



Regression

- Regression deals with the prediction of a value, rather than a class.
 - Given values for a set of variables, X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n , we wish to predict the value of a variable Y .
- One way is to infer coefficients $a_0, a_1, a_1, \dots, a_n$ such that
$$Y = a_0 + a_1 * X_1 + a_2 * X_2 + \dots + a_n * X_n$$
- Finding such a linear polynomial is called **linear regression**.
 - In general, the process of finding a curve that fits the data is also called **curve fitting**.
- The fit may only be approximate
 - because of noise in the data, or
 - because the relationship is not exactly a polynomial
- Regression aims to find coefficients that give the best possible fit.