

Linear and Logistic Regression

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Mathematical Modeling

Dynamical Systems

Game Theory

Machine Learning

Supervised

Linear/Logistic Regression, SVMs,
Neural Networks

Unsupervised

PCA, t-SNE, k-means, Neural
Networks



Learning Types

- **Supervised:**
 - Classification (logistic regression, Random Forests, SVM, NNs)
 - Regression (linear regression, Random Forests, NNs)
- **Unsupervised:**
 - Dimensionality Reduction (PCA, t-SNE, UMAP)
 - Clustering (k-means)
- **Other:**
 - Reinforcement Learning (Q-learning, PPO)
 - ...



Data Types

- **Numerical:**
 - Price of a home
 - Quality of a Wine
- **Categorical:**
 - Edible and poisonous mushrooms
 - Survival in the Titanic
 - Iris Type
 - Handwritten digit



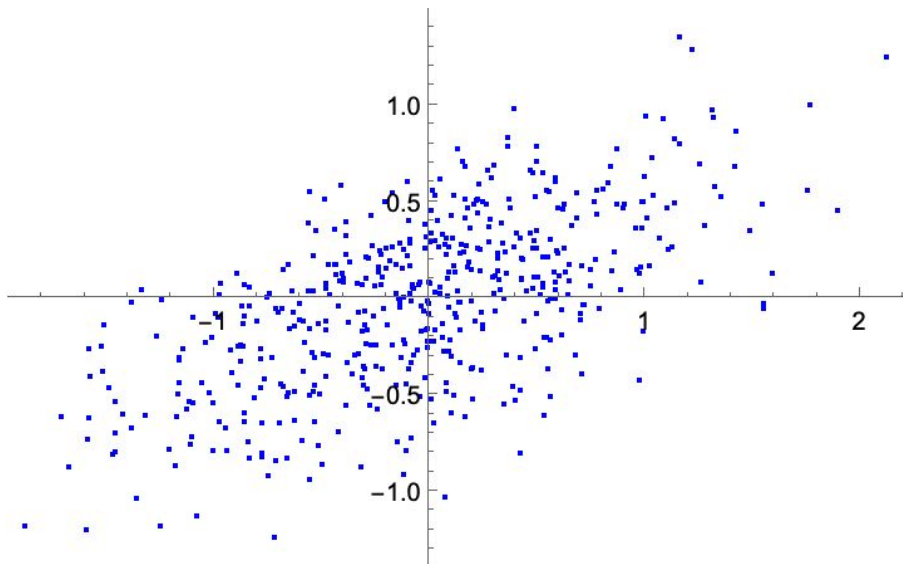
Linear Regression





Linear Regression

Suppose we have a dataset with two (numerical) variables:

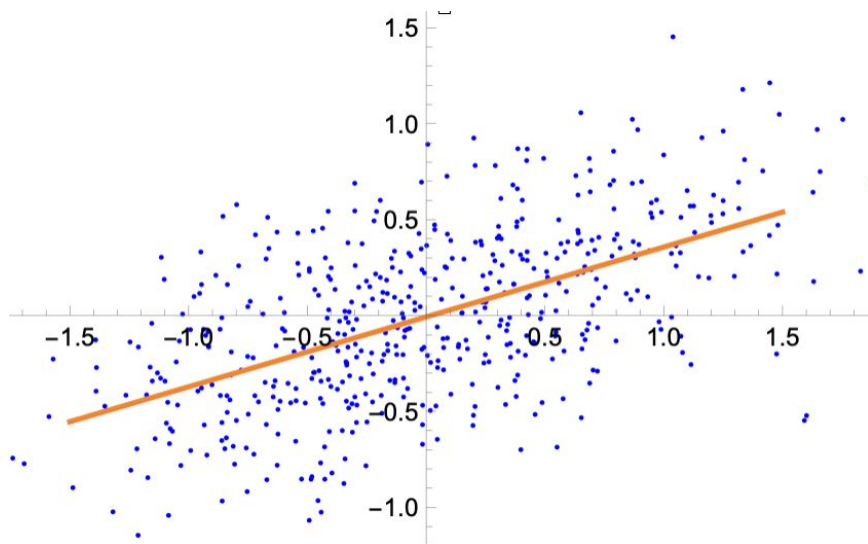


$$\begin{bmatrix} (X_1, Y_1) \\ (X_2, Y_2) \\ (X_3, Y_3) \\ \vdots \\ (X_m, Y_m) \end{bmatrix}$$



Linear Regression

How can we model the linear dependency of **Y** on **X**



Predicted
output

Input

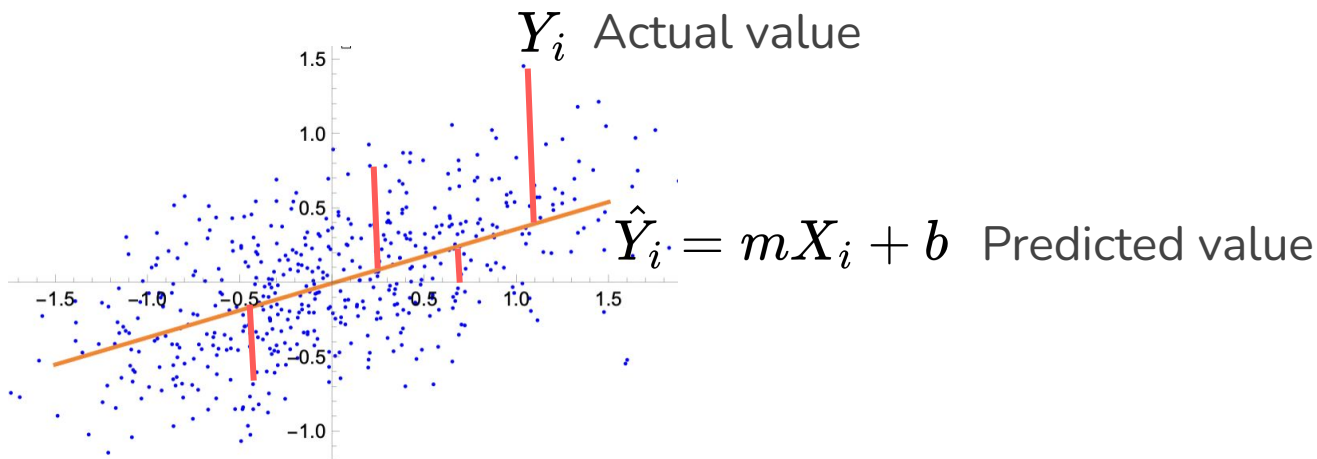
$$Y = mX + b$$

Linear Function



Linear Regression

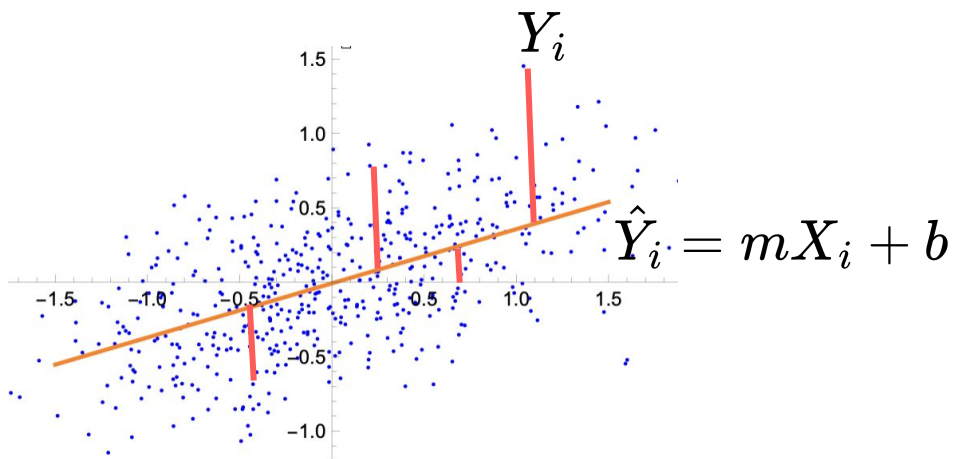
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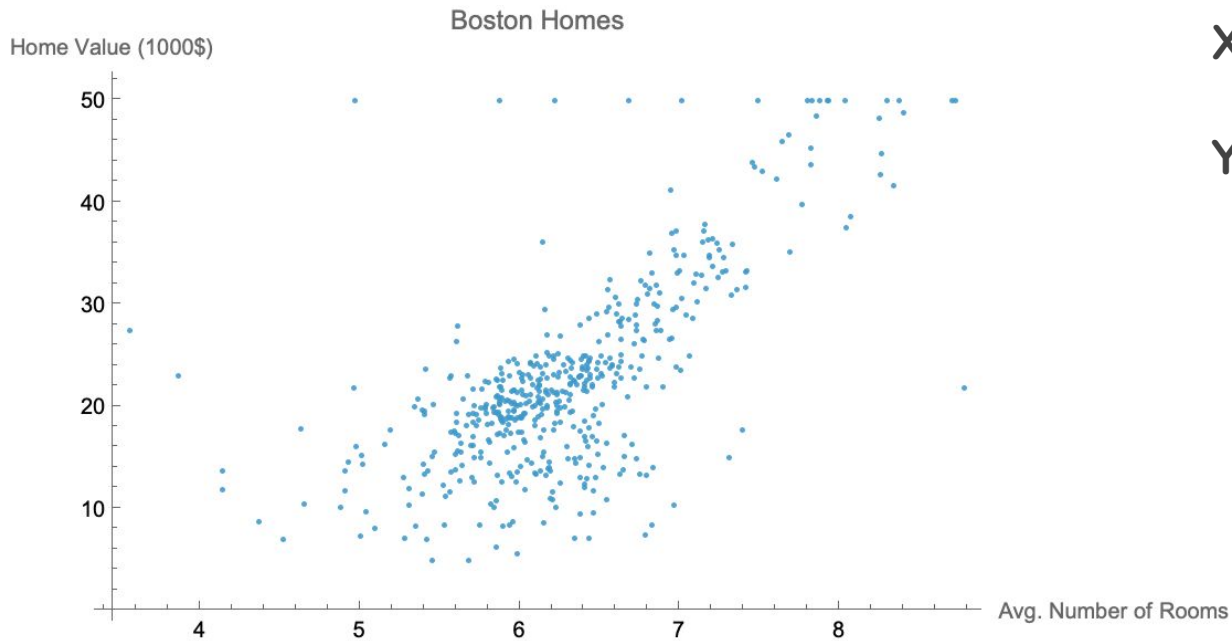


Goal: **minimize** the prediction error (residual sum of squares)

$$RSS = \sum_{i=1}^m \left(\hat{Y}_i - Y_i \right)^2$$



Example: Boston Homes

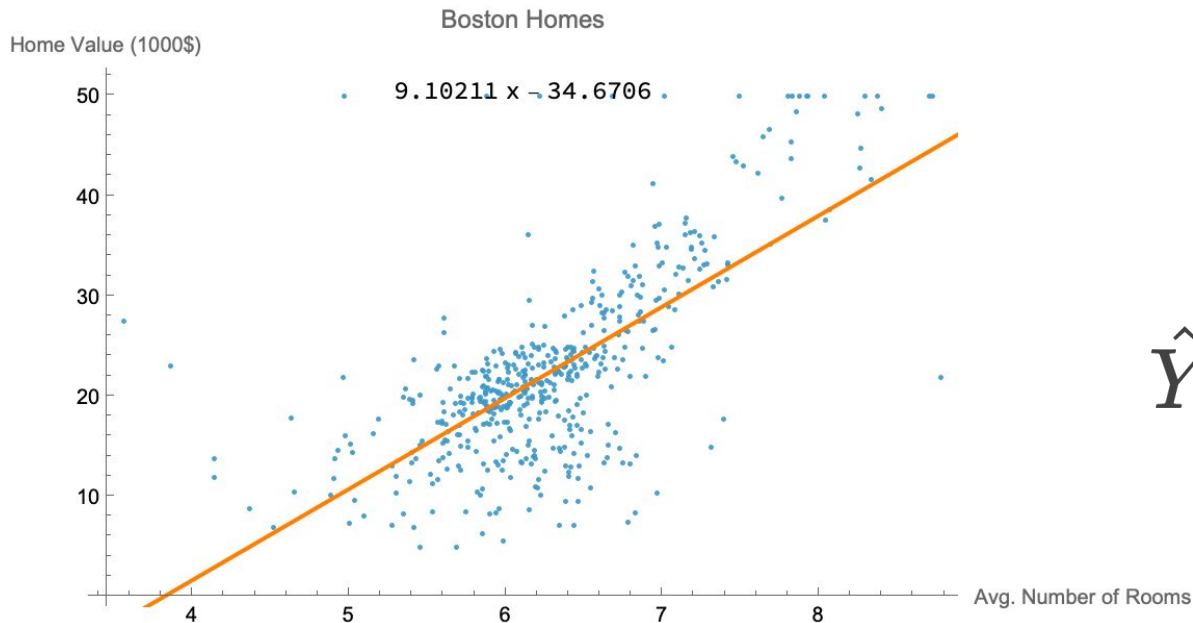


X = avg. number of rooms

Y = home value (1000\$)



Example: Boston Homes



X = avg. number of rooms

Y = home value (1000\$)

$$\hat{Y} = 9.1X - 34.67$$

What is the meaning of the slope 9.1 in the equation $\hat{Y} = 9.1X - 34.67$?



Each additional room increases of price by 9100\$

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On average, each additional room increase the price by 9100\$

0%

The price of a house with one room is 9100

0%



What is the meaning of the intercept -34.67 in the equation $\hat{Y} = 9.1X - 34.67$?



The expected price of a house with 0 rooms is $-34670\$$

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It has no real meaning

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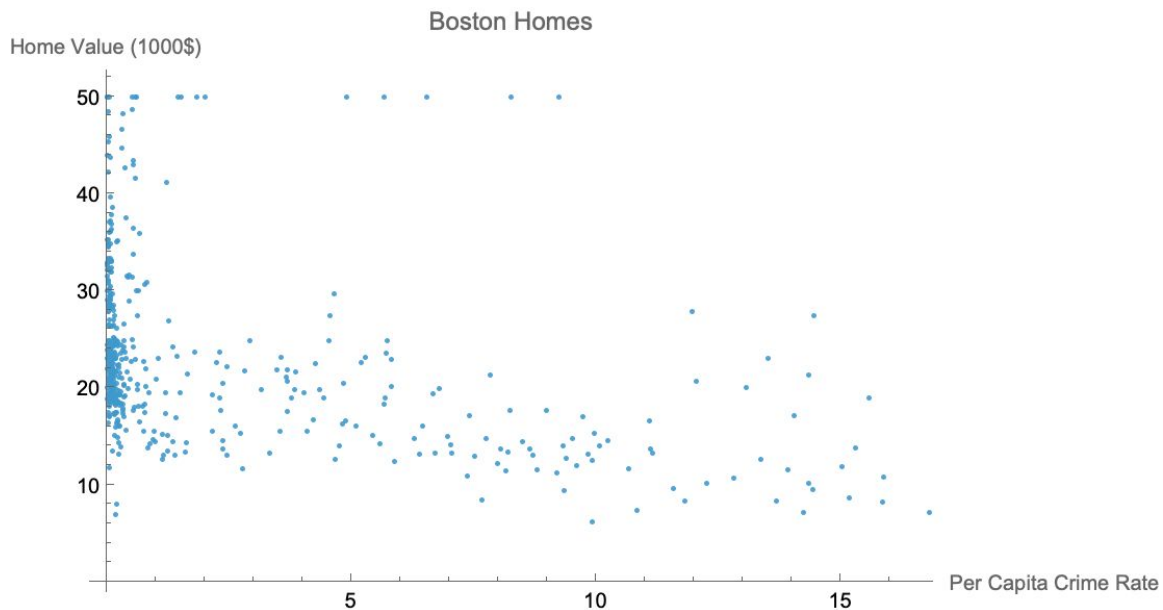
If you reduce the number of rooms, the price decreases by $-34670\$$

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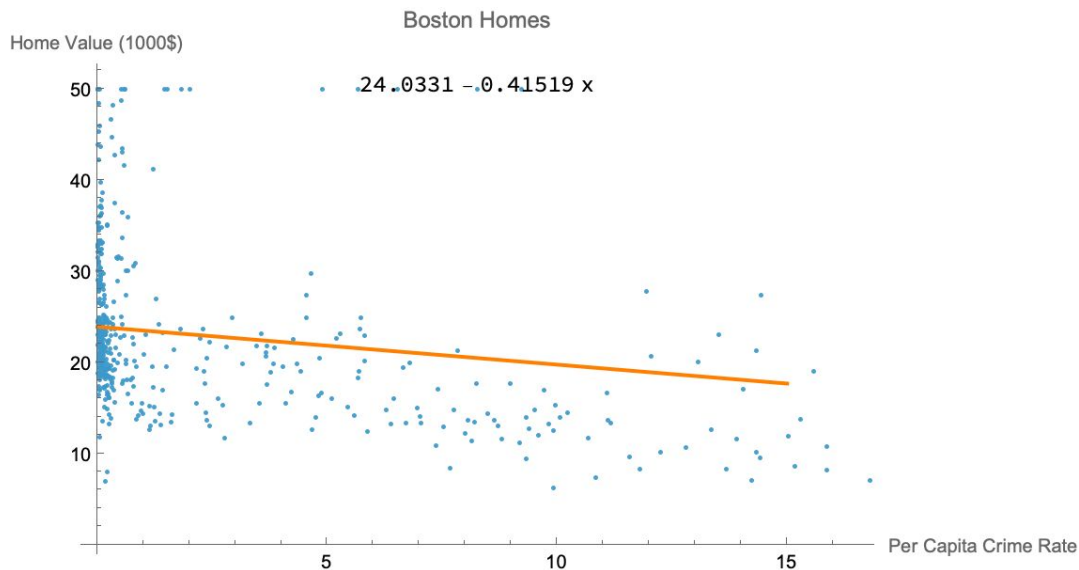


X = per capita crime rate

Y = home value (1000\$)



Example: Boston Homes



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$$\hat{Y} = -0.42X + 24.03$$

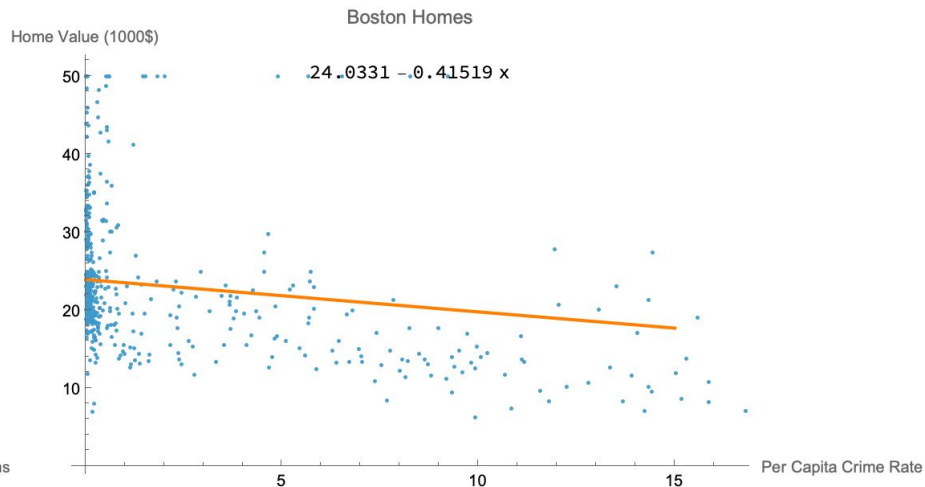


Example: Boston Homes

RSS = 148.532



RSS = 190.461

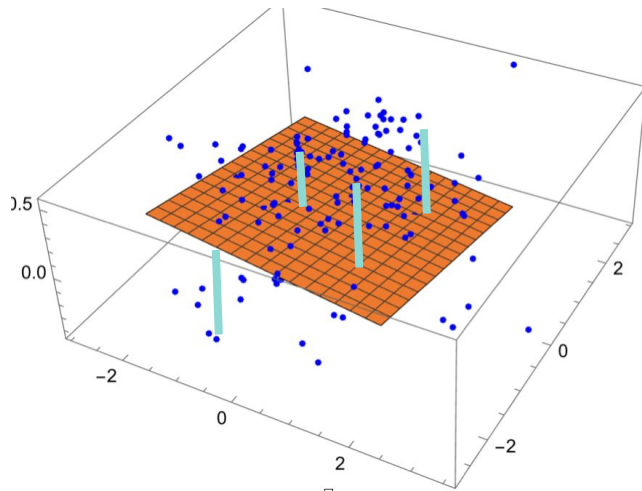




Multidimensional Linear Regression

Suppose we have two (or more) predictor variables

Stil minimize **residual sum of squares** (vertical distances)



$$Y = m_1X_1 + m_2X_2 + b$$

If I use two predictors (crime rate and number of rooms) the RSS, when compared to the individual RSSs, will

Increase

Decrease

It depends on the data



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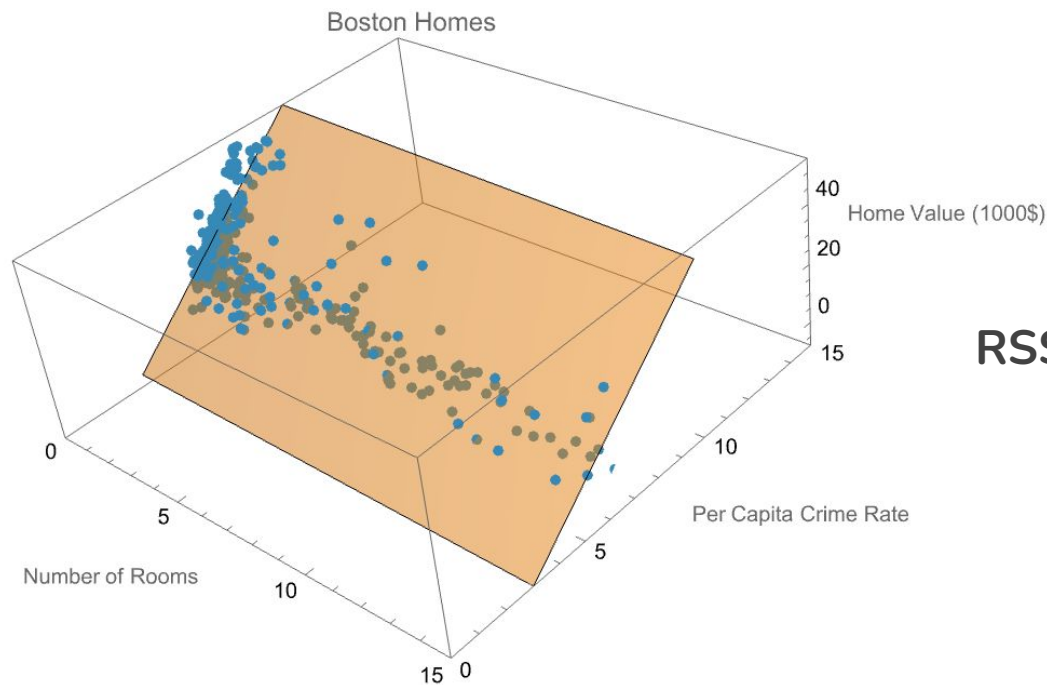
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Example: Boston Homes

$$\hat{Y} = -29.24 - 0.26X_1 + 8.39X_2$$



RSS = 139.878



Example: Boston Homes

Rooms
RSS = 148.532

$$\hat{Y} = 9.1X_1 - 34.67$$

Crime
RSS = 190.461

$$\hat{Y} = -0.42X_2 + 24.03$$

Rooms + Crime
RSS = 139.878

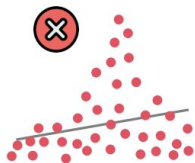
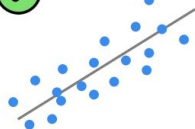
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Linear Regression: When to Use?

When both the predictor and output are **numerical variables**, and:

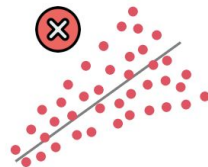
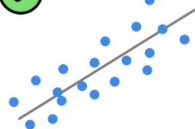
1. Linearity

(Linear relationship between Y and each X)



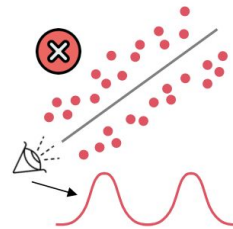
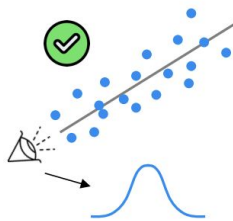
2. Homoscedasticity

(Equal variance)



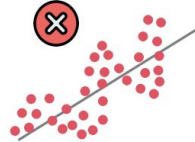
3. Multivariate Normality

(Normality of error distribution)



4. Independence

(of observations. Includes "no autocorrelation")



5. Lack of Multicollinearity

(Predictors are not correlated with each other)



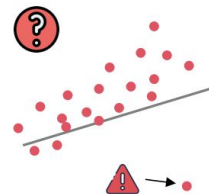
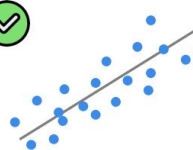
$$X_1 \not\sim X_2$$



$$X_1 \sim X_2$$

6. The Outlier Check

(This is not an assumption, but an "extra")



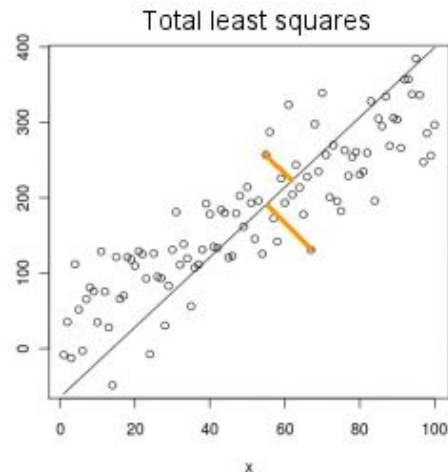
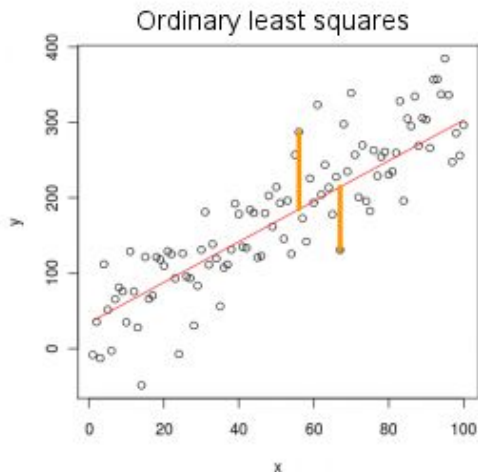
(From SuperDataScience)



Linear Regression vs PCA

Linear Regression: using X as a predictor, what is the equation that best describes Y

PCA: What linear combination of X and Y (direction/component) is the best predictor of our data?





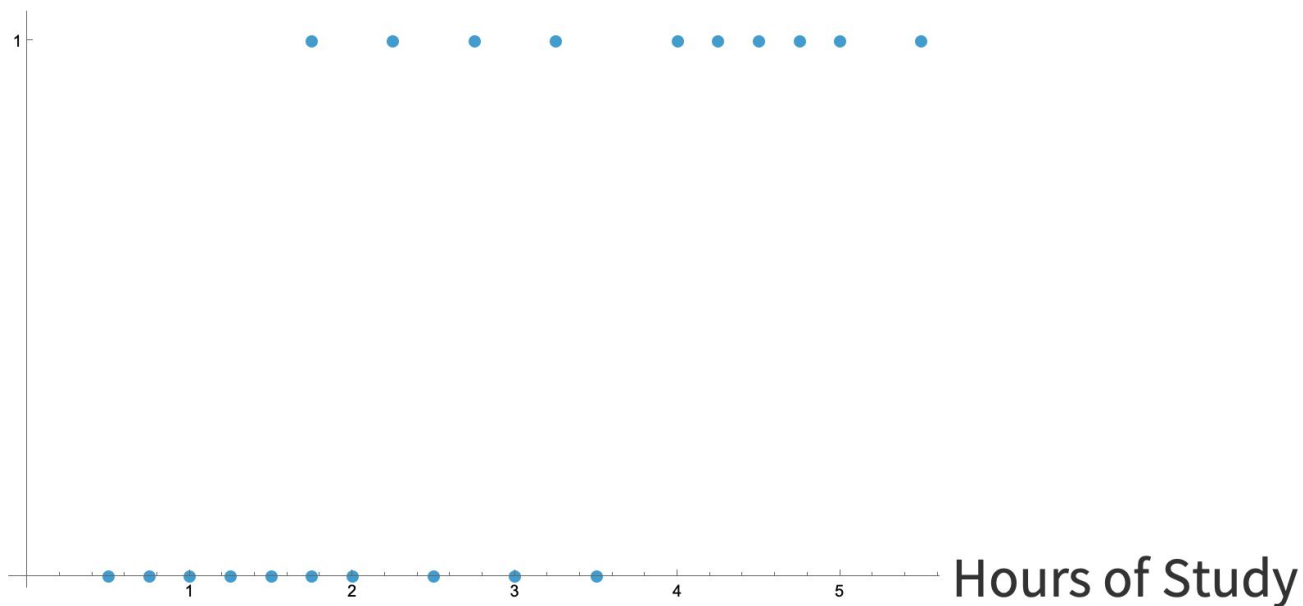
Logistic Regression





Example: Pass/Fail

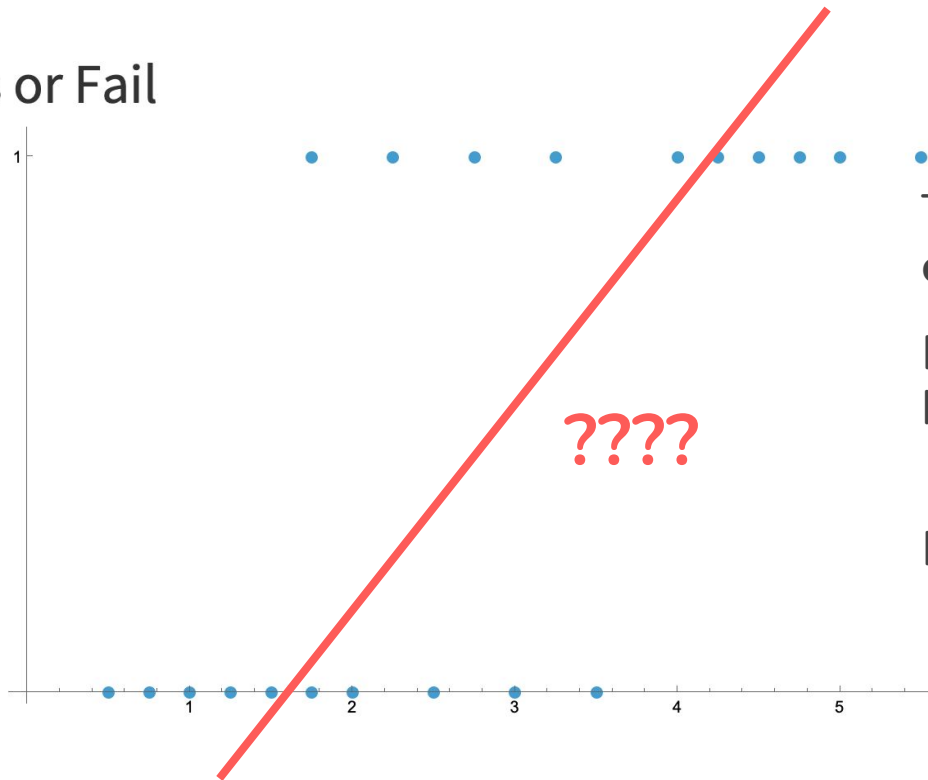
Pass or Fail





Example: Pass/Fail

Pass or Fail



The output variable is **categorical** (Pass or Fail)

Result of linear regression hard to interpret.

Maybe not best approach?

Hours of Study



Logistic Regression: Main Idea

Instead of modeling the categorical variable (Pass=1, Fail=0), we model the **probability** of each class:

The probability of passing given you study X hours is $P(1 \mid X)$



Logistic Regression: The Logit

Probability: P in $(0,1)$

Odds: $\frac{P}{1-P}$ in $(0,\infty)$

Logit (Log Odds): $\text{logit}(P) = \log\left(\frac{P}{1-P}\right)$ in $(-\infty, \infty)$

Logit Regression: $\text{logit}(P) = mX + b$

Solving for P we get the **Sigmoid Function** $P = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-mX-b}}$

If $P(1) = 0.75$, what are the Odds(1)?

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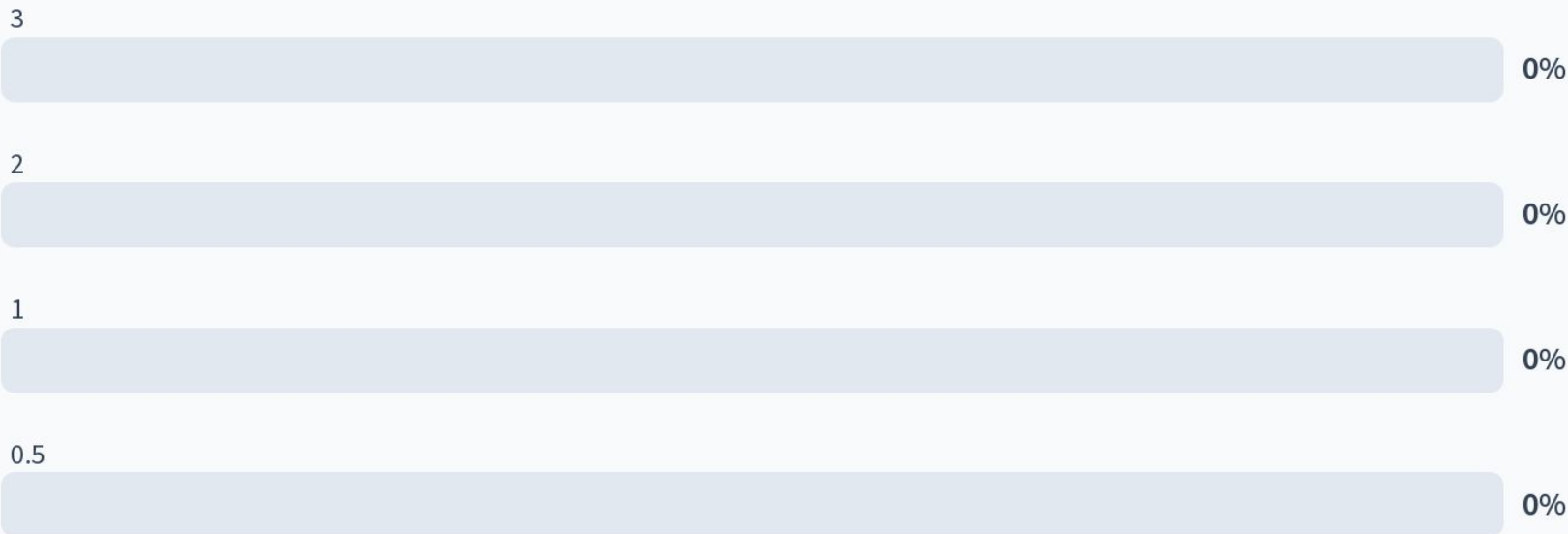
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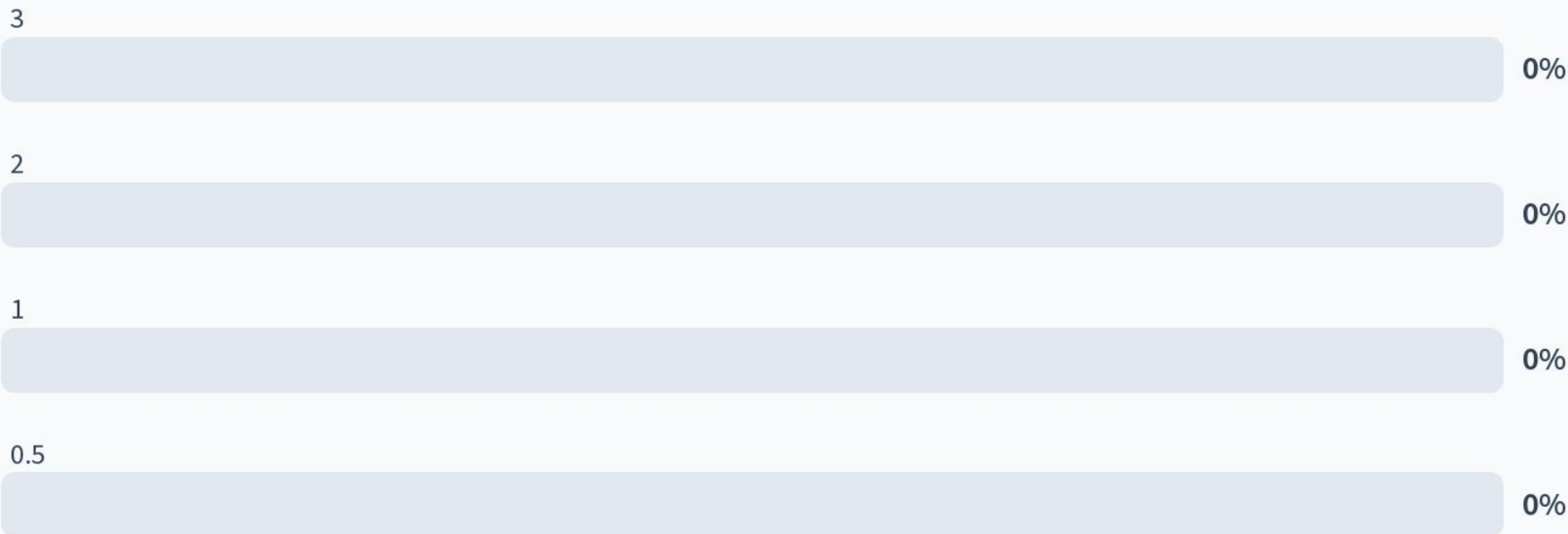
0.5



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If $\text{Odds}(1) = 2$, what is $P(1)$?

$1/3$

$2/3$

$1/2$

$1/4$



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2/3

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1/2

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1/4

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Logistic Regression

The predicted **P(Y)** value is interpreted as the probability that, given **x**, the **categorical variable Y** belongs to a class 1.

$$\hat{P}(Y = 1 \mid x) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-(mx+b)}}$$

Goal: **minimize** the **Log Loss** $-\sum_{k=1}^n \left[Y_k \ln(\hat{P}_k) + (1 - Y_k) \ln(1 - \hat{P}_k) \right]$



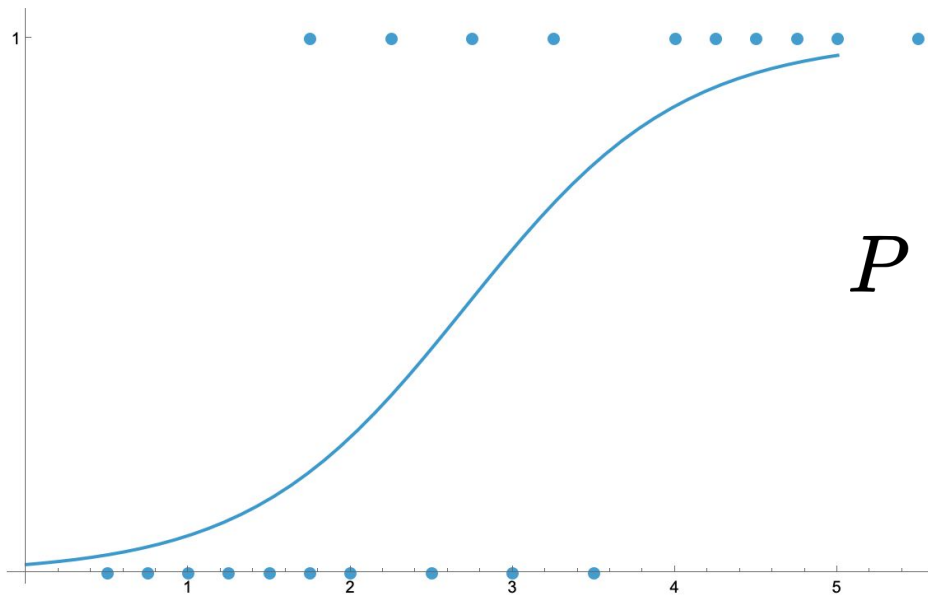
Logistic Regression: The Quantities

Logit, Odds, And Probability Table			
	Probability (p)	Odds (p / (1 - p))	Logit (log(p / (1 - p)))
1	0.01	0.0101	-4.5951
2	0.1	0.1111	-2.1972
3	0.25	0.3333	-1.0986
4	0.5	1.0	0.0
5	0.75	3.0	1.0986
6	0.9	9.0	2.1972
7	0.99	99.0	4.5951



Example: Pass/Fail

Pass or Fail



$$P = \frac{1}{1 + e^{4.08 - 1.50x}}$$

Hours of Study

Consider the logistic model $\frac{1}{1+e^{4.08-1.5x}}$. If you study 4 hours, what is your probability of passing?

78%



0%

87%



0%

91%



0%



Consider the logistic model $\frac{1}{1+e^{4.08-1.5x}}$. The number of hours you should study so that the probability of passing is greater than the probability of failing is:

4.08

0%

-1.5

0%

2.72

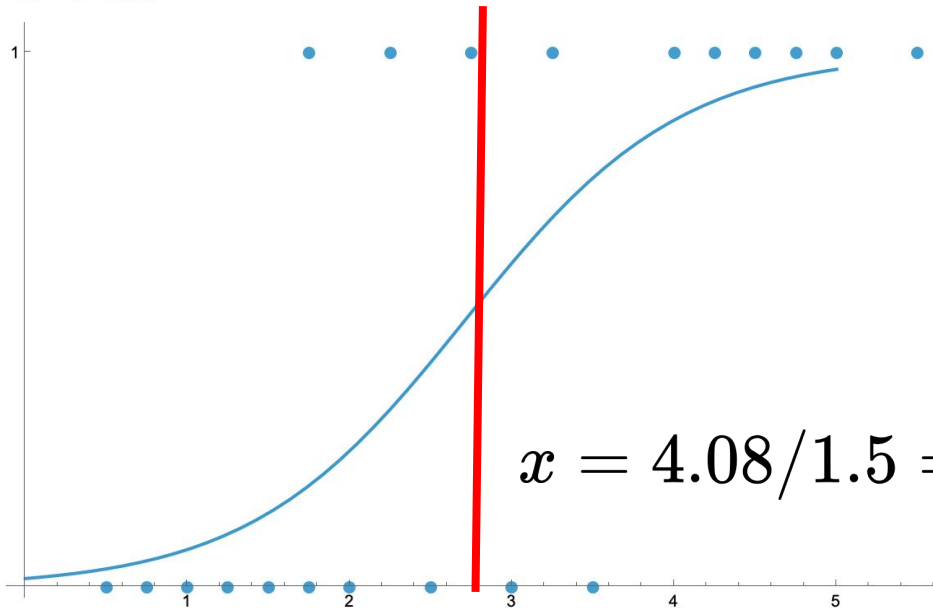
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Example: Pass/Fail

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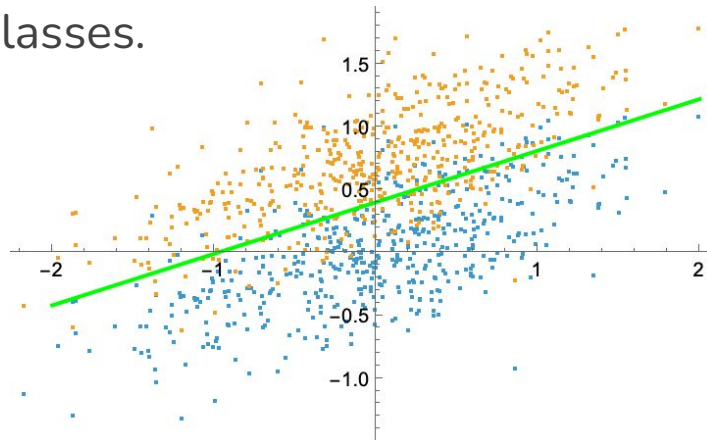
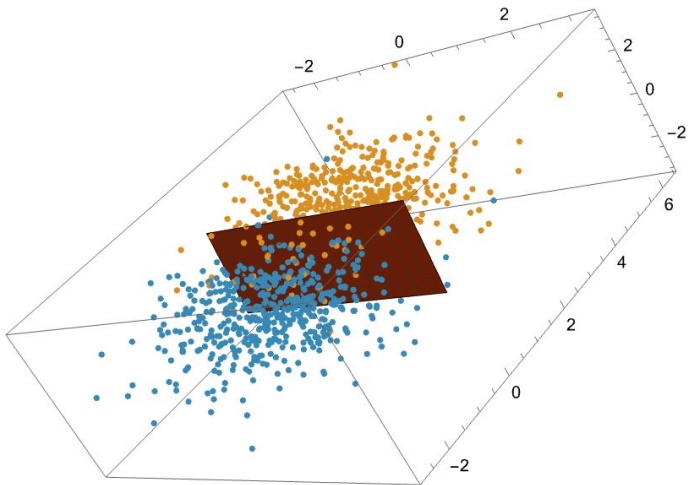
$$x = 4.08 / 1.5 = 2.72$$

Hours of Study



Logistic Regression: Visually

Finds the line/plan that separates two classes.

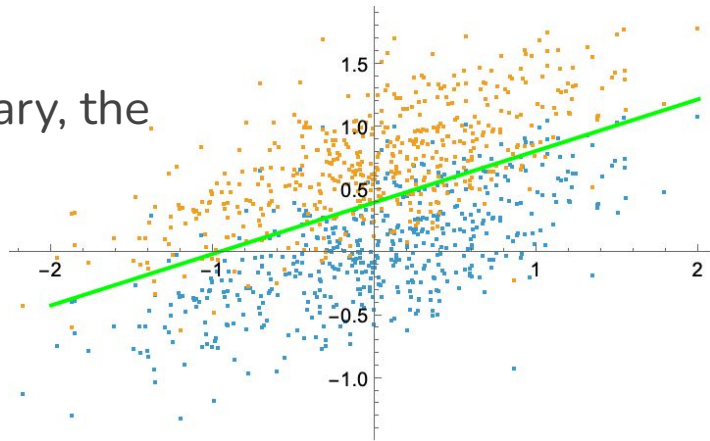
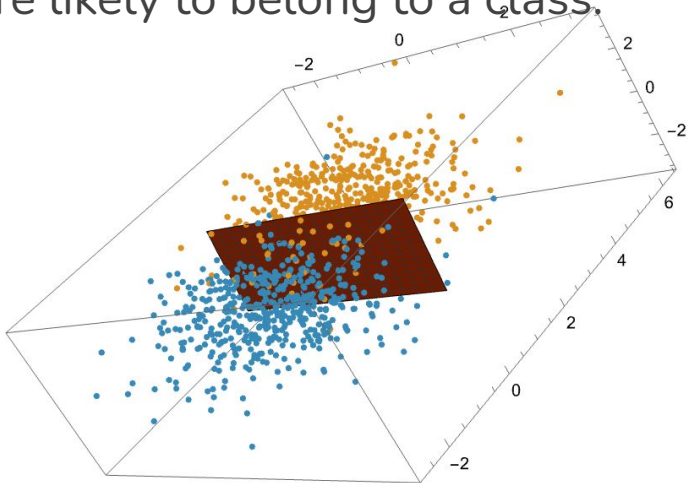




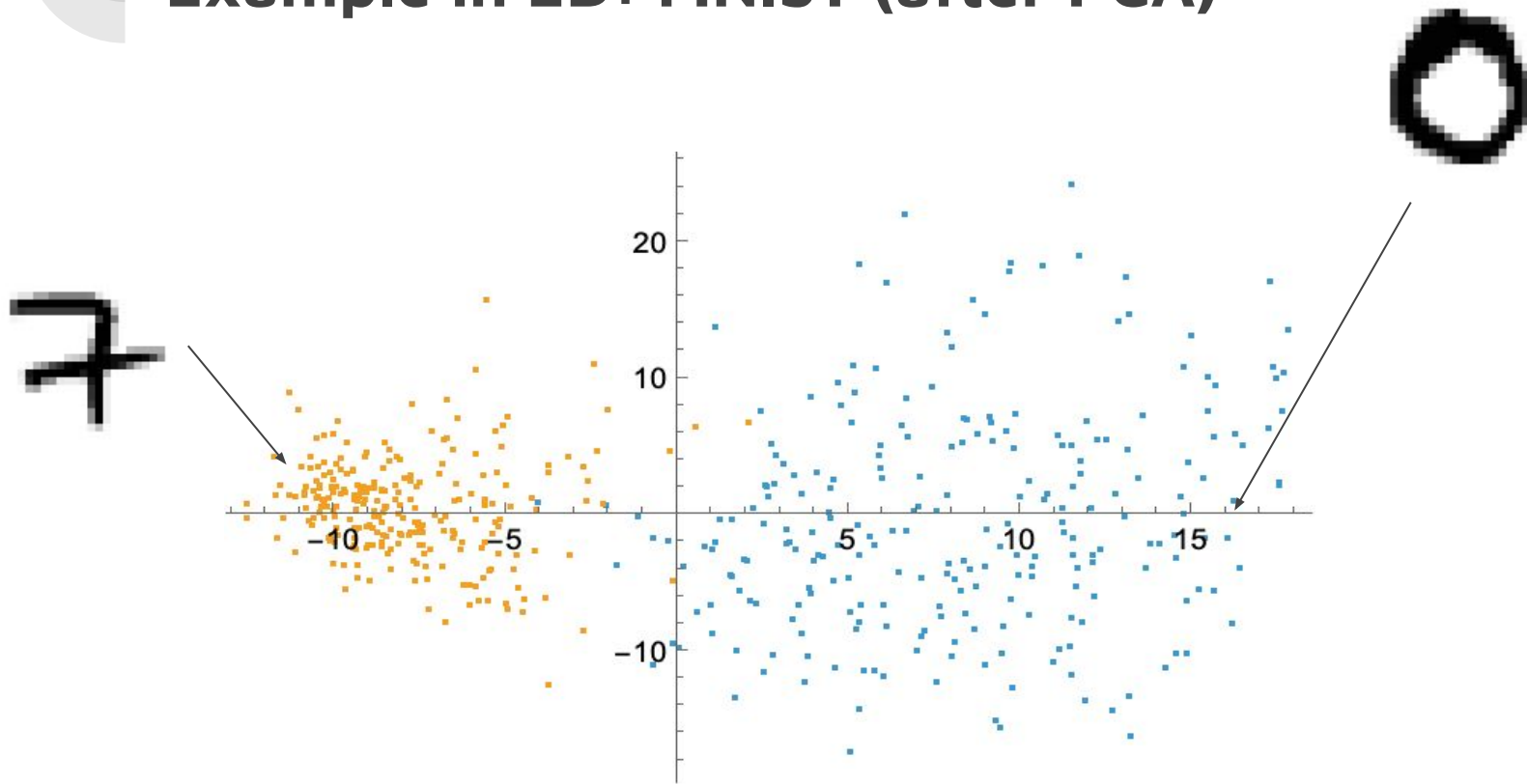
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Tells us the likelihood of a point belonging to a class.

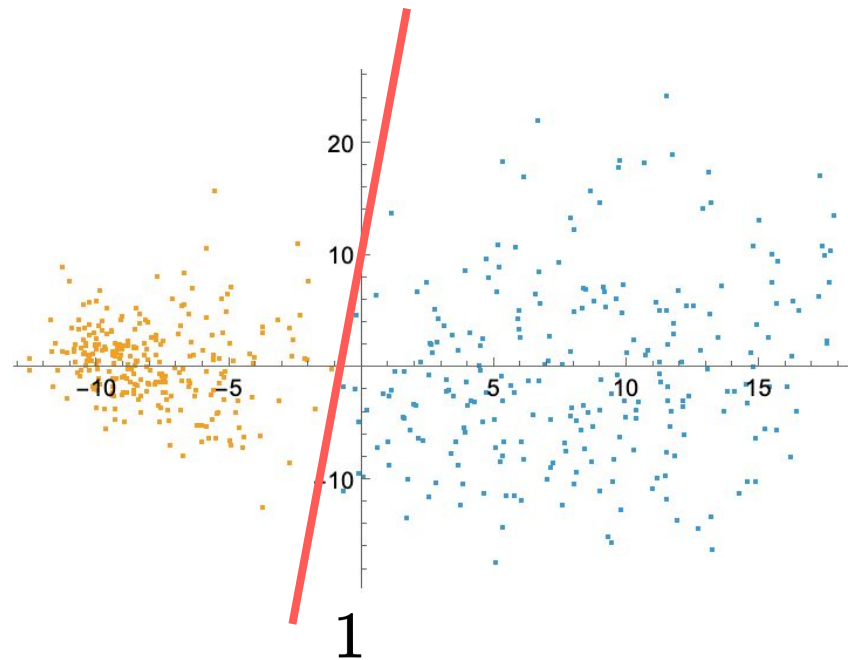
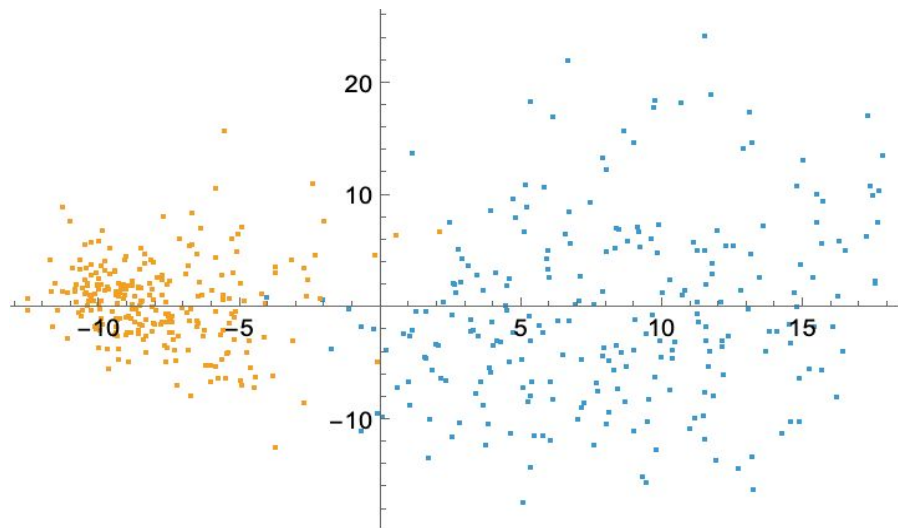
The farther the point is from the boundary, the more likely to belong to a class.



Example in 2D: MNIST (after PCA)



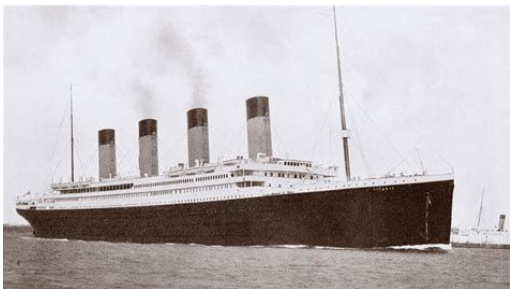
Example in 2D: MNIST (after PCA)



$$1 + e^{1.18434x - 0.17231y + 1.13553}$$

Example in 3D: The Titanic

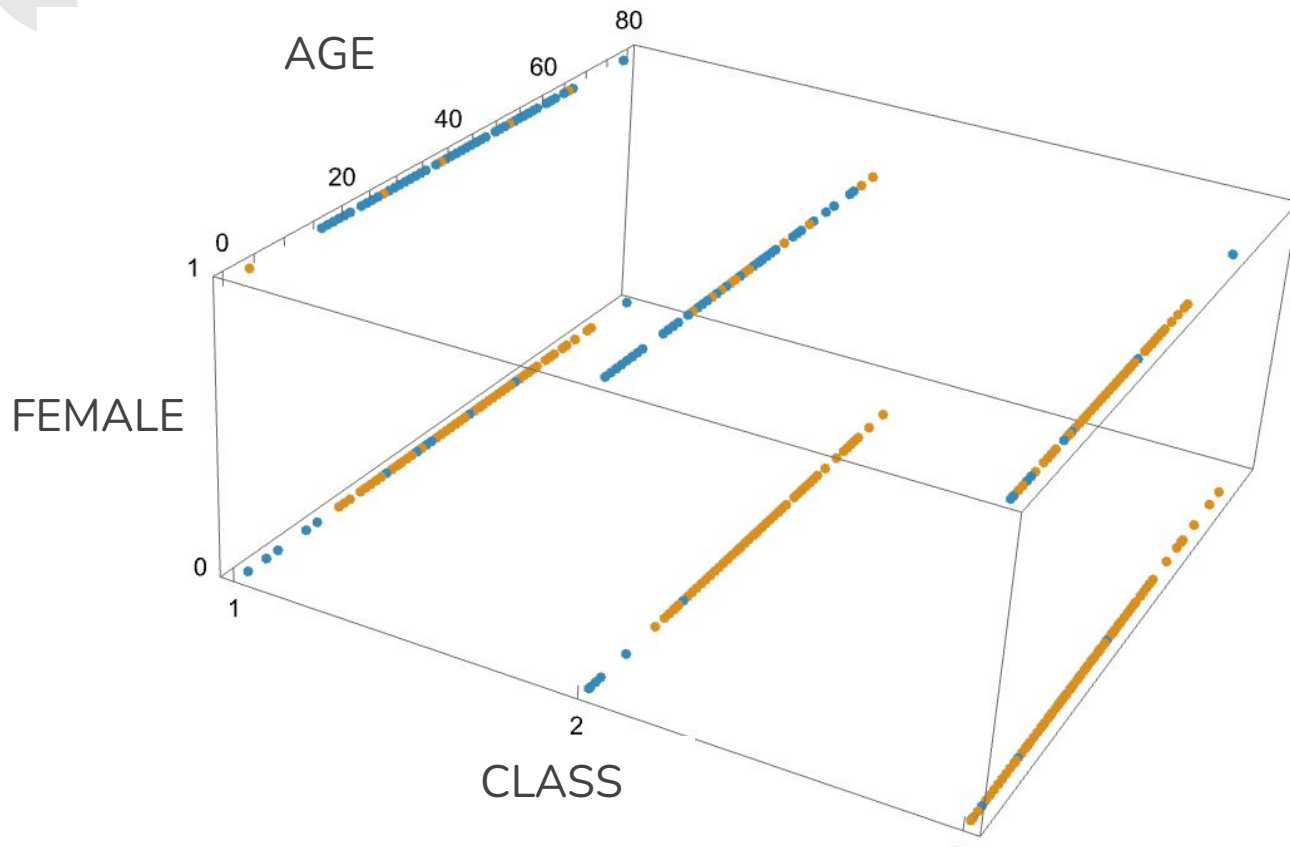
“Classify whether a passenger on board the maiden voyage of the Titanic in 1912 survived given their age, sex and class.”



Class	Age	Sex	SurvivalStatus
3rd	12. yr	male	survived
3rd	29. yr	male	died
2nd	28. yr	female	survived
1st	16. yr	female	survived
3rd	—	male	died
3rd	20. yr	male	died
3rd	43. yr	male	died
3rd	18. yr	male	died
3rd	28.5 yr	male	died
1st	—	male	died



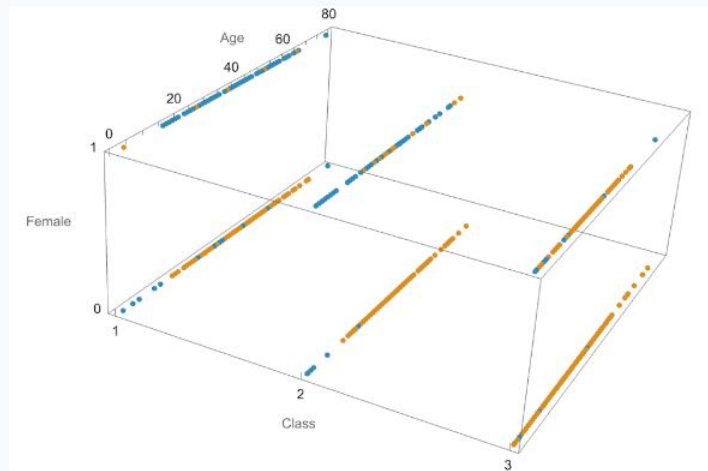
Example in 3D: The Titanic



Survived=1

Died=0

What has higher probability of surviving?



Old male in class 1



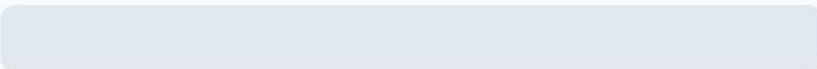
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Young female in class 2



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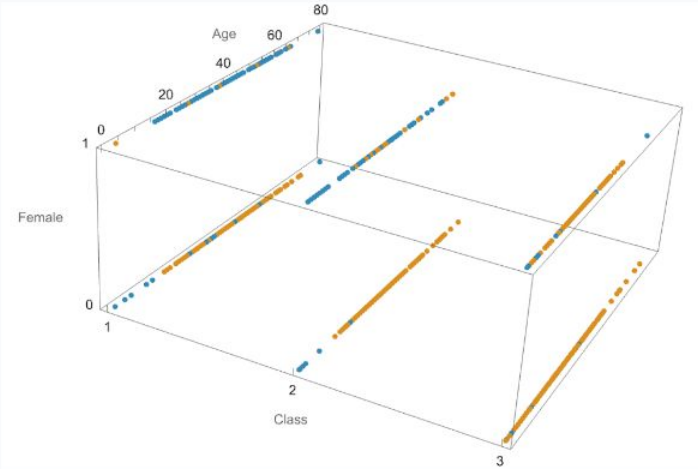
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What has higher probability of surviving?



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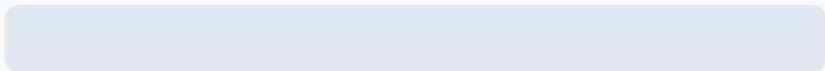
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Old female in class 3



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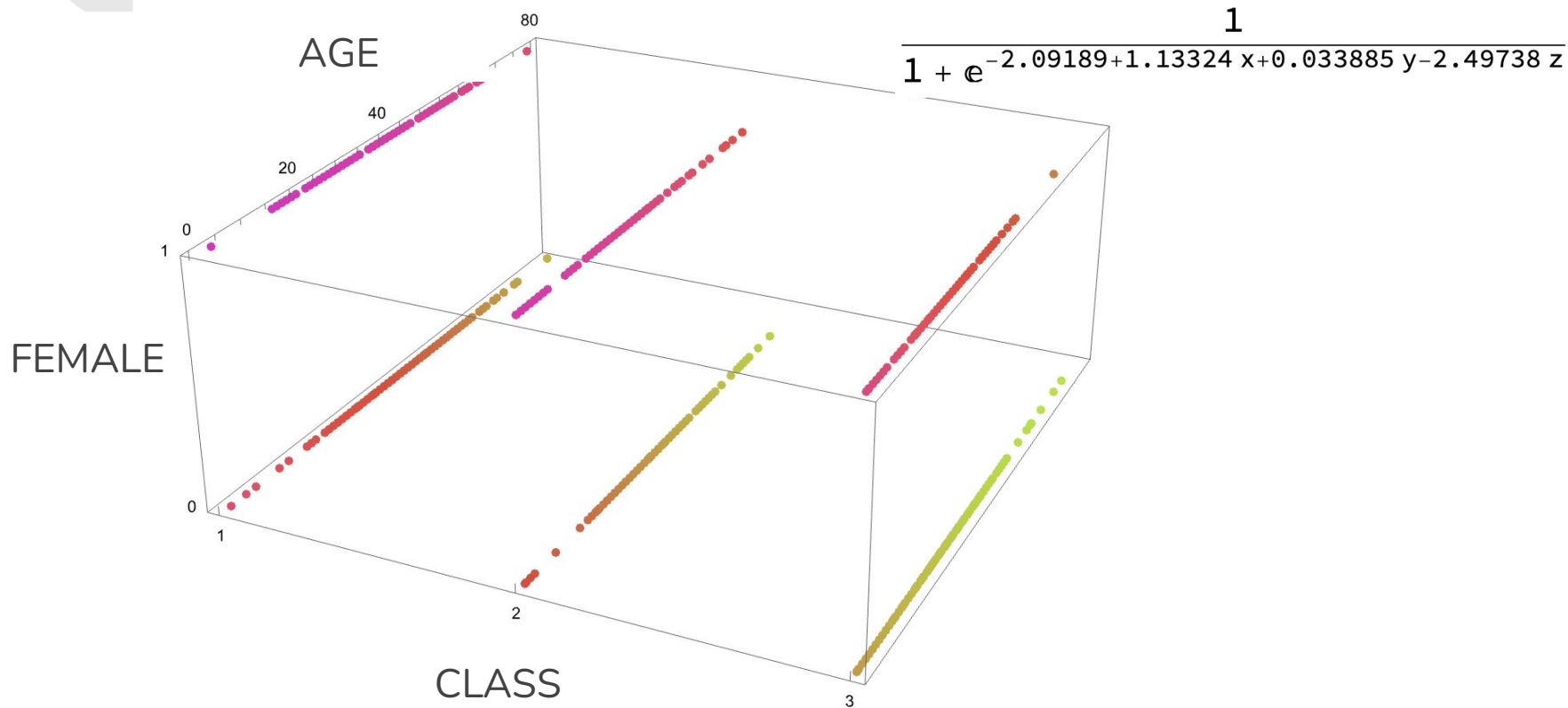


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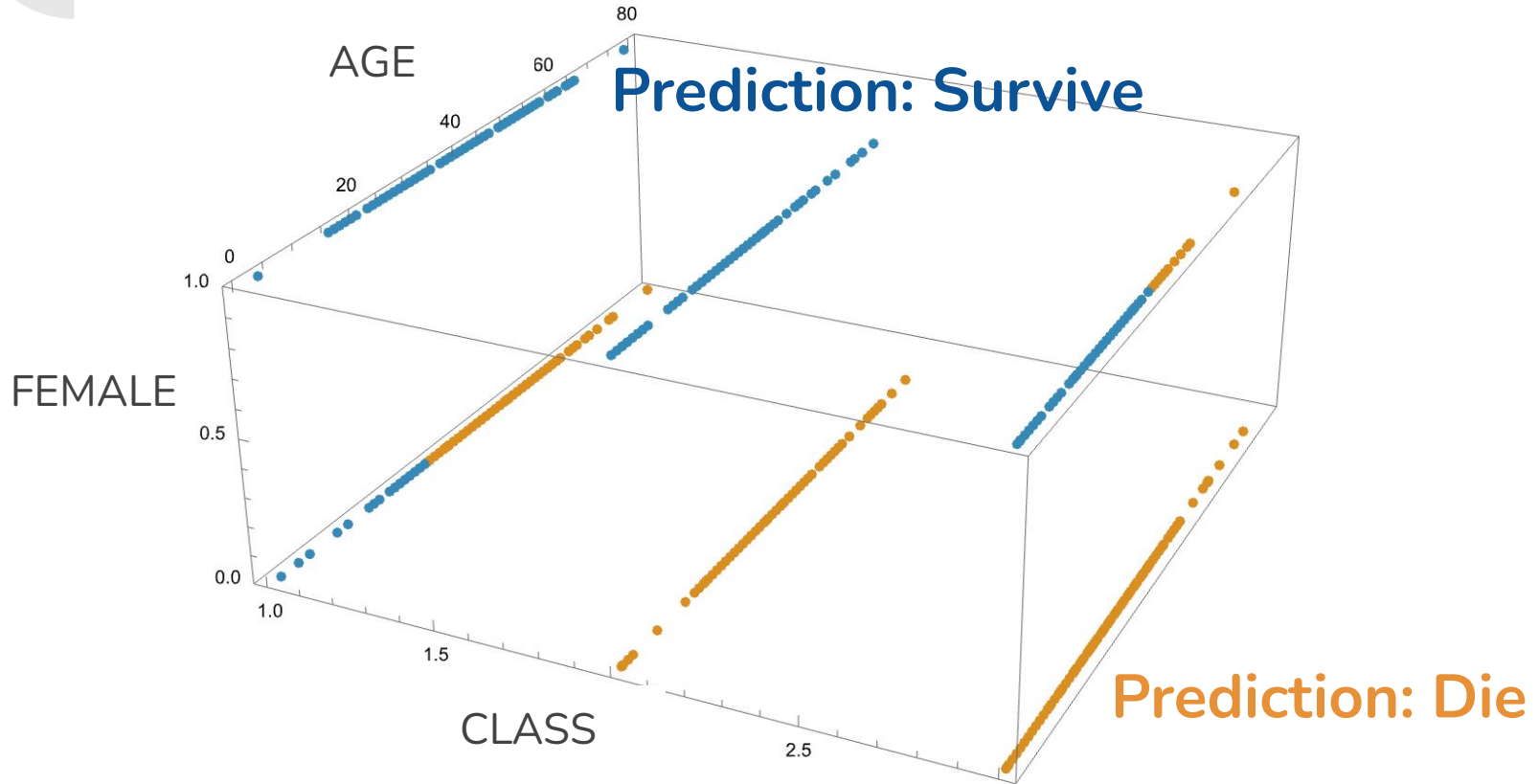




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22%

35%

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Linear vs Logistic Regression Summary

Linear Regression:

- Purpose:
 - Establish potential relationships between input/output variables
 - Make predictions for newly observed data
 - Best for
 - i. Numerical predictor
 - ii. Numerical output

Logistic Regression:

- Purpose:
 - Estimate the probability that an input belongs to a particular class
 - Classify new data points based on a threshold
 - Best for
 - i. Numerical Predictor
 - ii. Categorical Output