Ch 7.4: Cubic splines

Lecture 23 - CMSE 381

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Announcements

Last time:

- 7.2 Step functions
- 7.3 Basis functions

This lecture:

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Section 1

Last time

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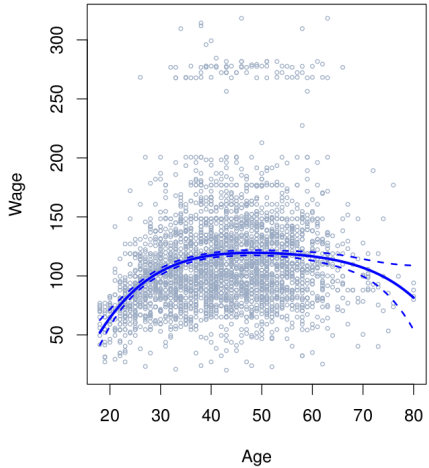

Step function regression

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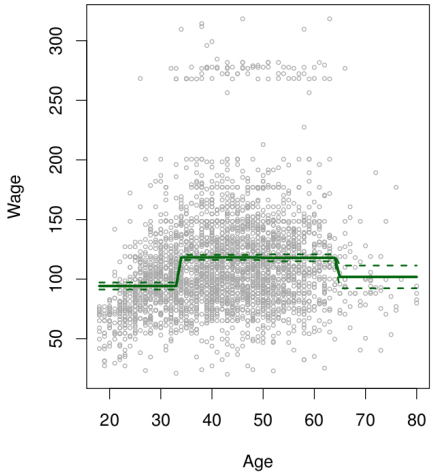
\begin{aligned}
C_0(X) &= I(X < c_1), \\
C_1(X) &= I(c_1 \leq X < c_2), \\
C_2(X) &= I(c_2 \leq X < c_3), \\
&\vdots \\
C_{K-1}(X) &= I(c_{K-1} \leq X < c_K), \\
C_K(X) &= I(c_K \leq X),
\end{aligned}
$$

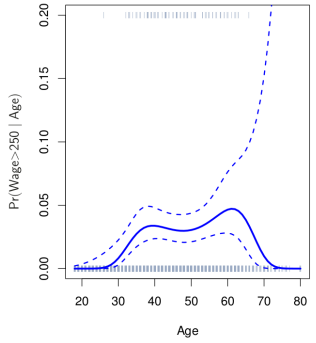
$$y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 C_1(x_i) + \beta_2 C_2(x_i) + \cdots + \beta_K C_K(x_i) + \varepsilon_i$$



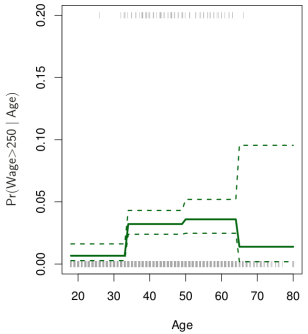
Classification version

$$\Pr(y_i > 250 \mid x_i) =$$

$$\frac{\exp(\beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i + \cdots + \beta_d x_i^d)}{1 + \exp(\beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i + \cdots + \beta_d x_i^d)}$$



$$\frac{\exp(\beta_0 + \beta_1 C_1(x_i) + \beta_2 C_2(x_i) + \cdots + \beta_K C_K(x_i))}{1 + \exp(\beta_0 + \beta_1 C_1(x_i) + \beta_2 C_2(x_i) + \cdots + \beta_K C_K(x_i))}$$



Basis Functions Setup

Polynomial and piecewise-constant regression models are special cases of a *basis function* approach.

$$y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 b_1(x_i) + \beta_2 b_2(x_i) + \cdots + \beta_K b_K(x_i) + \varepsilon_i$$

Section 2

Regression Splines

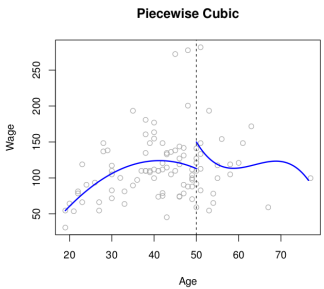
Piecewise polynomials

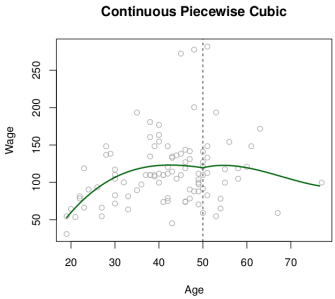
- Fit a polynomial regression

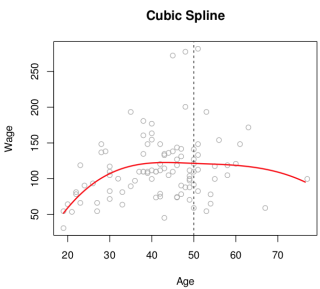
  $y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1 + \beta_2 x_i^2 + \cdots + \beta_d x_i^d + \varepsilon_i$

- Let the β_i's be different at different locations of the range.

Building up to cubic splines



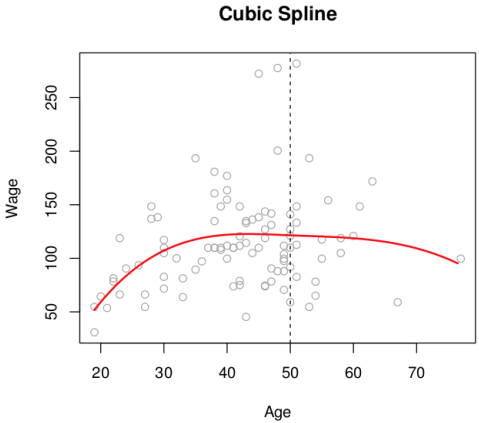




$$y_i = \begin{cases} \beta_{01} + \beta_{11} x_i + \beta_{21} x_i^2 + \beta_{31} x_i^3 + \epsilon_i & \text{if } x_i < c \\ \beta_{02} + \beta_{12} x_i + \beta_{22} x_i^2 + \beta_{32} x_i^3 + \epsilon_i & \text{if } x_i \geq c. \end{cases}$$

Cubic splines: degrees of freedom

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \beta_0^1 + \beta_1^1 x + \beta_2^1 x^2 + \beta_3^1 x^3 & x < c \\ \beta_0^2 + \beta_1^2 x + \beta_2^2 x^2 + \beta_3^2 x^3 & x > c \end{cases}$$



Spline basis representation

Want to pick b_i so that we represent a cubic spline with K knots as

$$y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 b_1(x_i) + \beta_2 b_2(x_i) + \cdots + \beta_{K+3} b_{K+3}(x_i) + \varepsilon_i$$

Version 1: Truncated power basis function

$$h(x,z) = (x-z)_+^3 = \begin{cases} (x-z)^3 & \text{if } x > z \\ 0 & \textit{else} \end{cases}$$

Desmos link: https://www.desmos.com/calculator/esucuulbgj

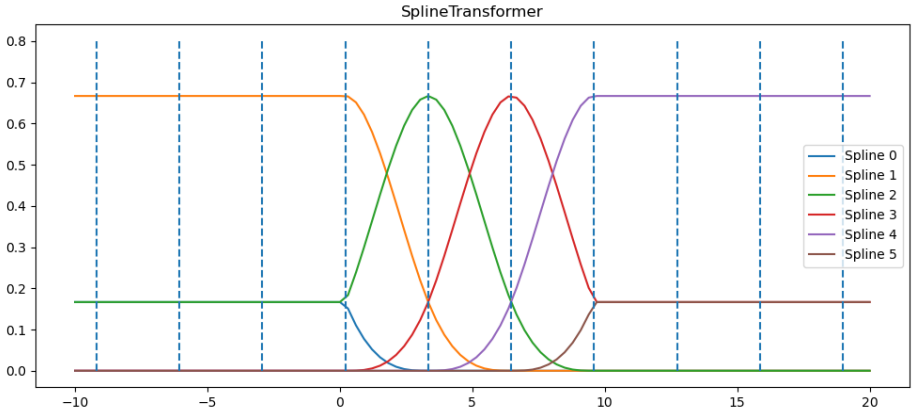
The (book) basis for cubic splines

Given knots at $z_1, \cdots, z_K$

- X
- X^2
- X^3
- $h(X, z_1)$
- $h(X, z_2)$
- $\vdots$
- $h(X, z_K)$

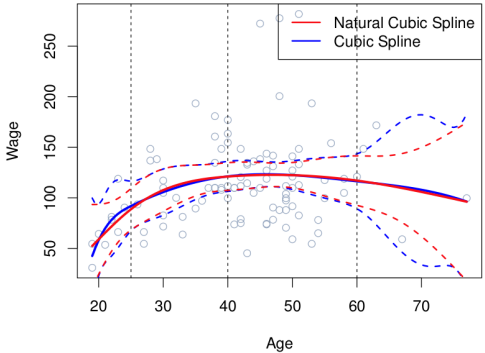
$$f(X) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X + \beta_2 X^2 + \beta_3 X^3 + \beta_4 h(X, z_1) + \beta_5 h(X, z_2) + \cdots + \beta_{k+3} h(X, z_K)$$

Version 2: B-spline basis function

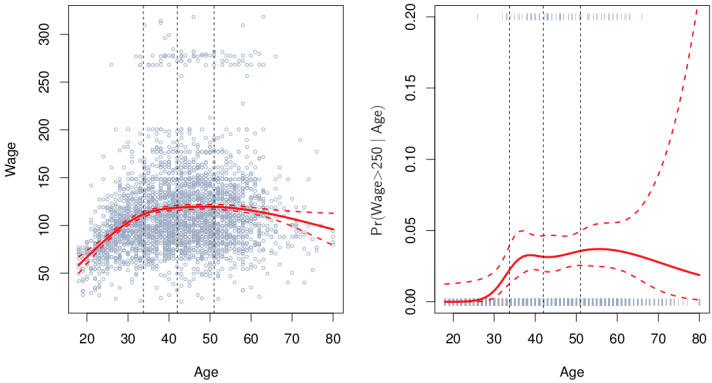


Coding example

Notes on cubic splines

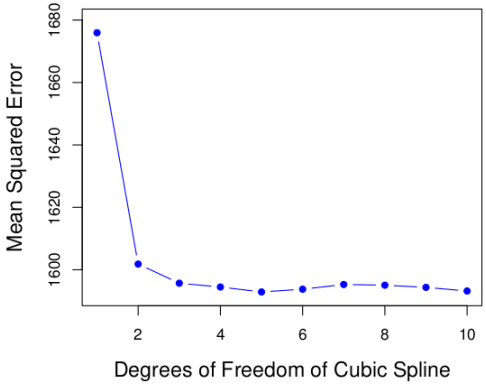


Where to put the knots?

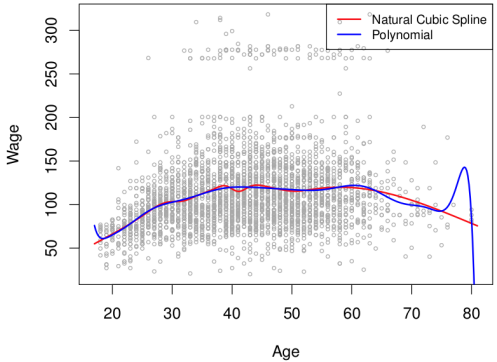


How many knots to use?

When in doubt, Cross-Validate.



Cubic splines vs Polynomial Regression



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