

# Ch 6.2: Shrinkage - The Lasso

## Lecture 18 - CMSE 381

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# Announcements

## Last time:

- Ridge Regression

## This time:

- The Lasso

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- HW # 4 due Sunday
- Spring Break!

12	F	2/14	Leave one out CV	5.1.1, 5.1.2		
13	M	2/17	k-fold CV	5.1.3		Q5
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19	M	3/10	PCA	6.3		Q6
20	W	3/12	PCR	6.3		
	F	3/14	<b>Review</b>		HW #5 Due Sun 3/16	
	M	3/17	<b>Midterm #2</b>			

# Section 1

Last time

# Goal

- Fit model using all  $p$  predictors
- Aim to constrain (regularize) coefficient estimates
- Shrink the coefficient estimates towards 0

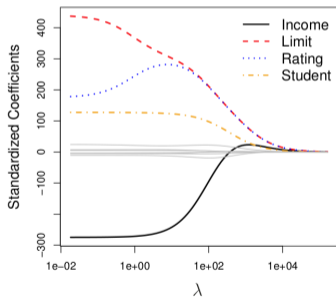
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# Ridge regression

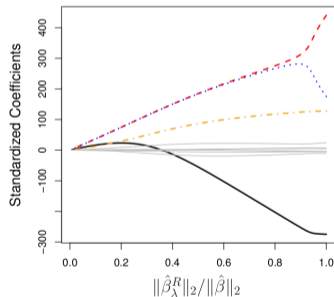
**Before:**

$$RSS = \sum_{i=1}^n \left( y_i - \beta_0 - \sum_{j=1}^p \beta_j x_{ij} \right)^2$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \left( y_i - \beta_0 - \sum_{j=1}^p \beta_j x_{ij} \right)^2 + \lambda \sum_{j=1}^p \beta_j^2 = RSS + \lambda \sum_{j=1}^p \beta_j^2$$



**After:**



## Scale equivariance (or lack thereof)

**Scale equivariant:** Multiplying a variable by  $c$  ( $cX_i$ ) just returns a coefficient multiplied by  $1/c$  ( $1/c\beta_i$ )

**Solution: standardize predictors**

$$\tilde{x}_{ij} = \frac{x_{ij}}{\sqrt{\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_{ij} - \bar{x}_j)^2}}$$

- Least squares is scale equivariant
- Ridge regression is not

## Section 2

### The Lasso

## Same goal as before

- Fit model using all  $p$  predictors
- Aim to constrain (regularize) coefficient estimates
- Shrink the coefficient estimates towards 0

$$Y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_1 + \beta_2 X_2 + \beta_3 X_3 + \beta_4 X_4$$



# The lasso

**Least Squares:**

$$RSS = \sum_{i=1}^n \left( y_i - \beta_0 - \sum_{j=1}^p \beta_j x_{ij} \right)^2$$

**Ridge:**

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \left( y_i - \beta_0 - \sum_{j=1}^p \beta_j x_{ij} \right)^2 + \lambda \sum_{j=1}^p \beta_j^2 = RSS + \lambda \sum_{j=1}^p \beta_j^2$$

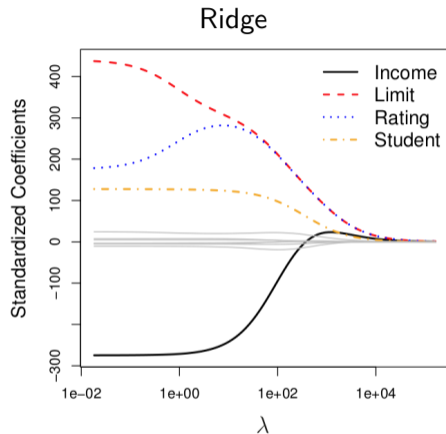
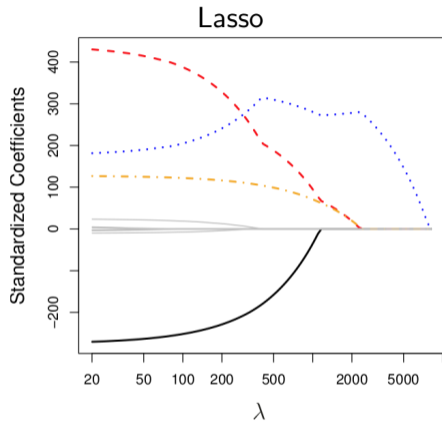
**The Lasso:**

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \left( y_i - \beta_0 - \sum_{j=1}^p \beta_j x_{ij} \right)^2 + \lambda \sum_{j=1}^p |\beta_j| = RSS + \lambda \sum_{j=1}^p |\beta_j|$$

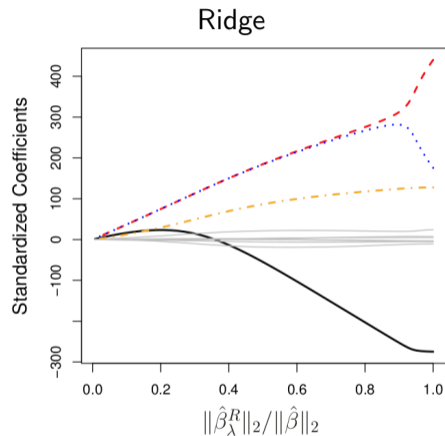
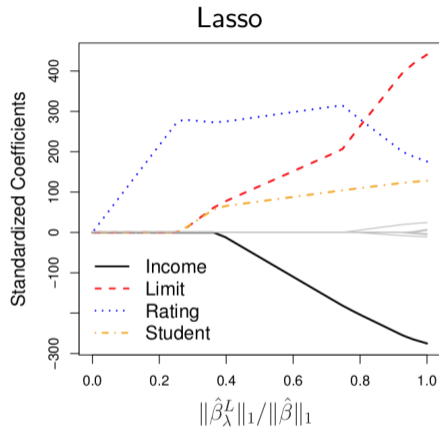
## Subsets with lasso

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \left( y_i - \beta_0 - \sum_{j=1}^p \beta_j x_{ij} \right)^2 + \lambda \sum_{j=1}^p |\beta_j| = \text{RSS} + \lambda \sum_{j=1}^p |\beta_j|$$

# An example on Credit data set



# More example on Credit data set



# Scale equivariance (or lack thereof)

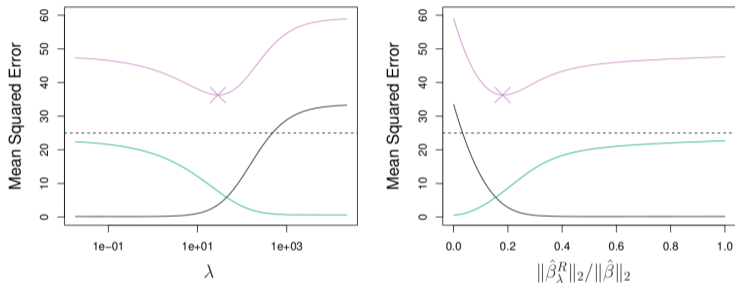
**Scale equivariant:** Multiplying a variable by  $c$  just returns a coefficient multiplied by  $1/c$

Least squares **is** scale equivariant.  
Ridge/Lasso **are very much not**.

**Solution: standardize predictors**

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# Bias-Variance tradeoff

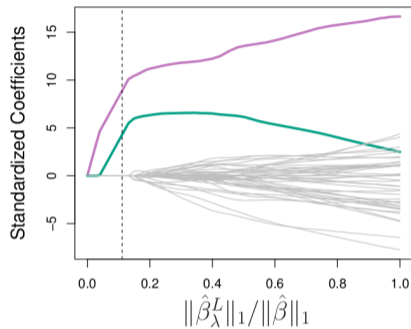
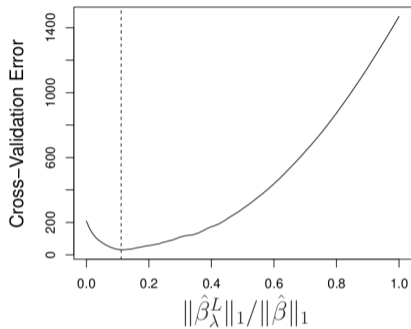


Squared bias (black), variance (green), and test mean squared error (purple) for simulated data.

## Using Cross-Validation to find $\lambda$

- Choose a grid of  $\lambda$  values
- Compute the ( $k$ -fold) cross-validation error for each value of  $\lambda$
- Select the tuning parameter value  $\lambda$  for which the CV error is smallest.
- The model is re-fit using all of the available observations and the selected value of the tuning parameter.

# 10-fold CV choice of $\lambda$ for lasso and simulated data





# Coding example

# Ridge vs Lasso

**Ridge Regression:**

**Lasso:**

**Least Squares:**

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**The Lasso:**

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