Welcome to Week #12!

K-Nearest Neighbors

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Overfit?

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Is overfitting or underfitting worse?

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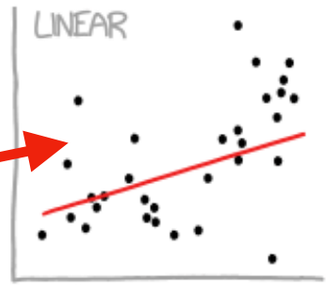
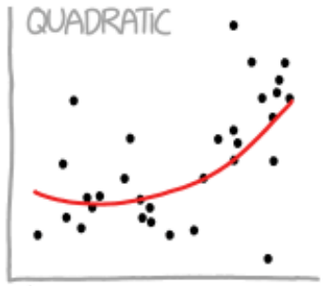
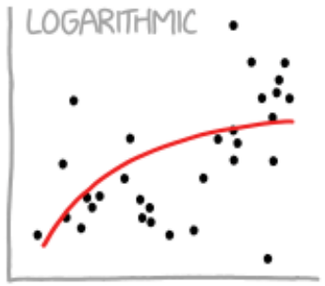


"HEY, I DID A REGRESSION."



"I WANTED A CURVED LINE, SO I MADE ONE WITH MATH."



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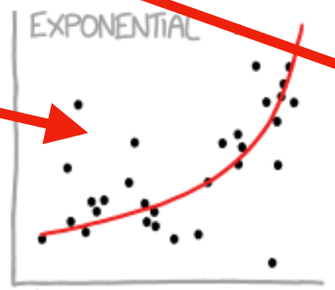

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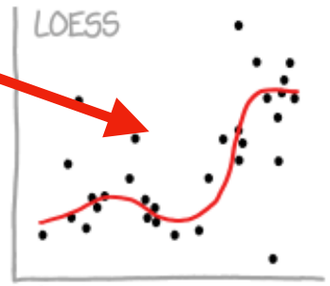

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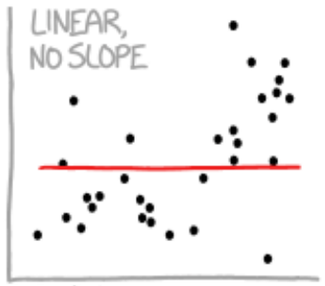
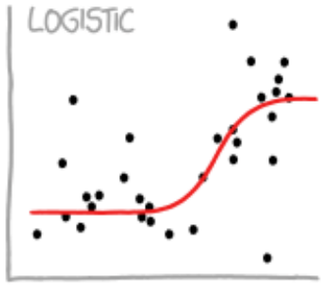
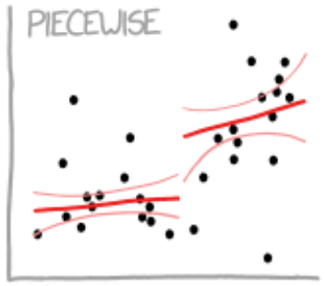


"I'M MAKING A SCATTER PLOT BUT I DON'T WANT TO."

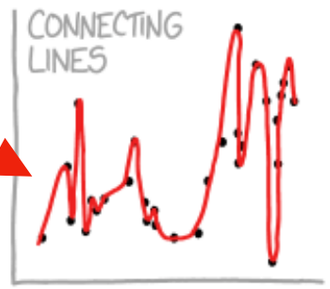


"I NEED TO CONNECT THESE TWO LINES, BUT MY FIRST IDEA DIDN'T HAVE ENOUGH MATH."

"LISTEN, SCIENCE IS HARD. BUT I'M A SERIOUS PERSON DOING MY BEST."



"I HAVE A THEORY, AND THIS IS THE ONLY DATA I COULD FIND."



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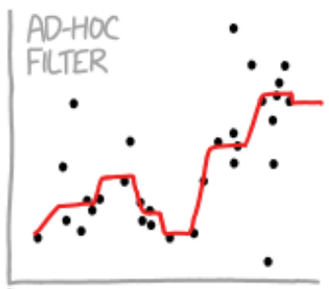
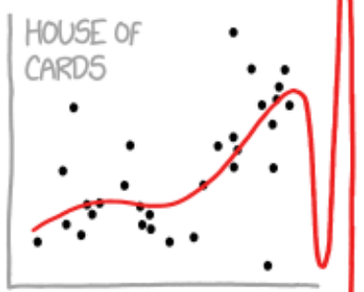


"I HAD AN IDEA FOR HOW TO CLEAN UP THE DATA. WHAT DO YOU THINK?"



"AS YOU CAN SEE, THIS MODEL SMOOTHLY FITS THE– *WAIT NO NO DON'T EXTEND IT AAAAAA!!*"

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mean square error if we kept estimating response variable y by our fitted function of our explanatory variables, f(x) with different sample datasets at point x_0

how much our function, f, changes if we use a different random sample (variance)

Inherent error (bias) in the fact that any model is only an approximation to reality

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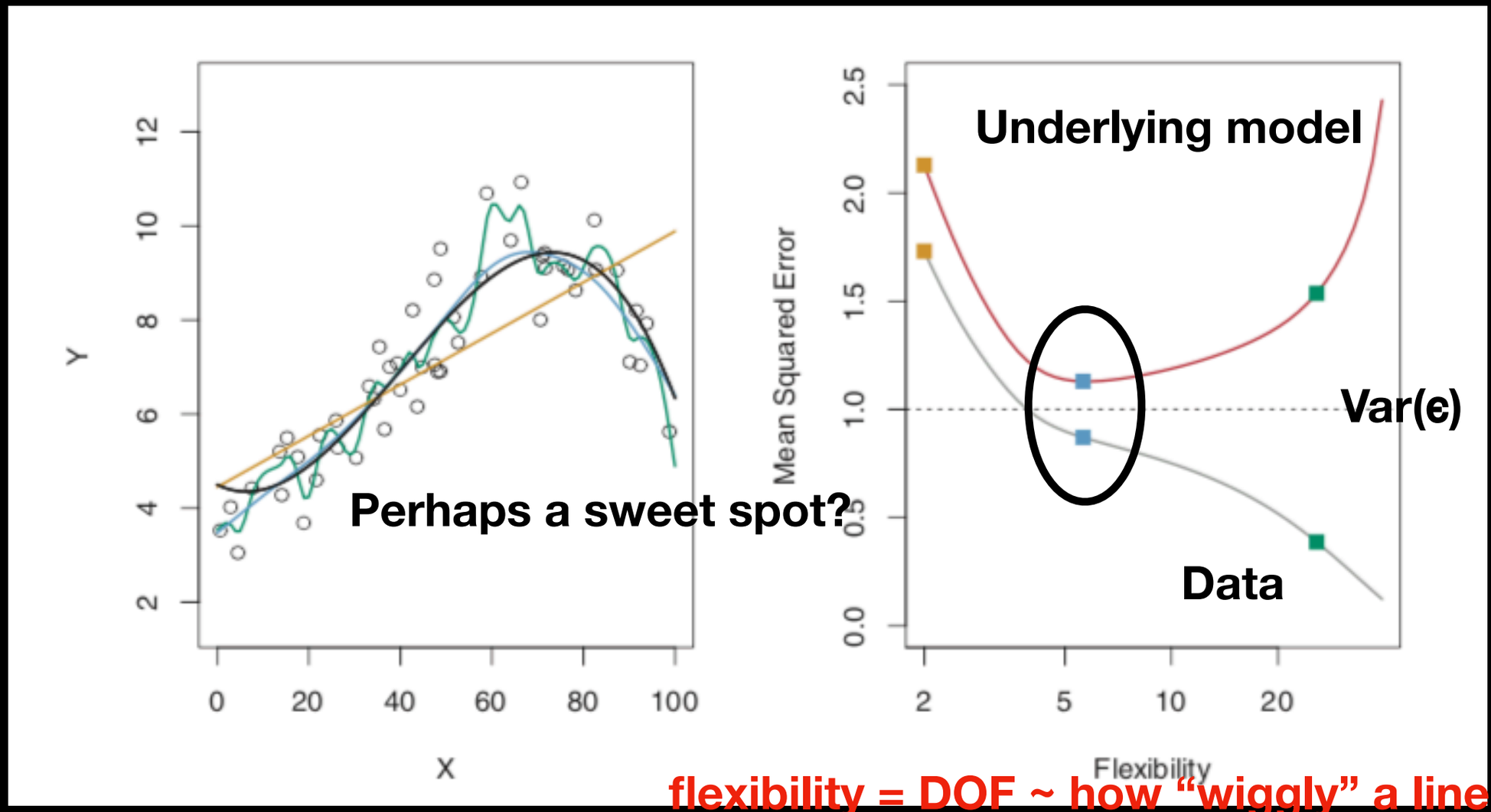

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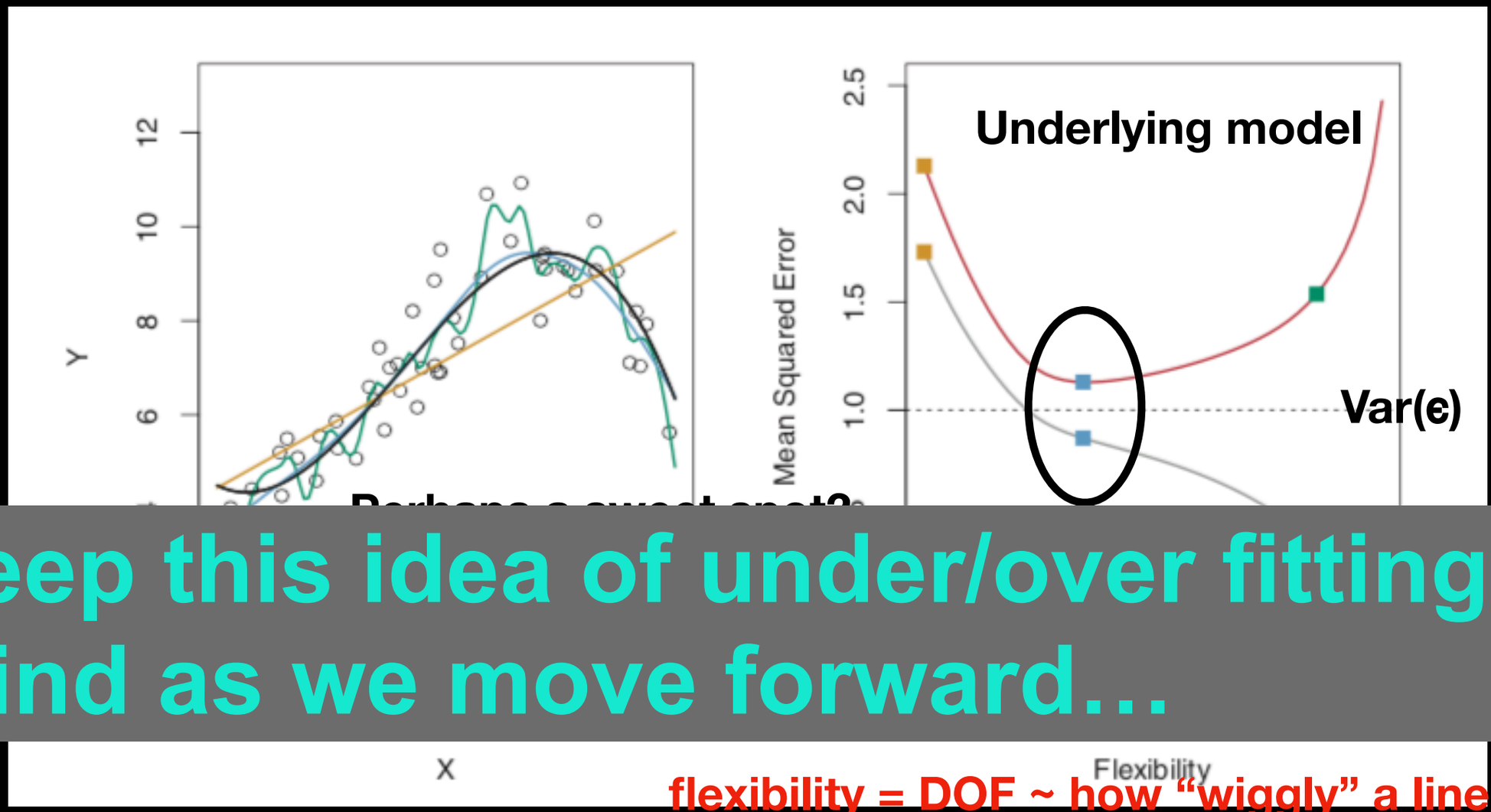

Keep this idea of under/over fitting in mind as we move forward…

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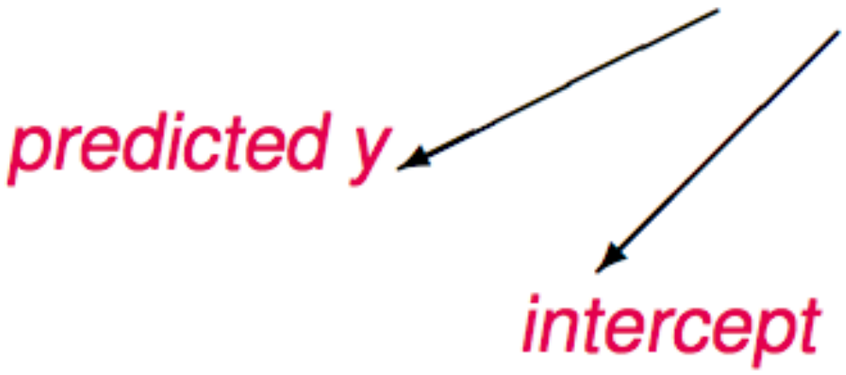

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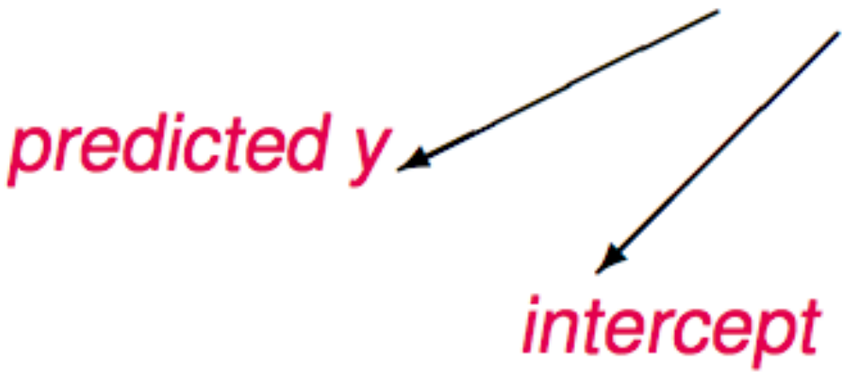

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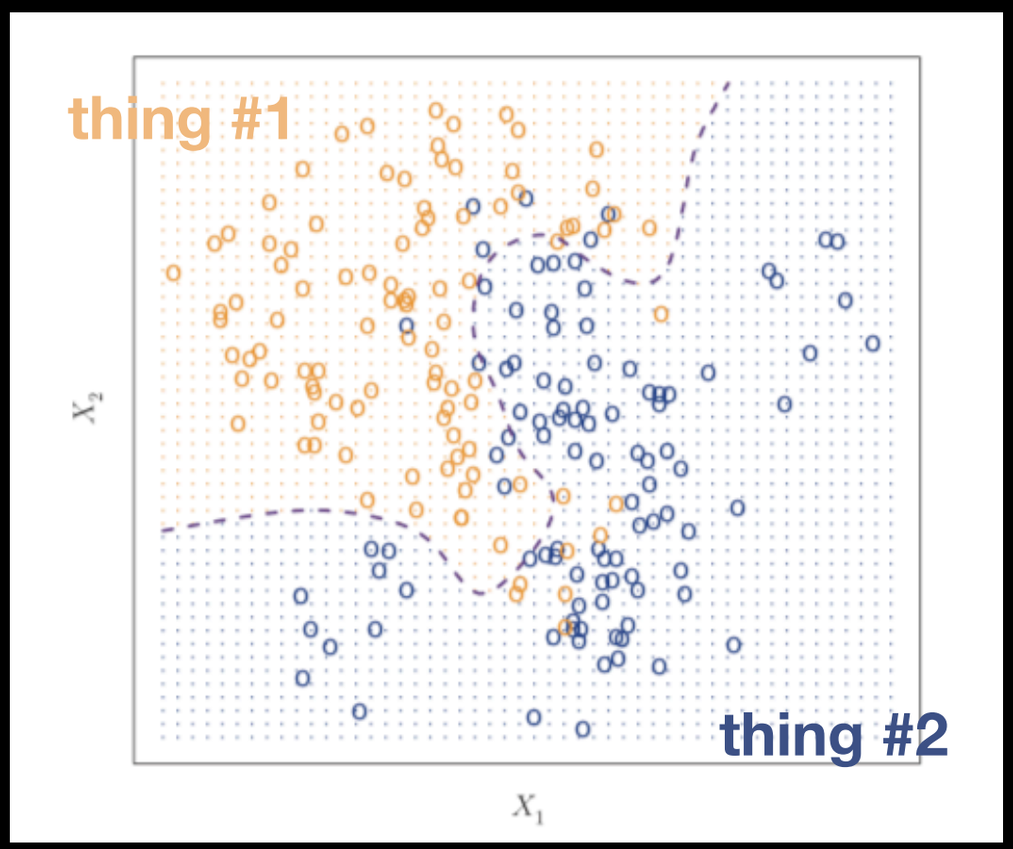

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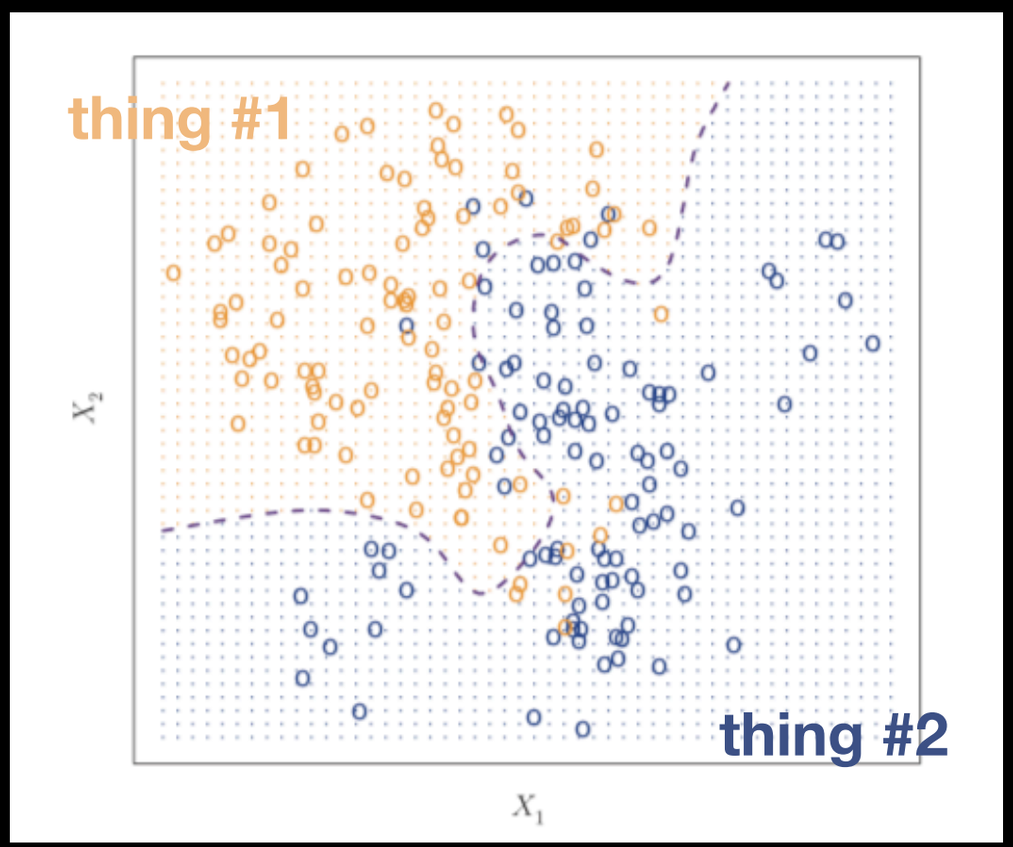

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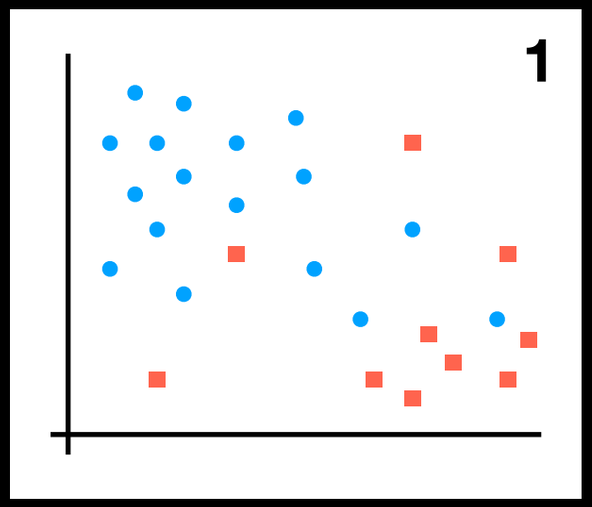

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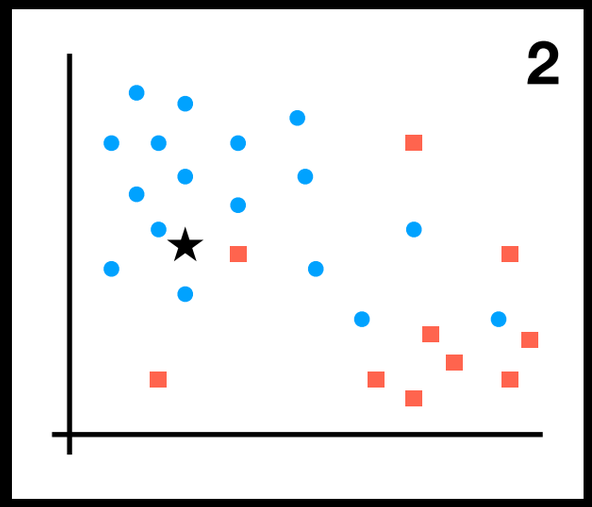

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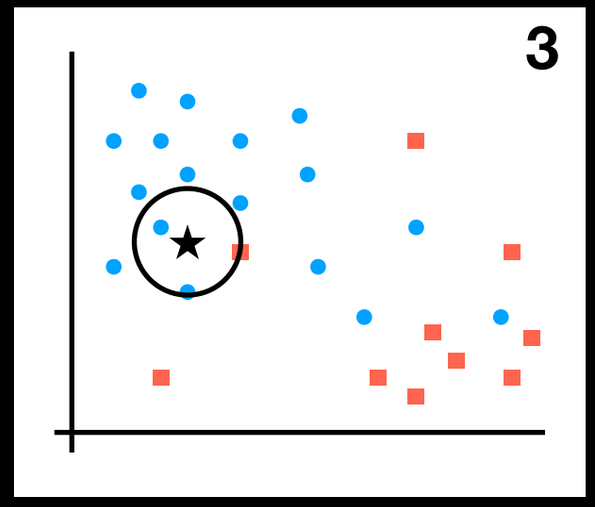

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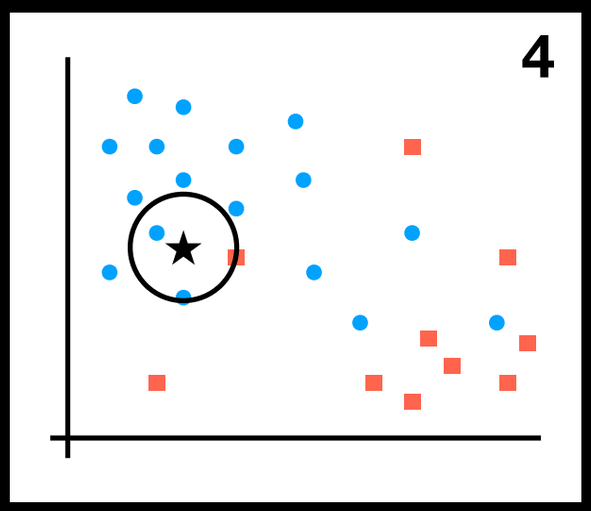

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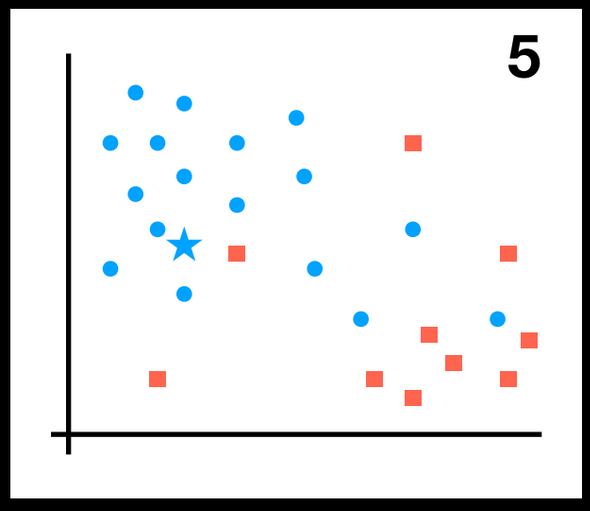

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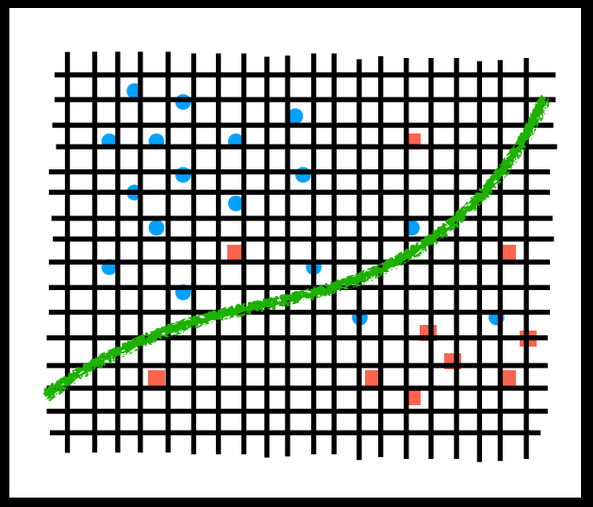

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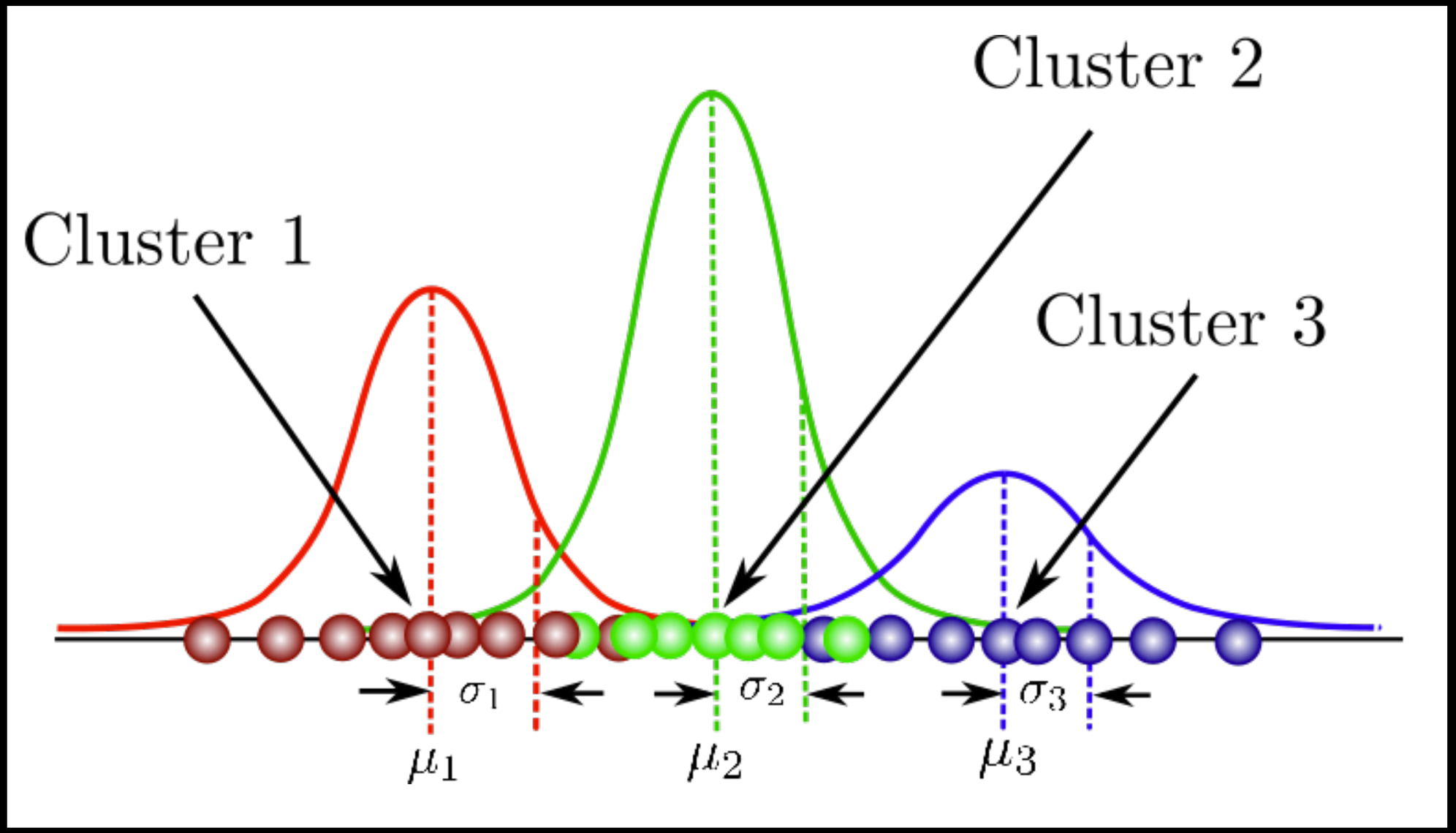

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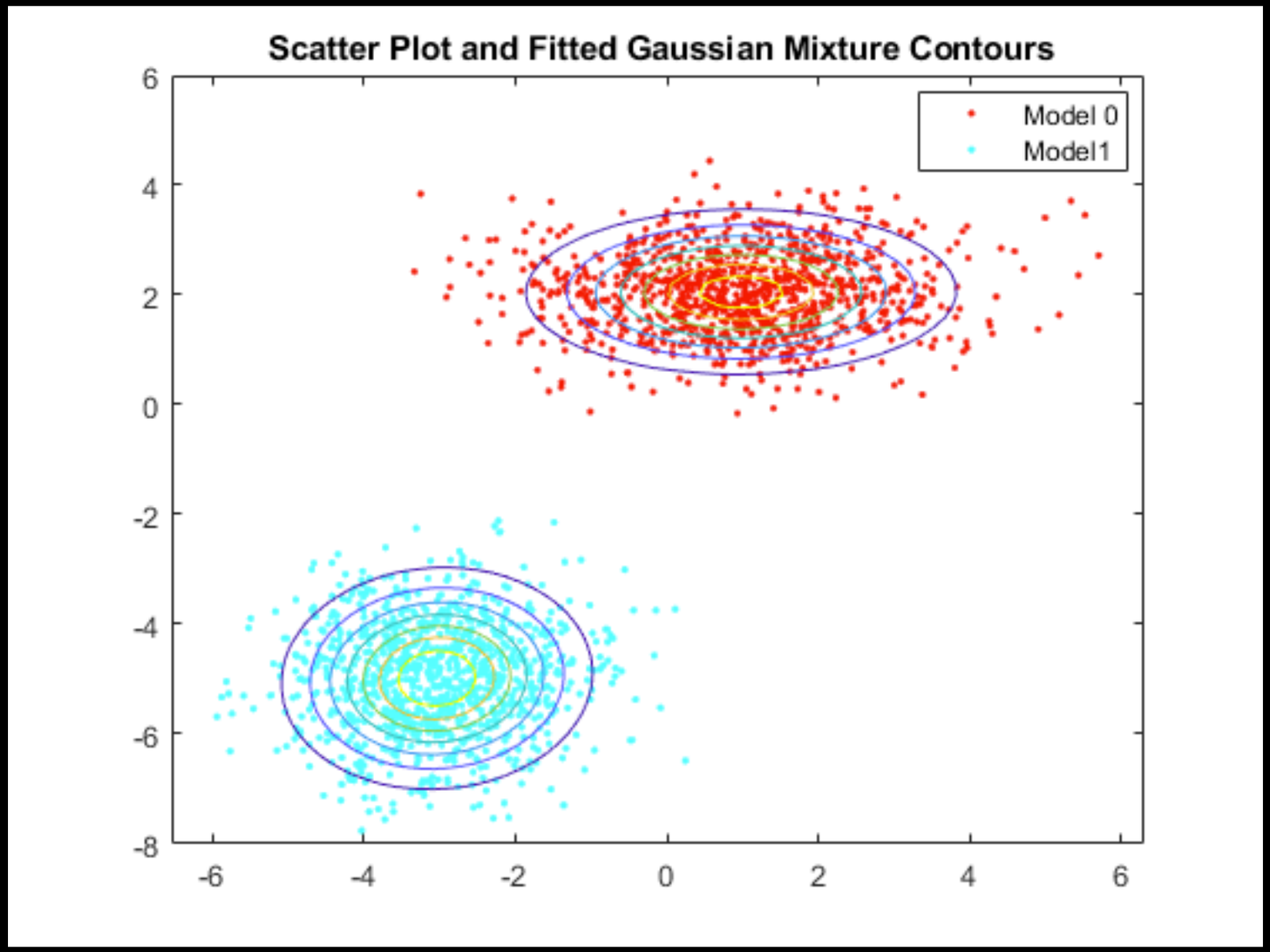

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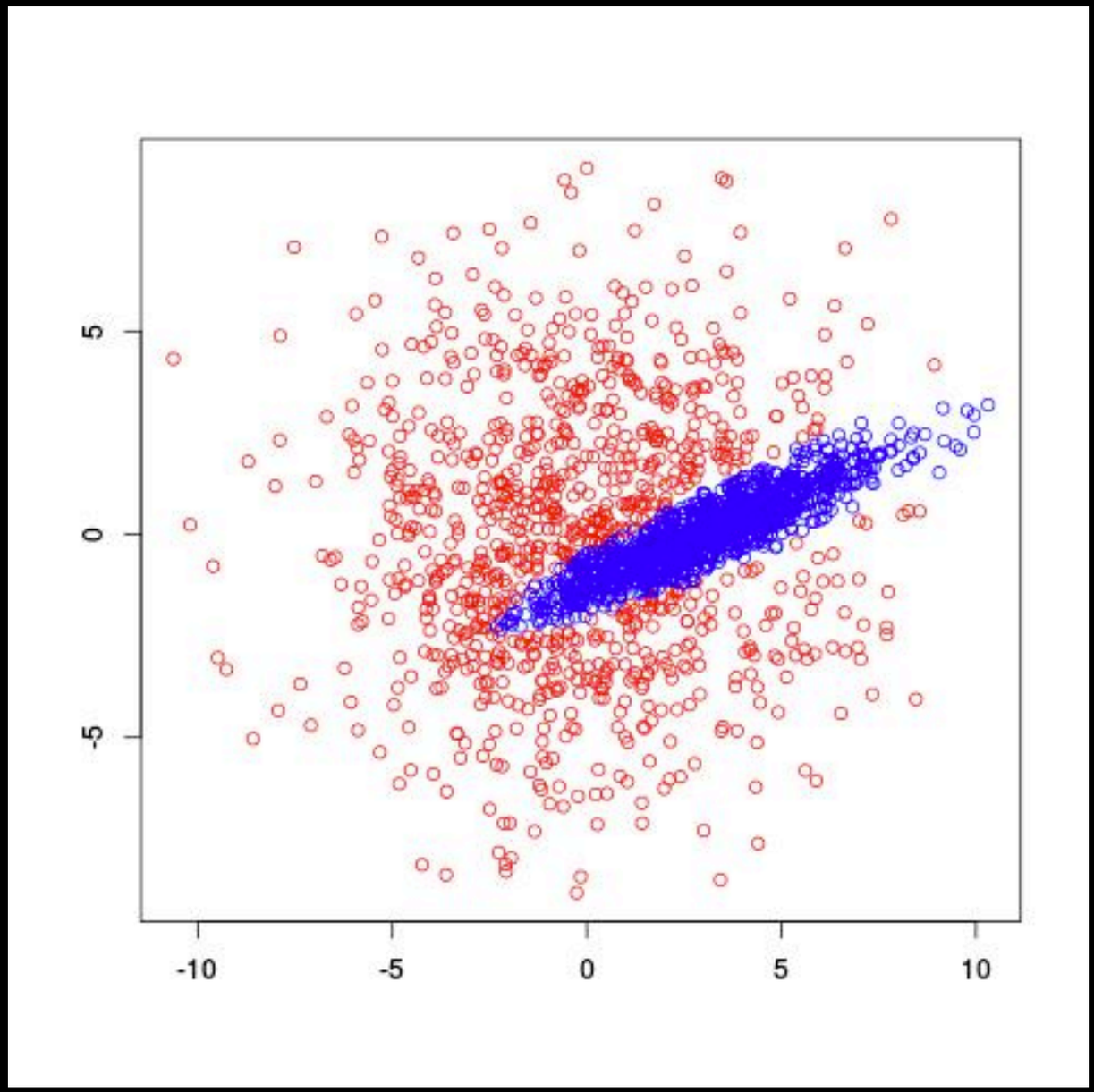

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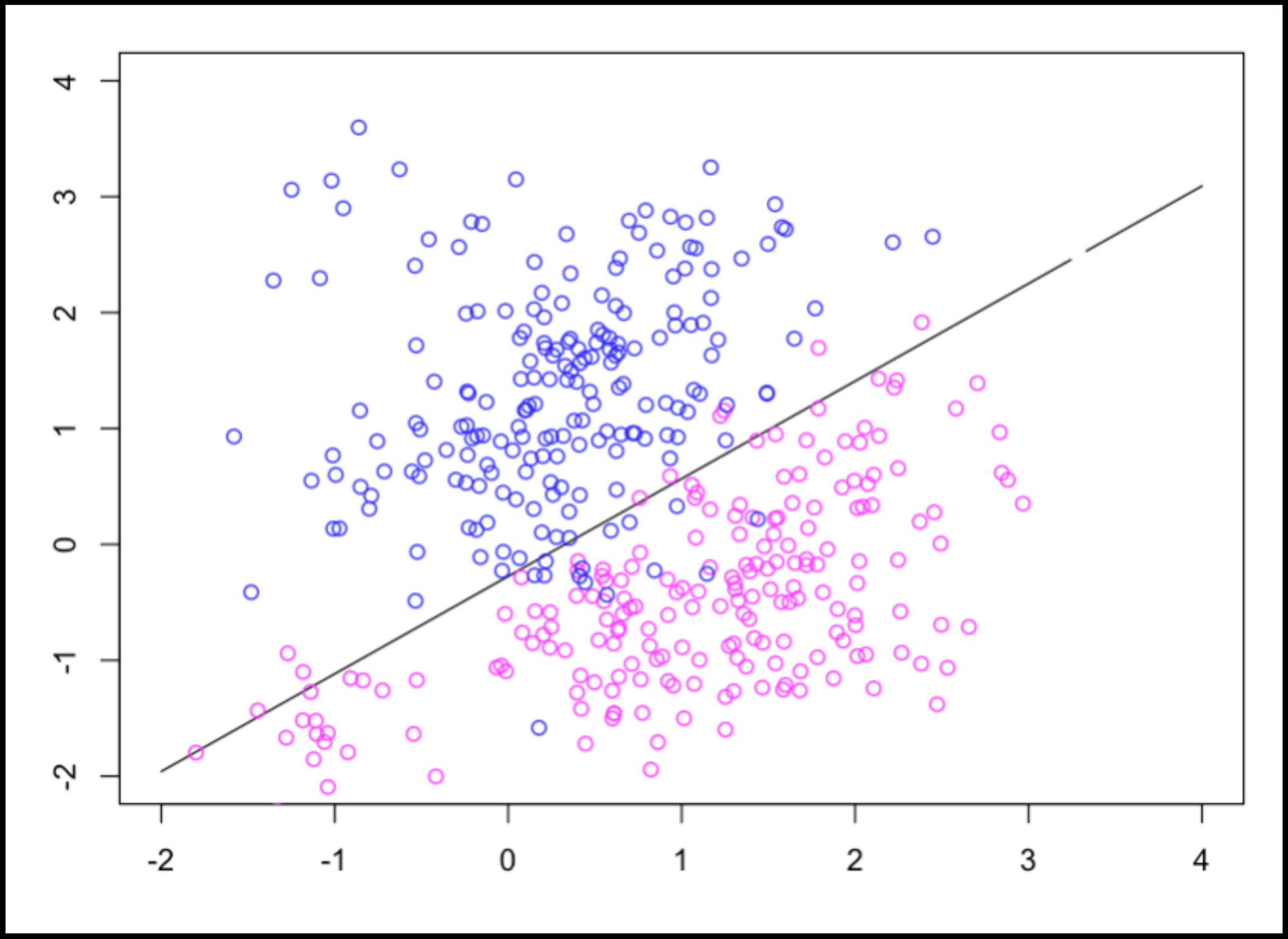
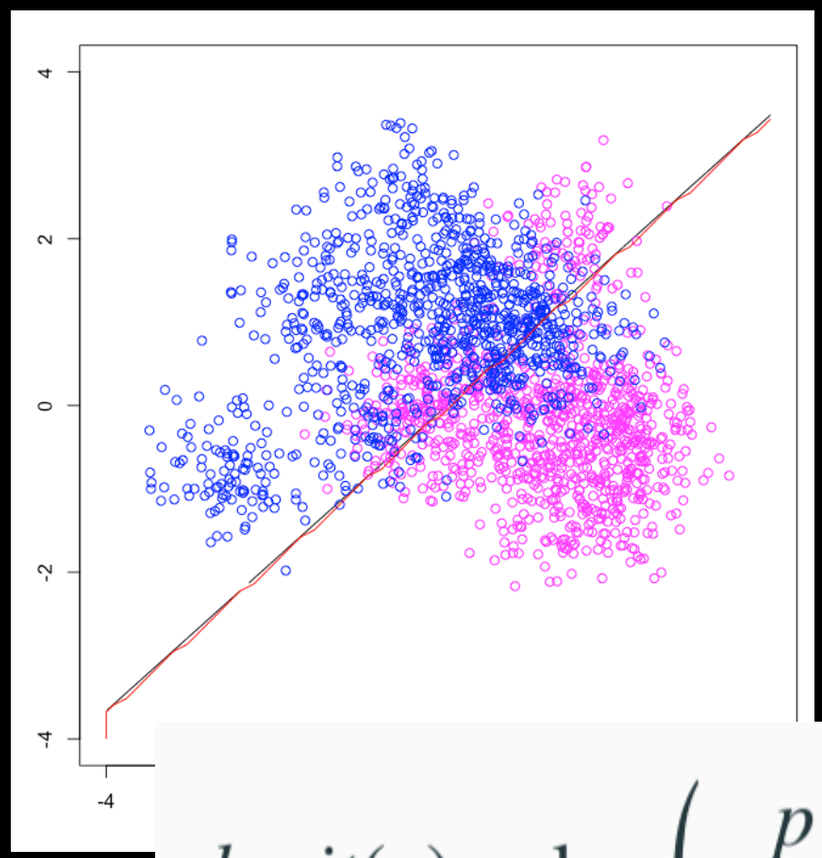
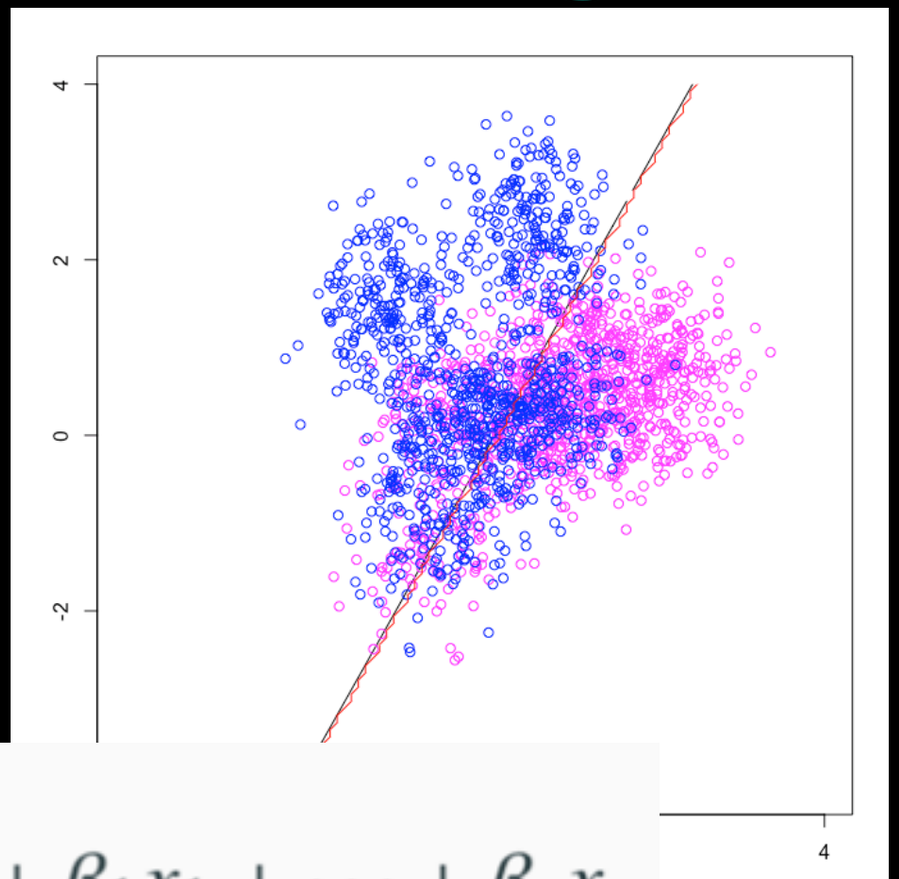


GLM is clearly getting something wrong





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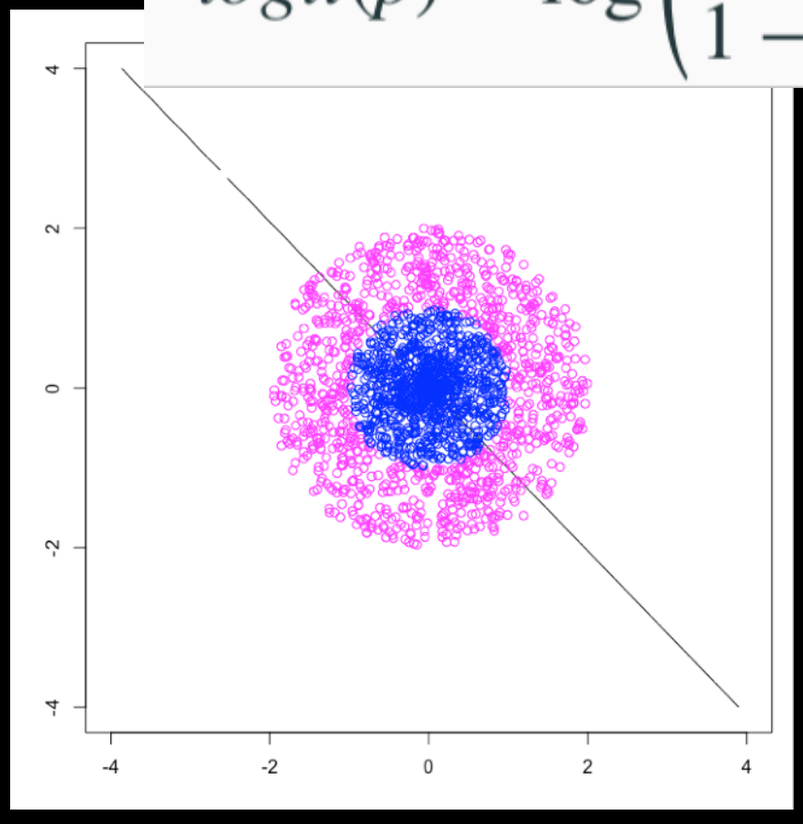

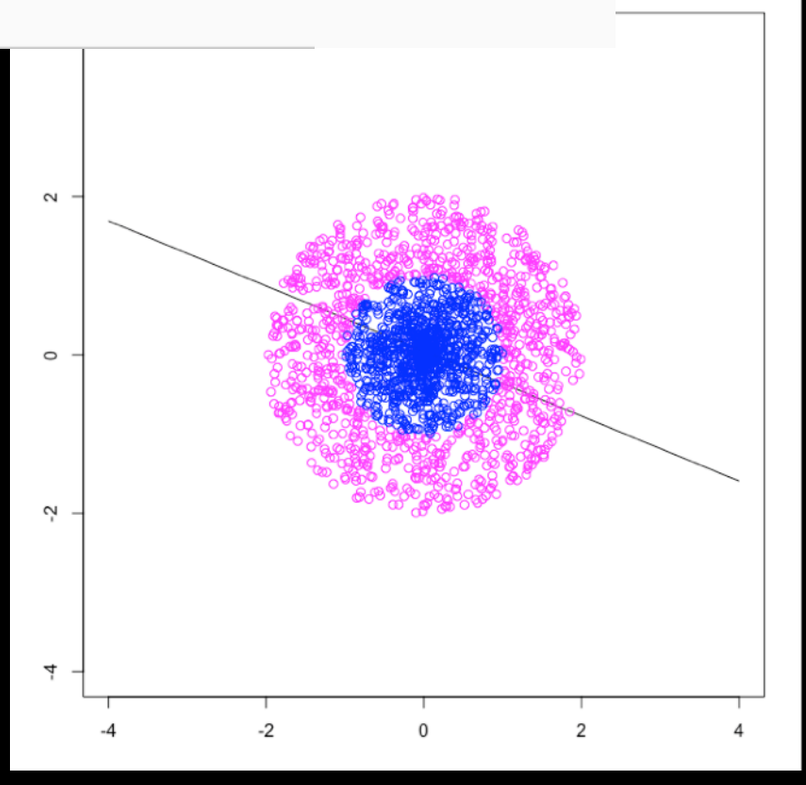

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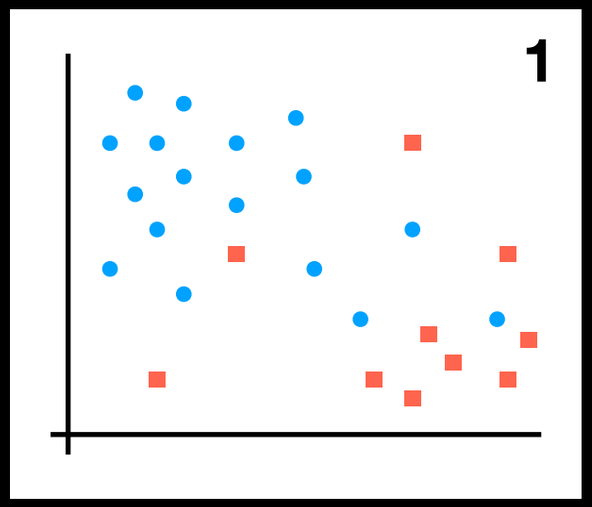

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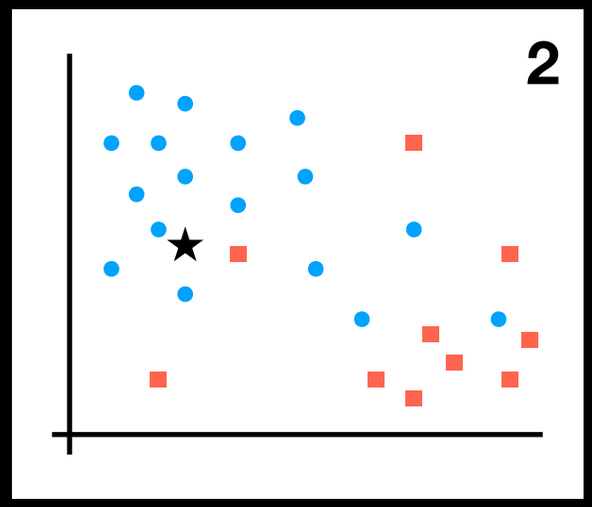

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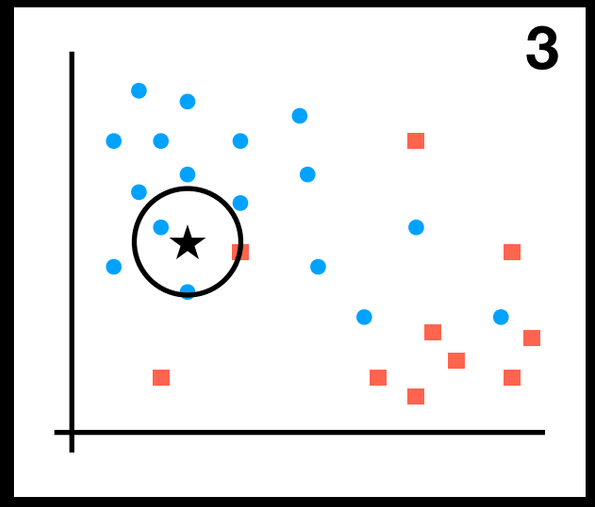

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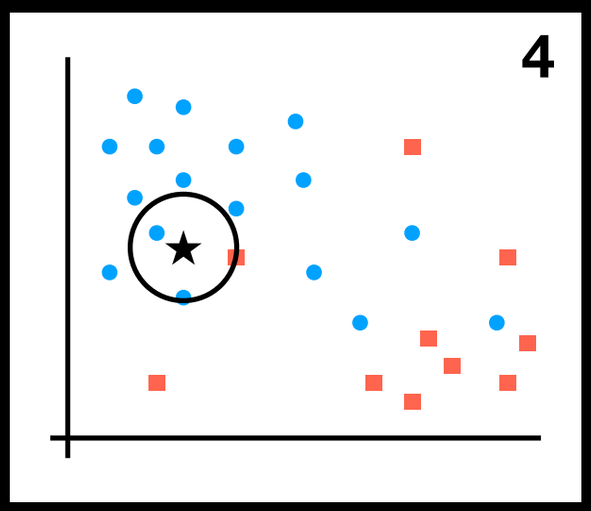

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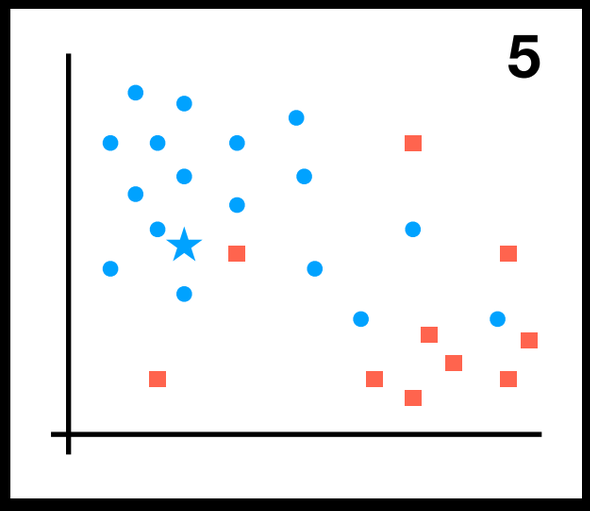

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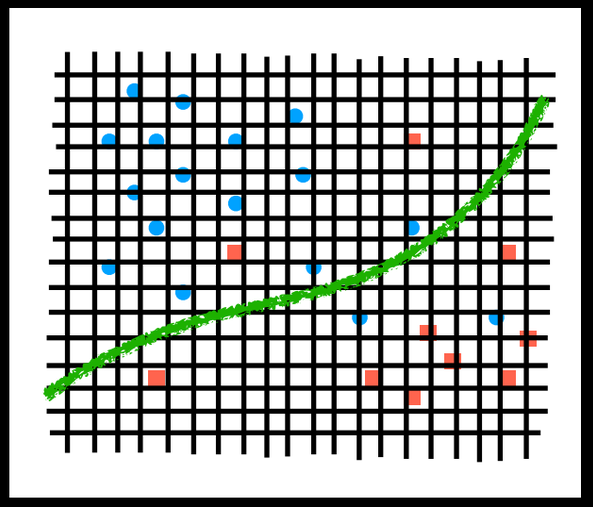

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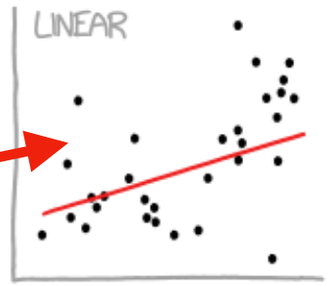
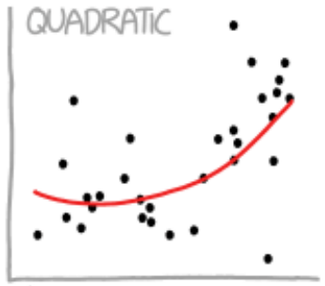
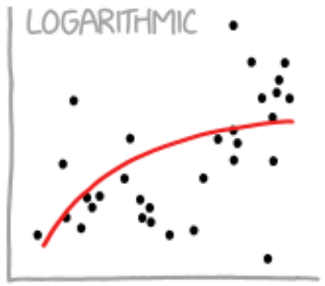


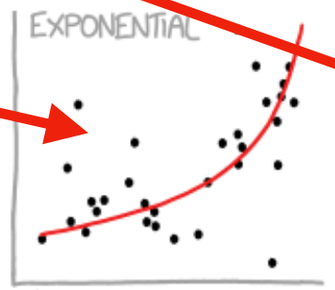
"HEY, I DID A REGRESSION."



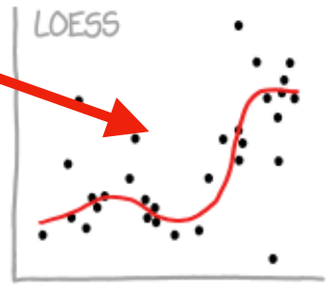
"I WANTED A CURVED LINE, SO I MADE ONE WITH MATH."



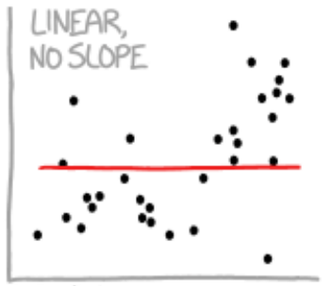
"LOOK, IT'S TAPERING OFF!"



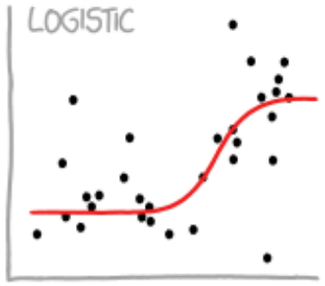
"LOOK, IT'S GROWING UNCONTROLLABLY!"



"I'M SOPHISTICATED, NOT LIKE THOSE BUMBLING POLYNOMIAL PEOPLE."

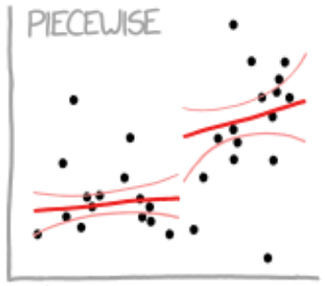


"I'M MAKING A SCATTER PLOT BUT I DON'T WANT TO."

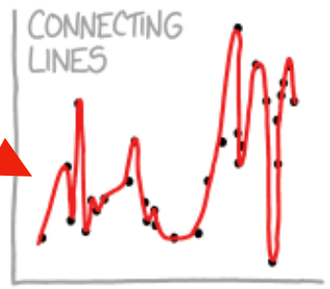


"I NEED TO CONNECT THESE TWO LINES, BUT MY FIRST IDEA DIDN'T HAVE ENOUGH MATH."

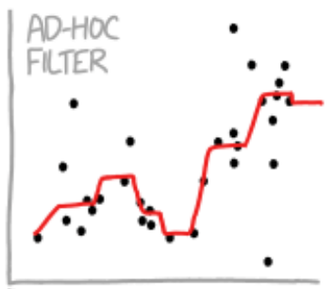
"LISTEN, SCIENCE IS HARD. BUT I'M A SERIOUS PERSON DOING MY BEST."



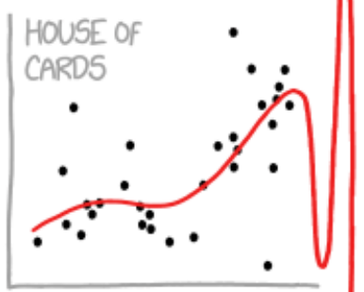
"I HAVE A THEORY, AND THIS IS THE ONLY DATA I COULD FIND."



"I CLICKED 'SMOOTH LINES' IN EXCEL."



"I HAD AN IDEA FOR HOW TO CLEAN UP THE DATA. WHAT DO YOU THINK?"



"AS YOU CAN SEE, THIS MODEL SMOOTHLY FITS THE– *WAIT NO NO DON'T EXTEND IT AAAAAA!!*"

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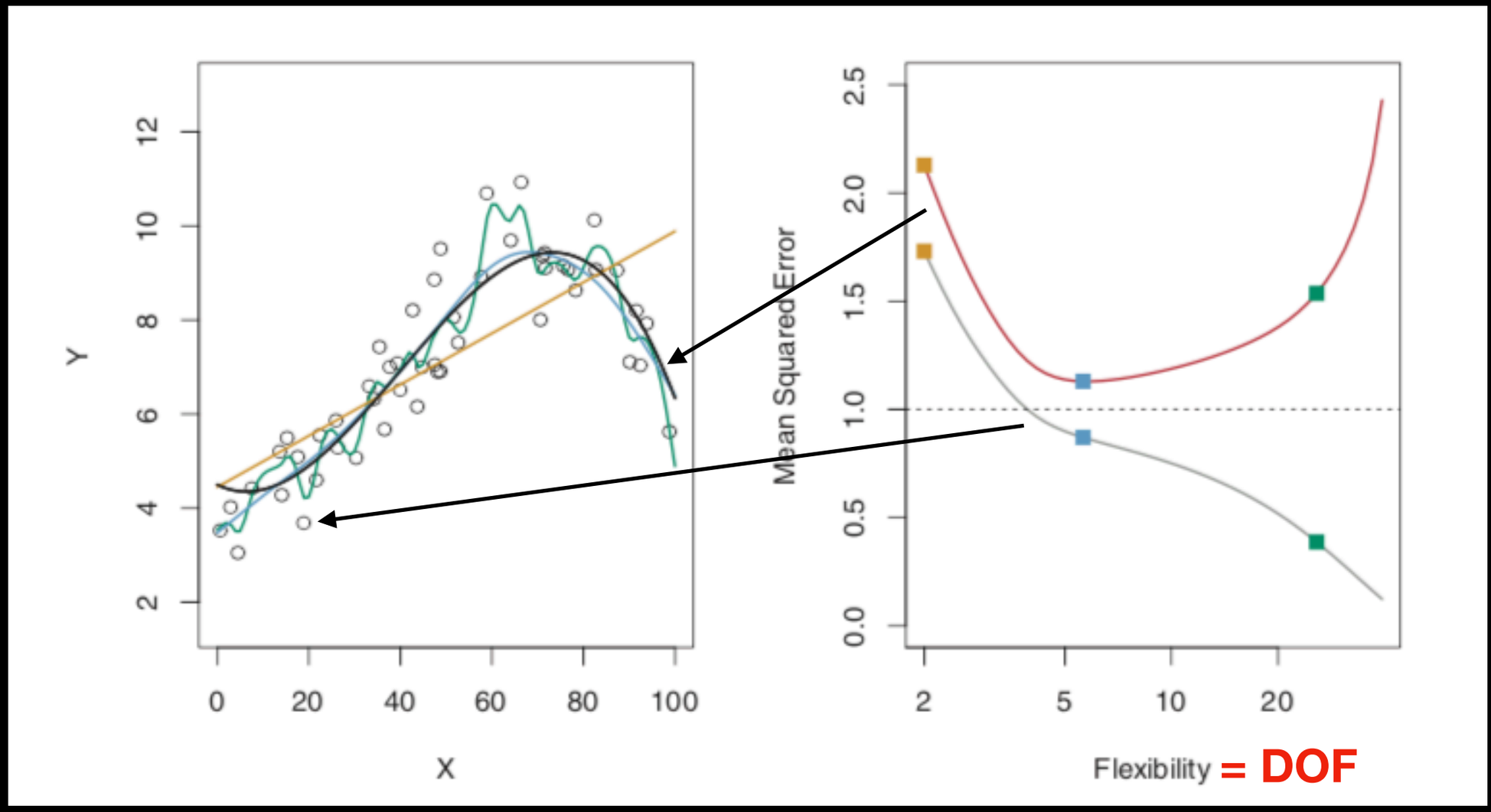

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mean square error if we kept estimating response variable y by our fitted function of our explanatory variables, f(x) with different sample datasets at point x_0

how much our function, f, changes if we use a different random sample (variance)

Inherent error (bias) in the fact that any model is only an approximation to reality

Inherent error in our measurements

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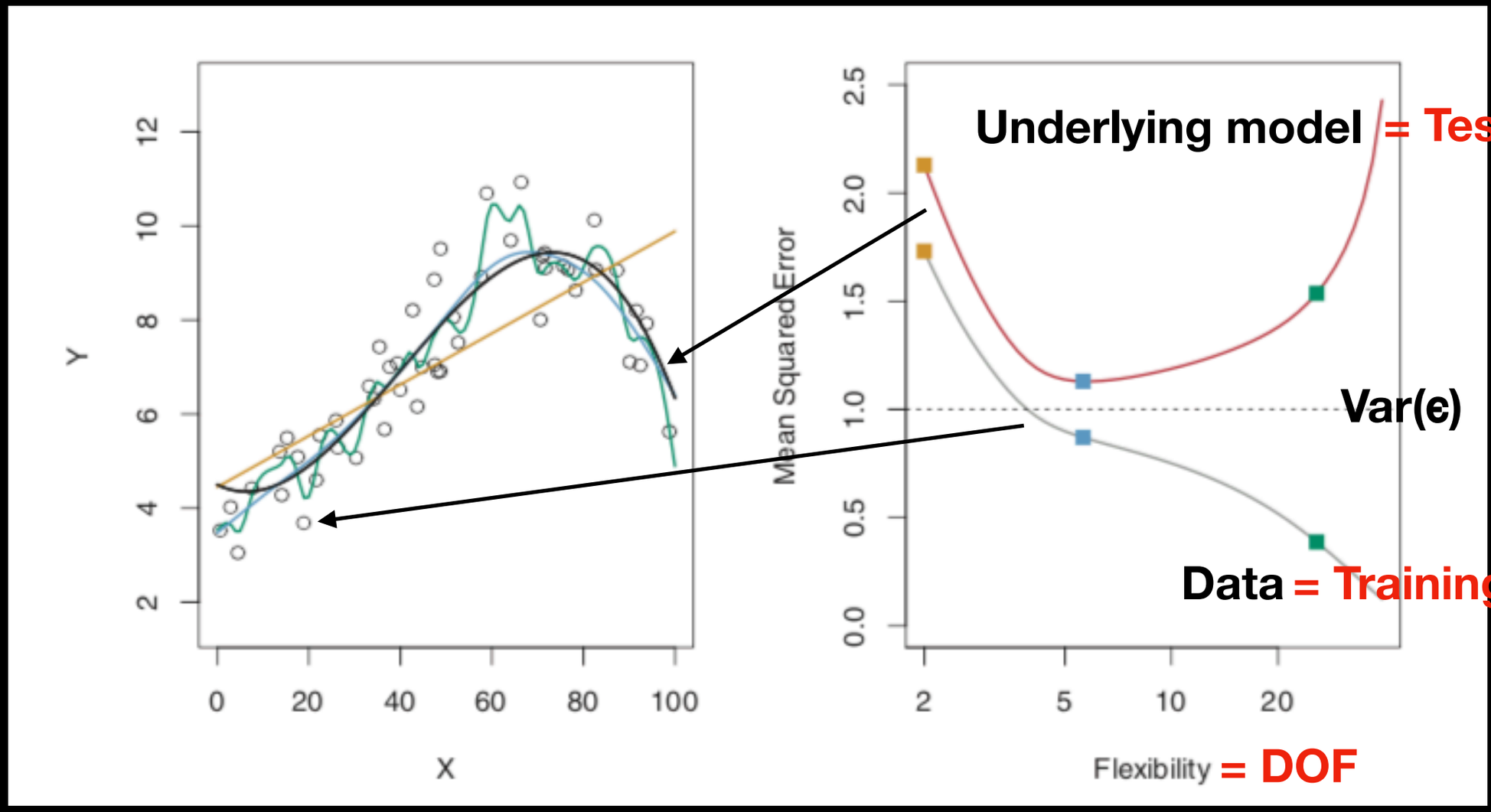

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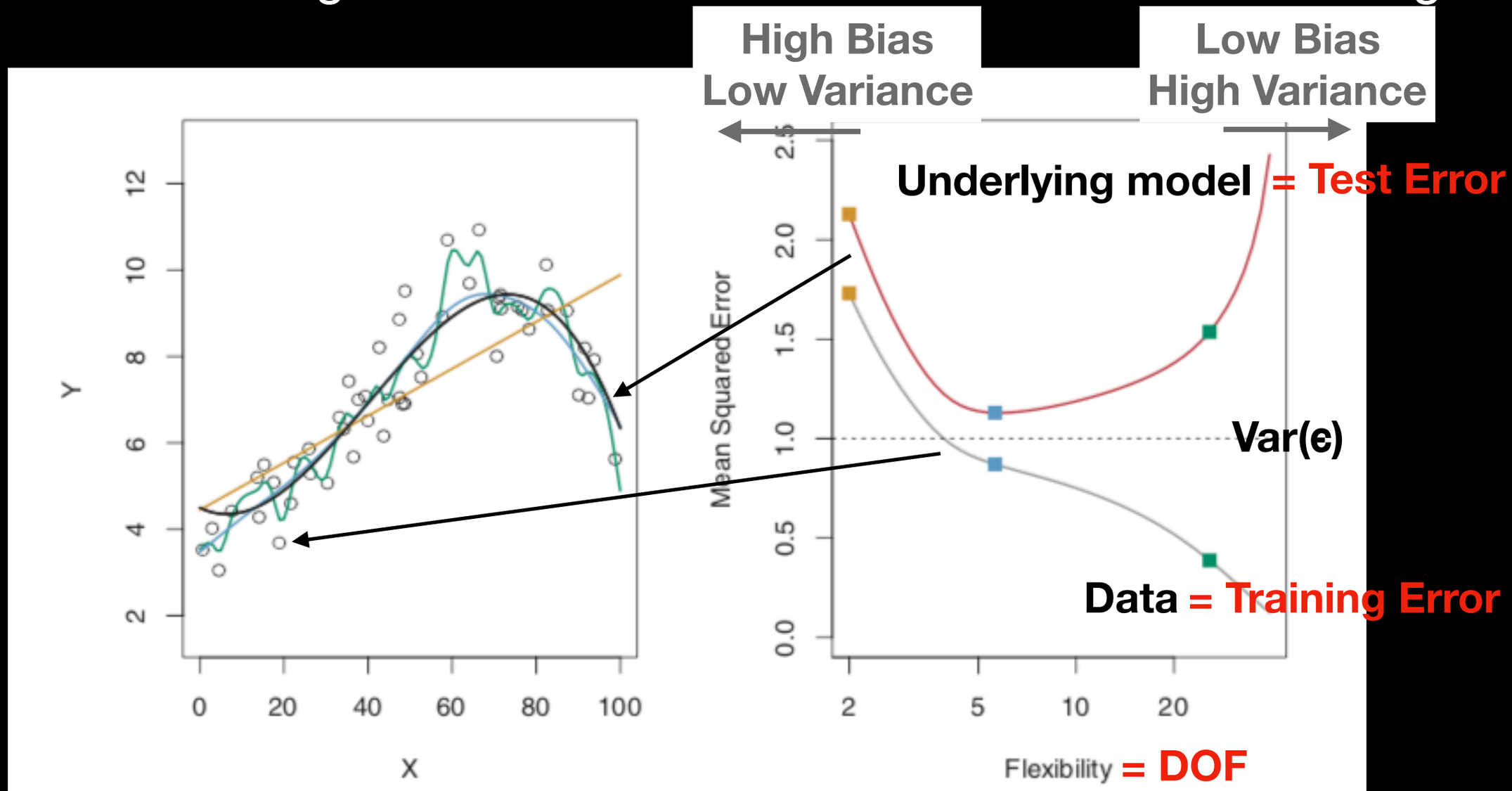

Test & Training Error in KNN: With Math!

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new observation, requires we know what that would be from an underlying model (or more observations)

What our calculated fit/ model would predict

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

an observation in our current dataset

What our fit/model would predict

Here I = 1 if y_i != $\hat{y}_i$ and I = 0 if y_i = $\hat{y}_i$, so larger I means worse model

K Nearest Neighbors (and MLR) → Cross-Validation & Bootstrap

p-values quantify the fit of individual parameters

quantify how good the *model* is

But first: some definitions!

Using our KNN example in R with an underlying model!