Data Science II (P8106)

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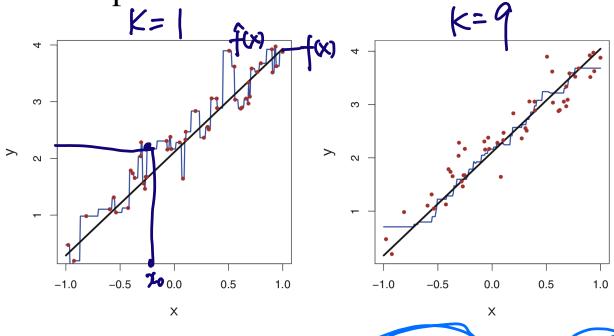
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Resampling Methods

- ► Refit a model of interest to samples formed from the training data to obtain additional information about the fitted model
- **Cross-validation:** estimate the prediction error
- ▶ Bootstrap: evaluating the variance of an estimator

Model tuning

- Many models have important parameters which cannot be directly estimated from the data
- Example: *k*-nearest neighbor
- Tuning parameter no analytical form to calculate an appropriate value
- ► Given a candidate set of tuning parameters, one can determine the optimal value based on the performance on hold-out samples



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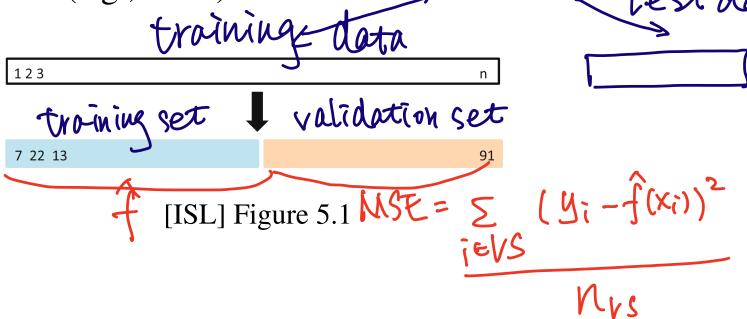


Validation-set approach

training data

- ► Randomly divide the available set of samples into two parts: training set and validation set
- ► The model is fit on the training set
- ► The fitted model is used to predict the responses for the observations in the validation set

The resulting validation-set error provides an estimate of the test error (e.g., MSE)



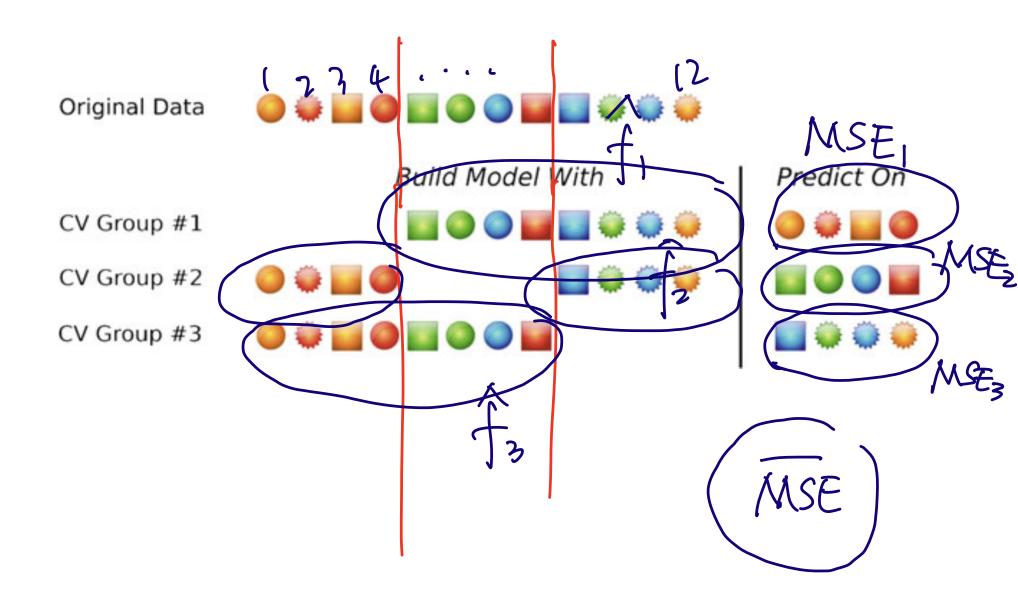
Drawbacks of validation set approach

- ► The validation estimate of the test error can be highly variable
- Only a subset of observations are used to fit the model
- This suggests that the validations set error may tend to overestimate the test error for the model fit on the entire set

K-fold cross-validation

- Widely used approach for estimating test error
- Estimates can be used to select best model, and to give an idea of the test error of the final chosen model
- Idea
 - \triangleright Randomly divide the data into K equal-sized parts
 - Leave out part k, fit the model to the other K-1 parts (combined)
 - Obtain predictions for the left-out kth part
 - This is done in turn for each part k = 1, 2, ..., K, and then the results are combined

The details: three-fold CV



The details

- Let the K parts be C_1, C_2, \ldots, C_K where C_k denotes the indices of the observations in part k
- There are n_k observations in part k: if n is a multiple of K, then $n_k = n/K$
- Compute

$$CVMSE \sum_{K=1}^{K} \frac{n_k}{n} MSE_k$$

- $MSE_k = \sum_{i \in C_k} (y_i \hat{y}_i)^2 / n_k$
- \hat{y}_i is the fit for observation i, obtained from the data with C_k removed
- Since each training set is (K-1)/K as big as the original training data, the estimates of prediction error will typically be **biased upward**

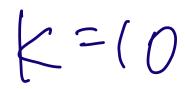
A nice special case

- Setting K = n yields n-fold or *leave-one-out cross-validation* (LOOCV)
- In least-squares linear regression, the following formula holds

$$CV_{(n)} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \left(\frac{\hat{y}_i - \hat{y}_i}{1 - \mathcal{N}_i} \right)^2$$

- \hat{y}_i is the *i*th fitted value from the original least squares fit
- \blacktriangleright h_i is the leverage (diagonal of the "hat" matrix)

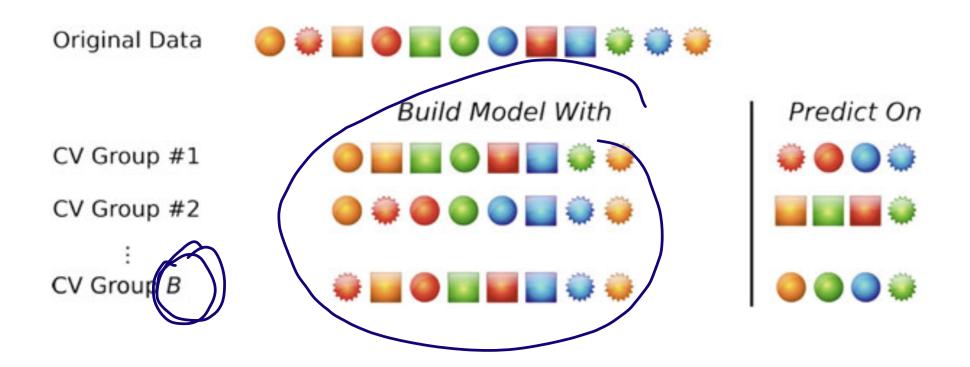
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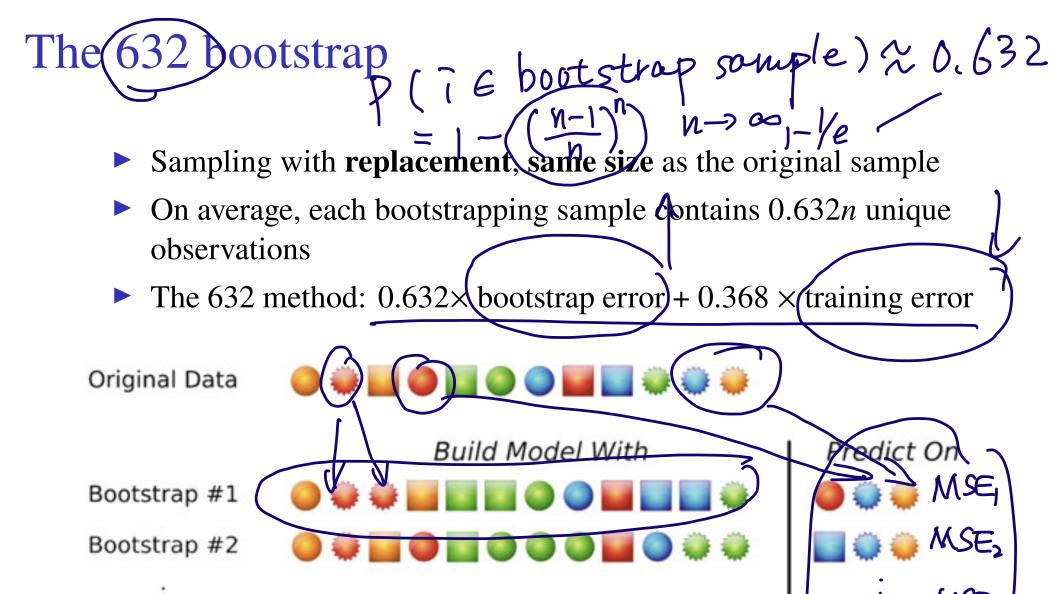


- Advantages
 - Less bias
 - ► No randomness in the training/validation set splits
- LOOCV is sometimes useful, but typically doesn't *shake* up the data enough
- ► The estimates from each fold are highly correlated and hence their average can have **high variance**
- ► Bias-variance tradeoff

Monte Carlo cross-validation

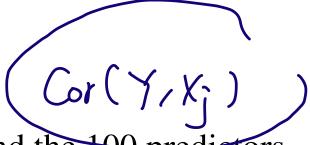
- Also known as "leave-group-out cross-validation"
- ► Rule-of-thumb proportion of the modeling set: 75%~80%
- Number of repetitions is larger (e.g. 50-200)
- ► Increasing *B* decreases the uncertainty of the performance estimates





Bootstrap B

Cross-validation: right and wrong



- 1. Starting with 5000 predictors, find the 100 predictors having the largest correlation with the response
- 2. We then fit a model using only these 100 predictors

How do we estimate test performance using CV?

- A. Apply cross-validation in step 2
- B. Apply cross-validation in steps 1 and 2