

# Ridge regression for risk prediction with applications to genetic data

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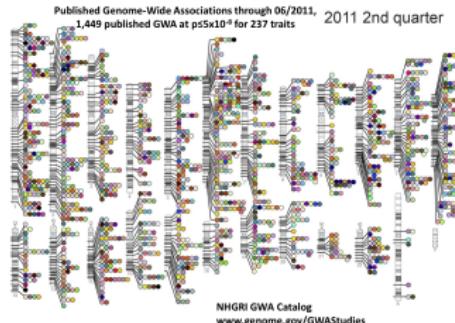
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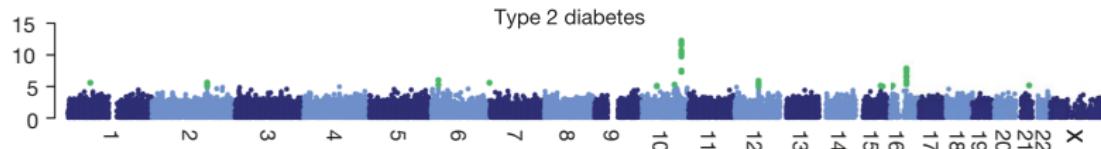
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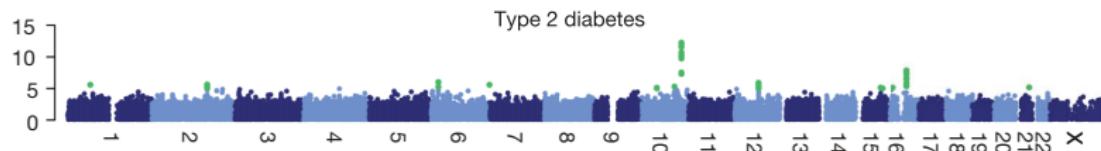
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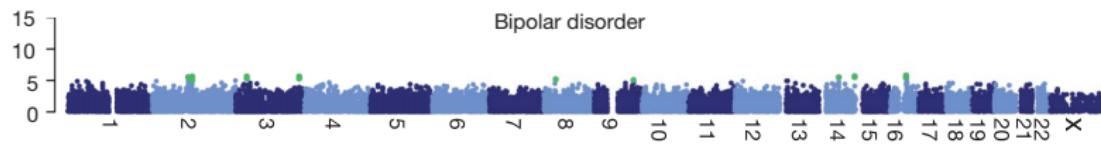
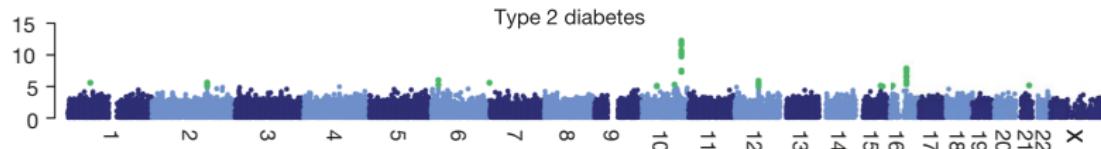


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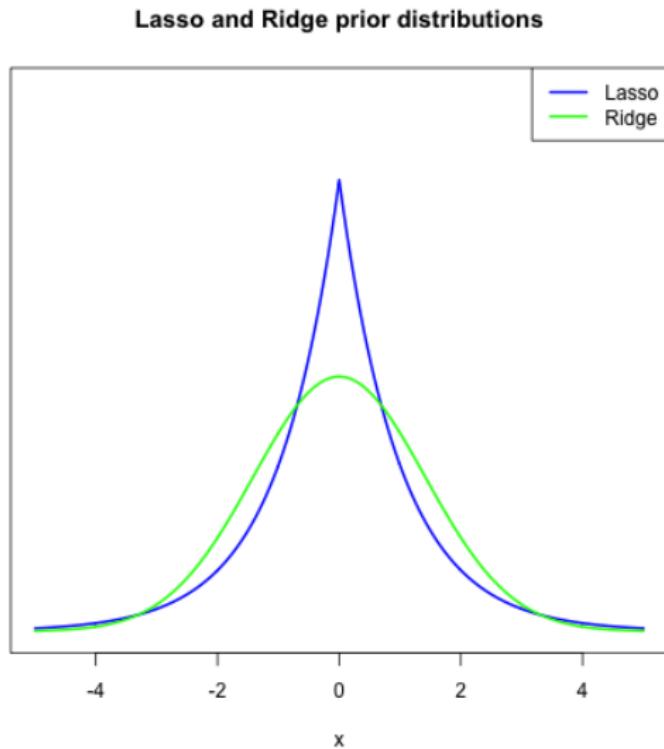
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- Ridge regression (Hoerl & Kennard, 1970) is a penalized regression approach proposed to overcome the problems associated with multicollinearity among predictors in multiple regression.
- Among penalized regression approaches, ridge regression has been shown to offer very good predictive performance (Frank & Friedman, 1993).
- We applied ridge regression to the problem of risk prediction using genetic data obtained from genome-wide association studies.
- Ridge regression shrinks the squared length of the regression coefficient vector - corresponds to a quadratic penalty on the coefficients.

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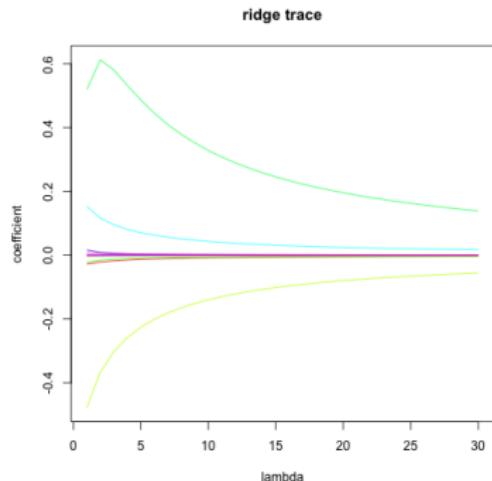
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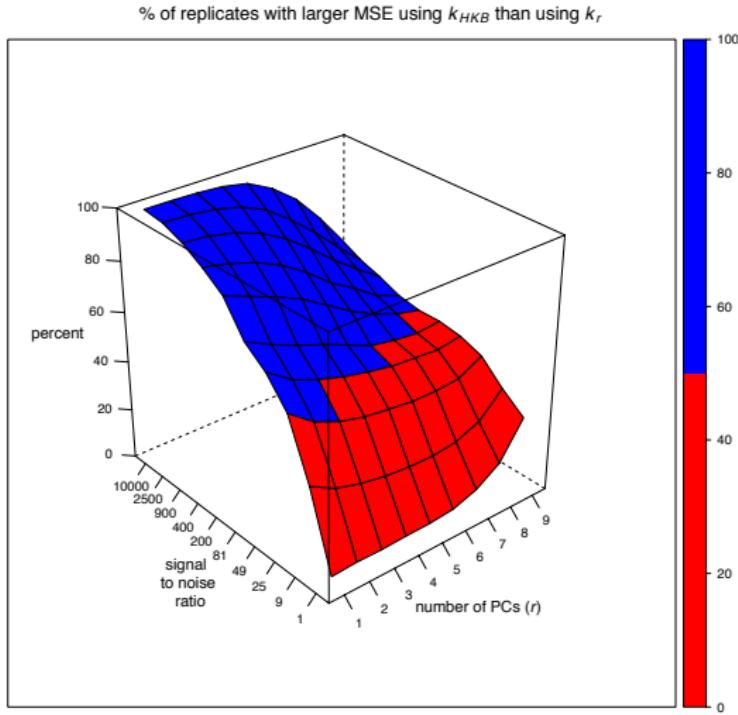
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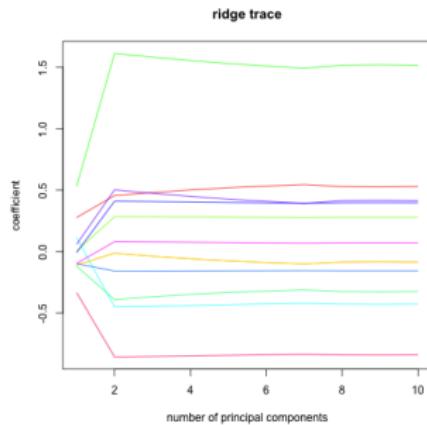
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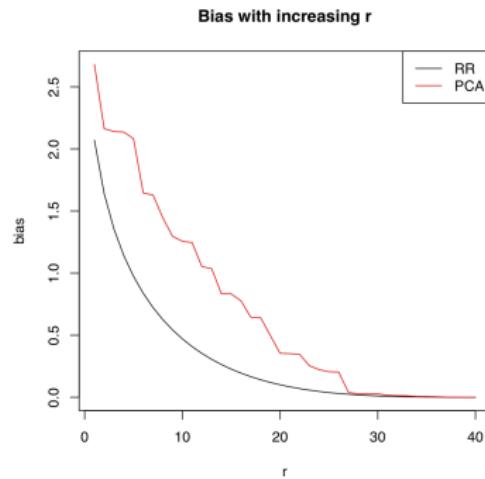
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$$\begin{aligned}\text{PSE} &= \left\{ 1 + \frac{\text{tr}(HH')}{n} \right\} \sigma^2 + \frac{b'b}{n} \\ &= \text{variance} + \frac{\text{bias}^2}{n}\end{aligned}$$

- $H$  is the “hat matrix”:  $\hat{Y} = HY$
- Degrees of freedom for variance =  $\text{tr}(HH')$  (Hastie & Tibshirani (1990) ).

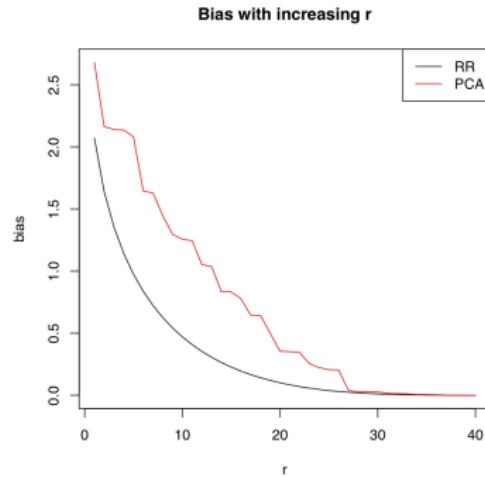
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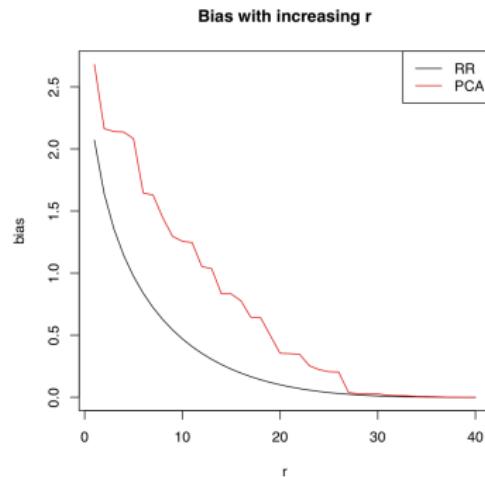
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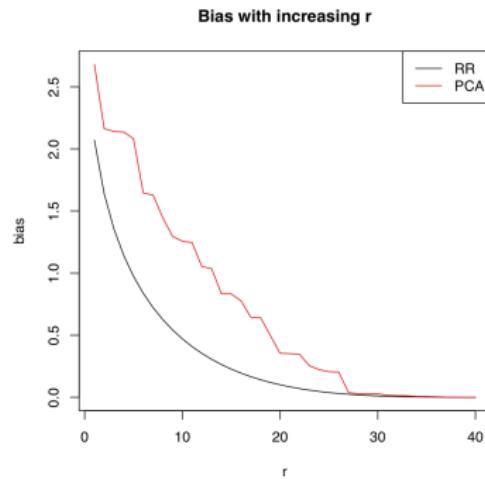
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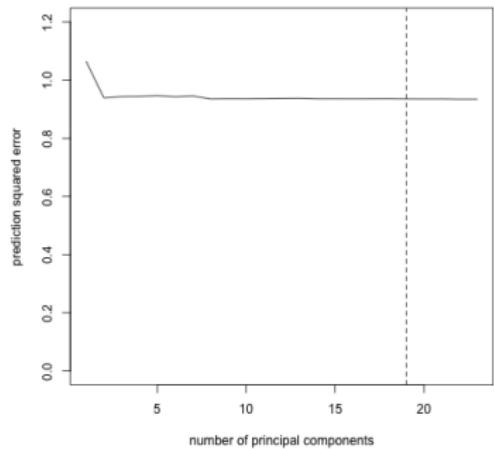
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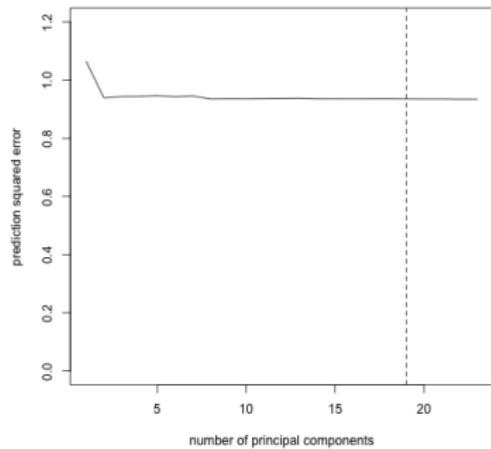
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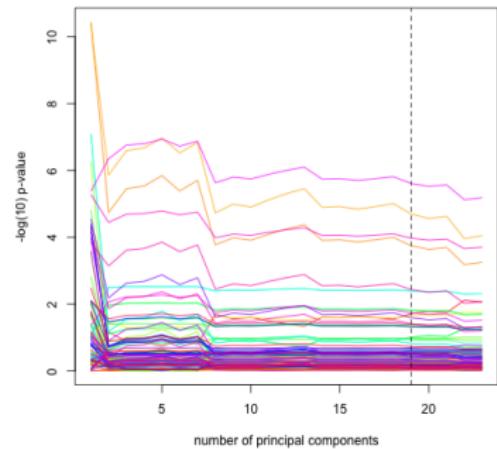


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- Performance comparison
  - SNP ranking followed by multivariate regression
  - HyperLasso
- Continuous and binary outcomes

	Univariate					HLasso	RR
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% of SNPs ranked by univariate <i>p</i> -value	0.1%	0.5%	1 %	3%	4%		
Continuous outcomes (mean PSE)	1.51	1.55	1.54	2.21	3.93	2.41	1.23
Binary outcomes (mean CE)	0.49	0.48	0.48	0.49	0.50	0.50	0.46

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	Univariate		HyperLasso	Ridge Regression
$p$ -value threshold	$10^{-5}$	$10^{-7}$	$10^{-10}$	
Mean	0.489	0.491	0.490	0.492
Classification Error				0.465

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# Significance test

Based on a Wald test:

$$T_k = \frac{\hat{\beta}_k}{\text{se}(\hat{\beta}_k)} \quad H_0 : T_k \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$$

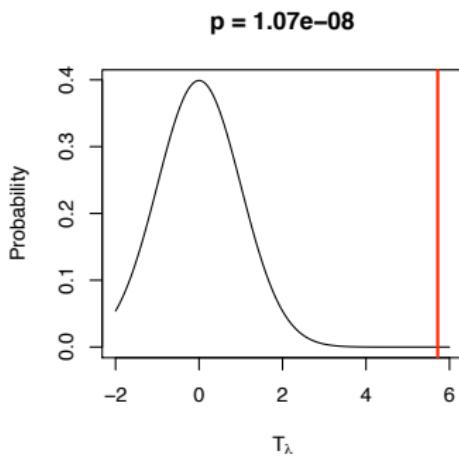
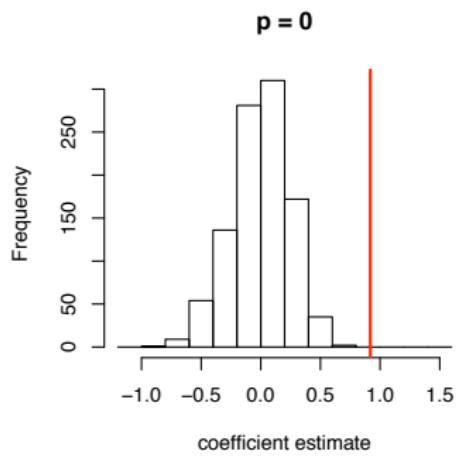
$\text{se}(\hat{\beta}_k)$  from covariance matrix

$$\text{Var}(\hat{\beta}_k) = \hat{\sigma}^2(X'X + kl)^{-1}X'X(X'X + kl)^{-1}$$

taking into account both correlation in predictors and amount of shrinkage.

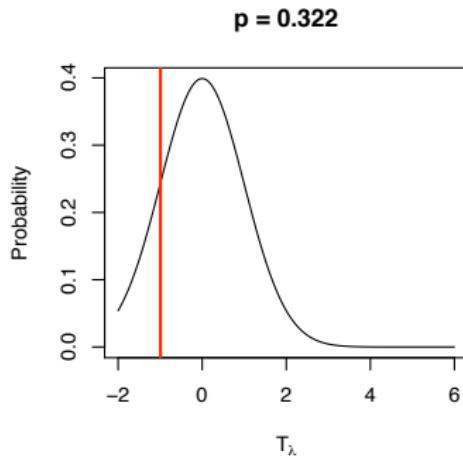
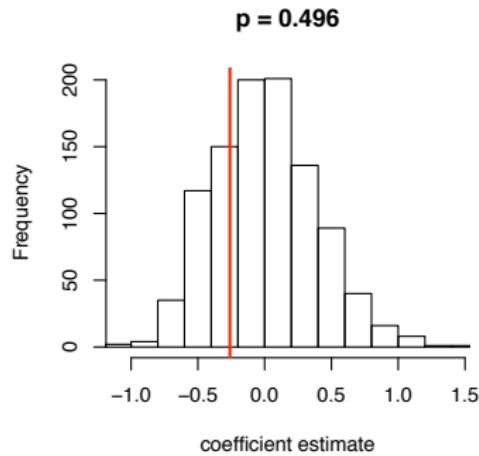
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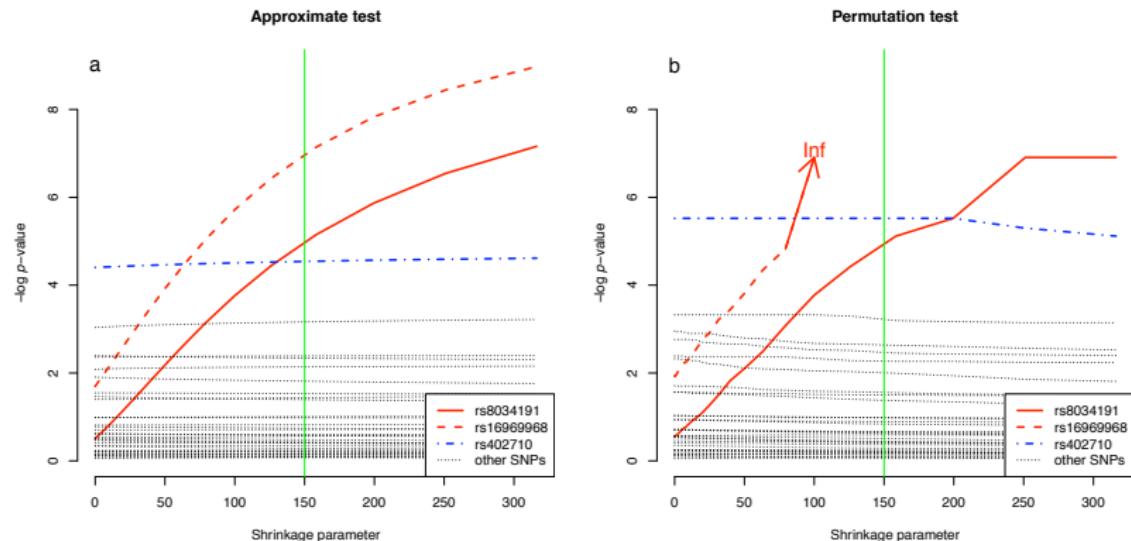


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## True-positive and False-positive rates

Individuals	SNPs		Shrinkage Parameter							
			Approximate test				Permutation test			
			0.1	1	10	100	0.1	1	10	100
500	20	TPR	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
		FPR	0.045	0.045	0.061	0.133	0.015	0.015	0.017	0.095
		TPR	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
		FPR	0.056	0.054	0.071	0.141	0.015	0.018	0.024	0.074
		TPR	0.100	0.500	0.900	1.000	0.000	0.200	0.800	1.000
	ALL	FPR	0.038	0.045	0.049	0.080	0.007	0.006	0.010	0.029
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		FPR	0.318	0.071	0.068	0.069	0.019	0.019	0.020	0.020
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ALL	20	FPR	0.046	0.046	0.045	0.060	0.006	0.007	0.008	0.014
		TPR	0.400	0.500	0.900	1.000	0.300	0.900	0.900	1.000
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## R package ridge

- Fitting ridge regression models to data comprising hundreds of thousands of predictors presents computational challenges.
- We have written an R package, `ridge`, for fitting such models.
- For large data sets, C code is used (with a user-friendly R interface).
- Where available, multi-core or GPU computation speeds up matrix operations.
- Flexibility to include non-genetic covariates - penalized or not.
- Significance test is implemented.
- Graphical outputs - ridge and  $p$ -value traces.
- Option for user-specified shrinkage parameter, with our semi-automatic method as the default.

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