

### Machine Learning (ML) with Python

### Regularization

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### Overfitting



- Overfitting of the model occurs when the model learns just 'too-well' on the train data.
- This would sound like an advantage, but it is not.
- When a model is overtrained on training data, it performs worst on the test data, or any new data.
- Technically, the model learns the details as well as the noise of the train data.



### How to Avoid Overfitting?

- There are several ways of avoiding the overfitting of the model such as:
  - K-fold cross-validation
  - Resampling
  - *Reducing the number of features* (BUT this presents a disadvantage as removing features is sometimes equivalent to removing information)
  - Applying Regularization to the model

**Regularization** is a better technique than <u>Reducing the number of features</u> to overcome the overfitting problem as in <u>Regularization</u> we do not discard the features of the model.

**Regularization works well when there are a lot of slightly useful features** 

### Understanding Regularization

- Regularization is a technique that penalizes the coefficient.
- In an overfit model, the coefficients are generally inflated.
- Thus, Regularization adds penalties to the parameters and avoids them weigh heavily.
- The coefficients are added to the cost function of the linear equation.
- Thus, if the coefficient inflates, the cost function will increase. And Linear regression model will try to optimize the coefficient in order to minimize the cost function.
- Practically, you can check if the regression model is overfitting or not by RMSE (Root Mean Square Error).
- A good model has a similar RMSE for the <u>train</u> and <u>test</u> sets.
- If the difference is too large, we can say the model is overfitting to the training set.
- There are various techniques for adding penalties to the cost function

We will explore the most common Regularization Techniques of Linear Models

### Regularization Techniques of Linear Model

#### **Types of Regularization in ML**



Elastic-Net Regression Regularization (combines both L1 and L2)

### Regularization Techniques (Cont.)

#### **1. Ridge Regression (L2 Regularization):**

- Here, we're going to minimize the sum of squared errors and sum of the squared coefficients ( $\beta$ ).
- The coefficients (β) with a large magnitude will generate the graph peak and deep slope, to suppress this we're using the lambda (λ)
- lambda ( $\lambda$ ) is called a <u>Penalty Factor</u> and help us to get a smooth surface instead of an irregular-graph.
- Ridge Regression is used to push the coefficients( $\beta$ ) value nearing **zero** in terms of magnitude.
- This is L2 regularization, since it's adding a penalty-equivalent to the **Square-of-the Magnitude** of coefficients.



### Regularization Techniques (Cont.)

#### 2. Lasso Regression (L1 Regularization):

- LASSO stands for Least Absolute Shrinkage and Selection Operator.
- It is very similar to Ridge Regression, with little difference in Penalty Factor that coefficient is magnitude instead of squared.
- In Lasso there are possibilities of many coefficients becoming zero, so that corresponding attribute/features become zero and dropped from the list.
- This ultimately reduces the dimensions and supports for dimensionality reduction. So, it's deciding that those attributes (features) are not suitable for predicting target value.
- This is L1 regularization, because of adding the Absolute-Value as penalty-equivalent to the magnitude of coefficients.

Lasso Regression = Loss function + Regularized term

Transforming the Loss function into Lasso Regression $\sum_{i=1}^{n} \left( y_i - \beta_0 - \sum_{j=1}^{p} \beta_j x_{ij} \right)^2 \longrightarrow \sum_{i=1}^{M} \left( y_i - \sum_{j=0}^{p} w_j \times x_{ij} \right)^2 + \lambda \sum_{j=0}^{p} |w_j|$ Loss functionLoss function + Regularized termDesigned by Author (Shanthababu)

# Regularization Techniques (Cont.)

#### **Characteristics of Lambda**

Remember one thing that the Ridge never make coefficients into zero, Lasso will do. So, you can use Lasso for feature selection.

	$\lambda = 0$	$\lambda =>$ Minimal	$\lambda =>$ High
Lambda - Penalty Factor (λ)	<ul> <li>No impact on coefficients (β) and model gets Overfit</li> <li>Not suitable for Production</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Generalized model.</li> <li>Acceptable accuracy</li> <li>Eligible for Test and Train</li> <li>Fit for Production.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Very high impact on coefficients (β).</li> <li>Leading to underfit.</li> <li>Ultimately not fit for Production.</li> </ul>
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### Impact of Regularization





### Example (with Python)

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In [23]: from sklearn import datasets
         from sklearn.linear model import Lasso
         from sklearn.model selection import train test split
          # Load the Boston Data Set
         bh = datasets.load boston()
         X = bh.data
         y = bh.target
         # Create training and test split
         X train, X test, y train, y test = train test split(X, y, test size=0.3, random state=42)
         # Create an instance of Lasso Regression implementation
         lasso = Lasso(alpha=1.0)
          # Fit the Lasso model
         lasso.fit(X_train, y_train)
          # Create the model score
         lasso.score(X_test, y_test), lasso.score(X_train, y_train)
Out[23]: (0.655906082915434, 0.6899591642958296)
In [13]: lasso.coef
Out[13]: array([-0.
                                        , -0.
                           , 0.
                                                      , 0.22497382, -0.
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                 2.73102016, -0.
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                -1.24748188, 0.26711155, -3.75408325])
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### Summary



# The End..



# **Any Questions?**