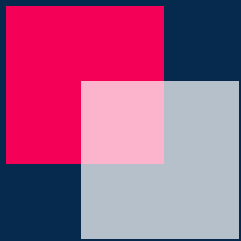




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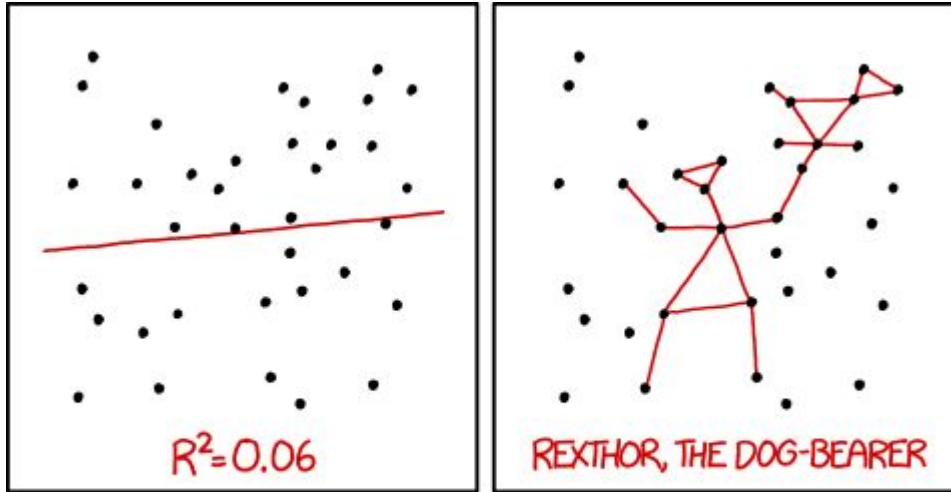
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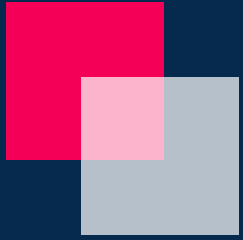
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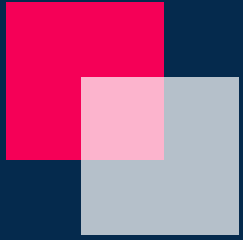
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The term "regression" was coined by Francis Galton in the nineteenth century to describe a biological phenomenon: the heights of descendants of tall ancestors tend to regress down towards a normal average (a phenomenon also known as "regression towards the mean").

In statistical modeling, regression analysis is a process for estimating the correlation relationships among variables where a **target** (aka 'dependent') variable is determined by one or more **predictor** (aka 'independent') variables.

This relationship is encapsulated in the “beta”
for your predictor, aka:

The coefficient

The amount your predictor value is multiplied by
to get your target value.

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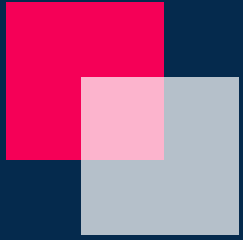
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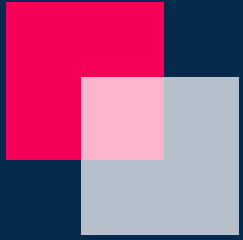
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- Is a **statistical** method that allows us to summarize relationships between two **continuous** (quantitative) variables.
- Is the most widely used of all statistical techniques, which studies linear, **additive** relationships between variables.
- A **mathematical** technique for finding the **straight line** that **best-fits** the values. This line can be used for estimating the **future** values of the function by extending it while maintaining its **slope**.

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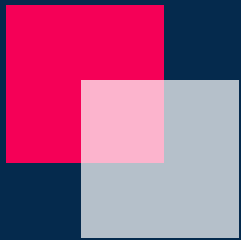
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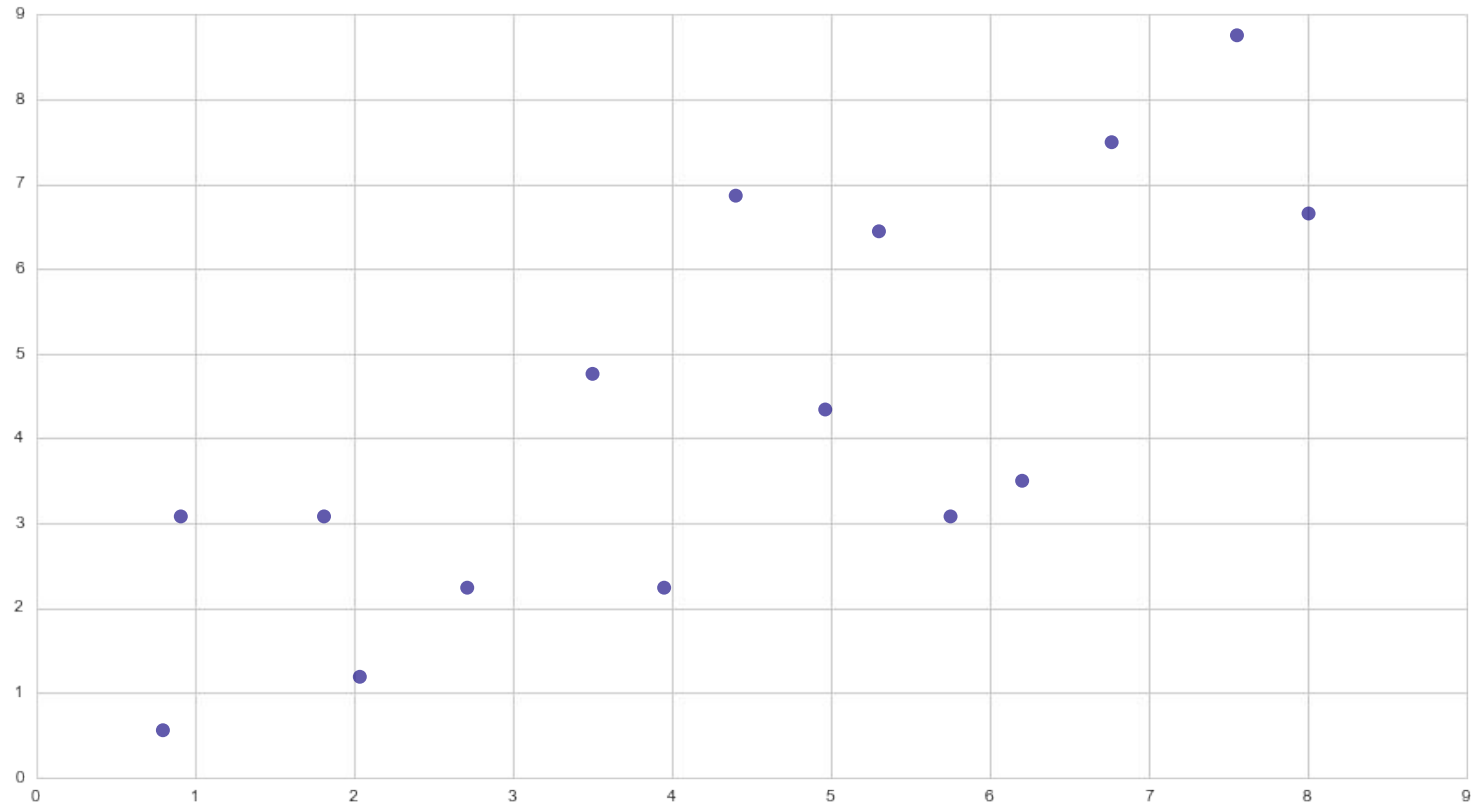


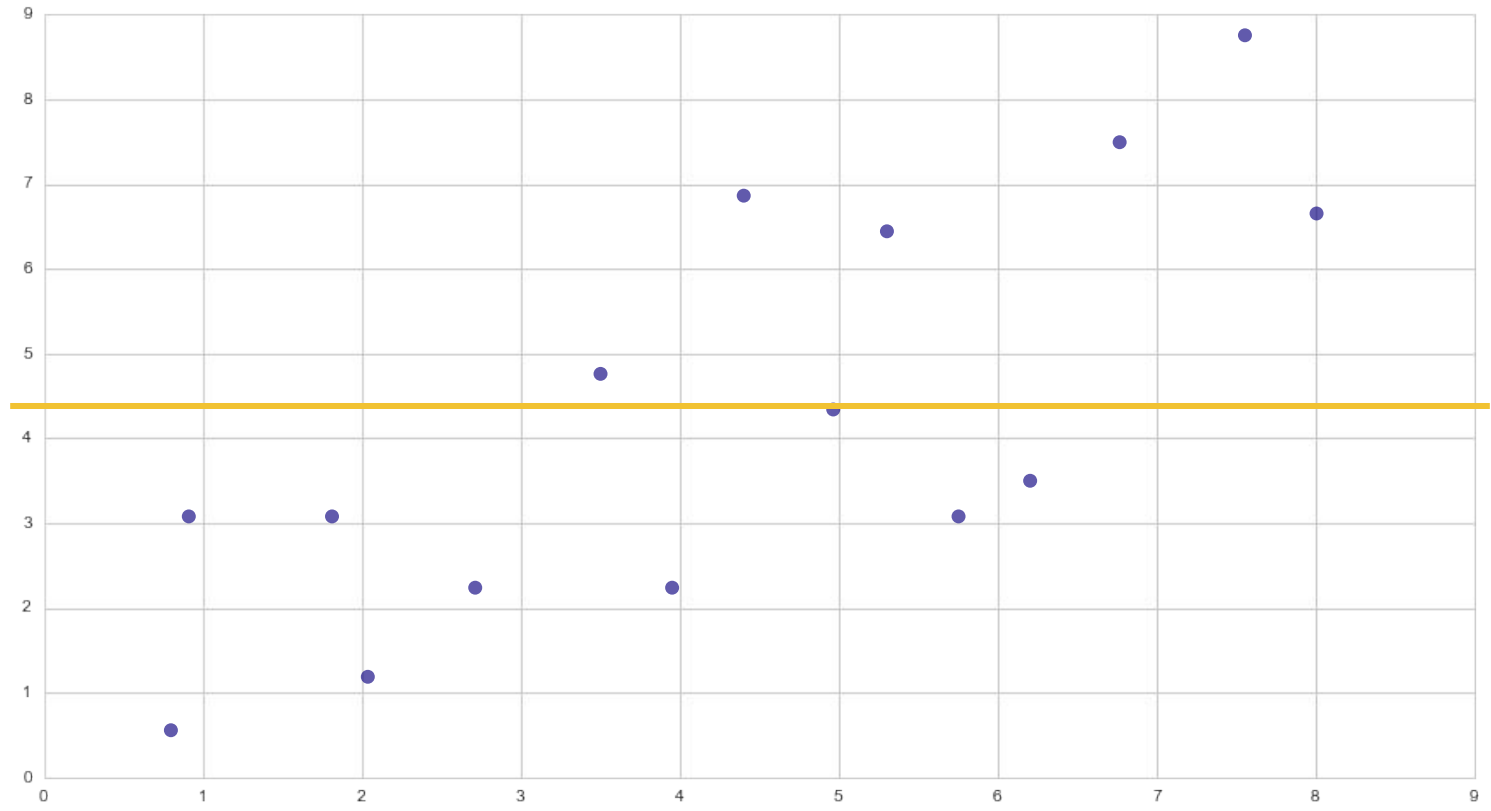
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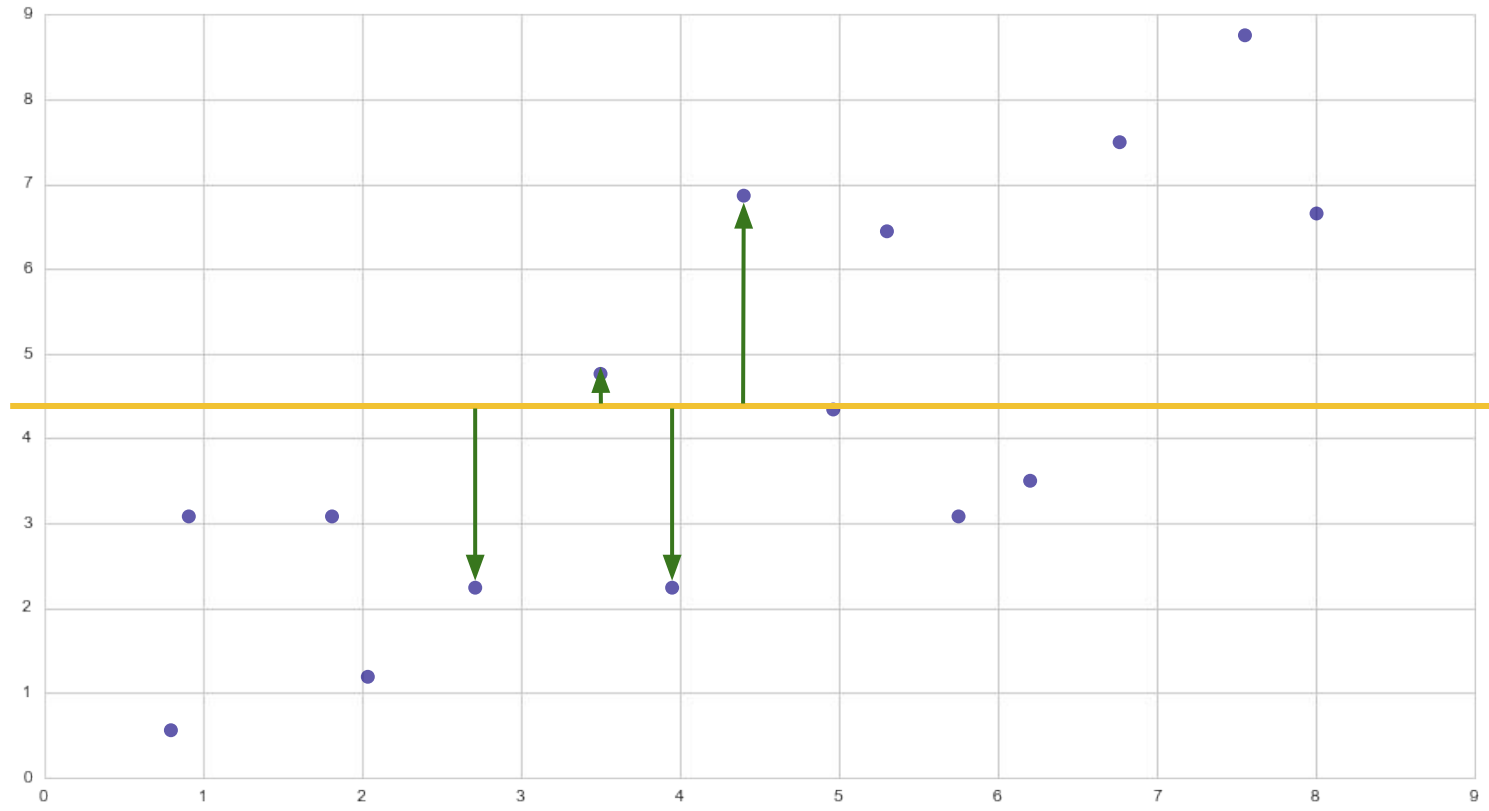
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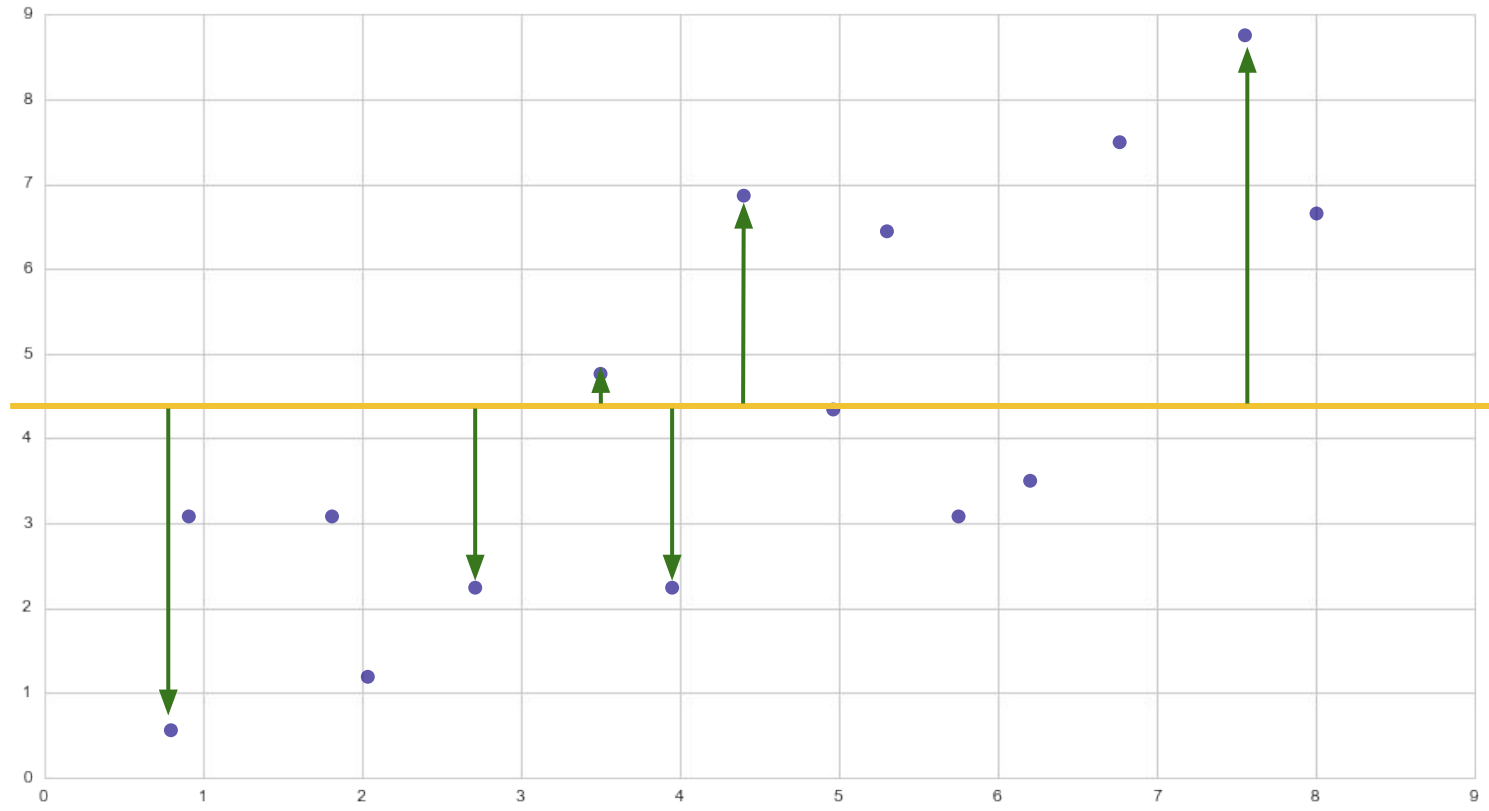
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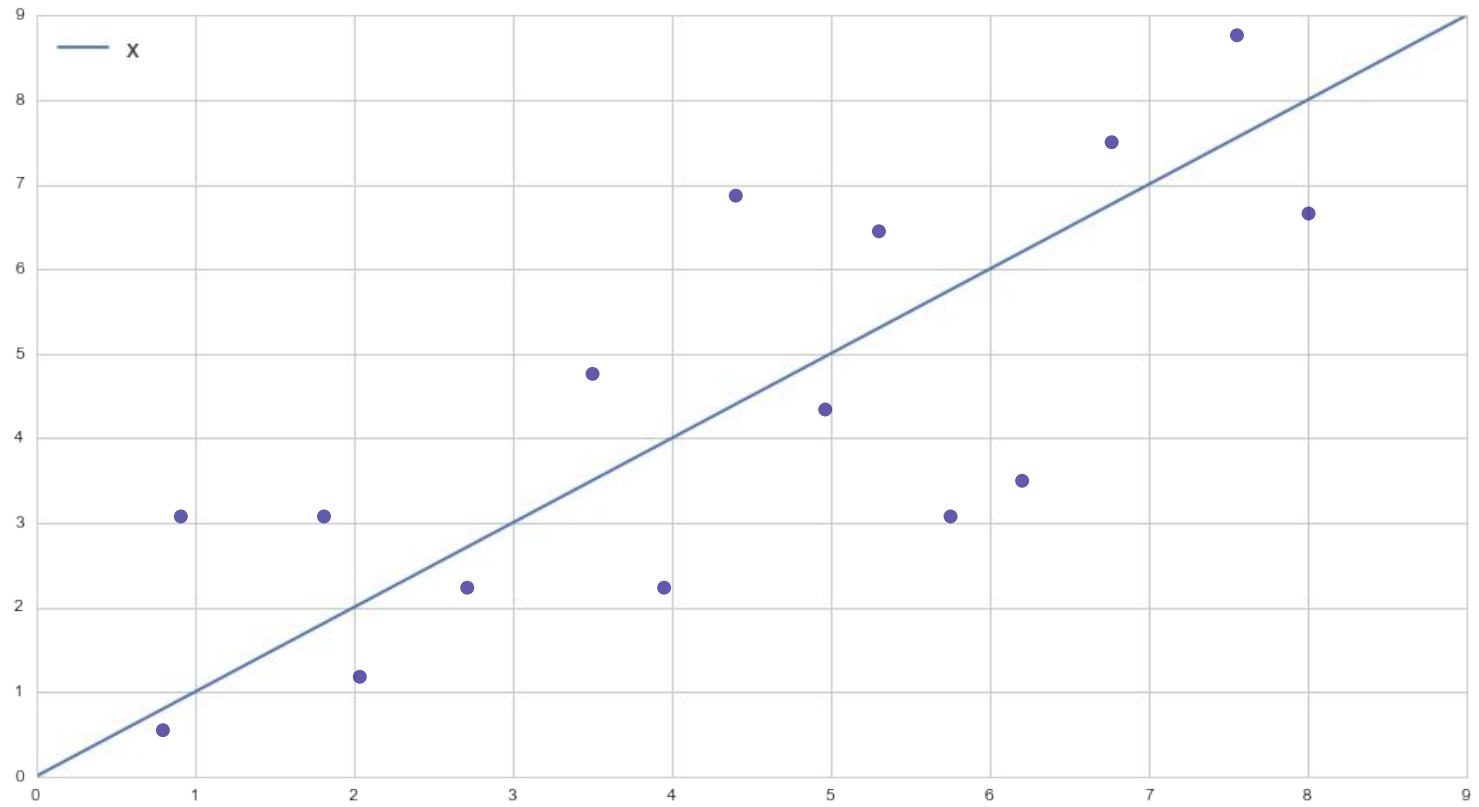


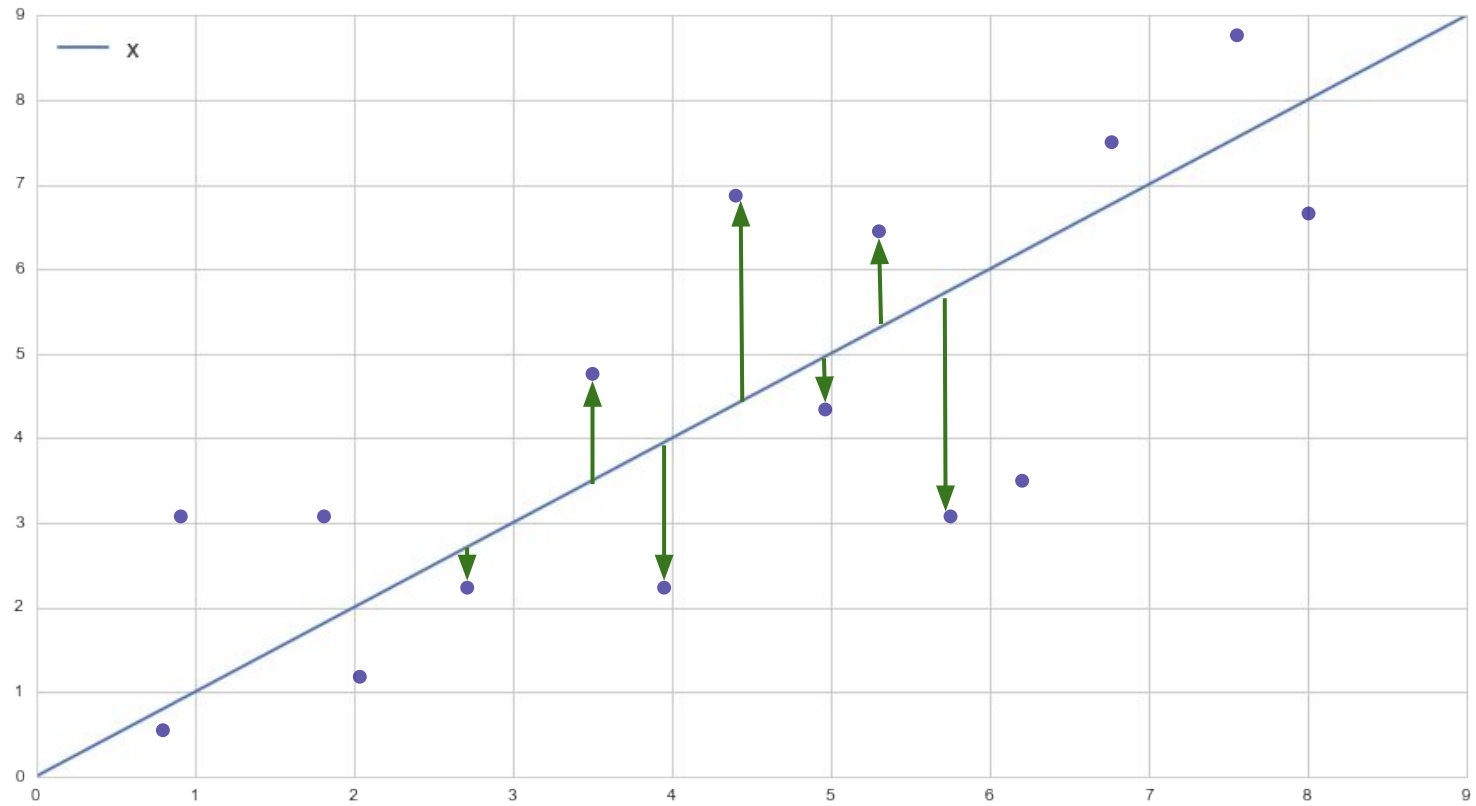


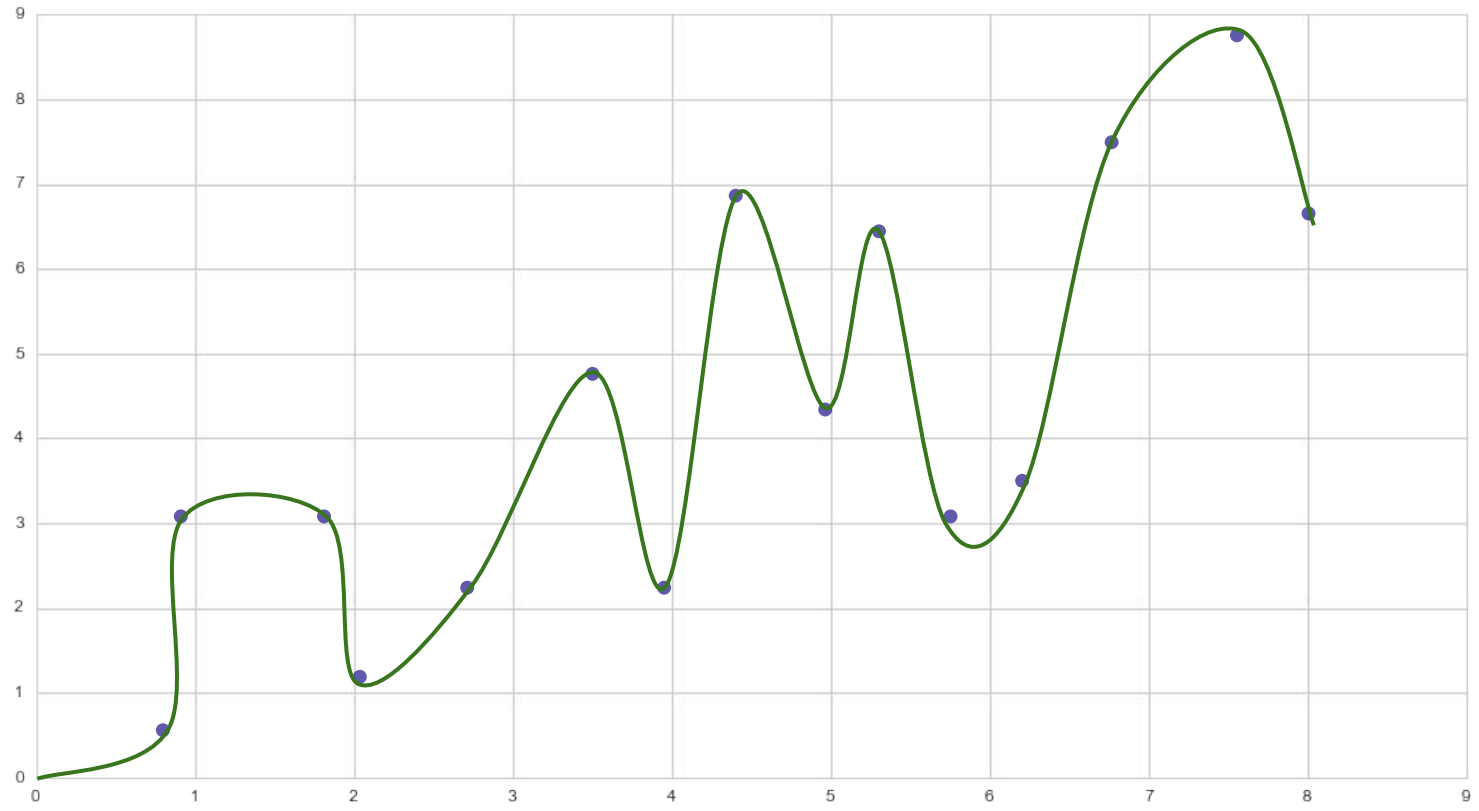




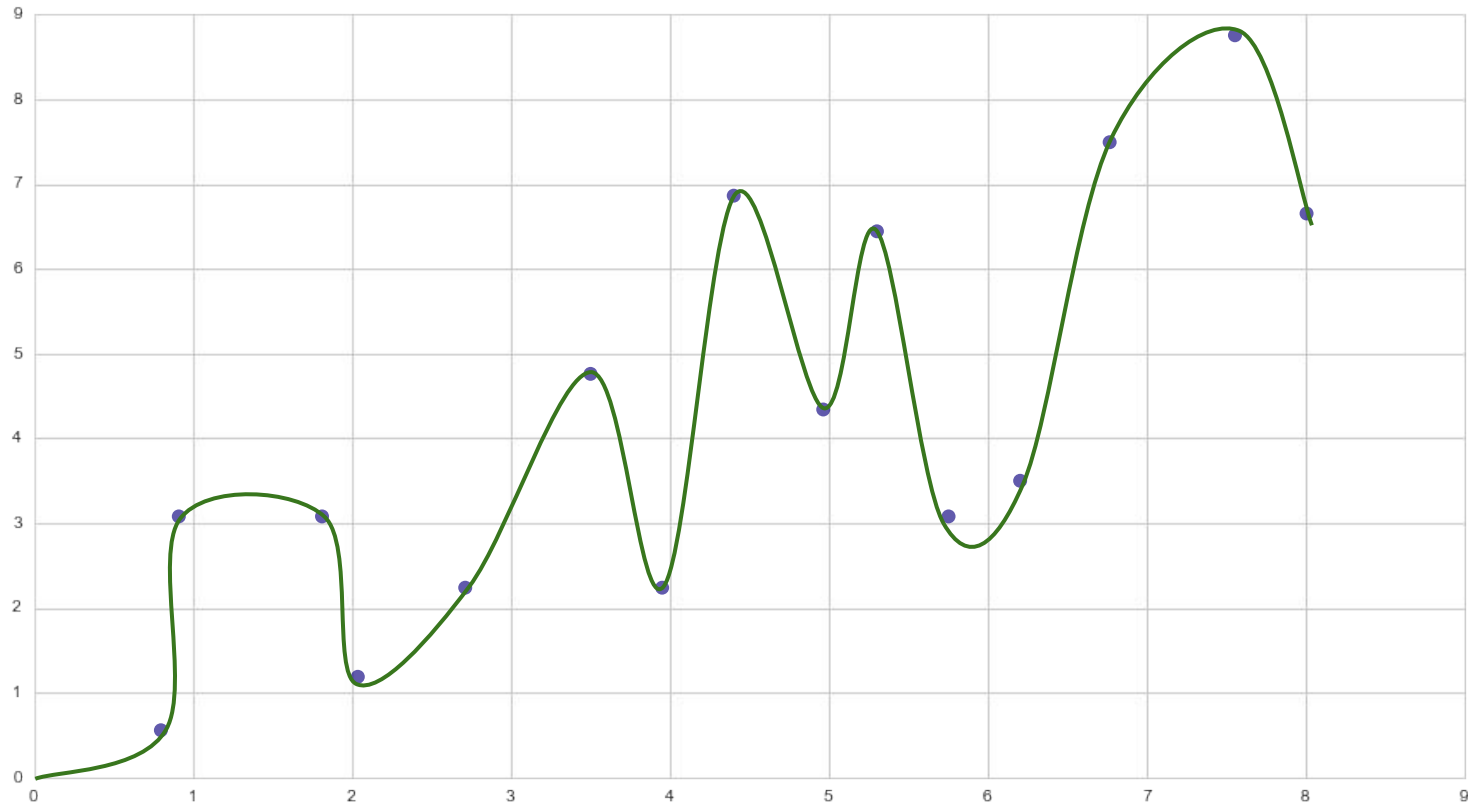




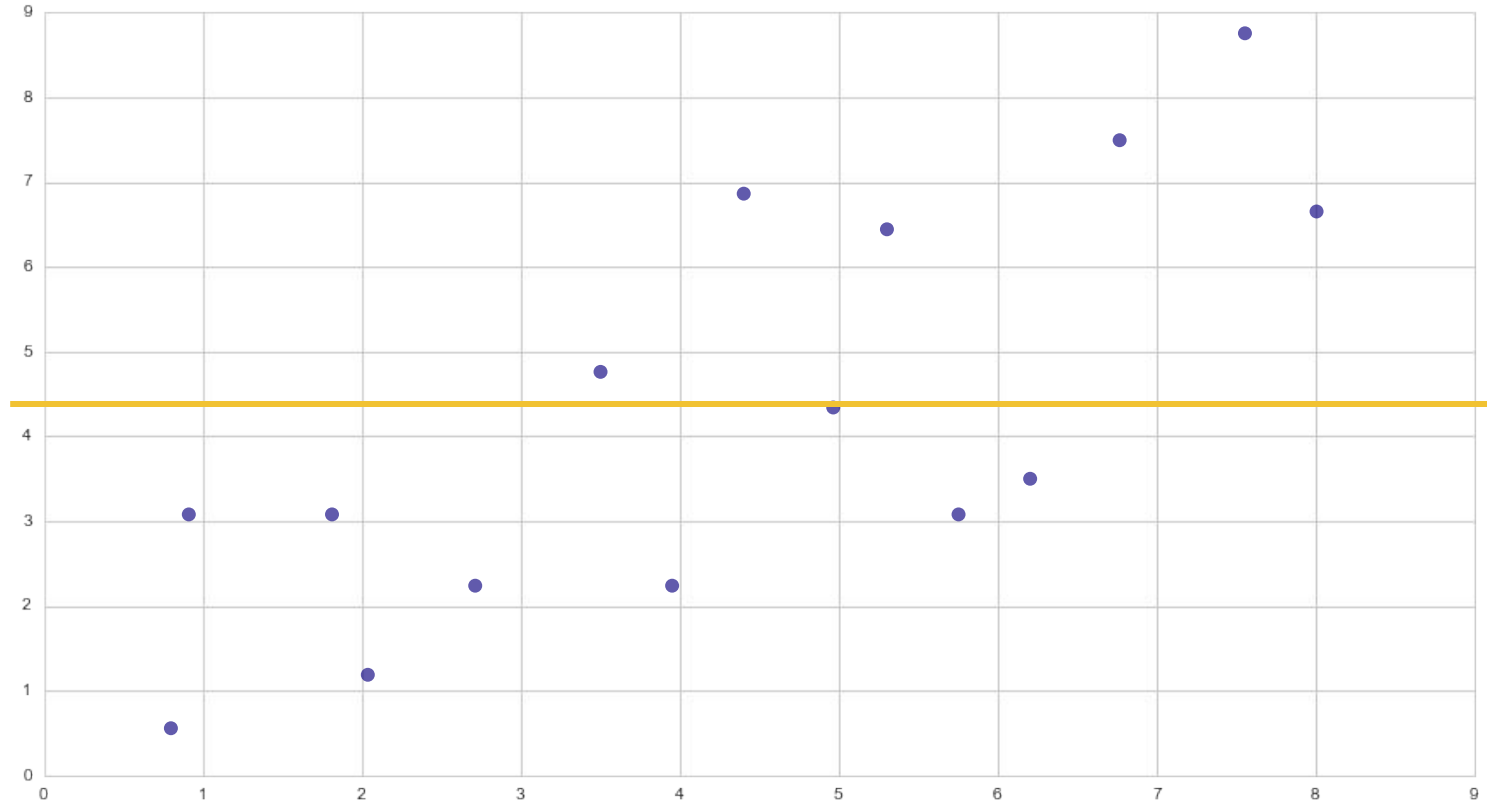


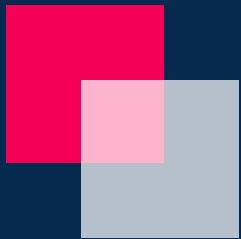


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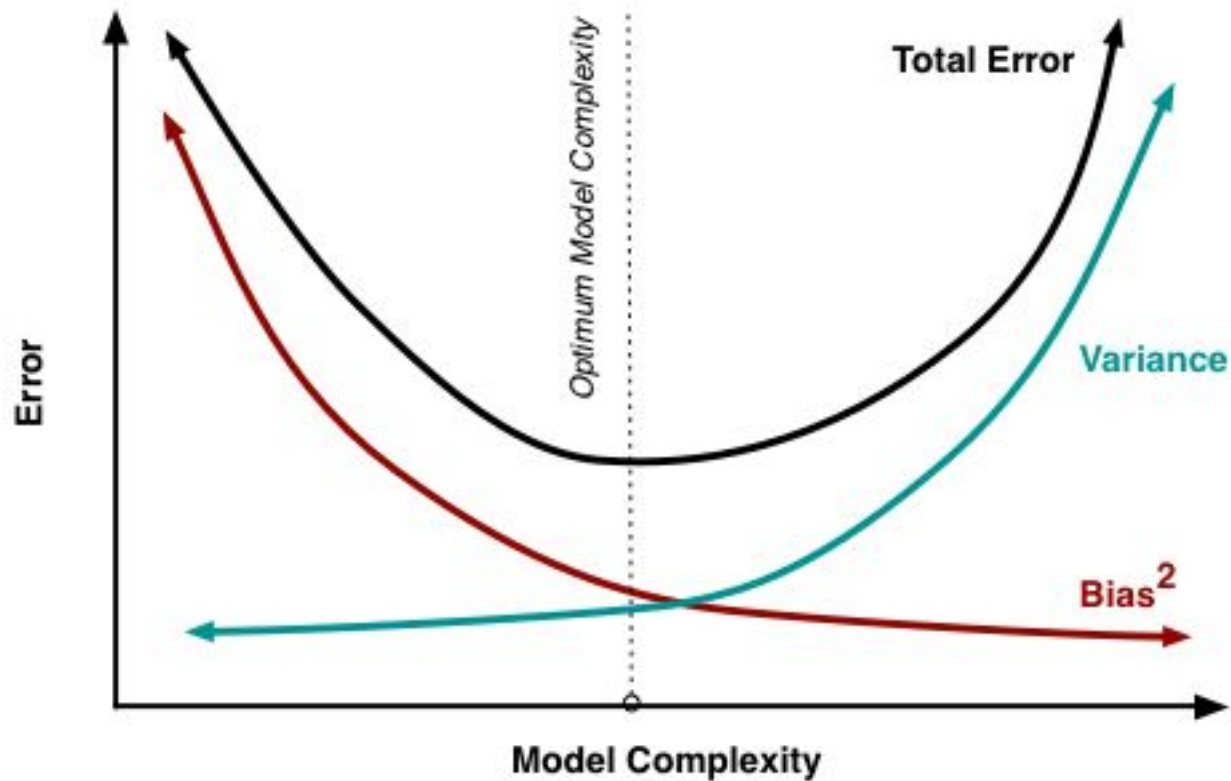
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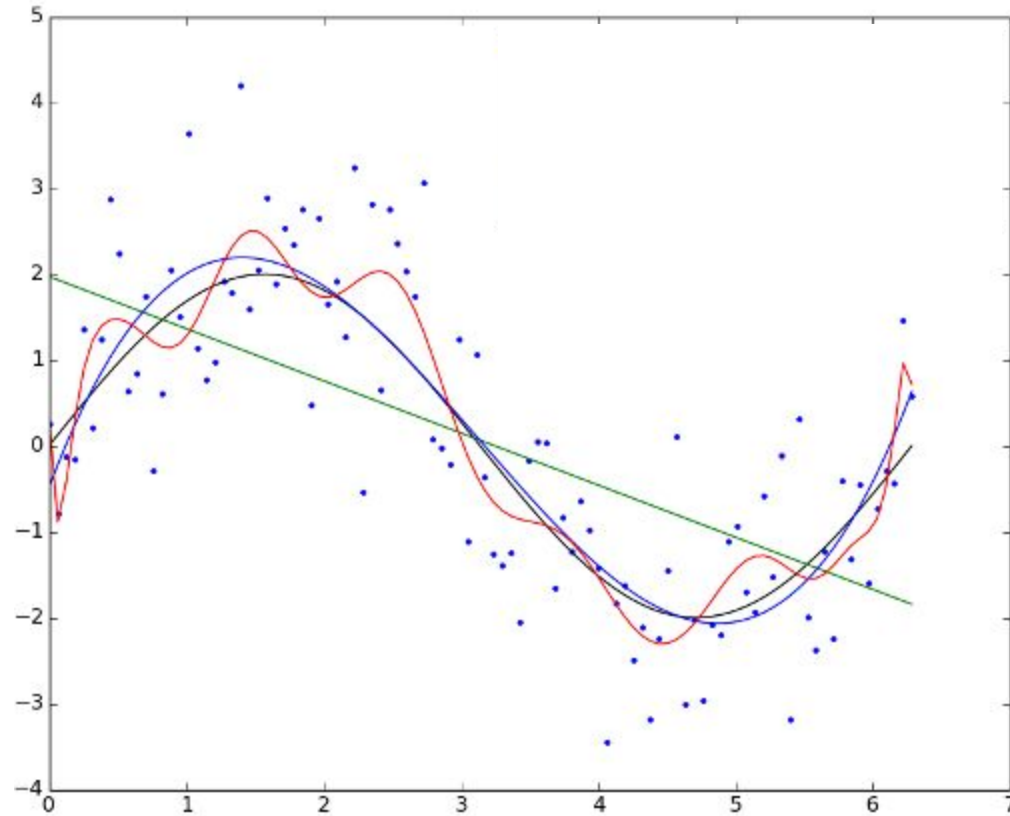
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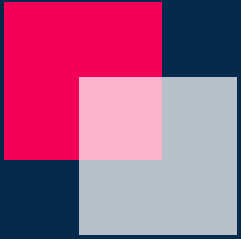
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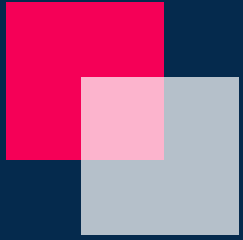
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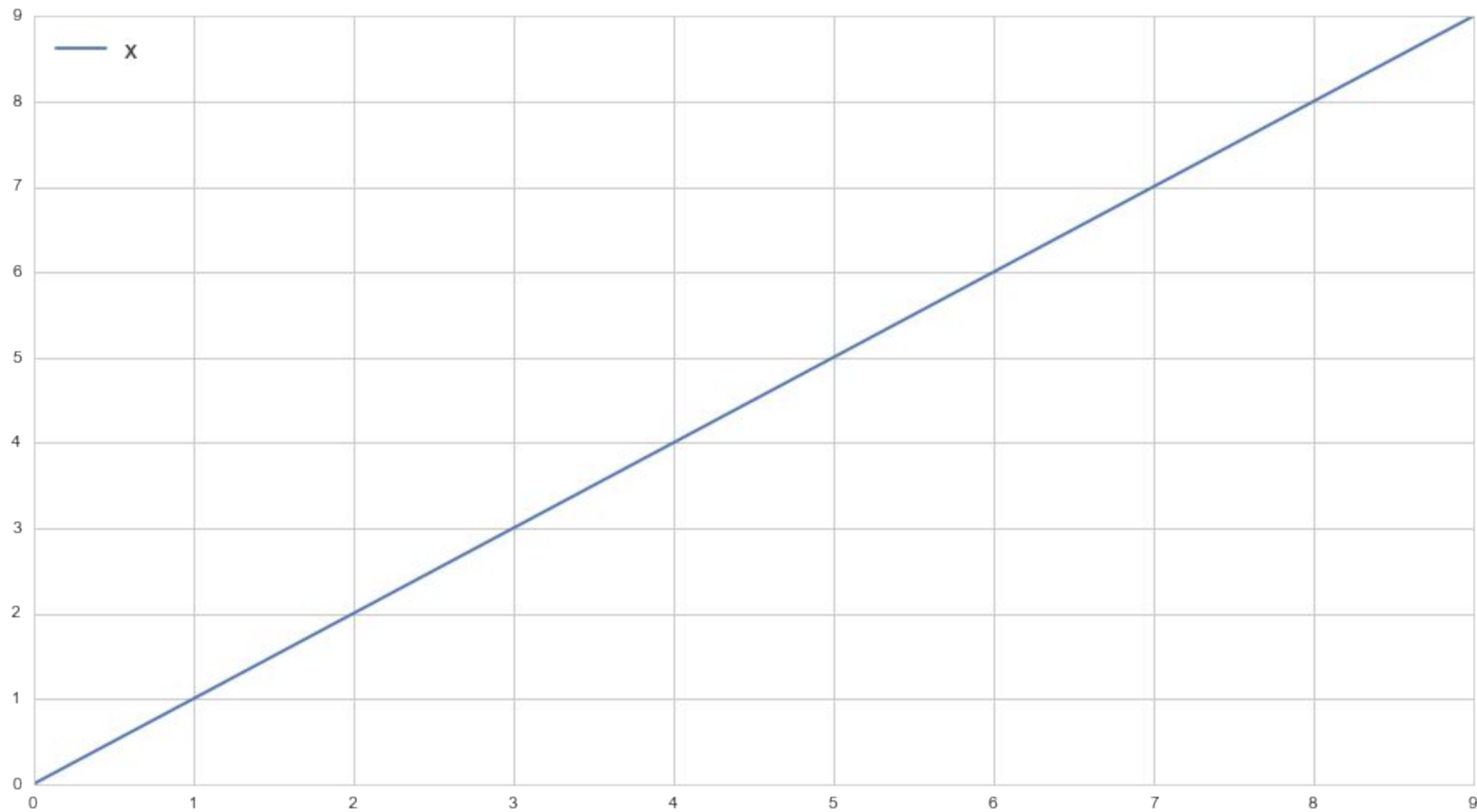
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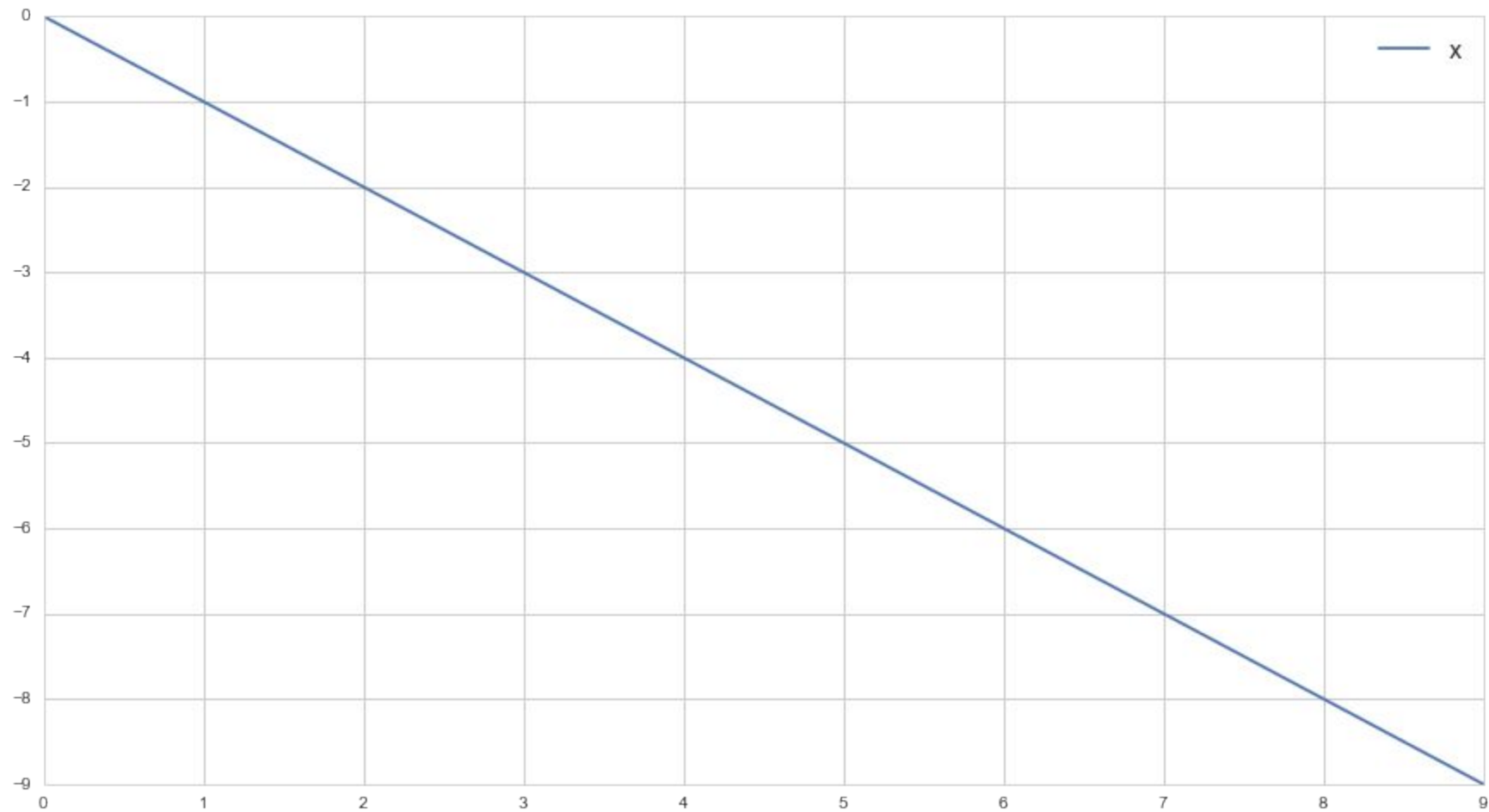
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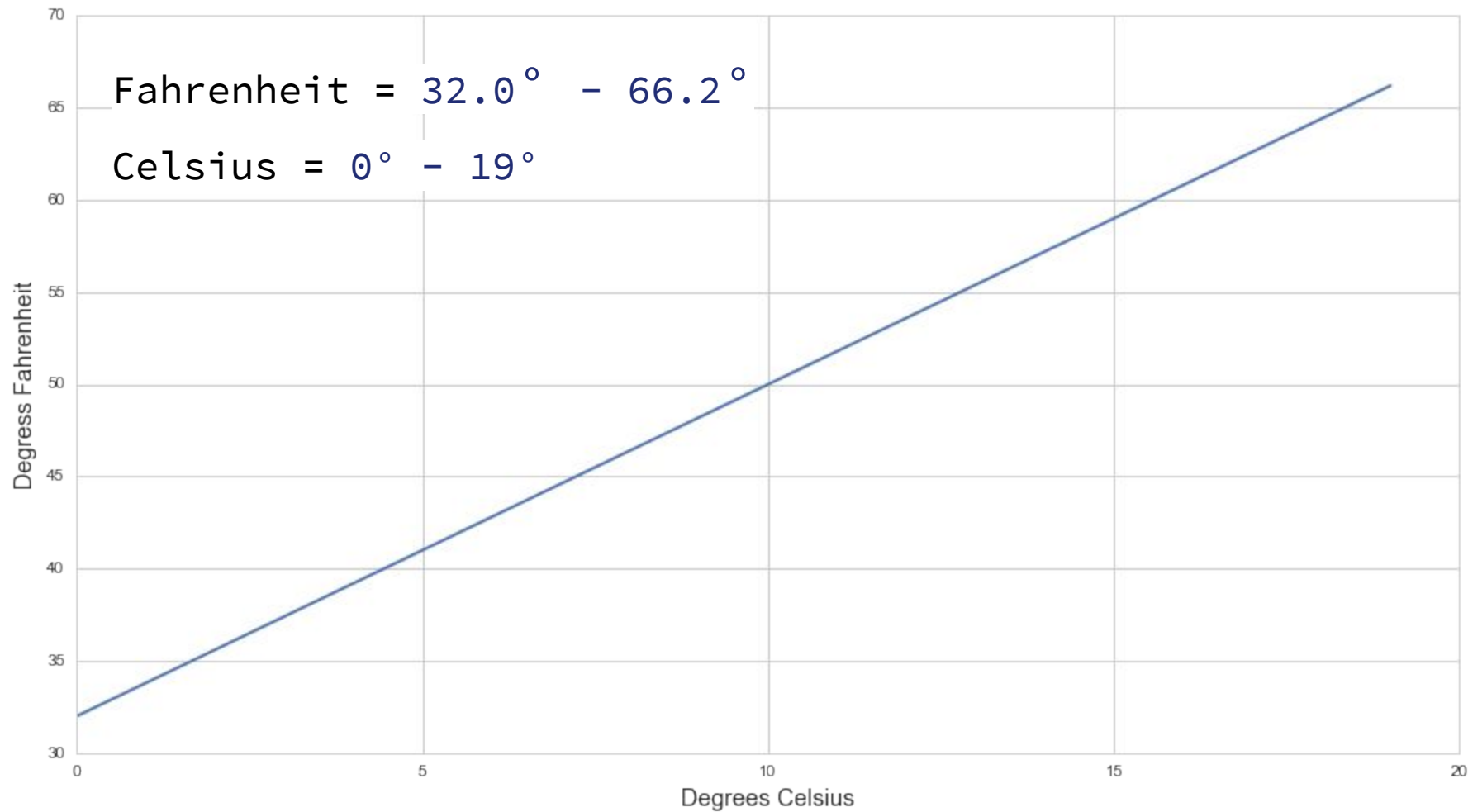
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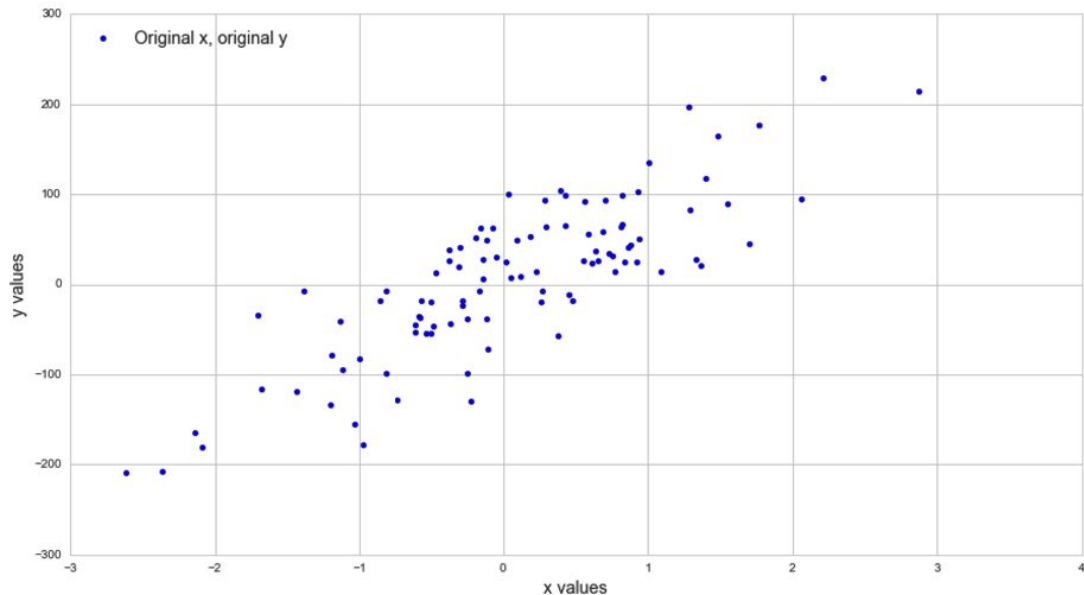
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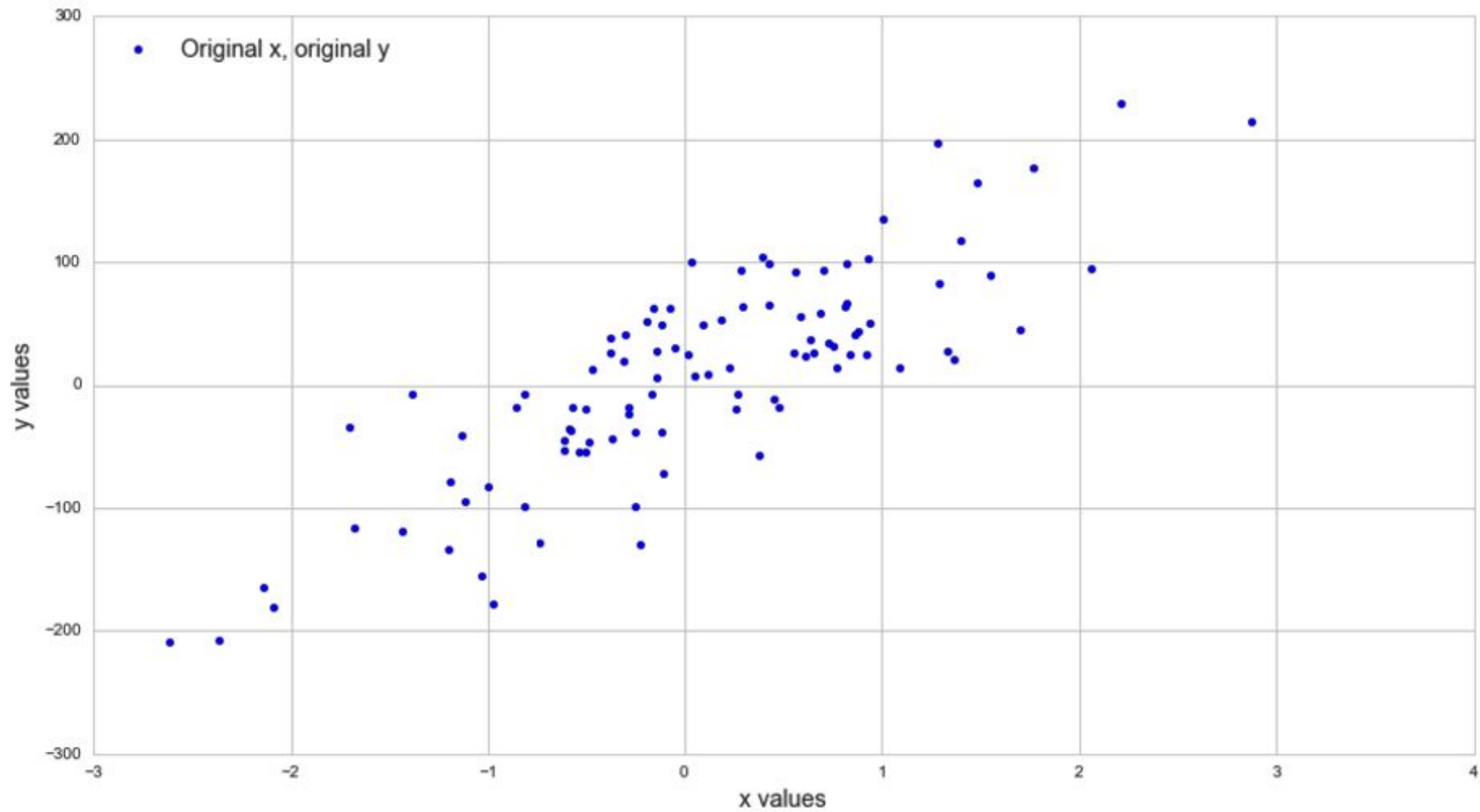
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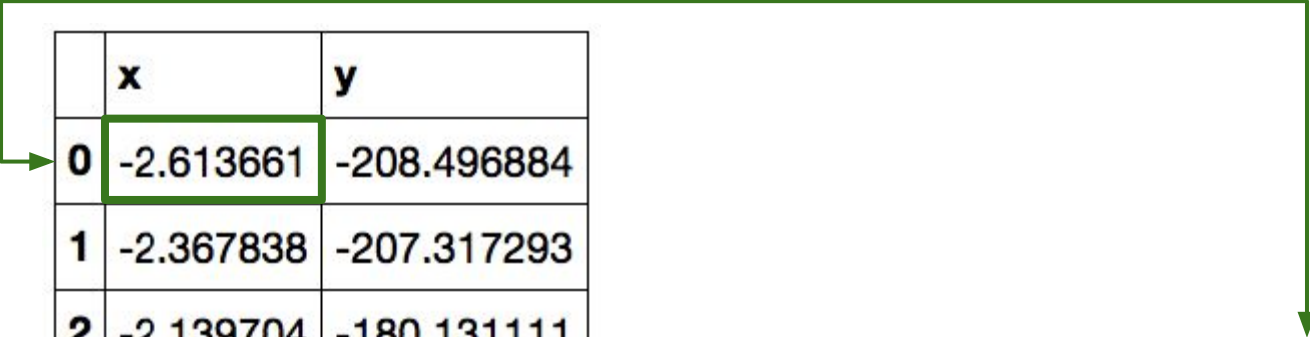
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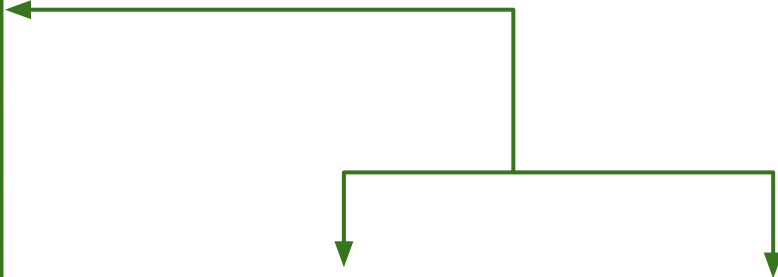
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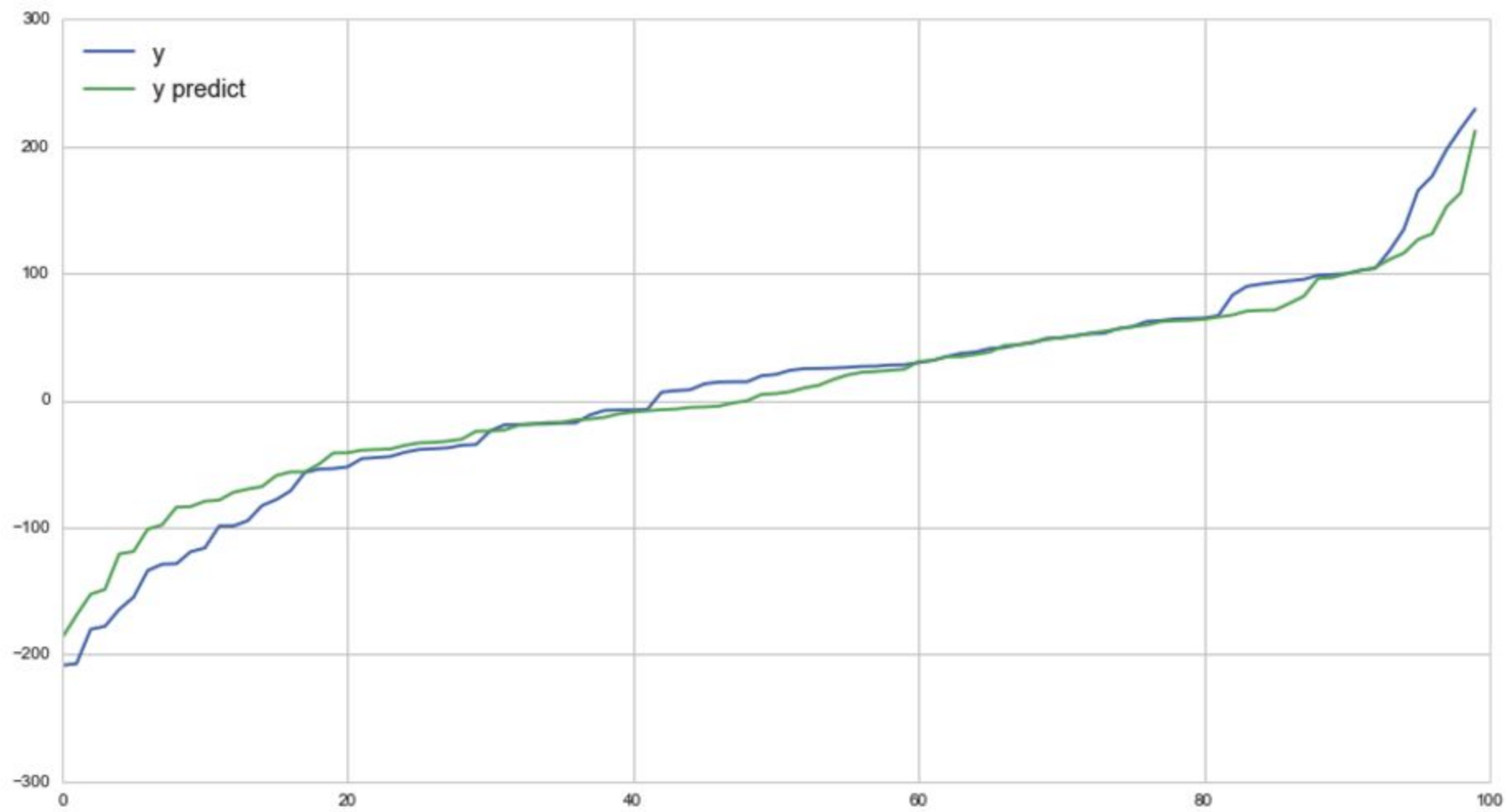
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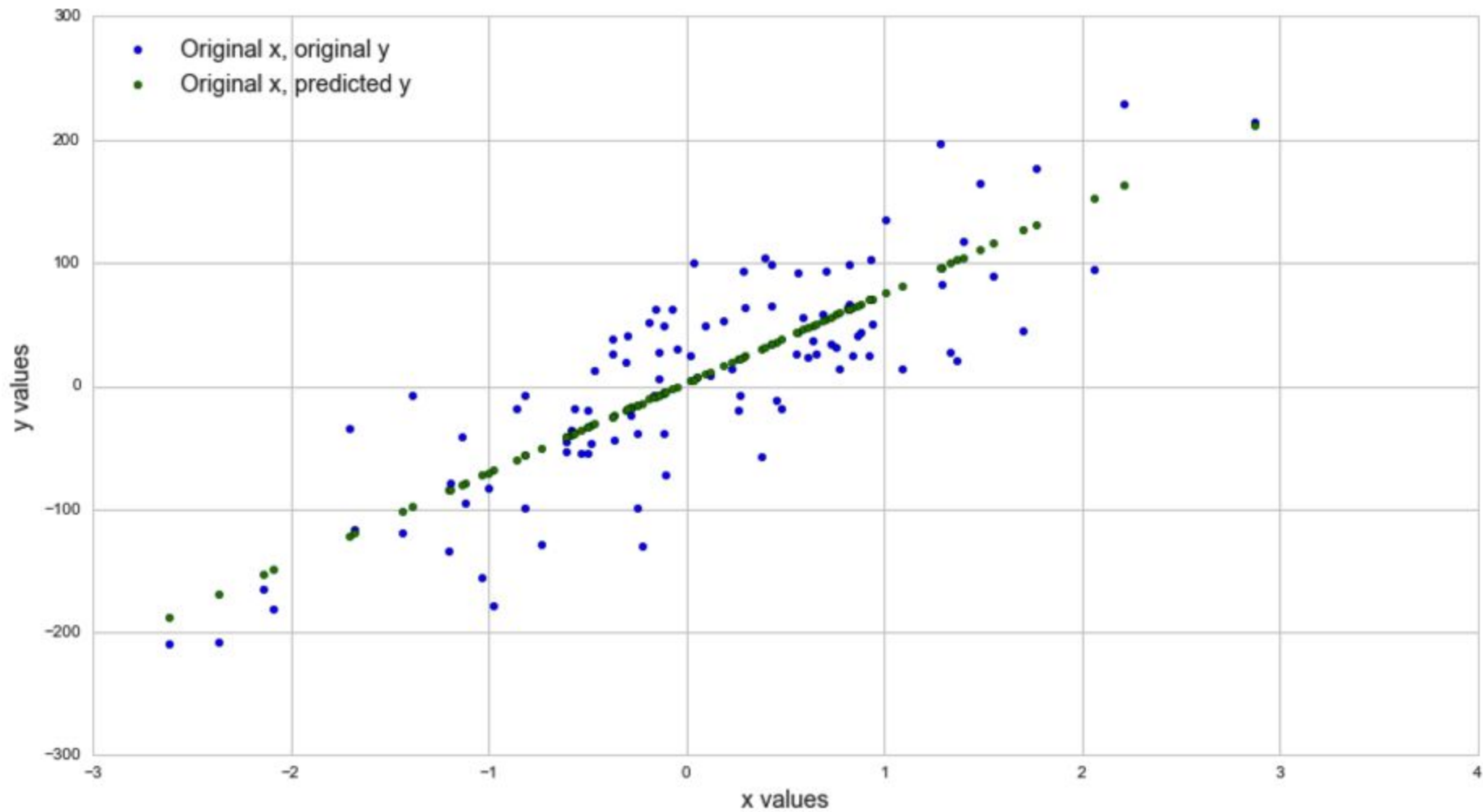
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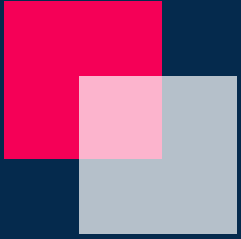
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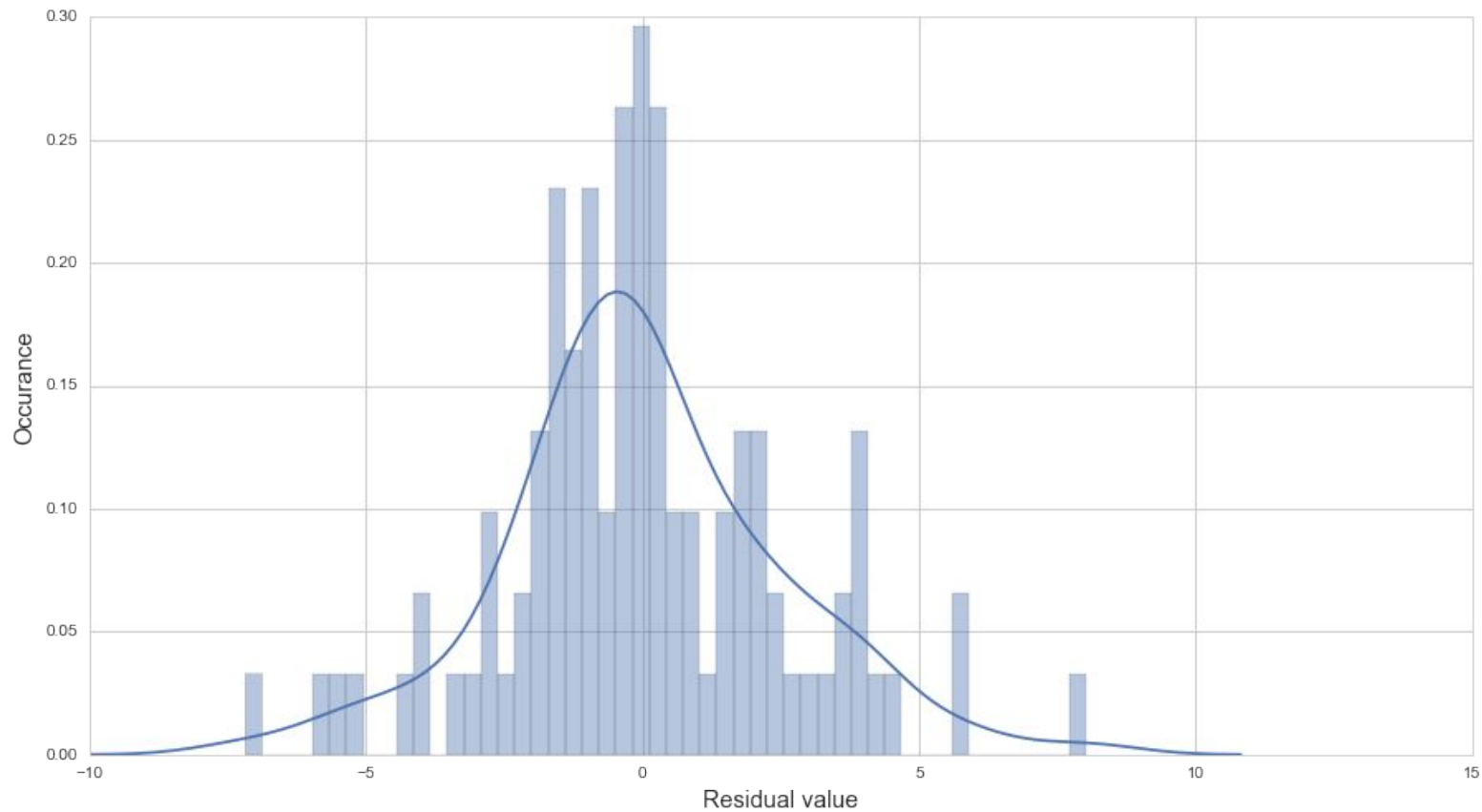
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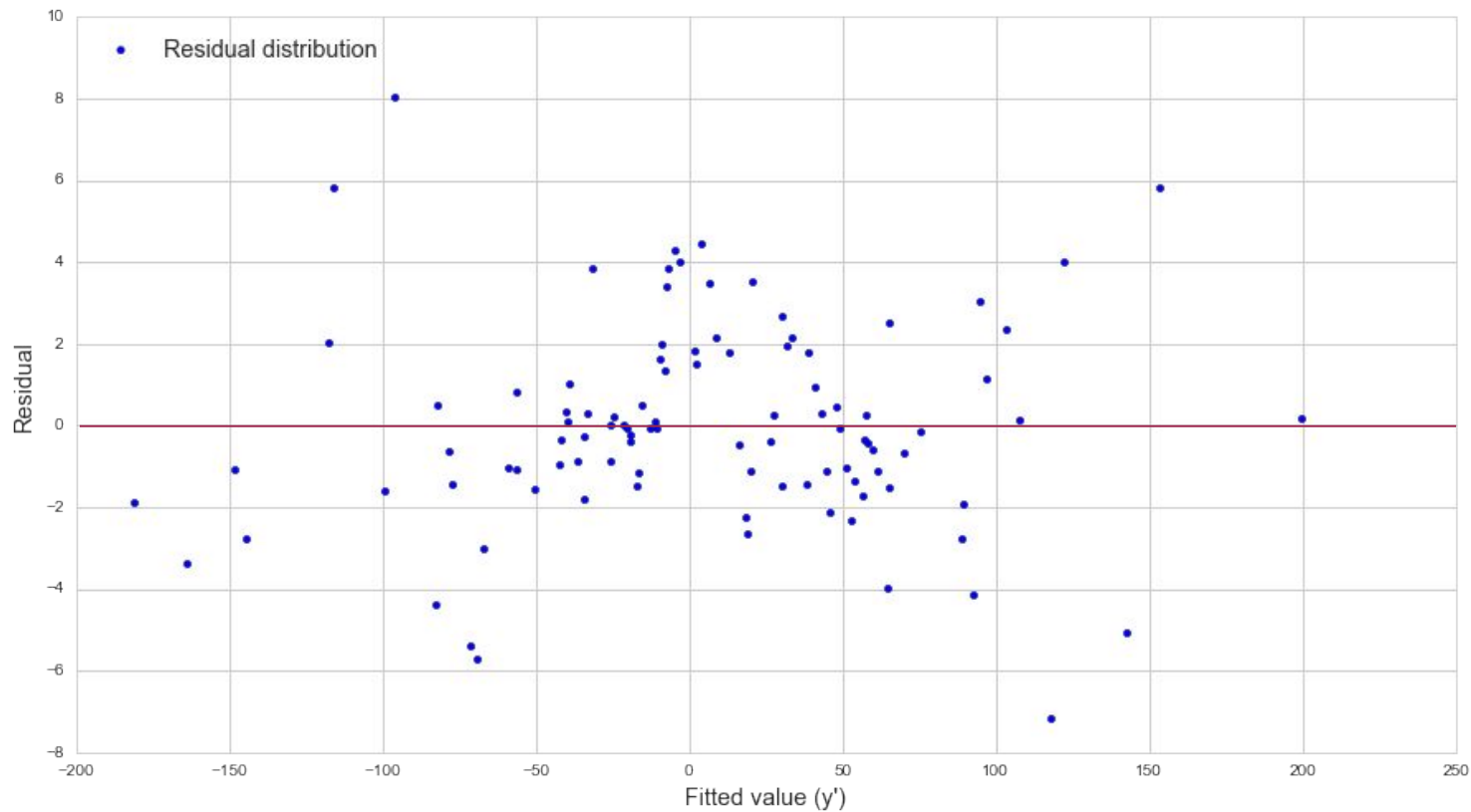
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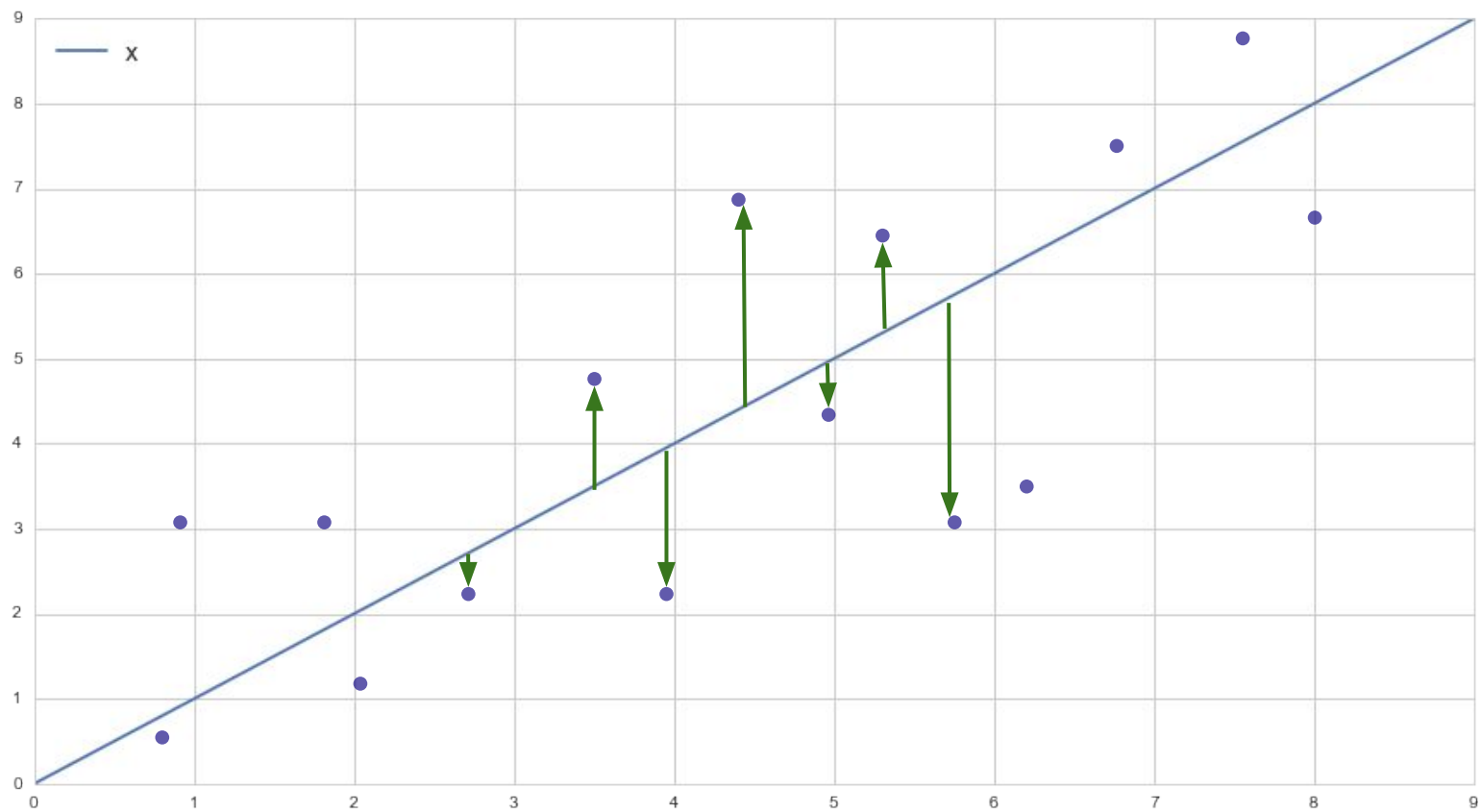


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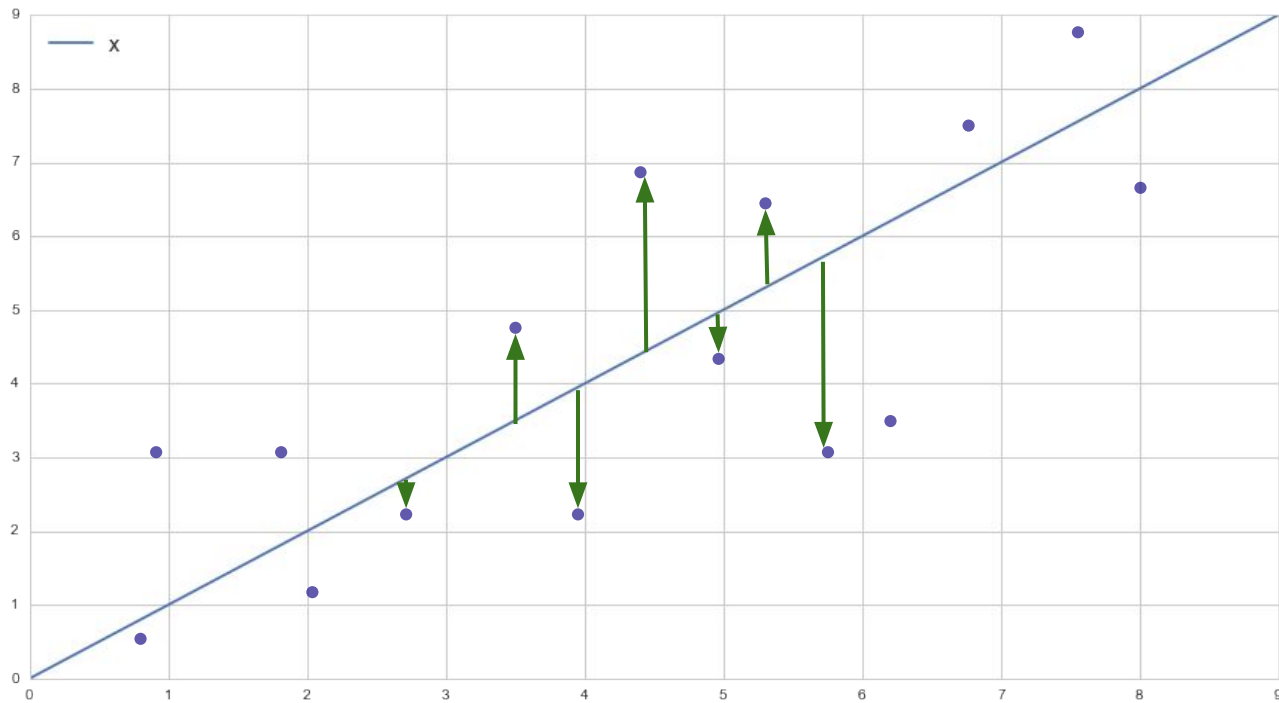


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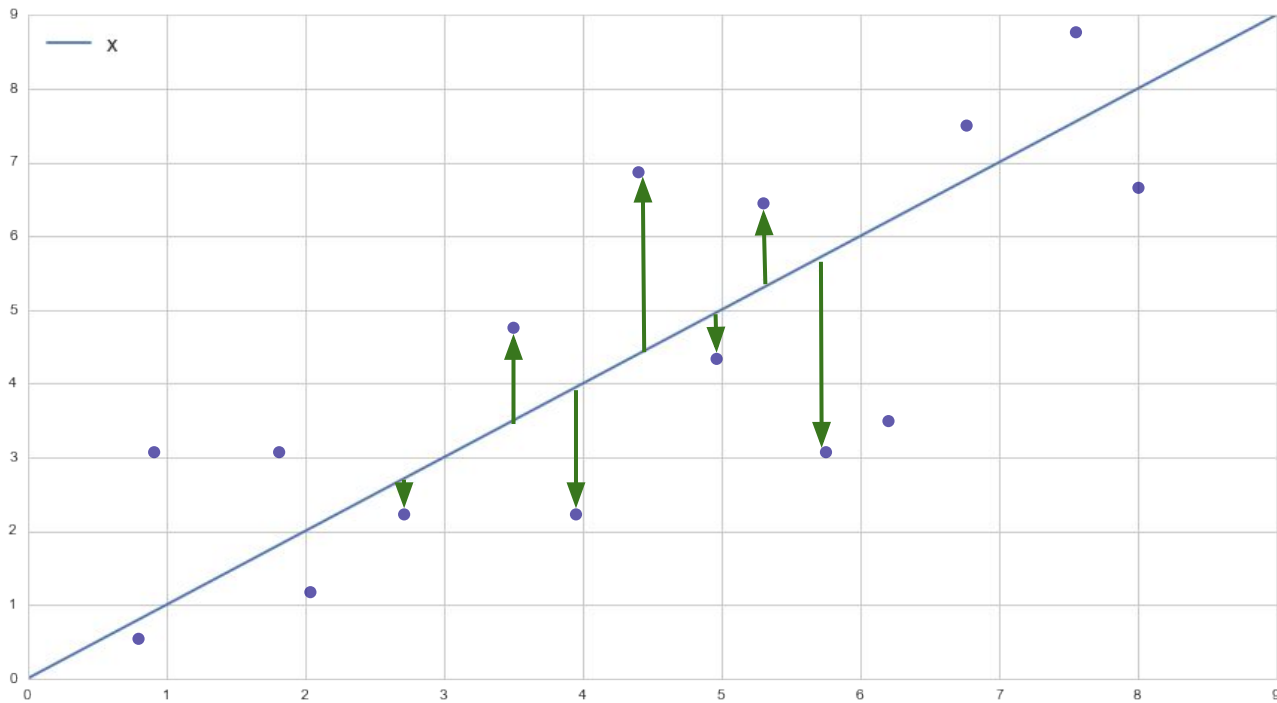
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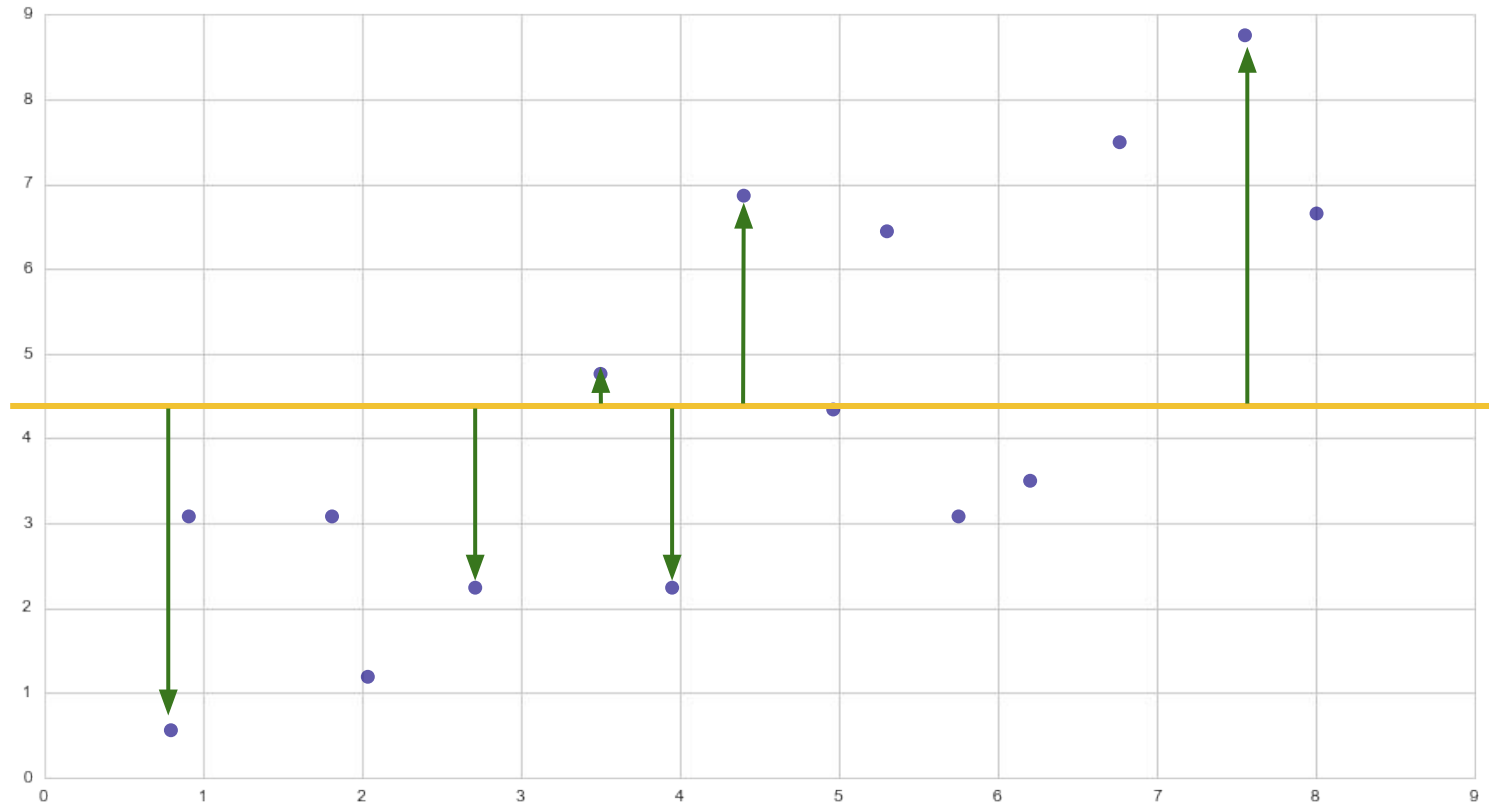


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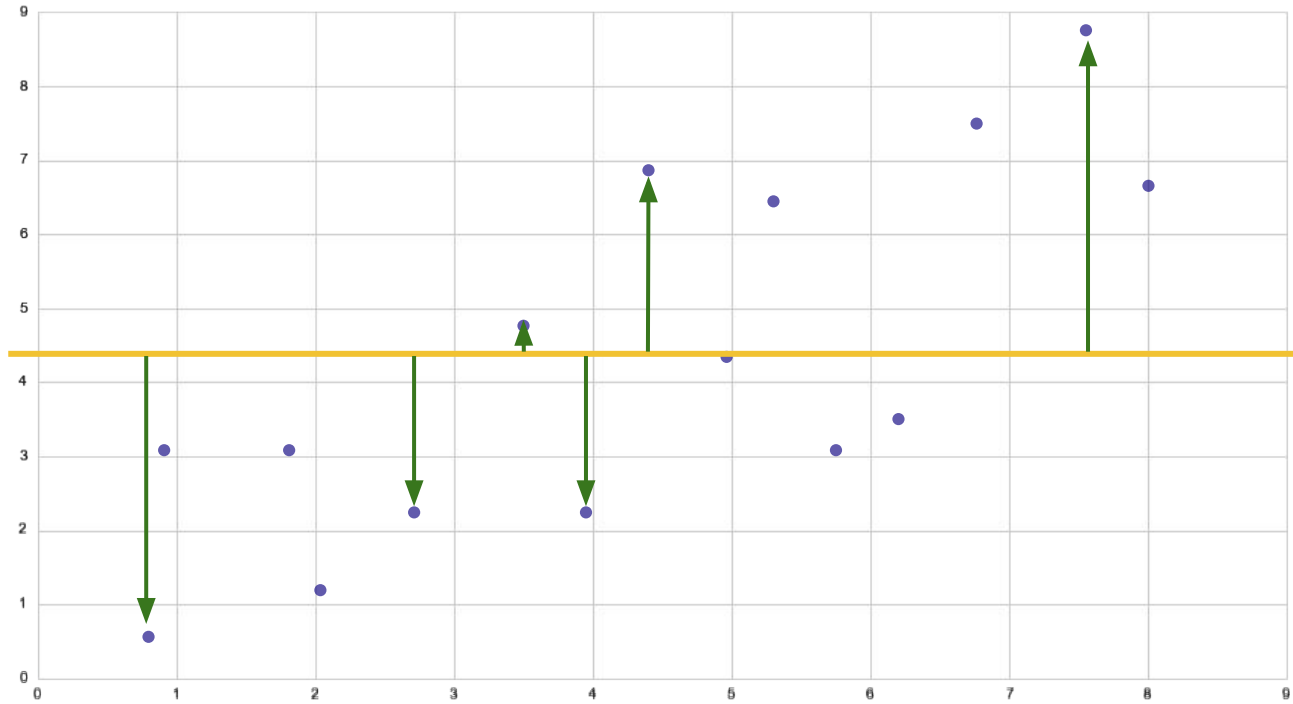


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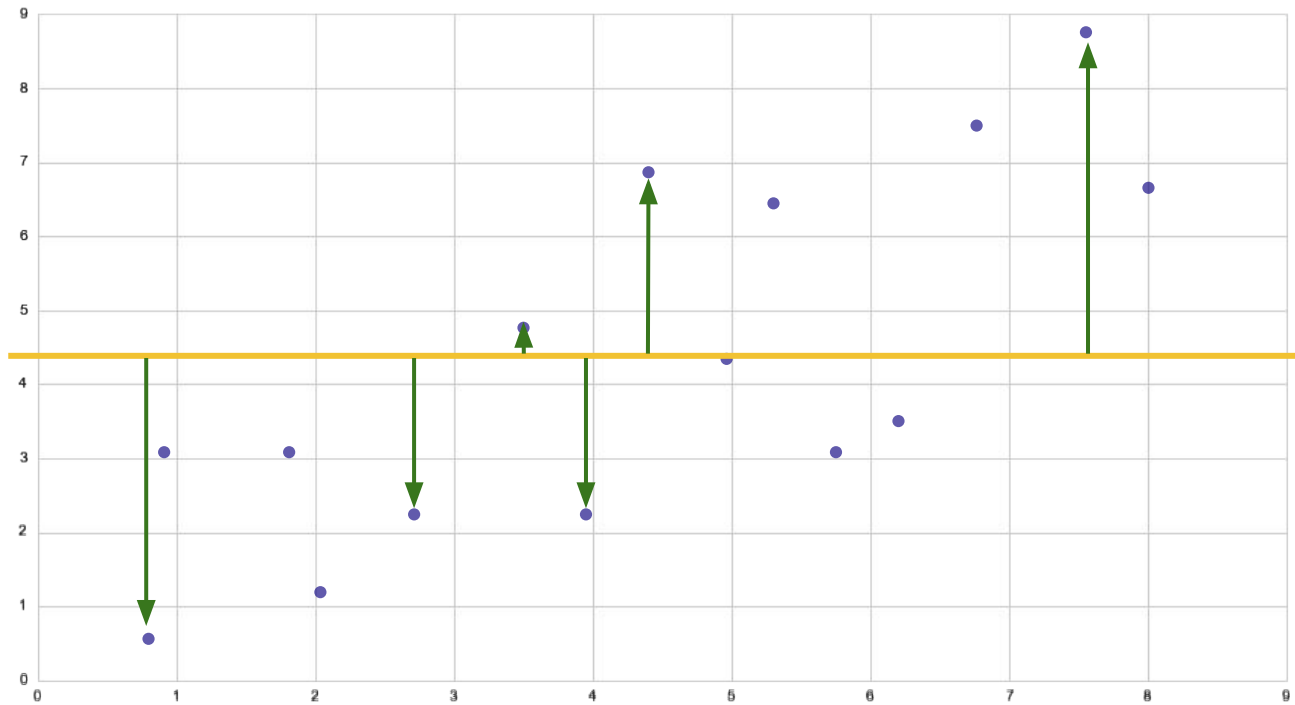




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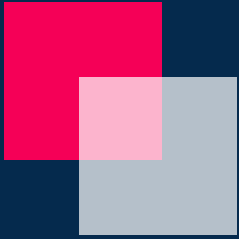
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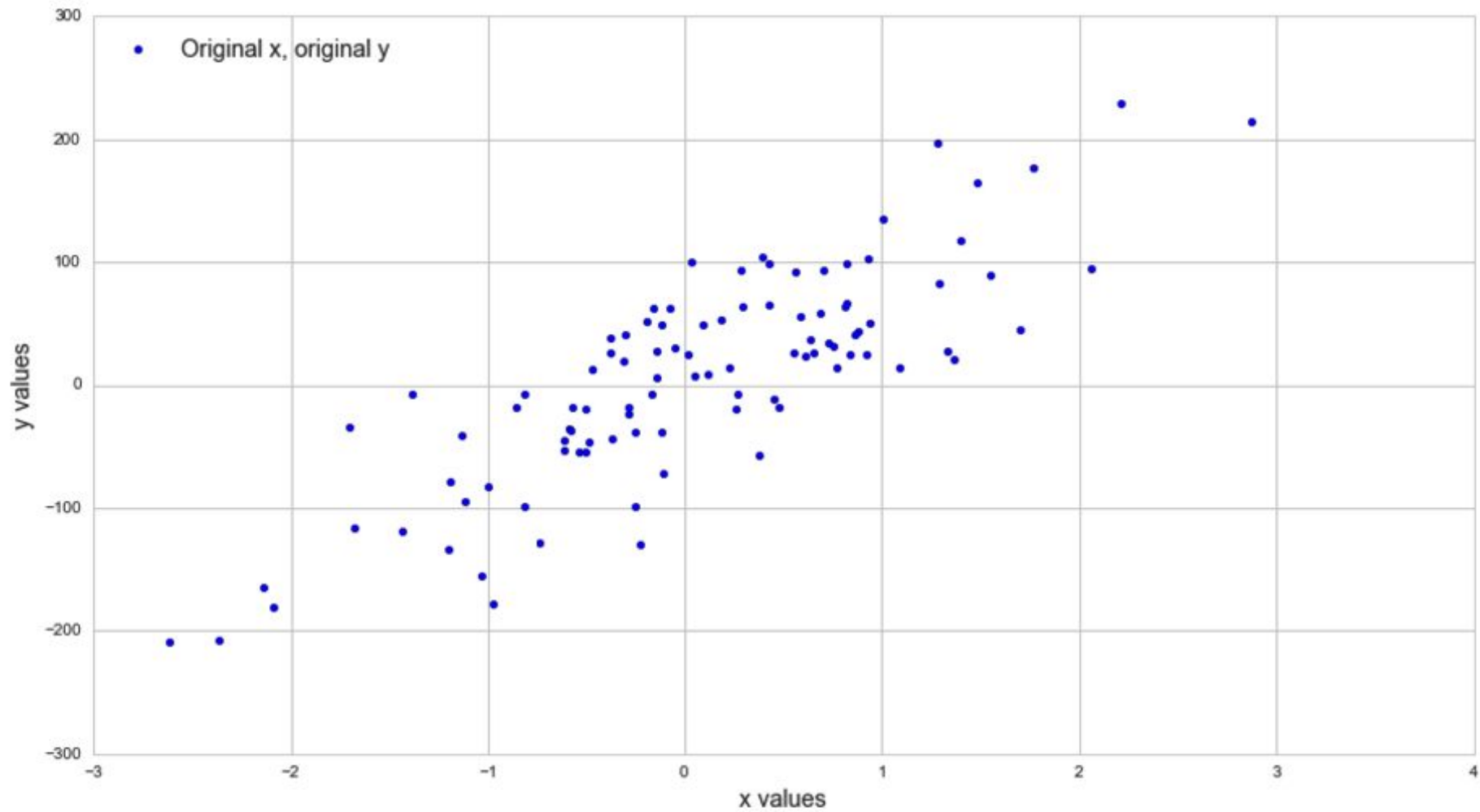
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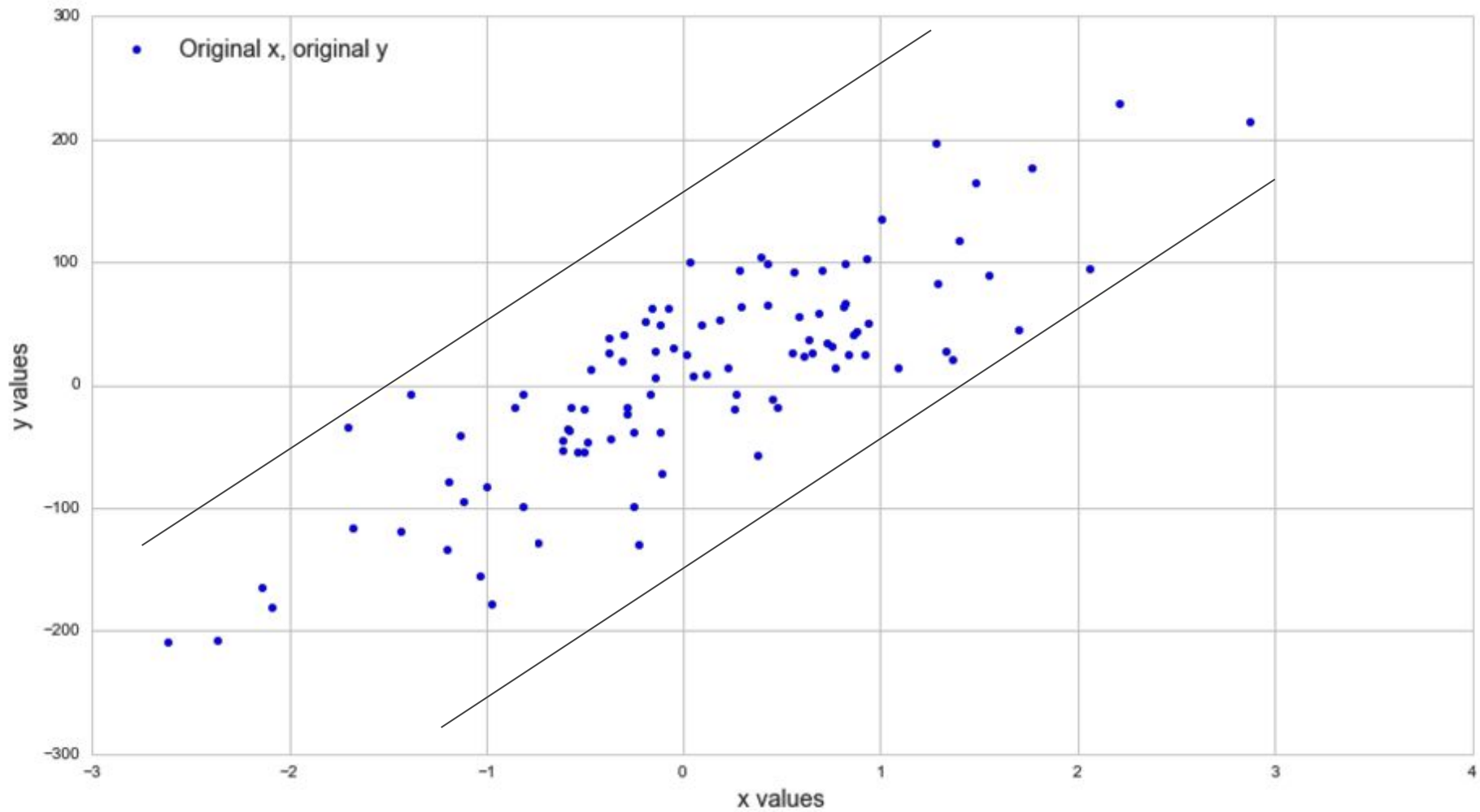
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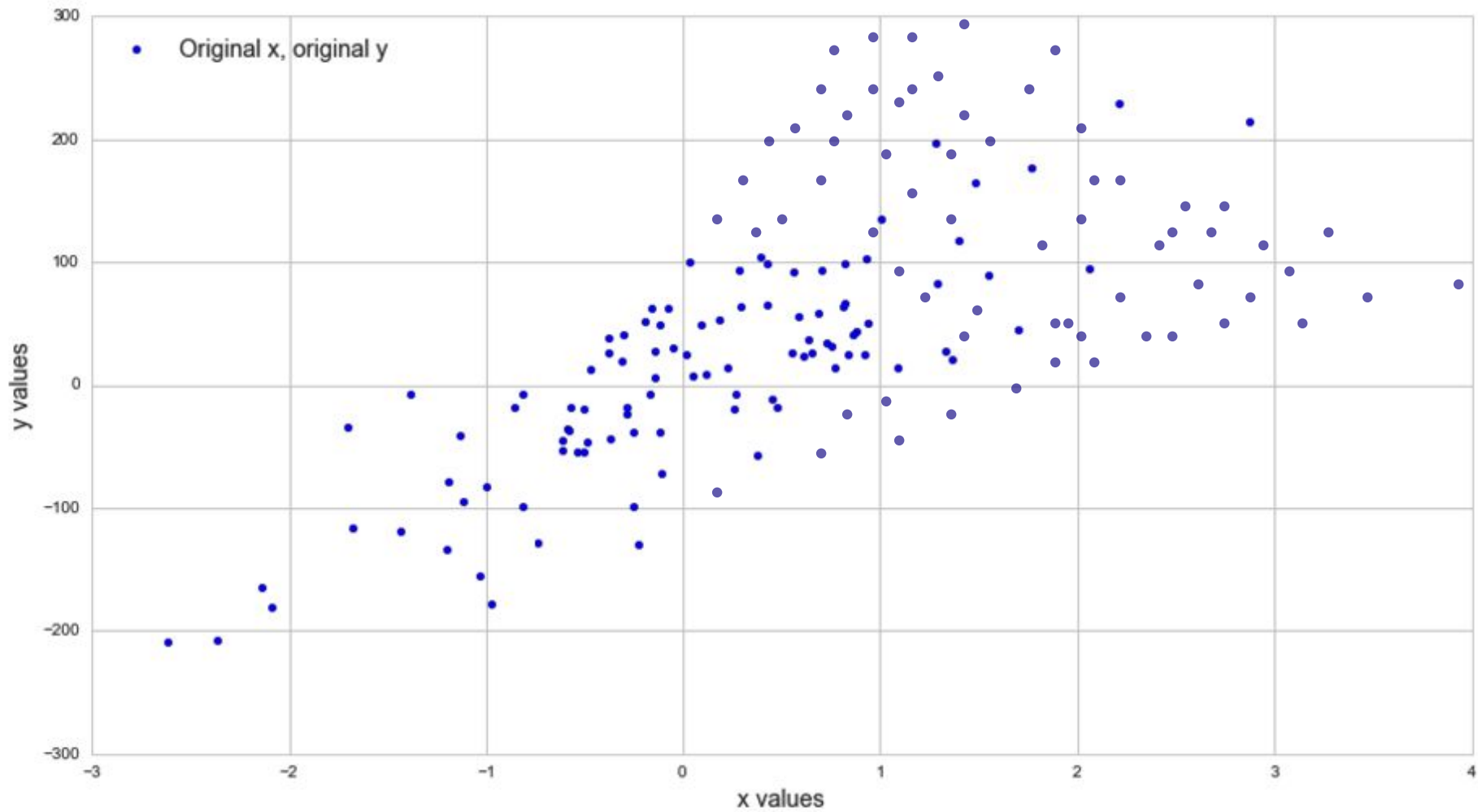
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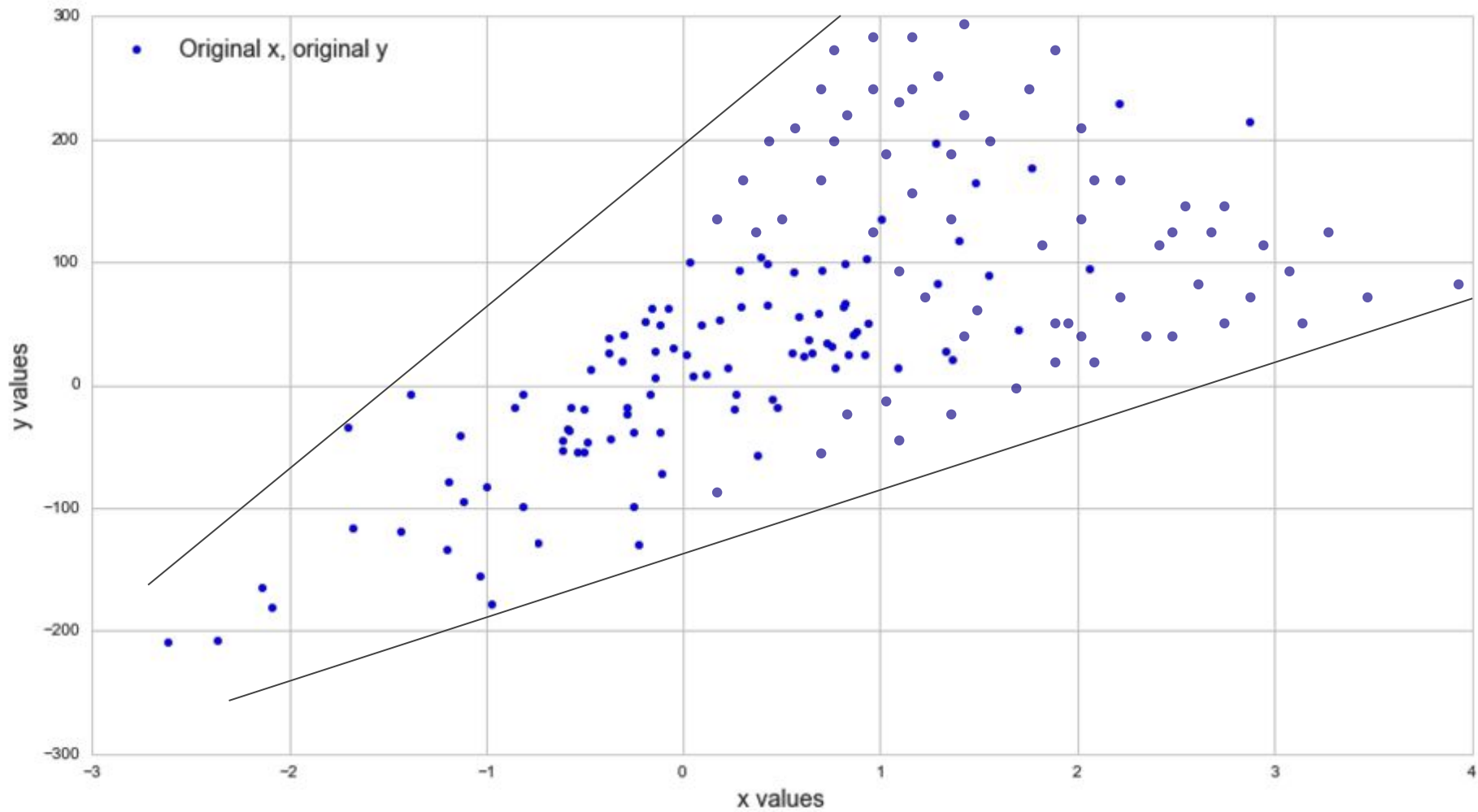
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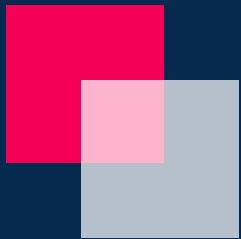
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Final Thoughts

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Anscombe's quartet comprises four **datasets** that have nearly identical simple statistical properties, yet appear very different when graphed.

They were constructed in 1973 by the **statistician Francis Anscombe** to demonstrate both the importance of graphing data before analyzing it and the effect of **outliers** on statistical properties.

He described the graphs as being intended to attack the impression among statisticians that "numerical calculations are exact, but graphs are rough."

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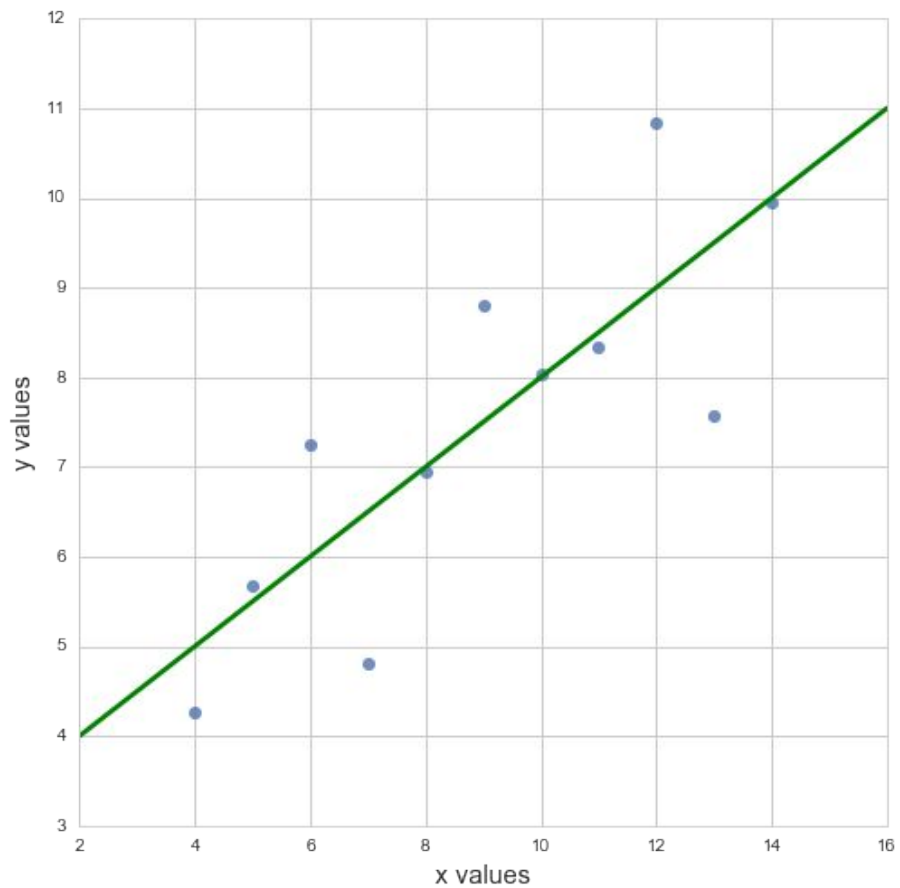
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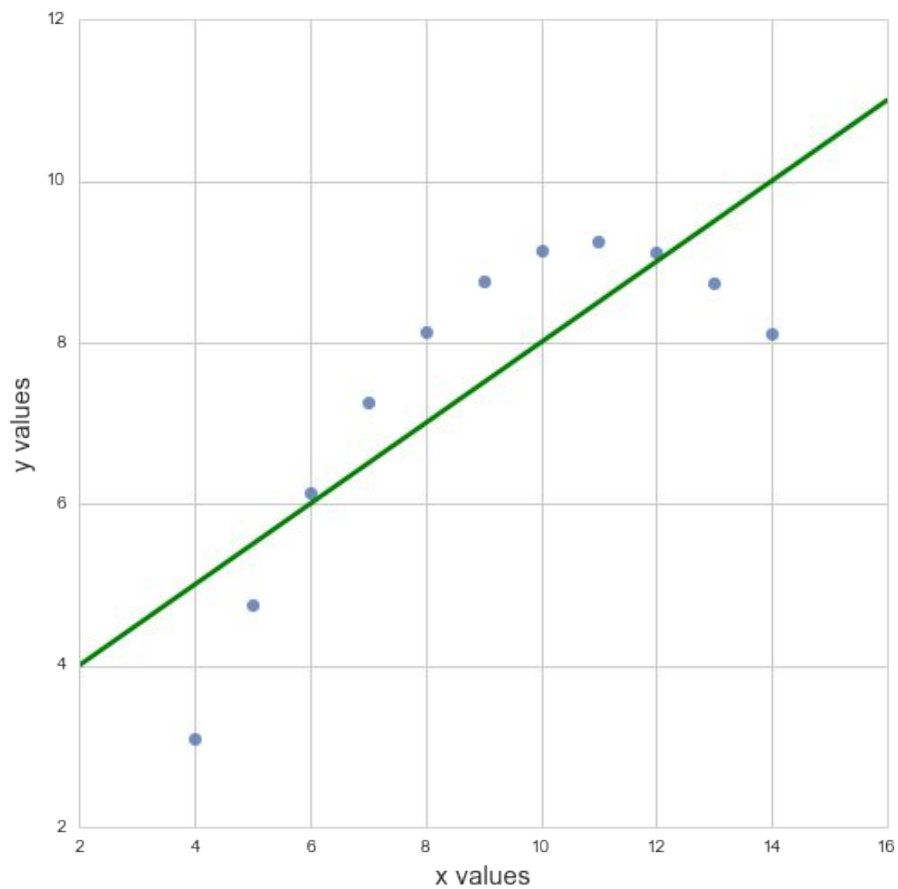
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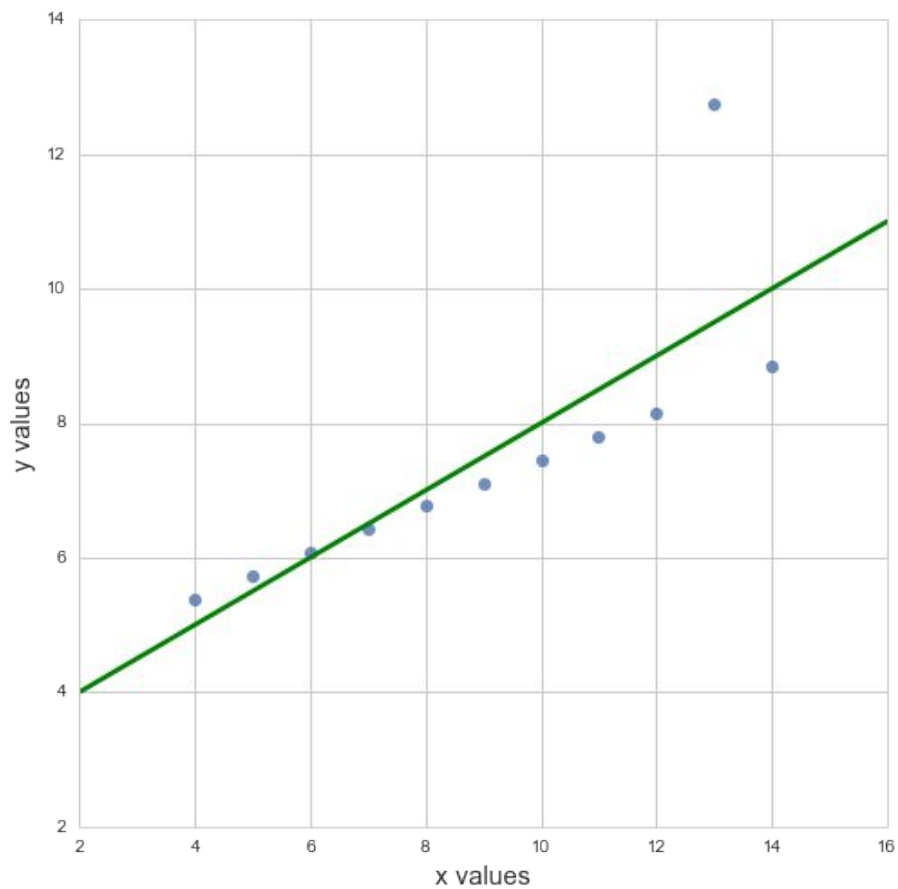
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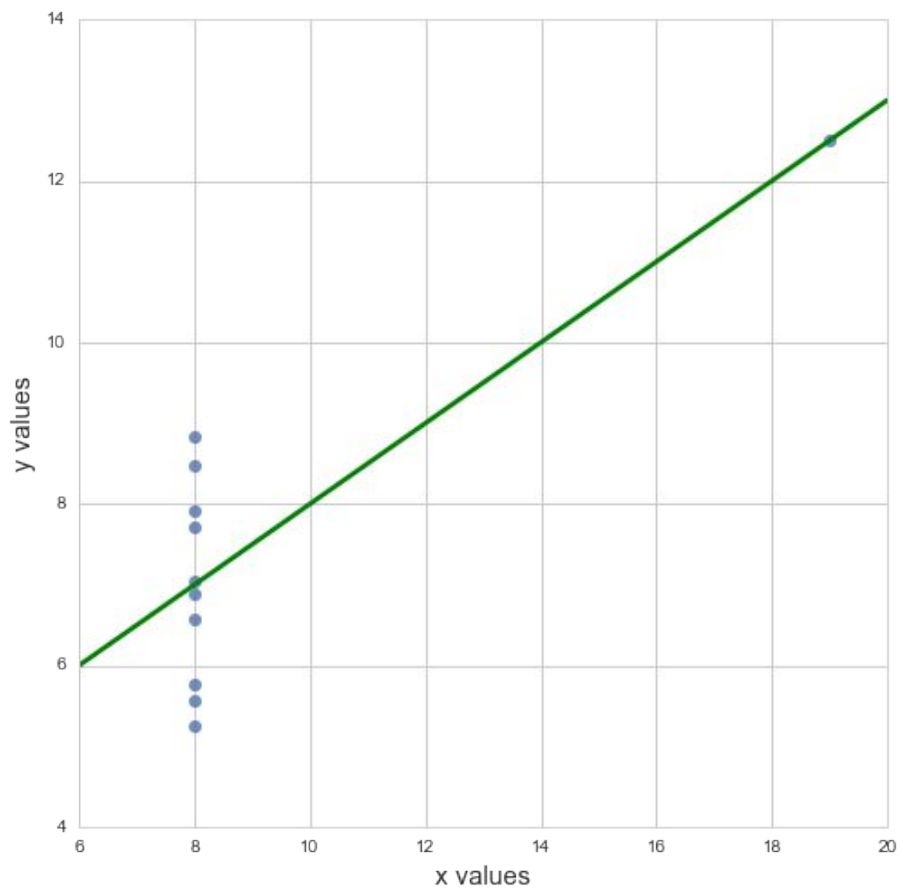
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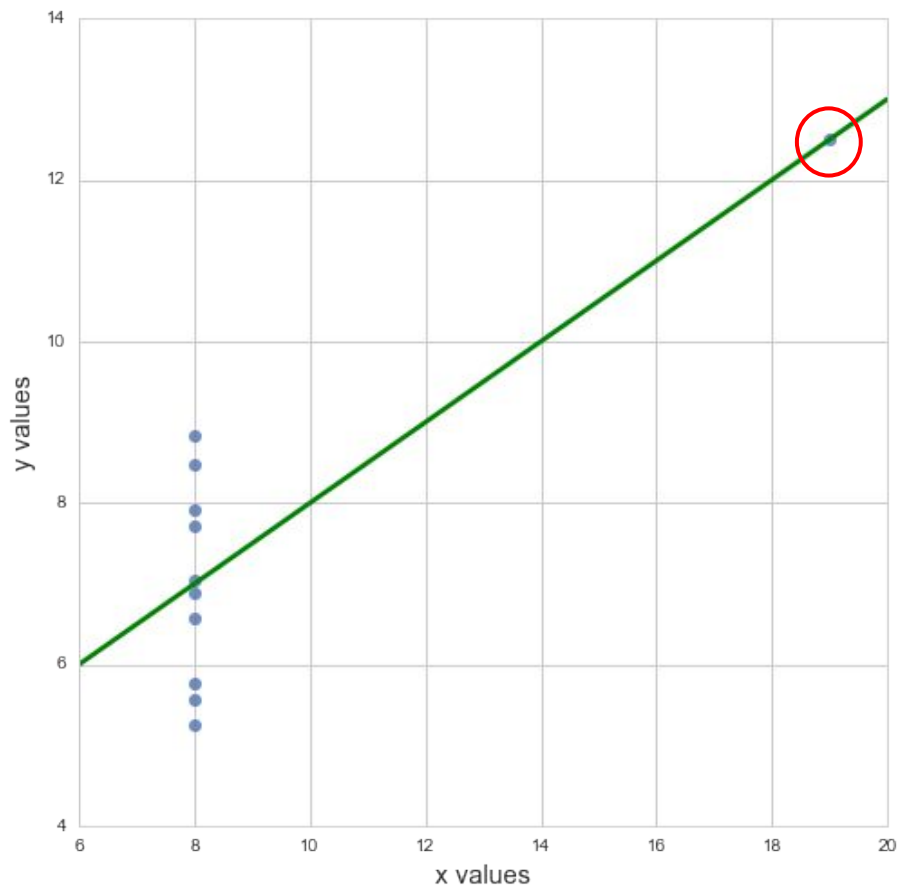
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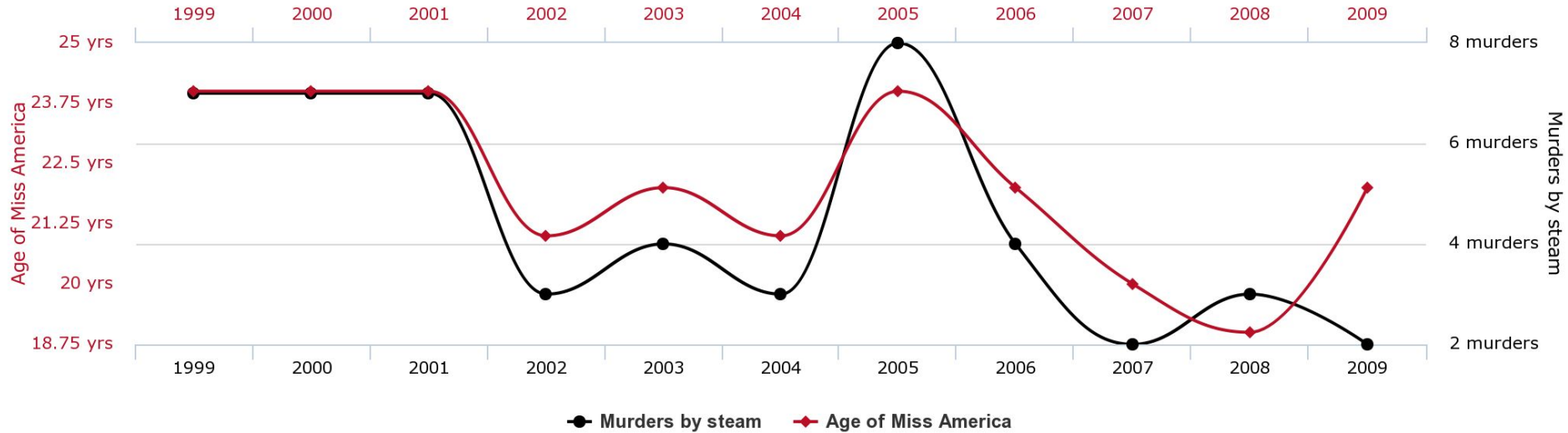
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"There are three kinds of
lies: lies, damned lies, and
statistics."

- British Prime Minister Benjamin
Disraeli

Age of Miss America correlates with Murders by steam, hot vapours and hot objects



“Correlation doesn't imply
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...but it does waggle its eyebrows
suggestively and gesture furtively
while mouthing 'look over there'."

– Randall Munroe,
XKCD

A word cloud featuring various expressions of farewell and gratitude. The words are arranged in a dense, overlapping cluster. The colors range from light blue to dark purple. The sizes of the words vary, with 'goodbye' and 'thankyou' being the largest. The words are: goodbye, coda, bye-bye, Auf-wiedersehen, adieu, cheers, seeya, Arrivederci, toodle-oo, Au-revoir, leave-taking, conclusion, sayonara, so long, culmination, ciao, adios, cheerio, farewell, regards, godspeed, envoi, and thankyou.

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