
4	X2	0.9075	0.9036	16.8128	-212.8048	0.0807
5	X5	0.9206	0.9164	3.6279	-226.1391	0.0751
6	factor(X9)	0.9220	0.9170	4.0235	-225.9056	0.0749

#### > stepwisemodel

#### Stepwise Selection Summary

Step	Variable	Added/ Removed	R-Square	Adj. R-Square	C(p)	AIC	RMSE
1	X1	addition	0.619	0.615	343.8570	-77.2678	0.1612
2	factor(X3)	addition	0.749	0.744	195.5190	-117.0905	0.1314
3	X4	addition	0.839	0.834	93.7540	-159.4705	0.1058
4	X2	addition	0.907	0.904	16.8130	-212.8048	0.0807
5	X5	addition	0.921	0.916	3.6280	-226.1391	0.0751

Combos 5	R2 (+)	Adjusted R2 (+)	Cp (k+1)	AIC/BIC (-)	RMSE (-)
Model1					
Model5					



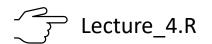




Use the CREDIT.CSV data.

From the credit card example, using the **All Possible Regressions Selection Criteria** (combo5) to analyze which independent predictors should be used in the model.

Hints: construct combos 5 tables for the best models you get from problem 11, 12 and make a final decision.









# In class Practice Problem 13 Answers

> forward\_model

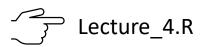
#### Selection Summary

	Variable		۸ d غ			
Step	Entered	R-Square	Adj. R-Square	C(p)	AIC	RMSE
1	Rating	0.7458	0.7452	1800.3084	5496.7815	232.0713
2	Income	0.8751	0.8745	685.1965	5214.5571	162.8813
3	factor(Student)	0.9499	0.9495	41.1339	4851.3870	103.3189
4	Limit	0.9522	0.9517	23.1825	4834.5240	101.0389
5	Cards	0.9542	0.9536	8.1316	4819.6668	99.0576
6	Age	0.9547	0.9540	5.5749	4817.0390	98.6115
7	factor(Gender)	0.9548	0.9540	6.4620	4817.9006	98.5968

> stepwise\_model

#### Stepwise Selection Summary

Step	Variable	Added/ Removed	R-Square	Adj. R-Square	C(p)	AIC	RMSE
1	Rating	addition	0.746	0.745	1800.3080	5496.7815	232.0713
2	Income	addition	0.875	0.874	685.1970	5214.5571	162.8813
3	factor(Student)	addition	0.950	0.949	41.1340	4851.3870	103.3189
4	Limit	addition	0.952	0.952	23.1820	4834.5240	101.0389
5	Cards	addition	0.954	0.954	8.1320	4819.6668	99.0576
6	Age	addition	0.955	0.954	5.5750	4817.0390	98.6115
7	factor(Gender)	addition	0.955	0.954	6.4620	4817.9006	98.5968







 The model's performance in relation to all predictors is evident.

### Cons:

 Not dynamically displaying how predictors are added or deleted.

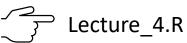






# In class Practice Problem 13 Answers

model	Variables	R2	AdjR2	Ср	AIC	RMSE
forward	Income	0.745848418	0.74521	1800.308	5496.781548	232.0713
forward	Limit	0.875117948	0.874489	685.1965	5214.557085	162.8813
forward	Rating	0.94987878	0.949499	41.13387	4851.386992	103.3189
forward	Cards	0.952187504	0.951703	23.1825	4834.524008	101.0389
forward	Age	0.954160597	0.953579	8.131573	4819.66682	99.05763
forward	Education	0.954687886	0.953996	5.574883	4817.038963	98.61148
forward	factor(Gender)	0.954816662	0.95401	6.462042	4817.90056	98.59677
forward	factor(Ethnicity)	0.745848418	0.74521	1800.308	5496.781548	232.0713
forward	factor(Married)	0.875117948	0.874489	685.1965	5214.557085	162.8813
forward	factor(Student)	0.94987878	0.949499	41.13387	4851.386992	103.3189
stepwise	Income	0.745848418	0.74521	1800.308	5496.781548	232.0713
stepwise	Limit	0.875117948	0.874489	685.1965	5214.557085	162.8813
stepwise	Rating	0.94987878	0.949499	41.13387	4851.386992	103.3189
stepwise	Cards	0.952187504	0.951703	23.1825	4834.524008	101.0389
stepwise	Age	0.954160597	0.953579	8.131573	4819.66682	99.05763
stepwise	Education	0.954687886	0.953996	5.574883	4817.038963	98.61148
stepwise	factor(Gender)	0.745848418	0.74521	1800.308	5496.781548	232.0713
stepwise	factor(Ethnicity)	0.875117948	0.874489	685.1965	5214.557085	162.8813
stepwise	factor(Married)	0.94987878	0.949499	41.13387	4851.386992	103.3189
stepwise	factor(Student)	0.952187504	0.951703	23.1825	4834.524008	101.0389









# Take away messages

### • Statistics:

- Backward elimination
- Forward selection
- Stepwise regression
- All Possible Regressions Selection Procedure (makes your own selection criteria combo)

### • Code:

- Im(); anova();
- ols\_step\_backward\_p
- ols\_step\_forward\_p
- ols\_step\_both\_p
- rbind(); cbind(); colnames(); write.csv(); getwd()

### Thank you

- Questions OR Comments?
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