

# Machine learning and physical (Earth system) modelling - course 2

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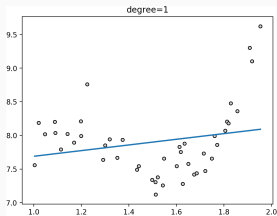
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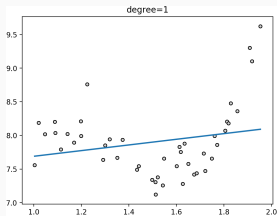


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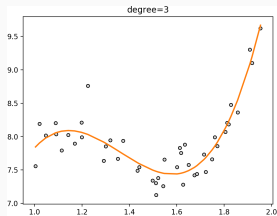
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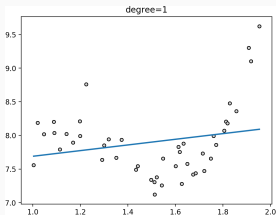


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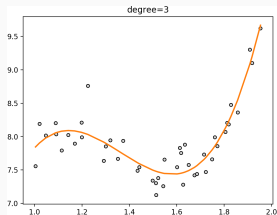
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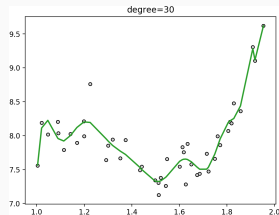
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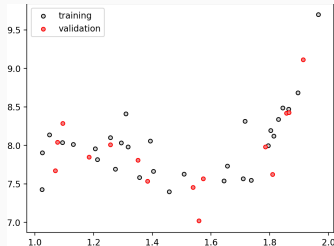
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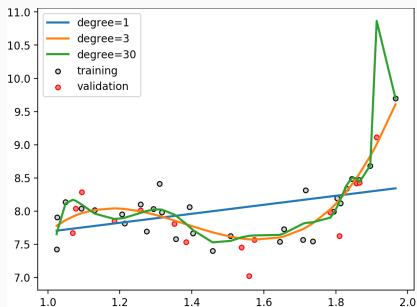
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In our example we can randomly divide  $(X, y)$  in two datasets:

- The training dataset  $X_{train}, y_{train}$  used to fit the model.
- The validation dataset  $X_{val}, y_{val}$  used to compute the score (e.g., correlation, mean-squared error)



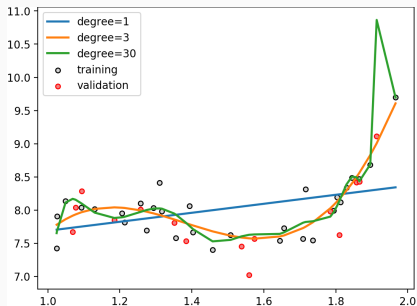
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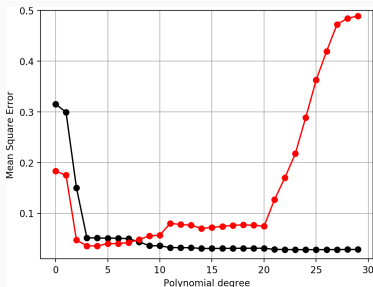
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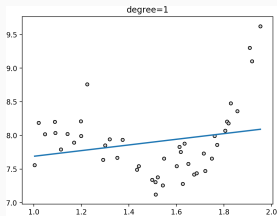


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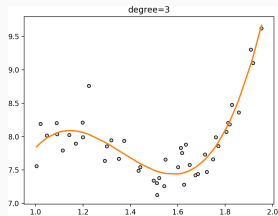
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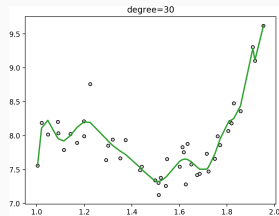
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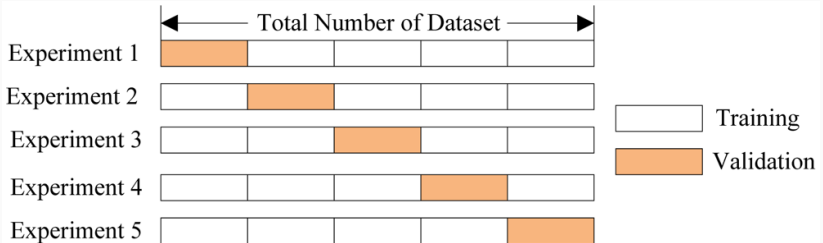
## Drawbacks

- drastically reduce the number of samples which can be used for learning the model
- Results can depend on a particular random choice for the pair of (train, validation) sets.

# More Robust: cross validation

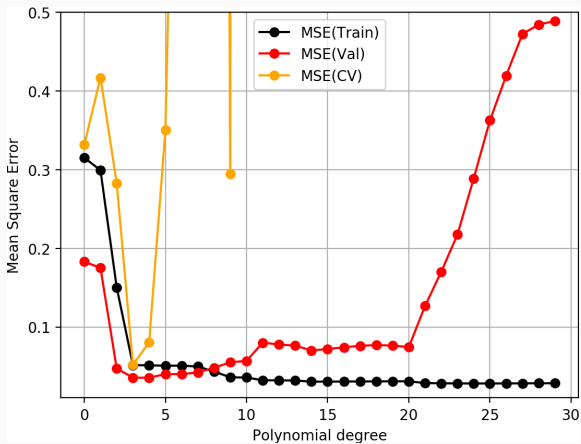
## The idea

- Dividing the data in  $n$  folds,
- Learning  $n$  model (each time with a different training set),
- Compute the mean score over  $n$  validation set.



# Cross-Validation

Fold	MSE
1	0.052
2	0.043
3	0.137
4	0.025
5	0.048
6	0.144
7	0.011
8	0.025
9	0.010
10	0.028
Mean	0.05



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4. To evaluate independantly the performance of our model, we should compute the score on a **third independant dataset: The test dataset**.

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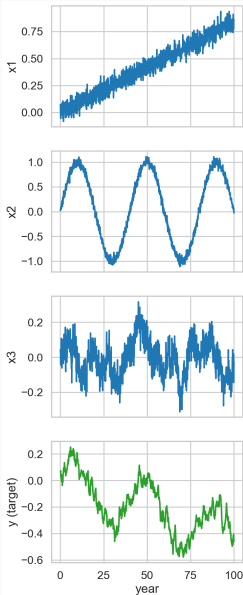
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- **WARNING!** It can lead to problems with auto-correlated data (e.g. pixels of an image, time series).

**More exactly:** it leads to problem if the residual between the target and the model prediction (a.k.a. model error) is auto-correlated.

# Illustration



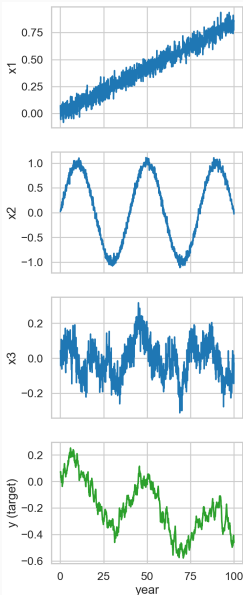
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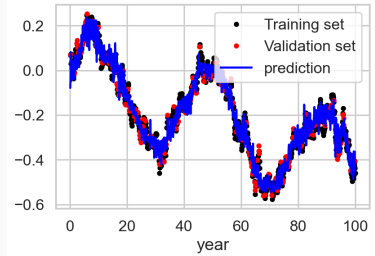
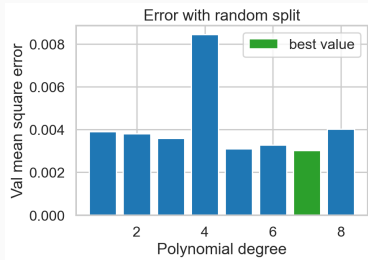
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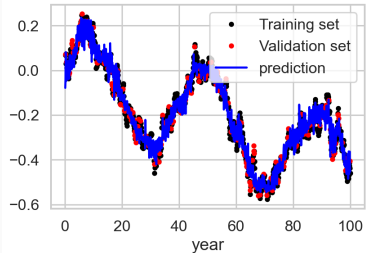
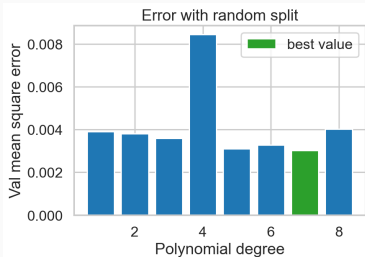
We will use a polynomial regression and chose the polynomial degree of the best model (in term of mean square error) from a validation set

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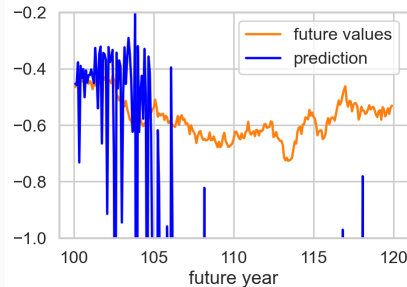


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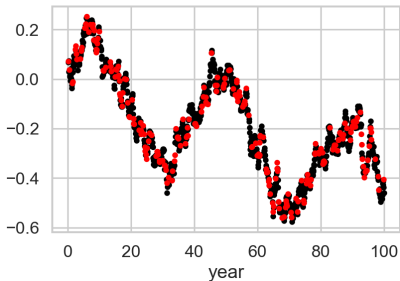


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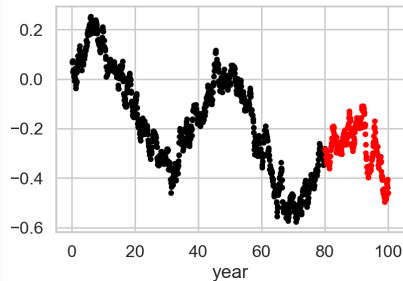


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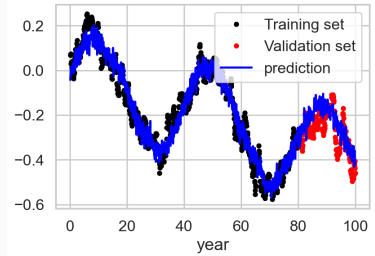
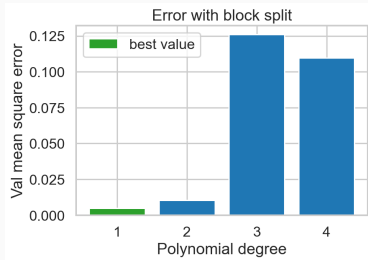
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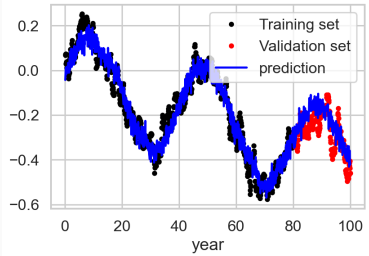
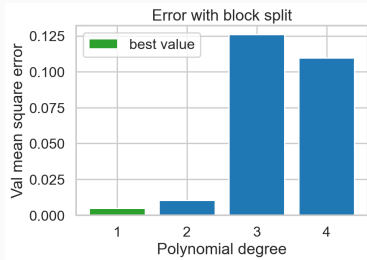


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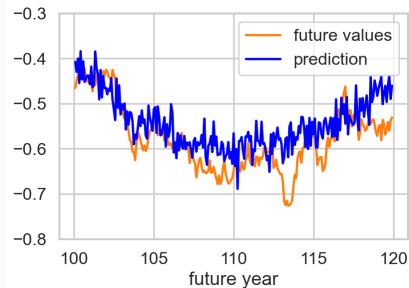


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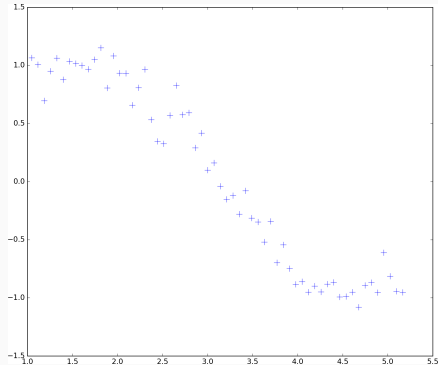
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## L1/L2 regularization

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# Example of a non-linear relationship



## An idea

We could take an polynomial hypothesis model:

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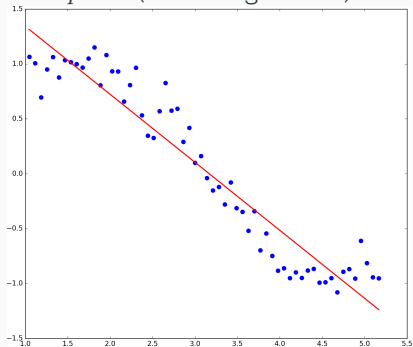
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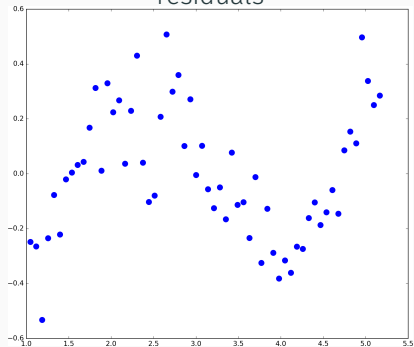
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- If the degree of the polynomial  $p = 1$ , it is a simple linear regression

# A first result

$p = 1$  (linear regression)



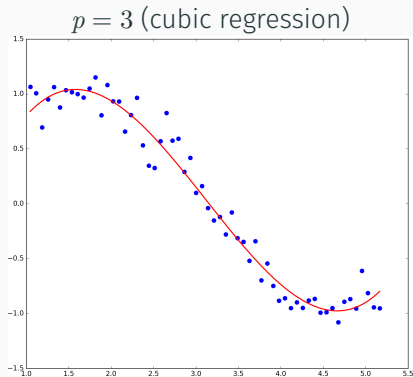
residuals



Prediction error

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## Is it different from the linear regression ?

Let's consider :

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ x^1 \\ x^2 \\ \vdots \\ x^p \end{pmatrix}$$

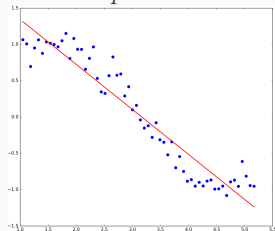
then

$$h_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(x) = \theta_0 + \theta_1 x^1 + \dots + \theta_p x^p = \boldsymbol{\theta}^T \mathbf{x}$$

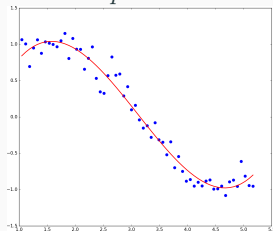
By extending a scalar predictor to a vector, polynomial regression is equivalent to linear regression.

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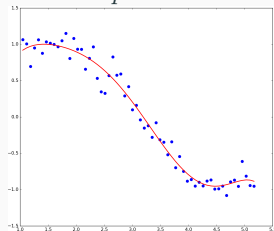
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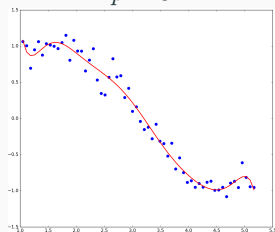
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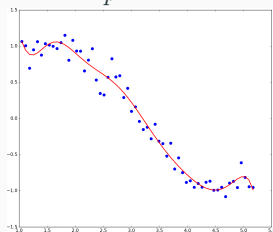
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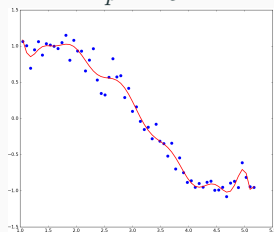
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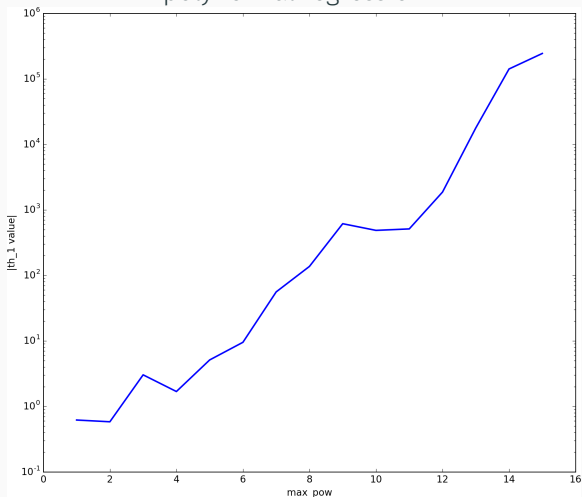
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# High parameters values

Value of the parameters  $|\theta_1|$  with respect with the degree of the polynomial regression



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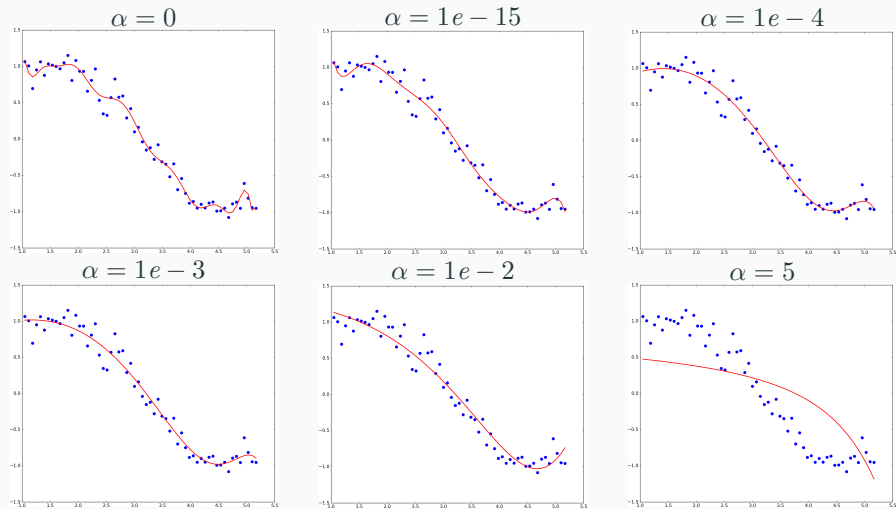
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## Ridge regression (L2)

Ridge regression is a linear regression with a Ridge regularization:

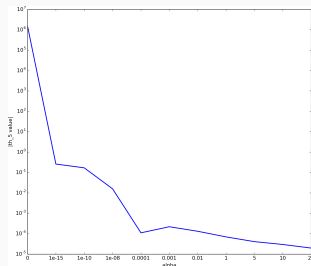
$$J(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \frac{1}{n} \sum (y_i - h_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(x_i))^2 + \alpha \sum_{i=0}^p \theta_i^2$$

# Results for $p = 15$ and varying $\alpha$



# Values of coefficients

alpha_0	+1.17e-02	-3.62e+04	+2.44e+05	-7.46e+05	+1.38e+06	-1.71e+06	+1.53e+06	-1.00e+06	+4.98e+05	-1.88e+05
alpha_1e-15	+1.46e-02	+9.43e+01	-2.98e+02	+3.79e+02	-2.37e+02	+6.72e+01	-2.60e-01	-4.35e+00	+5.62e-01	+1.42e-01
alpha_1e-10	+1.54e-02	+1.12e+01	-2.90e+01	+3.11e+01	-1.52e+01	+2.89e+00	+1.69e-01	-9.10e-02	-1.08e-02	+1.98e-03
alpha_1e-08	+1.58e-02	+1.34e+00	-1.53e+00	+1.75e+00	-6.80e-01	+3.88e-02	+1.58e-02	+1.59e-04	-3.60e-04	-5.37e-05
alpha_0.0001	+1.60e-02	+5.61e-01	+5.47e-01	-1.28e-01	-2.57e-02	-2.82e-03	-1.10e-04	+4.06e-05	+1.52e-05	+3.65e-06
alpha_0.001	+1.67e-02	+8.18e-01	+3.05e-01	-8.67e-02	-2.05e-02	-2.84e-03	-2.19e-04	+1.81e-05	+1.24e-05	+3.43e-06
alpha_0.01	+2.39e-02	+1.30e+00	-8.84e-02	-5.15e-02	-1.01e-02	-1.41e-03	-1.32e-04	+7.23e-07	+4.14e-06	+1.30e-06
alpha_1	+9.41e-02	+9.69e-01	-1.39e-01	-1.93e-02	-3.00e-03	-4.66e-04	-6.97e-05	-9.90e-06	-1.29e-06	-1.43e-07
alpha_5	+2.31e-01	+5.48e-01	-5.89e-02	-8.52e-03	-1.42e-03	-2.41e-04	-4.08e-05	-6.87e-06	-1.15e-06	-1.91e-07
alpha_10	+3.00e-01	+4.00e-01	-3.72e-02	-5.53e-03	-9.50e-04	-1.67e-04	-2.96e-05	-5.23e-06	-9.25e-07	-1.63e-07
alpha_20	+3.79e-01	+2.77e-01	-2.25e-02	-3.40e-03	-5.99e-04	-1.08e-04	-1.97e-05	-3.60e-06	-6.58e-07	-1.20e-07



Value of  $\theta_5$



# Determination of the parameters in the ridge regression

Considering the cost function J:

$$J(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = J_{lms}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) + \alpha \sum_{i=0}^p \theta_i^2$$

In a gradient algorithm, update of the parameters:

$$\theta_i^{k+1} = \theta_i^k - \nu \cdot \left( \frac{\partial J_{lms}}{\partial \theta_i} - 2\alpha \theta_i^k \right)$$

So the update rule is:

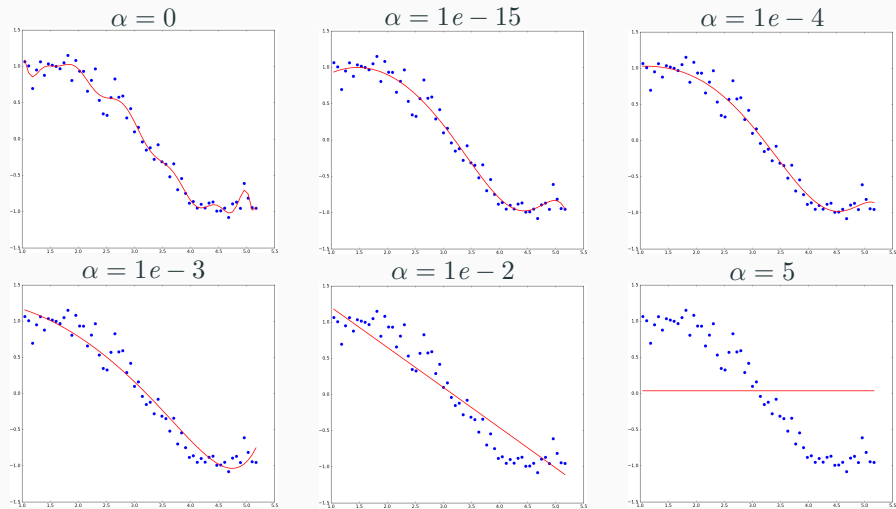
$$\theta_i^{k+1} = \theta_i^k (1 - 2\nu\alpha) - \Delta_{lms}$$

where  $\Delta_{lms}$  is the update in case of non-regularized regression

Lasso regression is a linear regression with a Lasso regularization:

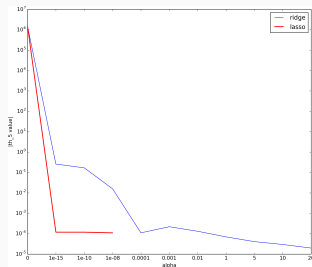
$$J(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \frac{1}{n} \sum (y_i - h_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(x_i))^2 + \alpha \sum_{i=0}^p |\theta_i|$$

# Results for $p = 15$ and varying $\alpha$



# Values of coefficients

alpha_0	+1.17e-02	-3.62e+04	+2.44e+05	-7.46e+05	+1.38e+06	-1.71e+06	+1.53e+06	-1.00e+06	+4.98e+05	-1.88e+05
alpha_1e-15	+1.59e-02	+2.22e-01	+1.06e+00	-3.69e-01	+8.85e-04	+1.63e-03	-1.19e-04	-6.44e-05	-6.28e-06	+1.45e-06
alpha_1e-10	+1.59e-02	+2.22e-01	+1.06e+00	-3.69e-01	+8.84e-04	+1.63e-03	-1.18e-04	-6.44e-05	-6.28e-06	+1.45e-06
alpha_1e-08	+1.59e-02	+2.22e-01	+1.06e+00	-3.69e-01	+7.69e-04	+1.62e-03	-1.10e-04	-6.45e-05	-6.32e-06	+1.43e-06
alpha_0.0001	+1.72e-02	+9.03e-01	+1.71e-01	-0.00e+00	-4.78e-02	-0.00e+00	-0.00e+00	+0.00e+00	+0.00e+00	+9.47e-06
alpha_0.001	+2.80e-02	+1.29e+00	-0.00e+00	-1.26e-01	-0.00e+00	-0.00e+00	-0.00e+00	+0.00e+00	+0.00e+00	+0.00e+00
alpha_0.01	+6.07e-02	+1.76e+00	-5.52e-01	-5.62e-04	-0.00e+00	-0.00e+00	-0.00e+00	-0.00e+00	-0.00e+00	-0.00e+00
alpha_1	+6.16e-01	+3.80e-02	-0.00e+00	-0.00e+00	-0.00e+00	-0.00e+00	-0.00e+00	-0.00e+00	-0.00e+00	-0.00e+00
alpha_5	+6.16e-01	+3.80e-02	-0.00e+00	-0.00e+00	-0.00e+00	-0.00e+00	-0.00e+00	-0.00e+00	-0.00e+00	-0.00e+00
alpha_10	+6.16e-01	+3.80e-02	-0.00e+00	-0.00e+00	-0.00e+00	-0.00e+00	-0.00e+00	-0.00e+00	-0.00e+00	-0.00e+00
alpha_20	+6.16e-01	+3.80e-02	-0.00e+00	-0.00e+00	-0.00e+00	-0.00e+00	-0.00e+00	-0.00e+00	-0.00e+00	-0.00e+00



Value of  $\theta_5$

# Determination of the parameters in the lasso regression

Considering the cost function J:

$$J(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = J_{lms}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) + \alpha \sum_{i=0}^p |\theta_i|$$

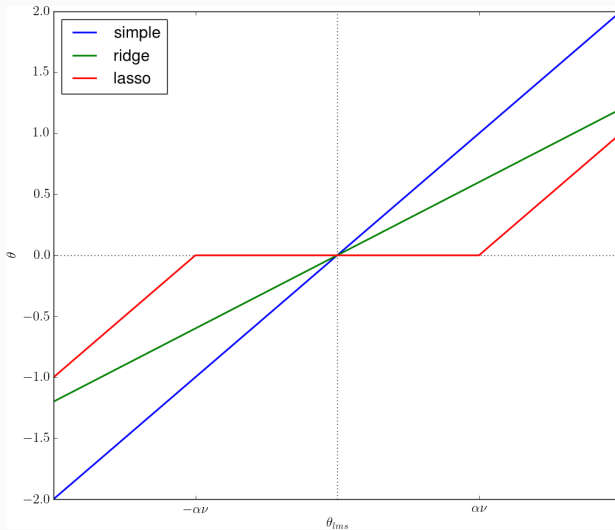
In a gradient algorithm, update of the parameters would be:

J is not differentiable. If we consider  $\theta_{lms} = \theta_i^k - \nu \cdot \frac{\partial J_{lms}}{\partial \theta_i}$

The update rule is:

- $\theta_i^{k+1} = \theta_{lms} + \alpha \nu$  if  $\theta_{lms} < -\alpha \nu$
- $\theta_i^k = 0$  if  $-\alpha \nu < \theta_{lms} < \alpha \nu$
- $\theta_i^{k+1} = \theta_{lms} - \alpha \nu$  if  $\theta_{lms} > \alpha \nu$

# Summary of parameters updates



## Ridge (L2)

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- includes all the features (dimensions) of the predictor, so it can be useless for high dimensional predictors

# Comparison Ridge/Lasso

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## Lasso (L1)

- Provides sparse solutions and reduce the dimension of the predictor
- If some features in the predictor are correlated, arbitrarily select one from the others.



## Steps of a machine learning process

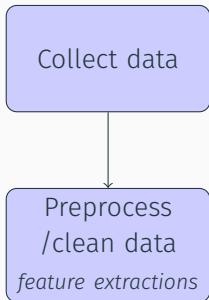
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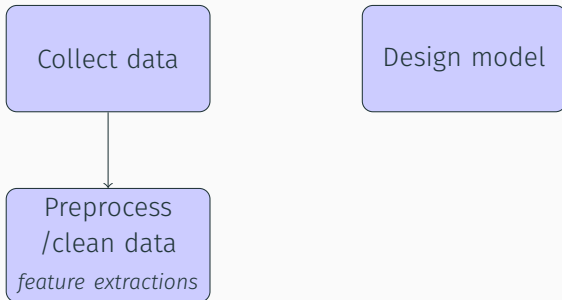


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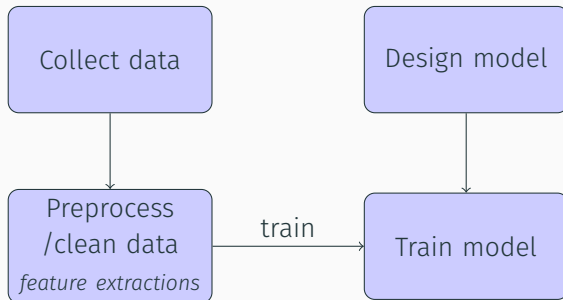
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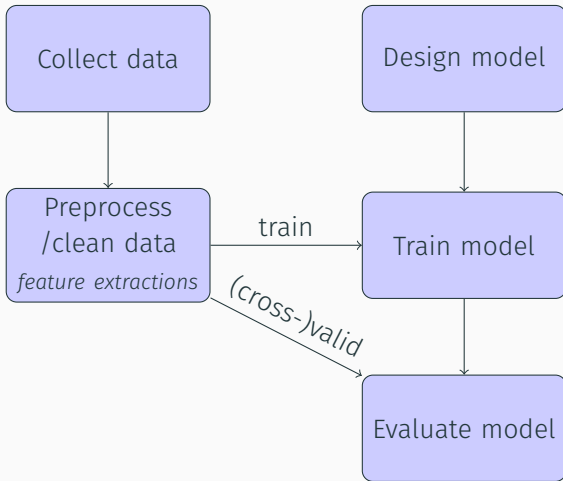
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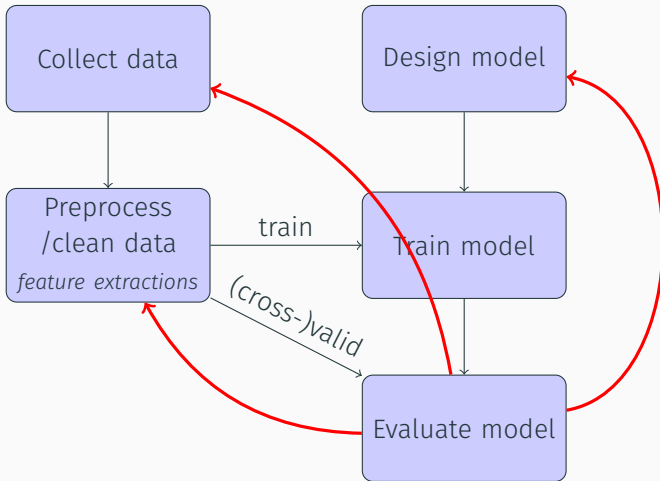
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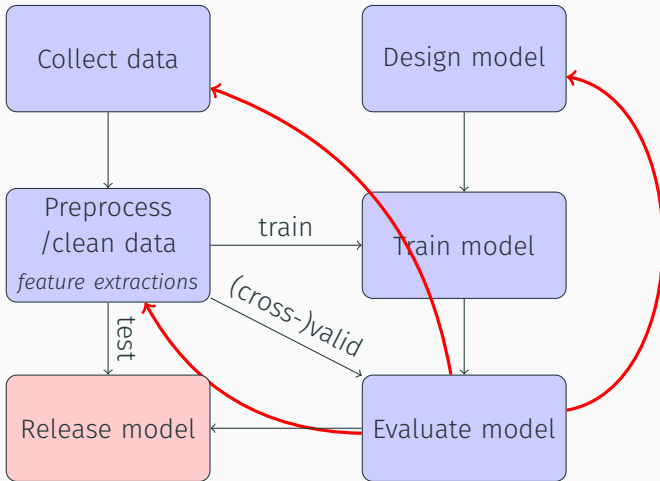
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# In summary

From one dataset, 3 sub-datasets have to be extracted:

- A training dataset
- A validation dataset

Can be done iteratively in a cross-validation procedure.

Some parameters of the model (e.g. polynomial order in a polynomial regression) were determined from the validation dataset.

- A test dataset (independent from the two other) to estimate the final performance of the model.