

# Cross-validation and Splines

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- Why do we need parametric models?
- Why do we use likelihood?
- Why maximum likelihood is good?
- What information means?
- How information is related to data?



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$$\text{KL}(\theta_0, \theta) \neq \text{KL}(\theta, \theta_0)$$

Cross entropy of the assumed class  $f(x | \theta)$  from true data distribution  $f(x | \theta_0)$  is

$$\mathbb{H}(\theta, \theta_0) = \int \log f(x | \theta) f(x | \theta_0) dx$$



$$\text{KL}(\theta_0, \theta) = \mathbb{H}(\theta_0, \theta_0) - \mathbb{H}(\theta, \theta_0)$$



- $\text{KL}(\theta_0, \theta) > 0$  iff  $f(x | \theta_0) \neq f(x | \theta)$  on a set of  $x$  with positive measure.
- $\text{KL}(\theta_0, \theta) = 0$  iff  $f(x | \theta_0) = f(x | \theta)$  almost everywhere.
- $\text{KL}_n(\theta_0, \theta) = n\text{KL}(\theta_0, \theta)$  for a set of i.i.d observations  $(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ .
- $\frac{\partial \mathbb{H}(\theta, \theta_0)}{\partial \theta} \big|_{\theta=\theta_0} = 0$
- $\frac{\partial^2 \mathbb{H}(\theta, \theta_0)}{\partial \theta \partial \theta^\top} \big|_{\theta=\theta_0} = -J(\theta_0)$  where  $J(\cdot)$  is the observed information.



Suppose  $A = \{A_1, \dots, A_k\}$  with probabilities  $p_1, \dots, p_k$ . Define  $A'$  to be an  $A$ -similar event as  $A' = \{A_1, \dots, A_k, A_{k+1}\}$  with probabilities  $p_1, \dots, p_k, p_{k+1} = 0$ .

- If two sets  $A$  and  $B$  are independent  
 $\mathbb{H}(A \times B) = \mathbb{H}(A) + \mathbb{H}(B)$ .
- $\mathbb{H}(A) = \mathbb{H}(A')$ .

The only function that satisfies the above two properties is  $\mathbb{H}(A) = -\lambda \sum_i p_i \log p_i$ .  
Why this result is important?





# More about entropy

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$A_1$	$A_2$
0.1	0.9
0.49	0.51
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0.69	0.325



- Suppose the true model  $f(x \mid \boldsymbol{\theta}_K)$  is in a large space with parameters  $\boldsymbol{\theta}_K = (\theta_1, \dots, \theta_k, \dots, \theta_K)^\top$ ,
- We are fitting a more parsimonious model  $f(x \mid \boldsymbol{\theta}_k)$  with parameters  $\boldsymbol{\theta}_k = (\theta_1, \dots, \theta_k)^\top$ . The true parameter is  $\boldsymbol{\theta}_0$  of dimension  $K \times 1$ .

$$\text{KL}(\boldsymbol{\theta}_0, \boldsymbol{\theta}_k) = \text{KL}(\boldsymbol{\theta}_0, \boldsymbol{\theta}_0 + \Delta\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \frac{1}{2} \Delta\boldsymbol{\theta}^\top \mathbf{I} \Delta\boldsymbol{\theta}$$

Where  $\mathbf{I}$  is the Fisher information.



Suppose the projection of  $\theta_0$  is  $\theta^*$ . While we approximate  $\mathbb{KL}$  at  $\theta_0$  we want to remain close to  $\theta_0$  in the projection, so let's use the closest projection of  $\theta_0$ , i.e. the MLE in the lower dimension  $\hat{\theta}_k$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{KL}(\theta_0, \hat{\theta}_k) &\approx (\theta_0 - \hat{\theta}_k)^\top \mathbf{I}(\theta_0 - \hat{\theta}_k) \\ &\approx (\theta_0 - \theta^*)^\top \mathbf{I}(\theta_0 - \theta^*) \\ &\quad + (\theta^* - \hat{\theta}_k)^\top \mathbf{I}(\theta^* - \hat{\theta}_k)\end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned} 2n\mathbb{E}\{\text{KL}(\boldsymbol{\theta}_0, \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_k)\} &= n(\theta_0 - \boldsymbol{\theta}^*)^\top \mathbf{I}(\theta_0 - \boldsymbol{\theta}^*) \\ &\quad + \mathbb{E}\{n(\boldsymbol{\theta}^* - \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_k)^\top \mathbf{I}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^* - \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_k)\} \\ &= \{-2 \log L(\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_k) + 2k\} \\ &\quad + \{2 \log L(\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_K) - K\}. \end{aligned}$$



- Data are i.i.d.
- $\boldsymbol{\theta} \in \mathbb{R}^K$
- $\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_k$  converges with standard rate  $o_p(n^{-\frac{1}{2}})$  to  $\boldsymbol{\theta}^*$
- Estimation is maximum likelihood
- $k$  is close to  $K$
- Local alternative asymptotic conditions hold
- $f(\mathbf{x} \mid \boldsymbol{\theta})$  is smooth with respect to  $\boldsymbol{\theta}$
- Comparing models must be nested with respect to a big model of dimension  $K$ .
- Is inconsistent and tends to overfits asymptotically.



$$\text{AIC} = -2 \log \text{likelihood} + 2k$$

$$\text{TIC} = ?$$

$$\text{BIC} = -2 \log \text{likelihood} + \log nk$$

$$\text{DIC} = ?$$

- Takeuchi Information Criterion (TIC): think about wrong parametric models
- Deviance Information Criterion (DIC): think about Bayesian hierarchical models



For model  $M$  with parameter vector  $\theta$  of dimension  $k \times 1$ , the *evidence* principle says that the data supports the model that brings more predictive power

$$f(x | M) = \int f(x | M, \theta) f(\theta | M) d\theta$$

If  $\theta$  converges with  $o_p(n^{-\frac{1}{2}})$ , if one supposes  $f(\theta | M) = \text{cst}$ , the Laplace approximation gives

$$-2 \log f(\mathbf{x} | M) \approx -2 \log f(x | \hat{\theta}, M) + k \log n$$



- BIC is a consistent model selection:  
 $\mathbf{P}(\hat{M}_n = M) = 1$  as long as  $M \in \{\mathcal{M}_n\}$   
asymptotically
- Use BIC for model selection and this is equivalent to  
penalization with  $||\beta||_0$
- AIC tends to overfit





# Leave-one-out = Jackknife

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$$E = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \hat{y}^{(-i)})^2$$

if  $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{H}\mathbf{y}$

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

Where  $h_{ii}$  is the diagonal element of  $\mathbf{H}$



- Put each data point into  $n$  bins.
- $k$ -fold cross-validation: Put data into  $k$  bins
- Generalized cross validation
$$h_{ii} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n h_{ii} = \frac{1}{n} \text{tr}(H)$$



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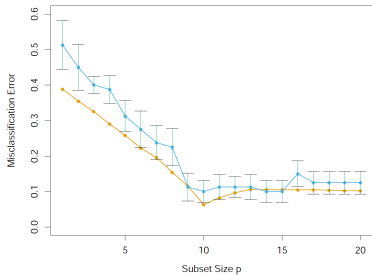
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1	2	3	4	5
Train	Train	Validation	Train	Train

$$CV(\hat{f}) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N L(y_i, \hat{f}^{-\kappa(i)}(\mathbf{x}_i))$$

- In regression  $L(y, \hat{y})$  is the euclidean norm  $(y - \hat{y})^2$
- In classification  $L(y, \hat{y}) = y \log \hat{y}$  is the cross entropy.
- Cross entropy is the multinomial negative log likelihood.





- Implement cross-validation  $B$  times:

$$\hat{E}_b = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \hat{y}^{(b)})^2$$

- $\bar{E} \pm 1.96 \sqrt{\hat{V}(\bar{E})} = \bar{E} \pm 1.96 \frac{\hat{\sigma}_{\bar{E}}}{\sqrt{B}}$



# Cross-validation and AIC

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Take  $\frac{1}{(1-x)^2} \approx 1 + 2x$  and use  $x = \text{tr} \left( \frac{\mathbf{H}}{n} \right) = \frac{p}{n}$

$$\begin{aligned} E &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \frac{y_i - \hat{y}_i}{1 - \text{tr} \left( \frac{\mathbf{H}}{n} \right)} \right)^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2 \frac{1}{\left\{ 1 - \text{tr} \left( \frac{\mathbf{H}}{n} \right) \right\}^2} \\ &\approx \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2 \left\{ 1 + 2 \text{tr} \left( \frac{\mathbf{H}}{n} \right) \right\} \\ &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2 + \frac{2p}{n} \hat{\sigma}^2 \\ &= \frac{\hat{\sigma}^2}{n} \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2 + 2p \right\} = \frac{\hat{\sigma}^2}{n} \text{AIC} \end{aligned}$$



# Degrees of freedom

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$$\begin{aligned}\sum_{i=1}^n \text{cov}(y_i, \hat{y}_i) &= \text{tr}\{\text{cov}(\mathbf{y}, \hat{\mathbf{y}})\} \\ &= \text{tr}(\mathbf{H})\mathbb{V}(\mathbf{y}) \\ &= \text{tr}(\mathbf{H})\sigma^2 \\ &= p\sigma^2\end{aligned}$$

Regression degrees of freedom

$$\frac{1}{\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \text{cov}(y_i, \hat{y}_i)$$



$$\mathbf{H}_\lambda = \mathbf{X}(\mathbf{X}^\top \mathbf{X} + \lambda \mathbf{I})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^\top$$

- $\text{tr}(\mathbf{H}_\lambda)$  reflects regression degrees of freedom, depending on  $\lambda$  ranges from  $p$  to 0
- if  $\beta_0$  is not penalized ranges from  $p$  to 1



# univariate function approximation

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Suppose approximation of a good univariate function over a set of observed  $(x_i, y_i), i = 1, \dots, n$ .

$$y_i = f(x_i) + \varepsilon_i \approx \sum_j \beta_j b_j(x_i)$$

- polynomial base  $x \in [-1, 1]$ ,  $b_j(x_i) = x_i^j$
- Fourier base  $x \in [-\pi, \pi]$ ,

$$y_i \approx \sum_{j=1}^k \beta^{(1)} \sin\left(\frac{2\pi j}{k}\right) + \beta^{(2)} \cos\left(\frac{2\pi j}{k}\right)$$

- Wavelet base of resolution  $k$ ,  $x \in [0, 2\pi]$

$$y_i \approx \sum_{j=1}^{2^k-1} \beta_j^{(k)} b_j^{(k)}(x_i)$$

