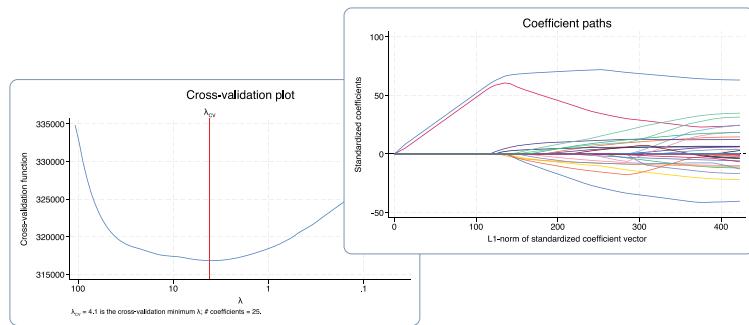


# Lasso

## Variable selection, prediction, inference



- All the tools you expect for lasso machine learning
  - Lasso, square-root lasso, and elastic net
  - Cross-validation
  - Adaptive lasso
  - Knot analysis
  - Coefficient paths
  - Adjustment for clustered data

- Alongside cutting-edge inferential methods
  - Robust to mistakes in variable selection
  - Proper inference for coefficients of interest
  - Double selection
  - Partialing out
  - Cross-fit partialing out
  - Double machine learning
  - Treatment-effects estimation
  - Inference for clustered data

### Select predictors for continuous, binary, count, and survival-time outcomes

Lasso with selection via cross-validation

```
. lasso linear y x1-x1000
. lasso logit y x1-x1000
. lasso probit y x1-x1000
. lasso poisson y x1-x1000
. lasso cox x1-x1000
```

Adaptive lasso

```
. lasso linear y x1-x1000, selection(adaptive)
```

Selection via BIC

```
. lasso linear y x1-x1000, selection(bic)
```

Selection via plugin method

```
. lasso linear y x1-x1000, selection(plugin)
```

Elastic net with selection via cross-validation

```
. elasticnet linear y x1-x1000
. elasticnet logit y x1-x1000
. elasticnet probit y x1-x1000
. elasticnet poisson y x1-x1000
. elasticnet cox x1-x1000
```

Square-root lasso

```
. sqrllasso y x1-x1000
```

### Examine the results

View selected variables

```
. lassoknots
. lassoinfo
. lassocoef
```

Obtain predictions

```
. use newdata
. predict yhat
```

Plot cross-validation function

```
. cvplot
```

Evaluate fit

```
. lassogof
```

Plot coefficient path

```
. coefpath
```

Viewer - view lasso1.smcl

view lasso1.smcl

+ . lasso linear y x1-x10

Lasso linear model

	No. of obs	=	69
No. of covariates	=	10	
No. of CV folds	=	10	

Selection: Cross-validation

ID Description lambda No. of nonzero coef. Out-of-sample R-squared CV mean prediction error

ID	Description	lambda	No. of nonzero coef.	Out-of-sample R-squared	CV mean prediction error
1	first lambda	4.69114	0	-0.0090	34.22157
17	lambda before	1.0588	3	0.5641	14.78393
* 18	selected lambda	.9647388	3	0.5648	14.76141
19	lambda after	.8790341	3	0.5645	14.77163
22	last lambda	.664957	5	0.5613	14.87944

\* lambda selected by cross-validation.

. estimates store cv

. lassocoef cv adaptive

	cv	adaptive
x5	x	x
x6	x	x
x7	x	
_cons	x	x

# Lasso for inference

With lasso inferential methods, you can estimate coefficients, standard errors, test statistics, and confidence intervals for variables of interest while using lassos to select from a potentially large number of control variables.

Double-selection method; estimate coefficients for **x1** and categorical **x2**; selection of controls via plugin

```
. dsregress y x1 i.x2, controls(c1-c1000)
```

Logit model for binary outcome; estimate odds ratios for **x1** and **x2**

```
. dslogit y x1 i.x2, controls(c1-c1000)
```

Poisson model for count outcome; estimate incidence-rate ratios for **x1** and **x2**

```
. dspoisson y x1 i.x2, controls(c1-c1000)
```

Selection of controls via cross-validation

```
. dsregress y x1 i.x2, controls(c1-c1000)  
    selection(cv)
```

Partialing-out method

```
. poregress y x1 i.x2, controls(c1-c1000)
```

Cross-fit partialing-out method (double machine learning)

```
. xporegress y x1 i.x2, controls(c1-c1000)
```

Treatment-effects estimation; estimate the ATE of **treat**, controlling for **x1-x1000** in the outcome model and **w1-w1000** in the treatment model

```
. telasso (y x1-x1000) (treat w1-w1000)
```

Double-selection linear model						
			Number of obs	=	69	
			Number of controls	=	8	
			Number of selected controls	=	6	
			Wald chi2(5)	=	6.24	
			Prob > chi2	=	0.2835	
y		Coefficient	Robust std. err.	z	P> z	[95% conf. interval]
	x1	.1272712	.256027	0.50	0.619	-.3745326 .629075
	x2					
2		.2792513	1.270518	0.22	0.826	-2.210918 2.76942
3		-.2613078	1.358118	-0.19	0.847	-2.92317 2.400554
4		.7492284	1.427334	0.52	0.600	-2.048295 3.546752
5		4.082883	1.905783	2.14	0.032	.3476163 7.81815

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## Evaluate results using Stata's standard tools

Perform tests on coefficients

```
. test x1=1
```

Estimate contrasts such as differences across levels

```
. contrast ar.x2
```

Contrasts of marginal linear predictions			
Margins:	asbalanced	Std. err.	[95% conf. interval]
x2			
(2 vs 1)	.2792513	1.270518	-2.210918 2.76942
(3 vs 2)	-.5405591	.8160264	-2.139941 1.058823
(4 vs 3)	1.010536	.8213126	-.5992068 2.620279
(5 vs 4)	3.333655	2.073229	-.7297991 7.397108

## Explore underlying lassos

View the selected controls in the lasso for **y**

```
. lassocoef (.,for(y))
```

Plot coefficient paths in the lasso for **y**

```
. coefpath, for(y)
```

