

Statistics and Data Analysis

Unit 04 – Lecture 08: Cross-validation and Hyper-parameter Tuning

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<https://github.com/tali7c/Statistics-and-Data-Analysis>

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Exercise 1: Grid size

3 parameters with 4 values each: how many combinations?

Solution 1

- $4^3 = 64$

Exercise 2: Leakage

Is scaling on full dataset before split leakage?

Solution 2

- Yes; fit preprocessing on training only.

Exercise 3: Why CV

Why is a single train-test split misleading sometimes?

Solution 3

- Performance depends on split; CV reduces variance.

Mini Demo (Python)

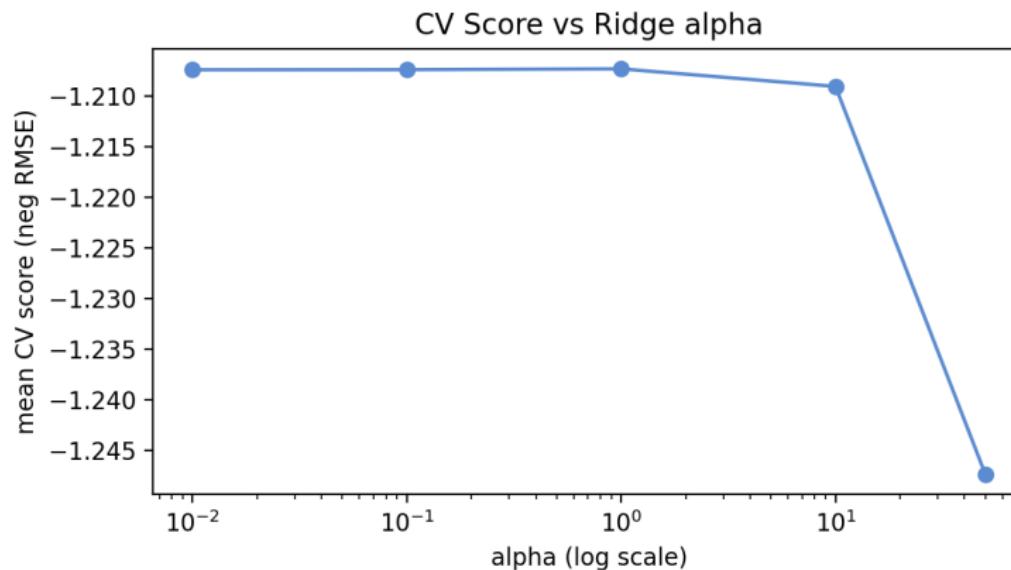
Run from the lecture folder:

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python demo/demo.py
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Outputs:

- images/demo.png
- data/results.txt

Demo Output (Example)



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Exit Question

Why must you never use the test set to choose hyperparameters?