

$$y_i = \mu + \sum_{j=1}^p f_j^0(x_i^{(j)}) + \varepsilon_i$$

$f_j^0: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ smooth

$$f_j^0(\cdot) = \sum_{k=1}^K \beta_{j,k} \underbrace{h_{j,k}(\cdot)}_{\text{specified basis functions e.g.}}$$

$$j=1 \rightarrow p$$

- splines
- orthogonal polynomials (Fourier)
- cosine/sine functions
- wavelets

Denote by $(H_j)_{i,h} = h_{j,h}(X_i^{(j)})$
 $n \times K$

$$\beta_j = (\beta_{j,1}, \dots, \beta_{j,K})^T, \quad \beta = (\beta_1, \dots, \beta_p)^T$$

$$\left\{ \sum_{i=1}^n f_i(X_i^{(j)}) \right\}_{i=1}^n = \sum_{j=1}^p H_j \beta_j$$

Question: want that $X^{(j)}$ is selected or not

$$\hat{\beta}_j \equiv 0 \quad \text{or} \quad \hat{\beta}_j \neq 0$$

and even: $\hat{\beta}_{j,h} \neq 0 \quad \forall h$

naive proposal: (SpAM: Ramin Kumar, Laferla, Liu & Watterman (2009))

$$\hat{\beta} = \arg \min_{\beta} \left(\underbrace{\|y - \sum_{j=1}^p H_j \beta_j\|_2^2}_H + \text{pen}(\beta) \right)$$

$H\beta$, $H = \begin{bmatrix} H_1 & H_2 & \dots & H_p \end{bmatrix}$
 $n \times pK$

$$\text{pen}(\beta) = \lambda \sum_{j=1}^p \|H_j \beta_j\|_2 / \sqrt{n}$$

$$=: \lambda \sum_{j=1}^n \|f_j\|_n$$

$$f_j = (f_j^{(1)} \dots f_j^{(n)})^T = H_j \beta_j$$

$$\|f_j\|_h^2 := f_j^\top f_j / n$$

this is really Group Lasso with groupwise prediction penalty

$$\hat{\beta} = \arg \min_{\beta} \left(\|Y - H\beta\|_2^2 / n + \lambda \sum_{j=1}^p \|H_j \beta_j\|_2 / \sqrt{n} \right)$$

$$\beta = (\beta_1 \dots \beta_p)^\top, \quad H = \begin{bmatrix} H_1 & H_2 & \dots & H_p \end{bmatrix}$$

but: does not take smoothness of $f_j(\cdot)$ explicitly into account \leadsto could be done choosing different H for different $f_j(\cdot)$'s \leadsto very cumbersome....!

taking smoothness into account by looking at smoothing splines

V.2. Natural cubic splines and Sobolev spaces

(Ch. 5.3.2 in PB & WdG (2011))

instead of "explicit" basis expansion (a-priori):

$$\hat{f}_{\lambda_1, \lambda_2} \rightarrow \hat{f}_{\rho} = \operatorname{argmin}_{f_1, f_2, \dots, f_p \in \mathcal{F}} \left(\|y - \sum_{j=1}^p f_j(x_j^{(i)})\|_2^2 / n \right)$$

$$+ \lambda_1 \sum_{j=1}^p \|f_j\|_n + \lambda_2 \underbrace{\sum_{j=1}^p I(f_j)}_{\text{smoothness penalty}}$$

sparsity penalty $\left(f_j(x_1^{(i)}), \dots, f_j(x_n^{(i)}) \right)^T$

$\mathcal{F} = \{f: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, f \text{ cont twice differentiable}\}$

and $\int_a^b (f''(x))^2 dx < \infty$

$\underbrace{\int_a^b (f''(x))^2 dx}_{=: I(f)}$