

Linear Regression

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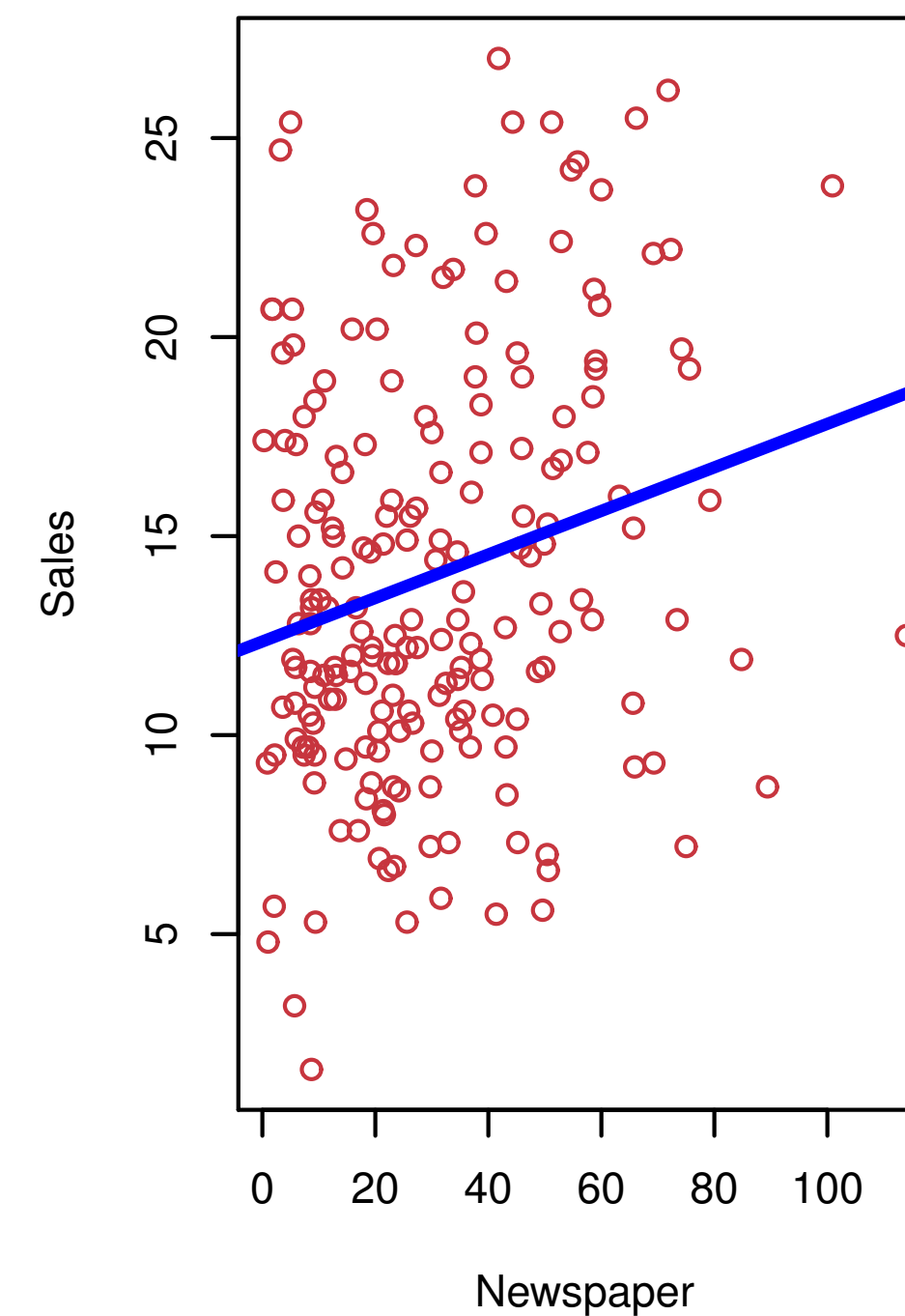
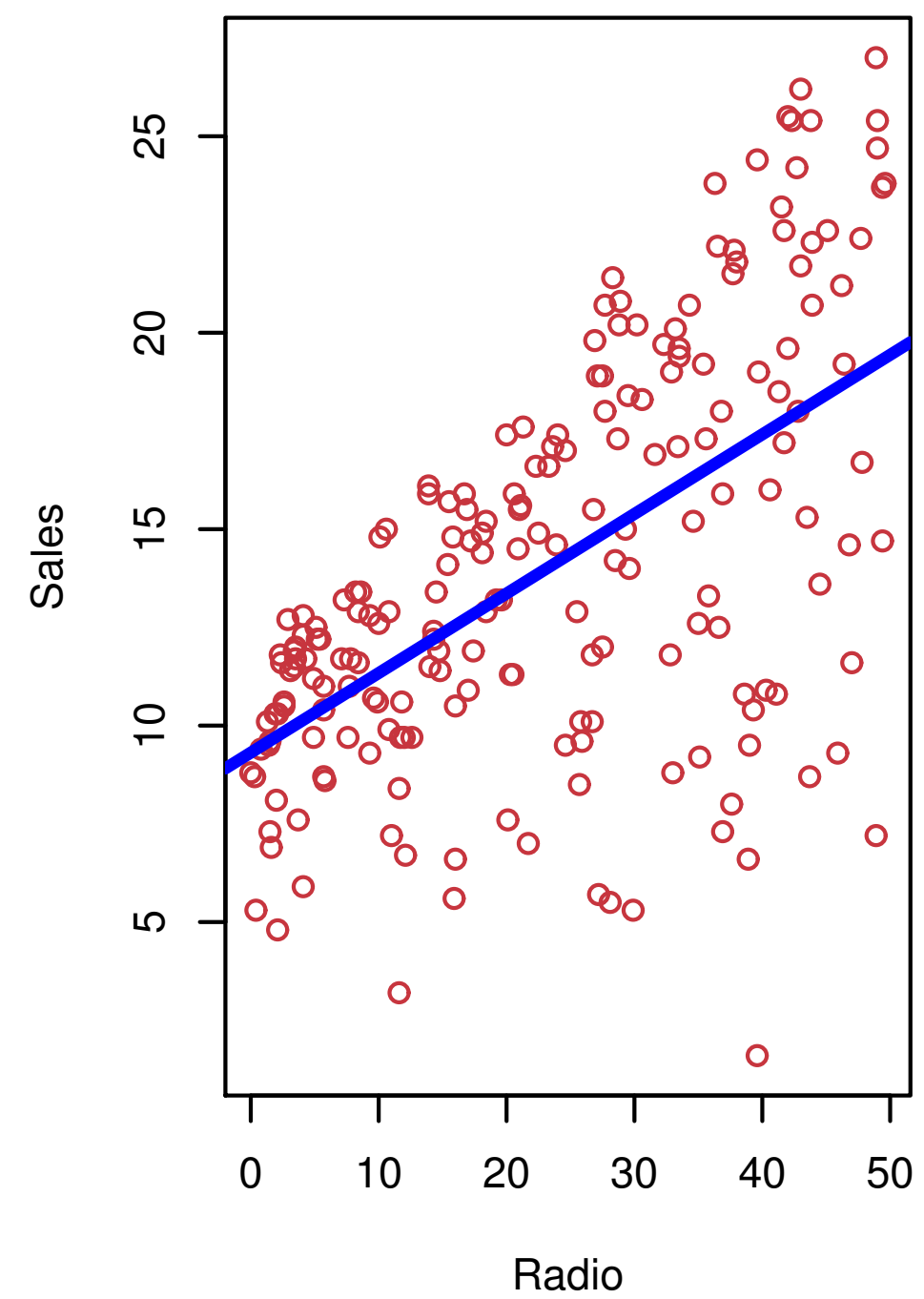
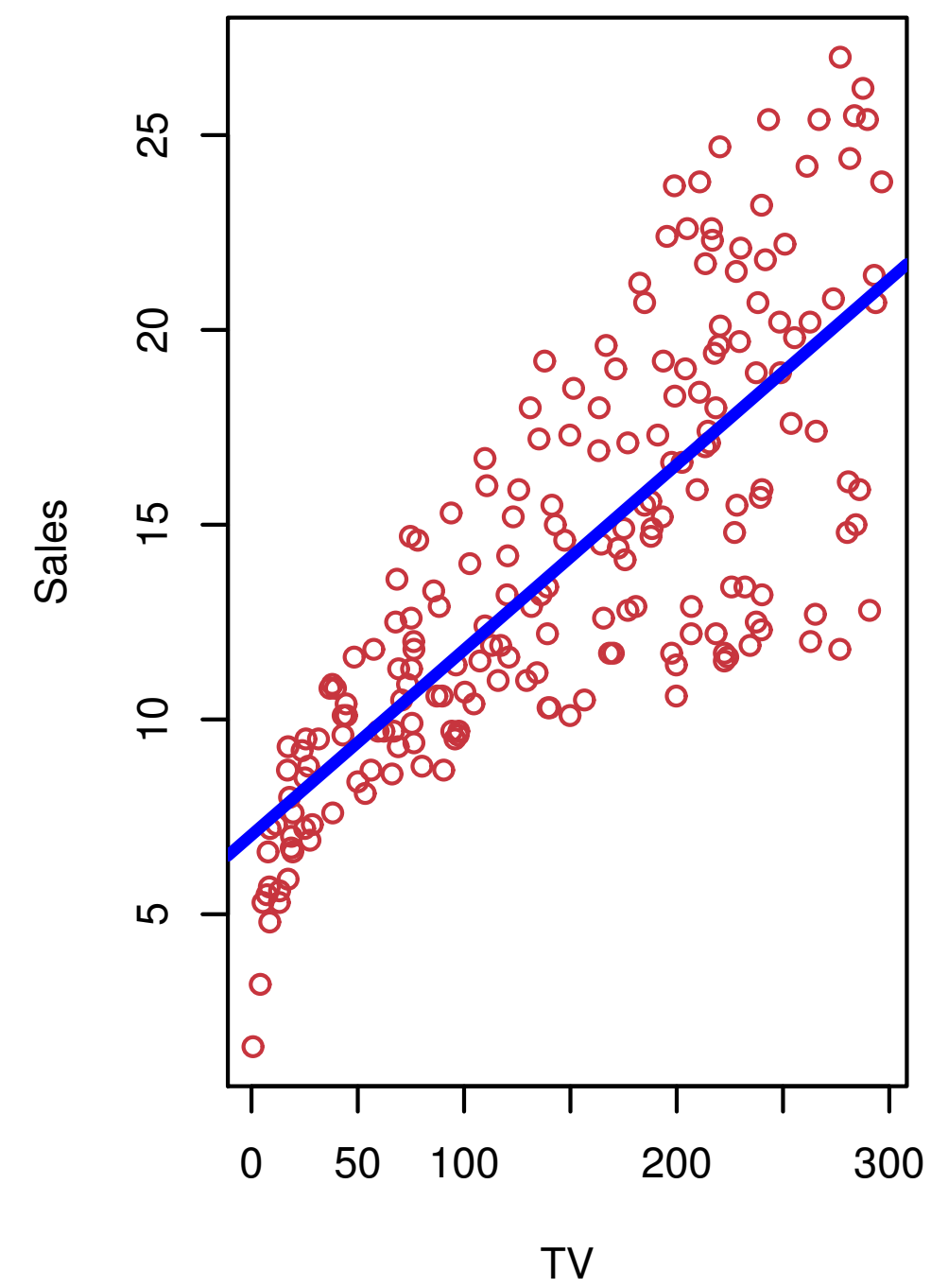
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Linear Regression

- Linear regression is a **simple** approach to supervised learning.
- It **assumes linear dependence** of Y on X_1, X_2, \dots, X_p .
- True linear regression functions are "**never**" linear!
- Although it may seem overly simplistic, linear regression is **extremely useful** both conceptually and practically.

Linear Regression



Linear regression for advertising data

- Is there a relationship between advertising budget and sales?
- How strong is the relationship between advertising budget and sales?
- Which media contribute to sales?
- How accurately can we predict future sales?
- Is the relationship linear?
- Is there synergy among the advertising media?

Linear Regression

- Widely used due to its **simplicity** but also because its interpretability.
- However, **when features** are **correlations** predictions can cause **problems**:
 - The variance of all coefficients tends to increase dramatically
 - Interpretations becomes harzarouds- When x_j changes, everything else changes.
- Causes of **causality** must be **avoided** for observational data.

Simple Linear regression using a single predictor X

- We assume a model:

$$Y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X + \epsilon$$

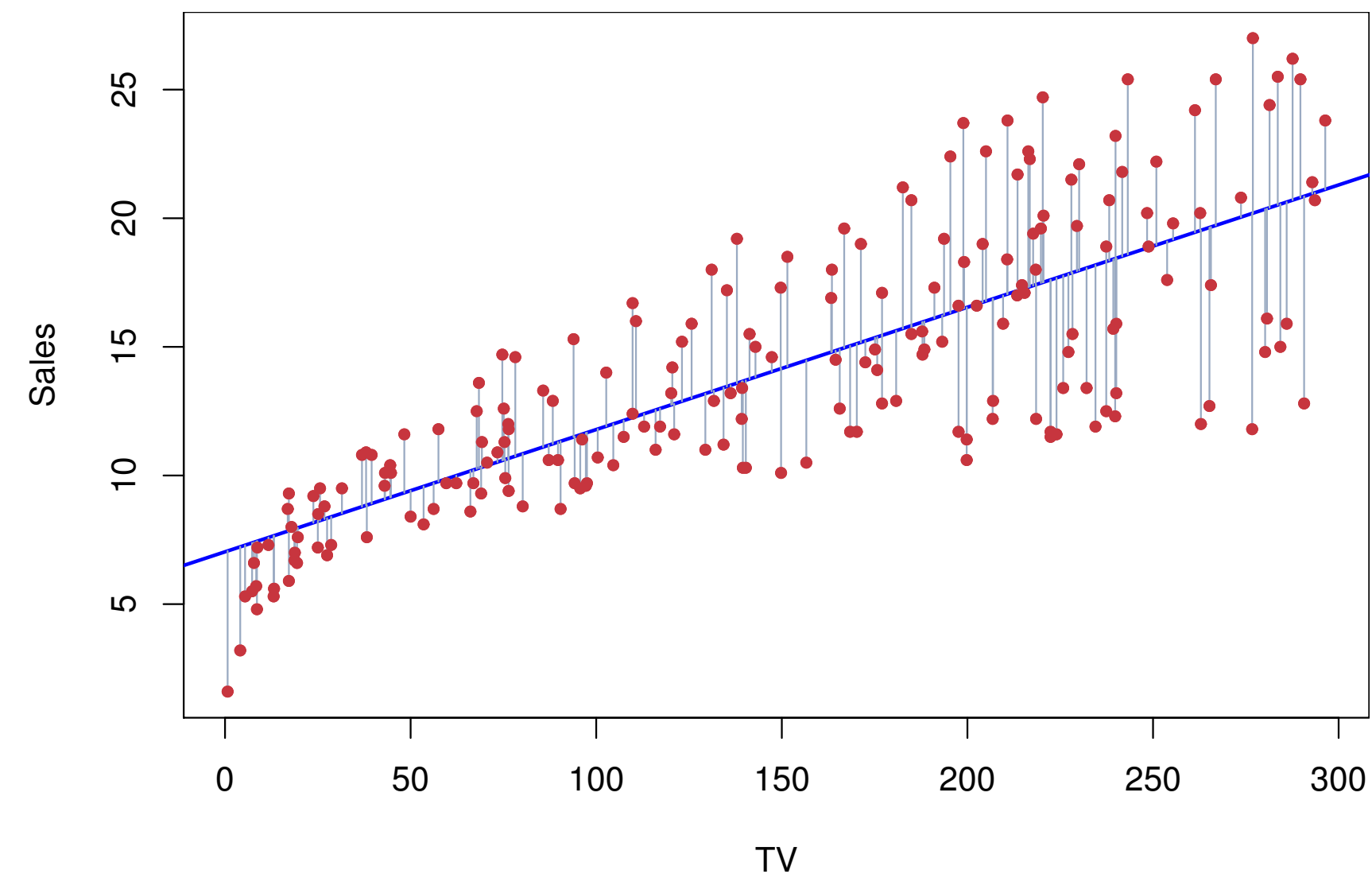
where β_0 and β_1 are two unknown constants that represents the **intercept** and **slop**, also known as **parameters** or **coefficients**, and ϵ is the error term.

- Given some estimates $\hat{\beta}_0$ and $\hat{\beta}_1$ for the model coefficients, we predict the future sales using:

$$\hat{y} = \hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 x$$

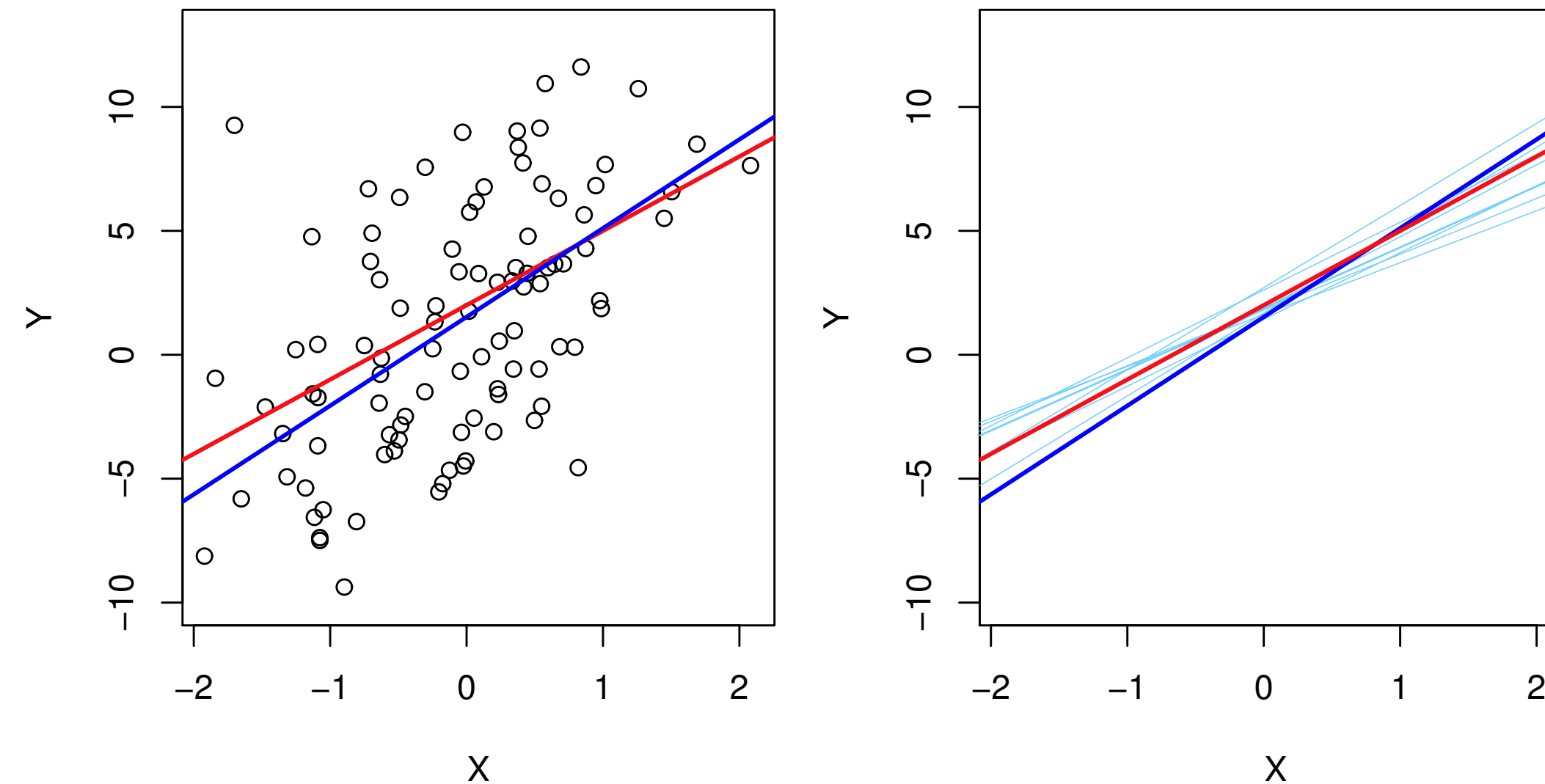
where \hat{y} indicates a prediction of Y on the basis of $X = x$.

Example: Advertising data



The **least square** fit for the regression of **Sales** onto **TV**. In this case a linear fit captures the essence of the relationship, although it is somewhat deficient in the left of the plot.

Example: Synthetic data



- Simulated data set. *Left*: the **red** line represents the true relationship $f(X) = 2 + 3X$, called population line and the **blue** line is the least squares line. *Right*: The red and blue line represents again the population line and least squares line, while light blue are ten least squares lines computed with a separate random set of observations.

Assessing the Accuracy of the Coefficient Estimates

- The standard error of an estimator reflects how it varies under **repeated sampling**. We have

$$SE(\hat{\beta}_1)^2 = \frac{\sigma^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2}, SE(\hat{\beta}_0)^2 = \sigma^2 \left[\frac{1}{n} + \frac{\bar{x}^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2} \right]$$

where $\sigma^2 = \text{Var}(\epsilon)$

- These standard errors can be used to compute **confidence intervals**. A 95% confidence interval is defined as a range of values such that with 95% probability, the range will contain the true unknown value of the parameter. It has the form

$$\hat{\beta}_1 \pm 2 \cdot SE(\hat{\beta}_1)$$

Confidence Interval

- That is, there is approximately a 95% chance that the interval

$$\left[\hat{\beta}_1 - 2 \cdot SE(\hat{\beta}_1), \hat{\beta}_1 + 2 \cdot SE(\hat{\beta}_1) \right]$$

- will contain the true value of β_1 (under a scenario where we got repeated samples like the present sample)
- For the advertising data, the 95% confidence interval for β_1 is $[0.042, 0.053]$

Hypothesis Testing

- Standard errors can also be used to perform **hypothesis tests** on the coefficients. The most common hypothesis test involves testing the **null hypothesis** of:

- H_0 : There is no relationship between X and Y versus the **alternative hypothesis**.
- H_1 : There is some relationship between X and Y .

- Mathematically, this corresponds to testing

$$H_0 : \beta_1 = 0$$

$$\text{versus } H_A : \beta_1 \neq 0$$

- If H_0 is true then the model reduces to $Y = \beta_0 + \epsilon$, and X is not associated with Y .

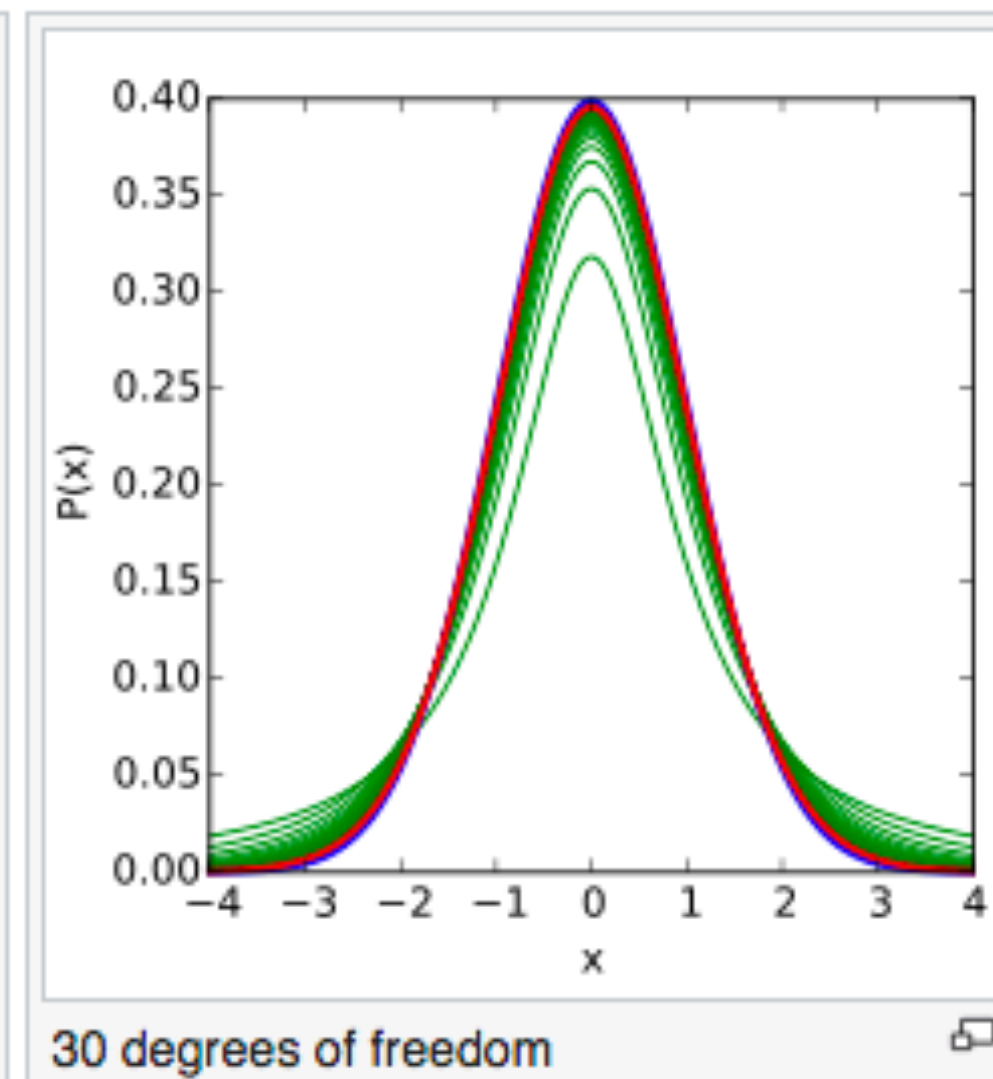
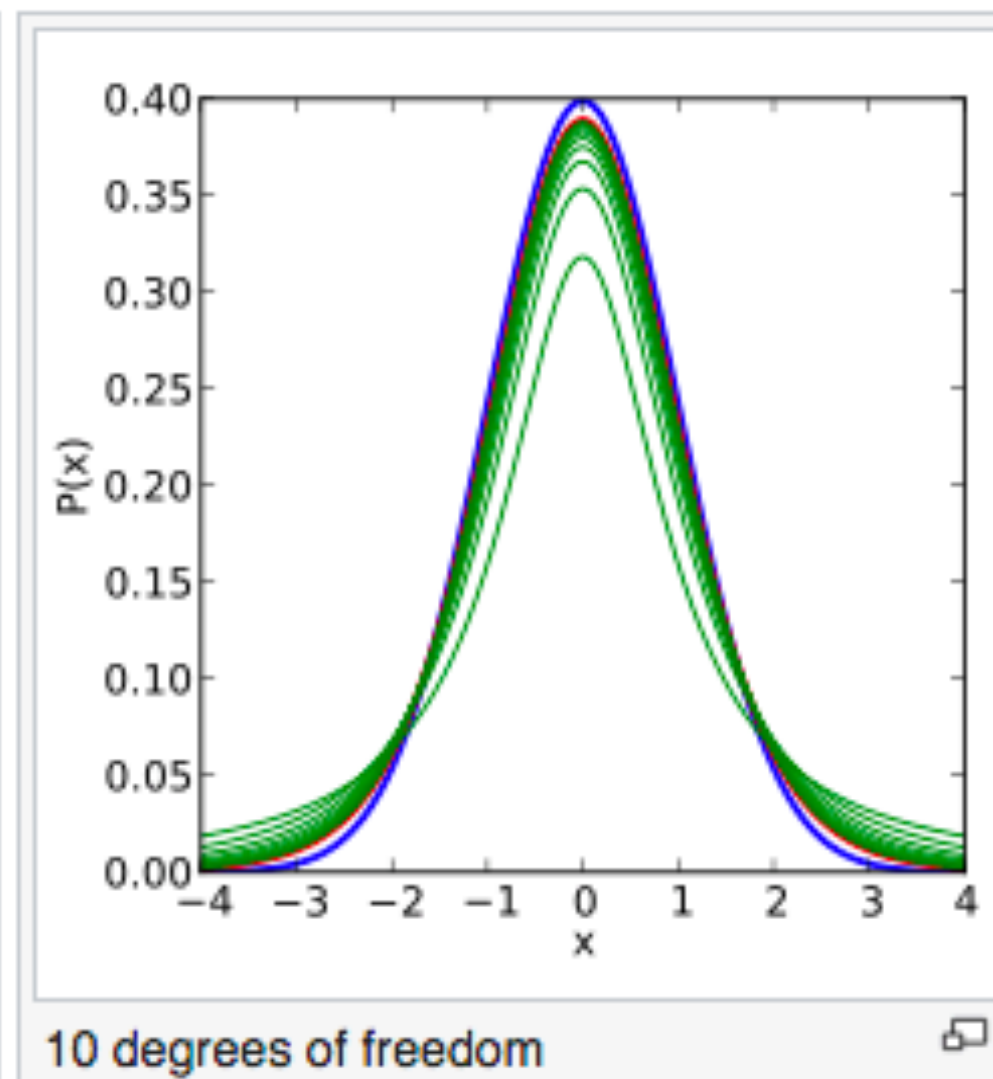
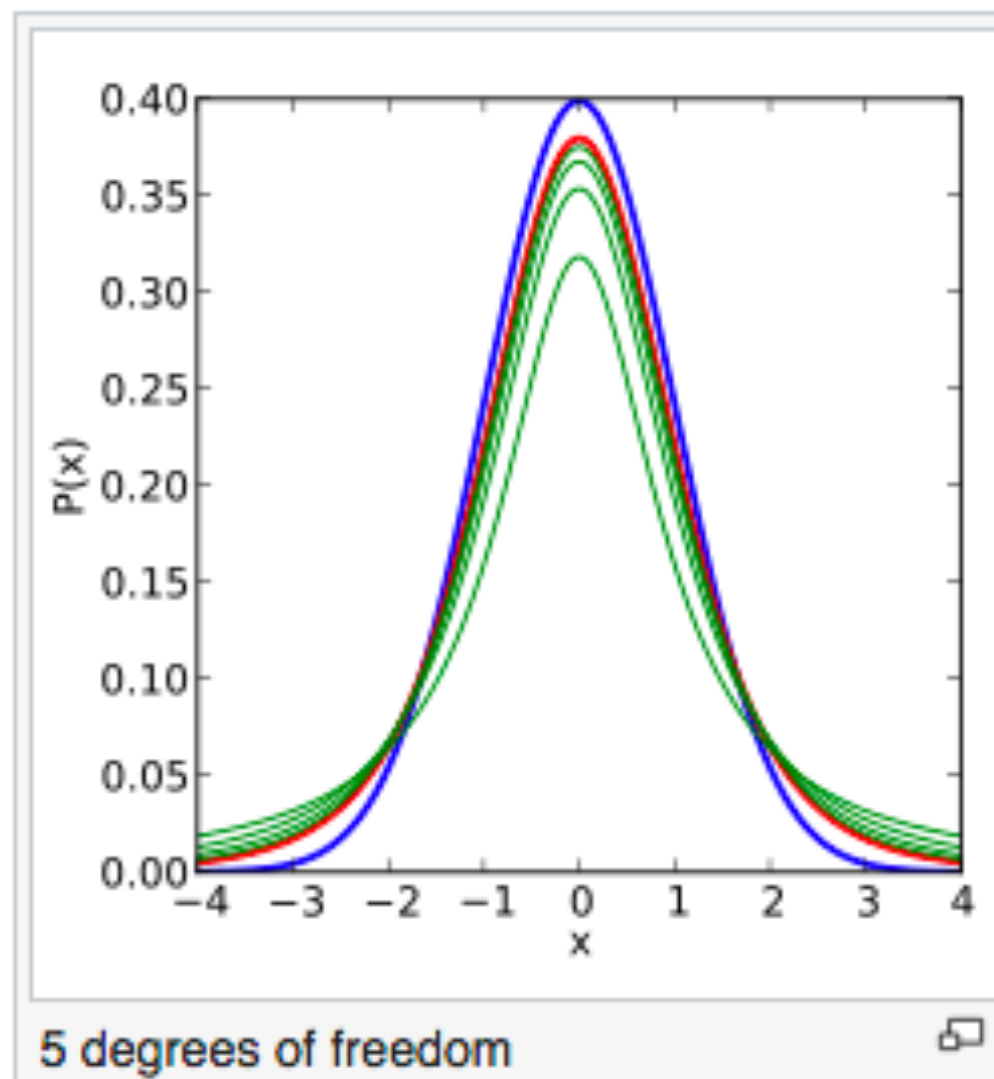
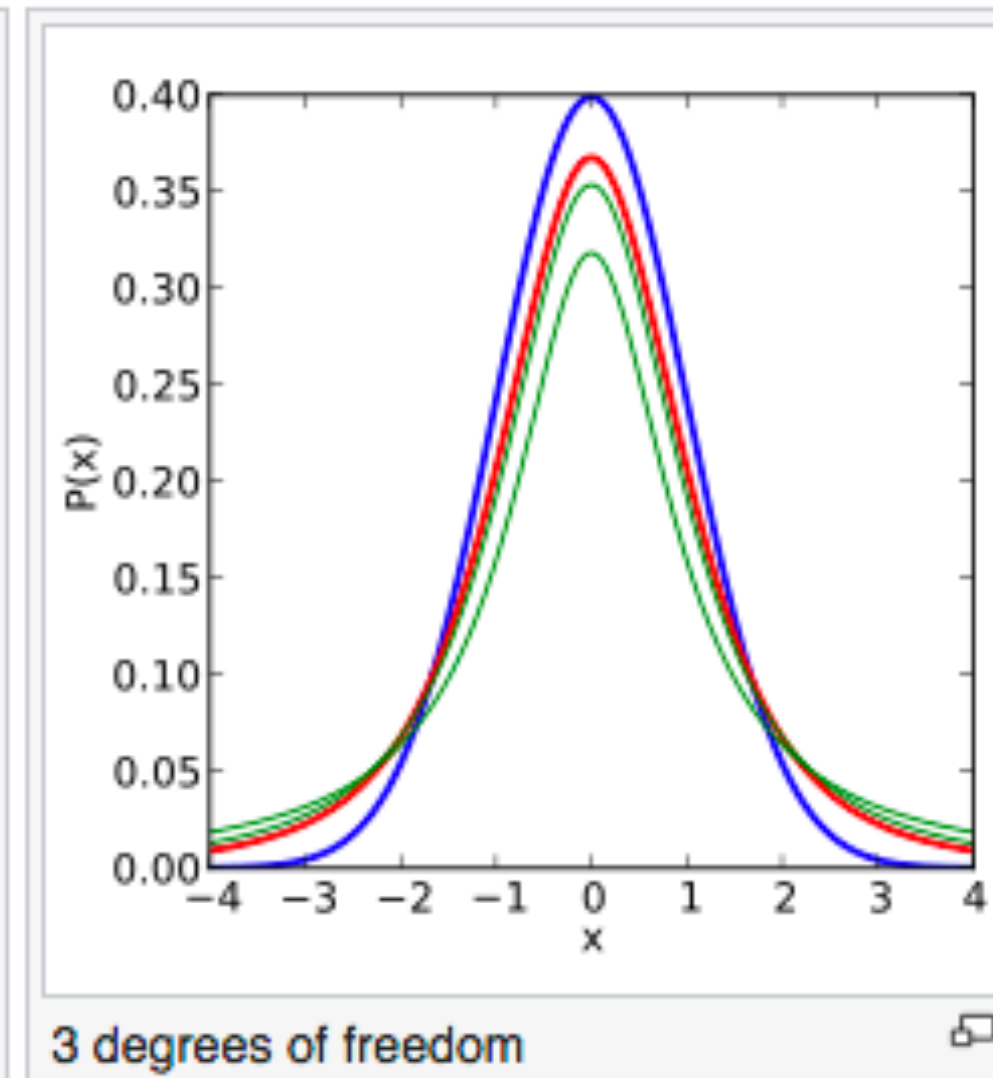
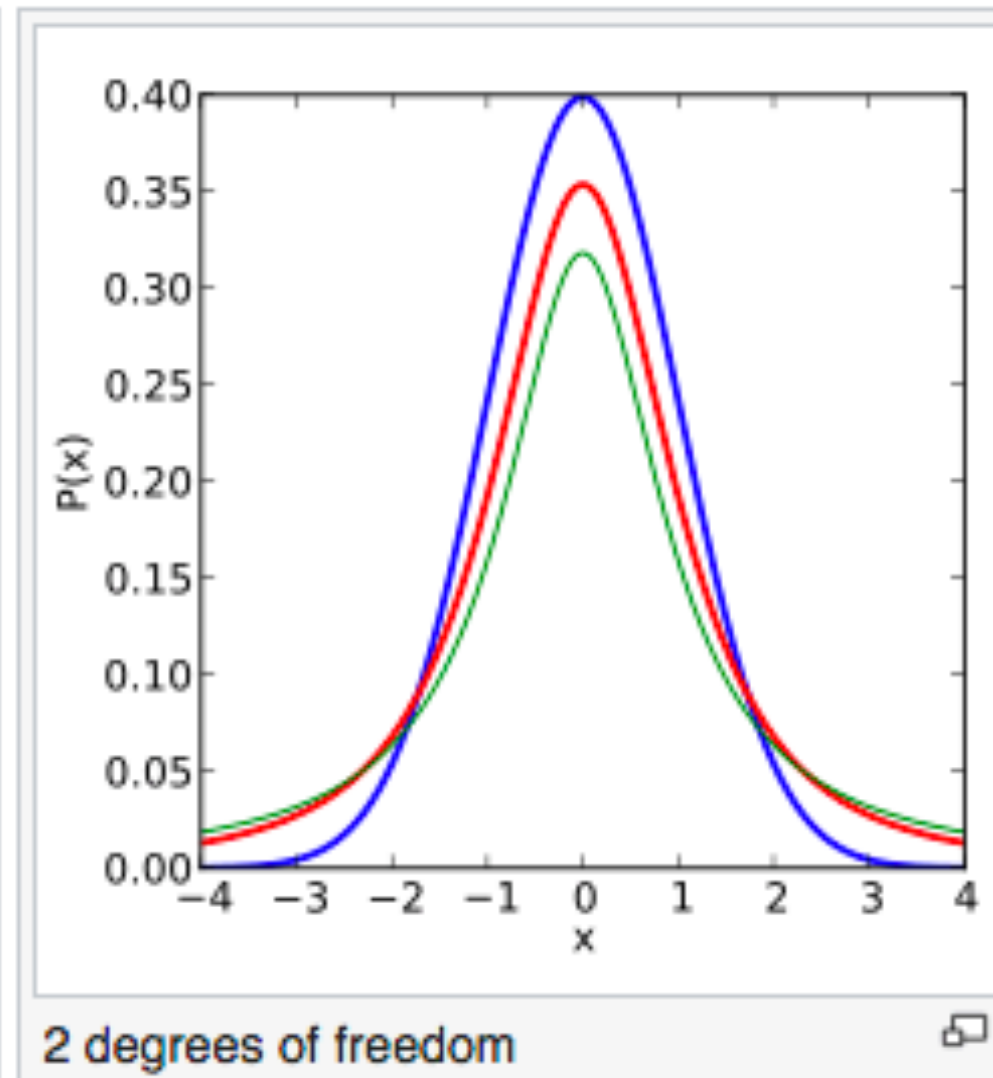
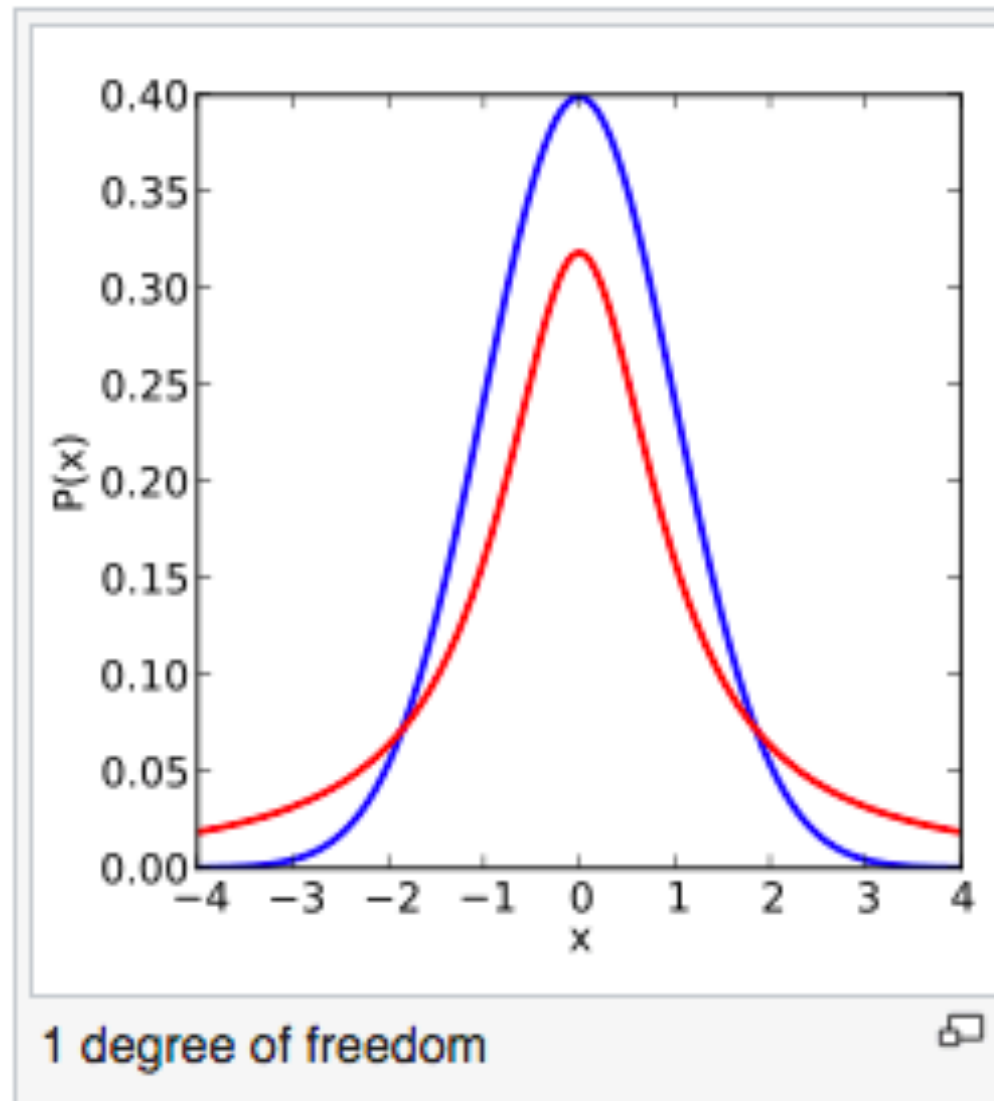
Hypothesis Testing

- To test the null hypothesis, we compute a **t-statistic**, given by

- $$t = \frac{\hat{\beta}_1 - 0}{SE(\hat{\beta}_1)}$$

- This will have a **t-distribution** with $n - 2$ degrees of freedom, assuming $\beta_1 = 0$
- Using statistical software, it is easy to compute the probability of observing any value equal to $|t|$ or larger. We call this probability the **p-value**.

T-Distribution



P-value

A small p-value indicates that it is **unlikely** to observe such a substantial association between the predictor and response.

If the null hypothesis if the p-value is small enough. Typically p-value cutoffs for rejecting the null hypothesis are 5 or 1 %.

Linear Regression

- Parameter Estimation:
 - Given estimates $\hat{B}_1, \hat{B}_2, \dots, \hat{B}_p$, we can make predictions using the formula:

$$\hat{y} = \hat{B}_0 + \hat{B}_1 x_1 + \dots + \hat{B}_p x_p$$

- We can estimate B_0, B_1, \dots, B_p as the values that minimize the sum of the squared residuals:

$$RSS = \sum_{i=0}^n (y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2$$

- This can be done using standard statistical software.

Parameter $\beta_0, \beta_1, \dots, \beta_p$ estimation

- There are two main ways.
- Using Linear Algebra and the Normal Equation:
 - <https://towardsdatascience.com/performing-linear-regression-using-the-normal-equation-6372ed3c57>
- Or using some kind of optimization algorithm (e.g. Gradient Descent) to minimize a cost function
- We will see in a future class

Results for the advertising data

	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-statistic	p-value
Intercept	7.0325	0.4578	15.36	<0.0001
Tv	0.0475	0.0027	17.67	< 0.0001

$$\widehat{sales} = 7.0325 + 0.0475 * TV$$

Assessing the Overall Accuracy of the Model

- We compute the **Residual Standard Error**

$$RSE = \sqrt{\frac{1}{n-2}RSS} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{n-2} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2}$$

- where the **residual sum-of-squares** is $RSS = \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2$.
- RSE provides an absolute measure of lack of the fit of the model to the data. Since, it is measured in the units of Y , it is not always clear what constitutes a good RSE.

Assessing the Overall Accuracy of the Model

- **R-squared** or fraction of variance explained is

$$R^2 = \frac{TSS - RSS}{TSS} = 1 - \frac{RSS}{TSS}$$

where $TSS = \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \bar{y})^2$ is the **total sum of squares** and measures the total variance in the response.

- R^2 measures the proportion of variability in Y that can be explained using X .
- It can be shown that in this simple linear regression setting that $R^2 = r^2$, where r is the correlation between X and Y :

$$r = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})(y_i - \bar{y})}{\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2} \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \bar{y})^2}}$$

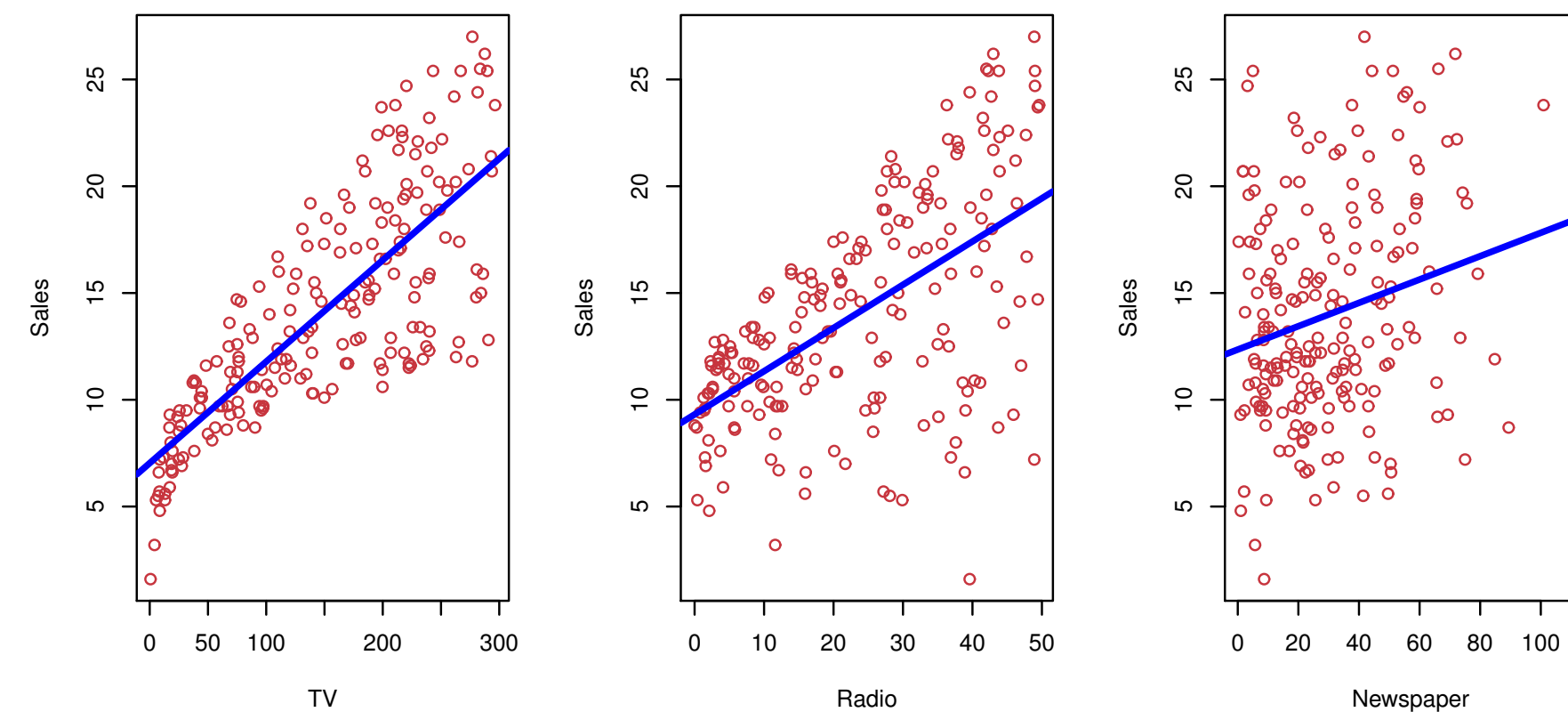
Advertising data results

Quantity	Value
Residual Standard Error	3.26
R^2	0.612
F-statistic	312.1

Multiple Linear Regression

- The model:

$$Y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_1 + \dots \beta_p X_p + \epsilon$$



- We interpret β_j as the average effect on Y of a one unit increase in X_j , holding all other predictors fixed. In the advertising example, the model becomes:

$$\text{sales} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \times \text{TV} + \beta_2 \times \text{radio} + \beta_3 \times \text{newspaper} + \epsilon$$

Interpreting regression coefficients

- The ideal scenario is when the predictors are uncorrelated
 - Each coefficient can be estimated and tested separately.
 - Interpretations such as "a unit change in X_j is associated with a β_j change in Y , while all the other variables stay fixed", are possible.
- Correlations amongst predictors cause problems:
 - The variance of all coefficients tends to increase, sometimes dramatically
 - Interpretations become hazardous - when X_j changes, everything else changes.

Claims of causality should be avoided for observational data.

Estimation and Prediction for Multiple Regression

- Given estimates $\hat{\beta}_0, \hat{\beta}_1, \dots, \hat{\beta}_p$, we can make predictions using the formula

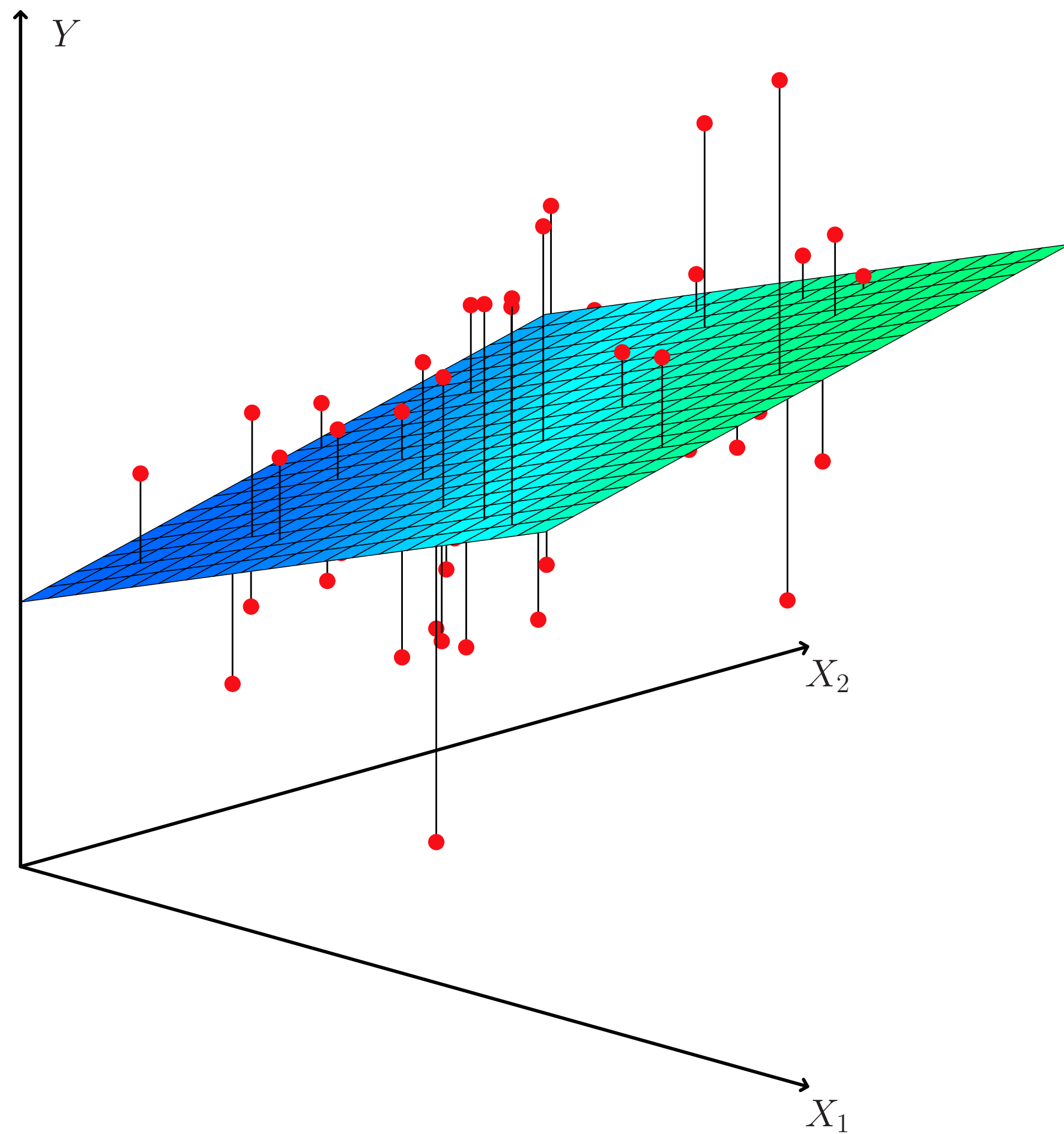
$$\hat{y} = \hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 x_1 + \hat{\beta}_2 x_2 + \dots + \hat{\beta}_p x_p$$

- We estimate $\beta_0, \beta_1, \dots, \beta_p$ as the values that minimize the sum of the squared residuals

$$RSS = \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2$$

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- This is done using standard statistical software. The values $\hat{\beta}_0, \hat{\beta}_1, \dots, \hat{\beta}_p$ that minimize RSS are the multiple least squares regression coefficient estimates.



Linear Regression

- Results for advertising data:

	Coefficient	Std. Error	T-statistic	p-value
Intercept	2.939	0.3119	9.42	<0.0001
Tv	0.046	0.0014	32.81	< 0.0001
Radio	0.189	0.0086	21.89	<0.0001
newspaper	-0.001	0.0059	-0.18	0.8599

	TV	Radio	newspaper	sales
Tv	1.0000	0.0548	0.0567	0.7822
Radio		1.0000	0.3541	0.5762
newspaper			1.0000	0.2283
sales				1.0000

Some interesting questions

Q1: Is at least one of the predictors X_1, X_2, \dots, X_p useful in predicting the response?

Q2: Do all the predictors help to explain Y , or is only a subset of the predictors useful?

Q3: How well does the model fit the data?

Q4: Given a set of predictor values, what response value should we predict, and how accurate is our prediction?

Q1: Is at least one predictor useful?

- In the multiple regression setting with p predictors, we need to ask whether all of the regression coefficients are zero. We test the **null hypothesis**:

$$H_0 : \beta_1 = \beta_2 = \dots = \beta_p = 0$$

versus the **alternative**:

- H_a : at least one of β_j is non-zero
- This hypothesis test is performed by computing the F-statistic

$$F = \frac{(TSS - RSS)/p}{RSS/(n - p - 1)} \sim F_{p, n-p-1}$$

Quantity	Value
Residual Standard Error	1.69
R^2	0.897
F-statistic	570

Q2: Deciding on the important variables

- The most direct approach is called all subsets or best subsets regression: we compute the least squares fit for all possible subsets and then choose between them based on some criterion that balances training error with model size.
- However we often can't examine all possible models, since there are 2^p of them; for example when $p = 40$ there are over a billion models! Instead we need an automated approach that searches through a subset of them. We discuss two commonly use approaches next.

Q2: Forward selection

- Use Begin with the null model - a model that contains an intercept but no predictors.
- Fit p simple linear regressions and add to the null model the variable that results in the lowest RSS.
- Add to that model the variable that results in the lowest RSS amongst all two-variable models.
- Continue until some stopping rule is satisfied, for example when all remaining variables have a p-value above some threshold.

Q2: Backward selection

- Start with all variables in the model.
- Remove the variable with the largest p-value - that is, the variable that is the least statistically significant.
- The new $(p - 1)$ -variable model is fit, and the variable with the largest p-value is removed.
- Continue until a stopping rule is reached. For instance, we may stop when all remaining variables have a significant p-value defined by some significance threshold.
- **Intead of using p-value, other measures or methodologies can be used**

Q3: How well the model fits the data

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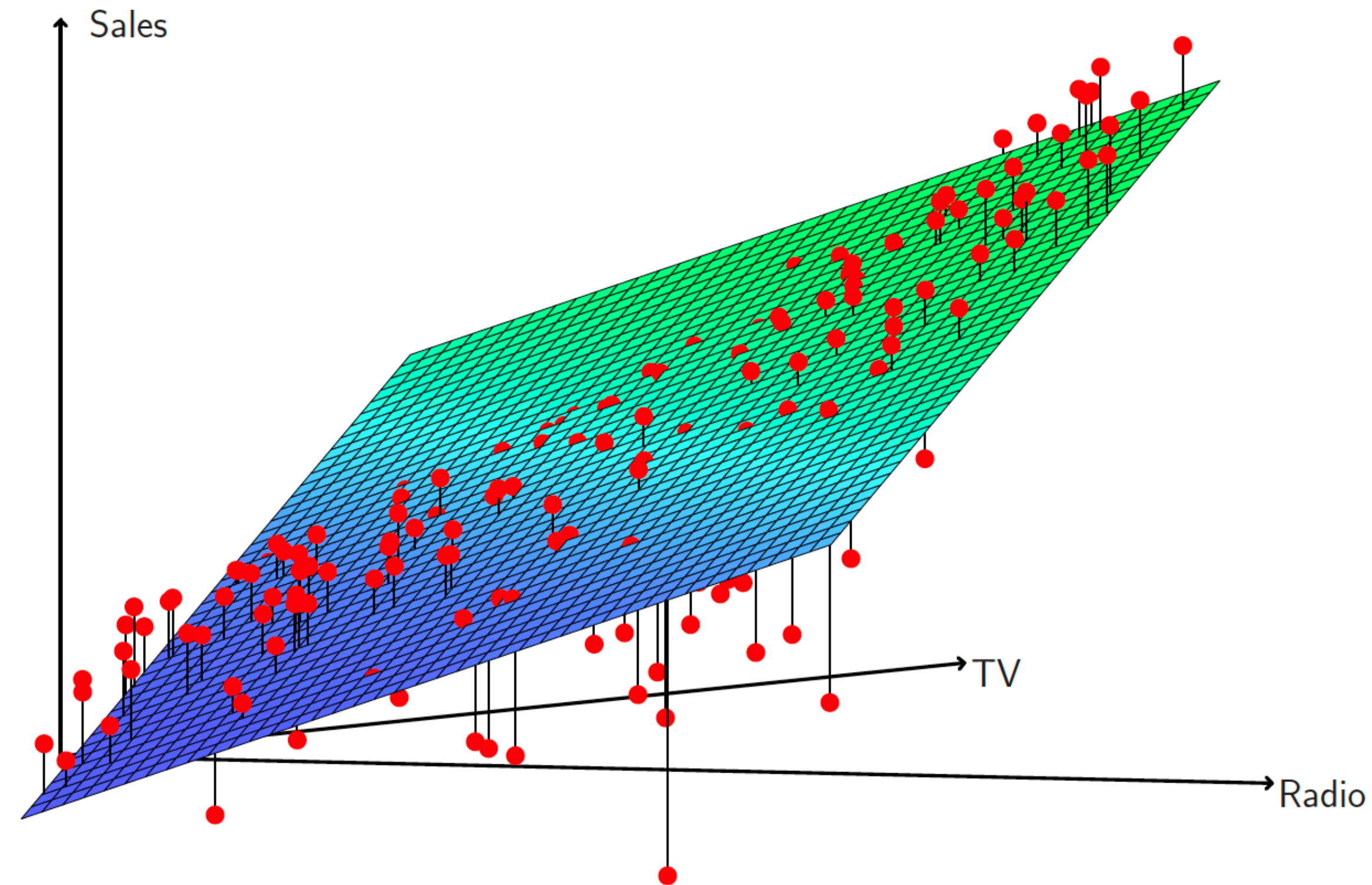
Q3: How well the model fits the data

with newspaper:

Quantity	Value
Residual Standard Error	1.686
R^2	0.8972

without newspaper:

Quantity	Value
Residual Standard Error	1.681
R^2	0.89719

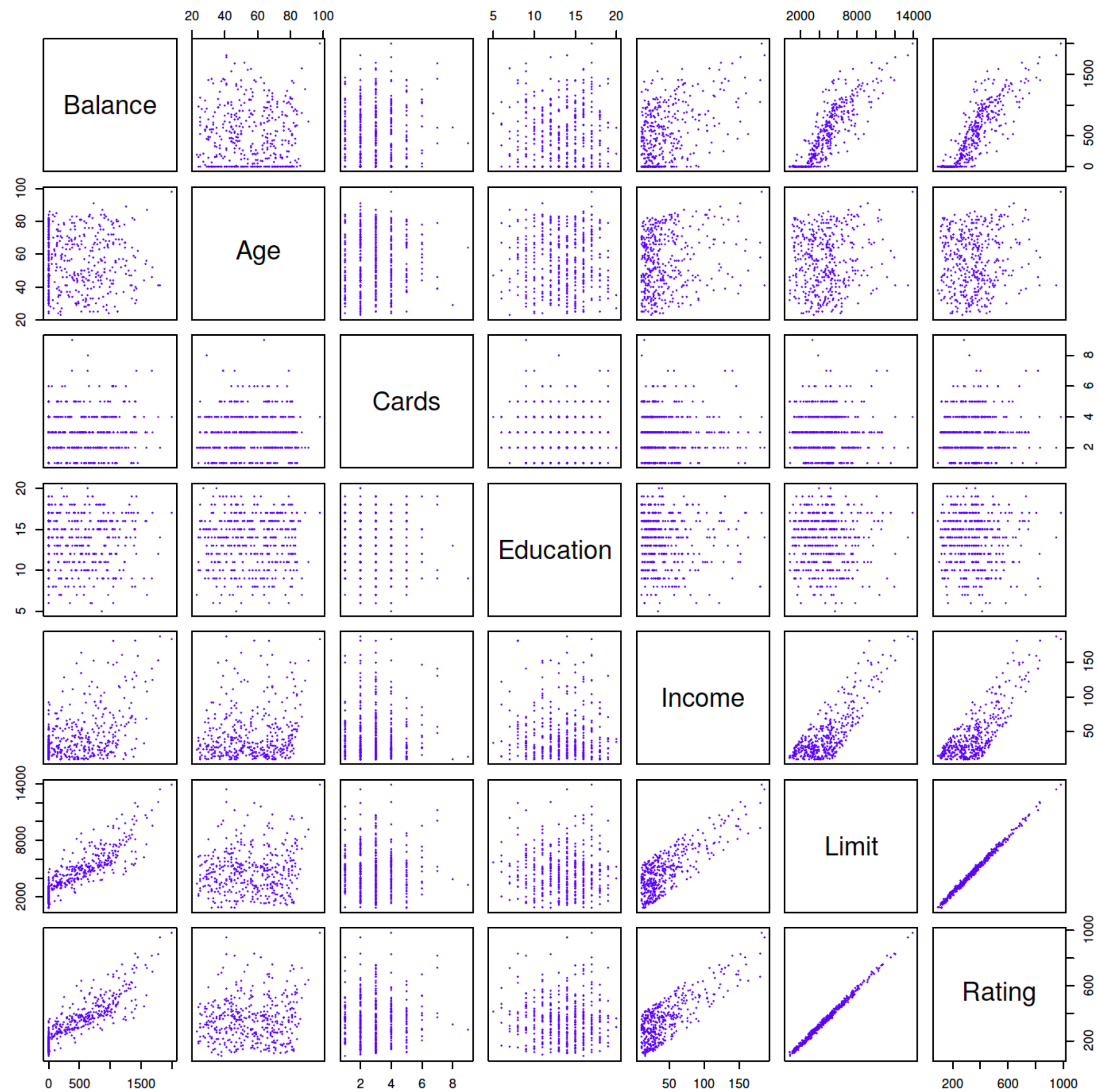


The model seems to overestimate estimate **sales** for instances in which most of the advertising money was spend exclusively on either **TV** OR **radio**. It underestimates **sales** for instances where the budget was split between to medias

Categorical data?

Categorical data

- Some times our data is not quantitative but qualitative. For example: gender, ethnicity, city,...
- See for example the scatterplot matrix of the credit card data in the next slide. In addition to the 7 quantitative variables shown, there are four qualitative variables: (student status), **status** (marital status), and **ethnicity** (Caucasian, African American (AA) or Asian).



Qualitative Predictors

- Example: investigate differences in credit card balance between males and females, ignoring the other variables. We create a new variable

$$x_i = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } i\text{th person is female} \\ 0 & \text{if } i\text{th person is male} \end{cases}$$

- Resulting model:

$$y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i + e_i = \begin{cases} \beta_0 + \beta_1 + e_i & \text{if } i\text{th person is female} \\ \beta_0 + e_i & \text{if } i\text{th person is male} \end{cases}$$

Credit card data

Results for gender model:

	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-statistic	p-value
Intercept	509.80	33.13	15.389	<0.0001
gender[Female]	19.73	46.08	0.429	0.6690

Qualitative predictors with more than two levels

- What happens if there is more than two levels?
- For example, for the **ethnicity**?

Qualitative predictors with more than two levels

- With more than two levels, we create additional dummy variables. For example, for the **ethnicity** variable we create two dummy variables. The first could be:

$$x_{i1} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } i\text{th person is Asian} \\ 0 & \text{if } i\text{th person is not Asian} \end{cases}$$

- and the second could be:

$$x_{i2} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } i\text{th person is Caucasian} \\ 0 & \text{if } i\text{th person is not Caucasian} \end{cases}$$

Qualitative predictors with more than two levers

- Then both of these variables can be used in the regression equation, in order to obtain the model

$$y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_{i1} + \beta_2 x_{i2} + e_i \begin{cases} \beta_0 + \beta_1 + e_i & \text{if } i\text{th person is Asia} \\ \beta_0 + \beta_2 + e_i & \text{if } i\text{th person is Caucasian} \\ \beta_0 + e_i & \text{if } i\text{th person is AA} \end{cases}$$

- There will always be one fewer dummy variable than the number of levels. The level with no dummy variable - African American in this example - is known as the baseline.

Results for ethnicity

	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-statistic	p-value
Intercept	531.00	46.32	11.464	<0.0001
ethnicity[Asian]	-18.69	65.02	-0.287	0.7740
ethnicity[Caucasian]	-12.50	56.68	-0.221	0.8260

Extensions of the linear model

- Removing the additive assumption: **interactions** and nonlinearity **interactions**:
- In the previous analysis on the Advertising data, it is assumed that the effect on sales of increasing one advertising medium is independent of the amount spent on the other media
- For example, the linear model

$$\widehat{sales} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \times TV + \beta_2 \times radio + \beta_3 \times newspapers$$

states that the average effect on sales of a one-unit increase in TV is always β_1 , regardless of the amount spent on radio

Interactions

- But suppose that spending money on radio advertising actually increases the effectiveness of TV advertising, so that the slope term for TV should increase as radio increases.
- In this situation, given a fixed budget of 100.000\$, spending half on radio and half on TV may increase sales more than allocating the entire amount to either TV or to radio.
- In marketing, this is known as a synergy effect, and in statistics it is referred to as an interaction effect.

Modeling interactions - Advertising data

- Model takes the form:

$$sales = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \times TV + \beta_2 \times radio + \beta_3 \times (radio \times TV) + e$$

	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-statistic	p-value
Intercept	6.7502	0.248	27.23	<0.0001
TV	0.0191	0.002	12.70	<0.0001
radio	0.0289	0.009	3.24	0.0014
TV x radio	0.0011	0.0000	20.73	<0.0001

Interpretation

- The results in this table suggests that interactions are important.
- The p-value for the interaction term $TV \times radio$ is extremely low, indicating that there is strong evidence for $H_A : \beta_3 \neq 0$.
- The R^2 for the interaction model is 96.8%, compared to only 89.7% for the model that predicts sales using TV and radio without an interaction term.

Interactions

- Sometimes it is the case that an interaction term has a very small p-value, but the associated main effects (in this case, TV and radio) do not.
- The hierarchy principle: ***If we include an interaction in a model, we should also include the main effects, even if the p-values associated with their coefficients are not significant.***

Interactions between qualitative and quantitative variables

- Consider the Credit data set, and suppose that we wish to predict balance using income (quantitative) and student (qualitative). Without an interaction term, the model takes the form:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{balance}_i &\approx \beta_0 + \beta_1 \times \text{income}_i + \begin{cases} \beta_2 & \text{if } \text{student} \\ 0 & \text{if } \text{notstudent} \end{cases} \\ &= \beta_1 \times \text{income}_i + \begin{cases} \beta_0 + \beta_2 & \text{if } \text{student} \\ \beta_0 & \text{if } \text{notstudent} \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

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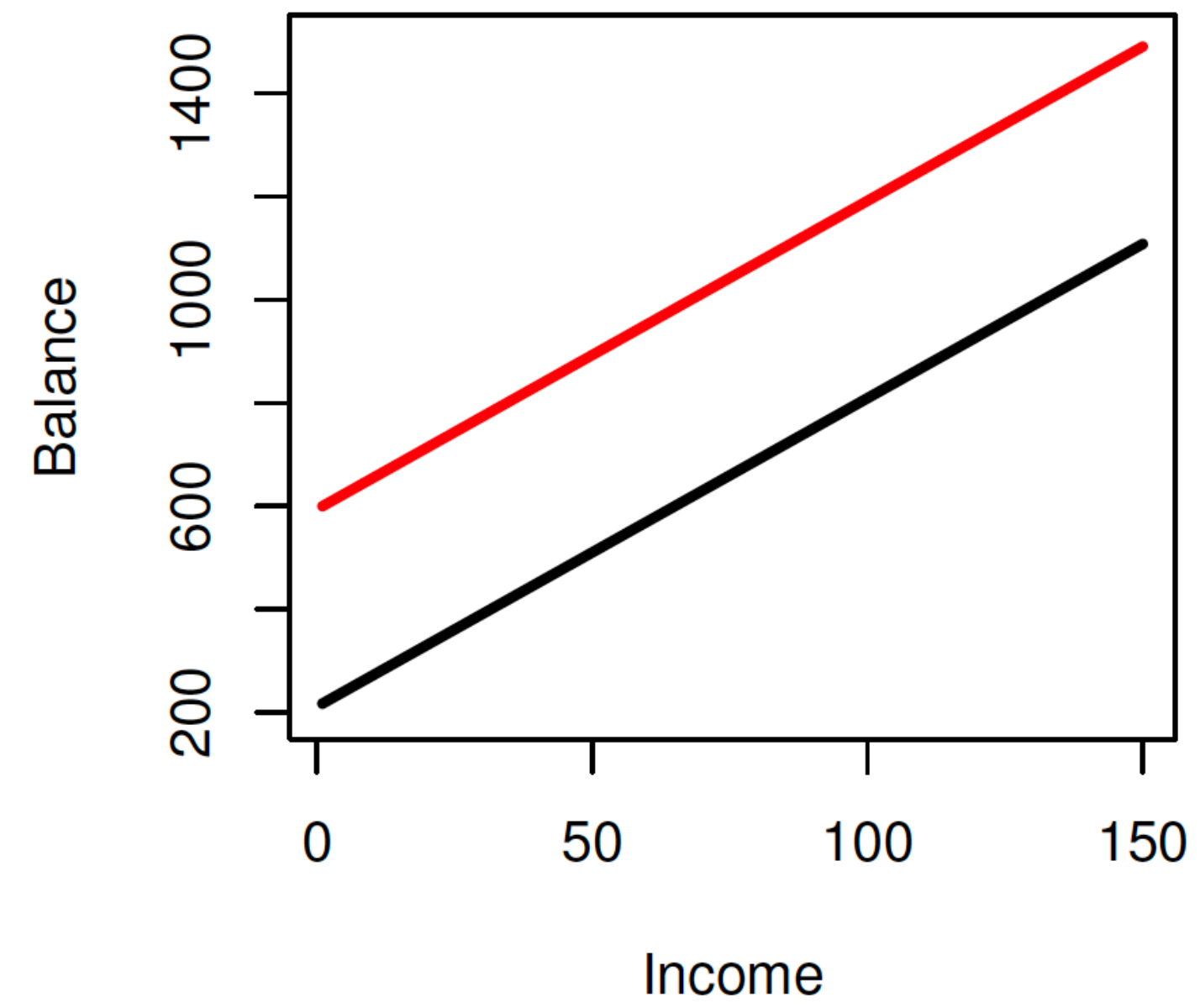
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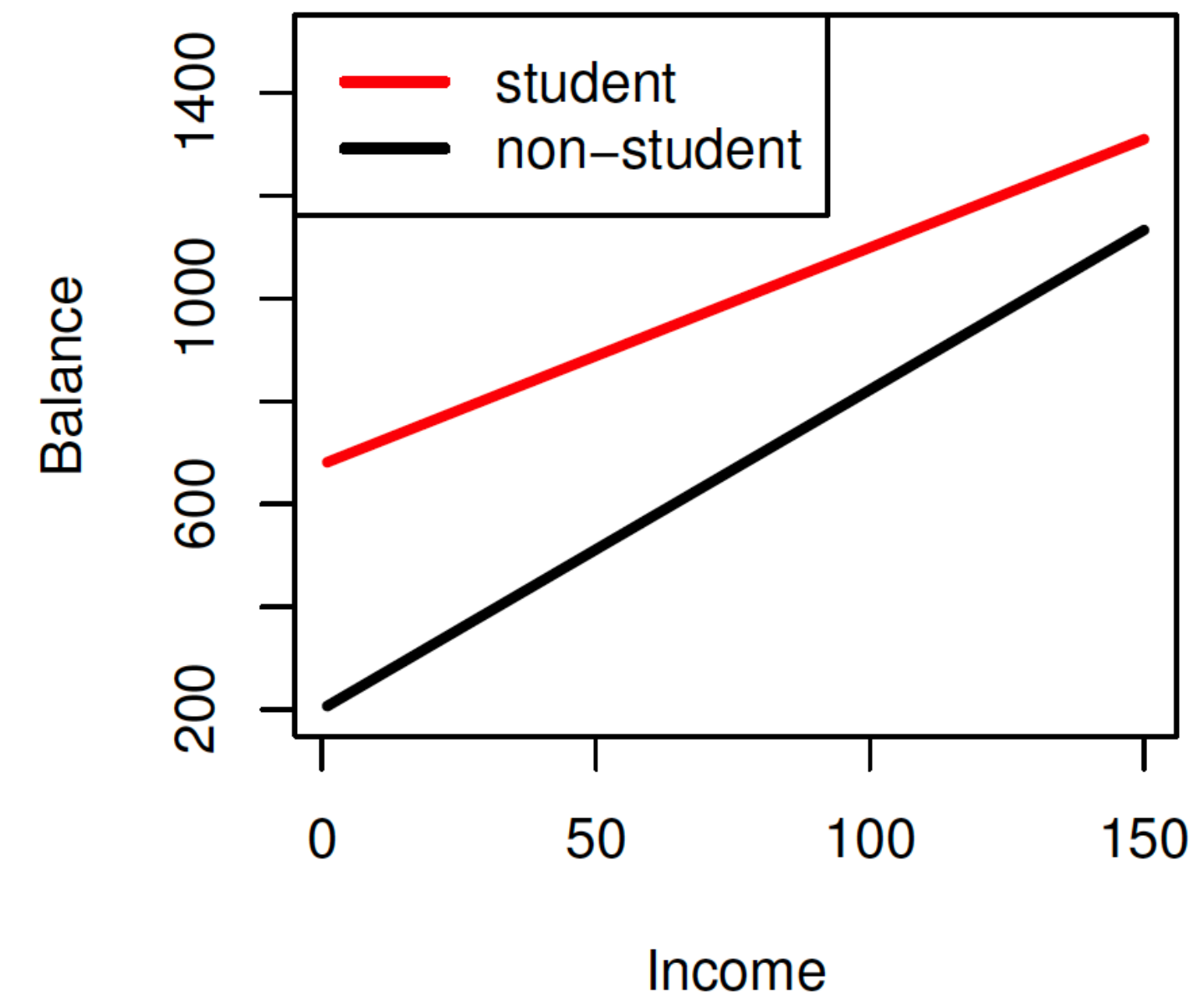
- With interactions, it takes the form:

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Without interactions



With interactions




Example: Patient cost estimation


 Dataset


Medical Cost Personal Datasets


Insurance Forecast by using Linear Regression

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Description

Context

Machine Learning with R by Brett Lantz is a book that provides an introduction to machine learning using R. As far as I can tell, Packt Publishing does not make its datasets available online unless you buy the book and create a user account which can be a problem if you are checking the book out from the library or borrowing the book from a friend. All of these datasets are in the public domain but simply needed some cleaning up and recoding to match the format in the book.

Content

Columns - age: age of primary beneficiary

- sex: insurance contractor gender, female, male
- bmi: Body mass index, providing an understanding of body, weights that are relatively high or low relative to height, objective index of body weight (kg / m ^ 2) using the ratio of height to weight, ideally 18.5 to 24.9
- children: Number of children covered by health insurance / Number of dependents
- smoker: Smoking
- region: the beneficiary's residential area in the US, northeast, southeast, southwest, northwest.
- charges: Individual medical costs billed by health insurance

Acknowledgements

The dataset is available on GitHub [here](#).

Inspiration

Can you accurately predict insurance costs?

Example: Patient cost estimation

Task: Can you accurately predict insurance costs?

Experience:

1338 examples with the following features:

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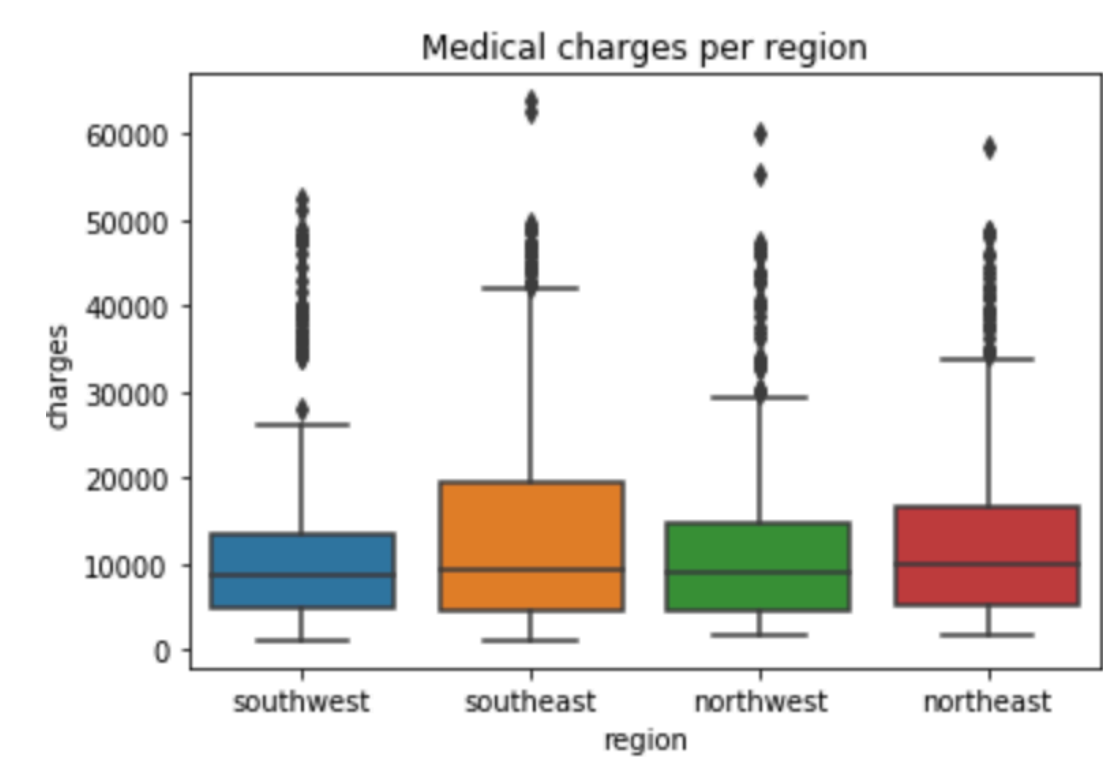
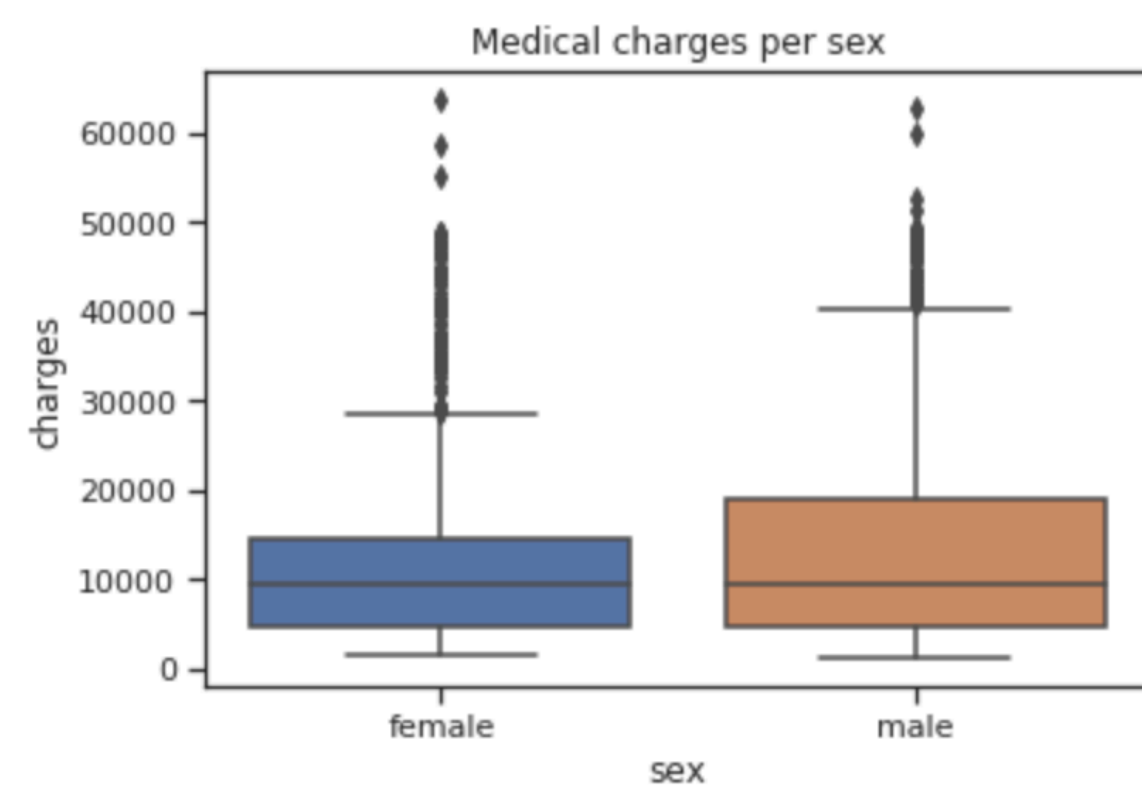
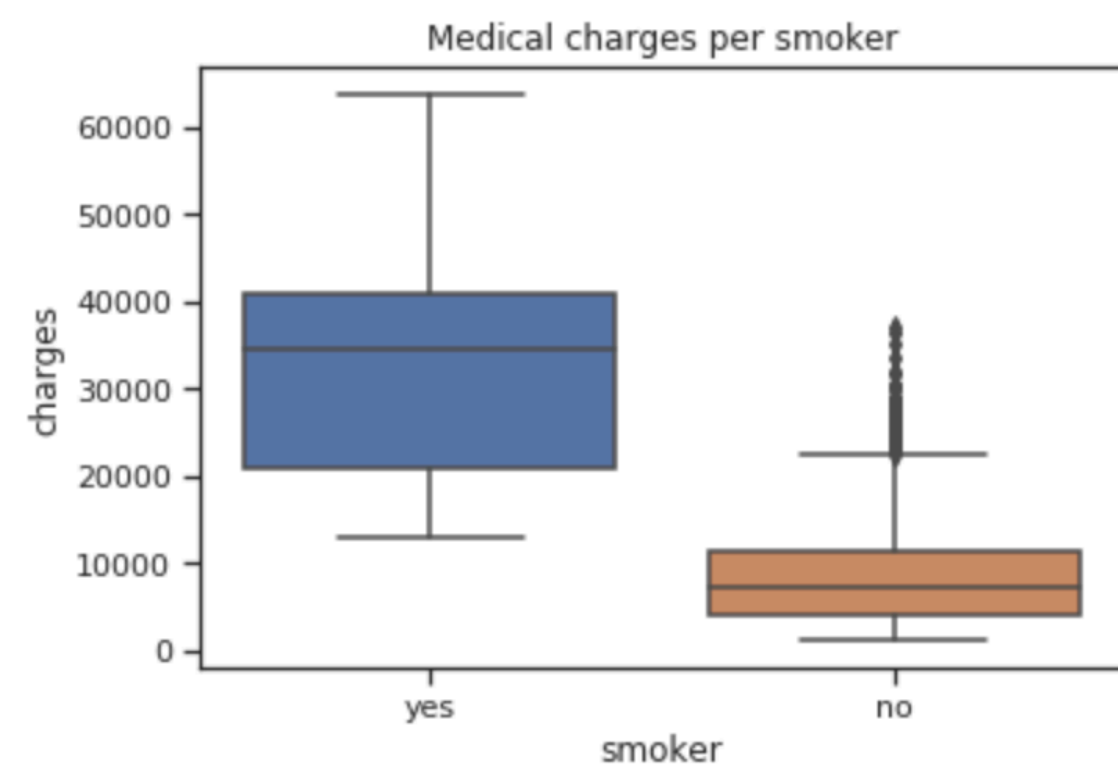
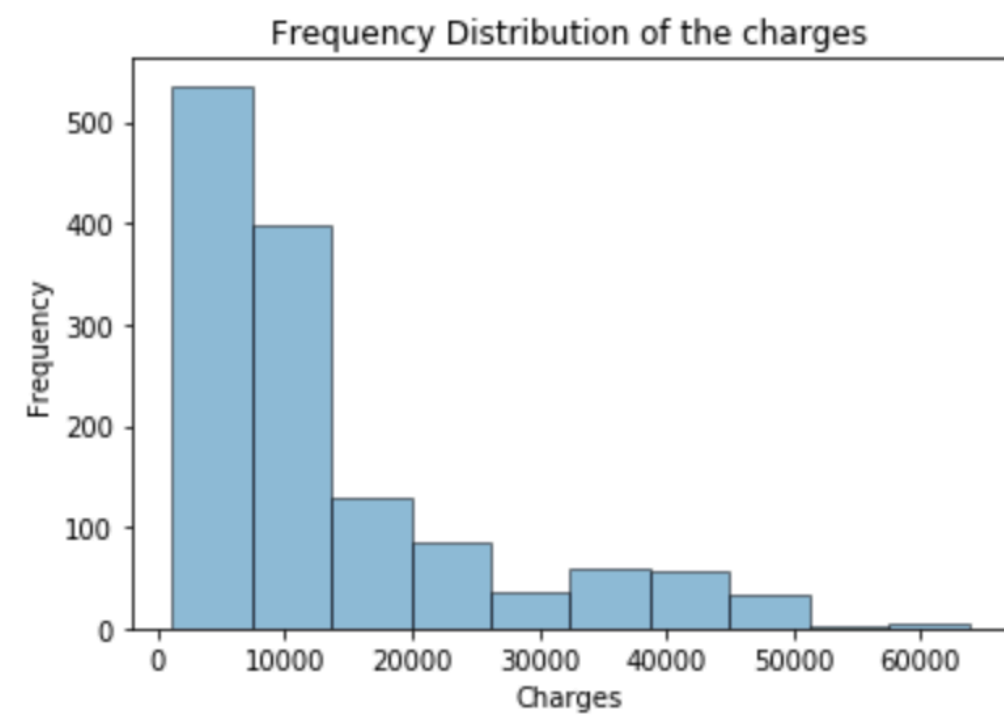
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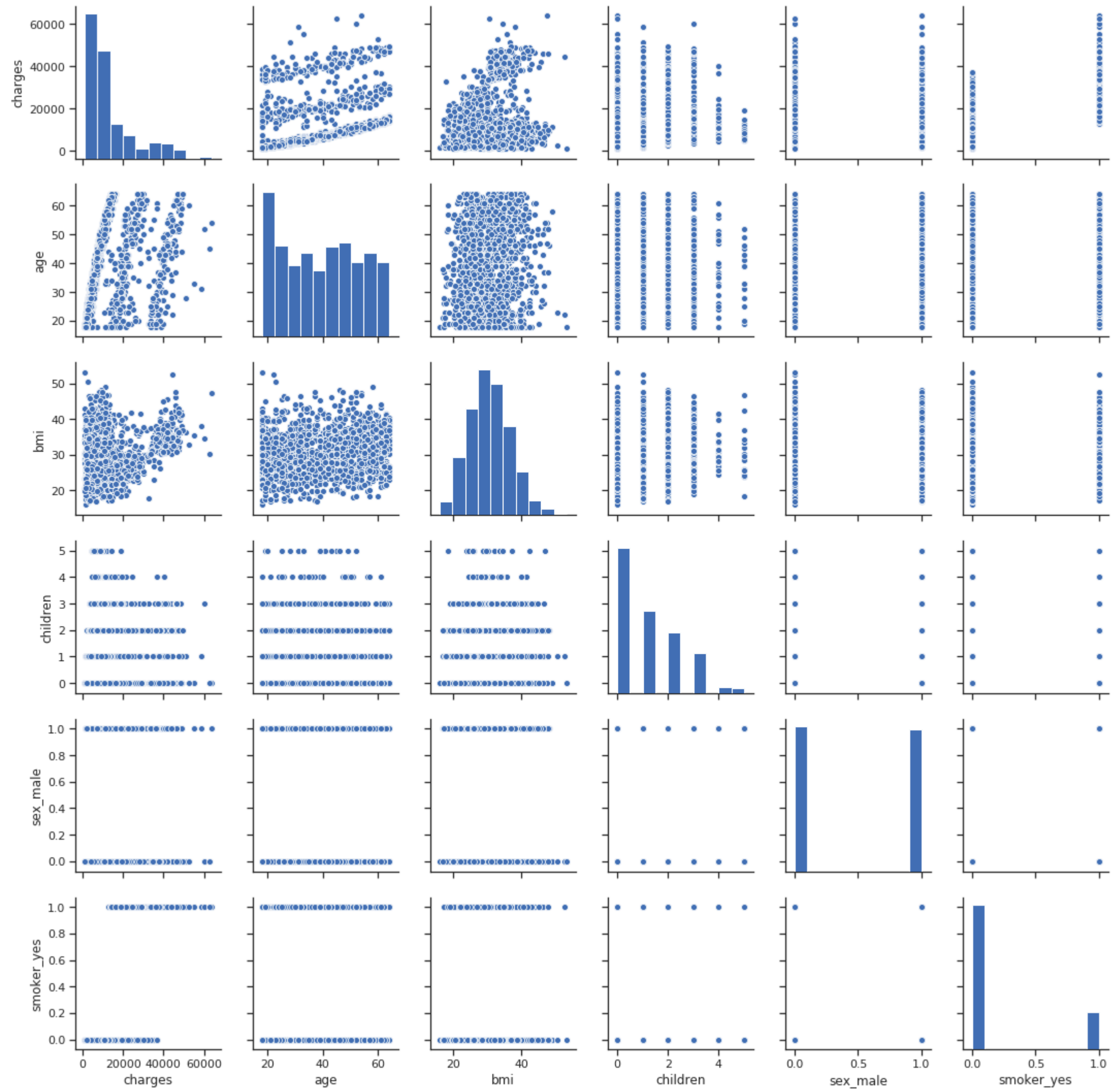
**Is data preparation needed here?
What should we consider?**

We have 3 categorical features: "sex", "smoker", "region"

Is there any missing value?

Which is the feature distribution?





Example: Patient cost estimation

	charges	age	bmi	children	sex_0	smoker_0
count	1338.000000	1338.000000	1338.000000	1338.000000	1338.000000	1338.000000
mean	13270.422265	39.207025	30.663397	1.094918	0.494768	0.795217
std	12110.011237	14.049960	6.098187	1.205493	0.500160	0.403694
min	1121.873900	18.000000	15.960000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000
25%	4740.287150	27.000000	26.296250	0.000000	0.000000	1.000000
50%	9382.033000	39.000000	30.400000	1.000000	0.000000	1.000000
75%	16639.912515	51.000000	34.693750	2.000000	1.000000	1.000000
max	63770.428010	64.000000	53.130000	5.000000	1.000000	1.000000

There is no missing values! :)

Example: Patient cost estimation

	age	bmi	children	sex_male	smoker_yes
charges	0.299008	0.198341	0.067998	-0.057292	0.787251
age		0.109272	0.042469	0.020856	-0.025019
bmi			0.012759	-0.046371	0.003750
children				-0.017163	0.007673
sex_0					-0.076185

Feature Correlations

	Coefficient
age	255.765700
bmi	325.533716
children	586.352547
sex_male	392.430723
smoker_yes	23770.069109

Linear Regression Features

Example: Patient cost estimation

We are ready to learn a **regression MODEL**.

Let's divide the data into two sets: training(75%) and test (25%)

Linear regression MODEL

$$\hat{y} = B_0 + B_1x_1 + \dots + B_px_p$$

	Coefficient	
age	252.277070	
bmi	308.930902	
children	359.000639	R ² = 0.7314
sex_male	257.252678	RMSE = 6009.79
smoker_yes	24069.017691	

Linear Regression Features

Regularization methods

Regularization means making the model less complex which can allow it to generalize better (i.e. avoid overfitting) and perform better on a new data.

- Linear Regression:

$$\text{minimize}(\sum_{i=0}^n (y_i - B_0 - \sum_{j=1}^p B_j x_{ij})^2)$$

- Ridge Regression:

$$\text{minimize}(\sum_{i=0}^n (y_i - B_0 - \sum_{j=1}^p B_j x_{ij})^2 - \lambda \sum_{j=1}^p B_j^2)$$

L2 penalty / Penalty Term /
Regularisation Term

Fit training data well (OLS) Keep parameters small

A trade-off between fitting the
training data well and keeping
parameters small

Regularization methods

- Linear Regression:

$$\text{minimize}(\sum_{i=0}^n (y_i - B_0 - \sum_{j=1}^p B_j x_{ij})^2)$$

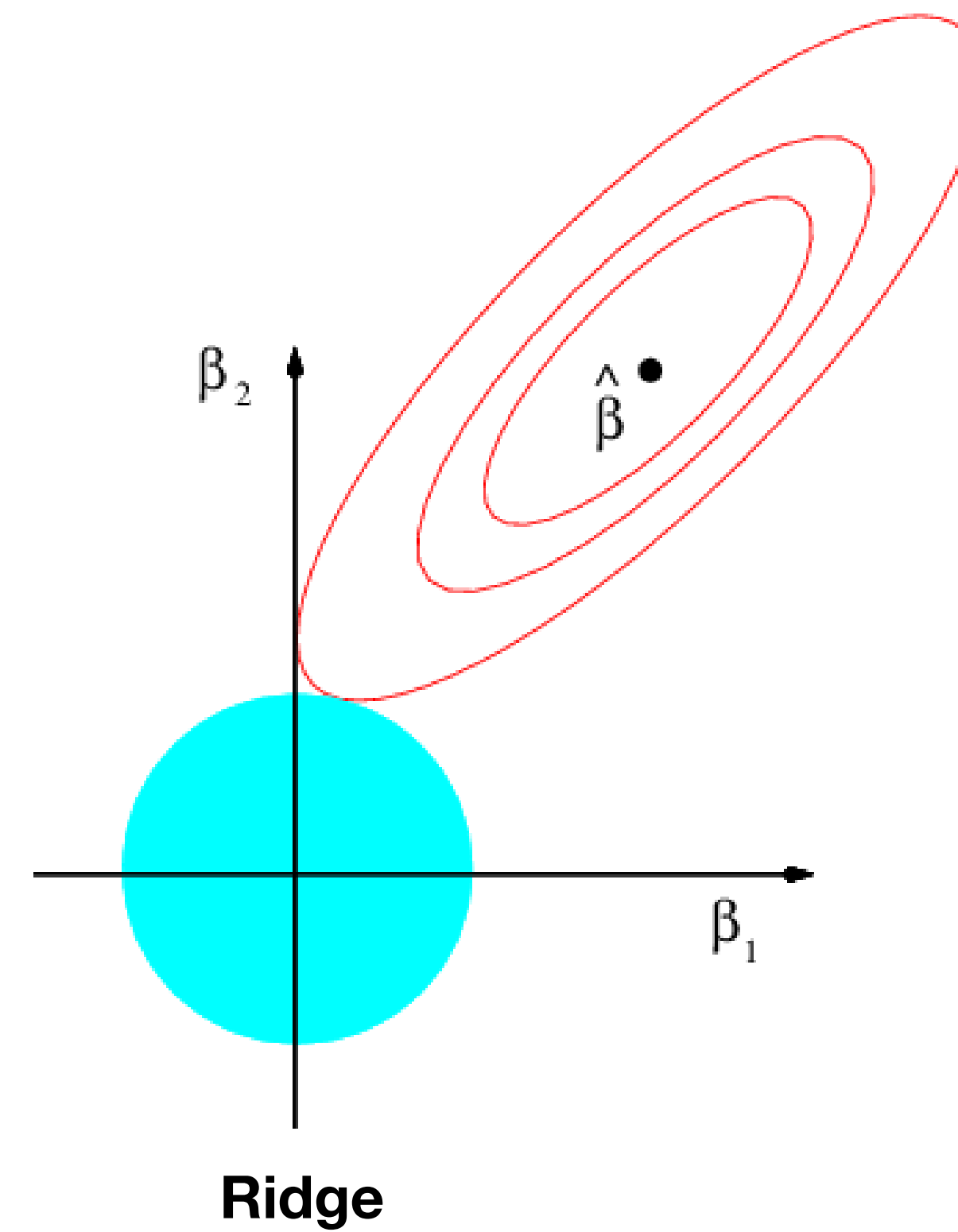
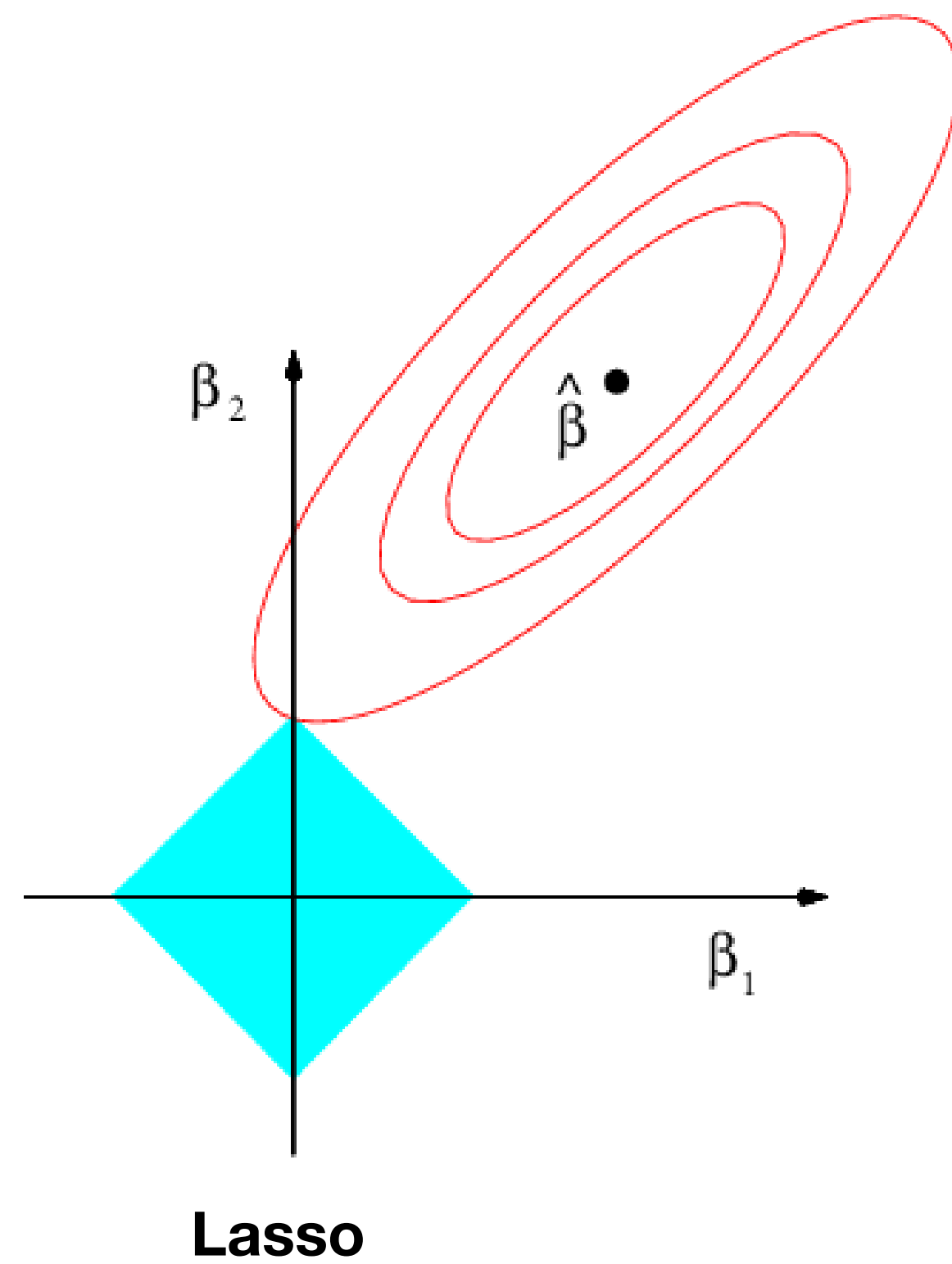
- Ridge Regression:

$$\text{minimize}(\sum_{i=0}^n (y_i - B_0 - \sum_{j=1}^p B_j x_{ij})^2 - \lambda \sum_{j=1}^p B_j^2)$$

- Lasso

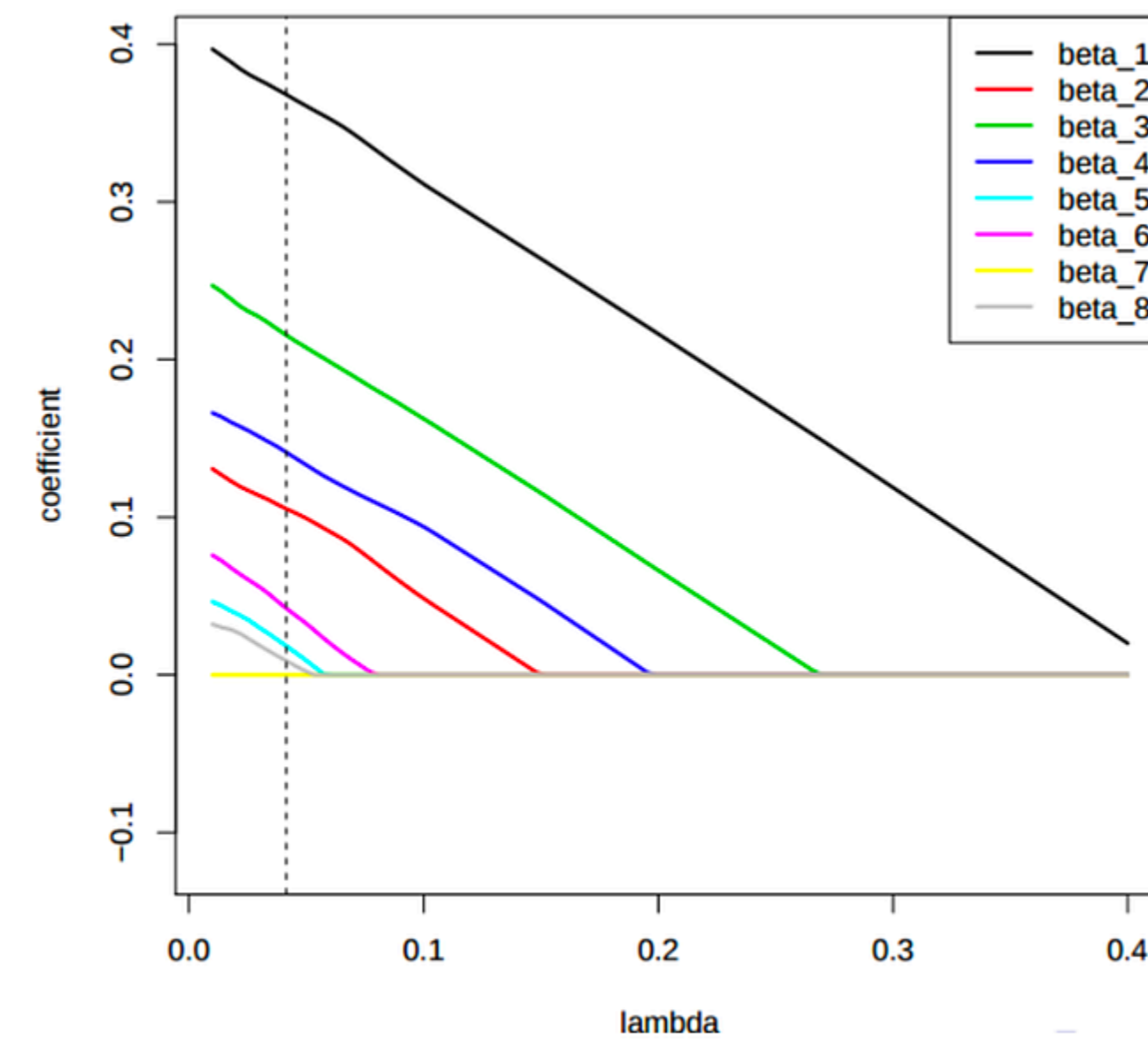
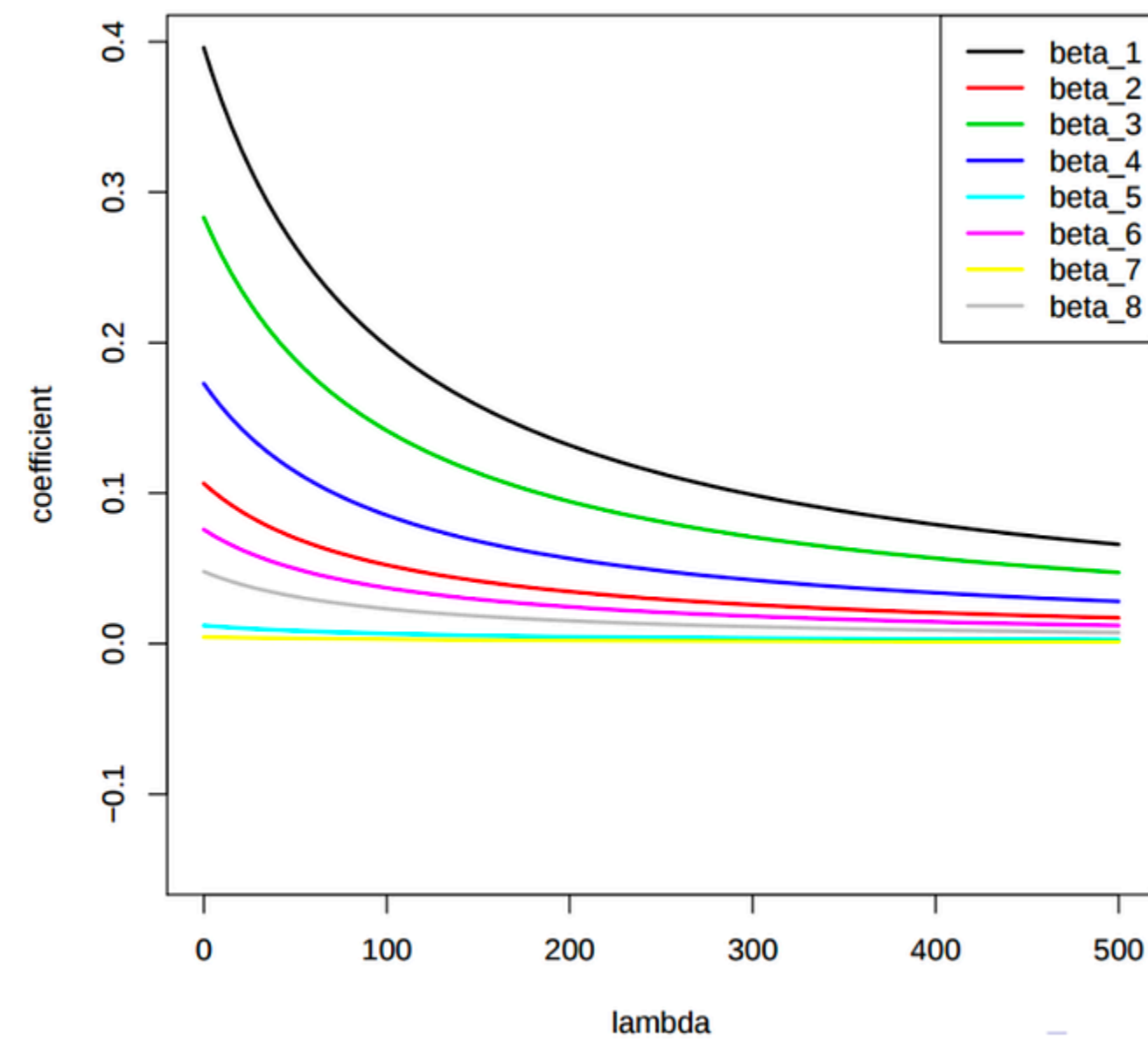
$$\text{minimize}(\sum_{i=0}^n (y_i - B_0 - \sum_{j=1}^p B_j x_{ij})^2 - \lambda \sum_{j=1}^p |B_j|)$$

Regularization methods



Regularization methods

- An example



Elastic Net

- The LASSO method has some limitations:
 - In small-n-large-p dataset (high-dimensional data with few examples), the LASSO selects at most n variables before it saturates.
 - If there is a group of highly correlated variables, LASSO tends to select one variable from a group and ignore the others.
- To overcome these limitations, the elastic net adds a quadratic part to the L1 penalty, which when used alone is a ridge regression

**Any Idea of non Linear
Methods?**