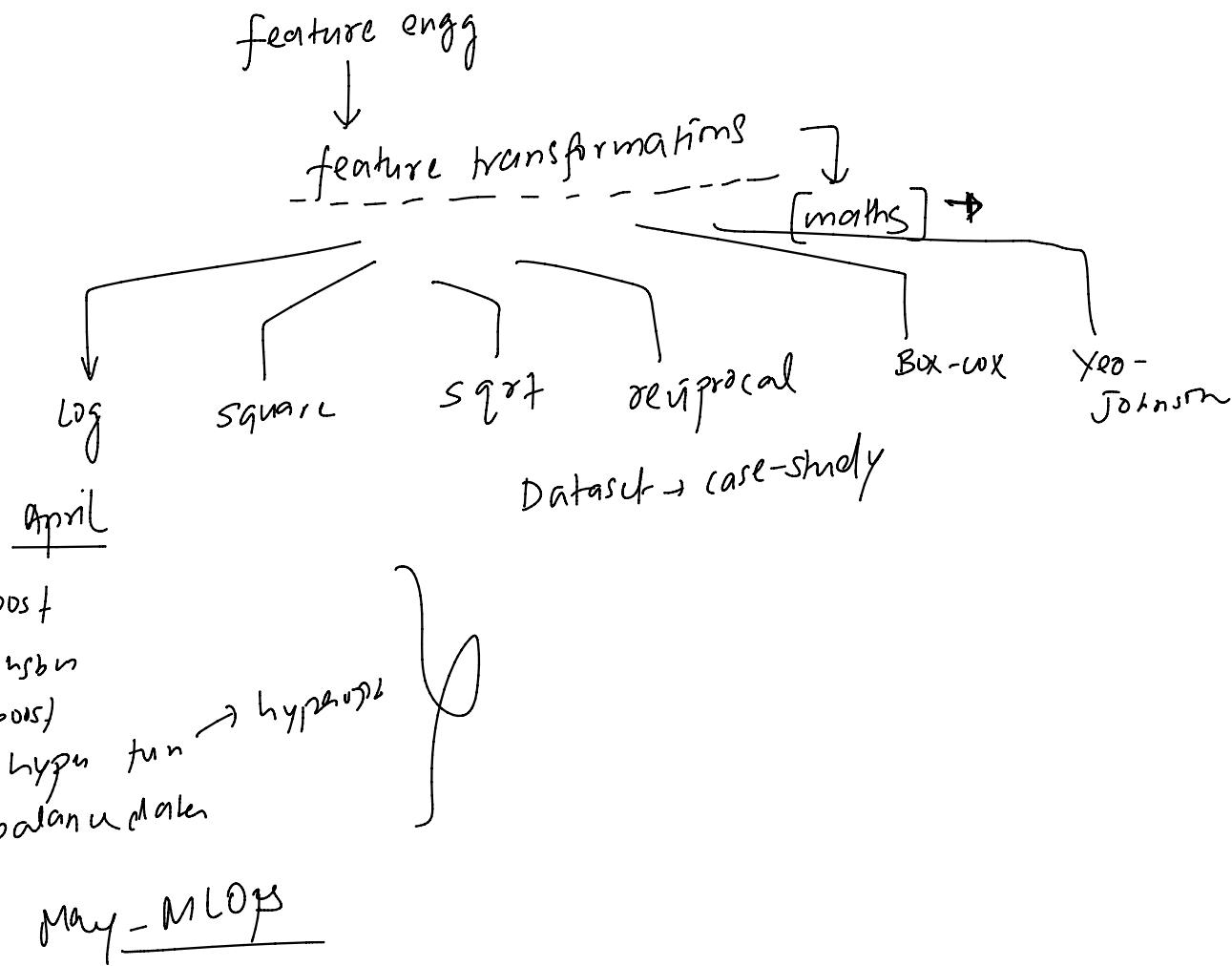


Plan of Attack

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Why do we need transformations?

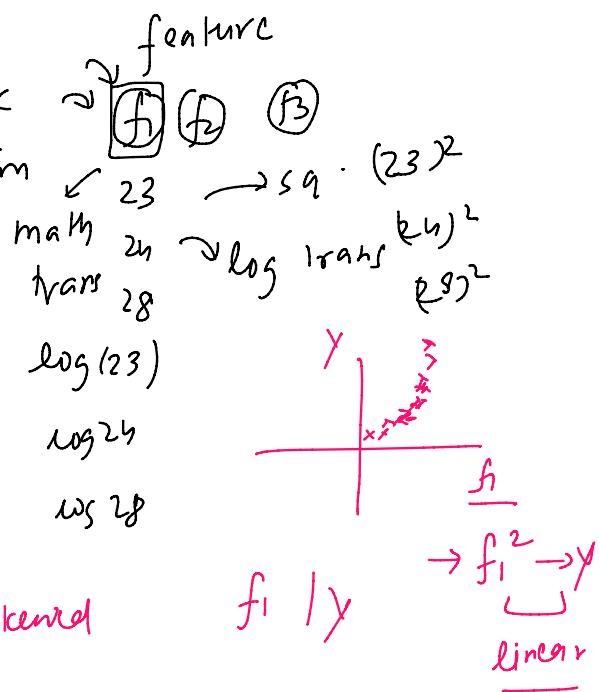
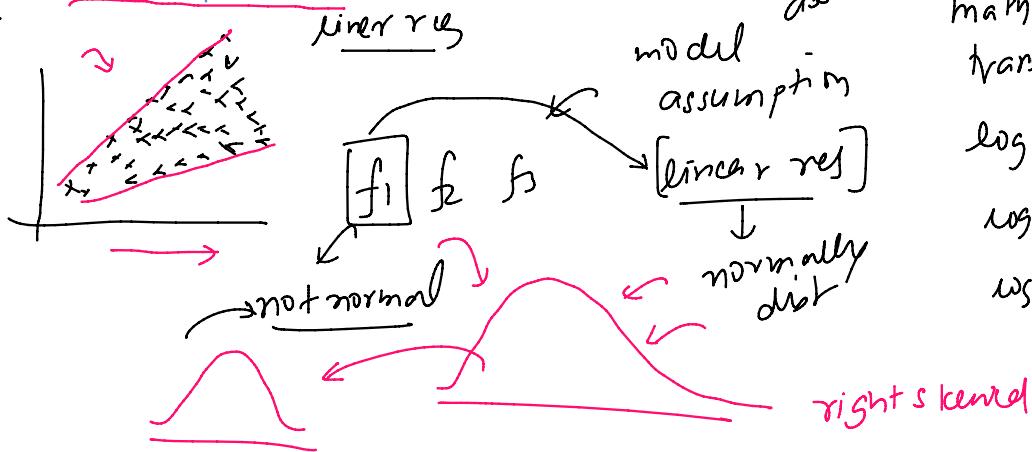
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variable
trans \rightarrow target

[Why?]

[To improve the model performance] - as these transformations conform to model assumptions and which in turn amplifies model's predictive power and increases the quality of the model

1. It can even out the variance ✓
2. To make the feature more normal ✓
3. It can reduce the skew
4. It can linearize the relationship between the feature and target
5. Reduce the impact of outliers



feature trans

- \downarrow linear model
- \downarrow tree based models

What are Feature Transformations

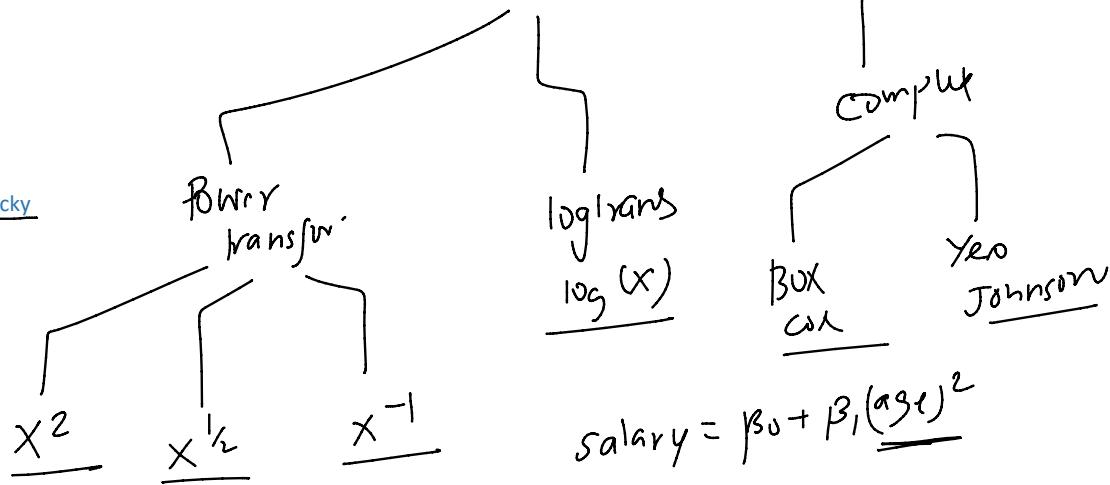
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Feature transformation involves applying mathematical operations to modify the original data features in a way that enhances their representation for machine learning models. These transformations can help in improving model accuracy, meeting algorithm assumptions.

1. Power Transformations
2. Log Transformations
3. Complex Transformations

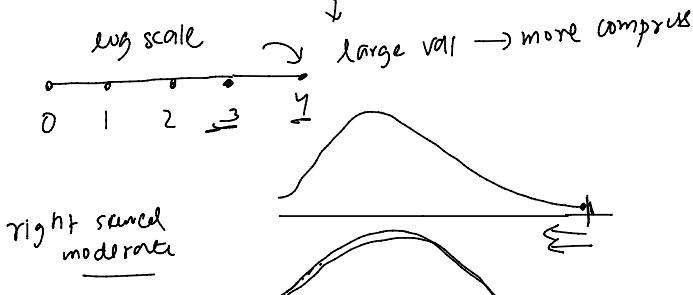
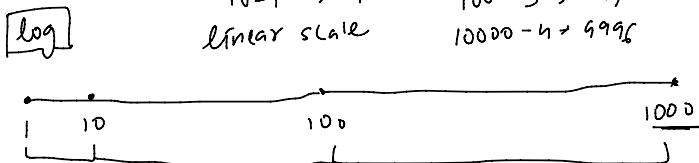
Problems after transformation

1. Interpretation
2. Finding the best transformation is tricky
3. Additional step in the pipeline



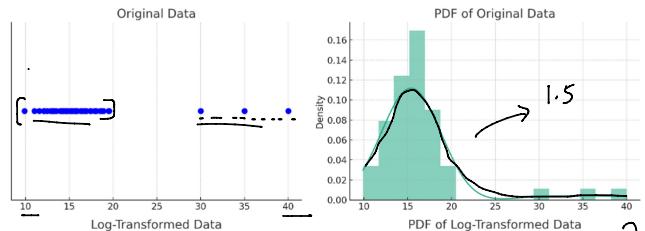
Log Transformation

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How to check for Normality

1. PDF
2. Skew
3. QQ Plot
4. Statistical test



0.7 0.1

Algorithms that benefit from Log Transform:

- 1. Linear Models →
- 2. ANOVA →
- 3. Time series analysis → ARIMA
- 4. K-Means →
- 5. PCA →
- 6. Gaussian Naive Bayes →
- 7. Training of Neural Networks → fast/stable (moderate (1-3))

When to use?

1. When you have right skewed data
2. When your data contains outliers
3. Reduces Heteroskedasticity

When not to use?

1. With negative values/zero values
2. With normal or uniform distribution
3. Interpretation

Inverse Transform

$$\log(x) \rightarrow e^x \rightarrow x$$

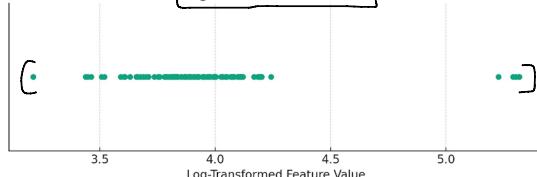
invertible
robust stat
robust stat
log transform with min/max scale

age is salary
log(salary) vs salary

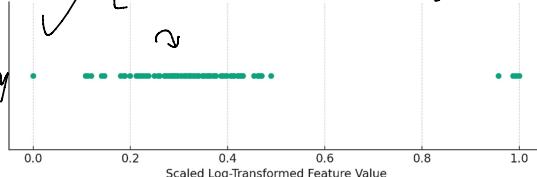
$$Y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \log(x) \rightarrow \text{percent_change} \rightarrow$$

MinMax Scaled Original Feature

Log-Transformed Feature



MinMax Scaled Log-Transformed Feature

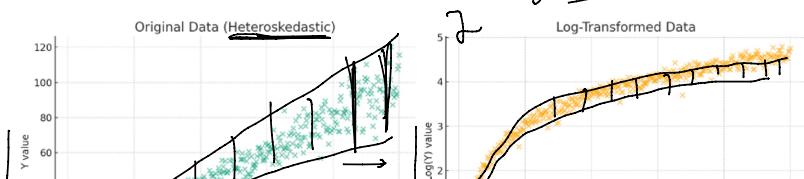


→ not good

output

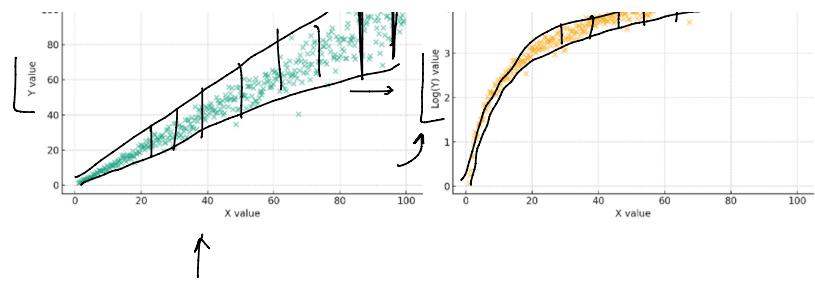
reduce

Original Data (Heteroskedastic)



Log-Transformed Data



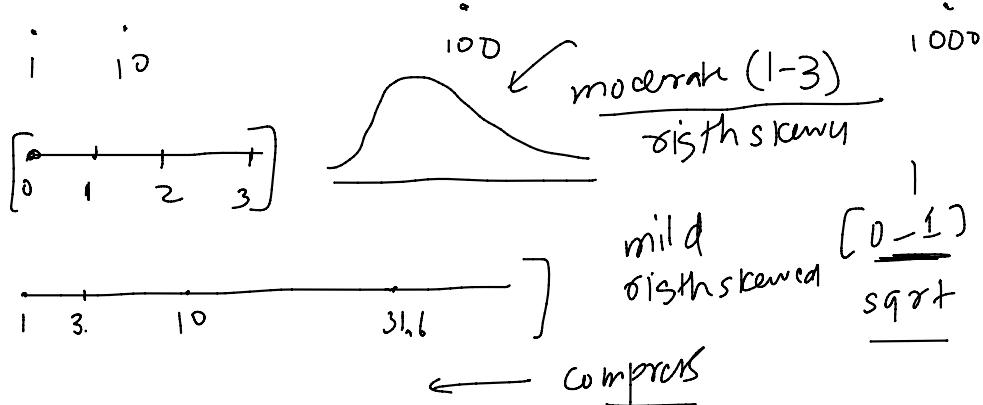


Square Root Transformation

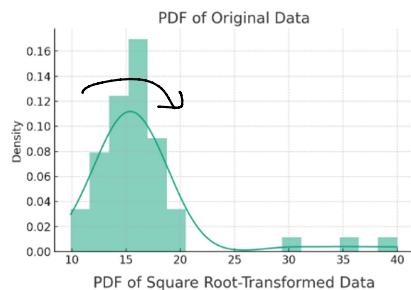
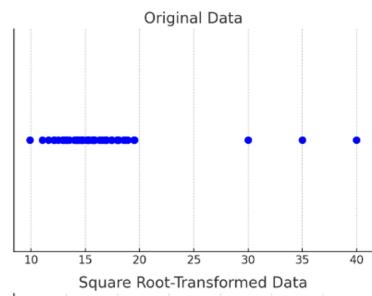
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graph

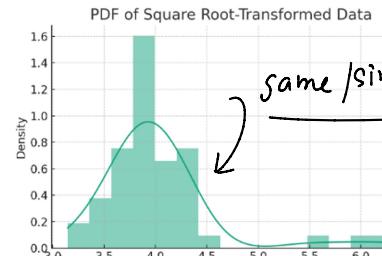
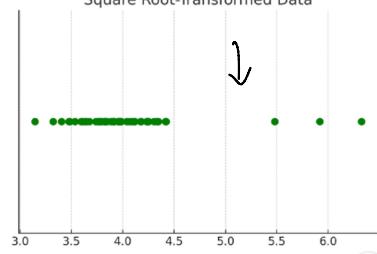
$\text{sqrt} \approx \log$ transform



compress



$0-1 \rightarrow \text{sqrt}$ weak
 $1-3/y \rightarrow \log$
 $> 4/3 \rightarrow ?$



same/similar [10s]
mild left skewed data
square trans

[square] \rightarrow use calc
trans

$[-1 + 0]$ \rightarrow mild right skewed dist

10000 12100

skew = 0.7

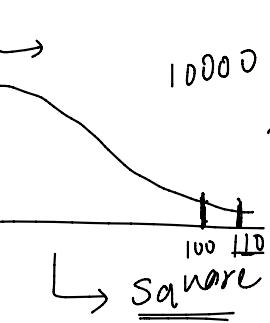
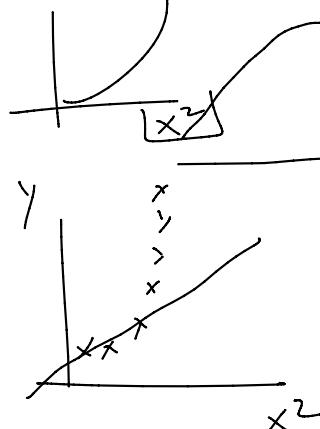
Skew \rightarrow

3.14, 15

right skewed

non-linear

\downarrow
square



$X \rightarrow Y$

$[X, X^2 \rightarrow Y]$

Square

→ mild left skewed data $\frac{x^3}{x^4}$

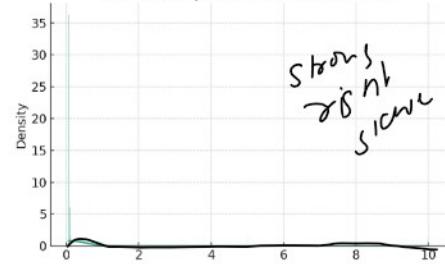
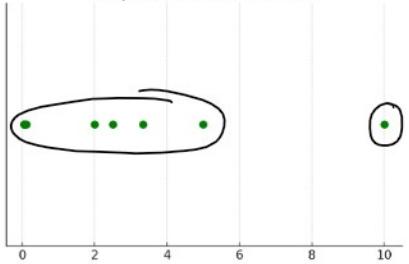
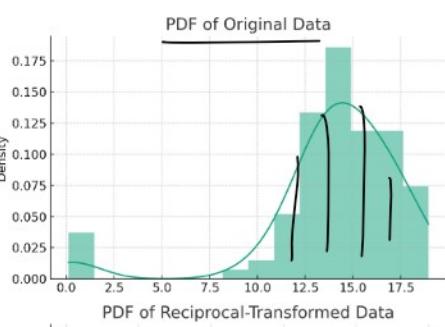
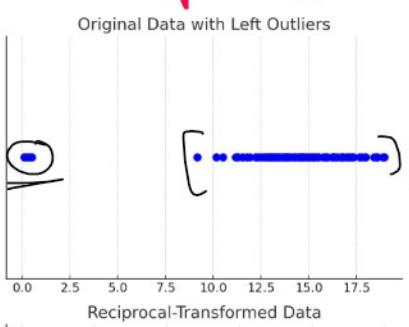
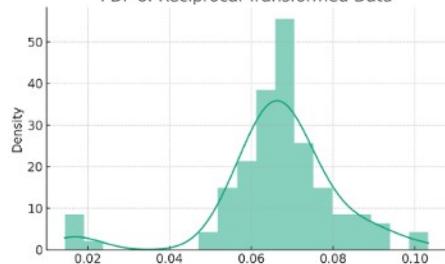
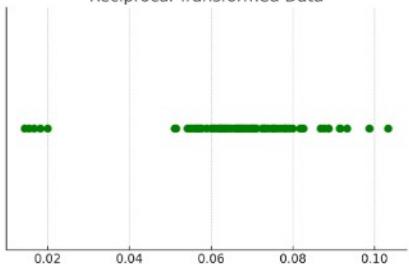
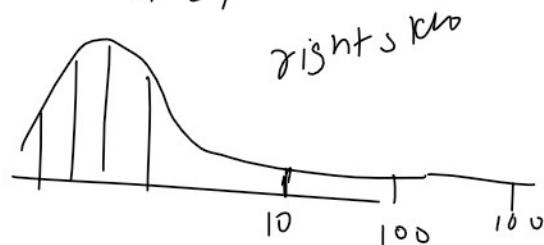
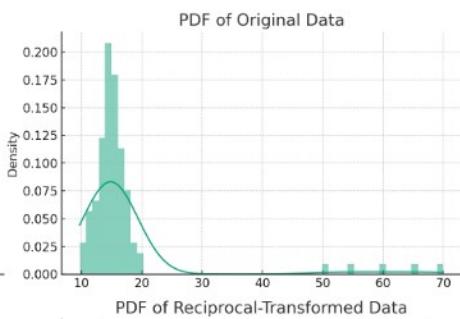
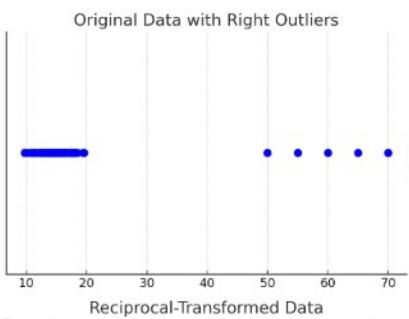
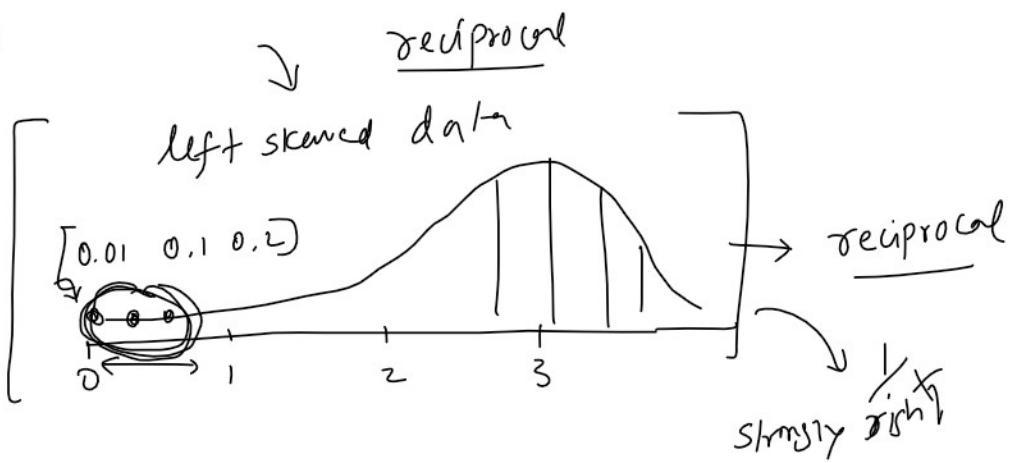
→ linearizable non-linear relationships $\rightarrow \frac{x^3}{x^4}$

Reciprocal Transformation

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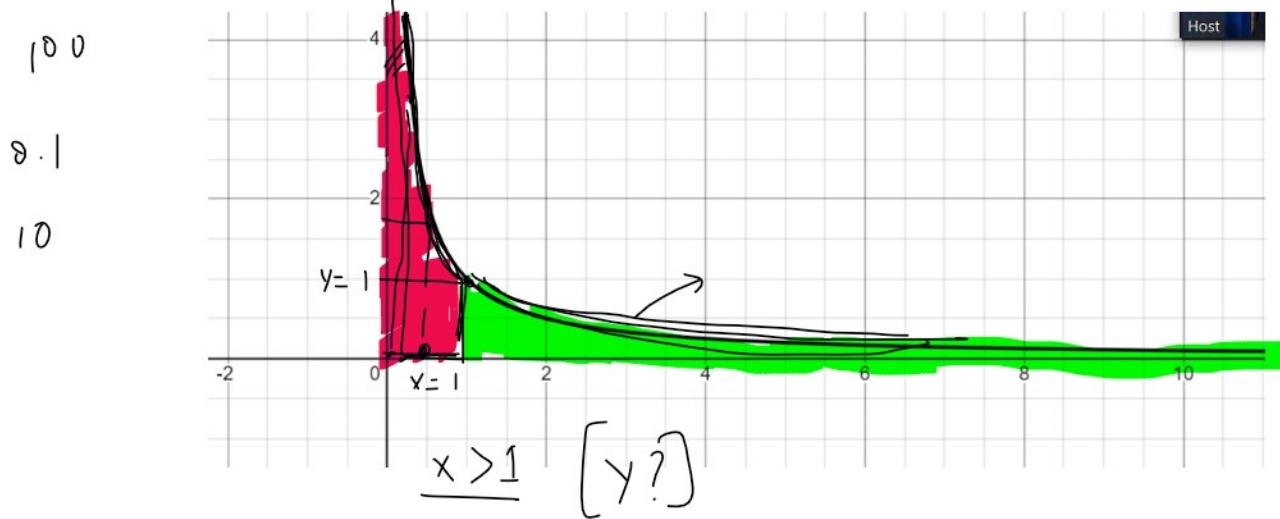
$$\left[\gamma = \frac{1}{x} \right]$$

very large



$\partial \partial$

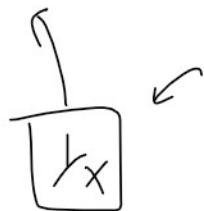
$\backslash x \rightarrow$



$x \approx 0$

$y \rightarrow [0-1)$

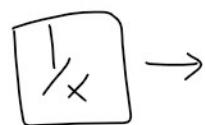
$[x > 1]$



Strong right skewed data

decreas

larger $x \rightarrow y \frac{0-1}$



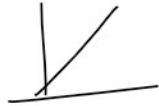
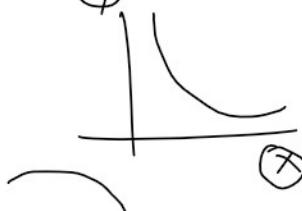
right skewed

mild $\rightarrow 0-1 \rightarrow \text{sqrt}$

moderate $\rightarrow 1-3/4 \rightarrow \log$

strong ($x > 1$) $\rightarrow \sqrt{u} \rightarrow \text{reciprocal}$

linear



speed | dist remaining

60

70

80

60

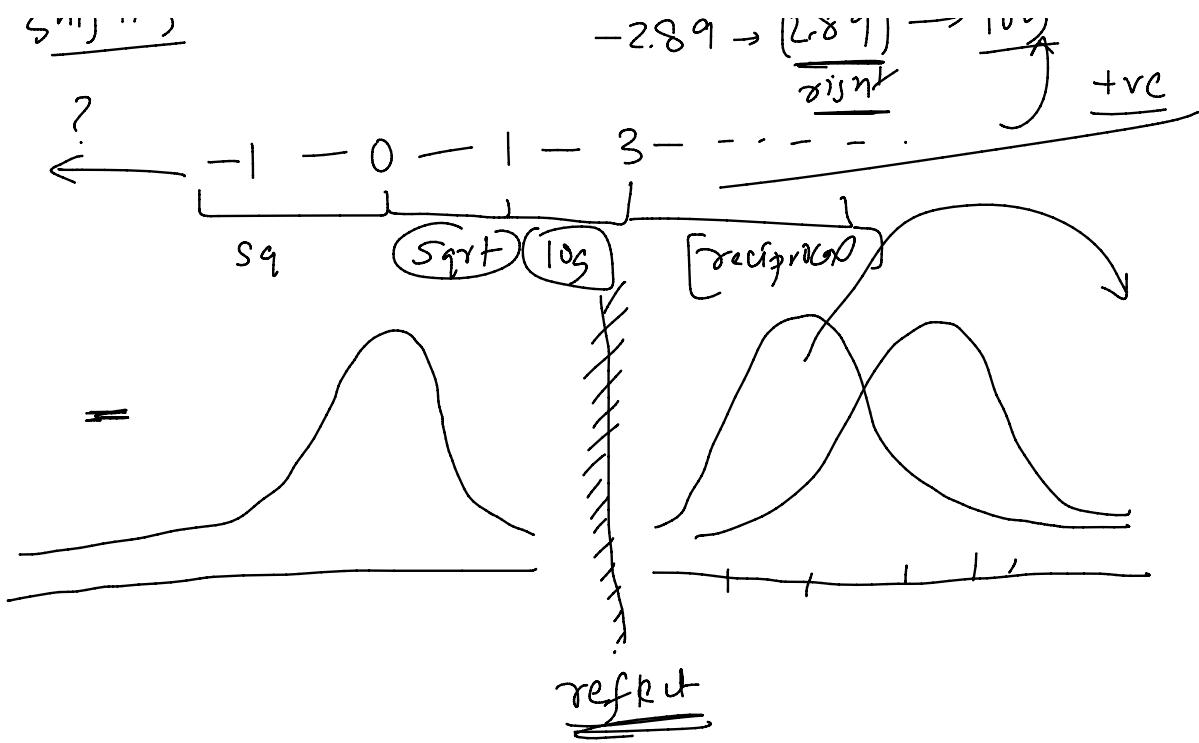
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shifting

?

$$-2.89 \rightarrow \left[\frac{-2.89}{\text{sign}} \right] \rightarrow \log + vc$$

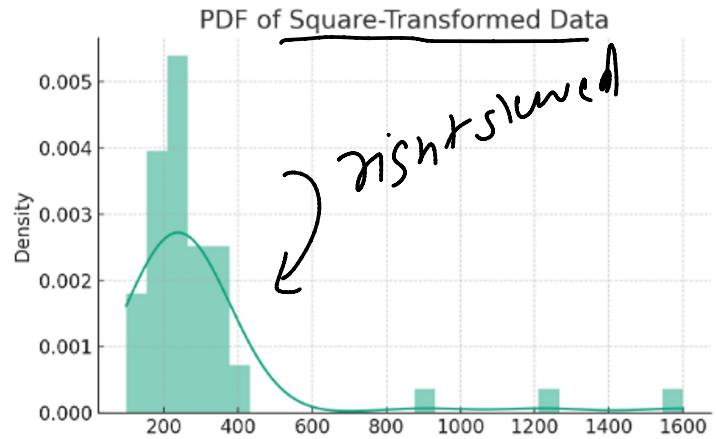
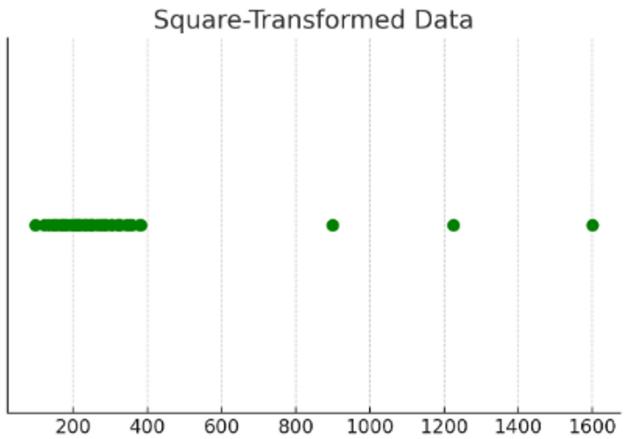
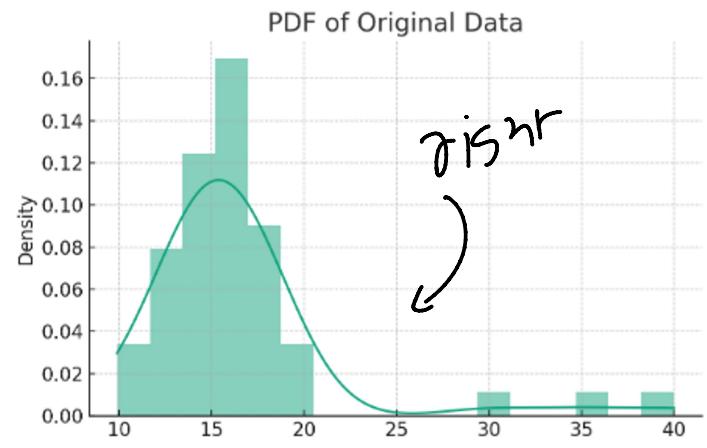
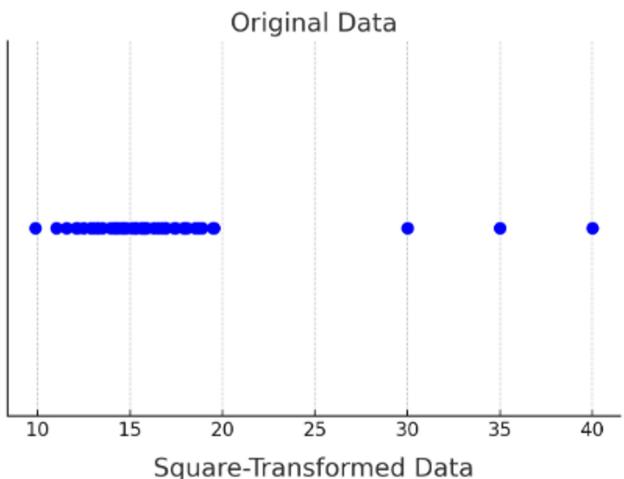


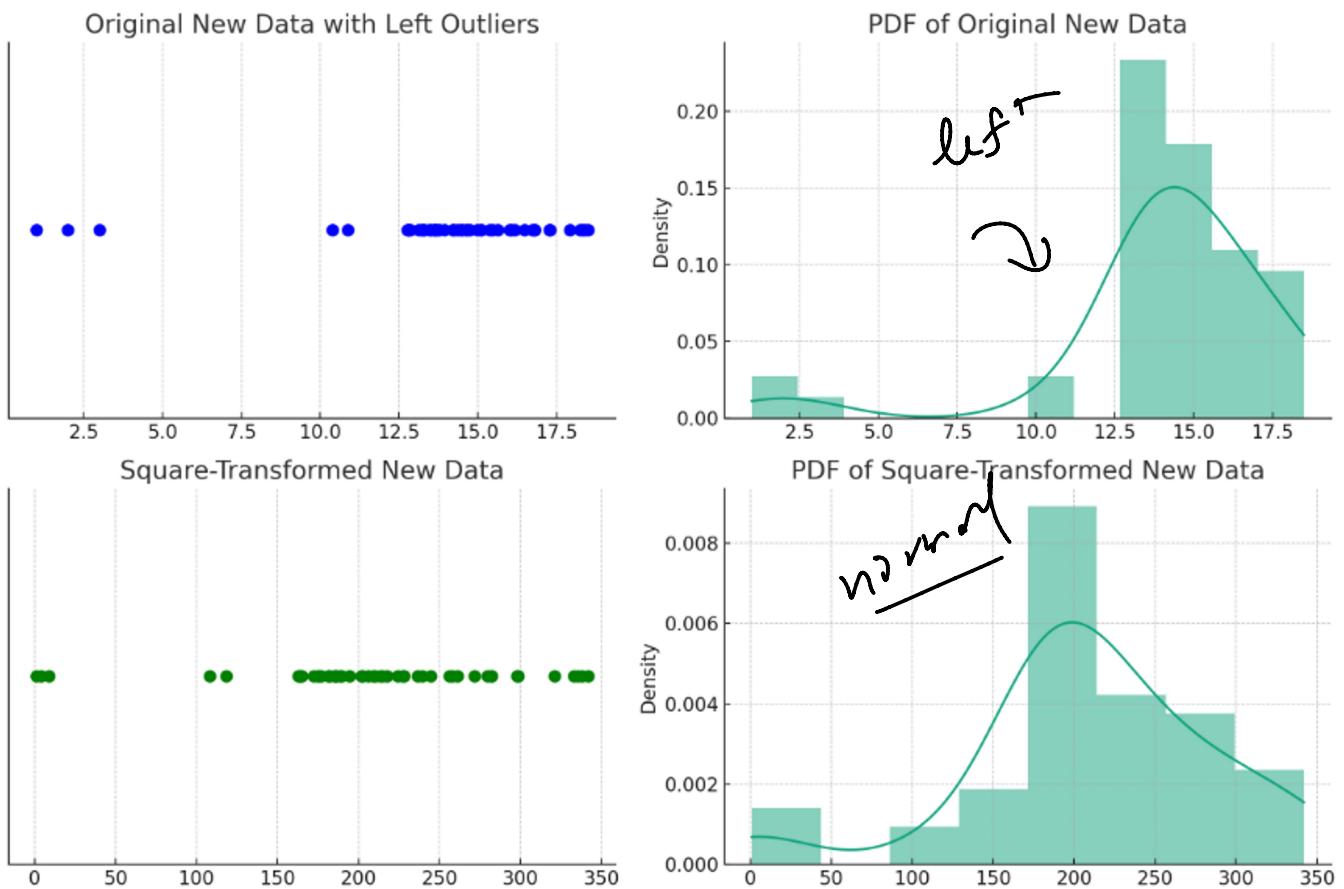
left skewed

\hookrightarrow reflet \rightarrow shift \rightarrow nos

Square Transformation

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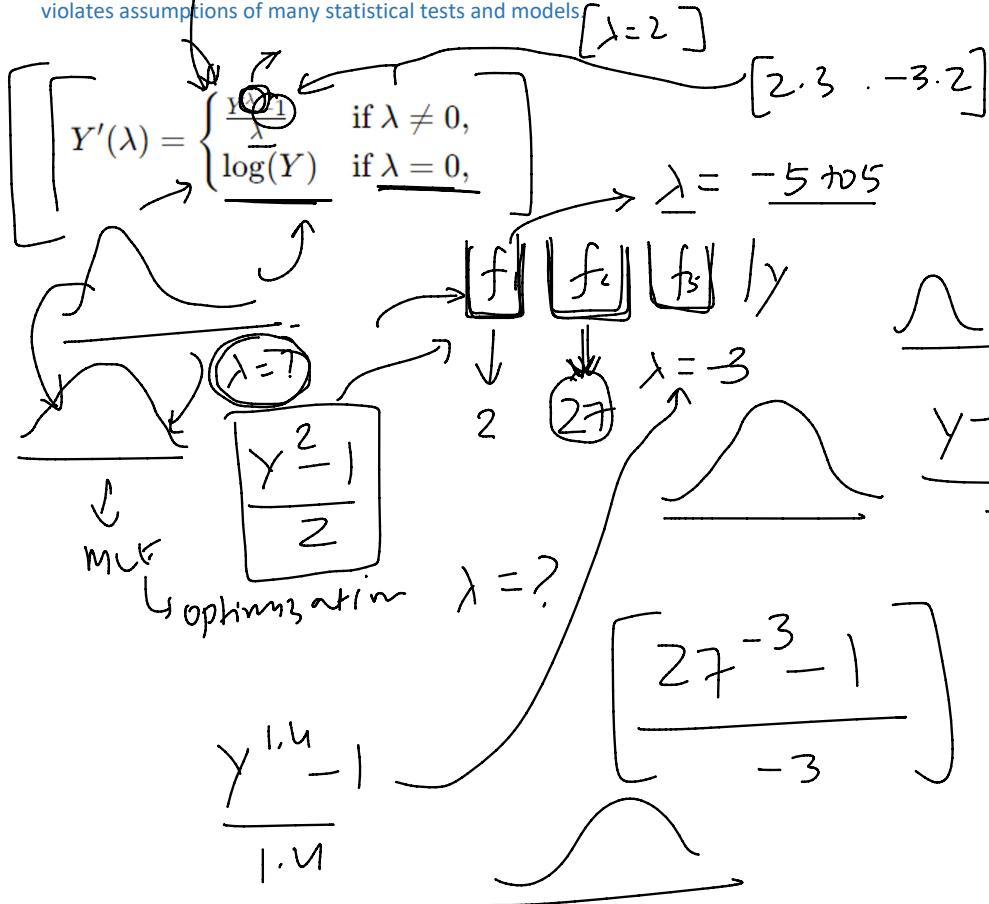


Box-Cox Transform

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$$f_i \rightarrow \text{normal} \quad \text{MLE} \quad -1 \quad \lambda_i$$

The Box-Cox transformation is a family of power transformations that are applied to data to stabilize variance, make the data more normally distributed, or improve the skewness of both the right and left skewed data. It's particularly useful when dealing with non-normal data that violates assumptions of many statistical tests and models.



When to use:

1. Handle Skewness ✓
2. Handle non-normal data ✓
3. Heteroscedasticity ✓
4. Can act as general case to many other transformations

When not to use:

1. Negative values
2. Interpretability is a concern
3. Data is already normally distributed
4. Categorical Data

Yeo Johnson Transform

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improvement → Box-Cox ↓
↓
-ve values

The Yeo-Johnson transformation is a modification of the Box-Cox transformation, designed to handle both positive and negative data. While the Box-Cox transformation is only defined for positive data, the Yeo-Johnson transformation extends its applicability to all real numbers, making it more versatile in practical applications.

The Yeo-Johnson transformation is defined as follows:

$f_1 \rightarrow \lambda, f_2 \rightarrow \lambda_2$
-ve handle

For $y \in \mathbb{R}$ and $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$, the transformed variable $y'(\lambda)$ is given by:

$$y'(\lambda) = \begin{cases} [(y+1)^\lambda - 1]/\lambda & \text{if } \lambda \neq 0, y \geq 0 \\ \log(y+1) & \text{if } \lambda = 0, y \geq 0 \\ -[-y+1]^{2-\lambda} - 1]/(2-\lambda) & \text{if } \lambda \neq 2, y < 0 \\ -\log(-y+1) & \text{if } \lambda = 2, y < 0 \end{cases}$$

The purpose of the Yeo-Johnson transformation is to stabilize the variance and make the data more closely follow a normal distribution, which is a common assumption in many statistical techniques and models. This transformation is particularly useful when dealing with real-world data that can contain both negative and positive values, ensuring that a wider range of datasets can be normalized for analysis.

Just like the Box-Cox transformation, the parameter is usually determined by maximizing the log-likelihood function, which effectively finds the best that makes the data as normal as possible after the transformation.