

Ch 6.1: Subset Selection

Lecture 17 - CMSE 381

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Announcements

Last time

- Bootstrapping

Covered in this lecture

- Subset selection
- Forward and Backward Selection

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Section 1

Last time

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Prediction accuracy

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Model Interpretability

Goal of next chapter

Section 2

Best Subset Selection

Too many variables

All subsets of 4 variables ($2^4 = 16$)

• \emptyset

• X_1

• X_2

• X_3

• X_4

• $X_1 X_2$

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One way of breaking this up

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Group work: calculate by hand

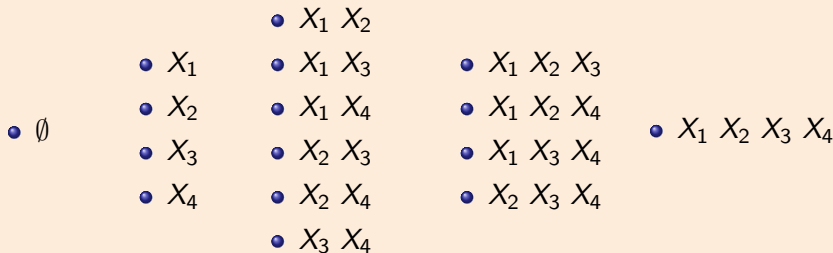
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Section 3

Forward Selection

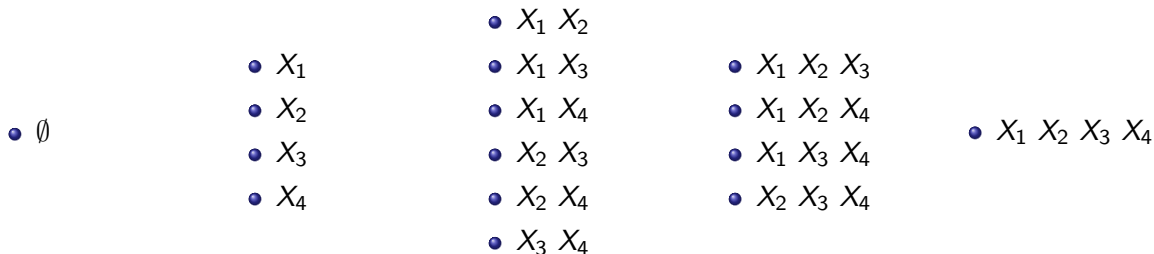
What's the problem?

Forward Stepwise Selection

Algorithm 6.2 *Forward stepwise selection*

1. Let \mathcal{M}_0 denote the *null* model, which contains no predictors.
 2. For $k = 0, \dots, p - 1$:
 - (a) Consider all $p - k$ models that augment the predictors in \mathcal{M}_k with one additional predictor.
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An example for Forward Stepwise Selection



Group work: by hand same example with forward example

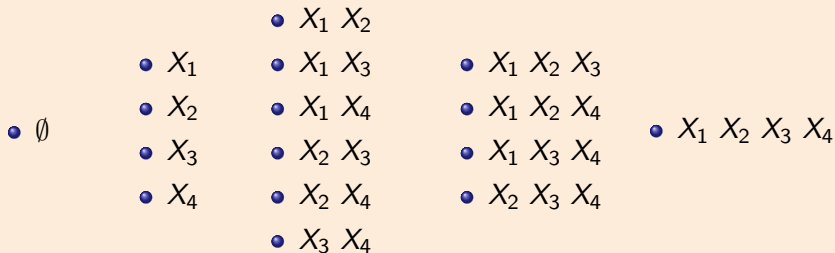
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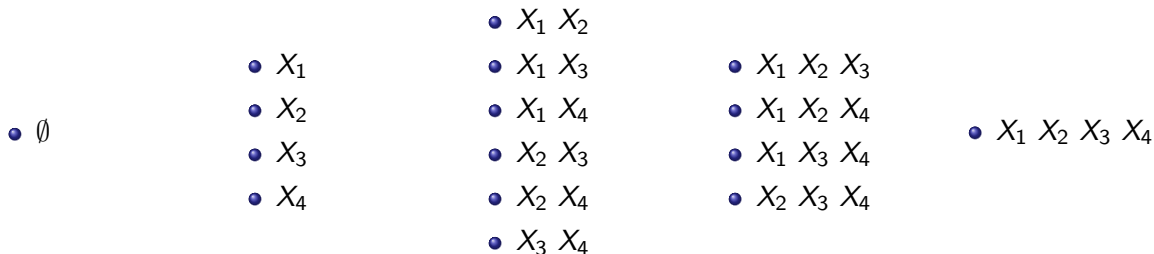
Backward Selection

Backward stepwise selection

Algorithm 6.3 *Backward stepwise selection*

1. Let \mathcal{M}_p denote the *full* model, which contains all p predictors.
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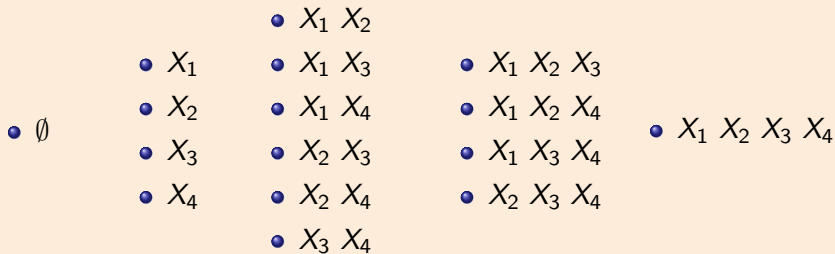
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- Modify step 2 with forward or backward selection
- Choose best model in step 3 using one of our adjusted training scores or CV

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