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PHYSICS IS USEFUL FOR FUNDAMENTAL QUESTIONS IN ML

① MOTIVATION

- TO ENGINEER BETTER SOLUTION
- PASSION FOR UNDERSTANDING
- BLACK BOX \rightarrow INTERPRETABILITY

② QUESTIONS

- OVERPARAMETERIZATION
- LOCAL MINIMUM

(IF I FIT SOME DATA WITH A LINEAR MODEL, BUT IF I USE POLYNOMIAL OF DEGREE 5 I GET MANY OSCILLATIONS)

③ WHY PHYSICS?

- MATHS PHYS PARADIGMS
- BOUNDS ON REALISABILITY



SCALING

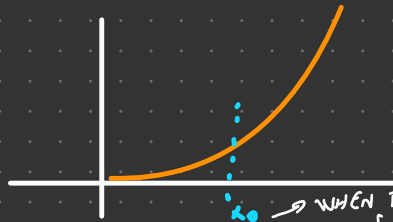
POWER LAWS

$$y = c x^a \quad a \in \mathbb{R}$$

SCALE INVARIANT $x' = \lambda x$

$$y = c \frac{x'^a}{\lambda^a} \rightarrow \underbrace{y \lambda^a}_{y'} = c x'^a \rightarrow$$

EXPONENTIAL ARE NOT SCALE INVARIANT



$$y = x e^{\frac{x}{x_0}}$$

$$x' = \lambda x$$

$$y = x e^{x'/\lambda x_0}$$

→ WHEN THE EXPONENTIAL
STARTS TO INCREASE REALLY FAST

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REFERENCE

x^α
 $\alpha < 1$ SUBLINEAR
 $\alpha = 1$ LINEAR
 $\alpha > 1$ SUPERLINEAR

x = POPULATION

y = ELECTRIC CABLE LENGTH

y = NUMBER OF GAS STATION

y = TOTAL ELECTRICAL CONSUMPTION

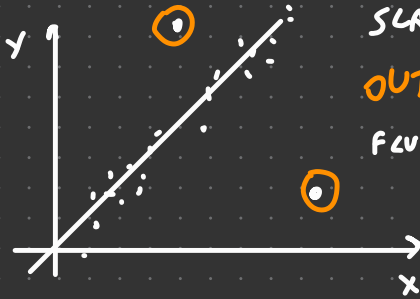
y = AVERAGE WAGE

$y \propto x^{0.87}$
 $0.87 < 1$
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$y \propto x^{0.79}$ → SUBLINEAR SCALING

$y \propto x^1$ → LINEAR SCALING

$y \propto x^{1.12}$ → SUPERLINEAR SCALING



SCATTER PLOT

OUTLIERS

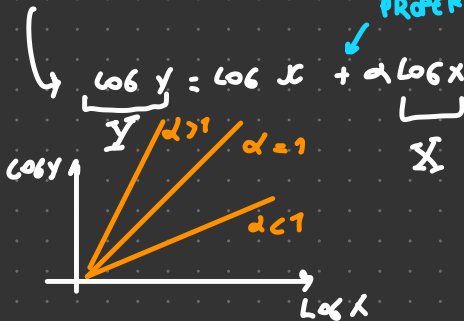
FLUCTUATIONS

$$y = cx^\alpha$$

$\log x$

$\log y$

PROPERTY OF PRODUCTS OF LOGARITHM



EXERCISE MODEL BUILDING

MODEL SCALE 1:100

HOW SLOW?

$$\lambda \sim \frac{1}{100}$$

$$t \sim \lambda t$$

$$\lambda = ?$$

$$l = \frac{1}{2} \omega t^2 + v_0^{10}$$

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$$t = \sqrt{\frac{2l}{\omega}} \rightarrow t = \sqrt{\frac{200}{\omega}}$$