DSA 8020 R Session 6: Non-parametric Regression and Shrinkage Methods

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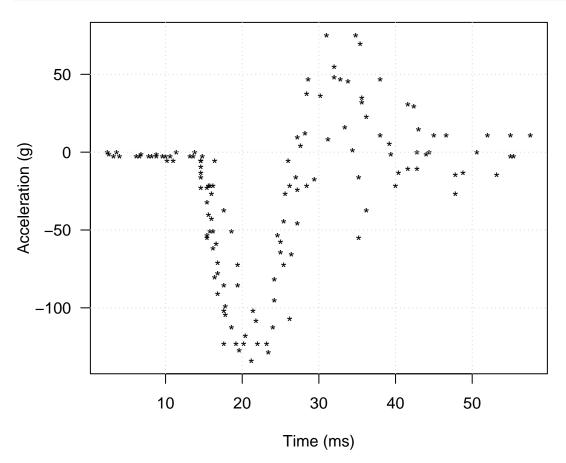
Non-parametric Regression: Motorcycle Accident Simulation Data

A data frame containing a series of measurements of head acceleration in a simulated motorcycle accident, which is used for testing crash helmets.

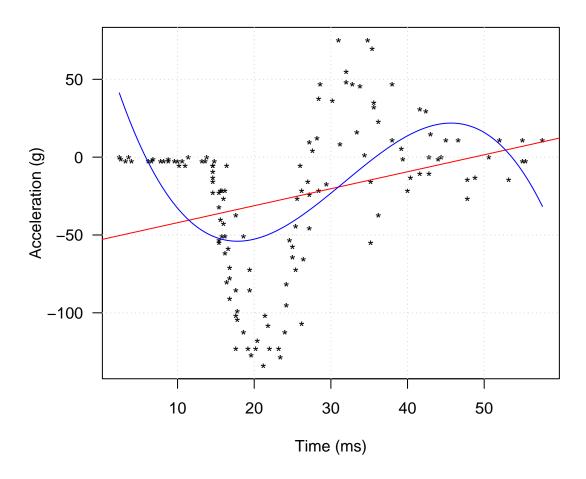
- times: time in milliseconds after impact
- accel: head acceleration in g

Data Source: Silverman, B. W. (1985) Some aspects of the spline smoothing approach to non-parametric curve fitting. Journal of the Royal Statistical Society series B 47, 1–52.

Load and plot the data

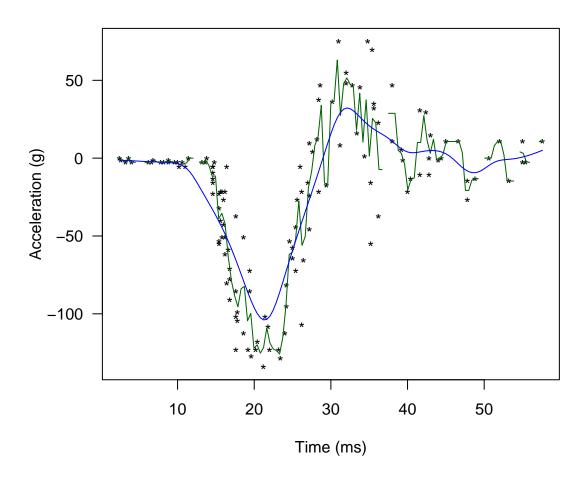


Linear and polynomial regression fits



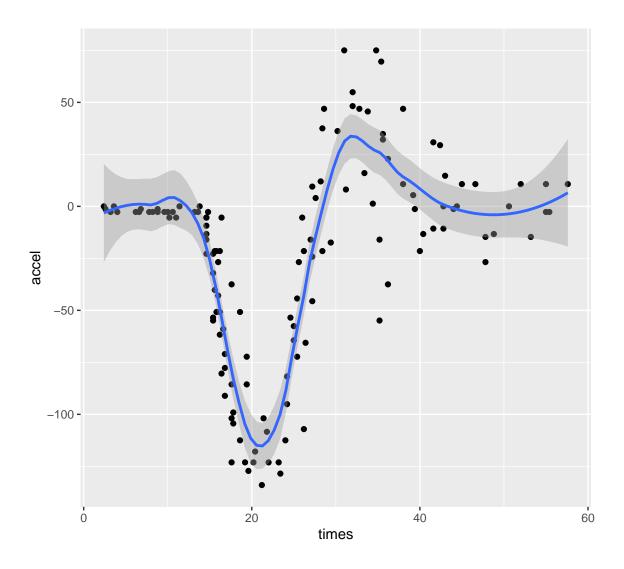
Kernel regression

$$\hat{f}(x) = \hat{\mathbb{E}}(y|x) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n K_h((x-x_i)/h)y_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n K_h((x-x_i)/h)}, \text{ where } K_h \text{ is a kernel with a bandwidth } h.$$



Local Polynomial Regression Fitting (loess)

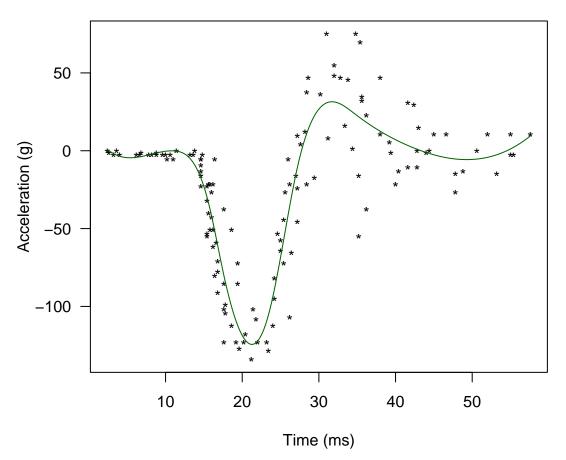
```
library(ggplot2)
plot <- ggplot(aes(x = times, y = accel), data = mcycle)
plot <- plot + geom_point()
(plot <- plot + geom_smooth(method = "loess", degree = 2, span = 0.4, se = TRUE))</pre>
```



Regression Splines

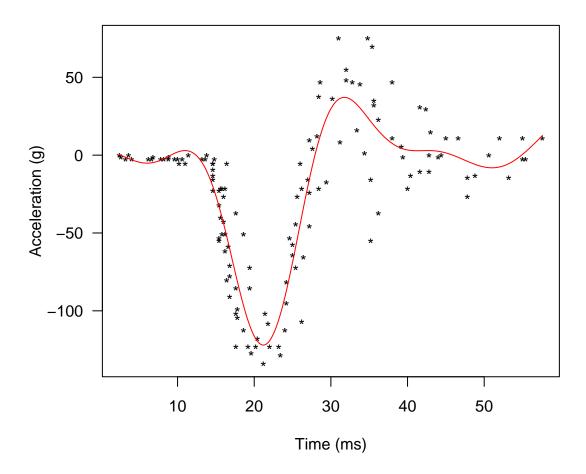
```
library(splines)
RegSplineFit <- lm(accel ~ bs(times, df = 10), data = mcycle)</pre>
summary(RegSplineFit)
##
## Call:
## lm(formula = accel ~ bs(times, df = 10), data = mcycle)
##
## Residuals:
##
                1Q Median
                                ЗQ
                                       Max
## -76.673 -12.362 -0.557 13.139 51.740
##
## Coefficients:
##
                         Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept)
                           0.9312
                                     14.4492
                                               0.064 0.94872
## bs(times, df = 10)1
                         -12.2008
                                     37.5144 -0.325 0.74556
## bs(times, df = 10)2
                           6.2223
                                     23.6415
                                              0.263 0.79284
```

```
## bs(times, df = 10)3
                          -7.3726
                                     18.2652
                                              -0.404 0.68718
                       -118.7497
## bs(times, df = 10)4
                                     17.9975
                                              -6.598 1.13e-09 ***
## bs(times, df = 10)5
                       -152.4486
                                     20.0955
                                              -7.586 7.25e-12 ***
## bs(times, df = 10)6
                                               2.664 0.00875 **
                          50.0827
                                     18.7966
## bs(times, df = 10)7
                          19.4271
                                     19.3827
                                               1.002
                                                      0.31819
## bs(times, df = 10)8
                                     23.9354
                                              -0.342 0.73308
                          -8.1814
## bs(times, df = 10)9
                                     29.2202
                                              -0.381
                                                      0.70358
                         -11.1443
## bs(times, df = 10)10
                                               0.366 0.71513
                           8.6378
                                     23.6119
## ---
## Signif. codes: 0 '*** 0.001 '** 0.01 '* 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
## Residual standard error: 22.68 on 122 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared: 0.7964, Adjusted R-squared: 0.7797
## F-statistic: 47.72 on 10 and 122 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16
RegSplinePred <- predict(RegSplineFit, data.frame(times = xg))</pre>
plot(times, accel, pch = "*", cex = 1, las = 1,
     xlab = "Time (ms)", ylab = "Acceleration (g)")
lines(xg, RegSplinePred, col = "darkgreen")
```



Generalized additive models

```
library(mgcv)
GAMFit <- gam(accel ~ s(times), data = mcycle)</pre>
summary(GAMFit)
##
## Family: gaussian
## Link function: identity
##
## Formula:
## accel ~ s(times)
##
## Parametric coefficients:
             Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept) -25.546 1.951 -13.1 <2e-16 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes: 0 '*** 0.001 '** 0.01 '* 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' 1
##
## Approximate significance of smooth terms:
            edf Ref.df
                            F p-value
## s(times) 8.693 8.972 53.52 <2e-16 ***
## Signif. codes: 0 '*** 0.001 '** 0.01 '* 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' 1
##
## R-sq.(adj) = 0.783 Deviance explained = 79.8%
## GCV = 545.78 Scale est. = 506 n = 133
GAMpred <- predict(GAMFit, data.frame(times = xg))</pre>
plot(times, accel, pch = "*", cex = 1, las = 1,
    xlab = "Time (ms)", ylab = "Acceleration (g)")
lines(xg, GAMpred, col = "red")
```



Smoothing splines

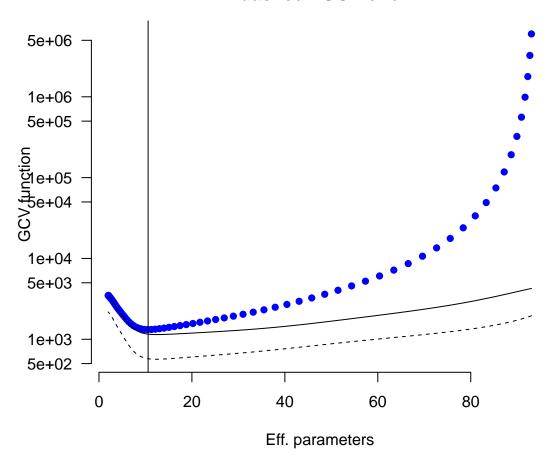
library(fields)

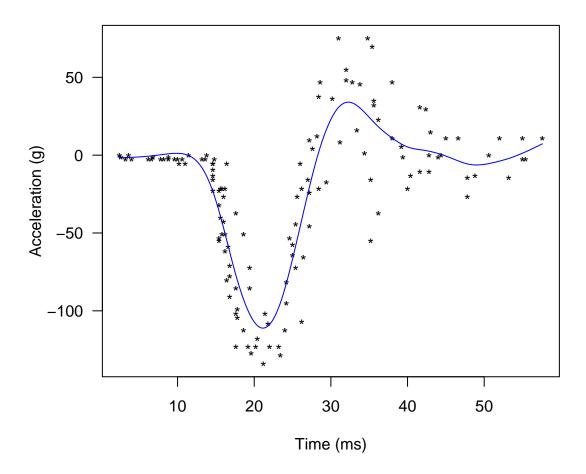
SpFit <- sreg(times, accel)</pre>

```
summary(SpFit)
## CALL:
## sreg(x = times, y = accel)
##
##
   Number of Observations:
                                         133
   Number of unique points:
                                         133
   Eff. degrees of freedom for spline: 10.6
    Residual degrees of freedom:
                                         122.4
    GCV est. tau
                                         22.97
##
##
    Pure error tau
                                         24.49
                                         0.3826
##
    lambda
##
## RESIDUAL SUMMARY:
        min
               1st Q
                       median
                                  3rd Q
                                             max
  -78.1500 -13.8800 -0.7238 13.6300 49.6300
##
##
## DETAILS ON SMOOTHING PARAMETER:
    Method used:
                      Cost:
                             GCV
                                   GCV.one GCV.model
##
      lambda
                   trA
                                                         tauHat
```

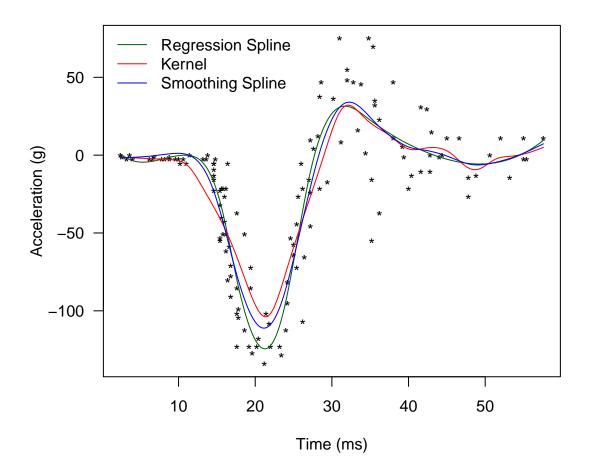
```
10.5726 1318.0646 573.4152 1156.4850
##
      0.3826
                                                      22.9746
##
    Summary of estimates for lambda
##
                              GCV tauHat converge
##
              lambda
                       trA
## GCV
              0.3826 10.573 1318.1
                                   22.97
## GCV.model 0.1835 12.467 1142.5 22.64
                                                12
## GCV.one
              0.1981 12.253 565.5
                                   22.66
                                                12
## pure error 1.1041 8.375 1380.7 24.49
                                               NA
plot(SpFit, which = 3, col = "blue", pch = 16, las = 1)
```

GCV-points, solid-GCV model, dashed-GCV one





Comparing kernel estimator/regression spline/smoothing spline fits



Generalized additive models for multiple predictors

```
library(faraway)
gamod \leftarrow gam(sr \sim s(pop15) + s(pop75) + s(dpi) + s(ddpi), data = savings)
summary(gamod)
##
## Family: gaussian
## Link function: identity
##
## Formula:
## sr \sim s(pop15) + s(pop75) + s(dpi) + s(ddpi)
##
## Parametric coefficients:
               Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
##
## (Intercept)
                 9.6710
                             0.4816
                                      20.08
                                              <2e-16 ***
##
## Signif. codes: 0 '*** 0.001 '** 0.01 '* 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
## Approximate significance of smooth terms:
##
              edf Ref.df
                              F p-value
## s(pop15) 5.924 7.064 3.608 0.00406 **
## s(pop75) 1.350 1.623 2.811 0.06586
            1.000 1.000 0.168 0.68403
## s(dpi)
```

```
## s(ddpi)
                      1.000 4.789 0.03455 *
              1.000
##
## Signif.
##
## R-sq.(adj) =
                    0.422
                             Deviance explained = 53.2%
## GCV = 14.593
                    Scale est. = 11.595
par(mfrow = c(2, 2), mar = c(4, 3.85, 0.8, 0.5))
plot(gamod, las = 1)
     10
                                                      10
      5
                                                       5
s(pop15,5.92)
                                                s(pop75,1.35)
      0
                                                       0
     -5
                                                     -5
    -10
                                                    -10
                                         45
                                                               1
                                                                       2
                                                                               3
               25
                      30
                            35
                                   40
                                                                                        4
                                                                          pop75
                          pop15
     10
                                                      10
      5
                                                       5
                                                s(ddpi,1)
s(dpi,1)
      0
                                                       0
                                                     -5
     -5
    -10
                                                    -10
          0
                                                                     5
                                                                               10
                 1000
                          2000
                                   3000
                                           4000
                                                           0
                                                                                         15
                           dpi
                                                                           ddpi
```

Shrinkage Methods

The remainder of this R session is largely based on the R lab 'Ridge Regression and the Lasso' from the book 'Introduction to Statistical Learning with Applications in R' by Gareth James, Daniela Witten, Trevor Hastie, and Robert Tibshirani. We will use the glmnet package to perform ridge regression and the lasso to predict Salary on the Hitters data.

Ridge Regression

1. Data Setup

```
library(ISLR)
data(Hitters)
Hitters = na.omit(Hitters)
head(Hitters)
```

```
##
                       AtBat Hits HmRun Runs RBI Walks Years CAtBat CHits CHmRun
                                             24
                                                 38
                                                                     3449
## -Alan Ashby
                          315
                                 81
                                        7
                                                        39
                                                               14
                                                                             835
## -Alvin Davis
                          479
                               130
                                       18
                                             66
                                                 72
                                                        76
                                                                3
                                                                     1624
                                                                             457
                                                                                      63
## -Andre Dawson
                          496
                               141
                                       20
                                             65
                                                 78
                                                        37
                                                               11
                                                                     5628
                                                                            1575
                                                                                     225
                          321
                                87
                                       10
                                             39
                                                 42
                                                                2
                                                                      396
                                                                             101
                                                                                      12
## -Andres Galarraga
                                                        30
                                             74
                                                                     4408
## -Alfredo Griffin
                          594
                               169
                                        4
                                                 51
                                                        35
                                                               11
                                                                            1133
                                                                                      19
## -Al Newman
                          185
                                 37
                                        1
                                             23
                                                  8
                                                        21
                                                                2
                                                                      214
                                                                              42
                       CRuns CRBI CWalks
                                            League Division PutOuts Assists
##
                                                                                Errors
## -Alan Ashby
                          321
                               414
                                       375
                                                 N
                                                            W
                                                                   632
                                                                             43
                                                                                     10
## -Alvin Davis
                          224
                               266
                                       263
                                                           W
                                                                  880
                                                                             82
                                                                                     14
                                                 Α
## -Andre Dawson
                          828
                               838
                                       354
                                                 N
                                                           Ε
                                                                  200
                                                                             11
                                                                                      3
## -Andres Galarraga
                           48
                                46
                                        33
                                                 N
                                                           Ε
                                                                  805
                                                                             40
                                                                                      4
## -Alfredo Griffin
                          501
                               336
                                       194
                                                 Α
                                                           W
                                                                  282
                                                                            421
                                                                                     25
## -Al Newman
                           30
                                                 N
                                                           F.
                                                                                      7
                                 9
                                        24
                                                                   76
                                                                            127
##
                       Salary NewLeague
## -Alan Ashby
                         475.0
                                        N
## -Alvin Davis
                         480.0
                                        Α
## -Andre Dawson
                                        N
                         500.0
## -Andres Galarraga
                          91.5
                                        N
## -Alfredo Griffin
                         750.0
                                        Α
## -Al Newman
                          70.0
```

summary(Hitters)

```
HmRun
##
        AtBat
                          Hits
                                                           Runs
##
    Min.
          : 19.0
                    Min.
                           : 1.0
                                     Min. : 0.00
                                                      Min.
                                                             : 0.00
##
    1st Qu.:282.5
                     1st Qu.: 71.5
                                     1st Qu.: 5.00
                                                      1st Qu.: 33.50
    Median :413.0
                    Median :103.0
                                     Median: 9.00
                                                      Median : 52.00
           :403.6
##
    Mean
                    Mean
                            :107.8
                                     Mean
                                            :11.62
                                                      Mean
                                                             : 54.75
##
    3rd Qu.:526.0
                    3rd Qu.:141.5
                                     3rd Qu.:18.00
                                                      3rd Qu.: 73.00
##
    Max.
           :687.0
                    Max.
                            :238.0
                                     Max.
                                             :40.00
                                                      Max.
                                                             :130.00
##
         RBI
                          Walks
                                            Years
                                                             CAtBat
##
    Min.
         : 0.00
                     Min.
                             : 0.00
                                       Min.
                                               : 1.000
                                                         Min.
                                                                 :
                                                                    19.0
                                       1st Qu.: 4.000
##
    1st Qu.: 30.00
                      1st Qu.: 23.00
                                                         1st Qu.: 842.5
##
    Median: 47.00
                      Median: 37.00
                                       Median : 6.000
                                                         Median: 1931.0
          : 51.49
##
    Mean
                      Mean
                             : 41.11
                                       Mean
                                              : 7.312
                                                         Mean
                                                                : 2657.5
##
    3rd Qu.: 71.00
                      3rd Qu.: 57.00
                                       3rd Qu.:10.000
                                                         3rd Qu.: 3890.5
                             :105.00
##
    Max.
           :121.00
                                               :24.000
                                                                 :14053.0
                      Max.
                                       Max.
                                                         Max.
##
        CHits
                          CHmRun
                                           CRuns
                                                              CRBI
##
    Min.
          :
               4.0
                     Min.
                            : 0.00
                                       Min.
                                              :
                                                   2.0
                                                         Min.
                                                                :
                                                                     3.0
##
    1st Qu.: 212.0
                      1st Qu.: 15.00
                                       1st Qu.: 105.5
                                                         1st Qu.:
                                                                   95.0
##
    Median : 516.0
                      Median: 40.00
                                       Median : 250.0
                                                         Median : 230.0
          : 722.2
    Mean
                      Mean
                            : 69.24
                                       Mean : 361.2
                                                         Mean
                                                               : 330.4
                      3rd Qu.: 92.50
##
    3rd Qu.:1054.0
                                       3rd Qu.: 497.5
                                                         3rd Qu.: 424.5
```

```
:4256.0
                              :548.00
                                                :2165.0
                                                                  :1659.0
##
    Max.
                      Max.
                                        Max.
                                           PutOuts
##
                      League Division
        CWalks
                                                             Assists
                              E:129
           :
               1.0
                      A:139
                                        Min.
                                                :
                                                    0.0
                                                          Min.
                                                                  : 0.0
    1st Qu.: 71.0
                                        1st Qu.: 113.5
                      N:124
                              W:134
                                                          1st Qu.:
                                                                    8.0
##
    Median : 174.0
                                        Median : 224.0
                                                          Median: 45.0
    Mean
           : 260.3
                                        Mean
                                                : 290.7
                                                                  :118.8
##
                                                          Mean
    3rd Qu.: 328.5
                                        3rd Qu.: 322.5
                                                          3rd Qu.:192.0
##
    Max.
           :1566.0
                                        Max.
                                                :1377.0
                                                          Max.
                                                                  :492.0
##
        Errors
                                        NewLeague
                          Salary
           : 0.000
##
    Min.
                             : 67.5
                                        A:141
    1st Qu.: 3.000
                      1st Qu.: 190.0
                                        N:122
    Median : 7.000
                      Median: 425.0
           : 8.593
                             : 535.9
##
    Mean
                      Mean
                      3rd Qu.: 750.0
    3rd Qu.:13.000
                             :2460.0
##
   Max.
           :32.000
                      Max.
library(glmnet)
X <- model.matrix(Salary ~ ., data = Hitters)[, -1]</pre>
y <- Hitters$Salary
```

The glmnet() function has an alpha argument that determines what type of model is fit. If alpha = 0 then a ridge regression model is fit, and if alpha = 1 then a lasso model is fit. We first fit a ridge regression model, which minimizes

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} (y_i - \beta_0 - \sum_{j=1}^{p} \beta_j x_{ij})^2 + \lambda \sum_{j=1}^{p} \beta_j^2,$$

where $\lambda \geq 0$ is a tuning parameter to be determined.

2. Fit Ridge Regression over a grid of λ values

```
grid <- 10^seq(10, -2, length = 100)
ridge.mod <- glmnet(X, y, alpha = 0, lambda = grid)</pre>
```

3. Ridge Regression Coefficients

```
dim(coef(ridge.mod))
```

```
## [1] 20 100
```

We expect the coefficient estimates to be much smaller, in terms of ℓ_2 norm, when a large value of λ is used.

```
ridge.mod$lambda[50] #Display 50th lambda value
```

[1] 11497.57

```
coef(ridge.mod)[, 50] # Display coefficients associated with 50th lambda value
```

```
(Intercept)
##
                           AtBat
                                           Hits
                                                         HmRun
                                                                          Runs
  407.356050200
                    0.036957182
                                    0.138180344
                                                   0.524629976
                                                                  0.230701523
##
              RBI
                           Walks
                                                        CAtBat
                                                                         CHits
                                          Years
```

```
##
     0.239841459
                    0.289618741
                                  1.107702929
                                                 0.003131815
                                                                0.011653637
##
          CHmRun
                          CRuns
                                          CRBI
                                                      CWalks
                                                                    LeagueN
                                  0.024138320
##
     0.087545670
                    0.023379882
                                                 0.025015421
                                                                0.085028114
##
                                                                 NewLeagueN
       DivisionW
                        PutOuts
                                       Assists
                                                      Errors
    -6.215440973
                    0.016482577
                                  0.002612988
                                                -0.020502690
                                                                0.301433531
```

```
sqrt(sum(coef(ridge.mod)[-1, 50]^2)) # Calculate 12 norm
```

[1] 6.360612

In contrast, here are the coefficients when $\lambda = 705$, along with their ℓ_2 norm. Note the much larger ℓ_2 norm of the coefficients associated with this smaller value of λ .

```
ridge.mod$lambda[60] #Display 60th lambda value
```

```
## [1] 705.4802
```

```
coef(ridge.mod)[, 60] # Display coefficients associated with 60th lambda value
```

```
(Intercept)
                                                    HmRun
                                                                                  RBI
##
                        AtBat
                                       Hits
                                                                   Runs
##
    54.32519950
                   0.11211115
                                 0.65622409
                                               1.17980910
                                                            0.93769713
                                                                          0.84718546
##
          Walks
                        Years
                                     CAtBat
                                                    CHits
                                                                 CHmRun
                                                                                CRuns
     1.31987948
                   2.59640425
                                                                          0.09355528
##
                                 0.01083413
                                               0.04674557
                                                             0.33777318
##
           CRBI
                       CWalks
                                    LeagueN
                                               DivisionW
                                                                PutOuts
                                                                              Assists
     0.09780402
                   0.07189612
                                13.68370191 -54.65877750
                                                             0.11852289
                                                                           0.01606037
##
##
                   NewLeagueN
         Errors
                   8.61181213
##
    -0.70358655
```

```
sqrt(sum(coef(ridge.mod)[-1, 60]^2)) # Calculate 12 norm
```

```
## [1] 57.11001
```

We can use the predict() function for a number of purposes. For instance, we can obtain the ridge regression coefficients for a new value of λ , say 50:

```
predict(ridge.mod, s = 50, type = "coefficients")[1:20, ]
```

```
(Intercept)
                                                      HmRun
##
                         AtBat
                                         Hits
                                                                      Runs
##
    4.876610e+01 -3.580999e-01
                                 1.969359e+00 -1.278248e+00
                                                              1.145892e+00
##
             RBI
                         Walks
                                        Years
                                                     CAtBat
                                                                     CHits
    8.038292e-01
                  2.716186e+00 -6.218319e+00
##
                                               5.447837e-03
                                                             1.064895e-01
##
          CHmRun
                         CRuns
                                         CRBI
                                                     CWalks
                                                                   LeagueN
##
    6.244860e-01
                  2.214985e-01 2.186914e-01 -1.500245e-01
                                                              4.592589e+01
       DivisionW
##
                       PutOuts
                                      Assists
                                                     Errors
                                                                NewLeagueN
## -1.182011e+02 2.502322e-01 1.215665e-01 -3.278600e+00 -9.496680e+00
```

4. Training/Testing

We now split the samples into a training set and a test set in order to estimate the test error of ridge regression and later on the lasso.

```
set.seed(1)
train <- sample(1:nrow(X), nrow(X) / 2)</pre>
test <- (-train)</pre>
y.test <- y[test]</pre>
# Fit Ridge regression to the training data
ridge.mod <- glmnet(X[train,], y[train], alpha = 0, lambda = grid, thresh = 1e-12)
# Predcit the salary to the testing data with lambda = 4
ridge.pred <- predict(ridge.mod, s = 4, newx = X[test,])</pre>
# Calculate the Root Mean Square Error (RMSE)
sqrt(mean((ridge.pred - y.test)^2))
## [1] 377.093
# Compute the RMSE for the intercept-only model
sqrt(mean((mean(y[train]) - y.test)^2))
## [1] 473.9936
# Change to a much larger lambda
ridge.pred <- predict(ridge.mod, s = 1e10, newx = X[test,])</pre>
sqrt(mean((ridge.pred - y.test)^2))
## [1] 473.9935
# Change lambda to O
ridge.pred <- predict(ridge.mod, s = 0, newx = X[test,])</pre>
sqrt(mean((ridge.pred - y.test)^2))
## [1] 409.6215
lm(y ~ X, subset = train)
##
## Call:
## lm(formula = y ~ X, subset = train)
## Coefficients:
## (Intercept)
                     XAtBat
                                    XHits
                                                XHmRun
                                                               XRuns
                                                                              XRBI
##
      274.0145
                    -0.3521
                                  -1.6377
                                                 5.8145
                                                              1.5424
                                                                            1.1243
                                  XCAtBat
                                                             XCHmRun
##
        XWalks
                     XYears
                                                XCHits
                                                                            XCRuns
##
        3.7287
                   -16.3773
                                  -0.6412
                                                3.1632
                                                              3.4008
                                                                           -0.9739
##
        XCRBI
                    XCWalks
                                 XLeagueN
                                            XDivisionW
                                                            XPutOuts
                                                                          XAssists
##
       -0.6005
                     0.3379
                                 119.1486
                                             -144.0831
                                                              0.1976
                                                                            0.6804
##
       XErrors XNewLeagueN
##
       -4.7128
                    -71.0951
predict(ridge.mod, s = 0, type = "coefficients")[1:20,]
```

```
##
    (Intercept)
                       AtBat
                                      Hits
                                                  HmRun
                                                                 Runs
                                                                               RBI
    274.2089049
##
                  -0.3699455
                                -1.5370022
                                              5.9129307
                                                            1.4811980
                                                                         1.0772844
          Walks
                       Years
##
                                    CAtBat
                                                  CHits
                                                               CHmRun
                                                                             CRuns
##
      3.7577989
                 -16.5600387
                                -0.6313336
                                              3.1115575
                                                           3.3297885
                                                                        -0.9496641
##
           CRBI
                      CWalks
                                   LeagueN
                                              DivisionW
                                                              PutOuts
                                                                           Assists
                   0.3300136
##
     -0.5694414
                              118.4000592 -144.2867510
                                                            0.1971770
                                                                         0.6775088
##
         Errors
                  NewLeagueN
     -4.6833775 -70.1616132
##
```

Instead of arbitrarily choosing $\lambda = 4$, it would be better to use cross-validation (CV) to choose the tuning parameter λ . We can do this using the built-in cross-validation function, cv.glmnet(). By default, the function performs 10-fold cross-validation, though this can be changed using the argument folds.

5. Cross-Validation (CV)

```
set.seed(1)
# Fit ridge regression model on training data
cv.out <- cv.glmnet(X[train,], y[train], alpha = 0)
# Select lamda that minimizes training MSE
(bestLambda = cv.out$lambda.min)

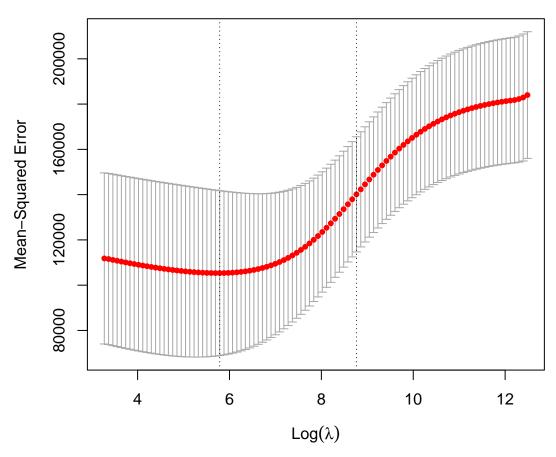
## [1] 326.0828

ridge.pred <- predict(ridge.mod, s = bestLambda, newx = X[test,])
sqrt(mean((ridge.pred - y.test)^2))

## [1] 373.9741

plot(cv.out) # Draw plot of training MSE as a function of lambda</pre>
```

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Finally, we refit our ridge regression model on the full data set, using the value of λ chosen by cross-validation, and examine the coefficient estimates.

```
# Fit ridge regression model on full dataset
out <- glmnet(X, y, alpha = 0)
# Display coefficients using lambda chosen by CV
predict(out, type = "coefficients", s = bestLambda)[1:20,]</pre>
```

##	(Intercept)	AtBat	Hits	HmRun	Runs	RBI
##	15.44383120	0.07715547	0.85911582	0.60103106	1.06369007	0.87936105
##	Walks	Years	\mathtt{CAtBat}	CHits	$\tt CHmRun$	CRuns
##	1.62444617	1.35254778	0.01134999	0.05746654	0.40680157	0.11456224
##	CRBI	CWalks	LeagueN	DivisionW	PutOuts	Assists
##	0.12116504	0.05299202	22.09143197	-79.04032656	0.16619903	0.02941950
##	Errors	NewLeagueN				
##	-1.36092945	9.12487765				

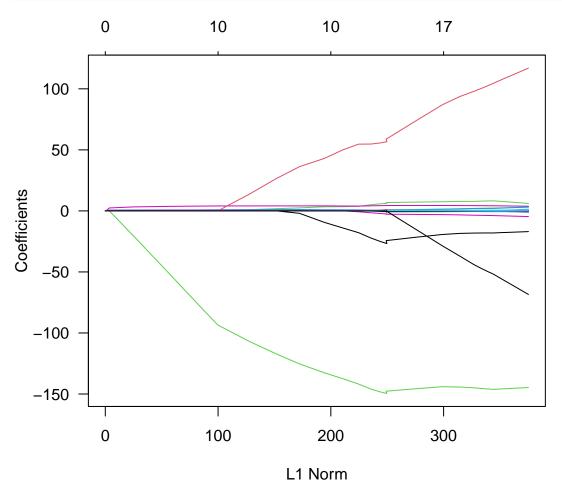
The Lasso

We saw that ridge regression with a wise choice of λ can outperform least squares as well as the null model on the Hitters data set. We now ask whether the lasso, which minimizes

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} (y_i - \beta_0 - \sum_{j=1}^{p} \beta_j x_{ij})^2 + \lambda \sum_{j=1}^{p} |\beta_j|$$

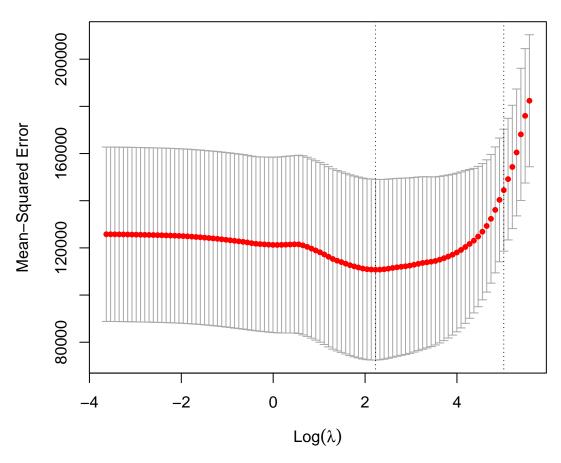
can yield either a more accurate or a more interpretable model than ridge regression. In order to fit a lasso model, we once again use the glmnet() function; however, this time we use the argument alpha=1.

```
# Fit lasso model on training data
lasso.mod <- glmnet(X[train,], y[train], alpha = 1, lambda = grid)
# Draw plot of coefficients
plot(lasso.mod, las = 1)</pre>
```



Notice that in the coefficient plot that depending on the choice of tuning parameter, some of the coefficients are exactly equal to zero. We now perform cross-validation and compute the associated test error:

```
set.seed(1)
# Fit lasso model on training data
cv.out <- cv.glmnet(X[train,], y[train], alpha = 1)
# Draw plot of training MSE as a function of lambda
plot(cv.out)</pre>
```



```
# Select lamda that minimizes training MSE
bestLambda <- cv.out$lambda.min
# Use best lambda to predict test data
lasso.pred <- predict(lasso.mod, s = bestLambda, newx = X[test,])
# Calculate test RMSE
sqrt(mean((lasso.pred - y[test])^2))</pre>
```

[1] 379.043

This is substantially lower than the test set RMSE of the null model and of least squares, and very similar to the test RMSE of ridge regression with λ chosen by cross-validation.

However, the lasso has a substantial advantage over ridge regression in that the resulting coefficient estimates are sparse. Here we see that 8 of the 19 coefficient estimates are exactly zero:

```
# Fit lasso model on full dataset
out <- glmnet(X, y, alpha = 1, lambda = grid)</pre>
# Display coefficients using lambda chosen by CV
(lasso.coef <- predict(out, type = "coefficients", s = bestLambda)[1:20,])</pre>
##
     (Intercept)
                          AtBat
                                          Hits
                                                        HmRun
                                                                        Runs
##
      1.27479059
                    -0.05497143
                                    2.18034583
                                                   0.00000000
                                                                  0.0000000
##
             RBI
                          Walks
                                         Years
                                                       CAtBat
                                                                       CHits
```

0.00000000	0.00000000	-0.33806109	2.29192406	0.00000000	##
LeagueN	CWalks	CRBI	CRuns	CHmRun	##
20.28615023	0.00000000	0.41712537	0.21628385	0.02825013	##
NewLeagueN	Errors	Assists	PutOuts	DivisionW	##
0.00000000	-0.85629148	0.00000000	0.23752385	-116.16755870	##

lasso.coef[lasso.coef != 0] # Display only non-zero coefficients

##	(Intercept)	AtBat	Hits	Walks	Years
##	1.27479059	-0.05497143	2.18034583	2.29192406	-0.33806109
##	$\tt CHmRun$	CRuns	CRBI	LeagueN	DivisionW
##	0.02825013	0.21628385	0.41712537	20.28615023	-116.16755870
##	PutOuts	Errors			
##	0.23752385	-0.85629148			