

PSY9511: Seminar 2

The basics of regression and classification

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Today's lecture:

1. Recap of last lecture
2. Proposed solution for Assignment 1
3. Basics of regression and classification
4. Presentation of Assignment 2



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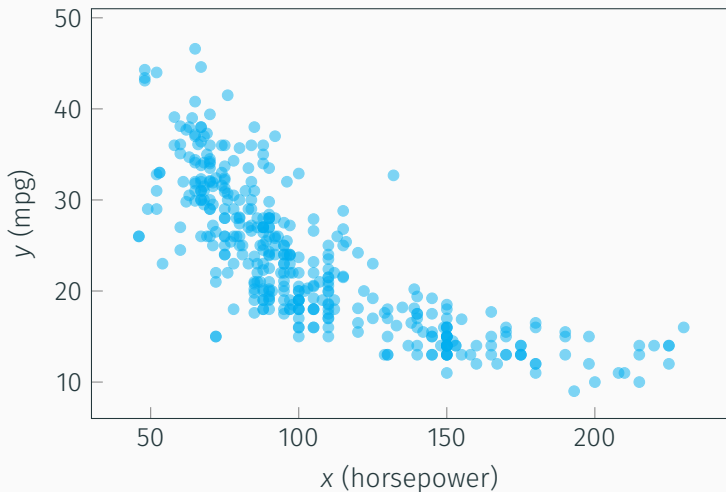


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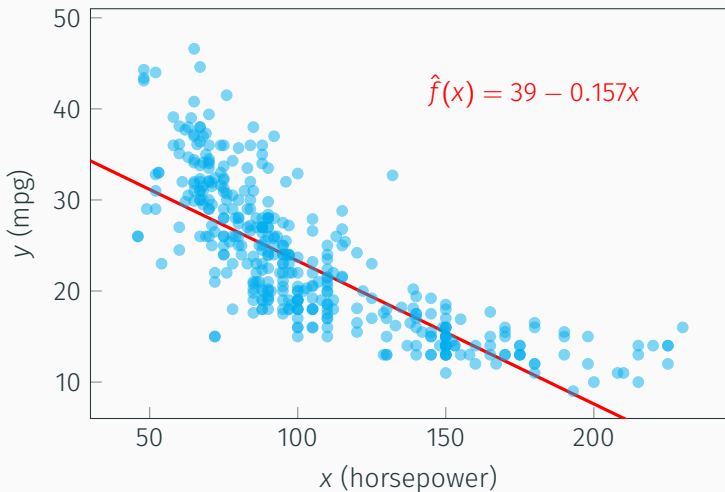
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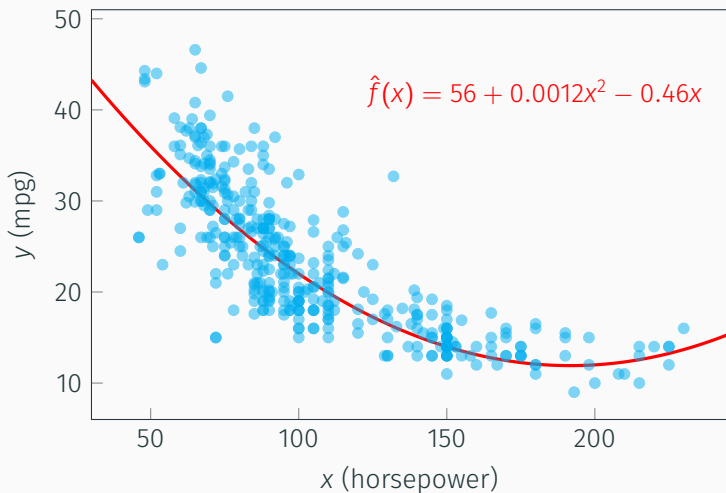
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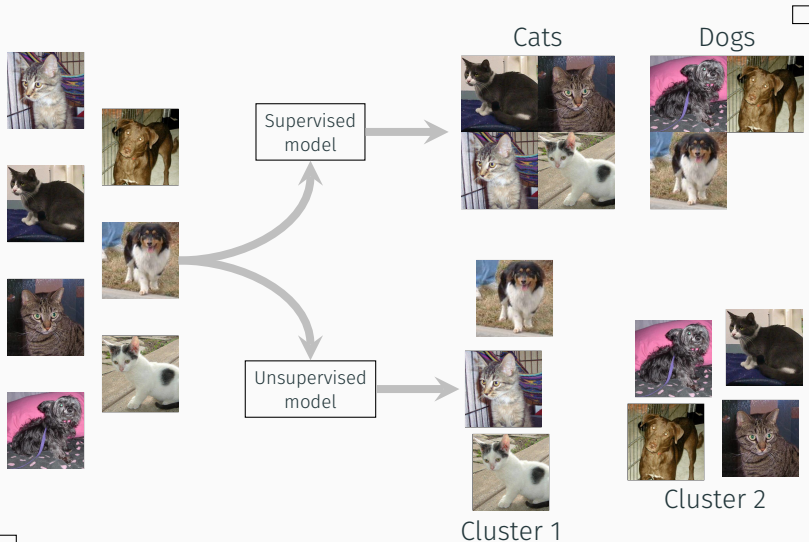
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Regression

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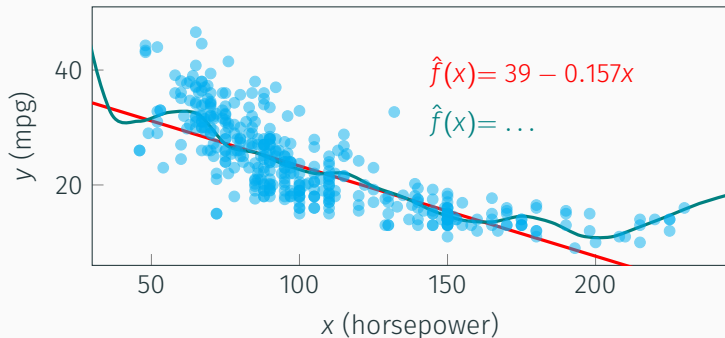
The predictive target y is a *continuous* (or *quantitative*) variable.

Classification

y
cat
cat
dog
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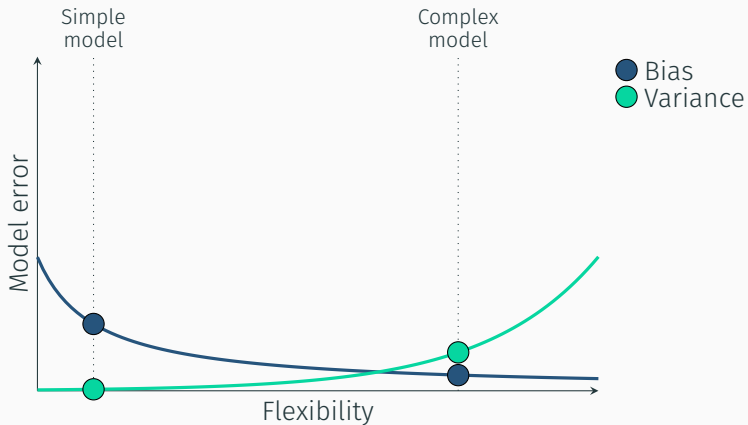
The predictive target y is a *categorical* (or *qualitative*) variable.





- **Parametric models** The function $\hat{f}(x)$ is relatively simple and can be described by a small number of parameters.
 - Linear regression: $\hat{f}(x) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x$
- **Non-parametric models** The function $\hat{f}(x)$ is more complex and often relies directly on the data.

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