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# Bayesian Statistics and Data Analysis

## Lecture 8b

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- Expected predictive performance

- approximates the external validation



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# Goal of model evaluation

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- Choose the model function to **maximize our utility**



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# Model choice utility

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### Measures of predictive accuracy



- Point residuals

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- Mean squared (prediction) error (MSE)

$$\text{MSE} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_i^n [y_i - E(\tilde{y}_i|y)]^2.$$

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# Probabilistic predictions

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- The log predictive density (lpd)

$$\begin{aligned}\text{lpd} &= \log p(y|y) \\ &= \log \int p(y|\theta)p(\theta|y)d\theta\end{aligned}$$



- The lpd is usually approximated with the log **point** predictive density (lppd or just lpd)

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- Can we approximate  $p_{\text{true}}(\tilde{y}_i)$ ?



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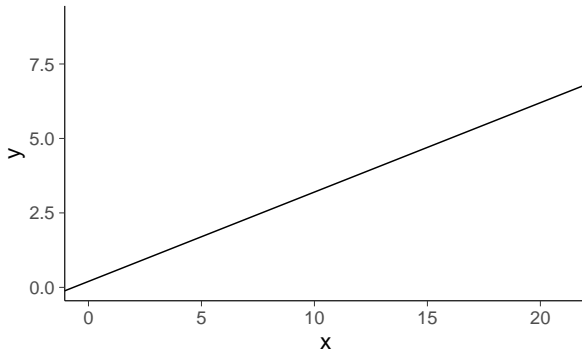
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- The  $\text{elpd}$ ,  $\text{lpd}$  and efficient number of parameters ( $p_{\text{loo}}$ )

$$\text{elpd}_{\text{loo}} = \text{lpd} + p_{\text{loo}}$$



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True mean  $y = a + bx$

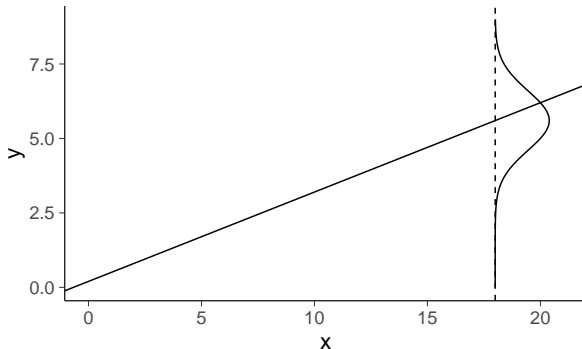






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## True mean and sigma





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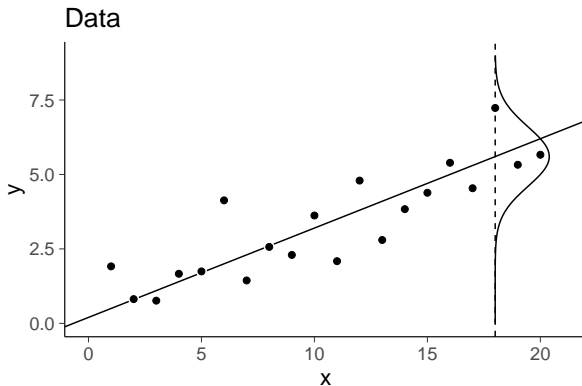
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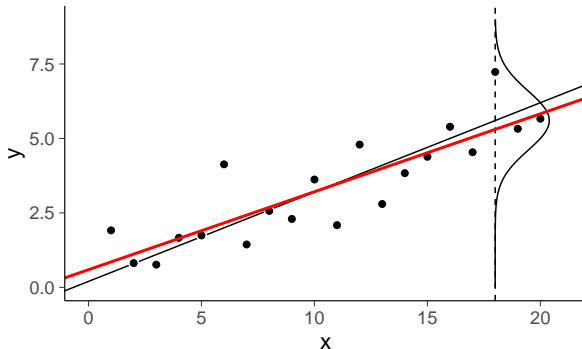
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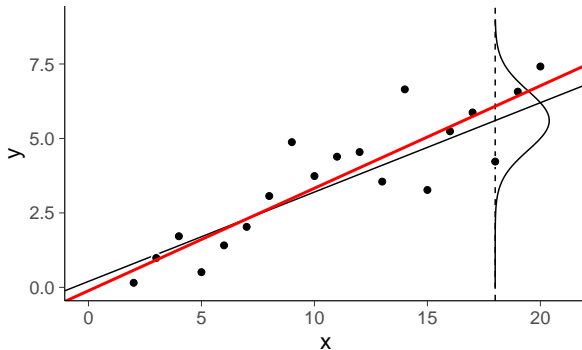
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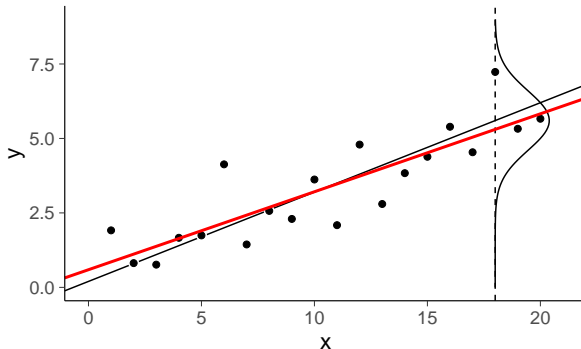
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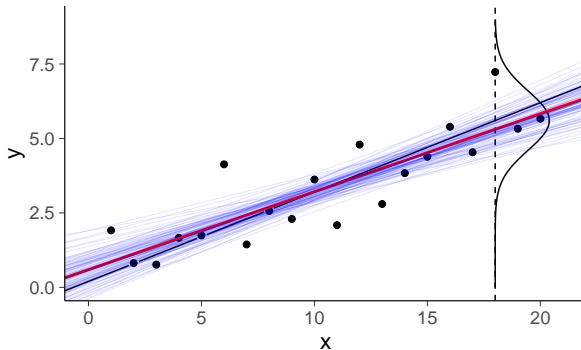
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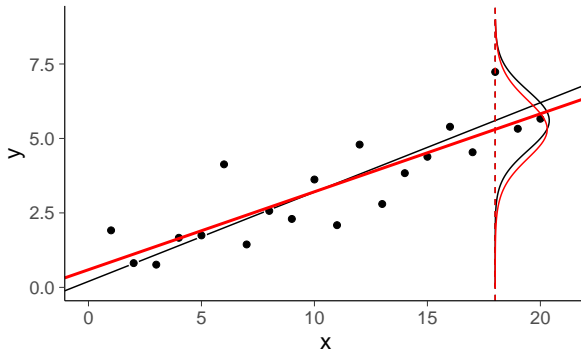
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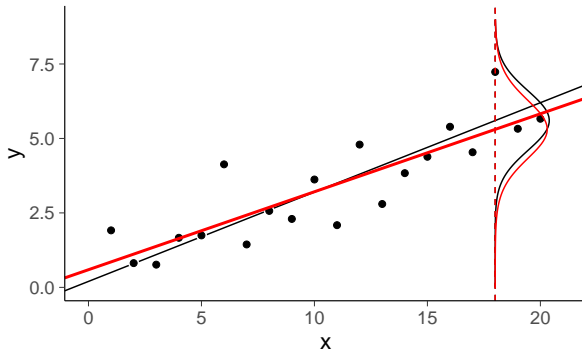
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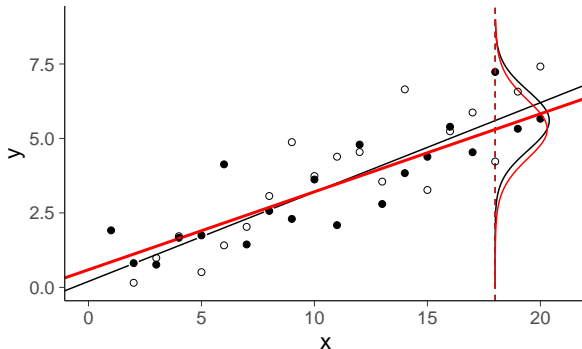
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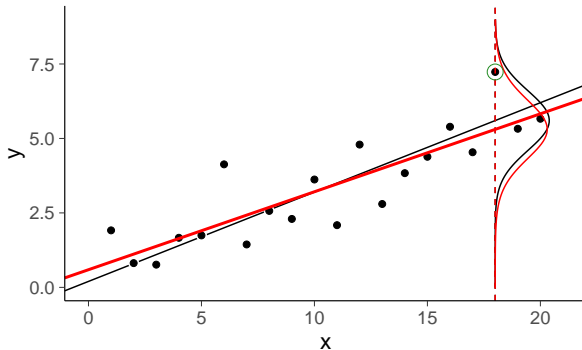
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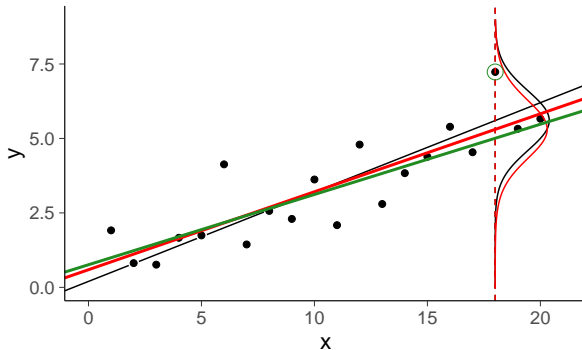
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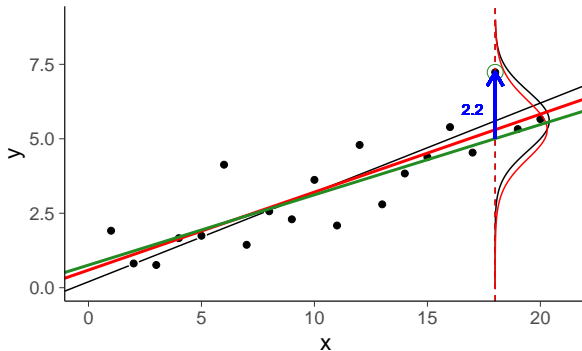
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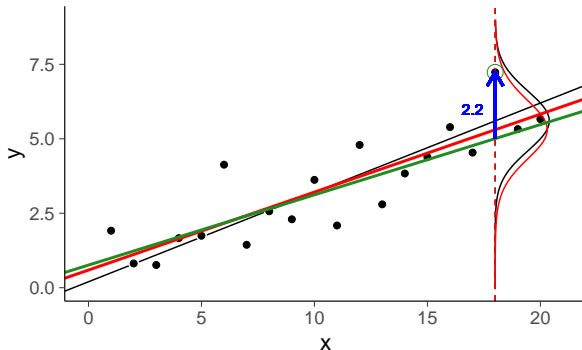
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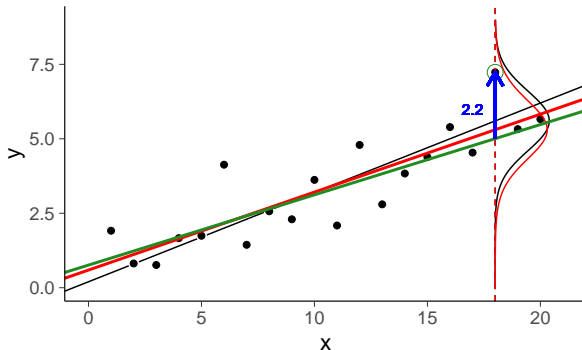


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Can be use to compute, e.g., RMSE,  $R^2$ , 90% error



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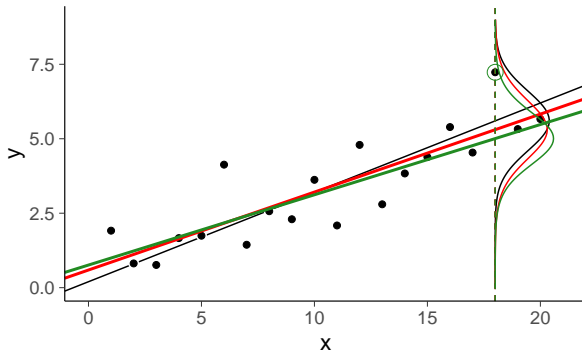
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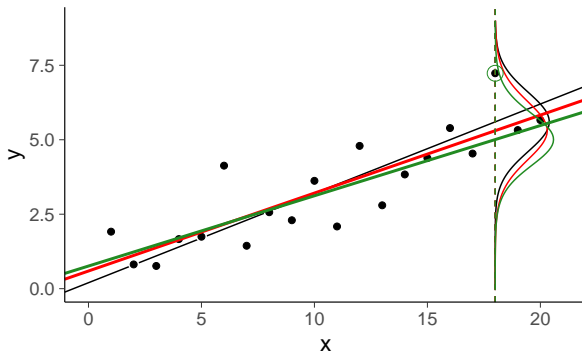
## Leave-one-out predictive distribution





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## Leave-one-out predictive distribution



$$p(\tilde{y}|\tilde{x} = 18, x_{-18}, y_{-18}) = \int p(\tilde{y}|\tilde{x} = 18, \theta)p(\theta|x_{-18}, y_{-18})d\theta$$





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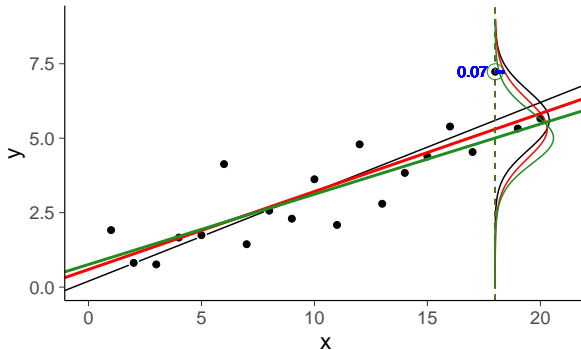
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## Posterior predictive density





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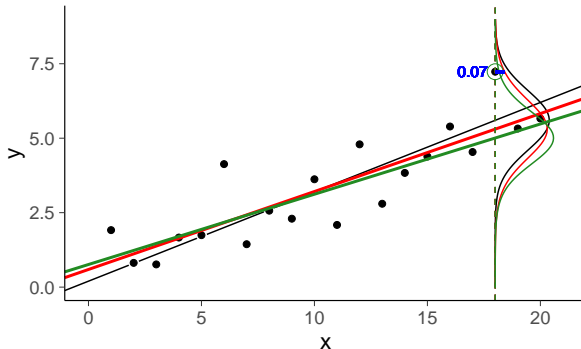
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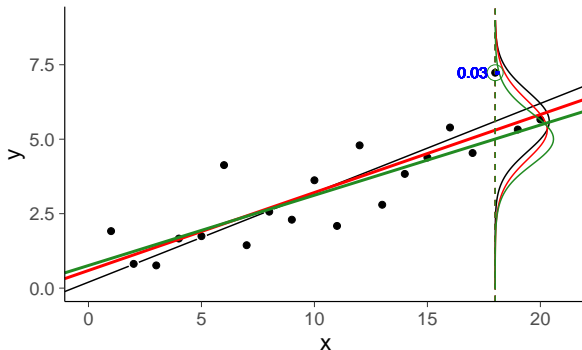
## Posterior predictive density



$$p(\tilde{y} = y_{18} | \tilde{x} = 18, x, y) \approx 0.07$$



## Leave-one-out predictive density



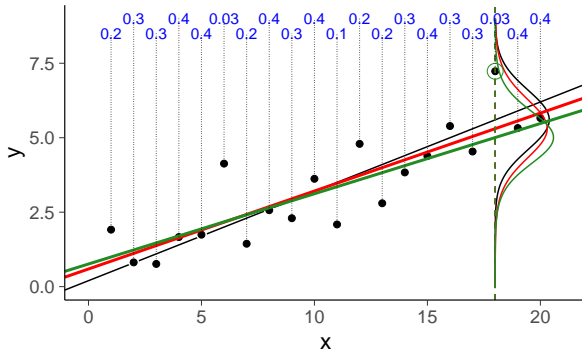
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$$p(\tilde{y} = y_{18} | \tilde{x} = 18, x_{-18}, y_{-18}) \approx 0.03$$

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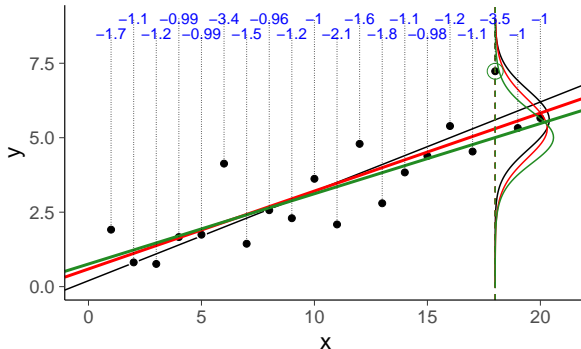


$$p(y_i|x_i, x_{-i}, y_{-i}), \quad i = 1, \dots, 20$$

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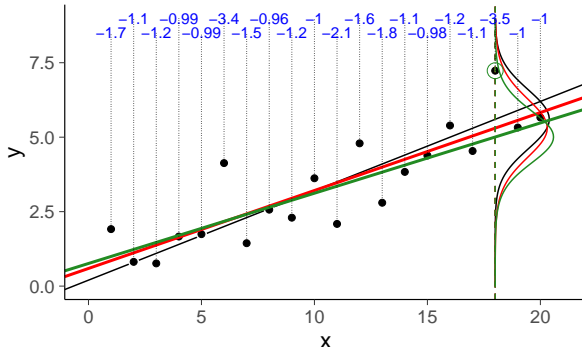


$$\log p(y_i | x_i, x_{-i}, y_{-i}), \quad i = 1, \dots, 20$$

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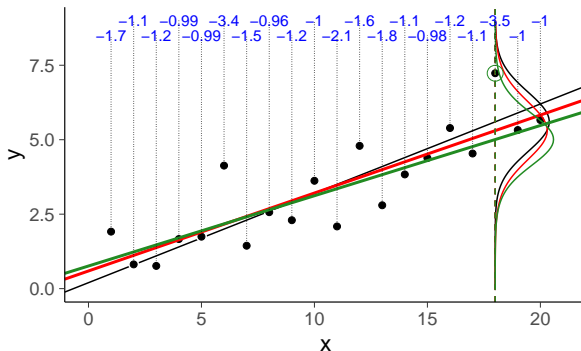


$$\sum_{i=1}^{20} \log p(y_i | x_i, x_{-i}, y_{-i}) \approx -29.5$$

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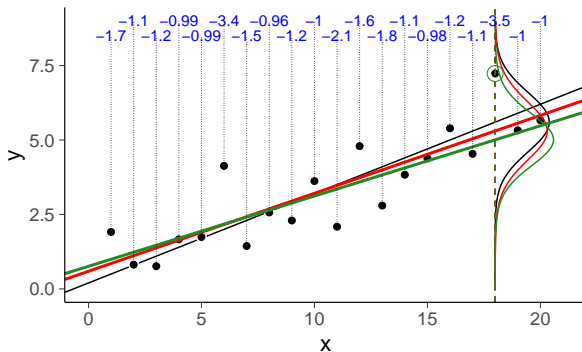


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$$\text{elpd}_{\text{loo}} = \sum_{i=1}^{20} \log p(y_i | x_i, x_{-i}, y_{-i}) \approx -29.5$$

unbiased estimate of log posterior pred. density for new data

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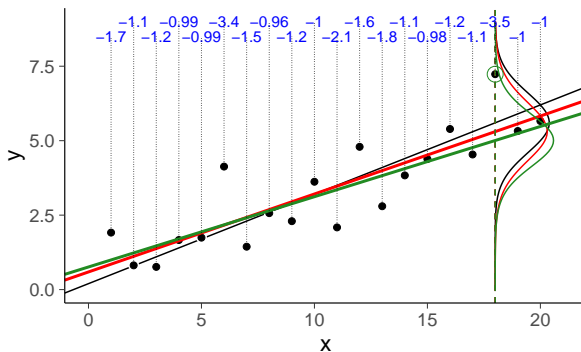
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$$\text{lpd} = \sum_{i=1}^{20} \log p(y_i | x_i, x, y) \approx -26.8$$

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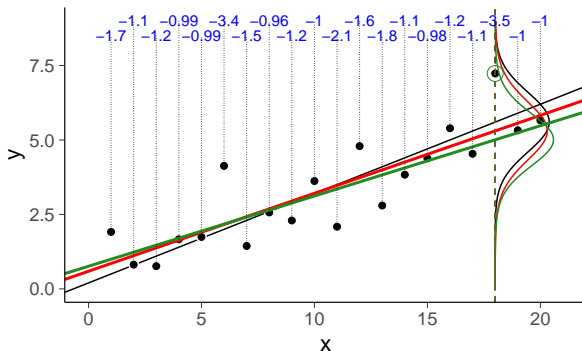
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$$\text{p\_loo} = \text{lpd} - \text{elpd\_loo} \approx 2.7$$

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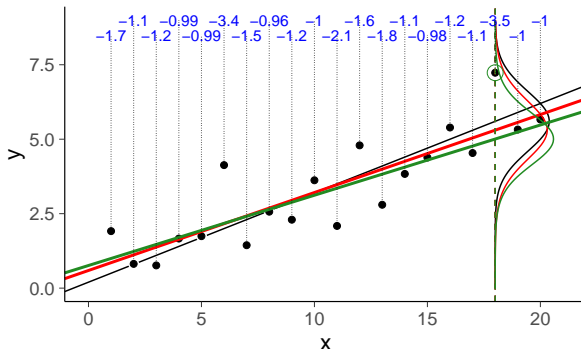
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## Leave-one-out log predictive densities



$$\text{elpd\_loo} = \sum_{i=1}^{20} \log p(y_i | x_i, x_{-i}, y_{-i}) \approx -29.5$$

$$\text{SE} = \text{sd}(\log p(y_i | x_i, x_{-i}, y_{-i})) \cdot \sqrt{20} \approx 3.3$$

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Computed from 4000 by 20 log-likelihood matrix

	Estimate	SE
elpd_loo	-29.5	3.3
p_loo	2.7	1.0

Monte Carlo SE of elpd\_loo is 0.1.

Pareto k diagnostic values:

		Count	Pct.	Min.	n_eff
(-Inf, 0.5]	(good)	18	90.0%	899	
(0.5, 0.7]	(ok)	2	10.0%	459	
(0.7, 1]	(bad)	0	0.0%	<NA>	
(1, Inf)	(very bad)	0	0.0%	<NA>	

All Pareto k estimates are ok ( $k < 0.7$ ).  
See `help('pareto-k-diagnostic')` for details.

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## Subsection 1

When is LOO applicable



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# Pro and cons with LOO-CV

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- + Intuitive
- + Robust
- + Good theoretical properties



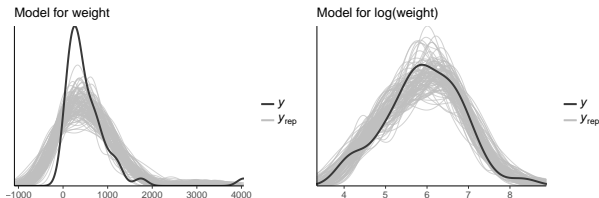
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- + Intuitive
- + Robust
- + Good theoretical properties
  - Can be costly (naive LOO-CV mean  $n$  posterior computations)



# Sometimes cross-validation is not needed

- Posterior predictive checking can be sufficient



Predicting the yields of mesquite bushes.

Gelman, Hill & Vehtari (2020, Ch. 11)

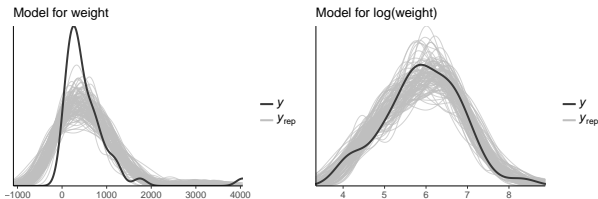
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- In nested case, often easier and more accurate to analyse posterior distribution of more complex model directly



# Data generating mechanisms and prediction tasks

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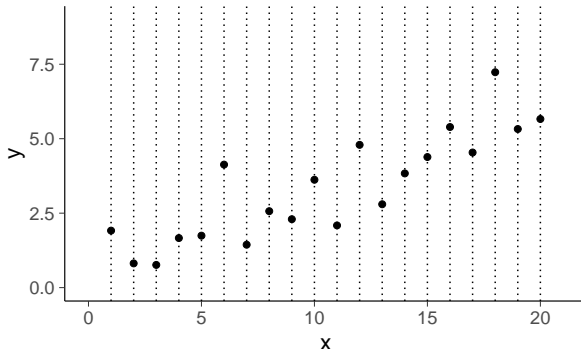
1. You have to make some assumptions on data generating mechanism  $p_{\text{true}}$

$$\text{elpd}_M = \int \log p_M(\tilde{y}|y) p_{\text{true}}(\tilde{y}) d\tilde{y},$$

2. Use the knowledge of the prediction task if available
3. Cross-validation can be used to analyse different parts, even if there is no clear prediction task



### Fixed / designed $x$

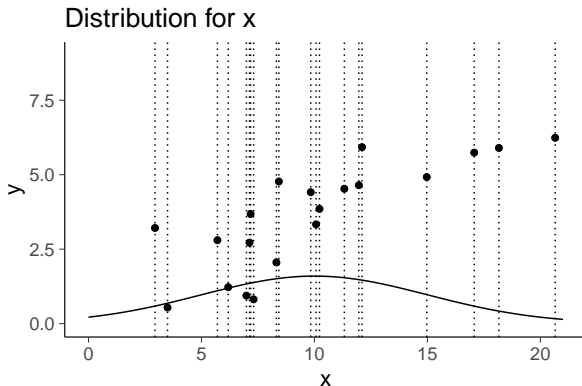


LOO is ok for fixed / designed  $x$ :  $p_{\text{true}}(y|x)$

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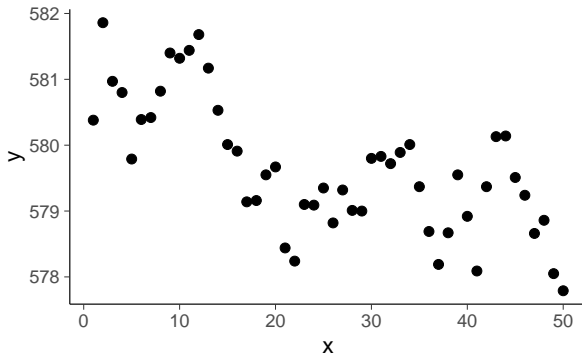
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LOO is ok for random  $x$ .  $p_{\text{true}}(y, x)$

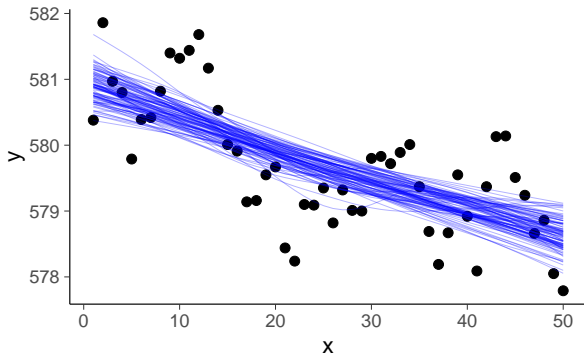


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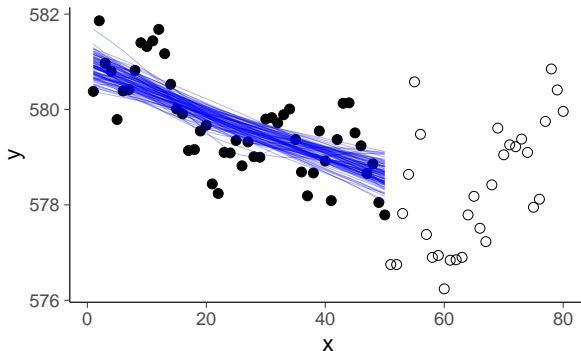
## Nonlinear model fit



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## Nonlinear model fit + new data



Extrapolation is more difficult

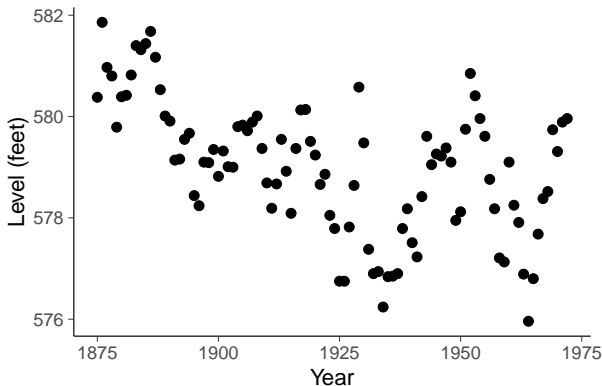
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# LOO for time series data



$p_{\text{true}}$  for time series?

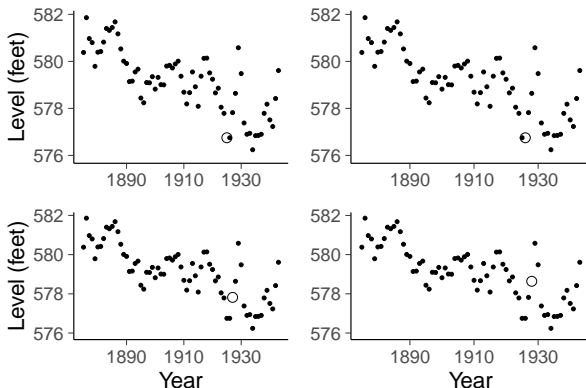




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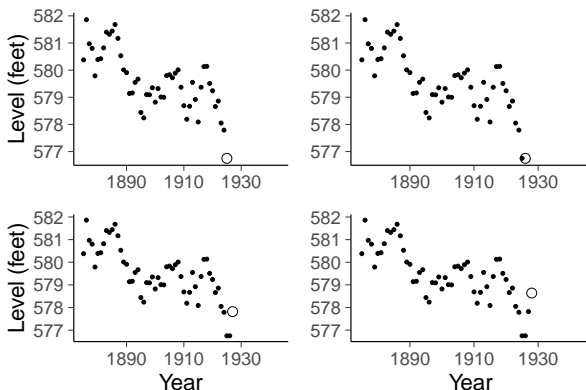


Leave-one-out cross-validation is ok for assessing conditional model



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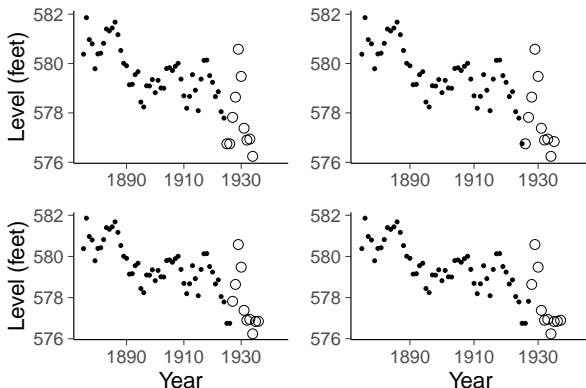


Leave-future-out cross-validation is better for predicting future



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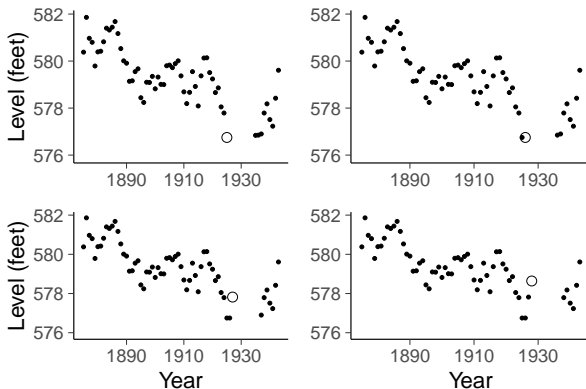


*m*-step-ahead cross-validation is better for predicting further future



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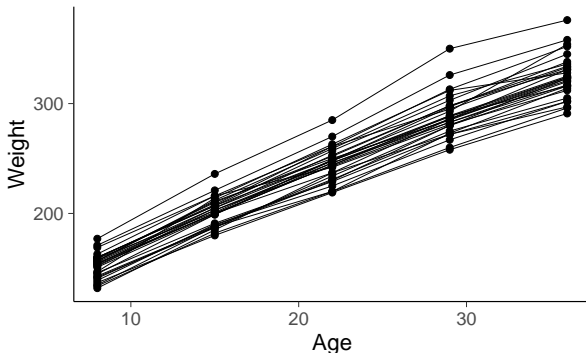
# LOO for time series



*m*-step-ahead leave-a-block-out cross-validation



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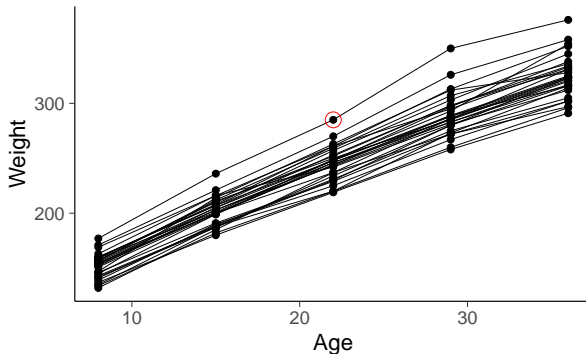


Can LOO or other cross-validation be used with hierarchical data?

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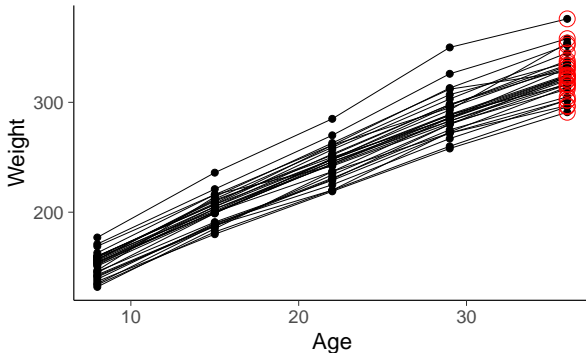


Yes!

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1-step-ahead?

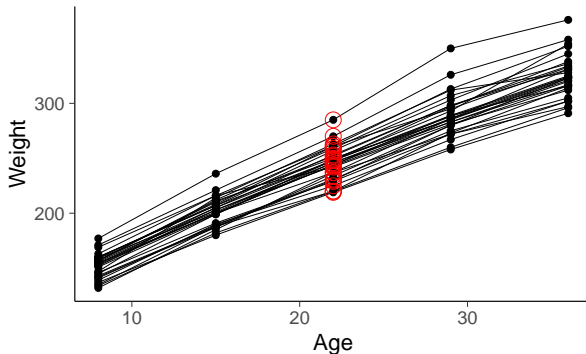


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## Leave-one-time-point-out?



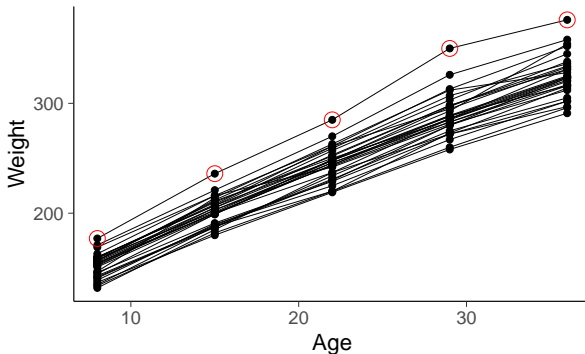
Yes!

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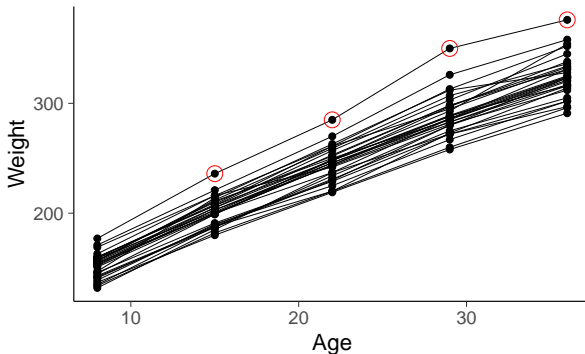


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Predict given initial weight?



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## 1. Pareto smoothed importance sampling LOO (PSIS-LOO)

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# Fast cross-validation

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2. K-fold cross-validation

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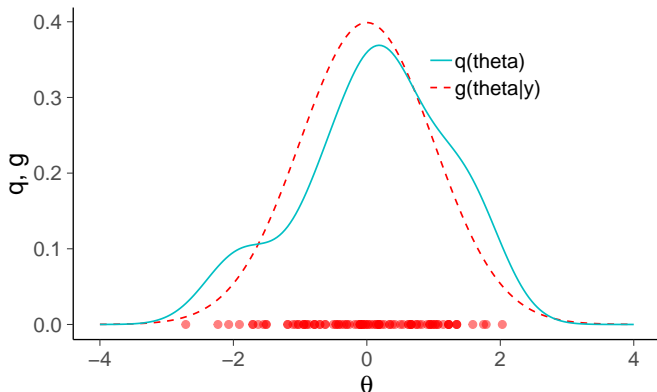
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## Subsection 2

## PSIS LOO-CV



## Target, proposal, and draws



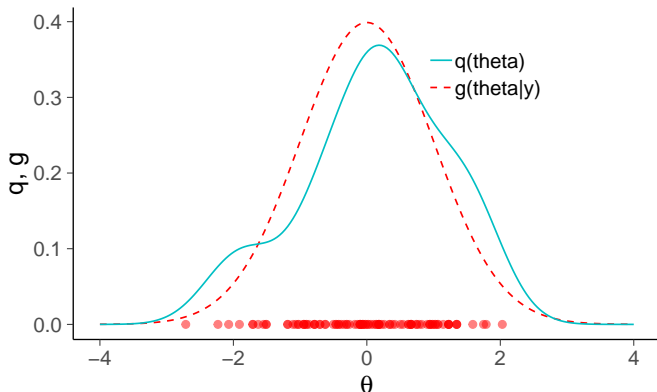
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## Recap: Importance sampling

### Target, proposal, and draws



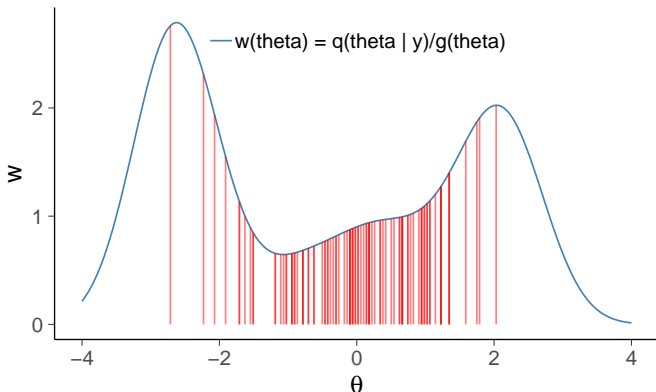
$$E[f(\theta)] \approx \frac{\sum_s w_s f(\theta^{(s)})}{\sum_s w_s}, \quad \text{where} \quad w_s = \frac{q(\theta^{(s)})}{g(\theta^{(s)})}$$



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## Recap: Importance sampling

### Draws and importance weights



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- Let  $f = p(\tilde{y}_i|y_{-i})$ ,  $g = p(\theta|y)$ , and  $q = p(\theta|y_{-i})$



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- Let  $f = p(\tilde{y}_i|y_{-i})$ ,  $g = p(\theta|y)$ , and  $q = p(\theta|y_{-i})$
- Having samples  $\theta^s$  from  $p(\theta^s|y)$

$$p(\tilde{y}_i|y_{-i}) \approx \frac{\sum_{s=1}^S p(\tilde{y}_i|\theta^s) w_i^s}{\sum_{s=1}^S w_i^s},$$

where  $w_i^s$  are importance weights and

$$w_i^s = \frac{p(\theta^s|y_{-i})}{p(\theta^s|y)}.$$



- We get a nice solution

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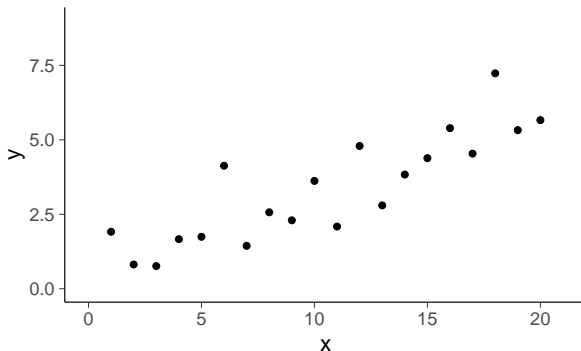
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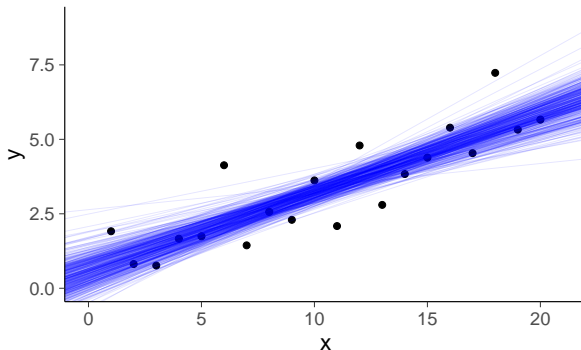
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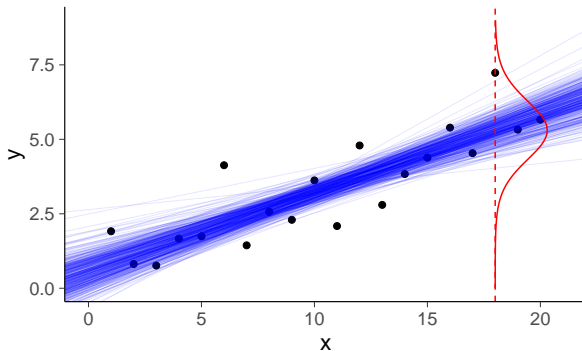


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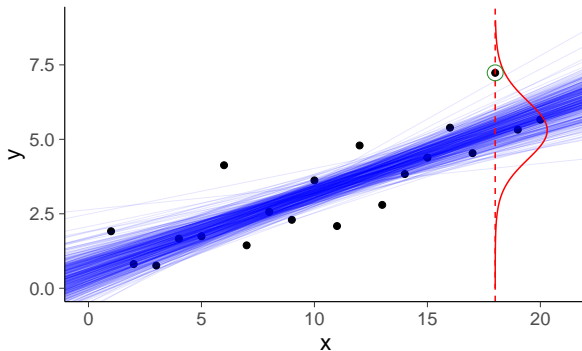


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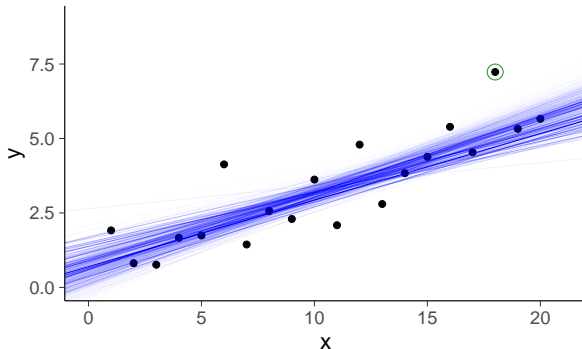


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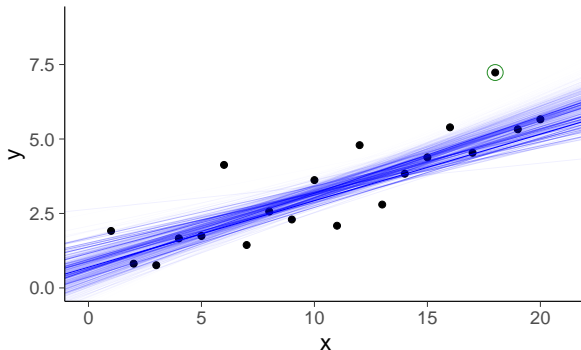
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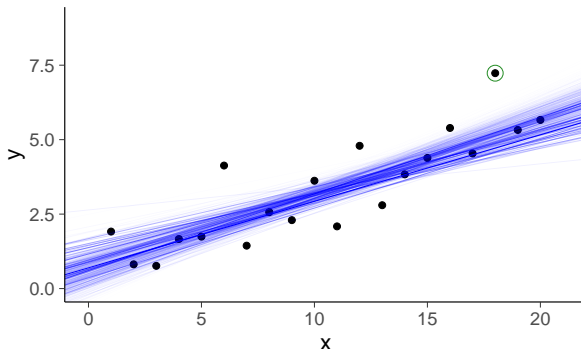
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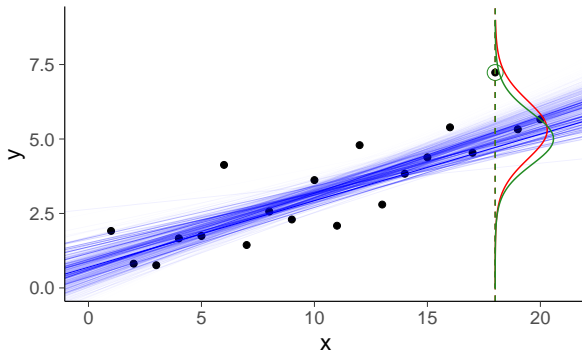
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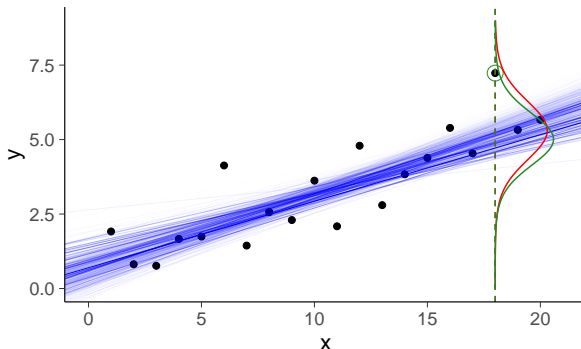


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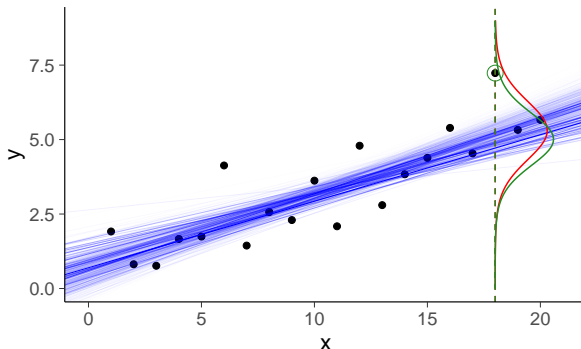
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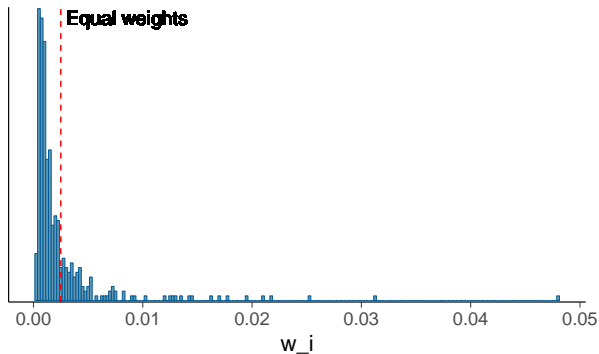
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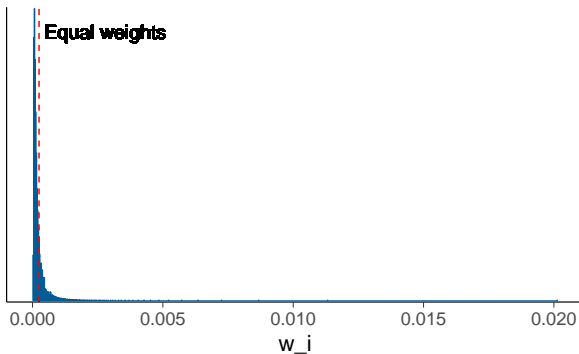
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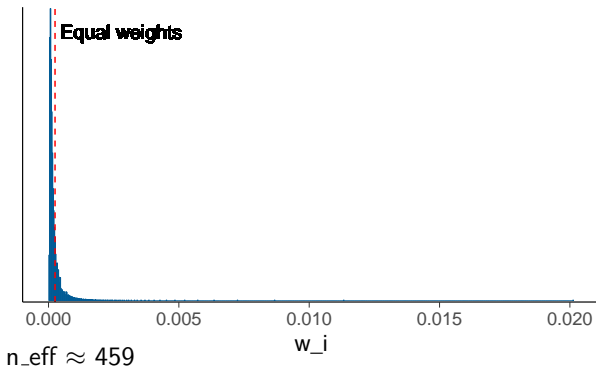
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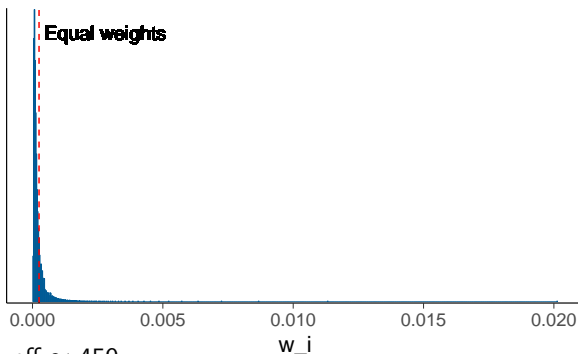
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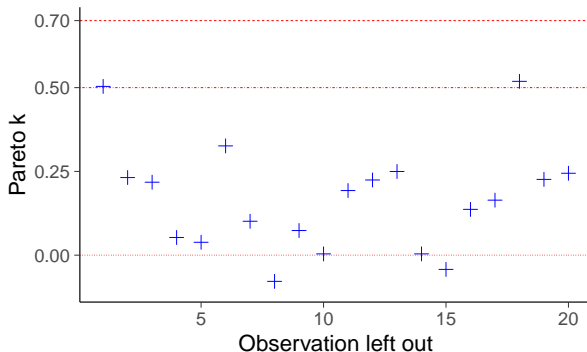
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Pareto:  $\hat{k} \approx 0.52$  Pareto  $\hat{k}$  estimates the tail shape which determines the convergence rate of PSIS. Less than 0.7 is ok.



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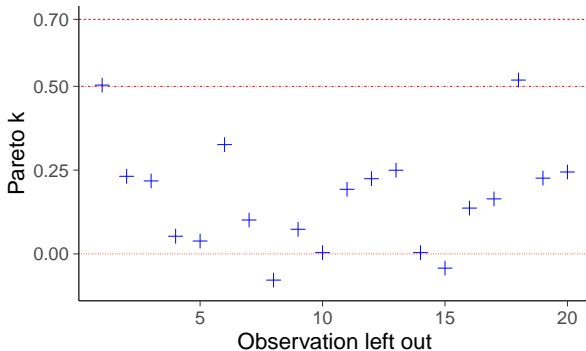
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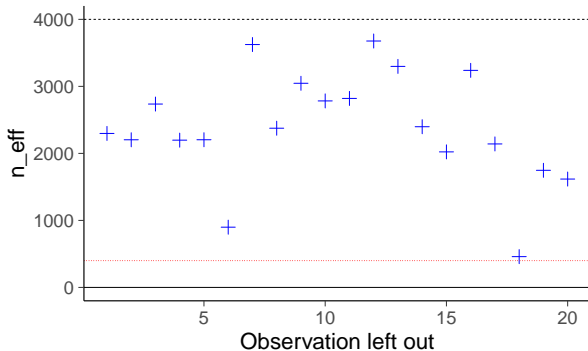
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model {  
  alpha ~ normal(pmualpha, psalpha);  
  beta ~ normal(pmubeta, psbeta);  
  y ~ normal(mu, sigma);  
}  
generated quantities {  
  vector[N] log_lik;  
  for (i in 1:N)  
    log_lik[i] = normal_lpdf(y[i] | mu[i], sigma);  
}
```



Computed from 4000 by 20 log-likelihood matrix

	Estimate	SE
elpd_loo	-29.5	3.3
p_loo	2.7	1.0

Monte Carlo SE of elpd\_loo is 0.1.

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All Pareto k estimates are ok ( $k < 0.7$ ).  
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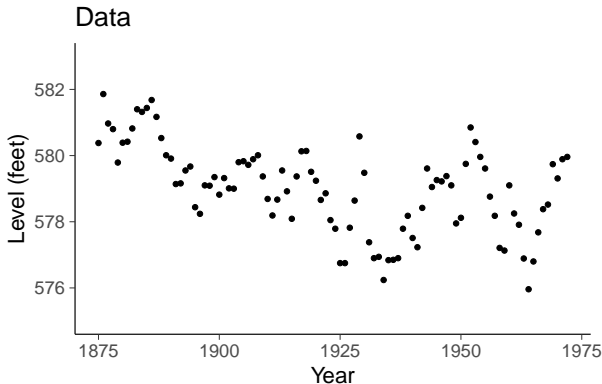


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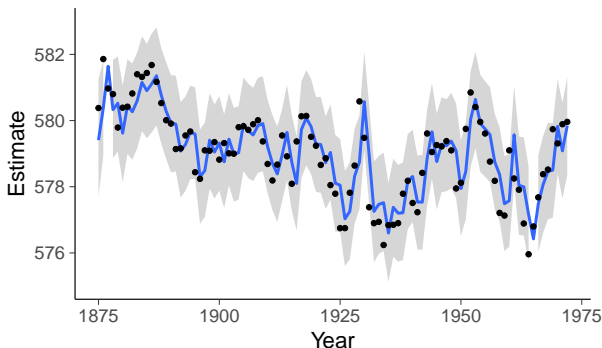
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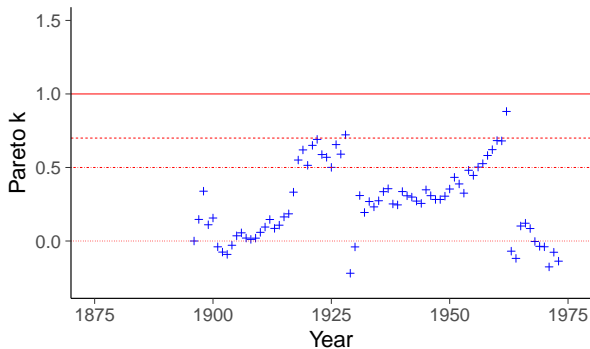


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# PSIS-LOO for time series

## PSIS-1-step-ahead with refits



[mc-stan.org/loo/articles/loo2-lfo.html](https://mc-stan.org/loo/articles/loo2-lfo.html)



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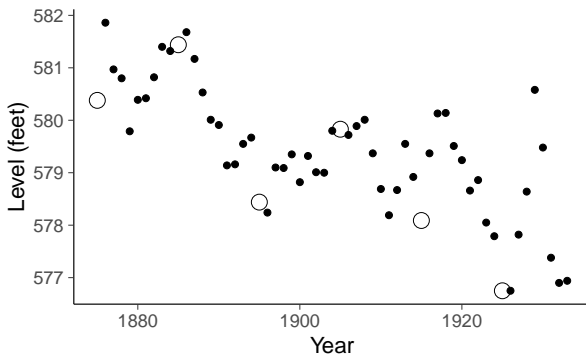
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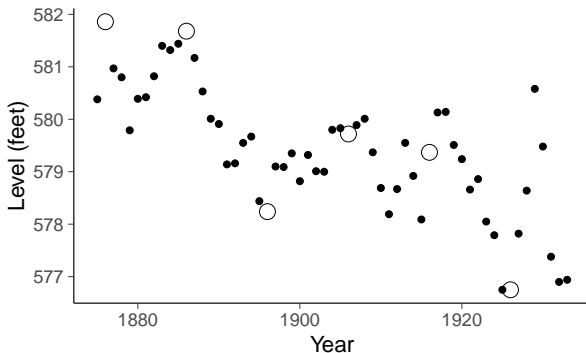




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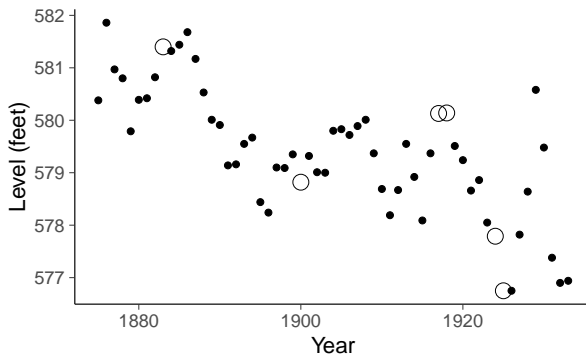




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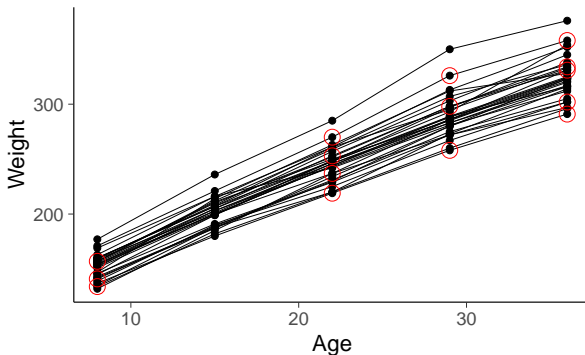
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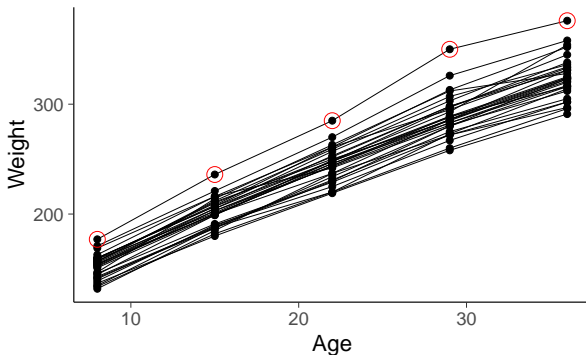


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## Leave-one-rat-out





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1. CV is good for model assessment when application specific utility/cost functions are used
2. Also useful in model checking in similar way as posterior predictive checking (PPC)
  - 2.1 model misspecification diagnostics (e.g. Pareto- $k$  and  $p_{\text{loo}}$ )
  - 2.2 checking calibration of leave-one-out predictive posteriors (`ppc_loo_pit` in `bayesplot`)



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1. “A popular hypothesis has it that primates with larger brains produce more energetic milk, so that brains can grow quickly” (from Statistical Rethinking)

1.1 Model 1:  $\text{formula} = \text{kcal.per.g} \sim \text{neocortex}$

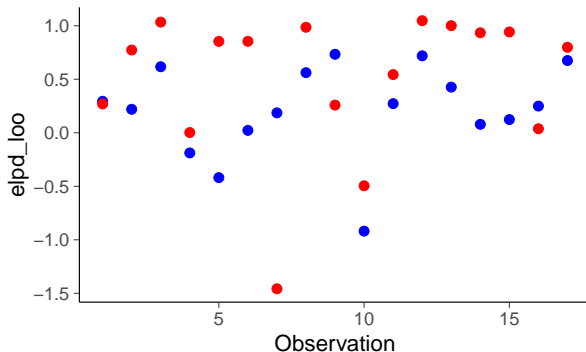
1.2 Model 2:  $\text{formula} = \text{kcal.per.g} \sim \text{neocortex} + \log(\text{mass})$





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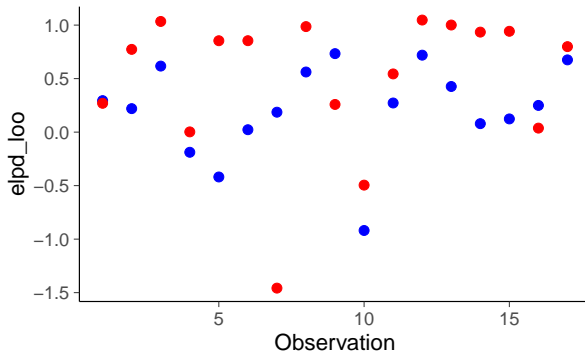
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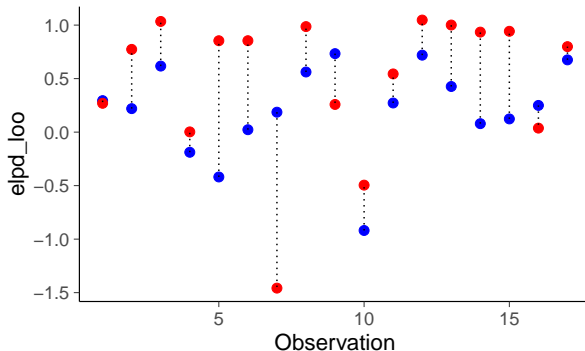
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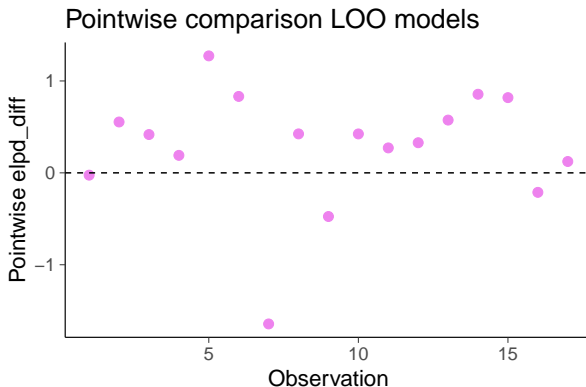
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Model comparison:  
(negative 'elpd\_diff' favors 1st model, positive favors 2nd)

elpd_diff	se
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## Arsenic well example – Model comparison

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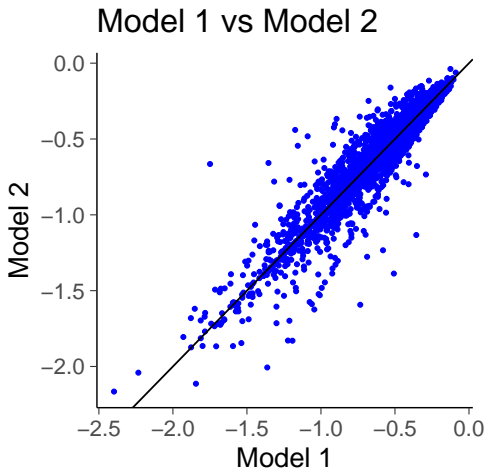
1. Probability of switching well with high arsenic level in rural Bangladesh
  - 1.1 Model 1 covariates:  $\log(\text{arsenic})$  and distance
  - 1.2 Model 2 covariates:  $\log(\text{arsenic})$ , distance and education level

Gelman, Hill & Vehtari (2020): Regression and Other Stories, Chapter 13.



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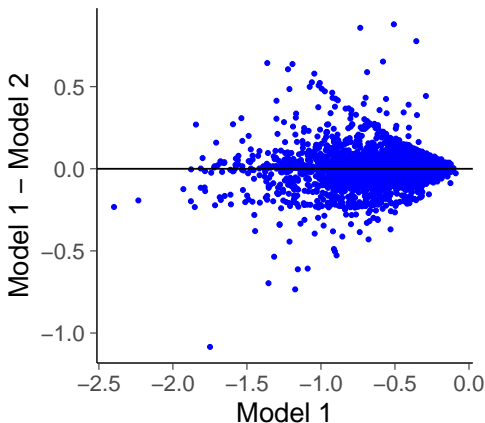


Model 1  $\text{elpd}_{\text{loo}} \approx -1952$ ,  $\text{SE}=16$

Model 2  $\text{elpd}_{\text{loo}} \approx -1938$ ,  $\text{SE}=17$



## Model 1 vs Model 2



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> loo_compare(model1, model2)
      elpd_diff se_diff
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`se_diff` and normal approximation for the uncertainty in the difference is good only if models are well specified and the number of observations is relatively big.





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1. AIC uses maximum likelihood estimate for prediction
2. DIC uses posterior mean for prediction
3. BIC is an approximation for marginal likelihood
4. TIC, NIC, RIC, PIC, BPIC, QIC, AIC<sub>c</sub>, ...



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