# Regularized Linear Regression

Shortcomings of Ordinary Linear Regression

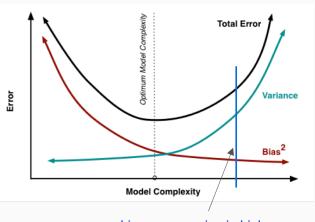
Ridge Regression

Lasso Regression

When to use each!

# Why Regularized Linear Regression?

$$\sum_{i=1}^{N} (y_i - \hat{\beta}_0 - \sum_{j=1}^{p} x_{ij} \hat{\beta}_j)^2$$



Linear regression in high dimensions

# Linear Regression (another review)

We model the world as:

$$Y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_1 + \beta_2 X_2 + ... + \beta_p X_p + \epsilon$$

We estimate the model parameters by minimizing:

$$\sum_{i=1}^{N} (y_i - \hat{\beta}_0 - \sum_{j=1}^{p} x_{ij} \hat{\beta}_j)^2$$

(Linear Regression w/ Ridge (L2) Regularization)

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$$Y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_1 + \beta_2 X_2 + ... + \beta_p X_p + \epsilon$$

(same as before)

We estimate the model parameters by minimizing:

$$\sum_{i=1}^{N} (y_i - \hat{\beta}_0 - \sum_{j=1}^{p} x_{ij} \hat{\beta}_j)^2 + \lambda \sum_{i=1}^{p} \hat{\beta}_i^2$$
 Did we see this before?

(the "regularization" parameter)

#### Yes: Subset Selection

$$C_p = \frac{1}{n}(RSS + 2p\hat{\sigma}^2) \longleftarrow \begin{array}{l} \text{Mallow's Cp} \\ \text{p is the total \# of parameters} \\ \hat{\sigma}^2 \text{ is an estimate of the variance of the error, } \epsilon \end{array}$$

$$BIC = \frac{1}{n}(RSS + log(n)\underline{p}\hat{\sigma}^2) \longleftarrow \begin{array}{l} \text{This is Cp, except 2 is replaced by log(n).} \\ \log(n) > 2 \text{ for n>7, so BIC generally exacts a heavier penalty for more variables} \end{array}$$

Side Note: Can show AIC and Mallow's Cp are equivalent for linear case

$$\sum_{i=1}^{N} (y_i - \hat{\beta}_0 - \sum_{j=1}^{p} x_{ij} \hat{\beta}_j)^2 + \lambda \sum_{i=1}^{p} \hat{\beta}_i^2$$

What if we set the lambda equal to zero?

What does the new term accomplish?

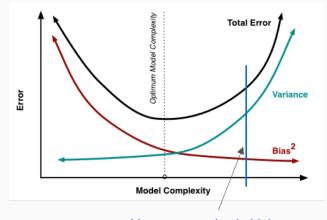
What happens to a features whose corresponding coefficient value (beta) is zero?

$$\sum_{i=1}^{N} (y_i - \hat{\beta}_0 - \sum_{j=1}^{p} x_{ij} \hat{\beta}_j)^2 + \lambda \sum_{i=1}^{p} \hat{\beta}_i^2$$

Notice, we do not penalize  $B_0$ .

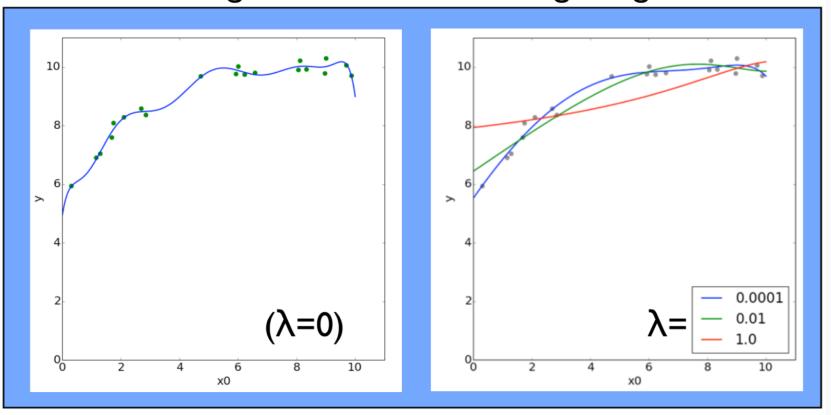
Changing lambda changes the amount that large coefficients are penalized.

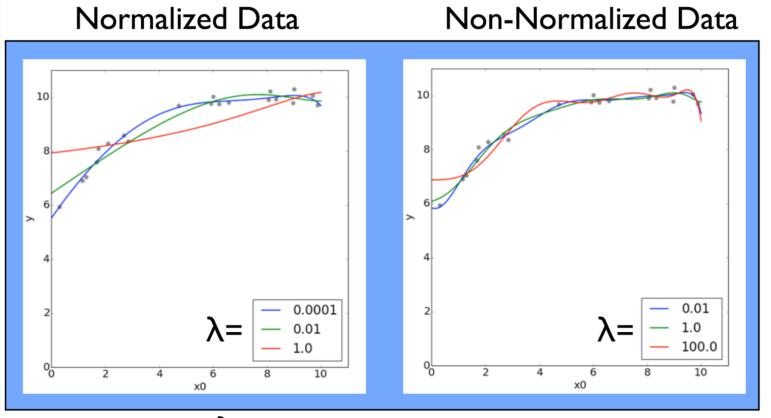
Increasing lambda increases the model's bias and decreases its variance.



Linear regression in high dimensions







Single value for  $\lambda$  assumes features are on the same scale!!

#### Lasso Regression

(Linear Regression w/ Lasso (L1) Regularization)

We model the world as:

$$Y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_1 + \beta_2 X_2 + ... + \beta_p X_p + \epsilon$$

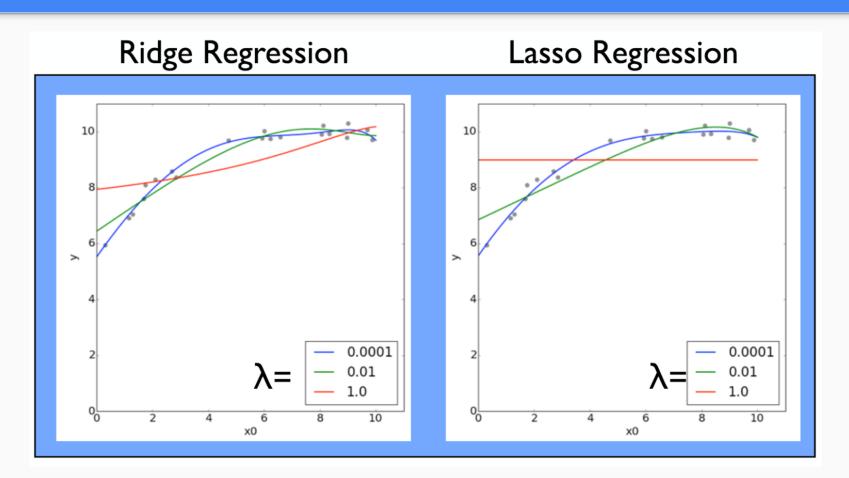
(same as before)

We estimate the model parameters to minimizing:

$$\sum_{i=1}^{N} (y_i - \hat{\beta}_0 - \sum_{j=1}^{p} x_{ij} \hat{\beta}_j)^2 + \lambda \sum_{i=1}^{p} |\hat{\beta}_i|$$
 (abs

(absolute value instead of squared)

(the "regularization" parameter)



#### Ridge vs Lasso

Which is better depends on your dataset!

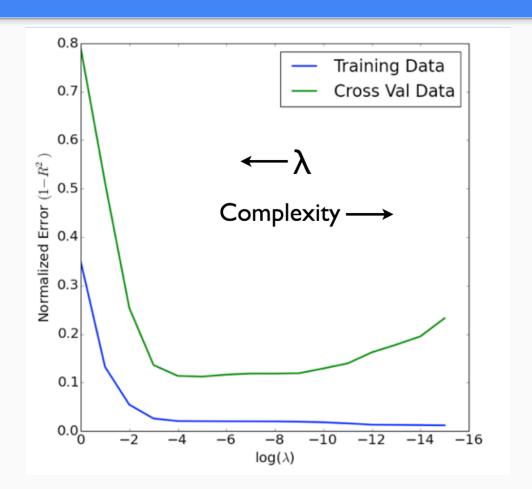
True sparse models will benefit from lasso; true dense models will benefit from ridge.

Ridge forces parameters to be small + Ridge is computationally easier because it is differentiable

Lasso tends to set coefficients exactly equal to zero

- This is useful as a sort-of "automatic feature selection" mechanism,
- leads to "sparse" models
- serves a similar purpose to stepwise features selection

#### Chose lambda via Cross-Validation



#### scikit-learn

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Classes:
  sklearn.linear model.LinearRegression(...)
  sklearn.linear_model.Ridge(alpha=my_alpha, ...)
  sklearn.linear model.Lasso(alpha=my alpha, ...)
All have these methods:
  fit(X, y)
  predict(X)
  score(X, y)
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