

PSY9511: Seminar 2

The basics of regression and classification

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Outline

Today's lecture:

1. Recap of last lecture
2. Proposed solution for Assignment 1
3. Basics of regression and classification
 - Linear regression
 - K-nearest neighbours
 - Logistic regression
4. Presentation of Assignment 2



Recap

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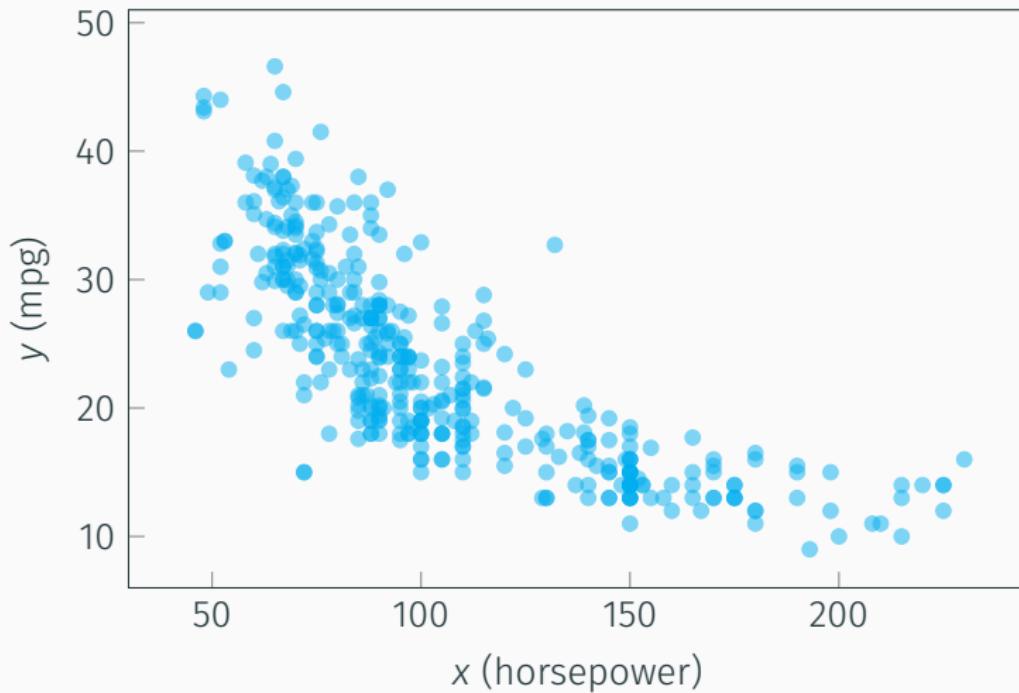


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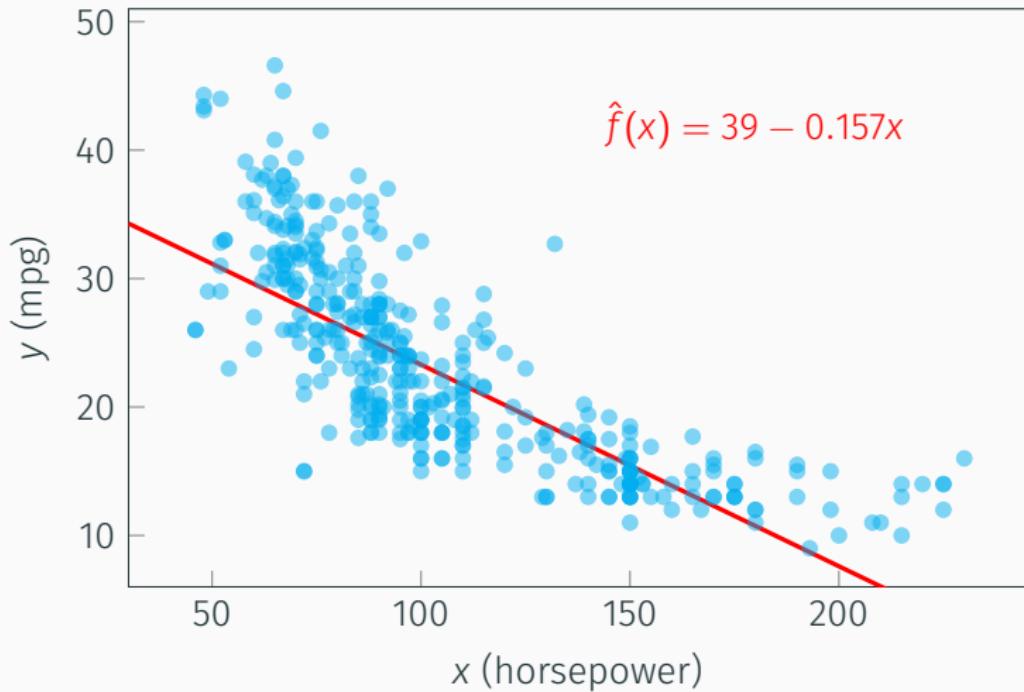
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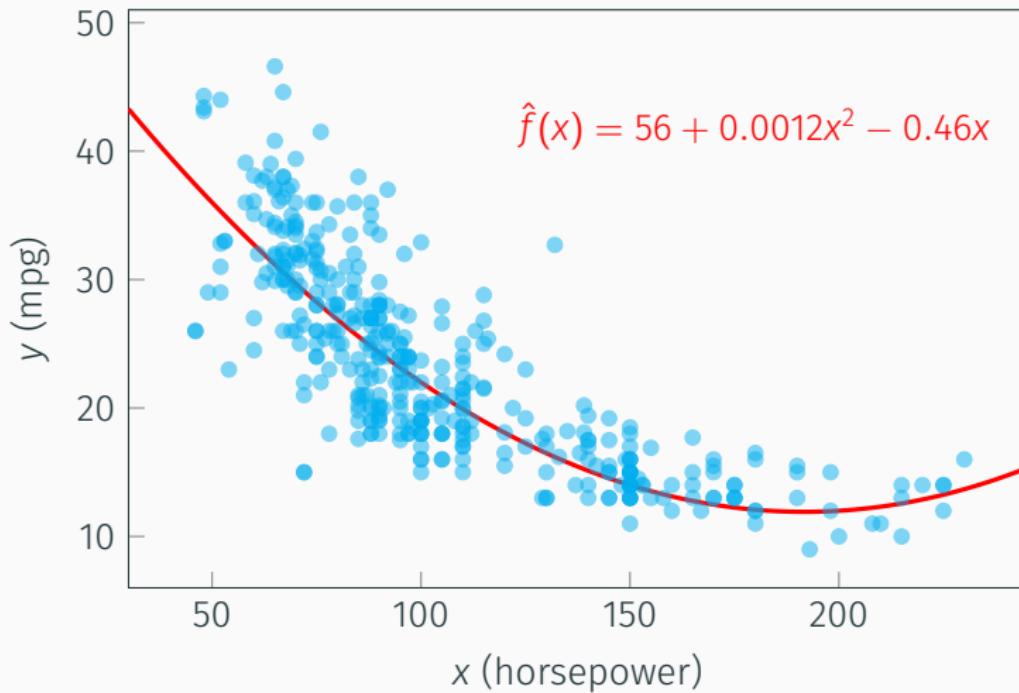
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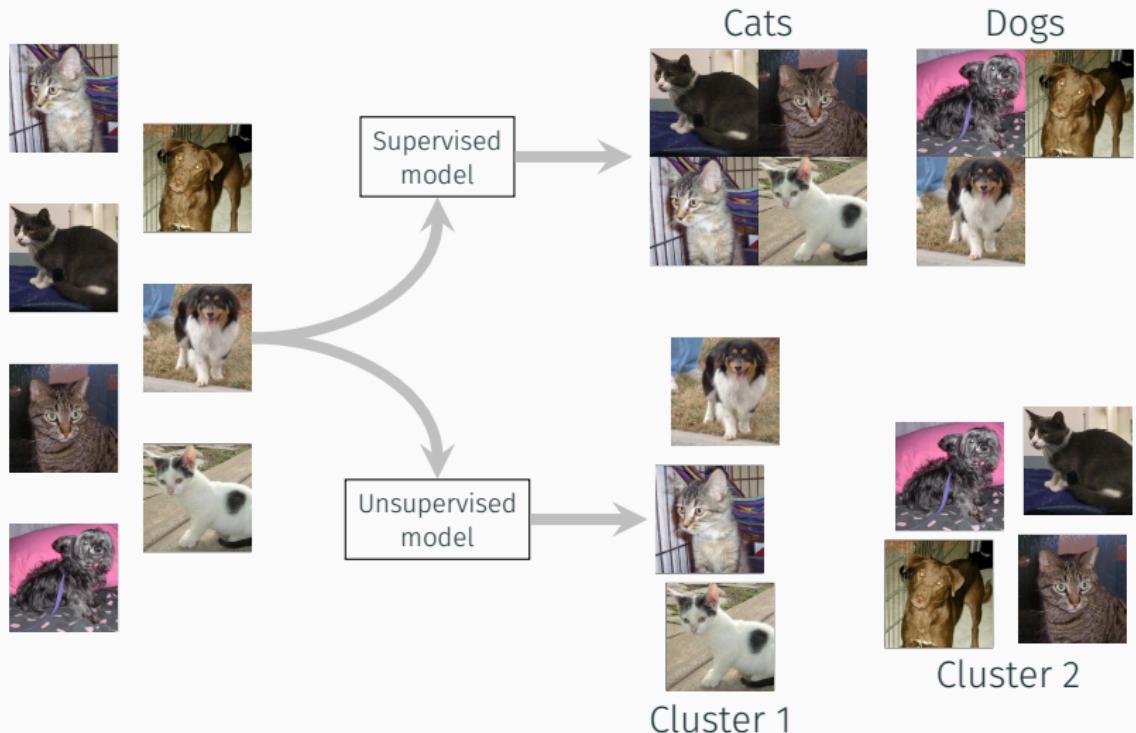
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Regression

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Classification

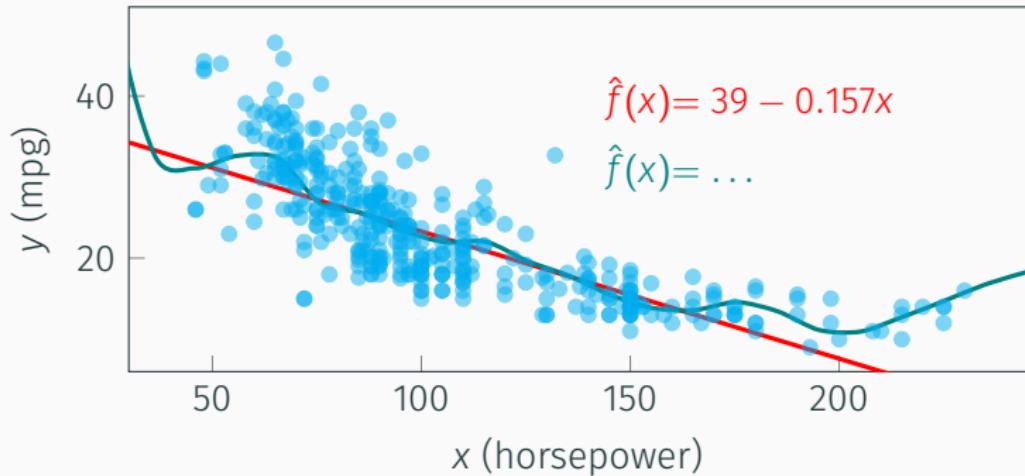
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The predictive target y is a *continuous* (or *quantitative*) variable.

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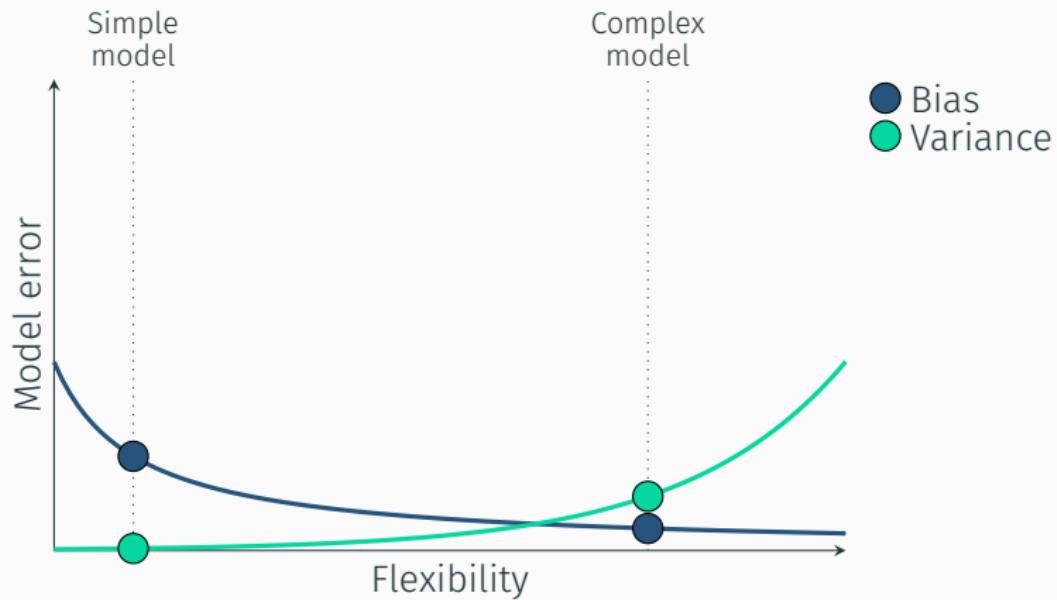
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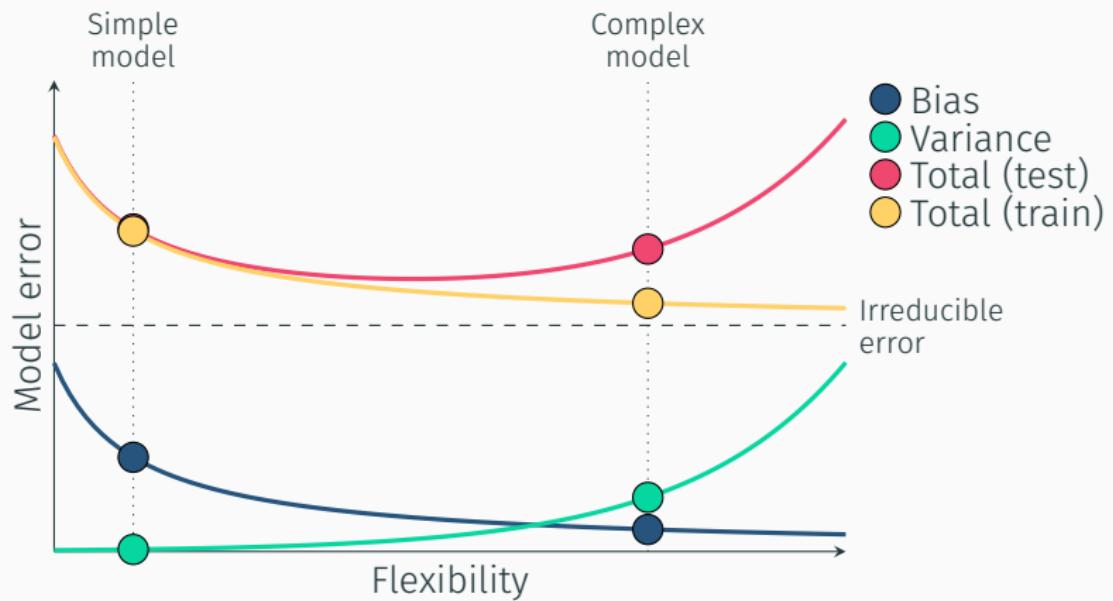
- **Parametric models** The function $\hat{f}(X)$ is relatively simple and can be described by a small number of parameters.
 - Linear regression: $\hat{f}(X) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X$
- **Non-parametric models** The function $\hat{f}(X)$ is more complex and often relies directly on the data.



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Assignment 1

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The basics of regression and classification



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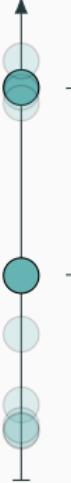
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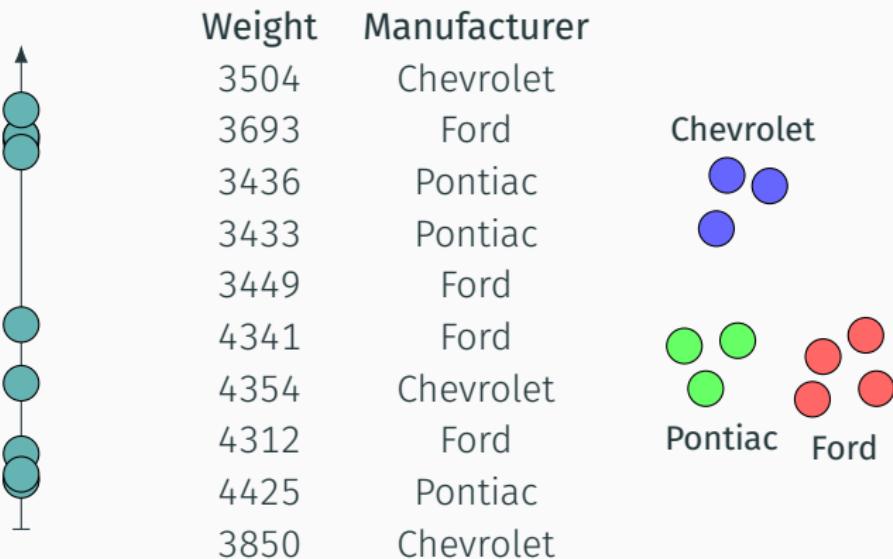
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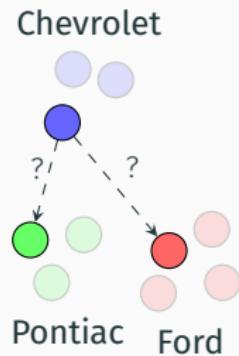
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Regression vs. classification

Mean squared error (MSE):

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

Accuracy:

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{1}(y_i, \hat{y}_i),$$

$$\mathbb{1}(a, b) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } a = b \\ 0 & \text{if } a \neq b \end{cases}$$



Regression vs. classification

Regression:

- Predicting reaction time on a cognitive task based on sleep scores
- Predicting the age of an individual based on a brain scan
- Predicting anxiety scores based on questionnaire data

Classification:

- Predicting whether an individual is depressed based on cell phone usage data
- Predicting if a patient has dementia based on a brain scan
- Predicting whether a patient is happy based on their facial expression



Regression vs. classification

Large

Medium

Small



Regression vs. classification



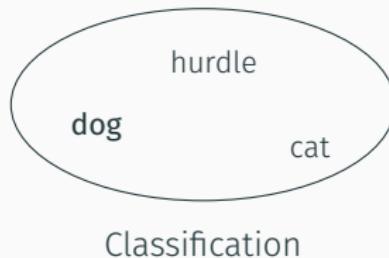
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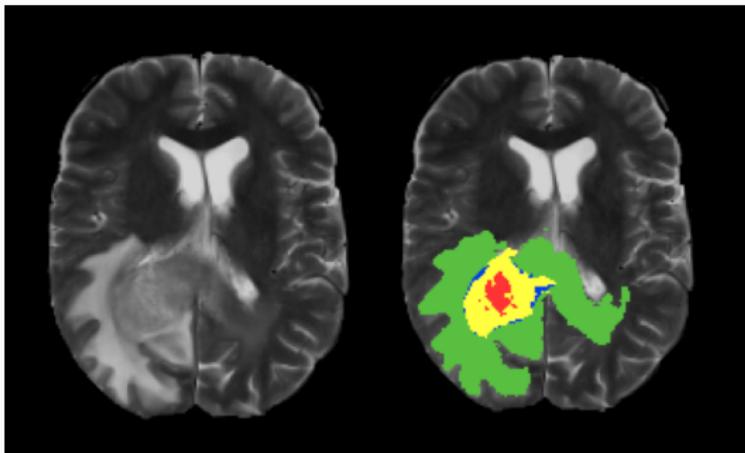


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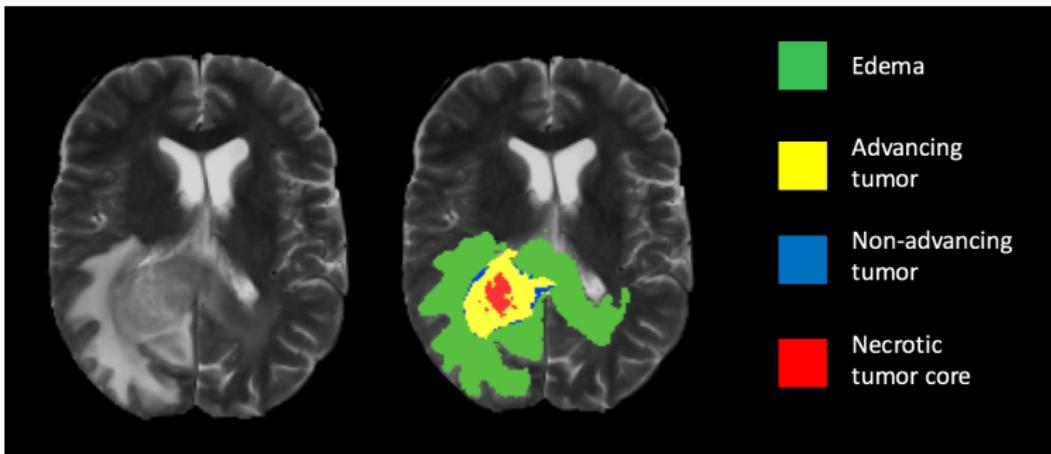
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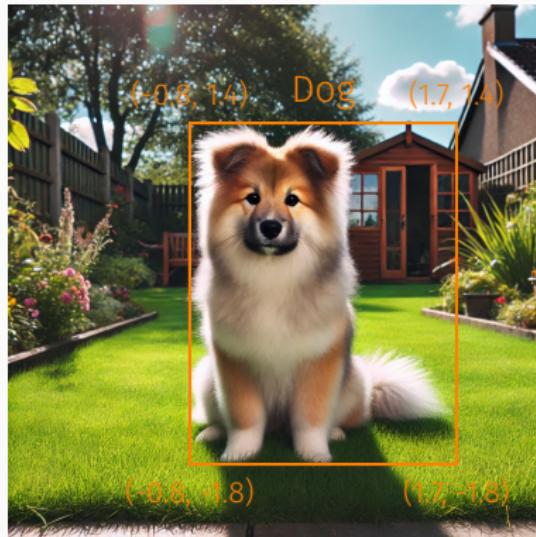
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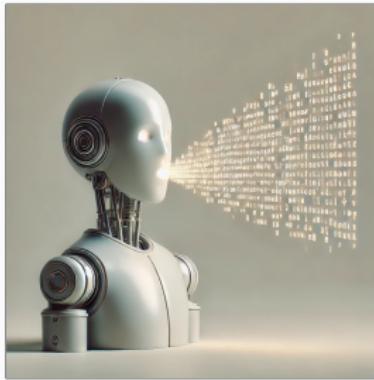
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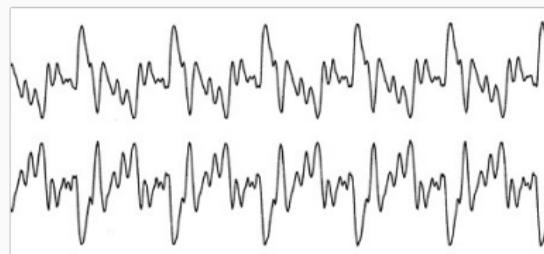
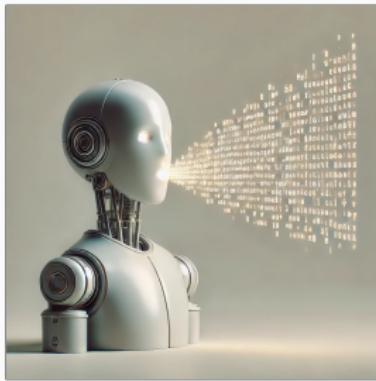
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Regression vs. classification

Different types of outputs y require us to use different mathematical formulations of the problem we want to solve.

- Problems with quantitative outputs are solved via regression, often by minimizing the mean squared error
- Problems with qualitative outputs are solved by classification, often to maximize accuracy
- Ordinal regression falls between the two, with qualitative classes that have some kind of order
- A variety of other types of problems can be seen as special cases of these two

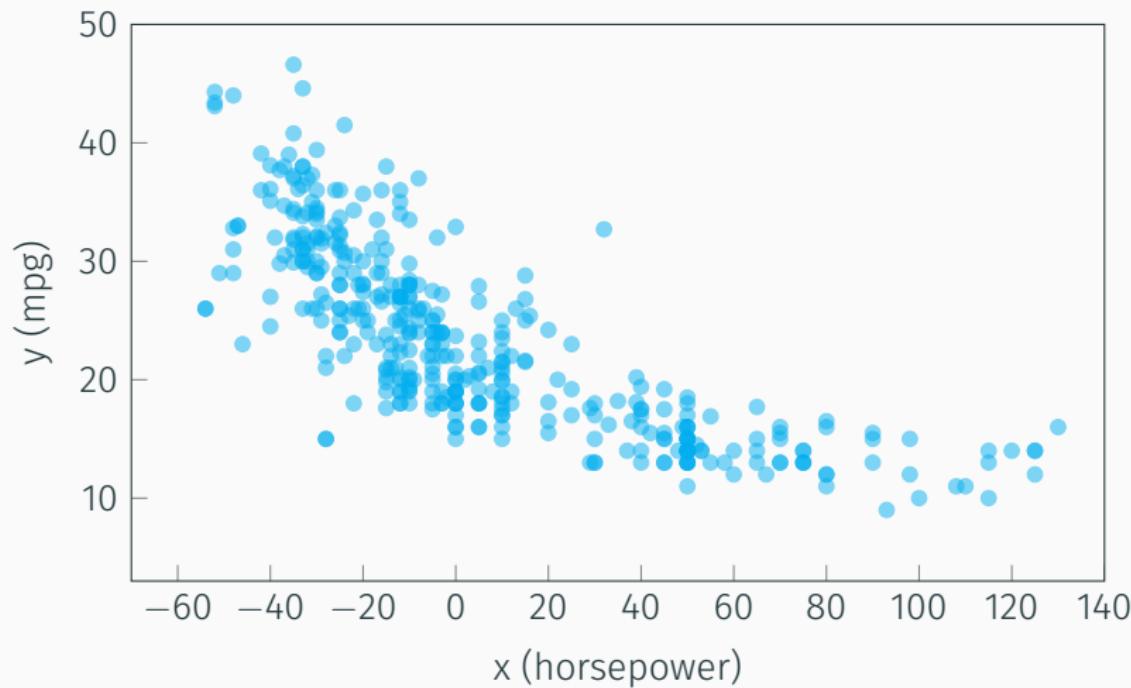


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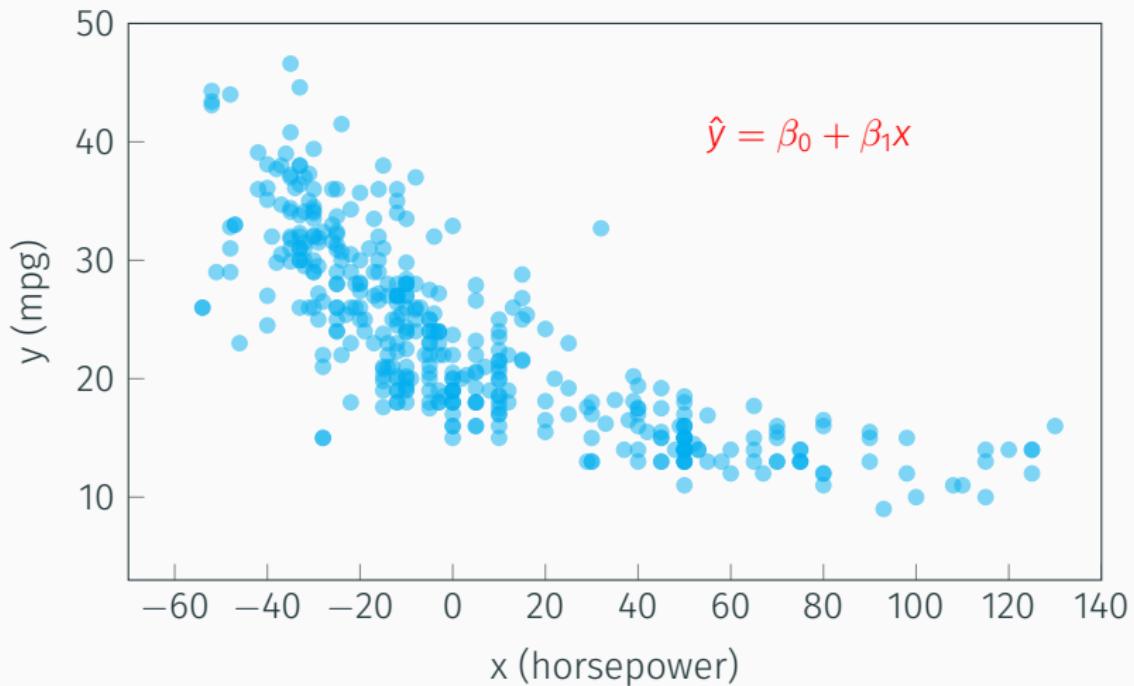


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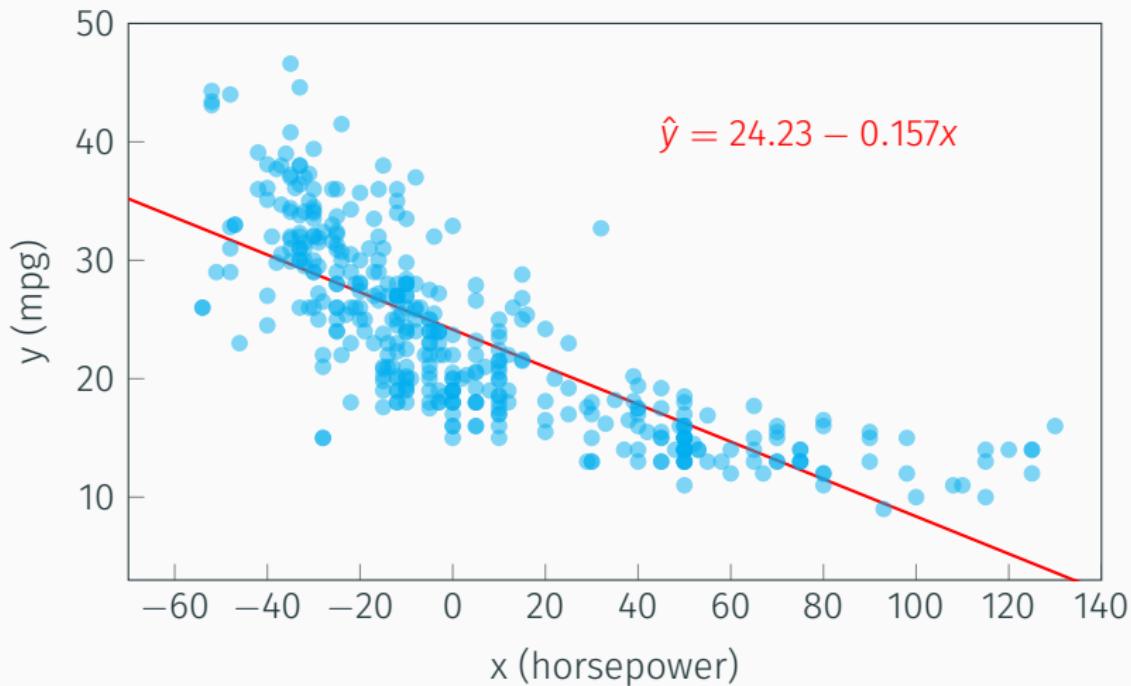
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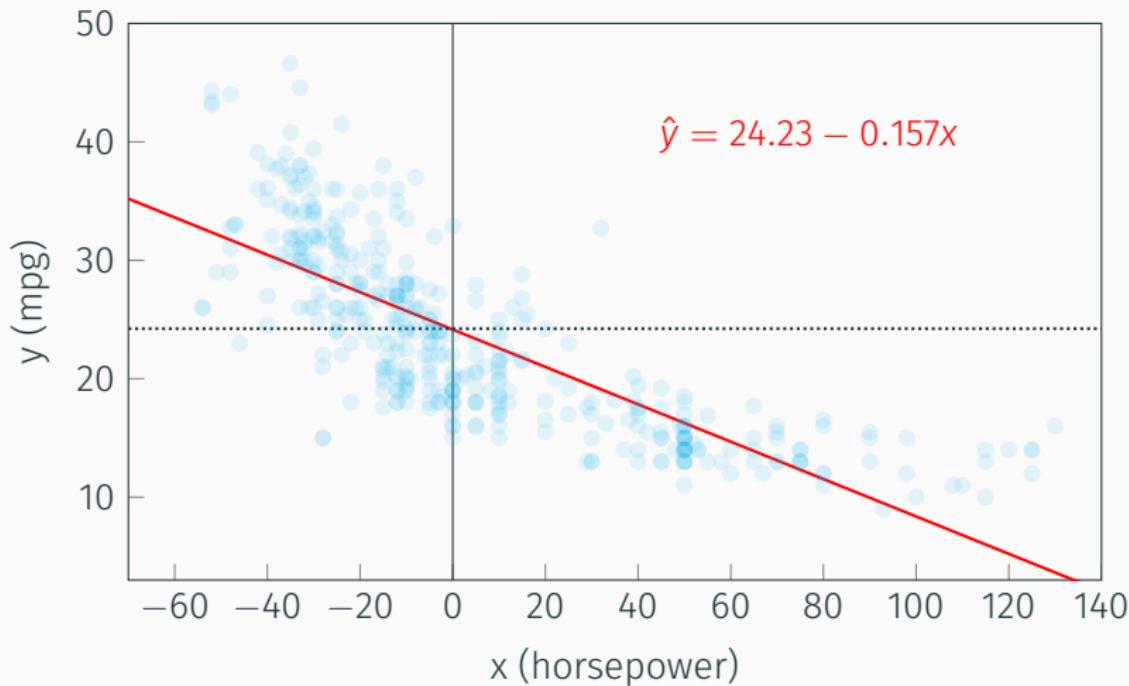
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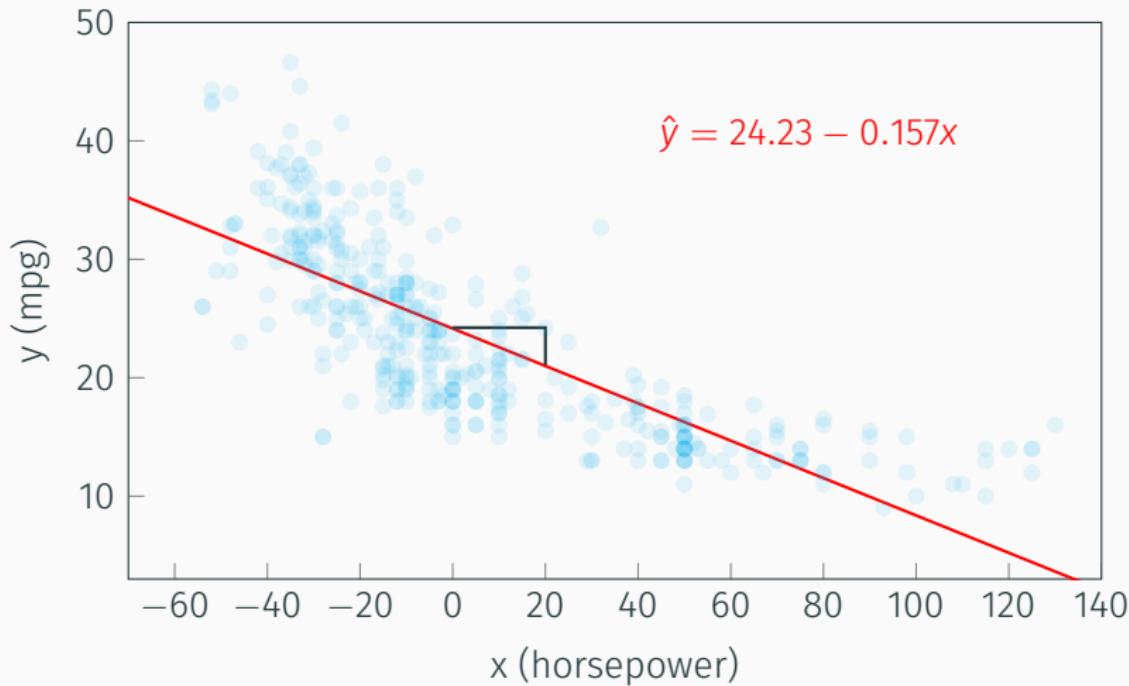
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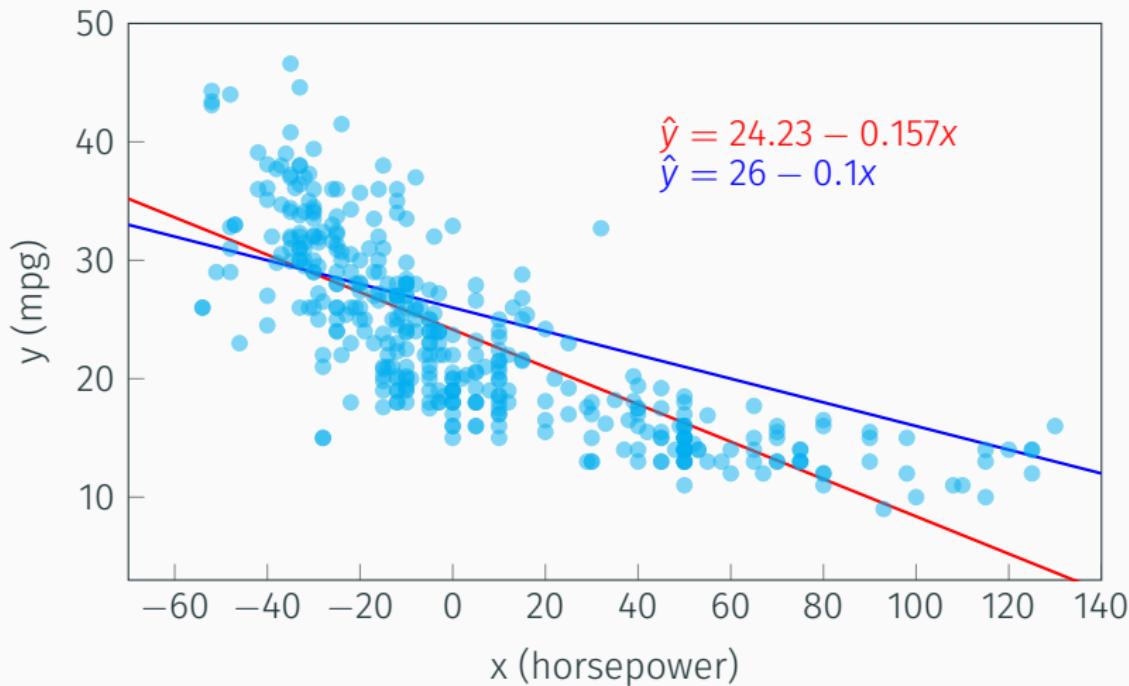
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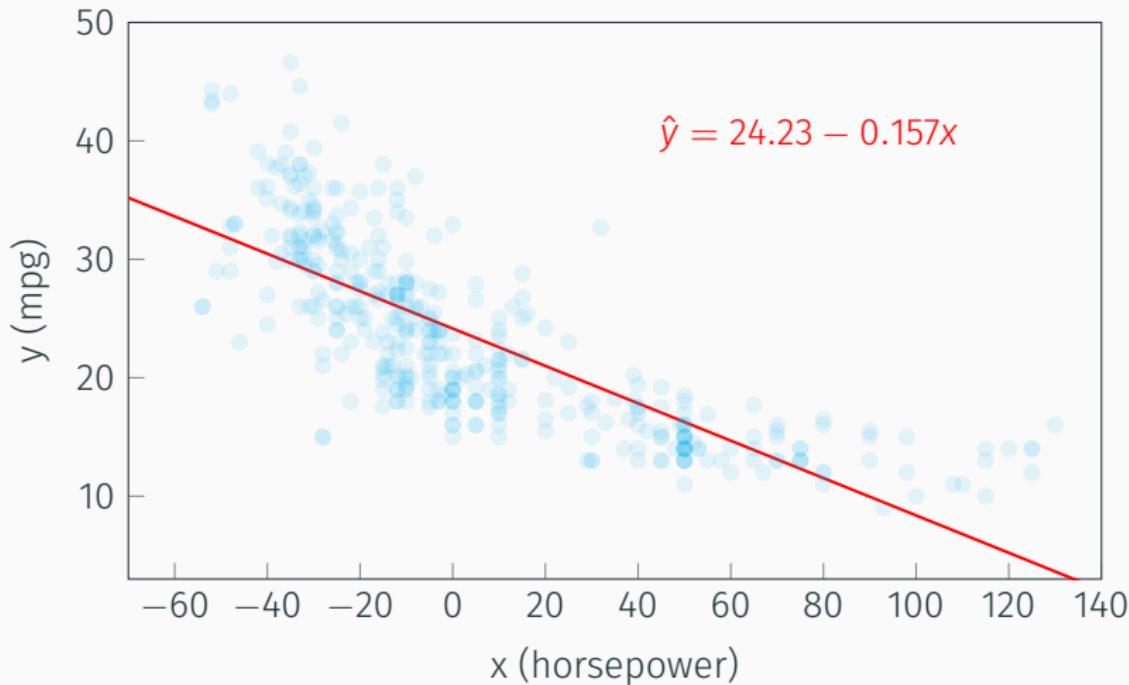
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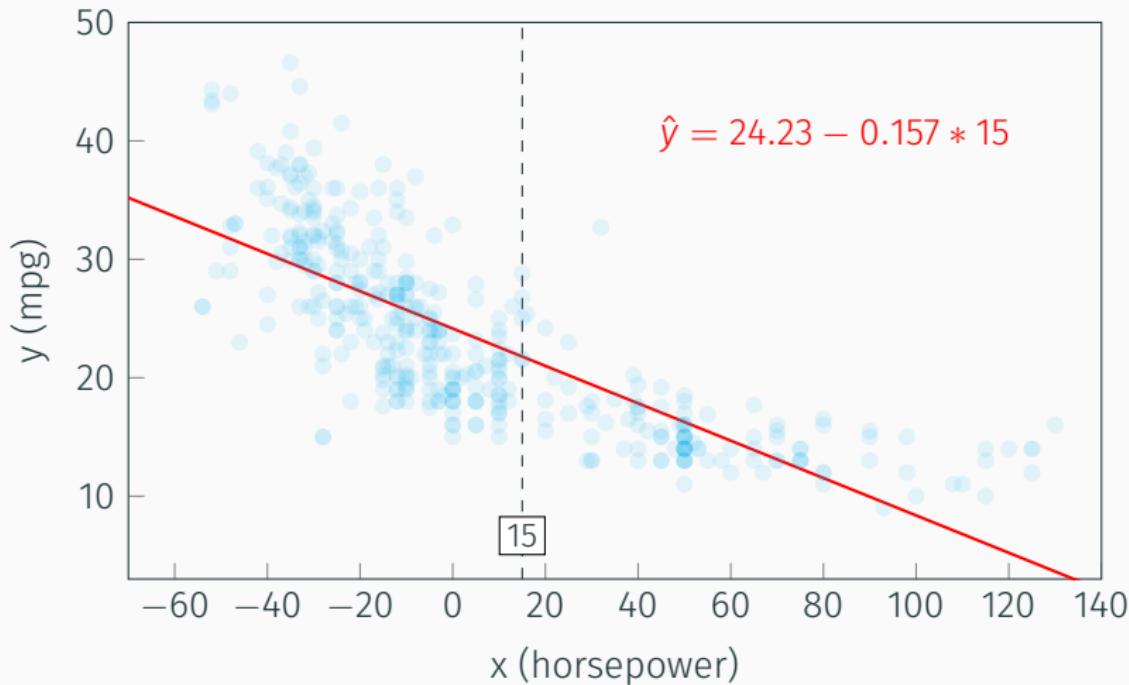
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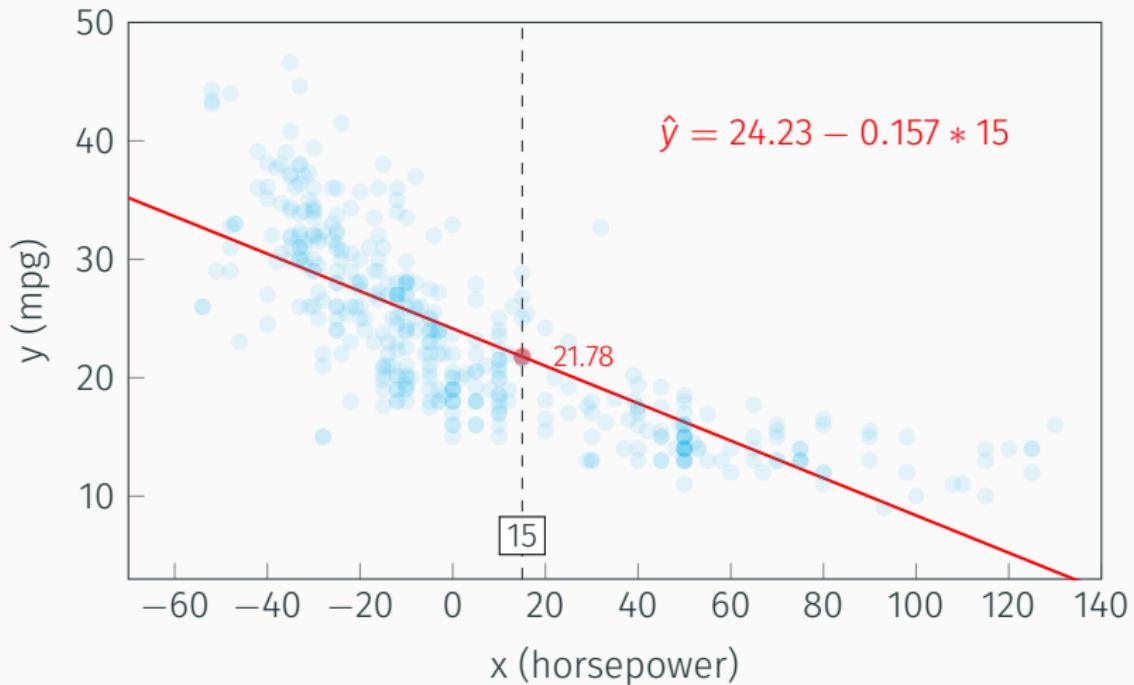
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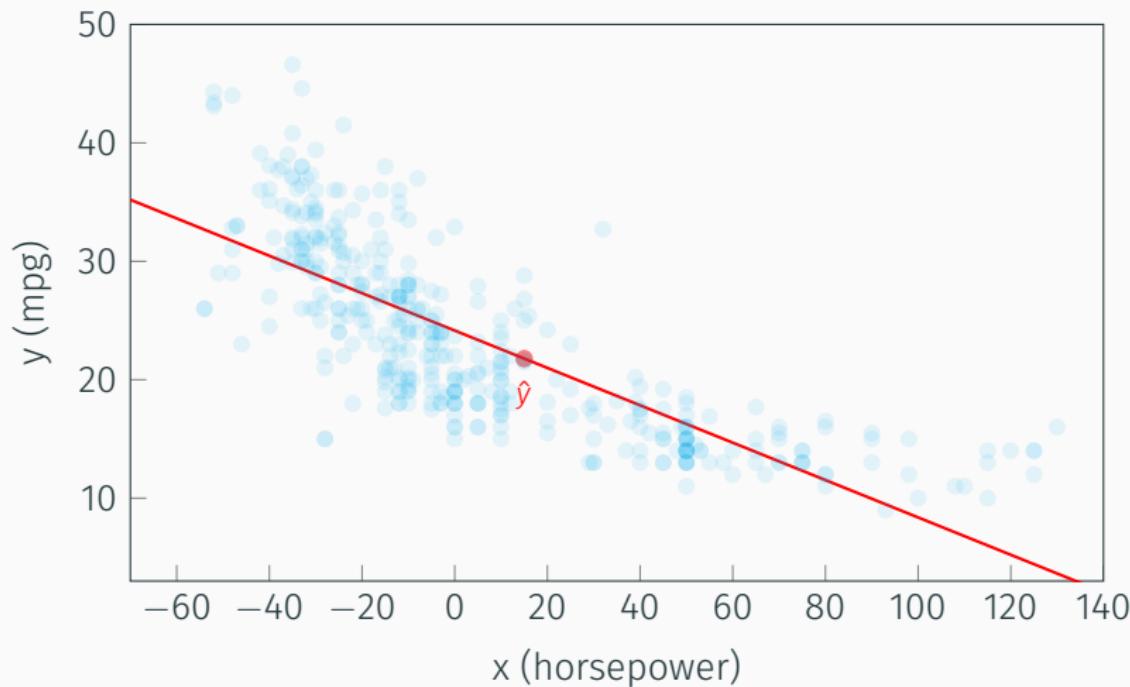
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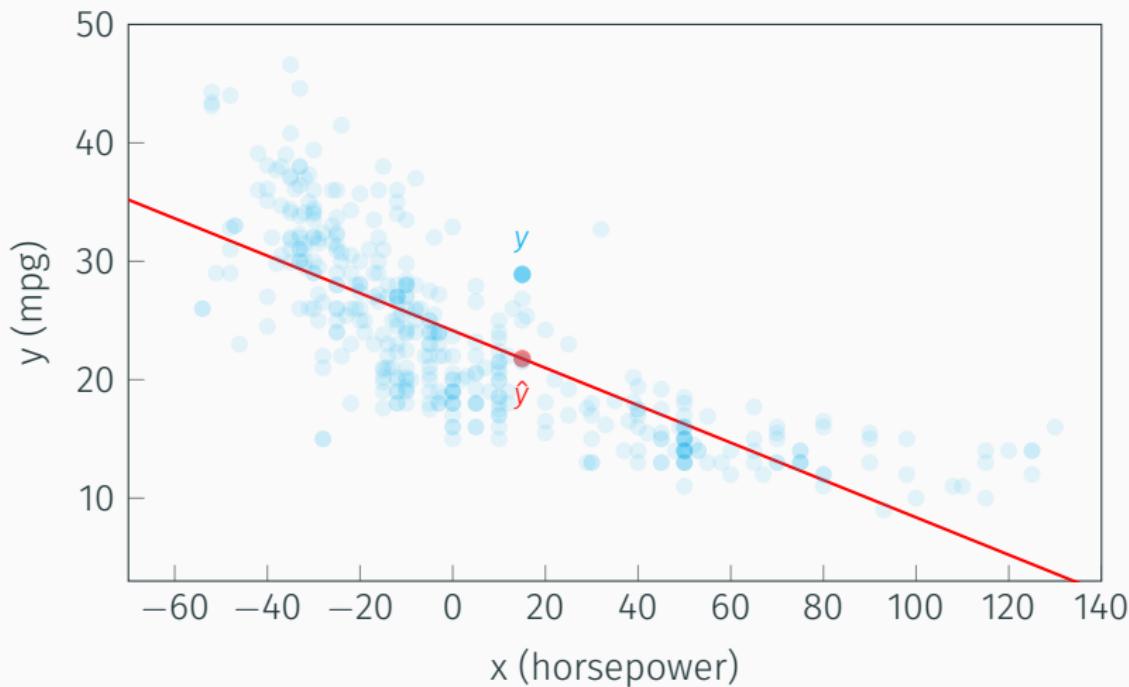
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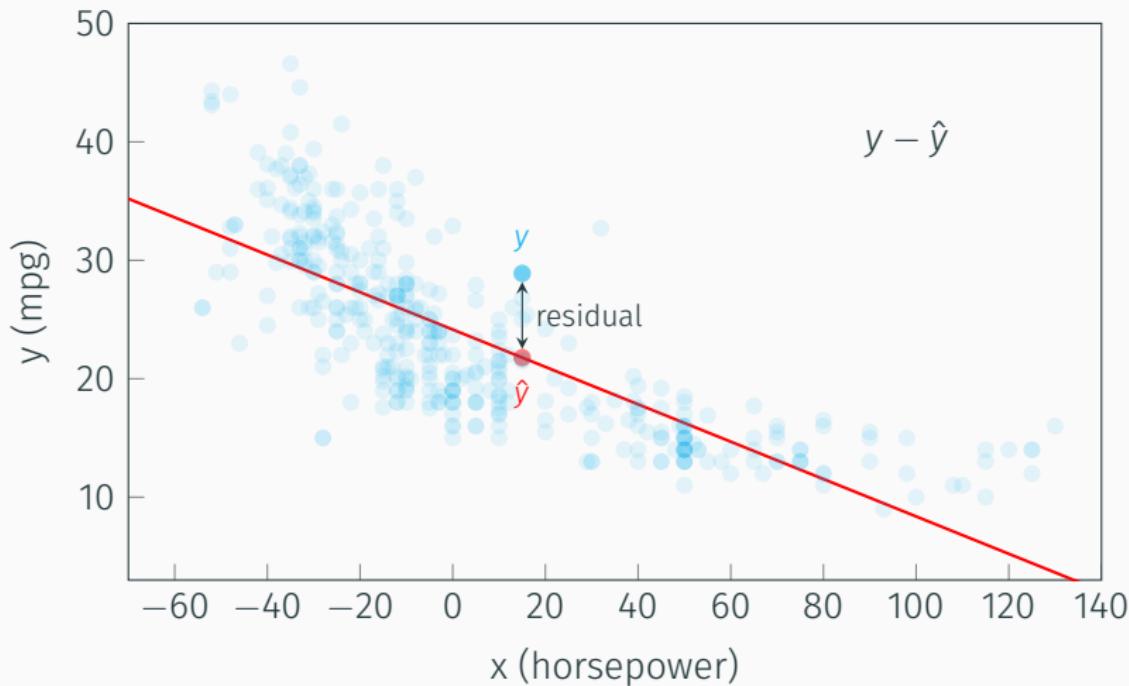
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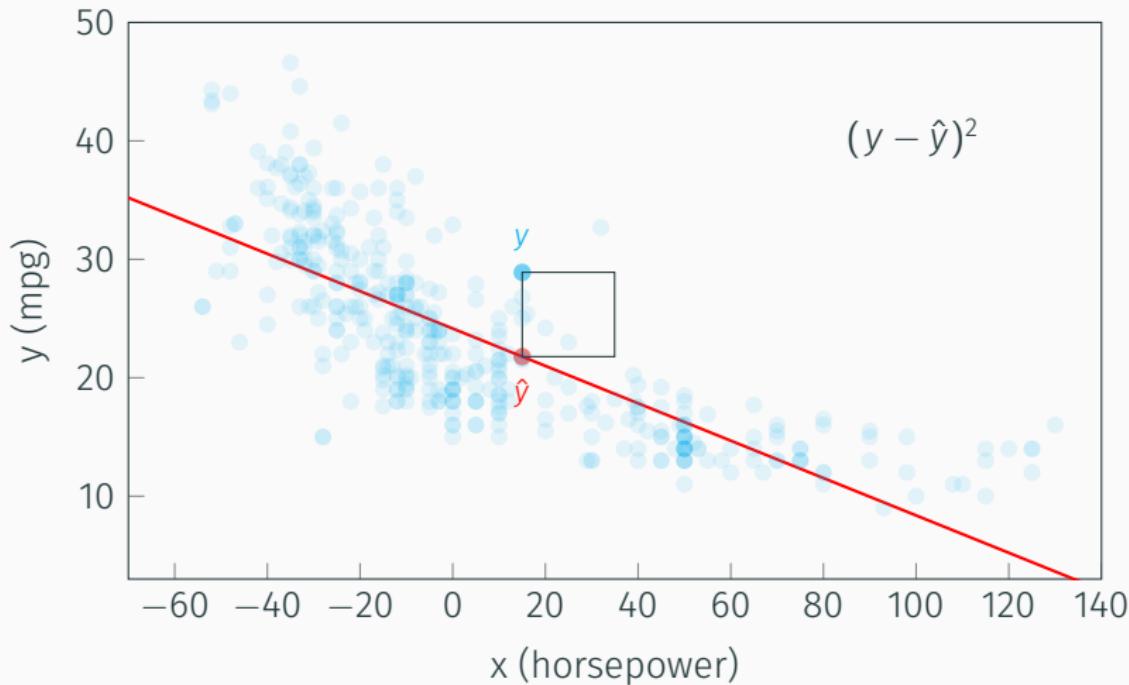
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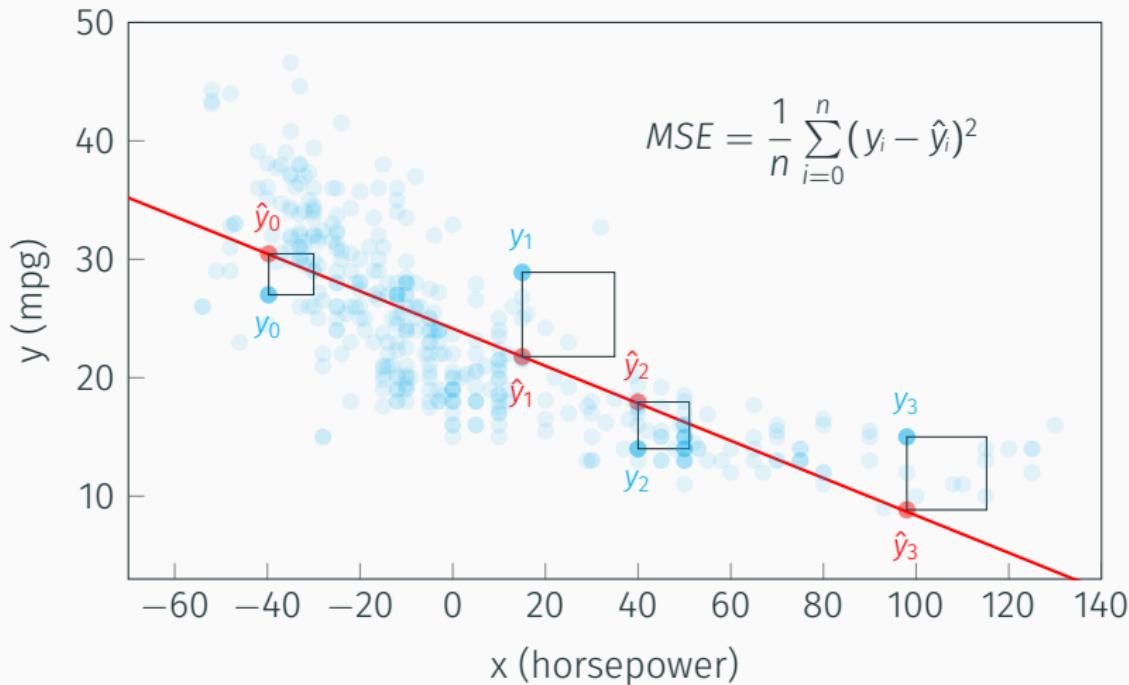
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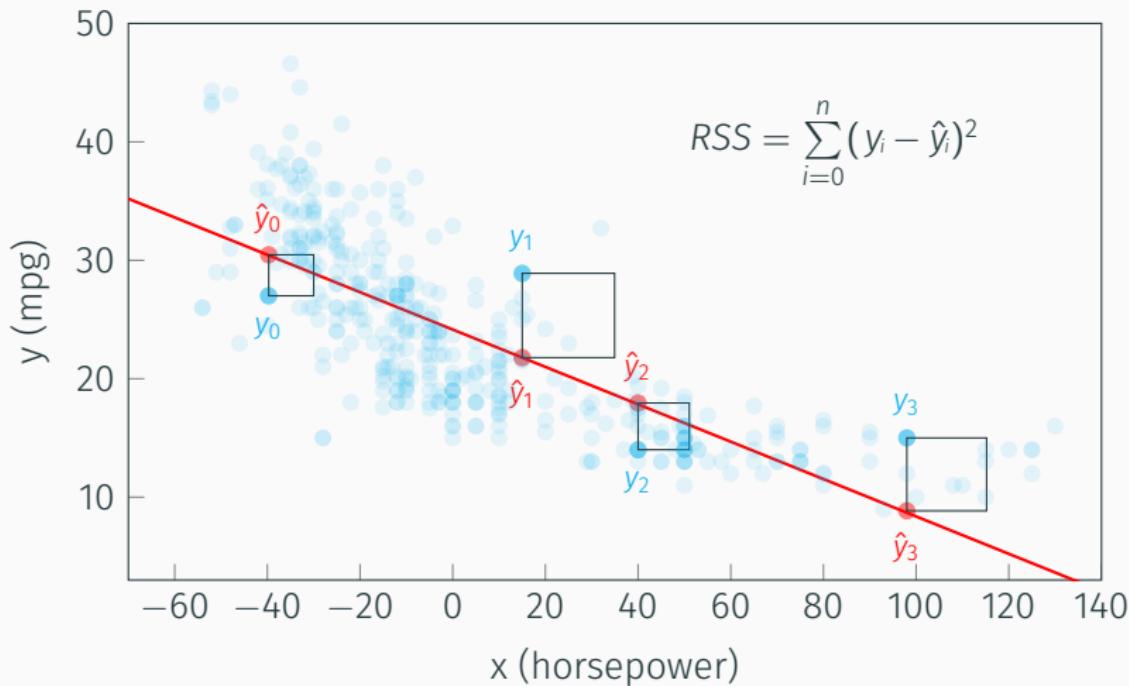
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Linear regression: Models the relationship between input x and output y by finding the linear model $\hat{y} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x$ that minimizes the residual sum of squares (RSS).

- β_0 refers to the intercept (or offset) of the model
- β_1 refers to the slope of the model



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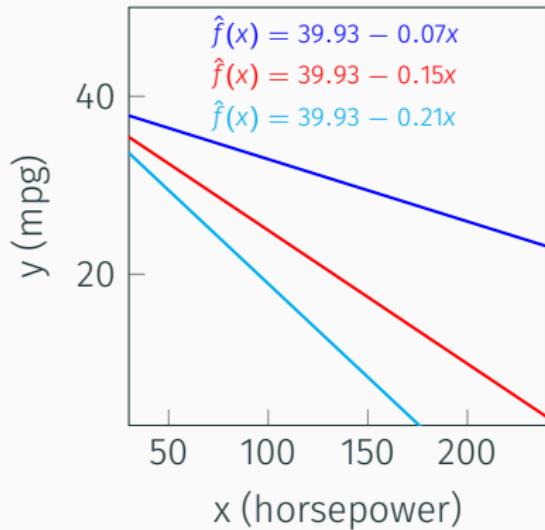


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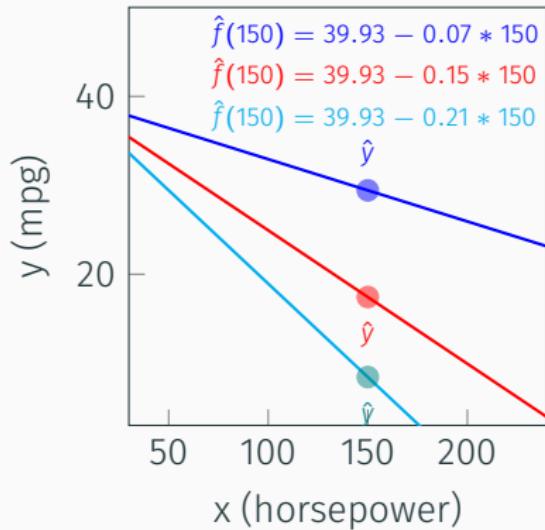
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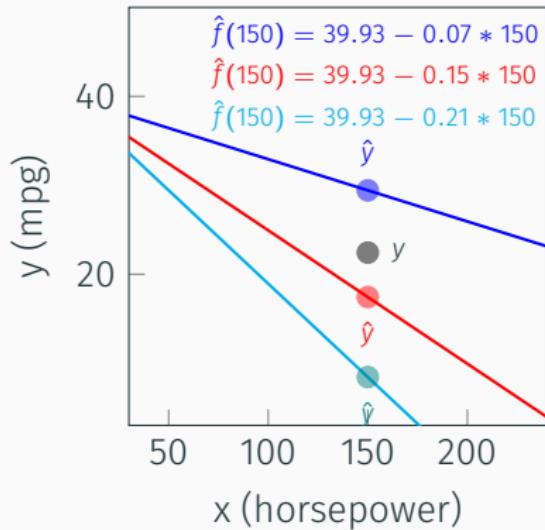
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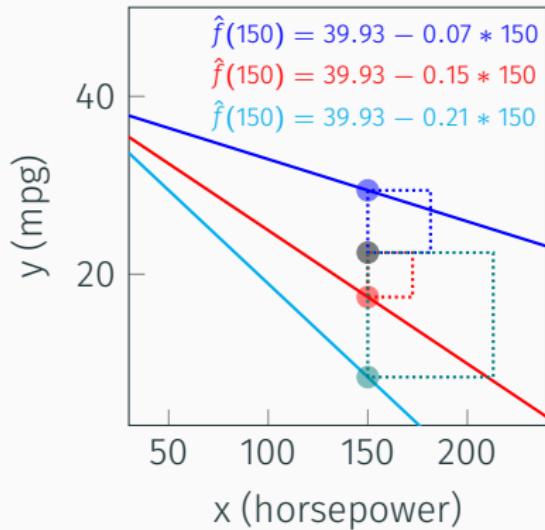
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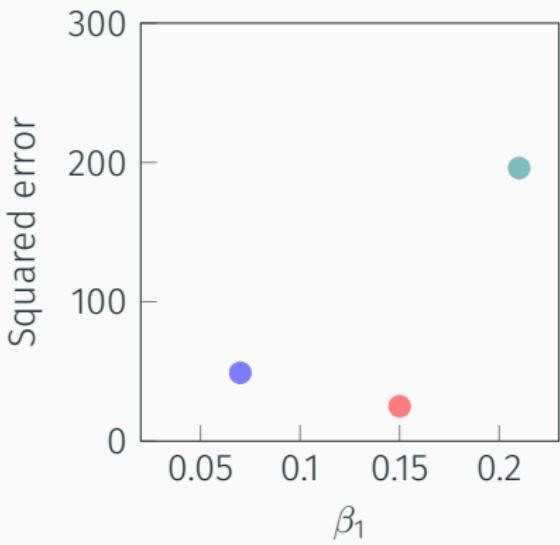
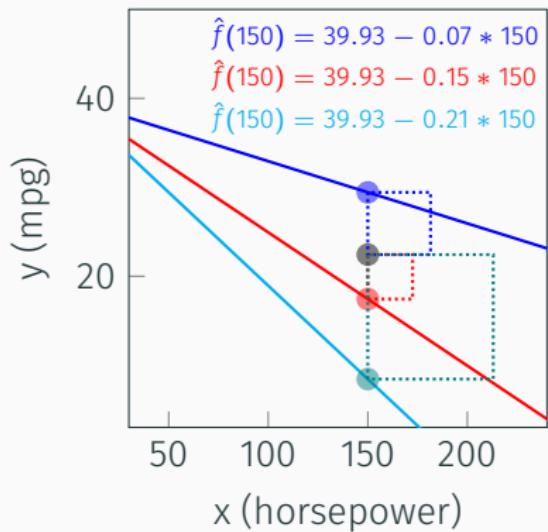
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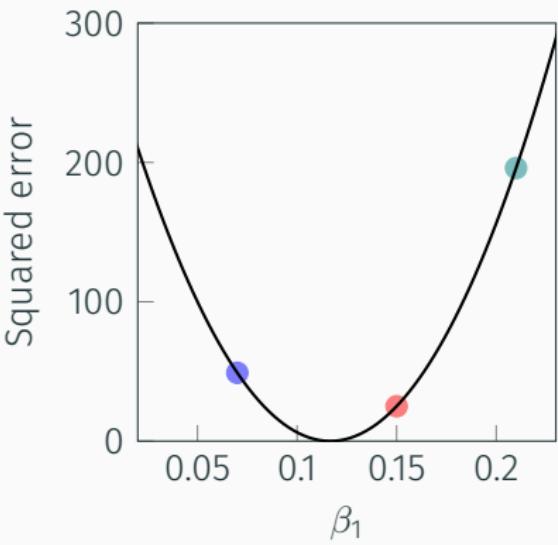
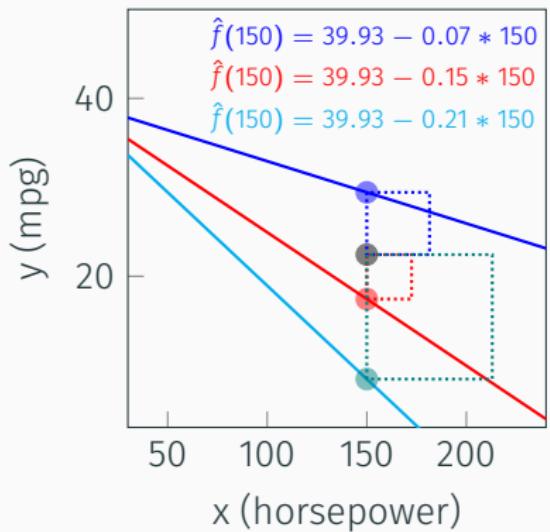
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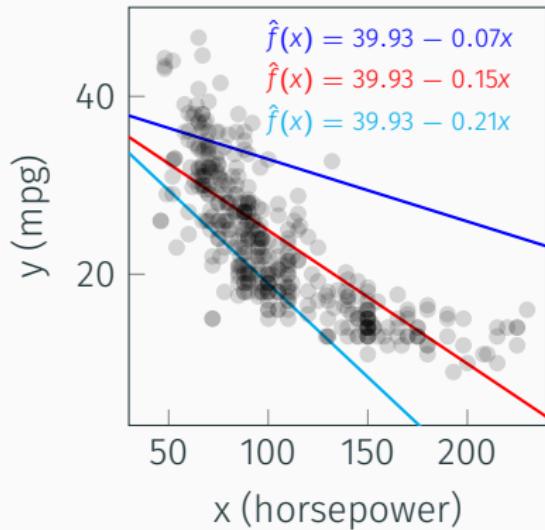
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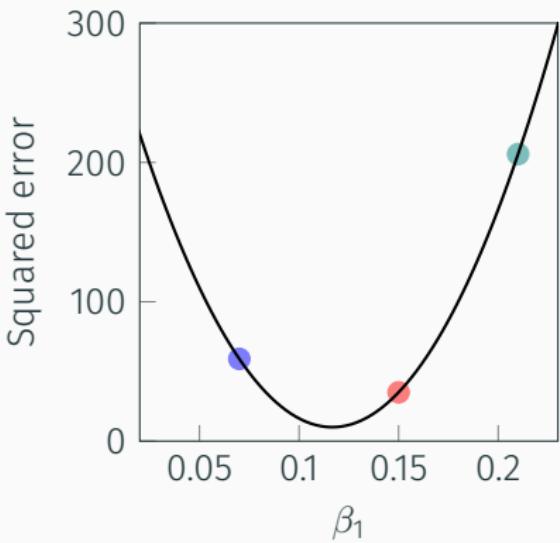
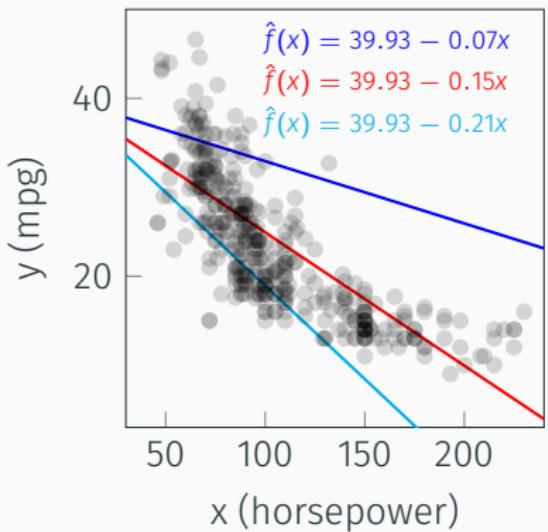
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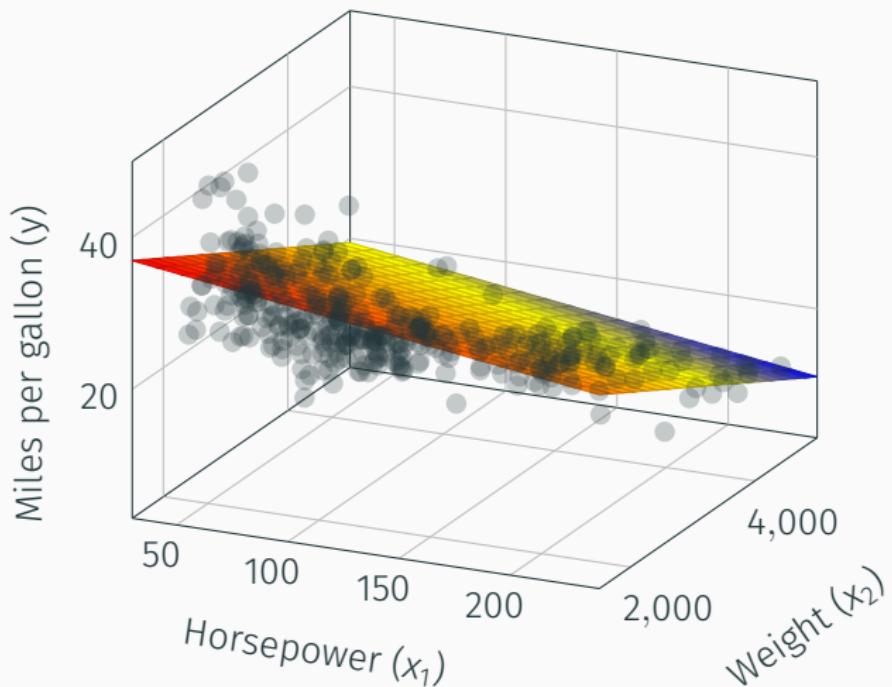
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Multivariate linear regression



Categorical variables

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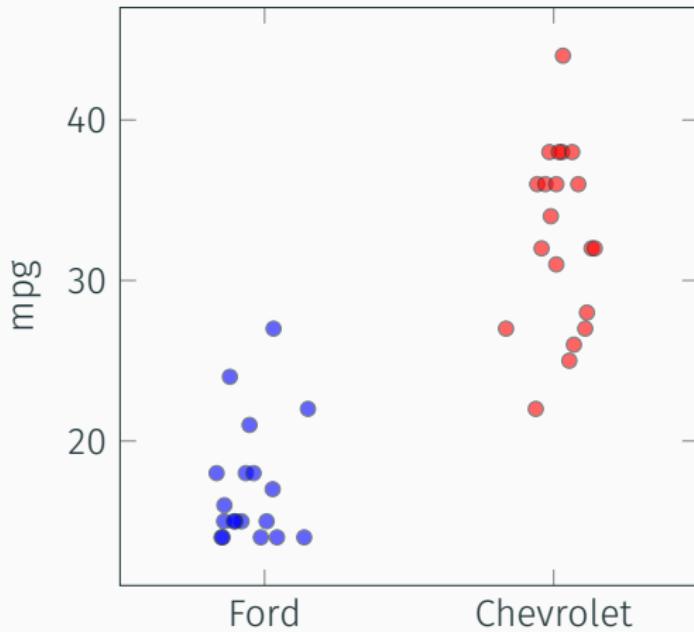
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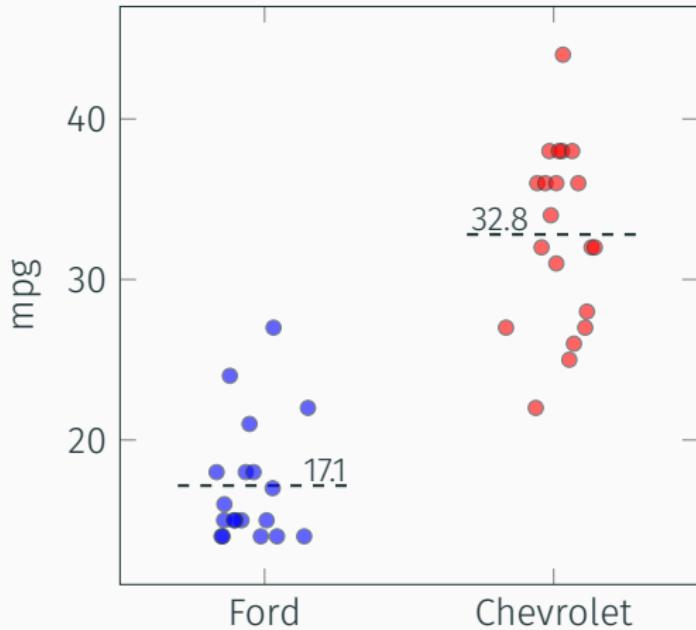
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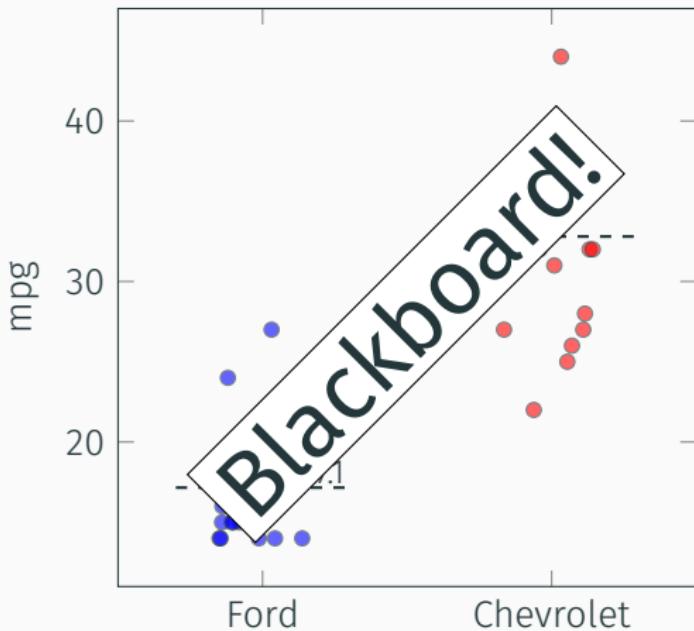
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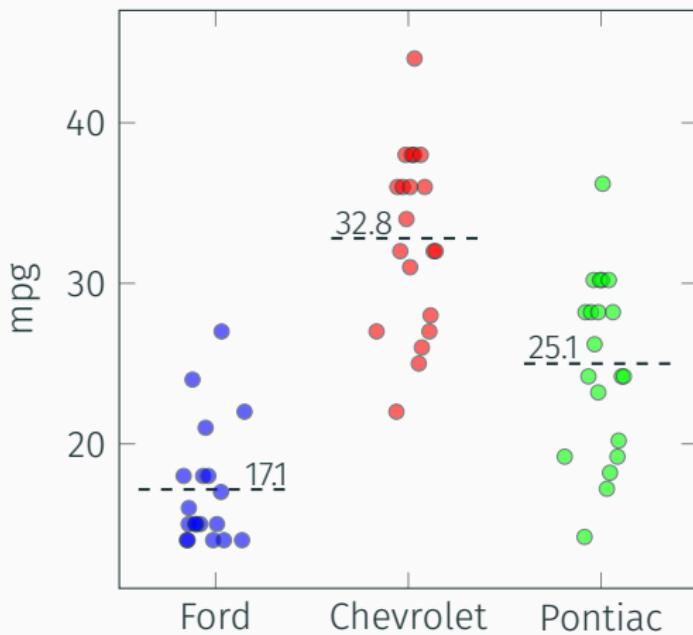
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df = pd.DataFrame(...)  
print(f'Columns before: {df.columns.values}')  
df = pd.get_dummies(df)  
print(f'Columns after: {df.columns.values}')
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Out[1]: Columns before: ['manufacturer']  
Columns after: ['manufacturer_chevrolet' 'manufacturer_ford']
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Categorical variables

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36	1	130
15	0	165
25	1	150
26	1	150
17	0	140
15	0	198
32	1	220
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28	1	212

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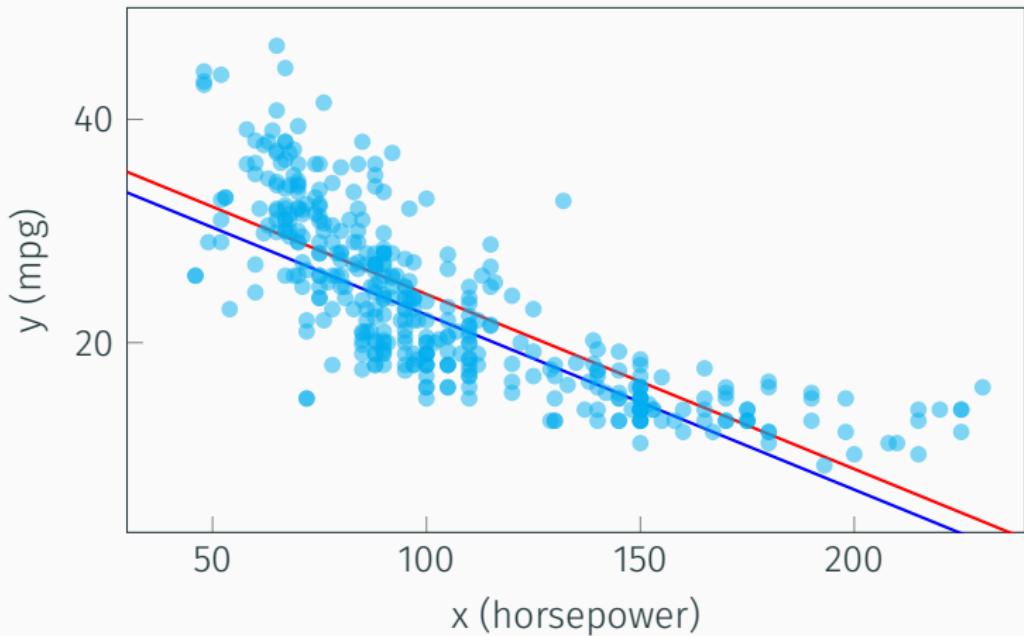
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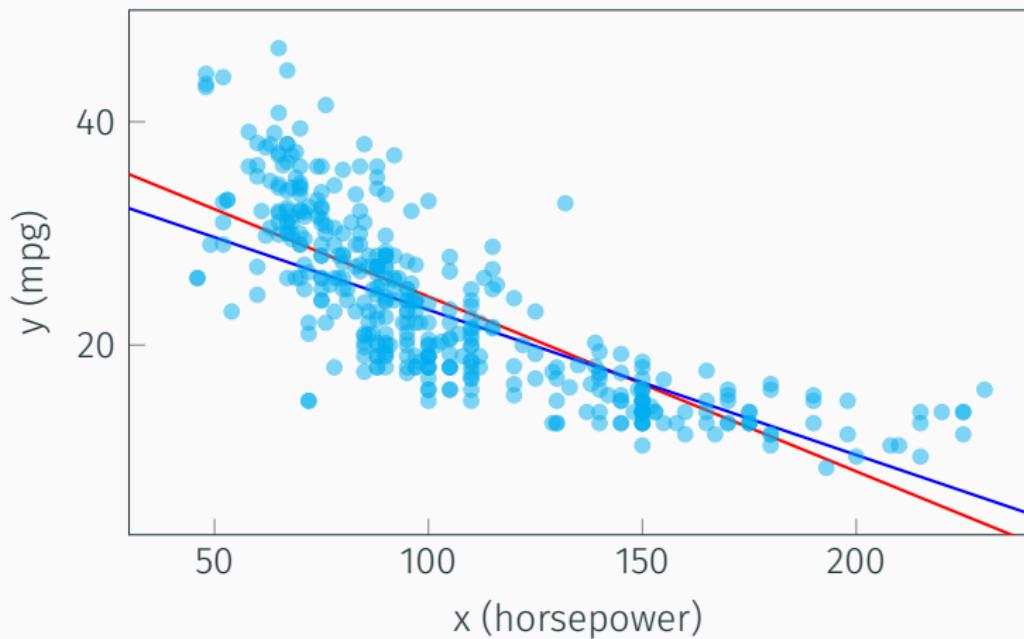
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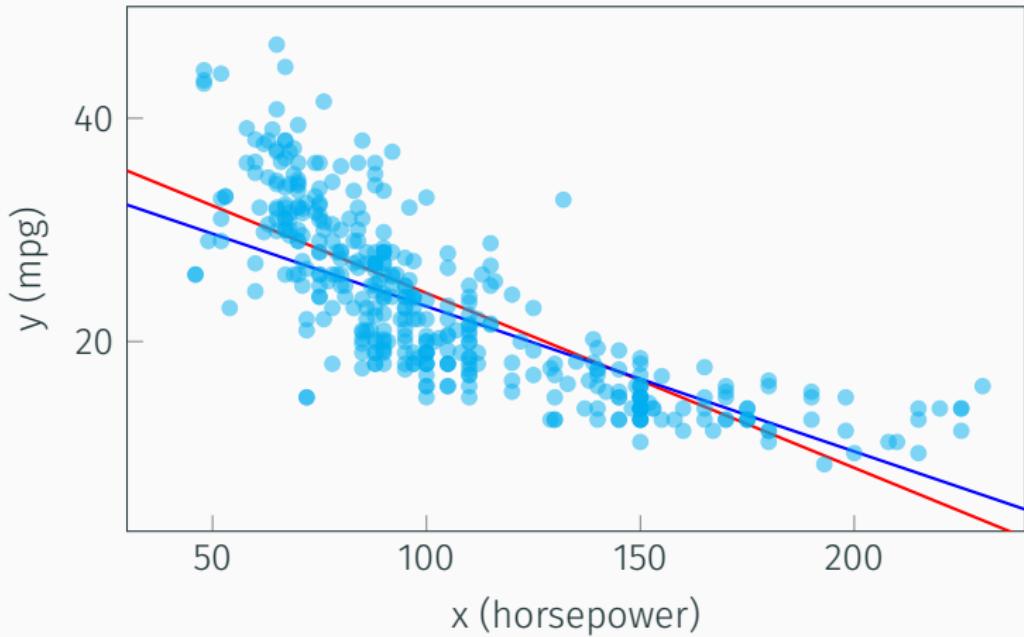
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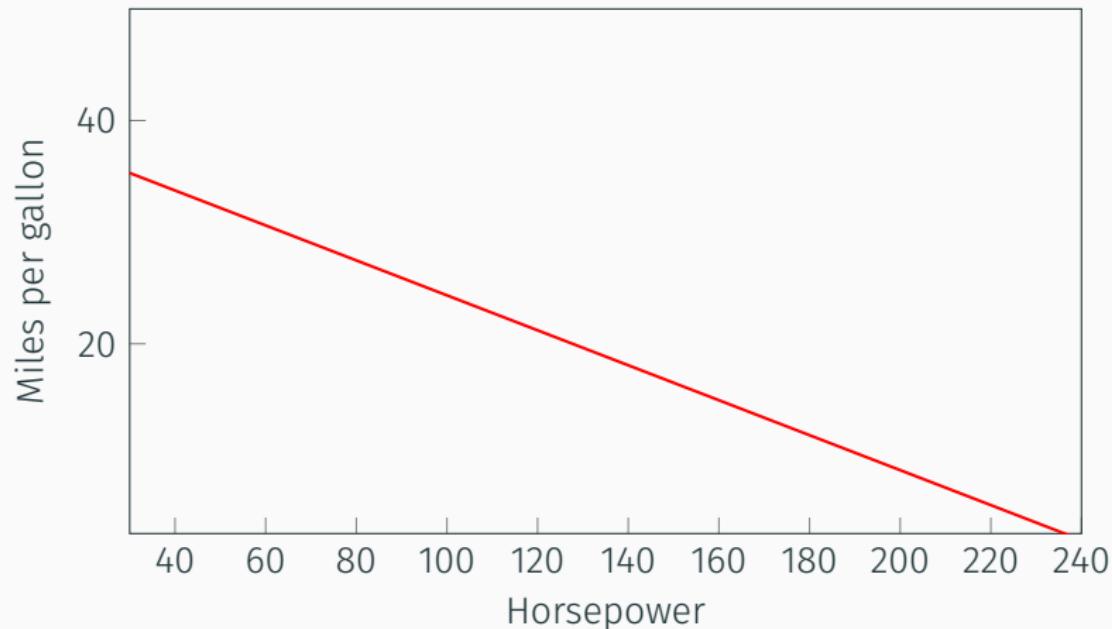
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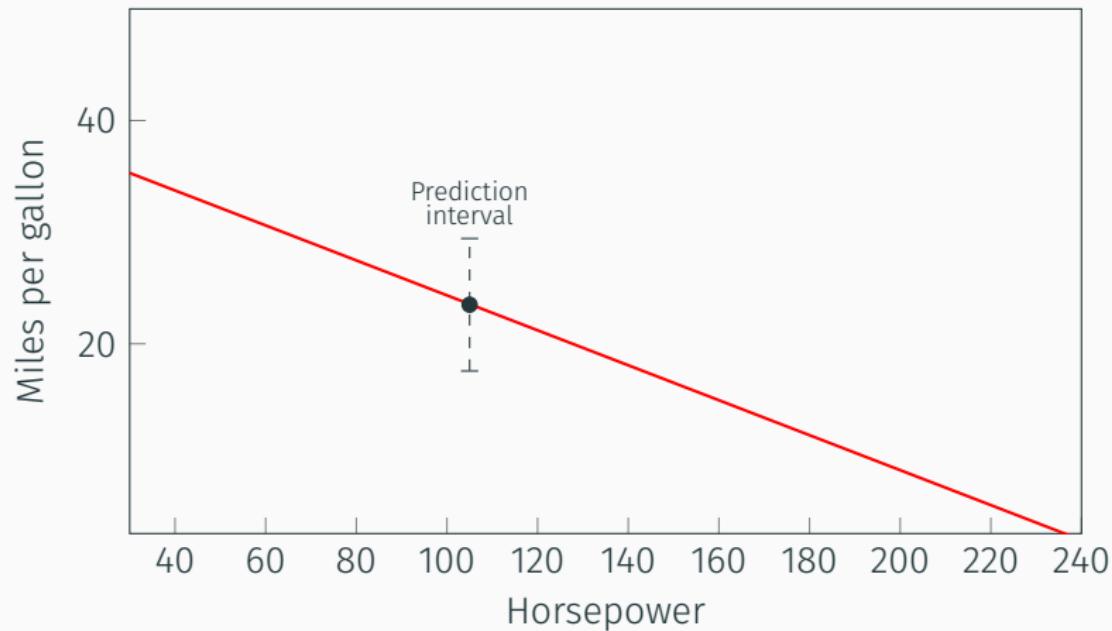
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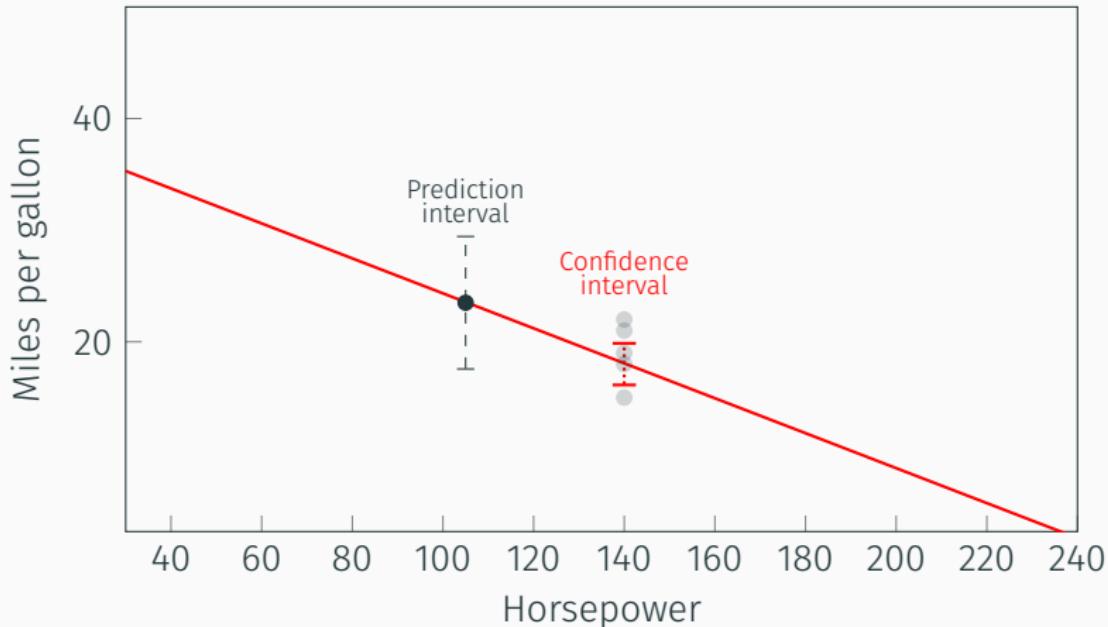
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        interval='prediction', level=0.95)
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	fit	lwr	upr
1	23.535	17.158	29.912

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predict(fit, newdata=data.frame(horsepower=105),
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1	23.535	23.023	24.047



Confidence intervals

```
In[1]: import statsmodels.api as sm

model = sm.OLS(df['mpg'], sm.add_constant(df[['horsepower']]))
fit = model.fit()
new_input = sm.add_constant(pd.DataFrame({'horsepower': [105, 106]}))
intervals = fit.get_prediction(new_input).summary_frame()
print(intervals)
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Confidence intervals

Why do we need both of these?
Where are they useful (e.g. what is most useful in
a scientific publication versus a business setting)?



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Linear regression: Summary

Linear regression: The workhorse of machine learning

- Models the relationship between (either singular or multiple) inputs X and (a continuous) output y as a linear function
 - Inputs can be both continuous and categorical
- A strict parametric form limits the expressivity of the model
 - More advanced terms can be explicitly added
 - The strictness allows for extended functionality, such as computing confidence intervals
 - Makes the model human interpretable



K-Nearest Neighbours



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K-Nearest Neighbours

Linear regression:

$$\hat{f}(X) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_1 + \beta_2 X_2 + \dots + \beta_p X_p$$



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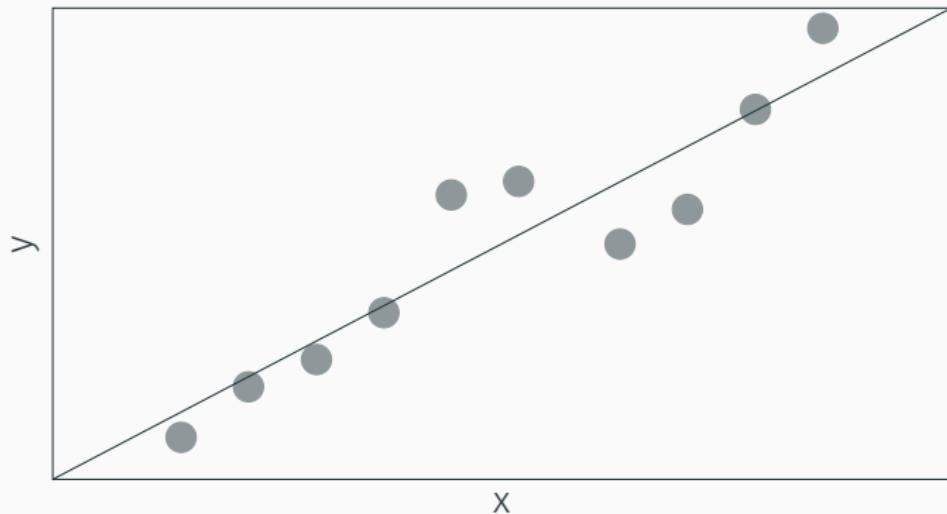
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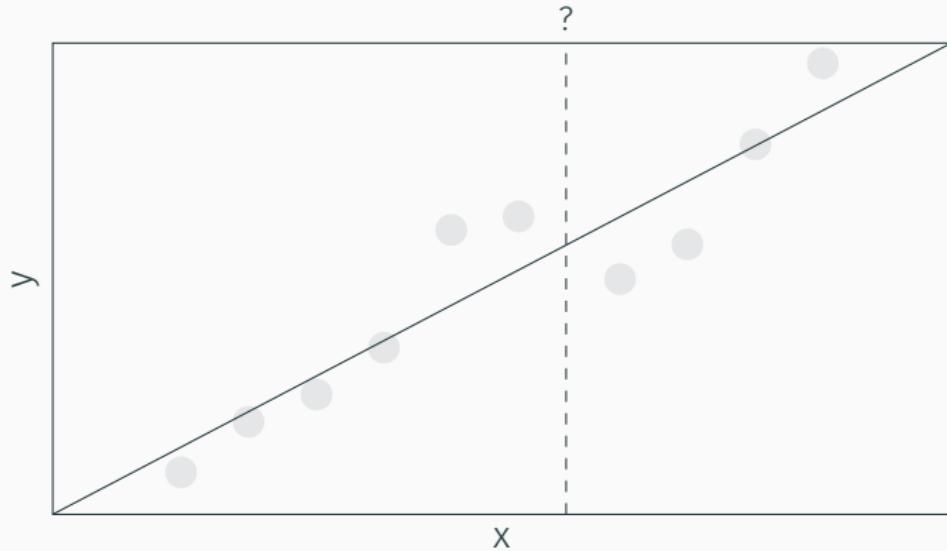
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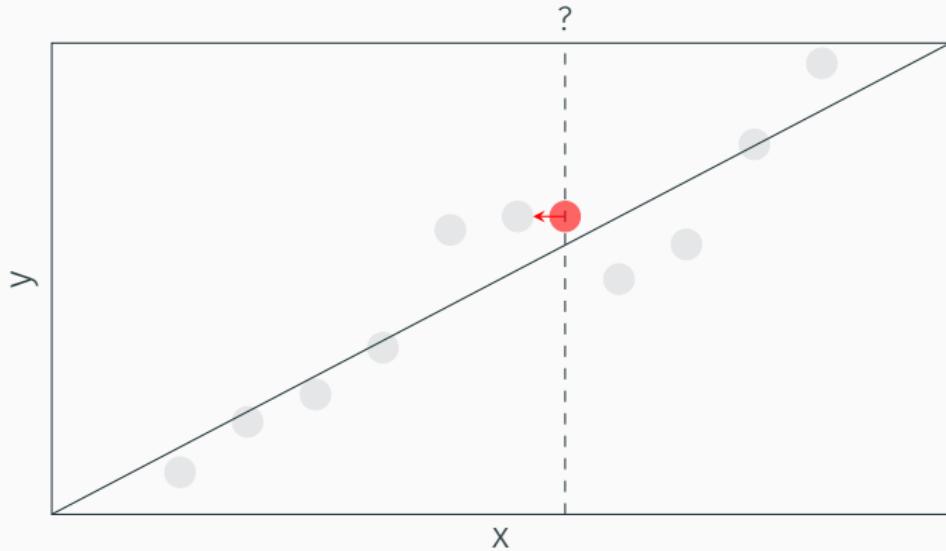
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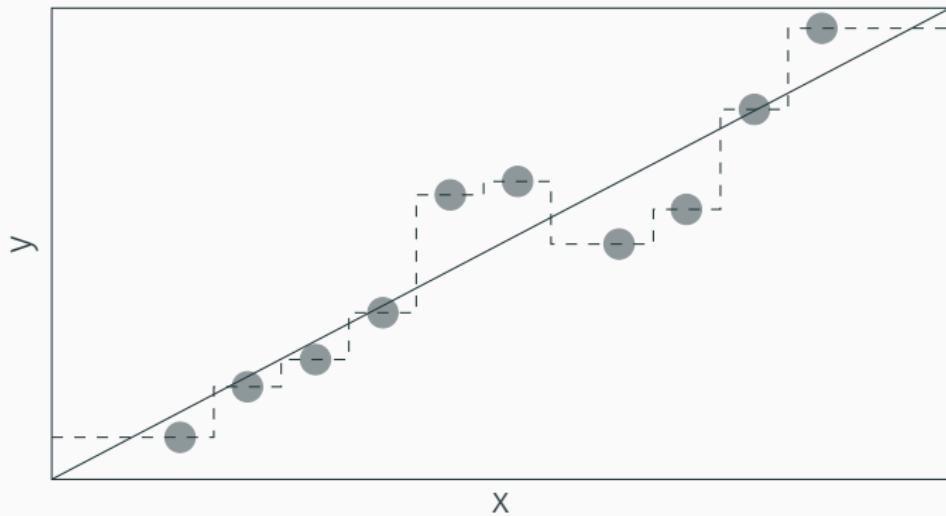
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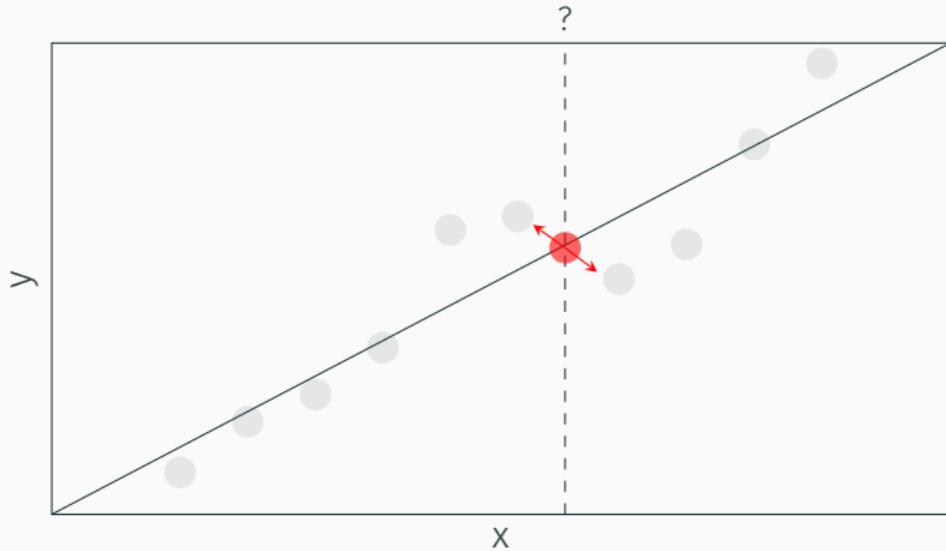
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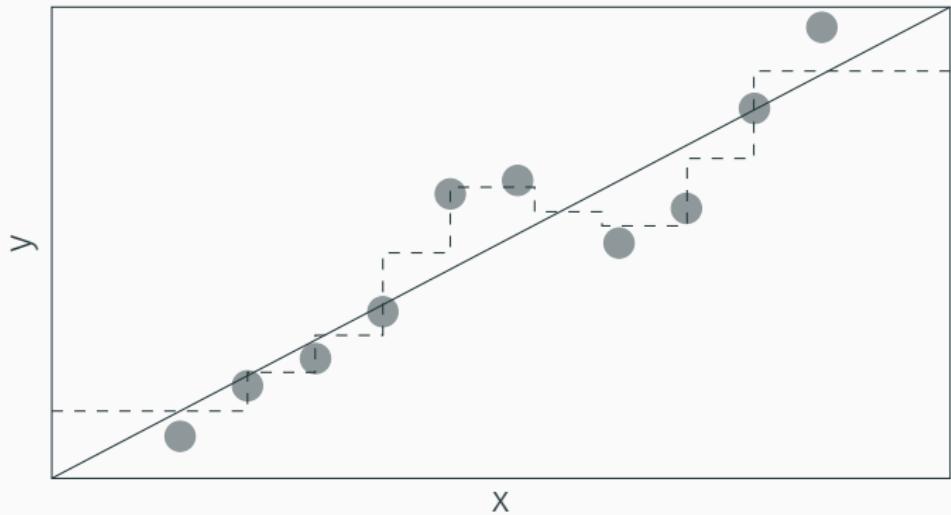
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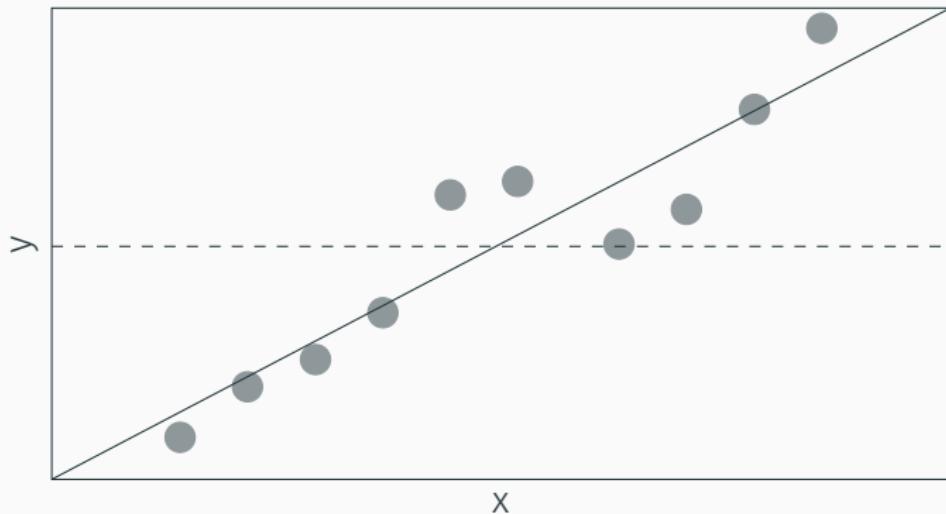
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How does the bias-variance trade-off relate to the choice of K ?



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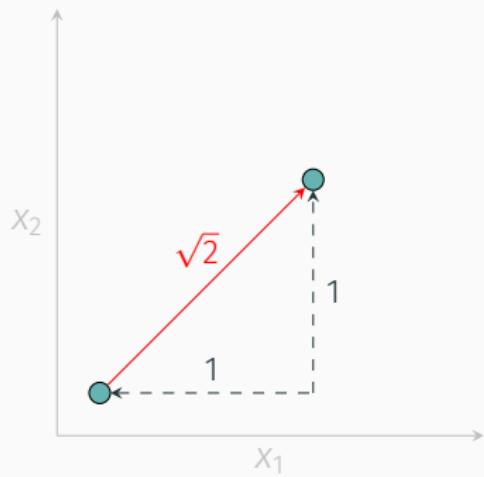
The curse of dimensionality:
Things become complicated in very high dimensions



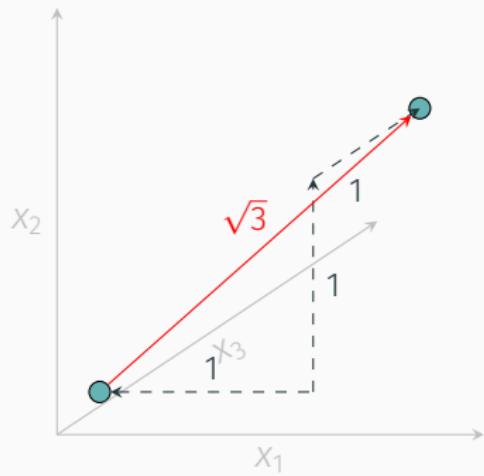
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K-Nearest Neighbours

K-Nearest Neighbours: An intuitive model relying on similarities between datapoints to make predictions

- No assumptions about the functional relationship between inputs and outputs
- Directly trades off bias and variance through the choice of K
- Does not work well in high dimensions as space gets more sparsely populated, yielding less dense neighbourhoods
- **Can be fidgety in practice (e.g. how should one choose the scales of different predictors), not very commonly used**



Logistic regression



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Logistic regression

mpg	manufacturer	chevrolet
36	Chevrolet	1
15	Ford	0
25	Chevrolet	1
26	Chevrolet	1
17	Ford	0
15	Ford	0
32	Chevrolet	1
14	Ford	0
14	Ford	0
28	Chevrolet	1

$$\widehat{\text{mpg}} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \times \text{chevrolet}$$



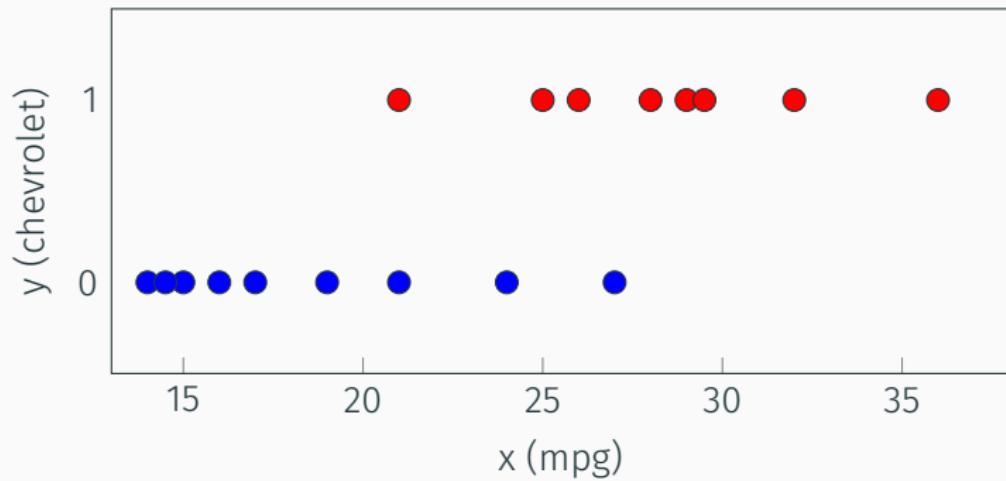
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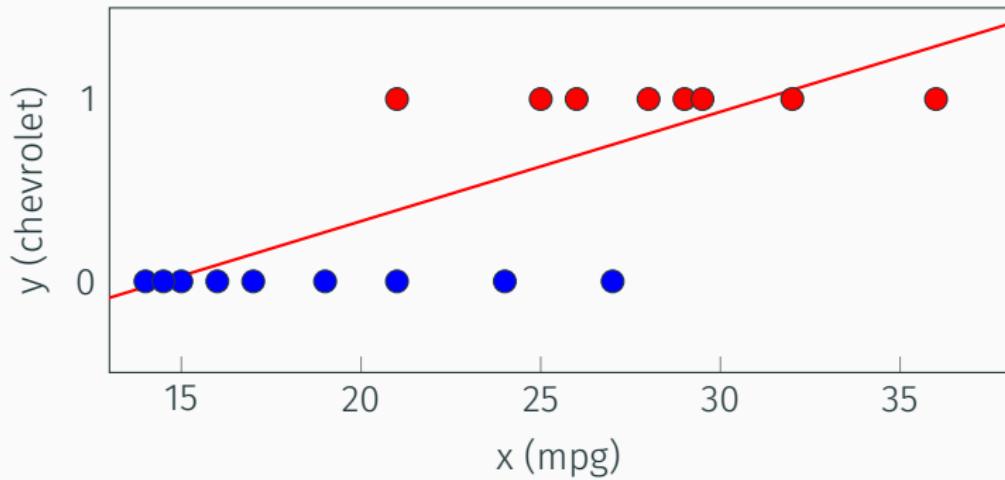
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Logistic regression



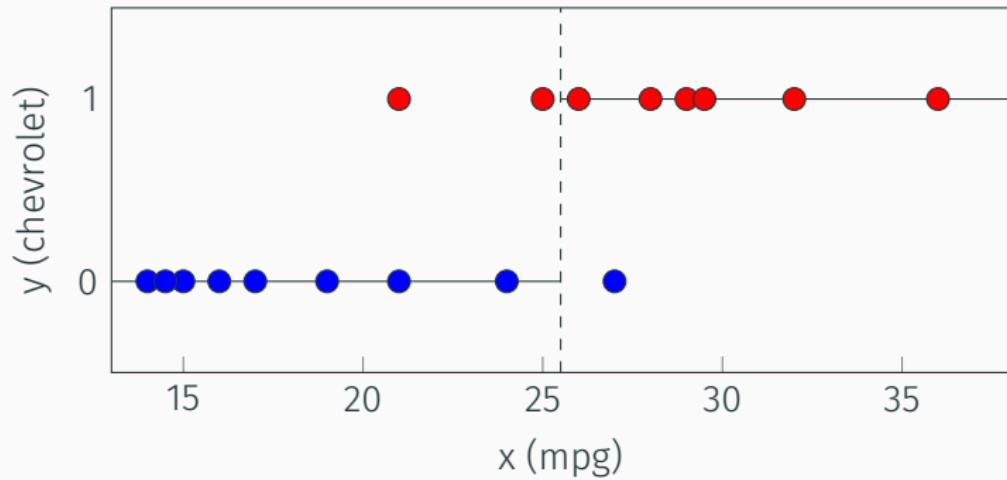
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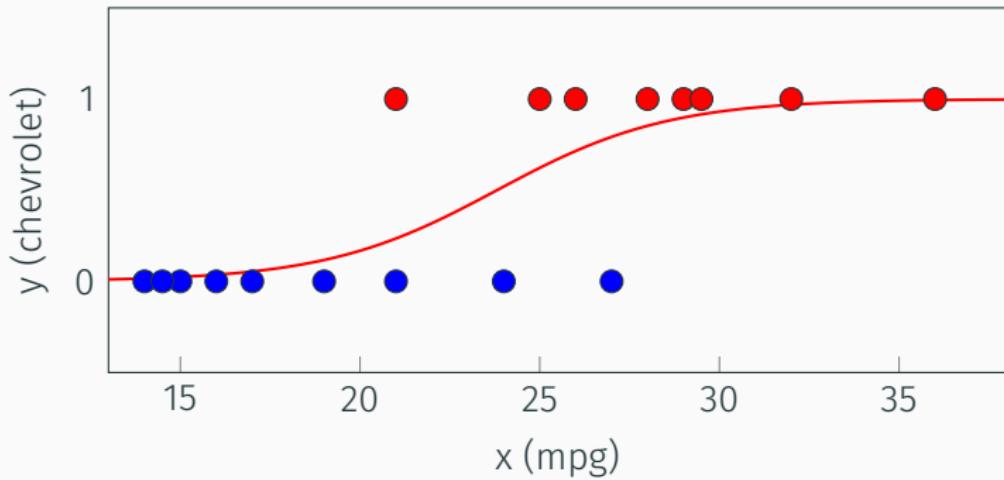
$$\widehat{\text{chevrolet}} = -0.87 + 0.06 \times \text{mpg}$$



Logistic regression



Logistic regression



$$\widehat{\text{chevrolet}} = \frac{e^{-10.22 + 0.42 \times \text{mpg}}}{1 + e^{-10.22 + 0.42 \times \text{mpg}}}$$



Logistic regression

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$$e^{\beta_0 + \beta_1 x} \rightarrow \infty$$



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$$e^{\beta_0 + \beta_1 x} \rightarrow \infty \implies \hat{y} = 1$$

$$0 \leq \hat{y} \leq 1 \implies \hat{y} = Pr(Y = 1|X)$$



Logistic regression

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"... counterintuitive and challenging to interpret." - James Jaccard



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More than one class?



Logistic regression

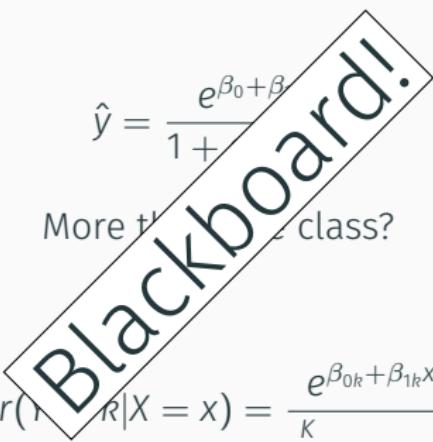
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Logistic regression


$$\hat{y} = \frac{e^{\beta_0 + \beta_1 x}}{1 + e^{\beta_0 + \beta_1 x}}$$

More than two classes?

$$Pr(Y=k|X=x) = \frac{e^{\beta_{0k} + \beta_{1k}x}}{\sum_{l=1}^K e^{\beta_{0l} + \beta_{1l}x}}$$



Logistic regression

Logistic regression: Extends linear regression to classification.

- Treats all members of a class (approximately) equally.
- Outputs an understandable quantity: The probability of a sample belonging to the positive class.
- Somewhat interpretable, although not as much as linear regression
- Can trivially be extended to include multiple classes



Logistic regression: Demo

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Classification metrics



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Classification metrics

The two most common, severe, mistakes made in machine learning studies in psychology and neuroscience (in my opinion) are:

- Poor validation and testing strategies (Lecture 4)
- Using incorrect performance measures, most commonly accuracy (Blackboard!)



Assignment 2

1. Download the Auto.csv-dataset
2. Fit a single linear regression model
3. Fit a multivariate linear regression model
4. Fit a logistic regression model

