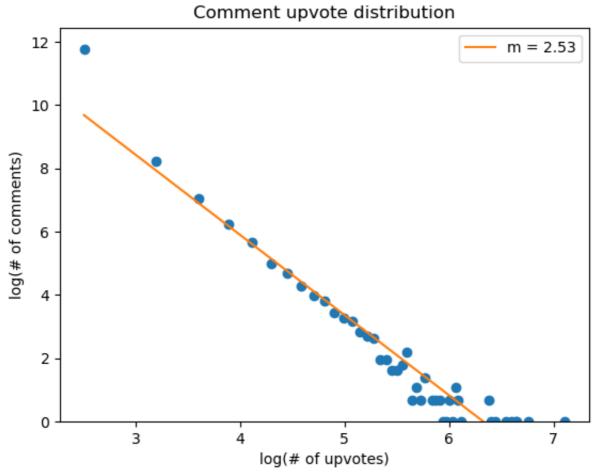
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Chapter 18 - Power Laws And Rich-Get-Richer Phenomena

Popularity on Reddit

- Number of upvotes determines popularity of content
- Rich-get-richer phenomena:
 - Upvoted content is shown first to any user, causing it to become more upvoted and popular
- Popularity and power laws:
 - Several distributions will present a power law model for popularity:
 - Comments and upvotes
 - Links and upvotes
 - Links and number of comments

Comments and number of upvotes



Distribution of comments and respective upvotes, calculated using a 100-bin histogram