

Machine Learning-Session 2

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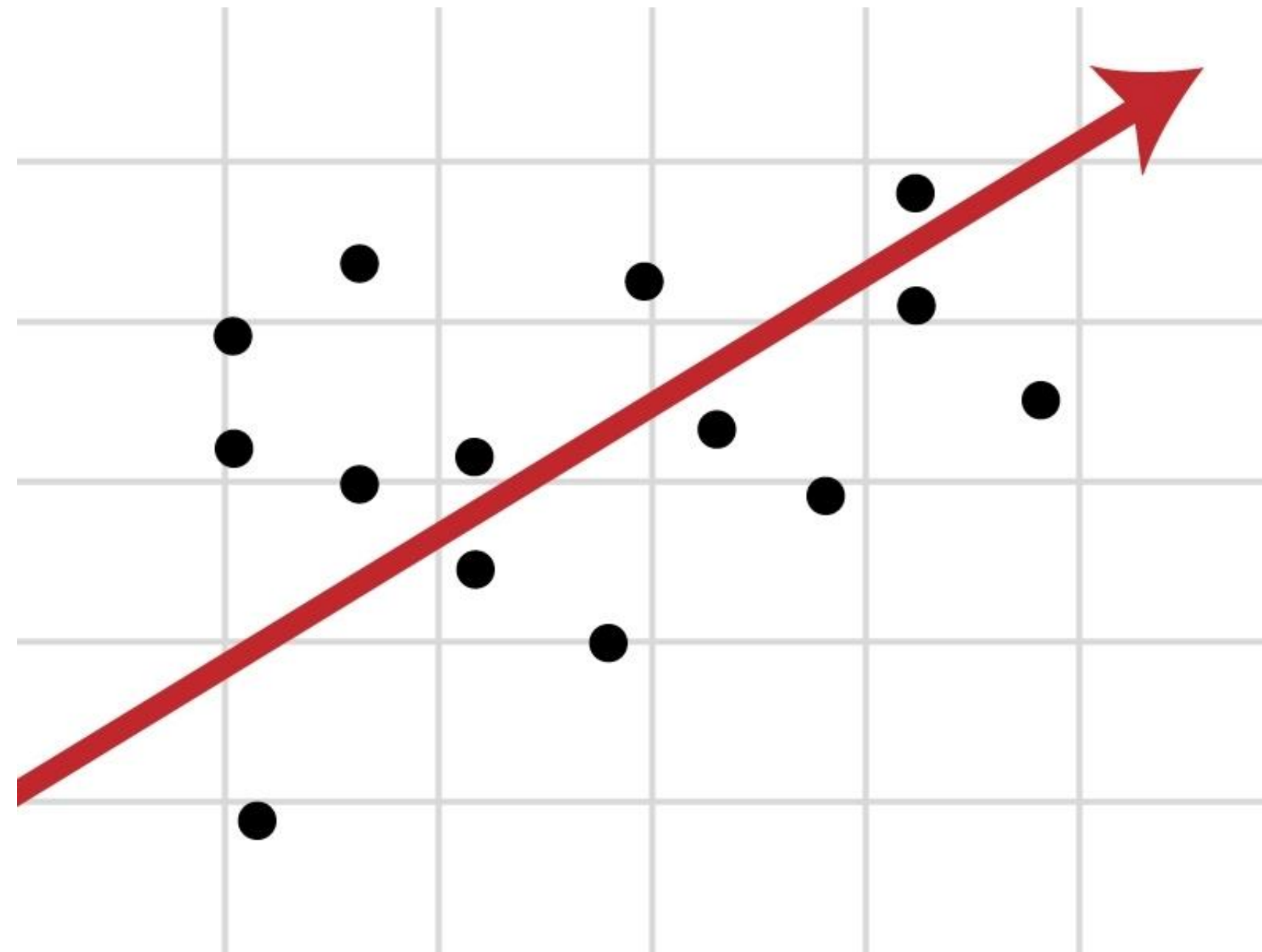
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What is Regression ?

Regression is a way for a computer to **learn how to predict numbers**.

Regression is a type of machine learning technique used to **predict a continuous numerical value** based on one or more input variables (features)..



Why is Regression Used?

- What will the **price of a house** be based on its size?
- How much **rain** will fall tomorrow?
- What is the **salary** based on experience?

Linear Regression

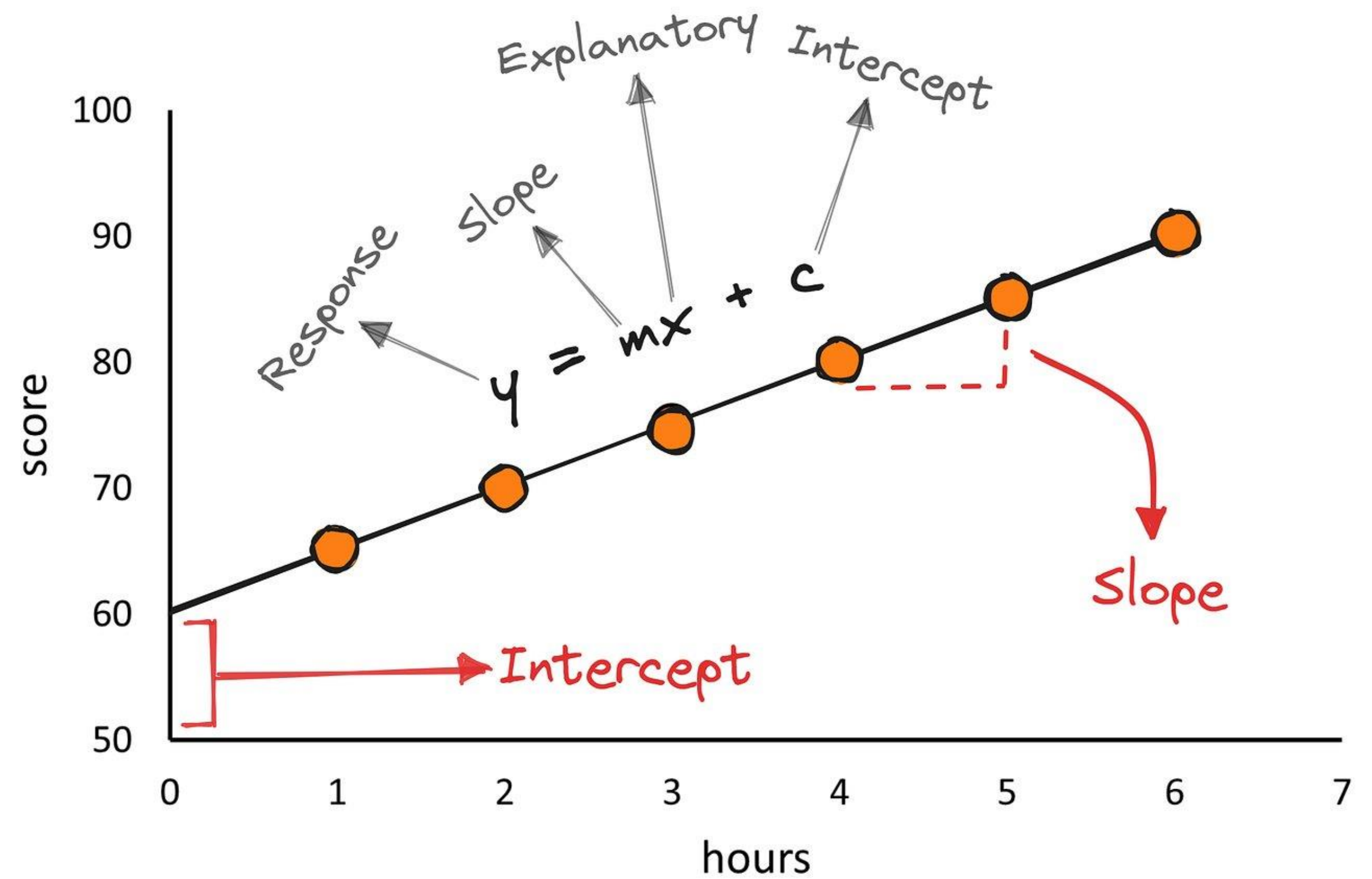
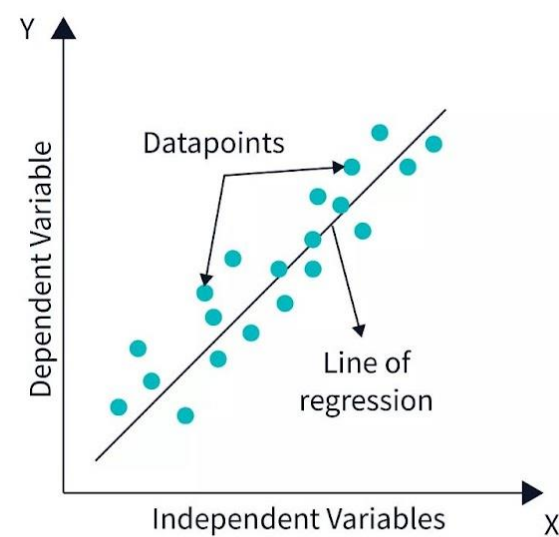
$$\hat{y} = b_0 + b_1 X_1$$

Dependent variable

y-intercept (constant)

Slope coefficient

Independent variable



Linear Regression Example

Imagine you're an HR manager trying to **predict someone's salary based on their years of experience**.

📌 Data:

Years of Experience (X)	Salary (Y in ₹)	
1	3,00,000	
2	4,00,000	
3	5,00,000	
4	6,00,000	
5	7,00,000	

Salary = 1,00,000 × Years of Experience + 2,00,000

Multiple Linear Regression

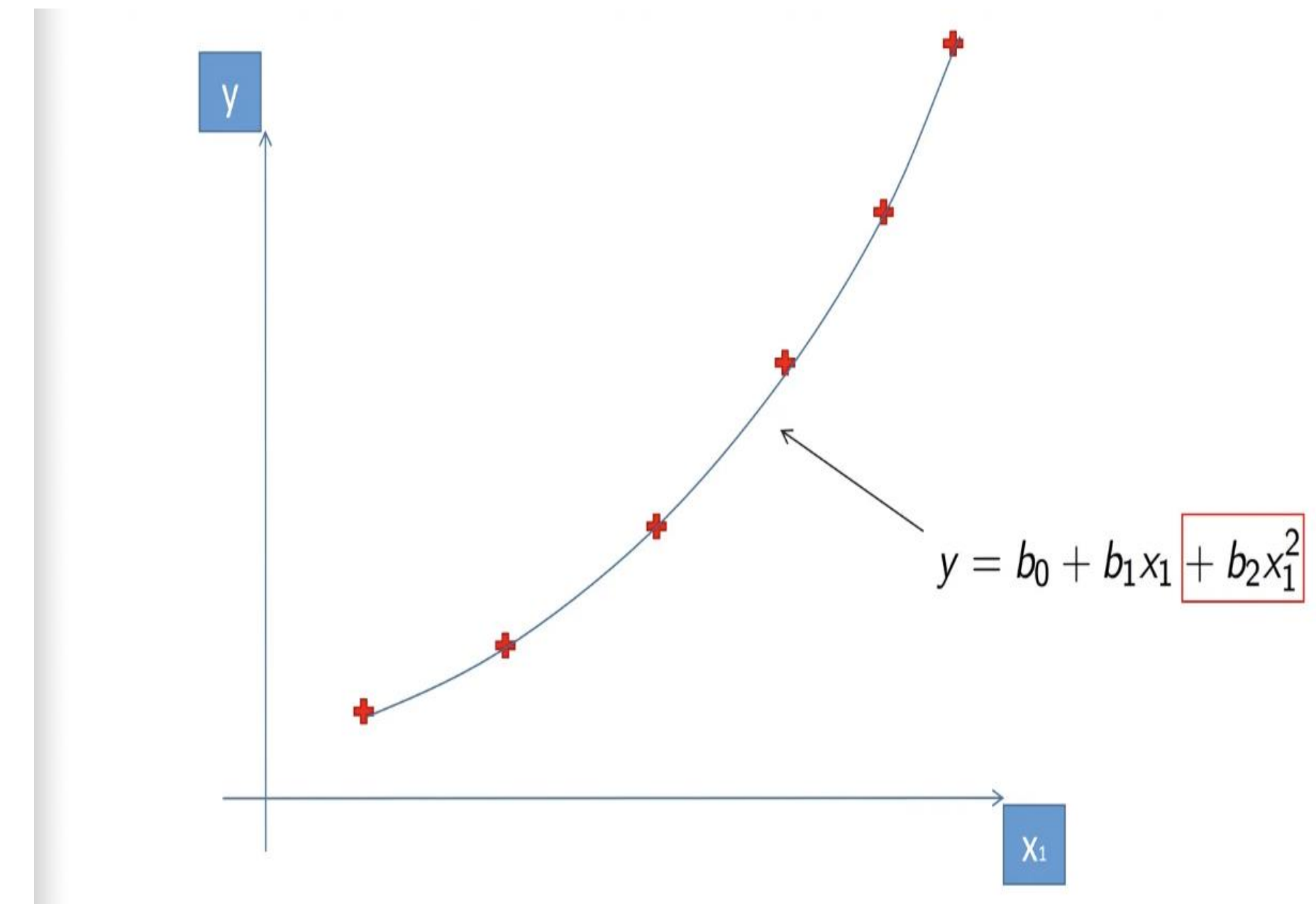
Years of Experience	Education Level (1-5)	Salary (₹ in Lakhs)
1	2	3.0
2	3	4.0
3	2	4.5
4	4	6.0
5	5	7.5
6	3	6.8

The diagram shows the general equation for Multiple Linear Regression: $\hat{y} = b_0 + b_1X_1 + b_2X_2 + \dots + b_nX_n$. Each term is labeled with a vertical line pointing to it: \hat{y} is the Dependent variable; b_0 is the y-intercept (constant); b_1 is the Slope coefficient 1; X_1 is Independent variable 1; b_2 is the Slope coefficient 2; X_2 is Independent variable 2; and b_n is the Slope coefficient n. The ellipsis and X_n are also labeled as Independent variable.

Salary = $b_0 + b_1 \times \text{Experience} + b_2 \times \text{Education}$

Polynomial Regression

Years of Experience	Salary (₹ in Lakhs)
1	2.0
2	2.5
3	3.2
4	4.5
5	6.5
6	9.0
7	12.5
8	16.8



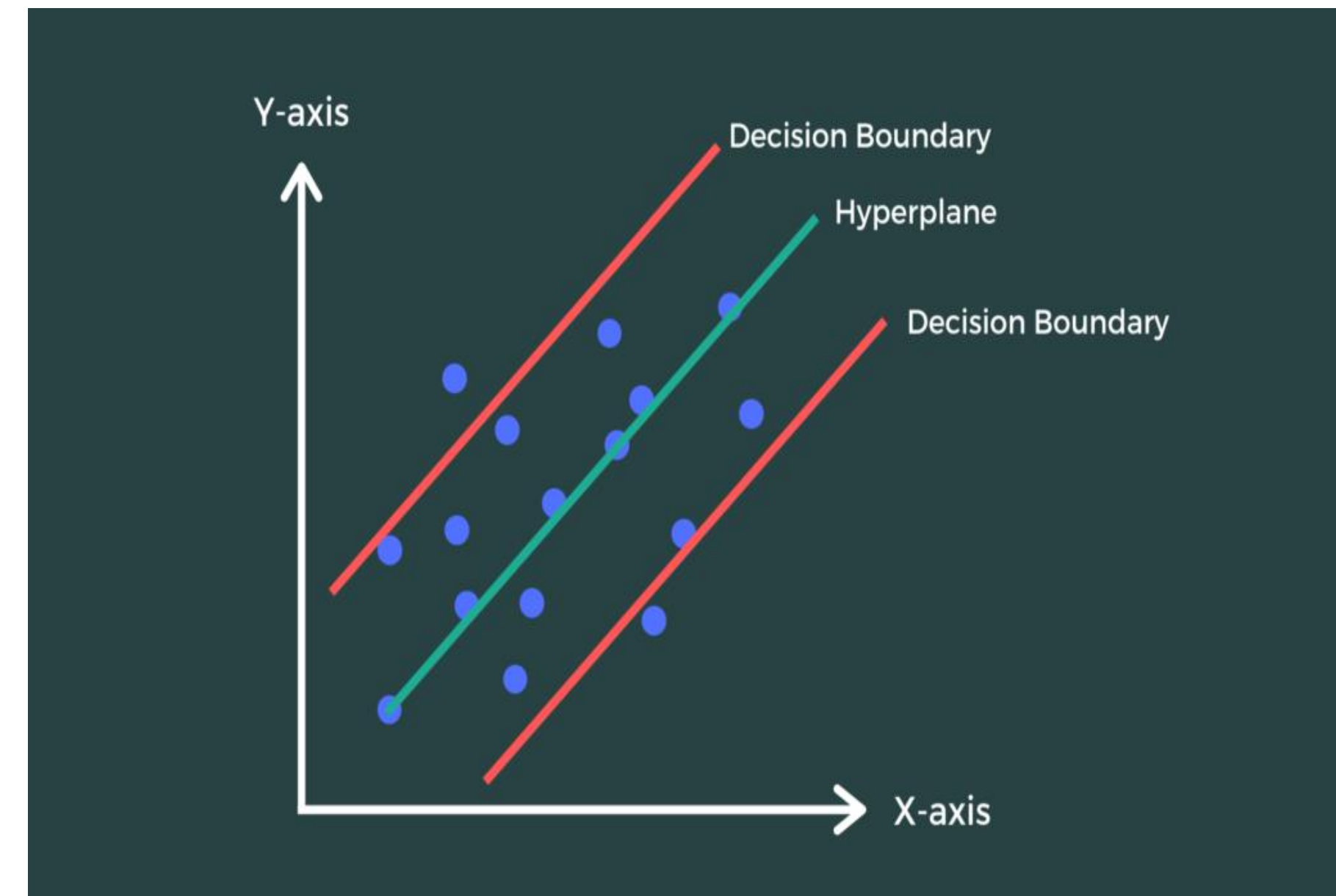
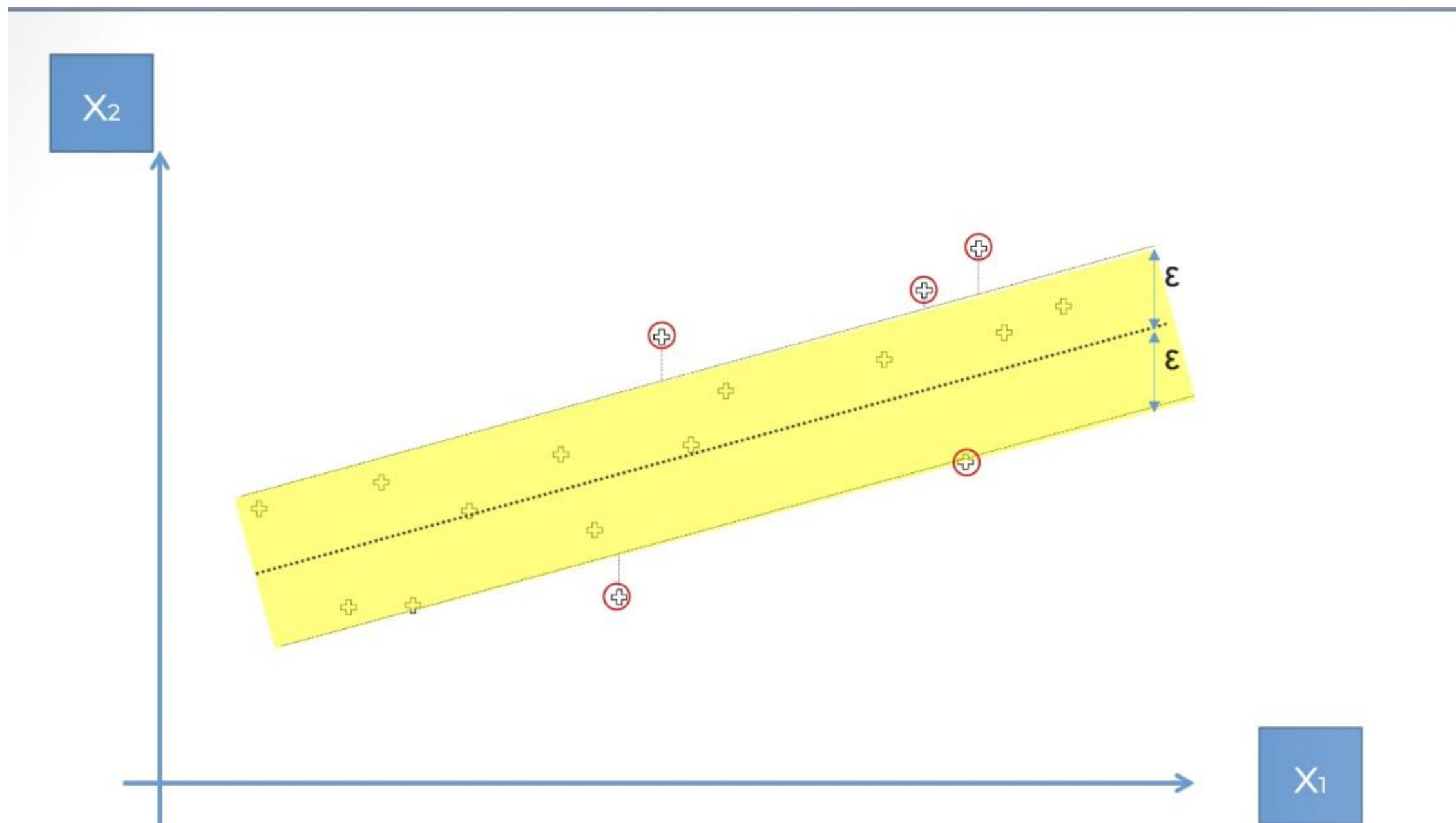
Sometimes, salaries don't increase in a straight line. For example:

$$\text{Salary} = b_0 + b_1 \times \text{Experience} + b_2 \times (\text{Experience})^2$$

Support Vector Regression(SVR)

SVR is a type of regression that tries to **predict a continuous value** (like salary), but instead of minimizing the error for each point, it tries to fit the **best line/curve** within a **margin of tolerance (ϵ)**.

Think of it like:



Support Vector Regression(SVR)

Minimize:

$$\frac{1}{2}\|w\|^2 + C \sum (\xi_i + \xi_i^*)$$

Subject to:

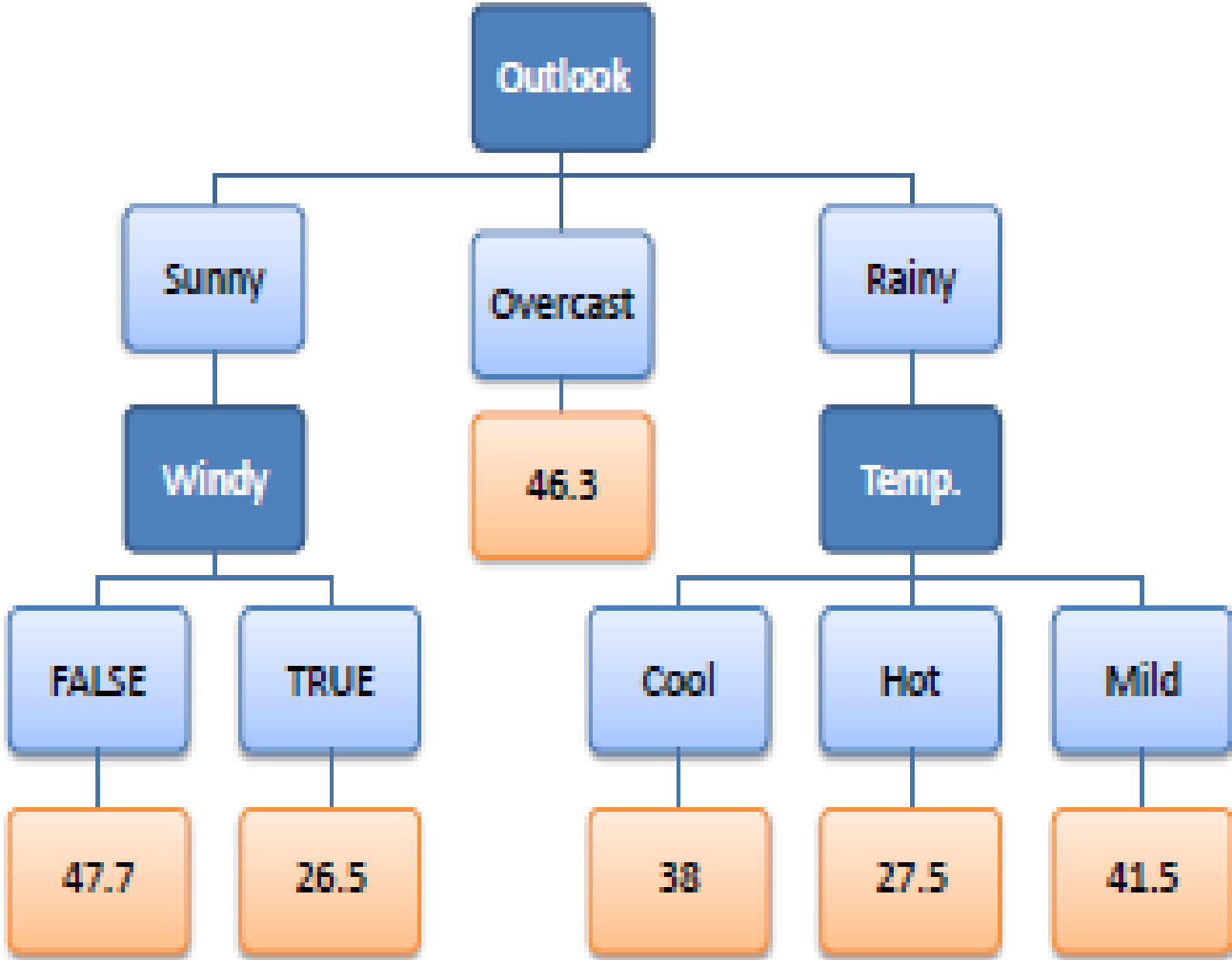
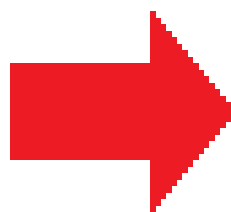
$$\begin{cases} y_i - w^T x_i - b \leq \varepsilon + \xi_i \\ w^T x_i + b - y_i \leq \varepsilon + \xi_i^* \\ \xi_i, \xi_i^* \geq 0 \end{cases}$$

Where:

- ε : tolerance margin
- ξ_i, ξ_i^* : slack variables for errors outside ε
- C : penalty parameter (controls trade-off between margin and error)

Decision Tree

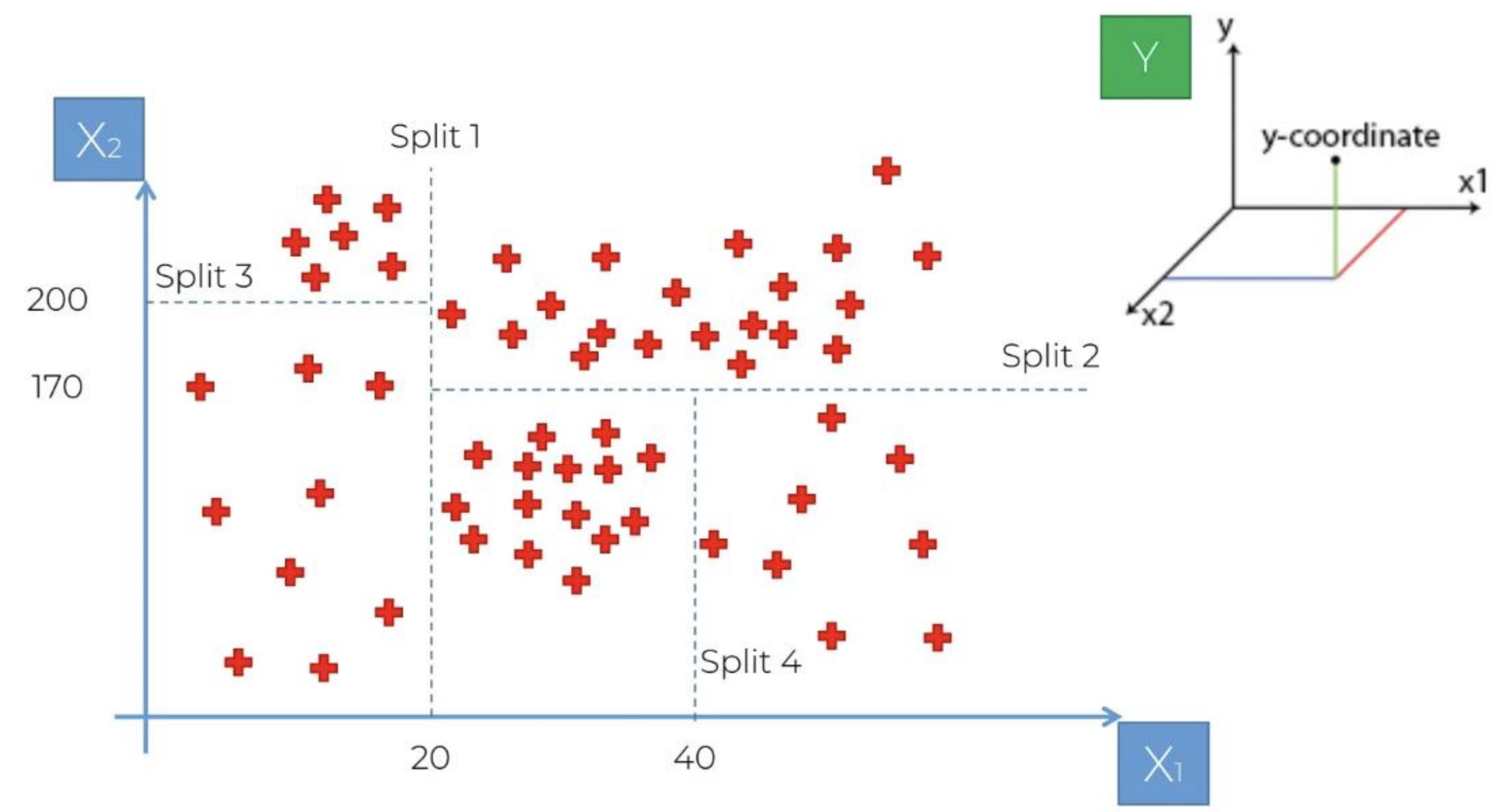
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Rainy	Hot	High	False	26
Rainy	Hot	High	True	30
Overcast	Hot	High	False	48
Sunny	Mild	High	False	46
Sunny	Cool	Normal	False	62
Sunny	Cool	Normal	True	23
Overcast	Cool	Normal	True	43
Rainy	Mild	High	False	36
Rainy	Cool	Normal	False	38
Sunny	Mild	Normal	False	48
Rainy	Mild	Normal	True	48
Overcast	Mild	High	True	62
Overcast	Hot	Normal	False	44
Sunny	Mild	High	True	30



Decision Tree

- If Experience ≤ 2.5 , Salary = ₹3.25 L
- If $2.5 < \text{Experience} \leq 4.5$, Salary = ₹5.25 L
- If $4.5 < \text{Experience} \leq 6.5$, Salary = ₹8.65 L
- If Experience > 6.5 , Salary = ₹12.0 L

Decision Tree

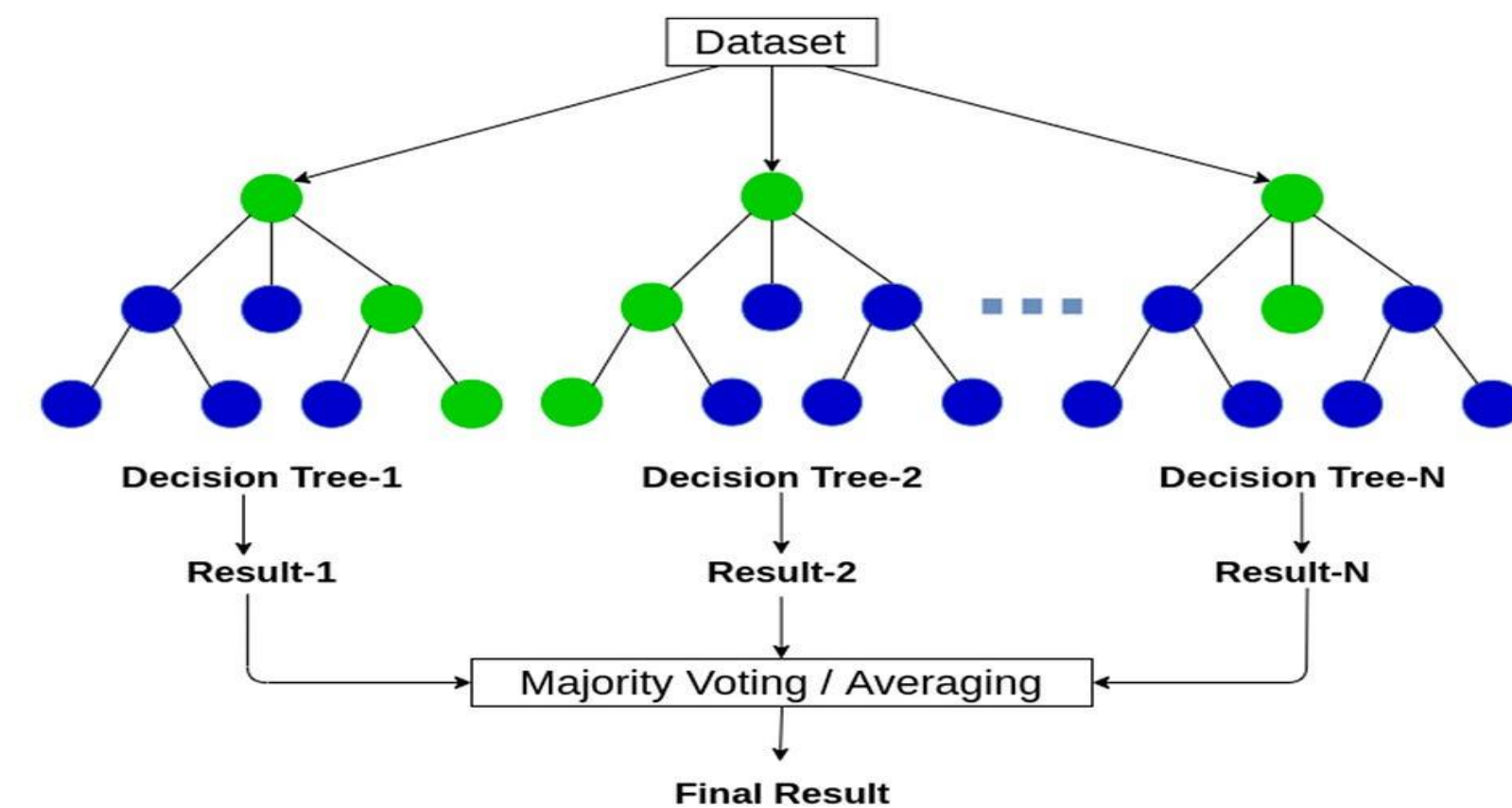


Random Forest Regression

Random Forest is a group (or “forest”) of **Decision Trees**. Instead of relying on just one tree (which might overfit), it:

- Builds **many decision trees** on random subsets of the data.
- Takes the **average** of all tree predictions for better accuracy and **smoother results**.

Random Forest



Random Forest

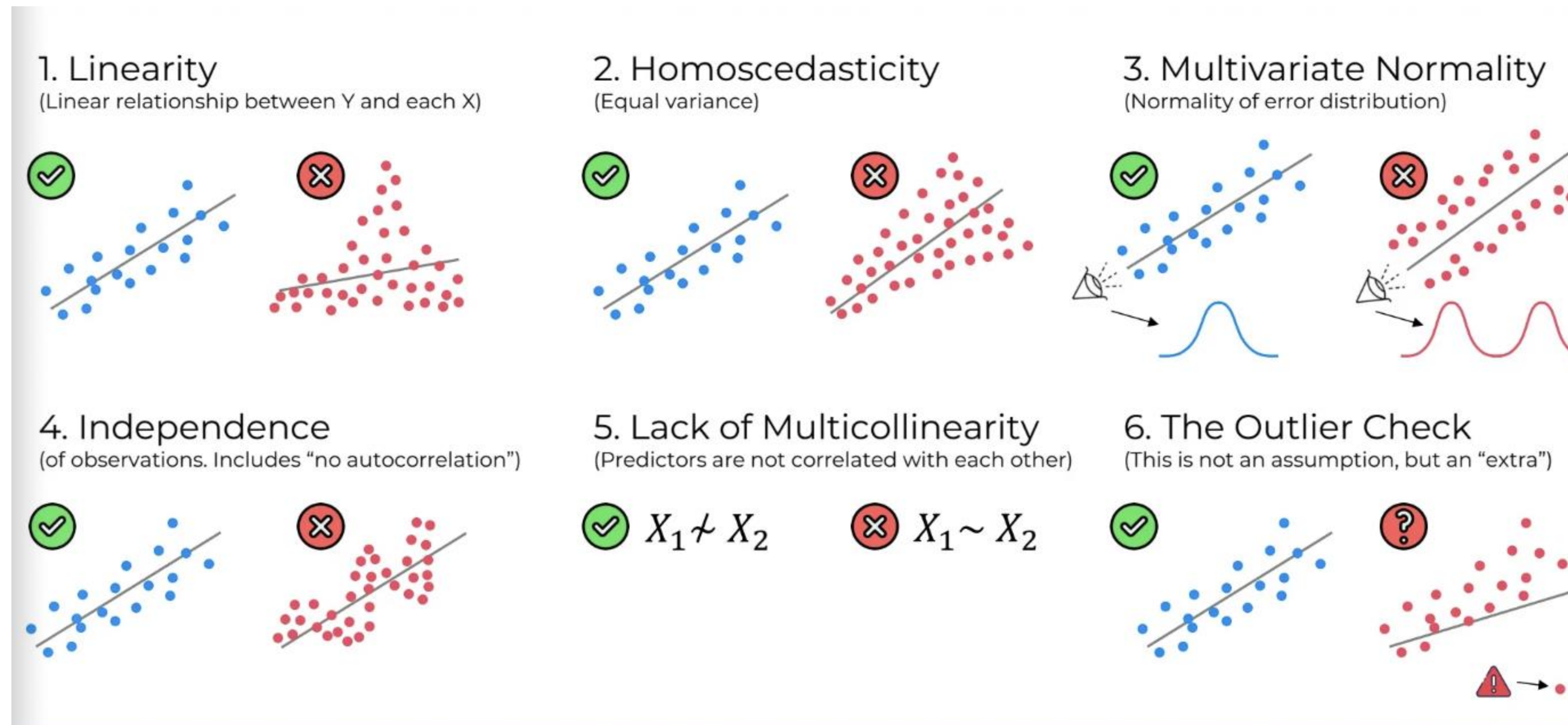
Let's say for a new input:

- **Experience = 4.5**, the trees individually predict:
 - Tree 1: ₹6.2 L
 - Tree 2: ₹5.9 L
 - Tree 3: ₹6.0 L
 - ... (up to Tree 100)



✅ Final Prediction = **Average of all trees**

→ Salary = ₹6.03 L (more stable than a single tree)

Assumptions in Linear Regression



Comparision


Regression Type	Ideal For	Pros 	Cons 
Linear Regression	Predicting a number from 1 input (linear)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Simple & fast- Easy to interpret- Good baseline	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Assumes straight-line relationship- Poor for non-linear data
Multiple Linear	Predicting from multiple inputs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Handles multiple features- Easy to implement	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Still assumes linearity- Sensitive to outliers
Polynomial	When relationship is curved	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Models non-linear trends- Flexible with degree tuning	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Can overfit with high degree- Less interpretable
Support Vector (SVR)	Data with noise , or where small errors can be ignored	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Robust to outliers- Ignores small errors (ϵ margin)- Works with non-linear kernels	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Hard to tune- Slower than linear models- Requires scaling
Decision Tree	Data with non-linear splits or categories	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Easy to understand- No feature scaling needed- Handles non-linear & categorical data	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Overfits easily- Predictions are not smooth (step-like)
Random Forest	Complex data with noise or many features	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- More accurate than single tree- Reduces overfitting- Handles non-linearity well	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Slower- Harder to interpret- Needs more memory



Use Cases

Use-case	Best Regression Type
Simple trend prediction (straight line)	Linear Regression
Many factors/features involved	Multiple Linear Regression
Salary grows slowly, then fast (curved)	Polynomial Regression
Ignore small errors and focus on bigger ones	Support Vector Regression
Explainable rules and if-else logic	Decision Tree Regression
Best performance & generalization	Random Forest Regression

More Use Cases

Regression Type	Industry	Use Case	
Linear Regression	HR	Predicting salary based on experience	
	Retail	Forecasting sales from advertisement spending	
	Real Estate	Estimating house price from size	
	Environment	Predicting temperature from elevation	
	Education	Predicting student scores from study hours	
Multiple Linear	Real Estate	Predicting house price using size, location, and number of rooms	
	Healthcare	Estimating medical expenses from age, BMI, and smoking habits	
	HR	Forecasting employee performance from experience and education	
	Business	Predicting monthly revenue based on sales, marketing, and season	
	Manufacturing	Estimating product defect rate based on materials, speed, and time	

Polynomial	Startups	Modeling growth rate over time (e.g., user adoption curve)
	Biology	Modeling enzyme activity vs temperature
	Agriculture	Predicting crop yield with weather trends (non-linear)
	Education	Modeling learning curve over time
	Automotive	Predicting fuel efficiency at different speeds

Support Vector (SVR)	Finance	Predicting stock prices (with noise tolerance)
	IoT / Sensors	Predicting sensor readings from noisy inputs
	Maintenance	Estimating machine wear/failure over time
	Transportation	Predicting travel time with varying road and traffic conditions
	Healthcare	Modeling patient response to treatments (ignore small fluctuations)

More Use Cases

Decision Tree	E-commerce	Predicting purchase value based on customer profile
	Education	Predicting exam scores based on attendance and assignment completion
	Real Estate	Estimating rental price based on location, size, and amenities
	Insurance	Predicting claim amount from age, vehicle type, and driving history
	Agriculture	Estimating crop disease risk from soil and weather data

Random Forest	Finance	Predicting loan default from customer data
	Healthcare	Estimating hospital stay duration based on condition and history
	Marketing	Predicting customer churn probability
	Real Estate	Predicting house price with complex features
	Manufacturing	Estimating product lifespan from materials, usage, and environment

Metrics for Regression – Detailing Next Session

- Mean Absolute Error
- Mean Squared Error
- Root Mean Square Error
- Root Mean Square Logarithmic Error
- R2-Score

Notebook

Kaggle :

<https://www.kaggle.com/code/ohanvi/>

GitHub:

<https://github.com/Ohanvi/machine-learning-module>

Competition:

<https://www.kaggle.com/competitions/ml-regression-salary-prediction-challenge>

<https://www.kaggle.com/competitions/predict-the-closing-stock-price>

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