

## Case Study 2: Document Retrieval

# Spectral Clustering

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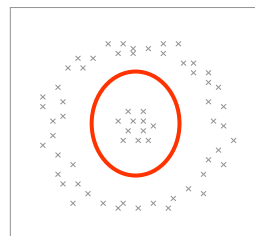
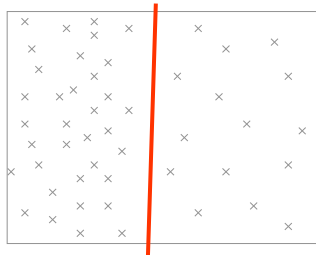
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## New Approach: Spectral Clustering

- **Goal:** Cluster observations
- **Method:**
  - Use similarity metric between observations
  - Form a similarity graph
  - Use standard linear algebra and optimization techniques to cut graph into connected components (clusters)



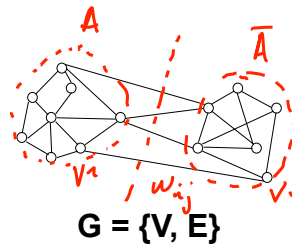
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# Setup

- Data:  $x^1, \dots, x^N$
- Similarity metric:  $s_{ij}$

- Similarity graph
  - Nodes  $v^i$
  - Edge weights  $w_{ij} = \underline{\underline{f(s_{ij})}}$



- Problem: Want to partition graph such that edges between groups have low weights

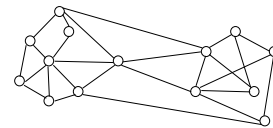
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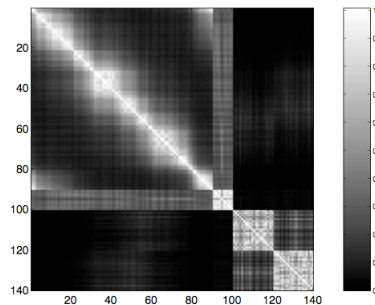
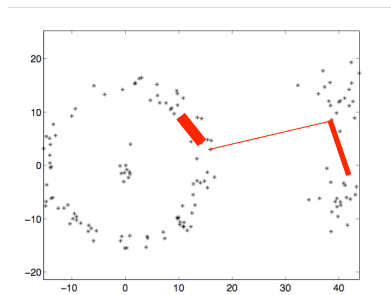
# Graph Terminology I

- Weighted adjacency matrix

$$W = (w_{ij})_{i,j=1,\dots,N}$$



$W$

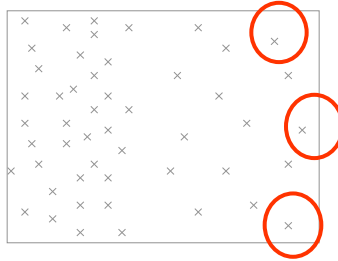


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## Issues with MinCut

- MinCut favors isolated clusters

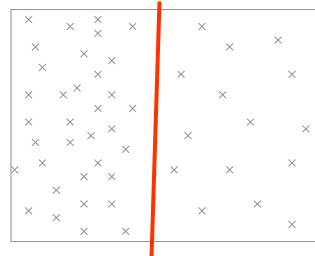


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## Cuts Accounting for Size

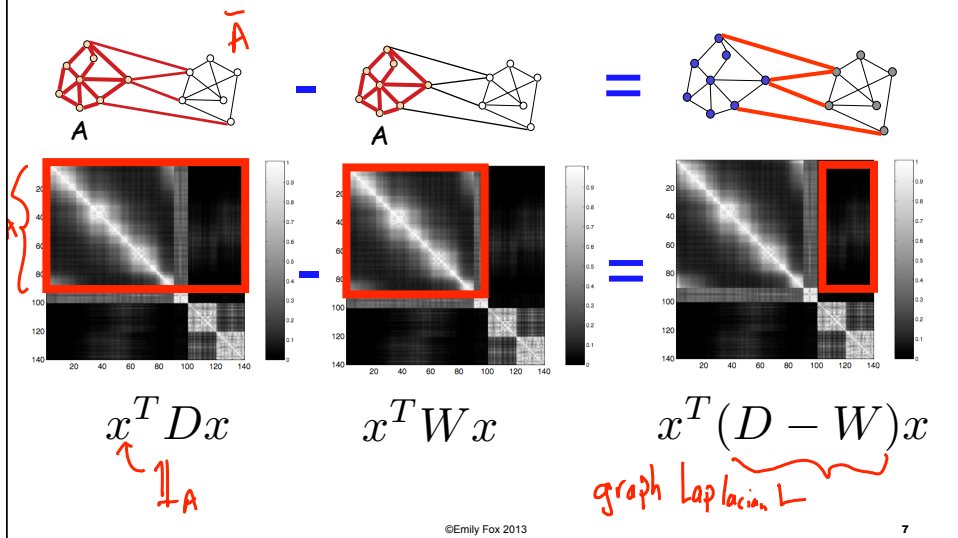
- Ratio cuts (RatioCut)
- Normalized cuts (Ncut)
- Lead to “balanced” clusters



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# Restating Cut Metric



# Ratio Cuts for General k

- Define cluster indicator variables:

$$F_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1/\sqrt{|A_j|} & v^i \in A_j \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$F'_A F_A = I \\ F_A \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times k}$$

- RatioCut

$$\text{RatioCut}(A_1, \dots, A_k) = \sum_{i=1}^k f'_{A_i} L f_{A_i} = \text{Tr}(F'_A L F_A)$$

- Reformulating RatioCut problem

$$\min_{A_1, \dots, A_k} \text{Tr}(F'_A L F_A) \text{ s.t. } F'_A F_A = I$$

- Relaxation

$$\min_{F \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times k}} \text{Tr}(F' L F) \text{ s.t. } F' F = I$$

Soln:  
 $F =$  1<sup>st</sup>  $k$  eigenvectors of  $L$

# Normalized Cuts for General k

- Define cluster indicator variables:

$$F_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1/\sqrt{\text{vol}(A_j)} & v_i \in A_j \\ 0 & \text{ow} \end{cases} \quad \begin{matrix} F'_A F_A = I \\ F'_A \underline{D} F_A = I \end{matrix}$$

- Reformulating RatioCut problem

$$\min_{A_1, \dots, A_k} \text{Tr}(F'_A L F_A) \quad \text{s.t.} \quad F'_A \underline{D} F_A = I$$

- Relaxation

$$\min_{H \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times k}} \text{Tr}(H' \underline{D}^{-1/2} L \underline{D}^{-1/2} H) \quad \text{s.t.} \quad H' H = I$$

- Solution:

- $H$  is matrix of first  $k$  eigenvectors of  $L_{sym}$ , which is equivalent to the approximate  $F$  being the first  $k$  eigenvectors of  $L_{rw} = I - D^{-1}W$

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# Random Walks on Graphs

- Stochastic process with random jumps from  $v_i$  to  $v_j$  wp:

$$P_{ij} = \frac{W_{ij}}{d_i} \quad \leftarrow \text{prob. of } v_i \rightarrow v_j \text{ transition}$$

- Transition matrix:

$$P = D^{-1}W$$

- Connection to graph Laplacian:

$$L_{rw} = I - D^{-1}W = I - P$$

- Intuitively, want to partition graph s.t. random walk stays in cluster for a while and rarely jumps between clusters

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# Random Walks on Graphs

- Assume that stationary distribution exists and is unique. Then,

$$\pi = (\pi_1, \dots, \pi_N) \quad \pi_i = \frac{d_i}{\text{vol}(V)}$$

- Proposition:  $\text{Ncut}(A, \bar{A}) = P(A | \bar{A}) + P(\bar{A} | A)$

*assume starting at state*

- Proof:

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(B|A) &= \frac{P(X_0 \in A, X_1 \in B)}{P(X_0 \in A)} \\
 \frac{\text{vol}(A)}{\text{vol}(V)} &= \frac{\sum_{i \in A, j \in B} w_{ij}}{\text{vol}(A)} \\
 \sum_{i \in A, j \in B} P(X_0=i, X_1=j) &= \sum_{i \in A} \pi_i P_{ij} \\
 &= \sum_{i \in A} \frac{d_i}{\text{vol}(V)} \frac{w_{ij}}{d_i} = \frac{1}{\text{vol}(V)} \sum_{i \in A} w_{ij}
 \end{aligned}$$

*Q.E.D.*

- Minimizing normalized cuts is equivalent to minimizing the probability of transitioning between clusters

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## Case Study 3: fMRI Prediction

### fMRI Prediction Task, LASSO Regression

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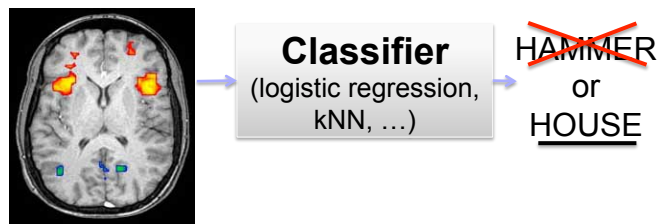
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# fMRI Prediction Task

- **Goal:** Predict word stimulus from fMRI image

*Can we read your brain?*



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# fMRI



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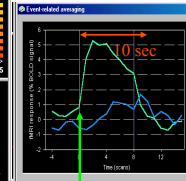
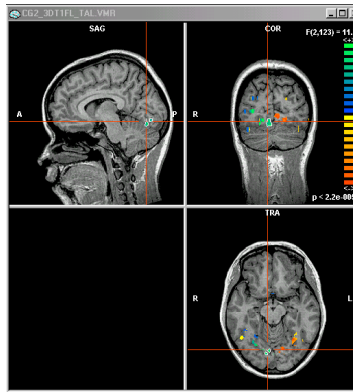
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# fMRI

*high res.*  
~1 mm resolution  
*pretty slow*  
~1 image per sec.

20,000 voxels/image  
safe, non-invasive

measures Blood  
Oxygen Level  
Dependent (BOLD)  
response

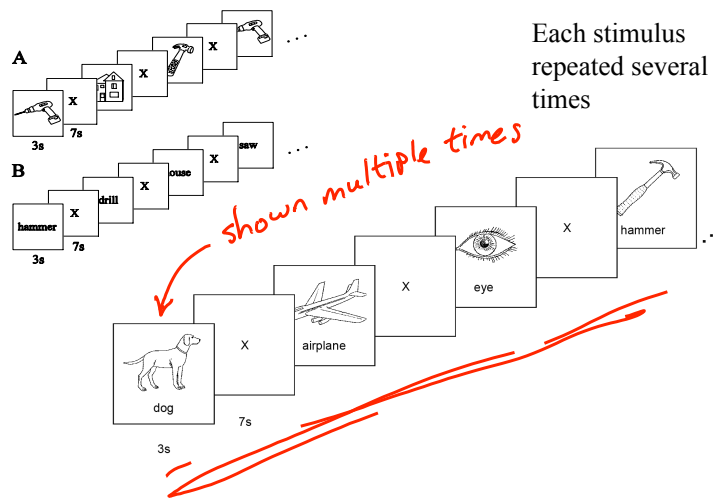


Typical fMRI  
response to  
impulse of  
neural activity

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# Typical Stimuli



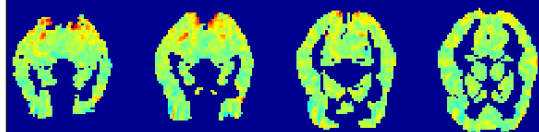
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# fMRI Activation

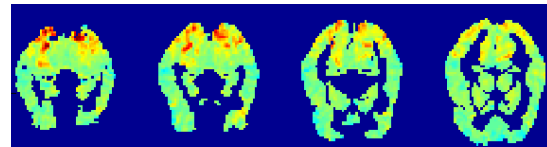
fMRI activation for "bottle":



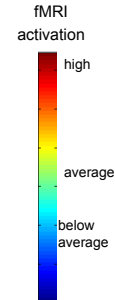
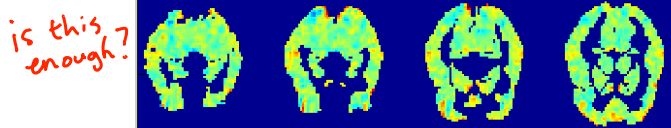
*stimulus*

bottle

Mean activation averaged over 60 different stimuli:



"bottle" minus mean activation:



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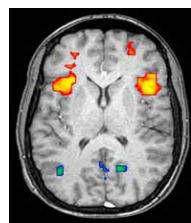
# fMRI Prediction Task

■ **Goal:** Predict word stimulus from fMRI image

■ **Challenges:** *# of voxels = # of params*

- $p \gg N$  (feature dimension  $\gg$  sample size)
- Cost of fMRI recordings is high
- Only have a few training examples for each word

*many more param than obs. what can we do?*



**Classifier**  
(logistic regression,  
kNN, ...)

~~HAMMER~~  
or  
HOUSE

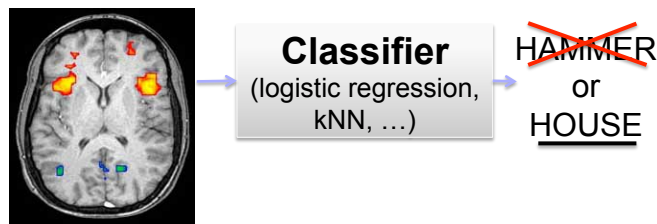
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# Zero-Shot Classification

- **Goal:** Classify words not in the training set
- **Challenges:**
  - Cost of fMRI recordings is high
  - Can't get recordings for every word in the vocabulary

*Never showed "giraffe" in scanner*



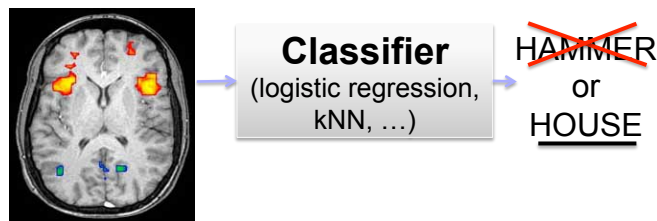
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# Zero-Shot Classification

- **Goal:** Classify words not in the training set
- **Challenges:**
  - Cost of fMRI recordings is high
  - Can't get recordings for every word in the vocabulary
- We don't have many brain images, but we have a lot of info about the words and how they relate (co-occurrence, etc.)
- How do we utilize this "cheap" information?

*many docs that contain "giraffe" also contain "neck" "animal" "zoo" ...*



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# Semantic Features

Google Trillion word corpus

Semantic feature values: "celery"

0.8368, eat  
 0.3461, taste  
 0.3153, fill  
 0.2430, see  
 0.1145, clean  
 0.0600, open  
 0.0586, smell  
 0.0286, touch  
 ...  
 ...  
 0.0000, drive  
 0.0000, wear  
 0.0000, lift  
 0.0000, break  
 0.0000, ride

Semantic feature values: "airplane"

0.8673, ride  
 0.2891, see  
 0.2851, say  
 0.1689, near  
 0.1228, open  
 0.0883, hear  
 0.0771, run  
 0.0749, lift  
 ...  
 ...  
 0.0049, smell  
 0.0010, wear  
 0.0000, taste  
 0.0000, rub  
 0.0000, manipulate

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# Zero-Shot Classification

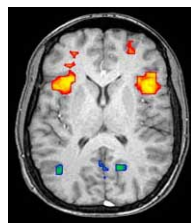
- From training data, learn two mappings:

- S: input image → semantic features
- L: semantic features → word

$A = \left\{ \begin{matrix} \text{img} \\ \text{few} \end{matrix} \right\} \rightarrow \text{"dog"}$   
 $B = \left\{ \begin{matrix} \text{img} \\ \text{many} \end{matrix} \right\} \rightarrow \text{"dog"}$

- Can use "cheap" co-occurrence data to help learn L

Training:  $\left\{ \begin{matrix} \text{img} \\ \text{use both A+B} \end{matrix} \right\} \rightarrow \text{"dog"}$  N examples ... N small



Predict  $\left\{ \begin{matrix} \text{img} \\ \text{new image} \end{matrix} \right\} \xrightarrow{S} \left[ \begin{matrix} \vdots \\ \vdots \end{matrix} \right] \xrightarrow{\text{using B}} \text{"giraffe"}$   
 S ← learned from training data

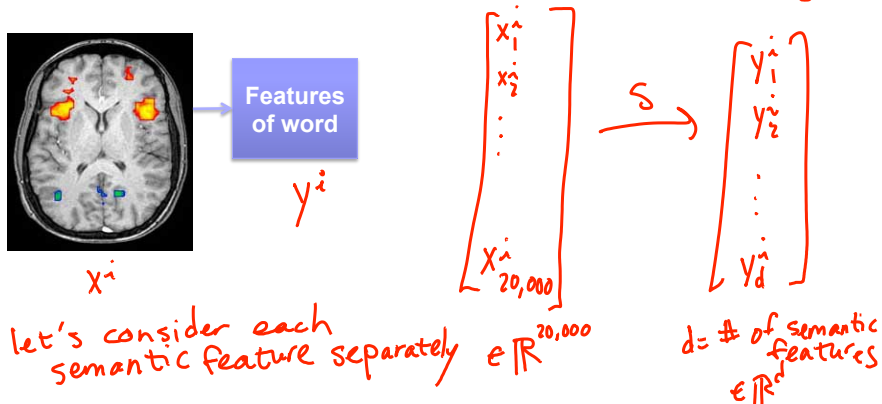
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# fMRI Prediction Subtask

- Goal: Predict semantic features from fMRI image

Learning  $S$ : images  $\rightarrow$  semantic features



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# Linear Regression – review

- Model:  $y^i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1^i + \dots + \beta_p x_p^i + \epsilon^i$

$$= \beta^T x^i + \epsilon^i$$

$$\epsilon^i \sim N(0, \sigma^2) \Rightarrow y^i \sim N(\beta^T x^i, \sigma^2)$$

- MLE:  $\hat{\theta} = \arg \max_{\theta} \log p(D | \theta)$   $\theta = \{\beta, \sigma^2\}$   $\frac{1}{\sigma^2} \text{RSS}(\beta) = \sum_{i=1}^N \epsilon^i$

$$\hat{\beta} = \arg \min_{\beta} \text{NLL}(\beta) = \arg \min_{\beta} \text{RSS}(\beta) \frac{-N}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}}$$

↑  
neg. log. like.

MLE =

- Minimizing RSS = least squares regression

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# Linear Regression – review

- Taking the gradient

- Reformulate objective

$$\begin{bmatrix} \epsilon^1 \\ \epsilon^2 \\ \vdots \\ \epsilon^N \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} y^1 \\ \vdots \\ y^N \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} x_1^1 & \dots & x_p^1 \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ x_1^N & \dots & x_p^N \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \beta_1 \\ \vdots \\ \beta_p \end{bmatrix}$$

$Y$ 
 $X$ 
 $B$

*huge*

$$\frac{1}{2} \text{RSS}(B) = \frac{1}{2} (Y - XB)^T (Y - XB) = \frac{1}{2} \beta^T (X^T X) \beta - \beta^T (X^T Y)$$

- Set gradient = 0

$$\nabla_B \text{NL}(B) = \nabla_B \frac{1}{2} \text{RSS}(B) = \frac{1}{2} (X^T X \beta - X^T Y) = 0 \quad + \text{const.}$$

$$\Rightarrow \hat{\beta}_{ML} = (X^T X)^{-1} X^T Y$$

*low rank p x p matrix !!!*

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# Ridge Regression

- Ameliorating issues with overfitting: *penalization of weights = "regularization"*
- New objective:

$$\min_B \sum_{i=1}^N (y_i - (\beta_0 + \beta^T x^i))^2 + \lambda \|\beta\|_2^2$$

$\underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^N (y_i - (\beta_0 + \beta^T x^i))^2}_{\text{RSS}}$ 
 $\underbrace{\lambda \|\beta\|_2^2}_{\text{don't penalize intercept term}}$

$$\min_B \text{RSS}(B) \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \|\beta\|_2^2 \leq S$$

- Reformulate:

$$F(B) = \frac{1}{2} \beta^T (X^T X) \beta - \beta^T (X^T Y) + \text{const.} + \frac{1}{2} \lambda \beta^T \beta$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \beta^T (X^T X + \lambda I) \beta - \beta^T (X^T Y) + \text{const.}$$

- Set gradient = 0

$$\hat{\beta}_{\text{Ridge}} = (X^T X + \lambda I)^{-1} (X^T Y)$$

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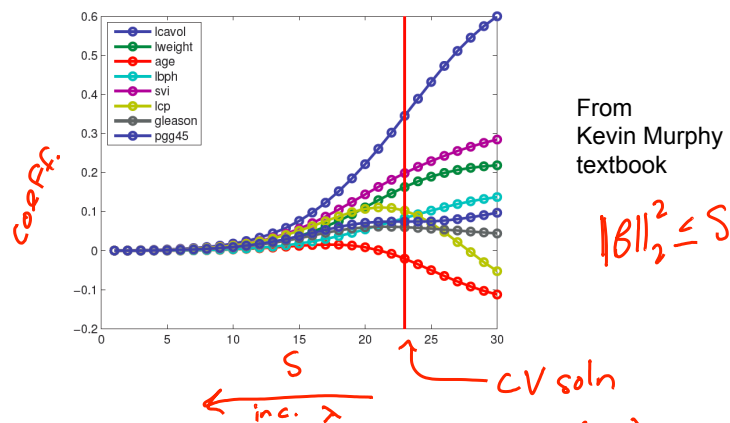
# Ridge Regression

- Solution is indexed by the regularization parameter  $\lambda$
- Larger  $\lambda$  *high reg.*
- Smaller  $\lambda$  *low reg.*
- As  $\lambda \rightarrow 0$   $\hat{\beta}_{\text{ridge}} \rightarrow \hat{\beta}_{\text{ML}}$
- As  $\lambda \rightarrow \infty$   $\hat{\beta}_{\text{ridge}} \rightarrow 0$

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# Ridge Coefficient Path



- Typical approach: select  $\lambda$  using cross validation (CV)

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# Variable Selection

- Ridge regression: Penalizes large weights
- What if we want to perform “feature selection”?
  - E.g., Which regions of the brain are important for word prediction?
  - Can't simply choose predictors with largest coefficients in ridge solution
  - Computationally impossible to perform “all subsets” regression
  - Stepwise procedures are sensitive to data perturbations and often include features with negligible improvement in fit
- Try new penalty: Penalize non-zero weights
  - Penalty:
$$\|B\|_1 = \sum |B_j|$$
  - Leads to sparse solutions
  - Just like ridge regression, solution is indexed by a continuous param  $\lambda$

*the min. this obj. / coeff. are very sensitive to what's inc. in model*

*discrete*  $2^p$  subsets of predictors .... can't do this  
← *greedy, but w/ backtracking. -.*

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