

Descriptive statistics

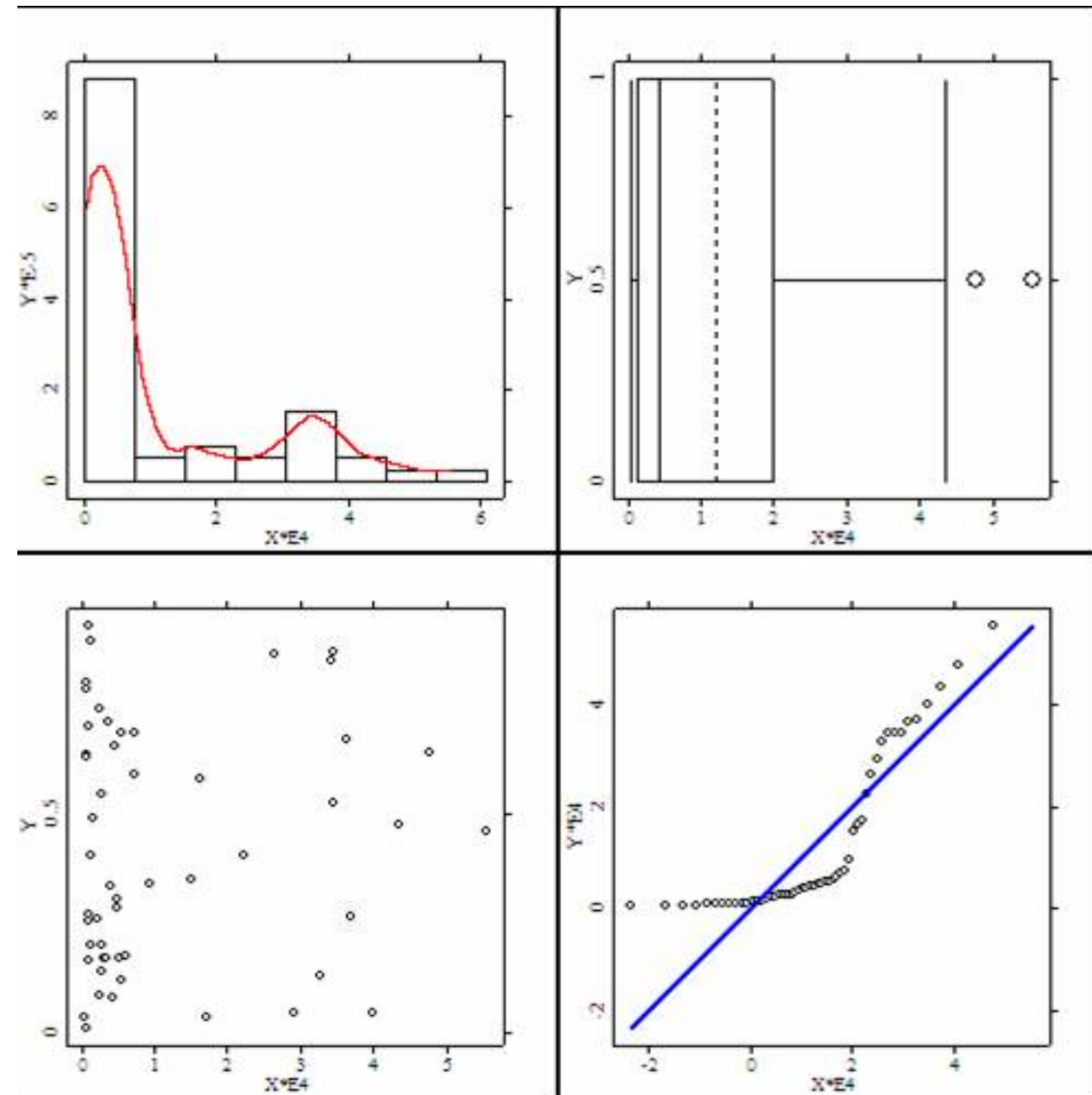
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What are descriptive statistics?

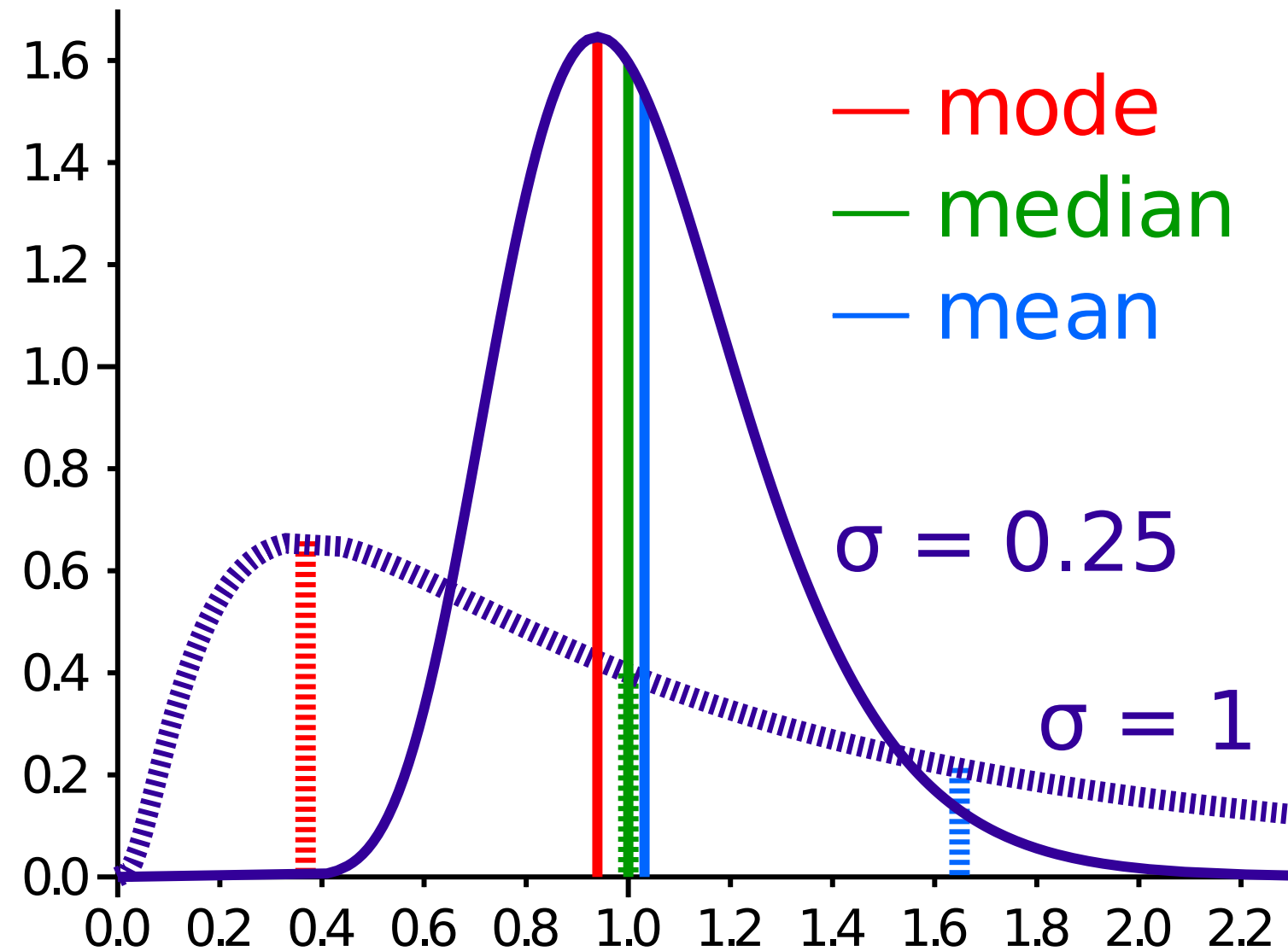


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Measures of centrality

- Mean
- Median
- Mode

Measures of centrality



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Measures of variability

- Variance
- Standard deviation
- Range

Measures of variability

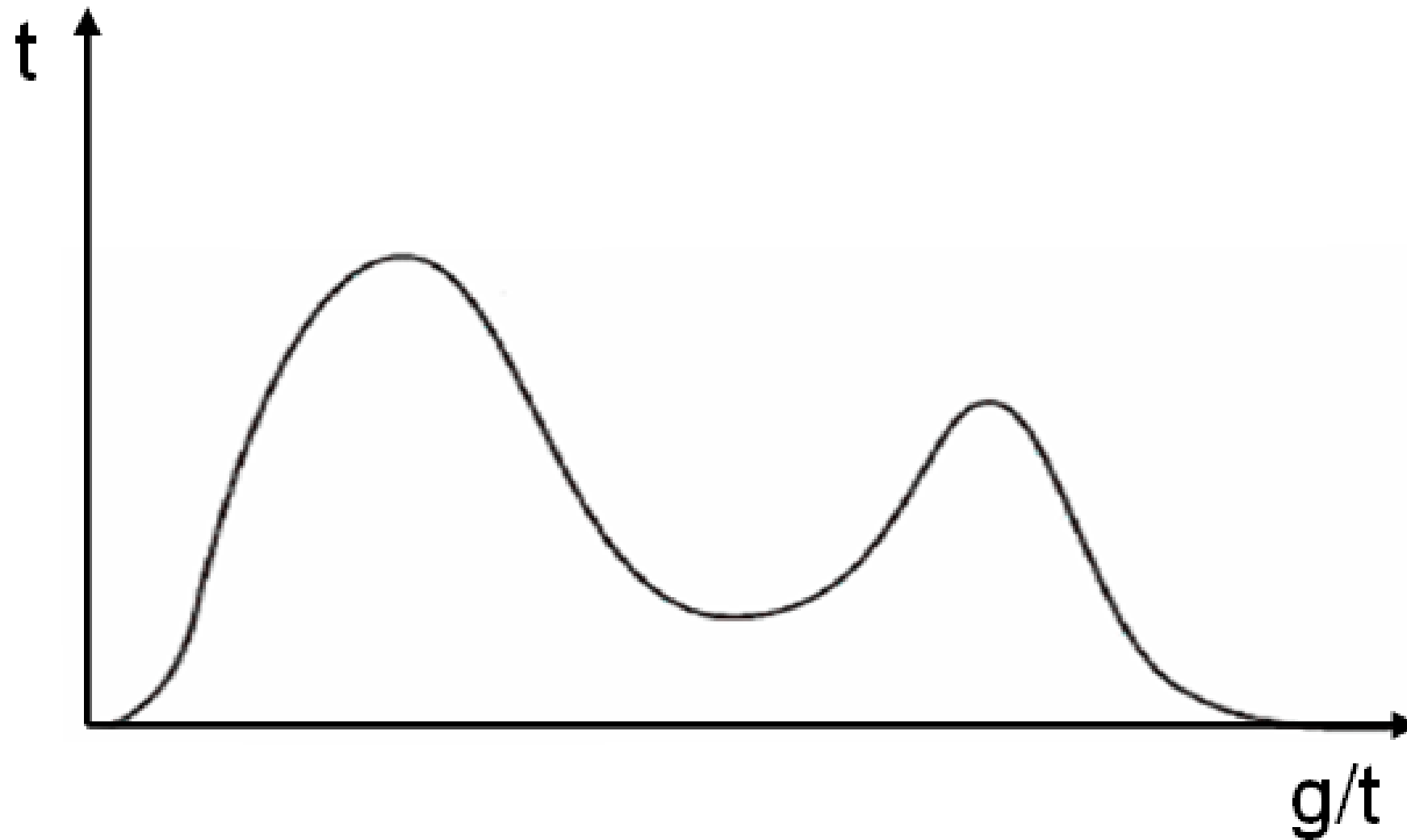
Variance

$$s^2 = \frac{\sum (x - \bar{x})^2}{n - 1}$$

Standard Deviation

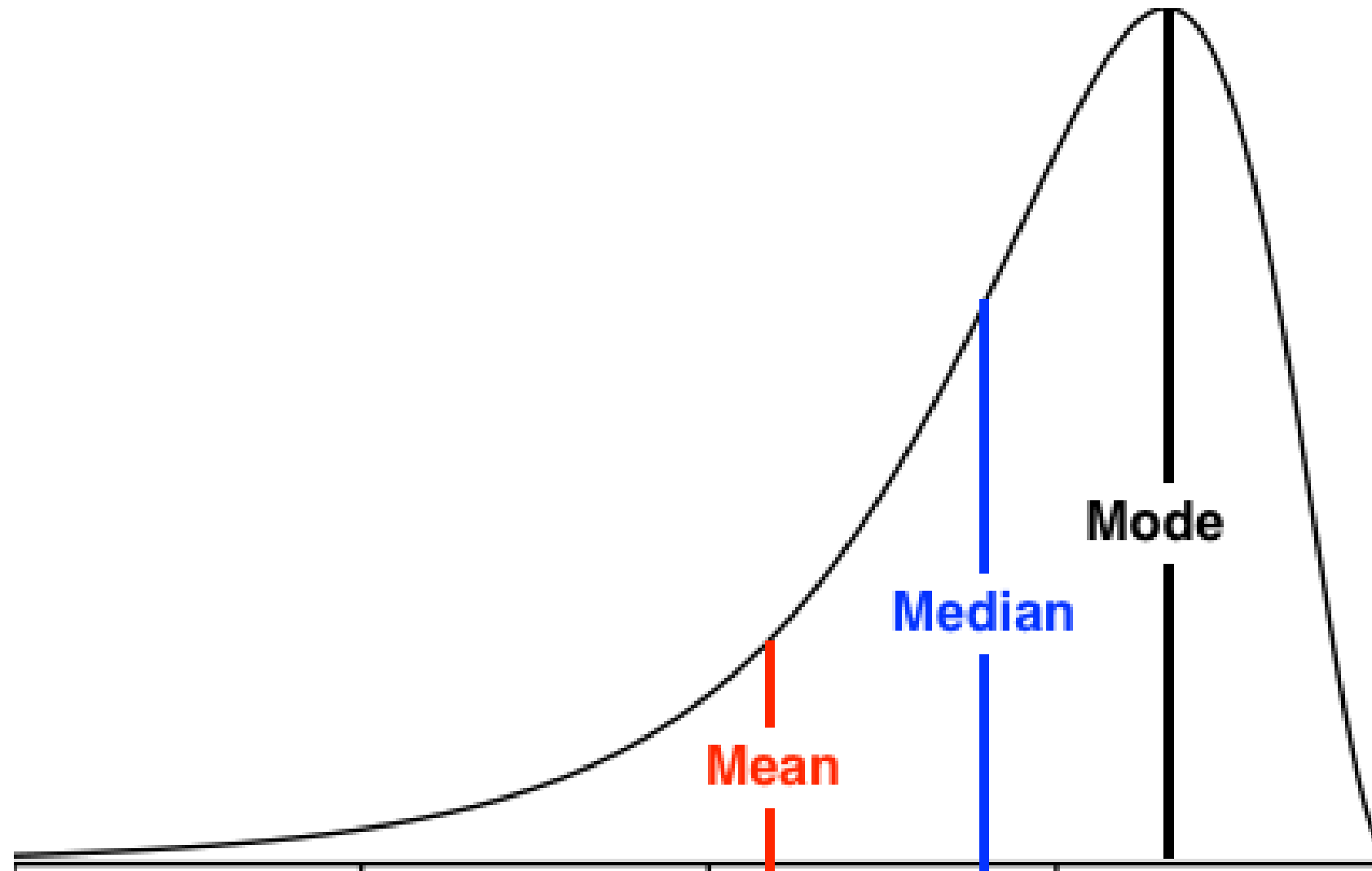
$$s = \sqrt{\frac{\sum (x - \bar{x})^2}{n - 1}}$$

Modality



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Skewness



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Summary

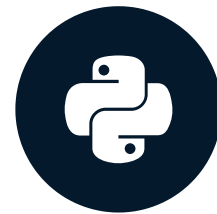
- Defining descriptive statistics
- Mean, median, and mode
- Standard deviation and variance
- Modality and skewness

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Categorical data

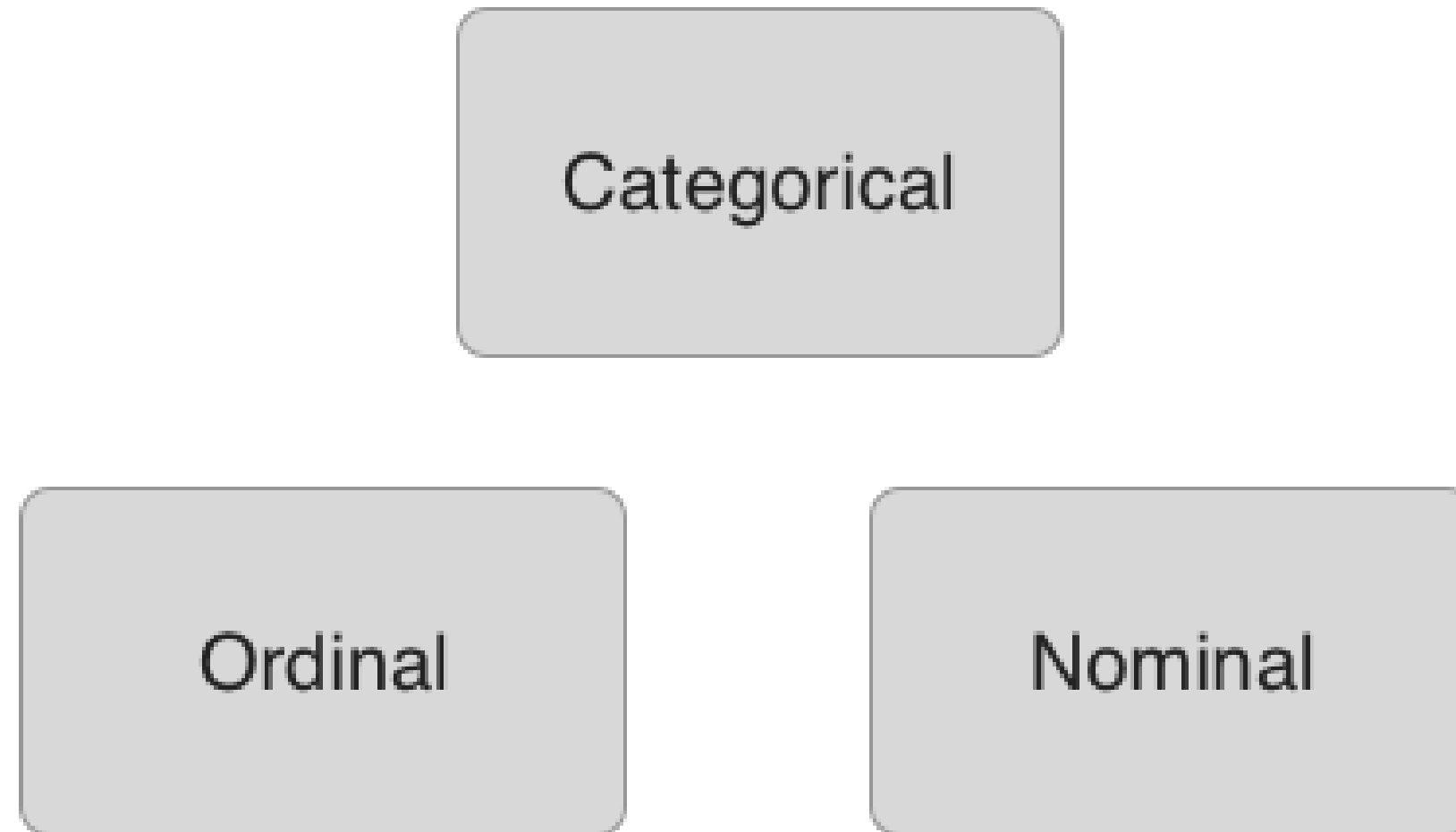
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Types of variables



Encoding categorical data

Label Encoding

Food Name	Categorical #	Calories
Apple	1	95
Chicken	2	231
Broccoli	3	50

One Hot Encoding

Apple	Chicken	Broccoli	Calories
1	0	0	95
0	1	0	231
0	0	1	50

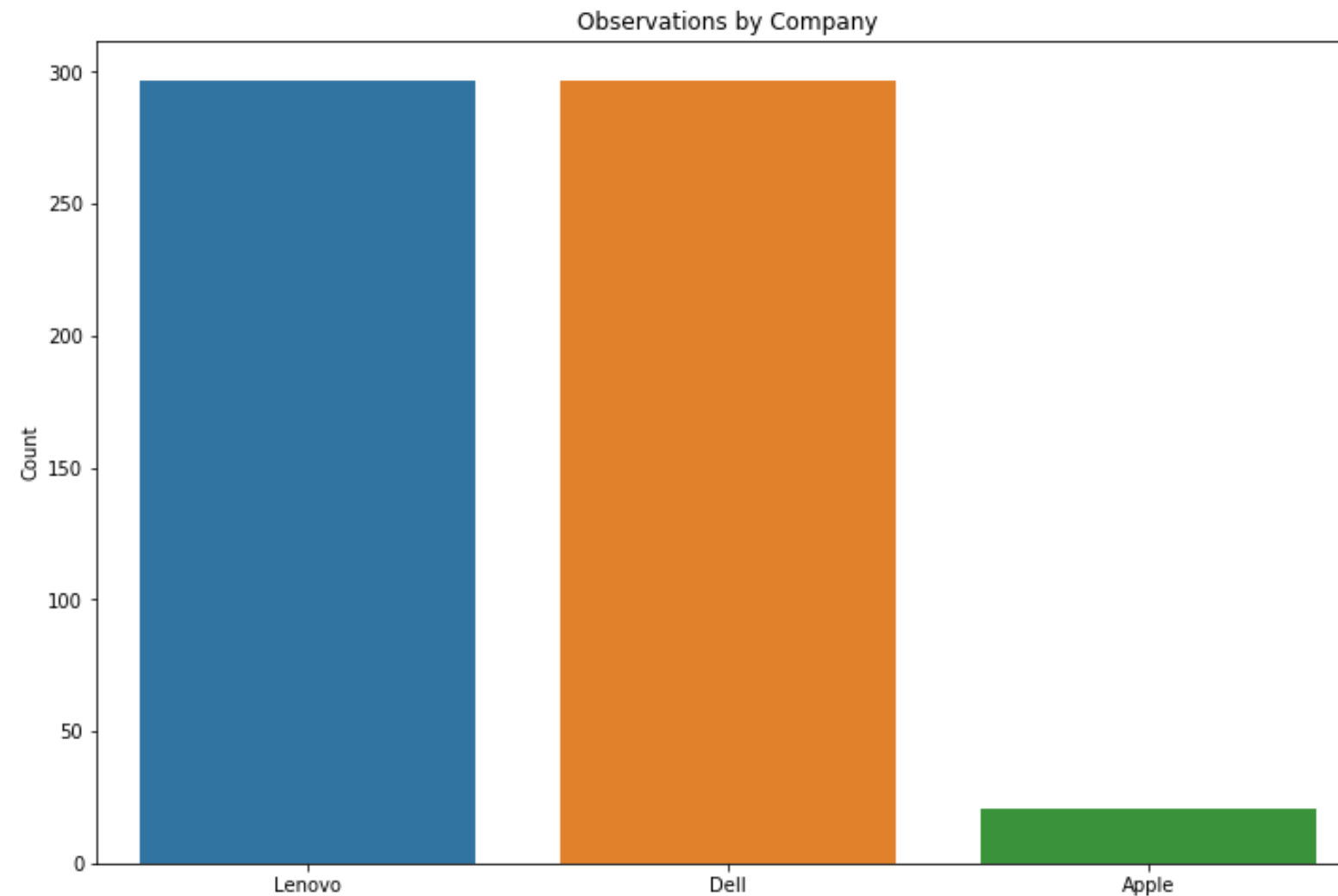
¹ What is One Hot Encoding and How to Do It

Example: laptop models

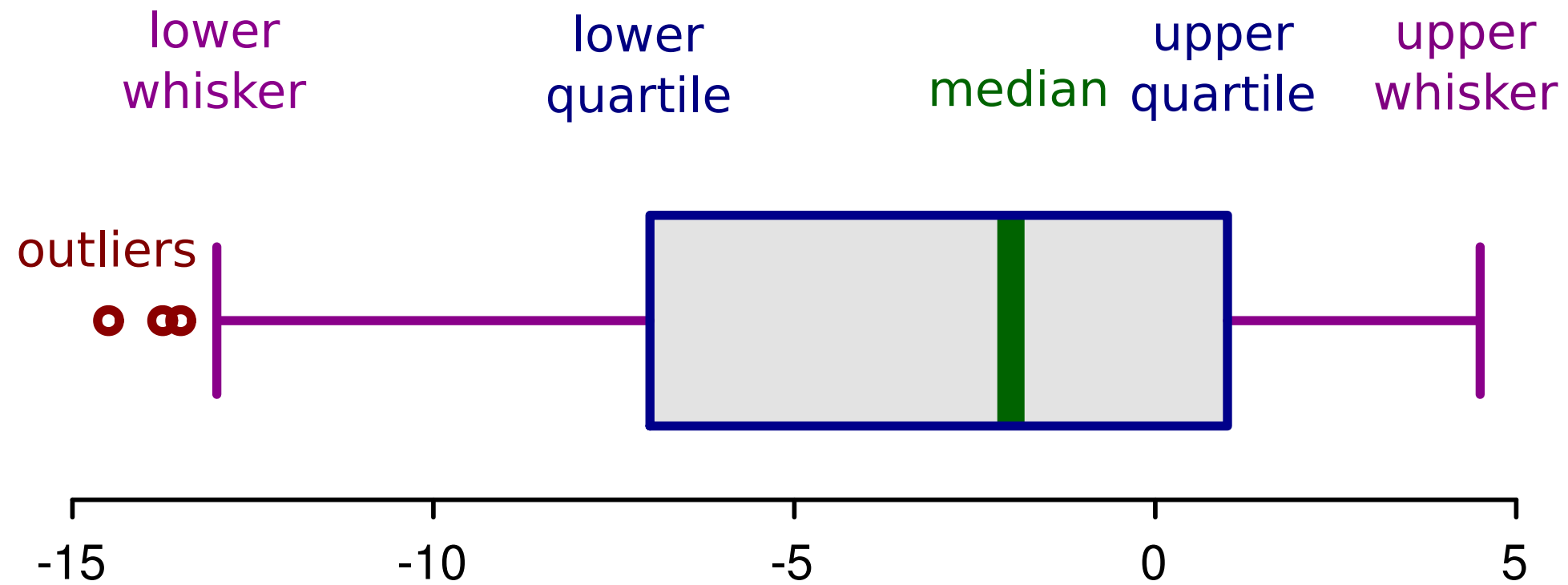
	Company	Product	Price
0	Apple	MacBook Pro	1339.69
1	Apple	Macbook Air	898.94
2	Apple	MacBook Pro	2537.45
3	Apple	MacBook Pro	1803.60
4	Apple	MacBook Pro	2139.97

Example: laptop models

```
company_count = df['Company'].value_counts()  
sns.barplot(company_count.index, company_count.values)
```



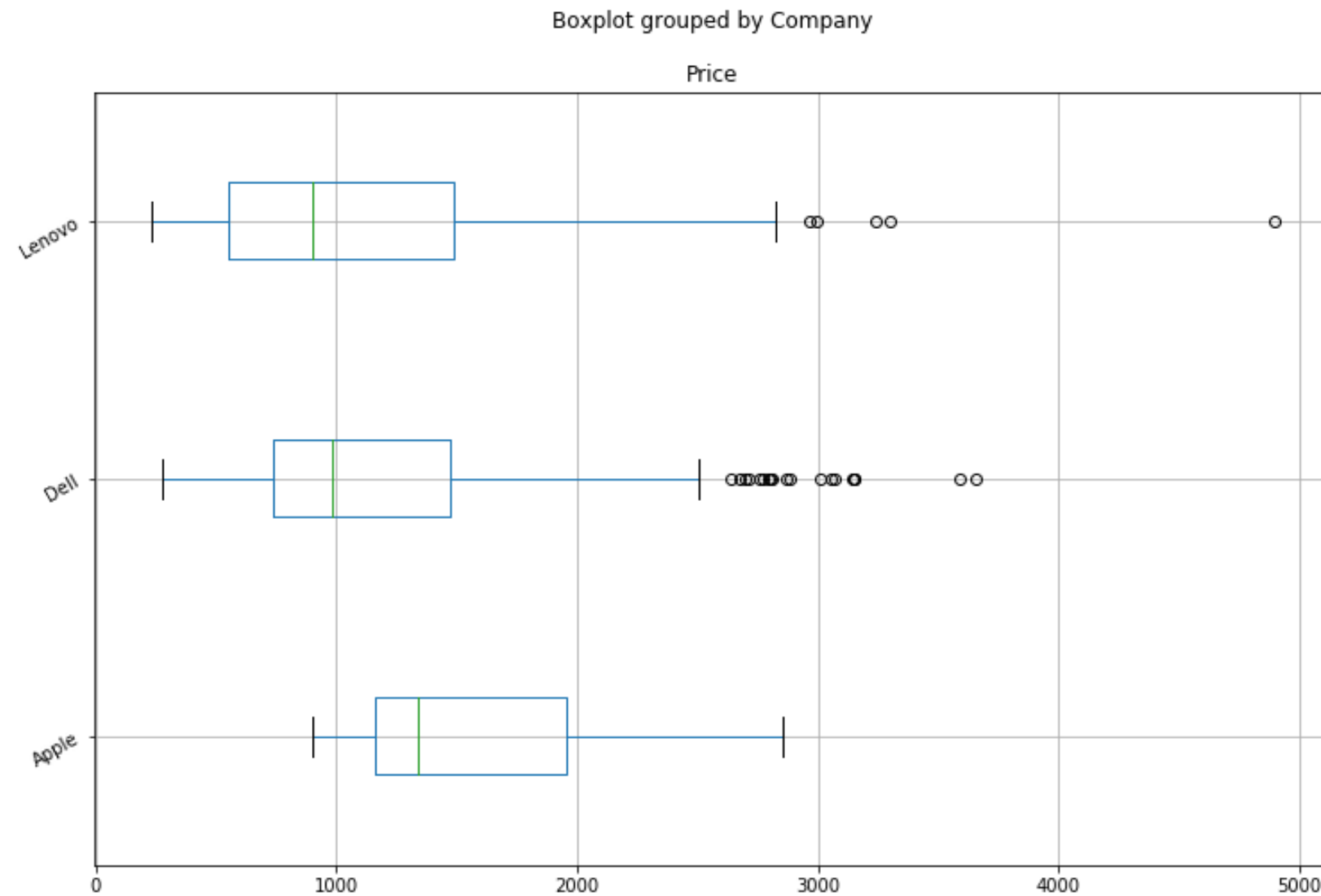
Box plots



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Example: laptop models

```
df.boxplot('Price', 'Company', rot = 30, figsize=(12,8), vert=False)
```



Summary

- Types of variables
- Encoding techniques
- Sample exploratory data analysis

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Two or more variables

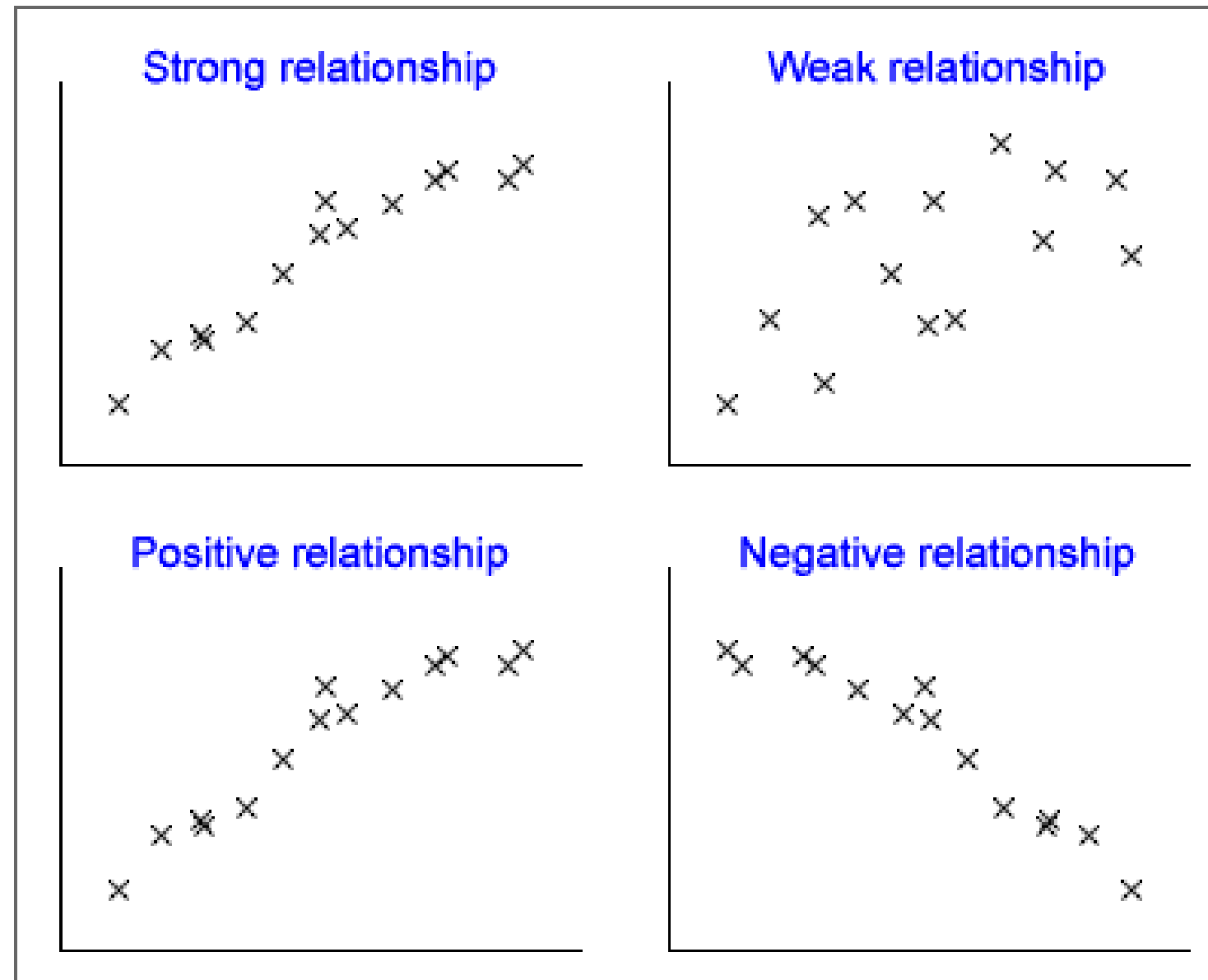
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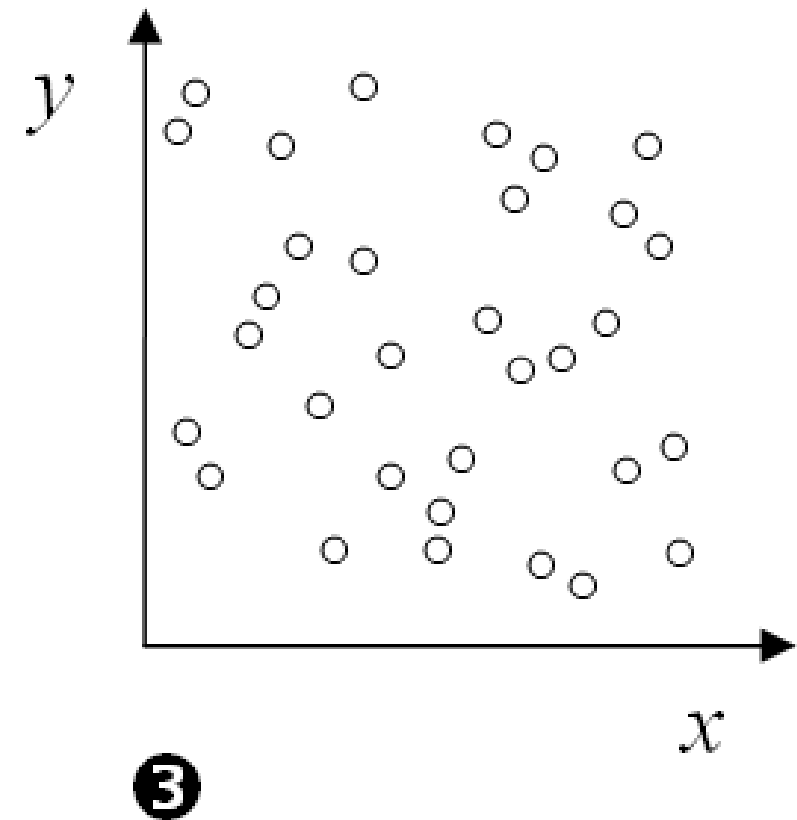
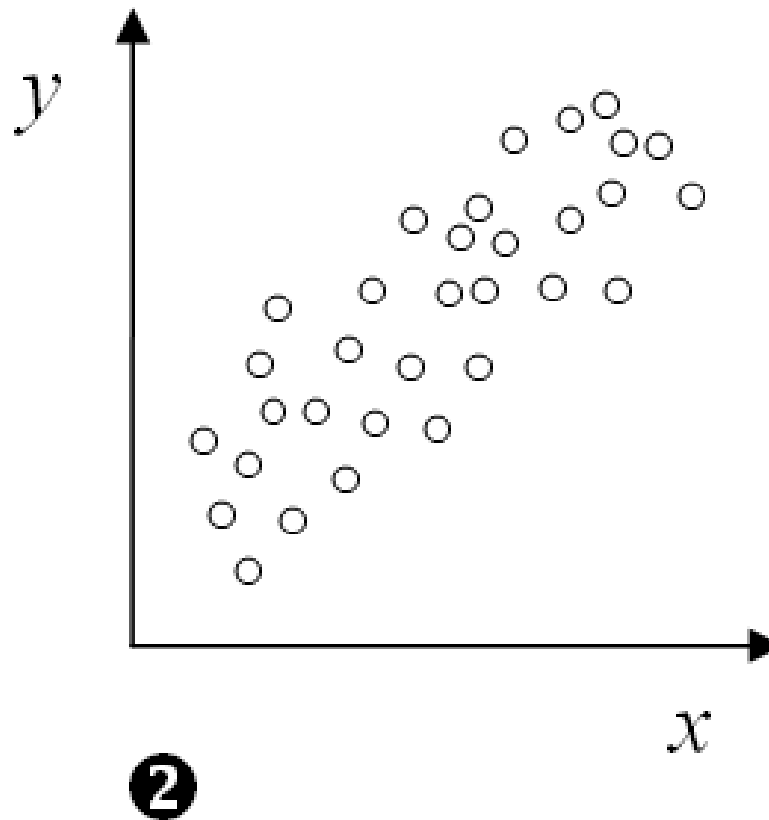
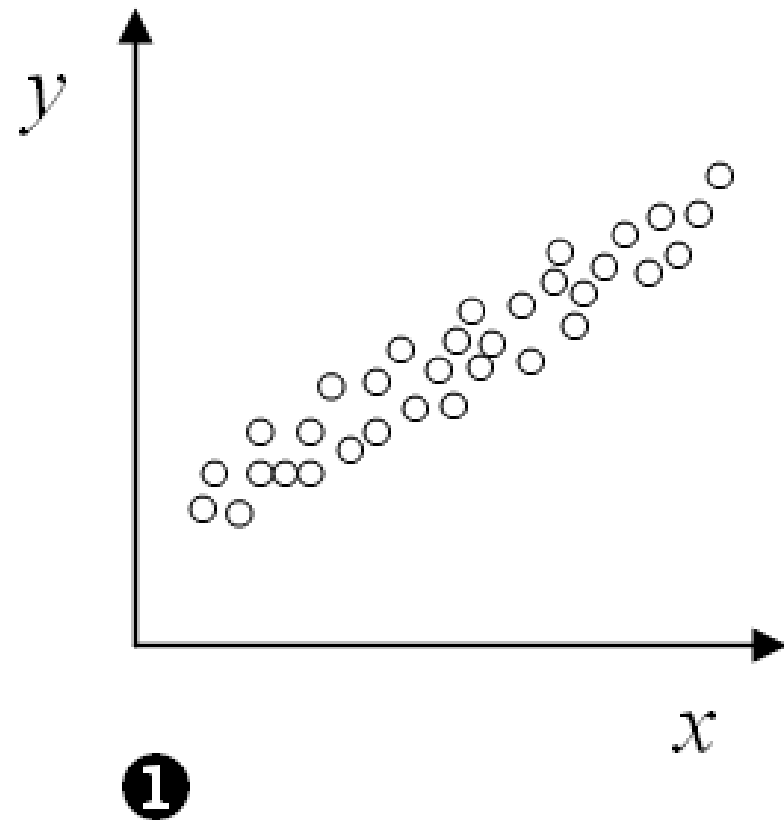
Types of relationships



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What is correlation?

- Statistical relationship between variables
- Stronger correlation = more information



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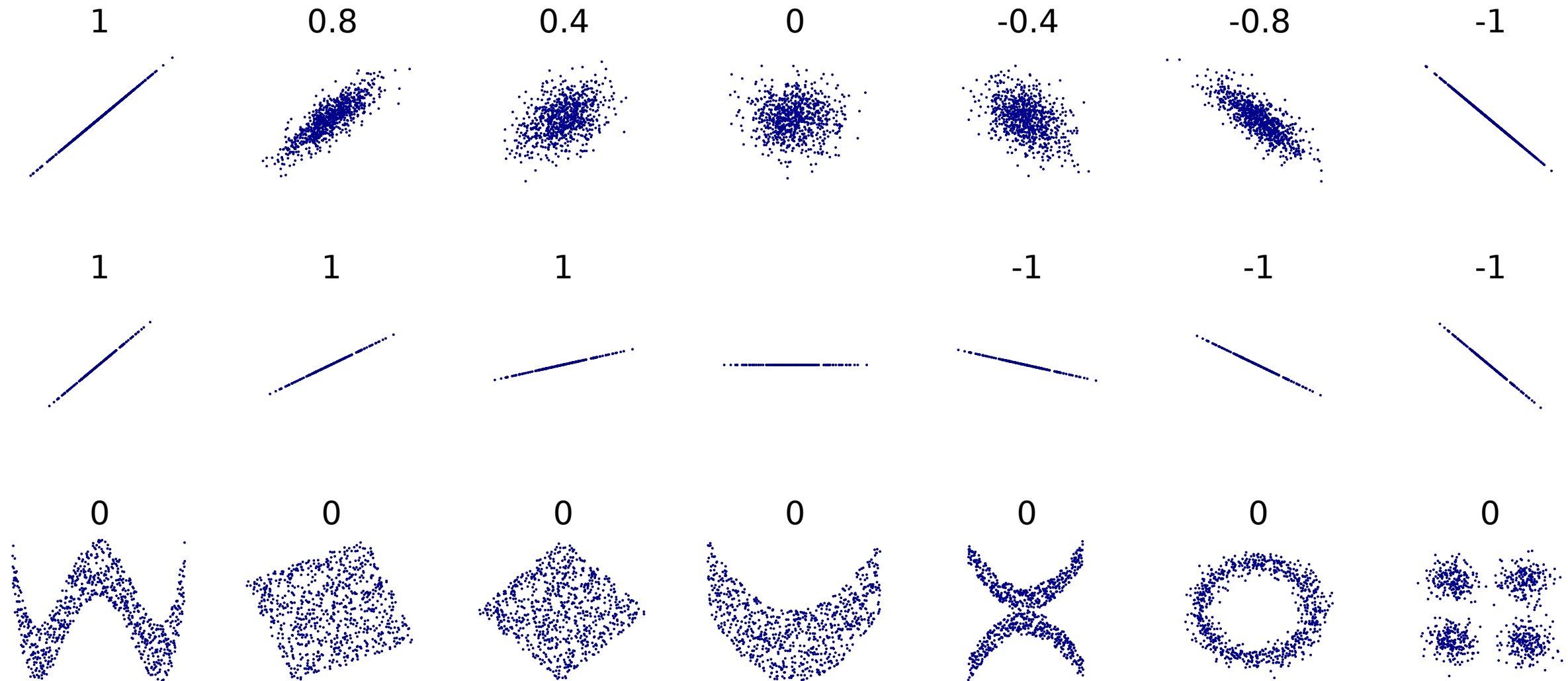
Covariance

$$\text{Cov}_{xy} = \frac{\sum (x - \bar{x})(y - \bar{y})}{(n - 1)}$$

Pearson's correlation

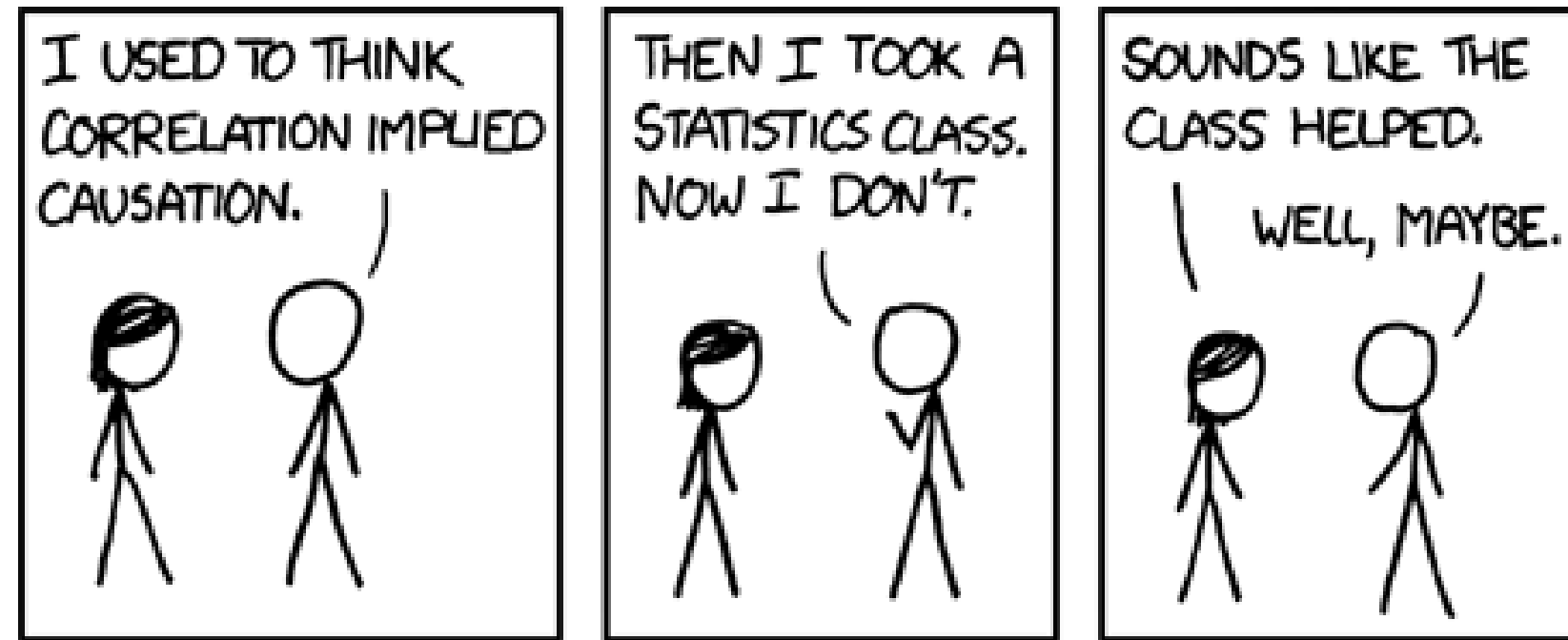
$$r = \frac{\text{Cov}(x, y)}{S_x \cdot S_y}$$

Pearson's correlation



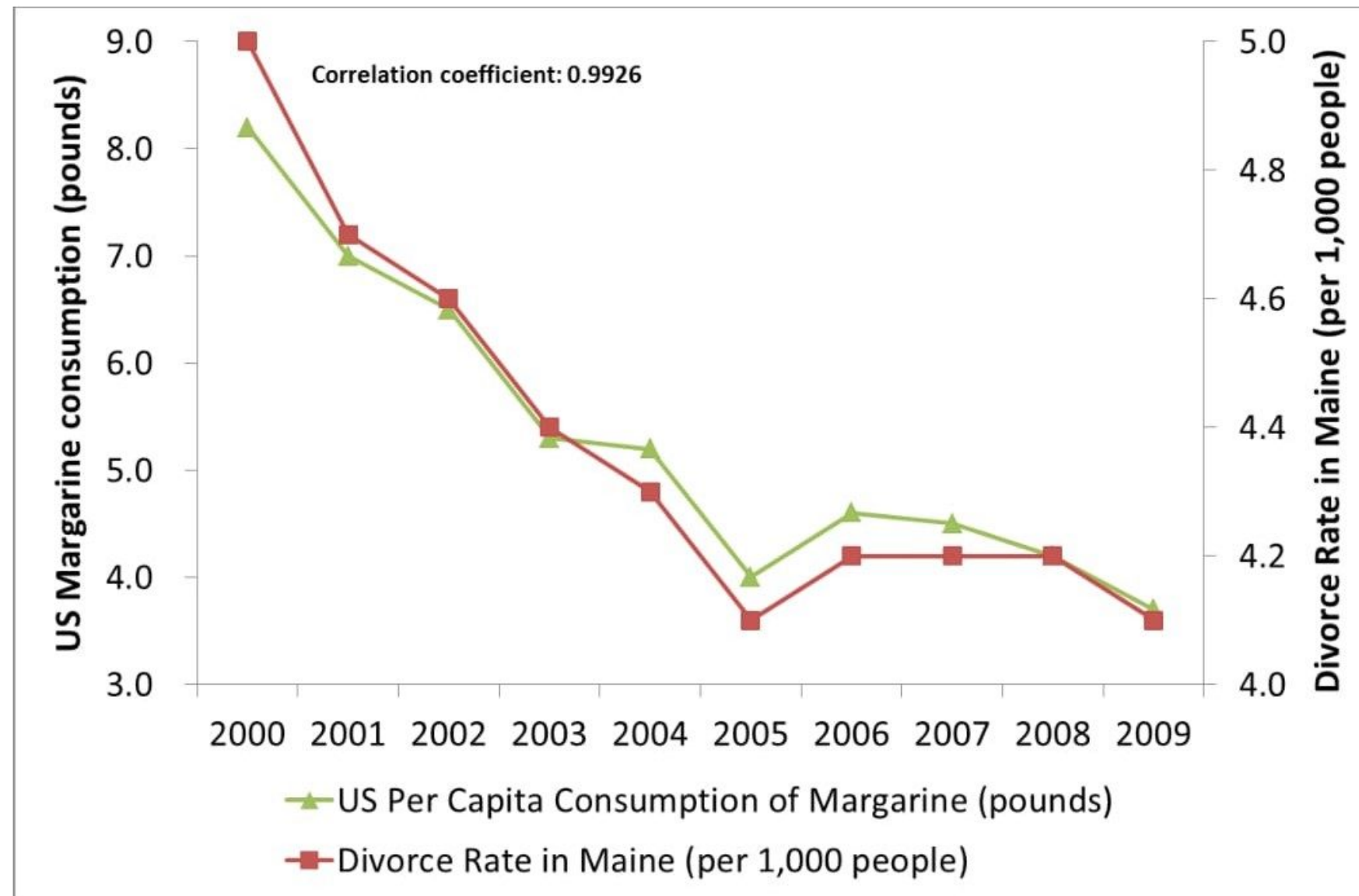
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Correlation vs. causation



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Correlation vs. causation



¹ Correlation does not mean Causation

Summary

- Types of relationships
- Review of correlation
- Covariance
- Pearson's correlation
- Correlation vs. causation

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