

Ex. 2.9 Consider a linear regression model with p parameters, fit by least squares to a set of training data $(x_1, y_1), \dots, (x_N, y_N)$ drawn at random from a population. Let $\hat{\beta}$ be the least squares estimate. Suppose we have some test data $(\tilde{x}_1, \tilde{y}_1), \dots, (\tilde{x}_M, \tilde{y}_M)$ drawn at random from the same population as the training data. If $R_{tr}(\beta) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_1^N (y_i - \beta^T x_i)^2$ and $R_{te}(\beta) = \frac{1}{M} \sum_1^M (\tilde{y}_i - \beta^T \tilde{x}_i)^2$, prove that

$$E[R_{tr}(\hat{\beta})] \leq E[R_{te}(\hat{\beta})],$$

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where the expectations are over all that is random in each expression. [This exercise was brought to our attention by Ryan Tibshirani, from a homework assignment given by Andrew Ng.]