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# Gender-Based Age Estimation using Quantified Brain Asymmetry

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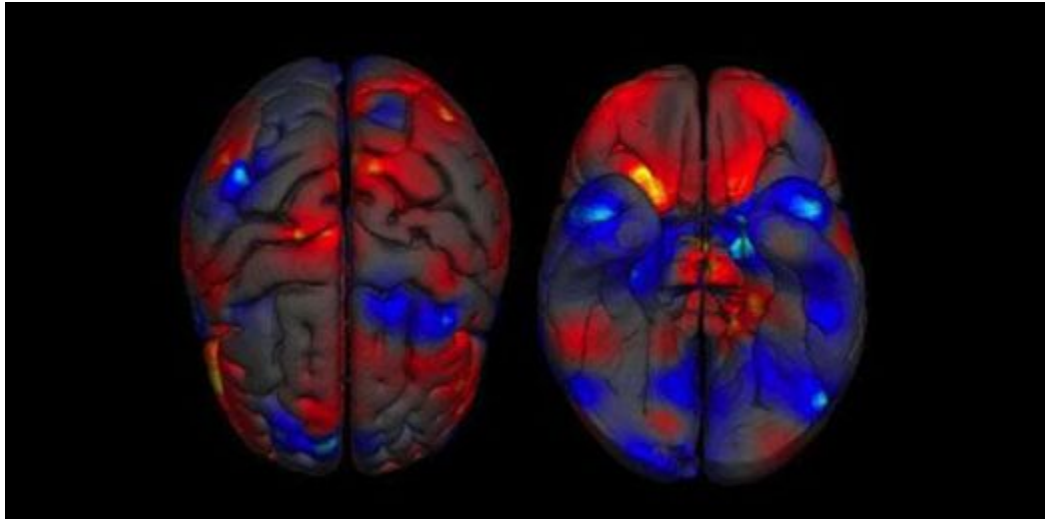
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- As a result, the features for regression model for age estimation might change depending on gender.

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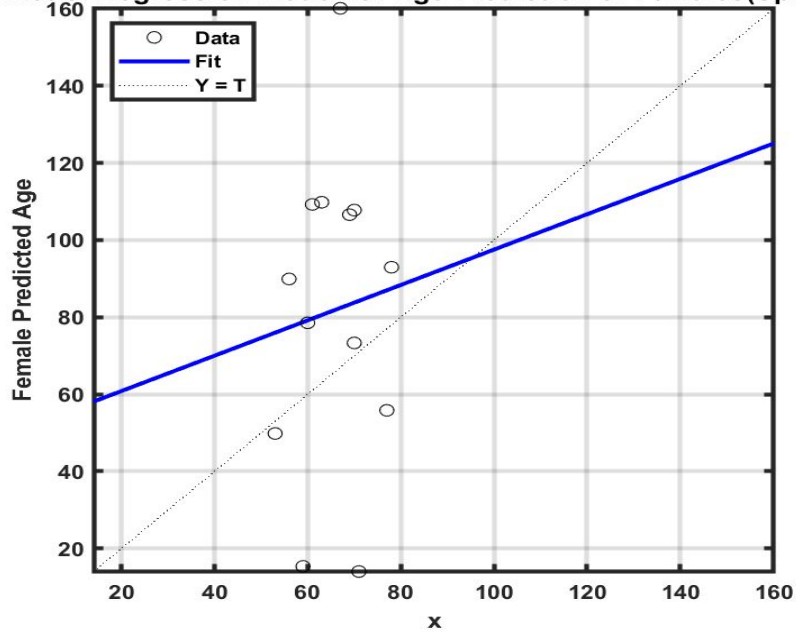
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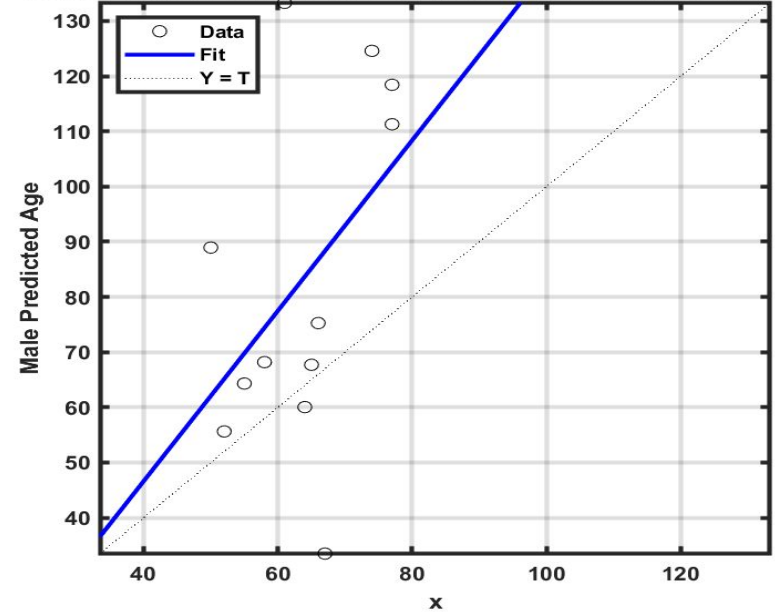
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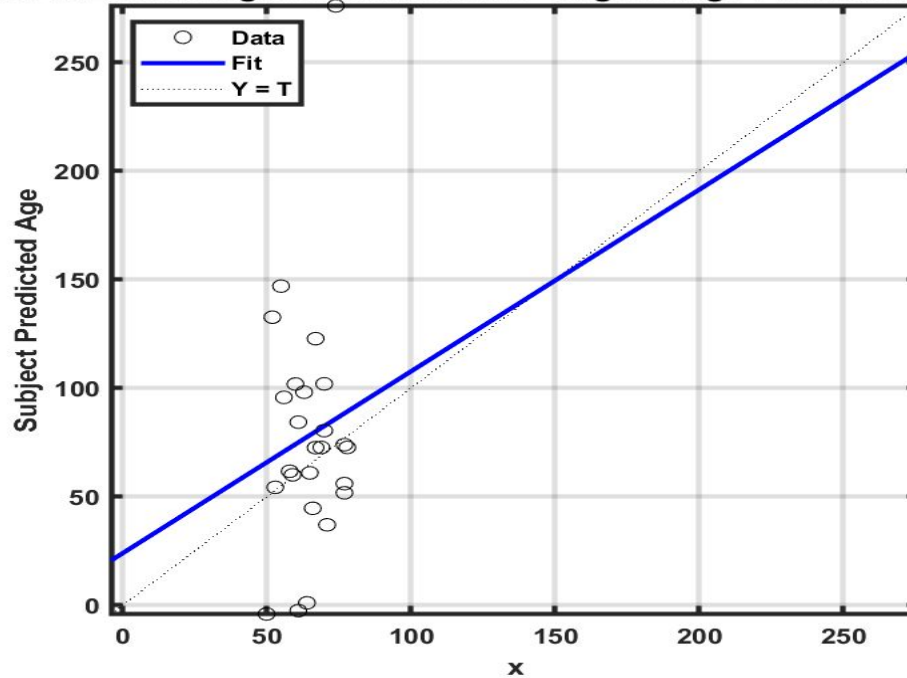
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