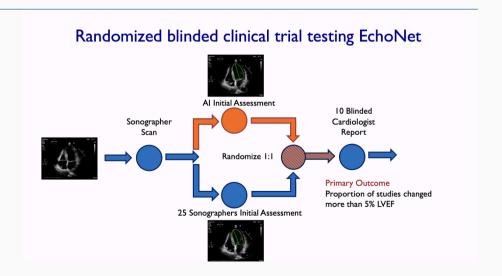
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Week 4

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Upcoming

• October 7 12.00-13.00 : STAGE International Seminar

- link
- Teri Manolio, National Human Genome Research Institute
- Genomic Diversity and Genomic Healthcare



Aside: matrix derivatives

Note on Matrix Derivatives

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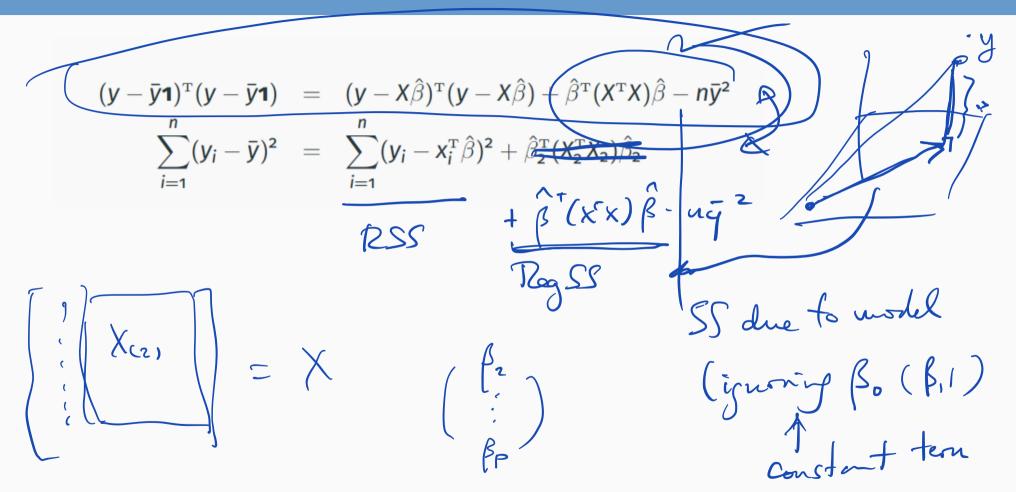
The matrix version of the linear model is

$$y = X\beta + \epsilon,$$

where y and $X\beta$, and ϵ are $n \times 1$ vectors; X is an $n \times p$ matrix and β is a $p \times 1$ vector. To find the least squares estimator we minimize

$$SS(\beta) = (y - X\beta)^{T}(y - X\beta) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} (y_i - x_i^{T}\beta)^{2},$$

Aside: partitioning SS



Linear regression recap

- factor variables: a factor with k levels needs k-1 parameters
- linear model assumptions: $E(y) = X\beta$, $cov(Y) = \sigma^2 I$, $y = X\beta + \epsilon$, $\epsilon \sim N(0, \sigma^2 I)$
- true residuals have constant variance
- true residuals are normally distributed
- · true residuals are independent
- Shapiro-Wilk test? and plot
- reminder: Q-Q plot of a vector of observations z
- y-axis: ordered observations $z_{(1)}, \dots z_{(n)}$
- x-axis: theoretical quantiles from distribution F: $F^{-1}\{i/(n\pm 1)\} \simeq \mathrm{E}(X_{(i)})$ • SW test is a summary of weighted LS regression from this plot

... linear regression recap

• $H = X(X^TX)^{-1}X^T$ hat matrix $\hat{y} = X\hat{\beta} = Hy$

- leverye + outles
- h_{ii} measures the leverage of observation i on the fitted model
- $\operatorname{var}(\hat{\epsilon}_i) = \sigma^2(1 h_{ii})$
- C_i Cook's distance measures the influence of observation i on the fit

$$C_{i} = \frac{(\hat{y} - \hat{y}_{-i})^{\mathrm{T}}(\hat{y} - \hat{y}_{-i})}{p\tilde{\sigma}^{2}} = \underbrace{\frac{{}_{\beta}r_{i}^{2}h_{ii}}{p(1 - h_{ii})}}_{\text{calle} \not D_{i} \text{ in LM-2 §6.2.3, LM-1 §4.2.3}}$$

- Durbin-Watson test checks for auto-correlation in residuals
- may be useful if the residual plots seem to oscillate, or if the data are collected over time
- collinearity: if there is a linear relationship among columns of *X*, then individual coefficients are not well-determined
- check condition number of $X^{T}X$

LM-2 §7.3; LM-1 §5.3

LM-2 Figure 6.7

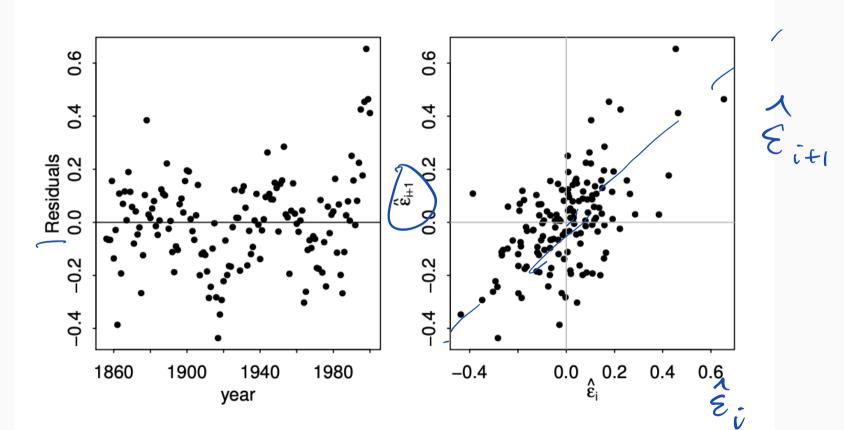


Figure 6.7 Diagnostic plots for correlated errors in the air quality data.

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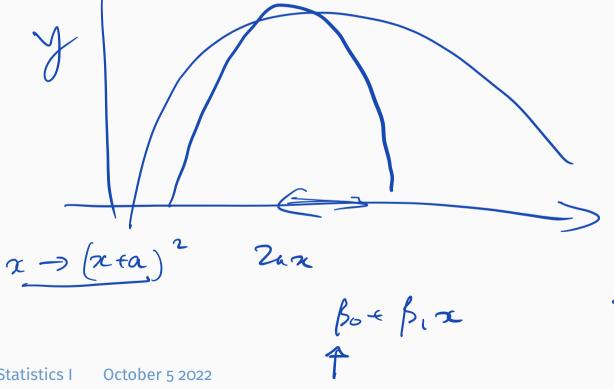
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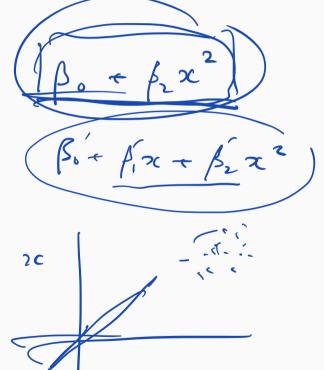
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- importance of retained explanatory variables probably overstated
- procedures not directly linked to final objectives of prediction or explanation
- tends to pick models that are smaller than desirable for prediction LM-2 10.2, LM-1 8.2

"should be discouraged"

LM-2 10.2

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adjusted R² check text

- - SM has yet another version AIC_c which may be better than AIC for linear models
 - C_p and R_a^2 are only useful for linear models; AIC and BIC more general

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LM-2 Ch.10; LM-1 Ch.8; SM, Ch.8.7
                             model (E Im (Ipsa~, prostate)
step(model1)
. . .
Step: AIC=-61.37
lpsa ~ lcavol + lweight + age + lbph + svi
         Df Sum of Sq RSS
                              AIC
                     45.526<sup>(</sup> -61.374
<none>
-- age . 1 0.9592 46.485 -61.352 \
- lbph · 1 1.8568 47.382 -59.497
- lweight 1 3.2251 48.751 -56.735 Suger
- svi \ 1 5.9517 51.477 -51.456
- lcavol 1 28.7665 74.292 -15.871
Call:
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lm(formula = lpsa ~ lcavol + lweight + age + lbph + svi, data = prostate)
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Coefficients:

(Intercept) lbph lcavol lweight svi age October 5 2022 0.56561 0.42369 -0.014890.11184 0.72095

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- Empirical models: "In many fields of study the models used as a basis for interpretation do not have a special subject-matter base, but, rather represent broad patterns of haphazard variation quite widely seen in at least approximate form $(-x \in +\mathcal{E})$
- this is typically combined with a specification of the systematic part of the variation, which is often, although not always, the primary focus of interest"
- $E(y \mid X) = X\beta$

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it may be essential to recognize that several different models are potentially equally effective

Example SM Eg 8.29

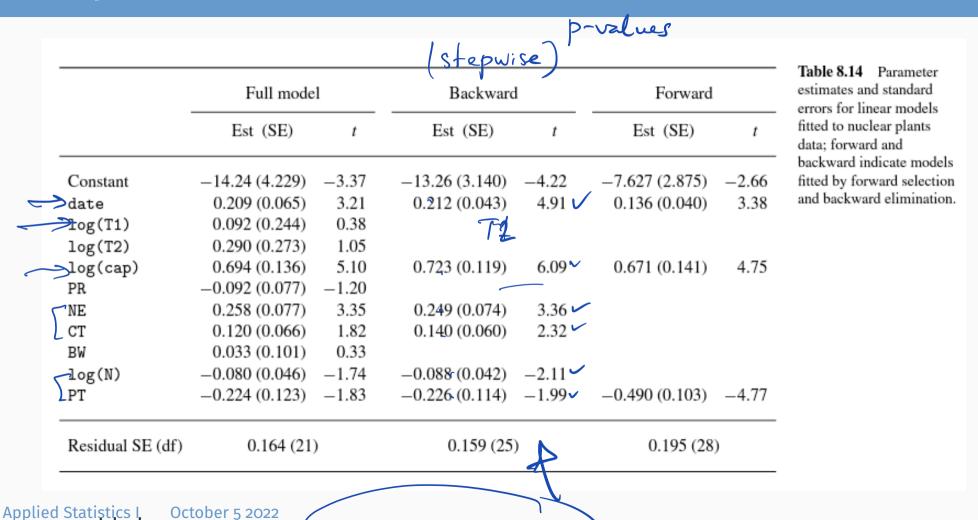
• nuclear plant data Cox & Snell 1981

• library(SMPracticals); data(nuclear); View(nuclear); ?nuclear

Table 8.13 Data on light water reactors (LWR) constructed in the USA (Cox and Snell, 1981, p. 81). The covariates are date (date construction permit issued), T1 (time between application for and issue of permit), T2 (time between issue of operating license and construction permit), capacity (power plant capacity in MWe), PR (=1 if LWR already present on site), NE (=1 if constructed in north-east region of USA), CT (=1 if cooling tower used), BW (=1 if nuclear steam supply system manufactured by Babcock-Wilcox), N (cumulative number of power plants constructed by each architect-engineer), PT (=1 if partial turnkey plant).

	cost	date	T ₁	T ₂	capacity	PR	NE	CT	BW	N	PT
1	460.05	68.58	14	46	687	0	1	0	0	14	0
2	452.99	67.33	10	73	1065	0	0	1	0	1	0
3	443.22	67.33	10	85	1065	1	0	1	0	1	0
4	652.32	68.00	11	67	1065	0	1	1	0	12	0
5	642.23	68.00	11	78	1065	1	1	1	0	12	0
6	345.39	67.92	13	51	514	0	1	1	0	3	0
7	272.37	68.17	12	50	822	0	0	0	0	5	0
8	317.21	68.42	14	59	457	0	0	0	0	1	0
9	457.12	68.42	15	55	822	1	0	0	0	5	0
10	690.19	68.33	12	71	792	0	1	1	1	2	0
11	350.63	68.58	12	64	560	0	0	0	0	3	0
12	402.59	68.75	13	47	790	0	1	0	0	6	0
13	412.18	68.42	15	62	530	0	0	1	0	2	0
14	495.58	68.92	17	52	1050	0	0	0	0	7	0
15	394.36	68.92	13	65	850	0	0	0	1	16	0
16	423.32	68.42	11	67	778	0	0	0	0	3	0
17	712.27	69.50	18	60	845	0	1	0	0	17	0
18	289.66	68.42	15	76	530	1	0	1	0	2	0
19	881.24	69.17	15	67	1090	0	0	0	0	1	0
20	490.88	68.92	16	59	1050	1	0	0	0	8	0
21	567.79	68.75	11	70	913	0	0	1	1	15	0
22	665.99	70.92	22	57	828	1	1	0	0	20	0
23	621.45	69.67	16	59	786	0	0	1	0	18	0
24	608.80	70.08	19	58	821	1	0	0	0	3	0
25	473.64	70.42	19	44	538	0	0	1	0	19	0
26	697.14	71.08	20	57	1130	0	0	1	0	21	0
27	207.51	67.25	13	63	745	0	0	0	0	8	1
28	288.48	67.17	9	48	821	0	0	1	0	7	1
29	284.88	67.83	12	63	886	0	0	0	1	11	1
30	280.36	67.83	12	71	886	1	0	0	1	11	1
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- could also use stepAIC(or leaps::regsubsets

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- check on the model includes interaction with PT

one variable at a time

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nuclear.lm2 <- lm(log(cost) ~ date + log(cap) + ne + ct + log(cum.n) + pt,
data = nuclear)
(Intercept)
              date
                         log(cap)
                                         ne
                          0.72341
 -13.26031 0.21241
                                     0.24902
            log(cum.n)
                              pt
                         -0.22610
   0.14039
           -0.08758
                                                     PT & log(cap)
 >/update(nuclear.lm, .~. + pt*log(cap))$coef
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                  date
                                          ne
 -13.08645
              0.21044
                          0.71761
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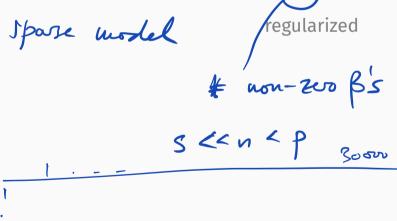
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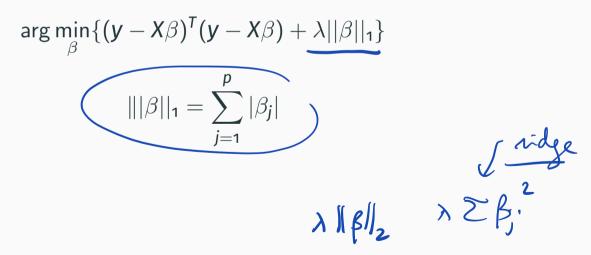
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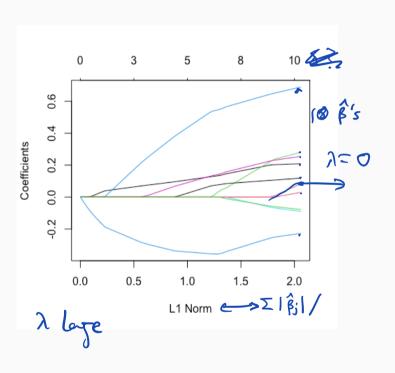
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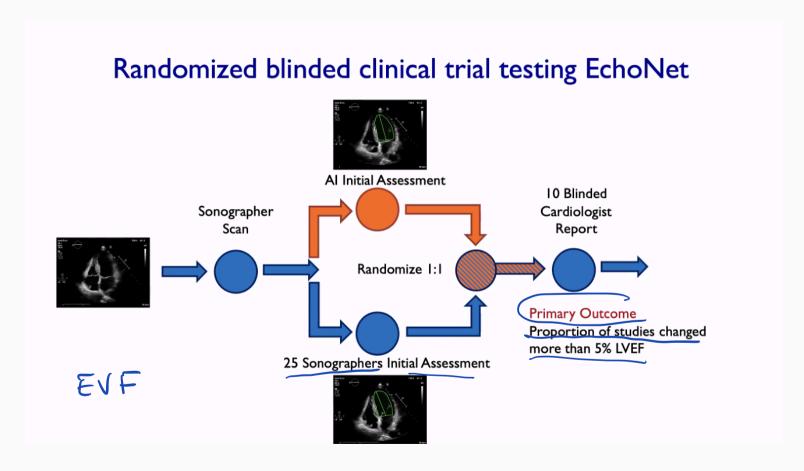
$$|||\beta||_{1} = \sum_{j=1}^{p} |\beta_{j}| \blacktriangleleft$$

- resulting estimate $\hat{\beta}_{\lambda}$ called the Lasso estimate
- has the property that many $\hat{\beta}_{\lambda,j}$ are o
- another route to variable selection

```
> require(glmnet)
> x <- model.matrix(nuclear.lm)</pre>
> y <- log(nuclear$cost)</pre>
> nuclear.lasso < glmnet(x,y)
 plot(nuclear.lasso
  cv.glmnet(x,y)
    Lambda Index Measure
                               SE Nonzero
min 0.0295
               24
                  0.0427 0.0105
se 0.0621
               16
                  0.0530 0.0142
> coef(nuclear.lasso, s = 0.05)
       Mole lecture
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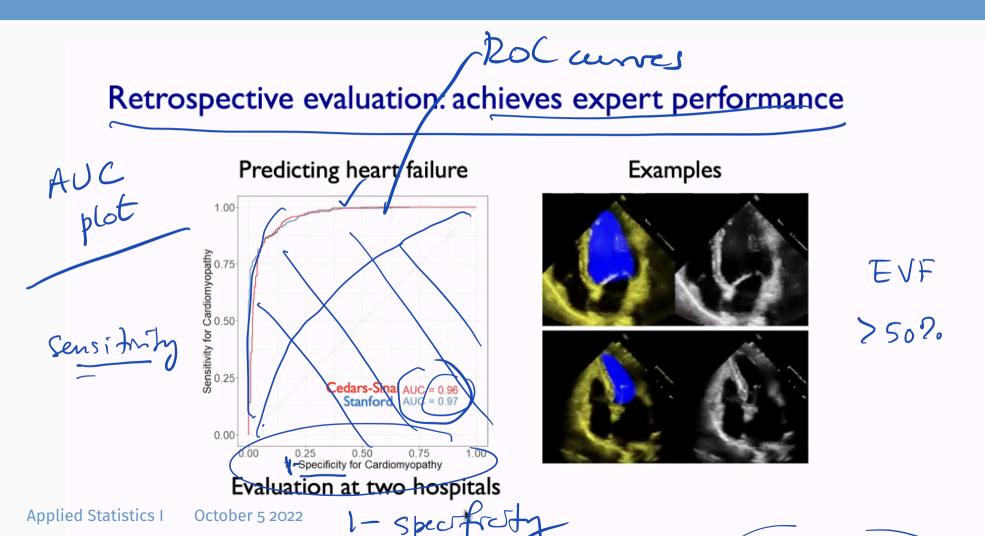
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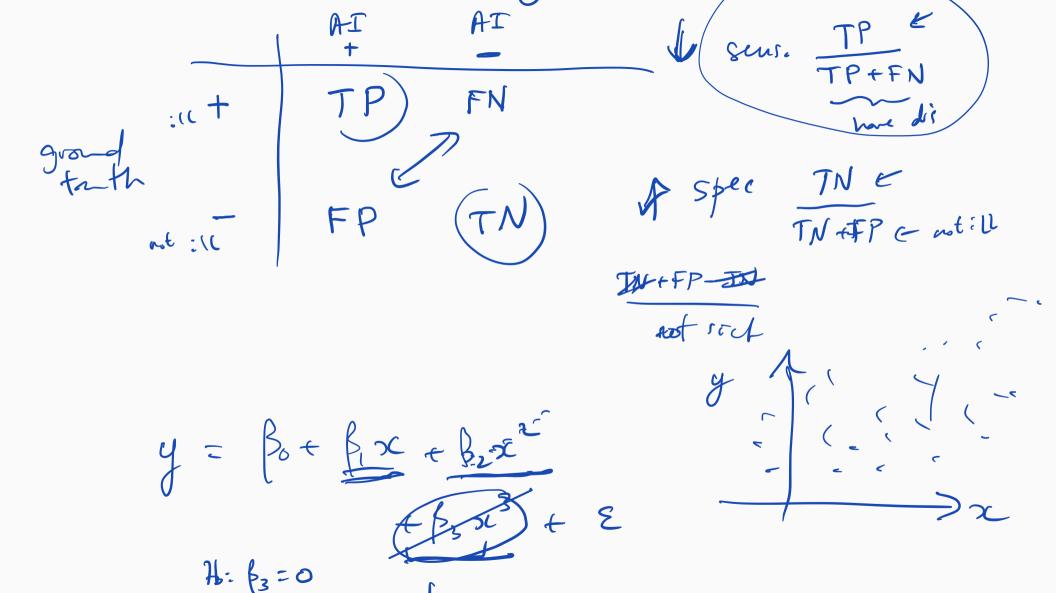
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