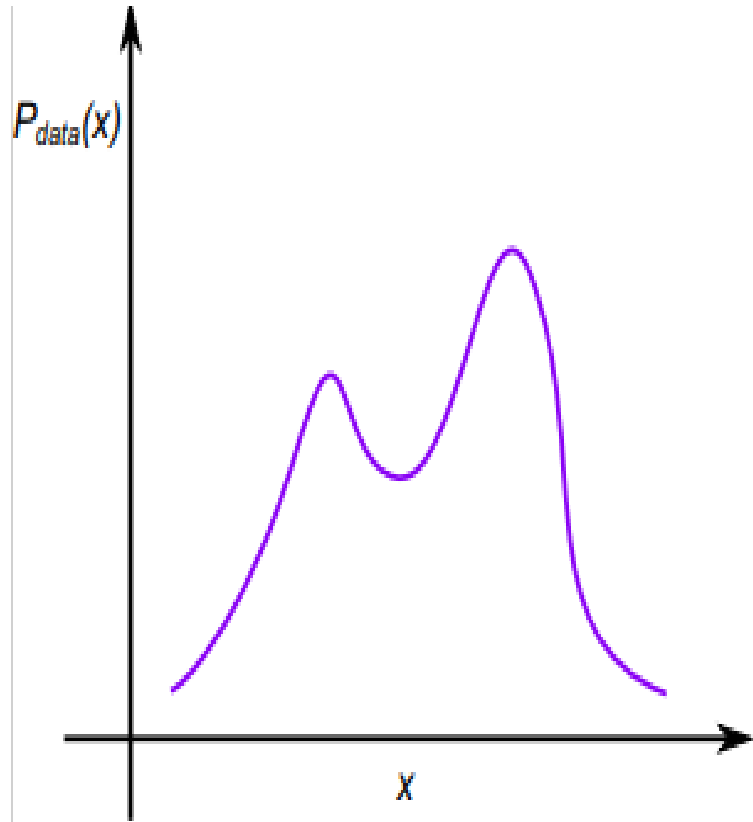


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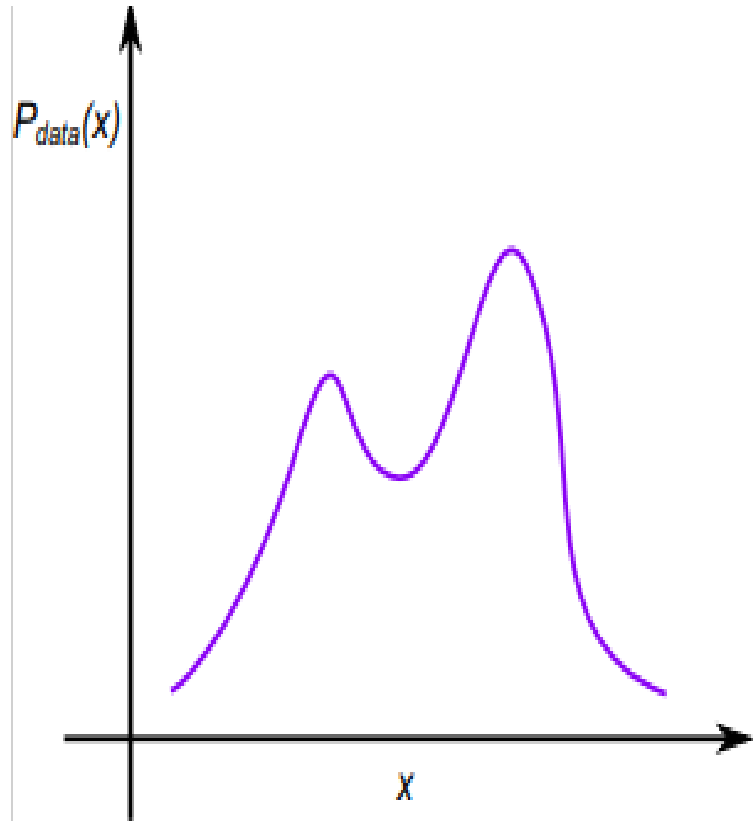
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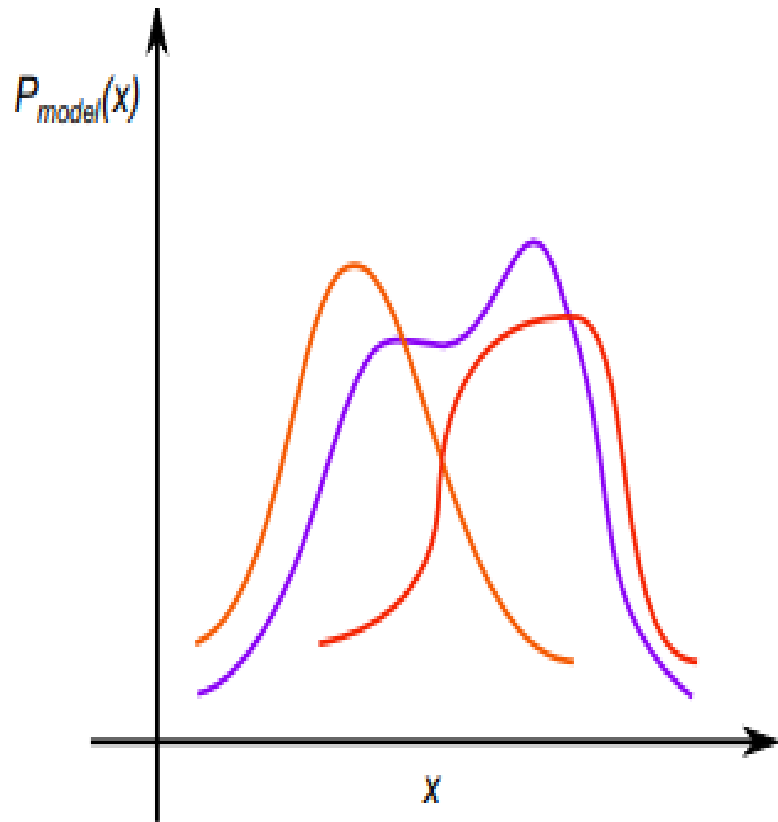
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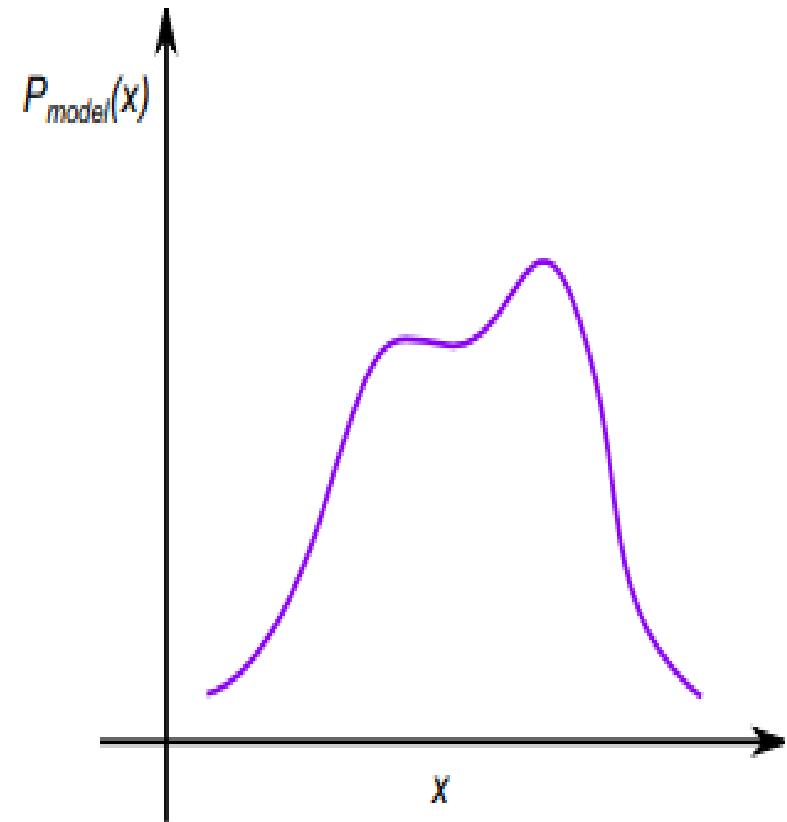
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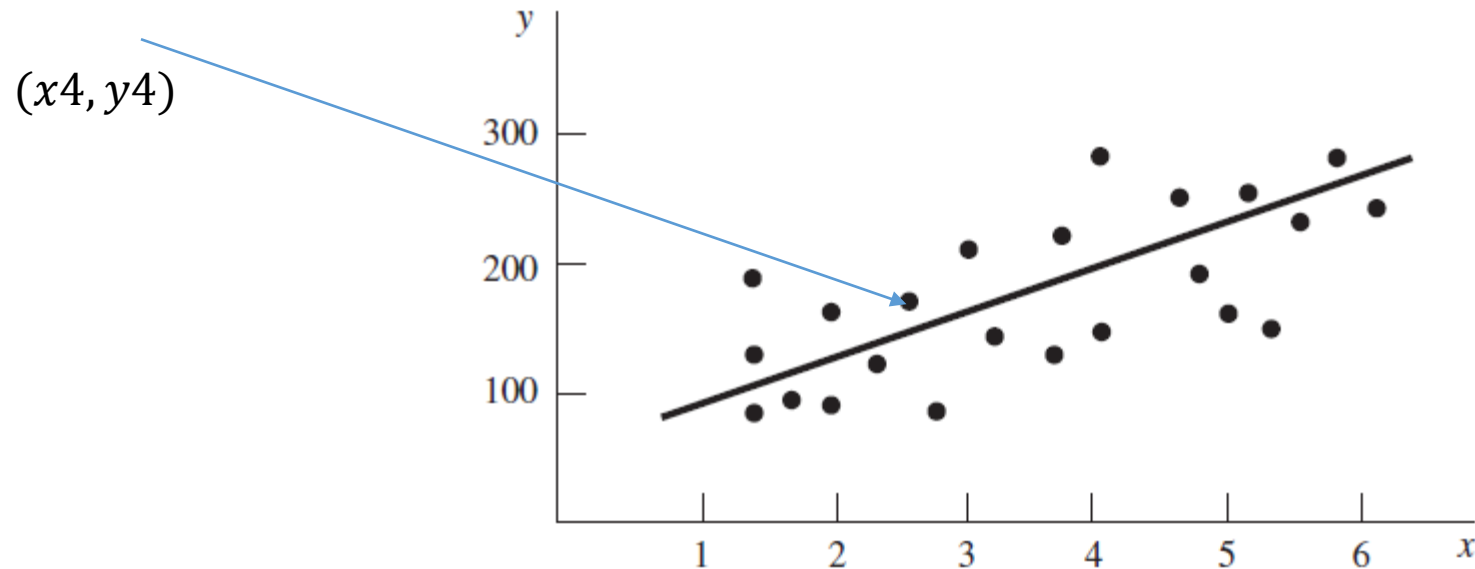
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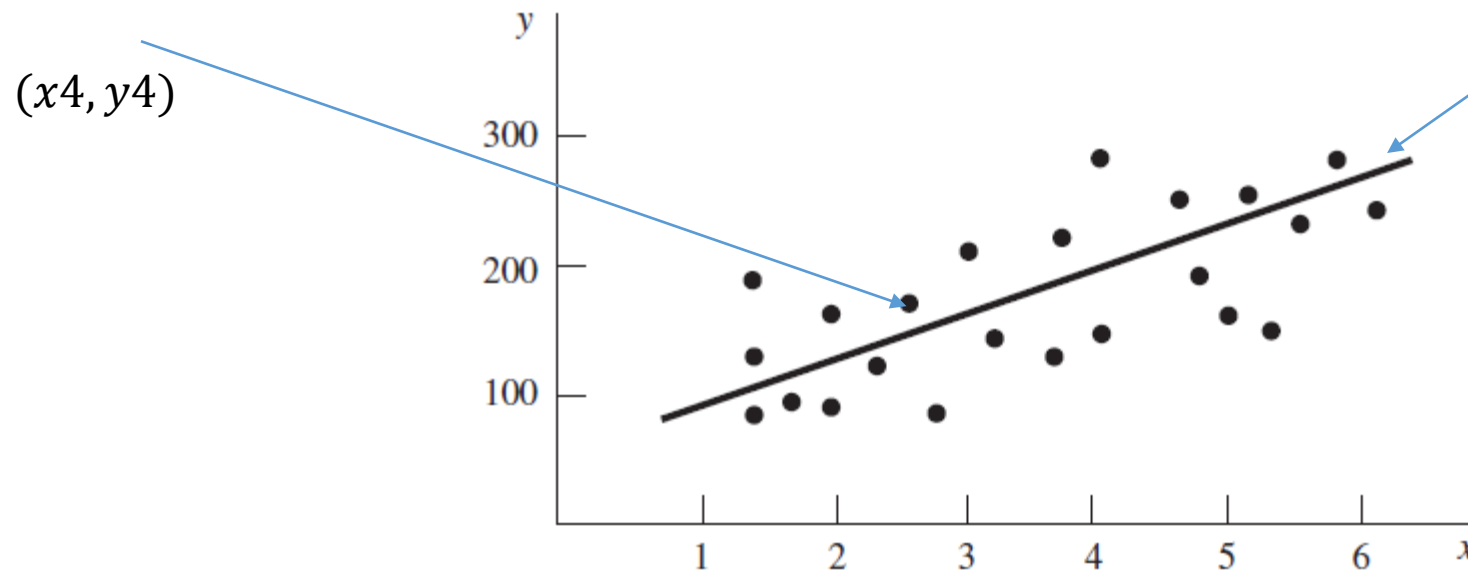
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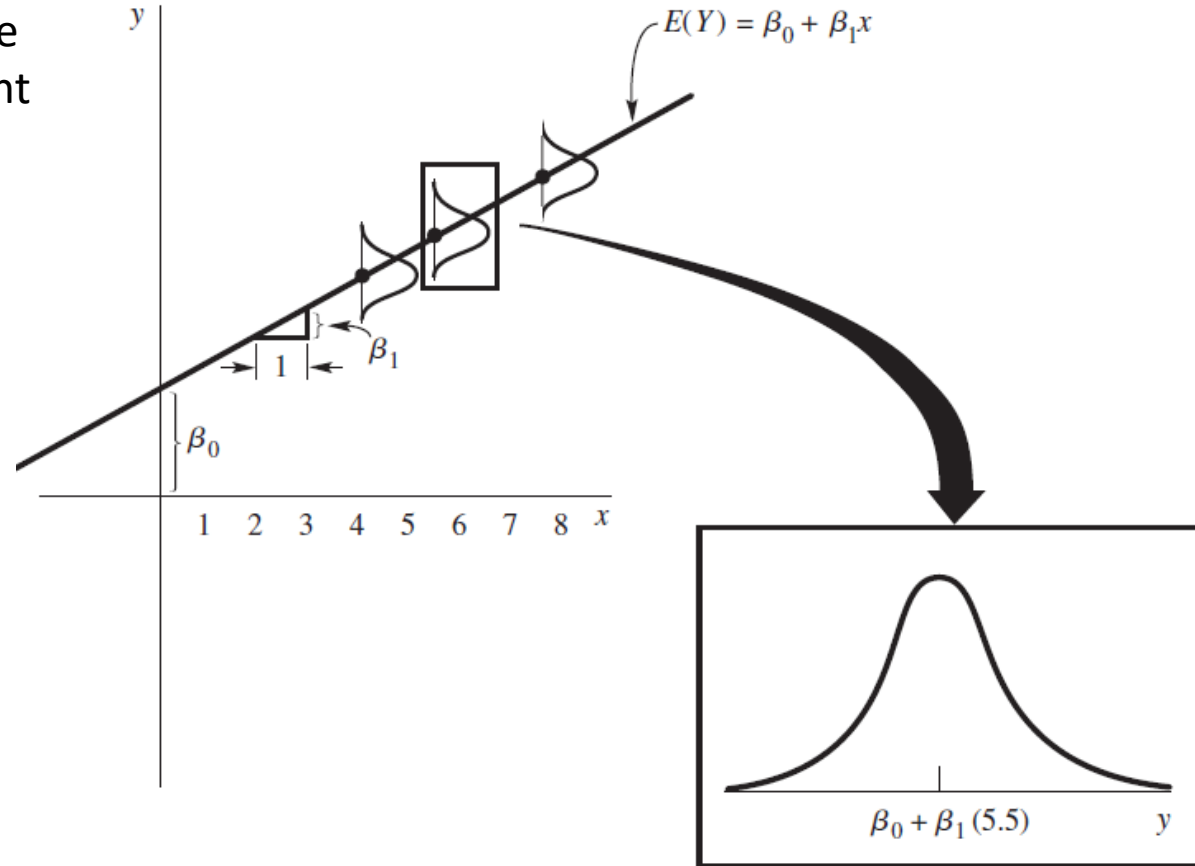
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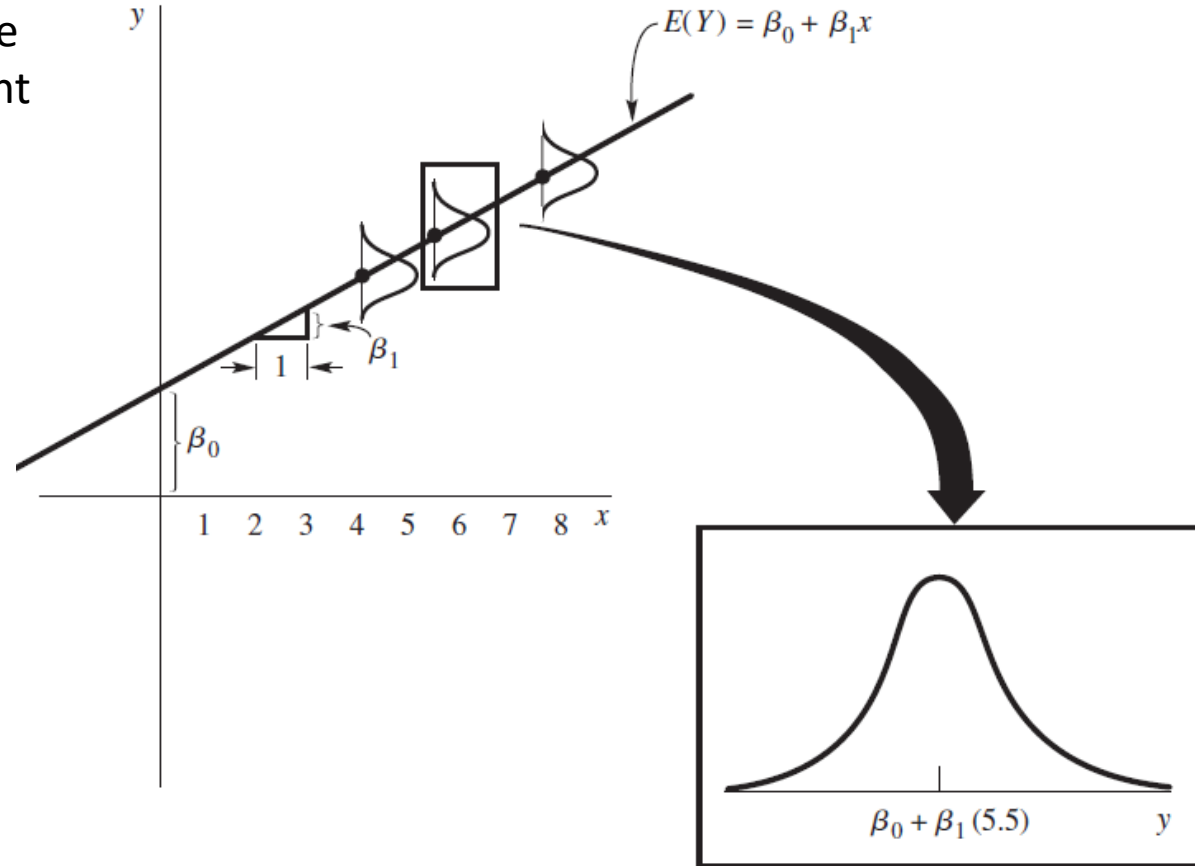
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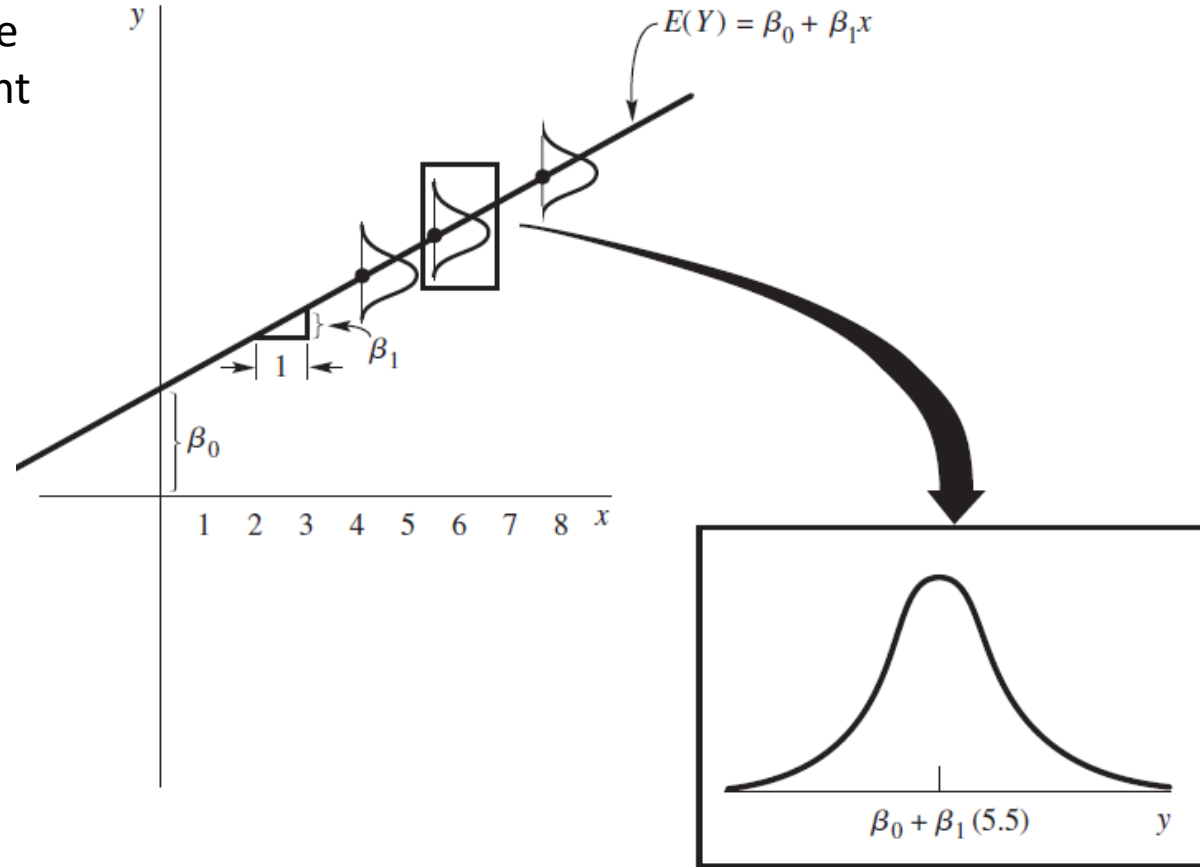


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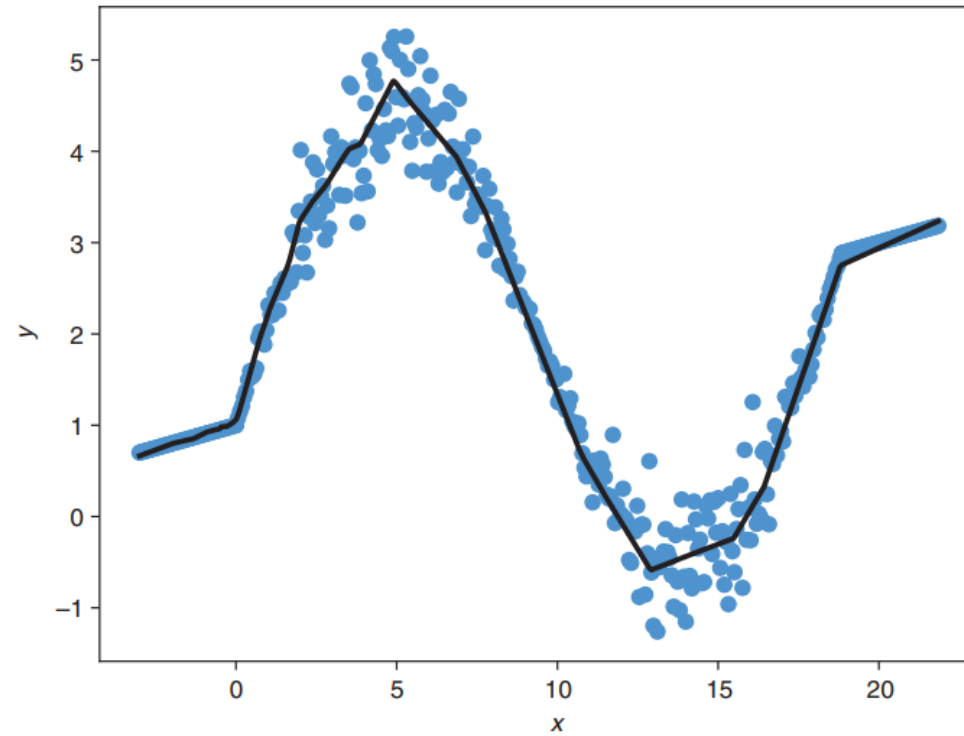
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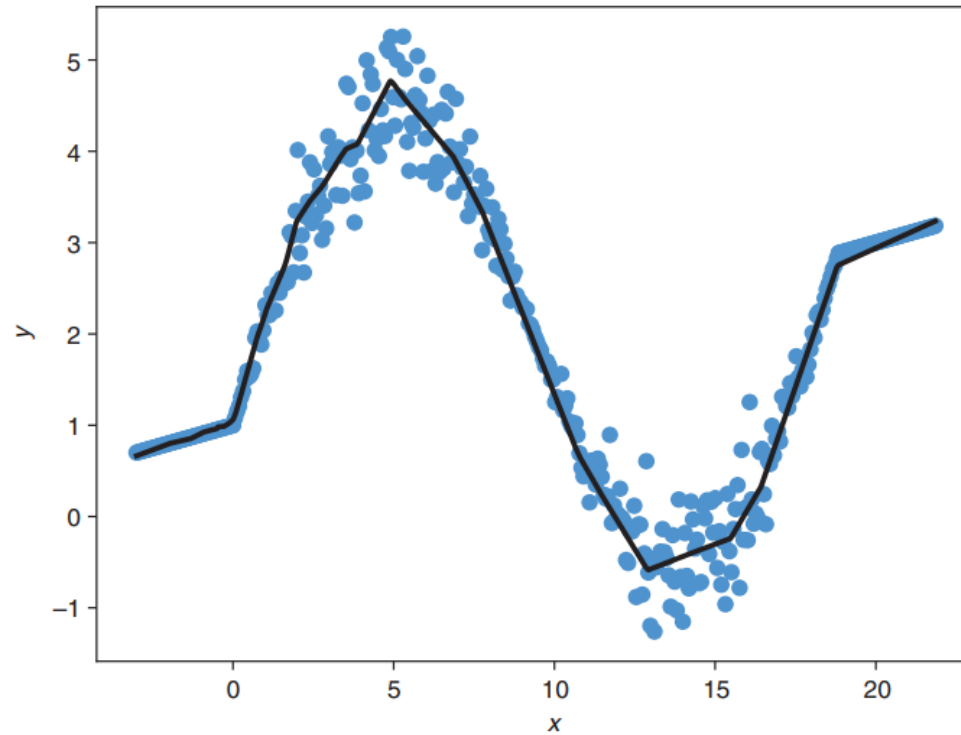
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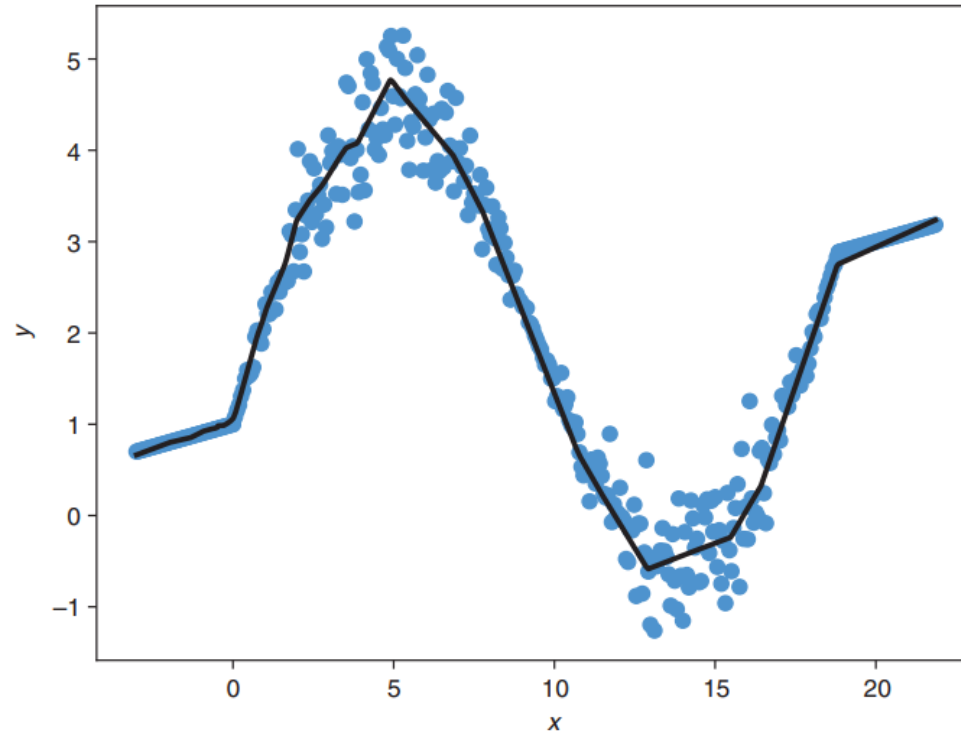
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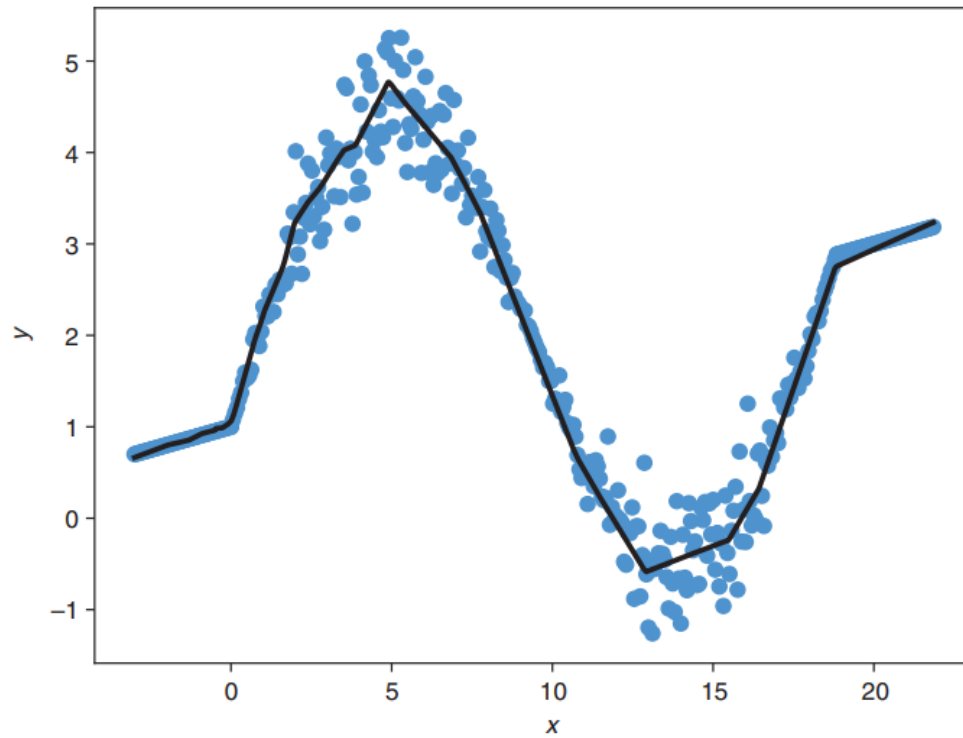
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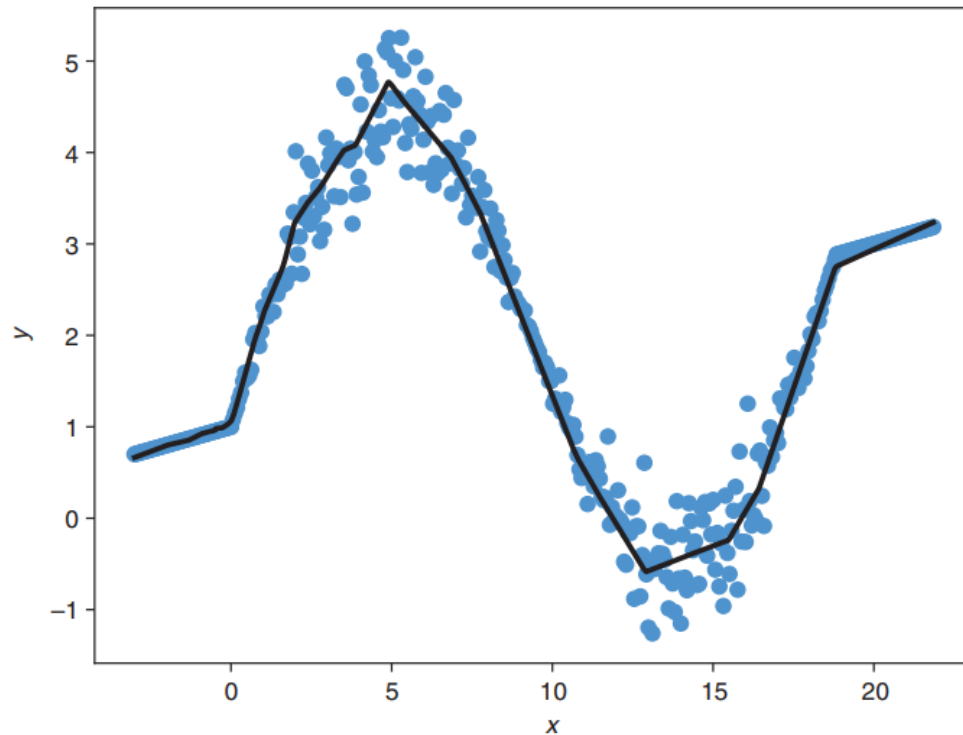
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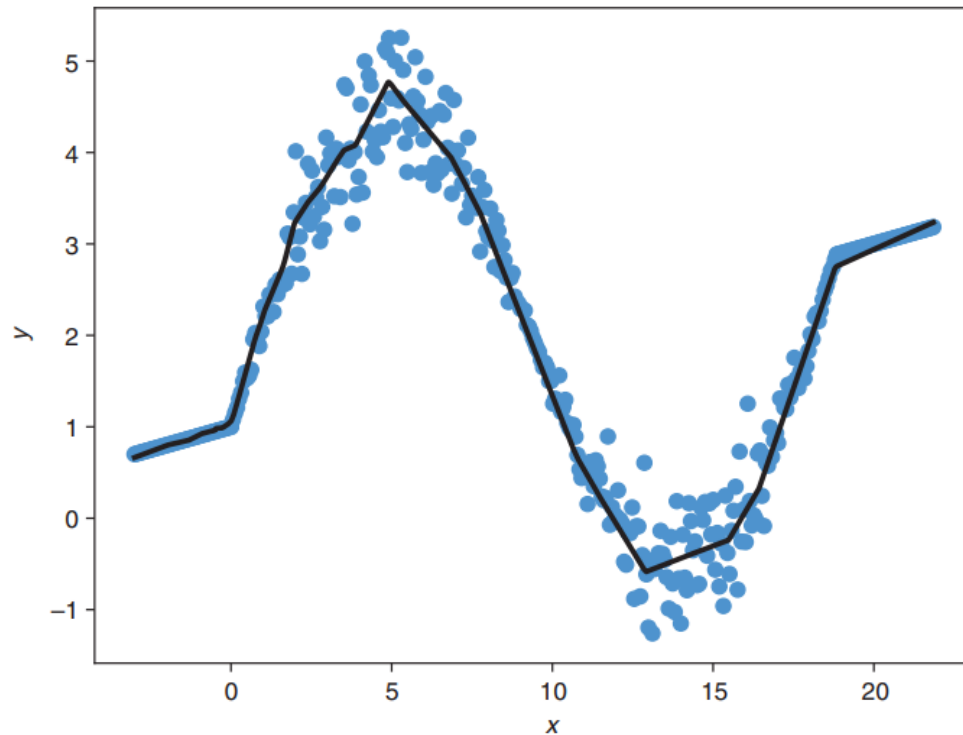
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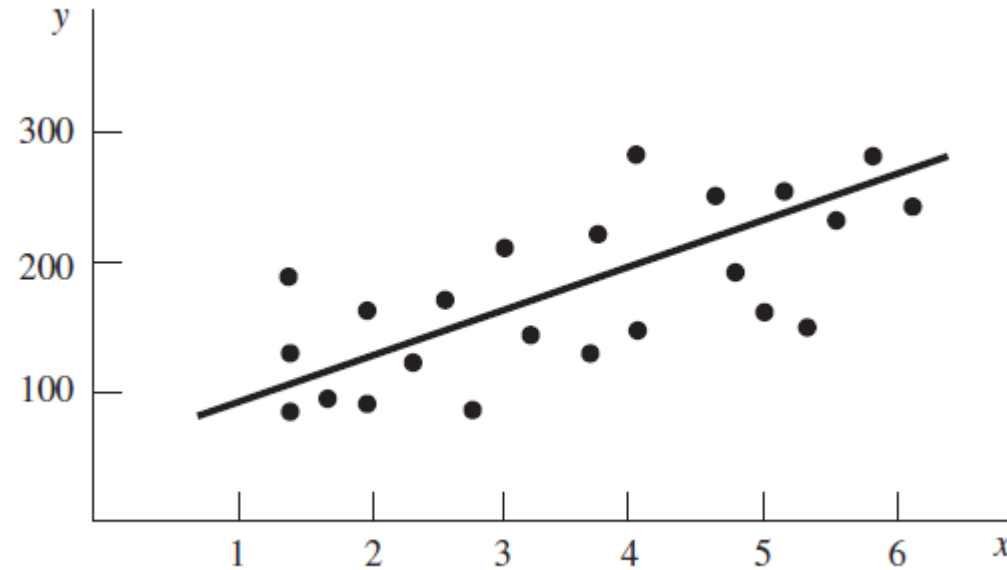
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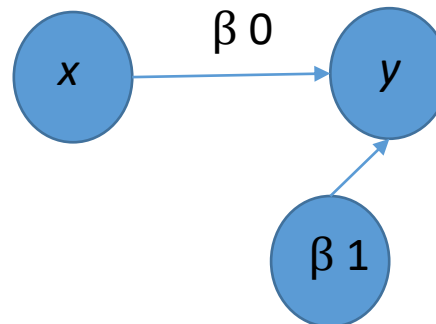
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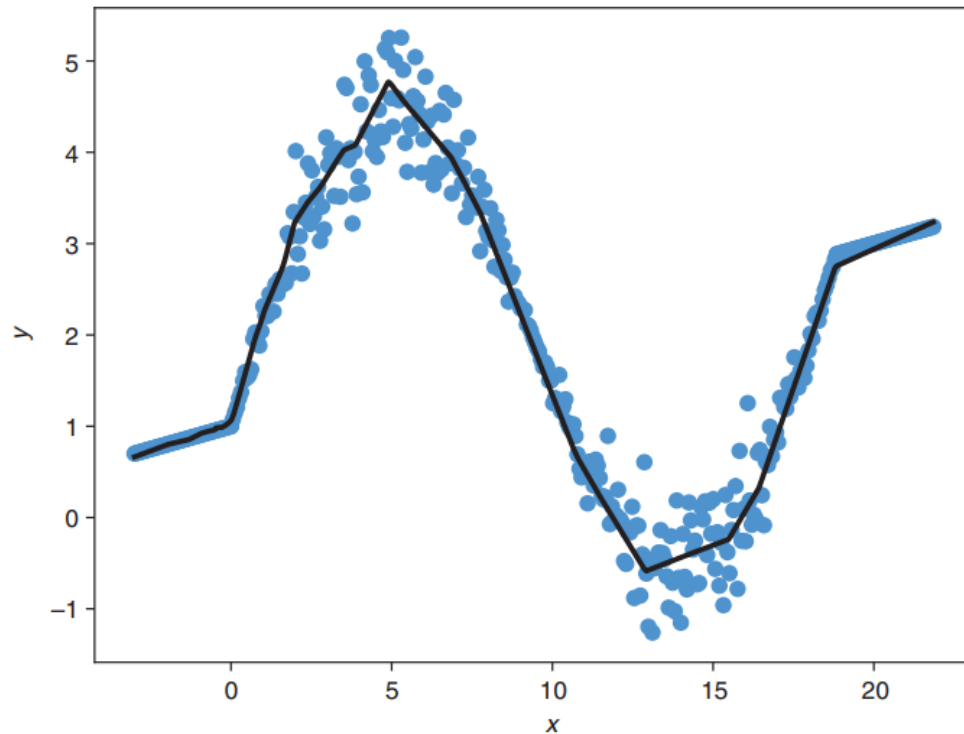
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Lets examine the simple case : the above regression as a neural network model



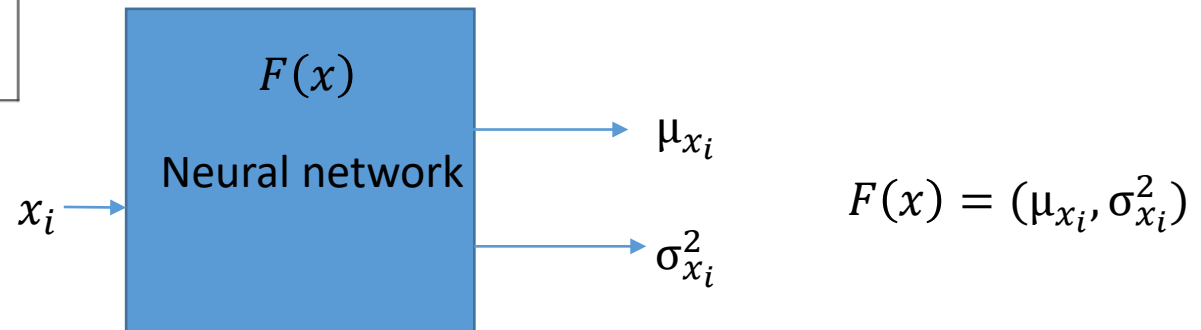
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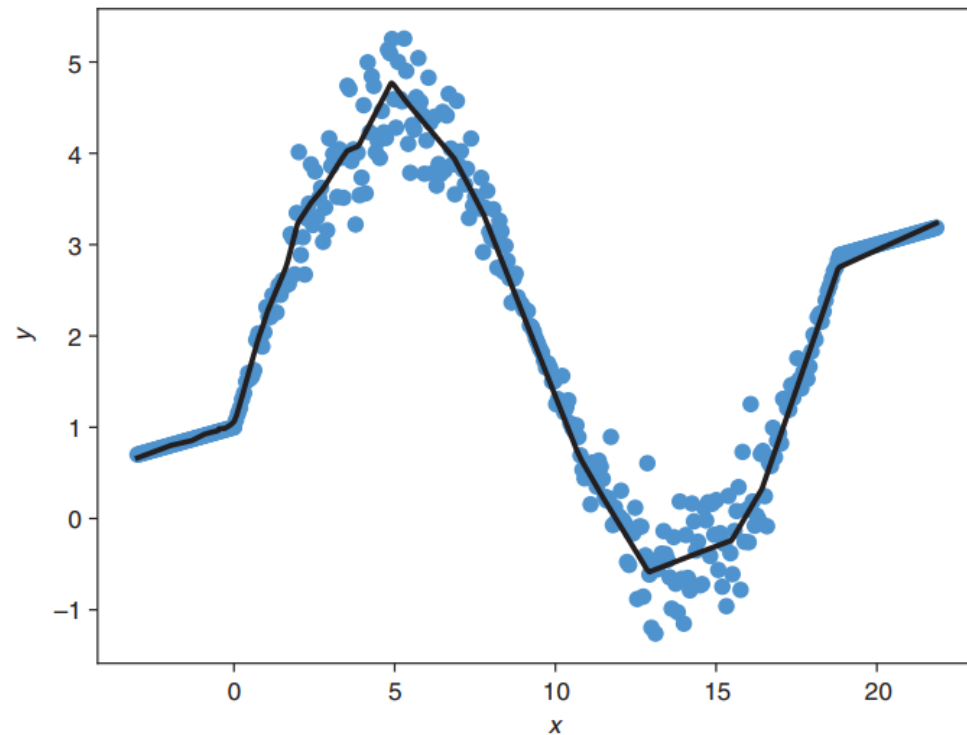
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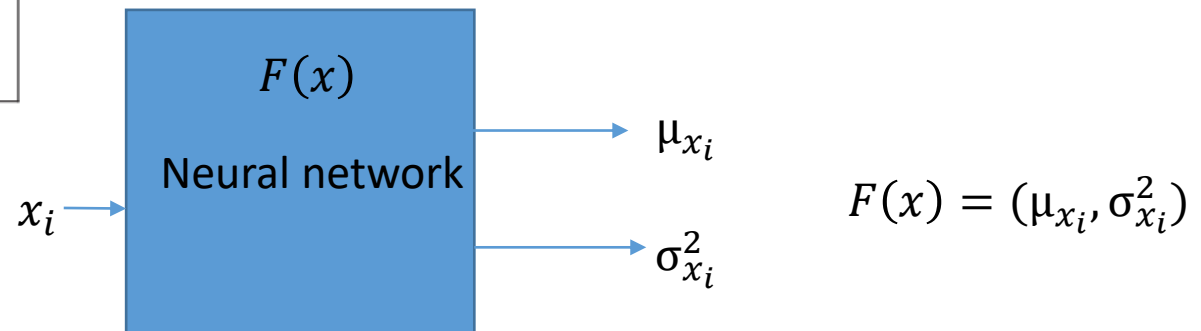
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Formal introduction to DL

A *probabilistic model* is a model of the form

$$y = g(x; \boldsymbol{\beta}) + \varepsilon$$

$\varepsilon \sim D$ where D is some distribution (say normal distribution)

$\boldsymbol{\beta}$ is a set of parameters that determine the model function

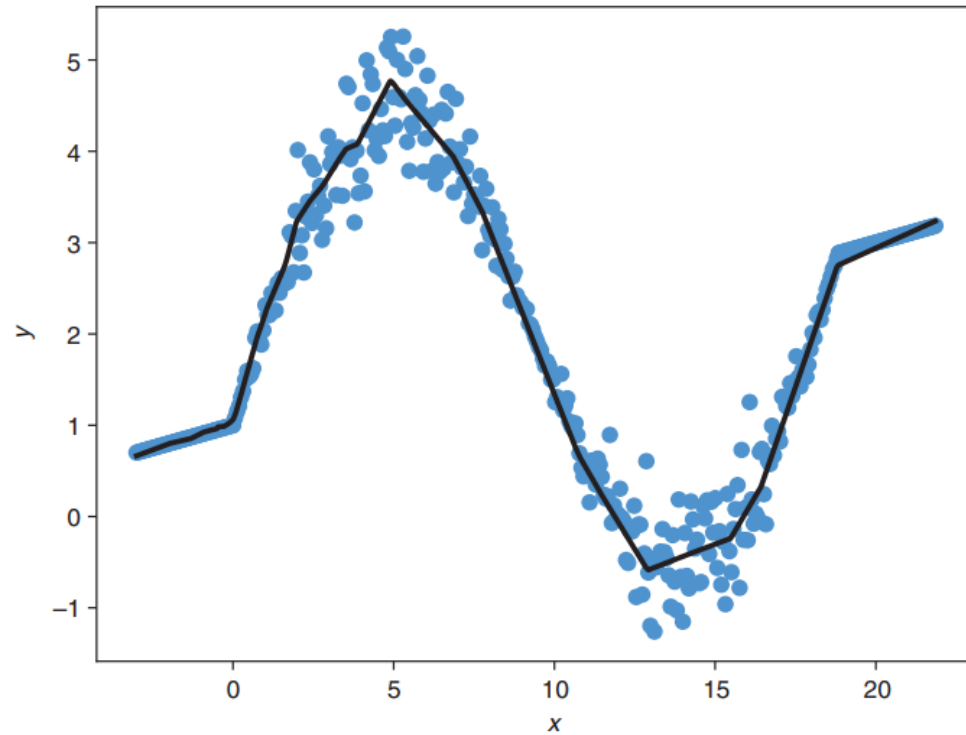
In other words, in a probability model : for every x we associate a distribution $p(\cdot|x)$ that depends on x and this distribution $p(\cdot|x)$ models the non-deterministic dependency of the random variable y on x .

Actually it is not hard to show that when $y = g(x; \boldsymbol{\beta}) + \varepsilon$ then we have

$$Y|X \sim D \iff \varepsilon \sim D$$

Our goal is to learn a probability distribution $p_{\theta_x}(y|x)$ that best approximates $D = p_{data}(Y|X)$. Here θ_x is the parameter of the distribution $p_{\theta_x}(y|x)$.

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Many questions :

- (1) How do we choose F ?
- (2) How do we determine θ to fit the data?
- (3) What if Y_{x_i} distribution is more complex?

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Hence :

$$(\hat{\beta}_0, \hat{\beta}_1) = \operatorname{argmin}_{(\beta_0, \beta_1)} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - (\beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i))^2$$

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Lets do the same thing but now we consider the more general model :

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Note that $\sigma_{x_i}^2$ is now not a constant anymore

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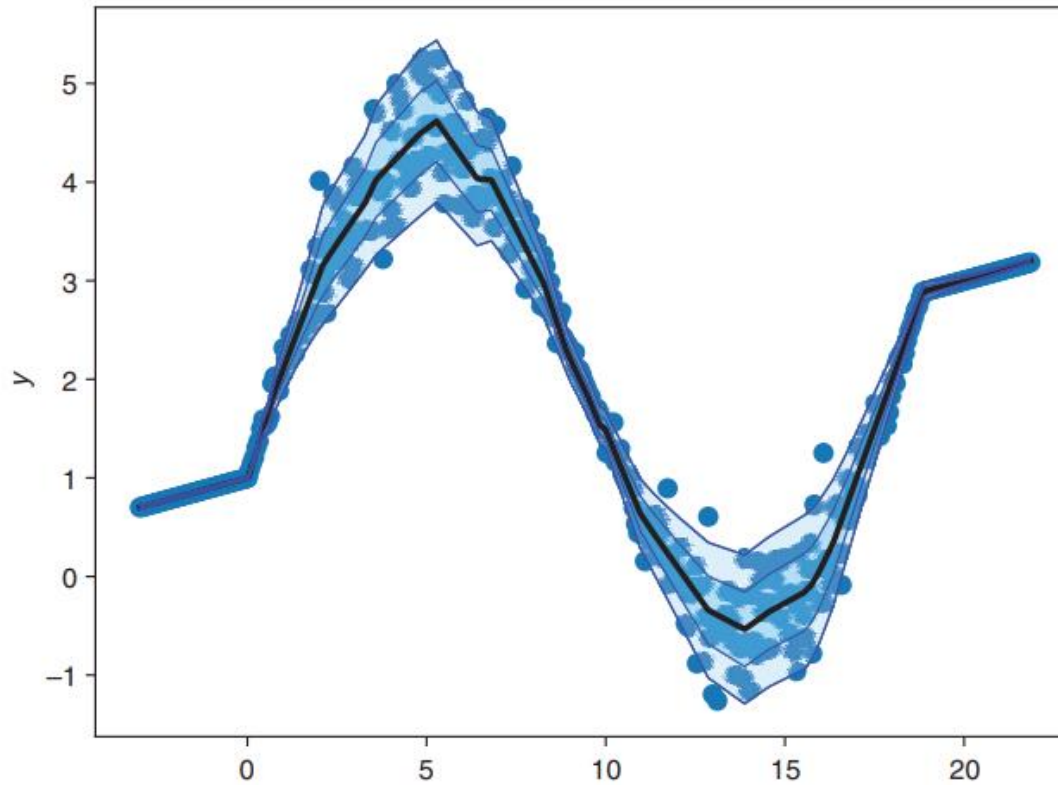
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Neural Networks

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Minimizing the above function we can use it to fit the data :



With such a model, our model does not only give^x us the mean, but the standard deviation above every point!

Supervised Machine Learning

Lets try to formalize this.

$\text{NN}(\cdot; \boldsymbol{\beta})$ (where $\boldsymbol{\beta}$ is the parameter vector of the NN)

such that $\text{NN}(x, \boldsymbol{\beta}) = \theta_x$ where θ_x is the parameter that determine the distribution $p_{\theta_x}(y|x)$

Since the parameter $\boldsymbol{\beta}$ ultimately determines the parameters θ_x then the problem given in equation
Finding $\boldsymbol{\beta}$ such that :

$$p_{data}(Y|X) \approx p_{\boldsymbol{\beta}}(Y|X)$$

Given the above setup, we can find $\boldsymbol{\beta}$ by using MLE :

$$\boldsymbol{\beta} = \underset{\boldsymbol{\beta}}{\operatorname{argmin}} E_{(x_i, y_i) \sim p_{data}} -\log p_{\boldsymbol{\beta}}(y_i|x_i)$$

The above equation provides a **vast general principle**: most supervised ML falls in the above equation. In particular, most modern DL paradigm utilizes the above optimization scheme. Namely when p is normal we obtain regression problems, when p is categorical we obtain classification problems, etc.

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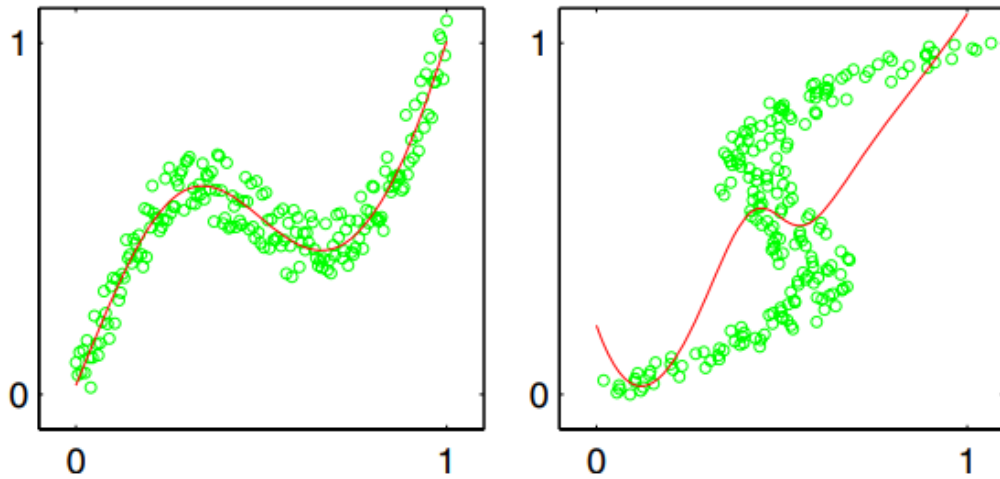


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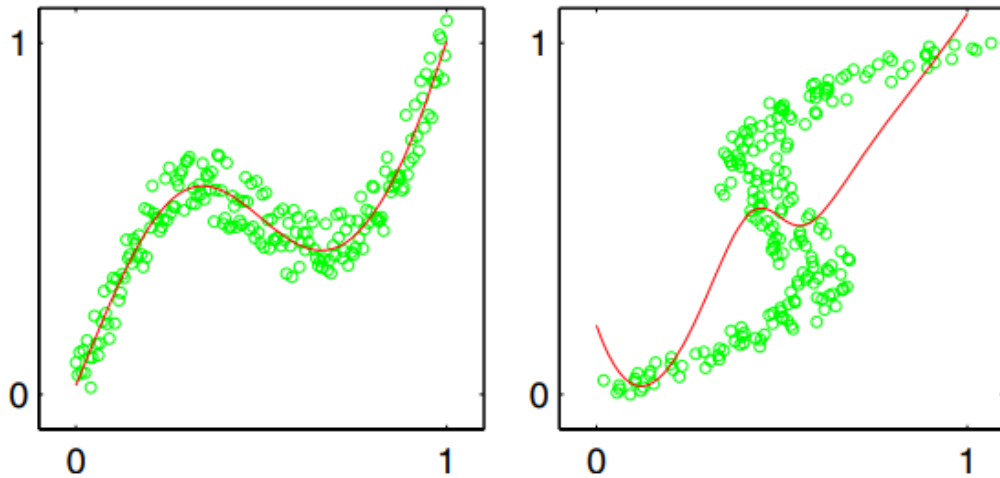


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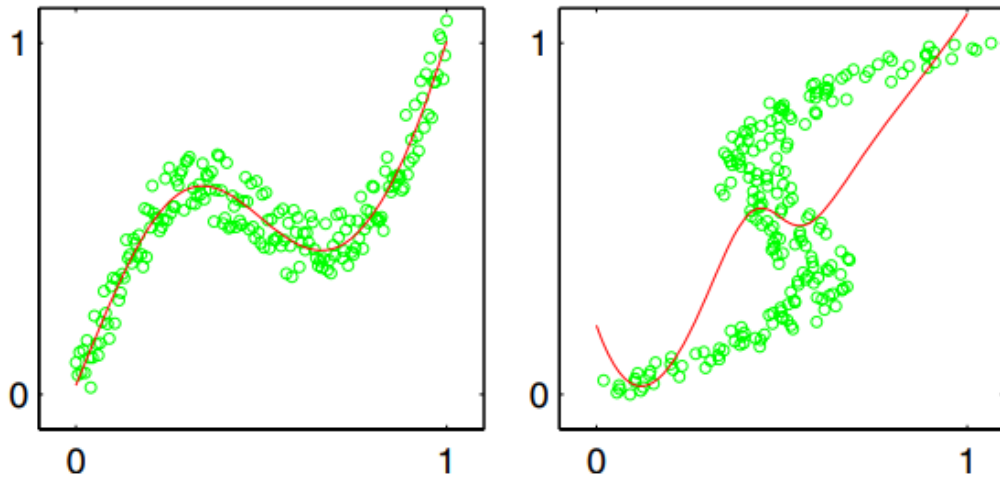


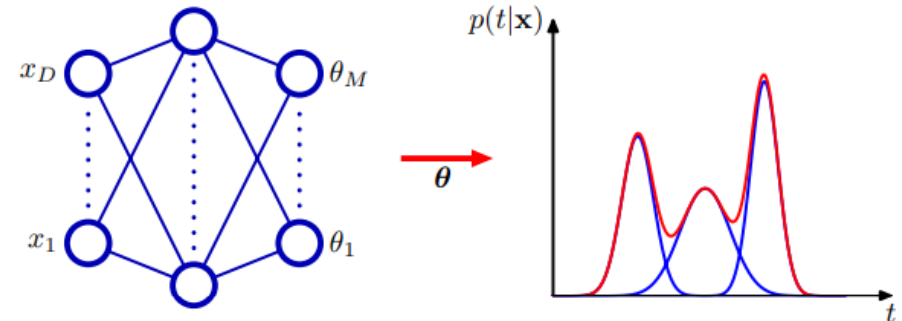
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In this case the NN outputs the $3K$ parameters of the distributions

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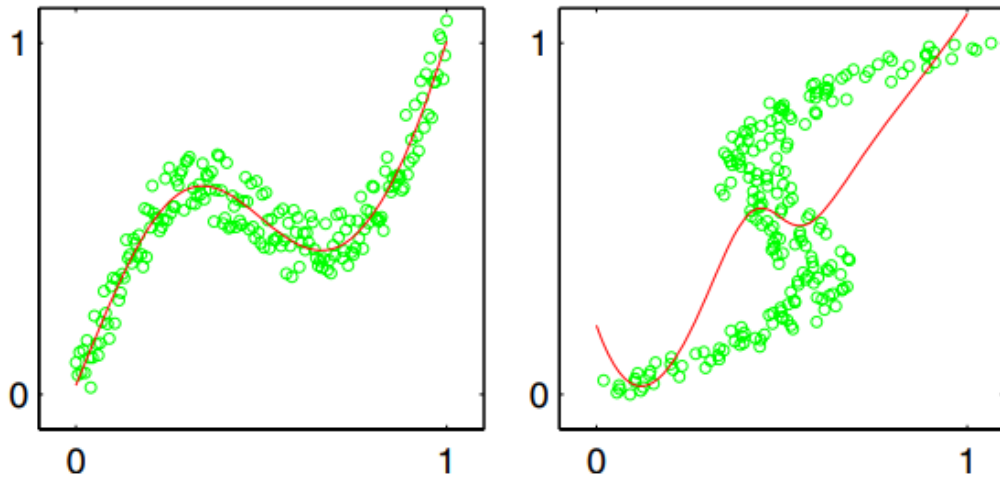


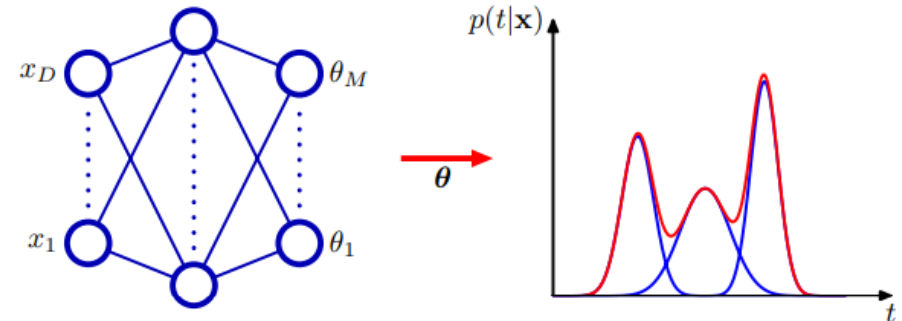
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It is not hard to see that negative logarithm of the likelihood is given by :

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