

CSC-591: Foundations of Data Science

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Review

- Estimating accuracy a model
 - Regression (MSE)
 - Classification (Contingency Table and Various Measures)
- Resampling
 - Using training data for accuracy assessment
 - Cross Validation and Bootstrap

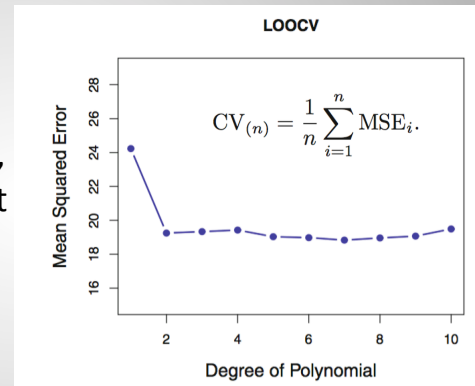
Leave-one-out cross-validation

- Could be **expensive**
- However, for least squares linear or polynomial regression, the following short-cut applies:

$$CV_{(n)} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{y_i - \hat{y}_i}{1 - h_i} \right)^2$$

- Where leverage statistic h_i is given by

$$h_i = \frac{1}{n} + \frac{(x_i - \bar{x})^2}{\sum_{i'=1}^n (x_{i'} - \bar{x})^2}$$



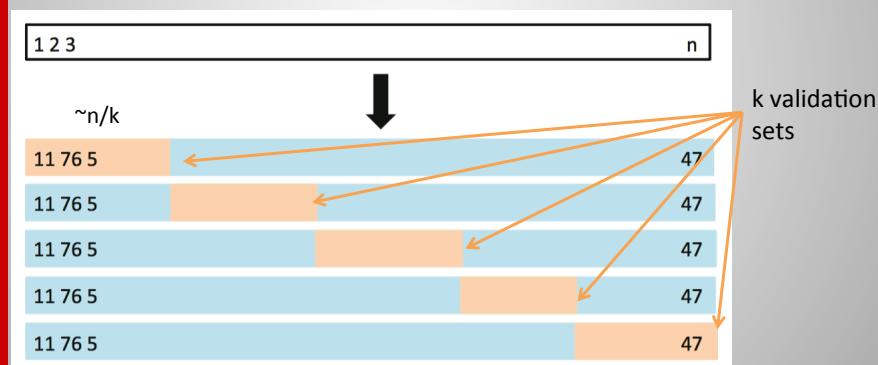
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k-Fold Cross-Validation

- k-fold CV involves randomly dividing the set of observations into k groups, or folds, of approximately equal size. The first fold is treated as a validation set, and the method is fit on the remaining k - 1 folds.



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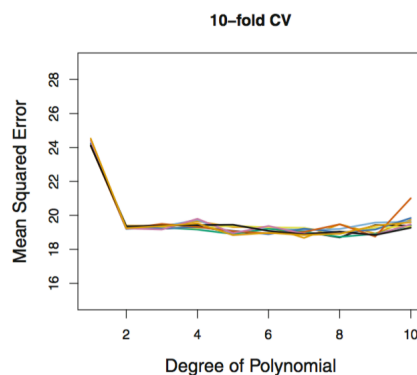
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k-fold Cross-Validation

- The k-fold CV estimate is computed by averaging

$$CV_{(k)} = \frac{1}{k} \sum_{i=1}^k MSE_i.$$

- LOOCV is a special case of k-fold CV, where $k = ?$
- There is some variability, but this variability is typically much lower than the variability in the test error estimates that results from the validation set approach

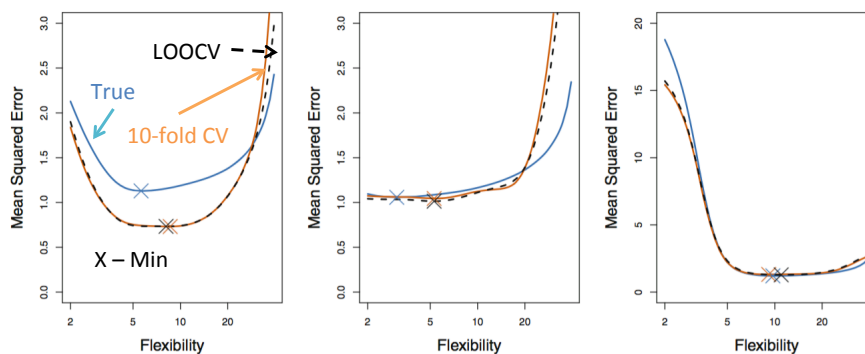


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True vs. Estimated Test MSE



True estimates are from simulated data

Goals of CV

- How well a statistical learning method performs on independent data
- We may be interested in location of minimum error to determine methods that result in lowest error

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Bias-Variance Tradeoff for k-fold CV

- In addition to computational advantage, important advantage of k-fold CV is that it often gives more accurate estimates of the test error rate than does LOOCV
- Validation set approach
 - Overestimates the test error rate since training set used to fit the statistical learning method contains only half the observations of the entire data set
- LOOCV
 - will give approximately unbiased estimates of the test error, since each training set contains $n - 1$ observations
- k-fold
 - will lead to an intermediate level of bias, since each training set contains $(k - 1)n/k$ observations—fewer than in the LOOCV approach, but substantially more than in the validation set approach

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Bias-Variance Tradeoff for k-fold CV

- In addition to bias, we should also worry about a methods variance in test error
- It turns out that LOOCV has higher variance than does k-fold CV with $k < n$, why?
- LOOCV
 - we are in effect averaging the outputs of n fitted models, each of which is trained on an almost identical set of observations; therefore, these outputs are highly (positively) correlated with each other
- k-fold
 - when we perform k-fold CV with $k < n$, we are averaging the outputs of k fitted models that are somewhat less correlated with each other, since the overlap between the training sets in each model is smaller

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Bias-Variance Tradeoff for k-fold CV

- Note
 - Since the mean of many highly correlated quantities has higher variance than does the mean of many quantities that are not as highly correlated, the test error estimate resulting from **LOOCV tends to have higher variance** than does the test error estimate resulting from k-fold CV
- Key point
 - there is a bias-variance trade-off associated with the choice of k in k-fold cross-validation. Typically, given these considerations, one performs k-fold cross-validation using $k = 5$ or $k = 10$, as these values have been shown empirically to yield test error rate estimates that suffer neither from excessively high bias nor from very high variance

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Bootstrap

- Bootstrap is widely used method to quantify the uncertainty associated with a given estimator or statistical learning method
- Consider the case of mean
 - We addressed the question of how “mean” varies for different samples
 - Sampling distribution
 - Central limit theorem

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Bootstrap

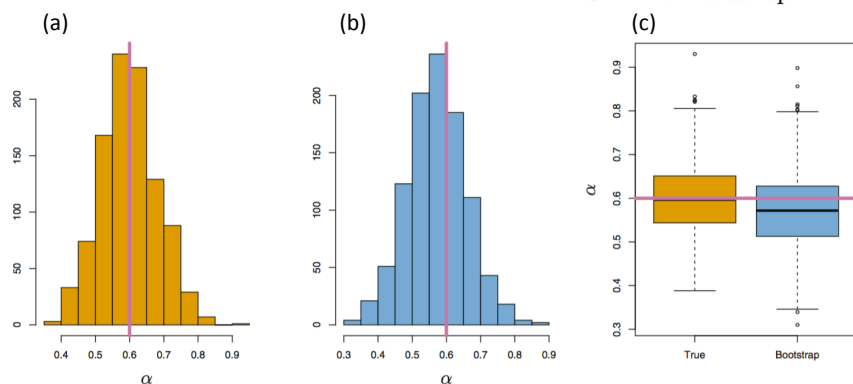
- In practice it is difficult to generate new samples from the original population
- Bootstrap allows us to use computer to emulate the process of obtaining new sample sets so that we estimate the variability of a statistic without generating additional samples
- Using bootstrap, rather than repeatedly obtaining independent data sets from the population, we instead obtain distinct data sets by repeatedly sampling observations from the original data set.

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Bootstrap



- (a) histogram of estimates of α obtained by generating 1000 simulated samples from true population
- (b) histogram of estimates of α obtained from 1000 bootstrap samples from a single dataset
- (c) boxplots. Pink line indicates true value of α

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Bootstrap

Sampling with replacement

Obs	X	Y
1	4.3	2.4
2	2.1	1.1
3	5.3	2.8

Original Data (Z)

Z^{*1}

Obs	X	Y
3	5.3	2.8
1	4.3	2.4
3	5.3	2.8

$\hat{\alpha}^{*1}$

Z^{*2}

Obs	X	Y
2	2.1	1.1
3	5.3	2.8
1	4.3	2.4

$\hat{\alpha}^{*2}$

Z^{*B}

Obs	X	Y
2	2.1	1.1
2	2.1	1.1
1	4.3	2.4

$\hat{\alpha}^{*B}$

Standard Error of these estimates is given by:

$$SE_B(\hat{\alpha}) = \sqrt{\frac{1}{B-1} \sum_{r=1}^B \left(\hat{\alpha}^{*r} - \frac{1}{B} \sum_{r'=1}^B \hat{\alpha}^{*r'} \right)^2}$$

Feature Selection Vs. Model Selection

- Feature selection (variable selection or attribute selection)
 - Process of choosing a subset of relevant feature for use in the model construction
- Model selection
 - Process of choosing a sparse model that adequately explains the data

Different Models

- Where do these different models come from?
- For a given data set
 - we can fit different models (regression, neural networks, decision trees, ...)
 - We can fit models on different subsets of data
 - We can fit models with varying complexity
 - Gaussian mixture models with different components

Best Subset Selection

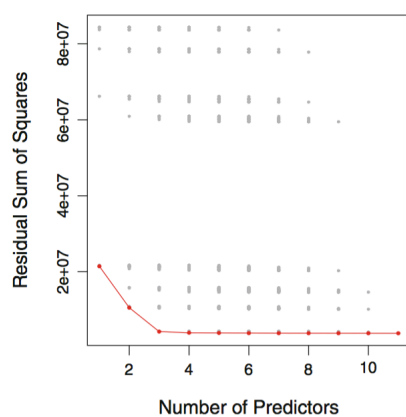
- This approach involves identifying a subset of the p predictors that we believe to be related to the response. We then fit a model using least squares on the reduced set of variables.

Best Subset Selection

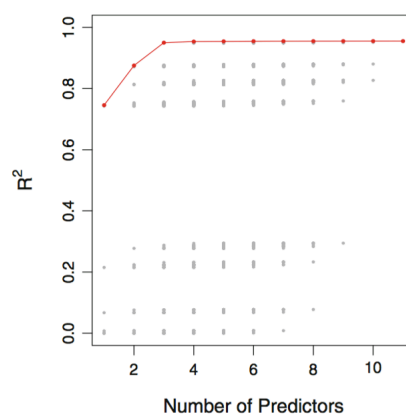
Algorithm 6.1 *Best subset selection*

1. Let \mathcal{M}_0 denote the *null model*, which contains no predictors. This model simply predicts the sample mean for each observation.
2. For $k = 1, 2, \dots, p$:
 - (a) Fit all $\binom{p}{k}$ models that contain exactly k predictors.
 - (b) Pick the best among these $\binom{p}{k}$ models, and call it \mathcal{M}_k . Here *best* is defined as having the smallest RSS, or equivalently largest R^2 .
3. Select a single best model from among $\mathcal{M}_0, \dots, \mathcal{M}_p$ using cross-validated prediction error, C_p (AIC), BIC, or adjusted R^2 .

Caution on Using RSS and R^2



RSS – Monotonically decreasing



R^2 – Monotonically increasing

Choosing Optimal Model

- In general the model containing all predictors have the smallest RSS and the largest R^2 , since these quantities are related to the training error
- However we want to choose a model with **low test error**
- Estimating test error
 - Indirectly estimate test error by making an adjustment to the training error to account for the bias due to overfitting
 - directly estimate the test error, using either a validation set approach or a cross-validation approach as discussed earlier

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C_p

- Observation
 - RSS monotonically decrease with increasing p
 - Training error tend to underestimate the test error
- Penalize such that
$$C_p = \frac{1}{n} (\text{RSS} + 2d\hat{\sigma}^2)$$
 - Penalty increases with number of predictors (d)
- It can be shown that C_p is an unbiased estimate of test MSE
 - Thus C_p statistic tends to take on a small value for a models with low test error

Estimate of the
variance of
error ϵ

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AIC

- The Akaike information criterion (AIC) is a measure of the relative quality of statistical models for a given set of data
- AIC is defined for a large class of models fit by maximum likelihood
- AIC (for regression with Gaussian errors) is given by

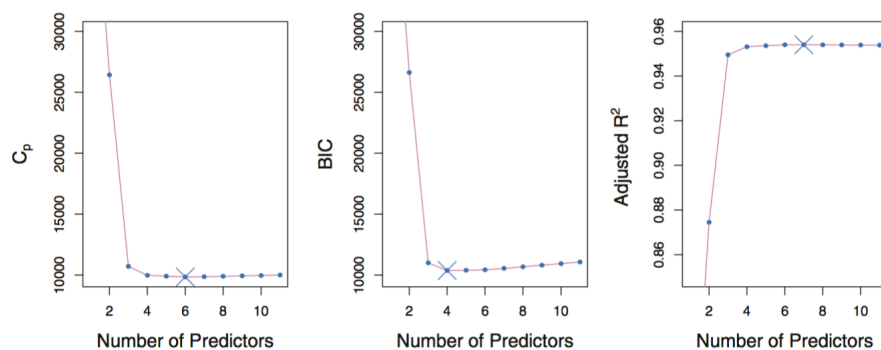
$$AIC = \frac{1}{n\hat{\sigma}^2} (RSS + 2d\hat{\sigma}^2)$$
- For least squares models C_p and AIC are proportional to each other

BIC

- Bayesian information criterion (BIC) or Schwarz is a model selection criteria
 - the model with the lowest BIC is preferred.
- It is based, in part, on the likelihood function and it is closely related to the Akaike information criterion (AIC)
- For least squares model with d predictors, the BIC is given by

$$\frac{1}{n} (RSS + \log(n)d\hat{\sigma}^2)$$
 - Since $\log n > 2$ for any $n > 7$, the BIC statistic generally places a heavier penalty on models with many variables, and hence results in the selection of smaller models than C_p .

Comparison



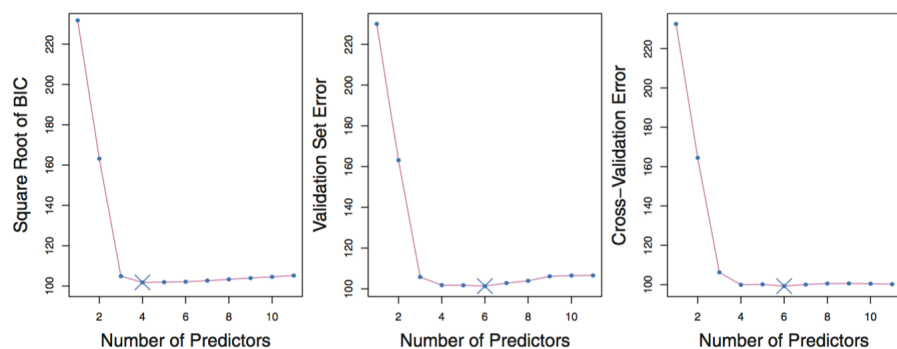
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Model Selection Using V and CV

- We can also select best model based on test error estimated using validation set and cross validation methods
- This approach has advantage relative to C_p , AIC, BIC, and adjusted R^2 in that it provides direct estimate of test error



Bagging

- Bootstrap aggregating, is a technique that repeatedly samples (with replacement) from a data set according to a uniform probability distribution.
- Sampling with replacement example

Original Data	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Bagging (Round 1)	7	8	10	8	2	5	10	10	5	9
Bagging (Round 2)	1	4	9	1	2	3	2	7	3	2
Bagging (Round 3)	1	8	5	10	5	5	9	6	3	7

- Build classifier on each bootstrap sample (and average predictions)
- Each sample has probability $(1 - 1/n)^n$ of being selected
- Widely used with decision trees (reduces variance)

Boosting

- An iterative procedure to adaptively change distribution of training data by focusing more on previously misclassified records
 - Initially, all N records are assigned equal weights
 - Unlike bagging, weights may change at the end of each boosting round

Bayesian Data Analysis

- Bayesian analysis is a statistical procedure which endeavors to estimate parameters of an underlying distribution based on the observed distribution. BDA can be idealized into 3 steps:
 - Setting up a full probability model – a joint probability distribution for all observable and unobservable quantities in a problem
 - Conditioning on observed data – calculating and interpreting appropriate posterior distribution
 - Evaluating the fit of the model

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Bayesian Inference

- Bayes' rule plays central role
- $P(A|B) = P(B|A)P(A) / P(B)$
 - A (class); B(variables)
- $P(A|B)$ – posterior probability
- $P(A)$ – prior probability
- $P(B|A)$ – conditional (or class conditional) probability (likelihood)

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Posterior Distribution

- Posterior distribution is the most important quantity in Bayesian inference.

$$f(\theta | x) = \frac{f(x | \theta) f(\theta)}{\int f(x | \theta) f(\theta) d\theta}$$

- Let $X=x$ denote the observed realization of a uni- or multivariate r.v. X with density function $f(x | \theta)$. Specifying a prior distribution $f(\theta)$ allows us to compute the density function $f(\theta | x)$ of the posterior distribution using Bayes' theorem.

Prior Distribution

- Bayesian inference allows the probabilistic specification of prior beliefs through a prior distribution.
- It is often useful and justified to restrict the **range of possible prior distributions** to a specific family with one or two parameters, say. The choice of this family can be based on the type of **likelihood function** encountered.

Conjugate Prior Distributions

- A pragmatic approach to choosing a prior distribution is to select a member of a specific family of distributions such that the posterior distribution belongs to the same family. This is called a *conjugate prior distribution*.
- Let $L(\theta) = f(x | \theta)$ denote a likelihood function based on the observation $X = x$. A class ζ of distributions is called *conjugate with respect to* $L(\theta)$ if the posterior distribution $f(\theta | x)$ is in ζ for all x whenever the prior distribution $f(\theta)$ is in ζ .

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Conjugate Prior Distributions

Summary of conjugate prior distributions for different likelihood functions

Likelihood	Conjugate prior distribution	Posterior distribution
$X \pi \sim \text{Bin}(n, \pi)$	$\pi \sim \text{Be}(\alpha, \beta)$	$\pi x \sim \text{Be}(\alpha + x, \beta + n - x)$
$X \pi \sim \text{Geom}(\pi)$	$\pi \sim \text{Be}(\alpha, \beta)$	$\pi x \sim \text{Be}(\alpha + 1, \beta + x - 1)$
$X \lambda \sim \text{Po}(e \cdot \lambda)$	$\lambda \sim G(\alpha, \beta)$	$\lambda x \sim G(\alpha + x, \beta + e)$
$X \lambda \sim \text{Exp}(\lambda)$	$\lambda \sim G(\alpha, \beta)$	$\lambda x \sim G(\alpha + 1, \beta + x)$
$X \mu \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2 \text{ known})$	$\mu \sim N(\nu, \tau^2)$	$\mu x \sim N\left(\left(\frac{1}{\sigma^2} + \frac{1}{\tau^2}\right)^{-1} \cdot \left(\frac{x}{\sigma^2} + \frac{\nu}{\tau^2}\right), \left(\frac{1}{\sigma^2} + \frac{1}{\tau^2}\right)^{-1}\right)$
$X \sigma^2 \sim N(\mu \text{ known}, \sigma^2)$	$\sigma^2 \sim \text{IG}(\alpha, \beta)$	$\sigma^2 x \sim \text{IG}(\alpha + \frac{1}{2}, \beta + \frac{1}{2}(x - \mu)^2)$

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Contingency Tables

- Data about two variables (bivariate) can be represented as contingency table which is useful estimating joint and marginal probabilities

	Rank				
	Full professor R_1	Associate professor R_2	Assistant professor R_3	Instructor R_4	Total
Under 30 A_1	2	3	57	6	68
30–39 A_2	52	170	163	17	402
40–49 A_3	156	125	61	6	348
50–59 A_4	145	68	36	4	253
60 & over A_5	75	15	3	0	93
Total	430	381	320	33	1164

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Venn Diagram for Contingency Tables

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	R_1	R_2	R_3	R_4
A_1	$(A_1 \& R_1)$	$(A_1 \& R_2)$	$(A_1 \& R_3)$	$(A_1 \& R_4)$
A_2	$(A_2 \& R_1)$	$(A_2 \& R_2)$	$(A_2 \& R_3)$	$(A_2 \& R_4)$
A_3	$(A_3 \& R_1)$	$(A_3 \& R_2)$	$(A_3 \& R_3)$	$(A_3 \& R_4)$
A_4	$(A_4 \& R_1)$	$(A_4 \& R_2)$	$(A_4 \& R_3)$	$(A_4 \& R_4)$
A_5	$(A_5 \& R_1)$	$(A_5 \& R_2)$	$(A_5 \& R_3)$	$(A_5 \& R_4)$

$$P(A_1) = ?$$

$$P(R_2) = ?$$

$$P(A_1 \& R_2) = ?$$

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Joint Probabilities from CT

		Rank				
		Full professor R_1	Associate professor R_2	Assistant professor R_3	Instructor R_4	$P(A_i)$
Age (yr)	Under 30 A_1	0.002	0.003	0.049	0.005	0.058
	30–39 A_2	0.045	0.146	0.140	0.015	0.345
	40–49 A_3	0.134	0.107	0.052	0.005	0.299
	50–59 A_4	0.125	0.058	0.031	0.003	0.217
	60 & over A_5	0.064	0.013	0.003	0.000	0.080
	$P(R_j)$	0.369	0.327	0.275	0.028	1.000

Joint probabilities are displayed in the cell and marginal distributions in the margin.

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- Introduction to statistical learning with R (read all of chapter 5; except 5.1.5 which is optional).
- See 5.3 for R example on bootstrap
- Read chapter 6.1
- Weiss, et. al.