

# Linear and logistic regression

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# Rolling into Unit 3



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- How to fit a linear regression model

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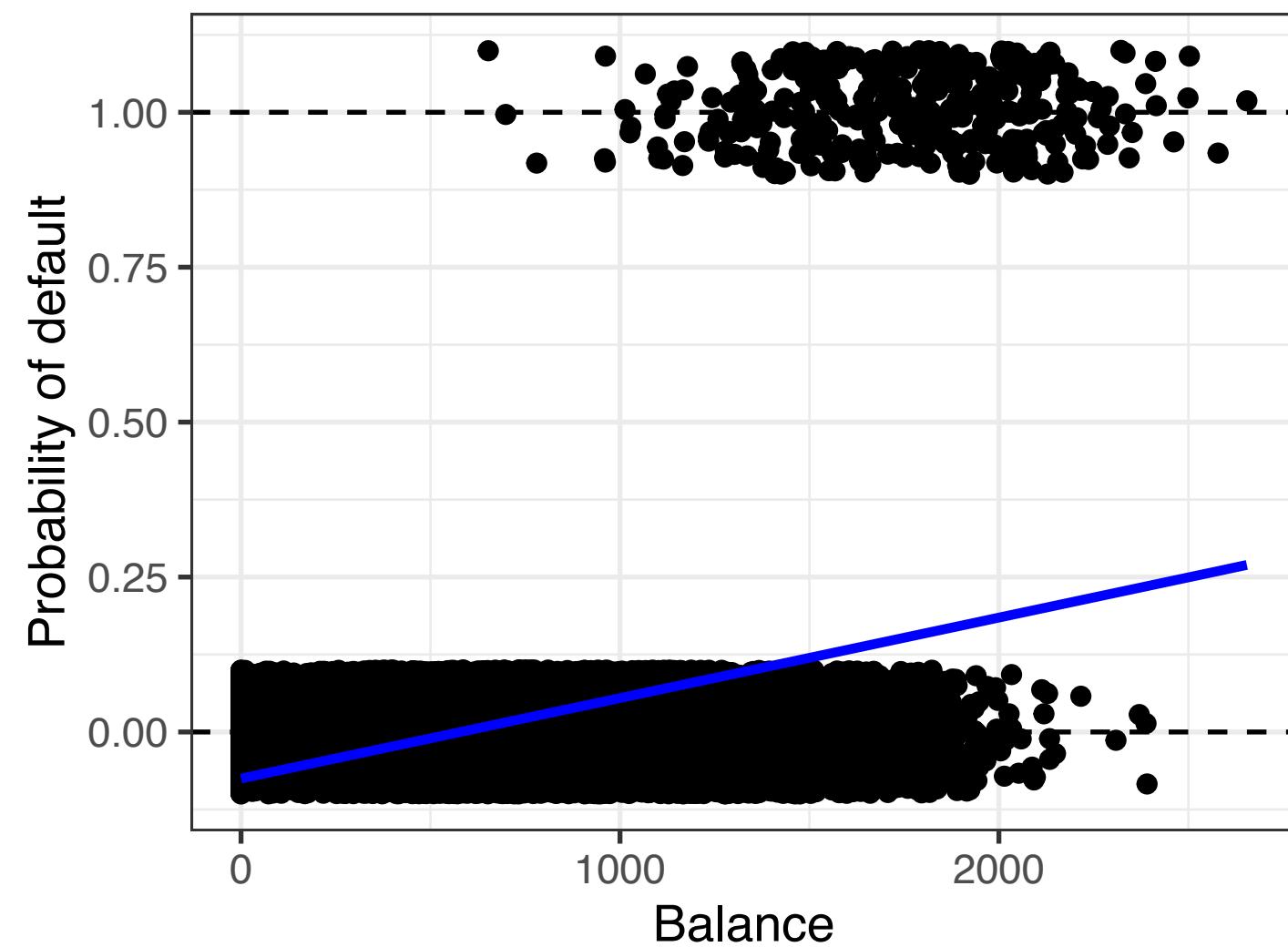
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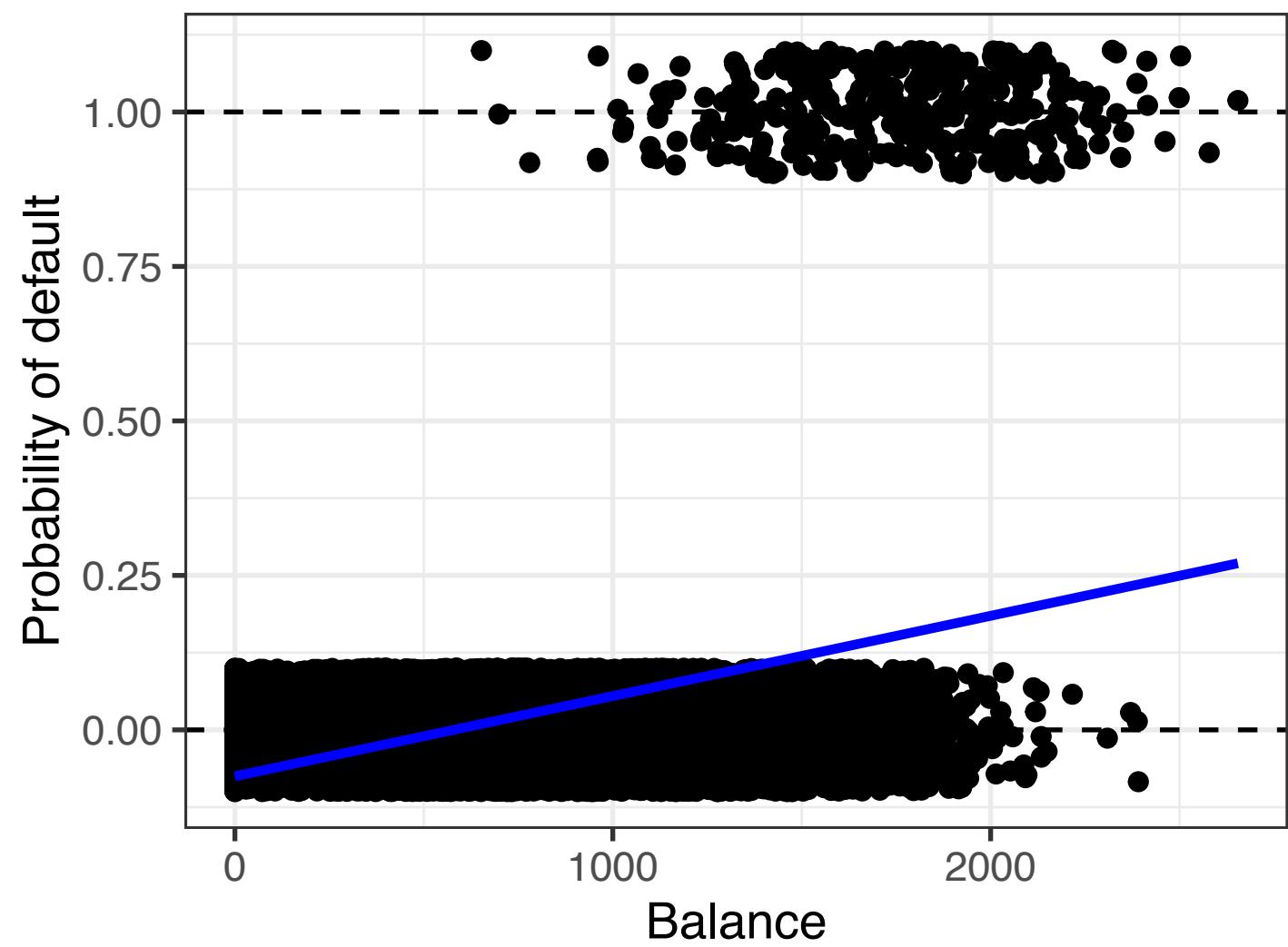


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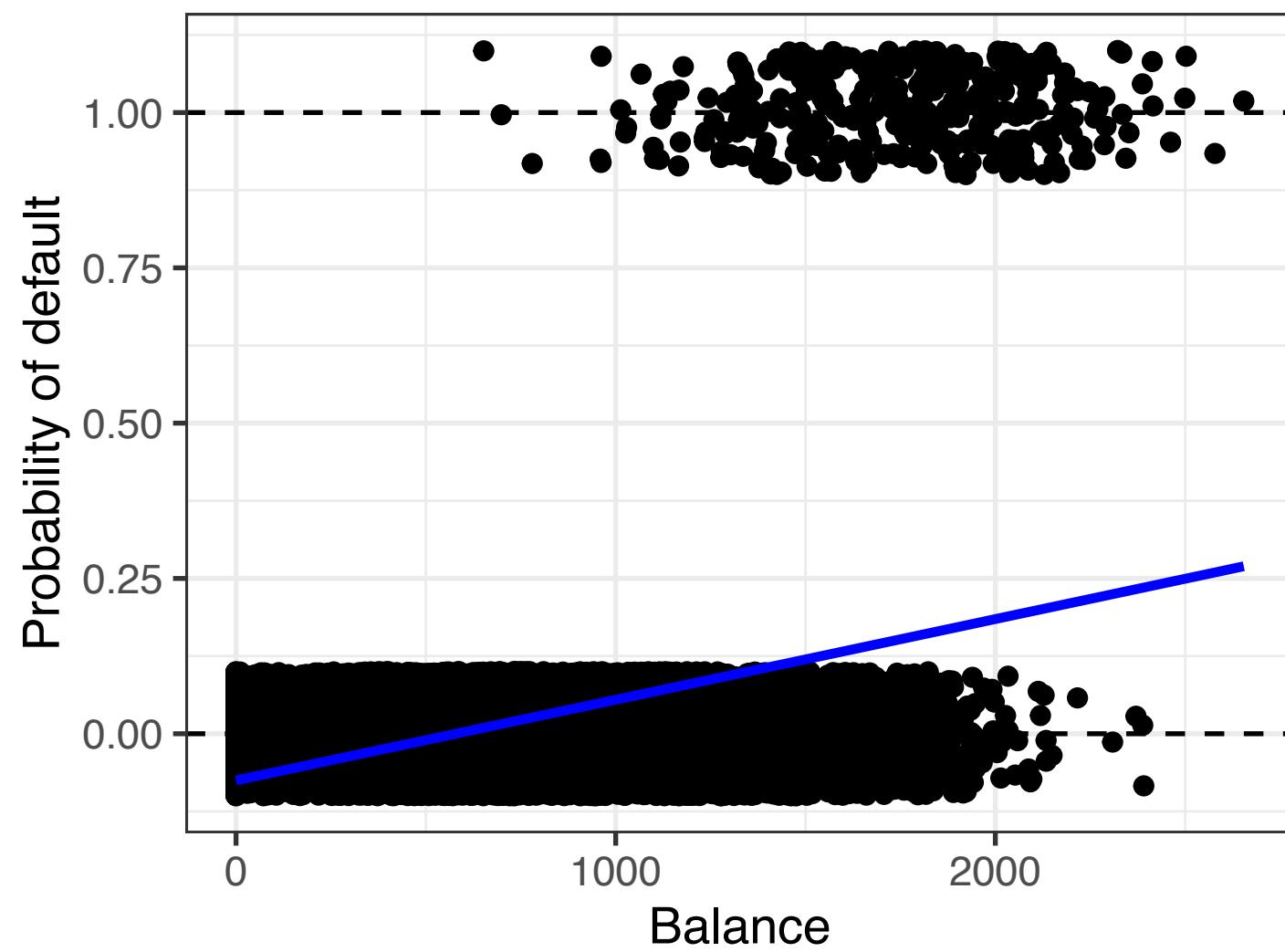
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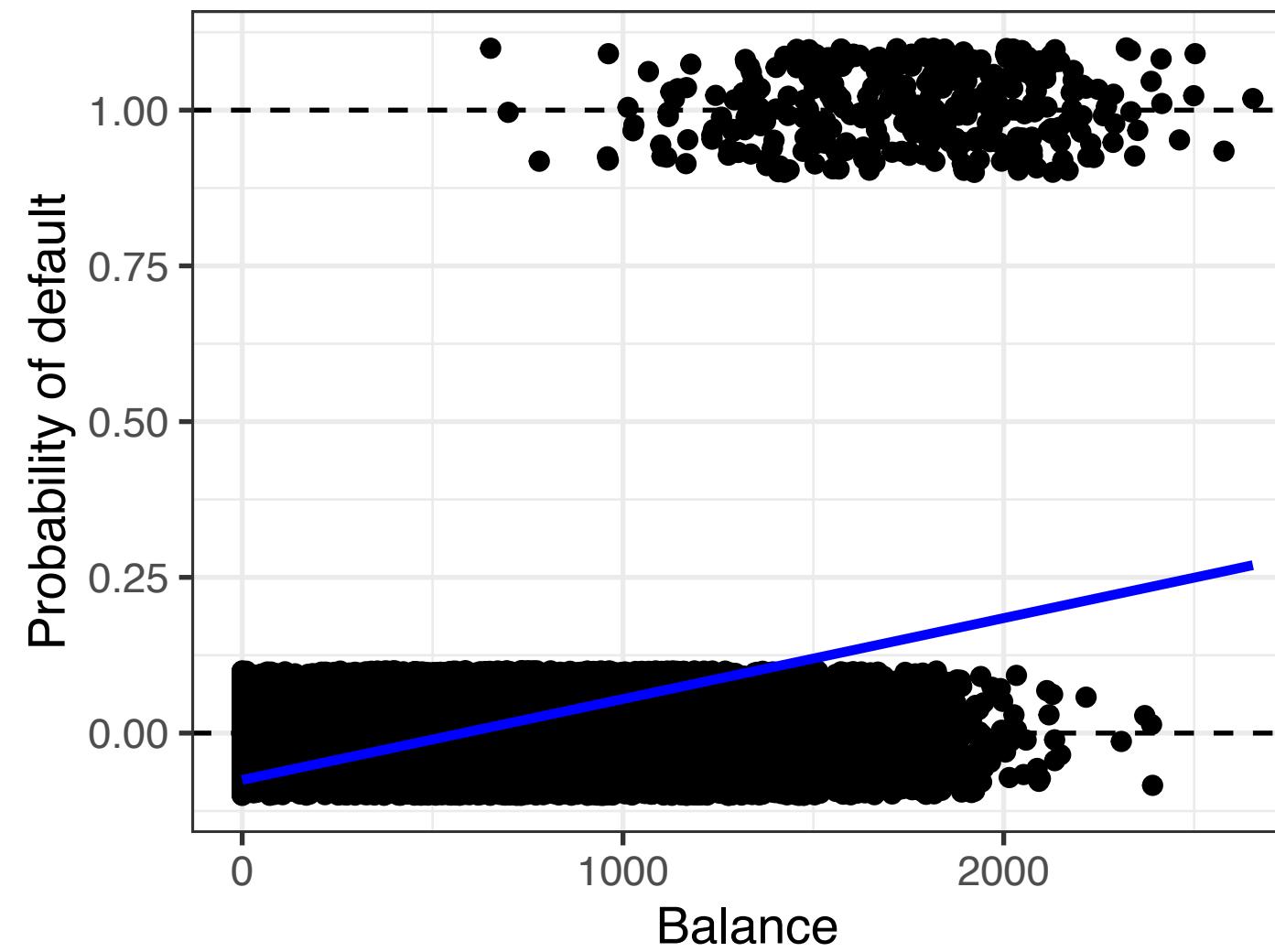
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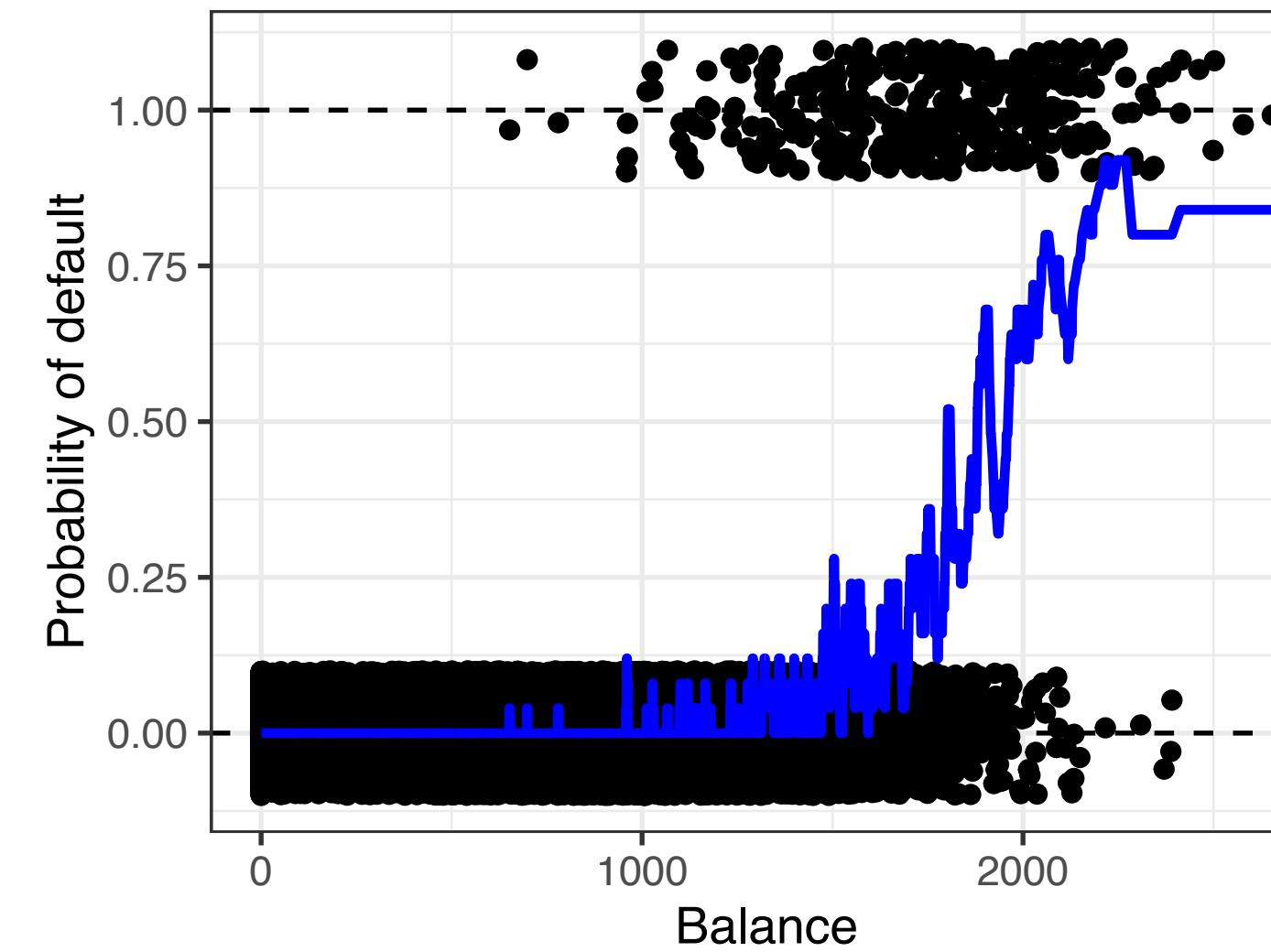
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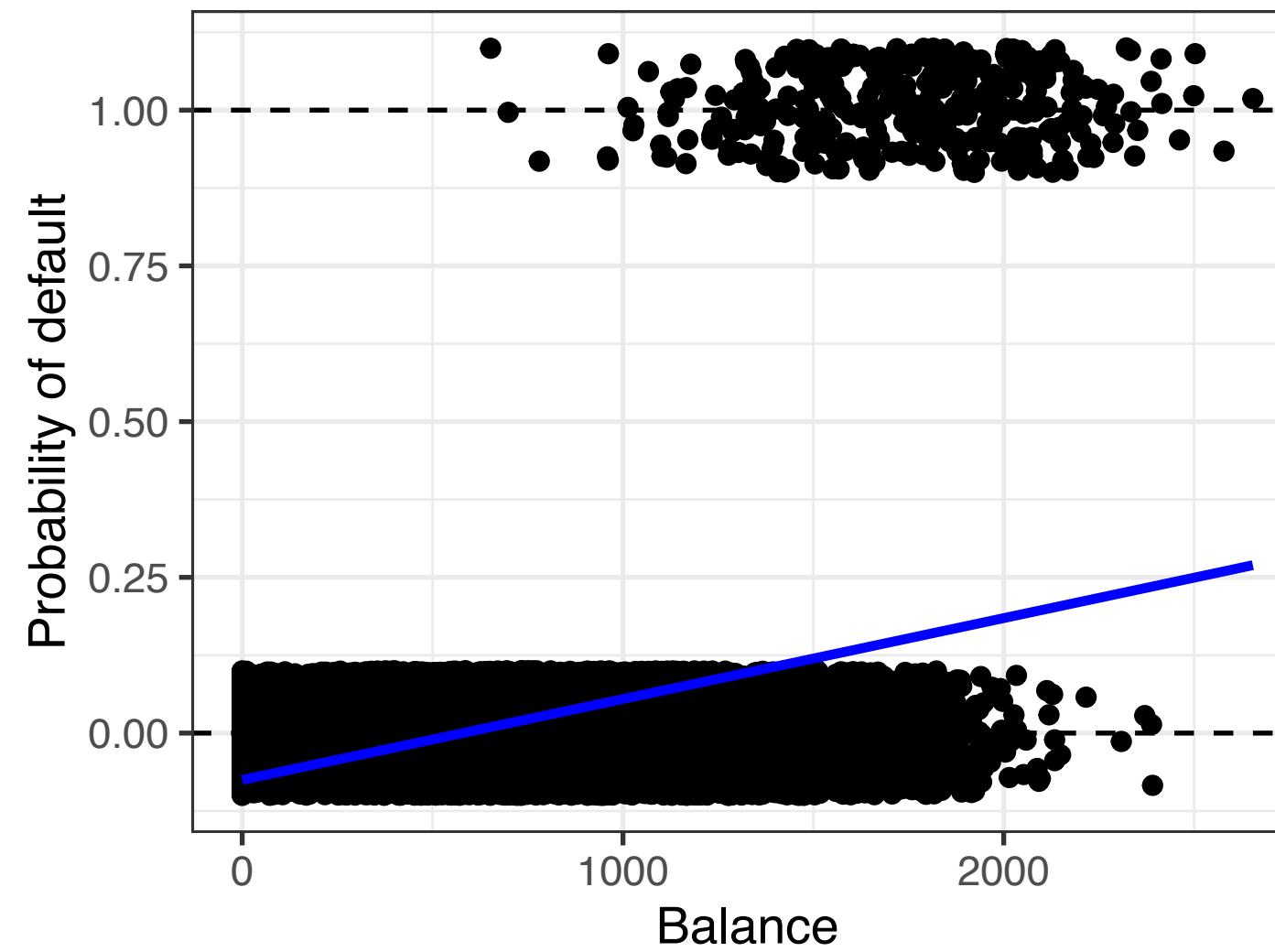
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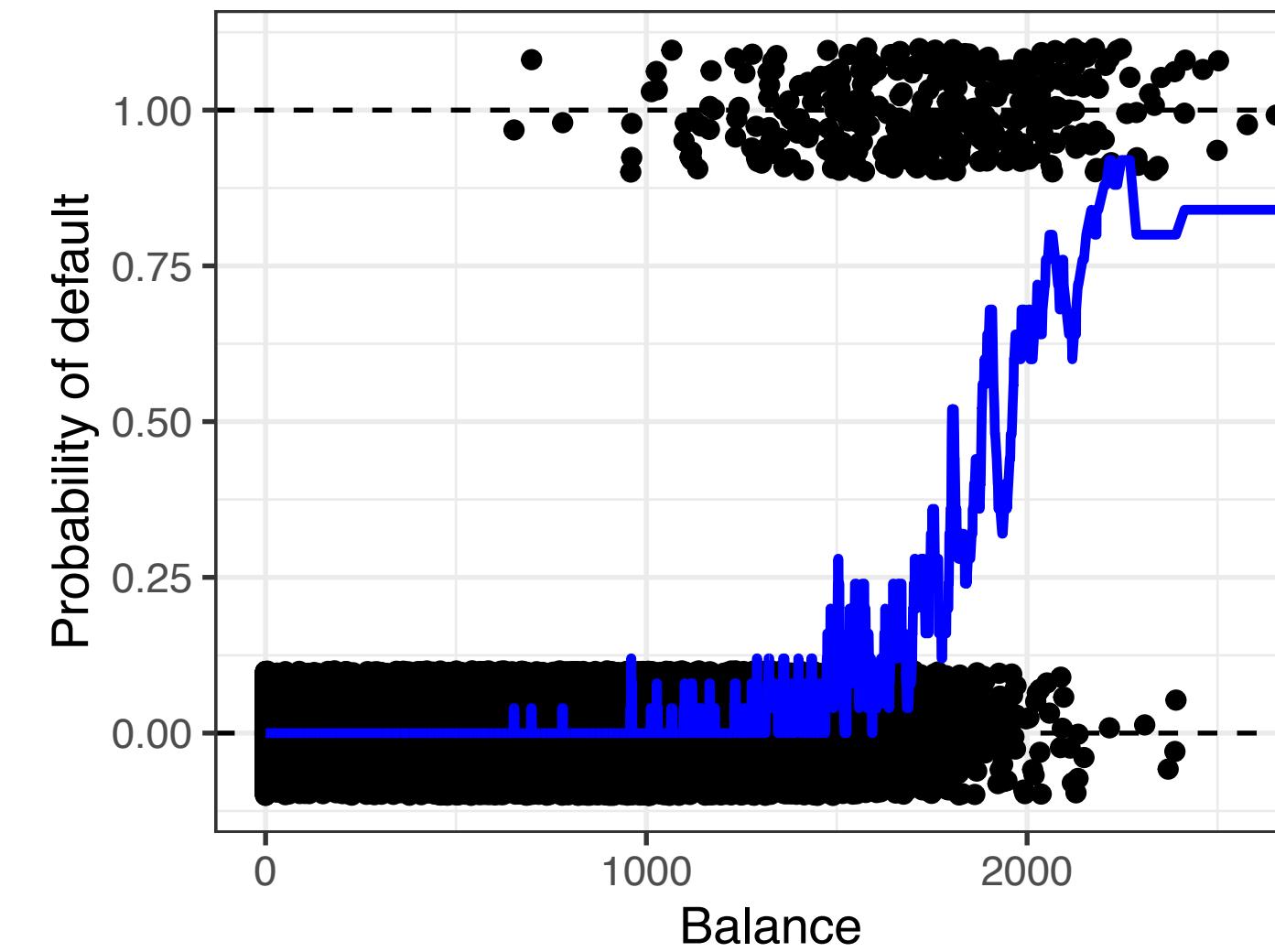
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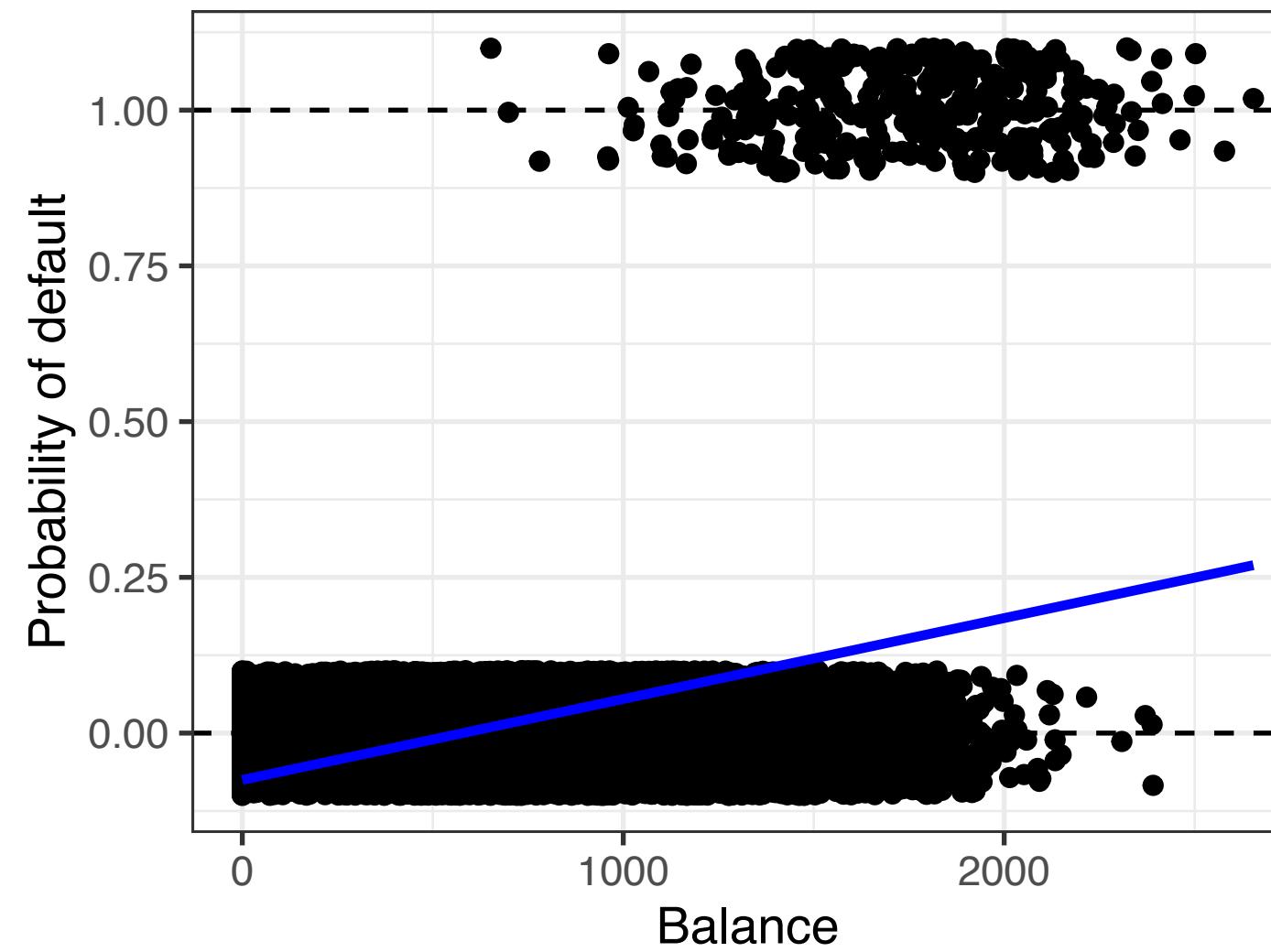
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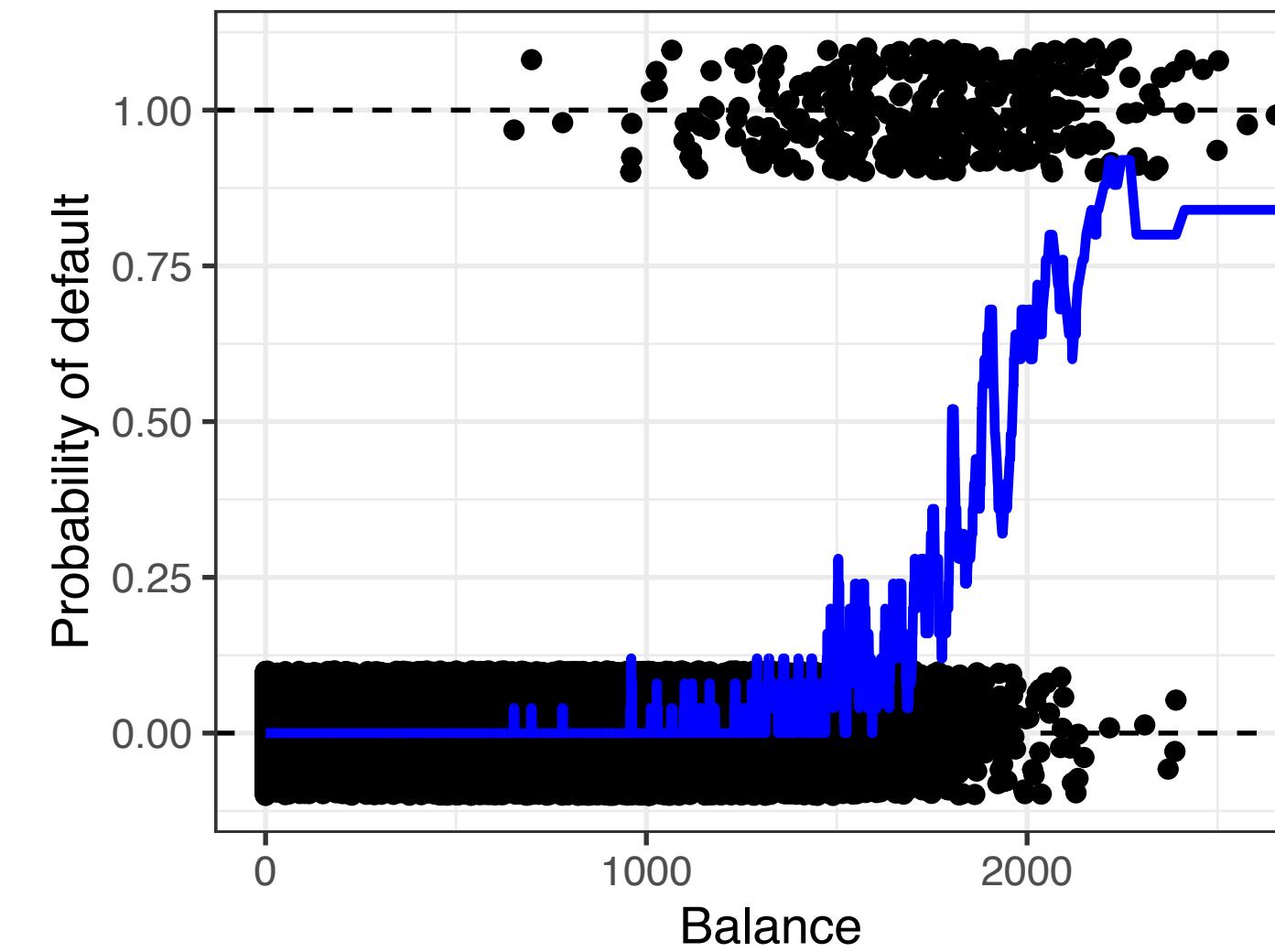
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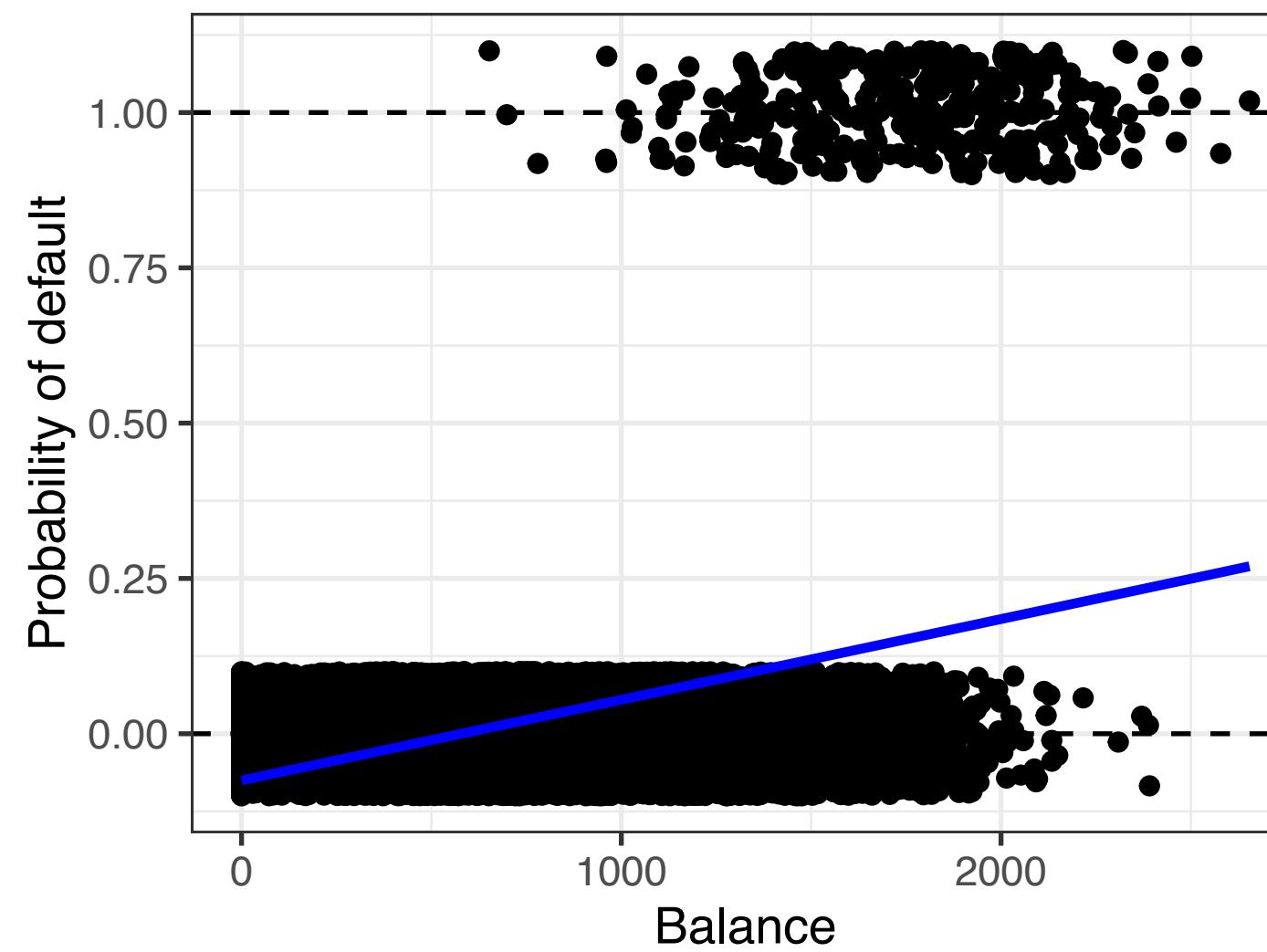
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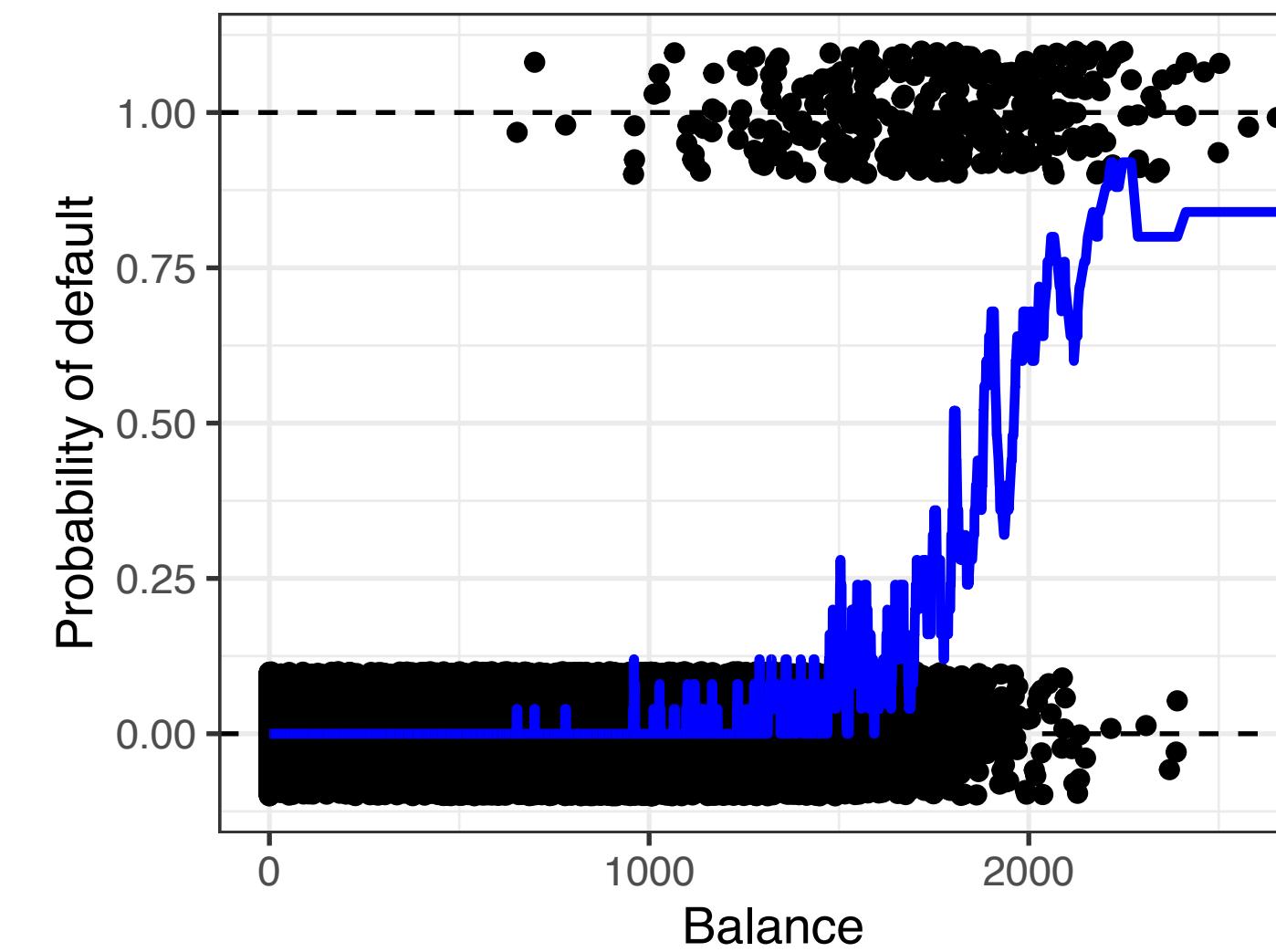
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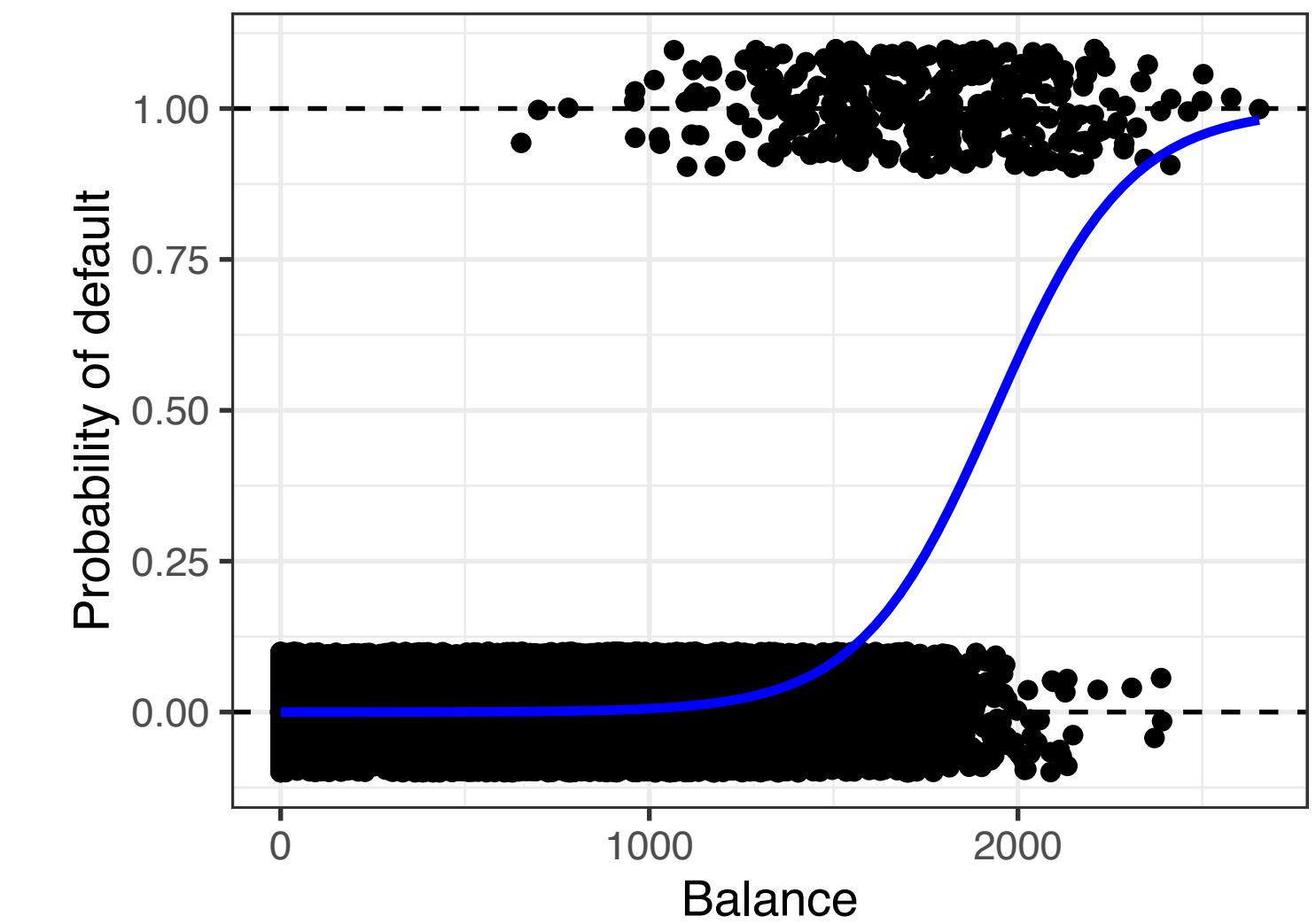
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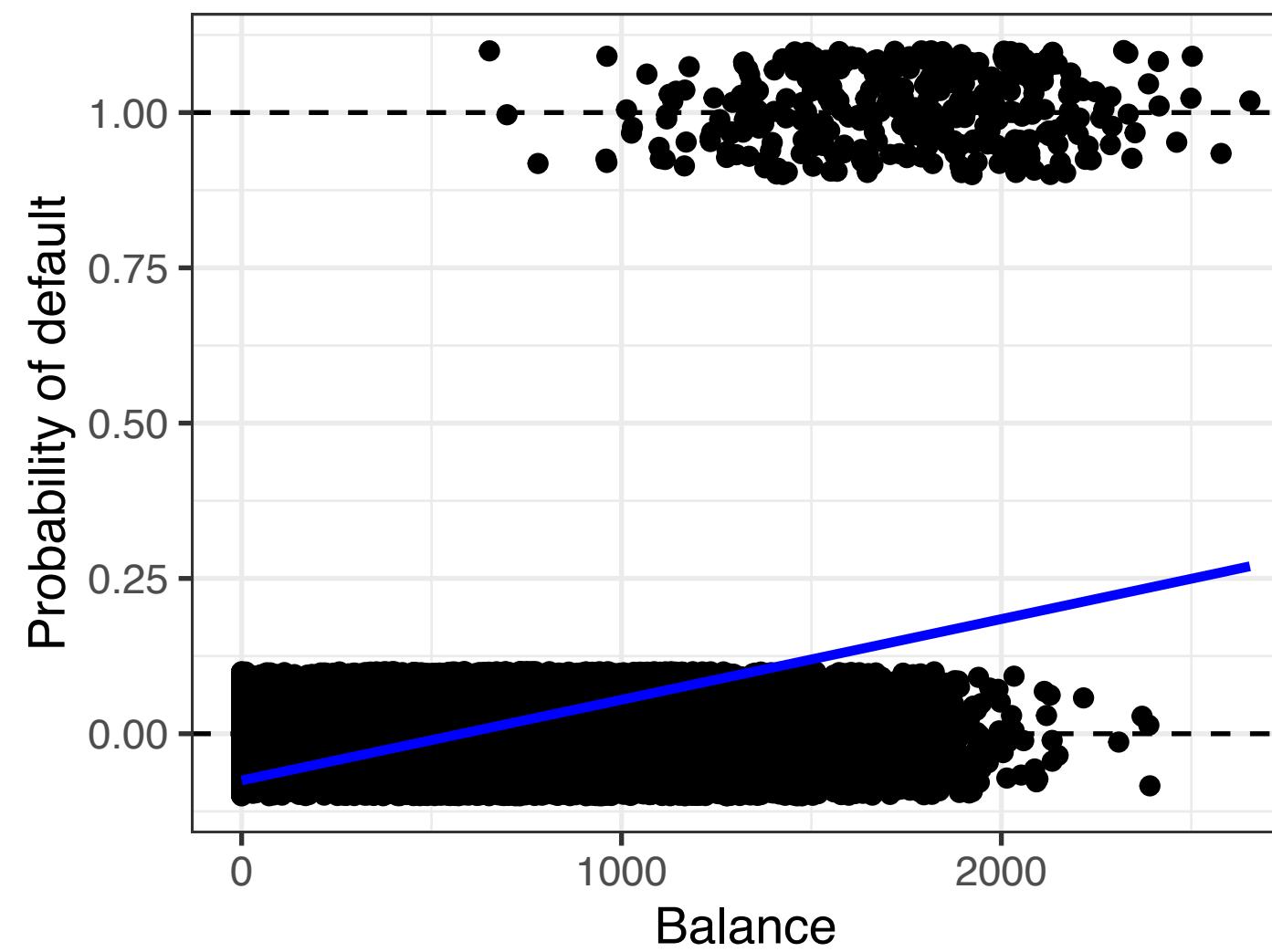
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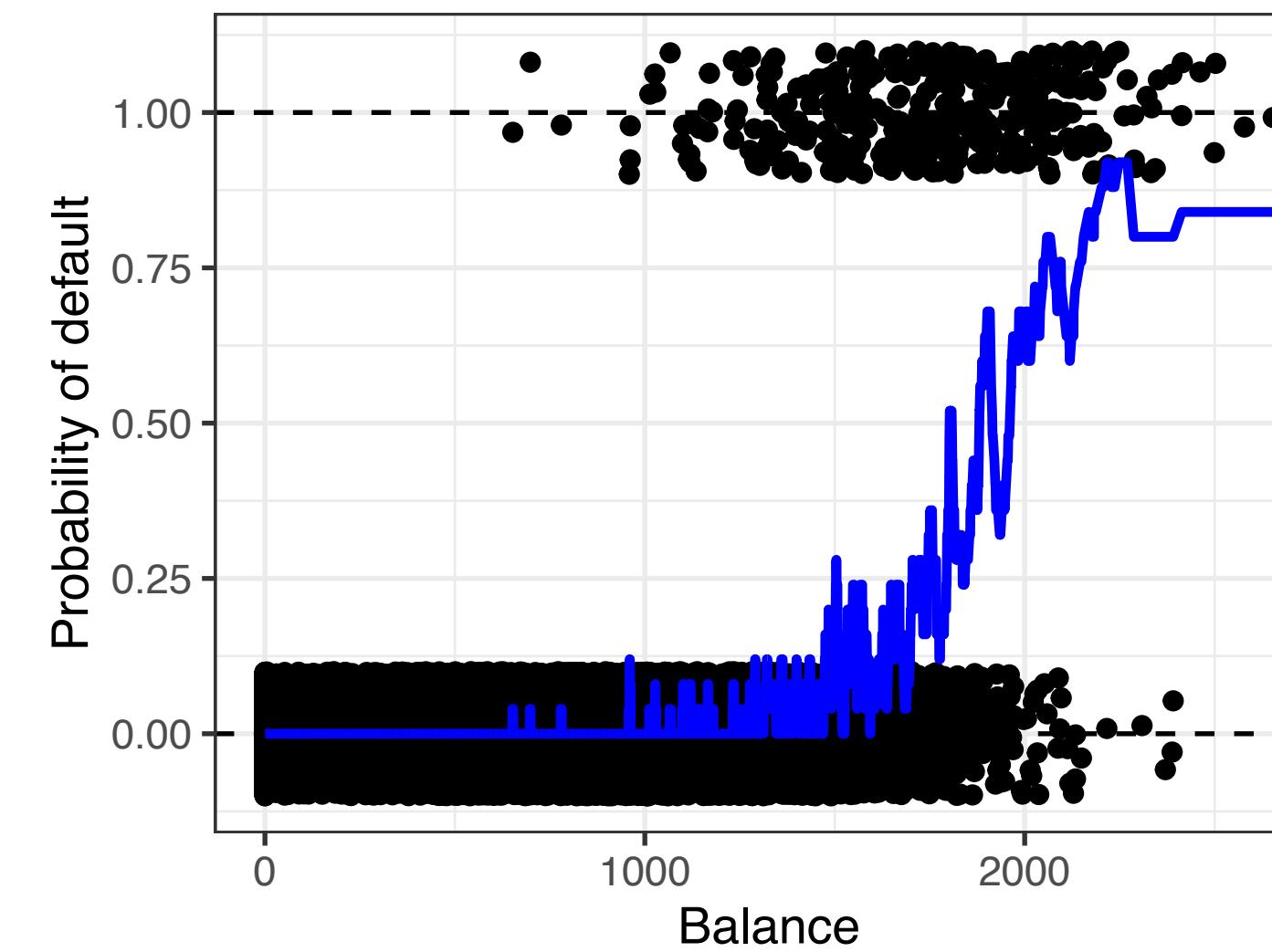
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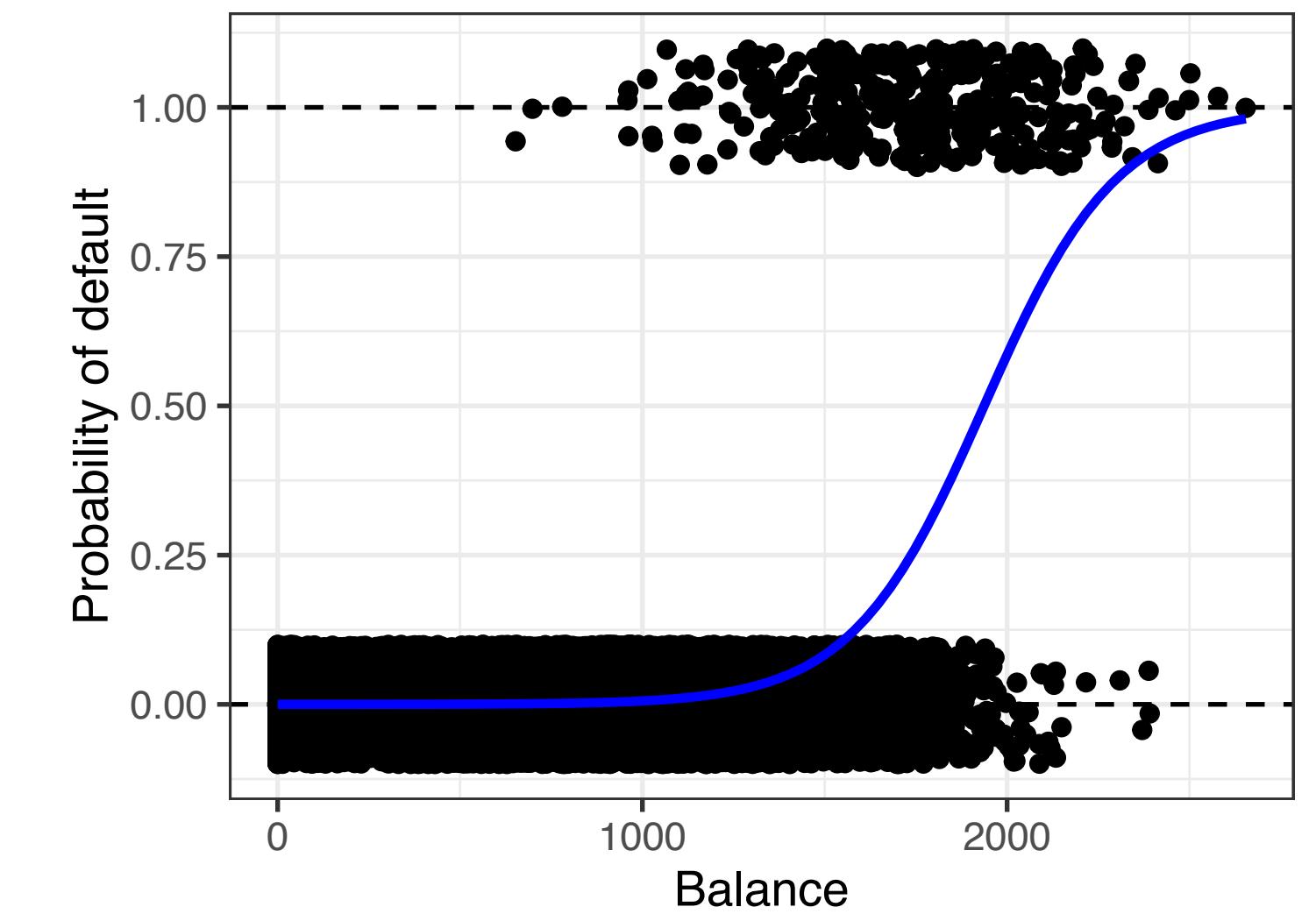
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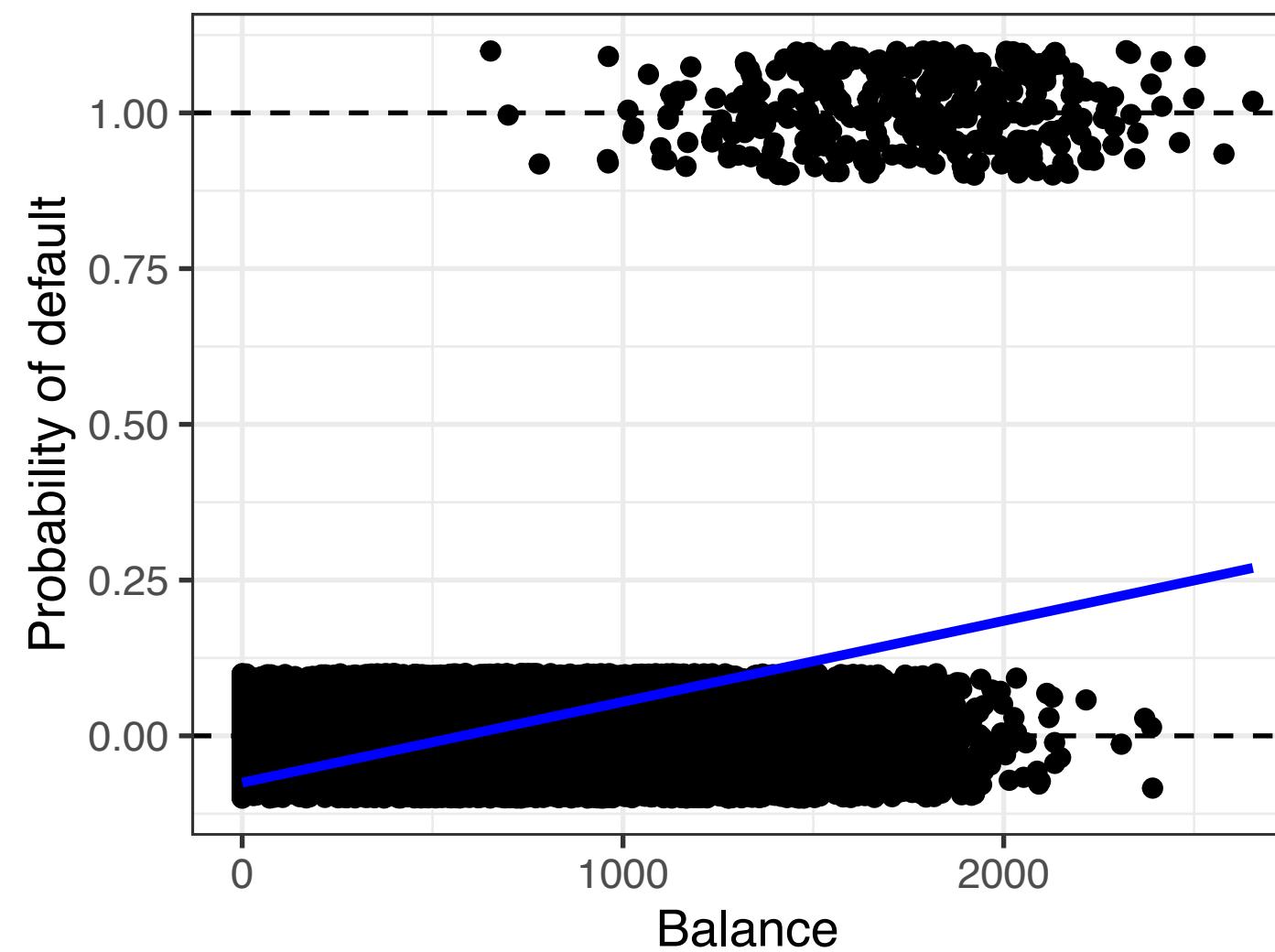
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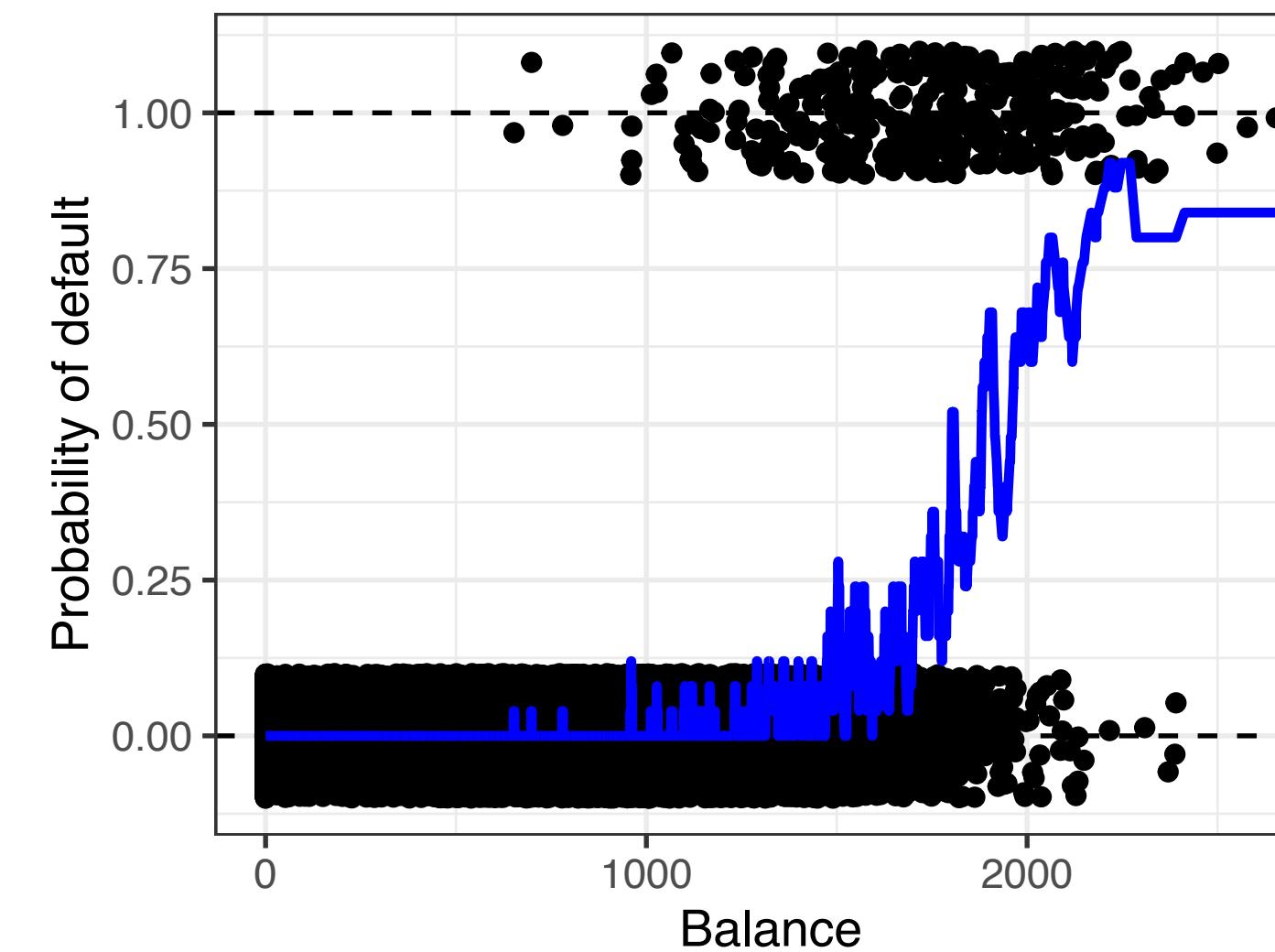
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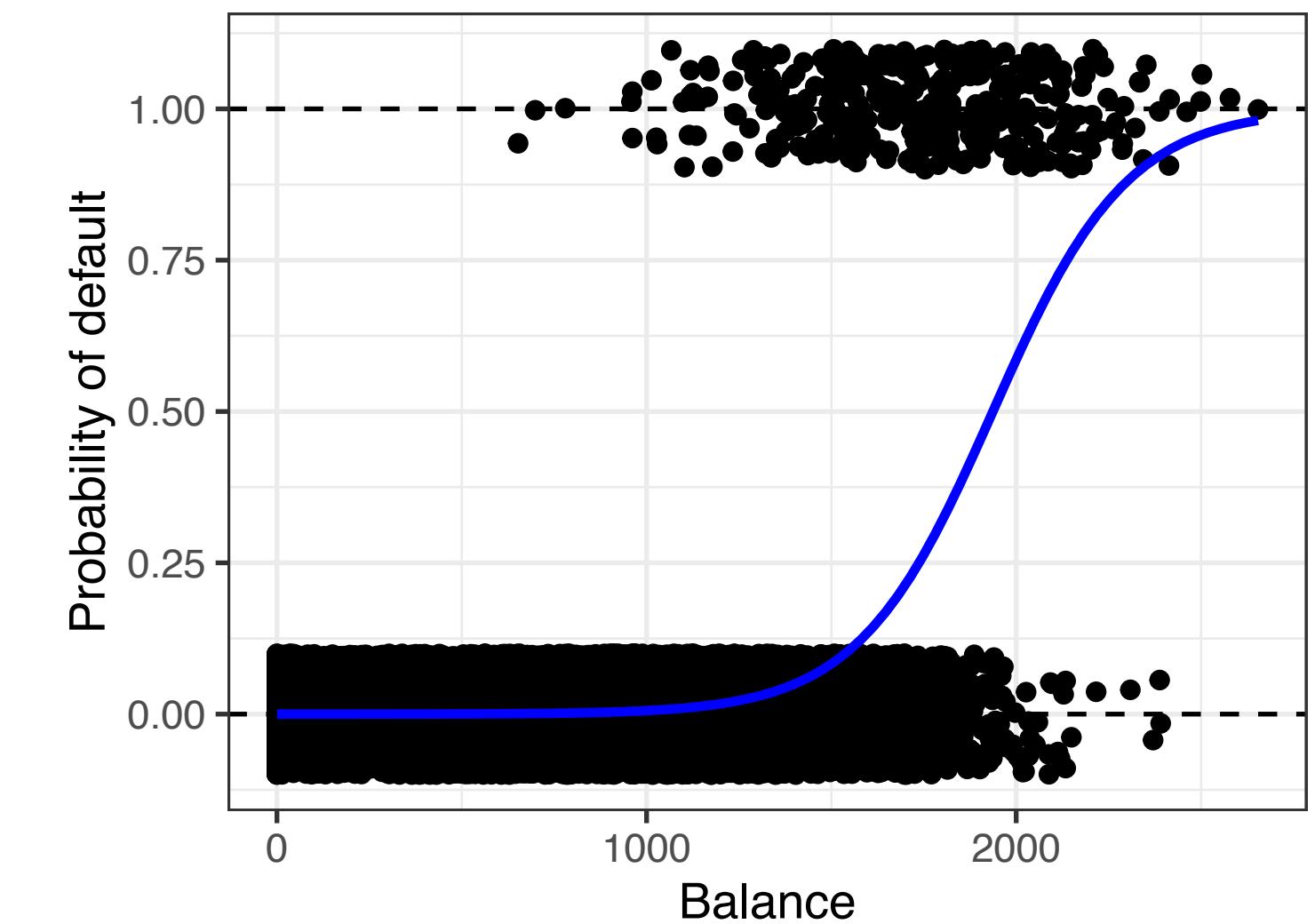
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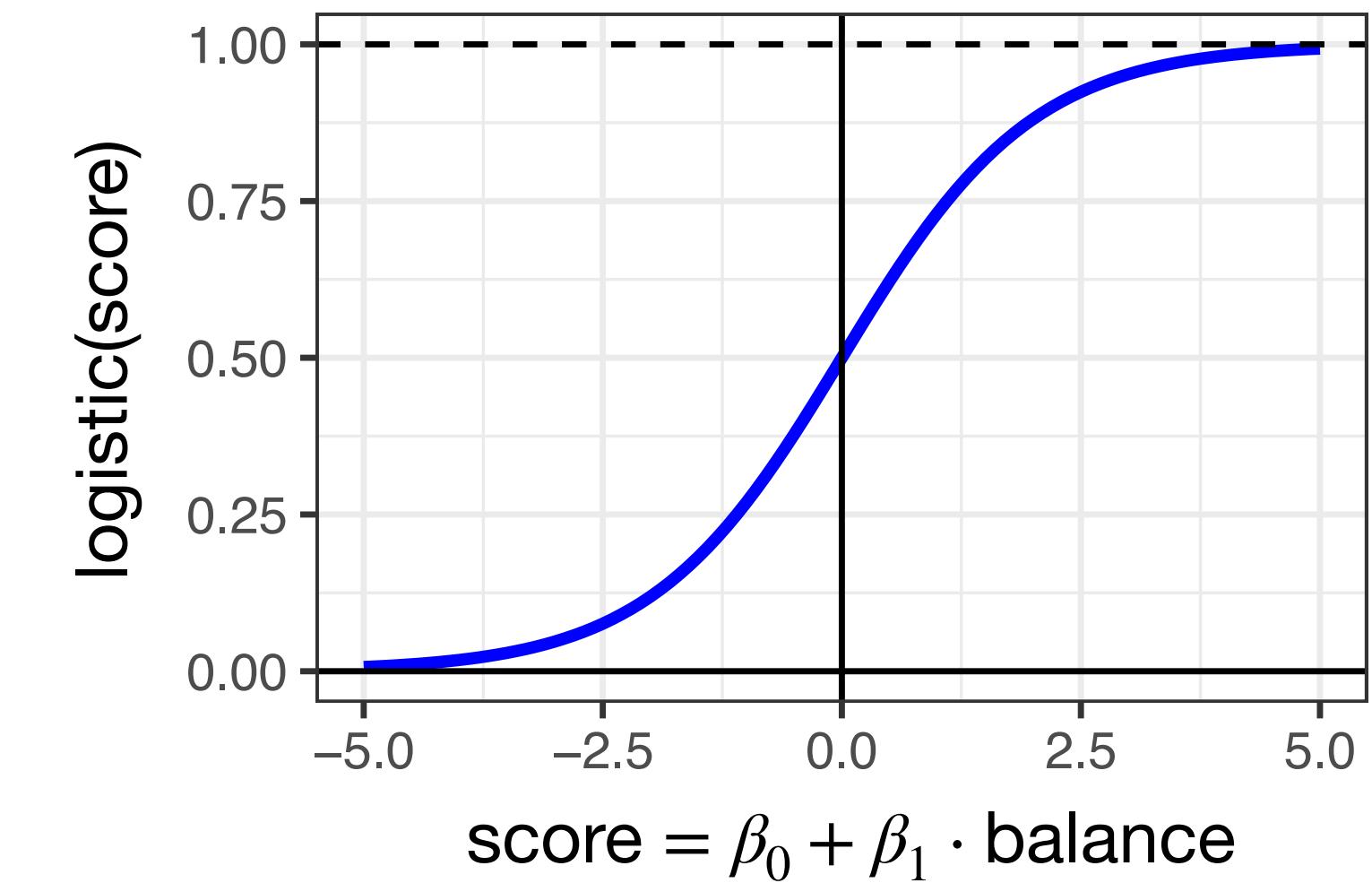
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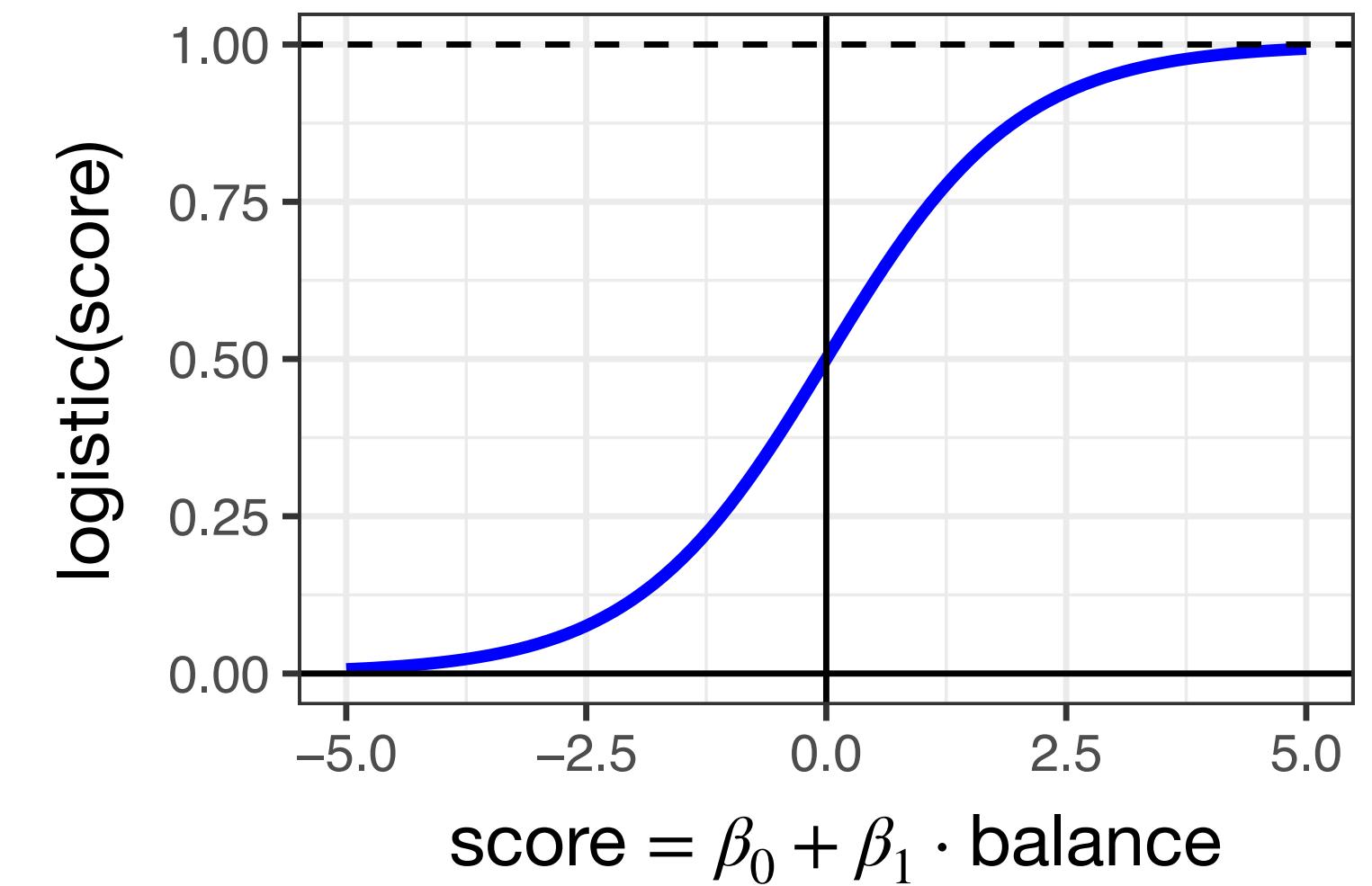
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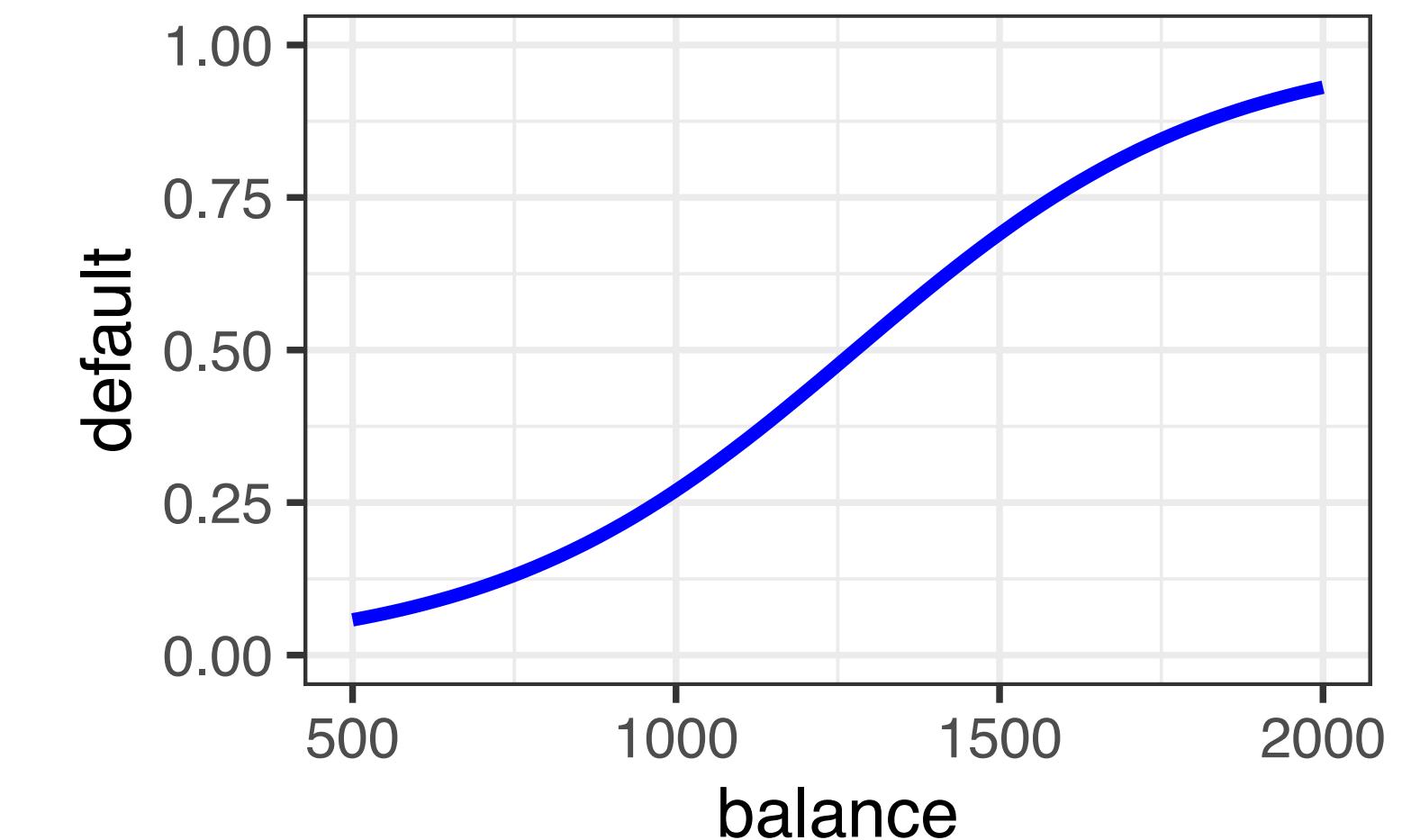
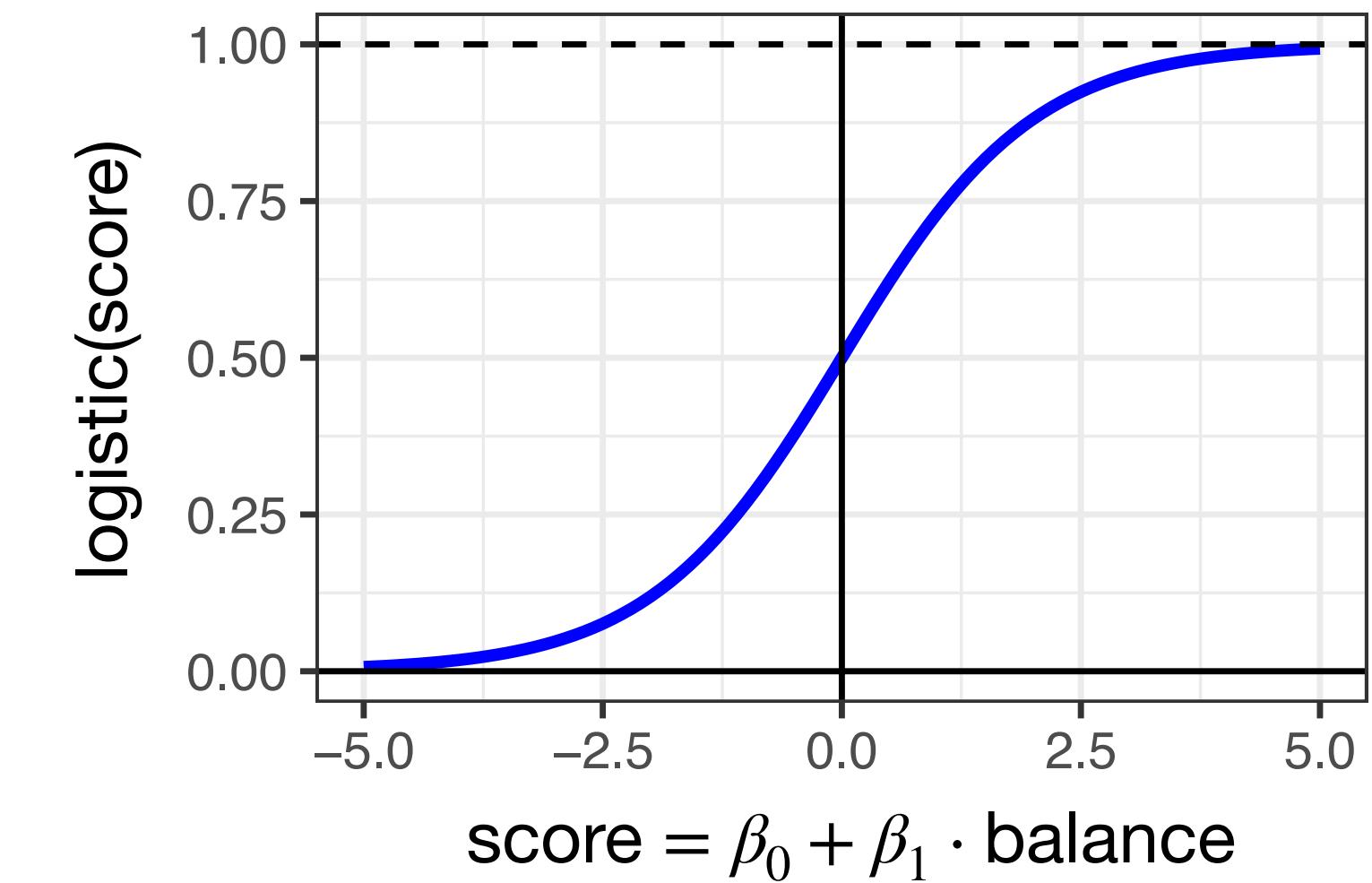
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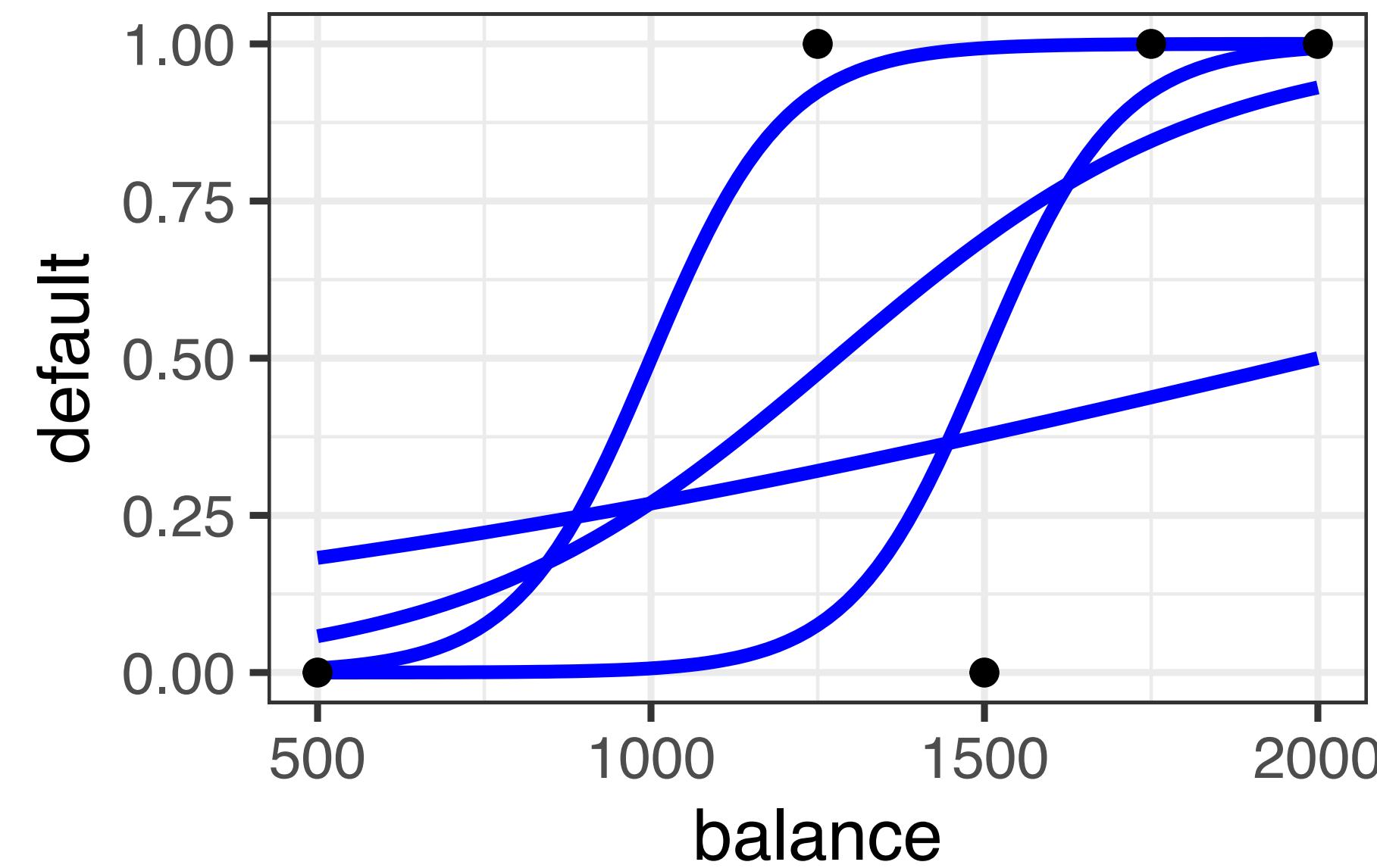
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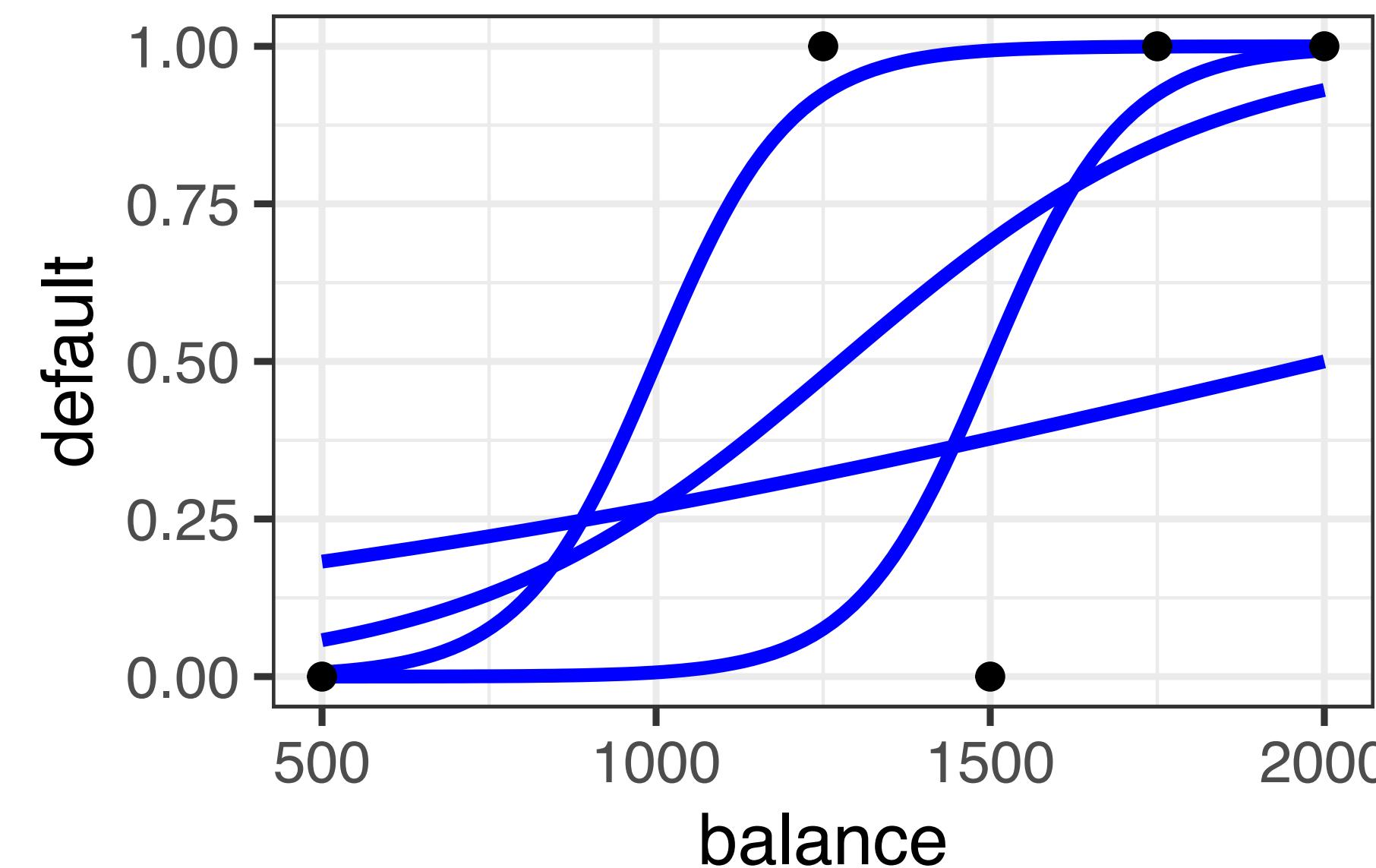
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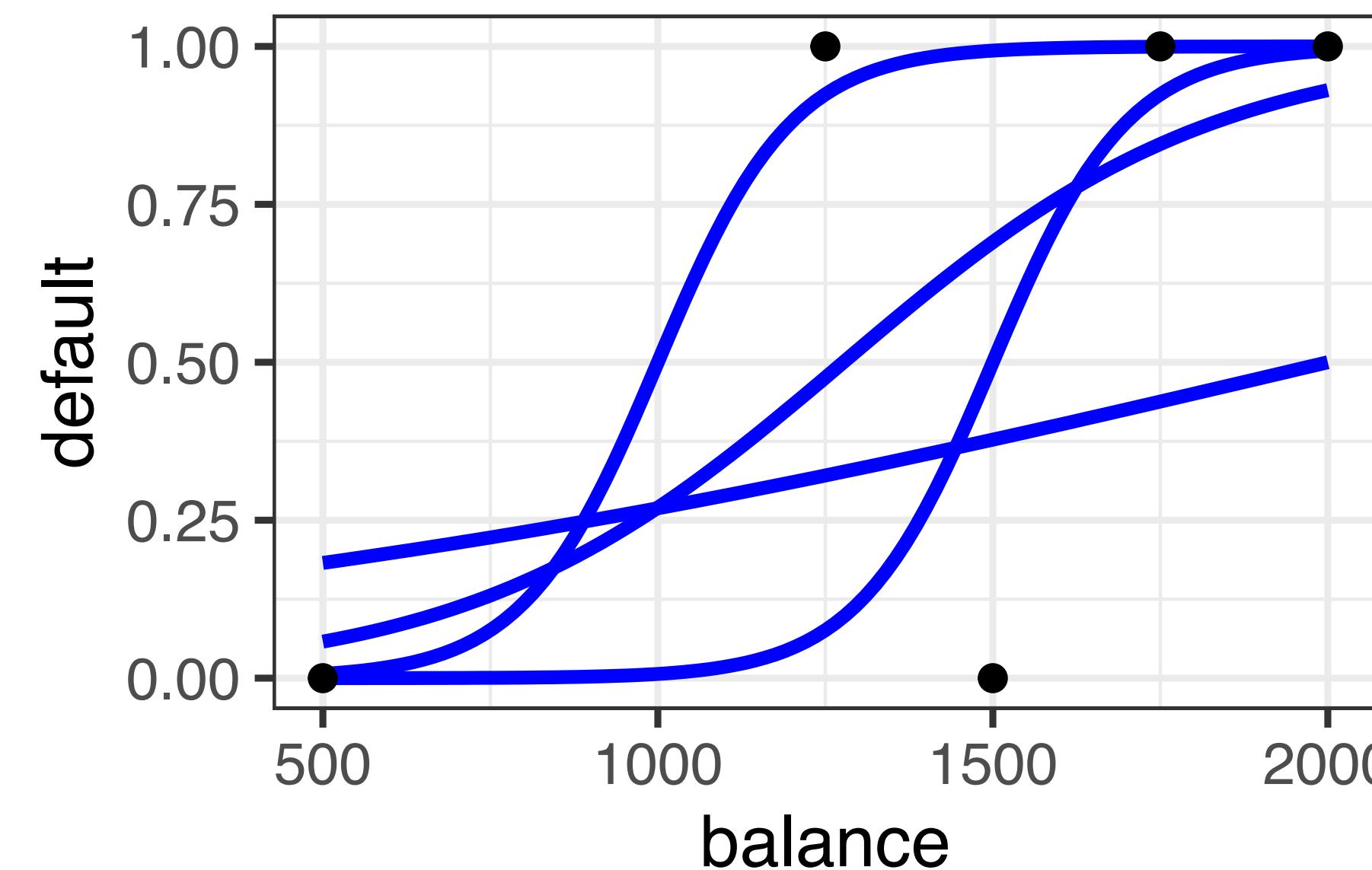
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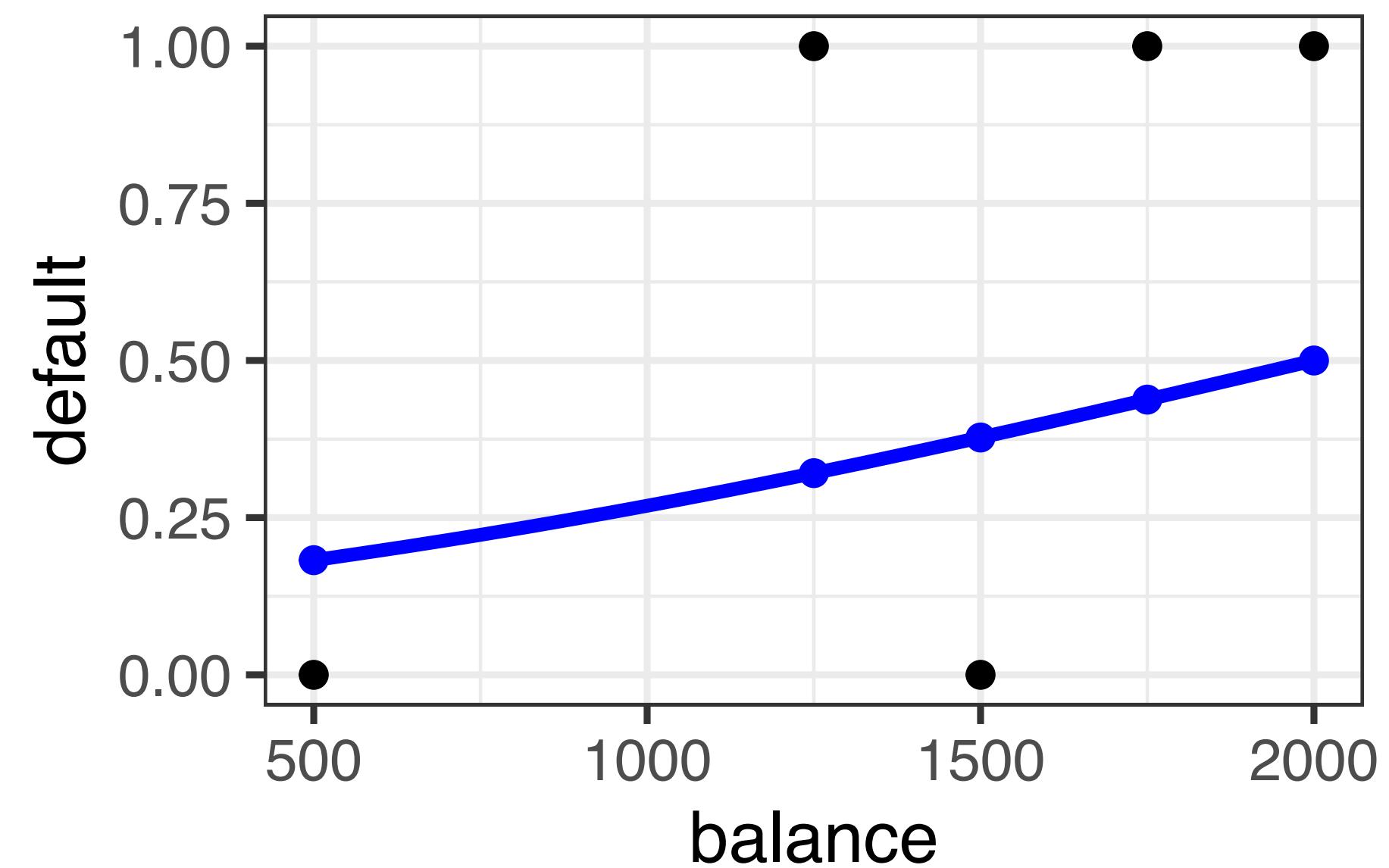
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Which logistic regression curve fits the data the best?

# Maximum likelihood estimation

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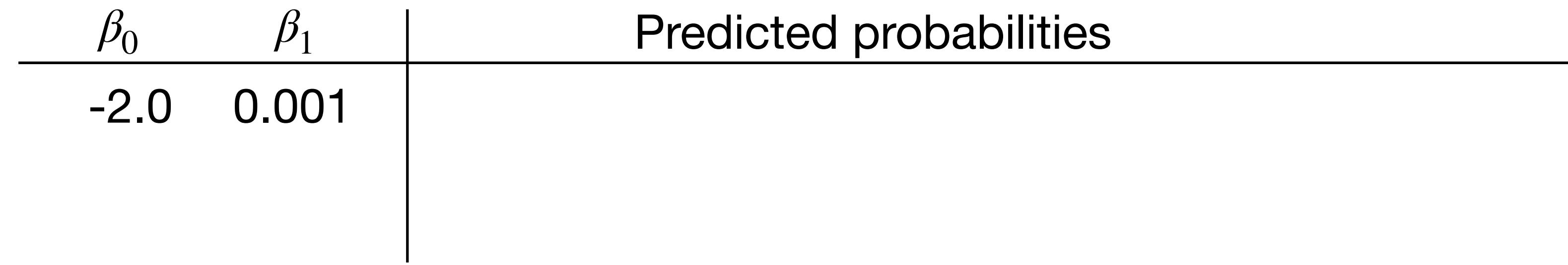
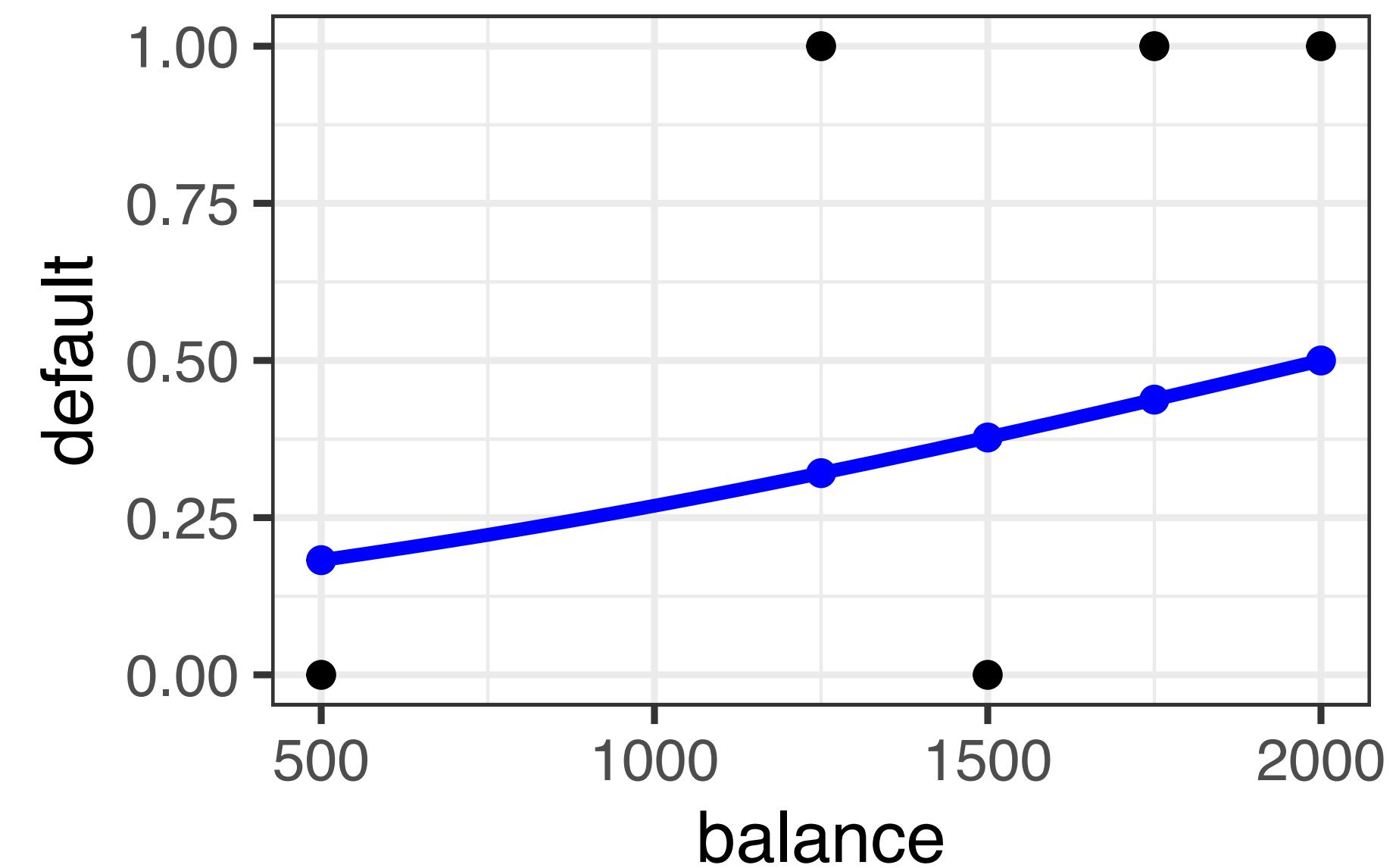


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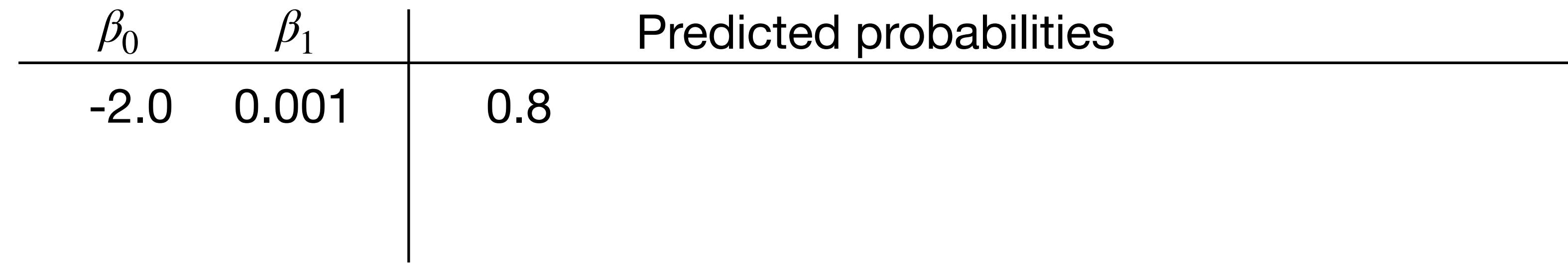
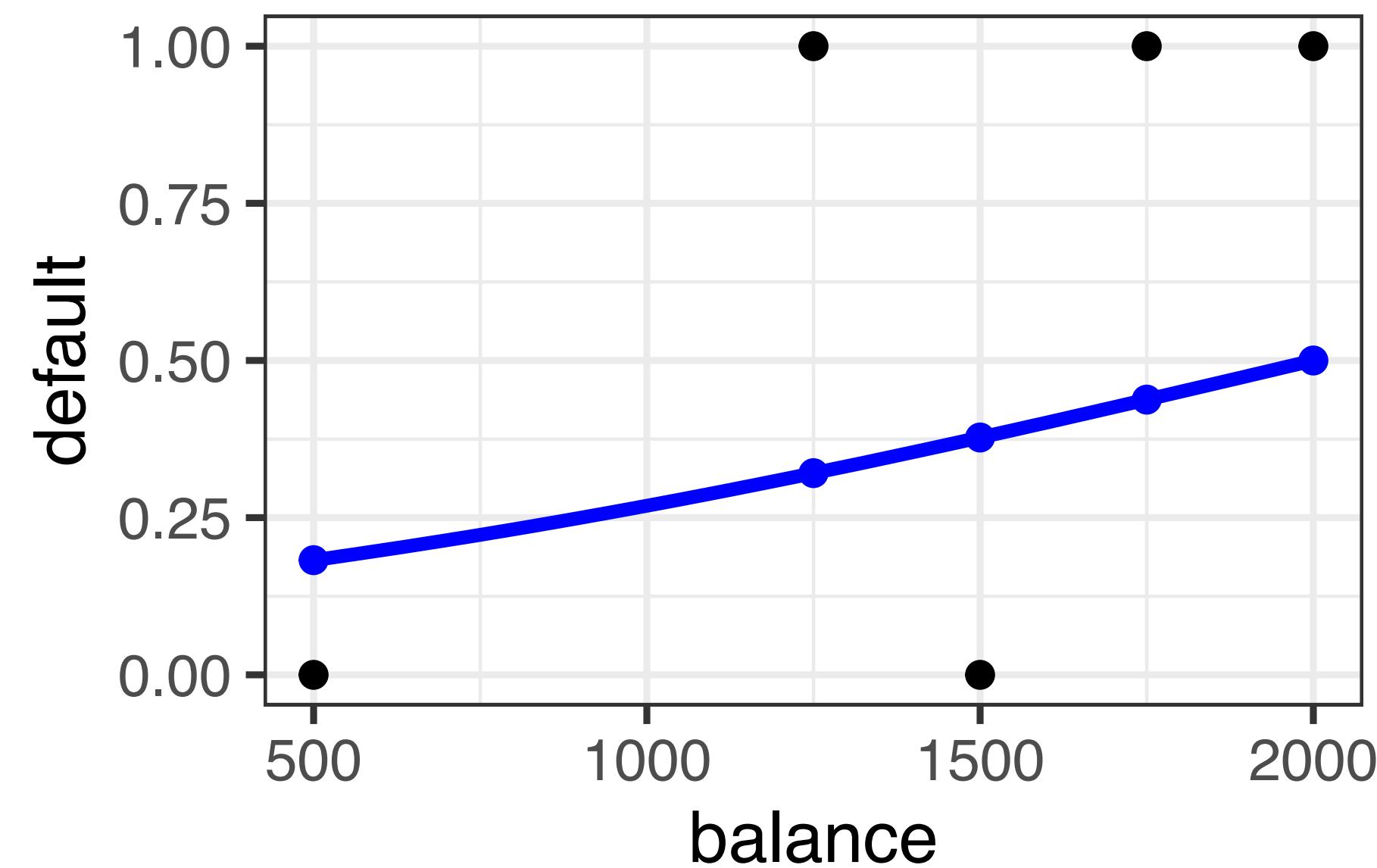
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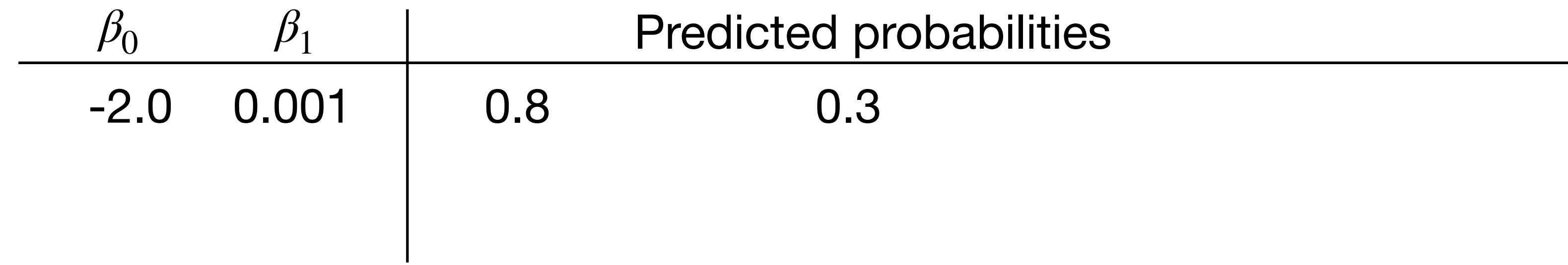
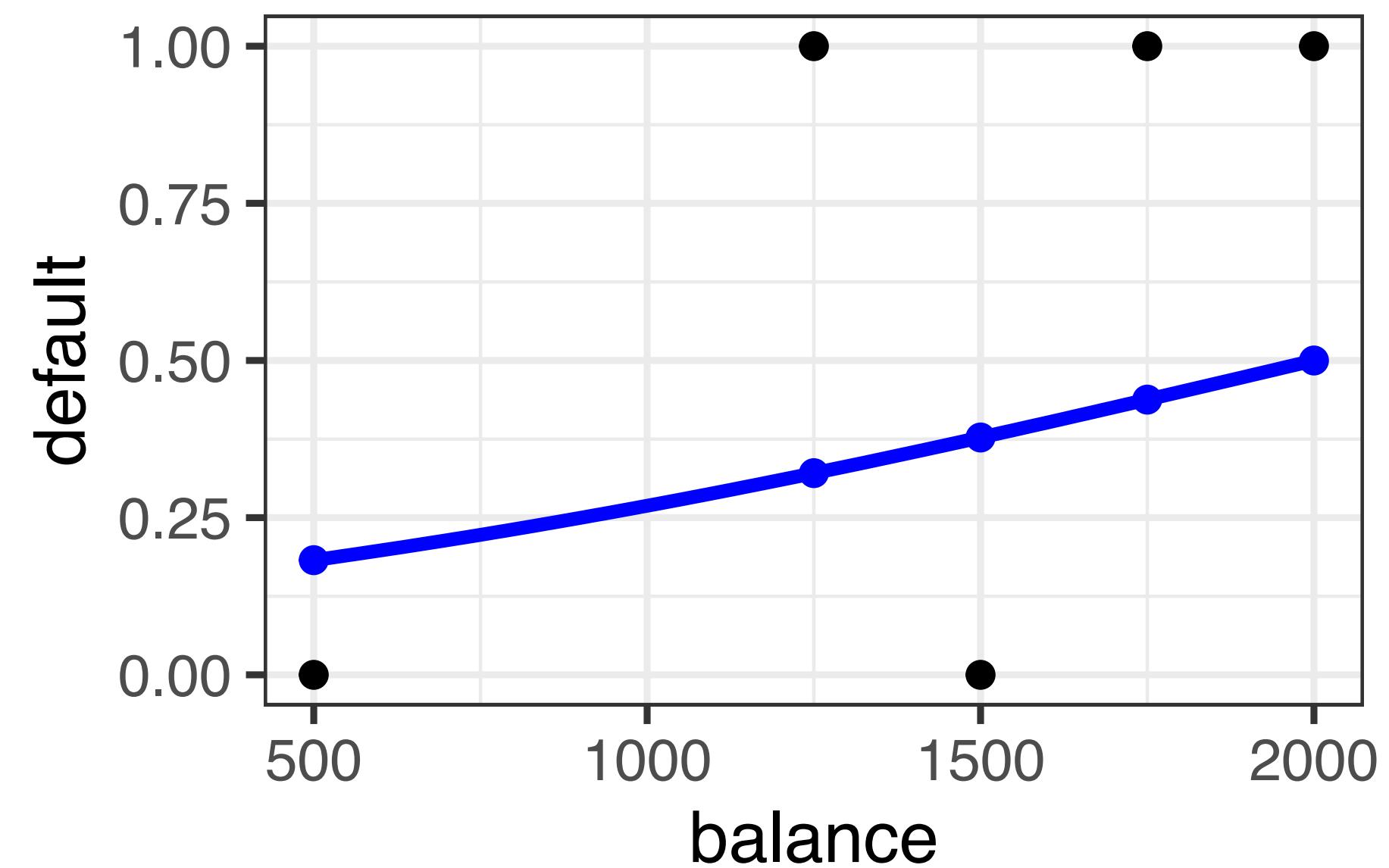
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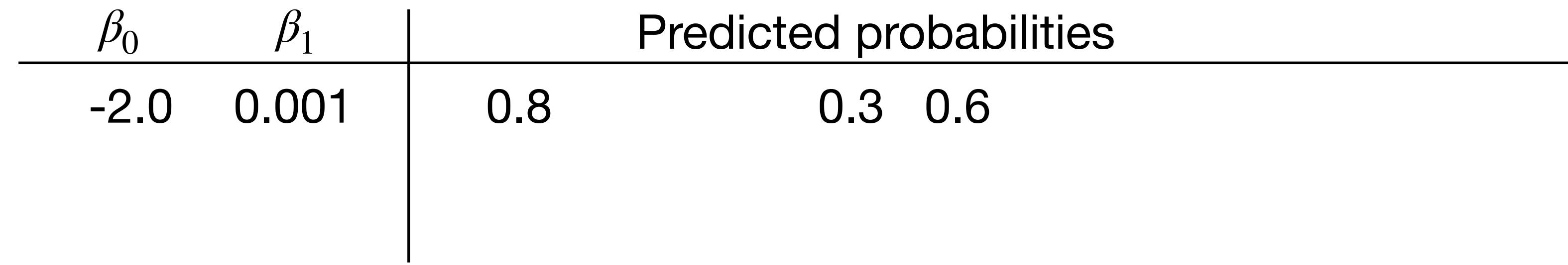
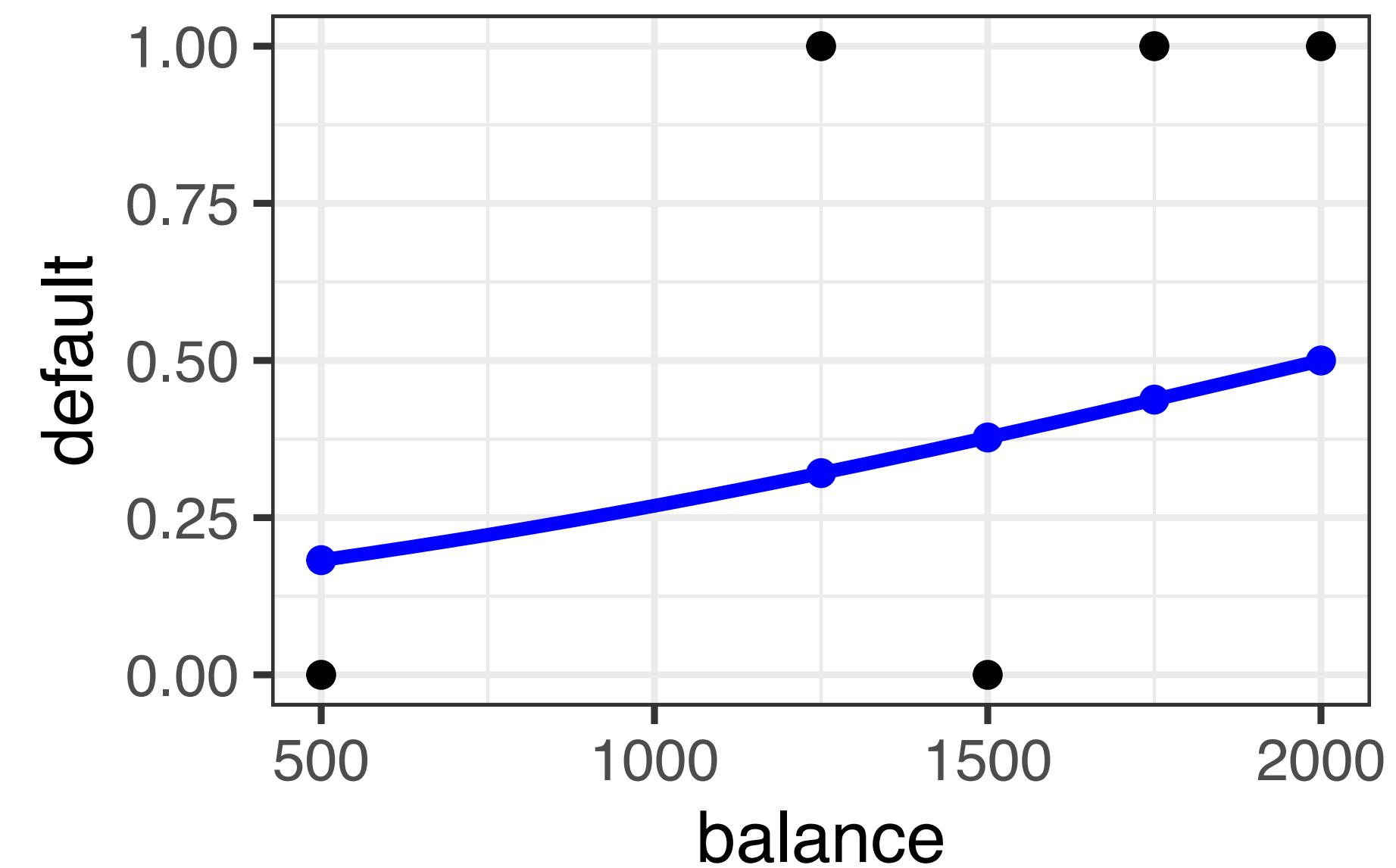
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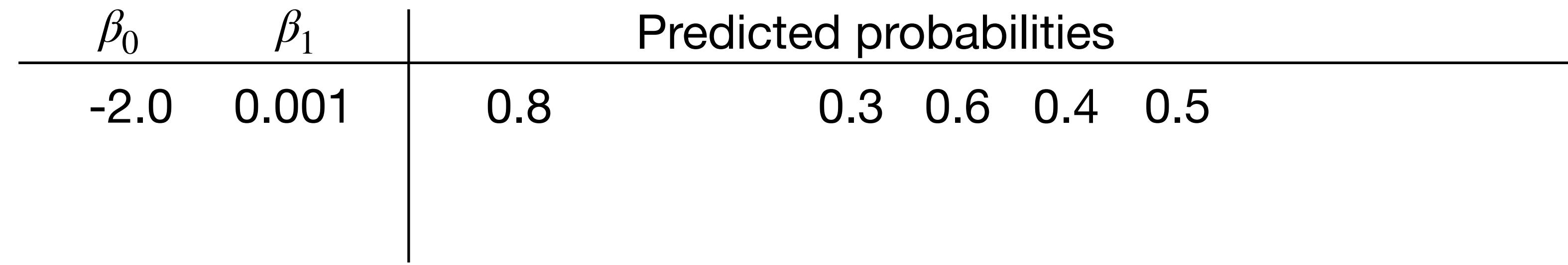
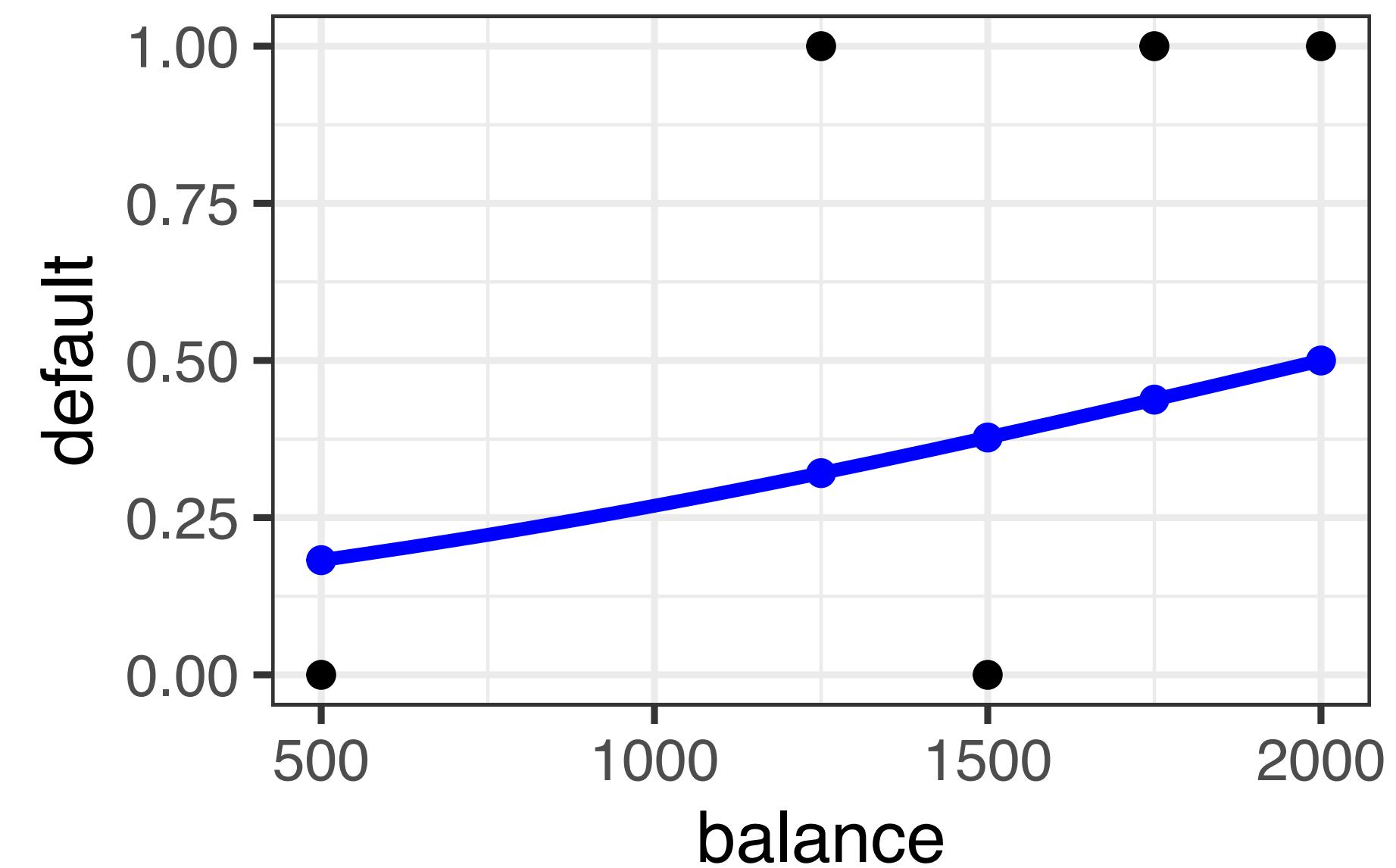
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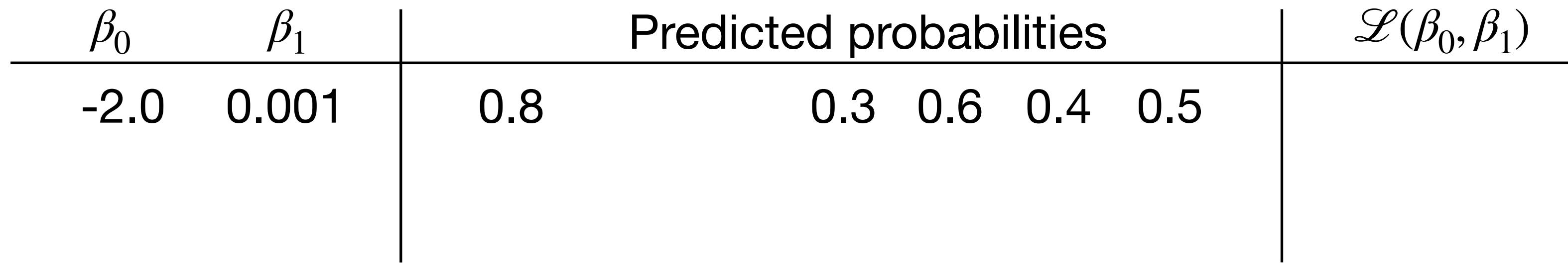
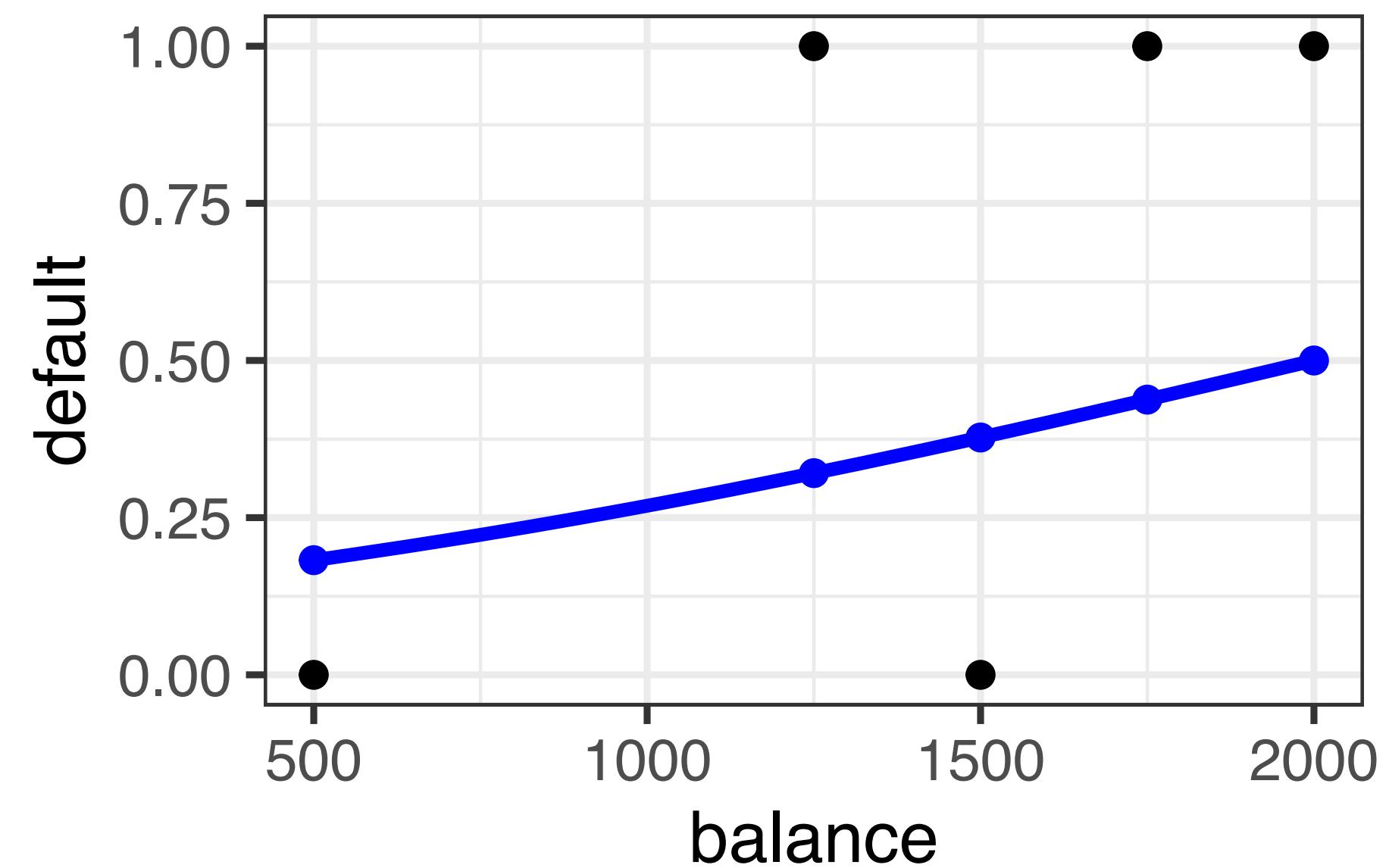
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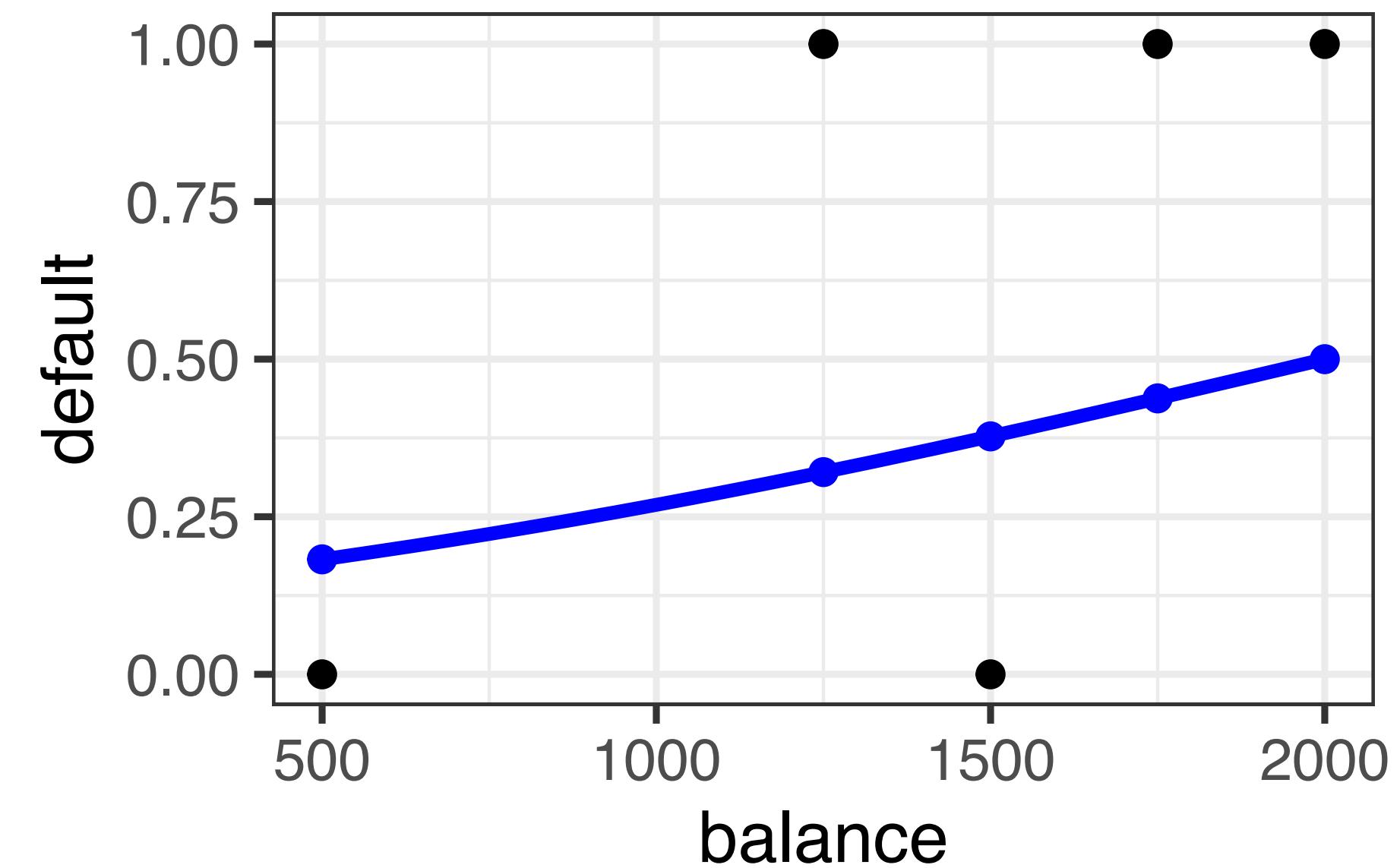
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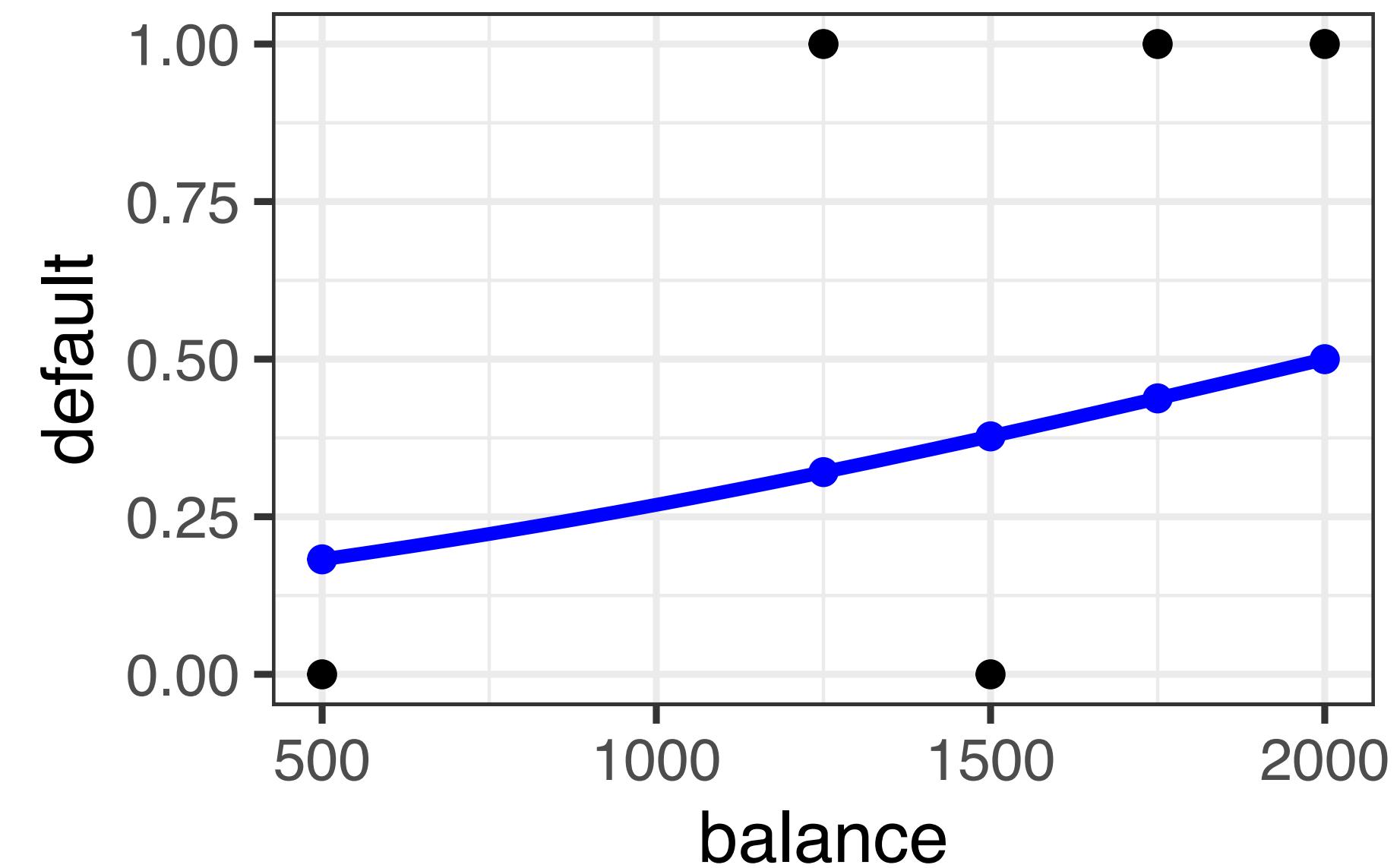
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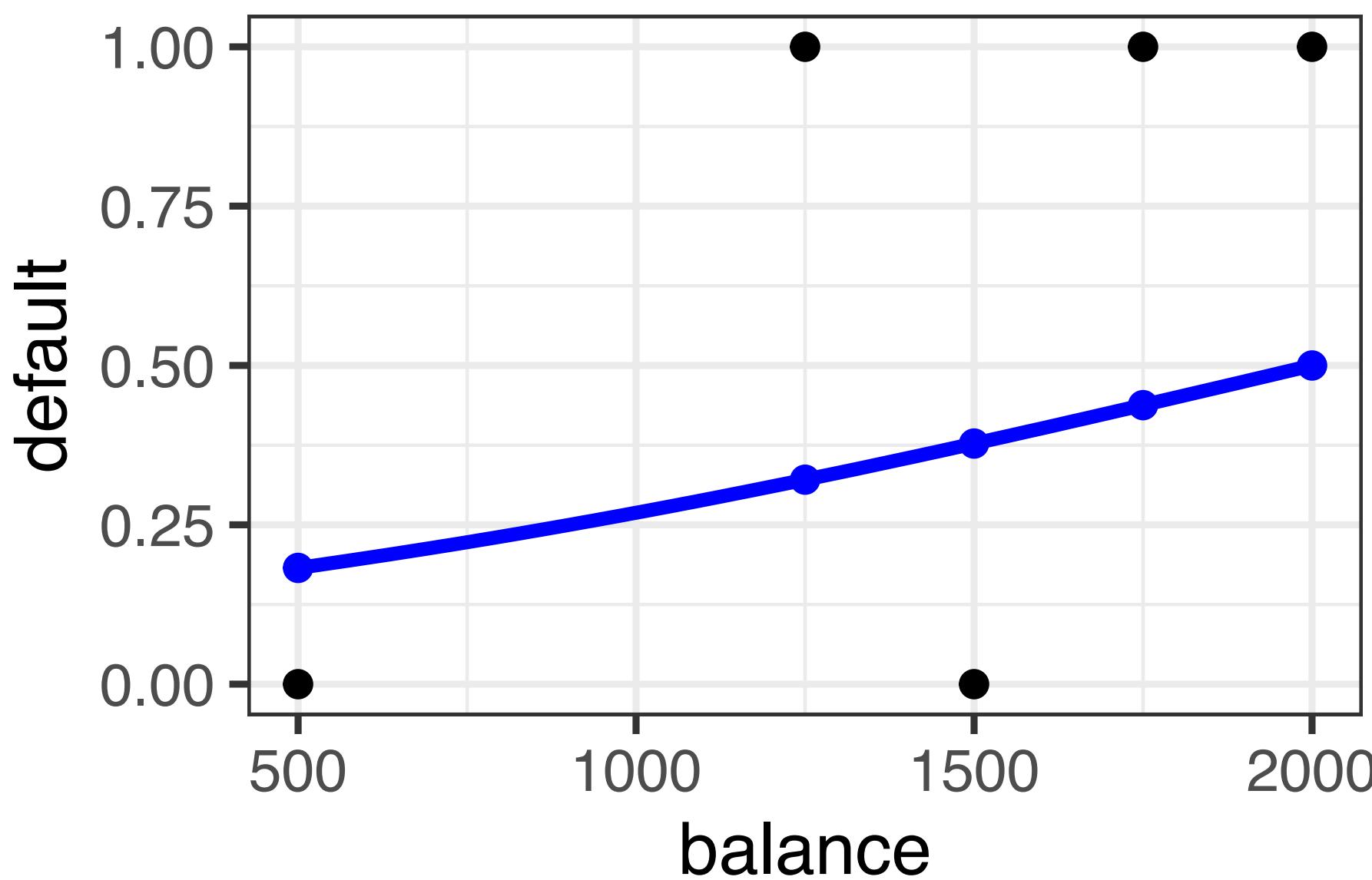


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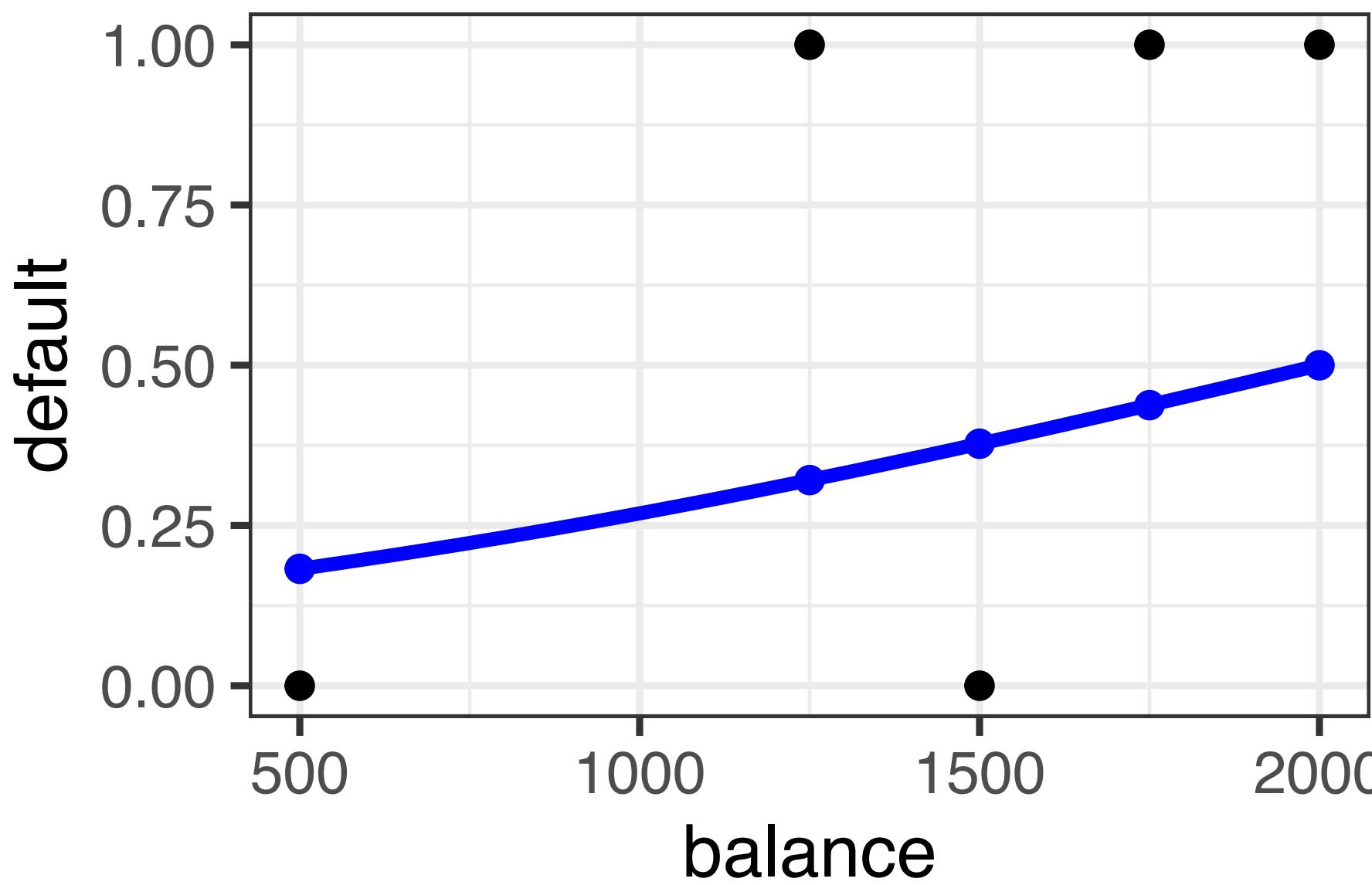
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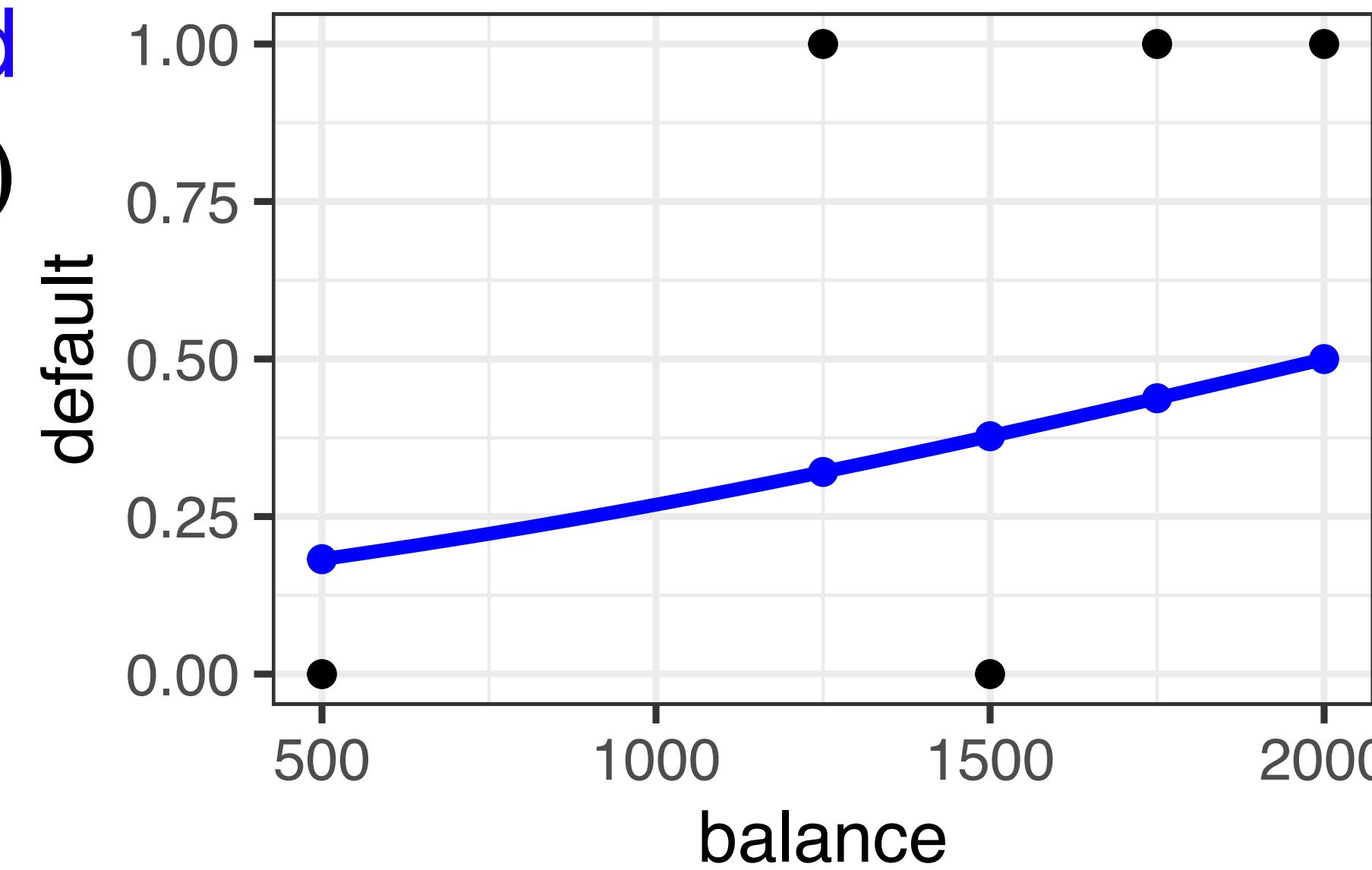
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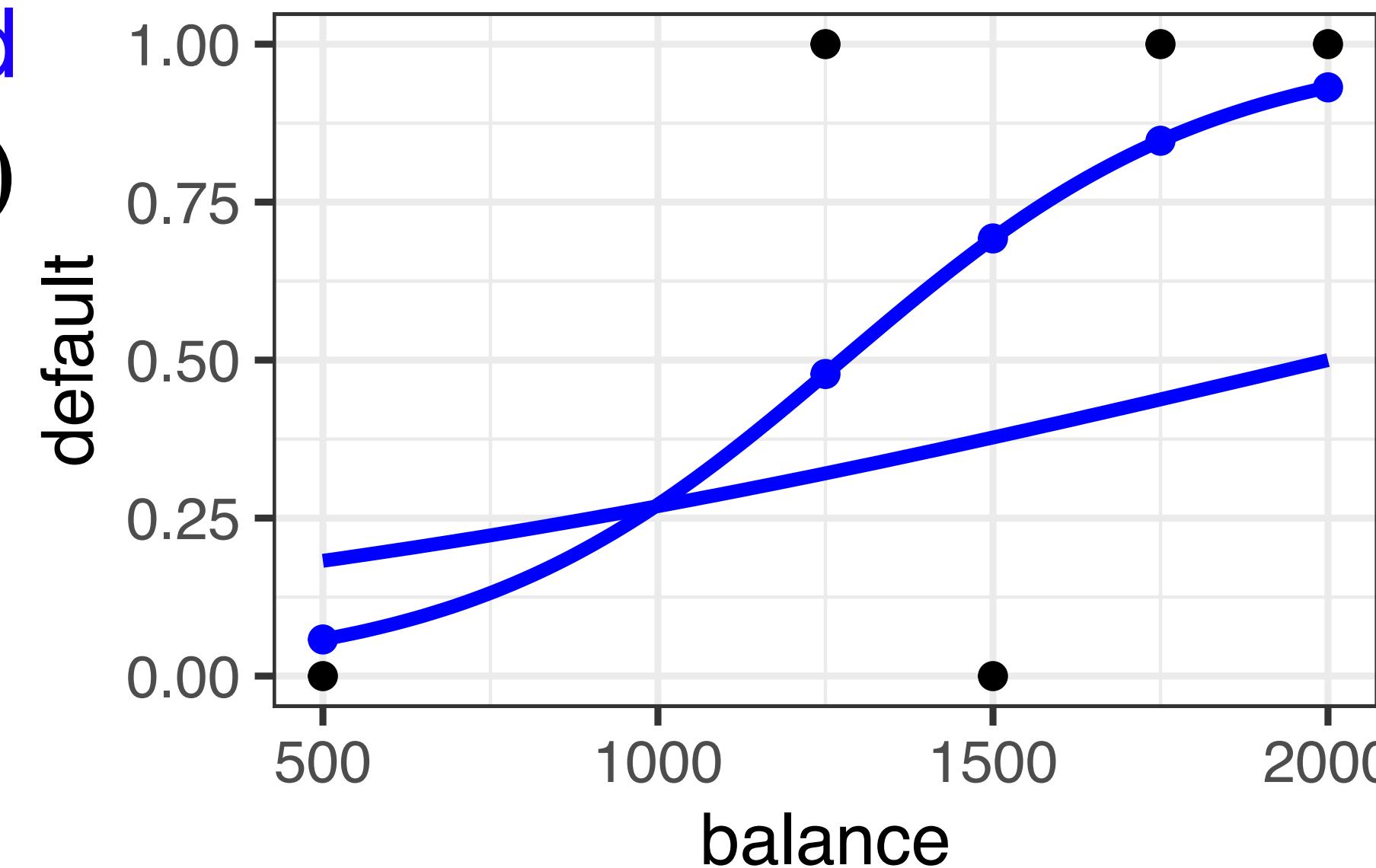
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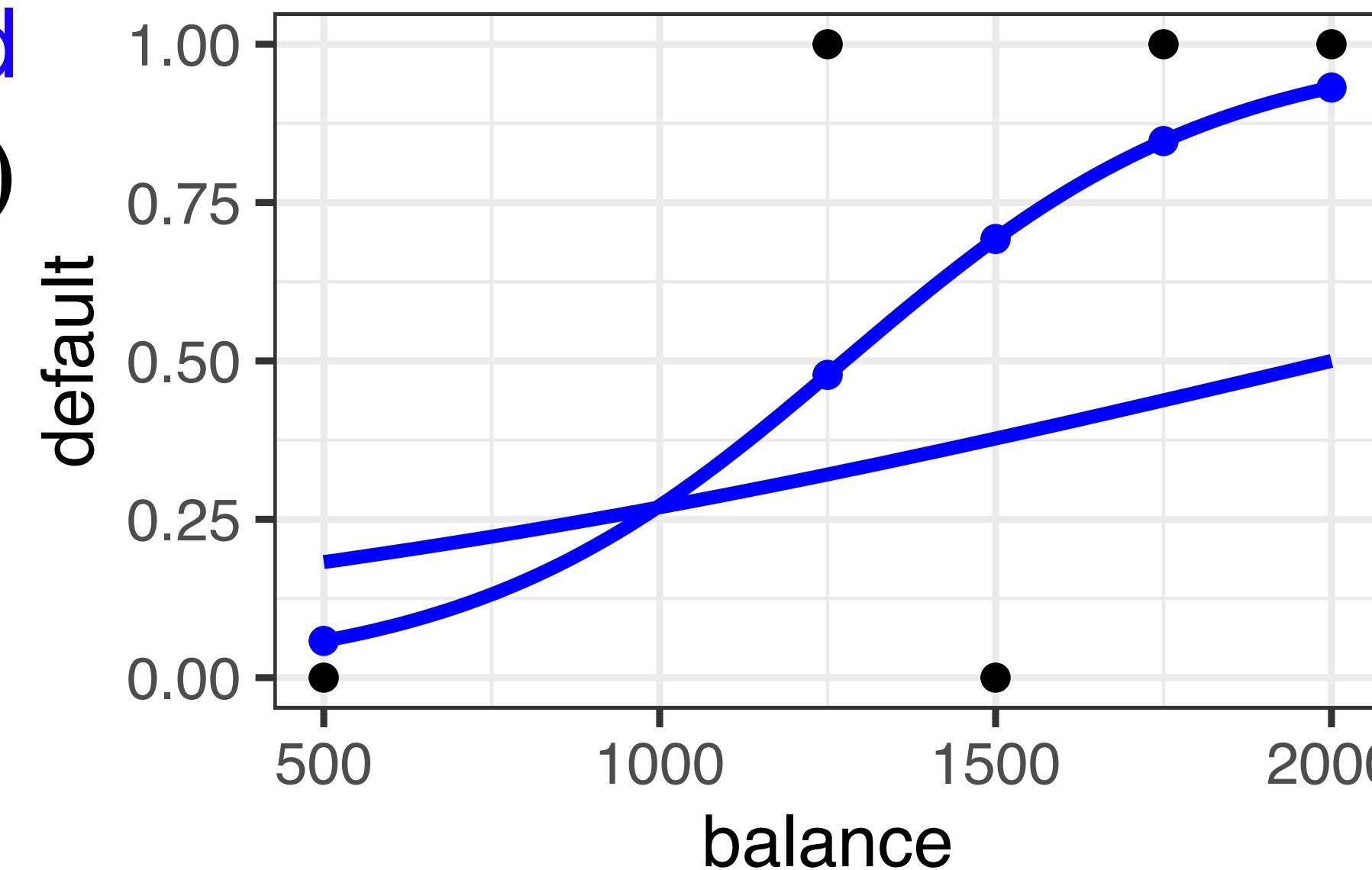
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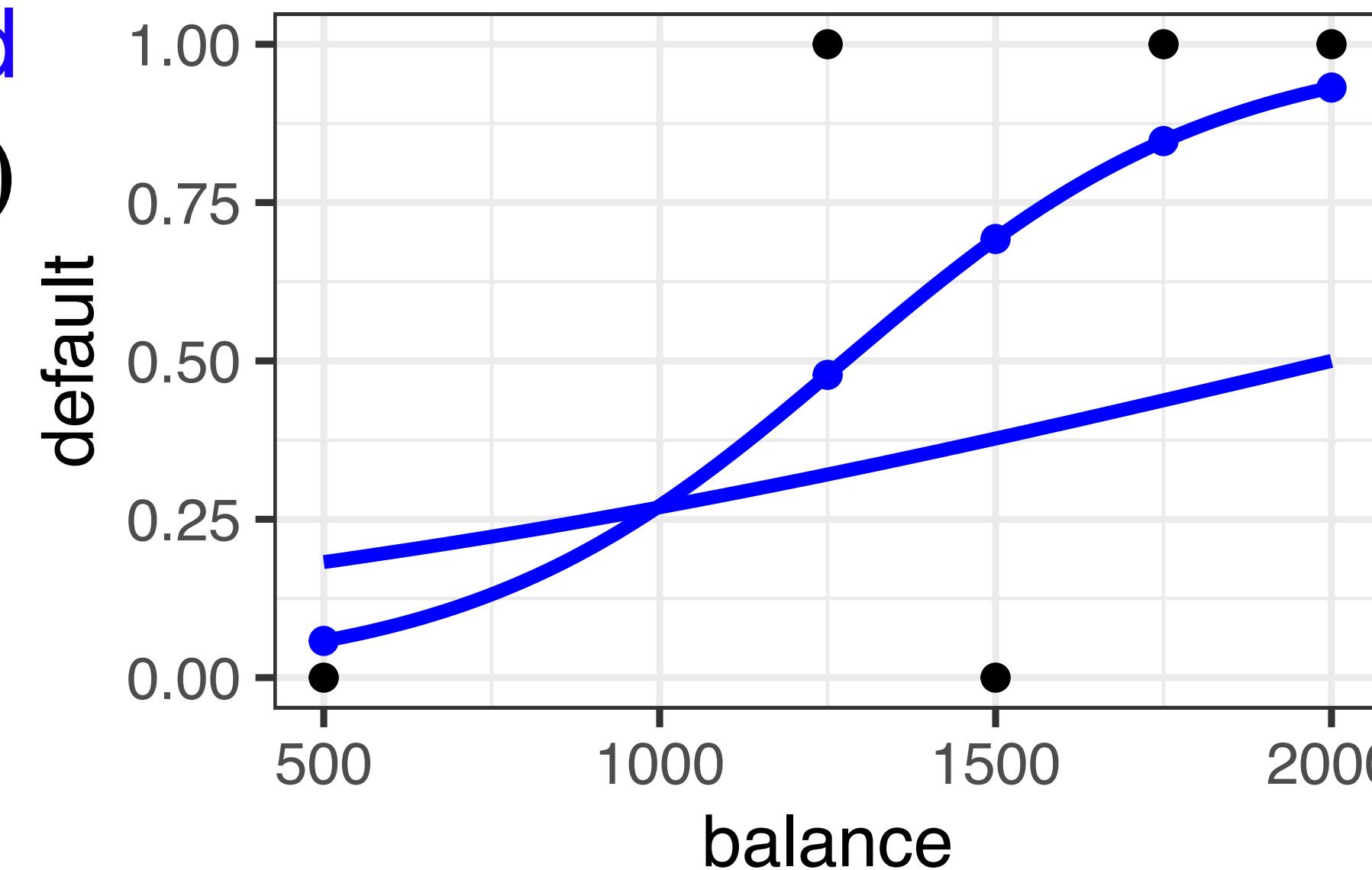
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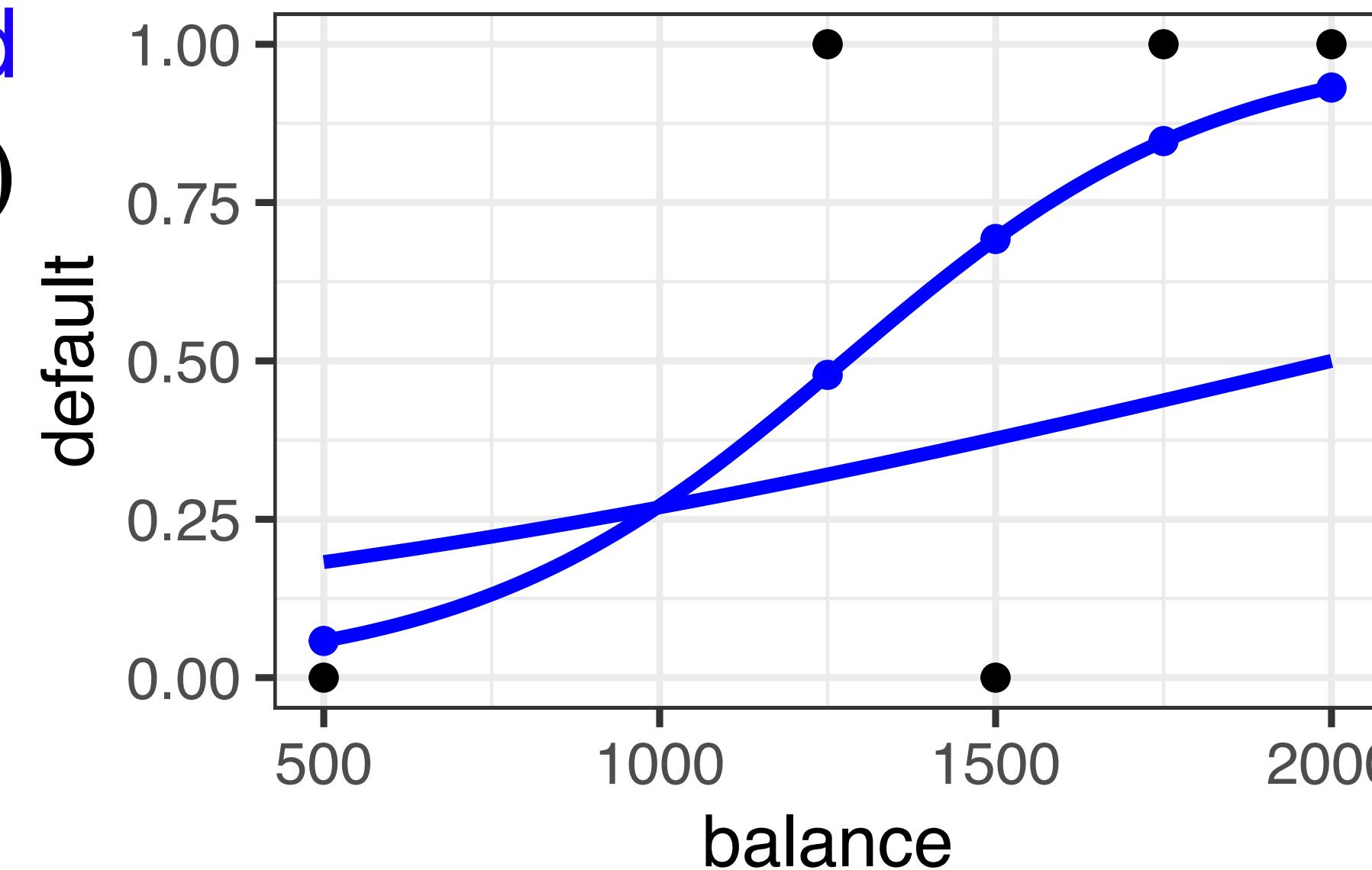
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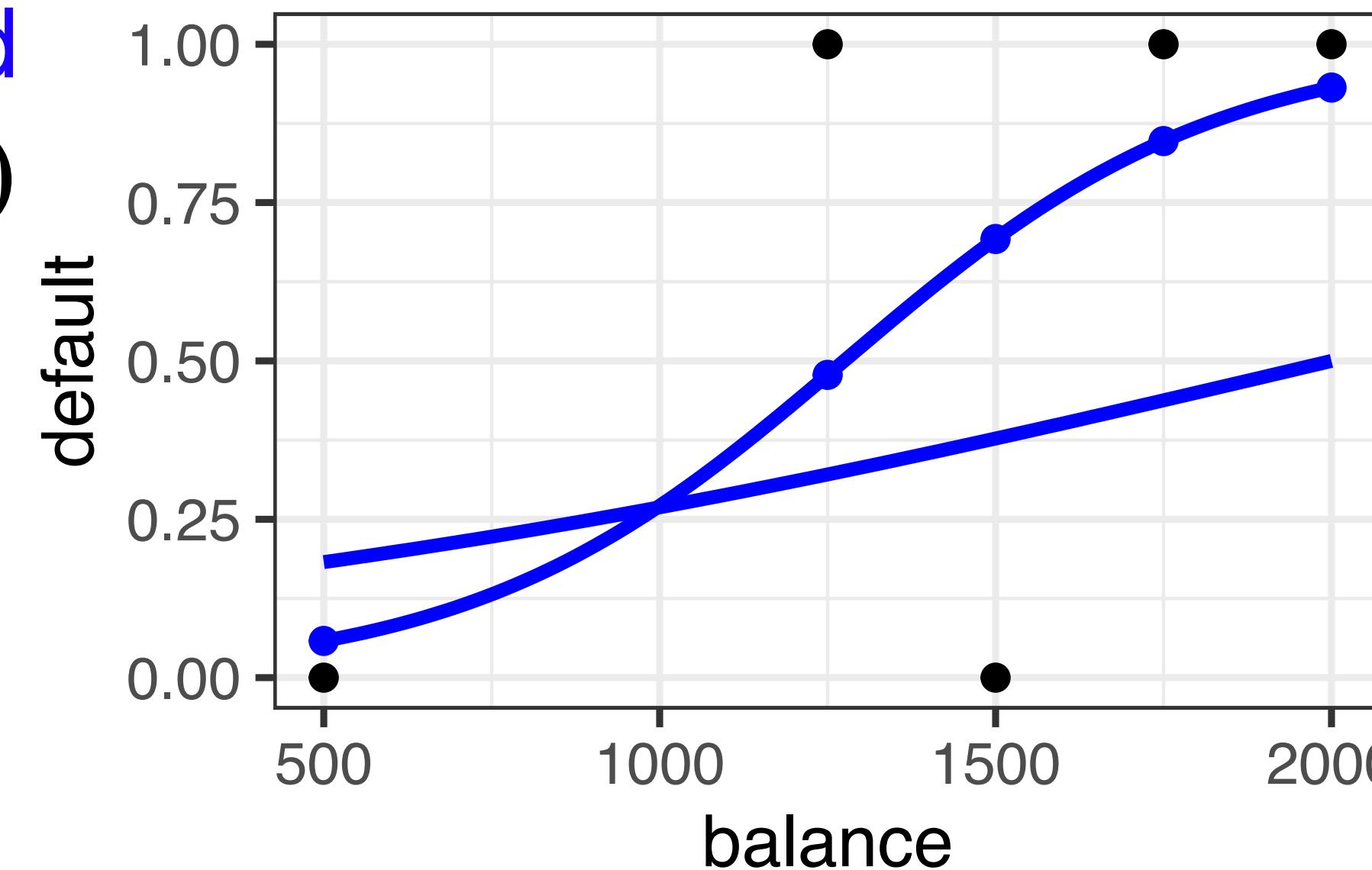
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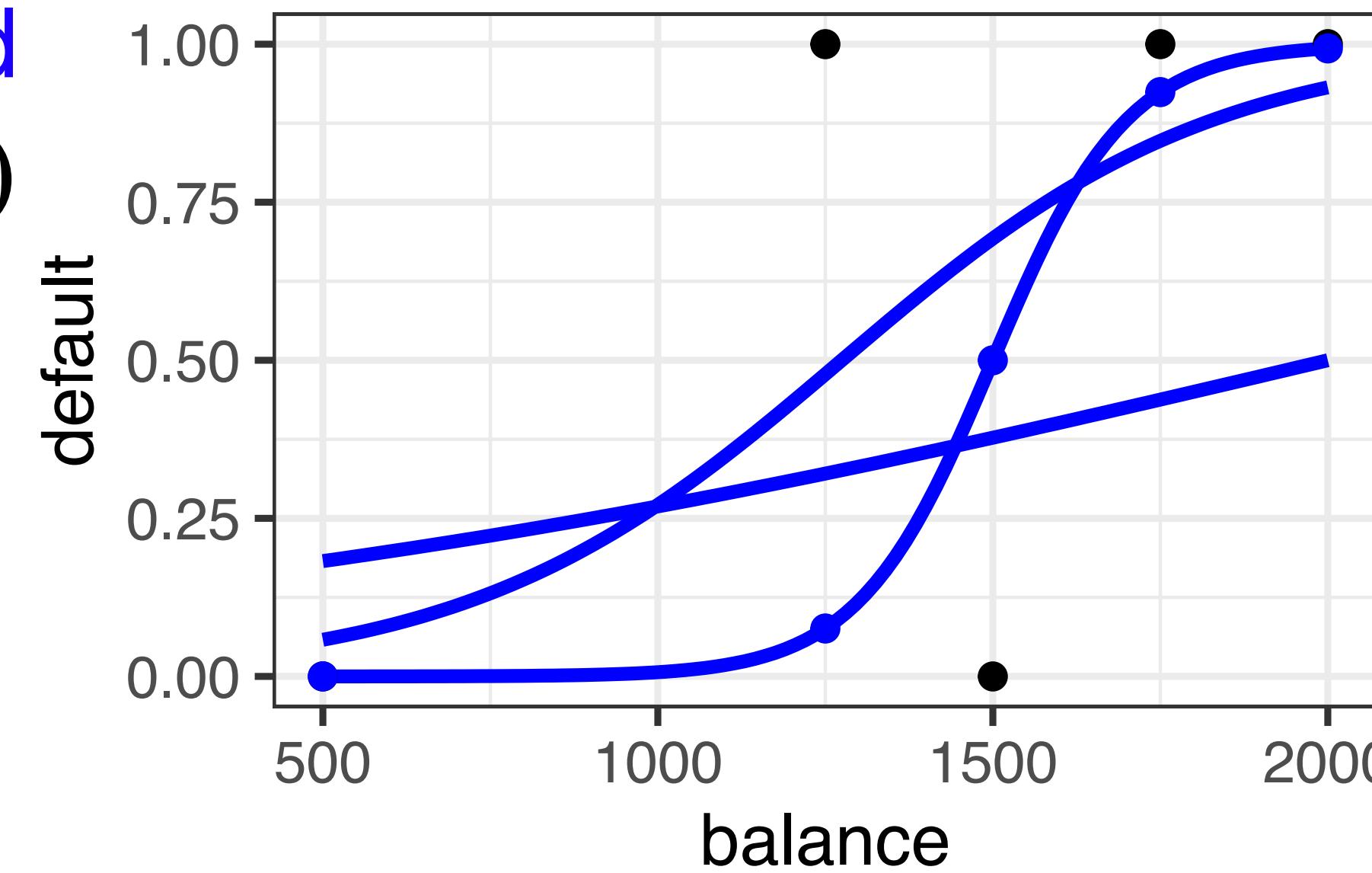
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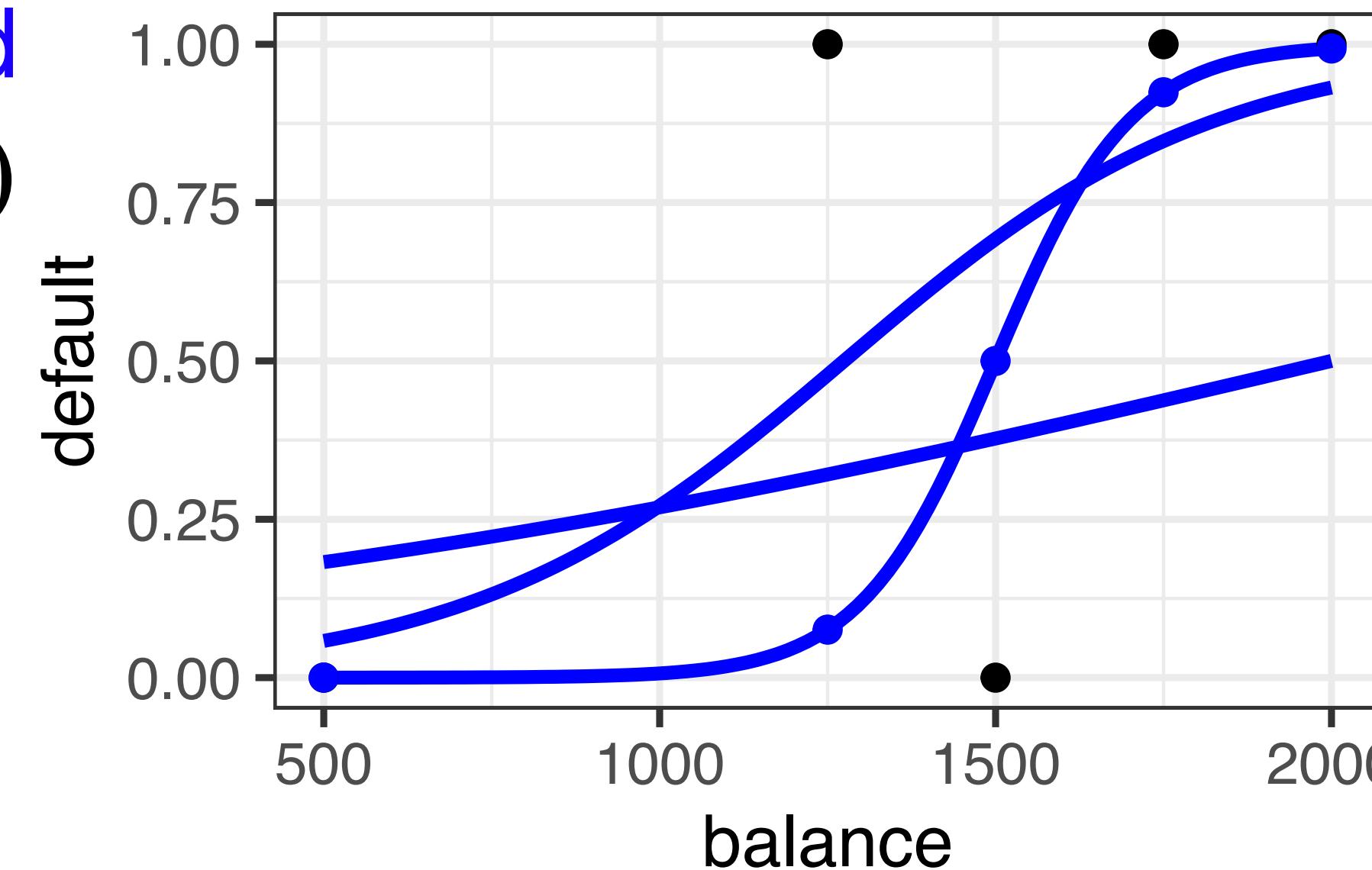
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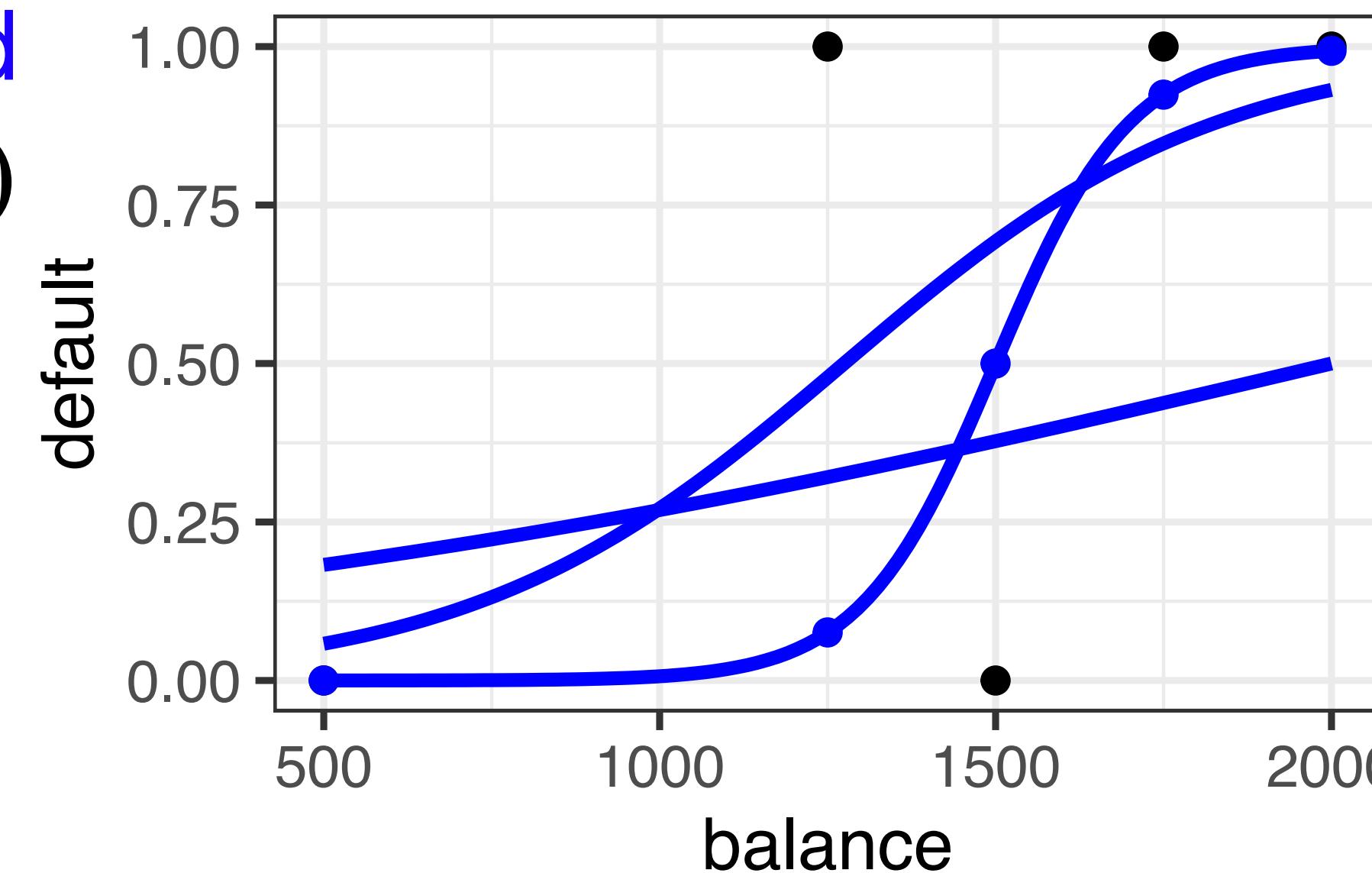
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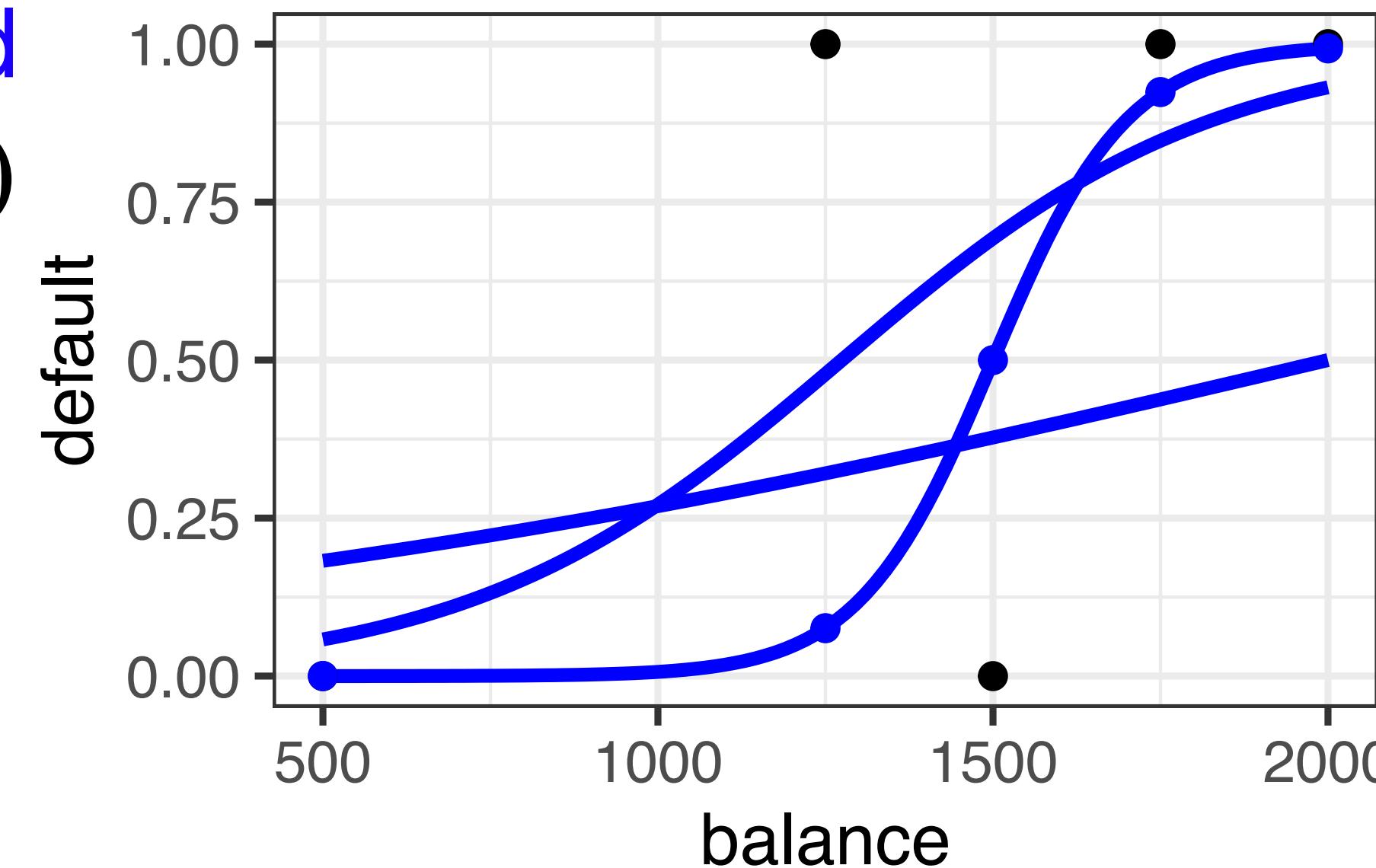
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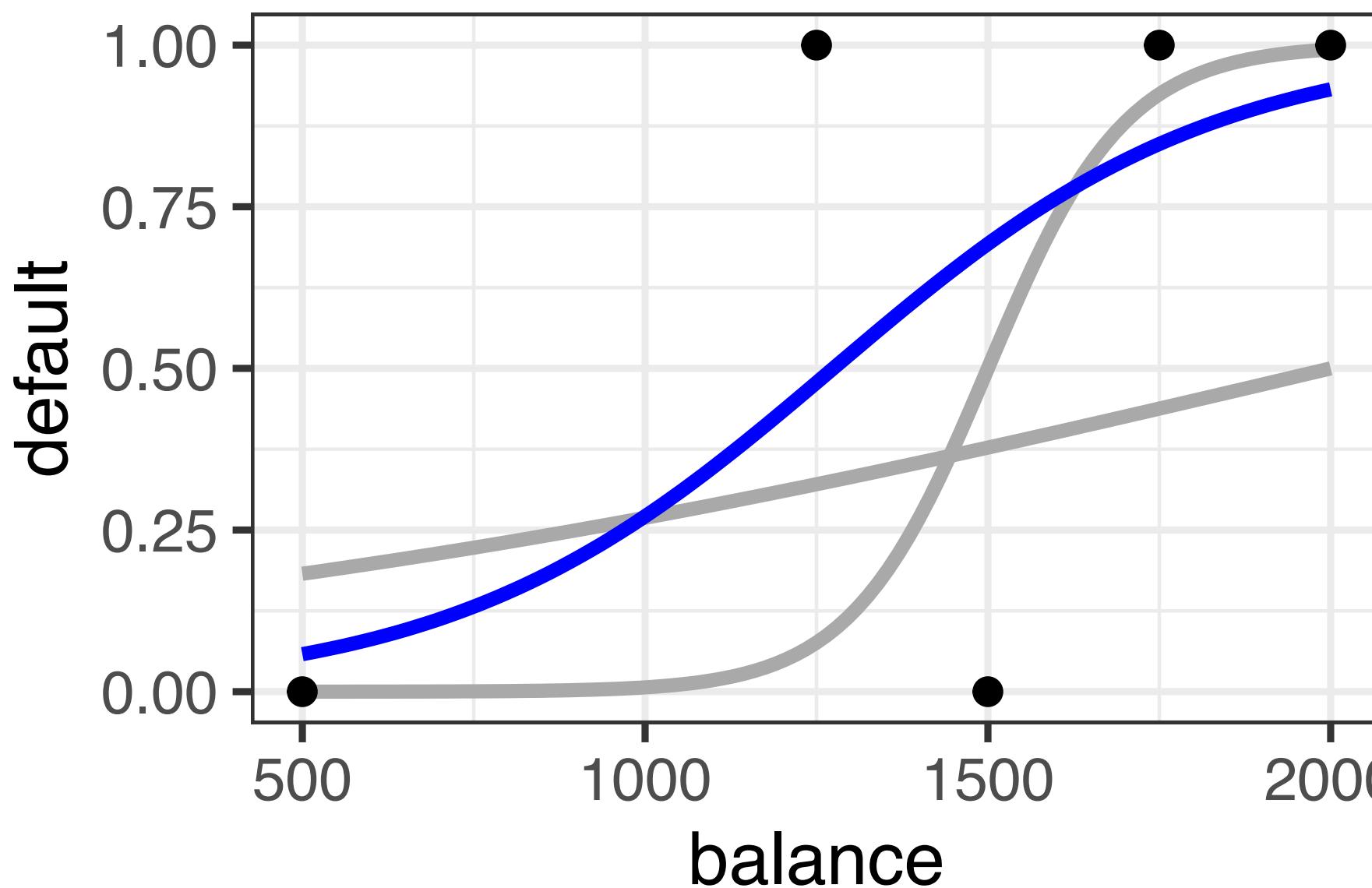
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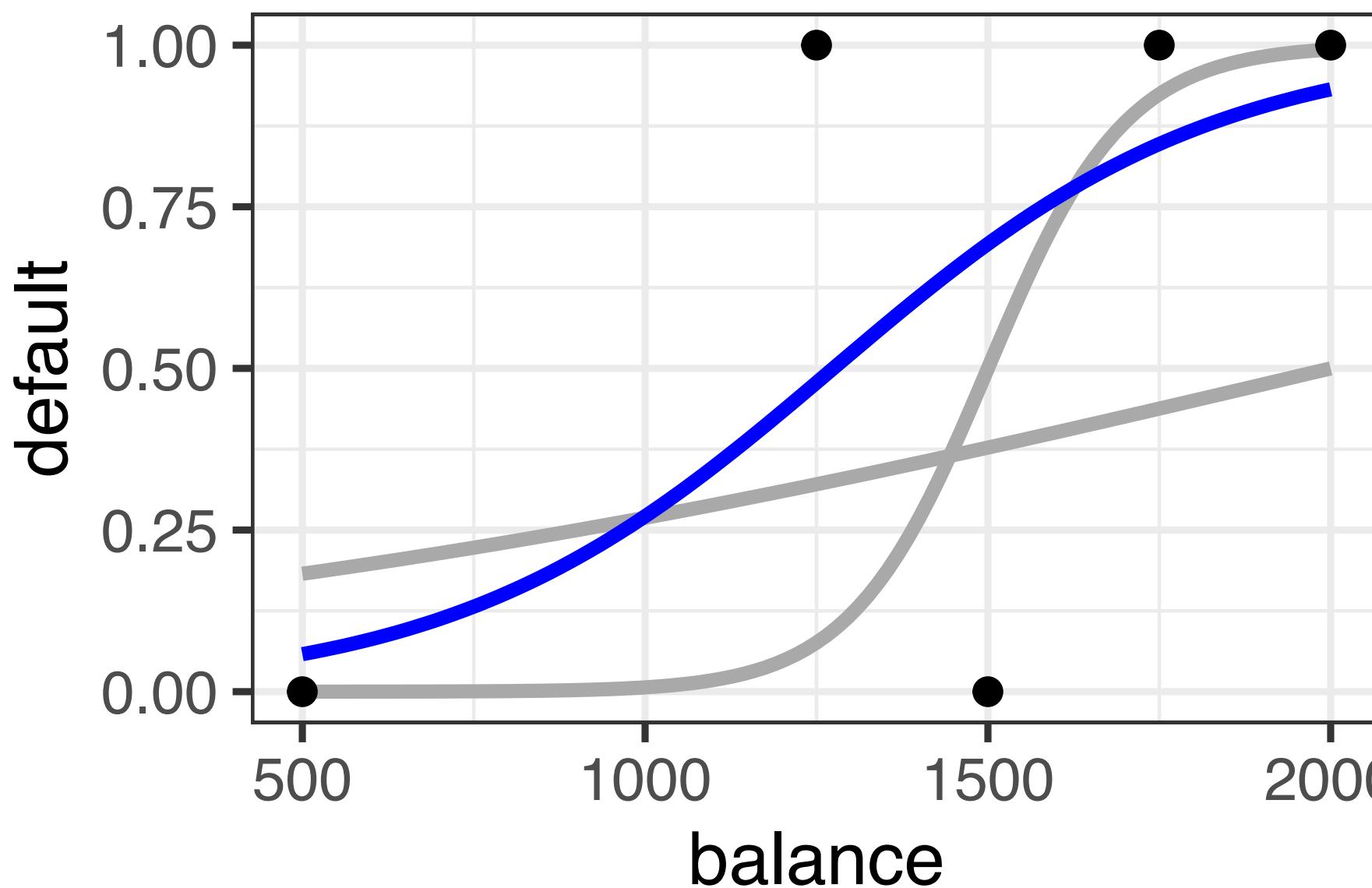
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# Multiple logistic regression

Like with linear regression, can include multiple features, e.g.

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The logistic regression likelihood, as well as the maximum likelihood estimates ( $\hat{\beta}_0, \hat{\beta}_1, \hat{\beta}_2, \hat{\beta}_3$ ) are defined analogously.

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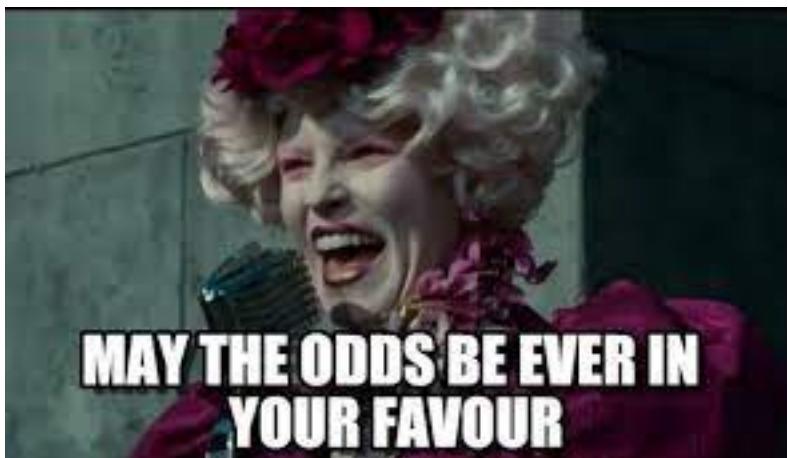
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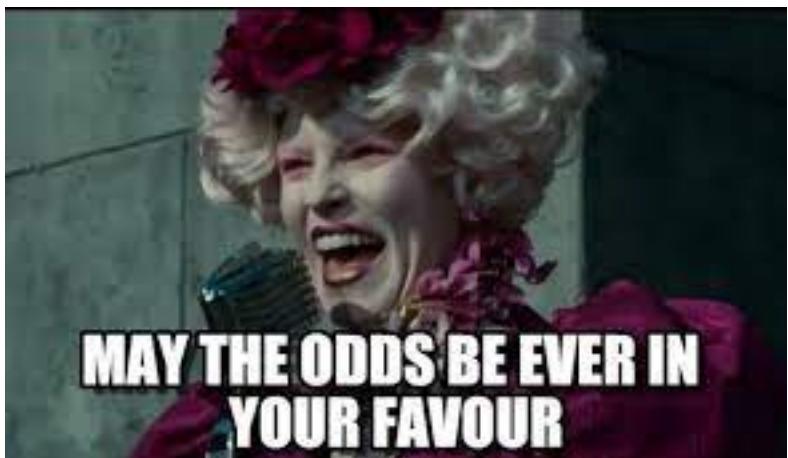
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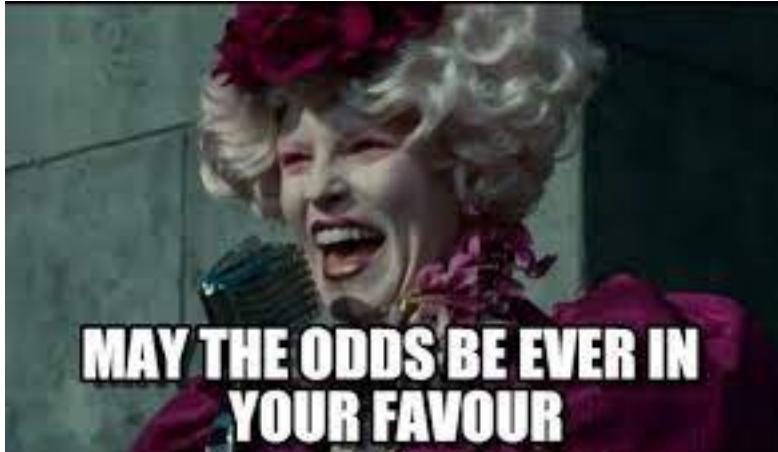
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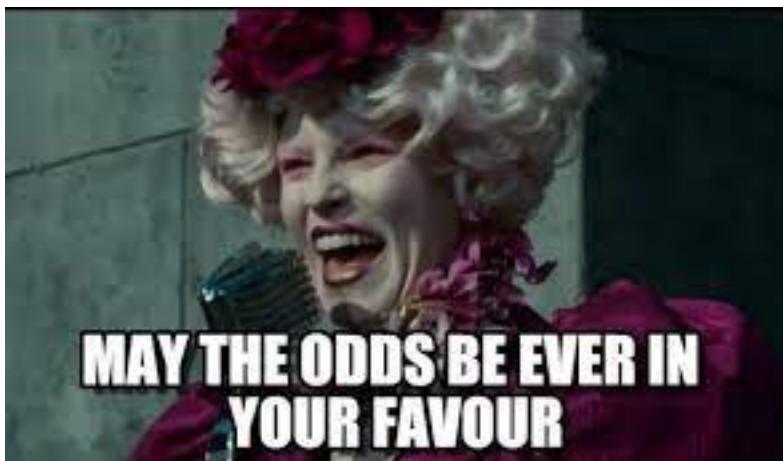
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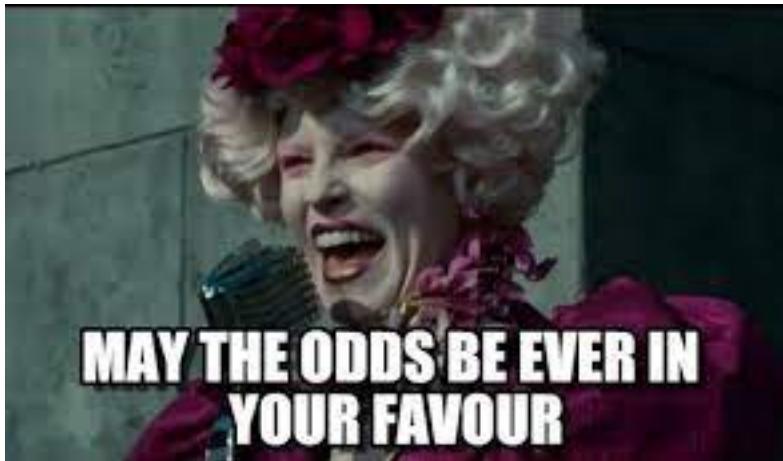
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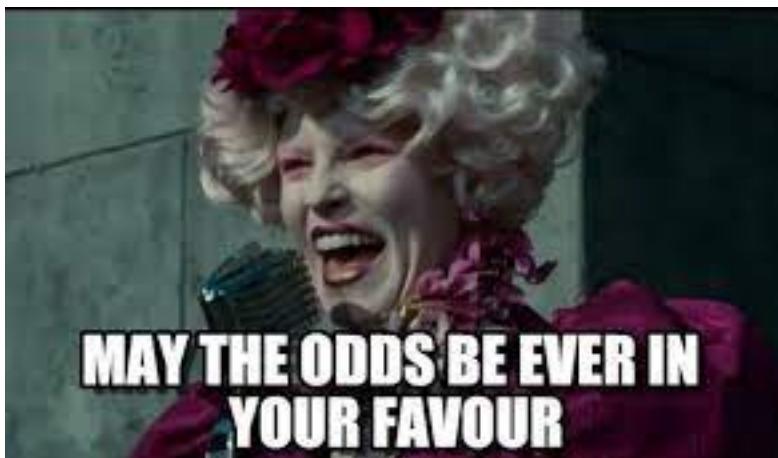
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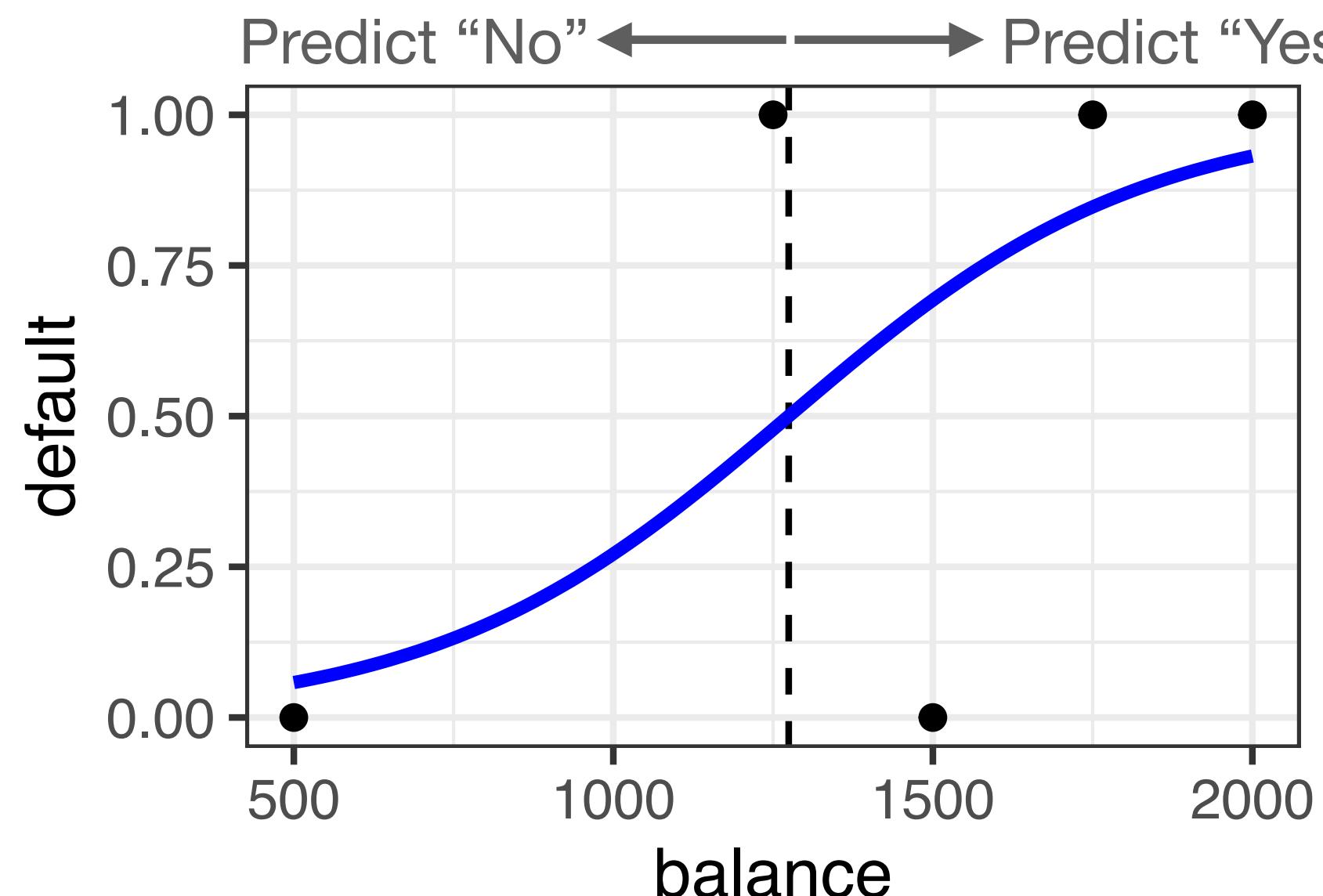
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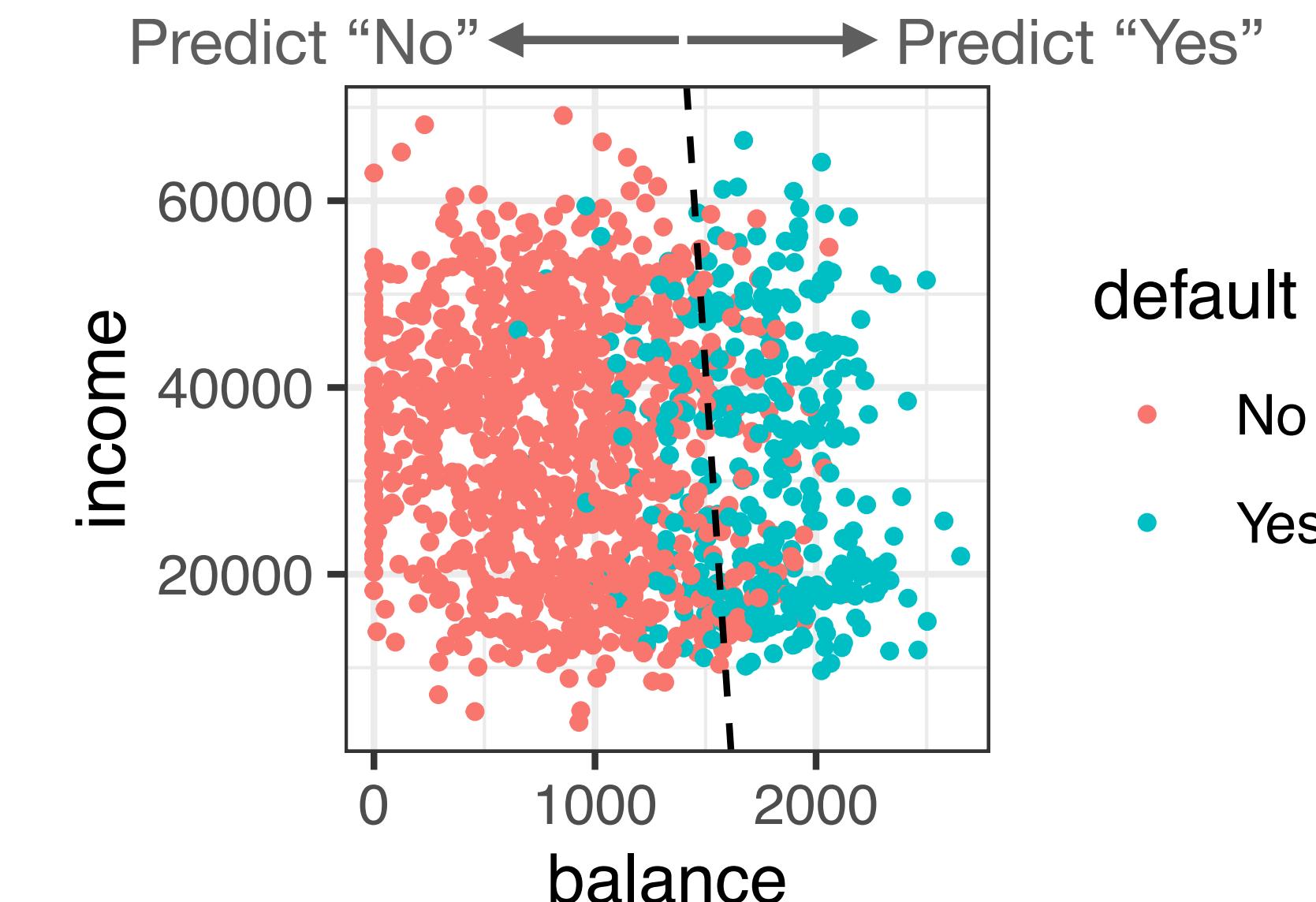
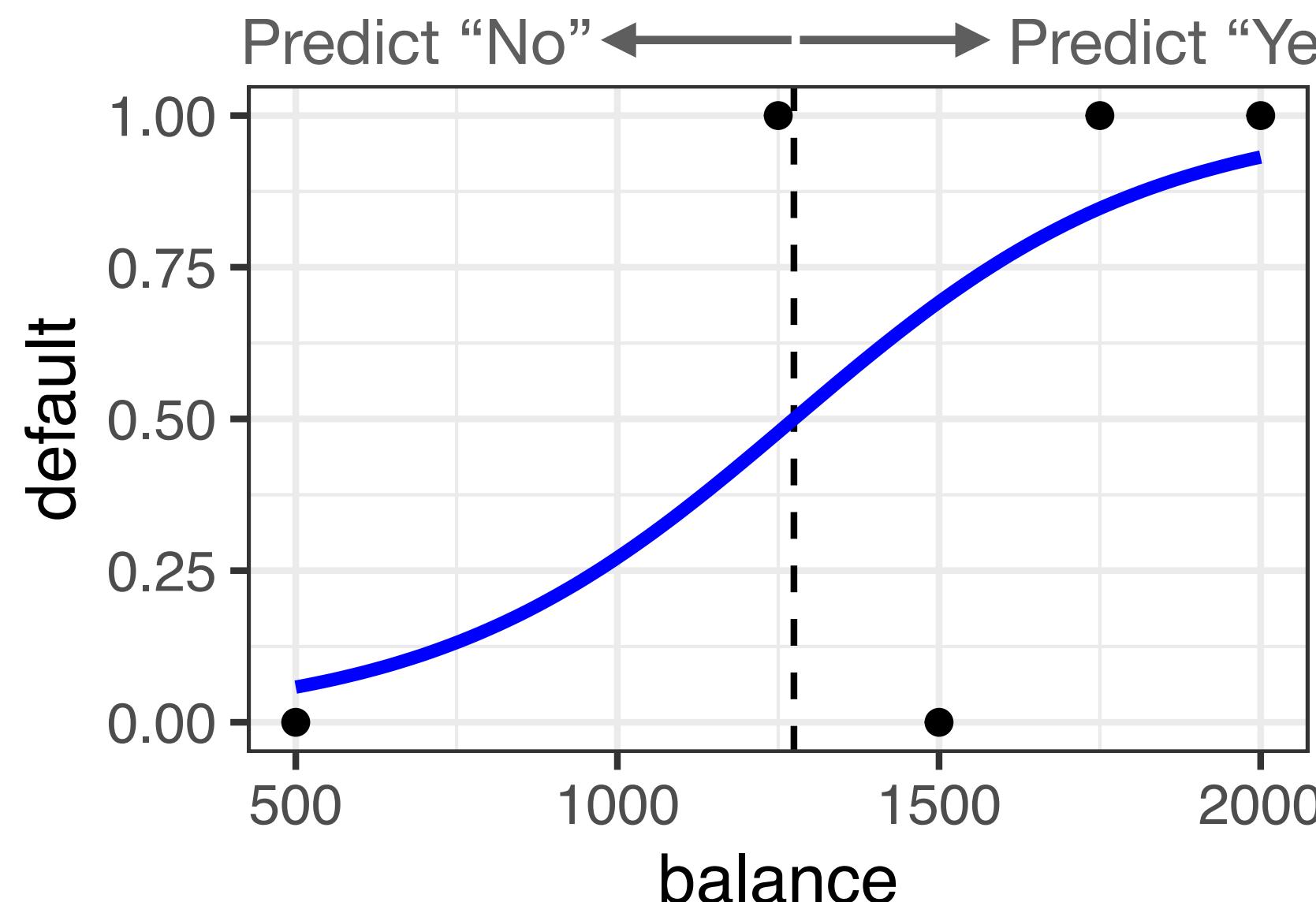


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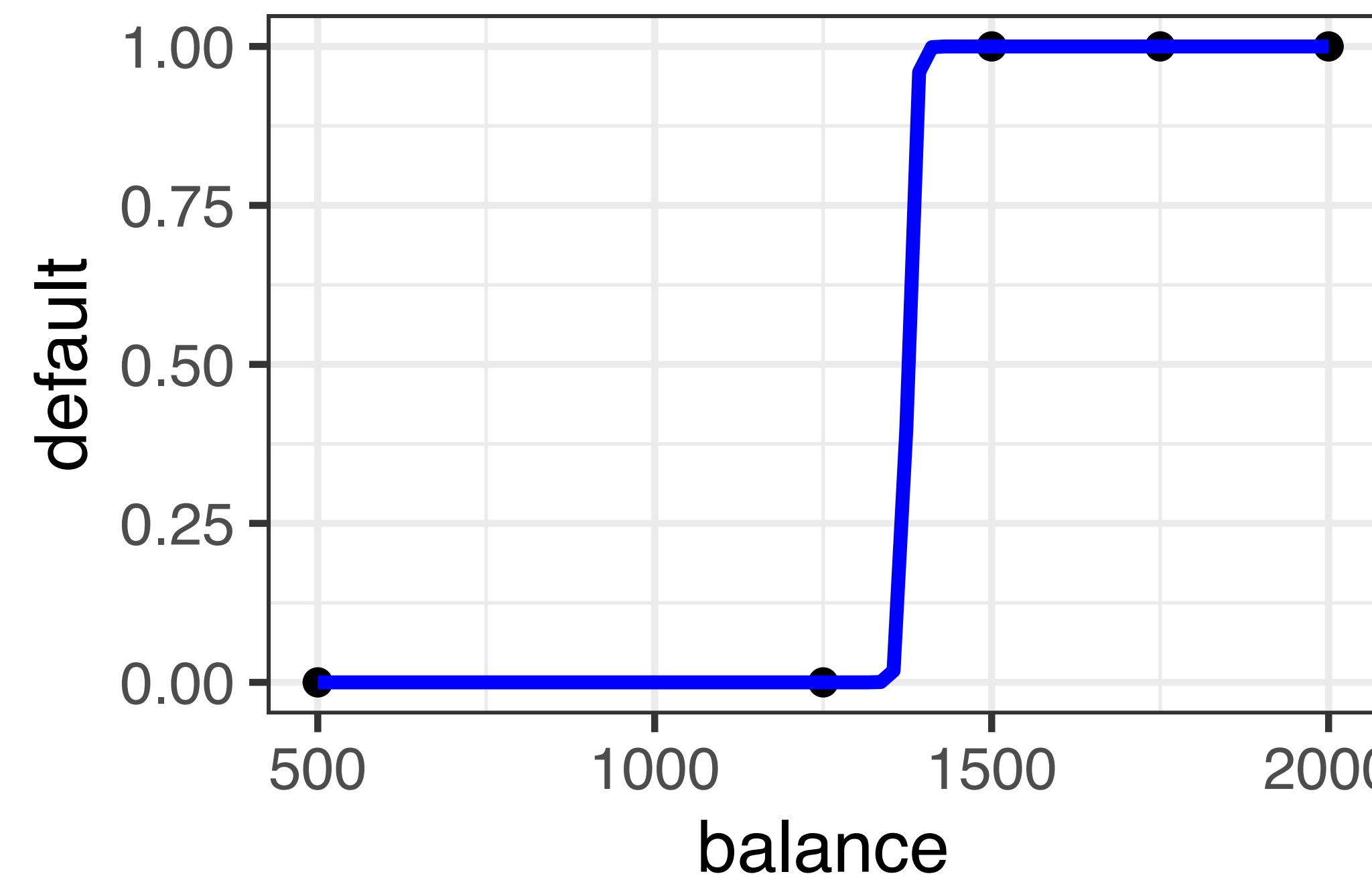
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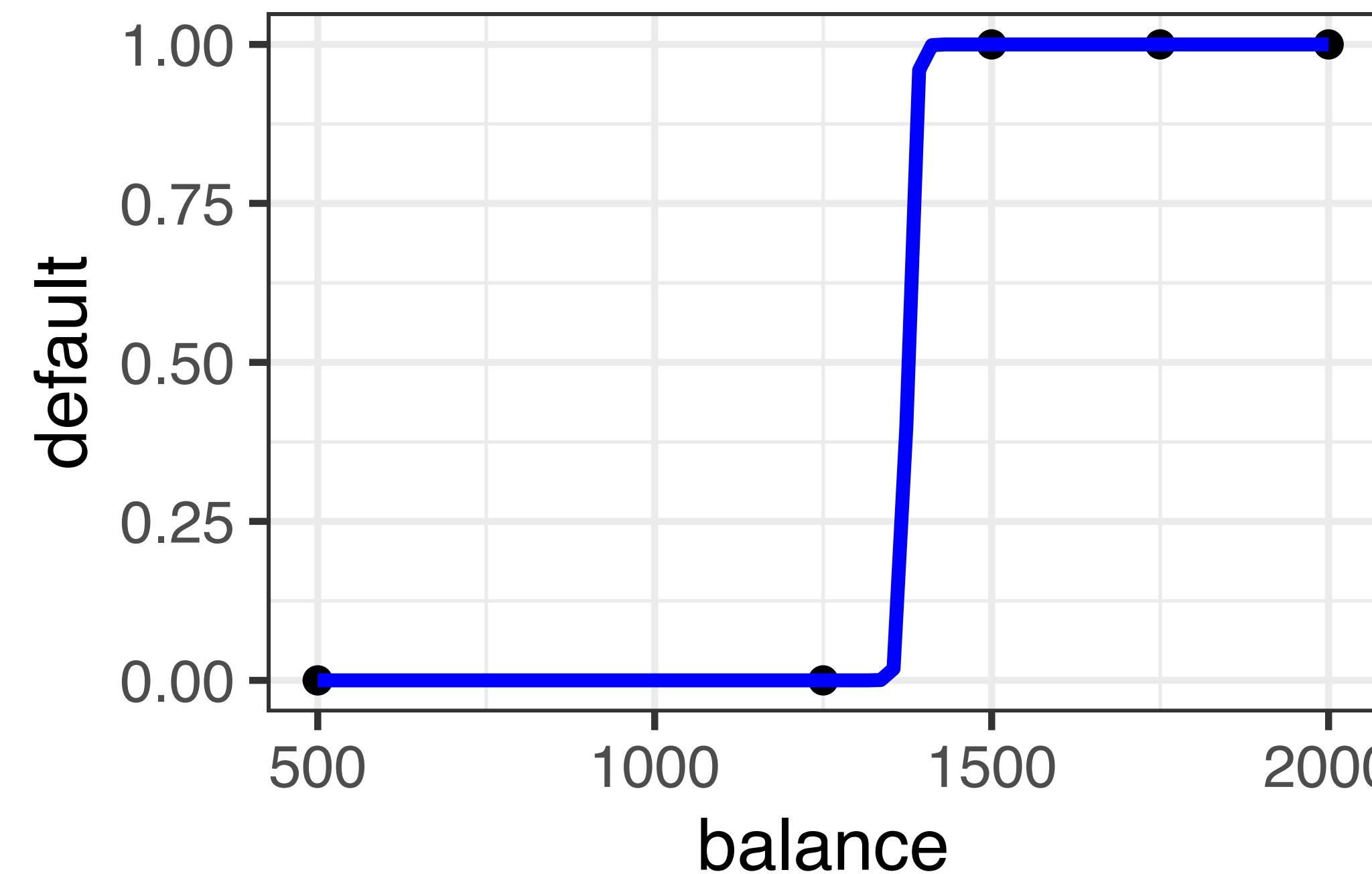
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