

10. We have seen that as the number of features used in a model increases, the training error will necessarily decrease, but the test error may not. We will now explore this in a simulated data set.

- (a) Generate a data set with $p = 20$ features, $n = 1,000$ observations, and an associated quantitative response vector generated according to the model

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

where β has some elements that are exactly equal to zero.

- (b) Split your data set into a training set containing 100 observations and a test set containing 900 observations.
- (c) Perform best subset selection on the training set, and plot the training set MSE associated with the best model of each size.
- (d) Plot the test set MSE associated with the best model of each size.
- (e) For which model size does the test set MSE take on its minimum value? Comment on your results. If it takes on its minimum value for a model containing only an intercept or a model containing all of the features, then play around with the way that you are generating the data in (a) until you come up with a scenario in which the test set MSE is minimized for an intermediate model size.
- (f) How does the model at which the test set MSE is minimized compare to the true model used to generate the data? Comment on the coefficient values.
- (g) Create a plot displaying $\sqrt{\sum_{j=1}^p (\beta_j - \hat{\beta}_j^r)^2}$ for a range of values of r , where $\hat{\beta}_j^r$ is the j th coefficient estimate for the best model containing r coefficients. Comment on what you observe. How does this compare to the test MSE plot from (d)?