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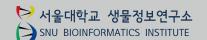
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Shrinkage Methods and Tree Ensembles for High-dimensional Sparse Data

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#### 강의개요

### Shrinkage Methods and Tree Ensembles for Highdimensional Sparse Data

생물정보학에서 다루는 많은 데이터들은 변수의 개수는 많지만 표본 크기는 "상대적으로 작은" 고차원 희박 데이터(high-dimensional sparse data)이다. 예를 들어 마이크로어레이나 RNA 시퀀싱으로 얻어지는 유전자 발현 데이터는 수천 ~ 수만 개의 유전자에 대한 발현 정보를 가지고 있지만 표본의 크기는 대부분 수백 ~ 수만에 지나지 않는다.

본 강의에서는 고차원 희박 데이터가 기계학습에 어떠한 악영향을 미치는지를 직관적으로 설명하고, 이러한 데이터를 분석하는 데 널리 사용되는 shrinkage 방법과 tree ensemble에 대해 설명한다. 선형회귀 및 로지스틱 회귀 기반의 shrinkage 방법이 어떠한 전략으로 고차원 희박 데이터 문제를 해결하는지 설명하고, 그 구체적인 활용 방법에 대해 강의한다. 또한, 고차원 희박 데이터를 다룰 수 있는 비선형 방법인 결정트리(decision tree) 기반의 tree ensemble도 상세히 다룬다.

강의는 다음의 내용을 포함한다:

- Bias-Variance Trade-Off
- 고차원 희박 데이터의 문제점
- Shrinkage 방법 (Ridge, Lasso, Elastic Net)
- Tree Ensemble (Bagging, Random Forest, Boosting)

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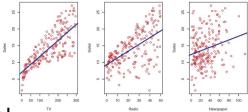
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### **Bias-Variance Trade-Off**

## A Machine Learning Example: Advertising Problem

- How to improve sales of a particular product
  - By controlling the advertising expenditure
- Data
  - Sales of the product in 200 different markets
  - Advertising budgets for the product in each of those markets for three different media: TV, radio, and newspaper



- Goal
  - Develop an accurate model for predicting sales given the three media budgets

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#### **A Statistical Learning Setting**

- Input variables
  - TV budget (X<sub>1</sub>), radio budget (X<sub>2</sub>), and newspaper budget (X<sub>3</sub>)
  - Different names
    - Predictors, independent variables, features, and variables
- Output variable
  - sales (Y)
  - Different names
    - · Response, dependent variable, and target variable
- Our assumption
  - $Y = f(X) + \varepsilon$
  - f: a function
  - ε: an error term

#### Statistical (Machine) Learning

- We try to estimate "f" from a given (training) data set
- Machine learning is about a set of approaches to estimating the f
- Diverse disciplines are related to machine learning
  - Computer science
  - Electronic engineering
  - Statistics

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#### **Types of Machine Learning**

- Supervised learning
  - A target variable (Y) is given
  - Regression vs classification
  - Disease diagnosis based on a lab test
- Unsupervised learning
  - There is no target variable
  - Exploratory data analysis; feature extraction
  - Clustering of genes based on their expression patterns
- · Reinforcement learning
  - Instead of a target variable, reward is given to an agent
  - AlphaGo
  - Robot navigation (mapping and localization)

#### **Types of Supervised Learning**

- Quantitative target-variables
  - Numerical values
  - Age, height, income, sales
  - Regression
    - Advertising problem
- Qualitative target-variables
  - Categorical values
  - Gender, cancer diagnosis
  - Classification

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#### Why Estimate f?

- Prediction
  - If we estimated f, we can use it for predicting the value of Y (output variable) for a specific x
- Inference
  - We are interested in understanding the way that Y is affected as  $X_1, \ldots, X_p$  change
- Possible questions addressed
  - Which predictors are associated with the response?
  - What is the relationship between the response and each predictor?
    - · Increasing the predictor will increase or decrease the response
  - Can the relationship between Y and each predictor be adequately summarized using a linear equation, or is the relationship more complicated?

## Performance of a (Learned) Regression Model: Mean Squared Error (MSE)

- Average difference between the true observed-response  $(y_i)$  and the predicted one  $(\hat{f}(x_i))$ 
  - If we have a training data (X and y)

$$\mathbf{y} = \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{X} = \begin{pmatrix} x_{11} & x_{12} & \dots & x_{1p} \\ x_{21} & x_{22} & \dots & x_{2p} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ x_{n1} & x_{n2} & \dots & x_{np} \end{pmatrix} \quad MSE = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} (y_i - \hat{f}(x_i))^2$$

- A.k.a. Training MSE
- However, we are more interested in MSE for future observations
  - Stock market prediction
  - Diabetes risk prediction

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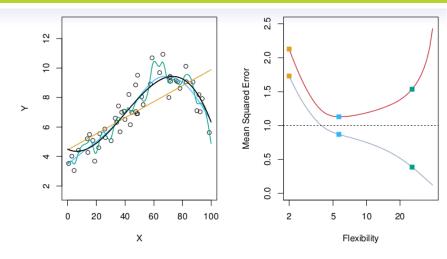
#### **Test MSE**

We could think about MSE over test observations (x<sub>0</sub>, y<sub>0</sub>)

$$Ave(y_0 - \hat{f}(x_0))^2$$

- Minimization of test MSE is required!!!
- · How can we minimize test MSE
  - If we have a set of test observations, the problem is simple
    - · Test observations are not used for training
  - What if we do not have test observations?
    - Can we use training MSE instead of test MSE for assessing models?

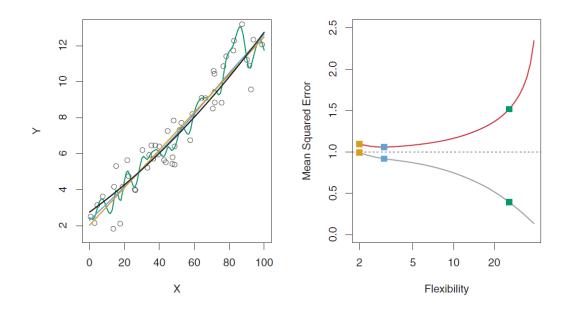
### **Training MSE vs Test MSE**



- Simulation experiments
  - Black curve: truth
  - Circles: training data (sampled from the black curve)
  - Orange, blue, and green curves: learned results with differing complexity levels (different machine learning models)
  - Overfitting phenomenon

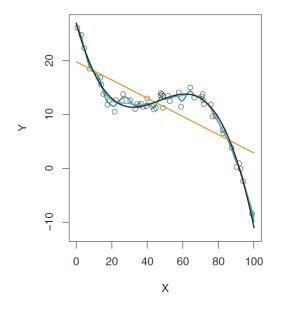
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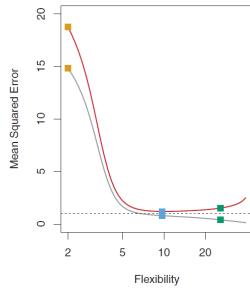
#### **A Smoother True Function**



How does the linear line work?

#### **A More Flexible Truth Function**





Linear line now?

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#### **How Come Such a Phenomenon Occurs**

- Mathematical proof is possible
- · We are concerned with

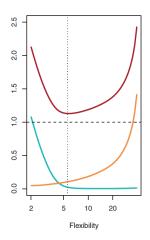
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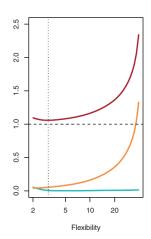
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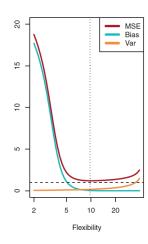
$$E(y_0 - \hat{f}(x_0))^2 = Var\left(\hat{f}(x_0)\right) + \left[Bias(\hat{f}(x_0))\right]^2 + Var(\varepsilon)$$

- Expectation over training observations (= training data)
  - Variance
    - The amount by which f (learned result) changes according to the given training data set
  - Bias
    - The error introduced by modeling the given problem using a machine learning model

#### **Observations vs Theory**







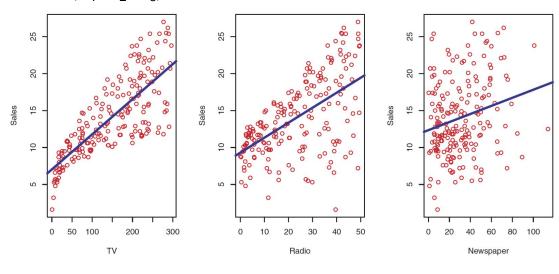
- The bias-variance trade-off
- Training errors decrease as the model complexity increases
- Test errors show a u-shaped curve
  - We must choose an appropriate level of model complexity to obtain a good test error

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# Linear Regression & High-Dimensional Sparse Data

#### **Regression for the Advertising Data Set**

- We have a data set (Advertising)
  - Sales (Y), TV (X<sub>1</sub>), radio (X<sub>2</sub>), and newspaper (X<sub>3</sub>) (from 200 cities)
  - $Y = f(X_1, X_2, X_3) + \varepsilon$



#### **Multiple Linear Regression**

· Regression formula

$$Y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_1 + \beta_2 X_2 + \dots + \beta_p X_p + \epsilon$$
 
$$\mathtt{sales} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \times \mathtt{TV} + \beta_2 \times \mathtt{radio} + \beta_3 \times \mathtt{newspaper} + \epsilon$$

- Meaning of  $\beta_j$ 
  - Average effect of  $\boldsymbol{X}_{j}$  on Y when all other predictor values are fixed

## **Estimation of the Coefficients in Multiple Linear Regression**

• We estimate  $\beta_0, \beta_1, \dots, \beta_p$  as the values that minimize the sum of squared residuals

RSS = 
$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} (y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2$$
= 
$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} (y_i - \hat{\beta}_0 - \hat{\beta}_1 x_{i1} - \hat{\beta}_2 x_{i2} - \dots - \hat{\beta}_p x_{ip})^2$$

- Least squares method
- · Measures for model fit in multiple linear regression

$$-RSE = \sqrt{\frac{RSS}{n-p-1}}$$
 (residual standard error)

- $-R^2 = \frac{TSS RSS}{TSS}$  (the fraction of variance explained)
  - $TSS = \sum_{i=1}^{n} (y_i \bar{y})^2$

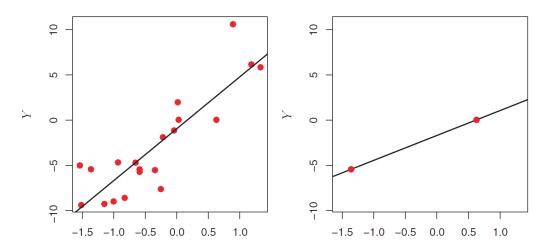
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#### **High-Dimensional Sparse Data**

- Low dimensional data
  - Predicting blood pressure based on age, gender, and body mass index
  - Data from thousands of people can be obtained
  - p << n</pre>
- · High-dimensional sparse data
  - Blood pressure prediction using millions of single nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs)
  - Data from thousands of people can be obtained
  - -p>n
- Classical approaches such as the least squares is not appropriate for the high-dimensional cases

## **Least Squares Regression in a Low-Dimensional Setting**

• p = 1; n = 20 vs n = 2

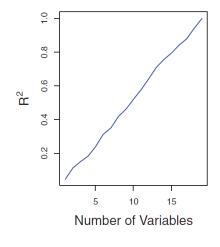


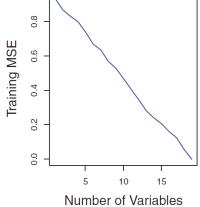
– When n n \approx p, the least squares is too flexible to prevent the overfitting

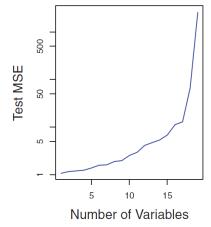
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### **Impact of the Number of Predictors**

- n = 20; p = 1 to 20
  - All the predictors were unrelated with the response







### Shrinkage Methods

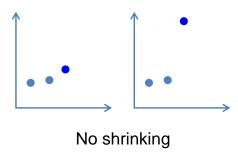
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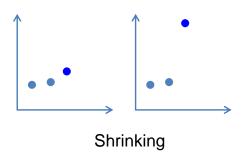
#### **Linear Models for High-Dimensional Sparse Data**

- Even linear models with the least squares are too flexible for some cases
  - If n > p: high variability → overfitting
  - If n < p: infinite variability  $\rightarrow$  infinite models can fit the data
- Alternative fitting procedures than the (ordinary) least squares are required

#### Idea of the Shrinkage Method

- Constrain or regularize the coefficient estimates
  - Shrink the coefficient estimates towards zero
- Shrinking the coefficient estimates could reduce their variance
  - Bias-variance trade-off





- Ridge
- Lasso

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#### **Ridge Regression**

· Ordinary least squares methods minimize

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

· Alternatively, we minimize the following

$$RSS + \lambda \sum_{j=1}^{p} \beta_j^2$$

- λ: tuning parameter
  - · Control the relative impact of shrinkage

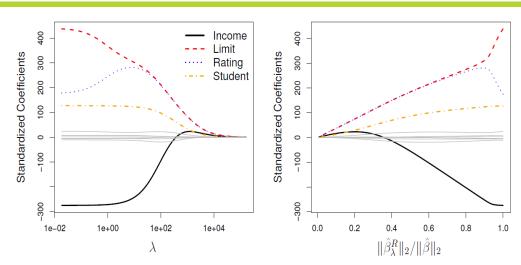
#### Ridge Regression (cont'd)

$$\lambda \sum_{j=1}^{p} {\beta_j}^2$$

- Shrinkage penalty
  - Effect of shrinking the estimates of  $\beta_j$  towards zero
- Setting a good value for  $\lambda$  is important

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### **Effect of Ridge on Regression Coefficients**



- Predict balance using ten predictors including income, limit, rating, and student
- Left-hand plot:  $\lambda$  as x-axis value
- Right-hand plot:  $\frac{\left\|\widehat{\beta}_{\lambda}^{R}\right\|_{2}}{\left\|\widehat{\beta}\right\|_{2}}$  as x-axis value

- l<sub>2</sub> norm

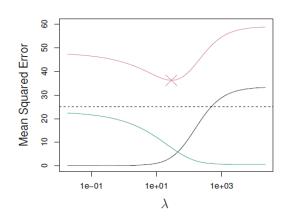
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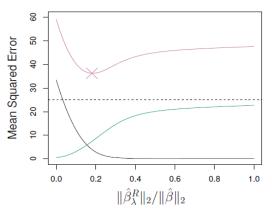
- Scale equivariant
  - Ordinary least square estimates
    - $X_i \hat{\beta}_i$  is invariant regardless of the scale of  $X_i$
  - Ridge regression
    - Standardizing the predictors is needed (y-axis of the previous plot)

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

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#### **Bias-Variance Trade-Off in Ridge Regression**





- Simulated data set (p = 45, n = 50)
  - Very sparse
- Squared bias, variance, and test MSE
- The variance decreases substantially without substantial increase in bias till  $\lambda = \sim \! 10$  (left-hand plot)

#### **Advantages and Disadvantages of Ridge Regression**

#### Advantages

- Ridge regression works very well in situations where the least squares method results in high variance
  - In many bioinformatics data sets, e.g., microarray analysis
- Other benefits of ridge regression
  - Less computation is needed compared with other methods, e.g., best subset selection

#### Disadvantages

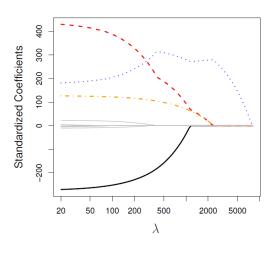
- All predictors are used unless  $\lambda = \infty$ 
  - Can be problematic when interpreting the regression result (especially when p is large)
  - · The subset selection approach could do this
  - · Shrinkage methods for this?

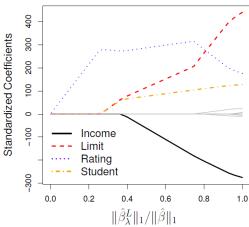
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#### Lasso

- Least Absolute Shrinkage and Selection Operator
- Objective function for lasso
  - $-RSS + \lambda \sum_{j=1}^{p} |\beta_j|$
  - I<sub>1</sub> penalty
- In lasso, coefficient estimates for some predictors are exactly zero if  $\lambda$  is sufficiently large

#### **Effect of Lasso on Regression Coefficients**





- When  $\lambda$  is very large (i.e., > 5,000), only one predictor (rating) is included.
- As λ decreases, student and limit are added
- · Effect of predictor subset selection

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#### **Shrinkage Viewed as Constrained Optimization**

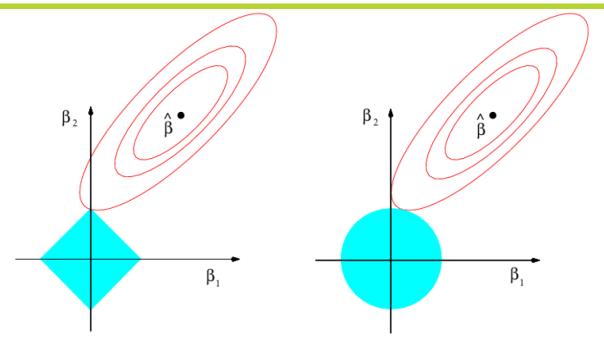
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$$- \min_{\beta} \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^n \left( y_i - \beta_0 - \sum_{j=1}^p \beta_j x_{ij} \right)^2 \right\} \text{ subject to } \sum_{j=1}^p \beta_j^{\ 2} \leq s$$

Lasso

$$- \min_{\beta} \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^n \left( y_i - \beta_0 - \sum_{j=1}^p \beta_j x_{ij} \right)^2 \right\} \text{ subject to } \sum_{j=1}^p \left| \beta_j \right| \leq s$$

### **Comparison between Ridge and Lasso**

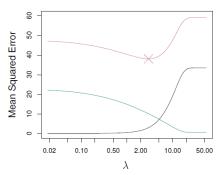


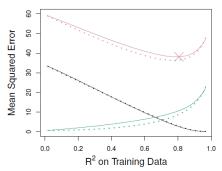
 Contours of the error and constraint functions for ridge (right) and lasso (left)

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## Results of Lasso on Simulated Data Sets (Compared with Ridge)

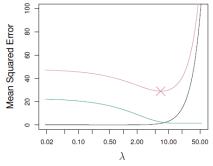
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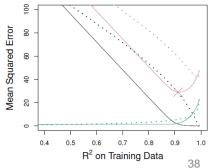




Only 2 predictors out of the 45 were used for data

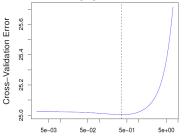
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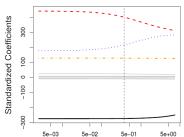




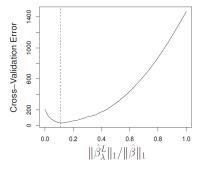
## How to Determine the Value of $\boldsymbol{\lambda}$ for the Shrinkage Methods

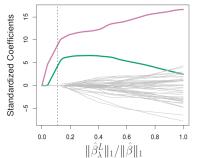
- · Cross-validation can be applied
  - The Credit data





The simulated data set (2 out of 45 predictors are related)

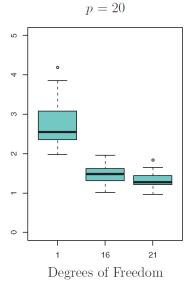


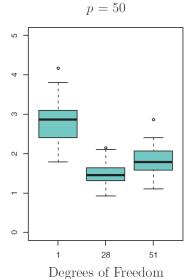


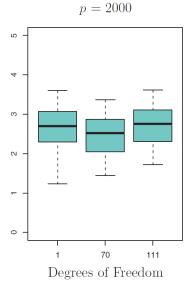
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#### Lasso on a High-Dimensional Data Set

- n = 100; p = 20, 50, 2000
  - Only 20 predictors were related with the response







- Degrees of freedom: # of non-zero coefficients

#### **Curse of Dimensionality**

- Adding additional signal features will improve the fitted model
- Adding noise features will lead to a deterioration in the fitted model
- Thus, new technologies (or hypotheses) that allow for the collection of measurements for thousands/millions of features are a double-edged sword
  - Even if they are signal features, the variance incurred in fitting their coefficients may outweigh the reduction in bias

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### Tree Ensembles

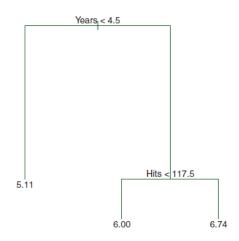
#### **Tree-Based Methods**

- Decision tree methods
  - Stratifying or segmenting the predictor space into a set of simple regions
  - Use the mean or the mode of the training examples in the region
  - The splitting rules can be summarized as a tree
- · A simple and useful method
  - Especially for interpretation
  - However, not competitive with the best supervised learning method in terms of prediction accuracy
  - Some techniques such as bagging, random forests, and boosting can be used for addressing the prediction accuracy problem

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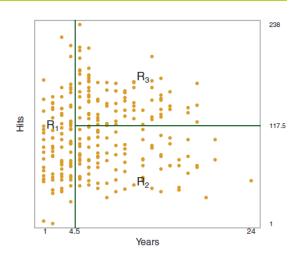
#### **An Example Regression Tree**

- Predict baseball players' salaries using regression trees
  - Response: Salary (in natural logarithm)
  - Predictors: Years and Hits
- A regression tree learned from the Hitters data set
  - An upside-down tree
  - Each internal node: a splitting rule
  - Each terminal (leaf) node: a region containing a set of examples
    - The number denotes the mean Salary value of the examples included



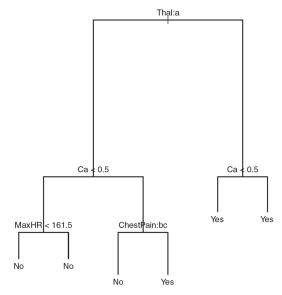
#### The Regions for the Hitters Data

- · Three regions
  - $R_1 = \{X \mid Years < 4.5\}$
  - R<sub>2</sub> = {X | Years ≥ 4.5 and Hits< 117.5}</li>
  - R<sub>3</sub> = {X | Years ≥ 4.5 and Hits ≥ 117.5}
- Interpretation of the tree
  - Years is the most important factor
  - If a player is less experienced, Hits does not play an important role
  - Otherwise, Hits matters



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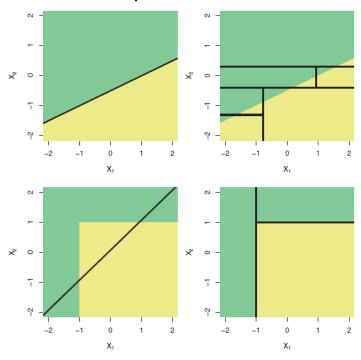
#### **An Example Classification Tree**



- Heart data set
  - A binary outcome for 303 patients having chest pain
  - Have heart disease or not

#### **Trees vs Linear Models**

· Depends on the problem at hand



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#### **Performance Improvement of Tree-Based Methods**

- High variance in decision trees
  - If we randomly divide a data set into two and learn a decision tree from each of them, then the results would be quite different
  - Methods with low variance such as linear regression tends to have low variance (if n is much larger than p)
- Bootstrap aggregation (i.e., bagging) could reduce this problem

#### **Averaging for Reducing Variances**

- Given a set of independent observations  $Z_1, Z_2, ..., Z_n$  with a common variance  $\sigma^2$ 
  - The variance of the mean  $\bar{Z}$  is  $\frac{\sigma^2}{n}$
- In a similar way, we could take B training data sets, build a model from each of them, and average the resulting B predictions

$$- \hat{f}^{1}(x), \hat{f}^{2}(x), ..., \hat{f}^{B}(x)$$

$$-\hat{f}_{avg}(x) = \frac{1}{B} \sum_{b=1}^{B} \hat{f}^b(x)$$

 Of course, the above procedure is not practical because we usually do not have multiple training data sets

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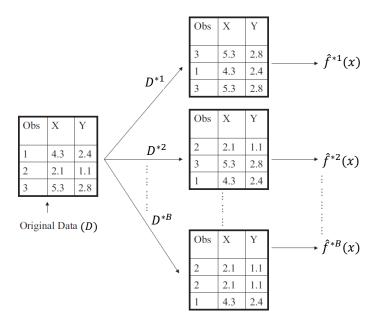
#### **Bagging**

- We can use bootstrap for taking averages from a single data set
- Generate B bootstrapped training data sets (with replacement)
- Train a method using each of the bootstrapped training sets
- Average the predictions

$$-\hat{f}_{bag}(x) = \frac{1}{B} \sum_{b=1}^{B} \hat{f}^{*b}(x)$$

### Bagging (cont'd)

A graphical representation of the bootstrap approach

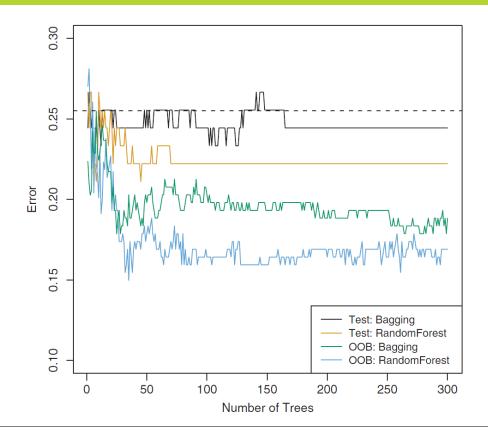


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#### **Bagging (cont'd)**

- Trees in bagging are grown deep and not pruned
  - Thus, each tree has low bias but high variance
  - Averaging these trees reduces the variance
- Bagging has been demonstrated to give impressive improvements by combining hundreds or thousands of individual trees
- Bagging on the Heart data set
  - Bagging with more than 100 trees could improve test accuracy
  - Test error was estimated using a validation set approach

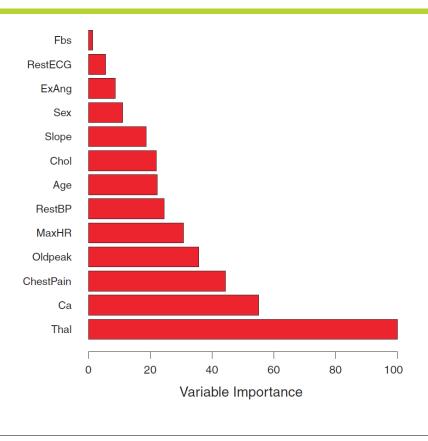
### Performance of Bagging on the Heart Data Set



#### **Variable Importance Measure**

- Bagged trees are hard to interpret
  - Bagging improves the prediction accuracy at the expense of interpretability
- Instead, we can aggregate the importance of each predictor in each tree
  - A large value denotes a high importance

#### Importance of Variables in the Heart Data Set



#### **Correlation between Trees**

- If there is one very strong predictor in a data set, that predictor will be always included in the bagged decision trees
  - Moreover, most of the trees will use that predictor on top of the splits
  - Thus, all the bagged trees will look quite similar to one another, resulting in a high correlation among them
- Averaging high correlated variables usually does not lead to a large reduction of variance
  - Test error of bagging would be large
- Thus, it is important to "decorrelate" the bagged trees

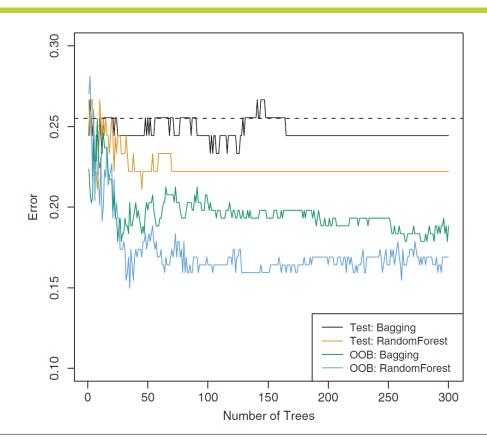
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#### **Random Forests**

- Idea for decorrelating the trees
  - At each iteration of tree building, a random sample of m predictors are considered instead of all p predictors
  - This, we hope that the set of strong predictors would not be chosen in some cases
  - Usually  $m = \sqrt{p}$  is used for classification (p/3 for regression)
- By decorrelating the trees, the reduction of variance would be substantial
- Random forests applied to the Heart data set

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### **Performance of Random Forests on the Heart Data Set**

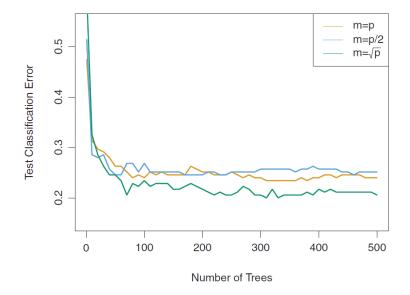


#### **Random Forests for a Gene Expression Data Set**

- · A gene expression data set
  - 4,718 genes
  - 349 patients
  - 15 class labels: normal and 14 different types of cancer
- 500 genes with high variance were selected
  - 349 x 500 data matrix (very sparse!!)

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## Performance of Random Forests on the Gene Expression Data Set



- A validation set approach was used
- Test error rate of a single tree: 0.457
- Random forests performed well

#### **Boosting**

- Another method for prediction performance improvement
- Trees are grown sequentially
  - Each tree is grown using information from previously grown trees
  - Each tree is fit on a modified version of the original data set

Algorithm 8.2 Boosting for Regression Trees

- 1. Set  $\hat{f}(x) = 0$  and  $r_i = y_i$  for all i in the training set.
- 2. For b = 1, 2, ..., B, repeat:
  - (a) Fit a tree  $\hat{f}^b$  with d splits (d+1 terminal nodes) to the training data (X,r).
  - (b) Update  $\hat{f}$  by adding in a shrunken version of the new tree:

$$\hat{f}(x) \leftarrow \hat{f}(x) + \lambda \hat{f}^b(x).$$
 (8.10)

(c) Update the residuals,

$$r_i \leftarrow r_i - \lambda \hat{f}^b(x_i). \tag{8.11}$$

3. Output the boosted model,

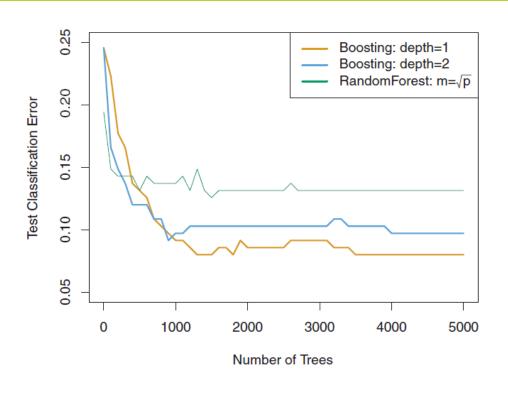
$$\hat{f}(x) = \sum_{b=1}^{B} \lambda \hat{f}^b(x).$$
 (8.12)

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#### **Parameters for Boosting**

- Number of trees B
  - A large B values could result in overfitting
  - CV is used to select B
- Shrinkage parameter λ
  - A small positive number such as 0.01 and 0.001
- Number d of splits in each tree
  - Controls the complexity of each tree
  - Often d = 1 works well in practice (a.k.a. decision stumps)

## Comparison between Boosting and Random Forests (the Gene Expression Data Set: Cancer vs Normal)



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#### 마치면서

- 학습 오류와 테스트 오류는 불일치할 수 있다
  - 과대적합
- 테스트 오류는 편향과 분산으로 구성된다
  - 모델의 복잡도가 크고 주어진 데이터의 크기가 작은 경우 분산이 커질 수 있다
- 고차원 희박 데이터의 경우 복잡도가 낮은 선형 모델도 분산이 클 수 있다
  - Shrinkage 방법은 이러한 문제를 완화할 수 있다
- Tree 기반 방법은 결과의 해석이 용이한 장점이 있지만 예측 성능은 다른 기계학습 방법에 비해 떨어진다
  - 성능을 향상시키는 방법으로 tree ensemble이 주로 적용된다
  - 고차원 희박 데이터에도 잘 적용될 수 있다

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