



## REGULARIZERS

### Why

Often there are several good parameters for a predictor.<sup>1</sup>

### Definition

A *regularizer* is a nonnegative function. Regularizers are sometimes called *penalties*.

For example, least squares predictor with a  $l_2$  regularization is called *ridge regression*.

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<sup>1</sup>Future editions will include a more complete form of this sheet.



